

HURRICANE DREAM WINS LISTED RACE, NOW 4 WINS IN 5 FRENCH STARTS PROVES DERBY WAS ABBERATION WHEN BEATING DERBY FOURTH SUNDAY JOUR DE GALOP PUBLISHER REMARKS RACE RESEMBLED ‘GROUP’ AFFAIR



Hurricane Dream not only triumphed in his first race since losing his unbeaten status in the Classic, Group 1 French Derby when taking the Listed Prix Nureyev on Sunday, he showed that the Derby result was all wrong, as in winning over the weekend he finished ahead of the Derby fourth Dawn Intello.

Pierre-Charles Boudot had ridden Hurricane Dream when the French colt won a Classe 1 allowance at Longchamp in easy style. Boudot desperately wanted to ride the Mikael Mescam-trained colt in the French Derby, but was unable to do so as he had to ride for his contract holder Andre Fabre. (His colt finished right behind Hurricane Dream in the French Derby.)

But on Sunday he was back on Hurricane Dream, who despite having to face Derby fourth Dawn Intello and having to find 8 pounds on paper, was bet down to favoritism for the mile-and-a-quarter Prix Nureyev (named after Barry Irwin's all-time favorite French 3-year-old).

Dawn Intello looked to be home and dried a little more than a furlong and a half from home, as he had tracked the first two around the course and was positioned to draw off to victory. PCB initially had HD in last, spent most of the race in front of a single horse and remained in hand well before the rider of Dawn Intello had pushed the button to go after his assured victory.

When Boudot was ready, he was towards the inside and easily could have slipped between horses to challenge Dawn Intello inside of him. Instead PCB maneuvered Hurricane Dream outside of his rival, which ate up some valuable time. When he was set for his challenge, PCB had about a furlong left before reaching the wire. Boudot had no trouble getting the favorite to accelerate on a dime. HD went right up alongside of Dawn Intello, looked him squarely in the eye and drove past him.

In the end the margin was a short head. Either Dawn Intello came back on or Hurricane Dream eased himself up a bit once he figured he had the race won. Knowing Hurricane Dream, the connections think the winner eased himself close home.

In congratulating Team Valor on the win, the publisher of *Jour de Galop* noted the race had the look and feel of a Group race, not a Listed one.

PCB told the connections before the Derby that, if ridden correctly, he had a big chance to finish in the top 3. Sunday's race showed that had Boudot been on Hurricane Dream he very well might have hit the board. The win was number 4 in 5 starts for the winner.

He is that race runner whose *Timeform* ratings have improved in each of his races, starting out last year on a mark of 81 and progressing to 84, 102, 107 and now 113.

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**PRIX NUREYEV (L): HURRICANE DREAM
FINALLY A BLACK TYPE WINNER!**



PRIX NUREYEV-Listed, €38,000, Deauville, 8-16, 3yo, 10ft, 2:14.79, hy.

1--**HURRICANE DREAM (Fr)**, 126, c, 3, by **Hurricane Cat**

1st Dam: Shalimara (Fr), by **Siyouni (Fr)**

2nd Dam: Sagalix (Fr), by **Linamix (Fr)**

3rd Dam: Alluring Mamselle, by **Sagace (Fr)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Team Valor International, Andre Brakha & Anant Singh; B-Mme Marie-Laurence Oget & Andre Brakha (Fr); T-Mikael Mescam; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot.

€19,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, €51,000.

2--**Dawn Intello (Fr)**, 126, c, 3, Intello (Ger)--Gadalka, by Giant's Causeway. (€57,000 Ylg '18 AROCT). O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Viktor Timoshenko (Fr); T-Andreas Schutz. €7,600.

3--**Now We Know (Fr)**, 126, g, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Now Forever (Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire). O/B-Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges (Fr); T-Nicolas Clement. €5,700.

Margins: SHD, 1HF, 4HF. Odds: 2.00, 3.00, 5.40.

Also Ran: Irshad (Fr), Near Poet (Ger), Qous (Fr), Prince Oliver (Fr), Vardani (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Earning a tilt at the G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly on July 5 when recording his third straight win in a conditions event over that track and 10 1/2-furlong trip on June 14, Hurricane Dream was ninth in the main event but beaten only around six lengths. Only around half that margin behind the fourth-placed Dawn Intello, he was held up in rear early by Pierre-Charles Boudot and with that re-opposing rival to aim at in the straight wore him down 100 metres out en route to a first black-type success. "Maybe the Jockey Club was a step too high at that stage of his career, but he didn't have a hard race on the day and came out of it well and had trained well for this," trainer Mickael Mescam said. "He handled this ground well and it was a good performance. He'll head to the [G3 Prix du] Prince d'Orange now."

The winner is the first foal out of the unraced dam, who is a full-sister to the listed-placed Shamal (Fr). The third dam Alluring Mamselle (Sagace (Fr)) is a granddaughter of Noble Touch (Crafty Admiral), who is in turn a half-sister to the GI Acorn S.-winning champion Quill (Princequillo) and is the ancestress of the GIII Gallorette H. and GIII Vagrancy H. scorer Island Charm (Hawaii (SAf)). Shalimara also has a 2-year-old filly by Pedro the Great named Shamalira (Fr) and a colt foal by Nicaron (Ger).

Not seen since his ninth place in the Prix du Jockey Club (Gr1), **Hurricane Dream** (Hurricane Cat) won his black type by winning in the Prix Nureyev (L), as a very tough colt. This representative of Team Valor International, Anant Singh and André Brakha, his co-breeder, had already shown himself very comfortable in heavy terrain since he had distinguished himself in a terrain announced as 4.6 on the penetrometer, during his debut. on November 21, 2019 in Angers. During the course, the resident of Mickaël Mescam galloped very relaxed among the last, alongside **Qous** (Dubawi). When entering the straight line, while he was still far away, Pierre-Charles Boudot, his jockey, did not tremble. He launched Hurricane Dream, shifted outside of **Dawn Intello**(Intello), and his foal put in an excellent thrust to come up to him, while being very courageous to repel his attacks. When passing the post, a short head separates the first two. **Now We Know** (Kendargent), who remained on two wins, behaves very well at this level and finishes third, a length and a half behind.