



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Frozen Fire rekindles Irish Derby glory for sire line, stable

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Reserved early while finishing widest, Frozen Fire managed to avoid all of the trouble inside him while sweeping to a determined two-length victory in the \$2,368,500 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby (Ire-G1) at the Curragh on June 29.



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FROZEN FIRE

The victory represents his conditioner's sixth Irish Derby triumph, equaling the record set by his predecessor at Ballydoyle, the legendary Dr. Vincent O'Brien, who is not related.

Bred in Germany by Jurgen and Wolfgang Hoyer, Frozen Fire was sold as a yearling in Ireland for 250,000 euros at the 2006 Goffs February sale.

He is the second winner from as many starters out of the winning Woodman mare Flamingo Sea, a half sister to two European group winners, including 1999 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) (Ger-G2) winner Flamingo Road.

This is also the family of Grade 1 winners Personal Hope and My Trusty Cat as well as multiple graded winners Best Of Luck, Dixie Flag, and Betty Lobelia.

Frozen Fire hails from the fourth crop of the Sadler's Wells stallion Montjeu, Europe's champion three-year old colt of 1999, when he

Sent off at odds of 16-to-1 in a field of eleven as part of trainer Aidan O'Brien's five-horse assemblage, the Montjeu (Ire) colt covered 1½ miles in 2:31.96 on turf rated as good to yielding.

Sadler's Wells's influence in the Irish Derby		
Year	Winner	Sire
2008	Frozen Fire	Montjeu (Ire) (by Sadler's Wells)
2007	Soldier Of Fortune	Galileo (Ire) (by Sadler's Wells)
2005	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire) (by Sadler's Wells)
2002	High Chaparral (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
2001	Galileo (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
1999	Montjeu (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
1998	Dream Well (Fr)	Sadler's Wells
1995	Winged Love	In The Wings (by Sadler's Wells)
1990	Salsabil (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
1989	Old Vic	Sadler's Wells

Frozen Fire, b. c., 2005				
Montjeu (Ire) 96 776 fls, 55 SWs SI 2.74 DI=0.89	Sadler's Wells 81 6 wins, \$713,690 Champion 2072 fls, 297 SWs SI 4.17 DI=2.82	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	=Nearco (It) 35 *Lady Angela 44
		Fairy Bridge 75 9 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.29	Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
	=Floripedes (Fr) 85 2 wins, \$95,930 Champion 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.00	=Top Ville (Ire) 76 423 fls, 43 SWs SI 2.16 DI=0.94	=High Top (GB) 69	Bold Reason 68
Flamingo Sea 99 3 fls, 1 SW DI=2.81	Woodman 83 3 wins, \$28,045 Champion 1880 fls, 110 SWs SI 1.57 DI=3.31	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Special 69	*Forli 63 Thong 64
			=Toute Cy (Fr) 79 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.57	*Sega Ville 68
	Fabula Dancer 86 1 win, \$2,433 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17	Playmate 75 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.82	=Tennyson (Fr) 70	=Adele Toumignon (Ire) 71
		Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
			Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
			Fair Rosalind 78 6 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.00	Buckpasser 63
			Intriguing 64	Swaps 52 Glamour 53
			Nearctic 54	=Nearco (It) 35 *Lady Angela 44
			Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
			Exclusive Native 65	Raise a Native 61 Exclusive 53
			Thirty Years 73	Bold Hour 64 Battle of Roses 64

captured both the French and Irish Derbies prior to his conquest of elders in the Prix de l'Arc De Triomphe Lucien Barriere (Fr-G1).

A leading sire in France in 2005, Montjeu stood for a 2008 fee of 125,000 euros at Ballydoyle's complementary facility, Coolmore Stud in County Tipperary, Ireland. He is joined there by his son, Hurricane Run, and fellow Sadler's Wells scions Galileo (Ire) and High Chaparral (Ire).

An Irish Guineas winner in the Vincent O'Brien stable later to become one of Europe's all-time great sires, the 27-year old Sadler's Wells was retired in May from stud duty due to declining fertility.

Remarkably, Sadler's Wells and his sons have sired ten of the last twenty Irish Derby winners (see accompanying chart). For good measure, the same lot has bred five of the last eight Epsom Derby (Eng-G1) winners.

Indeed, the Sadler's Wells male line, emboldened by its prepotent classic nature, is one of Europe's ongoing dynasties.

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