



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Chinchon's family tree features auspicious cross of full siblings

by Rommy Faversham

Content to trail for most of the journey, European invader Chinchon (Ire) angled out at the quarter pole and then delivered a masterful turn of foot through the stretch to pass all eight challengers and draw off by 1½ lengths in the \$760,000 Betfair TVG United Nations Stakes (G1) on Saturday.

The win marked the first top-level victory for the five-year old Marju horse, who was clocked in 2:11.77 for the 1¼ miles on Monmouth Park's firm turf course.



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Based in France, Chinchon captured the La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte (Fr-G3) as a four-year old and won the Prix Exbury (Fr-G3) at Saint-Cloud earlier this season. He also has placed in four additional French group races.

## CHINCHON

His dazzling score in the United Nations takes the bay's horse's lifetime record to five wins from 19 starts and earnings of \$1,005,200.

Chinchon hails from the 13th crop of English Group 1-winning miler Marju, by Last Tycoon (Ire), and is one of his sire's 37 group or graded stakes winners from 748 starters.

Marju was removed from stud duty in May at Derrinstown Stud in County Kildare, Ireland, after developing laminitis. The 22-year-old stallion is the sire of this year's Etihad Airways Irish One Thousand Guineas (Ire-G1) winner Bethrah as well as 2009 Hong Kong Horse of the Year Viva Pataca.

Chinchon is the first foal out of the Hector Protector mare Jarama. The weakest aspect of this pedigree is the lack of racing class among Chinchon's first four dams, who combined to tally but one victory, a race taken by Jarama as a three-year old.

In turn, our subject represents the only group or graded stakes winner to appear under his first three dams.

Chinchon is named after a picturesque village in the heart of Spain. His listed owner and breeder, Darpat S.L. Stables and Zubieta Limited, are the operations of Madrid-based businessman Dario Hinojosa.

## Chinchon, b. h., 2005

=Marju (Ire) 88 916 fis, 58 SWs SI 1.40 DI=0.83	Last Tycoon (Ire) 83 8 wins, \$683,438 Champion 1520 fis, 87 SWs SI 1.44 DI=1.77	Try My Best 75 383 fis, 32 SWs SI 1.30 DI=2.43	<b>Northern Dancer</b> 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		=Mill Princess (Ire) 77 13 fis, 5 SWs DI=1.63	<b>Sex Appeal</b> 70	<b>Buckpasser</b> 63 Best in Show 65
=Jarama (Ire) 00 3 fis, 1 SW DI=2.73	Flame of Tara (Ire) 80 8 wins, \$165,970, SW 13 fis, 5 SWs DI=1.00	Artaius 74 611 fis, 19 SWs SI 0.81 DI=1.04	Mill Reef 68	<b>Never Bend</b> 60 Milan Mill 62
		=Welsh Flame (GB) 73 11 fis, 1 SW DI=0.94	*Irish Lass II 62	=Sayajirao (GB) 44 =Scottata (Ire) 52
		Woodman 83 1947 fis, 111 SWs SI 1.54 DI=3.31	Round Table 54	*Princequillo 40 *Knight's Daughter 41
Tijuana Tango 93 Unplaced 7 fis, 0 SWs DI=2.79	Hector Protector 88 9 wins, \$973,086 Champion 853 fis, 24 SWs SI 0.96 DI=3.40	Korveya 82 16 fis, 3 SWs DI=3.95	Stylish Pattern 61	*My Babu 45 *Sunset Gun II 55
		Tejano 85 282 fis, 15 SWs SI 1.10 DI=2.84	=Welsh Pageant (Fr) 66	*Tudor Melody 56 =Picture Light (Fr) 54
		Northern Prancer 80 11 fis, 0 SWs DI=2.43	=Electric Flash (GB) 62	=Crepello (GB) 54 =Lightning (GB) 50
			Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
			Playmate 75	<b>Buckpasser</b> 63 Intriguing 64
			Riverman 69	<b>Never Bend</b> 60 River Lady 63
			Konafa 73	Damasus 64 Royal Statute 69
			Caro (Ire) 67	=Fortino II (Fr) 59 =Chambord (GB) 55
			Infantes 80	Exclusive Native 65 Keep a Secret 66
			<b>Northern Dancer</b> 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			<b>Sex Appeal</b> 70	<b>Buckpasser</b> 63 Best in Show 65

Most of Hinojosa's best homebreds, including last year's Metropolitan Handicap (G1) winner Ribron (Fr), have pedigrees that can be characterized as carrying valuable female family inbreeding patterns—and Chinchon is no exception.

His third dam, Northern Prancer, is a full sister to English and Irish champion Try My Best, who serves as Chinchon's paternal great grandsire. This extraordinary form of inbreeding, the cross of full siblings along respective tail-male and tail-female lines, is referred to as the "Delta Pattern."

Inbreeding to the family of Sex Appeal and Best in Show is appearing in greater frequency within the pedigrees of stakes winners internationally. Another key example would be globe-trekking multiple Group 1 winner Ramonti, by Marju's obscure son Martino Alonso out of a daughter of El Gran Senor, Try My Best's champion full brother.

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