



PEDIGREE PROFILE

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French-bred Zagora delivers tour de force in Diana

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Having patiently stalked from midpack throughout the backstretch, Zagora (Fr) angled out and then struck the front nearing the eighth pole, drawing clear to an impressive 1½-length victory in the \$500,000 Diana Stakes (G1) at Saratoga Racecourse on July 30.

The Diana was the first top-level stakes win for the consistent four-year-old Green Tune filly, who completed the 1½-mile

Diana in 1:49.19 on turf rated as good.

Winner of two French Group 3 races last season, Zagora's lifetime earnings climbed to \$676,522. She improved to five wins, four seconds, and two thirds from 13 career starts.

Bred by Eric Puerari and Oceanic Bloodstock, the chestnut filly was sold for



ZAGORA

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\$139,602 as a yearling at the 2008 Arqana Deauville August yearling sale.

Zagora is one of three winners from four starters out of the unraced Mtoto mare Zaneton.

Zagora's stakes-winning third dam, Party Doll, by Be My Guest, produced ten winners, including French heavyweight Titus Livius (Fr) and Briseida, winner of the Preis der Freunde und Förderer des Dusseldorfer Reiter- und Rennvereins (Ger-G2) (German One Thousand Guineas).

Zagora's extended family is anchored by her seventh dam, the Foundation Mare Ampola, who is the third dam of Green Dancer, our subject's paternal grandsire.

This represents an auspicious pattern of inbreeding to the family of Green Dancer with accompanying reinforcement of the tail-female line through its key mare, Ampola. Fillies with pedigrees like this often go on to become particularly effective broodmares.

Zagora hails from the 11th crop of the smartly bred Green Dancer stallion Green Tune and is one of her sire's 14 group or graded stakes winners.

Zagora, ch. f., 2007

Green Tune 91 603 fls, 36 SWs SI 1.17 DI=1.96	Green Dancer 72 4 wins, \$315,722, SW 1073 fls, 89 SWs SI 2.07 DI=1.00	Nijinsky II 67 851 fls, 155 SWs SI 5.77 DI=3.00	Northern Dancer 61 Nearctic 54 Natalma 57	Bull Page 47 Flaring Top 47
	Soundings 83 2 wins, \$26,005 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=4.25	*Green Valley II 67 15 fls, 6 SWs DI=1.50	*Val de Loir 59	=Vieux Manoir (Fr) 47 =Vall (Fr) 54
=Mtoto (GB) 83 8 wins, \$1,490,078 Champion 616 fls, 33 SWs SI 1.33 DI=0.09		Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
	Ocean's Answer 76 17 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.50	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46	
=Zaneton (Fr) 01 5 fls, 1 SW DI=0.19	=Busted (GB) 63 664 fls, 52 SWs SI 2.31 DI=0.22	Northern Answer 66	Northern Dancer 61 Windy Answer 55	
	=Amazer (Fr) 67 17 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.33	South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62	
=Party Zane (GB) 96 1 win, \$26,438, Spl 4 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.00	Zafonic 90 634 fls, 60 SWs SI 1.71 DI=4.20	=Crepello (GB) 54	=Donatello II (Fr) 34 =Crepuscule (GB) 48	
	=Party Doll (GB) 86 16 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.62	=Sans Le Sou (Ire) 57	=Vimy (Fr) 52 =Martal Loan (GB) 50	
		=Mincio (Fr) 57	Relic 45 =Merise (Fr) 45	
		*Alzara 61	=Alycidon (GB) 45 =Zabara (GB) 49	
		Gone West 84	Mr. Prospector 70 Secrettame 78	
		Zaifafon 82	The Minstrel 74 Mofida (GB) 74	
		Be My Guest 74	Northern Dancer 61 What a Treat 62	
		=Midnight Lady (Fr) 75	Mill Reef 68 =Mia Pola (Fr) 66	

Green Tune was euthanized on January 1, the day he officially turned 20, after fracturing his right hind leg at the Haras d'Etrehem in Normandy, France, where he had stood since retiring to stud in 1996.

Like his sire, a winner of the Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains (Fr-G1) (French Two Thousand Guineas), Green Tune had enjoyed one of his best seasons in 2010, finishing second in European progeny earnings among active French sires.

Elsewhere, Zagora picks up a healthy dose of stamina from her broodmare sire line, another vanishing strip of non-Phalaris descent.

Mtoto and his sire, Busted, both scored in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (Eng-G1) at 1½ miles and the Eclipse Stakes (Eng-G1) at 1¼ miles.

From only a handful of opportunities, the cross of a Green Dancer stallion with a daughter of Mtoto also has yielded 1999 Eclipse Stakes winner and European heavyweight Compton Admiral, by Suave Dancer.

Another sign of compatibility between sire and dam is the 3x5 cross of three-quarter brothers Nijinsky II and The Minstrel, who each scored English-Irish Derby doubles.

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