

**Wednesday, York, Britain**

**SKY BET GREAT VOLTIGEUR S.-G2**, £150,000, York, 8-18, 3yo, c/g, 11f 188yT, 2:28.27, gd.

1--**YIBIR (GB)**, 126, g, 3, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Rumh (Ger) (SW-Eng)**, by **Monsun (Ger)**

2nd Dam: **Royal Dubai (Ger)**, by **Dashing Blade (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Reem Dubai (Ire)**, by **Nashwan**

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-James Doyle. £85,065. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-2, \$280,580. \*1/2 to Really Special (GB) (Shamardal), SW-Eng, SP-UAE, \$108,180; Full to Wild Illusion (GB), G1SW-Eng, MG1SW-Fr, GISP-US, \$1,590,217. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

**Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

2--**The Mediterranean (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Flashy Wings (GB), by Zafonic. O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Rhinestone Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £32,250.

3--**Youth Spirit (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Rocana (GB), by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**. (€60,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €100,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARAUG). O-Ahmad Al Shaikh; B-Ringfort Stud & Paul Hancock (IRE); T-Andrew Balding. £16,140.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, NO. Odds: 6.00, 16.00, 8.00. Also Ran: Sir Lucan (Ire), Scope (Ire), High Definition (Ire), Third Realm (GB), Kemari (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

**ROYAL PATRONAGE MAKES ALL IN THE ACOMB**

Trading as the largely unconsidered 25-1 outsider-of-five for Wednesday's G3 Tattersalls Acomb S. at York, Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's **Royal Patronage (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB})** turned that logic on its head with a command performance from the front. Coming off an impressive five-length success over this seven-furlong trip in an Epsom novice July 29, the bay was on his mettle at the break and a sharp getaway yielded immediate control. Unflustered on the lead down the centre of the track in the straight, he bore all the hallmarks of a typical Mark Johnston galloper to record an ultimately comfortable 2 1/4-length success from **Imperial Fighter (Ire) (The Gurkha {Ire})**, with '**TDN Rising Star**' and 7-4 favourite **Dubawi Legend (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})** two lengths further adrift in third with no excuses. "I was very confident of this lad, he gave me a nice feel at Epsom and the way he was travelling down the straight I thought it would take a good one to pass me," winning jockey Jason Hart said. "For a 2-year-old, he's a sort of push-button type of ride. He's all there. I think he's fine at seven for the time being, but I don't see any reason why he wouldn't get a mile."

**NEW GROUP-WINNING 2YO YESTERDAY**

**ROYAL PATRONAGE** was a clear-cut winner of the **Acomb Stakes-Gr.3** at York for Mark Johnston and Highclere Racing ▶

HIS FIRST FEW CROPS WERE BRED FROM €4,000 TO €20,000 NOMINATIONS AND HAVE RESULTED IN THE LIKES OF:

Triple Gr.1-winning European Champion **ALMANZOR**,  
2020 Gr.1 Breeders' Cup winner **AUDARYA**,  
2020 Gr.1-winning 3YO sprinter **WOODED**,  
2021 Gr.1 Prix Saint-Alary winner **INCARVILLE** etc.



**“I think horses who win the Acomb are usually Group 1 horses... He's won a Group 3 and the only way is up”**  
**MARK JOHNSTON**

**CHAMPION 2YO. EXCEPTIONAL SIRE.**

**WOOTTON BASSETT**

**COOLMORE**

2021 yearlings from €40,000 nominations have already made €500,000, €405,000 etc.

**Acomb S. cont.**

Royal Patronage, who was fifth on his debut over six furlongs here May 22 before finishing four-lengths second to the subsequent G2 Superlative S. winner Native Trail (GB) ([Oasis Dream](#) {GB}) in a Sandown maiden upped to this distance June 11, had looked a colt of above-average ability in a decent contest at Epsom last time. His starting price here may have had more to do with the reputations of the unexposed TDN Rising Stars Dubawi Legend and [Ehraz](#) (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), but there is no doubt that it was inflated given the nature of his display on the famed Downs. “We thought he deserved to be here, in hindsight it’s easy to say ‘it was no surprise,’” Johnston said. “Anything that wins the Acomb is a potential Guineas horse. We had him over six furlongs the first time and that was probably a bit of a liberty, as he’ll stay further in time.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Royal Patronage is the first foal out of the Aga Khan cast-off Shaloushka (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), who was bought by Blandford Bloodstock for €100,000 at the 2008 Arqana December Sale. She is a half-sister to the G1 Irish Derby third Shalpour (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and to the dam of the Group 3-placed duo Shikarpour (Ire) (Dr Fong) and Shebella (Ire) (Dubai Destination) from the family of Shahrastani.

Her 2021 colt is by [Magna Grecia](#) (Ire).

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**TATTERSALLS ACOMB S.-G3**, £100,000, York, 8-18, 2yo, 7fT, 1:23.56, gd.

1--[ROYAL PATRONAGE](#) (FR), 127, c, 2, by [Wootton Bassett](#) (GB)

1st Dam: [Shaloushka](#) (Ire), by [Dalakhani](#) (Ire)

2nd Dam: [Shalama](#) (Ire), by [Kahyasi](#) (Ire)

3rd Dam: [Shademah](#) (Ire), by [Thatch](#)

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** (62,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Woodland Walk); B-Emma Capon Bloodstock (FR); T-Mark Johnston; J-Jason Hart. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$88,272. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--[Imperial Fighter](#) (Ire), 127, c, 2, [The Gurkha](#) (Ire)--Endure (Ire), by Green Desert. (£30,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR). O-Michael Blencowe; B-Lynn Lodge Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding. £21,500.

3--[Dubawi Legend](#) (Ire), 127, c, 2, [Dubawi](#) (Ire)--[Lovely Pass](#) (Ire), by [Raven's Pass](#). O-Dr Ali Ridha; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer. £10,760.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2, 1. Odds: 25.00, 5.50, 1.75. Also Ran: [Noble Truth](#) (Fr), [Ehraz](#) (GB). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)



Royal Patronage wins the Acomb S. He is by [Wootton Bassett](#), also the sire of [Almanzor](#), [Audarya](#), [Wooded](#), [Incarville](#), etc. | PA Media