



Down To The Woods, ridden by Darryll Holland, seen winning in the colours of the Miller/Ricards Partnership at Doncaster.

he was capable of on the racecourse (or than the influence of his more immediate predecessors suggests). He provides the missing link from the great out-and-out (Professional) stayers of the past to current and subsequent generations of bloodlines stemming from Alycidon and his sire Donatello II (1934).

Work in progress

Both a strength and a weakness of Dosage system is that sires cannot become chefs-de-race until there is enough statistical evidence of aptitudinal prepotence. As a means of addressing the weakness aspect of this there is a secondary list of active sires listed under five stamina characteristic categories (dominant speed, intermediate speed, balanced speed, intermediate stamina and dominant speed, which correspond to the five chef-de-race categories of Brilliant, Intermediate, Classic, Solid and Professional). While the stallions on this secondary list are not chefs-de-race, they could be promoted to the main list eventually (but not necessarily). The list is maintained as a guide to typical performance traits for the progeny of stallions and is often useful in cases where chefs-de-race do not appear close up in the pedigree. In many cases the speed or stamina seen may derive from prepotent ancestors in their own pedigree. Individual classifications in this list may be changed from year to year; especially for the younger sires, as the number of their progeny stakes wins increases. Alleged, for example appears under the dominant stamina category. Woodman appears under intermediate stamina, while Storm Cat appears under intermediate speed. Such stallions could be moved to the chef-de-race list one day, some sooner than later; others not at all.

For the Dosage system to remain of use it must undergo a continual process of new chefs-de-race joining its numbers. To quote Dr Roman's guiding motivation, "greater accuracy and increased predictability depends in large part on a continual modification and refinement of the chef-de-race list, guided by the principle of a better description of reality".

As I have put forward in this article, the inclusion of certain influential European-based sires that have already been added, and those that will be added in the months and years to come, greatly assists with this "better description".

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Of these only Almaarad, Eurobird and Natski look anything like they should, deriving points in the stamina wing of their Dosage profiles from other sources, such as Crepello and Donatello II (Almaarad) and from Sea-Bird (Eurobird and Natski). The revised ratings, factoring in a Professional influence from Ela-Mana-Mou read:

vised profile is based on 20 points, making it a much more reliable one.

The revision moved Double Trigger to his rightful place alongside the likes of Sagaro, Le Moss (and Le Moss's full brother Lemvoss ten years before him), DI 0.71 CD -0.08, and Ardross, DI 0.29 CD -1.11, as befits the winner of multiple Group races at

	Dosage profile	DI	CD
Sumayr	1-2-7-0-16 = 26	0.33	-1.07
Almaarad	3-2-1-0-22 = 28	0.24	-1.28
Eurobird	2-3-5-8-16 = 34	0.28	-0.97
Natski	1-3-8-8-16 = 36	0.28	-0.97
Emmson	6-8-4-0-16 = 34	0.89	-0.35
Snurge	5-2-7-0-16 = 30	0.54	-0.66
Double Trigger	1-2-1-0-16 = 20	0.21	-1.40

Note that Double Trigger has moved from having the second highest DI of 7.00 (behind Emmson on a DI of 8.00) – which is clearly completely inaccurate – to the lowest of 0.21 (below that of Almaarad on a DI of 0.24), while his CD has moved from +1.00 to -1.40. The others in this sample also look much better placed on DIs of well below 1.00 and negative CDs, as they are proven at or beyond middle-distances, or at extreme distances. This highlights a critical observation in Dosage analysis, that while a high overall score in the Dosage profile is not an indication of ability, the higher the score the more accurate the reading of stamina potential is likely to be. Double Trigger's previous profile relied on a score of just 4 points. His re-

2 miles plus. Sagaro, Le Moss and Ardross of course represent a golden period of quality staying horses in Britain, winning seven Gold Cups between them during the period 1975-82. Such quality had not been witnessed since the late 1940s (when the virtually unbeatable stayer Alycidon – Ela-Mana-Mou's great, great grandsire – reigned supreme).

Ela-Mana-Mou is an unqualified influence for stamina, transmitting characteristics passed down from the likes of Alycidon, Donatello II, Chateau Bouscaut, Son-In-Law, Mieuxce, Bayardo, Hurry On and Massine (all Professional chefs-de-race sires themselves) from his fourth, fifth and sixth generations (which as far as his progeny are concerned fall outside the scope of the Dosage system), rather than the sharper influences of the likes of Hyperion and Petition in his third generation (who are included in the Dosage calculations of his progeny).

Ela-Mana-Mou is clearly capable of siring horses that stay considerably further than

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