

2014 Barbados Derby Race Day

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Date: Saturday, August 9, 2014
Start Time: 12:30 p.m.

- **Grand parade around the entire track**
 - The Royal Barbados Police Band** (celebrating 125 years)
 - The Royal Barbados Police Force Mounted Troupe**
 - The Zouave Band**
 - The Cadet Corp Band**
- **FREE fun activities for the kids**
- **Massy Product Fair on the grounds**
- **Live performances by 2014's top Crop Over calypsonians**





75 Years of the Barbados Derby

The horse racing industry in Barbados will on Saturday, August 9, 2014 celebrate a very significant milestone; the 75th Anniversary of The Barbados Derby, its most important and historic race for Caribbean bred horses. The 2014 Barbados Derby is also the 30th Anniversary of sponsorship by United Insurance Company Limited. The Garrison Savannah, with its rich heritage is a more than fitting venue for this celebration.

The Barbados Derby is the Third Jewel in the 'Barbados Triple Crown' of classics which includes the Barbados Guineas and the Barbados Midsummer Creole Classic. The Barbados Turf Club, which in 2005 celebrated its Centenary Anniversary, hosted the first Barbados Derby in 1940 and in its 75 years it has created a number of legends. These icons are among the horses that have won and also in the long list of owners, jockeys, trainers and breeders.

One family that has excelled in the Barbados Derby is the Chandlers of Todds Estate in St. John. The father and son team of Sir John Chandler and William 'Bill' Chandler have between them been responsible for 10 Barbados Derby winners.

These two gentlemen have been owner, breeder or trainer and in some instances, all of the above in these successes.

The human element has been just as diversified as the equine athletes and successful owners, trainers and jockeys have certainly brought international status to this great event.

The first winner of the Barbados Derby, Television was bred in Barbados but was owned in Trinidad by a very popular owner of the day Dr. Cyril Gittens who was also his trainer.

Cyril Barnard of St. Vincent has been the most successful non-Barbadian to win the Barbados Derby. He sent over no fewer than six horses to take the spoils. These animals were bred at his Orange Hill Estate, a coconut growing plantation nestled at the foot of the La Soufriere volcano.

Former South Caribbean Champion jockey turned trainer and breeder, Chally Jones has had resounding success in the Barbados Derby. He rode a record 11 winners and later trained five winners. He was also co-breeder of 1996 Derby winner, Incitatus.

Winners of the Barbados Derby have not been limited to those bred at home. Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, St. Vincent, St. Kitts and Martinique have all enjoyed Derby success at the Garrison Savannah.

Jamaica, Martinique and St. Kitts have all bred Barbados Derby winners. The fillies Secret Habitat and Taalahornee, both bred there but owned and trained in Barbados, won in 1993 and 1995 respectively.

The French island of Martinique has two Barbados Derby winners to its credit. The first was Generator, a filly owned in Martinique but trained in Trinidad.

In 1988 the strangely named colt Kimafoutiesa, bred in Martinique but owned and trained in Trinidad, ploughed through a veritable quagmire at the Garrison to take the top prize.

The island of St. Kitts which in recent times has been unknown as a racing country has produced one Barbados Derby winner. Hayseed, owned by Rosemary Wigley and trained by Barbadian Charles Peirce beat seven opponents to win in 1967.

The international flavour of the Barbados Derby has been enhanced by owners and or trainers with links to France, England, Ireland, Canada, Guyana, Lebanon and Grenada, among others.

Englishman William Cyril Marshall, known to all and sundry as 'Bill Marshall - the Governor', has certainly been the governor of the Barbados Derby, training a record nine winners.

Frenchman Gilbert Yvonet trained Maison Laffitte, March Light and Miss Paris to win in 1963, 1967 and 1968. Miss Paris carried the silks of Guyanese, Joe Fernandes.

French woman Sylvie Beuzelin and her husband Jean Louis have had Derby success with Zarmella and that mare's son Galileo.

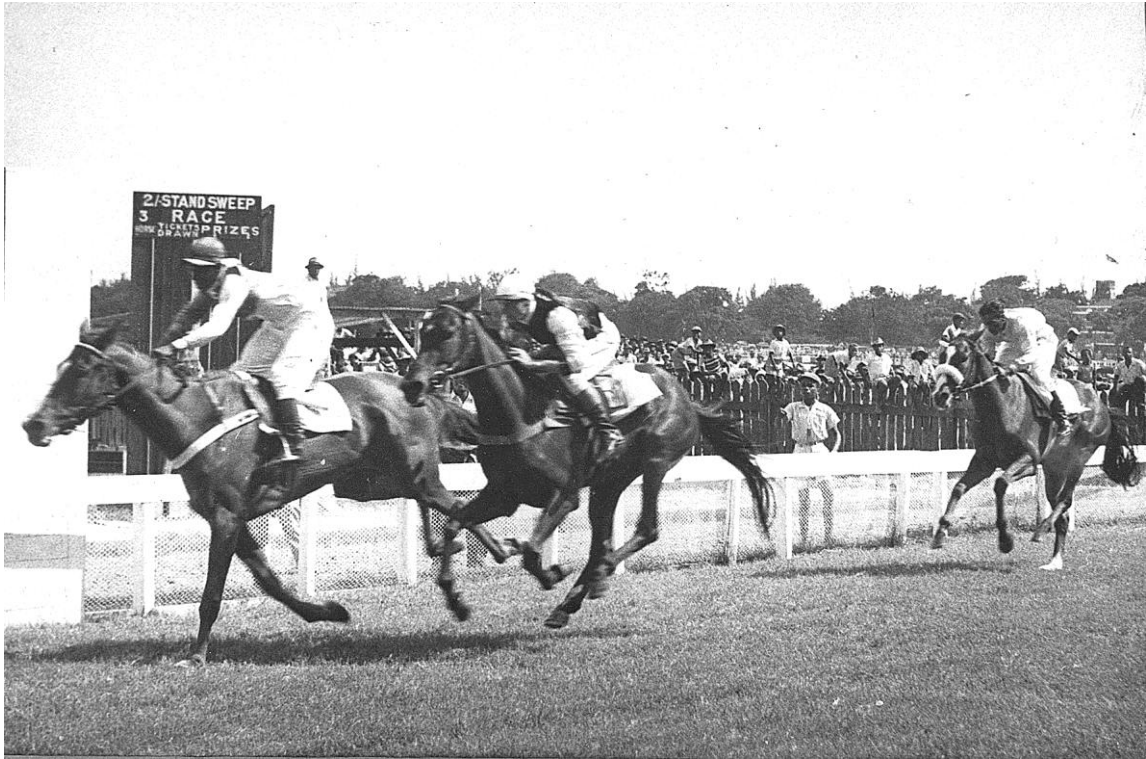
Englishman Freddie Thirkell trained three Barbados Derby winners while Paul Locke, Lord Michael Taylor and Mrs. Gay Smith, all from Britain, have all tasted Barbados Derby success.

The 2014 United Insurance Barbados Derby offers a total of \$68,000 in stakes and with subscriptions could total over \$75,000.

United Insurance Co. Ltd. will contribute \$30,000 to the purse and will be presenting trophies for all of the races on the day's card.

Both the Barbados Turf Club and sponsors United Insurance are planning to make this dual anniversary extra special.

This article is the first in a weekly series leading up to United Barbados Derby Day 2014 Saturday, August nine. These stories will relive the history of this great race and serve as a reminder of times past to some and be a source of information to others.



St. Vincent-bred filly Best Wishes, owned and bred by Cyril Barnard and ridden by Eric 'Sonny' Holder beating Usher in the 1951 Barbados Derby.

30 Years of United Derby Sponsorship

The 2014 United Insurance Barbados Derby may be months away but the excitement that is already rising in the local horse racing industry could in the next few weeks reach fever pitch.

This year is the 30th Anniversary of United's sponsorship of what is one of the most prestigious sporting events and both the Company and the Barbados Turf Club are planning a day to be remembered.

United Insurance Company Limited, under the leadership of the now late Thomas "Tommy" Peirce, took up the sponsorship of the Barbados Derby in 1985 from Mackeson Stout.

With this new endorsement, the already high profile of the island's premier horse racing classic rose to an even higher level.

United's first action was to inject a sizable cash contribution into the prize money thus making the Barbados Derby one of the richest races at that time. This contribution has increased over the years with the company now donating \$30,000 towards the total purse.

The filly Happy Style in 1985 launched United's sponsorship of the Barbados Derby with an exciting victory under young apprentice jockey Darwin Clarke. This was a particularly satisfying success for owner-breeder George DeVere Davis who had been criticized for 'sending a boy to do a man's job.'

Victory in the inaugural United Barbados Derby for Mr. Davis was also the beginning of a run of successes which saw horses he bred and owned finishing first on three other occasions. He also bred the 2006 Triple Crown winner Zouk.

This year's 30th running of the United Derby will have total stakes money of \$68,000 with subscriptions expected to push the actual payouts near or above the \$100,000 mark. Without subscriptions, the winner will receive \$37,400; second \$15,640; third \$9,520 and fourth \$5,440.

The Company has, in its 30 years of association with horse racing, pumped over one million dollars into the industry. Management says its association with the Barbados Derby is not only the fulfillment of United's corporate duty but also a commitment to the development of horse racing in the island. It is one of the ways it gives back to the community that has helped it become one of the leading general insurance businesses in the Caribbean.

The United Barbados Derby has had a most positive impact on the local horse breeding industry. With this brilliant star to shoot for, breeders and owners have been acquiring top bloodlines to breed from. This has resulted in four winners of the Barbados Triple Crown, made up of the Barbados Guineas the Barbados Midsummer Classic and the United Barbados Derby.

Coo-Bird took the title in 1989, Incitatus in 1996, Zouk in 2006 and Areutalkintome in 2009.

The Barbados Turf Club has expressed its gratitude to United Insurance Company Limited for its long time support of the local horse racing industry in general and the Barbados Derby in particular.

BTC President Sir David Seale says: “The sponsorship of the Barbados Derby by United Insurance Company Ltd has been most welcomed by the Barbados Turf Club and Racehorse Breeders in particular.”

According to him, the Turf Club’s partnership with United Insurance Company limited has proven to be a winning combination.

“Sponsorship began at a time when the Barbados Racehorse breeding industry was in decline and it was their support of the prestigious “United Derby” that encouraged local horse breeders to expand their breeding operations providing more employment for those who work in the industry,” he said.

Sir David has extended best wishes to the sponsors and says he is looking forward with great expectations to the 30th running of the United Barbados Derby.

The management of United Insurance Company Limited has reiterated its pleasure in again sponsoring the Barbados Derby.

“At United, we believe that contributing positively to the communities in which we operate is just as important as offering protection for the things our clients hold dear.”

The company says this is why it supports a wide range of activities and partners with organisations across its 14 territories. United has supported sports, in particular, for over 30 years, including youth cricket, basketball, sailing, horse-racing, chess and golf.

30 years of United Derby Champions

This year's United Insurance Barbados Derby not only marks the 30th Anniversary of sponsorship of this premier sporting event by that company but also provides the opportunity for the crowning of more horse racing champions.

This great classic, with its tremendous prestige and rich history, has over the years produced several champions. These top performers represent the very elite of the sport with some holding the status of legends here in Barbados and beyond.

Two United Insurance Barbados Derby winners that stand out are Coo-Bird and Incitatus. These "Triple Crown" winners are still today the subject of great debate and sometimes even heated arguments as to which was the better horse.

Coo-Bird holds the record for the most wins by any horse. In his seven year career he won 23 of his 53 starts and earned just over half a million dollars in prize money. Coo-Bird actually won 25 races but was disqualified twice.

Incitatus wrote his name indelibly in history when he romped to victory in the 1997 Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup.

Incitatus after winning the Gold Cup was sent to Canada where he raced with success becoming the first West Indian bred horse to win in graded company in North America.

Owner-Breeder George DeVere Davis, known to most people as 'Vere", has registered outstanding success in the United Insurance Barbados Derby. He has bred five winners, four of which carried his colours to victory.

Davis' Happy Style holds the distinction of winning the first Barbados Derby under United Insurance Company Limited's sponsorship. He had back to back winners with Coo-Bird and his half brother Ginger Dove in 1989 and 1990 and he was back in the winner's enclosure with Oba Dove in 2002.

Most Barbadian horsemen dream of breeding the Triple Crown winner but George DeVere Davis did even more. He bred Coo-Bird who won in 1989 and Zouk who took the title in 2006. While Coo-Bird won in Davis' silks, Zouk was owned in partnership by Richard Edwards and Mrs. Angela Simpson.

It could be said that celebrated trainer Bill Marshall made the United Insurance Barbados Derby his very own. "The Governor" as he was dubbed, saddled a record nine winners.

Chally Jones has the distinction as a jockey of winning the Barbados Derby a record 11 times. His role since the race has been sponsored by United Insurance has been that of trainer and breeder.

As a trainer, Jones has had to abide in the shadow of Bill Marshall, saddling five winners to "The Governor's" nine.

Chally Jones, as a breeder, has much to be proud about. At his Blue Ribbon Stud Farm, located at Neil's in St. Michael, he has produced alone or in partnership, three United Insurance Barbados Derby winners, including two Triple Crown winners.

Jones' first Derby winner as a trainer came with the filly, Paddy Bird, which was bred in partnership with his wife Diana. Incitatus, who took the Triple Crown in 1996, was bred in partnership with Jean Louis Beuzelin but it was all Chally with the 2009 Triple Crown winner, Areutalkintome.

There is another Jones who has made quite a name for himself in the United Insurance Barbados Derby. This time it is Chally's son, Jonathan.

"Jono", as he is known, has won five of the last 30 editions of the United Insurance Barbados Derby.

His first Derby success was astride Overdraft which was trained by his father and owned by Trinidadian Herbert Gonsalves.

He was back in winner's row the very next year with Winsome Lass which finished second but was promoted to first after the winner Indian Jewel was disqualified.

Jono Jones' next Derby successes came on Zarmella and Incitatus in 1994 and 1996 respectively and Alaska Pete in 2000.

Jockey Anderson Trotman, could be contemplating the possibility of catching and even passing Jono Jones as the top rider in the United Insurance Barbados Derby. So far, he has won the race three times and as he is still at the peak of his career could put his name in the history books.

The United Insurance Barbados Derby has also had its champions among the breeding stock. The stallion Happy Boy has sired four winners of the classic, with the now legendary Nosferatu producing just one less.

Rare Dove holds the honour of being the top broodmare on the United Insurance Barbados Derby Honours list. She foaled back to back winners Coo-Bird and his half brother Ginger Dove in 1989 and 1990.



George DeVere Davis Top Owner and Breeder celebrating with the 1989 United Insurance Barbados Derby Cup. Joining in the occasion are from left to right the now late Thomas "Tommy" Peirce of United Insurance; the late Governor General Sir Hugh Springer; George Challenor of United Insurance; winning trainer now the late Bill Marshall and successful jockey Venice Richards.

Wearing the Barbados Triple Crown

Winning the Barbados Triple Crown is considered to be the most prestigious achievement in local horse racing.

Like its American version, this is the pinnacle, even the loftiest heights, for horse, owner, trainer, jockey, and maybe most of all, the breeder.

The Barbados Triple Crown is made up of the three top races for Caribbean-bred three year old horses; the Barbados Guineas, the Barbados Mid-Summer Creole Classic with the United Insurance Barbados Derby being the crowning event. The Guineas is contested over a distance of 7.8 furlongs or 1,570 meters, the Midsummer Classic nine furlongs or 1,800 meters and the Derby 10 furlongs or 2,000 meters.

Four horses have in the past 30 years of United Insurance's sponsorship of the Derby, achieved the status of Triple Crown Winner. Coo-Bird took the title in 1989; Incitatus in 1996, the filly Zouk in 2006 and the colt, Areutalkintome in 2009.

Three of the four Triple Crown winners progressed to the point where they can be described as having raced to greatness. Coo Bird, Incitatus and Areutalkintome all proved during their campaign as four year olds and beyond that they were exceptional.

Zouk unfortunately was robbed by injury of what could have been an interesting career as an older filly. She won eight of her 12 starts and earned just over \$200,000.

Coo-Bird will be well remembered as the darling of the Barbadian racing public and no one will forget his epic battles with triple Cockspur Gold Cup winner Sandford Prince. Coo-Bird gave as good as he got in his on-track battles, with his imported arch rival finishing second to him twice in that race.

Although this great West Indian thoroughbred never won the Barbados Gold Cup, he did give owner-breeder Vere Davis a 'Golden Derby Cup' when he won what was the 50th running of the Barbados Derby in 1989. United Insurance Company Limited marked that momentous occasion by presenting a gold cup.

Coo-Bird had the distinction of winning the prestigious Heineken Stakes twice and the Barbados Breeders Classic, a graded stakes race. The 1989 Barbados Triple Crown champion holds the record for the most wins by any horse in Barbados. In his seven year career he won 23 of his 53 starts and earned just over half a million dollars in prize money. Coo-Bird actually won 25 races but was disqualified twice.

Incitatus climaxed his career in Barbados by winning the 1997 Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup. He became the first West Indian bred horse to win that international race and the only horse, to do the United Insurance Barbados Derby-Barbados Gold cup double.

Incitatus was sent to Canada where he raced with success, becoming the first West Indian bred horse to win in graded company. His victories included the Connaught Cup and the King Edward Breeders' Cup Handicap both Grade Two races. He also placed in graded races including the Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy, the Durham Cup and the Bowling Green Handicap.

Incitatus had a race record of 63 starts, 19 wins and earnings of nearly \$700,000. More than half a million dollars of this prize money was won in North America.

He also had a short career at stud siring winners. This fine thoroughbred was however brought out of retirement and died tragically after a race at Hastings Park in Canada in September 2004.

The last Barbados Triple Crown winner was Areutalkintome who took the title in 2009. His story is more than what was seen on the race track. Along with taking the 'great treble' that earned him the 'Crown' he won several other top quality races and has the distinction of winning at every distance at the Garrison Savannah.

Areutalkintome was triumphant in the Breeders' Hopeful Stakes, the Diamonds International/Audemars Piguet Royal Oak Youth Challenge Stakes, the Sandy Lane Spa Sprint and he dead-heated with John Brian in the Victor Chandler Stakes. In the last two races he beat the imported horses.

Areutalkintome has shown remarkable resilience. He was involved in a horrific accident while exercising at the Garrison race track and most people felt that the injuries sustained would have ended his career. He however proved them wrong and returned to continue his winning ways.

There is more to winning the Barbados Horse Racing Triple Crown than prestige and a place in history. It comes in the form of money and lots of it.

The connections of the Triple Crown winner will receive a \$100,000 bonus to be divided among the owner, breeder, trainer, and jockey.

The connections of Zouk were the first to collect the Bonus.



Areutalkintome winning the 2009 United Insurance Barbados Derby and the prestigious Triple Crown.

BARBADOS DERBY FAMILY AFFAIR

The Barbados Derby and by extension the Massy United Insurance Barbados Derby could be described as a family affair. This is simply because of the numerous family connections both among the human and the equine participants.

Names like the Chandlers, the Joneses, the Beuzelins and the Josephs all represent human connections, while among the animals there are several winners who in turn produced foals which emulated them.

The Chandlers of Todds Estate in St. John were responsible for 10 Barbados Derby winners. This combination of father Sir John and son Bill have, in these successes, been owner, breeder or trainer and in some instances, all of the above.

Sir John, as an owner, won with Belledune and Radiance in 1943 and 1944; Watercress in 1950; Bluemantle in 1959 and Pepperpot in 1962.

Bill Chandler won his first Barbados Derby in 1947 when Gun Hill, trained by his father, took the top prize. His colours were back in the winner's circle in 1961 with the filly, Water Lily in 1969 with champion Volare, 1973 with Watersmeet and 1981 with Viking.

The Barbados Derby could also be a story of trying to keep up with the Joneses. This family, headed by former South Caribbean Champion Jockey Challenor "Chally" Jones, has had resounding success in this prestigious race.

Chally rode a record 11 Barbados Derby winners including two hat-tricks. He continued his winning ways when he retired from the saddle and took up training. In his new career, he sent out five winners of this great classic.

Jones' success in 1996 was special. His charge, Incitatus, not only won the Derby sponsored by then United Insurance but also took the "Triple Crown". Jones, who was co-breeder of this colt with Frenchman Jean Louis Beuzelin, also had the pleasure of seeing his son Jonathan ride the winner to victory.

Chally Jones and his wife Diana were co-breeders of 1986 United Barbados Derby winner Paddy Bird which was also trained by Chally. Chally Jones on his own also bred the 2009 Triple Crown winner Areutalkintome.

The French couple of Jean Louis and Sylvie Beuzelin have also contributed to the Barbados Derby Family Affair. Together they bred the filly Zarmella which won in Mrs. Beuzelin's colours. This filly went on to produce the 1999 winner Galileo which was bred and owned by Jean Louis.

When Areutalkintome won the Barbados Derby and the Triple Crown in 2009, his victory put the spotlight on a family that has deep Caribbean racing roots. His youthful owners Attie Joseph III and Saffie Joseph Jr. are sons of Saffie Joseph who has done well as a trainer winning the 1995 United Insurance Barbados Derby with Taalahornee and several other top races.

The Joseph brothers are grandsons of the legendary Attie Saffie Joseph, a pioneer of Caribbean racing, who successfully campaigned top class horses in his native Trinidad, Barbados and Guyana.

But there is even more to this story. The colt was trained by the younger Joseph nicknamed "Babba" who at 22 years of age became possibly the youngest trainer of a classic winner in the Caribbean and maybe several other parts of the world.

The interlocking family connections among the winners of the Barbados Derby have not been lost on the horses. Searching the pedigrees reveals that foals from four of the winners did themselves win the classic.

The Bill Chandler owned Water Lily which won the 1961 classic, produced Watersmeet who took the honours in 1973. Chandler also bred and owned the 1969 winner Volare who in turned foaled the 1981 winner Viking.

Another Barbados Derby winner to foal a winner was Vintage, which after winning in 1970 produced the 1979 winner Red Wine.

Coo-Bird and his half brother Ginger Dove winners of the Derby in 1989 and 1990 were out of the mare Rare Dove. She in turn was a half sister to Another Dove the dam of the 2002 United Insurance Barbados Derby winner Oba Dove.

Rare Dove was not the only mare to have more than one foal win the Barbados Derby. The English bred Felicitas which has been inducted into the Barbados Turf Club's Hall of Fame holds the record for the most Barbados Derby winners.

Purchased by Cyril Barnard and sent to St. Vincent she foaled full sisters Best Wishes and Bright Light to win the 1951 and 1952 classic and their half sister Happy Legend who scored in 1956.

The 2014 Massy United Insurance Barbados Derby will be run at the Garrison Savannah on Saturday August 9. This will be the 75th Anniversary of the Barbados Derby and the 30th year of sponsorship by Massy United Insurance Ltd., formerly United Insurance Company Limited.



PHOTO CAPTION:

Jean Louis and Sylvie Beuzelin at left celebrating with Diana and Chally Jones.

Barbados Derby drama

The Barbados Derby has over the years provided great excitement but there has also been no lack of drama or controversy. This great classic race has seen a disqualification of the winner, upsets of favourites that look unconquerable, unforgivable mishaps and the running of the race under some of the most difficult conditions.

The most talked about incident in the Barbados Derby is probably the disqualification of Indian Jewel who was first past the post in 1992.

Indian Jewel was seen running near the rear as the field approached the last half mile of the race but in what looked like the twinkling of an eye, ran past the others as if they were standing and hit the front. So shocking was his acceleration, that even the commentators could not believe that he had made up so much ground, so quickly. He romped home comfortably from the filly Winsome Lass.

The joy of winning the Derby was however soon turned to anxiety for the connections as news of an objection was announced. After a long enquiry by the stewards, Indian Jewel was moved from first position and placed last the only time that a Barbados Derby winner had ever been disqualified.

The defeat of Sporting Life in 1983 and Nicodemus in 2000 are easily the biggest upsets recorded in the last 29 years of the Massy United Insurance Barbados Derby. For most race fans there was no way that they could be beaten.

Sporting Life had beaten all of his opponents with ease and it looked a mere formality for him to not only win the Derby but also give his jockey, Sonia Perkins, the honour of being the first female rider to win this prestigious race.

The hundreds of race fans who had turned up at the Garrison watched in horror as the drama unfolded. With just over two furlongs left in the race, rank outsider Work Permit suddenly ran past the leaders and opened up a gap. By the time Sporting Life and the others realized what had happened, the gelding had established an unassailable lead and he and Perkins had to settle for second.

Nicodemus went into the 2000 United Insurance Barbados Derby with the title of Triple Crown winner just waiting to be placed on his head.

Nicodemus started the day on a bad note and it continued downhill. His trainer Elizabeth Deane, who had saddled him in all of his races, was knocked out by a bout of the flu and could not be at the races. As the horses broke from the gates in the 2000 Barbados Derby, Nicodemus, as usual, took up his position at the head of the field and seemed ready to run his opponents into the ground. However, as they raced past the stands for the first time something seemed wrong. It turned out that the gelding's saddle had slipped, leaving his jockey Anderson Trotman with little to do but just try and avoid falling off.

To say that jockey Trotman did everything to get Nicodemus home first would not be an understatement but the loose saddle gave him no opportunity to allow the horse to run his race.

In 1988 a horse with a strange name came to the Garrison Savannah for what seemed a simple assignment...win the United Insurance Barbados Derby. That horse was the Martinique-bred Trinidad owned and trained colt Kimafoutiesa.

He had done very well in Trinidad and there seemed little opposition in Barbados to stop him from taking the trophy and the winner's cheque back to the land of calypso. Mother Nature however seemed to not take kindly to these plans and so heavy showers turning the race track into a swamp.

On any other day the entire race card would have been abandoned but to do so on this occasion would have meant that the Trinidad invader would not have been able to participate. He was entered in the Trinidad Derby and any delay in Barbados would mean that he would miss that race.

The decision to run was taken and the results are now history. Kimafoutiesa ploughed through the mud like a bulldozer and took the honours.

Kimafoutiesa returned to Trinidad for that country's Derby but, as fate would have it, he ran into conditions similar to what he had experienced in Barbados. Just before the start of that race a thunderstorm broke over the Queen's Park Savannah turning the track into a quagmire.

In conditions which normally force a cancellation of the race, Kimafoutiesa performed way below his best as rank outsider Song 'N Dance romped home in the mud.



PHOTO CAPTION:

Kathy Joseph and owner Maniram 'Boboy' Marajah lead in Indian Jewel which was first past the post in the 1992 United Barbados Derby but was later disqualified.