



ATG MAJOR RACES

ÅBY STORA PRIS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 – ÅBY RACETRACK

1. MACAHAN

Faces tough conditions money-wise but comes in top form and he has an excellent post. He was fourth in this race last year and is chasing an even better result this year.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **6 years**
Pedigree: **Maharajah – Filippa Hall**
Trainer: **Maria Törnqvist** Driver: **Dwight Pieters**
Owner: **KB Capulus Horses, Kullavik** Breeder: **Jarl Andén, Fritsla**
Record: **1.11,8al** Earnings: **SEK 2,800,076**
Winning percentage: **27%**
Greatest result: **Victory in the Grand Prix de la Ville de Cabourg, 2026**



Has been trained by Maria Törnqvist all the time. Was second behind Immortal Doc in an Auction race for three-year-olds at Solvalla. Then won a heat to the Kriteriet but finished unplaced in the final. As a four-year-old he won a Derby heat and finished fourth in the final. Last year he was second in the Lyon Grand Prix and won a Silver Division race at Mantorp. Comes from two straight wins in France and most recently took his biggest victory to date. Dwight Pieters drives.

2. PETHO

One of three Norwegian horses and he has clearly earned the least money in this race. Coming from a second place over the long distance but faces much tougher opponents now.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **7 years**
Pedigree: **Propulsion – Brandy**
Trainer: **Erlend Rennesvik** Driver: **Erlend Rennesvik**
Owner: **Stall Petho, Norway** Breeder: **Anders Jahre, Norge**
Record time: **1.13,2l** Earnings: **SEK 1,934,458**
Win percentage: **29%**
Greatest result: **Second in Jarlsbergs Grand Prix, 2023**



Started for Åsbjörn Tengsareid in Norway and was then trained by Anette Midtlyng. There he took three straight wins, including a Silver race at Romme last April. Then moved to his current trainer Erlend Rennesvik and was second in the Silver final at Solvalla during the Elitlopp weekend. Is without victory this year but comes from a good second spot behind today's opponent Charron in the Norwegian Championships over the long distance. Normally faces too tough opposition now.

3. INDY ROCK

Eight-year-old who is now trained by Jörgen Westholm and who has competed in France recently. Won over the long distance last time. Has a good number and is an early contender.

Gender: **Gelding** Age: **8 years**
Pedigree: **Readly Express – L. Dees Roccy**
Trainer: **Jörgen Westholm** Driver: **Mats E Djuse**
Owner: **Verrazzano AB, Bjärred**
Breeder: **Lena Martell & Lennart Karlsson**
Record time: **1.12,8al** Earnings: **SEK 4,643,615**
Win percentage: **18%** Greatest result: **Runner-up in BC-final, 2021**



Started his career for Johan Untersteiner where he was very successful as a young horse. As a three-year-old he was fourth in the Kriteriet and second in the Breeders' Crown, both times behind Francesco Zet. As a five-year-old the horse was moved to Daniel Redén. His best result there was a victory in France last year. Failed last winter and is now trained by Jörgen Westholm. There he took his first win last time, in a stayer race at Hyères in France. Now driven by Mats E Djuse.

4. HIGH ON PEPPER

Very strong horse who loves today's long distance. Has been very successful in the V75 and V85 during several seasons and comes from victory. Probably without shoes this time.

Gender: **Gelding** Age: **8 years**
Pedigree: **Ready Cash – Piece Of Work**
Trainer: **Katja Melkko** Driver: **Rikard N Skoglund**
Owner: **Pepper AB & Silkstone HB** Breeder: **Tina Dale Brauti, Norway**
Record time: **1.11,8al** Earnings: **SEK 7,792,596**
Win percentage: **42%**
Greatest result: **Third in Åby World Grand Prix, 2024**



Made two starts for Jerry Riordan but was then moved to today's trainer Katja Melkko where the horse has had a fantastic career with many wins in the V75/V85. During the winter of 2023/24 the horse took eight straight wins, including in the Sylvesterloppet and Bergsåkers Grand Prix. The following year he was third in the Åby World Grand Prix behind Horsy Dream and Francesco Zet. He is in good form and comes from a victory at Dannero ahead of Epic Kronos, among others.



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5. IBIKI DE HOUELLE

French star who was supposed to start in last year's Elitloppet and also in this Åbys Stora Pris. However, he never came but now he finally makes his debut in Sweden. Exciting start.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **8 years**
Pedigree: **Love You – Sawasde de Houelle**
Trainer: **Kevin Leblanc** Driver: **Alexis Collette**
Owner: **Daniel Augereau, France** Breeder: **Franck Leblanc**
Record time: **1.10,51** Earnings: **SEK 8,937,721**
Win percentage: **26%**
Greatest result: **Victory in the Prix des Ducs de Normandie, 2025**



French guest who has been trained by Franck Leblanc all along. The eight-year-old is above all strong and loves today's long distance. Last year he took his biggest victory in the Group II race Prix des Ducs de Normandie in Caen. This year the horse was moved to Kevin Leblanc and there he was third in February in the Prix de Paris over 4150 meters. Two starts back he won the Group II race Prix Chambon P and most recently he finished ninth in the Group I race Prix René Ballière.

7. EPIC KRONOS

One of three horses trained by Daniel Redén. Was unplaced last year and is looking for revenge. Comes from a second place behind High on Pepper but will now run barefoot and with an American bike.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **6 years**
Pedigree: **Muscle Hill - Firefly**
Trainer: **Daniel Redén** Driver: **Björn Goop**
Owner: **Stall Zet (Daniel Redén)**
Breeder: **Winged Lion Breeding AB, Bjärred**
Record time: **1.11,6al** Earnings: **SEK 9,616,809** Win percentage: **48%**
Greatest result: **Victory in the European derby, 2024**



Has always been trained by Daniel Redén and started as a three-year-old with five wins in the first six starts. As a four-year-old, he won a Margareta race and a Derby heat and in the final he then finished second. He took revenge in the so-called European Derby and won impressively at Vincennes. At the same track he won a race last December and this year he finished third in the Prix d'Amérique itself. One of the favorites and is now driven by Björn Goop.

6. GET A WISH

Danish-born horse currently trained by Robert Bergh. Didn't win a race last year but is now coming off two straight victories. Driven by top driver Carl Johan Jepson. Maybe an outsider.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **8 years**
Pedigree: **Wishing Stone – Amanda Vang**
Trainer: **Robert Bergh** Driver: **Carl Johan Jepson**
Owner: **Get A Wish Stable** Breeder: **Dorthe Christensen ApS, Denmark**
Record time: **1.13,6al** Earnings: **SEK 5,096,923**
Win percentage: **30%**
Greatest result: **Victory in the Danish Derby, 2022**



Started his career for Bo Westergaard in Denmark, where he won the Danish Derby. Moved to Johan Untersteiner in the summer of 2024 and won the Guldsprintern straight away. Then finished second in the Hugo Åbergs Memorial and was fifth in the Åby World Grand Prix. Was not as successful for Åke Svanstedt in the US but is now back in Sweden for Robert Bergh. Won a Golden Division over the long distance two starts back and took another victory last time for today's driver Carl Johan Jepson.

8. PHANTOM EXPRESS

Had a fantastic three-year-old season but after that he perhaps hasn't quite lived up to the expectations. The five-year-old is a nice tribute in this year's race but unfortunately he is poorly drawn.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **5 years**
Pedigree: **Readly Express – Comewithaflash**
Trainer: **Joakim Elfving** Driver: **Ulf Ohlsson**
Owner: **Patrik Skoglund Sport & Media AB, m fl**
Breeder: **Lena Martell & Stall ZENO AB**
Record time: **1.12,2al** Earnings: **SEK 3,949,422**
Win percentage: **35%** Greatest result: **Third in the Kriteriet, 2024**



Has been trained by Joakim Elfving at Romme all the time and as a three-year-old he took seven wins in twelve races and earned more than three million SEK. He was second in the long E3 final behind Dream Mine and finished third in the Kriteriet behind Bullet the Bluesky. Likes the long distance. Won a Derby attempt last year and finished third in a stayer race at Vincennes. This year he was second in the Lyon Grand Prix and won a race over 3200 meters at his home track Romme.



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9. FRANCESCO ZET

One of three horses trained by Daniel Redén. Has earned more than 28 million SEK which is by far the most in this field. Has a tricky number but of course he is still one of the favorites.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **8 years**
Pedigree: **Father Patrick – Workline**
Trainer: **Daniel Redén** Driver: **Örjan Kihlström**
Owner: **Stall Zet (Daniel Redén)** Breeder: **Stall Zet AB (Daniel Redén)**
Record time: **1.11,1al** Earnings: **SEK 28,791,064**
Win percentage: **67%**
Greatest result: **Victory in the Swedish Derby, 2022**



Does not really need any further introduction. Phenomenon who has won 33 races in 49 attempts. He won both the Swedish Kriteriet and the Derby. Among many other victories, we mention the one in Sundsvall Open Trot last year in a new world record. The horse competed in France last winter and was fourth in the Prix de Paris over 4150 meters. Then won the Paralympiatravet and has since been third in the Norrbotten Stora Pris and Årjängs Stora Sprinterlopp.

11. KENTUCKY RIVER

One of three horses trained by Daniel Redén and driven for the second time by Magnus A Djuse. Finished second in this race last year. Was second most recently over today's long distance. Driven with a bike now.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **8 years**
Pedigree: **Father Patrick - Daughter River**
Trainer: **Daniel Redén** Driver: **Magnus A Djuse**
Owner: **JimMit AB & Ge Konsult&Invest AB**
Breeder: **Peter & Lars-H Carlsson, A Berggren**
Record time: **1.12,0al** Earnings: **SEK 8,069,086** Win percentage: **26%**
Greatest result: **Victory in the Oslo Grand Prix, 2025**



Started his career for Conrad Lugauer where he took three wins as a three-year-old. Then moved to Per Nordström where as a four-year-old he took several V75 wins. He also won a Derby attempt. As a five-year-old he was second in the Harper Hanover race. Moved the same season to Daniel Redén where he won the Oslo Grand Prix last year, his biggest win to date. Finished second in this race last year and is looking for revenge. This year he won a Golden Division at Örebro and finished third in the Paralympiatravet.

10. CHARRON

One of three Norwegian horses. Is very consistent and good but has often had bad lanes in the bigger races, including here. Runs without shoes but should find it hard to be in the mix.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **6 years**
Pedigree: **Code Bon – Golden Feline**
Trainer: **Geir Vegard Gundersen** Driver: **Magnus Teien Gundersen**
Owner: **Morten Langli, Norway** Breeder: **Morten Langli, Norway**
Record time: **1.11,9l** Earnings: **SEK 3,652,798**
Win percentage: **37%**
Greatest result: **Victory in the Norwegian Derby, 2024**



Is trained by Geir Vegard Gundersen in Norway and has always been talented. Had his best season so far as a four-year-old when he won the Norwegian Derby. That year he also won the Jarlsberg Grand Prix. Last year the horse won the long-distance race Lyon Grand Prix at today's track Åby. He has already participated in Elitloppet on two occasions, so far without making it to the final. Comes from victory over 2600 meters in the Norwegian Championships ahead of Petho.

12. POWWOW

The least experienced participant with only 23 races. Has only taken two wins and the most recent came in August 2023. Will probably get a defensive journey from here.

Gender: **Stallion** Age: **6 years**
Pedigree: **Papagayo E. – Tamaya**
Trainer: **Jan Kristian Waaler** Driver: **Lars Anvar Kolle**
Owner: **POWWOW, Norway** Breeder: **Peregrino AS, Norway**
Record time: **1.17,3l** Earnings: **SEK 2,939,028**
Win percentage: **9%** Greatest result: **Third in the World Championship race at Yonkers, 2025**



Has been trained by Jan Kristian Waaler in Norway all along. Has only two wins and his latest one came almost three years ago in a regular race at Bjerke. By far his greatest success was a third place with Björn Goop in the so-called World Championship race at Yonkers last year behind Lexus Kody but ahead of Gio Cash. This year he was second in the Prins Daniels race and two starts back he finished third at Jarlsberg behind Don Fanucci Zet. Was most recently fifth in the Hugo Åbergs Memorial.

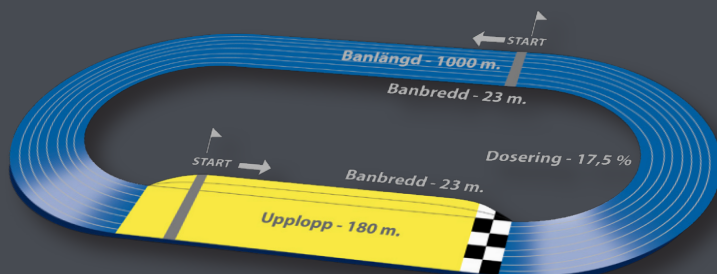


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RACETRACK INFO



ÅBY (Å)

Track length: **1000 m**
Home stretch: **180 m**
Home stretch width: **23,0 m**
Back stretch width: **23,0 m**
Open stretch: **Yes (double)**

RACECARD – ÅBY STORA PRIS

NR	HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	MLO
1.	MACAHAN	DWIGHT PIETERS	MARIA TÖRNQVIST	32/1
2.	PETHO	ERLEND RENNESVIK	ERLEND RENNESVIK	99/1
3.	INDY ROCK	MATS E DJUSE	JÖRGEN WESTHOLM	32/1
4.	HIGH ON PEPPER	RIKARD N SKOGLUND	KATJA MELKKO	32/1
5.	IBIKI DE HOUELLE	ALEXIS COLLETTE	KEVIN LEBLANC	3/2
6.	GET A WISH	CARL JOHAN JEPSON	ROBERT BERGH	32/1
7.	EPIC KRONOS	BJÖRN GOOP	DANIEL REDÉN	4/1
8.	PHANTOM EXPRESS	ULF OHLSSON	JOAKIM ELFVING	19/1
9.	FRANCESCO ZET	ÖRJAN KIHLLSTRÖM	DANIEL REDÉN	9/2
10.	CHARRON	MAGNUS TEIEN GUNDERSEN	GEIR VEGARD GUNDERSEN	99/1
11.	KENTUCKY RIVER	MAGNUS A DJUSE	DANIEL REDÉN	49/X
12.	POWWOW	LARS ANVAR KOLLE	JAN KRISTIAN WAALER	99/1

RANKING: A: 5. B: 7-9-8-6-3-1-4. C: 11-10-12-2.

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