

Kris Kin



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Stands at Morrystown Lattin Stud

Fee: €4,000

KRIS KIN was represented by his first winner on Tuesday when Sa Kin won the €33,000 Prix Toulouse-Lautrec over 5f in Rome by a length and three-quarters.

Twenty years ago, connections could have retired a Derby winner to stud safe in the knowledge he would attract high-class mares. But after a series of desperate stud flops as well as a marked commercial shift in favour of speed, Derby winners are increasingly shunned by breeders, and Kris Kin is now plying his trade under the dual-purpose banner before he has had a chance to prove himself.

Kris Kin went down in history as one of the least experienced winners of the Derby. After breaking his maiden on his second juvenile start, he lined up for a weak Group 3 Dee Stakes that featured only three other runners. However, his win was impressive enough to secure a place at Epsom, where he received a superb ride from Kieren Fallon to catch The Great Gatsby in the final furlong.

That was to be the highlight of his campaign, as Alamshar reversed Derbyform when beating him into third in the King George, and he was no match for Dalakhani in the Group 2 Prix Niel.

He may yet prove his doubters wrong. His sire Kris S is not a distinguished sire of sires in the US thanks to failures such as Prized, Kissin Kris and Brocco, but last season Arch went some way to redeem his reputation when siring Les Arcs and Pine Island. Historically, the Roberto line has flourished in Europe, most recently through the progeny of Dr Fong.

Out of the smart Angel In My Heart, Kris Kin is also from the family of Common Grounds, a useful sire for Morrystown Lattin Stud before his sale to Turkey.

Kris Kin has only 45 juveniles in his first crop but among them is a colt out of Valley Lights, a half-sister to champion older miler Then Again, who was sold for €90,000 at the Goffs Million Sale.