



Psytadel

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The world-famous stallion, Psytadel, has moved to a new home in Iran. Now owned by the Tehran Stud, this 19-year old stallion was bred in the US and has called Swatam Arabians in Belgium home since he was a weanling. The influence of this extraordinary stallion cannot be underestimated and, significantly, Psytadel still tremendously current in the modern breeding world.

Psytadel was bred in the United States by Bob and Janene Boggs of Midwest Station I and his arrival in the world in 1998 cemented the cross of two of the greatest bloodlines in the country at that time – not that they knew it back then. Psytadel's dam would go on to become one of the most coveted damlines in the United States, and this young colt would be her first foal.



Psytadel was sired by the incomparable Padrons Psyche, a son of Padron, who himself was bred in Holland. Sired by Patron (Aswan x Podruga) and out of the Crabbet mare, Odessa (Bright Wings x Serinda), Padron was exported to the United States and there he began his legacy – one that is still recognised around the world today. Padrons Psyche (ex Kilika by Tamerlan) was a world-changer and his progeny marked the biggest change in a generation as they commanded show-rings initially, with their dominance in the breeding barn not far behind. The Padrons Psyche progeny were strong horses, great movers with an undeniable Arabian type; it is little wonder that these horses attracted such attention, and that Padron Psyche sons and daughters, especially, were so coveted around the world. Padron Psyche's dam was Kilika, a daughter of Tamerlan (Arax x Trapecia by Pomeranets), thus reinforcing the Russian bloodlines of Padron. Kilika was out of the Kilimandscharo (Aswan x Karta by Arax) daughter, Kilifa, whose damline also brings in that extra Russian element as she is out of Kapelka by Aswan (Nazeer x Yosreia by Sheikh Al Arab) and out of Kapel (Pomeranets x Knopka by Korej). All in all, Padrons Psyche is the perfect blend of Russian and Crabbet lines, with that dash of Polish and Egyptian all adding that certain 'something' – the thing

that all breeders set to achieve, yet is so hard to define. However, what makes Psytadel so very special is his damline, whose name just needs to be heard to understand the true significance of this stallion. Bint Bey Shah. While Bob and Janene always knew that this was a special filly, it wasn't until she had bred her first foal that they realised that Bint Bey Shah was incredibly special. Psytadel was her first foal, born 19 years ago, and Bint Bey Shah has since gone on to become a US Mare of Distinction and has had an incredible 23 foals – 12 of which were full siblings, being by Padrons Psyche. This includes the multiple European and Middle East Champion, Pandoraah, owned by Al Khaled Farm in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. As her name suggests, Bint Bey Shah is sired by the legendary Polish stallion, Bey Shah (Bay El Bey x Star of Ofir by Bask) and is out of Musk's Angel Eyes, a daughter of the Muscat (Salon x Malpia by Priboj) son Sir Musk, who in turn is out of Gold-n-Flame (Tornado x Goldn Silver by Silver Drift).

It was while visiting the United States that James Swaenepoel, founder of Swatam Arabians, first saw the colt foal, Psytadel. Immediately, James knew that this was the horse he was looking for, and imported him to Belgium. Shown lightly in Europe,



PATRON AVS*586 Chestnut
1966

***PADRON AHR*175389** Chestnut 1977

ODESSA AVS*678 Chestnut 1973

PADRON PSYCHE AHR*418979 Chestnut 1988

***TAMERLAN AHR*181487** Bay
1967

KILIKA AHR*266273 Bay 1982

***KILIFA AHR*226721** Chestnut
1972

BAY EL BEY++ AHR*54146
Bay 1969

BEY SHAH+ AHR*134556 Bay 1976

STAR OF OFIR AHR*61852 Bay
1970

BINT BEY SHAH AHR*509398 Bay 1994

SIR MUSK AHR*198110
Chestnut 1979

MUSKS ANGEL EYES AHR*331688 Bay 1985

ALOVE LETTER AHR*175511
Bay 1978

ASWAN RASB*1379 Grey 1958
NAZEER RAS*247 Grey 1934
YOSREIA RAS*399 Grey 1943

PODRUGA RASB*823
Chestnut 1951
PRIBOJ RASB*313 Chestnut
1944
DIKARKA RASB*42 Chestnut
1930

BRIGHT WINGS
AVS*280 Chestnut 1965

SERINDA AVS*335
Chestnut 1969

ARAX RASB*1018 Bay
1952

TRAPECIA RASB*1462
Bay 1961

KILIMANDSCHARO
GASB*324 Grey 1968

KAPELKA GASB*217
Chestnut 1966

BAY-ABI++ AHR*12335
Bay 1957

***NAGANKA AHR*20338**
Grey 1952

***BASK++ AHR*25460**
Bay 1956

LLANA++ AHR*29856
Chestnut 1964

***MUSCAT AHR*177179**
Chestnut 1971

GOLD-N-FLAME
AHR*96539 Chestnut 1973

GARIS AHR*22912 Bay
1962

EL-LE-LOU AHR*95481
Chestnut 1973

BRIGHT SHADOW
AHSB*1311 Chestnut 1948
SILENT WINGS AHSB*2096
Chestnut 1954
SERADIN AHSB*3090 Chestnut
1962
CINDERS AHSB*2648 Chestnut
1959

AMURATH-SAHIB PASB*497
Grey 1932
ANGARA PASB*1342 Bay 1947
POMERANETS RASB*952
Chestnut 1952
TAKTIKA RASB*254 Bay 1943

ASWAN RASB*1379 Grey 1958
KARTA RASB*1465 Bay 1962

ASWAN RASB*1379 Grey 1958
KAPEL RASB*1381 Chestnut
1959

ERRABI AHR*5473 Chestnut
1949
ANGYL AHR*4824 Bay 1948
BAD AFAS PASB*958 Bay 1940
NAJADA PASB*518 Grey 1932

WITRAZ PASB*901 Bay 1938
BALALAJKA PASB*962 Grey
1941

GA'ZI AHR*5162 Chestnut 1949
ZARYN AHR*9796 Chestnut
1955

SALON RASB*1412 Grey 1959
MALPIA RASB*1349 Chestnut
1958

TORNADO AHR*33449 Grey
1965
GOLDN SILVER AHR*58338
Chestnut 1969

NIGA AHR*11972 Black 1957
GALATINA AHR*9873 Grey
1955

GAMAAR AHR*25404 Bay
1963
EL LOUISA AHR*10421
Chestnut 1955

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Psytadel's show-ring successes include class winner at the 1999 All Nations' Cup in Aachen, winner of the Belgium Challenge Cup, and Junior Male Champion at the prestigious Balen Show. However, the future of Psytadel lay in being a sire – and he would go on to be one of the leading sires in Europe.

It is hard to know where to begin when it comes to beginning to talk about his progeny as Psytadel has sired an incredible number of horses who have gone on to be major winners, and producers, around the world. You only have to look at a show catalogue and there you can see get and grandget who are taking the top titles around the world, such is the reach of this amazing stallion. As James says: "Psytadel has established himself as a leading sire of the breed. He is also the top-producing son of Padrons Psyche in Europe. His offspring have won titles not only across Europe, but also in the US, such as the US National Champion Futurity Filly Pstylin (ex Alada Style by Alada Baskin out of Styl), foaled in 2002. Her win reinforced the fact that Psytadel would truly have a global influence; and he has never looked back."

Indeed, from Psytadel's very first foal crop came success in the form of El Amin, out of RA Cool Elegance (Jocool x Elysia by Nejran), a colt foal born in 2001 and bred by James and his wife, Christel. El Amin inherited his sire's

incredibly flamboyant and showy attitude and as a young colt, he won a host of titles. These included Belgium National Reserve Champion Foal and the following year, as a yearling, El Amin took titles across Europe. He was Junior Male Champion at Balen, Reserve Junior Male Champion at the International B Show at Kreuth, All Nations' Cup Reserve Champion, and he finished the season as Junior Male Reserve World Champion, having taken the title in Paris. Word was out – Psytadel was the sire of the moment. El Amin would go on to be Senior Male Champion in Frankfurt, and he also sired some significant horses including Memphis 27 (ex SA Misha Apal by AS Natsir Apal out of Nyara JC), who has won a host of titles across the Middle East for his owners, the Ajman Stud. Sadly, El Amin passed away when just 11 years of age but he leaves behind many wonderful sons and daughters to continue his legacy.

Foaled the same year was Lady Psyche, who stood National Champion Foal ahead of her paternal half-brother. She would go on to be named Junior Female Champion as a yearling at Balen and Koksijde, and was National Reserve Champion that same year. Having won her class in Aachen, Lady Psyche went on to be named World Reserve Junior Female Champion, securing Psytadel's name on the 'take note' list as she did



James, Psytadel and Christel



Christel and Psytadel



Christel and her twin sister Christine





FM Gloriaa

(WH Justice x Psity of Angels by Psytadel)

SMA Magic One

(Psytadel x Majidah Bint Pacha)





so. Certainly, the success of Lady Psyche and El Amin in their yearling year cemented James' belief in Psytadel. Lady Psyche was bred by DHR Noel and is now owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman.

Another early son of note, also bred at Swatam Arabians, who must be mentioned is the 2002 stallion, Final Shadow (ex AS Shahwan by Nadir I out of Saskia RJ), who was sold to Andrew and Jackie Atkin of the UK while still a young colt. Final Shadow shone in show-rings across the UK and Europe, with titles including British National Champion Stallion, UK Gold International Champion Stallion, second at both the All Nations' Cup and the Borgloon International Show, and World Top Ten. Final Shadow's son, Pikasso (ex Pikirovka by Kingsize out of Poslannica) was Reserve British National Champion Colt. Final Shadow is now creating his own mark in Kuwait.

Also foaled in 2002 were two Psytadel daughters of note. The first of these was Psity of Angels (ex Nathanya JC by AS Natsir Apal out of Ass-Edouna), whose importance in Psytadel's story was cemented when she produced the incredibly beautiful mare, FM Gloriaa (by WH Justice by Magnum Psyche out of Vona Sher-Renea), bred and owned by Mieke Sans. FM Gloriaa has truly shone around the world and her titles include Gold Champion

Mare at both the All Nations' Cup in Aachen and at the European Championships, as well as two Silver World Championship titles. The second daughter is Hanniyah (ex Hanina by Waradnes Plakat out of NA Divina), bred by Arabian Sun Horses in Belgium and now owned by Sue and Emrys Jones of Bychan Arabians. With the Jones family, Hanniyah was named Reserve Junior Female Champion at the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championships, and she produced for them the British National Champion Designed (by Master Design GA by Versace out of BEA Society Belle), also a sire of champions.

Another Psytadel progeny bred by Arabian Sun Horses was Psy Dream (ex La Diva by Warandes Plakat out of NA Divina), sold to Armada Arabians in the UK. An All Nations' Cup Futurity Reserve Champion, Psy Dream has produced countless champion progeny in the UK as well as taking a wealth of titles himself. This extended to the ridden ring, when Armada Arabians successfully brought him out under saddle.

Gloria Apal (ex SA Misha Apal) was foaled in 2003 and she, too has had an illustrious career. Bred in Belgium, she is owned by DST Arabians in the United States and Gloria Apal has been very successful for them in the show-ring, including taking the Supreme Bronze



Memphis 27

(El Amin x SA Misha Apal by Psytadel)

Senior Female Championship title at the Arabian Breeders' World Cup in Las Vegas. Her sons, Apalo and Glorious Apal (by Justify by Magnum Psyche out of S Justadream), have been significant sires in the US; Glorious Apal is now owned by Al Khaled Farm.

There are just so many progeny to mention: the super 2003 bay stallion, Psyrasic (ex Karoba by Kubinec out of Bookra), a champion from the moment he was born and the producer of champions across Europe and the Middle East; multiple champion AB Nastrapsy

(ex Nastrada by Kubinec out of Nebraska IV), a 2005 mare; Monarcos DD (ex Monogrammed Lady by Monogramm out of Agracious Lady), a 2004 stallion and Middle East Champion Stallion; Espinezja (ex Entga by Ganges out of Entuza), a very successful Polish-bred mare foaled in 2006; H Tobago (ex Teeba by Gonorar out of Queen's Topaz), a 2004 stallion who inspired Arabian blood in sport horses; and Porcelainna (ex Psierra PGA by Padrons Psyche out of HJ Porcelain Bey), a 2003 mare and multiple champion in Europe and



El Amin

(Psytadel x RA Cool Elygance)



Psyrasic

(Psytadel x Karoba)





the Middle East. Forelocks Arabians in the Netherlands have bred to Psytadel repeatedly with great success. And then we have SMA Magic One (ex Majidah Bint Pacha by AS Sinans Pacha out of AS Mounah), one of the hottest studs on the circuit in recent years, and sire of, among many others, Mozn Albidayer (ex Mattaharii by Magnum Chall HVP out of Belindaa), a multiple champion in the US, the Middle East and Europe. Truly, the reach of Psytadel is vast.

Now, however, the time has come for this giant of breeding to move on to the next chapter of his life, and who better to say the final goodbye than Christel, who has cared for Psytadel every day and who, perhaps, will feel his absence the most.

“He was my gentleman extraordinaire, the flamboyant Psytadel,” she says. “I met him for the first time in 2002 when visiting James, who was showing me around the farm. My eyes glanced over to a bay stallion – snorting, blowing, almost soaring over the ground. ‘Now who is that?’, I asked. Of course, James very proudly told me about Psytadel and I can’t really remember who stole my heart first...

“I have been riding since I was a young girl. I raced stallions, did jumping and broke in countless horses but one thing was sure, I was going to ride Psytadel and so

I did. It became some sort of love story; he was strong willed, stubborn and extremely free spirited. Surely it was not the easiest task I ever had in my life but with mutual respect, he accepted me on his back – to a certain point.

“Psytadel would always test my patience and my own determination over and over and once more over. And then, when breeding season arrived, he would stress me because he did not like the mare. I witnessed the birth of Claudiaa, Breselia and El Amin, who would later become Reserve World Champion.

“Oh, Psytadel... I can tell you, the men in my life are quite some characters!

“We are forever grateful for what he gifted us and our breeding program. There was always an international interest in Psytadel because of his capacities as a sire. For a few years now, there were serious inquiries and until recently we refused the idea of selling him.

“Psytadel gave us so much. He gave the world so much and became a foundation not only in our breeding programme but in many. He will always be the king of our barn. That’s a fact.

“Now, after establishing his legacy in Europe, an opportunity arose for Psytadel to start another legacy. This time in Iran. And so we have to say, goodbye.” □