

## Aga Khan III (H H) (1877 - 1957)

Breeder (B), Owner (O)

Also Known As: Aga Sultan Sir Mahomed Shaix

### Description:

The Aga Khan was leading owner on the British turf thirteen times and, in eight seasons, the leading breeder. He studied bloodstock breeding for nearly 20 years, and his knowledge combined with his fabulous wealth enabled him to found a racing empire which had no equal. However, to him this was no sport, but a hard-headed business in which sentiment played no part. Many of his best winners were sold abroad without compunction. Tulyar, his 1952 Classic success, was bred in partnership with his son, Prince Aly Khan.



H H Aga Khan III leading in Bahram

In addition to his English Classic successes, the Aga Khan won two Ascot Gold Cups, two Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, a Grand Prix de Paris and thirteen Irish classics.

The Aga Khan had succeeded his father Aly Shah as the Imam of the Ismaili sect of the Shia Muslims; his father had moved to Bombay during civil unrest in his own country. The Aga Khan raced throughout Western India and saw the Derby on his first visit to England, deciding to take up European racing via his friendship with Lord Wavertree. Intense study of racing in England and France was followed by the acquisition of yearlings on his behalf by Hon George Lambton, which, together with his studs in Ireland and France quickly became the largest racing empire of its period.

### Important successes:

2000 Guineas		1000 Guineas		Derby	
Diophon	1924 (O)	Rose Royale II	1957 (O)	Blenheim	1930 (O)
<u>Bahram</u>	1935 (B)			<u>Bahram</u>	1935 (B)
<u>Bahram</u>	1935 (O)			Mahmoud	1936 (B)
Palestine	1950			Mahmoud	1936 (O)
				My Love	1948 (O)
				Tulyar	1952 (B)

(B)  
Palestine 1950  
(O)

**Oaks**  
Udaipur 1932  
(B)  
Udaipur 1932  
(O)  
Masaka 1948  
(B)  
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(O)

**St Leger**  
Salmon Trout 1924  
Firdaussi 1932  
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Bahram 1935  
Bahram 1935  
Turkhan 1940  
Tehran 1944  
Tulyar 1952  
Tulyar 1952  
(O)

Tulyar 1952 (O)

**Other major race(s)**  
(featuring horses in this database)  
Champagne Stakes, Mumtaz Mahal 1923  
Doncaster (O)  
Queen Mary Stakes, Ascot Mumtaz Mahal 1923  
(O)  
Nunthorpe Stakes, York Mumtaz Mahal 1924  
(O)  
Coronation Stakes Udaipur 1932  
(B)  
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(O)  
Jockey Club Stakes Umidwar 1934  
(B)  
Champion Stakes Umidwar 1934  
(B)  
Champion Stakes Umidwar 1934  
(O)  
Jockey Club Stakes Umidwar 1934  
(O)  
Dewhurst Stakes, Bala Hissar 1935  
Newmarket (B)  
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Newmarket (O)