



**PRIX D'AMERIQUE OPODO SALE
DAY 3 RESULTS
PARIS-VINCENNES RACECOURSE**

The third and last day of the Grand Prix d'Amérique-OPODO sale, dedicated exclusively to horses in training, did not continue the upward trend witnessed on the first two days of sale. Though an almost identical number of horses went through the ring (121 compared to 122 last year), just over half of these (50,41%) changed hands compared to 56% in 2014 for a turnover of €1,867,000 compared to €2,353,000 last year (down by 20%). In addition, though the average sale price remained satisfactory (€30,600) it also witnessed a 10% decrease compared to 2014.

Overall however and given a background against which there is no need to dwell, the results of the sales are positive, with a turnover settling at €3,514,000 which was up compared to last year's renewal (+6%) to return to a level which used to be reached for these sales. Though Friday's session can be deemed a little bit disappointing, the recurring de-correlation between the aspirations of some vendors and the demand from a market which no longer has enough depth or diversity must be noted, in spite of the presence of foreign buyers who remain faithful and interested.

Top-price - €180,000 for RADIEUX, a very "French" Italian

Eagerly awaited through the ring **RADIEUX** (lot 302) who was consigned by the great Swedish professional **Lutfi KOLGJINI** who had battled with **TUMBLE DUST** (Critérium Continental 2014) in the UET qualifying round at Solvalla last September, was knocked down for €180,000 to **Ecurie Belge Campus RPF** which has been very active on the buyer's market for two seasons and already owns a talented son of **LOVE YOU** (LAURIER DAG), which no doubt led them to bid on this very talented five-year-old who was born in Italy but is by Jean-Pierre DUBOIS's great French sire out of a very good mare (**DORDOGNE**) herself a winner at a very good level and a result of the mating between leading Italian sire **VIKING KRONOS** (sire of MAHARAJAH) out of a good mare belonging to Roger BAUDRON's breeding operation. A few minutes later, it was the turn of **AMSTRONG JET** (315), full brother to **QUAKER JET**, to push the bidding when changing hands for €175,000 when sold to **Ecurie du Graal**, which is run by the young bloodstock agent **Victor LANGLAIS**.

Another good five-year-old, **A NOUS TROIS** (336) who had just won at Vincennes was sold for €150,000 to **NEUILLY BLOODSTOCK (Franck AMAR)** once again very active during the evening and the buyer of 5 lots, while another representative of **Louis BAUDRON** capped the €100,000 bar (at €115,000 exactly): **CONGA**, a daughter of **GOETMALS WOOD** who was very impressive recently and will now run in the colours of **Gérard AUGUSTIN-NORMAND** who had previously bought the talented **BOURBON SOMOLLI** at this sale last year.

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