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**2016 PRIX D'AMERIQUE SALE 2016  
FRIDAY 29 JANUARY**

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The third day of the 2016 Prix d'Amérique Sale which was affected by the very significant number of withdrawn horses (30 lots, i.e. over 20% of the lots on offer) generated a turnover of €1,104,000 which was considerably down on last year (€1,800,000) with a clearance rate of 53%, which was close to that normally achieved at this session. It is also worth noting that the five highest bids were bought back by their vendors, which leads us to question whether vendor expectations are in line with the reality of the market.

In spite of this, the average was €19,500 and the median was €16,000, very close to that of 2015, which shows the real strength of the market which is above all able to absorb horses of intermediate ability.

**The OURVILLE breeding operation in the limelight**

The top price of the session was achieved by the unraced colt **DEUXMAI D'OURVILLE** (UN AMOUR D'HAUFOR) who will go into training with Jean-Marc CHAINEUX, who fell for this very attractive colt who was presented on the track in the morning by Hervé DESFRIECHES. The trainer based in the north of France had the last word following a protracted bidding war with Didier PROD'HOMME who thought the horse was going his way, with the colt eventually being knocked down for €77,000. A little earlier, **BALINA D'OURVILLE** (QUAKER JET) whose last two runs resulted in pleasing places at VINCENNES, has now bolstered Philippe THIRIONET's numbers for €50,000.

A son of READY CASH and brother to ATHENA DE VANDEL, **CHAPARAL DE VANDEL** who had also just shone at the Paris track (2<sup>e</sup> in 1'13 over 2100m with autostart) the previous week, was knocked down for €47,000 to a young German lady Doris WILEHLM, and the daughter of JAVA DARCHE and READY CASH will now go to South East France, having been bought for €40,000 by Ecurie Nicolas ENSCH.

With the top price and several good sales, the section reserved for unraced three-year-olds will have been one of the day's biggest satisfactions, with several lots changing hands for a decent price (in addition to the top price, Jean-Marc CHAINEUX also bought **DU MONT** (PRINCE GEDE) for €33,000 stating that « *he*

*had fallen for the two nicest colts in the sale* », **DORUN BEAM**, went to Florence VION for the same price, **DIEGO BAROSSO** was bought for €24,000 by Augustin RADU, **DOUGLAS DU PONT** for €22,000 as well as **DRUGSTORE** who was knocked down for €21,000 to Sébastien DEWULF).

In the end, one of the outcomes of this 2016 renewal of the Prix d'Amérique sale was that seven out of ten of the most expensive purchases took place during their breeding stock section (Thursday 28 January), which in spite of everything is a welcome sign of hope.

<b>Entered:</b> 137 <b>Average:</b> 19 368 €	<b>Presented:</b> 107 <b>Median:</b> 16 000 €	<b>Sold:</b> 57 <b>Turnover:</b> 1 004 000 €	<b>% :</b> 53,27
<b>Global</b> <b>Presented:</b> 307 <b>Average:</b> 15 309 €	<b>Sold:</b> 173 <b>Median:</b> 12 000 €	<b>% :</b> 56,40 <b>Turnover:</b> 2 648 500 €	

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