

PRIX D'AMERIQUE OPODO SALES 2017 Thursday 26 and Friday 27 January

The 2017 Prix d'Amerique Opodo Sales, spread over two days this year (breeding stock during the first session, and two sections of horses in training the day after), generated a total aggregate of €2,760,500 with 168 lots sold for an average of €16,432 with the clearance rate reaching nearly 60%.

NEUTRON DU CEBE and GAZOUILLIS the highlights

The top price at the sale was the stallion **NEUTRON DU CEBE** that will now stand at Haras de la Bouloye (Jean-Noel POITAU) in the Pas de Calais (62) region after making €175,000. After a fierce bidding war, the son CHAILLOT will be joined by **HULK DES CHAMPS**, that was also sold to M. POITAU (45 000 €).

Another lot that was eagerly awaited for was **GAZOUILLIS**, knocked down for €140,000 to Société France Etalons based in the ARDENNES, however they will stand the stallion at Haras de Saint-Lô for the 2017 season at a price of €6,000 (it is also possible to buy a breeding right at €6,000).

CERE JOSSELYN joins Haras Delo

Of those ready to run, the five-year-old mare **CERE JOSSELYN**, a winner at semi-classic level made the top price in this section when sold for €150,000 to Philippe THIRIONET on behalf of **Elodie MANGEARD's** Elevage Delo.

Amongst the other horses in training offered, despite some high-profile buybacks, **CHANCE**, a daughter of READY CASH, was sold to a new investor, Guc METTA, for €50 000, **CATHY DU VIVIER** was also popular (€48,000) when selling to **DM MOTTIER**, as indeed was **ESCALADE** (€46,000) which joins **Jean-Pierre BARJON's** stable.

Several foals also sold well, notably a daughter of **BOLD EAGLE** (GREEN GRASS) that made for €42,000 to **Sébastien DEWULF**, and GENIAL DU POMMEAU (**BRILLANTISSIME**) that will join **Jean-Pierre BARJON**'s stable after being knocked down for €39,000. The seven foals offered were sold for an average of €30,000.

Breeding Stock, quality in demand

The Breeding Stock section that took place on Thursday 26 after racing conformed to the general trend that the top echelons of the market are very strong, shown by a sister by COKTAIL JET to the champion ROXANE GRIFF in foal to PRODIGIOUS selling for €95,000 to **Elodie MANGEARD** (Elevage DELO) who had the final say over a Belgium investor.

In addition, two mares in foal to READY CASH made over 50 000 €, with **CASUAL DESTINEE** in foal to CRISTAL MONEY selling for €56,000 to Frédéric BROUILLOUX (former co-manager of the JACQUETS) while the six year old mare out of training **BRISE MARINE** was bought for €52,000 by Gilles LAVIELLE (Ecajeul breeding).

This section ended with satisfying results, in the same vein as the 2016 auction where the sale of stallion shares buoyed the market.

Friday's morning session, the first of its kind, recorded good results with 80% of lots sold being bought, with 13 lots making more than €10,000.

OVERALL FIGURES (THURSDAY 26 & FRIDAY 27 JANUARY)

Offered: 283 Sold: 168 Clearance rate: 59.36% Average: 16 432 € Median: 11 000 € Aggregate: 2 760 500 €

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