

Press Release

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# GRAND PRIX D'AMERIQUE SALES Thursday 25 & Friday 26 January 2018

The Grand Prix d'Amerique Sales, which will be held over two days with a new format in 2018 (Breeding stock on Thursday and two sessions for horses-in-training on Friday), will take place on January 25 and 26 at VINCENNES Racetrack.

A total of 115 horses in training, 71 broodmares, 54 stallion shares, 1 breeding right, 9 yearlings and one stallion will come under the hammer (without forgetting the four matings for sale with the proceeds going to the GAET and the Association Nationale des Seniors des Courses).

# Breeding Stock: A share in the Champion BOLD EAGLE on the market

Traditionally reserved for breeding stock, this session will take place on Thursday with the sale happening over dinner once the races are over. Of the 71 broodmares set to go through the ring, the undoubted highlight is the champion **PLENTY POCKET** (71) (the winner of several semi-classics and second in the Prix de l'Ile de France (**Gr.1**)). She is offered in foal to REAL DE LOU and **TAGADA TAGADA** (93), that finished 3rd in the Grand Prix de Paris 2016 (**Gr.1**), behind the champions LIONEL and BOLD EAGLE, she is sold out of training, The *semi-classics* also include:

- USTIE LOVE (46), (Prix Guy Le Gonidec gr.2) a daughter of LOVE YOU in foal to GOETMALS WOOD
- **QUABILA** (44) (2<sup>nd</sup> Prix Une de Mai **gr.2**) by LOOK DE STAR, in foal to recent Prix du Bourbonnais winner BIRD PARKER
- PRINCESS WILD (109) (3rd Prix Louis Forcinal gr.2) in foal to SAXO DE VANDEL
- BRISE DE L'ALBA (50) (2<sup>nd</sup> Prix Holly du Locton gr.2), filly out of training.

Breeders also have a very large range of choice with the dams, daughters and sisters of topclass performers that are either in-foal or out of training, including:

- DIVA DE TOUCHYVON (16), a sister by GAZOUILLIS to TSAR DE TOUCHYVON
- **SI SEULEMENT** (31), a sister to TO AMERICA, in foal to PRODIGIOUS
- CLASS DREAM (36), a sister to ROYAL DREAM, in foal to TEXAS CHARM
- **PADIA D'OCCAGNES** (38), the dam of the promising EL PASO D'OCCAGNES, in foal to SAXO DE VANDEL
- BE EASY (61A), a sister (amongst others) to KAISY DREAM, in foal to GANYMEDE
- CHIBA CHATHO (68), a sister to the promising DEXTER CHATO in foal to UN AMOUR D'HAUFOR
- JUST RIGHT (73), the dam of classic TROPHY CHARM offered in foal to BOLD EAGLE
- UTOPIE CHARM (77), a sister to ROYAL DREAM in foal to LOVE YOU
- **QUETTY DU DONJON** (88), the dam of the champion BILIBILI, carrying a sister/brother (by NIKY)
- CONNECTION WINNER (111) a younger sister to BOOSTER WINNER in foal to ORLANDO VICI

- RAZYANA (113), the dam of DONA MAZA, offered in foal to the promising young stallion UN MEC D'HERIPRE
- QUALANE GRIFF (115), has already produced ATWOOD GRIFF, in foal to GOETMALS WOOD
- **RASCALIA** (117), a sister to the stallion PERLANDO, in foal to LOVE YOU
- **SOBRUNE** (123), a sister to MARLENA in foal to MEMPHIS DU RIB
- BOADICE DU GOUTIER (125), a sister to ALAMO DU GOUTIER, consigned in foal to TIMOKO
- **STOCK OPTION** (127) and **TA VALSE JAVA** (128), daughters of JAVA DE BILLERON, in foal to CRISTAL MONEY and SINGALO respectively.

The international flavour of the Grand Prix d'Amerique Sales is also evident with the presence of several mares from European stud books are offered from the Italian market including (n°22) **MILLET LB** (CONWAY HALL), a direct descendant of the champion DELMONICA HANOVER in foal to READY CASH, **EPREUVE** (10) French bred (GOETMALS WOOD & SOBRUNE) but in foal to the Swedish stallion MISTER JP, and **BRAGA DES JACQUETS** (129), a daughter of READY CASH from the female family of TENOR DE BAUNE and JARDY.

On the stallion side, a **1/90<sup>th</sup>** share in **BOLD EAGLE** will be offered for the first time at a public auction (lot 76). In addition, shares in **GOETMALS WOOD**, **GANYMEDE**, **ORLANDO VICI**, **QUAKER JET**, **ROYAL DREAM**, **REAL DE LOU**, **RODRIGO JET**, **SAM BOURBON**, **SINGALO**, **SCIPION DU GOUTIER**, **TIMOKO**, **TUCSON**, **UP AND QUICK** ...and of the younger stallions **ATHOS DES ELFES**, **BRIAC DARK**, **BOCCADOR DE SIMM**, **CRISTAL MONEY** and those standing their first season in 2018 **ECU PIERJI** and **ERIDAN**...will be up for sale.

## Friday, January 26 Horses-In-Training: 2 sessions to find your dream

Put in place last year, the two session format for the horses-in-training held over one day takes place at VINCENNES Racetrack at same time as the very popular "*EXPO-ETALONS*" that will be held once more this year as a result.

## Vente Elite: a smaller session of the highest quality

Set to start at 7pm, the <u>Vente-Elite du Grand Prix d'Amérique 2018</u> comprises nine yearlings and 74 horses-in-training (with the addition of *five Wild Cards*) which includes top class performers such as **CHELTENHAM** (211), 6<sup>th</sup> in the 2017 Criterium des 5 ans. This son of BACCARAT DU PONT that hails from the maternal family of the crack SANCHO PANCA, is unexposed as he has run only 24 times. He has won five times this season, of which three were at VINCENNES, and was also runnerup to CARAT WILLILAMS in the Prix Louis Jariel **(Gr.2)**. Also of note is that **CHELTENHAM** has all the necessary criteria to become a stallion next season and he is already entered with the Stud Book commission that will take place on February 21 at GROSBOIS.

Three males born in 2013 also have similar profiles, in catalogue order **DREAM DARLING** (193), **DIABLE DE VAUVERT** (213) and **DIGNE ET DROIT** (240). They are also entered in the Stud Book commission and are eligible to enter (thanks to the new rule in place) stud next spring. These colts of exceptional quality have also shown their talents in Paris and should be very attractive to investors.

Other headline acts at the sale are the 2014 bred fillies: **EXOTIC DESTINATION** (LOVE YOU) and **ERIKA DREAM** (READY CASH). Both winners at VINCENNES, they will go under the hammer at ARQANA-TROT.

A top quality filly that gave the champion ERMINIG D'OLIVERIE a good lead in the Critérium des Pouliches (Prix Annick Dreux) where she finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in November, **EXOTIC DESTINATION** (214) is a close relative to the top stallion VIKING'S WAY.

**ERIKA DREAM** (224) is by READY CASH out of the Classic mare SITUTUNGA (the winner of a semi-classic). A winner herself last winter at VINCENNES, she finished second at the end of November on the Paris cinders.

The young generation (born in 2015) should not be overlooked, as the promising **FAKIR DE VINDECY** (221), the first winner at two this year at ENGHIEN will be sold. Unexposed, he is a son of the popular UN AMOUR D'HAUFOR and has won one out of his three starts.

On the same theme, **FIREFLY** (202) a daughter of READY CASH out of a sister to QUALITA, MARA and SAM BOURBON, still a maiden at the time of writing, should prove very popular as she also has an excellent maternal pedigree in addition to her exploits on the racetrack. **FRENCH DARLING** (231) a daughter of LOVE YOU is close to her first victory at VINCENNES, while **FIRST IN LOVE** (208) was recently placed at VINCENNES.

Another top pedigree on offer is the Italian filly **ZOURANE KRONOS** (222), a sister to the classic **TOBIN KRONOS** (a challenger to READLY EXPRESS in the Grand Prix de l'UET 2016 at VINCENNES). This daughter of **MUSCLE HILL**, that turns three on January 1, qualified at GROSBOIS on December 18 in 1'18''8.

Other horses that have shown their talent in the Paris region are **CIRRUS ATOUT** (218), second to CASH AND GO at the beginning of the meeting over the classic distance, **DYNAMIQUE D'AM** (203) a winner in the spring and placed this winter, **BARON DU BOURG** (207) that recently won at CHARTRES, **BEST BUISSONNAY** (237) that has run against the best, **EL GUSTO** (196) that recently showed his class at VINCENNES, **BACHAR** (217) the winner of an important race in November, **CHRISTO** (199) that has not won much prize-money but is in top form at the moment, **BOBBY DU VIVIER** (243) a pleasing winner at GRAIGNES in October, the Swedish **TWITTER** (198) a winner in February on the large track, and the quality Italian **PRIMULA' BRAZZA** (227) are all catalogued...

Naturally there are also several unraced prospects in the catalogue, such as **FOR EVER D'AURCY** (241), a brother to UNCARING by COKTAIL JET, **FRANC SUISSE** (256), a son of TIMOKO out of a sister to READY CASH, **FAHRENHEIT DELO** (242), a brother to TROPHY CHARM by READY CASH, **FERVENTE** (242), a daughter of VERY LOOK that is well qualified, as is **FEE DU CITRUS** (216), a daughter of LA FEE, **FAME AND FORTUNE** (185) a sister to ROYAL CROWN and DIAMOND CROWN and **FANNY DU GOUTIER** (204)...

Finally, nine yearlings are catalogued, which include:

- **HIGHNESS BOND** (215), the first foal by BOLD EAGLE out of an own sister to the champion PRIVATE LOVE
- HARLEY DU POMMEAU (209) by ROYAL DREAM out of a sister to Group 1 winners BOLERO LOVE and UNE LADY EN OR
- HOW TO LOVE (205), a sister by BOLD EAGLE to the semi-classic UNE ETOILE
- HERA HAPPY (225), a daughter of PASSWORD out of PLENTY POCKET.

## Open Sale: starts at 11am

The Open Sale on the Friday starts at 11am, and takes place during the *Expo-étalons* that will already have opened its doors. It is comprised of 40 lots (horses can be supplemented), with the majority promising young horses that have not yet shown their talent on the Parisian scene. There are several interesting lots, including the two Smorgon horses ELSTAR (155) and ECLIPSE DU NOYER (154) which have shown quality, unraced three-year-olds and older horses that have already performed well in competition.

VENTES DU GRAND PRIX D'AMERIQUE 2018 Thursday, January 25: Dinner sale at 7pm Friday 26 January: Open Sale at 11am Elite Sale at 7pm

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