



A WAVE OF CLASSIC AND CLASSIC TRIAL VICTORIES FOR ARQANA GRADUATES

ARQANA graduates were in the spotlight in four of the major racing events over the last three days, achieving the unprecedented feat of landing both Poules d'Essai, the French equivalents for the 2000 and 1000 Guineas, and also scoring in two Derby trials in France and the UK.

Historical double in the Poules d'Essai

Sunday was a landmark day for ARQANA, as both feature races on the Longchamp card were dominated by an exacta of graduates from the company's sales.

SILVER FROST, a €95,000 purchase at the August Yearling Sale in 2007, came with a devastating late run to win the **Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Gr.1**, the fourth Group victory of his career in the care of Deauville-based trainer Yves de Nicolay. As a result of such performances, combined with the fact that the son of Verglas is assimilated to a French-bred and thus eligible for French owners' premiums, **SILVER FROST** has now earned €420,000 in prize money, plus €280,000 in owners' premiums, hence a mighty total of €700,758.

Earnings of Silver Frost, consigned by Haras de la Louvière and purchased for €95,000 by Charles Gordon-Watson on behalf of John-Dawson Cotton

Prize money	€420,735
Owner's premiums	€280,023
Total	€700,758

In second position, only two lengths back from the winner, **LE HAVRE** had been knocked down for €100,000 at the same session in August 2007.

Half an hour later, Jean-Claude Rouget's **ELUSIVE WAVE** showed her rivals a clean pair of heels in the **Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, Gr.1**. She had topped the 2008 Arc Sale when attracting a €660,000 bid from Oceanic Bloodstock acting for American owner Martin Schwartz, who had already been lucky with his French imports, including Gorella and Lady Of Venice. **ELUSIVE WAVE** quickly justified her price tag when finishing a close second in the Prix Marcel Boussac Gr.1 the day after changing hands, and again when scoring impressively in the Gr.3 Prix Imprudence on her seasonal bow.

Second to this outstanding filly at Longchamp on Sunday was **TAMAZIRTE**, a mere €40,000 purchase at last year's Breeze Up Sale.

Another double in Derby trials

CALVADOS BLUES, a son of Lando bred by Haras d'Ellon, had set the bowl rolling on Friday when coming from last to first in the **Prix de Guiche, Gr.3**, thus registering the second Group victory of his career. Another one to have been selected for the August Sale in 2007, he had been knocked down for €130,000 to Guy Armengol on behalf of Malcolm Parrish. This handsome chesnut will next be seen in the Prix du Jockey-Club, Gr.1 (French Derby), run on June 7 at Chantilly.

There was even more to come from the August 2007 catalogue, as the €1,400,000 sale topper, **AGE OF AQUARIUS** made a winning seasonal debut on Saturday in the **Lingfield Derby Trial, Gr.3**. The son of Galileo and blue hen Clara Bow had been consigned by Haras d'Etreham and purchased by Demi O'Byrne for Coolmore principals John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith, with a fourth associate in Eduard Mordukhovitch. The Epsom Derby, or its Irish counterpart, should now be on his agenda.

14 Stakes victories for yearling graduates in 2009, and counting!

Since January 1st, 2009, graduates of the ARQANA yearling sales have won no less than **17 Group / Listed** races, namely:

COLLECTION, Hong Kong Derby Gr.1
VISION D'ETAT, Prix Ganay Gr.1
SILVER FROST, Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Gr.1
 Prix de Fontainebleau, Gr.3
 Prix Omnium II, L.
AGE OF AQUARIUS, Lingfield Derby Trial, Gr.3
CALVADOS BLUES, Prix de Guiche, Gr.3
CECIMENE, Prix Pénélope, Gr.3
LE HAVRE, Prix Djebel, L.
GRANDCAMP Prix Noailles, Gr.2
COUBIZA, Prix Montenica, L.
 Prix de la Californie, L.
VERBA, Prix Altipan, L.
VILLA MOLITOR, Prix Policeman, L.
DUKE OF HOMBERG, Hallandale Beach S., L.
ISANOUS, Prix Miss Satamixa, L.
LITTLE DREAMS, Prix Aymeri de Mauléon, L.

The next opportunity to buy a future Group winner is the August Yearling Sale, which this year takes place from **August 14 to 17 in Deauville**.

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