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VENTES OSARUS

FIRST OSARUS SALE GOES LIKE A ROCKET

Last Friday, the first OSARUS yearling sale took place at the Hippodrome du Béquet in La Teste, France, and saw good trade, with 46 of the 68 horses presented finding buyers at an average price of €10,037.

The highest price was recorded when Haras des Faunes's **Gooseley Chope**, a January-foaled filly by **Indian Rocket**, realised €34,000 to the bid of Cédric Boutin. She is the first foal out of **Gooseley Lane** (**Pyramus**), a Listed winner in Germany. Her third dam is a half-sister to Gr.1 Swaps Stakes winner **Clear Choice**.

Cedric Boutin also paid €24,000 for another Indian Rocket filly, this one from Haras d'Ayguemorte. The half-sister to four winners is out of the **Solicitor** mare **Camibas**, from the family of Group winners **Ela Romara**, **Foyer** and **Earlene**.

Two yearlings each made €26,000, the first being a Lando colt consigned by Haras des Preus and bought by J F Bernard. Born on 1st March, the bay is a half-brother to four winners out of the winning Northern Baby mare Tamana. Her dam is a Listed-placed full-sister to Gr.1 Deutsches Derby victor and sire Temporal.

His price was matched three lots later by an **Astair** half-sister to Gr.3 Prix de la Porte Maillot winner **Vertigineux** (**Nombre Premier**), who was snapped up by Paul Basquin. From the Haras d'Ayguemorte assignment, she is out of a placed half-sister to the dam of Gr.3 winner **Chopastair**, also by Astair.

A large and diverse public composed of some very well known faces from the racing community, plus customers from neighbouring Spain, kept the bids flowing until the end of the sale, showing their confidence in this new sales company. The friendly atmosphere and professional organisation helped towards the success of this first sale, which produced an overall turnover of ${\in}464,\!700$.

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REDOUTE'S CHOICE HALF-BROTHER TO SELL AT EASTER

The 2009 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale has been boosted by the announcement that Mr Yaseen, owner of perhaps Australia's most valuable broodmare, **Shantha's Choice**, has decided to enter the mare's **Encosta De Lago** colt for next year's sale. This is the first time he has elected to sell a yearling out of the **Canny Lad** mare and the colt will be offered by Coolmore as agent.

"It's a rare jewel when such a well-bred horse like this has looks that match his pedigree," Coolmore's Peter O'Brien said. "He is a beautiful, big, strong horse with terrific balance and very correct. He's as good a colt as you will ever see and even by Easter standards, he is special."

Shantha's Choice is the dam of five individual winners, including three Stakes winners – two of which are Gr.1 winners – Redoute's Choice and Platinum Scissors (both by Danehill), while that pair's three-parts sister Sliding Cube (Rock of Gibraltar) has won up to Gr.3 level. She is also the dam of Stakes-placed Monsoon Wedding and Superior Sateen (both also by Danehill).

GROUP RACE CLOSING DATES					
Race	Age	Dist	Course	Wnrs Timeform rating 2003-7	2008 Date
TUESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER					
Gr.3 Baden Wurttemberg Trophy	3+	11f	Baden-Baden	116	Sat 25th Oct
Gr.3 Badener Sprint Cup	3+	7f	Baden-Baden	n/r-115-113-116-109	Sun 26th Oct
WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER					
Gr.1 Canadian International	3+	12f	Woodbine		Sat 4th Oct
Gr.1 E P Taylor	3+f&m	10f	Woodbine		Sat 4th Oct
Gr.2 Nearctic	3+	6f	Woodbine		Sat 4th Oct
G.3 Summer	2	8f	Woodbine		Sat 4th Oct
THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER					
Gr.1 Gran Criterium	2cf	8f	San Siro	110-106-100-107-109	Sun 19th Oct
Gr.1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club	3+	12f	San Siro	121-125-119-123-120	Sun 19th Oct
Gr.3 Omenoni	3+	5f	San Siro	118-114-111-109-111	Sun 19th Oct
FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER					
Gr.3 C L Weld Park	2f	7f	Curragh	101-108-97-104-094	Sun 28th Sept
MONDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER					
Gr.3 Cumberland Lodge	3+	12f	Ascot	122-121-120-118-126	Sun 28th Sept
TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER					
Gr.2 Challenge	3+	7f	Newmarket	119-122-126-122-119	Sat 18th Oct
Gr.2 Pride	3+f&m	12f	Newmarket		Sat 18th Oct
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