

# OCTOBER YEARLING SALE MAINTAINS STEADY GAINS



Lot 512 f. by Dabirsim x Fancy Diamond  
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## Six-figure honors for Dabirsim

The progeny of leading first season sire Dabirsim continues to generate fireworks in the sales ring and it was one of his daughters (**lot 512**) who commanded the highest price of the day at €105,000. The bay was offered by Mathieu Daguzan-Garros's Haras des Granges, which bred the filly in association with Frederic Bragato.

Mocklershill's Willie Browne had the final word and signed the docket on behalf of George Mullins.

*"I am keen on the sire but above all, the filly appealed to me,"* the pinhooker explained. *"She is very correct individual with a lovely walk and a nice head."*

## Barberini saves best until last with €95K Kendargent colt

The final lot in the ring (**lot 542**) attracted plenty of interest and Newmarket-based agent Federico Barberini had to go to €95,000 to secure the second foal out of the Australian-bred Listed-placed HUNTER FORWARD. The son of Kendargent was consigned by Haras d'Omméel on behalf of breeder Michael Watt and boasts a solid Australian pedigree featuring the Group winners DANROAD and STRAWBERRY BOY.

*"I thought he was a gorgeous horse by one of the best stallions in France,"* commented the Italian-born agent. *"He is for an existing client and will stay in France to be trained".*

*The third and penultimate session of the October Yearling Sale returned figures largely on a par with its 2016 equivalent as eleven extra horses sold – an 81% clearance – resulted in a 4% rise of the aggregate to €3,958,500, while the average price slipped 2% to settle at €26,215.*

## €90,000 Pedro The Great colt concludes fairytale for breeder Alain Clavier

Alain Clavier will remember the date October 19. This small breeder from the West of France led around the ring what became the third-highest priced yearling of the day, a son of Pedro The Great (**lot 499**) who was knocked down to Jean-Claude Rouget for €90,000. The Pau-based handler already trains Pedro The Great's leading offspring FERALIA, who won the L. Criterium du Becquet.

Clavier started as a breeder in the showjumping sport, notably producing GALET D'AUZAY, who was vice European champion under the saddle of Michel Robert in the early 2000s.

At about the same time, Clavier and his wife Maïke started to branch out in the thoroughbred industry, initially buying a mare by the name of Double Melody. They sent her to Sagamix as a result of a free nomination they had won at the annual ASSELCO gala (the breeders' association in France's western region). T

he resulting filly, named Double Mix, failed to sell as a yearling and was leased to trainer Gerard Collet before being claimed and pursuing a long and productive career, winning six races under French and ultimately Spanish ownership.

Ten years after foaling her down, the Clavier couple saw the name of Double Mix pop up in a sales catalogue once again. It was at the 2014 February Mixed Sale at Deauville and Mrs. Clavier insisted that her husband bought her back to breed from her. They did so for

€7,000, in partnership with their neighbour Roger-Yves Simon of Haras du Saz, and a very emotional Mr. Clavier tells the rest of the story.

*"Again we won a nomination at the annual ASSELCO draw, to Pedro The Great who is a sire we wouldn't necessarily have used. This colt has always been so straightforward and as we have only a couple of yearlings every year, he was the apple of our eyes since the beginning! It is a great achievement for small breeders like us to sell a yearling at that price and to go to such a successful stable."*

#### **Iffraaj colt appeals to pinhookers**

A son of Iffraaj from the draft of Jean-Hugues and Bella de Chevigny's Haras de la Perrigne (**lot 466**) was the centre of a prolonged bidding battle which was ultimately won by Powerstown Stud's Thomas Whitehead who signed the docket at €82,000 on behalf of fellow pinhooker John Collins of Brown Island Stables. The colt is a half-brother to three winners and hails from the family of HALLING.

*"He is a beautiful colt with a lovely catalogue page and Iffraaj is having a very good season,"* said Whitehead. *"He will surely be re-offered at the Breeze Ups."*

#### **€80,000 Camelot colt to race for Augustin-Normand and partners**

Bidding rose to €80,000 for a son of Camelot (**lot 431**) offered by Haras des Capucines, a half-brother to AKIEM, who was placed at Gr.1 level in Germany and whose pedigree page also features TITUS LIVIUS and ZAGORA. Ghislain Bozo's Meridian International was the winning bidder and indicated that the colt would race for Gérard Augustin-Normand and some partners of his.

#### **Richner shells out €80,000 for Nathaniel colt**

Agent Chris Richner has a solid track record of sourcing horses at ARQANA who go on to winning the best races in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary or Poland before venturing into proper Stakes company in France and Germany at four and above - a pattern illustrated by the likes of SUBWAY DANCER, CACCINI, TRIP TO RHODOS, MY OLD HUSBAND etc.

The ARQANA representative in Eastern Europe will be hoping for a repeat scenario with a son of Nathaniel (**lot 517**) for which he forked out €80,000. Offered by Charles Brière's Fairway Consignment, the chesnut is a half-brother to six winners including the

Listed performer FACE SURFACE, and the second dam LADY VETTORI produced the likes of LOPE DE VEGA and LADY FRANKEL.

*"I have bought him on behalf of Mr. Odchazel, who has been a client of mine for over ten years,"* said Richner. *"He is amongst the biggest owners in the Czech Republic and buys at ARQANA every year. I am a big fan of Nathaniel and this horse is a lovely individual, but we had to stretch our budget to its top end!"*

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#### **SALE SCHEDULE**

Friday 20 October - 11:00am