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A Colt Out Of The Champion L'AUTONOMIE Tops the National Hunt 48H Sale at €200,000



The **National Hunt 48H Sale** took place today, **Friday 13 November**, at **Maisons-Laffitte**, generating a total turnover of **€1,519,000**. Of the **116 lots** offered, **60%** changed hands at an average price of **€22,014**.

A Colt Out Of The Champion L'AUTONOMIE Purchased for €200,000 by Nicky de Balanda and Elliott Bloodstock Services

Highly anticipated in the sales ring, **L'AUTEUIL** attracted strong interest from buyers and was knocked down for **€200,000** to **Nicky de Balanda and Elliott Bloodstock Services**. This two-year-old store by **Great Pretender**, consigned by **Haras des Marronniers**, is the first foal out of **L'AUTONOMIE**, winner of 17 races, including two **Group 1s.**

After signing the docket, **Nicky de Balanda** commented:
"He is a lovely horse with a fantastic pedigree, out of a champion. L'AUTONOMIE had a long career at Auteuil, so this is a rare commodity. He is a well-made horse by a good stallion. I bought him for a client to race and he will be heading to Ireland. We hope he will be a good one."

Record Price of €120,000 for a Goliath du Berlais Breeding Right, Purchased by Coolmara Bloodstock and DC Bloodstock

Added to the catalogue as a **Wild Card**, a **breeding right to Goliath du Berlais** also sparked a bidding battle, reaching a record price of **€120,000**, with **Coolmara Bloodstock and DC Bloodstock** securing the purchase. The **Haras d'Etreham** stallion is enjoying considerable success with his first runners, including ENTOURLOUPE and SOBRIQUETTE, and has already won over buyers in Britain and Ireland.

ORELLA Joins Noel George and Amanda Zetterholm's Yard

Consigned by **Hestia Farm**, **ORELLA**, a **Great Pretender** half-sister to **Group 1** winner **JULY FLOWER** and recent winner **LE CŒUR SAUVAGE**, was purchased by **Noel George** for **€110,000**.

The trainer commented:
"She is a very beautiful filly with a great pedigree and she has more size and substance than her sister. Great Pretender is a very good sire of fillies. We bought her to race and then hopefully for breeding. She will come straight to our yard to continue her preparation ahead of making her debut in the spring. She is a very exciting purchase for the future."

ALMA MARCEAU Knocked Down for €60,000 to Guy Petit

Acting on behalf of a client, **Guy Petit** secured **ALMA MARCEAU**, consigned in foal to **Zarakem** by **Haras des Marronniers**. A daughter of **Kendargent**, she has already produced dual **Group 1** winner **GALA MARCEAU** and was offered as a **Wild Card**.

Following the purchase, the bloodstock agent commented:
"She was a mare we really liked and she has already proved her quality as a broodmare by producing a Group 1 winner. She has a lovely model, a pedigree rich in black type and was offered in foal to a young stallion we hold in high regard, Zarakem."

Guy Petit, Bloodstock Director, concluded:
"This first edition of the National Hunt 48H Sale attracted a wide diversity of buyers, the broadest of any of our sales. Despite clashing with the Cheltenham Sale, many Irish buyers made the trip and were very active throughout the sale, alongside French trainers such as Yannick Fouin, Camille and Philippe Peltier, Armel Le Clerc, David Windrif, Florian Bellemere and Hector de Lageneste, among others.
The Goliath du Berlais breeding right sold very well, as did well-bred offerings such as ORELLA and L'AUTEUIL. Nevertheless, we are seeing a more challenging market, with buyers becoming increasingly demanding and selective.
We continue to work hard to satisfy both vendors and buyers and are already looking ahead to 2027 and another season of sales. Before then, we look forward to seeing you on 23 November on aktem.fr for our Online Breeding Stock Sale, which will feature stallion shares, breeding rights, broodmares and foals."

About AKTEM

Founded in 2025, AKTEM is a French racehorse auction house dedicated to Thoroughbreds and Purebred Arabians. Committed and guided by values of proximity, transparency and professionalism, AKTEM places people and equine well-being at the heart of its mission.

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