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Today's Headlines

STALLION NEWS

THEE AND ME GETS CANFORD OFF THE MARK

The Bill Turner-trained juvenile **Thee And Me** sprung a surprise, according to the market, in the EBF maiden at Wolverhampton yesterday and became the first winner for first season Coolmore sire **Canford Cliffs**.

Sent off the outsider of the four, following an unplaced effort on debut at Beverley a fortnight ago, he made all under Ryan While and stayed on well to win by a length and a quarter from the favourite **Rainbow Rebel (Acclamation)**.

The colt is one of only two runners to date by the five-time Gr.1-winning miler, whose first crop of yearlings sold for up to €360,000 and who looks to have an exciting season in prospect, with many housed with leading trainers.

A Classic-winning son of **Tagula**, Canford Cliffs recorded all of his top-flight victories in May and June of his two, three and four year old careers. A Royal Ascot specialist, he landed the Gr.2 Coventry Stakes on his first visit to the Berkshire track and returned to capture Gr.1s in both of the subsequent seasons. Having run third in the Gr.1 2,000 Guineas, he ran away with the Irish equivalent later that month and finished off his Classic season with victories in the Gr.1 St James's Palace Stakes and Gr.1 Sussex Stakes. At four he added the Gr.1 Lockinge Stakes and Gr.1 Queen Anne Stakes and only found **Frankel** too good for back-to-back Sussex Stakes victories.

Bred in Ireland by Pat Fullam, Thee And Me is a dual Goffs graduate. His unraced dam is a full-sister to the Listed

Radley Stakes winner **Secret Charm (Green Desert)** and half-sister to **Relish The Thought (Sadler's Wells; dam of US Gr.2 winner and Gr.1-placed My Gi Gi)**, who also won the Radley Stakes and was third in the Gr.1 Oaks. The second dam, **Viz (Kris S)**, was also placed at Gr.1 level in the US.

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HIGH HOPES FOR SIYOUNI FILLY AS TIME GOES BY

There was a change of venue this year for the Osarus Breeze-Up Sale, which was held at La Teste de Buch Racecourse yesterday and the move looks to have been an immediate success, writes *Sally Ann Grassick*.

The top price of the day was **Lot 37**, a **Siyouni** filly offered by Haras du Saubouas, who was knocked down to Oceanic Bloodstock for €65,000. Jean-Claude Rouget, who did the bidding for the filly, explained afterwards "I have bought her for Oceanic Bloodstock, who look after the interests of Alain Jathiere. She is well-bred and the idea is to have a nice two-year-old for this summer. We will see how she is when we get her home." The filly, named **Time Goes By**, is by a sire who proved to be very popular yesterday, and is out of the winning mare **Everlast**

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Lot	Sex	Name (Sire)	Vendor	Purchaser	Price (€)
37	f	SIYOUNI – Everlast	Haras du Saubouas	Oceanic Bloodstock	65,000
58	c	NEVER ON SUNDAY – Mindset	Haras du Saubouas	Jean-Claude Rouget	63,000
49	c	SLICKLY – Insan Mala	Haras du Saubouas	Jean-Claude Rouget	60,000
15	f	LILBOURNE LAD – Tenepia	The Channel Consignment	Jean-Claude Rouget	52,000
23	f	SIYOUNI – Alexandrina	Haras de Saint Arnoult	MAB Agency	50,000
3	f	HOLD THAT TIGER – Relicia Bere	Haras de Saint Arnoult	Cedric S E Boutin	42,000
50	f	LE HAVRE – Talienne	Haras de Saint Arnoult	Fabrice Chappet	42,000

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(Anabaa). She is a half-sister to **Tin Soldier (Soldier Of Fortune)**, who was Listed-placed over hurdles at Auteuil and comes from the top-class family of **Hellenic, Islington, Fiorente** et al.

Rouget, who was responsible for purchasing five of the top ten lots in his own name, continued his shopping spree when purchasing **Lot 58**, a **Never On Sunday** colt from the family of the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes winner and sire **Balla Cove (Ballad Rock)**, for €63,000 and **Lot 49**, a **Slickly** half-sister to the Listed Prix de la Californie winner **Courcy (Mizzen Mast)**, for €60,000, both of whom were

from Haras du Saubouas. *“I bought Lot 58 for Daniel-Yves Treves,”* explained Rouget. *“I was underbidder on this colt back in September [when sold to Paul Basquin for €35,000], so I was keen to get him today. I expected to pay around €50,000 for him, so I hope he will be worth me going over budget! Lot 49 is for Jean-Claude Seroul. I rang him and suggested this colt, as I know that he likes Slickly as a sire. He gave me the green light, so I am pleased to have bought the colt. Seroul has had horses in training with me in the past and hopefully this one will run for us at the end of the year.”*

Two first crop 2yo winners, both Royal Ascot bound!



ARGENTERO won by 3¼ lengths on debut at Naas for **Ger Lyons**



“he’s a nice one”
Trainer **Ger Lyons**



WASHINGTON DC hacked up in a Tipperary maiden for **Aidan O’Brien**



“He’s a very fast horse... looks a Marble Hill Stakes and Norfolk Stakes type”
Trainer **Aidan O’Brien**

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FAST AND PRECOCIOUS GR.1 WINNING 2YO BY **DANSILI**

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Lot 37, a filly by **Siyouni**, who was bought for **Oceanic Bloodstock** for €65,000 picture www.osarus.com

Rouget also bought **Lot 15**, a filly from the first crop of **Lilbourne Lad** consigned by The Channel Consignment, for €52,000. Rouget commented, "I really like **Lilbourne Lad**, I have a good feeling about him and he produces good-looking horses. I tried to buy two or three yearlings by him last year, but I was never successful. I have bought her for **Jean-Louis Tepper**. This is a nice filly, but she has sore shins, so she will go out to the paddock for a month or so before coming into training. I often do that with horses that have gone through such a tough preparation for this type of sale." The filly is out of **Tenepia (Keltos)**, who has already produced two winners from her first two foals, **Tianjin City (Holy Roman Emperor)** and **Tianshan City (American Post)**, and is from the family of the Gr.1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner **Baiser Vole (Foolish Pleasure)**.

Another of Rouget's purchases was **Lot 6**, a filly by **Sunday Break**, for €40,000. Consigned by Haras du Chene, she is the first foal out of the winning mare **Selena (Kendor)**, who comes from the family of the Gr.1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner **Shaka (Exit To Nowhere)** and the recent dual Gr.1 winner **Contributer (High Chaparral)**. Rouget commented, "I like this stallion and this is a very nice filly. I bought her for a partnership which includes Mr and Mrs Gauthier, close friends of mine who had a horse with me a few years ago."

Marc-Antoine Berghracht of the MAB Agency had to fight hard to successfully purchase **Lot 23**, a Siyouni filly from Haras de Saint Arnoult, for €50,000. "This filly arrived late at the stud to be prepared for this sale," commented Berghracht, "so I'm hoping that there is room for improvement. I like buying at this kind of sale, as horses tend to progress afterwards. I also like Siyouni as a sire, as he has proved he can produce quality horses. I have bought her for **Galileo Racing** and she will go into training with **Pascal Bary**." The filly is the second foal out of **Alexandrina (Monsun)**, whose first foal **King's Socks (King's Best)** was a recent winner at Auteuil for **Nicolas Bertran de Balanda**, who was underbidder on the filly, who comes from the family of the Gr.1 Preis der Diana winner **Amarette (Monsun)** and the Gr.2 German 2,000 Guineas winner **Aviso (Tertullian)**.

Emmanuel Viaud of Osarus commented at the end of the sale, "I am very pleased with the results today, which have improved a lot from last year. We recorded a total of almost €1 million today, while the average increased to €22,725 and the median rose by €5,000 to €15,000. The move to La Teste went very smoothly and the organisation was very good today. People seemed very pleased with the canters this morning and the brunch! This is a sale that is clearly improving each year."

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STATISTICS (€)			
	2015	%	2014
Offered	59		72
Sold	40		47
Aggregate	909,000	+19	764,000
Average	22,725	+40	16,255
Median	15,000	+50	10,000

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FIRST SEASON SIRES (€)

CAPE BLANCO			
41	f	ex Flame Trees	20,000
DALGHAR			
44	c	ex Golconde Mine	9,000
60	f	ex New Style	13,000
LILBOURNE LAD			
15	f	ex Tenepia	52,000
NEVER ON SUNDAY			
58	c	ex Mindset	63,000
POET'S VOICE			
40	f	ex gaudera	10,000
SHAKESPEAREAN			
19	c	ex Yes Mate	W/D
YELLOWSTONE			
16	f	ex Umiko	7,000



Lot 58, a colt by **Never On Sunday**, who was bought by **Jean-Claude Rouget** for €63,000 picture www.osarus.com