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DELIA DELIVERS

FRANCK NIVARD guided second favourite Delia du Pommereaux to victory in the Group III Prix Timocharis at Vincennes yesterday.

Jean Phillipe Dubois moved favourite Dream Life (Royal Dream) up to sit parked after 1500m.

As they turned for home Dream Life got to the front but Delia du Pommereaux (Love You) stayed on down the outside to win by a length.

Richly-bred Repeat Love mare Diamond Crown was slightly hampered in getting out from the trail and when clear finished strongly for second ahead of Desiree (Ready Cash).

Earlier on the card the Group III Prix California went to the Jean-Michel Bazire driven favourite Brissac (Ni Ho Ped d'Ombree) who was in control by two lengths at the turn and easily held off a late run from Bolide Jenilou (Kesaco Phedo).

Coup Droit (Prodigious) found a gap late to finish on the inside for third ahead of Coeur Baroque (Offshore Dream).

On the weekend at Caen Thierry Duvaldestin's Univers de Daidou (Jag de Bellouet) won the marathon Group III Prix de la Ville de Caen over 4400m.

Duvaldestin settled Univers de Daidou midfield and got a clear run down the centre on the run home and stayed on strongly to win.

Tiburce de Brion (Ganymede) finished out wide to claim second ahead of Venosc de Minel (Laetenter Diem).

In the €75,000 Prix Klymene at Vincennes Norwegian-bred Nelson Nora (Muscles Yankee) was the first to take the lead but then settled back in the trail, as Caline Elde saw off several challenges to take control.

As they turned for home Nelson Nora got the split on the inside and careered away for an impressive win from Cedea Josselyn (Love You) and Easytowin (Offshore Dream).

On the same card the Prix Themis went to Italian-bred Orient Horse driven by Pierre Levesque who emerged from the pack with a withering burst in the straight to win by three lengths.

Norwegian-bred Nelson Nora wins at Vincennes. **GERARD FORNI**

Vacate Money (Prodigious) stayed on to claim second ahead of Pingus Vang (SJ's Photo).

FRENCH FACT

The Group II Prix Reynolds Prix Reine du Corta and Prix Abel Bassigny, important lead up races for the Criterium des 3 Ans which is held in the second weekend of December.

monte kicks off the Vincennes Winter Meeting in exactly a week's time.

The best 3YOs in France will also be in action next week with the running of the

Volstead claims American Trot

A patient Orjan Kihlstrom drive on Stefan Melander-trained Volstead captured the American Trot at Romme on the weekend.

Jorma Kontio on the Timo Nurmos' Coldtown controlled the race from the start with Volstead moving forward to sit parked with two laps to go.

Kontio on Coldtown surged clear by a couple of lengths as they rounded the bend but Kihlstrom on Volstead gradually wore him down and got his nose in front right on the line.

Coldtown was second while Thai Broadway was a few lengths back in third place ahead of Magic Tonight.

On Sunday the Breeders Crown semfinals were held at Solvalla where Per Lennartson's pacesetter Gareth Boko (Make It Happen) fought back after being headed to win the first semifinal for 3YO colts and geldings over McSpirit (Kadabra).

Orjan Kihlstrom drove E3 champion Policy of Truth (Explosive Matter) from the front to easily win the second heat for Reijo Lijendahl while Monark Newmen (Orlando Vici) stayed on in the trail to claim second from Electric Light (Going Kronos) who edged out Super Nice (Orlando Vici) for third.

In a battle of Ready Cash sons, Ulf Ohlsson steered Grant Boko from the front to hold on and beat Valley Brodde by the narrowest of margins in the third and final semi. Swedish Kriterium winner Deimos Racing (Quite Easy) and Baron Gift (Gift Kronos) also qualified.

Ready Cash was also the sire of the winner of the first two home in the first Breeders Crown semifinal for 3YO fillies with Roger Walman's star filly Caddie Lisieux sitting parked and then skipping away in the straight to beat Xperia Knick.

Mamasan (Maharajah) trained and driven by Bjorn Goop got up late to beat Johan Untersteiner's favourite Unrestricted (Muscles Yankee) by a nose. The third semi for 3YO fillies was won by Darling Mearas (Cantab Hall) who skipped away to easily beat Rhyme Broline (Celebrity Secret).

Breeders Crown for 4YO colts and gelding semfinal winners were Roger Persson's Zoko Lane who edged out Day of Night In (Muscle Hill), exciting Revenue colt In Vain Sund who defeated Isor Haleryd (Ready Cash), and Frode Hamre's Norwegian trained El Diablo BR (Muscle Hill) who beat Daniel Reden's Swedish trained colt Tobin Kronos (Muscle Hill).

Winners in the 4YO mares semis were Robert Bergh's Timbal (From Above) Going Diablo (Going Kronos) , Malin Bergstrom's Galactica (Super Photo Kosmos) and Daniel Reden's In Toto Sund (Ken Warkentin).

In Vain Sund wins at Solvalla. **ADAM STROM**

RINGOSTARR TREB DRUMS UP WIN

Holger Ehlert's Ringostarr Treb, the only horse in the 11-horse field not sired by either Varenne or Ganymede, was a dominant winner of the Group I GP Freccia d'Europa at Naples' Agnano track.

By US-bred Classic Photo who ended his days in Finland, Ringostarr Treb took home the lion's share of the 110,000 euro first prize.

Driver Roberto Vecchione used Ringostarr Treb's brilliant gate speed to get straight to the front from the pole position.

Ringostarr Treb controlled the tempo and started to put the pressure on down the back straight the final time.

By the turn he had the field in trouble and sprinted away to an easy win by five lengths.

Rank outsider Sharon Gar (Varenne) stayed on down the centre to edge out Treny Ok (Varene) for second while a fast finnishing Radiofrecca (Ganymede) finished fourth.

The Road to Royal Mares went to Oudri de Veltri by a length from Sundance Bi with Paris Dany, third.

Ringostarr Treb wins at Agnano. **GERARD FORNI**

EUROPEAN BRIEFS

FINLAND

Pekka Korpi's Twigs Voici easily won the Espoon Palkinto for mares at Vermo on the weekend.

The Swedish-bred daughter of Love You beat former race winner Venice (Quite Easy), a multiple group winner in Finland. Amazing Soul was a close-up third from Demi de Veluwe,

Tommi Kyliainen on Whole Lotta Love (Deam Vacation), won the Erkki Rajakosken Memorial for entires and geldings for trainer Juuso Holttinen. Benjamin Evo (Kadabra) was second from Por Nie Rock (Quite Easy).

NETHERLANDS

John de Leeuw's Quite Easy gelding Gusty Rhythm edged out the Jos Verbeeck driven favourite Gaz Occagnes (Gazoulis) in the Fokkers Trofee for Dutch 3YOs at Wolvega on the weekend.

Giorgio Boko (Virgill Boko) driven by Dion Tesselar was a close third just ahead of Giovanni Bianco (Armbro Embellish).

The winner went 1'16"2 for the 2100m trip.

On the same card Ethien du Vivier won the Breeders Course (Race) for 2YOs also at Wolvega.

Driven by Wim Paal for Tomas Malmqvist the son of Sancho Turgot defeated stablemate Flying Fortune.

Volturina Jet (Ken Warkentin) was third while Tiger Hill Diamant (Muscle Hill) was a distant fourth. The winner went 1'14"6 (2.00MR) for the mile journey.

DENMARK

Nicolaj Andersen's race favourite Beatriz (Credit Winner) won the Grand Circle 3YO Fillies Championship, the Danish Breeders Crown at Odense on the weekend.

Michael Longborg's outsider Believe it Or Not (Love You) edged out second favourite Blowmywhistle (Turbo Sund) for second, with Bimse Cloc (Ens Snapshot) fourth.

The winner clocked 1'14"9 for the 2140m journey.

LEADING SIRES

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SAM BOURBON

ELEVATION (Winner 2YO 2150m Enghien) ETOILE D'AMOUR (Winner 2YO 2050m Cabourg) DIABOLO CASTELETS (Winner 2850m Vincennes) DIVA GRIFF (2nd 2850m Vincennes) DEEJAY SAM (3rd 2850m Cabourg)

LOVE YOU

VERDICT BLUE (Winner 2625m Agen) DONA VIVA (Winner 2825m Chatres) CAB CALLOWAY (Winner 2850m Lignieres en Berry) CORALIE DE BENAC (Winner 2650m Agen) ALADIN (Winner 2300m Salon de Provence)(2nd 2YO 2450m Caen) DISCOVA (Winner 2450m Caen) CEDEA JOSSELYN (2nd 2100m Vincennes) DAMOUR DU VIVIER (2nd 2300m Salon de Provence) RADIEUX (ITY) (2nd 2150m Enghien) VERY LOVE ROYAL (2nd 2650m Carpentras) DREAM DU CHENE (3rd 3275m Saumur) EVOLUTION (3rd 2YO 2050m Cabourg) AMERICAN PRIDE (3rd 2400m Amiens)

QUAKER JET

CLEMATITE (Winner 2550m Cherbourg) DIVA OUEST (Winner 2650m Laon) CROSSROADS (Winner 3025m Borely) VERDICT BLUE (3rd 2625m Agen) CARTE MAJYC (3rd 2650m Agen)

READY CASH

DALSHIM DU NOYER (Winner 2600m Reims) BIRD PARKER (2nd Gp2 2575m Agen) DESIREE (Winner 2850m Vincennes) ALL CASH (Winner 2825m Chatres) DIVA DES MARCEAUX (Winner 3025m Borely) BEAUHARNAIS (2nd 2850m Mauquenchy) BRISE MARINE (3rd 2450m Caen)

ORLANDO VICI

EPICE TURGOT (Winner 2YO 2200m Vincennes) CURRENCY (Winner 2850m Vincennes) DANDY VIXY (Winner 2300m Salon de Provence) VERY FIRST (Winner 2400m Amiens) CRAZY D'AUVRECY (Winner 2475m Caen) CHESS D'OR (2nd 2850m Vincennes) VULCAIN DE CORBERY (3rd 2725m Machecoul) VOICI LE BOMO (3rd 2850m Mauquenchy)

REPEAT LOVE

BAIRRO ALTO (Winner 2850m Parilly) BEST DE LA COTE (2nd 2975m Salon de Provence) CANTA AMOR (2nd 2650m Hyeres) DJOKO'S WAY (3rd 2400m Amiens)

THE BEST MADRIK

CENTAURE GEDE (Winner 2850m Vincennes) CARACAS (Winner 2150m Enghien)

MILE RATE CONVERSION:

2.00 =1'14"6, 1.57=1'12"7, 1.54=1'10"8, 1.51= 1'09.

NZ-AUS NEWS

NEW ZEALAND

It was business as usual for New Zealand horse of the year Monbet who made a winning season debut in the Ashburton Flying Mile on the eekend.

The Greg and Nina Hope trained son of Love You won the race by one and a quarter lengths in a slick time of 1.55.2.

Monbet also heads the field for the Haras des Trotteurs Dominion Handicap when the latest rankings came out yesterday.

Monbet heads the rankings ahead of Ordeal Trotting Cup winner Amaretto Sun and Canterbury Park Trotting Cup Winner Sunny Ruby.

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