

**VALOR FRENCH FILLIES' SECOND STARTER HELIABEL TRIUMPHS IN DEBUT
TRAINER SIMONE BROGI SENDS OUT YEARLING BUY TO WIN WELL AT LYON
OUTSIZED DAUGHTER OF CAMELOT USES STAMINA TO WIN AT 2150 METERS**



Heliabel, the second runner to represent the 4-filly yearling partnership formed in October of 2018, made a winning debut yesterday at Lyon's La Soie racecourse in France, when she "ran in" on trainer Simone Brogi, who admitted he was "pleasantly surprised" with the outcome.

The Italian-born, French-based second-generation trainer said "It was a nice and welcome surprise. She had worked well a couple of times and I thought she had talent, as I had advised you the day before, but as big as she is and as tight as that track at Lyon on the all-weather is, I did not expect to see a winning race on debut.

"Whatever she was capable of accomplishing today, I fully expect to see much better next time and in the future, as she will progress from race to race, as we stretch her out even farther and place her on the grass. She is a promising filly." [VIDEO](#)

The following report was published last night in the ***Jour de Galop*** (French TDN version):

Like 7 of the 14 candidates at the start of the Prix Sénégal (Maiden), Heliabel (Camelot) was a debutante. But that didn't stop this representative of Team Valor from winning.

Waiting right behind Sunkawakan (Canford Cliffs) and Lovely Dolly (Toronado), this protege of Simone Brogi announced herself on the full track 300 meters from the post. Taking a little time to find her best action, she then came up to the leaders and then easily overwhelmed them. She advanced three-quarters of length on Bleusky (Anodin), the favorite, who had already raced 4 times. In third place, we find Sunkawakan.

Jockey Mickaël Forest said: "It is a good omen that a filly this large and on this track finds it suitable. She will be more comfortable on large straight lines. We saw it when she accelerated in the straight. It was fine today as it gives experience anyway. She wins it very well."

A \$47,500 purchase at the Arqana October yearling sale in Deauville in 2018 for Team Valor, Heliabel is a daughter of Leading Sire Camelot and she is named for a sister of Sir Perceval, the Knight of the Round Table who found the Holy Grail.

