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**BRIGANTIN EASY WINNER IN \$90,000 SWISS DERBY AT BERN RACE COURSE, HOME-BRED COZZENE COLT IS A GEARED-DOWN WINNER BY 3 LENGTHS, ANDRE FABRE TRAINS WINNER FOR WIFE ELISABETH AND TEAM VALOR**

Brigantin blasted clear by some 5 lengths in mid-stretch of the Swiss Derby on Sunday at the Frauenfeld race course in Bern, Switzerland and then was geared down in the final sixteenth of a mile to win the \$90,000 event by a long-looking 3 lengths.

It was the first major success for the chestnut son of Cozzene who was bred in Kentucky by his owners, Mrs. Elisabeth Fabre, wife of the colt's trainer Andre Fabre, and a Team Valor International partnership.



*Kentucky-bred Brigantin proves a facile winner under wraps in the Swiss Derby on Sunday for co-owners and co-breeders Elisabeth Fabre and Team Valor International.*

In his last two starts, the colt had been runner-up in a pair of Listed stakes in France at Lyon and Bordeaux, in the former behind Goldwaki and in the latter by Lawspeaker. Goldwaki returned to flatter the form by winning the recent Group 3 Prix du Lys, while Lawspeaker has the Group 1 Grand Prix de Paris on his agenda. Both Lawspeaker and Goldwaki are also trained at Chantilly by Fabre.

Brigantin is a most consistent colt, having now finished first or second in 6 of his 7 career outings, with 3 wins and 3 seconds. His lone unproductive effort coming when he tweaked a hip in knee-high going upon the occasion of his seasonal debut in France in the Listed Prix Maurice Caillault.

Maxime Guyon has ridden the French-trained colt to his most recent pair of stakes seconds in the Provinces behind stablemates Goldwaki and Lawspeaker and retained his confidence in the gutty colt, whose dam was a Graded performer for Team Valor International in the United States.

Guyon had the colt about half a dozen lengths off the lead in sixth place among 10 runners. Guyon gradually improved the colt's position. Curving into the homestretch, the colt had moved up to second. When his rider ask him for an effort, Brigantin exploded to go nearly half a dozen lengths clear, before he was eased in the final half furlong.

Brigantin's last 3 races have come over 12 furlongs, a distance he seems to relish.

The Swiss Derby was raced for the 30<sup>th</sup> time and provided locals with their biggest day of racing on the calendar. It was estimated that more than 4,000 supporters of the turf sport were in attendance on Sunday to witness a race that is a Group 1 in Switzerland, but does not qualify for black type in international catalogues because Switzerland is listed as a Part 3 country for cataloguing purposes.