

**THE BLACK ALBUM WORKS STRONG 7 FURLONGS IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE
GROUP 3 WINNER HEADS TO CHANTILLY THIS WEEK, CHURCHILL OCT. 26
BARZALONA CONFIRMED FOR JUV. TURF, FIRST G1 RUNNER FOR TRAINER**



In the Group 3 Prix la Rochette on September 2, The Black Album succeeded as the first-ever Group stakes runner for trainer Jane Soubagne. On November 2, the recent Team Valor International acquisition will bring Soubagne, based at La Teste de Buche in southwest France, to racing's highest level as a participant in the \$1-million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Churchill Downs.

"One hundred percent success in Group races: maybe I should stop there," Soubagne, in her third season as a head trainer, joked with reporters at ParisLongchamp after the Prix la Rochette.

The Breeders' Cup beckons instead, and Soubagne decided against giving The Black Album one more start in France beforehand. She opted instead for a major workout, receiving special permission to go left-handed, at Le Teste last weekend. She was very pleased with the 7-furlong drill and will break up the long trip to the U.S. by vanning him on Friday to Chantilly, where he will train for a week before heading to Stansted, England, to catch a Breeders' Cup charter flight to Louisville on October 26.

The Black Album held on gamely after setting the pace in the 7-furlong Prix la Rochette, securing his third career victory, all with top jockey Mickael Barzalona in the saddle. Barzalona is confirmed for the Breeders' Cup mount.

At Churchill, The Black Album will be bedded down in the barn of trainer Rodolphe Brisset, who will take over the colt's training after the Breeders' Cup.

Jane Soubagne with jockey Mickael Barzalona after the Group 3 Prix La Rochette. Barzalona has been on board for all three of The Black Album's wins.

