

## **BOTTI GIVES GREEN LIGHT FOR EURO CHARLINE TO AIM FOR DUBAI BEVERLY D. WINNER HAS PLEASSED HIM IN EARLY PREPARATIONS FILLY HAS BEEN BACK TRAINING IN NEWMARKET SINCE LATE NOVEMBER**

Two months after Team Valor returned Euro Charline to his care, trainer Marco Botti has given a green light for the Grade 1 Beverly D. Stakes winner to point for the \$6-million Dubai Turf on World Cup night at Meydan.



*In the Beverly D., Euro Charline beat 4 horses who have since won Grade 1 races.*

on March 28.

“Euro Charline is going very well and I am pleased with her,” Botti said. “She is moving well and is in great form at this time of the season.”

Irwin and Botti will put their heads together in the next few weeks to devise a plan. They both can draw on considerable experience. Team Valor, of course, captured the main event on World Cup night in 2013 with Animal Kingdom and also was triumphant in the Dubai Duty Free 10 years earlier with the African mare Ipi Tombe. At that time, the race was worth \$2-million. More recently, it has been one of the most valuable turf races in the world with a purse of \$5-million. This year, with a new sponsor, it has been boosted to \$6-million. Botti has hit the board in the \$10-million Dubai World Cup twice and has won two other Group stakes at Meydan.

Irwin first mentioned the Dubai Turf as an objective in August at Arlington Park after she became the first 3-year-old filly to win the Beverly D. She was supposed to continue racing in America last fall but was sidelined with a minor fracture in a hind ankle, requiring arthroscopic surgery. At that point, Team Valor decided to send her back to Botti, and she was cleared to resume training when she arrived in mid- November.

Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin has had an eye on the race formerly known as the Dubai Duty Free for months, but he was careful to not imply any expectation that she would be ready to run in this year’s edition after being sidelined in October with an injury.

“I consider this to be super news since it comes without any prompting from us,” Irwin said. “Because of the filly’s injury, I did not want to put any pressure on Marco to run her in this race. I always figured if it came up too soon for this year that we could always point for it next year. So I left it strictly up to him and never asked him about it.”

Botti volunteered late last week from his base in Newmarket, England, that he is confident she will be ready for the 1,800-meter Group 1