

EURO CHARLINE SELLS FOR JUST SHY OF \$1-MILLION IN ENGLAND HIGH-CLASS MARE MADE NEARLY \$3.5-MILLION BETWEEN RACES, SALES JAPAN'S YOSHIDAS RETURN TO PROVEN WELL BUYING FROM TEAM VALOR



Team Valor wrapped up a high-class chapter Wednesday in selling Grade 1 winner Euro Charline for just a hair under seven figures at \$978,000 to Japan's Northern Farm. Syndicated for \$450,000 in March 2014, the brutish mare scored a signature victory months later in the Beverly D. at Arlington Park and completed her career in peak form with second-place finishes against top males in Dubai and England.

All told she earned \$2.3-million at the races and took her partners on a terrific journey with a classic appearance at Newmarket and two trips to Royal Ascot, Arlington Million Day, and the Dubai Turf,

quite a rise in stature for a filly with a pedigree so undistinguished that her dam wound up in Libya for a few years before being liberated back to England through Euro Charline's success.

It was the blue-collar dam side that was always going to be a hurdle for Euro Charline as a broodmare prospect. Barry Irwin attended the sale to gauge the market's reception and set a realistic reserve price. The day before she went through the sales ring, he said in an email to her partners, "I expect us to do well, without grabbing any major headlines. The filly's pedigree is against her and will keep her price in a realistic range."

"Hey, we had a great ride, earning more than \$2.2 million, realizing \$25,000 short of another million on the sale. We had plenty of fun and enjoyment. In the end, she lacked a solid Group 1 win in England that would have boosted her value to where we wanted to be. But bad luck dogged her in big races and she was denied that all-important career credential. It was a great ride and I hope that you will always remember Euro Charline fondly."



Euro Charline and connections in the Beverly D. winner circle less than 5 months after she was purchased.

Northern Farm's Shunsuke Yoshida indicated that Euro Charline might visit the court of Japanese Triple Crown winner and leading sire Deep Impact, whose son Real Steel narrowly held her off in this year's \$6-million Dubai Turf. Deep Impact also is the sire of the best Japanese foal out of Dalia, whom Team Valor sold to the Yoshidas when her eventual Kentucky Derby hero Animal Kingdom was a yearling. The Yoshidas also bought Manfath, carrying eventual Japanese Derby winner and leading sire King Kamehameha, for \$650,000 from Team Valor in 2000.