

**PARCHMENT CONVINCING DEBUT WINNER TODAY OVER JUMPS IN FRANCE  
TVI YEARLING BUY SCORES BY 1 ½ LENGTHS AT CLAIREFONTAINE FAVORITE  
TOP RIDER JAMES REVELEY RIDES WINNER FOR ZETTERHOLM/GEORGE DUO**



*Parchment fired when asked down the lane at Clairefontaine after completing all 12 hurdles going 3400 meters in his racing debut this afternoon for the training combo of Amanda Zetterholm and Noel George of Chantilly, France.*

Named for Olympic Gold Medal hurdler Hansle Parchment, the equine hurdler **Parchment** duly scored in his debut race clearing 12 hurdles and covering 2 miles plus one furlong at Clairefontaine, France. Perhaps the best hunch-play of the day, the date of the race was also the birthday of the Jamaican athlete for whom he was named.

A couple of years ago when Barry Irwin invited Amanda Zetterholm and her partner Noel George to join a group of touring Team Valor International partners to join them for dinner at an eatery in Chantilly, it was to give the new training duo an opportunity to discuss their plans going forward and to see if they could generate some interest among those on the TVI tour of Europe and the British Isles.

When several of those in attendance and some at home expressed an interest in racing a couple of hurdlers and steeplechasers with the new training partners, Irwin asked longtime friend and business associate Miss Zetterholm to find a couple of youngsters by Triple Threat.

Triple Threat, bred by Irwin and Gary Barber in Europe, was a one-time French Derby favorite that was a Group 2 winner in France, a Grade 2 winner in the United States and Group and Grade 1 placed. He

was sold as a National Hunt sire, got off to a rollicking start as a sire, but suffered an untimely death after siring a few crops. He still has two more crops of foals to reach the races.

Irwin found a pair of Triple Threats to buy and syndicate among a handful of TVI partners that were earmarked to be trained in Chantilly by the new training team. In the meantime, the dynamic duo of Amanda and Noel took international jumps racing by storm and soon became leading conditioners.



*Parchment truly impressed Leading Rider James Reveley with his raw talent.*

“Parchment looked like a star from day one,” Irwin said. “All of the reports over the last couple of years have been glowing and today we fully anticipated a win.

Opening odds of 34 to 1 from last night dropped to 8 nearing post time and by the time of the “off” the black gelding was the 4 to 1 favorite under leading rider James Reveley. The jockey was in no particular hurry at the start or for most of the 3400-meter, 12-jump maiden race at Deauville’s sister track at Clairefontaine. Parchment began in last place and pretty much stayed there for half of the race.

As the field stretched out and room became more available, Reveley allowed Parchment to creep up and pass a few horses. Off the penultimate hurdle, Parchment was fifth, but by the time he was taken inside for his challenge he led over the last barrier. Parchment quickly opened up a substantial lead, was not persevered with and was ridden out in the final 50 meters when a late challenge materialized.

[LINK](#)

Noel George said “James loved him, he said it was very straightforward, I made sure that I told him to sit out the back because I just didn't want him to be too keen because he has a serious turn of foot. “He did it easily, gave him a good run up the inside on the home bend and I think we're going to have a lot of fun with him. I think he could have enough class to maybe run on the Flat as well. He's got his career off to a great start jumping anyway and I think we're gonna have good fun with him.”



Says Irwin “It’s great when a plan comes to fruition after laying the groundwork a few years ago!”