2008 Best Race Horses in the World Rankings Released

The list of the world's best racehorses for 2008 has been published by RaceHorseOwner.com. The twelve leading thoroughbred race horses have been ranked according to their performances in races around the globe for the current year.

Redmond, WA, October 31, 2008 --(PR.com)-- The Breeders' Cup World Championships of horse racing are in the book for 2008 and now the question remains as to which horse will top this year's list of the world's best race horses? RaceHorseOwner.com, the leading global portal for horse racing information, reveals that answer today along with eleven other sparkling equine performances in their power rankings of the best racehorses in the world for 2008. The thoroughbred horse races that carried the most impact this year were undoubtedly the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe contested at Longchamp race course in France, the Breeders' Cup Classic, which was run last weekend at Santa Anita racetrack in California, and the Dubai World Cup run earlier this season at Nad Al Sheba.

The Arc, as it is known familiarly by horse racing players, was won in brilliant style by the filly Zarkava. She defeated the best turf horses in Europe including Youmzain, Soldier of Fortune, Duke of Marmalade, Papal Bull, and It's Gino.

The Breeders' Cup Classic was won in a horse racing betting upset by Raven's Pass, although it was only an upset on the course in America. In Europe Raven's Pass was well supported in the betting as he came into the race with a fantastic record over shorter distances. Curlin, who won that race the previous year, had also won the 2008 Dubai World Cup in a rout, and who was the hot favorite to defend his title, could only finish fourth behind Raven's Pass.

Another horse that certainly has claims to being the best in the world for 2008 was Big Brown, who was only beaten once in his career and who cruised home in the first two legs of the Triple Crown (the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes).

RaceHorseOwner.com's senior editor, Marc Weinberg, explained the decision behind the final rankings: "Ultimately we decided that Zarkava was the best race horse in the world this season. Her performance in The Arc was sensational, and prior to that she proved how good she was in brushing aside Goldikova, who franked that form in Santa Anita. In fact, it was Goldikova's Miesque-like effort in the Breeders' Cup Mile that eventually convinced all of us that Zarkava was the worthy world champion for this year. We take nothing away from Curlin, who is one of the great racehorses to run in the past twenty years, but we feel that even at his best in 2008 he would not have been able to match her in Longchamp."

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