LOVEISTHEHIGHERLAW SHOWS HIGH PLUCK IN GERMAN LISTED VICTORY PEDROZA COOL CUSTOMER IN TACTICAL 11-FURLONG HANNOVER STAKES DAUGHTER OF EX-TVI CHAMPION SWEET STREAM STOPS TWO CHALLENGES



Ears cocked in search of the line, Loveisthehigherlaw prevails over Accola (outside) and Red Hot (inside).

Loveisthehigherlaw, the daughter of Kodiac, set tepid fractions as she towed the field along in the Grosser Metallbau Burckhart Preis at Hannover racecourse. As long as she did not try to open up a big lead, the other riders were content to let Pedroza be in front. When the real running began turning into the stretch, rival Red Hot delivered a bold challenge along the rail and second favorite Accola mounted her bid on the outside.

Loveisthehigherlaw, in the middle, admirably kept to her task and put away Red Hot inside the final furlong. Accola moved up from third to second, was never getting to the winner, but ran a good race in defeat. The 5-year-old "Love" responded to right-handed urging and, once Pedroza knew she was giving her best, he let her finish on her own courage.

As she approached the wire, Loveisthehigherlaw was not only in complete control, one could see that she enjoyed winning the race. **VIDEO**

"It has to be a big confidence boost for her," Irwin said. "Andreas told me after the race that he thinks she can stay the mile-and-three-quarters trip of the German St. Leger and he plans to stretch her out to a mile and a half next time at Baden-Baden in a Group 2.



"A good race there and she will take her place in the Classic St. Leger, a race in which her half-sister Tidespring finished third and used it to nail down a Championship title as the high-weighted Staying Filly or Mare in The Rhineland.

Loveisthehigherlaw now is a Listed winner in Germany and Group 3 and Listed-placed in Ireland.

This season the front-runner ran her most impressive race visually when she won an ordinary race at Mulheim by more than 9 lengths and seemed set for a big campaign, only to run a couple of mediocre races when probably not ridden in the correct style for her best. Irwin asked Woehler to give her a break to freshen her mind and body.

The mare was winning her fourth race in a dozen career outings when she won the Listed Grosser Preis Metallbau Burckhardt on Sunday at Hannover.

Her dam Sweet Stream ran for Team Valor. In a storied career on track and in the sales ring, the tall, elegant filly went from strength to strength under John Hammond, who saddled her for victories in the Group 1 Prix Vermeille (France's most important test for middle distance fillies) and the Group 2 Park Hill Stakes (England's equivalent). She was weighted as the Champion Staying Filly or Mare in England. She regularly made a habit of beating males in Group races. Between what she earned and realized in the sales ring at Tattersalls December sale, Sweet Stream generated nearly \$3 million. She was sold in foal to Monsun and that foal turned out to be the German Champion Staying Filly Tidespring.