HOMEBRED BRIGANTIN STRETCHES OUT FOR GROUP 3 VICTORY IN PARIS, FABRE COLT BEAT OTHER 3-YEAR-OLDS OVER 1 7/8 MILES AT LONGCHAMP, COZZENE COLT HAS BEEN FIRST OR SECOND IN 8 OF 9 EUROPEAN STARTS

Brigantin stamped himself as a stayer with a future today when coming from last to first to defeat favored Shamanova for the Group 3 Prix Lutece over the grueling distance of 15 furlongs (1 7/8 miles) at Longchamp, scoring by three-quarters of a length and starting as a longshot, even though in his previous 8 outings he had been worse than second only once, when he threw out a hip on heavy going early in the spring of 2010.

In a 6-horse race in which Andre Fabre had 3 runners and Alain de Royer-Dupre had 2 including the first two favorites, Brigantin finished 4 ¾ lengths ahead of Fabre's next runner Permit, who wound up third for Khaled Abdullah of Juddmonte Farm.

The victory was the first in a Group race for young Pierre-Charles Boudot, the Champion Apprentice rider in France last season. He began riding in March of last year and lost his bug after 70 victories in July. He rides work for Fabre and has been on Brigantin in his morning preparations for the Lutece, according to Elisabeth Fabre.

"He rode a perfect race," said Mrs. Fabre.

The winner was bred by Mrs. Fabre, Team Valor International and Denali Stud and races for Mrs. Fabre and Team Valor International.

To say that Brigantin has had a mercurial career is to understate the obvious. Two races back, the chestnut colt won the Swiss Derby. This easy win led to some difficult circumstances for his connections.

Although a Group 1 in Switzerland, the Swiss Derby is ungraded by international cataloging standards. However, under a little known rule implemented last year, winners of a race like this must carry a weight penalty in French Listed races. When Brigantin easily won a Listed race next time out in France, he was disqualified from the victory because he did not carry the correct weight.

The Lutece win is fair compensation for the colt and his connections. By Cozzene, he was foaled by Banyu Dewi, a former German runner that was a Graded performer in the U. S. for Team Valor.