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19th Century Oil Painting Melton Race Horse Jockey With Fred Archer Up

Price

GBP 65,000

| USD \$88,010 | EUR 76,057

Item Reference: SA1075661**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 81 cm (31.9")

Width = 99 cm (39.0")

Depth = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Description

VICTORIAN SPORTING OIL PAINTING OF MELTON WITH FRED ARCHER By F. S. Evans (British, 19th Century), Signed and Dated 1885 An important Victorian oil on canvas by the accomplished British sporting artist F. S. Evans, signed and dated 1885, depicting the celebrated Thoroughbred Melton with Champion Jockey Fred Archer mounted. Painted during Melton's greatest racing season, this distinguished equestrian portrait commemorates one of the defining moments in nineteenth-century British horse racing and represents an excellent example of late Victorian sporting art. Melton is portrayed in elegant side profile before the Norfolk landscape surrounding Lord Hastings' Melton Constable estate. Evans displays a refined understanding of equine anatomy, carefully modelling the horse's powerful musculature, lustrous bay coat and graceful proportions. Every detail has been executed with precision, from the polished leather tack and saddle to Archer's distinctive racing colours. The expansive landscape and atmospheric sky create a balanced composition characteristic of the finest British sporting paintings of the period. The painting is signed and dated 1885 by the artist. A closely relat...

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