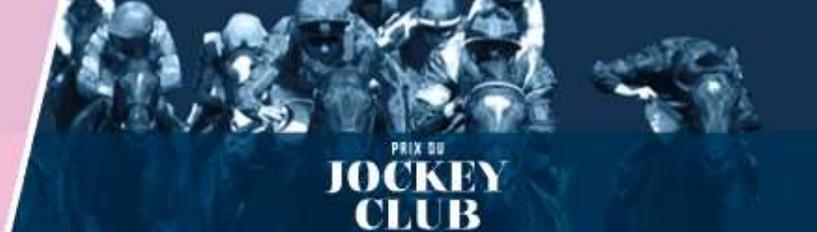




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CHANTILLY - SUNDAY 5 JULY IRISH DOMINATION IN THE PRIX DE DIANE LONGINES

What do the first three in the Prix de Diane Longines have in common? They are all trained in Ireland! **Fancy Blue** proved that she is as tough as they come under an excellent ride from Pierre-Charles Boudot (who won this race last year), giving Donnacha O'Brien his first win in this race as a trainer. Not yet 22 years old, Donnacha took out his training license only this year. He was previously a jockey for his father, Aidan O'Brien, and the great Irish racing entity Coolmore.

Fancy Blue indeed is owned by the Coolmore partners, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and John Magnier. She came here off a second place in the Irish 1000 Guineas, which was won by **Peaceful**, trained by Aidan O'Brien, and third in this race today. **Alpine Star**, the favourite in the race ridden by Stéphane Pasquier, held on to second place having led throughout. The best French result came from **Raabihah**, trained in Deauville by Jean-Claude Rouget who finished in fourth.

Finishing positions in the Prix de Diane Longines

- 1^{re} FANCY BLUE P.-C. Boudot
(Deep Impact & Chenchikova, by Sadler's Wells)
Owners: M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mme J. Magnier
Breeder: Coolmore Stud
Trainer: D. O'Brien
- 2^e ALPINE STAR S. Pasquier
(Sea the Moon & Alpha Lupi, by Rahy)
Owner: Niarchos Family
Breeder: Niarchos Family
Trainer: J. Harrington
- 3^e PEACEFUL J.-A. Heffernan
(Galileo & Missvinski, par Stravinsky)
Owners: M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mme J. Magnier
Breeder: Coolmore Stud
Trainer: A. O'Brien

Distances: Short head - Head - Head

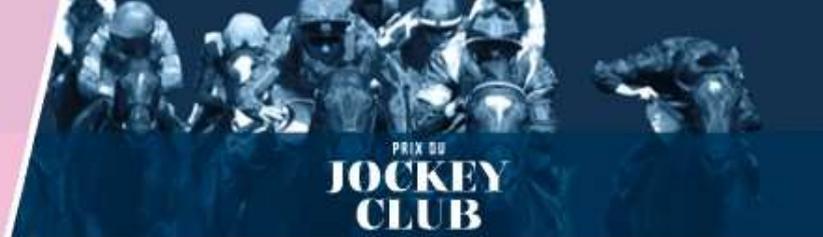
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Going: Good to soft (3.3)



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The Professional reactions

Pierre-Charles Boudot (jockey of Fancy Blue, 1st)

"I am delighted. These are very strange circumstances, and it is a first Classic win for Donnacha O'Brien. I am very proud to win this race for him. He told me that the filly had a big action and plenty of stamina, and that she is easy to ride. We didn't go very fast in front, but it wasn't in our interest nor that of Stéphane Pasquier, to set the pace for the others. Cristian Demuro came up quickly to take the lead, but I knew that my filly could take it back."

Stéphane Pasquier (jockey of Alpine Star, 2nd)

"The filly has run well. The ground was perhaps not soft enough for her, but she fought bravely. She ran only 15 days ago, which might also have had an effect on her."

Fabrice Chappet (trainer of Magic Attitude, 5th)

"She's run well. We wanted her to switch off during the race, and she found herself very far back... The best fillies in the race were up on the lead with not much pace, and it's very difficult to make up ground in those conditions. She finished very strongly."