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QATAR ARABIAN WORLD CUP

PARISLONGCHAMP – Sunday, October 2

Lady Princess is on another planet

The outstanding Lady Princess showed the full extent of her class by winning the Qatar Arabian World Cup, which is considered to be the Arc de Triomphe for Purebred Arabians, by scoring a decisive success. Second in this race last year, she gained her revenge on Sunday, as her nearest pursuer, Ebraz, was a length and three quarters in arrears, and the abiding impression was of a victory gained with consummate ease. Djafar, a stablemate of Ebraz and therefore trained by François Rohaut at Pau (Pyrénées-Atlantique), was three lengths further away in third.

Lady Princess, ridden by the British jockey Jim Crowley, is trained by Thomas Fourcy at Royan-La Palmyre (Charente-Maritime region), and he was gaining his fifth win in this race. Lady Princess has completed the Grand Slam for Purebred Arabians: having won the Emir's Sword in February, the biggest Qatari race; followed by the Qatar International Stakes at Goodwood in July; which was the prelude to her triumph at ParisLongchamp on Sunday. The mare was bred in the Charente region by Bruno Bellaud.

The technical result

QATAR ARABIAN WORLD CUP

Group 1 PA – 4-y-olds and up - 2.000 metres (10f) - 1.000.000 €

1st LADY PRINCESS

Jockey: Jim Crowley - Trainer: Thomas Fourcy

2nd EBRAZ

Jockey: Maxime Guyon - Trainer : François Rohaut

3rd DJAFAR

Jockey: Christophe Soumillon - Trainer: François Rohaut

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WHAT CONNECTIONS SAID:

Thomas Fourcy (the trainer of Lady Princesse, 1st) - Royan-La Palmyre (Charente-Maritime region)

*« She is incredible, and is something out of the ordinary. She has the engine and the class. And with age, she has also become very easy to handle. I've been lucky enough to come across some exceptional horses, **Al Mourtajez** and her. Today, she has stepped up again, and is not far away from bypassing Al Mourtajez in certain rankings! With these types of horses, we have no margin no error: as this is the race in which you have to be really on your game. Hoggar de l'Ardus didn't quite run up to his mark. I endeavoured to equip him with cheek-pieces, and maybe it was a mistake on my part. Last year, Hoggar de l'Ardus beat Lady Princess. This year she set the record straight. She really is the best. »*

Jim Crowley (the jockey of Lady Princess, 1st)

*« I have perhaps not won a Gr1 so easily with the exception of **Baaeed!** I'm very lucky to be riding her. She's a class apart. She's a superstar. »*

François Rohaut (the trainer of Ebraz, 2nd, and Djafar 3rd) - Pau (Pyrénées-Atlantique)

« It's a pleasure to train a horse like Ebraz. But Lady Princess is in another sphere: she's incredible! A statue should be erected in her honour. Had she not been there, he would have won by four lengths, and we would have been heralding him as a great champion! When Ebraz produced his finishing thrust, I thought that there would be a match between the two. But no, Lady Princess was superior. This race is his last: as he's retiring to stud soon. It's great for him to be able to end his racing career on such a note.

Djafar showed us that he's capable of staying the distance. This horse doesn't really act in the heavy ground, but he is very brave. He is a real racehorse, a warrior. He is also very endearing sort of horse. After Goodwood, I decided to try our luck by coming here. This performance opens doors for us. He ran a blinder considering his bad draw. We will be able to go on our travels with him, and why shouldn't beat some good horses along the way? We'll look at the Abu Dhabi programme book, and will mull matters over calmly. »

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