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The British-trained Kinross moves into overdrive

Fourth in last year's Qatar Prix de la Forêt, Britain's Kinross didn't let the opportunity pass him by this time around, after annexing the final Group 1 race of what has been an exceptional weekend of racing. Under crack jockey Lanfranco Dettori, Kinross, owned by the Hong Kong-based Marc Chan and trained in Britain by Ralph Beckett, was well on top after putting daylight between himself and the French filly Malavath. The latter was an excellent second for trainer Francis-Henri Graffard. The Japanese raider Entschieden, third last year, filled the same position again this year, having tried to go wire to wire.

The technical result

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Group 1 – 3-y-olds and up - 1.400 metres (7f) - 350.000 €

1st KINROSS

Jockey: Lanfranco Dettori - Trainer: Ralph Beckett

2nd MALAVATH

Jockey - Christophe Soumillon - Trainer: Francis-Henri Graffard

3rd ENTSCHIEDEN

Jockey : Ryusei Sakai - Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi

WHAT CONNECTIONS SAID:

Ralph Beckett (the trainer of Kinross, 1st) – trained in Britain

« As a three-year-old, he was already on the very big side. After being gelded, he had a difficult time of it. Although he's really come into his own now. He has performed magnificently all year, and it's fantastic to win this today. I trained this horse's dam and he's a really special horse for the stable. »

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Lanfranco Dettori (the jockey of Kinross, 1st)

« He was my best chance today. He had his distance and ground, and it was easy for him. I followed Fang, who I thought had a good chance. With 300 metres to go, I asked him for his effort, and he picked up all by himself. He had been devoid of a group 1 win this year, and so this was a perfect [outcome]. He could go to the Breeders' Cup. »

Marc Chan (the owner of Kinross, 1st)

« It's a pleasure for me to be in attendance. My trainer was very confident. It's wonderful to have a winner on the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe card. »

Francis-Henri Graffard (the trainer of Malavath, 2nd) - Chantilly (Oise region)

« She ran a superb race. Malavath was supposed to head to the US to run a Gr1 race. But since the beginning of the year, her requirements are two-fold: soft ground and a 1,400 metres trip. So we decided to remain in France and try our luck in the Prix de la Forêt. It feels good to end the weekend on such a good note. We will think about going on our travels with her during the winter, but it's no easy thing as she is a genuine 1,400m filly. Perhaps, she will stay 1,600 metres on US tracks. »

Yoshito Yahagi (the trainer of Entschieden, 3rd) – trained in Japan

« He had already finished third in this race last year. The field this year was not as strong, and I was hoping he could win this time this time round, but otherwise there is not much to say: he ran well and clearly likes Europe. I hope that I can return here with him in the future. »

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