



Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère (Grand Critérium) - Sponsored by Manateq : Big step up for Royal Marine

Royal Marine (Raven's Pass), despite his inexperience only from being maiden he became a group 1 winner on his third public outing. The representative of Godolphin won the Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère and proved to be courageous. The leader in the race, **Broome**(Australia), maintained the second place in front of the French contender **Anodor** (Anodin), who couldn't show the turn of foot we know he has.

How they ran

1st - Royal Marine: Galloped in the second place and started his effort behind the leader, Broome, who he overtake 250m from the post.

2nd - Broome : After leading the race he failed to contend the superiority of Royal Marine 250m from the post but resisted the attack of Anodor courageously.

3e - Anodor : Galloped on the third position throughout the race and made an effort on the 300m before the finish line, but failed to worry the first two horses.

4e - Boitron : Trailed on the rail on fourth position and made a correct effort without finding much more on the final straight.

5e - Shaman : Bit keen in the beginning of the race and resistant to remain on the outside of the field, made a bit of ground on the home stretch.

6e - Dark Jedi : Throughout the race galloped on the last position, but could not accelerate on the final straight.

The reactions of the connections

Saeed bin Suroor (trainer of Royal Marine 1st)

“He is a big horse with plenty of action. He traveled well today. I asked the jockey to go in front, even though the field was very small. On the last two furlongs I was sure he is going to win. The soft ground helped him. The options in the future remain open, we will discuss with the owner. He could go towards the Guineas next year.”

Aidan O’Brien (trainer of Broome, 2nd)

“He ran very well even though he is immature. He is a horse for next year. We could direct him towards the classic path. No Breeder’s Cup for him, he will have a break now. We are very happy with the start of the progeny of Australia and looking forward to see what the years to come will bring. Broome has a superb action and had plenty of gas to finish his race.”

Freddy Head (trainer of Anodor, 3rd)

“When the others accelerated he had hard time following them. But he stayed on and finished well. I was happy with the end of the race and he finished with plenty of resources. He is still an unexposed horse, he needs to mature and he hasn’t finish his growth quite yet. He hasn’t had to fight like this before, and he will surely progress with time. We will see him next year, certainly over mile to start with, but there are no reasons why he couldn’t stay longer after.”

Richard Hannon (trainer of Boitron, 4th)

“Boitron raced very well. He behaved well and today was a bit of a cherry on the cake in the end of the season. We think highly of this colt with regards of next year.”

Carlos Laffon-Parias (Trainer of Shaman, 5th)

“He realized the highest rating since his last outing, as he finished on the same distance from Anodor. I think he is not as good as the other horses in the race, he shouldn't run anymore this year. He could progress next season and we can surely step up in trip.”

Statistics

<i>Year</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Trainer</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Jockey</i>	<i>Time</i>
2018	Royal Marine	S. bin Suroor	Godolphin	O. Murphy	1'39''10
2017	Happily	A. O'Brien	D. Smith/Mme J. Magnier/M. Tabor	R. Moore	1'38''51
2016	National Defense	Mme C. Head	Sun Bloodstock Sarl	P.-C. Boudot	1'35''53
2015	Ultra	A. Fabre	Darley SNC	M. Barzalona	1'37''27
2014	Full Mast	Mme C. Head	K. Abdullah	T. Thulliez	1'20''11