



### **Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe : Enable does it!**

The filly **Enable** (Nathaniel) accomplished an incredible feat, retaining her crown in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (Gr1), despite the fact that the Prince Khalid Abdullah owned filly had been held up by a knee injury for the best part of the year. She was only able to make her comeback a month ago in a Gr3 at Kempton on the all weather track. Lanfranco Dettori gave her a beautiful ride, beating **Sea of Class** (Sea the Stars) a shade cosily at the post. The latter, supplemented into the race, was still in last place turning into the home straight. She accomplished a rare feat. **Cloth of Stars** (Sea the Stars), who came second last year, came in a strong third this time, in front of his stable companion **Waldgeist** (Galileo), and **Capri** (Galileo).

Enable is now the eighth horse to have won the Arc twice. Lanfranco Dettori takes home his sixth Arc win, an unbeaten record, whereas the Prince Khaleed Abdullah joins Marcel Boussac with his sixth success.

### **How they ran:**

1st – Enable : Jumped well and travelled in fifth position with plenty of running. Made her move to the lead with ease 300m from the post, then started putting daylight between her and the pack one furlong out. Manage to hold off a very strong finish from Sea of Class to bring home her second Arc.

2nd – Sea of Class : Moved from the outside to travel in last position along the rail. Weaved through the runners at the start of the final straight, but was blocked in behind Tiberian 300m from the post. She squeezed through to make her run a furlong out but Enable had made up ground. Quickened to finish second by a nose.

3rd – Cloth of Stars : Travelled mid-division before beginning his run opposite the Pavillion Stand. He stayed on to come third.

4th – Waldgeist: Settled in his rhythm at the rear of the pack. Still far back coming into the final straight but quickened and made up ground on the inside to snatch fourth place.

5th – Capri : Travelled in second after jumping keenly. Bravely stayed on to come fifth.

6th - Salouen : Travelled mid-division and made his run coming into the straight. He was bumped a furlong out but battled bravely to take sixth place.

7th – Kew Gardens : Travelled at the rear and came with a run to finish seventh, no extra.

8th – Nelson : Played his role of pacemaker for Kew Gardens and Capri. Kept the lead up to the Pavillion Stand then weakened.

9th – Study of Man : Travelled in the middle of the pack in the wake of Hunting Horn. Found a gap and weaved through 450 meters from the post, a good effort maintained until the final furlong the flattened.

10th – Magical : Settled in second to last, never a threat in the straight.

11th – Way to Paris : Travelled in the rear end of the pack, never any impression.

12th – Tiberian : Broke well, travelled in 6th along the rail. Weakened two furlongs from the post.

13th – Talismanic : Travelled mid-division and stuck out wide to make his run. No extra.

14th – Patascoy : Jumped well and travelled in seventh with good cover but made his run in the false straight and flattered.

15th – Defoe : Broke well, stuck out wide with no cover before joining the pack on the rise. Made his move coming into the home straight, weakened early, no extra.

16th – Hunting Horn : travelled in eighth. Boxed in on the false straight, gave up early.

17th – Clincher : Made a good run in fourth, failed to pose a threat in the straight.

18th – Neufbosc : Travelled in the rear end of the pack and weakened early at the false straight.

19th – Louis d’Or : Travelled at the rear, never any impression.

**John Gosden (Trainer of Enable, 1st)**

« It’s been a nightmare year, it’s not easy when they go lame and they go off a long time as she was, but the vets did a brilliant job. She has a fantastic mind, she’s a real competitor. It’s like being a football manager with someone who goes out there and gives you 100 percent and you can build a team around them, she’s one of those. She came back at Lingfield and you bounce off the surface there, it’s not exactly a normal preparation for the Arc. You’re not meant to come into the Arc off one run on the all weather. I had a little hiccup with her temperature between Kempton and here, but she’s come here today and Frankie said she wasn’t at her best but did all the work. He rode her well. Aidan was right about the pace, he made it a test of stamina and the way it was run tested her fitness to the umpteenth degree, and the last hundred meters were an eternity for myself, the jockey and the filly. However, for the final analysis, it’s down to the filly and her owner and breeder, Prince Khalid Abdullah, who has bred such a filly and he’s here today to see his filly win yet another Arc.”

**William Haggas (trainer of Sea of Class, 2nd)**

“I think many people will look back on it and say that the draw did not help us. I don't want to be ungrateful or unsporting. John's filly is a marvellous filly, and she has won the Arc, not us. Not many win two Arcs. Let's hope we can put it right next year and that John retires Enable! I haven't discussed bringing back Sea of Class for the Arc next year with her owner but I hope so and expect so.”

**Christopher Tsui (owner of Sea of Class, 2nd)**

“She was fabulous. In the home straight, we didn’t think we stood a chance. The way she finished, it was simply incredible! James rode her superbly. He lost a lot of weight to ride her today. We are very happy with the result. It's too early to discuss her future but we will be thinking of it this evening, over a glass of champagne.”

**Lisa-Jane Graffard (representative for Godolphin, owner of Cloth of Stars, 3rd)**

“ I'm overwhelmed! Cloth of Stars ran very well. He looked like the winner for a moment. He's a great horse! We couldn't have asked him for more. Before the race, I said I wouldn't change him for the world! We are very proud of this race. To finish placed at the Arc is great. We didn't plan for him to finish ahead of Waldgeist, but he put his bad performances behind and validated his second place last year. He was truly magnificent today and was on top form. He did everything we asked and quickened impressively. As for Talismanic, he didn't have enough running to challenge the others today.”

**Vincent Cheminaud (jockey of Cloth of Stars, 3rd)**

“His performance was very good. He was in great condition. I have known him for 2 years and often ride him out in the morning. To ride him again in the afternoon is a real pleasure because we work well together and he has always given me his all. I rode my horse for him to be as relaxed as possible.”

**Dietrich Von Boetticher (co-owner of Waldgeist, 4th)**

“He ran well with a strong finish even though he was a bit stuck on the inside. With a bit more space, he could have improved his placement. Although his performance remains good. The ground was ok for him. It is also a victory for the German breeders. The first eight share German blood in their heritage. One day or another, he will come home to the stud, but we are still thinking of his other options.”

**Mathieu Legars (representative for the owners of Capri, 5th)**

“It was a good run from Capri. Last time he lacked racing. In terms of his recovery, he could run again in the weeks to come. Kew Gardens ran well but would have liked more pace because he stays well. His following program is the same, he could run in England in 15 days. Both should stay in training next year. We are very happy with the performance of Hunting Horn but he lacked speed in the finish. He battled bravely until the end. Magical finished well. There are six descendants of Galileo among the first eight. It's exceptional. Furthermore, the first 8 are from the family of Urban Sea. We never expected that. Coolmore have always based their programme around the Derby. We are doing everything to find an successor for Galileo. We have great hopes about Camelot continuing Montjeu's line, which has always had great success at the Arc.”

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<i>Année</i>	<i>Lauréat</i>	<i>Entraîneur</i>	<i>Propriétaire</i>	<i>Jockey</i>	<i>Temps</i>
2018	Enable	J. Gosden	K. Abdullah	L. Dettori	2'29''24
2017	Enable	J. Gosden	K. Abdullah	L. Dettori	2'28''69
2016	Found	A. O'Brien	M. Tabor/D. Smith/Mme J. Magnier	R. Moore	2'23''61
2015	Golden Horn	J. Gosden	A. Oppenheimer	L. Dettori	2'27''23

2014

Trêve

Mme C. Head

Al Shaqab Racing

T. Jarnet

2'26''05