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PARISLONGCHAMP – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 2019
Qatar Arabian Trophy des Juments
(Group 1 PA – 4-y-o fillies – 2.000 metres (1 1/4m)- 150.000 €)

Raahah opens her account

It's unusual for a horse to lose its maiden tag in a group one event. However, that's the fate which befell **Raahah** (Asraa Min Albarq) in the Qatar Arabian Trophy des Juments (Group 1 PA). The representative of Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani, trained at Pau by François Rohaut, was still towards the rear in the false straight – together with **Jaazmah Athbah** (Jalnar Al Khalediah) and **Vivabaina** (Kerbella). However, these three fillies did their best work in the straight, and this enabled them to dominate at the finish. The reverse was true of the pacesetters which weakened in the sticky ground.

The reactions

François-Xavier Bertras (the jockey of Raahah, 1st)

« She was very unlucky on her previous start. This was nothing to do with us but rather all down to another runner in the race. She has made big strides forward recently and was coming into this race in tip-top condition. You needed a very tough sort to win this race. Jaazmah Athbah kept us honest in the last 50 metres, but my mount was in no mood to throw in the towel and never flinches the issue. »

Élisabeth Bernard (the trainer of Jaazmah Athbah, 2nd)

« I think that my filly got beaten on account of the ground. She doesn't act on a heavy track. The third is still a maiden, as was the winner coming into the race, and I think that they particularly relished the underfoot conditions. I've no wish to take anything away from them, as they have surely made a lot of progress, but the fact remains that they were surprise packages. I'm sure that my filly would have won had the ground been good, as her action was laboured towards the finish. The owner hails from Saudi Arabia and the filly will probably tackle a race in that country, and namely one on the Saudi Cup card at Riyadh, in February. »

Charles Gourdain (the trainer of Vivabaina, 3rd)

« She proved to be very courageous and Olivier Peslier rode her with a lot of patience. She was struggling to go the pace in that ground. However, despite this, the track conditions didn't inconvenience her as she was doing her best work at the finish. I think that they went quick in front. We are very happy (with her effort) and we will mull matters over before deciding what to do next [with her]. Nothing is yet decided and there aren't many options open to her in France. Perhaps, we will aim her at a big race at Toulouse... »

QATAR ARABIAN TROPHY DES JUMENTS (4-y-o fillies and up)

- 1st RAAHAH (Asraa Min Albarq ex Massamarie)
Jockey: F.-X. Bertras
Owner: H.H. M. Bin Khalifa Al Thani
Trainer: F. Rohaut
Breeder: Al Shahania Stud
- 2nd JAAZMAH ATBAH (Jalnar Al Khalediah ex Keen Game)
J: J.-B. Eyquem
O: Athbah Stud
T: Mme J.-F. Bernard
B: Atbah Stud Limited
- 3e VIVABAINA (Kerbella ex Vivamaria)
J: O. Peslier
O: Royal Stables of Oman
T: C. Gourdain
B: Royal Stables of Oman
- Dist: Nk. - Nk. - 3 1/2
Time : 2'22''77

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