



## QATAR ARABIAN WORLD CUP Group 1 PA – 4-year-olds and over - 2.000 metres - 1.000.000 €

A fifth winner for Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani

Having already won the Qatar Arabian World Cup four times, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani was already the winning most owner of the Arabian World Cup world. **Ebraz** (Amer), who was the favourite gave the trainer a fifth success. The grey, ridden by Maxime Guyon and trained by Julian Smart, was waited with in behind before powering home down the outside of the field. Brave in defeat, **Khataab** (Amer), trained by Thomas Fourcy for Al Shaqab Racing, could not get the better of the winner. Long-time leader **Mashhur Al Khalediah** (Jalnar Al Khalediah) held on well to third place, for English trainer Philip Collington.

### *Reactions of connections*

#### **Julian Smart (trainer of Ebraz, 1<sup>st</sup>)**

“We were here for that, to win this race. Thanks to Sheikh Mohammed I am very lucky to train a horse like this. That's five wins in the race, not bad at all. Emir Sword won it at four years, but horses of mine don't generally strike at that age. It is after that they shine. We will be coming back next year. My boss has already had a superb weekend with winners on Friday and Saturday, so today the pressure was already off.”

#### **Maxime Guyon (jockey of Ebraz, 1<sup>st</sup>)**

“He deserves this win, he really is a great horse. Two years ago I won this with Gazwan, another Julian Smart horse and Ebraz finished very close. He has improved again this year and is now a class above, with age he is progressing. He used to be a horse with a lot of character, he was even capable of pulling himself up at the finish.”

#### **Thomas Fourcy ( trainer of Khataab, 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

“We have a few regrets, Jerome Cabre got in a bit of a scrap at the top of the straight when he was trying to get out, but that is racing. It's true that if had better luck in running that the finish might have been different, but we haven't got much choice with this horse, we have to ride him from the back. We are still extremely happy with our horse, he has had some health problems and hasn't run very much. We have put everything into this race since last year. He

has put in everything and you wouldn't imagine how much he has gone through for us. He is a bit out of the ordinary. We might keep him for next year and follow the same schedule."

**Philip Collington ( trainer of Mashhur Al Khalediah, 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

"Very pleased with that, we didn't think there was going to be a lot of pace and obviously we didn't have to make the running but at the same time we didn't want to be too far back. Jean-Bernard gave him a great ride and got him quite settled in front. When he increased the pace I thought for a minute just be able to hold on but it wasn't to be, but we are over the moon the horse has ran fantastic. We may head to Abu Dhabi with him next, but we will have to see that with the sponsors."

**QATAR ARABIAN WORLD CUP**

1st EBRAZ (Amer & Massamarie)

J. : Maxime Guyon

T. : Julian Smart

O. : H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani

B. : H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani

2nd KHATAAB (Amer & Djelana)

J. : Jérôme Cabre

T. : Thomas Fourcy

O. : Al Shaqab Racing

B. : Alban de Mieulle

3rd MASHHUR AL KHALEDIAH (Jalnar Al Khalediah & Amerah Al Khalediah)

J. : Jean-Bernard Eyquem

T. : Philip Collington

O. : Athbah Racing KSA

B. : Al Khalediah Stable

Distances : 3/4 - 1 1/4 - 1 1/4

Time of the race : 2'20''88