



PARISLONGCHAMP - SAMEDI 3 OCTOBRE 2020
QATAR PRIX DU CADRAN
(Groupe 1 – 4 ans et plus – 4.000 mètres – 180.000 €)

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What a race!

What a race ! The Qatar Prix du Cadran lived up to all its promises. This edition of the French marathon, the stayer's championship, will be one of the most remarkable races in memory... A true jewel in racing history.

When the terrain is as heavy as Saturday, and the distance is so long (4 kilometers!), logically one would save one's horse for the closing stages. That was not, however, what Eddy Hardouin did onboard **Alkuin's** (Maxios). On the contrary, the French rider set a brutal pace up on the lead! Under the hellish pace, his competitors fell away one by one - some finishing the race nearly pulled up. The finishing distances attest to this, from the first two they were respectively: 15 lengths, 9, 1 1/4, a distance, a distance, 7, 8... A real puzzle!

Unfortunately for him, Frédéric Rossi's protégé held the lead until 3988m mark in the 4000m race... before ceding in the final five meters of the race by the only runner who had been able to follow him at his crazy pace: the Irish challenger **Princess Zoe** (Jukebox Jury). At fifteen lengths, the winner of the 2018 edition, **Call The Wind** (Frankel), finished the race KO standing.

The other who was dizzy after the race was Zoe Princess' jockey Joseph 'Jo' Sheridan! After such an effort, he could not believe that he had just won his first Group 1 and was struggling to stifle his tears of joy. What emotion!

The reactions

Tony Mullins (trainer of Princess Zoe, 1st)

"I thought I was going to have a heart attack in the closing stages! When I saw Princess Zoe hit the lead, I felt a feeling I had never felt before. It's unbelievable! I was confident that she could finish well and come and win. It's a very big win for me, it's my first Group 1 on the flat. She's a mare who's improved so much as she gets older. That's all she did. Therefore, we may well come back to run the Arc next year. Indeed, it is as good over long distances as it is over 2,400 meters. We were very confident before the race and she met our expectations."

Joseph Sheridan (jockey of Princess Zoe, 1st)

"It's a dream come true. I didn't think I'd win a Group anytime soon, let alone a Group 1. I thank all those who gave me the chance to ride this race. I owe them so much."

Frédéric Rossi (trainer of Alkuin, 2nd)

*"I'm disappointed to be beaten by so little. When he was 200 yards from the post, I thought he was going to win. I think if he had gone at the entrance to the straight, the mare would not have seen him again. But his jockey told me he was going pretty fast and pretty easy at the time. Never mind, we'll win the Cadran next year! What a horse! We got him back at the beginning of the year, it's great. My assistant at Chantilly did a great job, and so did the other members of my team. **Alkuin** loves ParisLongchamp and the heavy ground. If he recovers well, the Royal Oak Prize (Group 1) is not an impossibility."*

Freddy Head (entraîneur de Call The Wind, 3^e)

"He didn't have enough stamina. It was a complicated race with this ground. This horse won good ground, including in Riyadh. You need special skills in these conditions!"

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1st PRINCESS ZOE (Jukebox Jury & Palace Princess)

J. : J. Sheridan

Ow. : P.F. Kehoe/Mme P. Crampton

Tr. : A. Mullins

Br. : Gestut Hony-Hof

2^e ALKUIN (Maxios & Almerita)

J. : E. Hardouin

Ow. : Guido-Werner-Hermann Schmitt

Tr. : F. Rossi

Br. : C. Berglar

3^e CALL THE WIND (Frankel & In Clover)

J. : O. Peslier

Ow. : G. Strawbridge

Tr. : F. Head

Br. : G. Strawbridge

Distances: 1/2 - 15 - 9

Race time: 4'38''88