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PARISLONGCHAMP – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2020
QATAR PRIX JEAN-LUC LAGARDÈRE (GRAND CRITÉRIUM)
(Group 1 – 2-year-olds– 1.400 metres (7f) – 240.000 €)

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Sealiway crushes the opposition

The French colt **Sealiway** (Galiway) crushed the opposition in the Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère (Grand Critérium). Given a positive ride by Mickaël Barzalona, who kept his mount on the heels of the leader, **Cairn Gorm** (Bated Breath), Sealiway moved in for the kill approaching the open stretch. His long, steady powers of acceleration did the rest as he increasingly put daylight between himself and his rivals. The favourite **Nando Parrado** (Kodiac) was beaten eight lengths into second. **Laws of Indices** (Power) was a length and a quarter further away in third.

Sealiway is owned by the Haras de la Gousserie (which we associate with the Chehboub brothers) and Guy Pariente, who is also the breeder. He's a son of the young sire Galiway (Colleville stud, Guy Pariente), whose first crop are three-year-olds. It marks the first time that these particular yellow and green silks have won at this level in France. Although Spirit One did win the American Arlington Million (Group 1) for the same concern in 2008.

Sealiway is trained by Frédéric Rossi at the Calas-Cabriès (Marseille) training centre. He recorded his first success Group 1 win following the win of **Dream and Do** (Siyouni) in the Poule d'Essai des Poulaches (French 1,000 Guineas) during the current 2020 season.

Post race reaction

Frédéric Rossi (the trainer of Sealiway, 1st)

« After he won in May we were thinking in terms of aiming him at the Prix Morny. However, we harboured reservations about the trip. We ran him at Chantilly and he wasn't very convincing. We then reasoned that the colt needed to be stepped up in trip. In the Prix Roland de Chambure, he got outpaced. I told Mickaël Barzalona to give him an energetic ride. He's a very tough type but isn't the sort that can produce a sudden burst of acceleration. He will be heading for the Poule [d'Essai des Poulains] [French 2,000 Guineas) at three, however, his season hasn't [necessarily] ended. As it's possible that he may go on his travels. We're thinking in terms of the Breeders' Cup. »

Mickaël Barzalona (the jockey of Sealiway, 1st)

« Frédéric Rossi told me to make it a true test from some way out and the pace was standard. The front runner soon weakened in the straight. So I took advantage by making a forward move. The last time I rode him, I didn't know him and thought I was going to win easily. He gives the impression of travelling very easily, but without the required turn of foot. On the hand, he tends to pick up steadily. »

Fearghal Hogann (the co-owner of Law of Indices, 3rd)

« We're delighted. The ground was definitely too soft for him. So we're going to rough him off for the season with a view to next year. It's great to get a Group 1 placing. We don't know if he will go further. He was an 8.000 € purchase at the Goffs sales last October (2019). So to be competing at this level is simply great. »

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- 1st SEALIWAY (Galiway & Kensea)
Jockey: M. Barzalona
Owner: : Haras de la Gousserie / Guy Pariente
Trainer: F. Rossi
Breeder: G. Pariente Holding
- 2nd NANDO PARRADO (Kodiac & Chibola)
Jockey: C. Soumillon
Owner: Mme M. McCartan
Trainer: C. Cox
Breeder: Mme A. Wigan
- 3rd LAWS OF INDICES (Power & Sampers)
Jockey: W. Lee
Owner: Mme C. Holmes
Trainer: K. Condon
Breeder: N. Hartery

Distances: 8l - 3/4l - neck.

Time : 1'23''49