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QATAR ARABIAN TROPHY DES JUMENTS (4-Y-OLD PA FILLIES)

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Sahab is in a league of her own

The 4-y-old Purebred Arabian (PA) filly Sahab, who carries the colours of Qatari owner Mohammed Fahad Al-Attiyah and is trained at Royan (Charente-Maritime) by Thomas Fourcy, won the Qatar Arabian Trophy des Juments, which is the top French race for 4-year-old PA fillies. Sahab was ridden by Mickaël Barzalona. She accounted for the classy Monda, trained at Mont-de-Marsan by Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte, and Sultana, conditioned at La Teste (Gironde) by Elisabeth Bernard, by a length. It was also a clean-sweep for the South-West, which are the French heartlands of the PA breed, as the first three home all hail from that part of France. Thomas Fourcy, whose string consists mainly of PA horses, had already won this race in 2020 with Lady Princess, who has gone on to become one of the best PA horses on the world stage.

The technical result

QATAR ARABIAN TROPHY DES JUMENTS (POULICHES DE 4 ANS)

Group 1 PA – 4-y-old PA fillies - 2.000m (10f) - 150.000 €

1st SAHAB

Jockey: Mickaël Barzalona - Trainer: Thomas Fourcy

2nd MONDA

Jockey: Jim Crowley - - Trainer: Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte

3rd SULTANA

Jockey: Jean-Bernard Eyquem -- Trainer: Élisabeth Bernard

WHAT CONNECTIONS SAID:

Thomas Fourcy (the trainer of Sahab, 1st) - Royan (Charente-Maritime)

« She is very generous. When giving the orders, I told Mickaël Barzalona that he could be confident, even if she is not physically impressive. There was a bit of pace in the race which helped her. I was a bit concerned in the false straight: as she came on the bit and I was afraid

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that it was too early. However, she is so tough. It's an impressive display. She blends class and speed. She would have given her all had another of the runners drawn upsides her. »

Xavier Thomas-Demeulte (the trainer of Monda, 2nd) (Mont-de-Marsan - Landes)

« Monda ran very well. She has come on for her comeback effort at La Teste, and she certainly relishes soft tracks. Her jockey told me that she would have preferred a race with more pace. Her performance is a very good one. Jim Crowley is a very good jockey. It was a pleasure to have him on board today. Her owners will decide what happens next but I think that she will be on her travels, having already been campaigned in Qatar last year. »

Élisabeth Bernard (the trainer of Sultana, 3rd) (La Teste - Gironde)

« I am delighted with Sultana's performance. However, she's a filly who has come to me via the United Arab Emirates, and she's only ever raced on fast ground there, and the pace in which races are run there is also different. She's a brave filly. I'm sure she'll improve and will learn to relax a bit more in time. For sure, if the distance had been 1,600m, it would have suited her better. However, 2,000m is within her compass. She has to learn to settle a bit better. »

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