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Qatar Prix Foy - ParisLongchamp Place du Carrousel seals her Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe passage results and quotes from the connections

The French filly Place du Carrousel, ridden by Mickaël Barzalona, proved particularly brave when winning the Group 2 Qatar Prix Foy at ParisLongchamp on Sunday, the first of three trial races for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the world's leading horse race, scheduled for Sunday 1 October. She turned back the persistent attentions of defending champion Irésine, with the German raider Sammarco completing the podium.

Place du Carrousel won the Prix de l'Opéra Longines last year, sometimes known as the Arc for fillies/mares as it is reserved exclusively for members of the fairer sex. This year, the representative of Al Shaqab Racing and Ballylinch Stud, is expected to head for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.



The technical result

- 1st PLACE DU CARROUSEL
Trainer : André Fabre – Jockey : Mickaël Barzalona
- 2nd IRÉSINE
Trainer : Jean-Pierre Gauvin – Jockey : Marie Vélon
- 3rd SAMMARCO
Trainer : Peter Schiergen – Jockey : Adrie de Vries

Distances: Neck – ½l – 1 1/4l. Time: 2m'35''66s
Going: 3,4 (good to soft)

What connections said :

Rupert Pritchard-Gordon, the Al Shaqab Racing representative, co-owners of Place du Carrousel (1st) – Chantilly (Oise region)

« The filly showed that she's in good form. She's still fresh because she hasn't run much this year, due to a slight setback in the spring. The weather conditions are exceptional today, and Monsieur Fabre preferred to go for the Qatar Prix Foy rather than the Qatar Prix Vermeille, anticipating that there would be less pace in the Foy. When we decided to keep her in training at 4, after her success in the Prix de l'Opéra Longines last year, the idea was to aim her at the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. So if all goes well between now and then, we'll be heading to the race of dreams ! »

Jean-Pierre Gauvin (the trainer of Irésine, 2nd) – Saint-Cyr-les-Vignes (Loire region)

« Following the feedback of jockey, Marie Vélon, I am reassured by Irésine's performance. Irésine was fresh and probably lacked a bit of condition. Fast ground is not his favourite surface. If she had been harder on him and gone all out for the win, Irésine might have beaten Place du Carrousel, but we'll never know. In any case, he made a good comeback. That's reassuring, and now we're going to see how he comes out of the race. If all goes well, we'll have several options open to us. The easiest option would probably be the Prix Royal-Oak, which he won last year. Then there's the Prix du Conseil de Paris which is a stepping stone to Asia or the Champions Stakes at Ascot, but I'm a little less keen on the British race. »

Peter Schiergen (the trainer of Sammarco, 3rd) – Germany

« He ran well, having got a bit stuck on the inside before running-on well. It was a great battle to the finish. We're pleased. We'll think about what's next on the agenda. He's entered in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, which is a possibility, but he's also entered in the Prix Dollar. We'll mull matters over in due course. »

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