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Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp Longines

Highfield Princess: a rocket born in
Normandy

Result and quotes from the winners

Highfield Princess, trained in Britain by John Quinn but bred in the Calvados region, at the Haras du Camp Benard, which is run by Fabienne Simoes de Almeida and her mother, Martine Van de Kerchove, made her mark in the Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp: a 1,000 metres sprint run on the straight course. It marked the mare's fourth Group 1 success. She also shone at last year's Deauville Barrière when landing the Larc Prix Maurice de Gheest.

Highfield Princess accounted for another British raider, Perdika, with Ireland's Aesop's Fables snaring third.

Highfield Princess was ridden by Jason Hart. She is trained by John Quinn and owned by Trainers House Enterprises Ltd.



The technical result

1st HIGHFIELD PRINCESS
Trainer: John – Jockey : Jason Hart
2nd PERDIKA
Trainer: George Boughey – Jockey : Mickaël Barzalona
3rd AESOP'S FABLES
Trainer: Aidan O'Brien – Jockey : Ryan Moore
Distances: 1l – Sht hd - Nose. Time: 00'55''07s.
Ground: 3,3 (good to soft)

What connections said :

John Quinn (the trainer of Highfield Princess, 1st) – Great Britain

« She's run in everything that she's had to run in. I'm on cloud nine. I've had runners, over the years, who have ran well on this wonderful weekend, and have been narrowly beaten several times in this race. To win a Group 1 at this meeting is incredible. This mare is so brave. She's the best sprinter in the world! Her connections have had the courage to keep her in training. It was a really brave decision. The Breeders' Cup is a possibility. However, today's race was her goal. »

Sally Nicholls (owner-breeder of Perdika, 2nd) – Great Britain

« Her performance took my breath away. She ran so well. We're almost surprised. I still don't understand why her sire is called Unfortunately... he should be called Fortunately! Her future certainly lies at stud in 2024. A Gr1 placing changes everything regarding her broodmare profile. She loves France and so do we. Now we're going to crack open our piggy bank and send her to a good stallion. »

Aidan O'Brien (the trainer of Aesop's Fables, 3rd) – Ireland

« We're really pleased with the performance of Aesop's Fables. The colt ran really well against horses who had already proved themselves at this level. He's blossoming as a sprinter right now. I haven't yet decided where we will be going with him next. One thing's for sure, though: we'll be seeing a lot more of him over 1,000m in the future... »

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