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QATAR PRIX DE LA FORÊT

Kelina puts the Wertheimer colours in the spotlight

Result and quotes from the winners

The Wertheimer & Frère stable (owners of the fashion accessories firm Chanel) tasted Group 1 success in the Qatar Prix de la Forêt - the top level of racing – thanks to Kelina, who relished the downhill nature of this particularly course at a revamped ParisLongchamp. The winner of the Group 2 Prix de Sandringham, and fourth in the Group 1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Pouliches earlier in the season, the 3-year-old filly had disappointed twice in the Group 1 Prix Rothschild and Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. Trained at Chantilly by Carlos Laffon-Parias, Kelina provided her owners with a first Group 1 success since 5 August 2018 when Polydream landed the Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville in the same colours.

Britain's Kinross, the 2022 winner and the hot favourite, was beaten half a length into second this time round. So he did not provide the retiring Frankie Dettori with a final Group 1 success on this Arc de Triomphe card...

Shouldvebeenaring, also trained by Britain and supplemented for this race, was a length and a quarter further behind in third.



The technical result

1st KELINA
Trainer: Carlos Laffon-Parias – Jockey : Maxime Guyon
2nd KINROSS
Trainer:: Ralph Beckett – Jockey : Lanfranco Dettori
3rd SHOULDVEBEENARING
Trainer: Richard Hannon – Jockey : Sean Levey
Distances: 1/2l – Nk – 1 1/2l. Time: 1m'17''17s.
Ground: 3,3 (good to soft)

What connections said

Carlos Laffon-Parias (the trainer of Kelina, 1st) – Chantilly (Oise region)

« Kelina ran very poorly in the Prix Marcel Bussac last year, but the soft ground did not help her run to her true form. In the Prix de Sandringham (Gr2), she managed to beat Sauterne, who went on to win the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp (Gr1). In the Prix du Moulin, Kelina didn't have a good draw and, despite being held up, it was if she hadn't raced. Maybe her freshness helped. Today we got our ground and that changed everything. We thought the track would be softer and, as we weren't sure we would find good ground, we accepted an invite to run in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Gr1) at Keeneland. We mulled the matter over with the Wertheimer brothers and opted to stay in France. We made the right choice! »

Pierre-Yves Bureau (racing manager of the Ecurie Wertheimer & Frère, the owners of Kelina, 1st)

« We will mull matters over with her owners as regards future plans, but she could tackle the Breeders' Cup Mile (Gr1). She could stay in training next year if Carlos adjudges her to be in the right condition for this. »

Ralph Beckett (the trainer of Kinross, 2nd) – Great Britain

« We finished second – and there is nothing more to be said. »

Tom Palin (the Middleham Park Racing representative – and owners of Shouldvebeenaring, 3rd) – Great Britain

« We love France and the Arc meeting in particular. He's a wonderful horse. He always gives his best and yet again ran very well. He's really is a 1,200 metres horse. He got jostled at the start before getting back on an even keel. Thanks to him, we had a great day at the races. Having a runner [at this level] is a very difficult thing and so achieving a podium finish is simply great. Especially in a Group 1 race. No less than 17 co-owners came to Longchamp [to cheer him on] and France Galop made us feel very welcome. Maybe we'll come back again next year! We are lucky to have Gr1 horses every year, and this is thanks to our clients, our jockeys, our owners, our trainers and our bloodstock agents. They are the best! This may be the last time that he encounters good ground this year. The Breeders' Cup is also a possibility. We are also thinking about next year now. However, several stud farms have tabled offers to stand him as a stallion. »

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