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2nd leg of the Grand Steeple-Chase Masters : Prix Troytown Juntos Ganamos dominates the older brigade



In common with the first leg of the Grand Steeple-Chase Masters, the Prix Robert de Clermont-Tonnerre, it was a 5-year-old (the minimum age in which horses are eligible to run in this race) who won the second leg of this challenge, the Group 3 Prix Troytown. Juntos Ganamos, making his return, made virtually all, having had Gallipoli for company in front. However, in the home straight, the representative of Alain Jathière - who co-owns the horse in partnership with Gérard Augustin-Normand, Margaux Cottin, Michael Rizieri, Thomas Sivadier and Stéphanie Nigge - waved goodbye to Gallipoli, who had to be content with second. Further back, Gold Tweet made a good return by finishing third. Gran Diöse, second in last year's Group 1 Prix La Haye Jousselein, was fifth on his comeback race.

It should be pointed out that the 2023 edition of the Prix Troytown was won by Rosario Baron, and he went on to win the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris two months later.

The younger generation to the fore

Juntos Ganamos, trained at Chantilly by David Cottin and ridden by Felix de Giles, was the leading 3-y-old steeple-chaser in the first half of last season, winning the Group 1 Prix Ferdinand Dufaure. Having fallen on his reappearance in the autumn, he won the Group 3 Prix Orcada, before parting company with his jockey in the Group 1 Prix Maurice Gillois - Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 ans.

On Sunday, he became acquainted with the rail ditch and fence, an obstacle considered to be the an acid test for a jumper for the first time. It was a conclusive test ahead of his main target, the Group 1 Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris on 19 May. His next target is the fourth leg of the Grand Steeple-Chase Masters, the Prix Ingré (Group 2, 27 April).

What connections said :

David Cottin (the trainer of Juntos Ganamos, 1st) – Chantilly (Oise region)

« The horse did what was expected of him, and he did it well! We're going to bring him along steadily via the Prix Ingré. I was very pleased with him today. He's only been at the stable for two months, having had a winter break in the countryside. He's an imposing horse who still needs to shed some weight. He was foot perfect regarding his jumping. He has all the attributes of a Grand Steeple horse! »

Noel George (the trainer of Gallipoli, 2nd) – Chantilly (Oise region)

« We're delighted and the horse is only getting better. Gallipoli will bypass the next prep race [of the series]. As we'll be heading to either the Prix Ingré, or going directly to the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris. I think he's a horse that will be better on good ground, especially given his pedigree. At the beginning of the year, we didn't think that we had a Grand Steeple horse on our hands. »

Gabriel Leenders (the trainer of Gold Tweet, 3rd) – Jarzé (Maine and Loire region)

« I know that the horse has scope for improvement, as, on account of the heavy rain, I wasn't able to really sharpen him up like I wanted. The horse ran well. When racing down the far side, there was no other horse in the race that could give him a tow into the race as regards reeling-in the front two, and he made a mistake going to the last fence down the backstretch. The aim is 19 May. Before that, he'll either tackle the Prix Murat or the Prix du Mont-Doré at Compiègne. We even joked about running him at Aintree! »

Louisa Carberry (the trainer of Gran Diose, 5th) – Senonnes-Pouancé (Mayenne region)

« We knew he would needed the run, and that it was important for him to get back into the rhythm of competition. The horse did his job and jumped well. His jockey, who was riding him for the first time, learnt a lot about him, which is important. Gran Diose needed the run. On heavy ground, and in a race run at a good tempo, you could see that he needed to get a race under his belt. If all goes well, he'll run again in the Prix Murat, in three weeks' time. I'm expecting him to step up on this. »

The next leg of the Grand Steeple-Chase Masters :

Saturday April 6 2024, Prix Murat

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**LE GRAND
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17 MARS

**PRIX
TROYTOWN
GR3**

27 AVRIL

**PRIX
INGRÉ
GR2**

24 FÉVRIER

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GR3**

06 AVRIL

**PRIX
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GR2**



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