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# GRAND PRIX DE PARIS

Le défilé le plus palpitant

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## Grand Prix de Paris

### Sosie lays down a marker for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

Result and quotes from connections



The Grand Prix de Paris, first run in 1863, was won by Sosie. Owned by the Wertheimer & Frère stable, the colt was coming off a third in the Group 1 Qatar Prix du Jockey-Club.

Sosie bided his time in the mid-division before turning on style in the straight to win comfortably at Paris-Longchamp on Saturday. He accounted for the Irish colt Illinois by two lengths. The favourite, the home-trained Delius, was a neck further back in third.

Chantilly trainer André Fabre, the current record holder for the number of winners trained in this Group 1 race (the pinnacle of excellence in horse racing), added a 14th Grand Prix de Paris to his roll of honour. Jockey Maxime Guyon, meanwhile, was collecting a fourth success in a race restricted to 3-year-old colts and fillies.

Sosie is already shaping up as one of the leading contenders for the Group 1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on 6 October.

### **The technical result**

1<sup>st</sup> SOSIE (M. Guyon)

2<sup>nd</sup> ILLINOIS (C. Soumillon)

3<sup>rd</sup> DELIUS (C. Demuro)

Time: 2m 31.2s. Distances: 2l – Neck - 1/2l.

### **What connections said:**

#### **Pierre-Yves Bureau, the racing manager of the Wertheimer & Frère Stable – the owner-breeders of Sosie (1<sup>st</sup>) – Chantilly training centre (Oise region) #**

« It was a superb race! He's a colt we've always held in high esteem but, given his very massive physique, it has taken him a while to come to himself. He's still a relatively new horse as this was only his fifth career outing. He ran a blinder in the Qatar Prix du Jockey-Club. I was a bit worried when I saw the rain coming as he's a top of the ground colt. However, in the Jockey-Club, he handled the sticky ground.. This victory is very important for breeding purposes. The Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, in the autumn, is the logical target for the colt. »

#### **Maxime Guyon - the jockey of Sosie (1<sup>st</sup>)**

« In the Qatar Prix du Jockey-Club we were beaten more by the trip than by his rivals - even though they are very good. Sosie is a super straight forward type. He's a bit cold but, once he gets into the swing of things, he really hits the ground running! He's a champion. He was already a smart 2-year-old. After the Jockey-Club, we were very confident coming into this race. He's got everything going for him, including a bombproof temperament. We have a colt who will be one of the favourites for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on our hands. »

#### **Hermine Bastide – the French representative of Coolmore – the owners of Illinois (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Delius (3<sup>rd</sup>)**

« We're delighted with Illinois' performance. He was running-on well at the finish. He's the brother of Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Danedream, and he was coming off a win the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot - the Gold Cup for 3-year-olds. So we had no doubts about his stamina. He was certainly beaten by a very good colt.

Delius ran very well. As in his previous outings, he was doing his best work in the straight. He's probably the eye catcher of the race. »

## Jockey Gérald Mossé announces his retirement



Prior to the start of the Grand Prix de Paris on Saturday 13 July, jockey Gérald Mossé, 57, called time on his riding career which began 40 years ago. He will bow out for the final time after riding at Chantilly on Sunday July 14.

Gérald Mossé has left an indelible mark on the history of horse racing, having won numerous top races, and relative to France, he numbers a win in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (1990), plus three editions of the Prix du Jockey-Club and five renewals of the Prix de Diane. All told, he has ridden in 13,000 plus races in France for in excess of 1,600 wins. This tally includes 196 group race successes which comprise 54 G1 wins (although in reality this figure is 90 G1 wins if the number of victories abroad is taken into account), 50 G2 wins and 92 G3 successes, and close to 3,000 places. He has also showcased his talent internationally, and notably in Hong Kong.

Gérald Mossé's now plans now to embark on a training career. With this in mind, he obtained his trainer's licence in 2022, before acquiring and renovating the Manoir des Sangliers stables at Gouvieux, which has direct access to the Chantilly training centre, the largest of its kind in Europe, and a facility managed by France Galop.

France Galop would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Gérald Mossé on his contribution to enhancing the development of horse racing in France and at the major overseas tracks, and wishes him every success in his new career as a trainer.