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KAADAM IMPERIAL IN THE PRIX MAURICE GILLOIS



He was the big favorite of the Prix Maurice Gillois, the Grand Steeple-Chase for 4-year-olds, and he did not falter. The colt Kaadam once again honors the colors of the Hub de Montmirail stable, the training of Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé and the riding of Gaëtan Masure, a team already in the spotlight on Saturday in the Prix Congress with Hacker du Berlais. Having experienced a foot problem in the spring, Kaadam did not have a first half of the year in line with his quality. He completely redeemed himself in the fall where he won his three outings.

Kaadam dominated Kentucky Wood, remarkable when he had only one flat race under his belt this fall. Royal Saga, who fell on his last outing, created a small surprise by taking third place on the podium.

Kaadam once again highlights the Royan professional Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé, current leader of the obstacle trainers. He was bred by Richard Corveller, a veterinarian in Meslay-du-Maine. The Hub de Montmirail stable (Hubert Mauillon's stable) shares ownership with Simon Macauley and Andrew Peake, two English owners.

Declarations of the connections

Bertrand Le Métayer (representative of the Hub de Montmirail stable, co-owner of Kaadam, 1st) - Royan (Charente-Maritime)

"Gaëtan Masure rode him with confidence, taking the outside, which allowed him to have better ground. This is not negligible. He is perhaps a little less incisive than during his last success, but this is to be put in relation to the slow pace and the ground. He did just what was necessary. It is for this reason that he will be able to go longer. Obviously, we are thinking of the Grand Steeple with him..."

Gaëtan Masure (jockey of Kaadam, 1st)

"I rode him like the boss he is, choosing to position myself outside, so that he would be comfortable. He wins a little less clearly than last time, but the track is very heavy."

François Nicolle (trainer of Kentucky Wood, 2nd) - Royan (Charente-Maritime)

"He ran tremendously well! He arrived late in training for the fall, and I chose to run him on the flat at Saint-Brieuc to prepare for this meeting. I racked my brains... I told his jockey Angelo Zuliani to ride him more for a place than for the win. We are going to run the consolation race, where we won't have to face Kaadam. He will age well."

Dominique Bressou (trainer of Royal Saga, 3rd) - Dragey Training Center (Manche)

"I'm really super happy with his performance today because I was a bit disappointed last time when he fell. Today, he jumped well, it's really a good performance!"

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