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QATAR PRIX DE LA FORÊT PRÉSENTÉ PAR EDUCATION ABOVE ALL

**THE FILLY RAMATUELLE ENABLES
TONY PARKER
TO ENJOY FURTHER GROUP ONE
SUCCESS**



After several placed efforts at Group 1 level (the very top level in horse racing), the 3-year-old filly Ramatuelle gained the biggest win of her career in the Qatar Prix de la Forêt

- Presented by Education Above All. And on the rain-softened ground at Paris-Longchamp, the French filly simply outclassed the opposition. As she powered three lengths clear of the British raider Kinross, who was also second in last year's renewal. Trained at Deauville by Yann Barberot, Beauvatier, was three-quarters of a length further adrift in third

Ramatuelle is trained at Chantilly by Christopher Head, who was winning this race for the first time. His father, Freddy Head, and his aunt, Christiane [also known as Criquette] Head also figure on the Prix de la Forêt roll of honour.

Bred by Yeguada Centurion, Ramatuelle was purchased at the Deauville Arqana yearling Sales. She hails from the first crop of top US sire Justify.

Ramatuelle is owned by a partnership which comprises former basketball star Tony Parker (Infinity Nine Horses), the Écurie Monceaux, Hollymount Stud France, Chun Wai Kwok, Ilse Smits, Arthur Hoyer and Clément Tropès. The latter is the racing manager of Infinity Nine Horses, which is Tony Parker's racing stable.

Following the win of Mangoustine in the Group 1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, this marks the second victory at the highest level for a horse owned by the former basket ball star.

The technical result

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1st RAMATUELLE (A. Lemaître)

2nd KINROSS (R. Ryan)

3rd BEAUVATIER (A. Pouchin)

Time: 1m 20.2s. Distances: 3l – 3/4l – Short Head.

What connections said:

Tony Parker – the co-owner of Ramatuelle (1st)

« It's superb! I'm lucky to have the right people around me, and that was important for me when I started out in racing. I contacted Henri [notes to editor : Bozo] and he welcomed me with open arms, and that makes winning even more special. We were looking for a Gr1 win [with the filly], having been to England for that [placed in the 1,000 Guineas], and so to win this Group 1 on home soil is huge. Ramatuelle has a huge heart. »

Christopher Head – the trainer of Ramatuelle (1st) – Chantilly (Oise)

«Ramatuelle is incredible! She's has a lot of speed... Her Group 1 victory was a long time in coming, and I'm delighted that it happened during the Arc weekend. She was in exalted company in this race. It's been a long time since that we've had such a deep field such as this... she's unique. She was able to be covered up and and her jockey was able to do what he wanted [with the filly]. It was crazy! It's one of my greatest victories. I'll remember it for the rest of my life. »

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

« Kinross ran remarkably well yet again, but was beaten by a very classy filly, so there are no excuses. It was a very good performance and he showed his mettle, but Ramatuelle

was untouchable. I'm happy with Kinross and, if he comes out of the race in good order, he may head the Group 1 British Champions Sprint at Ascot. »

Yann Barberot the trainer of Beauvatier (3rd) - Deauville (Calvados)

« Beauvatier ran on exceptionally well in the straight, having shown an incredible turn of foot. He finished fastest of all. In the morning he tends to work very well, is straight forward and is getting fitter each time. He showed us yet again that he's a genuine Group 1 horse. Given the state of the ground today, it's surprising what he showed today. He's progressing from race to race. It's possible that he'll to Ascot in a fortnight's time. »

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