

THE FRENCH TROTTING WEEK

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[WAR IN UKRAINE]

Regina Oliinyk photo



WAR IN UKRAINE: "THE HORSES AREN'T ALONE"

The Kiev racecourse is home to between 300 and 400 horses. Since the beginning of the Russian invasion, their welfare has been a focus of the international horse community. As we now know, these Kiev equines are not alone and are being cared for. Viktor Bukreyev is one of the many Ukrainian trainers who have remained at the Kiev racecourse to look after his horses. Not only did he stay in Kiev, but he moved into his stable when the war broke out.

"I live 20 minutes away from the racecourse but on 24 February I made the choice to move here to my stable on the Kiev racecourse. There are a lot of roadblocks in the city, there were curfews, the horses need me and I have to take care of them. There wasn't really anything to think about, so I moved to the site where my horses are. In fact, there is someone living in each stable now. We're all here to take care of the horses." This is how Viktor Bukreyev describes his life in wartime to Lisa Harkema. The Ukrainian trainer is one of the best known professionals in his country. His stable included several employees, one of whom has just found refuge in France "At the moment, everything is fine at the racecourse.

However, Kiev is bombed and shelled every day. Last Sunday, a fighter plane shot down a Russian missile one kilometre away from the racecourse", the Ukrainian trainer underlined.

A tight-knit group of volunteers at the service of the horses Viktor Bukreyev explains that all the residents at the racecourse are there because they really want to be. Among the dozens of people who serve the horses, there is also Olga Bondar, the racecourse's vice-president, a trainer and amateur driver, who is working hard to raise awareness of the context of the premises, which has become the largest horse residence in the Ukrainian capital. Viktor Bukreyev says: "There are three or four trainers at the racetrack who have stayed here all the time. The others left with their families. In Ukraine things work a little differently. A trainer is hired by a stable or a horse owner for a certain period. The trainers who left did so because they had no work. Apart from that, only the grooms live in the stables, and they made their choice in good conscience. Everyone who is here wants to be here."

■ The walker replaces the track

The situation in Kiev is tense but manageable. *"The Russians are firing rockets that pose a major danger to every building and person in the city. The front, however, is about 20-25 kilometres from the racecourse. However, any explosion or shot can easily frighten the horses, which are locked in their boxes most of the time. Although there is no longer any regular training, the horses exercise in two different ways, either with the mechanical walker or in the paddocks."*

The mechanical walker prevents the horses from running away if something happens (as they are tied to it), and has been available at all times since the Russian invasion. Recently, a small paddock has also become available and has been added to the horses' recreational areas. It was made possible by the warm weather and sunshine making the ground usable.

■ The number of horses changes from day to day

No one is able to provide an exact number of horses at the racecourse. The range of 300 to 400 horses is often quoted. And there is a reason for this: the number changes frequently, almost daily. Despite the bombs and bombings, the Ukrainians live from day to day and have recently agreed to take the risk of transporting their horses. Viktor Bukreyev explains: *"Some owners have even taken their horses home, while others have brought them here. This week, for example, I 'lost' a horse that had to leave for a mating. Another owner took 35 horses home. He came here and picked up five horses a day, and it took him a whole week to get them all back. When there are empty stalls, they gradually fill up with riding horses whose owners think they are safer here."*

■ Enough food for the moment

There has been a lot of concern among foreigners about the possibility of horses starving to death. Fortunately, Viktor Bukreyev reassures that the Ukrainian domestic market is still functioning reasonably well for the moment. *"The concern for the horses at the Kiev racecourse is actually a bit exaggerated at the moment,"* he says. *"We have feed, so there is no acute feeding problem at the moment. There are several local vendors who have a stock of food, and some even have a lot of stock. In the beginning, logistics were a problem. The situation changed every day and a road that was open one day could be closed the next. There were real risks and many waited for a daredevil to try to find a safe route. Now there are safe directions and safe routes, and the question of the creditworthiness of the owners has become more paramount."*

■ The problem of owners' solvency and payment of costs

"I know that the racecourse has a problem of non-payment of boxes, water and electricity by some owners," says Viktor

Bukreyev. *"There is no contact with some owners, while others have lost their jobs and may not have any money. In addition, some stalls have been filled with horses that have been evacuated by volunteers from areas that people have fled. The management's concern is that if no contact is made with the owners of the horses - and many of them have probably lost their jobs and left - the racecourse will be forced to deal with them. That is a financial burden."*

■ The importance of donations for the Kiev racecourse

On 9 March, a large shipment of horse feed was sent from Sweden following a private German initiative. Two days later it was blocked at the border, where it has been ever since. The reason for the blockage is still officially related to customs formalities. Racecourse officials stress that it is better to donate money directly to the accounts set up by the racecourse for this purpose, rather than trying to send food from abroad which can be stopped at the border.

"There is still a lot of food inside Ukraine," says the Ukrainian trainer. *"A shipment from Germany was stuck at the Ukrainian border to Poland for many days, due to problems of 'administrative red tape'. In fact, it was only recently that Olga Bondar told me that the paperwork had been approved. This morning (read Saturday 27 March) the first truck of this German convoy arrived. It brought shavings. Each horse on the track received a bag, and I received six bags. The rest of the bags were unloaded in the warehouse."*

On the subject of donations, Viktor Bukreyev added: *"Ukraine is not part of the European Union. Therefore, if there are no documents confirming that the shipment is for humanitarian purposes, you have to pay customs and import fees. Although I don't know the details, I know that the racecourse administration receives donations directly and that this money is used to buy food for those who are not able to pay for it themselves. The other owners buy their own food."*

■ Report by Lisa Harkema

Regina Oliinyk, welcomed in the South of France

Serving Viktor Bukreyev in Kiev, Regina Oliinyk, 20, left Ukraine at the beginning of the month to arrive in Nice, after a long and complicated ten-day journey, passing through Poland and Germany. She benefited from a network of support, particularly from the racing world. According to the CIFCH (Conseil Indépendant pour la Filière des Courses Hippiques), she was welcomed on her arrival in Nice by Nicolas Ensich and was accommodated in a studio provided by the Société des Courses de la Côte d'Azur.



JASPERS TURGOT A CUT ABOVE

If he had to rely on a bit of luck to win the Prix Édouard Marcillac (Gr.2) on Friday at Vincennes, this time Jaspers Turgot (Korean) only relied on himself to gain a convincing victory.

Jaspers Turgot (Korean) was very sure from the start to the finish and took advantage of a tailor-made course that he was able to offer thanks to his own qualities: speed, handling and intrinsic class.

This victory was a great pleasure for his mentor Franck Anne: *"He is a horse that follows all the trains in harness but it is impossible to go around the others. When ridden, he dominates his subject well. I think he's a step above in terms of class. And he is also very nice, which allows him to place himself well. My position is nice: I just have to train him!"*

The role of jockey was again entrusted to David Thomain, who had not been able to ride him last time and noted positive

progress: *"The horse is progressing in his behaviour, he is taking it in the right direction. He has stretched out well to finish."*

Second on the wire, **Jackpot du Choquel** (Clif du Pommereux) gave Paul Ploquin complete satisfaction: *"A nice discovery. I found him to be a good horse."*

He finished ahead of the beginner in the speciality **Jubilé Prior** (Prince de Montfort) who is credited with a serious course.

The favourite **Jolly Roger** (Drôle de Jet) was at fault after a few dozen metres of racing.

The next semi-classic stage for 3-year-old colts, is on April 16, day of the Prix Gai Brillant, this time on the 2700m of the outer track.

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| KOREAN 1'12"6 | DAHIR DE PRELONG 1'14"2 | FAKIR DU VIVIER |
| | | MARIEVA |
| JASPERS TURGOT | CALMNESS 1'16"0 | ROBESPIERRE 1'14"9 |
| | | PAVESCA HANOVER (US) |
| BEAUTY CHARM | PASSWORD 1'14"3 | GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9 |
| | | FERAINÉ D'OCCAGNES |
| | PURSUIT OF LOVE | IN LOVE WITH YOU 1'13"4 |
| | | GITANE D'ODYSSEE 1'16"7 |



JUNON DU LÉARD IN A RECORD TIME

1'13"8 over the 2200m of the small track for a 3 year old filly is quite simply the new absolute record on this course at this age. Junon du Leard (Briac Dark) signed this great performance on Friday at Vincennes, also well helped by Java de Faël (Charly du Noyer), who animated the race.

This success, achieved in front of a tough hostess and good finishers like **Jipsie du Noyer** (Eridan) and **Joyeuse** (First de Retz), is also the first one at Group 2 level for Alexis Grimault, proud of the work accomplished with this filly whose training he has been managing since the first day: "I have ridden for the Hawas family and I am very happy that this Prix Ali Hawas is my first Gr.2. We haven't worked her in relation to a time like this so she did it on her own, it's really great. And with Paul it works really well because he doesn't

give her too hard races. It's complicated to run the Groups, so at our age, we have to learn from our past mistakes and enjoy successes like this."

Junon du Léard (Briac Dark) was partnered with Paul Ploquin, who was also moved after this success: "It's a friendship victory with my childhood friend. Everyone was there. These are great moments to live around a great filly, trained from A to Z by Alexis. Today she was just perfect," the young jockey said.

The next step is also on 16 April and still between fillies, in the Prix Hémène (2700m outer track).

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| BRIAC DARK 1'10"4 | PRINCE GEDE 1'11"6 | SANCHO PANCA 1'15"2 |
| | | FAVORITE GEDE 1'16"7 |
| JUNON DU LEARD | QUEEN DES CHARMES 1'15"6 | LOOK DE STAR 1'12"7 |
| | | HOUBILLE D'OMBREE 1'19"2 |
| BALI DU LEARD 1'12"8 | GAZOUILLIS 1'12"8 | LUTIN D'ISIGNY 1'14"3 |
| | | UTISKA 1'17"4 |
| | IRMA WILLIAMS 1'16"0 | QUITON DU CORAL 1'15"0 |
| | | REINE CHARDONNET 1'23"1 |

APRH photo



AMPIA MEDE SM FLAT OUT TO BEAT CLEANGAME!

The Prix de Bois de Vincennes (Gr.3) held all its promises on Saturday at Vincennes. The two most expected protagonists, Cleangame and Ampia Mede Sm, fought a beautiful and great final explanation, which turned to the advantage of the Italian mare. The winner scored another point in her rise to the top against a flawless Cleangame.

The impression oscillates between satisfaction to have reached his objective and relief to erase the disappointment of the last outing in the words of Fabrice Souloy at the finish of the Prix du Bois de Vincennes (Gr.3). His pensioner **Ampia Mede Sm** (Ganymède) has just beaten **Cleangame** (Ouragan de Celland) and the name of the "victim" also undeniably reinforces the value of the success. For Fabrice Souloy, **Ampia Mede Sm** has the profile of a champion: *"In the Prix de Paris, she should have won, I think, but you can't go back. You can't change the past. She's a mare with a lot of speed but she's also got a lot of attitude. She has everything. She is exceptional, she is a champion. She has always been good and deserves this big win."*

If the overall kilometer rate is not exceptional (1'13"0 for the

winner and 1'12"4 for **Cleangame** who rendered 25 meters), the final was contested at a hellish speed with a last kilometre completed in 1'08"5 by **Ampia Mede Sm**. A very high level!

Ampia Mede Sm was indeed flat at the end to get the best of **Cleangame** in the last beats, who came quickly to the lead, at one lap to go, thanks to a slow start of the race. Going downhill, it is the tandem of Bazire, **Elie de Beaufour** (Royal Dream) and **Cleangame** who leads the race. After the disappearance of **Elie de Beaufour** on the climb (for which Jean-Michel Bazire has no explanation), the race looks like a match between **Cleangame** and **Fire Cracker** (Quaro).

So far, they didn't go fast with a 1'15"0 reduction for the leader **Fire Cracker** with a thousand meters to go. The tussle between the two geldings turned to the advantage of **Fire Cracker** who showed a "crazy" time on the uphill part in 1'05"4. In the last turn, **Cleangame** came back to the charge and travelled on the outside of **Fire Cracker** taking with him **Ampia Mede Sm**, who had been spared for a long time by Franck Nivard. We know the rest of the story...

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| | BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) | ROYAL PRESTIGE (US) |
| GANYMEDE 1'11"4 | 1'14"4 | NESMILE 1'17"4 |
| AMPIA MEDE SM | UDAMES | QUIOCO |
| | - | GADAMES |
| POLIMPIA SLIDE SM | - | - |
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A last kilometre in less than 1'09"5 for the first five

The common point between the first five is a last kilometre completed in less than 1'09"5 with the best time for the winner **Ampia Mede Sm** (1'08"5) and the "least good" for **Calle Crown** (4th) in 1'09"4.

Cleangame still strong

Faster than usual, **Cleangame** has no reason to be ashamed of such a defeat.

This is also the view of Jean-Michel Bazire on *Equidia*: "He runs well. There are still two or three things to improve in the spring to be a little more competitive. With the plates, he goes a little bit less weight but has comfort and goes very fast when starting. **Ampia Mede Sm** is a Prix d'Amérique mare. She was in my back. We were giving her back twenty-five metres and you can't be disappointed to be beaten by such a mare. The horse was very good, his leg is holding, he is 10 years old. It's hard not to be satisfied."

Is Gu d'Héripé back to business?

Gu d'Héripé (Coktail Jet), led by his training partner and future winner at the top of the climb, did not finish far from the leading duo at the finish post.

For his driver Jean-Philippe Monclin, it is the lines that count in this first runner-up: "He is a very good value because we mustn't forget that the horse has hardly run at all in the last year. In the Prix d'Amérique, **Ampia Mede Sm** would have been one of the favourites and **Cleangame** would certainly have been the favourite."

For Fabrice Souloy, this is a second reason for satisfaction in this race after the success of **Ampia Mede Sm**. The trainer sees here the confirmation of his representative's return to the forefront: "I am very happy for Gu (d'Héripé). He has some sticky alus and is sometimes a bit light of pace at the end, that's why Jean-Philippe (Monclin) couldn't let him go completely. Everyone thought that **Gu d'Héripé** was not at his best and now everyone will understand that Gu is a real champion. He just needed time." ■

3^e | PRIX DU BOIS DE VINCENNES

Att - 2850 m - Groupe 3 - 90 000 €



AMPIA MEDE SM 1'13"

Ganymede x Polimpia Slide Sm ()

Driver : F. Nivard - Entraîneur : F. Souloy

Propriétaire : Sc. Se.Fin. - Eleveur : Fonds de Courses



2^e **Cleangame 1'12"4** Ouragan de Celland x Red Bell

3^e **Gu d'Heripre 1'13"2** Coktail Jet x Vedetta d'Heripre

4^e : Calle Crown - 5^e : Rebella Matters - 6^e : Fire Cracker - 7^e : Express Jet

Where does she come from?

No trace of an Italian breed leader in the paper of **Ampia Mede Sm**. This **Ganymede** daughter has a **Yankee Glide** daughter as dam and a granddam by **Supergill**. The third offspring of **Polimpia Slide Sm** 1'16, she is the masterpiece of her progenitor after the honest winners **Vanita' Mede Sm** 1'14 and **Zoli Mede Sm** 1'12, all by **Ganymede**. The French stamp in her paper is further reinforced by her great grand-dam **Attila L.**, a Swedish mare and daughter of **Tibur**.



“ SHE HAS EVERYTHING. SHE IS EXCEPTIONAL, SHE IS A CHAMPION. ”

TRAINER FABRICE SOULOY





JUST LOVE YOU OR THE ABRIVARD'S GREAT FORM

The disappointment of **Inexess Bleu** was quickly forgotten by the Abrivard clan. After the success of **Diablo de Caponet**, **Just Love You** ended the meeting with another success in the Prix de Châtillon (Group 3), the 42nd since the beginning of the year for Laurent's training, while Alexandre, author of a three-shot, now totals 65.

When the form is there, everything goes... or almost. **Inexess Bleu** (Vittel de Brévol) had been at fault earlier on before the outcome of the second Group 3 of the meeting turned to the advantage of **Just Love You** (Love You), who had not run for three months. After having to give up a race at the beginning of the year because, according to Laurent Abrivard, she was not at all well, and then having gone through the Prix d'Amérique sales ring at Deauville where she was bought for a mere €300,000, the filly bred and owned by Michèle Bliard managed to set the record straight on her return. *"She only had four jobs in her legs after being stopped for the whole month of February,"* confides Alexandre Abrivard. *"She jogged for ten days and has only been working sincerely for ten days. She was only at 70% of her capacity. As the race was not selective, it allowed her to start again under attack."*

If this was the case, it was because Alexandre Abrivard, author of a three-race winning streak on Saturday which gives him 65 victories since the beginning of the year, played the tactics perfectly by blocking the race after taking the lead on the descent. *"Once the Souloy (**Jamaica Turbo**) started to gallop, it calmed down the race",* he continued, while his rival finished very fast and failed by a small margin. So he was finally satisfied with this Saturday in Vincennes. *"Three wins out of nine races, that's one in three, that's good."* Who could say otherwise? ■

“ AS THE RACE WAS NOT SELECTIVE, IT ALLOWED HER TO START AGAIN UNDER ATTACK. ”
ALEXANDRE ABRIVARD

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Where does she come from?

Twelfth offspring of his dam **Just In Love** who had already produced the very good **Royal Lover** (Ganymède), nine times winner and € 409,790 in earnings, but also **First In Love** (Goetmals Wood - € 186,990). Before them, the family was led by **Singapore Sling** (€269,180). **Just Love You** takes the line up a notch.

9^e | PRIX DE CHATILLON



Att - 2700 m - Groupe 3 - 70 000 €



JUST LOVE YOU 1'16"2

Love You x Just In Love (Ever Jet)

Driver : A. Abrivard - Entraîneur : L. Cl. Abrivard

Propriétaire : M. Bliard - Eleveur : M. Bliard



2^e

Jamaica Turbo 1'16"2 Charly du Noyer x Bella Turbo

3^e

Diva Del Ronco 1'16"3 Varenne x Magic Vision Lf

4^e : Junon - 5^e : Justine Vive - 6^e : Jazzie Belle - 7^e : Joyce de Colmine

JEWEL THE BEST, AN INVESTMENT THAT PAYS ITS FIRST DIVIDENDS

Bought for €50,000 at the 2020 Deauville yearling sales by Sébastien Dewulf in association with Sébastien Guarato and SARL de la Cote, **Jewel The Best** (Village Mystic) scored the second success of his career in four public outings this Sunday at Agen. Double starred by our weekly paper *Province Courses* when qualifying in 1'17"3 on 16 June (photo), this colt from the great Vandel line (nephew of **Ustar de Vandel** (€405,005) with matron **Scottish de Vandel** as a half-sister) won without drawing on his reserves, an impression confirmed by his driver Romain Hue on *Equidia Racing*: "He didn't need anyone to win. I had planned to go ahead and my partner did it easily. In the future he will also be able to turn left. At the moment he needs weight under his forelegs and we can't make him lighter yet." The ex-lad of **Face Time Bourbon** (Ready Cash) Romain Hue has achieved a double on Sunday by also winning on the sulky of **Fidèle Madrik** (Prince d'Espace). Didier Hue's son now has 30 successes including six this year.

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| VILLAGE MYSTIC 1'11"1 | LOVE YOU 1'10"2 | COKTAIL JET 1'11"2 |
| | | GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1 |
| JEWEL THE BEST | NETCHKA D'ORGERES 1'14"9 | FULL ACCOUNT 1'13"2 |
| | | FALAMINE |
| CADILA DE VANDEL 1'17"9 | KAISY DREAM 1'12"3 | EXTREME DREAM 1'14"7 |
| | | DAISY CHAIN 1'15"0 |
| | DEILA DE VANDEL 1'18"9 | SANCHO PANCA 1'15"2 |
| | | SCOTTISH DE VANDEL 1'17"8 |

3^e | PRIX DE LA BOULANGERIE ADOUE

Att - 2575 m - Course D - 23 000 €



JEWEL THE BEST 1'16"5

Acheté aux ventes Arqana Trot 50 000 € par SCEA Ecurie S. Guarato pour Sébastien DEWULF

Village Mystic x Cadila de Vandel (Kaisy Dream)

Driver : R. Hue - Entraîneur : S. Guarato

Propriétaire : S. Dewulf - Eleveur : Ec. du Centre Est



FÉLICITATIONS À TOUT L'ENTOURAGE !

PROCHAIN RENDEZ-VOUS
VENTE DE PRINTEMPS

92 LOTS

31 mars - DEAUVILLE

2^e Jappelou du Soir 1'16"9 A Nous Trois x Sinope

3^e Jexelle Lugui 1'16"9 Cocktail Meslois x Relige Merite

4^e : Jouna de Laurma - 5^e : Jolie Crown - 6^e : Job des Carreaux

JUST D'HÉRIPRÉ OPENS HIS COUNTER, JO DU DON REMAINS UNBEATEN

Among the races reserved to 3-yo's this Sunday in France, **Just d'Héripé** (Coktail Jet) has opened his prize list during his third public outing at Meslay-du-Maine. Associated to Antoine Wiels, the full brother to **Gu d'Héripé** (Coktail Jet), very good third of the Prix du Bois de Vincennes (Gr.3) this Saturday at Vincennes, progresses with each race. The representative of the d'Héripé stable seems to be at his best on the right-hand courses. At Rambouillet, **Jo du Don** (Roc Meslois) has kept his invincibility for Cyrille Buhigné. After having won with ease on March 10th in Laval, the uterine brother of **Téma de Bassière** (290 110 € - 14 vict.) has shown himself once again to be very pleasant this time on the grass.

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| PRODIGIOUS 1'11"1 | GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9 | AND ARIFANT 1'16"5 |
| | | TAHITIENNE |
| JUST D'HERIPRE | IMAGINE D'ODYSSEE | BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4 |
| | | BATTANTE D'ODYSSEE 1'23"3 |
| VEDETTA D'HERIPRE 1'15"2 | ORLANDO VICI 1'12"7 | QUADROPHENIO 1'13"9 |
| | | IRLANDE DU NORD |
| | HARMONY BLUE 1'18"3 | BLUE DREAM 1'14"9 |
| | | VALSE D'OR |

2^e | PRIX WWW.HIPPODROME-MESLAYDUMAINE.FR



Att - 2875 m - Course F - 14 000 €



JUST D'HERIPRE 1'19"1

Prodigious x Vedetta d'Heripre (Orlando Vici)

Driver : A. Wiels - Entraîneur : F. Souloy

Propriétaire : Ec. d' Heripre - Eleveur : Ec. d' Heripre



2^e Janou Poulot 1'19"2 Uhlan du Val x Nanou Poulotte

3^e Jefferson 1'19"2 Doberman x Bianca

4^e : Joker Star - 5^e : Jamshir - 6^e : Jackpot Well - 7^e : Joulyo Vita

GRAND NATIONAL: 16 ON TAP IN THE 2nd STAGE

After the second forfeit of the second stage of the Grand National du Trot, which will be run on Wednesday at Salon-de-Provence, 16 horses appear on the card. Among them, **Django du Bocage** (Réal de Lou), second in the first stage of the GNT on 9 March in Amiens, will be present at the second post with David Békaert at his sulky. Jean-Marie Roubaud will present the expected favourite of the event in **Evariste du Bourg**. The son of **Jasmin de Flore** had won seven times in a row before being beaten at Cagnes-sur-Mer in March. Despite his 25m handicap, the 8-year-old gelding will try to offer his trainer a first victory in the GNT. Alexandre Abrivard will be present in the field with **Divine Monceau** (Uniclove), the richest of the first post. The current leader of the Sulky d'Or ranking has never run on the Salon-de-Provence racecourse before. No horse will take up the challenge of making 50 metres in this second stage of the GNT.

GRAND NATIONAL STANDINGS AFTER THE 1ST STAGE

1. **FARAH DES CAUX** 15.00 pts
2. **DJANGO DU BOCAGE** 10.00 pts
3. **EIRE D'HELIOS** 8.00 pts
4. **CALIMERO DU THIOLE** 6.00 pts
5. **FAVORI DE L'ITON** 5.00 pts
6. **DIVINE MONCEAU** 4.00 pts
7. **FESTIF CHARMANT** 3.00 pts

UPCOMING STAGES

- Wednesday 30 March **SALON DE PROVENCE**
- Wednesday 13 April **REIMS**
- Wednesday 27 April **CHATEAUBRIANT**
- Wednesday 25 May **LE CROISE-LAROCHE**
- Wednesday 8 June **LAVAL**
- Wednesday 22 June **TOULOUSE**
- Friday 15 July **CABOURG**
- Wednesday 10 August **SAINT-MALO**
- Wednesday 7 September **MESLAY-DU-MAINE**
- Wednesday 28 September **VIRE**
- Wednesday 19 October **FEURS**
- Wednesday 9 November **NANTES**

Wednesday 23 November **MAUQUENCHY**

Sunday 4 December **VINCENNES (Final)**

(Photo: Trainer Alexis Garandea won the first stage at Amiens on March 9 with David Thomain driven **Farah des Caux**).

PARTANTS SALON DE PROVENCE - Mercredi 30 Mars

1 GRAND NATIONAL DU TROT PARISTURF - (13H50)

Premium - Att. - (3) - 90 000 € - 3000m

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| 1. DISCO D'OCCAGNES 🍀 | 11 L. Fresneau |
| 2. EBERTON 🍀 | 11 J. Guelpa |
| 3. EDEN JULRY 🍀 | 11 J.P. Gauvin |
| 4. CRIS LUIS PORSGUEN 🍀 | 11 F. Clozier |
| 5. EXPRESS DU GERS 🍀 | 11 P. Vercruysse |
| 6. DAY DE BELLOUET 🍀 | 11 J.Ch. Sorel |
| 7. FRAGONARD DELO 🍀 | 11 K. Leblanc |
| 8. DIXIT DANICA 🍀 | 11 S. Cingland |
| 9. FESTIF CHARMANT 🍀 | 11 Cedric Terry |
| 10. DOTTARUS 🍀 | 11 L. Garcia |
| 11. CAMPIONE MIO 🍀 | 11 D. Brossard |
| 12. DIVINE MONCEAU 🍀 | 11 A. Abrivard |
| 13. EDEN BASQUE 🍀 | 11 N. Enschede |
| 14. EVARISTE DU BOURG 🍀 | 11 S. Stefano |
| 15. CRACK MONEY 🍀 | 11 J.Ch. Feron |
| 16. DJANGO DU BOCAGE 🍀 | 11 D. Bekaert |



DU 9 MARS AU
04 DÉCEMBRE

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LE TOUR DE FRANCE
DES CRACKS

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FINAL BYE-BYE TO THE LAST GREAT "B'S"

It was a golden generation. The class born in 2011, branded with the letter "B", will no longer be allowed to race in France on 31 March. In fact, the last ones ran on Saturday at Vincennes in the Prix du Bois de Vincennes (Gr.3). And what a "B"! Bahia Quesnot, Bilooka du Boscail and Brillant Madrik, that's 3.175.203 € between them.

The "B" generation is the one of all records. It has fourteen Group 1 winners and has ruled French and European trotting for several seasons, as shown by the three Prix d'Amérique Legend Race (**Bold Eagle** in 2016 and 2017, **Bélina Josselyn** in 2019) and the four Prix de Cornulier (**Bellissima France** in 2017, **Bilibili** in 2019 and 2020, **Bahia Quesnot** in 2020) to its credit. Never before has a single generation collectively won so much in France. The "B's" have earned almost 260 million euros (€259,122,275 to be exact on 27/03/2022) and the best of them, **Bold Eagle** (€5,124,087), is the richest French trotter of all time. After **Billie de Montfort** on 13th March at Cagnes, **Bahia Quesnot**, **Bilooka du Boscail** and **Brillant Madrik** bowed out on Saturday at Vincennes. **Bahia Quesnot** and **Bilooka du Boscail** will be presented to the same **Charly du Noyer** for their entry to stud.

■ Bahia Quesnot 1'08a/1'10m

By **Scipion du Goutier** and **Queen Inès** (Install)

127 races - 12 wins - €1,769,133

Owners: Tahar Ait-Hamouda, Jean Pieri and Florence Scalici

Trainers: Cédric Herserant then Junior Guelpa

Major titles: Prix de Cornulier (Gr.1), Gran Premio Royal Mares (Gr.1) in Naples, 2nd Olympiatravet (Gr.1) in Åby, Grand Prix d'Oslo (Gr.1) in Bjerke, 3rd Grand Critérium de Vitesse de la Côte d'Azur (Gr.1) (twice)

Junior Guelpa's reaction after Bahia Quesnot's last race on Saturday in Vincennes: "There was a lot of emotion in this last race. It's a very beautiful page that is turning. We shared three

years of daily life with several trips abroad. These are only good memories. I was prepared for this last outing and I'm savouring everything until the last moment. She is a crack who was part of the crazy generation of "B's". She will now join the stud to make, I hope, beautiful babies. She should be presented this year to **Charly du Noyer**."

■ Bilooka du Boscail 1'11a/1'11m

By **Look de Star** and **Mirza du Vivier** (Cézio Josselyn)

147 races - 22 wins - €821,090

Owners: Eric Lebon and Luigi Tarara; tenant in races: Janine Hurel

Trainer: Yves Hurel (one outing under Eric Lebon's training)

Major titles: Prix Roland Jaffrelot (Gr.3) at Salon-de-Provence, Grand Prix de Noël (Gr.3) at Cagnes, Grand Prix Dynavena Maisagri (Gr.3) at Grenade-sur-Garonne, 2nd Prix du Calvados (Gr.2), 3rd Grand Prix du Sud-Ouest (Gr.2) at Toulouse

Yves Hurel's reaction after **Bilooka du Boscail**'s last race on Saturday at Vincennes: "All good things come to an end. She is retiring in great shape. She doesn't have a wheel, she is healthy and I am very happy about that. Among my great memories with her, I will mention the Biarritz Grand Prix. She won two of them and that makes me the record holder as a trainer and driver with four titles. Bilooka has given me nothing but satisfaction in her career. She has a very special temperament and for example always asks for food, day and night. She is not ordinary in every way and is obviously very endearing. She will stay at home for a fortnight and will then be introduced to **Charly du Noyer**."

Extensions abroad for some

Some representatives of this generation can still race abroad, in Scandinavia in particular, or in a less competitive register in Spain or Malta. ■



JARMO NISKANEN DEBRIEFS ON EARL SIMON

Winner on Tuesday evening at Mons (Belgium) for his second race after a little less than two years of absence, **Earl Simon** (Prodigious) gave satisfaction to his trainer Jarmo Niskanen who debriefed the race and outlined the future plans of his champion: *"There is some improvement compared to his race at Caen even if he still lacks the change of gear. It was a good start and by leaving **Go On Boy** in the box he managed to win although Franck {Ouvrie} had to be careful. Before his re-qualification he was trained on the 1'25/1'30" basis so it's logical that he's still missing. He was a bit too bright and we will change the bit. The next race is again at Mons on the 5th of April but this time it will be 25m and it will be on the fly. He will have to come from behind which is not so bad actually. It's a pity that there is a lack of races of this type in France to manage his morale. He is continuing his breeding season in parallel and returned to stud the day after his return. The long term objective will be the next winter meeting. Ideally, we won't return to Vincennes until winter. We will take the races as they come. As an option, there is the European Tour of French Trotters which could be very interesting. To be followed."* ■

EXPLOIT CAF DIES

While it will be fourteen years next May that he won the biggest title of his sporting career in the 2008 Elitloppet (setting the new record in 1'09"8) with Jean-Michel Bazire in the bike for Fabrice Souloy's training, the Italian champion **Exploit Caf** (Toss Out) succumbed to the consequences of a colic attack on Friday at the age of 21. His Swedish triumph that year had been the highlight of a spring which had seen **Exploit Caf** also win on our soil the Prix de l'Atlantique (Gr.1) at Enghien and the Prix René Ballière (Gr.1) at Vincennes in the continuity of a winter meeting during which he had won the Prix de France (Gr.1) after finishing fifth in the Prix d'Amérique (Gr.1) of **Offshore Dream**. The previous year, **Exploit Caf** had already scored his biggest victory on Italian soil in the Gr.1 Grand Prix de la Loterie in Naples. Having become a stallion after a last race in the Prix d'Amérique 2009, his production has regularly been highlighted, with performers such as **Tamure Roc**, **Vanesia Ek**, **Roxanne Bar**, **Ursa Caf**, **Uma Francis**, **Tessa Ob Sonic**, etc. ■

ANOTHER HAT-TRICK FOR ALEXANDRE ABRIVARD

Alexandre Abrivard's period of great form continues. In the lead of the Sulky d'Or ranking, Laurent Abrivard's son had the luxury to offer himself a new triple this Sunday, his ninth of the year! Present in six races at La Capelle, he crossed the wire as winner with **Jaguar du Loisir** (Dragon des Racques), **Hivar de Celland** (Quaro) and **Héro d'Hertals** (Alto de Viette) and also finished once second and twice third. That is 100% success on the podium. Alexandre Abrivard increases his number of victories in driving to 54 since 1st January, seven more than Eric Raffin, author of a double on Sunday, on his home ground, in Challans. ■

PRODIGIOUS 1'11"1

EARL SIMON

TINDRANA 1'18"3

GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9

IMAGINE D'ODYSSEE

INSERT GEDE 1'11"8

JOY OF LIFE 1'19"0

AND ARIFANT 1'16"5

TAHITIENNE

BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4

BATTANTE D'ODYSSEE 1'23"3

JET DU VIVIER 1'18"5

CADENCE GEDE

TURQUETIL 1'14"6

EXCEPTION



RACING AND FOOTBALL: VIP'S AT VINCENNES

If there was no shortage of entertainment on the track last Saturday at Vincennes, there was also an atmosphere in the stables when several players from the French football team made their appearance, who had contributed to the victory (2-1) the day before in a friendly match in Marseille against the Ivory Coast. Antoine Griezmann, who knows the trotting temple well, Hugo Lloris, the captain, Olivier Giroud, one of the two scorers the day before, and the Hernandez brothers, Lucas and Theo, were able to measure their popularity if necessary. They were happy to take selfies with the public. As a reminder, the French team is currently in training at Clairefontaine in the Paris region and were playing again on Tuesday evening at Lille against South Africa. ■

VIVID WISE AS, THIRD INVITEE IN THE ELITLOPPET

Last Saturday, the organisers of the Elitloppet (Gr.1) announced the name of the third participant in the big Swedish event on 29 May. It is **Vivid Wise As** (Yankee Glide). Second in last year's final, the Scuderia Bivans representative joins title holder **Don Fanucci Zet** (Hard Livin) and **Etonnant** (Timoko), winner of the Critérium de Vitesse de la Côte d'Azur (Gr.1) on 13 March. Anders Malmrot, Solvalla's sporting director, said: "With his speed and tenacity, **Vivid Wise As** is one of the best sprinters in the world. He just had another great winter meeting in France and was also very strong in the Critérium de Vitesse de la Côte d'Azur, only beaten by **Etonnant**, himself already invited to the Elitloppet." ■

THREE 3-YEAR-OLDS SHINE ON DEBUT

Many 3 year olds were making their debut on Sunday. Three of them managed to win in their first public outing. Starred by *Province Courses* during his qualification last July at Le Mans, **Jaguar du Loisir** (Dragon des Racques) easily dominated his opponents at La Capelle. The eighth offspring of **Omarina du Loisir** (€170,860 - 4th in the Gr 2 Prix Gélinothe) is valued by Alexandre Abrivard. Out of the maternal family of champion **Arlington Dream** (Ready Cash), **Jour de Fête** (Orlando Vici) has also shone with a lot of margin at Villedieu-les-Poêles racecourse. Associated with Romain Congard, Jean-Michel Bazire's protégé dominated another interesting colt who made his competition debut: **Janus d'Em** (Cristal Money). In Vendée, on the Challans racecourse, Laurent Koubiche led his colt **Jackson Touch** (Rocklyn) to success. This nephew of the classic **Anastasia Fella** (Goetmals Wood) easily dictated his law in the manner of the strong. This chestnut colt seems to have a lot of speed. ■



LOUIS BAUDRON READY TO BLOW OUT AUCTAV'S FIRST CANDLE

In 31 March 2021, Auctav organised its first sale, 100% digital according to its DNA. Founded by Louis Baudron, the agency responded to a need expressed by Arnaud Angélique, its managing director: *"It all started with an observation made by Louis Baudron in his position as a seller. He pointed out to us that when selling, it is always difficult to manage the timing. The challenge of a sale for a seller is that it comes at the right time. For some horses, in a pre-set sales schedule, a sale comes too early or sometimes too late in a logic of valuation."* So what is the situation one year later? Louis Baudron answers us.

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Louis Baudron: *The assessment is positive, knowing that we were starting from scratch and that we had to convince people, both sellers and buyers, that our system was to everyone's advantage.*

What lessons have you learned from your first year?

We quickly realised that what works best in our model are the performers, the horses that have just run. That's where our tool is most effective. As a seller, you have a horse that has just performed and you can sell it very quickly. Our system is built on flexibility. Our motto has always been to be able to sell at the best time. This is also true in the other direction, for the buyers. Someone can be a buyer at one moment and not be one month later. And we were encouraged by the good results of the performers' lots.

What's new for this year?

We are organising a live sale with an obstacle vacation at the end of August (Wednesday 31 August) on the principle of the Rouges Terres trotting sale (renewed on Thursday 25 August). These two live sales are for all types of horses and allow us to showcase yearlings and 2-year-olds in particular. For the latter, buyers need to see them, to make an impression. It is really different from a performer that we know and that we can buy almost with our eyes closed, with a veterinary file. ■

5 ADDITIONAL LOTS AT THE ARQANA TROT SPRING SALE

Arqana Trot has just unveiled five additional lots entered in its Spring Sale on Thursday 31 March in Deauville. They are 3 and 4 year olds, including two new 3 year old fillies. Here they are:

- Lot 40: **Ilona Dika** 1'13 (a4v) (Kepler), 2 wins and €35,445,
- Lot 40A: **Jolie Dame** q. 1'20 (a2) (Brillantissime), unraced
- Lot 50: **Jasmine Piya** q. 1'20 (a3) (Sam Bourbon), 1 race,
- Lot 50A: **Jaliska** q. 1'20 (a2) (Jag de Bellouet), unraced
- Lot 50B: **Iglesias de Lou** q. 1'16 (a2) (Password), 1 race ■

DREAMER DÉLO BOASTS FIRST WINNER AT CAEN

A good winner of the Prix de Janville this Tuesday at Caen, **Junior du Cherisay** offers a first victory as a stallion to his sire **Dreamer Délo** (Ready Cash). Only seen 16 times in competition, **Dreamer Délo** has three semi-classic victories as a 3-year-old, in the Prix Edouard Marcillac (still a Group 2 at the time), Félicien Gauvreau (Gr.2) and Pierre Gamare (Gr.2). **Dreamer Délo** has only 8 declared products in his first crop born in 2019. Three are qualified (38%) and the first to win is **Junior du Cherisay**. **Dreamer Délo** is based at the Haras de la Beunelière in Mayenne. ■