

# THE FRENCH TROTTING WEEK

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[ PRIX DES DUCS DE NORMANDIE | GR.2 ]

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## ETONNANT: NOT A DUKE, A KING!

After his success, his triumph even in Cagnes-sur-Mer in the Grand Critérium de Vitesse de Côte d'Azur, we had titled "Always more Etonnant" (his name means 'Astonishing'). After the new demonstration of the day of Timoko's son, the temptation is great to propose a bis repetita.

**R**ichard Westerink's champion is getting stronger, more impressive and more amazing. Even his trainer, who seems to have seen and experienced everything with his champion **Timoko**, is still amazed by his trainee: "He has been impressive for some time. His breeder was right to call him like

that: he is always amazing, race after race. We didn't meet any badgers here, there was **Cleangame** (Ouragan de Celland) today!" A **Cleangame** who did try his luck by making **Etonnant** work at the exit of the first curve but impossible to pass him. Then Jean-Michel Bazire was able to find his back to tackle the last 500 metres. A perfect counter position but as the man with twenty Sulky d'Or conceded: "To approach the turn, I said to myself that we were going to fight but at the end of the turn, he stalled me. However, my horse is good, he had worked well, no worries, but **Étonnant** was really strong."

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No excuse therefore and the best of the day won. Analysis shared by the driver of the winner Anthony Barrier who told us: *"In the last turn, he really saved himself like last year, he won a little bit like last year, the time is just a little bit less strong, but it's not serious, we took more in front than last year. Today, **Etonnant** was better than **Cleangame**. He's gaining in manoeuvrability, in front he doesn't pull any more, whereas last year he had a bit of a wobble. That's good, I got it perfect."*

The final time of 1'11"6 illustrates above all the tactical part of the race, in the opposite straight, when the two leading drivers delayed. But it doesn't matter if the reduction is a second and a tenth slower, the mission is accomplished for **Étonnant**: he becomes the sixth double winner in the Prix des Ducs de Normandie since 2000 after **Giesolo de Lou**, **Love You**, **Texas Charm**, **Roi du Lupin** and **Aubrion du Gers**.

Solvalla, here we come!

For a springboard to Solvalla, it's a springboard. A bit like **Vivid Wise As** (Yankee Glide) in the Prix de l'Atlantique, **Étonnant** sends a strong message to Scandinavia and his future opponents in the Elitloppet. You will have to be strong, very strong to step on **Etonnant**. For Richard Westerink, his main opponent, after **Vivid Wise As**, will be **Etonnant** himself. If his lion's temper and his sometimes overflowing energy get the better of him, the situation for Anthony Barrier could be

difficult to handle. See you on 29 May to experience all this from the inside: we will be there to bring you the event from the inside.

3<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DES DUCS DE NORMANDIE

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Att - 2450 m - Groupe 2 - 150 000 €

**ETONNANT 1'11"6**  
Timoko x Migraine (Alligator)  
Driver : A. Barrier - Entraîneur : R. Westerink  
Propriétaire : R. Westerink - Eleveur : Ch. G. Vigier



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**Un succès signé  
TIMOKO**

2<sup>e</sup> **Gangster du Wallon 1'11"8** Let's Go Along x Umeda du Wallon

3<sup>e</sup> **Fakir du Lorault 1'11"8** Vaillant Cash x Native du Lorault

4<sup>e</sup> : Elvis du Vallon - 5<sup>e</sup> : Cleangame - 6<sup>e</sup> : Ampia Mede Sm - 7<sup>e</sup> : Dollar Soyer



Where does he come from?

Bred by Christian-Guy Vigier and Mireille Baro, **Etonnant** is well born, his sire being the champion with fifteen Gr.1 wins and 5M€ in earnings **Timoko** 1'09", and his dam, Prix du Président de la République winner **Migraine** (**Alligator**). Before **Etonnant**, **Migraine** gave, mainly, **Auch** 1'11" (**Niky**), winner of seven races and over €400.000, and **Douloureuse** 1'12", a full sister to our subject, winner of nine races and placed at Gr.2 level in Scandinavia, for €225.000 in earnings. **Migraine** has a foal by **Love You**, called **Kristie**, and has had a colt by **Booster Winner**.

TIMOKO 1'09"1	ETONNANT	IMOKO 1'14"6	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
			SEPIA 1'15"6
MIGRAINE 1'13"9		KISS ME COULONCES 1'18"6	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
			ALLEZ COULONCES
		ALLIGATOR 1'17"5	LE HAM 1'17"5
			JAIA DU CHATEAU 1'23"3
		ALLEZ SUA	GAZON
			PEPITE D'ATOUT

### And he was (almost) heavily shod!

You have to go back a long way (2008 and the success of **Unforgettable**) to find a shod Duke of Normandy winner. It is amazing to see this other feat, especially as the weight at his feet was even greater than expected! Richard Westerink explains: *"With this story about the shoes before the race, I started to stress. He didn't arrive with the right shoes and I had to call in the farrier at the racecourse to reshoe him. The result was that he ran with steels behind and big aluminiums in front. But the proof is that it doesn't really matter. Except for me, I didn't believe it before the race..."*

### The placed and the beaten

**Gangster du Wallon** (Let's Go Along), who finished the race exceptionally well to take 2nd place, aroused the enthusiasm of his trainer Damien Lecroq: *"He's a champion, he's the horse of my life! I tried to prepare him as well as I could, thinking I had the fourth or fifth chance. When you see how old he is and finish like that... It's fabulous when you look at the horses he beats. I hope Alexis (Collette) is having a lot of fun, I'm having a lot of fun in the stands. The "Ducs" are very important to me because Caen is my home town. I like to prepare objectives like that. And then, he is a horse for big meetings, he never disappoints when he is in good form."*

François Lecanu (driver of **Fakir du Lorault** - 3rd) : *"The horse was again very good. He annoyed me a little bit at the start so I couldn't let him go too much, which cost us because if I can get back before **Etonnant**, we are sure to be second."*

Charles Cuiller (trainer of **Elvis du Vallon** - 4th) : *"Lacking luck lately on several occasions, he may have lacked a little something to finish, which may cost him to finish but 4th in the Dukes of Normandy, it's superb!"*

Christophe Martens (driver of **Rebella Matters** - unplaced): *"She was too tense today to do well which explains her underperformance."*

The disappointment came from **Ampia Mede Sm** (6th), about whom Franck Nivard simply said, *"She runs badly."*

### Betting figures are up!

The gamble of moving this traditional meeting of the Dukes of Normandy has paid off in terms of stakes: €17.4M was bet at the PMU, including nearly €10 (9.7) on the event block. This means that the scores are back to the levels seen in 2019 (even slightly higher), the last real reference year. The turnover achieved is also better than that recorded last year on the same Saturday at Vincennes.



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## IDAO DE TILLARD KEEPS THE UPPER HAND AGAINST IZOARD

A sumptuous mano a mano. A pairing in the same order, but Izoard Védaquais did not let go in his duel with Idao de Tillard on Saturday at Caen. If Thierry Duvaldestin's resident has confirmed his success in Enghien, the next meetings look to be undecided.

One simply wants to write: "Thank you for the show". The Prix des Ducs de Normandie had set the tone. The young horses were in tune with the show. **Idao de Tillard** (Severino) and **Izoard Védaquais** (Bird Parker) offered the numerous public a high level duel in the Prix Guillaume le Conquérant (Group 3), for a first edition that will remain in the annals. Whether it was the winners or the losers, the impression was the same: *"They are two champions"*. At 4 years old, they are still very young, but it is interesting to see both entourages express themselves in this way towards their representative but also towards the opponent.

The winner of the Prix de Sélection was soon in the lead and was joined by the winner of the Sulky World Cup for 4-year-olds. In the final phase, they were "flashed" in 1'08"2 in the last five hundred meters. Under pressure from his rival until the end, **Idao de Tillard** kept a slight advantage. A different tactic, for an identical result in the Prix de Tonnac-Villeneuve. However, it was a close call. *"I didn't want to go up front today and have **Idao de Tillard** on my back,"* explained Eric Raffin, driver of Philippe Allaire's horse. *"It is useless doing the job for him. In the end, we are beaten by a small margin, but I think I could have won if my horse hadn't changed gait fifty metres from the post."* This makes their next matches even more attractive. If the Vendéen was able to catch some observers off guard, Clément Duvaldestin quickly understood the turn

this event was going to take. Young but already with a sharp tactical sense. *"I suspected that he would stay by my side. That was obvious from the start. He didn't start as usual. It was the second time I had dominated him after being on his back, and I would have done the same in his place."* Then coming back to his partner: *"He won by a little but in a good way. He keeps up with the opposition. If Izoard had been faster, he would have gone with him. Idao is shod very heavy. We will take our time and go gradually. Then he'll go unshod as well."*

In the stands, Thierry Duvaldestin lived this victory intensely. *"I wasn't sure my horse would do it in the straight. There is only one neck at the finish, and yet **Izoard Védaquais** trotted with two of them with their noses to the wind (Editor's note: at the tracking, he went an extra eleven metres). We have to salute both horses, it was a very nice match."* As the big weekend at Solvalla approaches, a move for the young champion has been the study, but is no longer. *"He is made for it. He adapts to everything. However, it is no longer topical, the horse is too young. He deserves to be waited for and will go later."* Another person who put an end to this wait was Françoise Chaunion, who bred this pure "Tillard" product. After this success, the emotion was palpable: *"I am delighted to be here today! He is a fantastic horse. I had only seen him race at Argentan, at the beginning of his career. For all his previous great victories, I was kept at stud with the broodmares. I freed myself for a few moments and I did well!"*

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## JASPERS TURGOT GIVES DATE

**J**aspers Turgot (Korean) has been practising for the Saint-Léger des Trotteurs, which has been postponed to October. On the course of the oldest classic of the French programme, Franck Anne's pensioner flew over the Prix de Caen-Prix Pierre Gamare Group 2). "The right-handed track gives him an advantage. He is a little less percussive on the left-hand turns", admits the Norman professional. His pupil, serious unlike many of his rivals, easily broke away in the home straight, under the saddle of David Thomain. "I'm happy to win here, because it's at home, and last time he was very unhappy and didn't race. I was even afraid that he would miss a bit today," explained the Normandy coach. "It went well. He's a nice horse and managed to have a good run hidden until the four hundred metres. He showed quality. Harnessed, he was just below the best. Mounted racing was a very nice opportunity."

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

2<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE CAEN (PIERRE GAMARE)

M - 2450 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €

**JASPERS TURGOT 1'14"4**  
Korean x Beauty Charm (Password)  
Jockey : D. Thomain - Entraîneur : F. Anne  
Propriétaire : Emil. Hoste - Eleveur : Emil. Hoste

- 2<sup>e</sup> Jazzy du Pre 1'14"7 Roc Meslois x Ugoline du Pre
- 3<sup>e</sup> Jocdor 1'14"8 Boccador de Simm x Baraka Grave
- 4<sup>e</sup> : Jackpot du Choquel - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jorgos de Guez - 6<sup>e</sup> : Judy Blue Eyes

## INÈS DES RIOULTS AT THE END OF THE SUSPENSE

**T**he fourth and final Group of this Caen meeting only gave its verdict after a wait of several minutes to know who had won, **Idéale du Chêne** or **Inès des Rioult**. The victory went at least to the daughter of **Carat Williams** who gave Florian Desmigneux his first Group 2. "A jockey who didn't know her might have given up, but I know that even if she loses 50 metres at the start, she is not beaten." Florian Desmigneux was all the more right to trust **Inès des Rioult** (Carat Williams) as the filly trained by Jean-François Senet enabled him to win his first semi-classic. "Honestly, I didn't know if I had won when I passed the post. In the last turn, I thought I was second and, when I saw **Ici C'Est Paris**, I thought I was third, and finally I won!" The announcement of the result of the photo also freed Jean-François Senet, the trainer of the representative of the Karibou stable. "We were running to be third or fourth because the distance is too short for her who doesn't know how to start," he says. "She quickly found herself fifty metres behind the frontrunners and almost out of the race. But she has a motor, which she has already shown in the Prix de Vincennes. When I took her back after having stopped her after this winter, the filly was much better than at the time of the Prix de Vincennes. At work, I thought she was transformed."

CARAT WILLIAMS 1'10"7	PRODIGIOUS 1'11"1	GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9
	MISS WILLIAMS 1'16"9	IMAGINE D'ODYSSEE
INES DES RIOULTS	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6	SANCHO PANCA 1'15"2
	DIVA DES RIOULTS 1'15"0	QUARA WILLIAMS 1'17"1
NELLY DES RIOULTS 1'16"2		MICKEY VICKING (US)
		JOSUBIE 1'19"1
		JIOSCO 1'15"8
		TANIA DU BUISSON 1'23"1

8<sup>e</sup> | ETRIER 4 ANS QUALIF 2 - PRIX H. BALLIERE

M - 2450 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €

**INES DES RIOULTS 1'13"**  
Acheté aux ventes Arqana Trot 9 000 € par BETHOUART Jacky  
Carat Williams x Nelly des Rioult (Viking's Way)  
Jockey : F. Desmigneux - Entraîneur : J. F. Senet  
Propriétaire : Ec. Karibou - Eleveur : S.C.E.A Hs. des Rioult

**FÉLICITATIONS À TOUT L'ENTOURAGE !**  
PROCHAIN RENDEZ-VOUS  
VENTE D'ETE  
**CLOTURE DES INSCRIPTIONS**  
21 juin - CABOURG

- 2<sup>e</sup> Ideale du Chene 1'13" Bird Parker x Royale du Chene
- 3<sup>e</sup> Ici c'Est Paris 1'13"2 Dollar Macker x Blue Valentine
- 4<sup>e</sup> : Illusion Jipad - 5<sup>e</sup> : Inoui Danica - 6<sup>e</sup> : Isco de Corday - 7<sup>e</sup> : Ilona des



# JABALPUR IN A WISE AND IRRESISTIBLE VERSION

Winner on his first start at Vincennes on December 1st, **Jabalpur** (Booster Winner) did not leave the disqualified column during his three following attempts in Paris. Each time, François Lagadeuc's partner lost his chances at the start. On May 10 at Vincennes, the colt took off quickly, evolved with several lengths ahead of the pack and won what his driver wanted, who confided on *Equidia*: "We must remain vigilant but there is improvement. He has a big engine and his holidays have done him good. He has a lot of ease in trotting and I just waited for them in fact."

BOOSTER WINNER 1'10"2	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1
JABALPUR	QUILLE VIRETAUTE 1'13"8	ELVIS DE ROSSIGNOL 1'13"0
		AUBE ET VIRE 1'23"4
SLIEMA 1'17"0	INFANT DU BOSSIS 1'13"4	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
		CHIPKA DU BOSSIS 1'18"5
	KENIFRA 1'16"3	QUITO DE TALONAY 1'13"5
		URANIE DE CHENU 1'17"8

2<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE MAMERS Att - 2700 m - Course C - 44 000 €



### JABALPUR 1'15"9

Acheté aux ventes Arqana Trot 18 000 € par Gaetano PEZONE pour CHELSEA SRLS

Booster Winner x Sliema (Infant du Bossis)

Driver : F. Lagadeuc - Entraîneur : F. Souloy

Propriétaire : Tramontom Srl - Eleveur : A. G. Groult





### FÉLICITATIONS À TOUT L'ENTOURAGE !

PROCHAIN RENDEZ-VOUS VENTE D'ETE

### CLOTURE DES INSCRIPTIONS

21 juin - CABOURG

- 2<sup>e</sup> Jigove 1'16" Vigove x Usolie
- 3<sup>e</sup> Jacadi Brouets 1'16"1 Very Look x Ushuaia Brouets
- 4<sup>e</sup> : Joker Atout - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jonas - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jadore des Racques - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jewel Meslois

# JUNIOR STEED OPENS HIS RECORD

Winner of his first race on his fourth attempt in the second race of the Marseille programme on Tuesday, **Junior Speed** (Up And Quick) does not have the precocity of his elder sister, the classic **Fend la Bise** (Prince Gédé), who started in August as a 2-year-old and finished second in the Critérium des Jeunes (Gr. 1) the following winter at Vincennes, where she only found **Folleli** (Timoko) to block her way to victory. However, the AB Trot colt, whose dam is a daughter of **Orlando Vici**, the favourite stallion of the stable's associates and close relative of another classic with **Première Steed** (Workaholic), has undeniable means that he had already revealed during his previous races, except for his first visit to Borély in March. "I changed the mouthpiece compared to his race here where he had been rather tense at the start and this time I had him on my fingertips," reacts Romain Derieux on *Equidia Racing*. "We found ourselves far back and then I waited before coming gently in front without forcing the leader, whose measure I had at the entrance to the straight."

It is the eighth victory of Romain Derieux in this generation, to which must be added thirteen places for forty-six starters, that is to say a success on the podium of 45,6 %.

UP AND QUICK 1'09"4	BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4	ROYAL PRESTIGE (US)
		NESMILE 1'17"4
JUNIOR STEED	FICHTRE 1'17"2	QUITON DU CORAL 1'15"0
		TADJIKIE
UNA PRIMA STEED 1'16"9	ORLANDO VICI 1'12"7	QUADROPHENIO 1'13"9
		IRLANDE DU NORD
	GOULETTE STEED 1'17"6	STEED JAMES 1'12"8
		OREE DES RAMIERS

2<sup>e</sup> | PRIX CANCANNIERE Att - 2300 m - Course D - 23 000 €



### JUNIOR STEED 1'16"3

Up And Quick x Una Prima Steed (Orlando Vici)

Driver : R. Derieux - Entraîneur : R. Derieux

Propriétaire : Ec. Ab Trot - Eleveur : Ec. Ab Trot





### Bravo ! Encore une victoire pour UP AND QUICK

- 2<sup>e</sup> Jackpot Visais 1'16"5 Butler x Signeville
- 3<sup>e</sup> Jabelone 1'16"9 Vrai Lord x Valtina
- 4<sup>e</sup> : Jestelle Visais - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jaguar Atout - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jolie A La Bruyere - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jaguar Spirit

## DIDIER BROHIER IN TOP FORM WITH FEUX VERTS

At the lovely month of May... Didier Brohier will not say the opposite. During the last six days, four of the six starters of his stable have passed the post in the lead! Not to be outdone by **Ivrig Viking** (Rocklyn), winner twenty-four hours earlier for his debut under saddle at Vincennes, **Feux Verts** (Kaisy Dream), whose career has not been a smooth one so far due to leg problems which have kept him away from competition on several occasions, won this race for 7 to 9 year-olds where he discovered an interesting engagement at the first post. The three previous runs in the space of a month, when he had not raced for more than a year before, were obviously beneficial to **Feux Verts**. This is confirmed by Didier Brohier on *Equidia Racing*: "He is a rather heavy horse who had leg problems. He's back to his best, it took him several races to do that. He starts so easily that I found myself in front and that's good when you are in the lead at Chartres. To finish, his legs were a bit heavy but he hadn't done a course like that for a long time. He was asking for a breather to finish but he went all the way to the post. We'll keep our fingers crossed now that the legs hold". Winner at 4 years old in Enghien with Marie Norberg, Didier Brohier's companion, and placed in Vincennes the same year, **Feux Verts** certainly has a good season ahead of him.

FEUX VERTS	KAISY DREAM 1'12"3	EXTREME DREAM 1'14"7	QUITO DE TALONAY 1'13"5
			TAHITIENNE
	DAISY CHAIN 1'15"0		SPEEDY SOMOLLI (US)
			KRAVOTTE 1'20"9
	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9		VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
			TEKIFLORE 1'19"8
QUEEN DE BEAULIEU 1'21"5	ANCA DE BEAULIEU 1'17"2		HARDI DU LOGIS 1'18"9
			MAUD DE BEAULIEU 1'16"9

### 5<sup>e</sup> | GRAND PRIX DE LA VILLE DE CHARTRES

Att - 2800 m - Course F - 24 000 €



**FEUX VERTS 1'15"1**  
Kaisy Dream x Queen de Beaulieu ([Indy de Vive](#))  
Driver : D. Brohier - Entraîneur : D. Brohier  
Propriétaire : A. Poulin - Eleveur : D. Brohier



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**Elan du Mouchel 1'14"4** Jeanbat du Vivier x Rikita du Mouchel

3<sup>e</sup>

**Full Of Love 1'14"5** [Repeat Love](#) x Valley Wood

4<sup>e</sup> : Egerie des Josco - 5<sup>e</sup> : Flash de Celland - 6<sup>e</sup> : Fan de Vincennes - 7<sup>e</sup> : Fleur de Vanille

## JUST AN EAGLE: POSITIVE TEST LEFT-HANDED

A very well-born colt by **Bold Eagle** (Ready Cash) and a full sister to **Boccador de Simm** by **Singalo**, who also spent a large part of his career with Pilarski, **Just an Eagle** was tested on Wednesday at Chartres, a left-handed course. Qualified in a good style last summer in Caen where he was starred by *Province Courses*, **Just an Eagle** started this spring in Challans with a second place before winning surely in Beaumont-de-Lomagne, that is to say as many courses on the right-hand side. The test proved positive with a second consecutive victory, something that Eric Raffin, his driver, is no stranger to. By opting for an inside move in the last turn, where his partner made a small mistake before skilfully recovering, the double Golden Sulky d'Or in title took a tactical option which proved to be worthwhile. "Even if I was beaten, I preferred to finish with gas than to give a hard race, they are still babies," he commented on his choice on *Equidia Racing*. "In any case, if I go round on the outside, I'm sure I won't win. And as he's not a pure left-hander, it wasn't a bad idea to negotiate the last turn on the inside. What I liked was that he stretched out well when he had the gap between the two horses in front of him." It is a total success for the Pilarski stable who is also the breeder of this colt with an interesting potential.

JUST AN EAGLE	BOLD EAGLE 1'08"9	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
			KIDEA 1'18"2
	REETHI RAH JET 1'19"0		LOVE YOU 1'10"2
			HIPPODAMIA 1'15"2
	SINGALO 1'11"2		GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9
			INGALA 1'13"3
CHARMEUSE DE SIMM 1'15"6	POUPEE CHARMEUSE 1'14"4		HETRE VERT
			ERIKA CHARMEUSE

### 7<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DU CINEMA "LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS"

Att - 2800 m - Course D - 21 000 €



**JUST AN EAGLE 1'17"8**  
[Bold Eagle](#) x [Charmeuse de Simm](#) ([Singalo](#))  
Driver : E. Raffin - Entraîneur : S. Guarato  
Propriétaire : Ec. H. & P. Pilarski - Eleveur : Ec. H. & P. Pilarski



2<sup>e</sup>

**Jaha Man du Pont 1'17"8** [Brillantissime](#) x [Uraba du Pont](#)

3<sup>e</sup>

**Jeny Love Jephi 1'17"9** [Artiste de Joudes](#) x [Tafna de Carvel](#)

4<sup>e</sup> : Jet de La Ferme - 5<sup>e</sup> : Just For You - 6<sup>e</sup> : Joggeuse Smart - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jeanne d'Authise



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## HANDY BOURBON'S BIG PERFORMANCE

It was a test for Handy Bourbon in the Etrier 5 Ans Qualif 2 - Prix Jean Gauvreau. Alexandre Abrivard's partner left Vincennes with an impressive victory and the record for 5-year-olds ridden at Vincennes (and in France) in 1'10"4 (1:53.1 MR)! This is a big performance of the stratospheric kind for a short distance traveller.

**E**xit the record for 5-year-olds under saddle by **Draft Life** (Ubriaco) set in this same Prix Jean Gauvreau (Gr.2) in 2018 in 1'10"5. **Handy Bourbon** (Kaisy Dream), when he is willing (his trainer Sébastien Guarato will say enraged), is a speed monster. He started at a very fast pace and posted split times of 1'03 and fractions going downhill. And he never weakened at the end, winning in 1'10"4. Not so far from the general record of Vincennes in 1'10"0, which was set by **Bilibili** and **Etonnant**.

Sébastien Guarato shared his analysis with us: *"It is a demonstration like **Flèche Bourbon** did in his time. It's a bit like the profile of a horse with a lot of energy and a lot of chest. He has twice run 1'10 over a short distance at Vincennes, once*

*in harness and once mounted. He has to be mad to give his full measure. He is a late bloomer who has not always repeated his value. He has very good papers, **Kaisy Dream** and the Bourbon family, and we want to make him a stallion. We'll take our time with him, aiming for the races and alternating between mounted and harness racing. He could be a Prix de l'Île-de-France horse for example."*

The option of the Prix de Normandie (Gr.1), over 3,000 metres on 26 June, is not on the agenda as his jockey Alexandre Abrivard confirms: *"We know he is very strong when he is in front. You have to be strong to go so fast and go all the way. I think that with him you have to aim for races over 2,100 metres which is his distance."*

Remarkable second in 1'10"8, **Hirondelle du Rib** (Rolling d'Héipré) will be even more at home over the three kilometres of the Prix de Normandie in a few weeks.

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# JUST A GIGOLO HAS CHANGED... FOR THE BETTER

The boss gave his orders, took the lead when he wanted and relegated the other protagonists of the Prix Paul Karle (Gr.2) to the ranks of collaborators. **Just a Gigolo** (Boccador de Simm) made his comeback but was never worried. He was praised again by his driver Franck Nivard: *"Already at the heat, I found him even better than in the Critérium des Jeunes. He was very supple, he went well. He was really perfect and seems to be as good on the freshness. He was easy the whole race and was turning better. He was really perfect. I feel like he's gotten stronger. He's a great horse who hasn't been here yet this winter. He's only going to get better."*

Conclusion: the leader of the generation obviously still has room for improvement. Not enough to reassure the ranks of the opposition.

### The other lessons

Already known at this level, **Juninho Dry** (Carat Williams) and **Jaguar Wit** (Eridan) played their part to complete the podium. Among the newcomers who were testing themselves here, **Jambier d'Ourville** (Artiste de Joudes) did well. Fourth, he made his trainer/driver Laurent Koubiche say: *"He runs first class especially as he has a lot less experience than the others."* **Jag Stryck** (Brétigny) and **Jakartas des Prés** (Scipion du Goutier) once again concluded very well after running against the rail.

JUST A GIGOLO	BOCCADOR DE SIMM 1'12"6	RIEUSSEC 1'12"9	GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9
		POUPEE CHARMEUSE 1'14"4	IRONIE JET 1'15"0
		READY CASH 1'10"3	HETRE VERT
	BLUE VALENTINE 1'16"2		ERIKA CHARMEUSE
		SEXY PERLE 1'15"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
			KIDEA 1'18"2
			LOVE YOU 1'10"2
			FINE PERLE 1'16"7

2<sup>e</sup> | PRIX PAUL KARLE 

Att - 2700 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €



**JUST A GIGOLO 1'14"**  
Boccador de Simm x Blue Valentine (Ready Cash)  
Driver : F. Nivard - Entraîneur : Ph. Allaire  
Propriétaire : Ph. Allaire - Eleveur : Ph. Allaire



- 2<sup>e</sup> Juninho Dry 1'14"1 Carat Williams x Delicatessen
- 3<sup>e</sup> Jaguar Wit 1'14"2 Eridan x Vouaga
- 4<sup>e</sup> : Jambier d'Ourville - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jag Stryck - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jakartas des Prés - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jaguar Marancourt


# JAZZY PERRINE, THE ULTRA SPRINTER

If the colts of the Prix Paul Karle (Gr.2) did not go very fast, the fillies of the Prix Masina (Gr.2) played the senatorial parade. It all came down to a final acceleration. But we know that the top seeded filly, **Jazzy Perrine** (Django Riff), is particularly gifted at this game. She showed it again this time after having travelled behind **Joke** (Dollar Macker) who will take on the role of piano host since the halfway point. The split times were between 1'17 and 1'20 on the climb. It was only with 500 meters to go that the lethargy was broken under the pressure of **Jerusalem** (Diablo du Noyer). Eric Raffin managed to slip **Jazzy Perrine** on the inside of **Joke** and his partner came to eat her rival as in training.

### No rival has beaten Jazzy Perrine this year

No contemporary of **Jazzy Perrine** has beaten her this year in four attempts. A perfect score for a filly that her entourage is nevertheless very careful with, as her owner Matthieu Millet (Ecurie Hunter Valley) reminded us on Friday: *"To run like this, hidden, is the instruction we have with Eric (Raffin) to protect her. We prefer to be second than to be upwind. Eric thinks very highly of her and so does Tomas (Malmqvist). We all want to make sure she has a good career. It's more important than one race at a time. She has an amazing gear change. She makes us dream."*

JAZZY PERRINE	DJANGO RIFF 1'11"0	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
		RASTA PERRINE 1'12"8	KIDEA 1'18"2
		GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9	LOOK DE STAR 1'12"7
	TRENDY PERRINE 1'20"1		JAVA PERRINE 1'17"7
		GRANDE PERRINE 1'20"9	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
			TAHITIENNE
			TENOR DE BAUNE 1'14"3
			PETITE PERRINE 1'16"6


4<sup>e</sup> | PRIX MASINA 

Att - 2700 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €



**JAZZY PERRINE 1'16"7**  
Acheté aux ventes Arqana Trot 32 000 € par SAS LANGLAIS BLOODSTOCK  
Django Riff x Trendy Perrine (Goetmals Wood)  
Driver : E. Raffin - Entraîneur : T. Malmqvist  
Propriétaire : Ec. Hunter Valley - Eleveur : J. F. Mary





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- 2<sup>e</sup> Joke 1'16"7 Dollar Macker x Pardinia
- 3<sup>e</sup> Jerusalem 1'16"8 Diablo du Noyer x Anine
- 4<sup>e</sup> : Junon - 5<sup>e</sup> : Just Love You - 6<sup>e</sup> : Joyful Diva - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jamaica Brown

# JAPAROV LIRE GOES FAST

Of the two races open last Friday to 3-year-olds at La Capelle, the one for colts and geldings was the most spectacular and also the fastest, under the impulse of its leader and winner **Japarov Lire** (Captain Sparrow). The time of 1'15"0 is remarkable on the 2.700 metres mobile start course and flirts with the record of 3-year-olds (in 1'14"9 by **Géantissime** in June 2019).

After an excusable failure last time at Enghien (where he was not well gaited), **Japarov Lire** signs his second success in three outings. His driver Jean-Charles Piton takes his hat off to him on Equidia Racing: *"When he is in his right mind, he is a great horse. The fact that he was tackled helped him. He wins in a small trot in a good field."*

Already winner at the beginning of the meeting with **Hamour de Sissi** (Coup de Poker), trainer Luc Roelens also speaks highly of his boarder: *"He doesn't even blow. He has a motor, speed. I have rarely touched a colt like him."* Amongst the references cited by the Belgian professional, we hear the names of **Désir Castelets** (Quaker Jet - €340,000 in earnings) and **Captain Sparrow** (Ready Cash - €400,000 in earnings). This is good news because **Japarov Lire** is a son of **Captain Sparrow** who has three winners in his first crop (3 year olds) including a certain... **Japarov Lire**.

CAPTAIN SPARROW 1'11"9	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
	HOLLY DU LOCTON 1'15"3	KIDEA 1'18"2
JAPAROV LIRE	DEFI D'AUNOU (US) 1'11"3	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
	JESSAMINA 1'13"7	BICHE DU LOCTON
ORGANZA JET 1'14"2		ARMBRO GOAL (US)
		NESMILE 1'17"4
		COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		CARGESE 1'16"0

4<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE LA VILLE DE GUISE
Att - 2700 m - Course E - 20 000 €



**JAPAROV LIRE 1'15"**

Captain Sparrow x Organza Jet (Defi d'Aunou)

Driver : J. Ch. Piton - Entraîneur : L. Roelens

Propriétaire : G. David - Eleveur : G. David



**CAPTAIN SPARROW**

**Haras de Fligny**

02 33 35 62 58

2<sup>e</sup> Jingle Gede 1'15"4 **Bold Eagle** x Taiga Gede

3<sup>e</sup> Junior d'Hertals 1'15"4 **Alto de Viette** x Etoile d'Hertals

4<sup>e</sup> : Just A Midi - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jockstrap - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jean Madrik - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jogging du Quesne

# ILEPSON, A CONQUERING MACHINE

Drawn together in progression and installed in the lead at a thousand meters from the wire by Matthieu Verva, **Ilepson** (Uppercut du Rib) then contained **Ilario de Nappes** (Dollar Macker), who will be disqualified after investigation. Matthieu Verva now sees the future as rosy with his representative: *"He gave us a bit of trouble at the beginning but now he's getting better and better. He still had a hesitation at the start and the start remains his weak point. Today, I let him go and the second horse only pushed us at the end. He won brilliantly. We skipped the winter because we didn't want to break the machine and, if all goes well, he should give it back to us in the future."* Bought by Thibault Levasseur as a 2-year-old (qualified and unraced) for €8,000 from Arqana Trot, **Ilepson** is a brother to **Cepson** (€103,990 earnings) and **Fepson** (€169,700).

**Alexandre Abrivard's double**  
Before going to Vincennes, Alexandre Abrivard scored twice at La Capelle, with **Jeanne Délo** (Saxo de Vandel) and **Indic** (Gazouillis). The 3-year-old filly defeated **Joy de Jiel** (Ecu Pierji) and was unbeaten in two outings. For her driver, the impression is good: *"She finished well and didn't have much work to do after being stopped. She has a margin."*

UPPERCUT DU RIB 1'13"0	QUADROPHENIO 1'13"9	DEKEEL
	GALINETTE CENDREE 1'14"4	HALTE A LA BICHE
ILEPSON	HABITAT 1'14"8	QUITON DU CORAL 1'15"0
	KIA DE LA BESVRE 1'20"8	ROSIERE GALBE
SKIA LA BELLE 1'17"1		VICOMTE DE YET 1'15"2
		DARBOUKA TOP
		DISTANT BOY 1'15"7
		URIA DE LA CREUSE

6<sup>e</sup> | PRIX GOREZ
Att - 2750 m - Course E - 20 000 €



**ILEPSON 1'15"6**

Acheté aux ventes Arqana Trot 8 000 € par Matthieu VERVA pour Thibault LEVASSEUR

Uppercut du Rib x Skia La Belle (Habitat)

Driver : M. Verva - Entraîneur : M. Verva

Propriétaire : T. Levasseur - Eleveur : S. Lelievre





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2<sup>e</sup> Innocent du Bourg 1'16" **Vaux le Vicomte** x Quabuche

3<sup>e</sup> Ideal Daidou 1'16"1 **Ouragan de Celland** x Source de Celland

4<sup>e</sup> : Ideal de Fourcade - 5<sup>e</sup> : Ionique - 6<sup>e</sup> : Izou Renka - 7<sup>e</sup> : Isimoney du Chene

## JUST YOU AND ME IN A FEW BEATS

Third consecutive victory for the nephew of the classic **Avila, Just You And Me** (Eridan). The trainee of the Guarato / Fascella team showed a clear superiority in the final phase to dispose of his opponents with great authority. Like a declassified colt. His driver Tony Le Beller told Equidia: *"He's getting better and better, more and more pleasant to drive, I find him serene."* Trotting 1'14"8 on the 2500m course, without forcing, Just You And Me approaches the record on the track for a 3yo (1'14"5). Winner a little later in the sulky of **Duc du Chêne** (Un Amour d'Haufor), Tony Le Beller left Chatelaillon with a double.

JUST YOU AND ME	ERIDAN 1'10"2	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
			KIDEA 1'18"2
	TOPAZE D'ATOUT 1'12"7		COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
			GUNILLA 1'15"5
	OFFSHORE DREAM 1'11"4	REVE D'UDON 1'12"8	ENFILADE 1'19"4
ULZHANE 1'13"4	ENCOMBEVINEUSE 1'24"8	WORKAHOLIC (US)	UGORELLA 1'21"8

3<sup>e</sup> | PRIX GREGORY COUTANCEAU

Att - 2500 m - Course C - 25 000 €



**JUST YOU AND ME 1'14"8**  
Eridan x Ulzhane (Offshore Dream)  
Driver : T. le Beller - Entraîneur : S. Guarato  
Propriétaire : G. Fascella - Eleveur : Ec. S. Bernereau



- 2<sup>e</sup> Jimoko 1'15" Timoko x Mythical Rodney
- 3<sup>e</sup> Jimmy Thorp 1'15"1 Bold Eagle x Darling Star
- 4<sup>e</sup> : Japon Yamm - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jelica Vedaquaise


## HALICIA BELLA SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY

Daughter of the highly visible **Bold Eagle** and champion **Talicia Bella**, the 5yo **Halicia Bella** was facing a great challenge, being pitted against her elders. Although in heat and showing quite cold, the classy mare of the field made this Grand Prix de Chatelaillon her own, beating the other 5yo in the race, **Sahara Jeaburn** (Ready Cash) and the only 6yo, **Gigolo Lover** (Royal Lover). For Antoine Wiels, the winning driver, it was mission accomplished: *"She deserved her race as she was often beaten by quality horses like Happy Valley. Against her elders it was a good race. It got on well being able to do a hidden trick."* The same team doubled the stake half an hour later thanks to **Italica Bella** (Vulcain du Vivier), also bred by Rémi Boucret.


HALICIA BELLA	BOLD EAGLE 1'08"9	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
			KIDEA 1'18"2
	REETHI RAH JET 1'19"0		LOVE YOU 1'10"2
			HIPPODAMIA 1'15"2
	GENERAL DU POMMEAU 1'11"3	SEBRAZAC 1'15"0	ACTRICE DU POMMEAU 1'22"4
TALICIA BELLA 1'10"6	ILLICIA BELLA 1'19"9		VIVIER DE MONTFORT 1'14"7
			ARNAGA DE TALONEY

6<sup>e</sup> | GD PX DE CHATELAILLON-DYNAVENA MAISAGRI

Att - 2625 m - Course B - 43 000 €



**HALICIA BELLA 1'13"2**  
Bold Eagle x Talicia Bella (General du Pommeau)  
Driver : A. Wiels - Entraîneur : J. P. Marmion  
Propriétaire : Ec. J. P. Marmion - Eleveur : R. Boucret



- 2<sup>e</sup> Sahara Jaeburn 1'13"2 Ready Cash x El Angelic
- 3<sup>e</sup> Gigolo Lover 1'13"6 Royal Lover x Rosalie Moubaz
- 4<sup>e</sup> : Fredo Griff - 5<sup>e</sup> : Fetiche Atout - 6<sup>e</sup> : Drop de Colleville - 7<sup>e</sup> : Duc du Lupin





# GREEN TROPHY: ECRIN DU DROPT LIKES ALTERNATION

Winner of a right-handed trotting race on the sand at Vichy, **Ecrin du Dropt** (New des Landes) won this time on the grass at Eauze, a left-handed track. To say that Christophe Feyte's trainee is in Olympic form and capable of adapting to everything is an understatement. Installed in the lead with a little more than a lap to go, **Ecrin du Dropt** went to the end of his effort, countering the returns of two other main favourites: **Doruck** and **Gaudéo**. With this success, **Ecrin du Dropt** is now positioned in the general ranking of the Trophée Vert and could be seen again on the occasion of another stage in the South-West: "We should look closely at the stage in Royan stage (17 July), it's my racecourse" said his mentor Christophe Feyte on the podium.

## GREEN TROPHY LEADERBOARD

After the 4th stage at **EAUZE**:

- # Horse | Points | Participations
- 1

CALIMERO DU THIOLE

| 19.00 2
- 2

ECRIN DU DROPT

| 15.00 1
- 2

EIGHT

| 15.00 | 1
- 2

GASPAR D'ANGIS

| 15.00 | 1
- 5

DORUCK

| 10.00 | 1
- 5

FEPSON

| 10.00 | 1
- 5

FARINELLI PAULOIS

| 10.00 | 1
- 5

GUEVARA DU PONT

| 10.00 | 1
- 9

EXPRESS EVENING

| 8.00 | 1
- 9

FAITHFUL

| 8.00 | 1
- 9

FERIA D'ANAMA

| 8.00 | 1
- 9

GAUDEO

| 8.00 | 1



## A victory also signed by New des Landes

**Ecrin du Dropt** is the son of a trotter who left his mark on the Green Trophy: **New des Landes**. Sébastien Hardy's trainee was the star of the 2007 and 2009 seasons, winning no less than six stages each season before, of course, being crowned overall. His son **Écrin du Dropt** (now the second richest of his progeny) could be inspired by his sire for the future. To date, he has four wins on grass for as many disqualifications, in eight green attempts. It is up to him to turn the statistics on their head.

- Upcoming stages:
- Sunday 29 May

LANDIVISIAU
- Sunday 12 June

ALENCON
- Sunday 19 June

ERBRAY
- Sunday 26 June

LE TOUQUET
- Sunday 3 July

SABLE-SUR-SARTHE
- Sunday 17 July

ROYAN-ATLANTIQUE
- Sunday 31 July

CARENTAN
- Sunday 7 August

AIX-LES-BAINS
- Sunday 21 August

MONTIER-EN-DER
- Monday 5 September

CRAON (Final)

NEW DES LANDES 1'12"1	BACCARAT DU PONT 1'13"9	FLORESTAN (US)
	ANOELLA DU RANCH 1'24"0	MOSCOVA DU PONT 1'20"0
	ECRIN DU DROPT	NASKO 1'18"8
		EL NOELLA
OKARIA DU BEROY 1'20"1	BEL HETRE 1'18"4	HETRE VERT
	IONISA	MADELIA 1'21"3
		NICOS DU VIVIER 1'18"6
		OKARIA 1'17"7

3<sup>e</sup> | GRAND PRIX D'EAUZE ET DE L'ARMAGNAC

Att - 3000 m - Course A - 45 000 €

2<sup>e</sup>

Doruck Jet Fortuna x Hygie de Vrie

3<sup>e</sup>

Gaudeo Tsar de Tonnerre x Theresa

4<sup>e</sup> : Christmas du Cebe - 5<sup>e</sup> : Eureka du Fosse - 6<sup>e</sup> : Dard Roc - 7<sup>e</sup> : Egerie de Banville

ECRIN DU DROPT

New des Landes x Okaria du Bero y (Bel Hetre)

Driver : Ch. Feyte - Entraîneur : Ch. Feyte

Propriétaire : Ch. Feyte - Eleveur : M. C. Lemiere

# LETROT COMMITTEE: A 2021 FINANCIAL RESULT OF +€11.8M

**T**he second session of the year of the LeTROT Committee on Tuesday, six days after its Board of Directors, validated the 2021 accounts. These show a positive financial result of 11.8 million euros. The Committee also confirmed the good orientation of the first four months of 2022, which allowed it to validate the amount of allocations programmed until this summer (+11%). The meeting also discussed the summer programme with several important changes of dates.

Implementation of a decision support tool to build premium meeting programmes

A decision-support software to establish the programmes has recently been deployed. This tool now makes it possible to predict the risk of having PMU races with fewer than 10 or 13 starters, to correct the conditions of call accordingly, while analysing the interference on the whole programme.

*"Of our 11,000 races, only 4,923 have a positive result (national stakes support). These races must therefore finance the other 6,106 (TDC), which are also essential. It is therefore essential that each of our PMU events is optimised to the best of our knowledge to generate the best possible revenue,"* reminds the President of LeTROT.

This tool, already used by the Programmes Department for the Premium programme, will be extended to the PMH races.

*"This search for value in our racing offer, both in terms of starters and in the construction of the daily trot/galop programme, is one of the conditions for the success of the PMU and the other online operators,"* says J.-P. Barjon. As a reminder, the latter contributed €12.5 million to the final result of LeTROT in 2021.

## A great summer ahead with a new calendar

The various changes made to the selection programme over the last two years will be fully reflected this summer with the prestigious day scheduled for 18 September at Paris-

Vincennes, where the 3-year-old Criterium (brought forward by three months), the 4-year-old Criterium (delayed by three and a half months) and the 5-year-old Criterium will be run. An exceptional opportunity to see the elite of the young generations on the track, in a single time unit.

Vincennes also has the honour of organising the European Breeders' Day on Friday 14 October, with three Group I events on the bill, the UET Grand Prix (4-year-olds) and the European Championships for 3 and 5-year-olds. With these changes and taking into account the increase in allocations, the total prize money distributed on the Plateau de Gravelle between August and the beginning of November amounts to 13.3 million euros, an increase of 20% on average per race.

In Enghien, the prices of races offered in July and August amount to 9.3 million (+12.7%), in Cabourg they will be 4.6 million (+8.2%) and in Caen 1.1 million (+27%). This is the consequence of the move of the Saint Léger des Trotteurs from May to October (on the 8th, to be precise).

*Here is the full press release issued by LeTROT:*

## A strategy based on value creation

At the time of approving the management balance sheet, with its result of +11.8 million euros, an increase of 2.3 million over 2019, a "pre-Covid" year, Jean-Pierre Barjon is especially keen to emphasise the virtuous spiral in which LeTROT has been involved since it took over the reins (at the end of 2019). *"This result validates our team's strategy, based on the permanent creation of value and its ability to reduce our costs. In addition to this 11.8 million, we must add the increase in value of our assets, following the purchase of the Thémis shared building. In my opinion, the valuation of our assets for the year is probably around twice the accounting result."* ■



## FIRST QUALIFICATION SESSION FOR 2-YO'S AT CAEN: WATCH THE REPLAYS!

The qualifying session at Caen, the first open to 2-year-olds of the season, was rich in good notes this Wednesday. *Province Courses* and *24H au Trot* accompanied the event by proposing a full live broadcast as part of the third episode of the K-LIFS operation (to be found via this [LINK](#)). After the first two episodes of the Croisé-Laroche and Grosbois, here is an even different treatment of the qualifications.

100 candidates have qualified with the best kilometre rate of 1'16"6 to the credits of **Kairos de Bomo** (Charly du Noyer) and **Kalao du Vivier** (Follow You). The first one depends on Charley Heslouin and the second on Sébastien Guarato. Thierry Duvaldestin was the most active on Wednesday (15 qualifiers) ahead of Philippe Allaire (9).

The long session allowed many professionals to react and give their impressions to Fabien Cailler. Between the lots, the replay of the live session will allow you to see and hear Sylvain Roger, who also came back on the performance of **Delia du Pommereux** at Åby, Gaëtan Ligeron, Victor Langlais (for Hunter Valley - Parts de Rêve), Fabien Mégie (for Arqana Trot), Yann Lorin, Franck Anne, Sébastien Dewulf, François Henry, Gilles Ribot (Caen's manager) and Charley Heslouin. ■

## AUSTRALIAN PUNTERS JOIN PMU POOL: A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AGREEMENT

**PMU** and Australian betting operator TAB (Tabcorp) have just signed an agreement allowing Australian stakes on French races to be included in the pool managed by PMU. This is an important agreement in both hemispheres. For Australian punters, it means access to stable returns based on the very large volume of the pool (which combines French stakes with those of foreign punters in 51 such partnerships in 32 countries). Tabcorp GM International Paul Cross said the commingling arrangement between PMU and TAB will enhance the customer experience and provide a more viable betting product. *This commingling arrangement aligns with our strategy of using our reputation, capability and relationships to strike deals that benefit punters here and the racing industry both in Australia and participating nations. The deal offers customers the opportunity to bet into larger totalisator pools, which provides increased liquidity generally resulting in more stable odds,* TAB said in the presentation of the agreement. Emmanuelle Malecaze-Doublet, deputy CEO of PMU, welcomed the agreement on her *Twitter* account, while Aymeric Vermet, international director, said in the official press release: "As with our other partners around the world who are integrated into the pool, this agreement will enhance the attractiveness of Tabcorp's horse betting offer and provide Australian punters with greater stability in the odds offered. This new stage in our partnership marks the recognition of our expertise as a global horse racing operator and the excellence of French racing."

**Benchmark: €1,181m raised by international partnerships in common pool in 2021** ■

## MANY PEOPLE IN SÉES FOR A LAST TRIBUTE TO DÉDÉ MEUNIER

The ceremony of homage to André Meunier brought together a large number of racing people at the Sées crematorium last Tuesday afternoon. The speeches paid tribute to Dédé Meunier and his commitment to the horse racing industry. Meanwhile, some drivers wore a black armband at the races (like François Lagadeuc during the success of Imoko Aimef at Vincennes) in tribute to the late professional and to Robert Chauvin who also died last Wednesday. The funeral of the latter was celebrated on Wednesday at Dozulé, Normandy. ■