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## CHICA DE JOUDES HARNESS RACING PRINCESS

With the retirement of Chica de Joudes, a great lady of French trotting has taken her leave. The 10-year-old mare was both discreet and endearing, courageous and popular. As a permanent member of the national elite, she was present at all the major events for several years. She was on the billboards, which are religiously looked at by so many people: from turfsters to lovers of high-level sport, as well as socio-professionals and trotting observers. Chica de Joudes had become like a member of the family for some. She is a sort of trotting bride who has joined the stud to continue her already great work.

**H**er history is one of stability. A single trainer, Alain Laurent, has accompanied her career. Chica de Joudes (Jag de Bellouet) now returns to her breeders and owners in the Saône-et-Loire department, the Vulliamy family. Alain Laurent begins with emotion with her: *"She was a mare of the heart. She was special because she was funny. She had a real personality with a gentleness and a permanent 'joie de*

*vivre!"* And the professional goes on with shock phrases like: *"I think everyone loved her, no one was jealous of her."*

### IDENTITY CARD OF CHICA DE JOUDES

Born in 2012 by **Jag de Bellouet** and **Queschua Love** (Love You), dam also of **Atlas de Joudes** 1'13 (Ready Cash)

Record : 1'10"3 (a9v) in the Prix René Ballière (Gr.1) 2021 (6th) and in the Prix de France (Gr.1) 2022 (7th)

83 races - 16 wins - 16 places (2nd and 3rd)

Earnings: €890,770

- Group 1: 12 participations - 4th in the Prix d'Amérique 2020, 5th in the Prix de Paris 2021 and 5th in the Prix de Paris 2022

- Group 2: 15 appearances - best performance: 2nd in the Prix de Bretagne 2019

- Group 3: 18 participations - 3 wins: Prix Helen Johansson 2019, Prix du Languedoc 2019, Prix des Cévennes 2021



**Alain Laurent: "She was beautiful like a star!"**

To go even further in the portrait of the one who will have remained from her 18 months (yearling) to her 10 years under his responsibility, Alain Laurent shares with us a precise moment: *"With her, I have particular memories, like seeing her wriggling with pleasure like a little earthworm at the second or third heat on the straight at work. She was beautiful as a star!"*

**A long and rich career**

Chica de Joudes started at the age of 2, in November in Strasbourg, with a disqualification. At the age of 3, she slowly climbed the ranks to win twice at Vincennes in the second half of the year. She was then often disqualified and was again disqualified at 4. She then won at Enghien. It was at 5 that she took on another dimension. She only ran four times (always at Vincennes) for three wins and a place. She tackled the Group category at 6 (second in the Prix de Nevers in February) and rubbed shoulders with the best for the first time in the Prix de Sélection (6th). She continued her progress at 7 with eight victories including two Group 3s and was second in the Prix de Bretagne (Gr.2) at the end of the year, securing her place on the starting grid for the Prix d'Amérique 2020, where she finished fourth. On that day, she completed her last 500 metres in the 1'10"2 kilometre reduction. Only **Face Time Bourbon** (1st) and **Vitruvio** (5th) did better than her. She has multiplied her places against the best since 2020 and won again at the last winter meeting in the Prix des Cévennes (Gr.3). She was fifth in the Prix de Paris - Marathon Race (Gr.1) in February before taking a sixth place in the Prix Jean Riaud (Gr.3) on 6 April.

**An outing under the sign of homage**

About her last outing, Alain Laurent also tells us: *"I wanted to run the Prix Jean Riaud with her. I spent thirty years of my life in the company of Mr Jean Riaud for whom I won the Cornulier. The mare was still very good but we all got a bit carried away with **Cleangame** and we went too hard. She is sixth and I am proud of her."* In fact, **Chica de Joudes** has shown throughout this winter and in the last few weeks that at 10 years old she is still very competitive. This is therefore an exemplary outing for a great mare.

**Alexandre Vulliamy: "There was a complicity between Alain Laurent and Chica de Joudes"**

Associated with his sister Sylvie and his brother Christophe,

Alexandre Vulliamy took over the breeding work of his father Jean-Pierre who died in 1999. He shares with us his point of view as a breeder and owner of **Chica de Joudes**: *"We have always respected Mr Laurent who had the mare in a racetrack lease. We waited for the right moment for him. As a breeder, we would have taken her back earlier but, at the same time, if she has got where she is, with her record of success, it is thanks to the work of Mr Laurent. And also to the complicity that existed between him and the mare. He asked us if he could continue with her until the Prix Jean Riaud. We agreed with his choice and he kindly brought her to Normandy where she lives now."*

**A great career however undoubtedly prevented!**

If compliments on **Chica de Joudes** are raining down from Alain Laurent, like *"she was a great mare. She was strong, didn't need anyone. She went to her fingertips and didn't pull on the reins. I would tell her to speed up and she would take off again"*, there is also a touch of disappointment. The professional explains: *"With her, I have one big regret. When she came to me as a yearling, she had a problem that we never really identified, she was lame. Obviously, she saw several vets, treatments were done but it didn't really help."* Continuing this "frustration", Alain Laurent also elaborates: *"I thought she was a Cornulier mare but she was never comfortable under saddle because of this discomfort. Can you imagine what a mare she would have been without that?"*

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JAG DE BELLOUET 1'09"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6	MICKEY VICKING (US)
		JOSUBIE 1'19"1
CHICA DE JOUDES	VAUNOISE 1'26"0	NICOS DU VIVIER 1'18"6
		QUENAVORA
QUESCHUA LOVE 1'15"0	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1
	HORSACA 1'17"7	BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4
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### Good humour, a family trait

On the character of his pupil and the connection that was established between her and Alain Laurent, Alexandre Vulliamy gives us some keys. *"She is a mare who needed to go out a lot because she was prone to little fits of temper. There is also Jameel (Mohammed) at Alain Laurent's who took care of her a lot. She was the darling of the house. This is a characteristic trait of the products of Queschua Love who always gave us nice horses, including of course the very good Atlas de Joudes. Chica was as nice as anything, always in a good mood to go to work, always going. A strong relationship was built between Alain Laurent and the mare."*

### Jameel Mohammed, the man behind the scenes

Lad of **Chica de Joudes**, Jameel Mohammed spent a lot of time with his champion. Alain Laurent also tells us: *"Jameel is passionate about horses and had an adoration for his Chica. He is a native of India and has been with my company for almost nineteen years. He is a very nice guy."*

### Teamwork, including the farrier

**Chica de Joudes** was not shod until she was 7 years old (an unsuccessful attempt was made at 4 years old). Christophe Lebigot took on this mission as farrier to Alain Laurent. He worked in conjunction with the trainer and this contribution adds to the work of the whole team in the success of **Chica de Joudes**.

### The disillusionment of mounted trotting

**Chica de Joudes** has never taken part in the Prix de Cornulier (Gr.1). However, with her model, her perfect bearing and her origins (daughter of **Jag de Bellouet**), she ticked a lot of boxes to perform under saddle. Alain Laurent, with three Prix de Cornulier to his credit, knows what he is talking about when he mentions riding for his resident. And it will only be disillusionment. *"I tried her at the age of 4 and it was a big disappointment. I thought she was mature enough to carry the man and, for me, she was a Cornulier mare. She proved uncomfortable underneath me."* Another attempt was made last year. The mare then took part in her only mounted attempt in the Prix Jules Lemonnier on 24 December. She was unable to play any role, experiencing gait problems and was eventually disqualified.

### ALEXANDRE VULLIAMY: "CHICA DE JOUDES IS THE BEST HORSE WE HAVE EVER BRED"

Breeders and sellers of their male production, the members of the Swiss Vulliamy family perpetuate the trotting work launched by their father Jean-Pierre who bought a stud farm of about fifty hectares in the Bresse region of Burgundy in Saône-et-Loire in 1989. The estate is based in Joudes... Unfortunately, the entrepreneur died young in 1999. *"Our father had asked us to continue"* says the website of the farm. Sylvie, Alexandre and Christophe have therefore taken up the

torch, each playing their role in a complementary way.

### 24H au Trot - Where do you place Chica de Joudes within your breeding operation?

**Alexandre Vulliamy** - She is the best horse we have ever bred. Atlas and Artiste de Joudes were better than her when they were young but, over the whole of their career, there is no photo. She was fourth in the Prix d'Amérique. I don't know if we will have the chance to find a competitor of her level.

### What impact can such a mare have on a breeding operation like yours?

With her performances and victories in Vincennes, there has been a positive effect on our breeding. The visibility and recognition are different with such performances. However, there was not a before and after Chica because we had already had a very good generation of "A" with Atlas de Joudes and Artiste de Joudes and our label was already well known. She actually brought us a reputation at the highest level.

### You chose Italiano Véro as the first stallion for Chica de Joudes. What were the reasons for this?

We wanted to go for **Ready Cash** blood. For me, **Italiano Véro** is a young horse who has exploded everything in his path and who brings a precocity that **Chica de Joudes** may not have had. And commercially, I think it's interesting.

### What is the state of the family? What are the results of the breeding of Chica's sisters?

Two younger sisters of **Chica de Joudes** had their first product this year. It is therefore not yet possible to give feedback on the quality of their production. As for **Brianna de Joudes** (Prince Gédé), Chica's elder sister, she had won at Vincennes and we thought she was good but she soon had problems with a leg. We therefore entered her as a broodmare. Her first offspring was sold and proved to be complicated according to my information. Her second product, **Keenan de Joudes**, by **Ready Cash**, was bought by Ludovic Peltier's owners. We kept a share of him. We have heard good things about him and the colt should soon be presented at the qualifications. It's the same team as Invincible Cash and Keenan reminds them both physically and mentally of Invincible Cash. He is one of our great hopes in the 'Ks'.

### What is your favourite memory of Chica's career?

Her fourth place in the Prix d'Amérique with her extraordinary finish will remain a great moment for me. We knew that she gave everything on the track and that she had the capacity to do something but we didn't dare to dream too much in front of such an opposition. So when you see your mare going a thousand miles an hour under the cheers at the finish line, it's quite something. It was our dad's dream come true and I had a big thought for him at that moment. ■



## ESTELLE NORDIQUE IN 1'10"9

**F**or her fourth race on the 2,175 metres of the big track, **Estelle Nordique** (Real de Lou), whose dam is **Joyeuse d'Or** (Vroum d'Or), winner of more than €305,000, confirms that she can express all her qualities on this course. The mare trained by Tomas Malmqvist (author of a two-shot at the end of the meeting with **Iron Jet**) does even better than that as she lowers her personal best in 1'10"9 (against 1'11"6 in March). "She's quite comfortable going downhill," explains Adrien Lamy. "And then, she is fit. We took advantage of that. It's not surprising that she won today (Tuesday). I didn't hesitate to let her roll out at the beginning of the course because on the downhill it's really where she's at her best. On the flat, we picked up nicely. On the climb, we didn't go crazy before accelerating well at the post in the last five hundred metres because the danger was at our back and we had to keep going. Up to the post, she responded well to the attack of Alexandre's horse (**Eldorado Castelets**)." The jockey adds: "Today, the categories are quite close when you see the times, it's mainly the form and the course. She's a nice mare that I discovered in driving, where she's a bit less practical. When ridden, she's 'caviar' as they say!"

REAL DE LOU 1'11"3	JAG DE BELLOUET 1'09"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6 VAUNOISE 1'26"0
	KOOKA DE LOU 1'19"9	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2 ELITE DE LOU 1'22"1
<b>ESTELLE NORDIQUE</b>	VROUM D'OR 1'13"3	LURABO 1'13"7 NYPTIA 1'19"7
JOYEUSE D'OR 1'13"3	FEVE DE MONTAIGU	OFF GY 1'16"3 UNE DE MONTAIGU

### 4<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE VIRY-CHATILLON

M - 2175 m - Course D - 57 000 €

#### ESTELLE NORDIQUE 1'10"9



Real de Lou x Joyeuse d'Or (Vroum d'Or)  
Jockey : A. Lamy - Entraîneur : T. Malmqvist  
Propriétaire : Ec. Fincumet Group Oy - Eleveur : J. Jarvensivu



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**REAL DE LOU**

2<sup>e</sup> **Eldorado Castelets 1'11"** Jag de Bellouet x Utopie Mauzun

3<sup>e</sup> **Fast Cash 1'11"2** Ready Cash x Armeniade

4<sup>e</sup> : Drusenheim - 5<sup>e</sup> : Galactic - 6<sup>e</sup> : Europa de Chenu - 7<sup>e</sup> : Galla de Manche

## IN LOVE DE BLARY STILL WITH A MARGIN

**W**hen **In Love de Blary** (Carat Williams) won for the first time under saddle at Enghien last month, we had headlined: "In Love de Blary with a 30-metre margin". A little more than three weeks later, we could almost make a "copy-paste" because the female trained by Sébastien Guarato confirmed over a much shorter distance this time. "Her time in Enghien (1'14"8) was very good even though the track was very sticky, which still left her some margin," recalls David Thomain who discovered her and won three times. "She's a bit tricky during the first hundred metres but, after that, she will not try to make any mistakes. She has a big engine. She was easy all the way, I hardened up on her hand on the flat and she restarted nicely at the start of the straight. She has to take it the right way but she has quality." You don't trot in the spring of her 4yo in 1'12" on this course, even in such optimal conditions as this Tuesday at Vincennes, without quality. This mare, who belongs to the maternal line of **Very Pleasant** and **Password**, was bought €39,000 yearling at Deauville by Michel Lourmière (Écurie Mip) for an association of owners, including the associates of **Carat Williams**, from whose first year of production she was born.

CARAT WILLIAMS 1'10"7	PRODIGIOUS 1'11"1	GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9 IMAGINE D'ODYSSEE
	MISS WILLIAMS 1'16"9	SANCHO PANCA 1'15"2 QUARA WILLIAMS 1'17"1
<b>IN LOVE DE BLARY</b>	QUALMIO DE VANDEL 1'12"1	GOBERNADOR 1'11"0 KALMIA DE VANDEL 1'17"4
AGORA DE BLARY 1'13"0	GARINE D'OCCAGNES 1'17"3	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5 ODE DE RETZ

### 6<sup>e</sup> | PRIX OCEANA

M - 2175 m - Course C - 44 000 €

#### IN LOVE DE BLARY 1'12"



Acheté aux ventes Arqana Trot 39 000 € par Ecurie Mip  
Carat Williams x Agora de Blary (Qualmio de Vandel)  
Jockey : D. Thomain - Entraîneur : S. Guarato  
Propriétaire : Ec. Mip - Eleveur : Ec. de Blary



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2<sup>e</sup> **Idola Phedo 1'12"2** Magnificent Rodney x Querida Phedo

3<sup>e</sup> **Image de Rabet 1'12"3** Skippy Dungy x Redoute de Rabet

4<sup>e</sup> : Illusive Glory - 5<sup>e</sup> : Ivanovska - 6<sup>e</sup> : Isis Wild - 7<sup>e</sup> : Ingentia Prima

## GAOTCHO JIEL, THE CARRIER WIND

There must have been a strong southerly wind this Tuesday at Vincennes which pushed **Gaotcho Jiel** (Prince Gédé) to take a small advantage at the post. A first on the Parisian track for the colours of Écurie Mistral Gagnant, a group stable of 24 associates, obtained in the opening race reserved for amateurs. Things being well done, Émeline Jousset, at the origin of this stable, some of whose partners had made the trip, was in the sulky of Romuald Mourice's pensioner, her companion, for what is also her first success on the Parisian course. "I was hot, I didn't run the race of my life," said the young woman who works in the banking sector and who now has 57 victories in just over 300 races. "They didn't do me any favours when I went out on the climb, it was very fast. I didn't make the right choices. Gaotcho is still doing something." When she passed the post, Émeline Jousset didn't know she had won on her fourth attempt at Vincennes: "I took a recovery lap before I knew I had won. I was overwhelmed with emotion, it's still just an amateur race and it can be funny but it's Vincennes, it's an achievement. It was also the first time that I wore the group stable's silks".

PRINCE GEDE 1'11"6	SANCHO PANCA 1'15"2	CHAMBON P
	FAVORITE GEDE 1'16"7	DULCINEE
GAOTCHO JIEL	TENOR DE BAUNE 1'14"3	LE LOIR 1'17"4
	ISLAND GIRL 1'16"6	COLIVETTE
OCTOPUSSY JIEL 1'15"8	BLUE DREAM 1'14"9	SQUAW D'OMBREE 1'15"1

### 1<sup>ère</sup> | PRIX KATHARINA

Att - 2850 m - Course G - 12 000 €

#### GAOTCHO JIEL 1'16"2



Prince Gede x Octopussy Jiel (Tenor de Baune)

Driver : E. Jousset - Entraîneur : R. Mourice

Propriétaire : Ec. Mistral Gagnant - Eleveur : Ec. Luck



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2<sup>e</sup> Fabiola de Salsa 1'16"2 Punchy x Salsa d'Acanthe

3<sup>e</sup> Gossip Boy 1'16"2 Magnificent Rodney x Quadrigae

4<sup>e</sup> : Fast And Good - 5<sup>e</sup> : Folie Darling - 6<sup>e</sup> : Epi des Landes - 7<sup>e</sup> : de Toulouse Vet

## JENNY DE JOUDES REMAINS UNBEATEN

With three victories in three races, we can't blame **Jenny de Joudes** (Saxo de Vandel). In fact, it's quite the opposite! And even more so after her victorious debut on the classic course of the big track of Vincennes in this C race for females, she had won for her first steps at La Capelle before following it up with another success at Reims. "She was passing a test and I was a little bit afraid because we see lots of young horses that are really progressing, there is a big evolution," judges Alain Laurent. "Of course, she shows good things in the morning like in her previous races but the fear is to hurt them, especially as she is not made in early. She is in the middle of a metamorphosis, her rear end is much higher than her front end, she needs to grow up."

Alain Laurent knows this family well, as he has been working for a long time with the Vulliamy breeding operation, the flagship of this association being of course **Chica de Joudes** (Jag de Bellouet) (see cover page). He has indeed trained her dam, **Vicky de Joudes** (Biesolo). "She is superior to her mother, who has won several races. Today (read Tuesday), I am very happy. I'm going to listen to her for the rest. She qualified well even if she was too much of a dilettante that day. She is still at work but I have time." We asked if **Jenny de Joudes** is the new hope of the stable, Alain Laurent replied: "Among others...".

SAXO DE VANDEL 1'11"8	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
	LIDICE DE VANDEL 1'14"3	ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
JENNY DE JOUDES	BIESOLO 1'16"3	CEZIO JOSSELYN (US) 1'12"2
	KAREN DE JOUDES 1'18"7	ELLEN DE VANDEL 1'21"4
VICKY DE JOUDES 1'13"1		SHARIF DI IESOLO (IT)
		OSSARIE 1'18"5
		JET DU VIVIER 1'18"5
		BIKINI QUEEN 1'18"3

### 3<sup>e</sup> | PRIX MURZIM

Att - 2700 m - Course C - 44 000 €

#### JENNY DE JOUDES 1'14"7



Saxo de Vandel x Vicky de Joudes (Biesolo)

Driver : A. Laurent - Entraîneur : A. Laurent

Propriétaire : Ec. A. Laurent - Eleveur : Ec. J. P. Vulliamy



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2<sup>e</sup> Jonchee de Blay 1'14"8 Quido du Goutier x Diane de Blay

3<sup>e</sup> Jessica 1'15"3 Doberman x Amourette Rose

4<sup>e</sup> : Julia Quesnot - 5<sup>e</sup> : Juloha Star Elge - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jaggera Bomb - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jaida de May





## COCCO BFC FINALLY UNVEILS THE ENGINE HIDING UNDER THE BONNET

The strong contingent of Italian competitors at the start of the Prix de Fécamp, a European event for 4-year-olds, completely drew the blanket at the time of the assessment of the event. The first five were of Italian origin with one winner, **Cocco Bfc** (Varenne), who had not yet made an impact in our country in six attempts since last December. Franck Ouvrie was driving Vitale Ciotola's horse for the first time on Wednesday and had a positive experience of him: "His trainer had told me good things about him, saying that he had class but was also very complicated. His heat turned out to be very good. He is more of a tractor than a sprinter and we travelled perfectly. He showed a different face today, with a big engine. He made a small mistake in the first turn and still needs some adjustments but I think he can reach other levels than where he was today."

The favourite for the event, **Isla Jet** (Bold Eagle), unbeaten in four attempts this year, made a mistake at the start and was immediately disqualified. Eric Raffin, however, was vigilant about her: "She has a neck bar on the right which is troubling her a bit and the start is a critical moment for her. We need to remove this bar. Today (read Wednesday) she didn't run."

### 6<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE FECAMP

Att - 2700 m - Course B - 51 000 €



#### COCCO BFC 1'13"7

Varenne x Softail Effe (Credit Winner)  
Driver : F. Ouvrie - Entraîneur : V. Ciotola  
Propriétaire : L. Finotti - Eleveur : Fonds de Courses



2<sup>e</sup> Carlomagno d'Esi 1'13"7 Love You x Primula d'Esi

3<sup>e</sup> Chemar 1'13"7 x

4<sup>e</sup> : Cocis Mp - 5<sup>e</sup> : Celeste Breed - 6<sup>e</sup> : Instrumentaliste - 7<sup>e</sup> : Indro Park

## EILEEN KNOWS HOW TO LINK

When she wins, as she did on 23 April in Enghien in a C race, **Eileen** (Royal Dream) often follows up with another victory. This is the sixth time she has won a double. It is true that this mare from a beautiful maternal line - among which we can detach the "Levesque" **Médicis** (458 750 €), a sister of her mother - has never lacked quality. Three times starred by *Province Courses* when qualifying at Grosbois in the summer of her 2nd year, she only really started her career in the spring of her 4th year after her career had been seriously questioned for a while.

"She repeats her race in Enghien but, at 25 metres, it wasn't easy before the shot and, in the last turn, I wasn't going like a winner and I didn't have any more gas than that," Romain Derieux says about the mare bred by his father, Louis. "But she is the one who finished the least tired. She does her best, she adapts to everything, she can wait or go ahead. She has worked well recently. I had kept her for the winter but she went through, without me knowing why. Since the end of the winter she's been better. She's making up for lost time this winter."

The last good thing to know is that **Eileen** has also won three times in a row in her career.

ROYAL DREAM 1'10"7	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COCKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1
EILEEN	IDA BOURBON	BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4
		OCRE ET VERTE 1'17"1
LIBERATION 1'15"7	PODOSIS 1'16"1	FLORESTAN (US)
		CIVETTE II
	BELLE DES JARRIES 1'15"3	LUTIN D'ISIGNY 1'14"3
		QUIRENIA

### 7<sup>e</sup> | PRIX JEAN GABIN

Att - 2850 m - Course C - 65 000 €



#### EILEEN 1'12"1

Royal Dream x Liberation (Podosis)  
Driver : R. Derieux - Entraîneur : R. Derieux  
Propriétaire : M. de Sousa - Eleveur : L. Derieux



2<sup>e</sup> Farah des Caux 1'12"1 Isigny de Montfort x Ossiliana

3<sup>e</sup> Fly Speed 1'12"2 Neutron du Cebe x Icaranda

4<sup>e</sup> : Fashion Touch - 5<sup>e</sup> : Duchesse de Sassy - 6<sup>e</sup> : Face Time - 7<sup>e</sup> : Eliska Berry

## DÉCOLORATION: A DESIRE TO GO ELSEWHERE

Beaten by **Ampia Mede Sm** (Ganymède) in the Prix du Tréport, **Décoloration** (Prince d'Espace) approached this Prix du Gâtinais (Gr.3) on Wednesday in the opening of the programme with strong ambitions, to say the least, which she fulfilled. "I am not surprised that she won very easily because she is a great mare when she is well behaved and not at fault," says Gaby Gelormini. "She does what we expected of her. She's getting older but she's still as strong as ever, even if she's not easy to handle every day because she has a lot of character. But that makes her strong once she's on the track." And now a desire to go elsewhere is taking shape with a participation in the Kymi Grand Prix (Gr. 1) next month. "We'll normally try", confirms Jean-Michel Baudouin. "She has already done well in France over 2,100 metres and I think she can adapt well to the profile if she does a good number. I think she's really good now running at a month old so I think we'll skip a race next week. If we get it right, it can open a lot of doors for us."

PRINCE D'ESPACE 1'11"7	HIMO JOSSELYN 1'13"3	CEZIO JOSSELYN (US) 1'12"2
	EDEN'S STAR	CIMA JOSSELYN
MARADADI BUISSONAY 1'13"3	BEAUTIFUL SOMOLLI (US) 1'15"4	FLORESTAN (US)
	BETTY DES BARGES 1'19"7	QUIBLA 1'17"3
DECOLORATION		SPEEDY SOMOLLI (US)
		HIORIDA
		PAN DE LA VAUDERE 1'14"5
		REPARINE

### 1<sup>ère</sup> | PRIX DU GATINAIS



Att - 2850 m - Groupe 3 - 90 000 €



### DECOLORATION 1'12"5

Prince d'Espace x Maradadi Buissonay (Beautiful Somolli)  
Driver : G. Gelormini - Entraîneur : J. M. Baudouin  
Propriétaire : Ec. J.-M Baudouin - Eleveur : P. Pellerot



2<sup>e</sup> Elite de Jiel 1'12"7 Niky x Quick Star de Jiel

3<sup>e</sup> Victor Ferm 1'12"7 Nad Al Sheba x

4<sup>e</sup> : Echo de Chanlecy - 5<sup>e</sup> : Crack Money - 6<sup>e</sup> : Epsom d'Herfraie - 7<sup>e</sup> : Flore de Janeiro

## JUSHUA TREE PASSES TEST WITH FLYING COLOURS

Highly anticipated for his debut at Vincennes, **Jushua Tree** (Bold Eagle) gave his opponents no chance in the final phase of the Prix de Dreux. Romain Congard, his partner, told us: "We were confident before the race because he is a colt that we like a lot at the stable. He didn't beat much in his first races and this time was a test. He is physically strong enough and has proved he has the ability for the big track. Going into the finish line he took the lead on his own, we just had to go with him all the way to the post so he didn't cut his effort." As for **Jasper Piya** (Up and Quick) who lost his invincibility today for his debut on the left, Alexandre Abrivard confided: "I couldn't give him the race he wanted. I was forced to make him make efforts that I didn't want to make. It was only the third race of his career. He needs to toughen up."

### Bold Eagle's lovely month of May

**Jushua Tree** is **Bold Eagle's** 14th winner in May in France. This places him second behind **Saxo de Vandel** (15). Thomas Bernereau, who co-owns the horse and is in charge of marketing him as a stallion, is delighted: "He is a colt who is highly regarded by Jean-Michel Bazire. It's good for **Bold Eagle** because in France we saw mostly very good females like **Green Grass**. His best male abroad is **Aetos Kronos**. **Bold Eagle** is really in the middle of a great series at the moment. Sébastien Guarato also told me that he has two "Ks" of Bold from the Josselyn breeding who are doing very well."

BOLD EAGLE 1'08"9	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
	REETHI RAH JET 1'19"0	KIDEA 1'18"2
JUSHUA TREE	BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4	LOVE YOU 1'10"2
	MA SISSI JAMES 1'13"2	HIPPODAMIA 1'15"2
	SISSI DES MONTS	ROYAL PRESTIGE (US)
		NESMILE 1'17"4
		DATA C
		LA LIGNERIE 1'28"6

### 2<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE DREUX



Att - 2700 m - Course C - 44 000 €



### JUSHUA TREE 1'14"4

Bold Eagle x Ma Sissi James (Buvetier d'Aunou)  
Driver : R. Congard - Entraîneur : J.-M Bazire  
Propriétaire : Ec. Olmenhof - Eleveur : H. Rousseau



2<sup>e</sup> Julejacq 1'14"7 United Back x Cime de Baudrairie

3<sup>e</sup> Jasper Piya 1'14"8 Up And Quick x Catharina Piya

4<sup>e</sup> : Jalon du Goutier - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jo Lignerries - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jazzman Debailleul - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jackpot Visais



## JUPITER DU CORTA: SMALL BUT EFFICIENT

Three races, two victories, a second place, we have seen more complicated career starts. "He is a very good little colt," confirms William Bigeon, the trainer of **Jupiter du Corta** (Charly du Noyer), winner of this D race under saddle for his first try at Vincennes. "He seems to have found his way under saddle." Even if his fourth dam is **Reine du Corta** (Ura), the champion with 32 wins under saddle and in the Prix de Cornulier, this was not the initial plan with this gelding owned by Joël Séché. "I don't use him more than that in harness. He won on his debut but it was rather difficult at the start before being very good on the course," says the trainer from Mayenne. "The start was his weak point harnessed and mounted it's the opposite, it's almost his strong point. It was not planned at the start to put him mounted but, as I couldn't start him harnessed and Julien Balu is a service provider at the stable, I asked him to try him out thinking that it wouldn't work. In the end, he took three starts and was perfect all three times."

Ten days after his debut in the speciality at Le Mans behind **Jazz In Montreux** (Akim du Cap Vert), **Jupiter du Corta** won this time very surely. "Physically he's not going to be very big I think but he's thick. He raced ten days ago and you couldn't tell. He can handle it well. He is small but efficient", underlined William Bigeon, who does not know yet what will be the next program of his horse. "Either we calm down and see later, or we continue because he is good. He's bound to have more races, not fifty with his earnings, but he's bound to have some although he's a gelding."

CHARLY DU NOYER 1'10"3	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
	ORNELLA JET 1'18"4	KIDEA 1'18"2
JUPITER DU CORTA	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	HALIMEDE 1'16"2
	DUCHESS DU CORTA 1'18"7	DELMONICA JET 1'16"0
MARQUISE DU CORTA	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
	REINE DU CORTA 1'15"5	ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US) 1'11"3

### 3<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE L'AUBE

M - 2175 m - Course D - 39 000 €



### JUPITER DU CORTA 1'15"6

Charly du Noyer x Duchesse du Corta (Coktail Jet)  
Jockey : A. Abrivard - Entraîneur : W. Bigeon  
Propriétaire : J. Seche - Eleveur : P. Morand



2<sup>e</sup> Just Bird 1'16"2 Rolling d'Heripre x Querida de Mergil

3<sup>e</sup> Jack Dry 1'16"8 Goetmals Wood x Bea Dry

4<sup>e</sup> : Jaillir - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jag Mahcath - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jarnibleu - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jarvix des Bordes

## HARIBO DU LOISIR AT HIS BEST

Although he has not raced at Group 1 level, **Haribo du Loisir**, a son of **Rodrigo Jet** whose offspring are still going strong after being one of last weekend's top stallions, has competed on several occasions against some of the best of his generation. In this Group 3 European race for 5 and 6 year olds who had not been placed in the first three of a Group 1, he found favourable conditions that allowed him to resume his success by assuming the weight of the race. "It's the real Haribo today (read Wednesday), he feels good," said Léo Abrivard. "With him, I am only afraid of one thing, that he will do something stupid, he had to stay concentrated until the finish line because I knew that I had the measure of the others. He is showing that he has the level to go to the next category and hopefully it will be better than the last two times. The last time he messed with me in the heat and canter, which can happen to him. He's a real pain in the ass. As soon as there's a mistake to be made, it's for him. But perhaps that is also his strength. He can take it without flinching because he never gives it his all."

RODRIGO JET 1'09"8	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
	ITA MARIA 1'14"9	ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US) 1'14"4
HARIBO DU LOISIR	NIKY 1'10"8	BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'17"5
	CHACHA DU CITRUS	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
LA FEE 1'14"1	FETE 1'19"6	DEFI D'AUNOU (US) 1'11"3
		FEERIE DU BUISSON 1'19"2

### 5<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DU PERREUX

Att - 2700 m - Groupe 3 - 90 000 €

### HARIBO DU LOISIR 1'12"4



Acheté aux ventes Arqana Trot 17 000 € par COTTEL Jacques

Rodrigo Jet x Chacha du Citrus (Niky)

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

Propriétaire : J. Cotel - Eleveur : E.A.R.L. du Loisir



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2<sup>e</sup> Goeland d'Haufor 1'12"7 Voltigeur de Myrt x Santa Haufor

3<sup>e</sup> Hades de Vandel 1'12"8 Ganymede x Silene de Vandel

4<sup>e</sup> : Bomber Di No - 5<sup>e</sup> : M.t.oscar - 6<sup>e</sup> : Huwaga - 7<sup>e</sup> : Harmoniously



## SUCCESSFUL HARNESS TEST FOR JIKITA MELRIC

After a tricky start, **Jikita Melric** (Ni Ho Ped d'Ombree) nevertheless succeeded in opening her record for her driving debut, having discovered the competition on 17 April when mounted. Arnaud Desmottes holds his representative in high esteem, declaring to *Equidia Racing*: "She was passing a test today in harness. She is not lacking in means as her last kilometre on this demanding Angers track shows. The first few metres of the race are tricky, whatever the speciality. We will have to work on that. She needs to settle down and for the moment will only be seen on the right hand courses."

Let's also note the good performance of Jonquille de Méat (Aldo des Champs) who was not very favoured at the start and who drew a promising last line.

NI HO PED D'OMBREE 1'11"5	BASSANO 1'14"1	JET DU VIVIER 1'18"5
	FANTASIA D'OMBREE 1'15"2	QUESTANE 1'16"3
JIKITA MELRIC	VOYOU DU GOLFE 1'17"3	OFF GY 1'16"3
	NEGRESSE DU HOULME 1'14"9	AMAZONE D'OMBREE
	CHLOE DU BUISSON	LARABELLO 1'16"0
		FLORABELLE
		SEBRAZAC 1'15"0
		RITA DU BUISSON

### 3<sup>e</sup> | PRIX BELLISSIMA FRANCE

Att - 2425 m - Course F - 17 000 €

#### JIKITA MELRIC 1'16"2

Ni Ho Ped d'Ombree x Negresse du Houleme (Voyou du Golfe)

Driver : A. Desmottes - Entraîneur : A. Desmottes  
Propriétaire : Ec. A. Desmottes - Eleveur : C. Jamoteau



## NI HO PED D'OMBREE

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2<sup>e</sup> Jonquille de Meat 1'16"3 Aldo des Champs x Tulipe de Meat

3<sup>e</sup> Joyce Seven 1'16"6 Tiego d'Etang x Only Seven

4<sup>e</sup> : Janina des Touches - 5<sup>e</sup> : Japonica - 6<sup>e</sup> : Joulia du Chene - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jama Gold

## JIM KING LIFTS FIRST CROWN

A change of tactics today (read this Thursday) with **Jim King** (Briac Dark) paid off. After a good start, Pierre Houel asked his partner to come and lead the field on his own at one turn from the finish who then produced a last kilometre on a sustained train. The driver commented on *Equidia Racing*: "I wanted the driver to be more offensive and I was able to give him the course I wanted. We value him and, on this Angers track which is selective, we decided to let him run. The time is good. There are still some adjustments to be made but the quality is there. With this victory, he pays tribute to his mother, Saphira Queen, who died in foaling this year." Good note also for the unseen **Jairo de Guoz** (Saxo de Vandel) who after a good qualification at Meslay du Maine, took the second place by finishing on the winner.

BRIAC DARK 1'10"4	PRINCE GEDE 1'11"6	SANCHO PANCA 1'15"2
	QUEEN DES CHARMES 1'15"6	FAVORITE GEDE 1'16"7
JIM KING	INGEN 1'11"5	LOOK DE STAR 1'12"7
	SAPHIRA QUEEN 1'15"4	HOUBILLE D'OMBREE 1'19"2
	MAYA DAY	JET DU VIVIER 1'18"5
		PLUME AU VENT 1'16"7
		VOLCAN 1'15"3
		BAKOSTANE 1'20"2

### 4<sup>e</sup> | PRIX QUARLOS

Att - 2425 m - Course F - 17 000 €

#### JIM KING 1'15"8



Briac Dark x Saphira Queen (Ingen)

Driver : P. Houel - Entraîneur : V. Moquet

Propriétaire : V. Moquet - Eleveur : I. Delaunay-moquet



2<sup>e</sup> Jairo de Guoz 1'15"8 Saxo de Vandel x Coming Soon

3<sup>e</sup> Jaurias 1'16"3 Village Mystic x Randina

4<sup>e</sup> : Just For Fun - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jugement d'Ave - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jeannot Buissonay - 7<sup>e</sup> : Juninho

## JAPPELOU WITHOUT FAIL

They were no less than four starters to present themselves undefeated at the start of the opening race on Thursday at Lisieux. To be more precise, this quartet had only one race for each of its members to their credit, resulting in a victory. **Jappelou** (Booster Winner) kept his unbeaten record to two wins in two outings. After starting on the grass of Le Touquet, he was not fazed by the change of scene. Pierre-Yves Verva commented on *Equidia Racing*: "He behaved differently today, being more diligent and more focused on his work than he was the first time around in Le Touquet. The lot was superior here and his performance is good. We started cautiously and then we were able to take advantage of a good race flow which, with the stinging game, allowed us to get closer without making too much effort."

BOOSTER WINNER 1'10"2	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1
<b>JAPPELOU</b>	QUILLE VIRETAUTE 1'13"8	ELVIS DE ROSSIGNOL 1'13"0
		AUBE ET VIRE 1'23"4
DAWA DRY 1'18"2	NIKY 1'10"8	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
		FETE 1'19"6
	SAWABATA	HELLO JO 1'14"7
		KAWABATA 1'18"8

### 1<sup>ère</sup> | PRIX PMU LE GRAND CAFE LISIEUX



Att - 2725 m - Course E - 19 000 €



### JAPPELOU 1'16"1

Booster Winner x Dawa Dry (Niky)  
Driver : P. Y. Verva - Entraîneur : A. Buisson  
Propriétaire : Ec. A. Buisson - Eleveur : N. Menand



2<sup>e</sup> Jazz Jenilou 1'16"1 Singalo x A Filly Jenilou

3<sup>e</sup> Justin d'Hermes 1'16"5 Niky x Viva du Loisir

4<sup>e</sup> : Joyau Darling - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jivaso Efbe - 6<sup>e</sup> : Joujou d'Erable - 7<sup>e</sup> : Judicious Daydream

## HOBAMA WOULD RATHER WATCH THAN GIVE

After having been away from the track for a long time, **Hobama** (Cristal Money) found his way back to success more than nine months after the previous one. He gave his rider Sébastien Ernault, his trainer, a lot of work to do, as he showed himself to be cold in the final, even giving the impression that he was not fully committed. Sébastien Ernault shared his debrief with *Equidia Racing*: "He doesn't lack means but he tends to wait for his friends during the course. He is a horse who is quite willing in the morning in training and who is capable of great things but, in the race, his behaviour is different. We'll have to pay attention to his mental state."

Now 5 years old, this representative of Ecurie des Charmes signed today the sixth victory of his career in twelve attempts. Lucien Urano's entity has scored 29 wins this year and is currently second in the number of victories in 2022 behind Jean-Paul Marmion's stable, which has scored 34.

CRISTAL MONEY 1'13"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
		ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
<b>HOBAMA</b>	MAKING MONEY 1'23"3	HIMO JOSSELYN 1'13"3
		DOLLY DU BUISSON
UNE LOVE ONLY	GOBERNADOR 1'11"0	BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4
		TANGALA 1'23"1
	ONLY LOVE 1'18"6	EXTREME DREAM 1'14"7
		GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1

### 4<sup>e</sup> | PRIX PMU BAR DES POETES MOYAUX



Att - 2725 m - Course E - 22 000 €



### HOBAMA 1'15"1

Cristal Money x Une Love Only (Gobernador)  
Driver : S. Ernault - Entraîneur : S. Ernault  
Propriétaire : Ec. des Charmes - Eleveur : Ec. des Charmes



2<sup>e</sup> Hapache de Bordas 1'15"2 Let's Go Along x Ira Princesse

3<sup>e</sup> Hadol d'Auvrecy 1'15"2 Kaiser Soze x Union d'Auvrecy

4<sup>e</sup> : Henry de l'Eclair - 5<sup>e</sup> : Helecho - 6<sup>e</sup> : Harlem de l'Iton - 7<sup>e</sup> : Hors Cadre





## FIRE CRACKER TAKES A FIRMER HOLD ON THE THRONE

There is a kind of passing of the baton. Fire Cracker won the Prix Guillaume de Bellaigue (Gr.3) as the boss, taking the train very early on as he likes to do. He puts in another top performance and repeats his last winning performance. Twice, Clegs des Champs is his first runner-up. We can say that the discipline of mounted horses has a new monarch named Fire Cracker.

There was a big match on the flat when **Fire Cracker** (Quaro) came to titillate **Freeman de Houelle** (Vigove). Both of them love to animate the events. After this (very gentle) exchange of arms, **Fire Cracker** took the lead. He was never caught again afterwards and he started the machine again before the last five hundred meters. For Anthony Barrier, everything was perfect: "He was very strong. He repeated his last race with almost the same time. It was a big match with Clegs (des Champs) and Freeman (de Houelle) and he won. He is a top horse. He's well adjusted, has a perfect passage and is cool. I was safe because when he's on his rail like that he doesn't play around. The others may be as good but he's really on top. We know that Clegs is in pain, that Freeman is not comfortable on the last turn. If he stays like this, he should do the finishes for a while. Plus, he can alternate between harness and saddle, so we can make him last a while."

**Clegs des Champs** (Legs du Clos) was once again outstanding and undoubtedly went a long way against the pain. His jockey David Thomain chose to get out of the saddle on the track. Third close up with **Freeman de Houelle**, Eric Raffin debriefed us: "He runs very well. He got back on track again at the end and we just missed out on second place."

### Where does he come from?

This son of **Quaro** 1'13", bred by Jean-Paul Lemelletier, in Normandy, is the second offspring of **Urganza** 1'17" (Hulk des Champs), who has not raced much - eleven races, three victories -, and has now produced three winners with **Invader Artwork** (Coup de Poker) and **Jazz in Montreux** (Akim du Cap Vert). Under the third dam, we find, mainly, **Joker de Rozoy** 1'13" (279.841 €) and **Annette de Rozoy** 1'12" m. (254.072 €).

QUARO 1'13"3	KIWI 1'11"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		FANTASIA
FIRE CRACKER	ENCOMBEVINEUSE 1'24"8	WORKAHOLIC (US)
		UGORELLA 1'21"8
URGANZA 1'17"4	HULK DES CHAMPS 1'13"5	BLUE DREAM 1'14"9
		OLGA DE RIVIERE 1'16"9
	OVATION DE ROZOY 1'18"7	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
		NANETTE DE ROZOY 1'16"2

### 4<sup>e</sup> | PRIX GUILLAUME DE BELLAIGUE

M - 2700 m - Groupe 3 - 90 000 €



### FIRE CRACKER 1'12"3

Quaro x Urganza (Hulk des Champs)

Jockey : A. Barrier - Entraîneur : A. H. Robin

Propriétaire : Ec. la Pinsonniere - Eleveur : J. P. Lemelletier



2<sup>e</sup> **Clegs des Champs 1'12"4** Legs du Clos x Proserpine

3<sup>e</sup> **Freeman de Houelle 1'12"5** Vigove x Rafina de Houelle

4<sup>e</sup> : Etoile de Bruyere - 5<sup>e</sup> : Chalimar de Guez - 6<sup>e</sup> : Carly - 7<sup>e</sup> : Edition Gema



## JOLIE BARAKA HAS FOUND HER MARKS

**T**rained by Philippe Allaire, **Jolie Baraka** (Love You) is no longer the same since the meeting of two factors: Caen on the one hand and mounted racing on the other. Difficult at the beginning of her career in harness, this niece of **Renier** (Goetmals Wood) had opened her prize list on April 25 at Caen under the saddle of Alexandre Abrivard. She repeated this Saturday with the same data, making her jockey say on *Equidia Racing*: "She is a nice and cold filly. She improved on her last winning run. When she took the lead, she relaxed and, for me, she can improve." **Jolie Baraka** defends a partnership of Philippe Allaire and two Belgians: Marc de Soete and Jean-Marie Ragolle.

### Alexandre Abrivard/Philippe Allaire: a new partnership

Philippe Allaire called on the services of Alexandre Abrivard on 17 April. Since then, the tandem has triumphed three times in six partnerships. Before that, the jockey had ridden once for the trainer, in 2015, associated with **Baraka d'Henlou** (Diamant Gédé).

<b>JOLIE BARAKA</b>	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
	PRINCESSE BARAKA 1'15"6	EXTREME DREAM 1'14"7	ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
			AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
	BARAKA 1'14"0	BARAKA 1'14"0	AMOUR D'AUNOU (US) 1'15"3
			QUITO DE TALONAY 1'13"5
			TAHITIENNE
		HETRE VERT	SCALA (US) 1'21"7

### 2<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE CASTILLON



M - 2450 m - Course E - 20 000 €

**JOLIE BARAKA 1'15"1**  
 Love You x Princesse Baraka (Extreme Dream)  
 Jockey : A. Abrivard - Entraîneur : Ph. Allaire  
 Propriétaire : Ph. Allaire - Eleveur : Ec. Ragolle



2<sup>e</sup> **Jade de Castelle 1'16"1** Carat Williams x Ninon de Castelle

3<sup>e</sup> **Joy de Choc 1'17"1** Rodrigo Jet x Unforgettable Jet

4<sup>e</sup> : Justesse Dairpet - 5<sup>e</sup> : Java du Lilas - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jasmine de Grez - 7<sup>e</sup> : Justina Beji

## JULIA QUICK CONFIRMS HER MEANS

**S**tarted by *Province Courses* during her qualification at Le Mans on 8 October, **Julia Quick** (Magnificent Rodney) has made a flawless start to her career. Third on 20 March for her debut at Vire, this sister of **Highness Quick** (Up And Quick) and **Inès Quick** (Bilibili) wins this Saturday for the second time with Franck Nivard at her sulky. Endowed with a beautiful model, the representative of the Quick Star stable has a margin of progression. "She's a nice filly, both very good in her head and easy to handle in the race," said the winning driver on *Equidia Racing*. "When I asked her to accelerate, she did it really well. So far, she has only run on right-handed courses because that's how the entries came in. The left-hand rail won't bother her." **Aisy Wood** (Meaulnes du Corta), the dam of **Julia Quick**, is a full sister to **Kaisy Dream** (€1,012,913). The Quick Star stable (owned by Philippe Delon) has shone seven times with the generation born in 2019 (the "Js"): with **Jerry Quick** (Unique Quick), **Jarfalla Quick** (Unique Quick) twice, **Jota Quick** (Timoko), **Julia Quick** (Magnificent Rodney), also twice, and **Johnny Quick** (Coup de Poker).

<b>JULIA QUICK</b>	MAGNIFICENT RODNEY 1'11"4	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
	AISY WOOD	MEAULNES DU CORTA 1'10"2	ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
			BODOMIE 1'19"0
	DAISY CHAIN 1'15"0	DAISY CHAIN 1'15"0	PODOSIS 1'16"1
			MIENNE 1'19"9
			VOICI DU NIEL 1'16"8
		CIGALE	SPEEDY SOMOLLI (US)
			KRAVOTTE 1'20"9

### 3<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE CONTEVILLE



Att - 2450 m - Course E - 20 000 €

**JULIA QUICK 1'14"**  
 Magnificent Rodney x Aisy Wood (Meaulnes du Corta)  
 Driver : F. Nivard - Entraîneur : M. Esper  
 Propriétaire : Ec. Quick Star - Eleveur : Ec. Quick Star



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2<sup>e</sup> **Joia Feat 1'14"** Rolling d'Heripre x Enigma Vici

3<sup>e</sup> **Jodanne Dieschoot 1'14"1** Voltigeur de Myrt x Daurelie Dieschoot

4<sup>e</sup> : Jolie Star - 5<sup>e</sup> : Jade Paroyo - 6<sup>e</sup> : Jealousy Queen - 7<sup>e</sup> : Jade du Dan





## RICHARD WESTERINK PUTS ETONNANT IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF TIMOKO

Richard Westerink and the Eliloppet is a story of fascination. It's that of a Dutch kid for the greatest Scandinavian race, the one that came closest to its reference, the Prix des Géants, run in his country. It was also the race of a speed enthusiast who is practically devoted to sprinting events. Installed in France where he started from scratch and has built up an exceptional record of achievements, he has already realised his dream of winning the Elitloppet twice with Timoko. In less than a week's time, he would like to share another exceptional moment with the Swedish public. For this to happen, Etonnant must follow the path set out by his sire Timoko.

**W**hen we talk about the Elitloppet and Richard Westerink, we are talking about a picture, or more precisely a video. The year is 2014. It shows the Dutch colossus capsized by emotion at the edge of the track ([see here](#)) as his **Timoko** (Imoko), the horse he shaped from scratch, runs ahead of him to the post in the final after winning his heat. "That day, I thought it was the best day of my

life," recalls the Landais by adoption. "I have always dreamed of racing the Elitloppet since I was a kid." On that Sunday Richard Westerink came very close to the Grail, which he had already come close to a year earlier.

**Timoko** finished third in the final won by **Nahar** (Love You). "In the last turn, it didn't go well, as it happens in races. Verbeeck had the choice to go out before **Nahar** and finally let him pass. I'm sure that if **Timoko** comes out before Nahar, he wins and not **Nahar** because he finishes faster while being hung up in the straight. But I was already very happy." How could he not be, despite the regrets that are still perceptible eight years later, he who erects speed events in his racing pantheon. "I've always found it beautiful," he says almost apologetically, despite having spent his career in France where mile races are an exception. "I've always had a preference for sprinting, it's an exceptional sport. My first memory of the Elitloppet is **Mack Lobell**, of whom I was a great fan (Editor's note: winner in 1988 and 1990). In Sweden today, they still talk about it. It left a mark on me."

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And if **Timoko** has been capable of great performances on the longest distances of Vincennes since he was young, starting with his victories in the 3 and 4 Years old Criteriums, Richard Westerink is convinced that he has the horse with him to realise his dream. *"He should have already run in 2012 but he was injured,"* he recalls. *"I went there as a tourist anyway, that was the year **Commander Crowe** won. A lot of people said that Timoko was not the horse to run the Elitloppet. I wanted to go, it was my childhood dream. I told myself that if I didn't do it, I would never win it."* The boy does not shy away from challenges, but rather anticipates them, even provokes them. This behaviour has led him to come very close to the wall or even to hit it. *"I'm not better than the others but I dare a bit more",* he says. *"If you don't race against the best, you don't find the best horses. You have to try. In my opinion, it's more a question of management, because everyone has good horses from time to time in their boxes, it's not just me. But you have to dare."* With some convictions like that running in a heat would be made for Timoko. *"He was always better in the final than in the heat. He was strong at that sport. **Timoko** would have been even better if it had been run in three races!"* he says with a big laugh.

Daring to think that **Timoko** was capable of winning the Elitloppet for the second time at the age of 10, which had never been done before, and moreover by setting the new record for the final in 1'09", which he was dethroned from last year by the 5-year-old **Don Fanucci Zet** (Hard Livin). *"The second time it was something else again. It's difficult to compare, the first one is always the first one. The second time, we didn't expect him to win. But these are two extraordinary emotions. It's not a question of choosing but rather of trying to relive them."*

When **Timoko** retired, Richard Westerink did not forget about "his" race. The following year, **Dreammoko**, from the champion's first crop, enabled him to have a starter for the sixth consecutive year! And here again, success was the order of the day, with a third place in the final. And in 2022 it was **Etonnant**'s turn to go in search of the Swedish Grail, the winner of the Prix de Paris Marathon Race and the Critérium de Vitesse de la Côte d'Azur, from one extreme to the other. But **Etonnant** is certainly a son of **Timoko** but he is not **Timoko**. Richard Westerink knows this better than anyone!

In the spring of his eighth year, **Etonnant** had never raced outside of France, nor had he raced in heats. *"The context is totally different,"* admits his coach. *"He may have an even bigger engine than his father but he is not as manoeuvrable. At the start, he'll be further back than **Timoko**, which means we'll have to go around the others. Now it will depend on the number behind the gate in the heat. With him, I don't want a draw the number 1 because it will be a complicated affair... I want a number outside, 5 or 6 for example, which doesn't necessarily condemn you. Don't forget that **Dijon** (Ganymede) qualified with the number 8 in their heat and won the final with the 5!"*

In his defence, *"if **Etonnant** doesn't have the same handling as his father, it's partly because physically they're not the same either."*



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*"He's about 10 centimetres taller than his father. Physically, he's a big horse and therefore logically less manoeuvrable,"* remarks Richard Westerink, acting as his advocate. *Less manoeuvrable, less at ease left-handed even if he has clearly improved in this area, how can **Etonnant** manage to adapt to the Solvalla track, a totally new profile for him? "I would certainly prefer him to race the Elitloppet on a right-handed course,"* laughs his trainer. *"His adaptation to the track is a question of course,"* he continues. *"The high turns will help him. Anyway, with a horse like **Etonnant**, you are not serene. You're worried all the time. To start, he's not easy either. I'm more worried about his behaviour than about whether or not he's adapted to the track. At home, he turns left, he will turn at Solvalla. As for running in a heat, we have to see. I can't say anything but, at home, he is a bit like his father was: he is always better at the last interval."*

If **Etonnant**'s Elitloppet goes well, it is first of all because he will not have compromised his chances at the start behind the car, starting of course with the heat. *"I wasn't really reassured last time in Enghien because he still made a mistake,"* Richard Westerink said. *"No, I can't say that I am reassured. Anthony (Barrier) will have to keep him in his hands and we'll see after the first turn. He won't be able to stay back from the gate because the rules require him to have his head against the grid a hundred metres before the start. I'm more worried about the start than about his ability to adapt to the track profile."*

These questions that he doesn't run away from don't stop Richard Westerink's ambitions. *"We're going there to win, not to be part of the scenery,"* he says, as frank as ever. *"I think I have the horse for it. He has the class to do it. If I wasn't confident, I wouldn't go."* His opponents are warned.





## ANTOINE GRIEZMANN: "I DREAM BIG IN RACING"

**Never before have races attracted so many French sports stars. Last Sunday at Paris-Longchamp, Tony Parker won a prestigious victory in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (Gr.1) with Mangoustine. On the trotting side, Antoine Griezmann multiplies his appearances and was at Vincennes this Tuesday. He gave us an exclusive interview.**

**I**n fact, Tuesday was ticked off in Antoine Griezmann's diary under the name "races". The football star, key player for the French national team and Atletico Madrid, was on a kind of racecourse tour. In the afternoon, he was at Saint-Cloud where he attended the victorious debut of his 2-year-old **Start Me Up** (Pastorius). After crossing Paris from west to east, he spent his early evening at Vincennes to watch the performance of his representative **Iséo de Lou** (Prodigious) who finished fourth. The player spoke to Audrey Fournier for us. Races make him vibrate and even make him put his alarm clock on so he doesn't miss anything when he sleeps! He told us: *"I was in the middle of a nap on Sunday but I had set my alarm clock to ring to see Mangoustine's race. I was happy to see him win and I immediately sent a message to Tony (Parker) to congratulate him."*

The sports stars clearly support each other.

### **A generation of sportsmen and women interested in racing**

There have always been sportsmen and women in racing. But probably never before have such prominent individuals as Antoine Griezmann, Tony Parker or Renaud Lavillenie (owner of show jumping horses) been so exposed and

committed to racing. Antoine Griezmann is also a PMU ambassador and Tony Parker has a contract with France Galop.

Antoine Griezmann is becoming a regular fixture in Vincennes. He was already there on 26 March, serving as a guide for other French footballers, including Olivier Giroud, Hugo Lloris, Jonathan Clauss, Théo Hernandez and Lucas Hernandez.

### **24H au Trot - You now come to Vincennes quite regularly. Is it the same pleasure every time?**

**Antoine Griezmann** - Yes, but today it's different, there's a little pressure, I have a starter (Editor's note: **Iséo de Lou**). The previous time, I came with other players from the French team but I didn't have a starter. But basically, I'm here to have a good time. For me, the most important thing is that the race is good and that the horse finishes well (**Iséo de Lou** will finish 4th).

### **What do you watch at the races? What keeps you busy on a racecourse?**

When I come to Vincennes, I ask a lot of questions. They can be technical or tactical. Horses are like us, they are athletes and you have to take care of them. I'm interested in all the subjects that can also be found in football. I like to talk about recovery, the content of training, the fact of not putting a horse in the red in a race, of preparing well for a return race. In fact, there are many factors that are the same as ours in football. For example, the little jog the day after the race for the horse, the footballer also does it the day after a match. ■



■ **We all have dreams in racing. What are yours?**

It's always the same, I want to do the big races, both trotting and galloping. I try to find nuggets or the crack of the future. It's not easy of course and that's fine. I take a lot of pleasure, whether it's in the gallop or the trot. I love it as an owner. I dream big and in racing my dreams are simply to have a starter in the Prix d'Amérique (trotting) and one in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (flat). I've already had my colours on the start line of the Prix de Diane with **Natsukashi** (not placed in 2021). It's the big races and the classics that make me dream.

■ **But how do you follow your workforce. Do you have a special thing with your trainers like Mickaël Cormy?**

With Mickaël, the coach as I call him, I manage to follow my horses in training very regularly. He often films them in the sulky and sends me the images afterwards. I ask for news, I try not to miss the races of my horses. I also like to find out their results myself, keeping the suspense alive if I see the races on a delayed basis. When I'm on the plane, I ask everyone not to tell me the result and then I watch the race

on replay.

■ **You congratulated Tony Parker on Sunday. You could be rivals on the flat. Are you in a battle with him?**

No, not at all. And why shouldn't we be together on a foal? It's part of our project to say the least and it should happen in time. And then we could also take Tony to the races at Vincennes. I'll talk to Coach Cormy about it (laughs).

■ **Facts about the Griezmann Trotting Stable in 2022**

- Horses in training: 6 horses aged 3 and over
- 6 wins with a winning ratio of 26% (14 wins in 2021)

**Photo below:** Footballers in Vincennes on 26 March with (from left to right) Jonathan Clauss, Theo Hernandez, Lucas Hernandez and Olivier Giroud and of course Antoine Griezmann in the front row. ■



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## NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DEFENCE OF YANNICK-ALAIN BRIAND AND SOPHIE BLANCHETIÈRE

**O**n Tuesday, Florence Gaudillière, the lawyer for Yannick-Alain Briand and Sophie Blanchetière, informed us that some of the bans imposed on the professional couple as part of their judicial supervision have been lifted, as stated in two Bordeaux Court rulings published today, but not the ban on training.

Here is the information communicated by Maître Florence Gaudillière: *"I can confirm that the Bordeaux examining magistrate's court today [read Tuesday] granted my request for Yannick-Alain Briand and Sophie Blanchetière by overturning the examining magistrate's decision and ordering the lifting of all other bans except those on coaching, exactly as I had requested. This is a first step in this procedure and in a few days I will file a motion for annulment."* ■

## NEW MERCHANDISING IN PMU OUTLETS

**A** betting station with a terminal, an information/ticket preparation point and a television set broadcasting Equidia, this is the new modular combo proposed by the PMU to its sales outlets and presented this Thursday morning. 1,200 of them will be equipped in 2022 before a wider diffusion. With its luminous and ergonomically thought-out furniture elements, this new layout aims to provide the customer with a better dedicated environment, the point of sale owner with updated furniture and the PMU with a clear presence in an increasingly rich and varied retail environment. Romain Rogister, PMU's Director of Commercial Networks, said: *"This will enable partners to boost their business with an optimised layout that is adapted to their needs as well as to our punters' habits."* ■

## HEAVY STORMS DAMAGE STABLES IN MAYENNE

**A**t the stroke of 8am on Friday, a sequence of very intense thunderstorms, with hail, hit the south of the Mayenne. Some professionals in the Château-Gontier and Meslay-du-Maine area had their facilities damaged. At Franck Leblanc's, paddock shelters and trees fell to the ground according to our sources, while at least one of the tracks was flooded. These were storm events with large hailstones falling in a very localised manner. A few kilometres away, there was less damage at Benoît Constantin's house: "My track and my yard were flooded but everything quickly returned to normal. I had hail but not of the same size as some people." ■

## THE EQUURES LABEL ORGANISES A WASTE COLLECTION WITH CHILDREN

**O**n Wednesday, the EquuRES label organisers organised a rubbish collection operation on the beach in Deauville. About forty children played the role of "litter pickers" accompanied by eight ponys. 19 kilos of waste were collected in an hour and a half. EquuRES, the first environmental and animal welfare label in the equine sector, had placed this action within the framework of the Nature Day. ■

## IVENSONG AND DILETTA AXE IN THE FIRST ARQANA POP-UP SALE

**O**n Wednesday 25 May, Arqana Trot will hold its first Pop Up auction. Two lots will be offered from 2 to 5 pm on the Arqana Online auction interface (via this [LINK](#)). For this first edition of a Pop Up sale in the trotting world, the lots are of an exceptional quality. They are simply two Group 1 winning fillies: the **Italian Diletta Axe** (Muscle Hill), in lot 1, and **Ivensong** (Ready Cash) in lot 2.

The 3yo **Diletta Axe**, trained by Philippe Allaire, remained unbeaten as a 2yo, closing her season with a success in the Premio Ilaria Jet (Gr.1). This daughter of **Muscle Hill** is out of the dam **Rori Axe** 1'13, a daughter of **Ready Cash**, herself a Group 1 winner in Italy. **Ivensong** (Ready Cash) won last year's Prix Uranie (Gr.2) at Vincennes in September prior to a victory in the European Championship three-year-old (Gr.1) at Åby. She is one of the best of her generation and is related to the exceptional dam line of **Une Crown** (Speedy Crown) from whom all the "Bourbon" champions descend, including of course **Face Time Bourbon**. ■



## FOUR 3 YEAR OLDS DEBUT VICTORIOUSLY ON SUNDAY

**F**our 3-year-olds took their first victorious steps in competition on Sunday.

- **Junior Angèle** (Quaker Jet) opens his record at Gournay-en-Bray driven by Yoann Lebourgeois, the man of the day. He is a full brother to **Dilemme Angèle** (Royal Dream), with a bank account of €134,880.

- **Jedi** (Goetmals Wood) pictured above during his qualification at Caen last July, does the same on the same racecourse with the same driver! This Séverine Raimond's pensioner becomes one of the four winners of **Pearl Winner** (€169,620).

- **Jade Alfa** (Twist de la Vallée) wins on debut at Monflanquin driven by her trainer Maxime Grasset. Her dam **Voldienne Alfa** (Hulk des Champs) is a sister to **Equido Alfa** (142.445 €).

- **Joyce de Joudes** (Jag de Bellouet) wins straight away at Rambouillet, for Alain Laurent's training who was driving her. She is the second winner of **Rêveuse de Joudes** (164.425 €).

## YOANN LEBOURGEOIS FIRES ON ALL CYLINDERS IN GOURNAY-EN-BRAY

**H**older of six rides this Sunday at Gournay-en-Bray, Yoann Lebourgeois scored four times, two of them with 3-year-olds (see left column). This makes him the most prolific driver of this Sunday. ■

## INATO PIERJI RESUMES WINNING SERIES AT BORÉLY

**H**is winning streak had just come to a halt at Vincennes. **Inato Pierji** (Uniclove) nevertheless produced a great performance on the plateau de Gravelle, beaten by the hopeful **It's a Dollarmaker** (Saxo de Vandel) in the very good kilometer reduction of 1'12"7 (over the 2.700m in Paris). He resumed his successes this Friday in Marseille-Borély, winning with a margin in front of **Idéfix d'Olmen** (Uniclove). The meeting also allowed the Jean-Marie Roubaud/Steve Stefano association to sign a three-shot. The Grand Prix of the day went to **Eddy du Vivier** (Rolling d'Héripuré) driven by Cédric Terry. ■

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## AUCTION RACES DURING THE 48H AU TROT IN ANGERS

The 48H of Angers will take place in a month's time, on 15 and 16 June to be exact, on the Eventard racecourse. The initiative, which involves many professionals in its conception, includes a unique auction operation on the second day. The participants of the three events of the 16th June will indeed go to the ring at the end of the day. If the principle is not totally new, its conception is. The organisers' aim is to offer horses that are ready to run while involving as many players as possible in the racing ecosystem: owners, as buyers and sellers, trainers and also suppliers to the sector. Thanks to the latter, large sponsorship bonuses will be offered to the sellers. And here is the creation of a formula based on the incentive to sell with a "booster" in the form of bonuses to use the term of Jocelyn Robert, the man who worked on the technical set-up of the operation.

**I**n a first presentation of the initiative, Jean-Philippe Mary, president of the Comité Régional du Trot Anjou-Maine, explained the origins of the project to us: *"The purchase operations on the track at Vincennes had given rise to the desire to deploy the same principle in the regions. With Jocelyn Robert, we decided to work on the idea. 'Buy on track' means going directly from the races to the auctions by offering owners the opportunity to immediately acquire the horses they have just seen run and which they like."*

Finding new owners, working on new offers of "ready-to-run horses", being as close as possible to the field in the regions, associating suppliers of the sector as active partners of this initiative, this is a sort of roadmap for the day of 16 June and the ambitious bet of the actors of the different federations.

The man behind the operation, Jocelyn Robert, adds on this point: *"Today we have a real demand from owners. People are ready to buy horses. But we need to have an offer in front of us. This is the purpose of our operation."* To organise this trade, three races on 16 June will see their participants go through a mandatory sales ring after the last race of the meeting, in a special session orchestrated by Arqana Trot. And to encourage the trade, the organisers of the 48H au Trot d'Angers have created incentive bonuses, known as sponsors' bonuses, paid in addition to the earnings to the surroundings of the horses sold.

### Angers, a consensual choice

Jean-Philippe Mary acted as an intermediary in the choice of the Angers racecourse: *"The operation required finding the right date and the host racecourse. I am on the board of the Angers racing society. I spoke about it to the president François Saint-André who immediately agreed to the project. By linking our sales meeting on 16 June to the meeting on 15 June, we are creating a 48-hour event in Angers. The site also ticks a lot of boxes to attract the maximum number of people, such as its location and the quality of its track."*

The various professionals involved in the operation agreed with this point of view, such as Pierre Belloche, who said: *"The Angers track is selective and will avoid overshoot. It allows us to bring transparency to the horses that will be offered for sale. The geographical location of Angers also seems relevant to us and should allow people from different regions to be involved in the operation."*



Behind the principles and objectives, there are people. Around the orchestrator Jocelyn Robert, professionals from different regional federations have given their time to set up a complex operation that mobilises many people. They are essentially Matthieu Abrivard, Pierre Belloche, Thierry Duvaldestin, Jean-Philippe Mary, Franck Marty, Franck Pellerot and Olivier Raffin.

### 60,000 IN SPONSOR BONUS FOR OWNERS/SPONSORS WHO SELL

Jocelyn Robert presents the mechanics of the creation and distribution of the sponsor bonuses. *"From the three races to the traditional allowances provided by LeTROT, we will add partner/sponsor bonuses amounting to €60,000."*

The principle takes place in two acts.

#### Act 1: a bonus for the first 7 of the races but conditional on the sale of the horse

Jocelyn Robert: *"It has to be said that 100% of the partner bonuses will be reallocated to the first seven of each race. That makes €20,000 per race that we add to the entourage of the first seven, provided that these horses are sold (see act 2). The breakdown will be done in the same way as the allowances (45% to the first, 25% to the second, etc.). The collection of this sponsor premium is linked to the fact that the owners/trainers sell their horses. We cannot ask sponsoring partners to participate in the virtuous development of the sector and see entourages taking these premiums without selling their horses. These premiums are an aid to the decision to sell. They are a booster for buyers to be in a dynamic trade. This dynamic is an economic necessity in a modern world. We are in a fast-paced environment. Allowances and incentives are an absolute necessity. Trading will become an important part of the operating balance sheet for young coaches in the years to come. With this in mind, I have created this pro-active partnership between the various parties for full and penny-wise reallocation."*

#### Act 2: The reallocation of undistributed sponsor premiums

Jocelyn Robert: *"All the sponsor bonuses not paid out due to the horses being bought back will form a super pool which will be redistributed to the entourages of the horses sold at the end of the session. We know that we will not sell all the horses. These premiums will be the same for all the entourages of the horses sold. If this super-pool amounts to €18,000 (the unpaid sponsor premiums for bought-in horses) and 20 horses*

*are sold in the session, each entourage of a sold horse will receive €900."*

#### Characteristics of sponsor premiums

- They are not race winnings and will not appear in the prize money won by the horses. They do not entitle the breeder to any premiums either.
- They are distributed to members of the horse's entourage (owner(s), trainer) in the same way as for winnings (via association contracts, leasing contracts, for example, registered with LeTROT).

The commitment of many players and a strong volunteer base From the parent society LeTROT, to the partners/sponsors, via Arqana Trot and the Angers racecourse caterer, a large number of players are involved in the operation. Arqana Trot is extremely flexible in the cost of this operation. As for marketing, it is a voluntary operation, adds Jocelyn Robert: *"Everything is done without any additional costs. The whole marketing product that we put together does not incur any additional costs. This allows us to reallocate 100% of what we have collected from our sponsoring partners."* This is the spirit that motivated the fifteen or so sponsoring partners present in this operation. In return, they will have a village at their disposal to exhibit their trade(s) and know-how. The spectrum is wide, with some players outside the equestrian world.



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### The three races

The conditions of the three races have been studied to offer attractive horse profiles as the quality of the casting is obviously paramount in such an operation. The three races call for :

- 3-year-old horses that have not won €14,000 (race over 2,425 metres with €18,000 in prize money),
- 4-year-old horses that have not won €35,000 (race over 3,125 metres with €18,000 in prize money),
- 5 and 6 year old horses that have not won €90,000 (race over 3,125 metres with €24,000 in prize money).

### No buy-back franchise

In order to avoid bidding sprees by non-selling owners/coaches, Jocelyn Robert explains: *"For the sake of clarity and ethics with potential buyers, or even new clients, the collective of socio-professionals has decided that buy-out penalties will be applied from the first euro. Furthermore, we cannot solicit sponsors and at the same time allow non-sellers to exit the market at no cost."*

### Trainer's commission rate on sale lowered exceptionally

The trainers' union has agreed *"exceptionally and experimentally for this sale, in order to make the trade more fluid, to reduce the trainer's commission rate from 8.3% to 5.0%, which weighs on the seller (on the amount excluding VAT)"*, explains Jocelyn Robert.

### An experience with all the players in the trotting industry

In addition to the sponsors and active partners, it is therefore the socio-professional representatives who are involved in the 24H au Trot d'Angers. *"Without the trainers' union, without LeTROT and Valérie François' communication and marketing department, this whole operation would not have been possible. All our work is aimed at professionals and owners to*

*create the best market conditions. Our objective is to do better in terms of sales rates than the traditional ratios for this type of sale."* In addition, in partnership with the PMU, an operation will take place in the ten largest sales outlets in Maine-et-Loire with horsemen who will travel in pairs. Jocelyn Robert concludes: *"I spent two years working directly or indirectly with Jean-Pierre Barjon and this type of operation is in keeping with his state of mind, I know that."*

### TESTIMONIES OF PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION

**Pierre Belloche:** "We hope to have quality starters and horses to interest potential buyers, and that the booster premium will encourage trainers/owners to play the game. These bonuses will be allocated to the surroundings of the horses sold in accordance with the distributions defined in the lease or association contracts. All this is well directed towards the buyers who are not all able to find horses."

**Franck Pellerot:** "A certain number of future owners want to know quickly the value of their purchase, which is why they do not want to invest in yearlings because the wait is too long. The concept developed for the 48 Hours of Angers has been designed to encourage maximum trade, with the institution of significant bonuses via sponsors, with an effort made by the trainers on their commission, especially as these are horses ready to run, which is not the same work as on a yearling."

**Olivier Raffin:** "It's a fairly innovative concept that can meet our clients' expectations. In all regions, there is a potential of customers who want to enjoy themselves immediately. We are well positioned in this "right away" market, with a higher level of service than what you can find in the regional retailers. The concept seems good, especially as we can replicate it in other regions." ■

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