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[CRITERIUM QUALIFIERS AT VINCENNES]



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A DAY TO PUT AWAY CERTAINTIES

It's quite simple: all the certainties and assertions of a fortnight ago have been overturned by the truth of the day, the only truth that counts, that of the track.

No, **Just A Gigolo** is not impregnable. Yes, **Idao de Tillard** can have flaws. No, the hierarchy among 4-year-old fillies is not as fragile as all that. The same goes for 3-year-old fillies. No, **Hohneck** can't dominate all his races by going to the front. So this was a qualifying day that did well to put many convictions to bed. And at the same time, maybe in a fortnight time, it will be different again and the fixed ideas of the end of August will become relevant again. Such is the life of sport, of racing: the famous glorious uncertainty of horse racing. The winners of the day were able to shake things up and that's fine.

The horse of the day : Juninho Dry

With exceptional regularity, he was able to put to reason a **Just A Gigolo** who seemed impregnable until now. His end of race is superb.

The man of the day : Jean-Michel Bazire

He left Vincennes with three successes. Two as a driver with **Farrell Seven** and **Elie de Beaufour** and one as a trainer with the incredible **Hooker Berry**, winner of the Critérium 5 Ans Q2 - Prix Jockey.

The revelation of the day : Juliet Papa Bravo

For her first attempt at the highest level of competition for 3yo fillies, Thierry Duvaldestin's protégé did better than well. She manages to stand comparison with established values such as **Jamaica Turbo** and **Jazzy Perrine**. After four races for as many wins, her 3rd place in this Gr.2 has the flavour of a victory... or almost.

The disappointment of the day: Idao de Tillard

In an exceptional record of fourteen wins and three second places in eighteen races, only a 7th place slightly spoiled the picture. There will now be a disqualification due to a fault at the start. A first.



HOOKER BERRY'S REMINDER SHOT

Saturday 3 September - Paris-Vincennes

Hohneck, who had been waiting for this, folded and settled for third place. On the top step of the podium, we find Hooker Berry, who is not at his first success.

With every defeat, if a third place is considered so, there are lessons to be learned. The performance of **Hohneck** (Royal Dream) in the Critérium des 5 Ans Q2 - Prix Jockey was quick to change the thinking of his mentor, Philippe Allaire. "He will run the Critérium before the European Championship, but over 3,000 metres, we won't have to go in front." On Saturday, the stayers had the better of it. At this game, **Hooker Berry** (Booster Winner) reminded us that he would be a contender for victory in the Critérium des 5 Ans. He won his eighth group.

3^e | CRITERIUM 5 ANS-Q2 - PRIX JOCKEY

Att - 2700 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €

HOOKER BERRY 1'12"7

Booster Winner x Osaka Berry (Caballio In Blue)

Driver : N. Bazire - Entraîneur : J.-M. Bazire

Propriétaire : M. Aladenise - Eleveur : M. Aladenise

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2^e Hip Hop Haufor 1'12"7 Up And Quick x Villa Haufor

3^e Hohneck 1'12"8 Royal Dream x Caranca

4^e : Hokkaido Jiel - 5^e : Horsy Dream - 6^e : Héraut d'Armes - 7^e : Have A Dream

For half of them, he dominated the representative of the Bouttemont stud. So this is not his first time, far from it. On a sprint, he is without doubt one of the fastest on the Asphalt at the moment. "The course was perfect. I was locked in but I knew I could get out. In the straight line, it was just a pleasure", Nicolas Bazire savours.

With two weeks to go before the big event (18 September), **Hooker Berry** has scored big points: "Already last time, it was very good and he has gone up in condition. We are in the right tempo", concludes the winning driver. The owner-breeder Michel Aladenise was also very happy: "We are starting to realise that he is exceptional. He has all the qualities. But be careful, we are not the favourites for all that. I'm not worried about the distance, but you have to have a bit of luck. It's the course that makes the difference."

If **Happy Valley** (Royal Dream), strongly hindered in the first turn, could not be judged despite a good behaviour, **Hip Hop Haufor** (Up And Quick) confirmed his rise in power after having launched the hostilities in the climb. In 1'09"7, he is the author of the best last kilometre, *ex aequo* with **Héraut d'Armes** (Ready Cash), one of the best marks of this race after having started a little bit tense in a backstretch. **Hokkaido Jiel** (Brillantissime) and **Horsy Dream** (Scipion du Goutier), blocked at the end, can also have ambitions.

With five different qualifiers over the two days, it is a sign that it is probably more open than it seems. The meeting between known values (**Hohneck, Hooker Berry**,...) and rising ones (**Horsy Dream, Héraut d'Armes**,...) in the Critérium des 5 Ans promises a lot.

Qualifiers for the Critérium des 5 Ans

- Hohneck**
- Happy Valley**
- Heraut d'Armes**
- Hooker Berry**
- Hip Hop Haufor**

HOOKER BERRY	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
	BOOSTER WINNER 1'10"2	GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1
HOOKER BERRY	QUILLE VIRETAUTE 1'13"8	ELVIS DE ROSSIGNOL 1'13"0
	OSAKA BERRY 1'13"8	AUBE ET VIRE 1'23"4
HOOKER BERRY	CABALLIO IN BLUE 1'16"2	QUADROPHENIO 1'13"9
	IDEE DU CORTA	STARLETTE BEGONIA 1'23"9
		BATTLING JOE 1'15"6
		SALSA DES QUARTES



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JUNINHO DRY PUTS IT IN THE TOP CORNER

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The parallel with *Hooker Berry* is tempting. He too is a formidable finisher, he too is exceptionally consistent and he too may have ambitions in a fortnight's time. His name? *Juninho Dry*.

For Gérard Olivier, the 'Dry' man, it is a new great emotion. His *Juninho Dry* (Carat Williams) offers him the sensations he prefers above all else: those of the competition compared to those of the sales where he was very present these last days.

4^e | CRITERIUM 3 ANS-Q4 - PRIX J. DE VAULOGUE

Att - 2700 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €

JUNINHO DRY 1'14"4
 Carat Williams x Delicatessen (The Best Madrik)
 Driver : P. Ph. Ploquin - Entraîneur : S. Guarato
 Propriétaire : Ec. Dry - Eleveur : G. Olivier



2^e Just A Gigolo 1'14"6 Boccador de Simm x Blue Valentine

3^e Jaguar Griff 1'14"6 Love You x Roxane Griff

4^e : j'Aime le Foot - 5^e : Jakartas des Pres - 6^e : Just For Lova - 7^e : Joyner Sport

Between relief and vibrations, Gérard Olivier reacted on the spot: "He did it! He is great, really extraordinary. He does all his races and I think he has reached a new level. I'm even happier because I preferred not to do Enghien this summer to preserve him. Moreover, Sébastien Guarato had told me that I was a reasonable owner. We're savouring today and then we'll see."

The important thing for the Norman breeder-owner is to give his horse a future and to make it a career. A one like **Hooker Berry**? Gérard Olivier would undoubtedly sign with both hands for his horse named after the Brazilian footballer, a great fan of free kicks, often into the top corner.

Paul Ploquin, winner of one of his most beautiful harness races with another Gr.2 already in the sulky of **Juninho Dry** and his prestigious success at La Capelle with **Valko Jenilat**, had the "super sensations at the end of a dream course. The better it goes, the better it is. He needed his run last time and he was perfect today. Since the beginning I've been leading him like this and we'll have to do it like this again in a fortnight."

The parallel with the 5 year old race goes as far as its course since the favourite of the race **Just A Gigolo** (Boccador de Simm) was in the lead for a long time before suffering the final assault of the winner, unstoppable on his final speed.

Juninho Dry the black beast of Just A Gigolo

Juninho Dry adds a distinctive line to his CV by becoming the only trotter to beat **Just A Gigolo** twice. **Jaguar Griff** (Love You) did better than complete the podium: he left a very good impression and beat **J'Aime Le Foot** (Boccador de Simm), delayed by two faults at the beginning of the race and thus author of a good debut at this level of competition.

Qualifiers for the Critérium des 3 Ans

Juninho Dry
Just A Gigolo
Joyner Sport
Jaguar Griff

CARAT WILLIAMS 1'10"7	PRODIGIOUS 1'11"1	GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9
		IMAGINE D'ODYSSEE
JUNINHO DRY	MISS WILLIAMS 1'16"9	SANCHO PANCA 1'15"2
		QUARA WILLIAMS 1'17"1
DELICATESSEN 1'18"8	THE BEST MADRIK 1'10"1	COCKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		LADY MADRIK 1'14"5
	PRETENCE 1'14"9	KAISY DREAM 1'12"3
		SLAVE 1'14"2



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JAMAICA TURBO'S HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Saturday 3 September - Paris-Vincennes

Already winner in Q1, **Jamaïca Turbo** wins the Critérium 3 Ans Q3 - Prix Annick Dreux. By a short head, but by showing herself as wise as a picture. If **Jazzy Perrine** is well known at this level, the undefeated **Juliet Papa Bravo** has won her qualification and could upset the hierarchy among the 3-yo fillies.

She finally confirms. Winner of a Group 2, the Prix Une de Mai, at the end of her 2-year-old year, **Jamaïca Turbo** (Charly du Noyer) then had a series of disqualifications. The summer of 2022 will have been synonymous with renewal. Winner of the Critérium 3 Ans Q1 Prix Reine du Corta, she followed up by winning the Critérium 3 Ans Q3 Prix Annick Dreux.

5^e | CRITERIUM 3 ANS-Q3 - PRIX ANNICK DREUX



Att - 2700 m - Groupe 2 - 130 000 €



JAMAICA TURBO 1'14"1

Charly du Noyer x Bella Turbo (Love You)

Driver : F. Nivard - Entraîneur : F. Souloy

Propriétaire : Ec. le Tremont - Eleveur : Ec. Turbo



2^e **Jazzy Perrine 1'14"2** Django Riff x Trendy Perrine

3^e **Juliet Papa Bravo 1'14"2** Ready Cash x Une Lady En Or

4^e : Janka Somolli - 5^e : Just Love You - 6^e : Jeep du Pont - 7^e : Juana de Font

She was the only one on the day to confirm her victory acquired two weeks earlier! The trigger? Work, work, work... Fabrice Souloy explained to us: "We have to train her every day. That way, she is more relaxed. If we work her every three or four days, she is too gassed, like many of **Charly du Noyer's** offspring. They are not bad, they just need to work. She was a great mare to begin with. We must also note the drive of Franck (Nivard). He's got the touch. There are not many drivers of this level. For the Critérium, the decision has not yet been taken."

On his part, the reinsman, who has been associated with him for a few weeks, returns the favour: "I have fallen well! She was special at the beginning even if she showed some class. There were some adjustments that were beneficial, including the mouthpiece. We have to congratulate Fabrice who did a good job." Then coming back to his race: "The filly pulled and could have clearly weakened. I thought I was beaten halfway down the straight, because **Jazzy Perrine** came very fast, but my filly went back to finish (her 100m time at the finish is better than the 200 to 100m). It's really good what she's doing today." Close by, **Jazzy Perrine** (Django Riff) failed to finish, while in the middle, **Juliet Papa Bravo** (Ready Cash), a daughter of the classic **Une Lady en Or** (Kaisy Dream), Prix Albert Viel, made her first steps on the asphalt and at this level. Once again, **Janka Somolli** (Tropic Jet) was at fault at the start (which had been taken back again, as in the last race), but she was satisfied with the fourth place, slightly behind.

The richest of the generation are still holding on. Only **Juliet Papa Bravo** seems to be able to join this group for the moment. On Saturday, the females trotted faster than the males with a time of 1'14"1 against 1'14"4.

The qualifiers for the Critérium des 4 Ans

Jamaica Turbo
Janka Somolli
Jazzy Perrine
Juliet Papa Bravo

CHARLY DU NOYER 1'10"3	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
		KIDEA 1'18"2
JAMAICA TURBO	ORNELLA JET 1'18"4	HALIMEDE 1'16"2
		DELMONICA JET 1'16"0
BELLA TURBO	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COCTAIL JET 1'11"2
		GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1
	GUIMAUVE DES SARTS 1'17"2	ULTRA DUCAL 1'13"5
		ODE DES SARTS 1'19"2



INOUBLIABLE FULFILLS HER TWOFOLD MISSION

Saturday 3 September - Paris-Vincennes

According to Jean-Philippe Dubois, there is no doubt that colts are better than fillies. Therefore, seeing **Inoubliable** win a second consecutive semi-classic race gives him the feeling that his filly has totally fulfilled her mission.

We continue with the analogies. After **Jamaica Turbo**, it is now the turn of **Inoubliable** (Prodigious) to reproduce a plan almost identical to the one that allowed him to win on August 20th. The only one that allows him to shine: the long waiting race and the sharp finish. On 2175m as well as on 2700m, Eric Raffin managed to play this part and the victory was there. Not as strong as a fortnight ago, but still a success. On the winners' podium in Vincennes, Jean-Philippe Dubois underlined the driver's performance: "Every time *Éric* leads it to the millimetre and that allows him to win." On the other hand, when it comes to the future Group 1 Critérium des 4 Ans, the answer is clear: "*Éric* will not be able to drive her (editor's note: he is held back on **Izoard Vedaquais**) and against males, it is much harder, I am certain that they are superior." For Eric Raffin, the number one architect of this victory, the impression is good but not as clear-cut as last time: "On 2700m, she bounces less than on 2100, especially as she has lost some of her energy in the canter. But the main thing is done: she won."

6^e | CRITERIUM 4 ANS-Q3 - PRIX G. DE WAZIERES



Att - 2700 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €



INOUBLIABLE 1'13"6

Prodigious x Dream Life (Royal Dream)

Driver : E. Raffin - Entraîneur : Ph. Moulin

Propriétaire : Ec. Victoria Dreams - Eleveur : J.-Ph. Dubois



2^e **Inmarosa 1'13"6** Amiral Sacha x Varkava

3^e **Idylle Speed 1'13"6** Carat Williams x Prudence du Ham

4^e : Isabella Ferm - 5^e : Icône de Castelle - 6^e : I Love Me - 7^e : I Am Crazy

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Winner of four consecutive races in her youth (winter 2020-2021), **Inoubliable** had not won two consecutive races since. It is now a done deal.

As in the other qualifications of the day, only one new element joins the ranks of the qualified: it is **Inmarosa** (Amiral Sacha) who even left Léo Abrivard with regrets, while the winner of the Critérium des 3 Ans, **Idylle Speed** (Carat Williams), 3rd without giving complete satisfaction to her mentor. It should be noted that the first three are credited with the same final time: 1'13"6.

Qualifiers for the Critérium des 4 Ans

Inoubliable
Idylle Speed
Inmarosa
Icône de Castelle

PRODIGIOUS 1'11"1	GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
		TAHITIENNE
INOUBLIABLE	IMAGINE D'ODYSSEE	BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4
		BATTANTE D'ODYSSEE 1'23"3
DREAM LIFE 1'12"3	ROYAL DREAM 1'10"7	LOVE YOU 1'10"2
		IDA BOURBON
	UNION OF MY LIFE	PASSWORD 1'14"3
		LIFE IS GOOD 1'16"9



ITALIANO VERO BY A NOSE

Saturday 3 September - Paris-Vincennes

First mistake in the career of **Idao de Tillard**. Faulty on the fly, he could not be recovered. Philippe Allaire's two pupils, **Italiano Vero** and **Izoard Védaquais**, did not let the opportunity pass, and it was finally a short gap that separated them.

He had never been ahead of **Idao de Tillard** (Sévérino) and **Izoard Védaquais** (Bird Parker). While the first named lost all chance from the start, **Italiano Vero** (Ready Cash) took advantage of it and managed to win again. A nose, but that means a lot for the one who had been crowned in the Prix Albert Viel. His last victory was on 27 November. If a lot has been said about his opponents, **Italiano Vero** never gave up. "He was dominated by newcomers and this win is a good sign before the Critérium. He was looking for his race and found his day. He's been there from the start. He's a tough guy," said his driver, David Thomain, who drove a perfect staying race in the wake of his team mate. "I was calm on the course. Philippe had asked me to make him finish. I had a very good race," continued the man who had won the previous edition with **Hatchet Man** (Goetmals Wood).

8^e | CRITERIUM 4 ANS-Q4 - PRIX GASTON BRUNET



Att - 2700 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €



ITALIANO VERO 1'13"

Ready Cash x Baraka d'Henlou (Diamant Gede)
Driver : D. Thomain - Entraîneur : Ph. Allaire
Propriétaire : Ph. Allaire - Eleveur : G. Carnesecca



2^e **Izoard Vedaquais 1'13"** Bird Parker x Dokha Vedaquaise

3^e **Impressionist 1'13"2** Ready Cash x Une Lady de Nappes

4^e : Ideal Lignerries - 5^e : Impact Player - 6^e : Infant Perrine - 7^e : Ideal San Leandro

"My horse accelerated very well but Eric's horse resisted well. In the end, we won by a small margin but the way we did it was good. He will be unshod in the Critérium, we won't be far behind..." In this day where the favourites were heckled, **Italiano Vero** seized the ball. At the slightest opening, he will rush in a fortnight time.

For Philippe Allaire, the day ended better than it started, as he said. "You have to be better every time. It's high-level competition. Coming back to **Italiano Vero**, I am happy for him. He's a horse I love. He did his race. I had been looking after **Izoard** a bit so that he wouldn't make any more mistakes in his paces. The road is long, they are only 4 years old, but you have to improve all the time."

The man from Bouttemont likes to repeat that he is not dead if he fights.

Philippe Allaire's two mentees perfectly rehearsed their range. **Idao de Tillard**'s stumble doesn't put anything in question. There are three horses above the fray among the colts, but **Instrumentaliste** (Q2) and **Impressionist** (Q4) remain chances for places. They have seduced by winning their qualification.

Italiano Vero unchallenged in the time trial

Not by much, but **Italiano Vero** won all the indicators in the Tracking, the kilometre (1'09"8), the last five hundred metres (1'08"8) and the last two hundred (1'06"1).

Qualifiers for the Critérium des 4 Ans

Idao de Tillard
Instrumentaliste
Italiano Vero
Izoard Vedaquais
Impressionist

READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
		TEKIFLORE 1'19"8
ITALIANO VERO	KIDEA 1'18"2	EXTREME DREAM 1'14"7
		DOCEANIDE DU LILAS 1'16"8
BARAKA D'HENLOU 1'12"1	DIAMANT GEDE 1'15"7	FLORESTAN (US)
		ONIFLOSA GEDE 1'19"3
	LAURA D'ETANGVILLE 1'15"1	LUTIN D'ISIGNY 1'14"3
		URGANDE DE GOURNAY 1'16"2

JEUNE AMI ON HIS LAND AT LA CAPELLE

Tuesday 30 August - La Capelle

The Prix Helen Johansson, the second race of the La Capelle programme on Tuesday, paid tribute to the only woman to have won the Prix d'Amérique. It was in 1995 with **Ina Scot**. The winner of the day **Jeune Ami** (Bold Eagle) had started at the end of July on this same track of La Capelle with a victory. "He is a good colt, he wins easily", his partner Alexandre Abrivard told us. "**Jeune Ami** doesn't have many faults at the moment. That's what he's been doing since his debut. He is still shod and has a lot of scope. We will see him at Vincennes this winter normally."

Jeune Ami is unbeaten on this La Capelle track where he has two wins, his only (relative) defeat was a second place in Les Sables-d'Olonne in early August. His pedigree is classic as he is the sixth product of **Quelle Copine** (Achille), second in the Prix du Président de la République (Gr.1) with earnings of €376,440. He is a brother to **Discours Joyeux** (Goetmals Wood), winner of the Prix de Sélection (Gr.1), to **Eclatant** 1'13"2 (Texas Charm), to **Festif Charmant** (Love You), who has won €273,410, and to **Grande Copine** (Royal Dream), who has won seven times.

BOLD EAGLE 1'08"9	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9
		KIDEA 1'18"2
JEUNE AMI	REETHI RAH JET 1'19"0	LOVE YOU 1'10"2
		HIPPODAMIA 1'15"2
QUELLE COPINE 1'11"2	ACHILLE 1'15"1	JIOSCO 1'15"8
		KEZURA 1'19"3
	HAIE 1'16"5	HETRE VERT
		AMIE DE PARIS

2^e | PRIX HELEN JOHANSSON 

Att - 2700 m - Course E - 20 000 €

JEUNE AMI 1'17"9



Bold Eagle x Quelle Copine (Achille)

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

Propriétaire : Y. Desmet - Eleveur : S.C. El. de Folleville



2^e **Just Atout 1'18"1** Un Mec d'Heripre x Venus d'Atout

3^e **Jockstrap 1'18"1** Prince Gede x Etiopia Dolce

4^e : Jolie Star Blonde - 5^e : Juan d'Occagnes - 6^e : Joker Madrik - 7^e : Jazz Burois

FORCE GUIDES JEDI DES BROUETS

Tuesday 30 August - Vichy

The Prix de Marcigny, the fifth race of the Vichy programme, had brought together nine 3yo competitors.

Jedi des Brouets (Niky) had not been seen since his victory at Saint-Galmier at the beginning of July. Rémy Després, his trainer, declared on Equidia Racing: "It was a small comeback and we left Jedi des Brouets with some freshness. I'm still surprised by his victory because the field was well composed. He can't go in the others for the moment because he is not practical enough. He was forced to do the outsides and proved that he has a big engine." His driver Georges Fournigault, with his arm raised to the sky as he passed the post also said, "**Jedi des Brouets** had a course for him because he doesn't like the projections. He is a tough horse and from the last 700 metres I didn't bother with the others to set a steady pace. I'm pleased to win this beautiful race. I always have a thought for Jean Boillereau when I passed the post. If he had been there, he would surely have led the race, we just miss him."

Jedi des Brouets gives Rémy Després his sixth win as trainer this year and a seventh victory for driver Georges Fournigault. The dam of **Jedi des Brouets** is none other than **Notre Audace** (Défi d'Aunou) who, under the guidance of Pascal Daulier, won €331,820 in earnings for a record time of 1'12"3.

NIKY 1'10"8	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6	MICKEY VICKING (US)
		JOSUBIE 1'19"1
JEDI DES BROUETS	FETE 1'19"6	SANCHO PANCA 1'15"2
		SEPIA 1'15"6
NOTRE AUDACE 1'11"7	DEFI D'AUNOU (US) 1'11"3	ARMBRO GOAL (US)
		NESMILE 1'17"4
	QUELLE AUDACE 1'17"9	FAKIR DU VIVIER
		QUANTA

5^e | PRIX DE MARCIGNY 

Att - 2950 m - Course B - 32 000 €

JEDI DES BROUETS 1'17"3



Niky x Notre Audace (Défi d'Aunou)

Driver : G. Fournigault - Entraîneur : R. Despres

Propriétaire : J. Rattina - Eleveur : A. Daulier



2^e **Jezabelle Bezillat 1'17"4** Oiseau de Feux x Vallelunga Star

3^e **Jexelle Lugui 1'16"7** Cocktail Meslois x Relige Merite

4^e : Jigsaw Puzzle - 5^e : Jet des Ves - 6^e : Just d'Eronville - 7^e : Jismie Griff



KALAMITY D'HÉRIPRÉ DOES NOT MISS HER SHOT

Wednesday 31 August - Paris-Vincennes

The Prix des Cyclamens, the third race of the programme, was the first time the 2-yo fillies had run on the Parisian asphalt. Fabrice Souloy's training team won thanks to **Kalamity d'Héripéré** (Un Mec d'Héripéré). Franck Nivard, who was once again associated with him, told us: "*Kalamity d'Héripéré had made an interesting start by finishing second in a quality field at Enghien. She is already very serious.*"

Bred by Eugénie Quintin, **Kalamity d'Héripéré** is the fifth product of **Sagarella** (Goetmals Wood), her full brother **Good Mec d'Héripéré** won at Vincennes as a juvenile and their full sister **Hestia d'Héripéré** has not been seen in competition since 16 June 2020, the day she scored her fourth win in four races

UN MEC D'HERIPRE 1'09"4	ORLANDO VICI 1'12"7	QUADROPHENIO 1'13"9
	I LOVE YOU DARLING 1'19"0	IRLANDE DU NORD
KALAMITY D'HERIPRE	GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9	BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4
	SAGARELLA 1'13"0	BYE BYE DARLING
	GARINELLA 1'14"4	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
		TAHITIENNE
		WORKAHOLIC (US)
		SAGARELLA 1'18"9

3^e | PRIX DES CYCLAMENS



Att - 2175 m - Course C - 36 000 €



KALAMITY D'HERIPRE 1'16"4

Un Mec d'Heripre x Sagarella (Goetmals Wood)

Driver : F. Nivard - Entraîneur : F. Souloy

Propriétaire : L. Dugrosprez - Eleveur : E. Quintin



2^e Keljula Zen 1'16"5 Brillantissime x Baraka d'Henlou

3^e Karlita Bilou 1'16"8 Dragon des Racques x Vas Y Celine

4^e : Kakueta Vedaquaise - 5^e : Kaipirinha - 6^e : Ketty de La Butte



ELIE DE BEAUFOUR ROUNDS OFF A FINE DAY FOR BAZIRE

Saturday 3 September - Paris-Vincennes

In terms of theatrics, the least we can say is that the meeting in Vincennes was a great success. It was **Ampia Mede Sm**'s turn to make a joke: she was at fault at the start and was immediately disqualified. The way was then open for **Elie de Beaufour** who, after having to manage the first 1500 metres, largely dominated his subject. This completed a very satisfactory day for his team Jean-Michel Bazire: "*Elie was good, taking the measure of **Fire Cracker** easily before resisting to the mare who 'tapped her foot' to finish. I'm also happy with **Rebella Matters**, who we're doing better with. I'm happy with the day, the horses responding. **Héraut d'Armes** is good, we're going to arrive at the Criterium in the right way. And then there's **Hooker Berry**, he's a really good horse.*"

7^e | PRIX DE BEAUGENCY



Att - 2850 m - Groupe 3 - 90 000 €



ELIE DE BEAUFOUR 1'12"3

Royal Dream x Pignata (Capriccio)

Driver : J.-M Bazire - Entraîneur : J.-M Bazire

Propriétaire : E. Levallois - Eleveur : Ec. Cheffreville



2^e Decoloration 1'12"4 Prince d'Espace x Maradadi Buissonay

3^e Jerry Mom 1'12"7 Ready Cash x Graziella

4^e : Rebella Matters - 5^e : Violetto Jet - 6^e : Fire Cracker - 7^e : Alcoy



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VARIN FAMILY WALKS OVER THE GREEN TROPHY

In the Varin family, I ask for the father and the son! Emmanuel, the first named, and Matthieu, the second, respectively won the Final and the general classification of the Trophée Vert 2022 held this Monday at Craon. All thanks to *Fine Perle Of Love* (Theo Josselyn) and *Calimero du Thiole* (Gogo).

Monday 5 September - Craon

Six years after **Tagada Tagada**, the emotions are the same for Emmanuel Varin. Winning this Final of the Green Trophy means a lot to the Norman trainer, who is a faithful participant of the tournament. Moreover, this success allows him to remember the great moments he had with his previous champion who ended her career with more than 630.000€ of earnings and a place on the podium of the Prix de Paris. So can we compare the two Varin mares? The answer is categorical: "No, not at all. They are very different. **Tagada Tagada** had an extra lung and was extraordinary over the long distances. They are both good mares, full of talent, but different. **Fine Perle of Love**, unlike **Tagada Tagada**, can be in the fight very quickly and can trot 1'10". As she gets

older, she is getting better and better at handling things. She has a special character. Now it will be complicated to do as well as **Tagada Tagada**."

Playing to the best of his mare's ability, Matthieu Abrivard quickly placed **Fine Perle Of Love** in the leading group, also taking advantage of her place in the first echelon. And when the richer **Elvis du Vallon** (Reve de Beylev) and **Gently de Muze** (Perlando) came to attack at the beginning of the home stretch, **Fine Perle Of Love** took off again to get out of reach. At 7 years old, she wins her 13th career victory, the most beautiful, and passes the €280,000 mark in earnings.

Where does she come from?

By winning for the 13th time, **Fine Perle Of Love** is doing better than her older brother **Bol d'Or Of Love**, winner of twelve races. Their dam has since produced another multiple winner, **Idole Of Love** (Real de Lou). The last two **Jalisca Of Love** (Captain Sparrow) is undeclared in training and **Kenya Of Love** (Coup de Poker), not yet qualified, is at Valentin Coligny's, a professional in the spotlight during this day of the 'Trophée Vert'.

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THE WINNER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Calimero du Thiole, creator of emotions

Even if only his runner-up **Girolamo** (Uriel Speed), on the condition that he wins, was still able to take the first place in the general classification of the 22nd edition of the Green Trophy, **Calimero du Thiole** (Gogo) made his entourage tremble until the end of the final. The fault of a... break of stride in the first meters which eliminated him from the race and thus from the possibility of scoring precious additional points. "It's a pity but we know that it's his fault", confided Matthieu Varin, whose face remained impassive when his horse passed in front of him still galloping after two hundred metres. Some three minutes later, the young Norman trainer found himself smiling again, and the arrival of the final did not cause any upheaval at the top of the general ranking. "It's a real pleasure, a real reward to win a title," he says, "especially as I was really upset last year that **By and By** (Niky) was beaten by three points. That's why this year I didn't want to get ahead of myself before the final. You learn from your mistakes."

Matthieu Varin has obviously not made any mistakes this year. When Emmanuelle Couétil (Haras de la Cour) entrusted him with the son of **Gogo** at the beginning of the year, the Green Trophy was clearly an objective. "I had beaten him with **By and By** last year at the Villeneuve-sur-Lot stage," continues Matthieu Varin. "He is a horse that goes as fast on grass as on sand. For his entry into the circuit this year at Écommoy, I was quite confident because he had just trotted 1'13" in the GNT at Reims but he was blowing away and I knew he was going to go up in condition. I was confident and I told Pierre Levesque who rode a remarkable race that day. After his third place in Erbray, we really got into the game, especially as it was his owner's dream to win the circuit."

If LeTROT's directors are looking for an ambassador, in this case a female ambassador, for the Green Trophy, they can turn to Emmanuelle Couétil (photo opposite). "It's the best day of my life. Winning at Craon is much, much stronger for me than a victory at Vincennes, believe me! I was lucky enough to have won the final a few years ago with **Sierra Leone** (John Arifant), trained by Jean-Claude Hallais. I entrusted "Calimero" to Matthieu Varin with this objective. Matthieu is a very good trainer for a tournament like this."



Pauline Lefaucheux photo

2022 GREEN TROPHY LEADERBOARD
(after the final stage at Craon)

Place | Horse | Points | Participations

- 1 | **CALIMERO DU THIOLE** | 55.00 | 8
- 2 | **GIROLAMO** | 33.00 | 5
- 3 | **GENTLY DE MUZE** | 32.00 | 2
- 3 | **FINE PERLE OF LOVE** | 32.00 | 2
- 5 | **GALAGO DU CADRAN** | 26.00 | 2
- 6 | **GOUTTE DU HOULBET** | 25.00 | 3
- 7 | **FOXTROT SEA** | 24.00 | 5
- 7 | **ELVIS DU VALLON** | 24.00 | 2
- 9 | **EXAUCE NOUS** | 22.00 | 2
- 10 | **CLEA MIQUELLERIE** | 20.00 | 5

APPRENTICE TROPHY

- 1 | P. ABRIVARD | 57.00 | 6
- 2 | J.B. LELIEVRE | 48.00 | 7
- 3 | T. BEAUCHENE | 40.00 | 2

AMATEUR TROPHY

- 1 | S.P. BLONDEAU | **DIVA GRANGE L'ABBE** | 82.00 | 10
- 2 | F. ROBIN | **FREDO DAIRPET** | 48.00 | 3
- 3 | D. GAUDIN | **FIRST KEN BLUE** | 44.00 | 5

4^e | **PRIX V AND B**

Att - 2775 m - Groupe 3 - 80 000 €



FINE PERLE OF LOVE

Theo Josselyn x Source Of Love (Achille)
Driver : M. Abrivard - Entraîneur : E. Varin
Propriétaire : Ec. E. Varin - Eleveur : N. Leguay



2^e **Elvis du Vallon** Reve de Beylev x Premiere de Beylev

3^e **Gently de Muze** Perlando x Obade Mancellerie

4^e : Goutte du Houlbet - 5^e : Fragonard Delo - 6^e : Destin Carisaie - 7^e : Edy du Pommereux

THEO JOSSELYN 1'13"8	JAG DE BELLOUET 1'09"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
	DEA JOSSELYN (US) 1'14"5	VAUNOISE 1'26"0
FINE PERLE OF LOVE	ACHILLE 1'15"1	ARMBRO GOAL (US)
	SOURCE OF LOVE	QUEZIRA 1'17"3
SOURCE OF LOVE	VARESE 1'18"0	JIOSCO 1'15"8
		KEZURA 1'19"3
		GRANIT (H.N.)
		DASMA



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SUMMER IN CABOURG: VINCENT LEBARQUE ACHIEVES HIS GOAL

"It's pleasant!" These are the first words of Vincent Lebarque, trainer of the Ecurie du Comte Pierre de Montesson, when discussing with him the score of the stable he is in charge of during the Cabourg meeting. Eight victories before the last meeting on Tuesday put the professional at the top of the Summer 2022 rankings.

Since the beginning of the year, the name of Vincent Lebarque has replaced that of Emmanuel Ruault in the trainer column of the staff of the Ecurie du Comte Pierre de Montesson. It was by mutual agreement that the handover took place: "Emmanuel Ruault had wanted to give up for some time. Mr. and Mrs. d'Hambure (Editor's note: the managers of the stable) in agreement with Emmanuel offered me the job, which I accepted. The transition was quite natural. I have been working for the Haras des Coudraies for more than seven years and I know the way the stable operates perfectly. It's a pleasure to see one's name in the trainers' column but it's the result of a whole team that must be put forward. I don't work alone."

At 42, Vincent Lebarque has built up a wealth of experience which he explained to us: "I started my apprenticeship with Jean-Yves Rayon at Grosbois before leaving to look after the foals at the Fleuré stud. After eight years, I wanted to see something else and I joined Fabrice Souloy, then Ecurie des Charmes, before joining Aurélien David and returning to Fabrice Souloy. I then returned to Jean-Yves Rayon and in 2005 I had the opportunity to join the Haras des Coudraies. All experiences are good and enriching. They have allowed me to get to where I am today. I have also been able to count on the

support of my wife Marie and my children Jeanne and Adrien because, in this profession, family life is complicated. My son is now old enough to come to the races with me and these are moments that we enjoy."

Since passing the baton to Emmanuel Ruault at the beginning of the year, Vincent Lebarque's training has achieved 26 victories in 198 races: "I didn't have any particular objective but I wanted to continue Emmanuel Ruault's momentum, thanks to the work of the team we are ahead in victories. We must not slacken our efforts." His particular success at Cabourg is also a form of continuity for him, the trainer explains: "Cabourg is a racecourse that works well for our horses and where we like to go. Last season, we already had a good meeting with six victories under the training of Emmanuel Ruault. We have two more this year before the last meeting."

And after the summer? What to look out for next

The summer will soon come to an end. What are the expectations of the stable for the next few weeks: "We have hopes for several 6-year-olds: **Garde à Vous** (Utoky), **Goldorak** (Akim du Cap Vert), who is more at ease on the right at the moment, and **Genévrier** (Niky) who has been lacking luck for several months. In the 5yo class, **Hacienda** (Booster Winner) and **Hautain** (Ready Cash) should do well. In our older group, we hope that **Frou Frou** (Look de Star) will continue to perform well. **Fiable** (Ready Cash) has had some health problems. She is currently being prepared and she will be the one to tell us the rest of her programme."



GUILLAUME HERRNBERGER (AFASEC): "RACING STILL ATTRACTS"

Two days ahead of the majority of French students, the new school year started on Tuesday in the five AFASEC campuses. For the first time since 2014, the downward spiral in student numbers has been halted, with 650 students enrolled, an 11% increase over last year. Guillaume Herrnberger, who has been at the head of the organisation for a year, takes stock of the start of the 2022 school year.

How is the new school year going?

It's a great start to the new school year. Thanks to the work of all the teams and the commitment of the entire sector, we have managed to reverse eight years of consecutive declines in student numbers. We are pleased to note an increase of around 11%, with 650 students on the benches of the five campuses, compared to 584 the previous year. This shows that the horse racing sector is still attracting people. This is the fruit of the work of all the AFASEC teams but also of an entire institution. Behind this figure of 650 students, you have 330 new students. We are renewing our pool of students by more than 50%. It's a dynamic start.

Does this increase affect all campuses, both trotting and galloping?

All our sites are growing. At Grosbois, for example, which is 100% dedicated to trotting, we have 99 students this year compared to 81 a year earlier. We have even surpassed the 2015 peak of 96 pupils. At Graignes, which is our second largest campus behind Gouvieux, we have 152 students compared to 126 last year. We know how far we still have to go to reach the 2015 level where we had 165 students. Overall, it's positive but we haven't reached that level yet, because the target is not 650 learners, it's even more. We are working on it, and we are going to increase the number of

open days, starting in October, in order to attract people who would be reoriented at the beginning of their training.

What does it mean to have so many newcomers, which the sector needs?

It's a real challenge because integration is a pivotal moment. We have to ensure the best possible integration with an individualised welcome. Because beyond the quantity, we put a lot of emphasis on the quality of recruitment, with training courses that were extended from two and a half to five days to discover the sector, with open days, with individualised recruitment interviews. We tried to recruit resources that wanted to join us. We must therefore now emphasise the quality of integration, within our campuses of course, but also and above all within the stables. I call on all the stables, all the apprenticeship masters to be vigilant in correctly integrating these new arrivals so that this resource that we have gone to so much trouble to bring in to reverse eight years of consecutive decline is not disappointed at the first experience in a stable and avoids having a high drop-out rate.

What else is new?

There are some new features in the training. That's why we're looking for training experts who come from the world of teaching and bring a fresh perspective. We are also developing our adult training courses. The training of young people is the future, but at three years, which is the average for training a future full-time stable employee. In Normandy, we are launching a one-year adult training course which aims to train twenty riders in professional reconversion, ten in trotting and ten in galloping. This training will start in mid-September to respond to the labour shortage we are facing as quickly as possible. ■



DEAUVILLE SELECTED YEARLINGS SALE - DAY #1

This Day#1 of Arqana Trot's Selected Yearlings Sales concluded its sale at around 11pm with 69.75% sold for an average of €47,048, slightly up on 2021 (+1.7%).

The first trends of this Day#1 are quite similar to 2021 with a top price that also amounted to €230,000 for the male **Love Me Do**, also bought by the Martens brothers, still for an association of their owners. At the time of writing, the top five bids were all for **Ready Cash**'s products, who are always on top.

One hundred and twenty-two lots were listed on this first day at Deauville. When lot 27 arrived in the ring, and while two previous numbers had already been sold for more than €100,000, namely n°10 **Lord de Vandel** (€150,000) and n°22 **Louisiane de Bomo** (€135,000), the bidding battle quickly began between several buyers for **Love Me Do**, a son of **Ready Cash**, like the two previous ones mentioned, and out of a daughter of the exceptional matron **Encombevineuse**. It was finally the Martens brothers who won the bidding at €230,000 for this colt presented by the Haras d'Écouché, from whom five of the seven numbers sold for €100,000 or more are descended (stats stopped at n°92).

THE TOP PRICE

Lot 27 // € 230,000

Love Me Do

Ready Cash and **Emotion** (Prodigious)

■ Vincent Martens (Domaine du Parc), buyer:

*"This is a beautiful colt. Last year we have a big success with **Knight Moves** who was the top price and is proving to be very good. The advantage of **Love Me Do** is that he can run directly in France. He has a stallion paper, with a very nice model. We'll probably make a partnership with the friends we're buying him with."*

■ Pierre Pilarski, co-breeder:

"It feels funny to be in the shoes of a top price seller. On the flat and over jumps, I can't do it. With my partners, we were sellers with a reserve price. As we have the other members of the family, it's easier to accept. He's a wonderful colt and we wish his new owners all the best." ■

DAY #2

Day 2 of Arqana Trot's selected yearling sales produced a session that was very similar to last year's. Turnover was slightly down but with fewer sales. The sale rates and the average price are in line with the status quo.

The indicators converge this Thursday towards a balance sheet of the same order as that of 2021 on the comparable day. Six lots reached or exceeded €40,000 this year, compared to five last year. In fact, the middle market is very dense, with an average price of over €17,500 and a median price that has hardly changed. There was no surge this year with a top price of €55,000 for **Lizarietta** (lot 348), a daughter of **Prodigious**, set at the end of the day by Gaetano Pezone, one of the most active buyers of the day with eight purchases. In 2021, we had reached €70,000 for a **Doberman** daughter. The average price for the first two days was €28,505, slightly down by 1.45% on last year. ■

DAY #3

Day 3 of the Arqana Trot selection sales took place in two stages. The first, apathetic, showed worried pouts from the sellers. The second, more dynamic, allowed the indicators to recover and smiles to return. In the end, day 3 showed a high rate of sales (67.4%) and generated a higher turnover than last year, but also showed a significant drop in the average price.

The average price falls from €29,676 in 2021 to €25,675 this year, i.e. -13.5%. At the same time, turnover rose by 10.4%, exceeding €3m on Friday, thanks to a nine-point increase in the sales rate. It was therefore the market's activity that drove this latest session. Mickaël Cormy's top bid of the day for Antoine Griezmann, at €125,000, was within reason. This is perhaps the best description of the 2022 edition of these three days of sales.

Full results of the three day sale can be found [HERE](#). ■



HATCHET MAN IS BEING SYNDICATED

Hatchet Man (Goetmals Wood), which made the headlines a few days ago when he was bought for €810,000 by Charly Mary and Associates, has been the subject of a syndication launched in recent days. Michel Gasselin, in charge of the operation told us: *"There are 85 shares at €18,000 excl. tax (some small units are offered excl. tax and 30 are for sale) and Hatchet Man will be offered at €500 for reservation and €4000 live foal. This is an exceptional opportunity for breeders and/or investors: he is one of the last sons of Goetmals Wood on the market and what a maternal family!"* The nephew of **Ready Cash** will be based at the brand new Haras du Rocher, where he will be the mainstay. ■

54 LOTS IN THE CRITERIUM AUCTION

A rich catalogue of 54 lots has just been published by Arqana Trot (see details [HERE](#)) for the Critérium Sale on September 18th, organised by the sales agency in partnership with LeTROT. Aimed at breeders, this sale will bring together 50 top-class mares, 9 of which are still in training (including **Joke** (Dollar Macker) who will be competing in the 4-Year-Old Critérium that very afternoon). Important note: *"all the covered mares, without exception, will be presented with paid cover"*, says Arqana Trot. 38 mares are thus presented in foal and four of them are winners or placed classics (2 Gr.1 winners: **Domania Roma** and **Chancelière Citrus**). To complete this unique offer, three shares of very high level stallions (**Ready Cash**, **Helgafell** and **Express Jet**) and a covering right (**Charly du Noyer**) will also be auctioned. In short, this is a vacation that has great ambitions from its very first edition and promises to seduce a French and international clientele, as proven by the dedicated communication launched in Northern Europe and the United States. ■

NEWS OF BERNARD PITON

Replaced since last weekend, Bernard Piton is currently on the sidelines. *"I felt a pain in my knee on Friday evening. I went to the emergency room and I didn't break anything, that's something! I've been on anti-inflammatories since then, waiting to have an MRI on Thursday to see the state of my ligaments. I already had a problem with this knee 25 years ago which kept me away from competition for two months. The important thing is also that the pain has subsided. I hope to be back on my feet soon."* We will be sure to report on the professional in future editions. ■

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JEAN-PIERRE DUBOIS AND KIROMAN WIN IN RAMBOUILLET

The most experienced driver in the field, Jean-Pierre Dubois, returned to victory at the Rambouillet racecourse for his 16th drive of the year. Jean-Pierre Dubois, 82, who had announced his retirement from the racetracks last winter, had finally put the suit back on in early June. Associated with **Kiroman**, Jean-Pierre Dubois also allowed **Fabulous Wood** (Ready Cash and Qualita Bourbon), a very young stallion, to sign a first victory. **Kiroman** won for his third outing in competition. He started with a disqualification in Francheville before finishing 6th in Cabourg. The dam line of this colt is that of the major **Viking's Way**.

In the other race for 2-year-olds (the race was split), victory of **Kash Marceaux** (Very Nice Marceaux), owned by Fabrice Souloy and associated with Franck Ouvrie. It was his second race after a 4th place on his debut. First product of **Diva des Marceaux** (10 wins and 186 180€), **Kash Marceaux** belongs to the dam line of the very good **Dynamite Marceaux**, double winner of the Prix de Londres. ■

EXPRESS JET'S CAREER ENDS

The announcement was made on the Hunter Valley Stable Facebook page on Thursday evening: **Express Jet** (Goetmals Wood) is putting an end to his career as a competitor to devote himself solely to that of a stallion. His last appearance was in the first leg of the European Tour du Trotteur Français at Wolvega last Sunday. For a little less than six years, **Express Jet**, under Pierre Vercruysse and then Tomas Malmqvist, was one of the best of his generation, finishing in the Prix de Sélection and the Critérium des 4 Ans (Group 1) and winning at Group 2 level. With a record of 1'10"2, he has earned more than € 630,000. A week ago in Cabourg, **Kana de Beylev** gave him his first winner as a stallion. ■

PRIX D'ÉTÉ ENTRANTS

Back to the classic distance. After having shown his talents on the speed courses since spring, **Etonnant** (Timoko) will be back in Vincennes next Saturday, on the occasion of the Prix d'Eté (Gr2), where he will be the attraction. The now double millionaire following his second place in the Grand Prix des Alpes Maritimes should then be led by his mentor, Richard Westerink, in the Grand Prix du Sud-Ouest, scheduled for 16 October, in Bordeaux. Alongside him are **Delia du Pommereux** (Niky), fourth in Cagnes, **Galius** (Love You), on appeal after his failure in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère, from whom also come **Dorgos de Guez** (Romcok de Guez) and **Callmethebreze** (Trixtion). Not seen since the Prix René Ballière in June, **Gu d'Héipré** (Coktail Jet) is on the list. ■

FRANÇOIS LECANU: WINNING RETURN ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN AMIENS

Absent from the tracks for the whole month of August, François Lecanu made his return to competition on Thursday at Laval, just one month after his last drive. Present on Saturday at Vincennes for the comeback of **Fakir du Lorault** (Vaillant Cash), he then went to Amiens where he found again the way to success with **Jacinthe des Ulmes** (Overtrick). He told us: "I broke my metacarpal at the beginning of August, which kept me away from the track for a month. The feeling will come back with time but I already feel good. This victory is good for my morale. Concerning **Fakir du Lorault's** comeback, it is good but it is never easy to make his comeback at this level. He's going to need a few races to get back on top." ■





UNDERSTANDING FRENCH TROTTING PART 2: THE PARI-MUTUEL

A historical player in racing and betting, the PMU (Pari Mutuel Urbain) is legally defined as an Economic Interest Group ('GIE'), made up of 66 French racing societies, which meet in General Assembly.

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In 2018, a new management team defined a new strategy for the company.

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The big dates

1891: JOSEPH OLLER, OR THE GENESIS OF MUTUALISATION

This year marks the end of the arbitrariness of the bookmakers. Bettors are now playing against each other, and the winnings are shared between the winners.

1930: THE CREATION OF PARI MUTUEL URBAIN

The racing societies, the only ones competent to organise horse races and take bets, are authorised to offer these bets outside the racecourses. They create a common service: the Pari Mutuel Urbain.

1954: THE FIRST TRIFECTA

It was André Carrus who invented this mythical bet. The first 'Tiercé' was run at Enghien on 22 January 1954. The bet consists of finding the first three horses in a race, either in the right order or not. It was an immediate success.

1989: THE QUINTÉ+ IS LAUNCHED

After the Tiercé and the Quarté, PMU launches its new flagship bet, which will become number one in the hearts of players.

1997: OPENING ON THE FOREIGN RACES

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1999: EQUIDIA, THE RACES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM

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