

THE FRENCH TROTTING WEEK

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[SUNDAY AT VINCENNES]



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SAN MOTEUR MAKES IT ALL CLEAR

He shone in the Prix de Bretagne - Amérique Races PMU Q1 (Gr.1), finishing faster than the others. He won the second instalment of the Amérique Races PMU on Sunday as the favourite. San Moteur not only secures his place on the starting grid of the Prix d'Amérique Legend Race (Gr.1) but also confirms his status as a contender for the crown on 28 January.

The final of the Prix du Bourbonnais - Amérique Races PMU Q2 (Gr.2) was intense. Three contenders battled it out from the final bend, and even a little earlier, when **Gu d'Héripuré** (Coktail Jet) launched the hostilities on the outside to join the duettists who had borne the brunt of the race until then: **Izoard Védaquais** (Bird Parker) and **San Moteur** (Panne de Moteur).

A glorious finish for the unfortunate losers of Q1

This three-way match has a special flavour three weeks after Q1. It brings together three of the candidates who had accumulated traffic problems on 19 November. **San Moteur** had only been able to express himself at the end (signing the best final split times) while **Izoard Védaquais** and **Gu**

d'Héripuré had not been able to indulge themselves, in the grip of the field. This time they all went on the offensive. Their commitment was rewarded. Björn Goop's decision to quickly take the lead with **San Moteur** before accepting the relay from **Izoard Védaquais** was the key to his success. The driver explained his tactical choice: *"I knew that **Izoard Védaquais** was a great horse who could take us. The race went quickly. I wanted to get off the back of **Izoard Védaquais** on the last bend because that's not where he goes fastest. **San Moteur** gave it his all, as he always does. He's a champion. He really went all the way. For a moment, I thought I'd be beaten, halfway to the finish, but he doesn't want to lose, he's got an exceptional mentality and gave it his all."*

A fast-paced race

Under the impetus of **Izoard Védaquais**, the race has only accelerated since the climb. With a time of 1'12"0, the top three finishers (**San Moteur**, **Izoard Védaquais** and **Gu d'Héripuré**) set the second fastest time in the history of the race, following the 1'11"4 time set by **Etonnant** (Timoko) in 2021. All this on a track made slightly sticky by the rain of the last few hours.

GOLDEN TICKETS

In the Swedish clan, qualification for the Prix d'Amérique Legend Race was clearly assigned to this race. With winnings in excess of a million euros, **San Moteur** could have done without it to be at the start on 28 January, but this Sunday he had to show his ability to play a real leading role. Mission accomplished. For **Izoard Védaquais** and **Gu d'Héripé**, the question arose as to whether their winnings would be enough to take part in this winter's major event. Their pass is now in their pocket.

Great performances by the beaten

In his role as one of Sweden's leading ambassadors, **San Moteur** was up to the task. But so did his runners-up. Philippe Allaire had this to say about **Izoard Védaquais**: *"It's good. It doesn't come down to much. The winner is on his back. Benjamin (Rochard, Izoard Védaquais' driver) didn't dare go any harder on the descent, but it wasn't the day to do it. He went down in 1'12 and would have been more comfortable going round the big track in 1'10. He came back well to finish and I'm very happy."*

For François Lagadeuc, in command of **Gu d'Héripé**, his partner confirmed his last promises, which had remained in the shadows: *"After making a good comeback, he hadn't been able to express himself along the rail last time. We felt he was a really good horse. It wasn't a false race today. He made an initial effort at the top of the climb and was able to get going again at the end. He put in a real performance."*

Ampia Mede Sm continues to rise

Already fourth in the PMU Amérique Races Q1, **Ampia Mede Sm** put in a similar performance in Q2. This time, she also set the fastest time in the last 500 metres (in the kilometre rate of 1'08"9), prompting her driver Franck Nivard to say: *"She*

started well and finished fast. She's got the timing right."

Hohneck satisfies his team

Fourteenth (in 1'13"4), **Hohneck** (Royal Dream) was making a comeback at Vincennes. His trainer Philippe Allaire shares his impressions with us: *"Hohneck needed to run and had heavy legs to finish. Gaby (Gabriele Gelormini, his driver) liked him better today than when he returned at Le Mans two months ago."*

Questions about Etonnant

Worried before the race, Richard Westerink told *Equidia* that **Etonnant** *"didn't manage to hydrate properly"* and was very concerned about his representative's poor performance (12th in 1'13"0). **Etonnant** *"wasn't breathing"* after the race and the trainer immediately called in the vet to investigate and carry out tests.

Qualifiers of the Prix du Bourbonnais - Amérique Races Q2

San Moteur - Izoard Védaquais - Gu d'Héripé

They join the qualifiers of the Amérique Races PMU Q1, namely **Hussard du Landret**, **Hooker Berry** and **Hokkaïdo Jiel**.

4^e | PRIX BOURBONNAIS-AMERIQUE RACES PMU Q2

Att - 2850 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €

SAN MOTEUR 1'12"



Panne de Moteur x Aung San Suu Kyi (Ready Cash)

Driver : B. Goop - Entraîneur : B. Goop

Propriétaire : St. Arvidssons Ab - Eleveur : Fonds de Courses



2^e Izoard Vedaquais 1'12" Bird Parker x Dokha Vedaquaise

3^e Gu d'Heripre 1'12" Cocktail Jet x Vedetta d'Heripre

4^e : Ampia Mede Sm - 5^e : Hooker Berry - 6^e : Ganay de Banville - 7^e : Hussard du Landret



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SAN MOTEUR LAUNCHES SWEDEN'S 'AMERICAN' DREAM

On his second appearance at Vincennes, **San Moteur** (Panne de Moteur) dazzled. Björn Goop, trainer and driver of the 6-year-old Swedish champion, was already very satisfied with his first contact with the Vincennes clincker on 19 November in the Prix de Bretagne - Amérique Races PMU Q1 (Gr.2). He set the scene at the start of the meeting: "We're not changing anything compared to last time. We're here to try and qualify him, that's our objective." And so it proved, with a very convincing success. The Swedish professional told us after the win: "He loves the track at Vincennes. He may even be better here than on Scandinavian tracks."

A horse that should mobilise Sweden on 28 January

Leading Swedish ambassadors such as **Maharajah** (Viking Kronos) and **Readly Express** (Ready Cash), both winners of the Gr 1 Prix d'Amérique Legend Race in 2014 and 2018, always generate a great deal of Swedish, and even Scandinavian, enthusiasm. Björn Goop is also part of this national representation, telling us: "He's a very popular horse in Sweden. I hope there will be a lot of Swedish supporters to come and cheer him on in the Prix d'Amérique."

A great family story for Björn Goop

Already a three-time winner of the Prix d'Amérique Legend Race, 'Golden helmet' nevertheless has an even different, and undoubtedly stronger, history with **San Moteur**. His uncle, Håkan Arvidsson, is the champion's breeder. Björn Goop tells

us: "It's basically my grandfather's stud. I think my uncle (Håkan Arvidsson) and his father have had five generations of this family. It's a great thing and a special achievement for us." There are also plenty of French fingerprints in **San Moteur**'s pedigree. His dam, **Aung San Suu Kyi**, is a daughter of **Ready Cash** (Indy de Vive) while his granddam, **Kissy Suzuki**, is sired by **Ténor de Baune** (Le Loir). Two of France's greatest champions, both winners of the Prix d'Amérique Legend Race. Björn Goop added: "I'm delighted to have a starter in the Prix d'Amérique, the big race. A horse from my training and bred by my family."

An association of three owners

There are three co-owners of **San Moteur**. As well as the breeder and uncle of Björn Goop, Håkan Arvidsson, there is Dan Renholm. Present at Vincennes on Sunday, the latter was ecstatic, telling us: "It's fantastic. We knew we had a good horse, but to win here is fantastic. I've already won twelve times here at Vincennes but I'd never been here until today. It's a dream come true. This is the temple and I really love France, I've even got a flat in Paris now and I'm going to come back!" For his part, Håkan Arvidsson reacted: "It's a fantastic moment. To win this race is extraordinary and to know that he will be at the start of the Prix d'Amérique even more so."

A programme still to be defined

Björn Goop has not yet decided on the final outing for **San Moteur** before the big target on 28 January. He explains: "He's not going to run the Prix de Bourgogne - America Races PMU Q5. I'm not sure he'll run in the Prix de Belgique - America Races PMU Q6 afterwards. The decision hasn't been taken yet but I don't think so at this stage. It will also depend on the weather in Sweden, which will determine whether we send him to France earlier. **San Moteur** is not a horse that needs to run close together." ■



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KANA DE BEYLEV, A GROUP 1 IN BRIGHT RED

The first Group 1 of the 2023-2024 winter meeting calendar, the Prix Ready Cash - Sulky World Cup 4 Ans Q3 came close to being a total success for Joël Séché and William Bignon's "Reds". By losing the pace in the last hundred metres when he had the best chance, King Opera let victory slip to his stablemate Kana de Beylev. A real emotional lift for the surroundings of the two 3-year-olds. In this generation, the daughter of Express Jet is the first female to win at this level.

Feelings must have been mixed for a tenth of a second at the finish of the first Group 1 race of the winter meeting in the "Séché-Bignon" clan. When you know how difficult it is to win a title at this level, you can't help but be satisfied with a victory, even if the double was up for grabs for King Opéra (Ready Cash) and Kana de Beylev (Express Jet). As one of the main French owners who has been investing for decades, whether through outright purchases such as Kana de Beylev from Écurie Hunter Valley or through acquisitions at the sales rings, mainly at Deauville, Joël Séché knows this well and perhaps even better than anyone else.

More than ten years after Santa Rosa France

Santa Rosa France (Kaisy Dream) won the Grand Critérium de Vitesse de la Côte d'Azur (Gr.1) at Cagnes-sur-Mer in 2012, and his popular red silks had not won a Group 1 race on French soil for eleven years. "We could have been one and two. We're one, but we're proud," says the owner. The link

between these two prestigious victories is the unbreakable bond that unites Joël Séché with Jean-Luc Bignon, and more generally with his family. Driver on the shores of the Mediterranean during the 2012 **Santa Rosa France** title, William Bignon is this time in the role of coach. A trainer who is touching the Holy Grail. "At the time, I had mixed feelings, but you have to remember that we won our first Group 1," he says. "I usually see others win Group 1s, but this is us. Usually, you see Philippe Allaire and here, it's us," he repeats. "It's a lot of hard work by a whole team, and of course it's also a lot of confidence. This marks the end of a great year for the stable with an exceptional filly". The 2023 season will be one to remember for its youth, which is perfectly symbolised by this success in a Group 1 race. But for the season to take an even more remarkable turn, it lacked a Group 1 in which it had not always gone well for William Bignon's boarders. Once again, a grain of sand came into play and upset the machinery, despite the fact that **King Opera** had done the hardest in a race which had started at a furious pace under the impetus of Italian **Edy Girifalco Gio** (Victor Gio) in 1'06"9 at the 1,500 metre mark, before Sweden's **Fiftyfour** (Fourth Dimension) reduced the pace and was timed in 1'09"6 with a kilometre to go.

6^e | PRIX READY CASH - SWC 4 ANS Q3

Att - 2100 m - Groupe 1 - 200 000 €



KANA DE BEYLEV 1'10"9

Express Jet x Dina de Beylev (Ready Cash)

Driver : B. Rochard - Entraîneur : W. Bignon

Propriétaire : J. Seche - Eleveur : Ec. du Hs. de L'epinay



2^e

Katinka du Mouchel 1'11" Prodigious x Rikita du Mouchel

3^e

Kobayashi 1'11"1 Face Time Bourbon x Come On Jet

4^e : Koctel du Dain - 5^e : Fiftyfour - 6^e : Kabaka de Guez - 7^e : Edy Girifalco Gio



After having overtaken Björn Goop's colt at the exit of the last bend when he had come up to him from the bottom of the climb before countering **Krack Time Atout** (Face Time Atout), Éric Raffin's partner began to feel his legs getting heavy with less than a hundred metres to go. "He lost pace in the last hundred metres and must surely have been a bit fed up," commented his driver. "It's a shame because he wasn't rewarded for his efforts. I had the race at my mercy. **Kana de Beylev** wasn't making any more ground."

Females out in force

After the domination of the males in the first three Group 1s of the class born in 2020 with the double victory of **Koctel du Dain** (Boccador de Simm), who had to be content with 4th place ("He runs well and took off frankly but it's not his distance", said David Thomain) and that of **Krack Time Atout**, the trend was reversed in favour of the females in this Prix Ready Cash - Sulky World Cup 4 Ans Q3 with the victory of **Kana de Beylev**, the best female of the generation, at the expense of another filly, **Katinka du Mouchel** (Prodigious). All this was achieved in the remarkable time of 1'10"9, to be compared with the 1'12"9 of **Just A Gigolo** (Boccador de Simm) in the 2022 edition. "This filly is exceptional," says William Bigeon. "Benjamin (Rochard) is in perfect harmony with her. He's growing up with us." The upward trajectory of the driver from Angers, who won his 173rd race of the year (current record) and above all his first Group 1 harness racing title, parallels that of his partner. "I didn't fully realise it at the time, given the circumstances," confides Pierre-Yves Rochard's son. "At the start of the year, I never thought I'd have a season like this. It's fabulous."

While **Kana de Beylev** is the best filly of her generation, **Katinka du Mouchel** is also steadily moving up the ranks. "She's been good," confirms Thierry Duvaldestin, "especially as she almost made a mistake on the descent when it was going very fast." Another colt to come back from the rearguard, **Koyabashi** (Face Time Bourbon) took a very good 3rd place. "He's really coming on. We're dreaming with this colt," says Matthieu Millet (Écurie Hunter Valley).

Express Jet's first classic title

Bred by Écurie du Haras de l'Épinay, and also a Group 1 winner for the first time, **Kana de Beylev** is out of the first year of production of **Express Jet**, one of Écurie Hunter Valley's stallions. Écurie Hunter Valley acquired her under an option to purchase before handing her over to Joël Séché after a career debut in the care of Tomas Malmqvist. "I'm delighted that the filly produced a Group 1 winner for Express Jet in his first year of production," commented Matthieu Millet.



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A GROUP 1 WITH MANY FIRSTS

The victory of **Kana de Beylev** (Express Jet) in the Prix Ready Cash - Sulky World Cup 4 Ans Q3 (Gr.1) is one that brings with it a breath of fresh air. Quite simply, apart from Joël Séché, whose colours she defends and who has already won several Group 1 titles (notably with **Insert Gédé**, **Daguet Rapide** and **Santa Rosa France**), all the other contributors to this victory are enjoying their first victory at the highest level. The owner salutes his trainer William Bigeon: "We could have been one and two. We are one. We're proud. William has a very good team around him."

The Beylev label at the top

Bred by the Ecurie du Haras de l'Épinay, **Kana de Beylev** brings a first Group 1 rating to the Lévy family's breeding operation. Previously, **Rêve de Beylev** (Fortuna Fant) had competed at a high level without winning a Gr 1.

Benjamin Rochard's first Group 1 harness race

Already the holder of a Group 1 title, mounted, with **Gangster du Wallon** (Let's Go Along) in the Prix de Vincennes 2019,

Benjamin Rochard is now shining at the highest level in harness racing. It's a discipline in which he has gone from strength to strength over the last two years. For example, he was approached during the winter to become the driver of Swedish champion **Joviality** (Chapter Seven), and he tells us: "I didn't fully realise this first Group 1 victory at the time because it came at the very end through the fault of another competitor (Editor's note: **King Opéra**). I've made a great leap forward in the last two years. Now I hope to stay at that level. Obviously, you have to keep working and not give up."

Marie Morandea looks after Kana de Beylev on a daily basis

She is **Kana de Beylev**'s groom. Marie Morandea is 26 years old, "has been working at William Bigeon for nearly two years" and has been looking after the filly since she arrived at the stable. About her, she tells us: "She's a bit on the eye but she's pleasant. She's always full of life and very endearing. What she loves most of all is going outside with her friend **Kyrielle**. She doesn't like being cooped up. When she arrives at the racecourse, she's calmer than she used to be, but she's still a bit surly, which I think is her strength. I'm delighted to win a Group 1 race."



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LIZY JOSSELYN, THE STRONGEST SPRINTER

Tuesday 5 December | PARIS-VINCENNES

The winners of the Prix des Camélias, a race for 2yo fillies in the making, at last Tuesday's fixture at Vincennes, include champion **Billie de Montfort** (Jasmin de Flore) in 2013, **Avila** (Ready Cash), another classic mare, the year before, and, more recently in 2017, **Fashion Queen**, another product of the champion stallion from the Bouttemont stud. This year, victory went to **Lizy Josselyn** (Love You), while **Lotta Bourbon** (Prodigious) was soon at fault. Trained by Tomas Malmqvist and wearing the Hunter Valley Stable colours, this filly, whose third dam is the matronly **Quezira** (Patara) from whom the champion **Belina Josselyn** (Love You) descends, herself the dam in this generation of the very promising and unbeaten **Liza Josselyn** (Ready Cash), showed great courage to referee the battle for victory, the first of her young career at Vincennes.

David Thomain, who partnered her for the first time, commented on his success: *"We weren't quick on the course. On the other hand, the last five hundred metres were run at a good pace (1'11"7). The filly didn't have a back on the course so her performance is good. You don't have to bother her on the fly and give her time to get her balance right. She's very trotting and will improve as the races go on."*

2^e | PRIX DES CAMELIAS Att - 2700 m - Course B - 43 000 €

LIZY JOSSELYN 1'17"8
 Love You x Cezia Josselyn (Sam Bourbon)
 Driver : D. Thomain - Entraîneur : T. Malmqvist
 Propriétaire : Ec. Hunter Valley - Eleveur : Ec. Y. Bernard

- 2^e **Let Me Shine Gio 1'17"8** Face Time Bourbon x Each Time
Driver : M. Abrivard - Entraîneur : S. Guarato
 - 3^e **Little Star Fleury 1'17"8** Doberman x Girl Star Emge
Driver : A. Collette - Entraîneur : H. le Bec
- 4^e : Layla - 5^e : Little Strawberry - 6^e : Luminous Star - 7^e : Lylou des Thuyas

In four races, **Lizy Josselyn** has a largely positive record: two successes (the first on her debut at Enghien this summer) and a third place. Now worth €42,470, this filly with a martingale and well-capped ears should logically be heading for the best races for females of her generation. She is entered in the Group 2 Prix Une de Mai on 17 December.

Tomas Malmqvist's statistics with his L's
 Trainer of Hunter Valley Stables for several seasons now, Tomas Malmqvist has enjoyed great success with his youngsters. The Swedish trainer, who also has a very good crop of "K" colts and fillies, has only entered six "Ls" since the start of the summer. But he already has seven successes and as many places on the podium, with 17 starters. These include **Lorica** (Booster Winner), **Looping Day** (Face Time Bourbon) and **Light My Fire** (Ready Cash), a full brother to **Bold Eagle** who made a winning start at Nantes before being at fault on his first attempt at Vincennes.

Lotta Bourbon, quickly disqualified
 The big favourite in the race, **Face Time Bourbon's** sister **Lotta Bourbon** (Prodigious), quickly galloped off and was disqualified. An outing that no doubt needs to be erased.

LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
	LIZY JOSSELYN	ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1		AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
CEZIA JOSSELYN 1'16"5	SAM BOURBON 1'11"6	AMOUR D'AUNOU (US) 1'15"3
		GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9
HEZIA JOSSELYN		ETTA EXTRA 1'18"0
		BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4
		QUEZIRA 1'17"3

LE POÈTE BOURBON HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE

Thursday 7 December | PARIS-VINCENNES

It was already very good at Laval for his debut, and it's even better for his first at Vincennes. **Le Poète Bourbon** (Love You) confirms all the good things we think of him and becomes the first to receive the label "espoir 24h" which aims to select the future stars of tomorrow. His descent was fast, his handling of the climb was very good, his ability to get off the back of a good **Le Voyou d'Almo** (Thorens Vedaquais) and to accelerate to dominate him was validated. Jean-Philippe Monclin's pupil produced a perfect copy, insofar as the slight hesitation while starting didn't really count. His trainer-driver likes him a lot: "He's a good colt. He just needs to not get too excited and if he takes it the right way, he'll make a good horse. That's very good." **Le Poète Bourbon** could be seen again at the winter meeting with ambitions.

LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
	GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1	ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
LE POÈTE BOURBON		AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
	AMOUR D'AUNOU (US) 1'15"3	
CETA EXTRA BOURBON	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9	
	READY CASH 1'10"3	KIDEA 1'18"2
ETTA EXTRA 1'18"0	FLORESTAN (US)	
	UNE CROWN (US) 1'19"4	

4^e | PRIX DES BEGONIAS



Att - 2175 m - Course D - 33 000 €



LE POÈTE BOURBON 1'14"6



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Love You x Ceta Extra Bourbon (Ready Cash)

Driver : J.-Ph. Monclin - Entraîneur : J.-Ph. Monclin

Propriétaire : Ec. du Hs. de Saint Martin - Eleveur :

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2^e **le Voyou d'Almo 1'14"7** Thorens Vedaquais x Etsie de Guez
Driver : Y. Lebourgeois - Entraîneur : C. Heslouin

3^e **Lamsou San 1'15"3** Univers de Pan x Sima Thai
Driver : F. Nivard - Entraîneur : A. Roussel

4^e : Leolio - 5^e : Ludiver des Vaux - 6^e : Livre Blanc - 7^e : Let Me Sixty One





JUSHUA TREE REALLY LAUNCHES HIS MEETING

Saturday 9 December | PARIS-VINCENNES

Champion status brings with it certain obligations. In particular, to shine, as often as possible, if not all the time. Consequently, **Jushua Tree's** (Bold Eagle) short flutter on his return in the Prix de Chenonceaux forced his supporters to accept a 5th place finish. For his second outing of the winter, in this important Prix Octave Douesnel - SWC 5yo Q1, the son of Bold Eagle this time produced a perfect copy and thus scored his 13th victory in 17 official outings. The next stage is scheduled for 24 December, in the Critérium Continental Amérique Races PMU Q3, which offers its winner a guaranteed place in the Prix d'Amérique Legend Race. Today's race was therefore intended to reassure, and it has, but also to serve as a springboard for the next fortnight. Jushua Tree had something to show Jean-Michel Bazire: *"He did the job by starting perfectly and then I controlled him. Everything's going well, he worked well in the straight which he covered in 1'05"/1'06", so we're right on schedule."*

A delighted co-owner

For the man behind the Olmenhof stables, Jan Kumpen, the dream continues: *"I told my wife and my son to come because this is the horse of a lifetime. I've been an owner in France for 25 years and although I've had some good horses, I've never had one like this. I'm on cloud nine. Today Jean-Michel went on the offensive and I think we've seen the spring horse again. In a fortnight' time, it'll be a different matter again. I'm already focused on the next race."*

A record that speaks for itself

By winning, **Jushua Tree** joins not only his sire **Bold Eagle** but also the great names of modern trotting history, such as **Face Time Bourbon**, **Gu d'Héripéré** and **Hohneck**.

Dimitri Ferm seduces Alexandre Abrivard

Although **Jushua Tree** was finally untouchable, the finishes of **Dimitri Ferm** (Nad Al Sheba), 2nd, and **Josh Power** (Offshore Dream), 3rd, were very good. Alexandre Abrivard (**Dimitri Ferm's** driver): *"His performance was very good for his first time on the big course with his shoes. Barefoot on this course, he'll be a serious contender in the Critérium Continental."*

Sébastien Ernault (driver/trainer of **Josh Power**): *"He runs very well without taking it hard, I'm very happy. We could just have finished 2nd if I stay against the rail."*

The Bold Eagle - Buvetier d'Aunou cross

Jushua Tree is a cross between the crack **Bold Eagle** and **Ma Sissi James**, a daughter of **Buvetier d'Aunou**, a cross designed by Hugues Rousseau on the advice of Thomas Bernereau who had predicted a good marriage between his two bloodlines. **Ma Sissi James** has won a whopping eighteen races and €340,000. She had a long and intense career, running until the age of 9. A winner on seven occasions in Paris, she was placed in a Group 3 at a stage of the GNT. Five of her eight offspring, the last being **Jushua Tree**, qualified and won. Before **Jushua Tree**, the semi-classic **Bariane James** 1'13" h.-m. (Goetmals Wood) was the most memorable, winning six times, including four at Vincennes.

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

3^e | PRIX OCTAVE DOUESNEL - SWC 5 ANS Q1

Att - 2700 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €



JUSHUA TREE 1'12"8

Bold Eagle x Ma Sissi James (Buvetier d'Aunou)

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

Propriétaire : Ec. Olmenhof - Eleveur : H. Rousseau



2^e **Dimitri Ferm 1'12"9** Nad Al Sheba x

Driver : A. Abrivard - Entraîneur : M. Baroncini

3^e **Josh Power 1'12"9** Offshore Dream x Balgnette

Driver : S. Ernault - Entraîneur : S. Ernault

4^e : Coquaholy - 5^e : Diluca Mo - 6^e : Jag Stryck - 7^e : Harpy

IBIKI DE HOUELLE LEAVES A BIG IMPRESSION

Saturday 9 December | PARIS-VINCENNES

A very strong performance from **Ibiki de Houelle** (Love You). Franck Leblanc's mentee completed a lap of the big track worthy of the best: within the kilometre reduction of 1'10" and fractions. The total time was affected and **Ibiki de Houelle** set the new record for this Prix Narquois in 1'11"4.

5^e | PRIX NARQUOIS



Att - 2700 m - Groupe 3 - 80 000 €



IBIKI DE HOUELLE 1'11"4

Love You x Sawasde de Houelle (Gazouillis)
Driver : E. Raffin - Entraîneur : F. Leblanc
Propriétaire : D. Augereau - Eleveur : F. Leblanc



Une victoire de + pour
IBIKI DE HOUELLE

2^e **Ino du Lupin 1'11"7** Scipion du Goutier x Tina d'Hermes
Driver : A. Wiels - Entraîneur : J. P. Marmion

3^e **Kagan 1'11"8** Scarlet Knight x Eliana
Driver : R. Bergh - Entraîneur : R. Bergh

4^e : Crown Wise As - 5^e : Igrec de Celland - 6^e : Gasolin - 7^e : Instinct d'Am

This was his best performance for several months after proving in the spring that he could have been one of the leading horses in the Critérium des 5 ans (in which he did not take part).

The good **Ibiki de Houelle** is back, as his trainer confirmed: "When he's in front and he's good like that, he's a steamroller. He's really efficient." The performance is such that **Ibiki de Houelle** could be seen at the start of the Prix Ténor de Baune Amérique Races PMU Q4 on 24 December. **Ino du Lupin** (Scipion du Goutier), second after being pointed a good ten metres from the leader, put in an excellent intrinsic performance in his third race after a break. His trainer Jean-Paul Marmion regretted not having given the right instructions to his driver Antoine Wiels: "I told him not to start him too hard, it's a shame. But there's no question of being disappointed when you come across a horse like this."

LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
		ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
IBIKI DE HOUELLE	GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
		AMOUR D'AUNOU (US) 1'15"3
SAWASDE DE HOUELLE 1'12"4	GAZOUILLIS 1'12"8	LUTIN D'ISIGNY 1'14"3
		UTISKA 1'17"4
	HETULA DU TILLEUL 1'19"6	TENOR DE BAUNE 1'14"3
		UNE DE VALLERAY 1'20"0



JUST LOVE YOU ALSO SAVES THE DATE

Saturday 9 December | PARIS-VINCENNES

It would be a mistake to relegate mares to the role of spectators in this promotion. **Just Love You** (Love You), a convincing winner of the Prix Ariste Hémard - SWC 5yo Q2, and her trainer Laurent Abrivard are sending out a clear and assertive message. "It's not bad what she's doing," he said, not without irony, before adding: "She runs 1'12"7 laughing, we're calm, she'll be fine. She's only at 80% and she does the last kilometre in 1'11"6, so she'll be fine."

Leader of her class, **Just Love You** had already dominated the males last January when she brilliantly won the Sulky World Cup 4yo.

7^e | PRIX ARISTE HEMARD - SWC 5 ANS Q2



Att - 2700 m - Groupe 2 - 120 000 €



JUST LOVE YOU 1'12"7

Love You x Just In Love (Ever Jet)
Driver : A. Abrivard - Entraîneur : L. Cl. Abrivard
Propriétaire : M. Bliard - Eleveur : M. Bliard



2^e **Diva Del Ronco 1'12"8** Varenne x Magic Vision Lf
Driver : M. Minopoli Jr - Entraîneur : S. Minopoli

3^e **Jazzy Perrine 1'13"** Django Riff x Trendy Perrine
Driver : E. Raffin - Entraîneur : T. Malmqvist

4^e : Joyce - 5^e : Global Dancer - 6^e : Aurelia Express - 7^e : Divina Trio

Now a three-time Group 2 winner by a wide margin, she will enter the Critérium Continental Amérique Races PMU Q3 with the full confidence of her entourage. As in the Prix Octave Douesnel, the first three finishers qualify directly for the Critérium Continental, the Prix de Croix and the Prix Bold Eagle at this meeting.

The placed

Just Love You beat the visiting Italian **Diva Del Ronco** (Varenne), driven by Mario Minopoli Jr who regretted a small fault at the start, while **Jazzy Perrine** (Django Riff) gave Tomas Malmqvist complete satisfaction.

The winner's pedigree

Just Love You is a younger half-sister to the classic **Royal Lover 1'11"** (Ganymède), who excelled under Jean-Michel Bazire, winning the semi-classic Prix Phaéton (Group 2) and finishing fourth in the Critérium des 5 Ans (Group 1) with earnings of €409,790 at the end of her career. She's also a sister to **First In Love** (Goetmals Wood), whose earnings total €217,850. **Just Love You's** pedigree is illustrated by a fine inbreeding to the American champion **Speedy Somolli** (4x4).

LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
	JUST LOVE YOU 1'17"1	ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1		AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
AMOUR D'AUNOU (US) 1'15"3		
JUST IN LOVE 1'15"4	EVER JET 1'15"5	TARASS BOULBA (US) 1'18"8
	BAZELA 1'19"5	VENITIE
FIRSTLY		
ONDINE DE CHENU		





RACE CALENDAR

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

Tue. 12/12 Vincennes. **Wed. 13/12** Le Croisé-Laroche, Vincennes. **Thu. 14/12** Lyon-La Soie, Nantes, Vincennes. **Fri. 15/12** Graignes, Vincennes. **Sat. 16/12** Amiens, Cagnes-sur-Mer, Vincennes. **Sun. 17/12** Argentan, Bordeaux, Cordemais, Grenade-sur-Garonne, Karukera (at Martinique), Lyon-Parilly, Vincennes. **Mon. 18/12** Cabourg, Le Mans.

Wednesday 13 December | PARIS-VINCENNES

PRIX AUGUSTE FRANCOIS

Group 3 - European Race

90.000. - Mounted. - 2.175 m.

For 6- to 10-yo. included, with at least 130.000, but not 750.000.

Saturday 16 December | PARIS-VINCENNES

PRIX OSCAR COLLARD (PRIX DE REIMS)

Group 3 - European Race

Mobile start

80.000. - Harness. - 2.100 m.

For 4- and 5-yo., with at least 45.000, but not 295.000.

PRIX EMMANUEL MARGOUTY

Group 2

120.000. - Harness, males. - 2.700 m.

For 2-yo. colts, geldings excluded, with at least 3.000.

Sunday 17 December | PARIS-VINCENNES

PRIX JEAN DUMOUCHE (PRIX DE CHATEAUDUN)

Group 3 - European Race

90.000. - Harness. - 2.850 m.

For 5- to 10-yo. included, with at least 130.000, but not 1.250.000. - 25 m. handicap at 565.000.

PRIX JAG DE BELLOUET-CORNULIER RACES Q1

Group 1 - International Race

200.000. - Mounted. - 2.700 m.

For 4-yo., geldings excluded, with at least 32.000.

PRIX ALBERT RAYON

Group 3 - European Race

Mobile start

70.000. - Harness, females. - 2.100 m.

For 3-yo. fillies, with at least 9.000, but not 110.000.

PRIX BILIBILI-CORNULIER RACES Q2

Group 1 - International Race

200.000. - Mounted. - 2.700 m.

For 5-yo., geldings excluded, with at least 45.000.



LOVE YOU WITHDRAWN FROM THE 2024 STALLION CATALOGUE

The information was confirmed to us on Tuesday by the secretariat of the Gastine stud farm, where he has been based and has performed for the past few seasons. The top stallion **Love You** (Coktail Jet) will not be offered for public breeding this year (see next page). Aged 24, he will be in a sort of early retirement, although his owner Jean-Pierre Dubois may still call on his services for his herd of mares depending on the stallion's form. In the spring, **Love You** covered 80 mares but saw his breeding season cut short with his services due to end on 20 May. A top performer on the racetrack (22 wins and €1,416,537 in earnings), **Love You** has become a top stallion. Twice top of the list of sires of winners in France, in 2011 and 2012, he is notably the sire of champion **Béline Josselyn**. He has 1,476 registered offspring in France (IFCE figures), to which must be added a substantial foreign production, including in the southern hemisphere.



Love You at Caen in 2005.

DELIA DU POMMEREUX BEATEN WITH HONOURS IN BELGIUM

Competing in the Prix d'Amiens at Mons on Tuesday, **Délia du Pommereux** (Niky) failed to get back on the winning track. Driven by her trainer Sylvain Roger, she nevertheless ran a real race, quickly taking control of the race (run over 1,750 metres mobile start). On a track softened by the rain, she held off **Bryssel** (Ready Cash) and **Cyriel d'Atom** (Otello Pierji) in the final, the latter having travelled behind her. On the other hand, she was unable to stem the onslaught of **Donovan Park** (Singalo), who came through on the inside and whose sulky Kristof Depuydt raised his arms before the final line to salute this prestigious victory over a French champion.

A 'HOOKER BERRY' SQUARE IN HIS BIRTHPLACE

A few days ago, Michel Aladenise's colours took on a pink hue in the village of Vicq-Exempt, in the Indre region of France. The Berry breeder and owner of **Hooker Berry** (Booster Winner) was invited by the municipality where he lives to present the status of the latest winner of the Prix d'Amérique Legend Race. Depicted in a dynamic posture, standing on his hind legs, **Hooker Berry** is in an almost familiar position for Michel Aladenise, who told *L'Echo du Berry* newspaper: "When we let him out of the paddock, Hooker is always on his two hind legs." Created by Christian Hirlay, a sculptor from the Indre department, the work will shortly be installed in the square of the village of 315 inhabitants, opposite the bar-restaurant, which is also the headquarters of the local star's fan club. The square will be renamed 'Hooker Berry' to mark the occasion. The initiative comes from the mayor of Vicq-Exempt, Pascal Couturier, and the entire town council.



Michel Aladenise, sculptor and mayor.

FRENCH TROTTERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT SON PARDO

Every year, the FBT (Federacio Balear de Trot) organises two finals - one for each sex - reserved for French Trotter horses at the Son Pardo racecourse. The first, held on Thursday 30 November, saw **Ego Turgot** (Sancho Turgot), driven by his trainer Juan Riera Stiges, win the event reserved for geldings and males (Final Torneig Trotador Frances). On Monday (4 December), **Gagneuse d'Or** (Orlando Vici) and Antonio Valls won the mares' section for Marina Salleras Rubio's training (Final Torneig TF Eugûes).



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LOVE YOU, A GIANT (PRE)RETIRES

A new page is being turned. Love You 1'10" (Coktail Jet) will no longer be covering, at least not publicly (Editor's note: see our news item on previous page). Now in his twenty-fifth year, he retires with three titles as best French stallion and four others in Sweden, and even in Europe. It could even be said that his influence was worldwide. Following in the footsteps of his father, Coktail Jet, and as a prelude to Ready Cash, he was the architect of the internationalisation of the French trotter.

Among our top stallions, the 2023 season will have been one of disappearances and retirements. After the death of *Ready Cash* and *Goetmals Wood*, **Love You**, who is still with us but whose activity as a stallion will be reduced to a minimum, will be retiring from the public eye.

The work of one man

Before being a top-class sire, **Love You** was a champion on the racetrack, more than a millionaire in euros - his total winnings amount to €1,416,537 -, more often placed than won at Group 1 level, but with remarkable consistency and regularity. He is the work of one man, Jean-Pierre Dubois, who bred, trained and drove him (with two exceptions, in fifty-five outings from 2 to 6 years old). On his subject, the emeritus professional told our colleague Jacques Pauc: "**Love You** wasn't really a precocious horse, even if he was brave and a great trotter. That's why I took it easy on him as a 2-year-old, running him around a bit, which wasn't necessarily a good thing. He was more of a speed horse, who knew how to start if you wanted to get ahead. In fact, perhaps I went too far with him... His weak point was that he suffered from a knee."

A winner in the provinces as a 2-year-old, **Love You** then quickly made his way to Vincennes, where as a 3-year-old he soon established himself among the elite. Victorious in

January, then in February, he knocked on the door of the semi-classics, once spring had come, and began to line up victories there. He missed out, however, on the Group 1 Criterium des 3 Ans and had to wait until the following year to win at classic level, in the Group 1 Criterium Continental, although **Lazio du Bourg**, who had been in his way, was demoted. This would be his only Group 1 success, a level at which he would nevertheless place six times throughout his career, notably as runner-up to his elder, **Jag de Bellouet**, in the Prix René Ballière, and as third, to the same horse and to **Késaco Phédo**, in the Prix de l'Atlantique, a placing which was also his in the UET Grand Prix and in the Prix de Sélection. Love You went on to win an impressive fifteen Group 2s, including a memorable Prix des Ducs de Normandie at Caen, where he easily defeated the best gelding of the day in **Général du Lupin**. He retired from racing in the autumn of his 6th birthday, with a record of twenty-two wins, including seventeen in Group races, and a record of 1'10"2, set when second over the 2,100 metres, mobile start, in the Prix René Ballière.

Award-winning all over the world

Love You became a kind of universal stallion, making a major contribution to the expansion of French trotting blood outside France, even more so than his sire. His reputation reached as far as Oceania and the United States, where his offspring are particularly appreciated, as they correspond to the criteria in force: cold horses with no problems. On two occasions, in 2012 and 2013, Love You was even the number one stallion in the world in terms of earnings, while, as already mentioned, he was three times top of the list of sires of winners in France, in 2012, 2013 and 2015, four times in Sweden, in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, and, as an extension, four times in Europe, in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015. **(Cont'd on next page)**

Evocative figures

In France, **Love You** has produced two Prix d'Amérique winners, **Royal Dream** 1'10" and **Bélina Josselyn** 1'10", both of whom have added the Prix de France to their list of honours and, in the case of the mare, the Prix de Paris, twice what's more. Her other Group 1 winners on home soil are **Quaker Jet** 1'09", **Qualita Bourbon** 1'12", **Queen's Glory** 1'10", **Ulysse** 1'11" m., **Village Mystic** 1'10", **Boléro Love** 1'10", **Booster Winner** 1'10", **Galius** 1'09", **Just Love You** 1'10"... The richest of his French offspring is **Bélina Josselyn**, with €2.686 million in earnings. Among his foreign offspring, it is also a Haras du Bois-Josselyn pupil who holds the prize, namely **Uza Josselyn** 1'08", born of a cross outside the French trotting studbook, who amassed €1.299 million, slightly more than the Swedish winner of the Elitloppet, **Nahar** 1'09" (€1.260 million). **Sanity** 1'12" is another euro millionaire (1.088 million), as are the aforementioned **Quaker Jet** (1.758 million), **Royal Dream** (1.591 million) and **Qualita Bourbon** (1.538 million). To date, according to his French statistics, 1,000 of **Love You's** 1,478 offspring, including current yearlings and foals, have qualified and the total earnings of his sons and daughters amount to €71,677,255, giving an average earnings per offspring of €48,496 and per qualified offspring of €71,677. These figures speak for themselves.



Belina Josselyn.

The success of a perfect match with Ready Cash

Love You's progeny are not yet extinct, as he has 117 offspring in 2022 and 2023, while 80 broodmares visited him this spring. And then, above all, there are his sons, who continue the work, starting with **Booster Winner** and **Royal Dream**, who are **Ready Cash's** current runners-up in the 2023 list of sires of winners, of which he himself is fifth at the time of writing. It goes without saying that his success as a sire of dams is another, and by no means the least, of his contributions. In this respect, **Ready Cash** in particular is a perfect match, epitomised by the two phenomena of the past decade, **Bold Eagle** 1'08" and **Face Time Bourbon** 1'09", both illustrating the crossing of one with a daughter of the other.

POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND NET RESULT

The Société du Trotteur Français held a meeting of its Board of Directors on Thursday 7 December, at the end of which it issued the following statement.

On Thursday 7 December, the SETF's last Board meeting of the 2019-2023 term of office led by Jean-Pierre Barjon was held. The meeting ended on a positive note, opening up encouraging horizons for the team that will lead the Company over the next four years.

+7.4 million more in incentives by 2023

With just one month to go before the end of the 2023 financial year, the financial statements show a positive net result of 2.9 million euros, while at the same time allocations and support to the industry increased by 7.4 million over the year. These figures, which exceeded the initial budget, were made possible thanks to ongoing rigorous management, with a number of projects completed in recent months.

By way of example, the move in July of the Société d'Encouragement à l'Élevage du Trotteur Français, France Galop, the PMU and the FNCH to a common building was a success. As a result of this decision, consideration was given in advance to the future of the old headquarters, with various scenarios being outlined. In the end, the decision was taken to rent out the building. A lease should be signed in the next few days. The Board of Directors approved this project on Thursday.

The last few months have also seen the introduction of a new organisational chart for the Company, a specific steering unit for the Paris-Vincennes Arena and new rules between Afasec and the Grosbois site. A major mobilisation of the teams was also launched on the renewal of the concession for the Paris-Vincennes racecourse, in conjunction with the Paris City Council.

While we await the final figures for 2023, it seems certain that the new team at the helm of the SETF for the next four years will have the room to manoeuvre it needs to continue its work.

This is borne out by the 2024 budget, the broad outlines of which were presented to the Board of Directors on Thursday. It will be voted on and ratified at the start of the new term of office. For Jean-Pierre Barjon, "it is imperative that it is the new management team that validates the budget, the level of increase in incentives and their distribution between Paris and the provinces, by making the necessary trade-offs".

For the record, the PMU forecasts a 2% increase in stakes in 2024.

THEMIS BUILDING DRESSED IN THE COLOURS OF THE 'AMÉRIQUE RACES PMU'

The new common home of horseracing, home in particular to the Société d'Encouragement à l'Élevage du Trotteur Français (SETF), has been adorned with a huge display to showcase the Amérique Races PMU in spectacular fashion. Located on the edge of the Paris ring road, the Thémis building features this giant 1,050m² covering, which will remain in place for the duration of the winter meeting, from December to the end of February 2024. It's the perfect XXL display, offering unrivalled visibility for the Amérique Races PMU event by targeting the 200,000 motorists and their passengers who use the Paris ring road every day. You can follow the installation of this giant display in this video sequence ([HERE](#)).



Marin Laflèche photo

HORSES AND CASINOS: NEW PROSPECTS

Last week, the French National Assembly adopted a bill authorising the establishment of casinos in towns with an 'equestrian tradition'. Tailor-made for Pompadour and Saumur, the bill approved by the MPs widens the circle of towns that could be affected, including those that used to be home to the national studs (Haras Nationaux), such as Saint-Lô and La Roche-sur-Yon. Jean-Pierre Vogel, Senator and Chairman of the 'Groupe Cheval', commented on the news in the spring: "I think this will be excellent for the industry. I believe in the synergy between the horse world and casinos. We also know that this can generate income for the State via taxes, and if this can be a factor in the reduction of VAT rates, it wouldn't be so bad." In the meantime, the VAT rate has been lowered on a number of equestrian activities linked to breeding.

THREE NEW 2-YO WINNERS

Three races for 2-year-olds were on the programme on Sunday at Lyon-Parilly and at Laval, where the race was split into two. In the Centre-Est, debutant **L'Ambassadeur** (Uniclove), who was awarded three stars in the spring on the day of his qualification at Caen by *Province Courses*, battled for victory but was beaten at the very end by two other first-timers, **Lutin Venesi** (Enino du Pommereux) and **Lei E Bella** (Uriel Speed). Purchased for €22,000 by Noël Lolic at the Caen Auction, **Lutin Venesi**, a full brother to **Gipsy Venesi** (The Best Madrik) and worth over €223,000, was entrusted to David Békaert by his trainer Sylvain Roger. In Mayenne, **La Mitidja** (Repeat Love) confirmed her good start last month at Cherbourg behind a filly owned by Thierry Duvaldestin, **Lady** (Dragon des Racques), who then repeated at Châteaubriant, opening her record for Jean-Luc Giot's trainer Wilfried Jehanne. Group B was won by debutant **Lizzano d'Alouette** (Un Amour d'Haufor) in the kilometre rate of 1'15"2 (2.050m-mobile start). "He qualified nicely. If we only had horses like him, it would be great," said Arnaud Chavatte that day. "He will now benefit from a bit of rest and could start at the end of the year depending on what he shows us." The programme was respected to the letter with this victorious debut.

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