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## LOVINO BELLO, THE FIRST 3-YO UNDER 1'10" IN FRANCE

It is a performance that will go down in the history of French trotting. In the Prix Henri Cravoisier (Gr.3) 2024, Lovino Bello became the first 3yo to break the 1'10 barrier in France. Eric Raffin's partner dominated Group 3 head and shoulders over the mile, setting the clock at 1'09"7 (1:52 mile rate). He undoubtedly could have gone even faster.

Jocelyn Robert, trainer of **Lovino Bello** (Village Mystic) couldn't believe the stopwatch, almost stunned. 1'09"7: "It's enormous" he immediately reacted. A few minutes later, he also confided in us: "We spend a lot of time with him at the stable. We give him all the time he needs to maintain his position among the best of his generation." And what if the

paradox of speed wasn't there: to go fast, you also have to take your time?

### A demonstration and a record as a remedy for doubts

This Prix Henri Cravoisier, an atypical Group 3 for 3-year-olds contested over the mile, was not an objective for **Lovino Bello** whose radical defeat in the Prix Albert Viel (Gr.1) had left a bitter taste in the mouths of those around him. But the race was also intended to be cathartic. The aim was to get the horse back into the right dynamic and the right 'move'. Jocelyn Robert tells us about his state of mind: "I needed to get my confidence back after the slap in the face in Group 1."



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## RECORD TIMES FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS IN FRANCE - 3 DATES

- 15 June 1991 : 1'13"8  
by **Autour d'Aunou** (Speedy Somolli) in the Prix Paul Karle (1.609m mobile start, small Vincennes track)
- August 1st, 2020 : 1'10"8  
by **Hooker Berry** (Booster Winner) in the Prix Henri Cravoisier (1.609m mobile start Enghien)
- 20 July 2024 : 1'09"7  
by **Lovino Bello** (Village Mystic) in the Prix Henri Cravoisier (1.609m mobile start Enghien)

World record for 3-year-olds :  
1'07"9: **Six Pack** (Muscle Mass) on the Red Mile (USA) on 7 October 2018 (over 1.609m mobile start)

### Betting on maximum comfort

And to get the best out of **Lovino Bello**, the trainer opted for maximum comfort. He explains why: *"We presented him with maximum comfort and a lot of weight (250-270g) but I said to myself that if we wanted a good left-hander and to take risks, we had to give him maximum comfort. There are two bends you have to go all the way around. We won it with the help of Eric (Raffin) who isn't the Golden Sulky for nothing. He was able to take his first corner at full speed and the rest was fairly easy. After 300 metres of racing, when Philippe Allaire's horse was on our outside, I was really calm to see him play a leading role. He's a top horse, very complete over distance. He doesn't even blow after this test."*

### A colt with unknown limits

In his role as driver-advisor, Eric Raffin spoke of the importance of the weight placed on his partner's feet. As for the rest, everything was easy, he explained: *"I got off to a good start and then I went moderately, even if the time was exceptional, to be honest I didn't have the impression of speed. He was very good. I showed him the whip 50 metres from the wire and he jumped back into my hands, being able to continue his effort. I'd asked his trainer to put some weight back on him to stop him going light. He's a top horse whose*

*limits we don't yet know. He's often been protected on the courses and today, for the first time, he took the pace on his own without any problems."* By clocking 1'09"7, **Lovino Bello** improves the overall 3yo record by 9/10ths of a second, held since 2020 by **Hooker Berry** (Booster Winner) [see elsewhere]. He becomes the first trotter of his age to go under the 1'10" barrier in France and the only one to do so as his runners-up, **Far West Bi** (Muscle Hill) and **Lady** (Dragon des Racques), finished at a clear distance and were credited times of 1'10"3 and 1'10"6.

### Reactions from the beaten

- ◆ Roberto Vecchione, trainer of **Far West Bi** (2nd): *"With a number in the front row, we would have given the winner a run for his money. As he had the 10 at the start, I'm very pleased with the way my horse has behaved, confirming in France all the esteem we hold for him in Italy."*
- ◆ Clément Duvaldestin, driver of **Lady** (3rd): *"Her behaviour is very good. She is only beaten by top quality males. She was in race mode with earplugs for the first time, to which she responded perfectly when activated in the opposite straight."*

### Where does he come from?

He is the 15th offspring of an aged dam (22 at his birth). Before **Lovino Bello**, this **Louvina Bella** had produced nine winners, the best of whom were **Riviera Bella** (€133,090 in earnings) and **Domingo Bello** (€151,708 in earnings). We are of course here at the heart of Rémi Boucret's breeding operation, developed on the great maternal line of **Sa Bourbonnaise** (1940), the 6th dam of **Lovino Bello**.

### 7<sup>e</sup> | PRIX HENRI CRAVOISIER

Att - 1609 m - Groupe 3 - 90 000 €

#### LOVINO BELLO 1'09"7

Village Mystic x Louvina Bella (Buvetier d'Aunou)  
Driver : E. Raffin - Entraîneur : J. Robert  
Propriétaire : S. Robert - Eleveur : R. Boucret

2<sup>e</sup> Far West Bi 1'10"3 Muscle Hill x Savannah Bi

3<sup>e</sup> Lady 1'10"6 Dragon des Racques x Adélie

4<sup>e</sup> : Louisiane de Bomo - 5<sup>e</sup> : Luna Nova Gwen - 6<sup>e</sup> : Largo de Castelle - 7<sup>e</sup> : Fede As



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# LEMON FLEURY GOES FOR A STROLL

Monday 15 July | ARGENTAN

**F**resh from his first success at Lisieux on 22 June, where he trotted in the 1'15"6 kilometre reduction, **Lemon Fleury** (Real de Lou) is at it again at Argentan for his fifth public outing on a sodden track. In a selective race despite the condition of the track, the colt driven by Yoann Lebourgeois set the tone in the opposite straight by opening up a sizeable gap on his rivals and never relinquished his grip. In what turned out to be a demonstration, it should also be pointed out that his driver used no tricks to achieve his goal, showing that there is still plenty of room for improvement with this Mansour Krouchi-trained colt. *"He's tough and doesn't need anyone,"* says Yoann Lebourgeois. *"He's a bit above the others in this category, so it's easy for him when he doesn't do anything stupid. He's still green and has delicate gaits, but he's got a good heart and he's nice. He's sure to go uphill and has a bright future ahead of him"*.

**Lemon Fleury** is descended from the Lecuyer ("Les Vivier") matron and brood mare **Ua Uka** (Kerjacques), whose second dam is **Sexy du Vivier** (Hand du Vivier), who has earned €119,470 from two wins.

REAL DE LOU 1'11"3	JAG DE BELLOUET 1'09"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6 VAUNOISE 1'26"0
	KOOKA DE LOU 1'19"9	COCKTAIL JET 1'11"2 ELITE DE LOU 1'22"1
LEMON FLEURY	ROYAL DREAM 1'10"7	LOVE YOU 1'10"2 IDA BOURBON
	SEXY DU VIVIER 1'13"0	HAND DU VIVIER 1'13"9 LEXIE DU VIVIER 1'17"8
ERYA KALOUMA		

1<sup>ère</sup> | PRIX LAURE ET FLORENT MANAUDOU

Att - 2875 m - Course E - 21 000 €

## LEMON FLEURY 1'15"8



Real de Lou x Erya Kalouma (Royal Dream)  
Driver : Y. Lebourgeois - Entraîneur : M. Krouchi  
Propriétaire : Ec. Krouchi Mansour - Eleveur : G. Bachmann



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2<sup>e</sup> **Levant du Rib 1'17"1** Real de Lou x Tornade du Rib

Driver : J. L. Cl. Dersoir - Entraîneur : J. Hallais

3<sup>e</sup> **Lyx Of Camaro 1'17"9** Django Riff x Ellen Of Camaro

Driver : M. Gilard - Entraîneur : M. Gilard

4<sup>e</sup> : Le Mac - 5<sup>e</sup> : Laser Fighter - 6<sup>e</sup> : Look d'Awa - 7<sup>e</sup> : Lapacho du Fier



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Lady Dada during her qualifier at Meslay-du-Maine.

# LADY DADA STILL UNBEATEN

Tuesday 16 July | LE MANS

**S**tared by Province Courses in her qualifier on 6 February at Meslay-du-Maine, then winner on the grass track at Sablé-sur-Sarthe on 9 June, the day of her debut, **Lady Dada** (Ready Cash) produced a fine finish to come from behind to dominate the leader **Lluna des Bosc** (Falcao de Laurma) and remain unbeaten in two attempts. Her trainer/driver William Bigeon said: *"She's a diligent, serious and professional filly. She's easy. She still has a lot of weight and will be lightened. She should make a good mare in the future."* Bred by Écurie Hunter Valley, she is a full sister to **Keys**, a recent winner at Vincennes who defends the same interests. Her dam **Dubai Dream** (Love You) has won four races, including two at Vincennes with earnings of €103,420.

READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6 TEKIFLORE 1'19"8
	KIDEA 1'18"2	EXTREME DREAM 1'14"7 DOCEANIDE DU LILAS 1'16"8
LADY DADA	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COCKTAIL JET 1'11"2 GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1
	DUBAI DREAM 1'12"5	WORKAHOLIC (US) CELY DE LA MERITEE 1'15"7
	OCELY DE LA MERITE 1'16"2	

2<sup>e</sup> | PRIX ALLIANCE EQUINE

Att - 2950 m - Course F - 17 500 €

## LADY DADA 1'17"9



Ready Cash x Dubai Dream (Love You)  
Driver : W. Bigeon - Entraîneur : W. Bigeon  
Propriétaire : J. Seche - Eleveur : Ec. Hunter Valley



2<sup>e</sup> **Lluna des Bosc 1'18"** Falcao de Laurma x Riviere d'Olivierie

Driver : T. Duvaldestin - Entraîneur : Th. Duvaldestin

3<sup>e</sup> **Lara Maks 1'18"2** Quaker Jet x Tribal Dance

Driver : B. Rochard - Entraîneur : B. Gulbransen

4<sup>e</sup> : Luana Sport - 5<sup>e</sup> : Laska du Livier - 6<sup>e</sup> : Lyric - 7<sup>e</sup> : Legende Citrus

# LE PORTO CONFIRMS HIS QUALITY

Tuesday 16 July | LE MANS

**B**rilliantly qualified on 10 August 2023 at Caen in 1'16"3, and entitled to 2 stars in *Province Courses*, **Le Porto** (Davidson du Pont) was at fault on his debut before making amends by winning at Laon on 23 June. After a very good run, Romain Derieux's apprentice quickly made the difference in the final phase of this Prix des Bénévoles: "Last time I came in front so as not to take any risks," Romain Derieux told *Equidia Racing* after the race. "Today, it was a bit hot at the start of the course but after the 1st turn I was safe. Then I had a great run. In the end, he made the difference in two beats. He's certainly got the makings of a Parisian." **Le Porto** is the first offspring of **Cornaline d'Orient** (Coktail Jet), winner of 5 races in her career. He was bred and is owned by Mauricette De Sousa. Romain Derieux continues to impress with his 71st success this year.

DAVIDSON DU PONT 1'09"3	PACHA DU PONT 1'13"9	BACCARAT DU PONT 1'13"9
	LAGUNA DU PONT 1'16"1	ALBA DU PONT 1'21"6
LE PORTO	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	PELICAN DU PONT 1'15"8
	CORNALINE D'ORIENT 1'13"2	ROLLS DU PONT 1'17"6
	TOPAZE D'ORIENT	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
		ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
		GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9
		GALIKA DE JIEL 1'22"7

## 3<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DES BENEVOLES



Att - 2950 m - Course F - 17 500 €



### LE PORTO 1'17"2

Davidson du Pont x Cornaline d'Orient (Coktail Jet)

Driver : R. Derieux - Entraîneur : R. Derieux

Propriétaire : M. de Sousa - Eleveur : M. de Sousa



### 2<sup>e</sup> Looking Boy 1'17"4 Seducant Fouteau x Sensas Girl

Driver : Y. Dreux - Entraîneur : Y. Dreux

### 3<sup>e</sup> L'As de Smarves 1'17"5 Excellent x Fiorentina de Lou

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

4<sup>e</sup> : Leon Seven - 5<sup>e</sup> : L'Ocean - 6<sup>e</sup> : Linger - 7<sup>e</sup> : Le Gal d'Heripre

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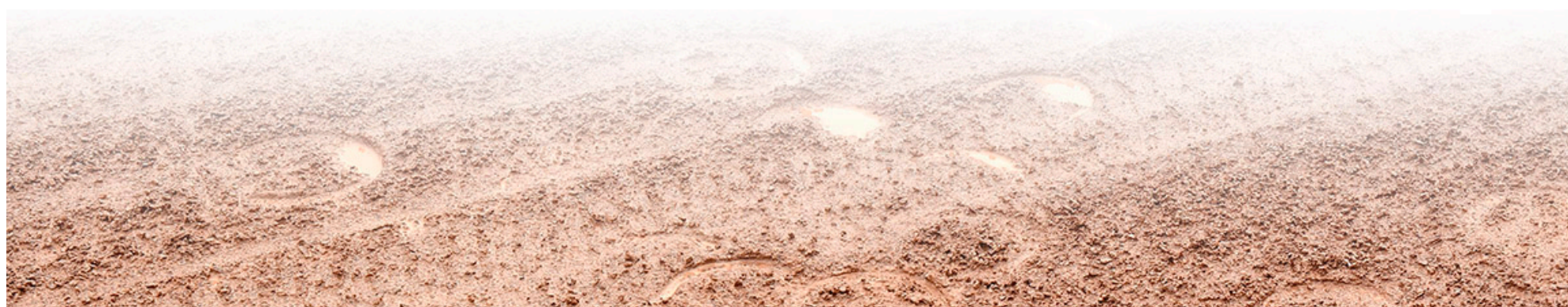
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## LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL COMBINES EFFICIENCY AND ELEGANCE

Wednesday 17 July | ENGHIEU

It's enough to charm you. **Life Is Beautiful** (Love You) easily won the Prix des Halles, a Grade D race, a level clearly below her own abilities. "It's still a modest category but it has to be said that she had no rivals of her size today, so she'll certainly win in the higher category and then we'll have to see," confirms her driver Alexandre Abrivard, seduced by his partner's ease. Etienne Dubois's filly leaves a very favourable impression, as she did at Laval in June. A daughter of the top stallion **Love You**, **Life Is Beautiful** comes from a Bernard bloodline, via her dam **Ena Josselyn**, in which there are numerous winners but no major horse.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2	QUOUKY WILLIAMS 1'14"2
	ENA JOSSELYN 1'14"1	GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1	ARMBRO GLAMOUR (US)
		GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
	TENA JOSSELYN	AMOUR D'AUNOU (US) 1'15"3	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
		QUADROPHENIO 1'13"9	TAHITIENNE
JENA JOSSELYN 1'14"3			

3<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DES HALLES



Att - 2875 m - Course D - 40 000 €



### LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL 1'16"5

Love You x Ena Josselyn (Goetmals Wood)  
Driver : A. Abrivard - Entraîneur : E. Dubois  
Propriétaire : E. Dubois - Eleveur : E. Dubois



2<sup>e</sup> **Lady Petteviniere 1'16"7** **Real de Lou** x Tina Petteviniere

Driver : D. Thomain - Entraîneur : S. Roger

3<sup>e</sup> **Ladota Prior 1'16"8** **Vanishing Point** x Dotation Prior

Driver : M. Mottier - Entraîneur : M. Mottier

4<sup>e</sup> : Lionelle du Soleil - 5<sup>e</sup> : Lovely des Brouets - 6<sup>e</sup> : Lutte du Logis - 7<sup>e</sup> : Lucky Star Jiel



## LANCIER DU GOUTIER IN FRONT OF HIS BREEDER

Wednesday 17 July | ENGHIEU

Thirty minutes after **Life Is Beautiful**, it was the turn of **Lancier Du Goutier** (Ready Cash) to impress. Installed in command early on by Théo Duvaldestin, the Écurie Saint-Martin pupil took control of operations before embarking on a very nice mano-a-mano with **Lariano** (Follow You). The first two left the others at a distance and completed their last half-kilometre in 1'07"6. A very good omen for these two competitors. The winner won in front of his breeder-owner Jean Cottin, who had come specially to see this nephew of Group 1 winner **Jushua Tree** (Bold Eagle), his dam **Elisi James** being a daughter of **Ma Sissi James**. For Théo Duvaldestin, the best could be yet to come with this colt who "is a late bloomer who needs to mature but is certainly of high quality". Sounds promising.

LANCIER DU GOUTIER	READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
	ELISSI JAMES 1'13"5	KIDEA 1'18"2	TEKIFLORE 1'19"8
		LOVE YOU 1'10"2	EXTREME DREAM 1'14"7
	MA SISSI JAMES 1'13"2	DOCEANIDE DU LILAS 1'16"8	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		GIULTY OF LOVE 1'17"1	BUVETIER D'AUNOU (US) 1'14"4
SISSI DES MONTS			

4<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE LA PORTE DE PANTIN



Att - 2875 m - Course D - 40 000 €



### LANCIER DU GOUTIER 1'15"8

Ready Cash x Elissi James (Love You)  
Driver : T. Duvaldestin - Entraîneur : Th. Duvaldestin  
Propriétaire : Ec. Saint Martin - Eleveur : S.C.E.A. des Bissons



2<sup>e</sup> **Lariano 1'15"9** **Follow You** x Fierte d'Aunou

Driver : A. Abrivard - Entraîneur : E. Dubois

3<sup>e</sup> **Lutin Venesi 1'16"4** **Enino du Pommereux** x Action Venesi

Driver : D. Thomain - Entraîneur : S. Roger

4<sup>e</sup> : Lynx du Rib - 5<sup>e</sup> : Lys Gema - 6<sup>e</sup> : Lotus Paulois

# LOTUS ZEN, THE EMOTIONAL VICTORY

Wednesday 17 July | ENGHEN

**M**artial Dupuis had two emotions when he won the Prix de la Place Dauphine. Firstly, because it is a Parisian success which puts an end to a negative series and, above all, because he is thinking of his grandmother who passed away a few weeks ago and to whom he dedicates this success. The trainer from the north of France, who heads a team of around twenty horses, saw his **Lotus Zen** (Booster Winner) win after a very good finish, although he was well clear of the leader with 500m to go. In the saddle, Jean-Yann Ricart always believed: "I was on the gas the whole race. He does that well because he waits more for the others than anything else. And I'm delighted to win for Martial, a little lad from the north of France like me!" Favourite of the race and in the lead until a few beats from the finish, **Lindy Lou** was disqualified after an investigation for 2nd place.

BOOSTER WINNER 1'10"2	LOVE YOU 1'10"2	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		GUILTY OF LOVE 1'17"1
LOTUS ZEN	QUILLE VIRETAUTE 1'13"8	ELVIS DE ROSSIGNOL 1'13"0
		AUBE ET VIRE 1'23"4
FUSA MERITE 1'18"6	SAM BOURBON 1'11"6	GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9
		ETTA EXTRA 1'18"0
	VARAZINA 1'17"4	QUATRE JUILLET 1'13"0
		HARAZINA 1'15"2

## 5<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE LA PLACE DAUPHINE

M - 2250 m - Course C - 46 000 €

### LOTUS ZEN 1'14"4

**Booster Winner** x Fusa Merite (Sam Bourbon)  
Jockey : J. Y. Ricart - Entraîneur : M. Dupuis  
Propriétaire : M. Dupuis - Eleveur : F. Girardeau



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**2<sup>e</sup>** **Lola Dairpet 1'14"5** **Carat Williams** x Vipe de Mortree  
Jockey : T. Dromigny - Entraîneur : A. de Vaugiraud

**3<sup>e</sup>** **Legend Darling 1'14"6** **Bird Parker** x Elegante Darling  
Jockey : M. Mottier - Entraîneur : B. Rouer

4<sup>e</sup> : L'Apogee Imperial - 5<sup>e</sup> : Lussabeau - 6<sup>e</sup> : Laurene de Bailly - 7<sup>e</sup> : Lotus des Champs

# LUXURIO VICI OPENS HIS RECORD

Thursday 18 July | LANGON-LIBOURNE

**A**cquired at the Arqana Trot sales for €20,000, **Luxurio Vici** (Etonnant) has so far proved very consistent in taking places. His fourth public appearance enabled him to unlock his victory counter by fending off the attack of favourite **Lala Quick** (Orlando Vici). Bred by Jack Doliveux, **Luxurio Vici** comes from the same family as Gr 1 winner **Treskool du Caux**, represents the colours of Écurie Mip and is trained by Richard Westerink. His driver Pierre Geray explained on *Equidia*: "He was good because I thought our rival was going to come and beat us, but he got off to a good start. I should have won last time. He's doing it on his class because he's still lacking strength."

ETONNANT 1'09"1	TIMOKO 1'09"1	IMOKO 1'14"6
		KISS ME COULONCES 1'18"6
LUXURIO VICI	MIGRAINE 1'13"9	ALLIGATOR 1'17"5
		ALLEZ SUA
DRUSILLA VICI 1'16"8	QUATRE JUILLET 1'13"0	LOVE YOU 1'10"2
		HANGONE
	EAU DU LOIR 1'18"9	LUTIN D'ISIGNY 1'14"3
		NOBLESSE DU LOIR 1'17"5

## 1<sup>ère</sup> | PRIX CHATEAU CAMUS

Att - 2800 m - Course E - 19 500 €

### LUXURIO VICI 1'18"

**Etonnant** x Drusilla Vici (Quatre Juillet)  
Driver : P. Geray - Entraîneur : R. Westerink  
Propriétaire : Ec. Mip - Eleveur : E.A.R.L. J. Doliveux



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**2<sup>e</sup>** **Lala Quick 1'18"1** **Orlando Vici** x Cinnamon Quick  
Driver : E. Clozier - Entraîneur : Th. Duvaldestin

**3<sup>e</sup>** **Lazzaro des Noes 1'18"4** **Gotland** x Arane des Noes  
Driver : X. Bonnefoux - Entraîneur : P. M. Manceau

4<sup>e</sup> : Lucky d'Avignere - 5<sup>e</sup> : Livius - 6<sup>e</sup> : Lilas du Meleuc - 7<sup>e</sup> : Loki du Pont



# LITTLE ROAD SETS HER OWN COURSE

Thursday 18 July | LE MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

A most convincing victory for **Little Road** (Very Nice Marceaux), winner of her second consecutive race after opening her record on the grass at Genêts. This time lined up on the sand, Claude Raimond's pensioner, who still seems to be fairly observant, showed great potential, demonstrated by the many lengths separating her from her runner-up at the wire. Her driver Cyril Raimbaud told *Equidia*: "She's got class, she has to stay that way. She has great ability and I think Claude will make sure she ages well. She's already worked hard, she should go and rest now." Before setting her sights on the next winter meeting? Not impossible given the disposition of this daughter of the good **Apple Road**, winner on 14 occasions and head of more than €200,000 in earnings.

1<sup>ère</sup> | PRIX DE PONTORSON

Att - 2675 m - Course E - 20 000 €

## LITTLE ROAD 1'15"

Very Nice Marceaux x Apple Road (Laetenter Diem)  
Driver : C. Raimbaud - Entraîneur : Cl. Raimond  
Propriétaire : Cl. Raimond - Eleveur : Cl. Raimond



2<sup>e</sup> **Lambda Turgot 1'15"8** Captain Crazy x Agape Turgot

Driver : M. Mottier - Entraîneur : G. Nion

3<sup>e</sup> **Lady Major 1'15"8** Brillantissime x Berta Vici

Driver : B. Rochard - Entraîneur : P. Hornoy

4<sup>e</sup> : Laredo Bay - 5<sup>e</sup> : Lune d'Erable - 6<sup>e</sup> : Lilou du Hidoux - 7<sup>e</sup> : Lovesong Hemcash



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VERY NICE MARCEAUX 1'10"8	JAG DE BELLOUET 1'09"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
	JOLIE FORTUNA 1'14"5	VAUNOISE 1'26"0
LITTLE ROAD	LAETENTER DIEM 1'12"6	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
	NIKITA 1'18"6	ARIANE DE BRION 1'15"5
APPLE ROAD 1'13"4		COCKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		KRILLE
		HULK DES CHAMPS 1'13"5
		VALSE DE VILLEMER



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## IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL IMPERIAL IN THE PRIX FANDANGO

Friday 19 July | CABOURG

Only beaten by **Inshore** (Real de Lou) in the Gr 3 Prix Guillaume de Bellaigue on his last outing at Vincennes, **In Love Du Choquel** (Carat Williams) was the horse to beat in this Prix Fandango, a major event in Cabourg's summer programme. For his first time at the Calvados racecourse, Bruno Bridault's pupil showed himself to be more tense than usual in the lead-up to the race, notably performing a long canter sequence a few minutes before the start. However, this didn't affect his motivation and efficiency in the race and the youngest competitor in the event (he was the only 6-year-old at the start) lived up to the expectations of his many supporters, starting with his trainer Nicolas Bridault, who told us: *"He controlled the whole race and the 1'11"8 kilometre reduction is flattering. He was able to set his own pace, as he likes to do. The left-hand rope remains his favourite, but I knew he wouldn't be fazed by the right-hand course at Cabourg. He also negotiated the curves well."* As for the next stage of the programme for the son of **Carat Williams** (Prodigious), nothing has yet been decided according to his mentor: *"He has two options open to him in the coming weeks. Either he'll run in August at Enghien, starting in the Prix de Londres (Gr 2) shod, or we'll wait until the end of August at Vincennes. We'll make the decision according to the opposition."*

CARAT WILLIAMS 1'10"7	PRODIGIOUS 1'11"1	GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9
		IMAGINE D'ODYSSEE
IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL 1'10"7	MISS WILLIAMS 1'16"9	SANCHO PANCA 1'15"2
		QUARA WILLIAMS 1'17"1
STAR DU CHOQUEL	LULO JOSSELYN 1'13"6	TENOR DE BAUNE 1'14"3
		ULODEA 1'19"3
	CALDA DE LA BESVRE 1'19"5	ISTRAEKI 1'14"4
		MAYA DE LA BESVRE 1'21"5



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### François Lagadeuc achieves his goal

A regular partner of **In Love du Choquel**, François Lagadeuc was delighted to win the Prix Fandango. *"The contract has been fulfilled!"* he told us on his return to the scales. *He's got a great engine, which we already knew. I've known him to be more fluid in his paces than he was tonight, but that didn't stop him from winning very easily. Vincennes remains his garden with a track that is always perfect and where he has his bearings. He doesn't have much of a change of gear and likes to wind up from a distance to set his pace."*

### In Love du Choquel, a family affair

In the space of a year, **In Love du Choquel** has changed dimension, topping the €400,000 earnings mark on Friday evening. *"It's quite simply a dream to breed such a horse for a stable like ours,"* says Bruno Bridault, his breeder and owner. *"We're proud to be associated with this horse. He has worked very well as a stallion, with 85 mares honoured this season, while continuing his racing career. His dam **Star du Choquel** (Lulo Josselyn) was presented to **Hohneck** (Royal Dream) this year after giving us two males by **Face Time Bourbon** (Ready Cash)."*

“IT'S SIMPLY A DREAM TO BREED SUCH A HORSE FOR A STABLE LIKE OURS! (BRUNO BRIDAULT)”

### 2<sup>e</sup> | PRIX FANDANGO



M - 2750 m - Course A - 57 000 €



### IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL 1'11"8

Carat Williams x Star du Choquel (Lulo Josselyn)  
Jockey : F. Lagadeuc - Entraîneur : N. Bridault  
Propriétaire : B. Bridault - Eleveur : B. Bridault



2<sup>e</sup>

### Dierlov Volo 1'12" So Lovely Girl x Nastasia Volo

Jockey : V. Saussaye - Entraîneur : I. P. Blanchon

3<sup>e</sup>

### Fougue du Dollar 1'12"4 Up And Quick x Magalie du Dollar

Jockey : A. Collette - Entraîneur : S. Roger

4<sup>e</sup> : Fanatic Flash - 5<sup>e</sup> : Espoir du Ravary - 6<sup>e</sup> : Galet Sted - 7<sup>e</sup> : Falco des Rochers





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## MELODY COOL ENSURES 'ALLAIRE' CONTINUITY

Saturday 20 July | ENGGHIEN

The Prix de la Porte des Lilas is something of a preserve for trainer Philippe Allaire. In the space of twelve years, the professional has won it nine times. This year, victory again went to one of his representatives, **Melody Cool** (Ready Cash). The 2yo had just finished second to **Monzon Normand** (Hohneck), another of Philippe Allaire's assets, on her debut at Bernay. *"She simply confirms her morning's work,"* says the trainer. *"She's already very professional in the way she is. She's a lovely filly as well as being very pretty. I like her a lot, just like **Massive Attack** (Ready Cash) (3rd) who perhaps had a bit too much weight today, which is why she caught a knee 100 metres from the post. Yoann (Lebourgeois) also regrets not having launched the race from further back."*

A daughter of **Graine de Crack** (Booster Winner), who was very prominent at the start of her career at 2 and 3, **Melody Cool's** older brother is **Little Black Mo** (Ready Cash), who won at Vincennes last May.

**Morality** (Rocklyn), second on her competitive debut, was the other impressive performer of the event. *"We came a little too early for my liking, but she extended her effort very well. I like her,"* said Julien Dubois.

READY CASH 1'10"3	INDY DE VIVE 1'11"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
	MELODY COOL	TEKIFLORE 1'19"8
KIDEA 1'18"2		EXTREME DREAM 1'14"7
GRAINE DE CRACK 1'13"5	BOOSTER WINNER 1'10"2	DOCEANIDE DU LILAS 1'16"8
		LOVE YOU 1'10"2
PEARL MIP 1'14"3		QUILLE VIRETAUTE 1'13"8
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# LOUVE DE RÊVE D'OR CONTINUES HER RISE

Saturday 20 July | ENGHIEU

**L**ouve de Rêve d'Or (Bold Eagle), who won at Meslay-du-Maine in the spring before going on to win at Vincennes, recorded a third consecutive success on Saturday at Soisy. Once again padded on all four feet, she is still unbeaten in this configuration. *"The fact that her shoeing has been lightened has certainly benefited her,"* says her partner Benjamin Rochard, *"but that's not all. She has always been held in high esteem by her surroundings. She needed to learn her trade and is now 'on the buttons'. Today, she had a very good outing because we were forced to make an effort on the course and she made a good recovery in the final. That's really good."*

A niece of the stallion **Boccador de Simm** (Rieussec), **Louve de Rêve d'Or** is the fourth offspring of **Charmeuse de Simm** (Singalo), winner on four occasions, including three times at Vincennes, in 19 attempts. **Louve de Rêve d'Or** now has three wins from six public outings and is a first for Gianni Fascella's breeding operation at Enghien.

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

2<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE NOTRE DAME



Att - 2150 m - Course C - 46 000 €

## LOUVE DE REVE D'OR 1'13"4



Bold Eagle x Charmeuse de Simm (Singalo)  
Driver : B. Rochard - Entraîneur : M. Sassier  
Propriétaire : P. Gerard - Eleveur : G. Fascella



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Driver : M. Mottier - Entraîneur : G. Nion

3<sup>e</sup> Little Crown 1'13"6 Love You x Jodie Crown  
Driver : Ch. Martens - Entraîneur : V. Martens

4<sup>e</sup> : La Vie Est Belle - 5<sup>e</sup> : Lolita de La Butte - 6<sup>e</sup> : Laurelina - 7<sup>e</sup> : La Dame de Coeur



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# KEENGAME FOLLOWS UP UNDER SADDLE

Saturday 20 July | ENGHIEU

**K**eengame (Express Jet), who joined Jean-Philippe Monclin's stable on 19 April, was indelicate in her first two outings under her new training before recording her first victory under saddle at Vincennes on 21 June. Partnered by Anthony Barrier since her first steps in this speciality, the representative of Ecurie Hunter Valley repeated this Saturday. A sister to champion **Cleangame** (Ouragan de Celland), **Keengame** recorded her 6th success in 13 attempts.

EXPRESS JET 1'10"4	GOETMALS WOOD 1'11"9	AND ARIFANT 1'16"5
		TAHITIENNE
KEENGAME	RUN FOR JET 1'10"5	COKTAIL JET 1'11"2
		KELITE JET 1'14"5
RED BELL	JAG DE BELLOUET 1'09"9	VIKING'S WAY 1'15"6
		VAUNOISE 1'26"0
	DANAE GRANDCHAMP 1'17"5	NICOS DU VIVIER 1'18"6
		QUITA GRANDCHAMP

3<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE LA PLACE D'IENA



M - 2250 m - Course C - 46 000 €

## KEENGAME 1'13"2



Express Jet x Red Bell (Jag de Bellouet)  
Jockey : A. Barrier - Entraîneur : J-P Monclin  
Propriétaire : Ec. Hunter Valley - Eleveur : C-N  
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Jockey : M. Mottier - Entraîneur : B. Robin

3<sup>e</sup> King Of Jiel 1'14" Magnificent Rodney x Duchesse de Jiel  
Jockey : P. Y. Verva - Entraîneur : J. L. Dersoir

4<sup>e</sup> : Kasbah Perrine - 5<sup>e</sup> : Kadanse du Corta - 6<sup>e</sup> : Kako Gascogne - 7<sup>e</sup> : Kyo Ferfay



## EDGAR SABA AWARDED FIRST CLASS HONOURS

An Italian contender wins the Prix de Milan (Gr.3). What could be more natural? But more than his victory, it was the style and margin of Edgar Saba's performance that confirmed his entry into Europe's top level for 4-year-olds. The partner of Gabriele Gelormini, trained by Erik Bondo, now has three consecutive wins to his name and suggests that his limits are not yet fully known.

**T**he times are all in his favour. **Edgar Saba** (Exploit Caf) is the author of the best last kilometre, in 1'08"9, which he completed alone, with his nose to the wind. The horse's driver, Gabriele Gelormini, had this to say: *"We didn't have a particularly advantageous course. As the horses in the race were quickly at the front, he had to do the work on his own to come back. He did his last kilometre on his own and was very good at going after them."* In a race led by **Jazzman** (Niky) who lost his footing in the final, **Edgar Saba** had to get the better of **Knockonwood** (Ready Cash), co-leader of the last lap.

*"The other day at Vincennes, he won in 1'10"7 with a very good line, beating the Italian **Dylan Dog Font** who had just*

*finished ahead of Group 1 horses in Bologna. And the previous time, **Edgar Saba** had won in 1'13 and fractions on this Enghien track over 2,875 metres. Frankly, in terms of times, he offered the best references. Like his sire (Editor's note: **Exploit Caf**), he adapts very well to French racing. Quite simply, he's a true Group horse. When he arrived in France, he was 'green'. He had only run on small rings in Italy and is really coming into his own now. He should have a good winter at Vincennes."*

### **Eighteen years ago, Exploit Caf**

A transalpine trotter, defending an Italian background, **Edgar Saba's** current career is not unlike that of his sire **Exploit Caf** (Toss Out). A good Italian but not one of the elite, **Exploit Caf** appeared on French programmes at the age of 5, initially trained by Wilhelm Paal before joining Fabrice Souloy's team. That was in 2006, eighteen years ago. Since then, Exploit Caf has become one of Europe's leading trotters with a rich record of success including the Elitloppet, Prix de France, Atlantique, René Ballière and Grand Prix de la Loterie, all Group 1s.



**The return to the foreground of the one who was a top 2-yo**

It's been a long time since **Knockonwood** (Ready Cash), second here, produced such a level of performance. In fact, it was exactly a year ago. While defending Philippe Allaire's colours, he was twice on the podium in the Groups at Enghien. Since then (when he moved to Romain Larue's stables at the start of the year for Ecurie Windcut), he has never been able to find his way back onto the podium. His driver Yoann Lebourgeois tells us: "He's running well and is back to his best. I took my time at the start because he's not too easy to handle. After coming back nicely, he settled down well next to **Jazzman** and stretched out well into the home straight." Knockonwood also marks the return to the foreground of the colt who was the fastest in his class at the tender age of 2, scoring two victories in September and October 2022 in cuts of 1'13 and fractions.

**The Critérium des 4 Ans, the common denominator for placed horses**

The entourages of the placed horses all mention the Critérium des 4 Ans (Gr.1), scheduled for 14 September, as the common thread running through the coming weeks.

A good finisher, **King Opera** (Ready Cash), fourth, has his trainer William Bigeon, who was also the driver this time, saying: "I'm very happy. He didn't have a hard race and finished superbly when he had the space to accelerate. I've still got some adjustments to make, particularly to his boots. Today was the first time he'd been padded (forelegs) and unshod (hindlegs) on a hard track. It was really a training race for his future objectives: the two Group 2s at the end of the summer at Vincennes and the Critérium des 4 Ans. It's not easy to adjust but we're going in the right direction. He's complicated to understand because he's a very lax horse who never concentrates. That's another reason why I'm going to put blinkers on him next time so that he's more focused on his work. As for the rest, he's in perfect condition and morally very well."

Quick off the back of leader **Jazzman**, **Kanto Avis** (Ready Cash) finished a close fifth. His mentor Marc Sassier shared his analysis with us: "I've noticed that he's the only one of the horses that started fast to make it to the finish. His performance is good. We're always hoping for better but he's beaten here for 4th place by **King Opera** who is one of the leaders of the generation. He has even more weight than his opponents and we'll be able to gradually lighten him up. He has plenty of room for improvement. He will now take part in the first qualifying event for the Critérium des 4 Ans in which I hope he will manage to get a place at the start."

EXPLOIT CAF (IT) 1'10"7	TOSS OUT (US) 1'11"7	SUPERGILL (US)
		FOREIGN WATERS (US)
EDGAR SABA	VAIOLET CAF (IT)	FRIENDLY FACE (US)
		CALIBRA (IT)
SABA DEL RONCO (IT) 1'13"0	ADRIAN CHIP (US)	ANDOVER HALL (US)
		MY FAVORITE CHIP (US)
	DIDONE GAS (IT)	SUGARCANE HANOVER (US)
		PENELOPE GAS (IT)

**4<sup>e</sup> | PRIX DE MILAN**

Att - 2150 m - Groupe 3 - 90 000 €

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**EDGAR SABA 1'11"8**  
 Exploit Caf x Saba Del Ronco (Adrian Chip)  
 Driver : G. Gelormini - Entraîneur : H. E. Bondo  
 Propriétaire : Vaporino Srl - Eleveur : Fonds de Courses
  - 2<sup>e</sup>** **Knockonwood 1'11"9** Ready Cash x Don't Explain  
 Driver : Y. Lebourgeois - Entraîneur : R. Ch. Larue
  - 3<sup>e</sup>** **Keep Going 1'11"9** Follow You x Discovery Bond  
 Driver : M. Mottier - Entraîneur : M. Mottier
- 4<sup>e</sup> : King Opera - 5<sup>e</sup> : Kanto Avis - 6<sup>e</sup> : Kabaka de Guez - 7<sup>e</sup> : Express d'Arc



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### Wednesday 24 July | ENGHIEU

**PRIX DE LA PORTE DE CHOISY**  
Grade D - 33.000. - Harness, males. - 2.250 m.  
14.850, 8.250, 4.620, 2.640, 1.650, 660, 330.  
For 2-yr. colts and geldings.

### Friday 26 July | LES SABLES D'OLONNE

**PRIX KER MIEL**  
Grade F - 12.500. - Harness. - 2.150 m.  
5.625, 3.125, 1.750, 1.000, 625, 250, 125.  
For 2-yr., with less than 800.

### Saturday 27 July | ENGHIEU

**PRIX JEAN-LUC LAGARDERE (PRIX D'EUROPE)**  
Group 2 - International Race  
150.000. - Harness. - 2.875 m.  
67.500, 37.500, 21.000, 12.000, 7.500, 3.000, 1.500.  
For 4- to 11-yr. included, with at least 130.000.

### Sunday 28 July | BERNAY

**PRIX KN NETTOYAGE - BERNAY**  
Grade F - 11.500. - Harness. - 2.300 m.  
5.175, 2.875, 1.610, 920, 575, 230, 115.  
For 2-yr., with no earnings.

### Sunday 28 July | CARENTAN

**PRIX AGRIAL-YEARLY**  
Grade E - 13.000. - Harness. - 2.400 m.  
5.850, 3.250, 1.820, 1.040, 650, 260, 130.  
For 2-yr., with less than 3.000.

### Sunday 28 July | AIX-LES-BAINS

**GRAND PRIX DE SAVOIE**  
Grade A  
**TROPHEE VERT**  
11th Stage of the 'Green Trophy'  
50.000. - harness. - 2.700 m.  
22.500, 12.500, 7.000, 4.000, 2.500, 1.000, 500.  
For 6- to 10-yr. included, with less than 580.000 at their first participation on the 2024 circuit. - 25 m. handicap at 169.000, 50 m. at 310.000.

### Sunday 28 July | ENGHIEU

**PRIX DE BEZONS**  
Grade D - Mobile start  
33.000. - Harness, females. - 2.150 m.  
14.850, 8.250, 4.620, 2.640, 1.650, 660, 330.  
For 2-yr. fillies, with less than 6.500.

### Monday 29 July | CAGNES-SUR-MER

**PRIX ALEXANDRE ROUCAYROL**  
Group 3 - International Race  
69.000. - Harness. - 2.925 m.  
31.050, 17.250, 9.660, 5.520, 3.450, 1.380, 690.  
For 6- to 11-yr. included, with less than 750.000.



## **HOHNECK, MOST POPULAR STALLION IN 2024**

The 2024 breeding season is over. The date of 14 July traditionally serves as the final milestone, launching breeding into a new phase that will take it through to... the next breeding season. We have compiled the initial data available on the IFCE (Institut Français du Cheval et de l'Équitation) website, starting with the registrations of covering mares. They are not yet definitive, and some data will change over the coming weeks, but we feel that this initial trend is sufficiently reliable to merit credit. They provide an initial snapshot of the roles played by the various players in the 2024 stallions. What do we learn? That Hohneck was the most active stallion during the spring.

**I**n terms of the number of mares served (including foreign mares), three stallions clearly dominate the 2024 breeding season panorama. They are, on the one hand, the two trotters who featured most prominently in 2023 on the racecourse, **Hohneck** (Royal Dream) and **Idao de Tillard** (Sévérino), and on the other, **Face Time Bourbon** (Ready Cash), who was number 1 last year.

With 183 mares declared, **Hohneck** is the 2024 leader. He precedes **Idao de Tillard**, with 160 broodmares honoured,

and **Face Time Bourbon**, with 152. Behind this most active trio, the next sire, **Italiano Vero** (Ready Cash), has 123 connections.

This 2024 season will be the first without the name of **Ready Cash** (Indy de Vive), who died last summer. The imprint of the most influential modern stallion obviously remains very strong and is now measured by his sons and grandsons (in the male line). A total of 35 sons and 22 grandsons worked during the breeding season. That's more than last year (with 33 and 12 respectively).

### **IFCE data**

Compiled on the IFCE website, the data we are reproducing is that available on 20 July. By this date, the registrations of stud services (which must be completed within a few weeks) had been finalised for the vast majority of stallions, particularly those operating in large structures with dedicated administrative staff.

This is undoubtedly less true for "low activity" stallions, for whom data is validated at the end of the breeding season. It should be noted that the figures published include foreign mares covered on site.



### 36 stallions with 100 mares or more

36 stallions have 100 or more mares on their register. In our similar study last year, there were 33. If we broaden the criteria a little further, in order to include stallions who may also move into this 100 mares or more section in the coming weeks, we find 48 sires with 95 mares or more on their 2024 register (compared with 49 in 2023).

There is a degree of stability in this high-activity segment. Of the 36 stallions with 100 mares or more, 26 were already included last year. The ten new stallions have the following profiles:

- six were in their first breeding season this spring,
- the other four have improved their number of mares covered. These are **Go On Boy** (up from 69 to 106), **Excellent** (up from 73 to 102), **Village Mystic** (up from 94 to 101) and **Gelati Cut** (up from 96 to 100).

### The most expensive stallions work the most

In a market that favours selection, the stallions priced at over €10,000 are among the 48 who have sold out. Only **Feliciano** (Ready Cash) breaks this rule, but not by much. Priced at €11,000, he served "only" 97 mares according to current IFCE figures. Strictly speaking, then, the 18 French stallions billed at €10,000 or more in 2024 (including privately posted **Face Time Bourbon**) have individually covered at least 97 mares.

Of the 36 sires who worked the most in the spring (with 100 mares or more), six are billed at less than €4,000. These are **Go On Boy** (106 mares and €3,200 per covering), **Excellent** (102 and €3,500), **Jean Balthazar** (100 and €2,500), **Ici C'Est Paris** (100 and €3,000), **Falcao de Laurma** (100 and €3,500) and **Alto de Viette** (100 and €3,800).

### What is the average stud fee for the group of 100?

If we keep only the stallions who served one hundred mares or more in 2024, we obtain an average covering price of €8,611 (excluding **Face Time Bourbon** in view of his non-catalogue status).

### 33 stallions in their first year

According to our census, 33 stallions made their appearance on the breeding market in 2024. The total broodmares served by these amounts to 1,844 units.

### Top 10 new stallions

- 1 **Krack Time Atout** (Face Time Bourbon) - 113
- 2 **Koctel du Dain** (Boccador de Simm) - 108
- 3 **Horsy Dream** (Scipion du Goutier) - 106
- 4 **Ksar** (Follow You) - 102
- 5 **Justin Bold** (Bold Eagle) - 101
- 6 **Jean Balthazar** (Alto de Viette) - 100
- 7 **He And Me** (Bird Parker) - 99
- 8 **Ibiki de Houelle** (Love You) - 99
- 9 **Kanada** (Earl Simon) - 96
- 10 **Karlito** (Ready Cash) - 95 & **Instrumentaliste** (Ready Cash) - 95

The table below lists the 48 stallions with 95+ covers in 2024. Columns indicate: Stallion, (sire), price (in €), 2024 covers (vs. 2023). The mention 'pas étalon' means 'not stallion' in 2023.

### LES 48 ETALONS AVEC 95 JUMENTS ET PLUS A LEUR ACTIF EN 2024

Etalon	(père)	Prix saillie (€)	Saillies 2024 (nbre 2023)
<b>Hohneck</b>	(Royal Dream)	9.000 €	183 (148)
<b>Idao de Tillard</b>	(Sévérino)	12.000 €	160 (112)
<b>Face Time Bourbon</b>	(Ready Cash)	privé	152 (154)
<b>Italiano Véro</b>	(Ready Cash)	12.000 €	123 (138)
<b>Bird Parker</b>	(Ready Cash)	11.000 €	120 (123)
<b>Just A Gigolo</b>	(Boccador de Simm)	9 000 €	119 (144)
<b>Krack Time Atout</b>	(Face Time Bourbon)	14 000 €	113 (pas étalon)
<b>Fabulous Wood</b>	(Ready Cash)	18 000 €	113 (123)
<b>Boccador de Simm</b>	(Rieussec)	15.000 €	112 (123)
<b>Brillantissime</b>	(Ready Cash)	11.000 €	111 (113)
<b>Izoard Védaquais</b>	(Bird Parker)	10.000 €	109 (102)
<b>Koctel du Dain</b>	(Boccador de Simm)	6.000 €	108 (pas étalon)
<b>Bold Eagle</b>	(Ready Cash)	12.000 €	107 (108)
<b>Gotland</b>	(Ready Cash)	11.000 €	107 (106)
<b>Go On Boy</b>	(Password)	3.200 €	106 (69)
<b>Horsy Dream</b>	(Scipion du Goutier)	7.000 €	106 (pas étalon)
<b>Django Riff</b>	(Ready Cash)	8.000 €	105 (112)
<b>Charly du Noyer</b>	(Ready Cash)	11 000 €	104 (104)
<b>Idéal du Pommeau</b>	(Ready Cash)	12.000 €	104 (115)
<b>Helgafell</b>	(Charly du Noyer)	10.000 €	103 (103)
<b>Royal Dream</b>	(Love You)	15.200 €	103 (106)
<b>Ksar</b>	(Follow You)	5.000 €	102 (pas étalon)
<b>Booster Winner</b>	(Love You)	15.000 €	102 (108)
<b>Excellent</b>	(Réal de Lou)	3 500 €	102 (73)
<b>Dollar Macker</b>	(Saxo de Vandiel)	6 000 €	102 (101)
<b>Justin Bold</b>	(Bold Eagle)	5 000 €	101 (pas étalon)
<b>Village Mystic</b>	(Love You)	8.000 €	101 (94)
<b>Jean Balthazar</b>	(Alto de Viette)	2.500 €	100 (pas étalon)
<b>Hussard du Landret</b>	(Bird Parker)	4.200 €	100 (102)
<b>J'Aime Le Foot</b>	(Boccador de Simm)	4 000 €	100 (100)
<b>Hokkaido Jiel</b>	(Brillantissime)	5 500 €	100 (100)
<b>elati Cut</b>	(Coktail Jet)	6.000 €	100 (96)
<b>Ici C'est Paris</b>	(Dollar Macker)	3.000 €	100 (100)
<b>Carat Williams</b>	(Prodigious)	10.000 €	100 (100)
<b>Alto de Viette</b>	(Ready Cash)	3.800 €	100 (100)
<b>Falcao de Laurma</b>	(Uniclove)	3 500 €	100 (100)
<b>He And Me</b>	(Bird Parker)	2.400 €	99 (pas étalon)
<b>Ibiki de Houelle</b>	(Love You)	3.500 €	99 (pas étalon)
<b>Feeling Cash</b>	(Ready Cash)	5.500 €	99 (99)
<b>(olden Bridge</b>	(Ready Cash)	7.000 €	99 (101)
<b>Invincible Cash</b>	(Ready Cash)	4.500 €	99 (99)
<b>Up And Quick</b>	(Buvetier d'Aunou)	5.500 €	98 (98)
<b>Réal de Lou</b>	(Jag de Bellouet)	6.000 €	97 (98)
<b>Féliciano</b>	(Ready Cash)	11.000 €	97 (101)
<b>Kanada</b>	(Earl Simon)	5.500 €	96 (pas étalon)
<b>Express Jet</b>	(Goetmals Wood)	9.000 €	96 (106)
<b>Instrumentaliste</b>	(Ready Cash)	5.000 €	95 (pas étalon)
<b>Karlito</b>	(Ready Cash)	4.000 €	95 (pas étalon)

## A CONSTANT SCOPE

Last year, in a similar study, we counted 12,850 declared covers at this time of year. This time, our tally stands at 12,735 for a total of 352 active stallions. The volume of activity is therefore the same, rigorously we might add. This number of 12,735 covers will be increased over the coming weeks by the declarations of covers not yet carried out (some of the 352 stallions show no covers at this stage even though they have worked).

Distribution of stallions according to their volume of work:

- ◆ 100 services and more: 36
- ◆ between 80 and 99 covers: 31
- ◆ between 50 and 79 services: 40
- ◆ between 20 and 49 covers: 69
- ◆ fewer covers: 176

### Ready Cash brand stronger than ever

With 35 sons of **Ready Cash** in activity this spring, the No. 1 stallion's brand has grown even stronger. While the sire himself has disappeared from our balance sheet (and for good reason), he has seen three new sons enter service: **Karlito** (95 mares served), **Instrumentaliste** (95) and **Horace du Goutier** (8). In cumulative terms, the following indicators are linked to **Ready Cash**:

- 2,608 broodmares served by 35 sons,
- 1,391 broodmares by 22 grandsons (compared with 12 last year), giving a total of 3,999 mares.

**Ready Cash** is the stallion whose sons and grandsons are the most popular with breeders. By way of comparison, **Love You** (3 covered in 2024) and his 22 sons (997) have just managed 1,000 mares.

### The most frequently used male bloodlines

- 57 stallions descended from **Ready Cash** for a total of 3,999 mares served
- 94 stallions descended from **Coktail Jet** for a total of 3,658 mares served
- 47 stallions descended from **Goetmals Wood** for a total of 1,993 mares served
- 32 stallions descended from **Viking's Way** (excluding **Ready Cash**) for a total of 949 mares covered
- 19 stallions descended from **Buvetier d'Aunou** for a total of 631 mares served
- 11 stallions descended from **Quadrophénio** for a total of 264 mares served

## HARAS DE BOUTTEMONT: THE ONLY STUD WITH MORE THAN 1,000 MARES

With 12 stallions exceeding the 100 mare mark, including this year's leader **Hohneck**, the Haras de Bouttemont dominates the scene.

Haras de Bouttemont (14): 1,493 mares declared  
Leading quintet: **Hohneck** (183), **Italiano Véro** (123), **Bird Parker** (120), **Just A Gigolo** (119) and **Brillantissime** (111)

Haras de la Meslerie (61): 917 mares declared  
Leading quartet: **Face Time Bourbon** (152), **Bold Eagle** (107), **Idéal du Pommeau** (104) and **Carat Williams** (100)

Haras du Pays d'Auge (14): 873 mares declared  
Leading quartet: **Boccador de Simm** (112), **Booster Winner** (102), **Gelati Cut** (100) and **Jean Balthazar** (100)

Haras de Sassy (61): 848 mares declared  
Leading quartet: **Go On Boy** (106), **Horsy Dream** (106), **J'Aime Le Foot** (100) and **Up And Quick** (98)

Haras de la Sauvagère (61): 762 mares declared  
Leading quartet: **Idao de Tillard** (160), **Kanada** (96), **Earl Simon** (88) and **Gu d'Héripuré** (77)

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## OLYMPIC GAMES SET ENGHIEN ALIGHT

The temperature is rising all over the country as we approach a global event like no other. The cauldrons are lighting up one by one on the road of the Olympic flame and the site chosen to make a stopover a week before the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games is the Enghien-Soisy racecourse. The Société du Trotteur Français venue hosted an exceptional exhibition, with 10,000 people turning out to celebrate the event. And at 7.15pm, like a rock star, the flame appeared to indescribable jubilation.

The first people to arrive had been there since 3pm. Enjoying a host of entertainment and dancing to the rhythm of the hits proposed by a host who was also on fire. It was an open-air DJ set and a popular party that was soothing in these divided times. The magic of the Olympics (and the expertise of a top-notch organisation) was at work, and the locals who came to celebrate the Olympic Games with fervour seemed a far cry from the media and Parisian bashing of recent months. Smiles, singing, dancing, cries of joy and then silence. The phones were ringing off the hook, and in the aisles you could hear "she's coming!" In fact, THEY are coming.

The flame, Brigitte Deydier and Camille Levesque, not forgetting **Harvest**, magnificently prepared and decked out in the blue-white-red colours. The entrance to the racecourse is majestic, and the cauldron can be lit.

### Shivers down the spine

In the aisles, the emotion was palpable, as one father told his son: "Enjoy it, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience." And this emotion naturally extends to the last relay runner, Brigitte Deydier, silver medallist at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul: "Thank you all for coming in such numbers. It's a rare moment of togetherness and sharing. You have to make the most of it. All the relay runners were cheered on at the roadside during this stage and the finish here was superb."

Among them was this father, who had come as a neighbour but also as a regular visitor to the Enghien racecourse on race days. He chose the lane below the railway line to enjoy the show with his three children. And he recognises the ambassador of harness racing: "Oh that's Camille! She often makes me win. It's great that she's here." The driver herself won't deny it: "It's absolutely brilliant. When it was suggested to me a year ago, I said yes straight away and I'd already put the date down! It's an unforgettable moment and an incredible opportunity to have experienced it. I'm also very proud of my horse, who was perfectly calm. Arriving at the racecourse with the children doing the hola gives me the shivers."

It was in this good-natured and particularly refreshing atmosphere that the evening got underway, with music, smiles and the highlight of the show the announcement of a drone show. All in all, it was sure to be a feast for the eyes for a few more hours.

**French athletes selected for the equestrian disciplines**

The Olympic Games are a time for celebration, but they are also, and above all, a time for competition. The equestrian events will be held in Versailles, and for the last ten days or so we have known the composition of the teams representing the colours of France, who are currently on a "cohesion course" at Saint-Martin-de-Bréhal in Normandy. They will be out in force on the various courses from 27 July to 5 August, then on 4 September for the para-dressage events.

**EVENTING**

- Karim Laghouag - Triton Fontaine, Selle Français gelding
- Stéphane Landois - Chaman Dumontceau Ride for Thaïs, Selle Français gelding
- Nicolas Touzaint - Diabolo Menthe, gelding Selle Français

**SHOW JUMPING**

- Simon Delestre - I Amelusina R 51, male KWPN
- Julien Epailard - Dubaï du Cèdre, Selle Français mare
- Olivier Perreau - Dorai d'Aiguilly GL Events, Selle Français mare
- Kevin Staut - Viking d'la Rousserie, Selle Français gelding

**DRESSAGE**

- Alexandre Ayache - Holmevangs Jolene, Danish Warmblood mare
- Pauline Basquin - Sertorius de Rima Z IFCE, Zangersheide gelding
- Corentin Pottier - Gotilas du Feuillard, KWPN gelding



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Camille Levesque and Harvest brought the torch to the racecourse.

**AFTER ENGHIEU,  
GROSBOIS**

The Paris 2024 Olympic flame spent almost 30 minutes at the Domaine de Grosbois on Sunday, at the heart of a new stage scheduled five days before the Opening Ceremony. From 2.30pm to 3pm, the famous flame made its way through the alleys of the world's largest trotting training centre. The relay began on the track, with the relay rider flanked by several trotters, before continuing down the main avenue leading to the château, where thousands of spectators came to enjoy the moment, like these neighbours from the Val-de-Marne region, three generations together, motivated to launch the Olympics in their own way: *"We're a family of sportsmen and women, so the Olympic Games are very important to us, and we had to be there!"* His 13-year-old son was in the same vein: *"This is probably a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I'll always remember it, it's an amazing experience"*. For this resident of Santeny, *"the magnificent setting of Grosbois only enhances a wonderful moment, it's a beautiful day and we don't care about the weather"*. Although the sun did not shine, this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 7,000 people present, some of whom organised a Sunday picnic on the site around the many sporting activities on offer. The same number of people were able to (re)discover the jewel of Grosbois and its inhabitants, like Spaniard Guillermo Roig-Balaguer, one of the professionals called on to supervise the first female relay runner: *"It's a unique moment, we're very proud to be able to accompany her and to be part of the festivities, we're a bit French too, we've been here for fifteen years. It's beautiful."*



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## MEDICATION CONTROL FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

The Société du Trotteur Français (SETF) has just published its monthly report on medication control for June. Here are the details.

During June 2024, a total of 1,620 samples were taken and the following controls were carried out:

- 1,291 horses were sampled following their participation in a race.
- 24 horses were sampled on arrival at the racecourse, prior to their participation in a race. These specific sampling operations were organised at the following racecourses: Laval on 5 June, Vincennes on 8 June, Feurs on 14 June, Bordeaux on 19 June and Enghien on 27 June. During each of these operations, 3 horses are generally sampled. A specific larger operation was organised on 22 June at Marseille Vivaux during which 10 horses were sampled.
- The 14 horses declared as starters in the Prix du Président de la République at Vincennes and the 16 horses declared as starters in the Prix de Normandie on 23 June 2024 were sampled in the 48 hours prior to these races at their training stables.
- 4 specific sampling operations to test for bicarbonate were organised at the Vichy racecourses on 3 and 26 June, Vincennes on 18 June and Enghien on 27 June. During these operations, 60 horses were sampled. All the results were negative.
- 109 horses were sampled at qualifying events.
- 76 horses were sampled during training checks at 19 different establishments.
- 10 samples were taken as part of Longitudinal Monitoring.
- 20 foals were sampled during breeding controls at 4 different establishments.

As at 8 July 2024, of these 1,620 samples taken in June, one category I prohibited substance had been detected.

The decisions of the SETF Commissioners regarding the detection of two Category I prohibited substances declared in April 2024 were published in SETF Bulletin No. 25 of 20 June 2024.



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## UET VALIDATES NEW RULES ON THE USE OF WHIPS

On Monday 15 July 2024, the European Trotting Union (UET) held an extraordinary general meeting by videoconference in the presence of 19 of the UET's 22 member countries in order to vote on a new provision on the use of the whip. As we announced at the weekend of the Prix d'Amérique (edition of 24 January), the member countries of the UET decided *"unanimously to adopt a new philosophy for the use of the whip in trotting races, in order to preserve the image of racing and in the interests of animal welfare"*, according to a press release published at the end of the day. The whip remains a safety device for the driver/jockey, but must no longer be used to hit horses, only to solicit them. By 'solicitations', we mean that only the movement of the wrist will be tolerated. This new rule will come into force on 1 April 2025 at the latest, and it is up to each of the Federations, the SETF in our case, to amend its code accordingly before the deadline. In other words, there are still around eight months to make significant and spectacular changes to the way things are done.

Following the vote, UET President Marjaana ALAVIUHKOLA declared: *"This is a landmark decision in the history of the UET. It marks a new era for the image of trotting and animal welfare issues. European professionals are showing that respect for the trotter is a priority in their decisions. I am delighted that European trotting is showing the way with these new rules to all the international racing bodies, whether for trotting or galloping. Equine welfare has always been the driving force behind my commitment as president of the UET since my election."*



## JOËL HALLAIS' LAST DRIVE

It's a monument of French trotting who has decided to leave the fields. Joël Hallais, holder of more than 1,700 successes as a driver, chose his moment to go out the front door, in other words with a victory. At Le Mont-Saint-Michel on Thursday, in the bike of his pupil **Kasta Du Rib** (Cyprien des Bordes), Joël Hallais led an offensive race, even taking the lead to finish before raising his arm as he crossed the wire. A conspicuous sign that is rare in his routine. He explained: *"I'd had this in mind for a while and I was hoping to finish with a win. What's more, here at Le Mont-Saint-Michel, in my homeland... As the years go by, everything came together today."*

Joined by several of his cadets, including David Thomain, Yoann Lebourgeois and Franck Nivard, Joël Hallais will have a special thought for the great victories he has won with his most famous champions: **Sancho Pança**, **Ursulo de Crouay** and **Quiton du Coral**. A page is being turned. Those of training and breeding continue to be written in capital letters.

## TWO PRECAUTIONARY LICENCE WITHDRAWALS

In the Bulletin Officiel de la Société d'Encouragement à l'Élevage du Trotteur Français N°27 of 18 July 2024 (to be found via this [LINK](#)), the SETF stewards announced that they were *"suspending, as a precautionary measure, the licence issued to Mr Antonin André pending their decision on the merits"*. The same penalty was imposed on Charlène Callico. The charges against the two jockeys relate to a race run at Abbeville on 7 July. Teaming up with two representatives of Luc Roelens, **Junge Girl** (Captain Sparrow) and **Jack Flush** (Captain Sparrow), the two jockeys finished first and second in the race but are suspected of having swapped horses.

## MACHIAVEL BOURBON QUALIFIES IN CORDEMAIS

After an aborted first attempt at Meslay-du-Maine on 9 July due to weather conditions that made the track very difficult, particularly for 2-year-olds, and led Jean-Philippe Monclin to give up on presenting his pensioner at the last minute, **Machiavel Bourbon** (Prodigious) qualified on Friday at Cordemais in lot 3 in 1'18"8, ahead of his training companions **Miya de Joudes** (Prodigious) in 1'19" and **Magical Castelets** (Niky), under the eyes of one of his co-owners François Soyez (Écurie Kingdom Horse).

In optimal conditions, in bright sunshine and on a track that satisfied the professionals, the top price of 2023 on the European yearling market with €580,000 at the Auctav sale left a favourable impression. *"His behaviour is good and he qualifies very cleanly especially as, frankly, he doesn't have much work in his legs. It's not important to set a record,"* comments the trainer from Angers, who qualified the five horses he presented, including **Maya Bourbon** (Love You) in Lot 1 in 1'18"6, the best time for a 2yo on the day. In the immediate future, Jean-Philippe Monclin believes that the little brother of champion **Face Time Bourbon** (Ready Cash) will benefit from a two-month rest.



## BROTHERS IN ARMS ON THE ROAD TO THE GERMAN DERBY

Now owned by Werner Pietsch and trained in Germany by Michael Nimczyk, **Brothers In Arms** (Fabulous Wood) won at Gelsenkirchen on Thursday. The 4yo has set his sights on the Gr 1 German Derby, which takes place on 18 August at Berlin-Mariendorf. Previously trained by Fabrice Souloy, **Brothers In Arms** has built up a fine record of success in France. He won the Gr 3 Prix Caecilia at Vincennes, beating **Kanto Avis** (Ready Cash) and **Kalmia Quick** (Up And Quick).



## A WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE FRANCO-IRISH FRIENDSHIP

From 13 to 15 July, four drivers (Franck Ouvrie - Marc Sassier - Jonathan Poutrel - Mickael Lecourt) and four French apprentices (Kevin David - Leo Chesnel - Thomas Borodajko - Alex Le Bec) travelled to Ireland to the Lyre racecourse near Cork as part of the twinning between the Argentan racecourse and the IHRA (Irish federation).

The apprentice race was won by John Roche and **Elysium d'Ostal** (Saxo de Vandel) for Ireland. France won the professional drivers' match thanks to Jonathan Poutrel and **Fina Mix** (Full Account). The beautiful Richard Phelan Memorial Trot Final was won by Franck Ouvrie and **Comète des Landes** (New des Landes).

This race meeting also featured the first 3yo race of the year for Irish-born "Trotteur Français" horses. Six offspring of **Apprenti Sorcier**, who is leased to Ireland for a breeding

season before his final export, were on the starting grid. Jonathan Poutrel, who won the race at this festive meeting, was coming to Ireland for the first time: "We were very well received. The track is good despite a tricky section, but I think the horses are used to it. **Fina Mix** was perfect, the trainer having told me that I could go in front. I was able to control the whole time easily. I'm really pleased with this win." Franck Ouvrie, who is used to this type of event and Ireland in particular, was also delighted to pass the post in the lead: "I always enjoy Ireland as much as ever, we're always very well received and it's very friendly. The track and the horses were great. We were lucky to have good weather and the track was very well maintained. When the track is resurfaced with sand, it will be really good. In the final, my race went really well. I got off to a very good start, and the trainer was confident, telling me I could go to the front with **Comète des Landes**."

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