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TWO COURSE DESIGNERS IN COMMAND

Houtmann and Cottier, the duo of choice

Serge Houtmann, author of the new layout of the Derby of the Pays de la Loire Region in 2004, is supported this year by Frédéric Cottier, old pillar of the French teams during the eighties with Flambeau C, now responsible for the Course designers in France, and also international technical delegate for FEI.

"We have in France an official international course designer, who will be the technical delegate for the next World Championships in Aachen in 2006, and we thought," explains national trainer Jean-Maurice Bonneau "that this collaboration with the regular La Baule course designer, Serge Houtmann, could be profitable and constructive."

This duo has thoughtfully composed the major classes for the CSIO Official ***** SSL of France for several weeks in order to create, on this brilliant new arena, "with perfect ground conditions" according to the national trainer who applauded this new alchemy as soon as he arrived at La Baule.

"We benefit the horses, that's to say, we pose problems to the riders while trying never to place the horses in situations that they can not solve" explains the duo, in a good mood under the sun of this Thursday, which ensures that "our astral marriage is perfect, I've checked".

A shared joke, because their number one objective is their courses and, of course, to bring out the best, with respect to the heterogeneity of the stage which is regulated on the grounds, for the CSIO or nationals. "It remains that the Super League is the Super League, we are not here to build educational courses for the horses but to create competition and that the best wins!"



Chronométrage et traitement des données par Longines



Small change for the layout of the Derby of the Pays de la Loire Region, inaugurated last year. The grey obstacle which had caused a few problems at fence 3, will be exchanged with the Bridge of Tancarville which jumps better in general and which will be more obvious at the beginning of course. The height of the obstacles, which seemed a little tough in 2004, will be maintained.

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