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THE STALLION PILLAR

Christian Hermon and his dark bay stallion Epebe for Ever*La Silla begin their third season in the Samsung Super League in La Baule.

A vital pillar of the French team on this circuit, they are today in full control technically and aiming at the European Championships in July at San Patrignano (Rimini - Italy).

The rider from Beaumont en Auge, close to Deauville, 45 years, is serene: *"My stallion, of whom I own one third, has been covering this winter, like every year (he served 180 mares in 2004). It is because he makes a profit with his coverings that we have been able to keep him. But this year, we have installed a covering station at the house which has allowed him to work with me every day during the three months that he's been serving as a stallion. So I could give him a competition 15 days afterwards and I could prepare for the event at La Baule, since we were only put into the horse programme with Jean-Maurice Bonneau as of January, at best. He did his first Grand Prix (4 faults) in Auvers, then Ste Mère (without-fault), and Hardelot, where he had a minor muscular problem which has been resolved. He proved himself last week in the Chantilly Grand Prix where the horse jumped very well and finished fifth.*

"The horse is now under control technically;" the equation that I must now solve is the balance between tonicity and form, but listening well because the horse is difficult when he is too fresh."

At the age of 13, the stallion has entered into the La Silla-AMG team with his rider: *"We met with Alfonso Romo (CEO of La Silla in Mexico) because he bought numerous doses (of frozen semen that he will be using for artificial insemination) from Epebe, who he loves. I went to see his mares, his breeding, we got on well and he proposed this sponsorship to me.*

So I will prepare for the European circuit as well as the Rider's Tour in Germany and the Nations' Cup Super League by doing relatively few events with the goal of preserving the career of the horse in order to be competitive at each outing. I'm going to coast along on the Rider's Tour, which includes the cream of the world's riders, and that should still help me to make progress. »



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