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### CSIO\*\*\*\*\* SUPER LIGUE

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#### STEPHANE LAFOUGE IN AN AWKWARD SITUATION

At the age of 34, the Bordeaux native is competing for the first time at the CSIO\*\*\*\*\*SSL of France, but was unable to line-up at the start thursday.

Following some difficult beginnings, Gabelou des Ores and Felix de Vialonne will make their marks in the Baulois turf today.

"I learned Monday evening that I was selected for La Baule" explains Stéphane Lafouge, as he watches the blacksmith separating Gabelou from his brand new shoes. "Gabelou was at the end of fitting and it was impossible nail in the shoes as they wouldn't hold firm."

Reshod just before loading onto the lorry for La Baule, Gabelou arrived on site and caused some embarrassment that fortunately his rider was able to resolve and he passed the visit to the vet unencumbered.

Shoes removed Wednesday evening, he awaited the French team blacksmith, Jean-Michel Hallier, to replace them midday Thursday.

So, a cross had to be marked over his first day of competition. Today, Friday, Gabelou is entered in the Conseil Général de Loire-Atlantique class. We hope that he will feel sufficiently 'well in his pumps' to line up at the start.

As for Felix, he will be in the first class, the Equidia Prize.

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