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### WATHELET BURIES HECART

Scenario : Saturday May 7 in the Derby Pays de la Loire Region. Won by Herve Godignon and Calypso d'Herbiers in 2004 with one fault and the best time of 150.17 seconds over that of Michel Hécart and That's Life, second with eight faults, it concluded in 2005 with two faultless rounds recorded in close succession by Michel Hécart (FRA) and Grégory Wathélet (BEL), and two very fast stopwatches: 144.57 and 141.15!

Michel Hécart and That's Life, who had prepared for this event, unrolled the perfect course. *"I went quickly, but I added some strides here and there, I could certainly have been faster, or I would have tried if I'd gone after Grégory. I am happy because did a very good round, six seconds better than the last year. Inevitably, I am a little disappointed all the same not to have won."* That's Life, who hasn't done much this season, in fact, is very often in first place. Astonishing for a horse repurchased for a low price from Belgian vendor François Mathy, about whom the salesman had specified *"that is a bad horse!"*

With respect to Belgian Grégory Wathélet, 24-year-old rider based close to Liege who rides for the Stud Farm Hayettes (Yves Lauwers), he was absolutely delighted with his lightening stroke following his small disappointment at being the reserve for the Belgian team in the Nations' Cup the day before. *"I expected it. My goal is to be there, to get closer to the first time me closer to the first team, to turn-out in the second team, and to await my time."*

It came Saturday, at 3:30 p.m. under the La Baule sun.

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