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THE GREAT COMEBACK OF LUDO

Despite the fact the Belgium team was retrograded from the Super League – FEI, to the “Coupe des Nations” route, Ludo Philippaerts, famous leader of this country, have really pushed to make his comeback in La Baule as individual.

We can remember that Parco, its magnificent grey stallion, son of Darco, horse he has ridden as well in high level competitions, had left the competition for months after a 2005 deceiving season.

«He was injured, and really had enough of competition. He did not want any more planes, trucks, jumps. After a full month resting in the field, he started to ask to be ridden again, and he was hacking. Then he regained such an energy and strength, that there was no other choice to put him back to work», his groom, Vladimir Wickert told us.

«Today, he is doing a great comeback to the competition and he is really happy, look at him, how proud he is. We have chosen La Baule, after a quick visit to Lummen, due to the excellent ground quality».

Ludo will introduce his leading horse at the Grand Prix Longines de la Ville de La Baule, and will be a serious candidate to the Derby of the Pays de la Loire with Tauber, another son of Darco: *“he has a fighting spirit, he is very fast and he has no fear. He won during two consecutive years the Calgary (Canada) derby, and seems ready to align himself at the La Baule one, after his victory at the Bordeaux CSIW.*

The participation of these two geniuses is a real homage to their father Darco, who has celebrating his 25th birthday. A bronze of Darco effigy has been cast at the entry of his village, Peer, where is having a happy retirement”.

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