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With Michel Robert and Galet d'Auzay 6th placing at the Grand Prix Longines de la Ville de La Baule, only because of 1 point time fault, Flipper d'Elle*HN 9th placing after two excellent courses only penalised due to one fault made on the last jump in the second round, but Florian Angot 29th placing, Gilles de Balanca 32nd and Hervé Godigon 53rd, the Frenchs do not leave a strong impression three months before the WEG: « we are third in the Samsung Super League de France - FEI and our result in the Grand Prix is reflecting the same level compared to the Germans or the Americans », has declared the National Trainer Jean-Maurice Bonneau. «The regularity in not making any fault must attract all our attention. Time faults are faults too. However, we have seen excellent things especially from Julien Epailard (8th placing with Icare du Manet), Simon Delestre (15th placing with Inédite de Balme) and of course Flipper d'Elle*HN. This was his first Grand Prix at this level since the Europeans last summer. The horse is more available for his rider, Laurent Goffinet, who lost a bit confidence in the last round, and who was able to win if he had followed the agreed strategy, six long strides before the last oxer. He thought at the last minute that his horse could not do it, he added a stride, and therefore arrived too near, this explains the fault. In any case I will not blame a rider when he tries to win. Next time he will be confident and the horse will do it. The performances of Hervé Godigon with Obélix are a real disappointment. He did not hold the position I expected him to. Regarding Eric Levallois with Diamant de Semilly, I can blame them for not giving up in the middle of the course. We must not give up, as it is in the arena that some problems can be solved. Today, I hope that Eugénie Angot will not have any doubt despite the imperfect courses of Cigale. Regarding Crocus, I do not know what to think: He has done a good course but there was two poles on the floor. There is nothing to be alarmed off. I am going to keep the same direction and my selected riders and we are going to rectify the situation. I will not introduce pairs like Epailard with Icare or Delestre with Inédite as we are not going to destroy the pairs that are just training for the next days and not affect the riders who are getting ready. If I start to hesitate, the riders will not be secured. »

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