



# JUMPING INTERNATIONAL OFFICIEL DE FRANCE

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CSIO\*\*\*\*\* SUPER LEAGUE

## NEWS FROM THE FRANÇOIS ANDRE STADIUM

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### NEWS FROM THE FRENCH TEAM

**The bad news: Lafouge has been grounded and will not be riding in the Officiel de France**

Following a fall and a twisted ankle, Aquitaine-based rider Stephan Lafouge was last week forced to rest and will be out for a month. With Gabelou des Ores, designated the most regular pair in the Samsung Super League - FEI last year, Stephan was one of the 5 riders in the French team who were to have ridden in the first stage of the SSL 2007. Gilles de Balanda will therefore have to choose another rider from the 15 shortlisted French riders for La Baule.

**The good news: FLORIAN ANGOT will be riding First de Launay HN**

Some riders who were not initially going to be coming, will in fact be riding at the event. For example, Florian Angot and his Haras Nationaux stallion, First de Launay, who have been mainstays of the French team over the past few years. However, since he is only just finishing his paternal duties, First de Launay will be competing in a reasonable manner at the François André stadium, in other words in the intermediary classes. His return to competition was brought forwards by the French National Stud officials, led by Messrs. Didier Domergue and Dumont Saint-Priest.

**And Eugénie ANGOT will be riding ILOSTRA DARK**

And having one Angot does not exclude another. Florian's sister-in-law, Eugénie, who was also thought not to be coming, will in fact be starting in the big classes with Ilostra Dark, her second Grand Prix ride. The mare has come back into Grand Prix form quicker than planned. Cigale du Taillis, her other mare, is recovering from a slight tendon problem.

**French riders starting the event:**

The French team will be made up of Robert Breul (Iasco Mouche), Roger-Yves Bost (Idéal de la Loge), Laurent Goffinet (Flipper d'Elle HN) and Michel Hécart (Itôt du château). The 5<sup>th</sup> pair will be named by national coach, Gilles de Balanda, around the 8<sup>th</sup> May together with a list of riders who are entered individually.





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- ◆ Eugénie Angot
- ◆ Florian Angot
- ◆ Hubert Bourdy
- ◆ Frédéric Busquet
- ◆ Simon Delestre
- ◆ Julien Epaillard
- ◆ Olivier Guillon
- ◆ Christian Hermon
- ◆ Pierre Jarry
- ◆ Philippe Léoni
- ◆ Eric Levallois
- ◆ Ludovic Leygue
- ◆ Jean-Marc Nicolas
- ◆ Michel Robert
- ◆ Philippe Rozier
- ◆ Kevin Staut

## SUPER LEAGUE TEAMS

Year after year, the La Baule Officiel de France confirms its position as a key event in the outdoor season. A host of well known names have entered to compete against the French team and get the year off to a flying start. The first stage of the Samsung Super League - FEI will set the tone for the top riders who are all aiming at the European championship in Mannheim and for 4 out of 8 nations, the objective is to qualify for the Olympic Games.

Members of the seven other Super League teams can be found on the La Baule website in the “Program” section. This list is published following the definitive entries. However changes can be made up to the day before the competition.

Also, find out the latest FEI-Gandini world ranking for show jumpers, last updated at the start of May in the “News” section on [www.labaule-cheval.com](http://www.labaule-cheval.com)

## 21 DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES RIDING AT LA BAULE

In addition to the 8 Super League teams (each with 5 riders), the La Baule organizing committee will welcome riders competing individually in the Grand Prix Longines de la Ville de La Baule:

- ◆ Ryan Lee Harvey (South Africa)
- ◆ Pedro Veniss (Brazil)
- ◆ Eric Lamaze and Mario Deslauriers (Canada)
- ◆ Thomas Couve Correa (Chile)
- ◆ Carlos Lopez (Colombia)
- ◆ Mme Danae Tsatsou (Greece)
- ◆ Jessica Kuerten (Ireland)
- ◆ Sonia Finquel (Israel)
- ◆ Ariana Azcarraga (Mexico)
- ◆ Gerk Gulliksen (Norway)
- ◆ José Alfredo Hernandez Ortega and Gonzalo Gamboa (Salvador)
- ◆ Sabischy Hassler (Venezuela)



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In addition to these 13 nationalities are the 8 nations qualified to run in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the Samsung Super League - FEI 2007: Germany, Belgium, United States, France, Great Britain, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

## **SPORT+**

One of the Canal + sports channels will be broadcasting the Jumping Officiel de France de La Baule. With over 7 hours is scheduled on Sport + with the broadcasting of the Samsung Super League de France - FEI (2<sup>nd</sup> round) and the Grand Prix Longines de la Ville de La Baule (2<sup>nd</sup> round). With an initial broadcast (in the evening on the same day) followed by two recordings of each of these major events. For the program times, see the La Baule site, "News" section then "Television".

## **SAMSUNG : PLAY FOR SPECIAL PRIZES AND A HOLIDAY**

Over the three days of competition, Samsung Electronics France will be exhibiting its latest technological innovations in the exhibitors' village. Every day spectators will be invited to enter a raffle by putting their entry in a box on their stand. Thirty thousand entries will be handed out over 3 days by the hostesses. The winners can win LCD screens and cell phones.

An online competition has also been running since the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 on the [www.samsung.fr](http://www.samsung.fr) site which allows people to win seats for the Samsung Super League de France - FEI 2007 as well as an LCD television. Four prize draws will be made giving four chances to win a trip to attend the Samsung Super League - FEI events at La Baule, Rotterdam, Hickstead and Barcelona.

Lastly, visit the new Samsung Super League - FEI Internet site where you can find the new "media guide". A great tool providing news for the press. See <http://www.samsungsuperleague.com/> then click on "press service".



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## **\* LEXICON**

**CSIO\*\*\*\*SL:** *Concours de Saut International Officiel Super League. Only La Baule carries this label in France.*

**The 'O' label is for 'Official':** *It authorizes the organization of the two classes of Olympic format with classifications by team and individual. Each country can organize one official competition per annum and by discipline.*

**Stars:** *The hierarchy of international competitions (outside of the OG and World or European Championships) is established according to a star system, from 1 to 5.*

**SL for Super League:** *The elite world jumping circuit created in 2003 runs in the form of a challenge in eight stages during the outdoor season (May to September) with team classes called Nations' Cups. It includes the best eight nations qualified according to their previous year's results. At the end of each season, the team that finishes last in the Samsung Super League with FEI is relegated to the lower division, called the Circuit FEI of Nations' Cup Series. The team that finishes at the head of the lower series is promoted to the Samsung Super League with FEI.*

