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## GRAN DIOSE ACHIEVES THE GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE DE PARIS - PRIX LA HAYE JOUSSELIN DOUBLE



To win the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris in the spring and the Prix La Haye Jusselin in the fall in the same year, the two biggest French races for aged steeplechasers, requires an extraordinary horse. Gran Diose, who achieved this feat, deserves this qualifier! The horse who defends the colors of Frédéric and Oscar Hinderze, in association with his breeder Luc Monnet, dominated the big meeting of the 48 H de l'Obstacle on Sunday at Auteuil. He is trained at Senonnes-Pouancé in Mayenne by Louisa Carberry, who achieved a similar feat in 2020 with Docteur de Ballon. This young woman from England was

celebrating her birthday on Sunday! A true horse enthusiast, Frédéric Hinderze is going to open a fitness center for equine athletes in Maisons-Laffitte.

Gran Diose's usual jockey, Clément Lefebvre, being injured, it was Thomas Beaurain who led Gran Diose to success. The jockey thus wins his first Group 1 victory in a race dear to his heart: Thomas is the son of Jean-Yves Beaurain, who rode the champion of the 1990s Al Capone II. The duo won the Prix La Haye Jousselin seven times!

As in the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris, Gran Diose dominated Grandeur Nature. These two are inseparable: last year, it was Grandeur Nature who won this Prix La Haye Jousselin ahead of Gran Diose. Juntos Ganamos, aged only 5, is a good third. The favorite Il est Français was pulled up in front of the rail-ditch and fence.

### **Declarations of the connections**

#### **Louisa Carberry (trainer of Gran Diose, 1st) - Senonnes-Pouancé Training Center (Mayenne)**

"Once the two or three obstacles were jumped, I saw that the understanding between my horse and Thomas Beaurain was working, and I told myself that it was going to give them confidence. Gran Diose only reached maturity last year. Since his victory in the Grand Steeple, he has remained in great shape. He arrived at the top. I am spoiled to have had two champions like Docteur de Ballon and Gran Diose. Many trainers hope all their lives to have horses like them."

#### **Frédéric Hinderze (co-owner of Gran Diose, 1st)**

"He is exceptional. All the credit goes to my partner Luc Monnet who made the decision to cross his mother with the stallion Planteur. Louisa Carberry made the best decision by choosing to call Thomas Beaurain to replace Clément Lefebvre. He rode him superbly and we are delighted to offer him his first Group 1."

#### **Nicolas de Lageneste (owner of Grandeur Nature, 2nd, and co-owner of Il est Français, pulled up)**

"What made the difference today was undoubtedly the ground. Gran Diose was irreproachable but it is true that on heavier ground, he might have finished closer. But he really achieved a very great performance. We should see him again in the Prix Georges Courtois. As for Il est Français, his health problems caught up with him. He had a pulmonary hemorrhage. He is fragile at this level. We will do the necessary care. His jockey James Reveley really respected him and stopped him at the right time."

#### **Felix de Giles (jockey of Juntos Ganamos, 3rd) - Chantilly Training Center (Oise)**

"He could have won without his mistake at the rail-ditch. It cost him dearly."

#### **Hugo Merienne (trainer of In Love, 4th) - Chantilly Training Center (Oise)**

"He found himself a bit isolated, but he likes to follow the other horses. It's not necessarily his cup of tea. He didn't like being attacked in the last turn, but he still ran very well. He's a super jumper, who can gallop for miles. It's not impossible that he will try his luck in England."

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