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RIDER: DIDIER DHENNIN

HORSE:

46 ISMENE DU TEMPLE, bay mare, 1996, s: Cabdula du Tillard, d: Amethyste IV, *Breed:* Selle Francais, *Country of Birth:* France *Breeder:* Francois Despres
Owner: **Barbara Conin**, Vendée, France

Forty-year-old Didier was inspired to ride by his father thirty years ago and with support from his parents began his equestrian education gaining exams and teaching. For the last 12-years he has been based as a trainer at the Cadre Noir near Saumur.

He first rode internationally ten-years ago with Fine Fleur and since has had success with young horses at one and two-star level and has taken on rides for fellow Frenchman Jean Teulere including Hobby du Mee and Bambi de Briere. With Ismene du Temple he has risen through the ranks and in 2008 was the best of the French at the Olympics taking sixth place and at the 2009 Europeans the combination was fifth.

He has a six-year-old son Martin with his partner, dressage rider Clementine Giraud.

Ismene du Temple is a 15-year-old Selle Francais mare by international jumper Cabdulla du Tillard, a son of the famous Trakehner Abdullah who with American Conrad Homfeld gained individual silver and team gold at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. As a six year old Ismene du Temple won at Le Lions D'Angers and the following year was the French seven-year-old champion. As a nine-year-old she competed at the European Championships at Blenheim. This year she has had three filly foals – all born in March – by embryo transfer. The first is by Danish Warmblood Lando, a silver medallist in Sydney with Albert Voorn, the second is by the Oldenburg L'Arc de Triomphe.

Recent results

2009 – Fontainebleau CH-EU-CCI*** 5th Ismene du Temple

2008 – Luhmuhlen CCI**** 6th Ismene du Temple

2007 – Pratoni CH-EU-CCI*** 26th Ismene du Temple

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2011- First time for horse and rider