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R1 CABOURG [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DES HETRES - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class A - Harness - EUR €
45.000**

- 1. INDY DARK** - Takes a hike in category after winning with authority over track and trip last month. Sure to give a competitive account but others still preferred
- 2. IDEFIX DE CENTULE** - Hardy trotter but not always the most dependable. Has no references at this level but is in decent shape and will be worth watching
- 3. IGREC DE CELLAND** - Faithful servant that rarely disappoints. Thrives at Cabourg and, while unlikely to impose, can still get in on the action
- 4. INSTINCT D'AM** - Has placed just once in 8 starts this year and looks a rank outsider once again
- 5. INVINCIBLE CASH** - Thereabouts in three of his last four starts in good company. Returns to a proven shoeing formula and, from the front line, looks to have a lot to offer
- 6. IALTO D'HERTALS** - Seldom gets his nose in front these days but always gives his best. Hind shoes off for Cabourg debut and will not be far off the mark
- 7. INFANT PERRINE** - Blows hot and cold but is not without merit. Is clearly in form and will not be far off the mark if he can get off on the right foot
- 8. INVICTUS MADIBA** - Versatile trotter that goes over any trip. Particularly effective on these flatter surfaces and can give INSTRUMENTALISTE (9) a run for his money
- 9. INSTRUMENTALISTE** - Quality element with form at a superior level. Below-par lately but benefits from an excellent entry and can impose
- 10. INMAROSA** - Fine mare that placed in two of last three at Gr.2 level. Shoes back on though and will have other priorities
- 11. INOUBLIABLE** - Disappointing in 3 after placing in a Gr.2 earlier in the year. Off for two months and unlikely to shake things up

Summary : Somewhat lacklustre towards the end of spring, INSTRUMENTALISTE (9) finds himself ideally situated on the front line here and has a fine opportunity to get back to winning ways. Gabriele Gelormini can nevertheless expect to encounter resistance from the talented INVICTUS MADIBA (8) who drops back in category following his sortie to Stockholm. Regularly in the thick of things at a higher level, INVINCIBLE CASH (5) comes here fresh and with just hind shoes off this time can make amends for his late-June Vincennes disappointment. Sanctioned early here a fortnight ago, INFANT PERRINE (7) reverts to racing unshod behind and will figure prominently if Ploquin can keep him trotting.

SELECTIONS

**INSTRUMENTALISTE (9) - INVICTUS MADIBA (8) - INVINCIBLE CASH (5) - INFANT
PERRINE (7)**

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**C2 - PRIX DES ARNOSERIS - 2725m (a1 11/16m) - Autostart - Class D -
Harness - EUR € 29.000**

- 1. INES DE LA ROUVRE** - Has begun to come good again following a lean start to the year. Is not ideally positioned on the inside but can play a part if she defies the draw
- 2. IDOLE D'OURVILLE** - Capricious but has ample ability. Reassured at Biarritz last week and, with form and stride maintained, should be able to get into the action
- 3. INDIA SEA** - Versatile sort that goes just as well right-handed as left. Very hard to fault when barefoot and is sufficiently well-drawn to win this
- 4. IBANQUE LEBEL** - Handy sort that always gives her best. Has previously won at the venue and from the 4-spot can make her presence felt
- 5. IDYLLE PIYA** - Never far from losing her action but has been in cracking form all year. Well-positioned behind the car and with application can make a big splash
- 6. IGNOME DE BLAY** - Won five on the trot, including at Cabourg, last season before being sent for a break. Is barefoot for re-entry and if race-ready can get straight back down to business
- 7. ISIS D'HERFRAIE** - Has not won for over a year but is a useful mare when at peak fitness. Is new to Cabourg but will not be far off the mark if she takes to the new profile
- 8. INITIALE LILA** - Erratic but has merit and is currently in form. Unlikely to spring any surprises but on good behaviour can get a look in
- 9. INTENSE** - Just one win to her name in 24 career starts. Disappointing lately and not an obvious choice
- 10. HUITRE D'OR** - Previously a good sort but lost her way last season and no sign of an imminent return to form
- 11. IALLA IALLA** - Moderate mare taking her first competitive steps of the season and with shoes on has no realistic chance

Summary : Impressive lately when barefoot, INDIA SEA (3) prepped for this in Paris and, with shoes off again, will be a serious proposition from the 3-spot. She will still face considerable opposition from the excellent IGNOME DE BLAY (6) who is unbeaten at the venue and who races unshod all four on comeback. IDYLLE PIYA (5) is regularly the subject of stride woes but she pleased on her only start here and in current form will have a lot to offer, if applied. ISIS D'HERFRAIE (7) may not always be the most performant of horses but is fitted with front pads this time and is sure to give an honest account.

SELECTIONS

INDIA SEA (3) - IGNOME DE BLAY (6) - IDYLLE PIYA (5) - ISIS D'HERFRAIE (7)

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**C3 - PRIX DES LYCOPODES - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness -
EUR € 37.000**

- 1. FLIBUSTIA** - In excellent form in both codes lately but takes a hike in class and chances limited
- 2. GRANIT DU MONT** - Capable type that pleased at Amiens a fortnight ago but shoes back on and best to wait
- 3. FORREST GUMP SET** - Erratic type that registered marked improvement at Amiens last month. Just hind shoes off on this occasion and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 4. GRAAL DE L'EXTREME** - Undeniably capable but has been off the boil in recent months and needs to get his house in order
- 5. FETU DES MALBERAUX** - Honest trotter that has twice fallen foul of the stewards after having won at Laon. Shoes on this time around and not an obvious choice
- 6. GRAZZIA DU DAN** - Hardy mare with solid references in both codes. Pleased under the saddle here last month and, going barefoot this time, looks a player
- 7. GROUPIE DU QUENNE** - Decent mare but frequently shows her temperament. Has been superb when barefoot this term though and from the first line can play an important part
- 8. GOLD PEJI** - Faithful servant for the most part and has already won this season. Gets a Gelormini drive this time and, with hind shoes off, can get a look in
- 9. GALION** - Serious sort that has won two of last three. Can lead, which often works well at Cabourg, and has every chance of picking up another victory
- 10. FOREVER JIEL** - Has demonstrated very good consistency over recent weeks. Yet to deliver at Cabourg but is hard to fault at present and can again make the frame
- 11. GUERRIERE WIND** - Fine mare that consistently gives her best. Is clearly in excellent shape and returns to a track she appreciates with legitimate ambition
- 12. FLAUBERT GEDE** - Has merit but has taken time to come to hand this season. Showed improvement last time but has little love for Cabourg and a minor place chance at best
- 13. FETICHE ATOUT** - Not the most reliable but has good references when barefoot. Untried at the venue but a leading driver at the helm and will have his chances if he takes to the Cabourg profile

Summary : Even though GALION (9) can prove tricky on occasions, he is nonetheless a quality element in this category. Facile winner in Paris recently, he once again starts on the front line and can double up. FETICHE ATOUT (13) incurs the penalty but is never one to be underestimated when barefoot and, with the help of Yoann Lebourgeois, can apply the pressure. GUERRIERE WIND (11) has taken little time getting back to her best and, given her Cabourg track record, will be no soft touch. GRAZZIA DU DAN (6) seldom lets the side down when focused and, considering her liking for the venue, can play a prominent role from the front line.

SELECTIONS

GALION (9) - FETICHE ATOUT (13) - GUERRIERE WIND (11) - GRAZZIA DU DAN (6)

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C4 - PRIX LA PERLE DES DIEUX (PX HELIANTHES) - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Apprentices - Conditional-Jockeys - European - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 24.000

- 1. HARRISON GEDE** - Debuts in the discipline following a fruitless streak under harness and has no realistic chance
- 2. GREAT GANGSTER** - Capable but not the most dependable. Reassured at Domfront last weekend and backs up with moderate ambition
- 3. GAMBIT GIBUS** - Unexceptional trotter that consistently blots his copybook and can be confidently ruled out
- 4. BAD MANNER** - Swedish raider that was not disgraced at Meslay recently. Has good references in Scandinavia and looks competitive for a place on the podium
- 5. GINKGO ROCQ** - Pleased more than once earlier in the year but has since come off the boil and chances limited
- 6. FULGURIS SEGAH** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but has evident ability. Would have finished in the money here last time had he not faulted and, on good behaviour, can make amends
- 7. GUOPECK DE VIVOIN** - Ability is not in doubt but can prove a handful. Will have come on for his harness comeback run here and going barefoot this time should not be ignored
- 8. HATHAWAY** - Gives a good account for the most part under the saddle. Imposed under harness here mid-July and, if form transitions, will be dangerous
- 9. FINGER DES LANDES** - Has done nothing of note in either code for some time and will have few friends in the markets
- 10. FAUST DE BEYLEV** - Not to everyone's liking but has significant aptitude at this level. Gave a fine account here last time out and, if applied, can impose on this occasion
- 11. HARVESTER** - Quality trotter that consistently gives everything he has. Won last time racing right-handed and will have his chances

Summary : There is a difficult choice to be made here between the delicate but capable FAUST DE BEYLEV (10) who most recently finished 2nd over course and distance, HARVESTER (11) who has been in good shape this summer and who gets on well with his partner, and BAD MANNER (4) who boasts solid monté credentials in his native Sweden. FULGURIS SEGAH (6) has taken well to his new vocation and, with application, will not be far from the action.

SELECTIONS

FAUST DE BEYLEV (10) - HARVESTER (11) - BAD MANNER (4) - FULGURIS SEGAH (6)

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C5 - PRIX LIS - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 25.000

- 1. JUSTE AVANT** - Promising type that won two from three before being sent for a break. Makes first start back and will need the run
- 2. JELLY BELLY WELL** - Unexceptional sort that has placed just once in last five. Takes a big hike in class and others preferred
- 3. JUGOR** - Has seen a return to form since starting to race barefoot. Is in fine shape, on the front row, and should be in a position to give this a good go
- 4. JUSTAUCORPS** - Back in the game since starting to race unshod all four but at this level of competition will have his work cut out
- 5. JAURES** - Has no shortage of ability but is as difficult as they come. Showed his form at Saint-Malo, despite being sanctioned, and with application, can get in on the action
- 6. JACODUS DU MELEUC** - Nothing noteworthy on his formsheet for the past year and chances notably slim
- 7. JOSELITO DELADOU** - Yet to lose his maiden tag but has evident ability. Showed progress here last month and is expected to pick up another cheque
- 8. JOYEUX PURPLE** - Quality element that was sanctioned early on his return from a spell. Has excellent credentials racing right-handed though and should finish in the mix if Thomain can assure his initial strides
- 9. JOSIO DU POMMEREUX** - Since starting to race barefoot has looked a horse reborn, but has other priorities here and not an obvious choice this time
- 10. JEANBAT DANOVER** - Pleased at a lower level under harness earlier this season but looks destined for a future in the other code and not an obvious candidate
- 11. JEREZ** - Quality individual making his first appearance since the winter and is expected to be race-rusty
- 12. JOULE DE LA FYE** - Disappointing on the whole for some time but could get a look in if he reproduces his penultimate performance
- 13. JOKER DE FROULAY** - Seen more often than not under the saddle but has won this term under harness and, if form transitions, will have his chances
- 14. JOCKEY** - Does occasionally lose his action but is otherwise a talented colt at this level. Is confirmed under these conditions and looks a live chance
- 15. JINGLE LOVER** - Erratic but useful when focused. Pleased last time at Enghien but shoes back on and best to hold off
- 16. JEAGLE DREAM** - Has seen a return to form over recent weeks. Dynamic at Vichy before acquitting himself well next time and, with just hind shoes off on this occasion, could well impose again

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Summary : The principal protagonists are on the back line here with the tricky but talented JOCKEY (14) a leading contender. With just hind shoes off for the occasion, he can make up for his Enghien fault and looks a marginally better bet than JEAGLE DREAM (16) who will be dangerous if he replicates his latest Vichy run. Barring his recent sanction, JOYEUX PURPLE (8) has been flying this season and from the front line can play a leading role. JUGOR (3) has been knocking at the door lately and, although unlikely to improve his win-rate, should figure prominently.

SELECTIONS

JOCKEY (14) - JEAGLE DREAM (16) - JOYEUX PURPLE (8) - JUGOR (3)

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**C6 - PRIX DES PHLOX - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
25.000**

1. **JUDICIOUSNESS** - Showed early promise but has since lost her way and must first reaffirm
2. **JANIE ROYALE** - Unexceptional filly that has looked decidedly ordinary of late and will struggle to leave her mark
3. **JOLLY CHIC** - Moderate sort that got back in the game at a lower level recently but in this company will have too much to do
4. **JAMAICA SAM** - Reliability not her strong suit but did reassure at Lisieux. Steps up in category but just front shoes on this time and will be worth keeping an eye on
5. **JALMAROSA** - Capable on a good day and is confirmed here, but sanctioned in four of last five and others easier to trust
6. **JAHIA DU TRIO** - Useful sort that opened her seasonal account three weeks ago. In better company this time but is barefoot for the occasion and should not disappoint
7. **JOY CASH** - Has looked a decent filly in the making since her March debut. New shoeing formula introduced here and looks a serious proposition
8. **JACANA DE BLARY** - Still chasing that elusive first win but is a quality element in this category. Pleased on comeback and, from the front row, can have her day in the sun
9. **JINA FAST** - Mixes the good with the less good but has ability. Pleased at Saint-Malo last time and, going first-time barefoot, will have her supporters
10. **JABADAMES** - Not devoid of talent but can prove a handful. Has just one race under her belt since the break and best to hold off
11. **JAVA DE FOLIOT** - Monté horse making her first start for three months. Here for reasons of conditioning and poses no threat
12. **JUDY MATIDY** - Rarely gets her nose in front but has consistency on her side. Pleased here a month back and with shoes off this time can challenge for the win
13. **JOY DU CHERISAY** - Pleased more than once over the winter but not as sharp since. Gelormini in the hot seat this time and could well make the first five
14. **JOY DES CHAMPS** - Serious filly with form at this level. Oddly out of sorts at Clairefontaine last month, but has had time to freshen up, and with shoes back on can make amends
15. **JASMINE DE GREZ** - Handy filly with decent harness credentials but is shod for comeback and best to wait
16. **JUST GLORY** - Handy element but has not been seen out for three months and is sure to need the run

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Summary : A number of possible outcomes here but it is still hard to ignore the useful, but capricious, JACANA DE BLARY (8) who made a solid re-entry at Carentan, and the front row start can only work to her advantage. JUDY MATIDY (12) is 25m better off, in form, and gave a good account when shod here last month. Confirmed going in both directions, JOY CASH (7) seldom disappoints and, shod more competitively this time, should live up to expectations. JAHIA DU TRIO (6) got back in the game on turf mid-July and, racing first-time barefoot, will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

JACANA DE BLARY (8) - JUDY MATIDY (12) - JOY CASH (7) - JAHIA DU TRIO (6)

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C7 - PRIX DES PIMPRENELLES - 2725m (a1 11/16m) - Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 22.000

1. **KID DE GRATTIERES** - Has never shown any particular aptitude for harness racing and can expect to have few friends
2. **KAYAK** - Good prospect that showed significant ability here last time out. Drawn well and Yoann Lebourgeois maintaining faith must be taken as a positive sign
3. **KROONER D'ORION** - Solid as a rock since his victorious debut. Makes the step to a hard surface but has been handed the 3-spot and should not be underestimated
4. **KOOPLES DE LARRE** - Useful sort but has yet to make his mark racing clockwise. By no means disgraced here recently but still represents no more than a minor place prospect
5. **KAYNE RICHER** - Yet to get off the mark but has shown good consistency. Has climbed the class ladder well and should not be far from the action
6. **KURLING ATOUT** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but is clearly talented. Returns to racing right-handed which may prove key to his redemption
7. **KRAC BRENUS** - Not always the most reliable but reassured somewhat behind KAYAK (2) here last month. Little chance of winning but can pick up some place money
8. **KARMA** - Has shown significant talent so far. Handed a tough draw but is a progressive colt and should take well to Cabourg conditions
9. **KAISER LATAL** - Started to come good here a fortnight ago when second over track and trip. Has front pads fitted again and even though not ideally drawn should still be retained
10. **KENAVO DU BOUILLON** - Tricky element that has placed just once in 8 and has no realistic chance
11. **KISSMAN** - Unremarkable colt that has yet to show much ability and can be confidently ruled out
12. **KASSOUMAYE** - Honest sort but not the most courageous. Debuts right-handed and even with Gelormini reining will have his work cut out
13. **KERLAZ D'AVE** - Untried sort that qualified respectably in the spring but faces a stiff test on debut and others preferred
14. **KARAMEL TENDRE** - Barring his recent Enghien sanction, he has looked a promising colt. Handed a tough draw though and unlikely to make a big impact this time around

Summary : After a sanctioned debut, KAYAK (2) has since looked a fine colt in the making. Good second here last time out, he has a decent spot behind the car and looks just good enough to hold off the progressive KARMA (8) who is forced to start wide on the front line. KURLING ATOUT (6) should not be too harshly judged for his recent Enghien blip, and can be backed with confidence. KROONER D'ORION (3) has done everything right so far, and drawn well, will have his chances.

SELECTIONS

KAYAK (2) - KARMA (8) - KURLING ATOUT (6) - KROONER D'ORION (3)

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C8 - PRIX DES LILAS - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR €
22.000

- 1. JOY DE CHOC** - Unexceptional filly that pleasantly surprised here last time out, but a repeat performance looks unlikely
- 2. JADE DE BLARY** - Enjoying something of a renaissance since switching codes. Pleased here late last month and, in this company, looks a leading contender
- 3. JUPITER TURGOT** - Remarkably difficult horse to handle. Sanctioned in last 6 and returns to the monté code with slim prospects
- 4. JASMINE DE FORGAN** - Regularly a handful but otherwise boasts a good record under the saddle. Won over course and distance last month and, even though stepping up in category, can make the frame
- 5. JADE DU PARC** - Occasionally tricky but otherwise a useful filly in this branch of the business. Has just one race in her since the break and, even though shod, can still get a look in
- 6. JOIE DES VENTES** - Has won twice in three monté starts at Cabourg. Took advantage of a JADE DE BLARY (2) sanction to win here recently and must be afforded due respect
- 7. J'HESITE** - No slouch on a good day but form currently regressing and must raise her game
- 8. JOKER JOLI** - Useful sort that lost his action when trying to confirm his good Caen run and, on better behaviour, can set the record straight
- 9. JAIKA NESLOISE** - Got the year off to a decent start but has since come off the boil and will have few if any takers
- 10. JOJO DE L'AUNAY** - Capable but has not won since imposing over course and distance last winter and represents no more than a minor place prospect
- 11. JAMES OF CARLY** - Quality element that rarely disappoints when applied. Went close in both Cabourg appearances, and the revised shoeing formula will make him more competitive

Summary : Twice a winner under harness but temperamental at the best of times, JADE DE BLARY (2) has looked a different horse since switching codes and could well have won here last time out had she not faulted entering the final turn. With stride in check though, she should just have the measure of the consistent JAMES OF CARLY (11) who has yet to disappoint at Cabourg. JASMINE DE FORGAN (4) is never far from breaking stride but she won smartly over track and trip last time and moves up a level with justified ambition. JOKER JOLI (8) is no champion but he is in his category here and with application should not let the side down.

SELECTIONS

JADE DE BLARY (2) - JAMES OF CARLY (11) - JASMINE DE FORGAN (4) - JOKER JOLI
(8)