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R1 LE MANS [L-H]

C1 - GRAND PRIX ANJOU-MAINE - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - International - Harness - EUR € 100.000

- 1. GASPAR DE BRION** - Faithful for the most part when she can stay in stride. Reassured behind GITANO (6) last time and looks competitive once more
- 2. FAKIR DE MAHEY** - Delicate but has talent to burn. Winner of his only start here and with a leading driver in charge can start to make amends
- 3. INA DU RIB** - High-class mare in the ridden code. Has other priorities and poses no threat
- 4. FINE PERLE OF LOVE** - Has ability under harness but more performant in the monté discipline and others preferred
- 5. GOELAND D'HAUFOR** - Never far from faulting but has references in this class. Barefoot for 2nd start back and, from the front row can give this a good go, if applied
- 6. GITANO** - Remarkably consistent trotter that may not be cut from the same cloth as ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (13) but he starts in front and can make a big splash
- 7. HIP HOP HAUFOR** - Not without merit but is as erratic as they come. Shoes back on and not an obvious choice
- 8. FULTON** - Hardy element but better under the saddle and has nothing to offer here
- 9. IZOARD VEDAQUAIS** - Quality individual but has struggled with stride issues lately. Shoes back on and no more than a minor place prospect
- 10. FIRE CRACKER** - Previously a good trotter but has since lost his way and has no realistic chance
- 11. HANNA DES MOLLES** - Impressive mare in the other branch of the business. Here for reasons of conditioning and no danger
- 12. ETOILE DE BRUYERE** - No longer the horse she was once touted to be and can be confidently ruled out
- 13. ELIE DE BEAUFOUR** - Excellent campaigner with nothing to prove at this level. Showed his form at Mons and will be a tough nut to crack
- 14. GRANVILLAISE BLEUE** - Monté horse preparing for the winter meeting and has no realistic chance
- 15. HOOKER BERRY** - Prix d'Amérique winner making his first start of the season. Shoes on and unlikely to be over-taxed
- 16. HOHNECK** - Sublime trotter with references at the highest level. Looks likes Allaire is conditioning him here but is still not one to be underestimated

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Summary : A classy individual that seldom lets the side down, ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (13) recently went close in a Mons Gr.1 and, in similar form, can impose this time. That said, he will be up against the superb GITANO (6) who breaks with a 25m head-start. ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (13) is similarly well-placed and with application, and Yoann Lebourgeois reining, will be afforded every chance. HOHNECK (16) is, by some margin, the classiest horse here but is fitted with just front pads and looks more a place prospect on this occasion.

SELECTIONS

ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (13) - GITANO (6) - FAKIR DE MAHEY (2) - HOHNECK (16)

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**C2 - PRIX CCMB - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - European - Class D - Mounted -
EUR € 34.000**

1. **HEROS JARZEEN** - A veritable write-off for some time and can be confidently passed over
2. **ELIXIR** - Enjoyed a productive spring but has looked ordinary lately and will have few takers
3. **CHANDELLES** - Has not got her nose in front for some time but left a decent impression at Vincennes last time under the saddle and can go closer
4. **DEVS DEFINITIF** - Oddly one-paced at Vincennes recently but has otherwise been in cracking form. Is confirmed here and will have his chances
5. **ELEGANT FARCAP** - Has been struggling with stride issues for some time and has no realistic chance
6. **RACING RIBB** - Hardy sort but a shadow of his former self this term and needs to get his house in order
7. **HOLLYWOOD DU BOIS** - Fine campaigner that has kept the flame going since winning here 2 months ago. Barefoot with Raffin in charge and can impose this time
8. **DJESON D'ARIANE** - Tough type that rarely disappoints when applied. Reassured when beating the favourite in Paris last time and must be respected
9. **EDITEUR LA RAVELLE** - Modest individual that flopped on his lone appearance under the saddle and is not about to spring a surprise
10. **DONYX D'HAGUE** - Respectable for the most part when unshod behind and, even in good company, should still give an honourable account
11. **GUAPO MARBOULA** - Not currently as dependable as he usually is but takes a marginal dip in category and looks competitive for a place on the podium
12. **DOLLAR BABY** - Plainly capable but has better references in a lesser category and chances slim
13. **GOUPIL D'ARDENNES** - Occasionally a handful but otherwise a serious trotter. Is close to his race and is not incapable of giving HOLLYWOOD DU BOIS (7) something to consider

Summary : A fine trotter that won here earlier in the summer, HOLLYWOOD DU BOIS (7) has since made his case in Paris and, barefoot with Eric Raffin in the irons this time, should be able to have his day in the sun. The champion driver will still be keeping a keen eye on the in-form GOUPIL D'ARDENNES (13) who has been knocking at the door over recent weeks. Third in the race of reference, DEVS DEFINITIF (4) showed good tenacity here 2 months ago and can make up for his recent Vincennes blip. GUAPO MARBOULA (11) is not always the most reliable but will have his chances if he can replicate his Pornichet performance.

SELECTIONS

**HOLLYWOOD DU BOIS (7) - GOUPIL D'ARDENNES (13) - DEVS DEFINITIF (4) - GUAPO
MARBOULA (11)**

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C3 - PRIX VOLVO THIBAUT - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - National - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23.000

- 1. KALIMBA DE CAPONET** - Has never shown any particular flair for the harness code and can be written off
- 2. KARA DE PADD** - Somewhat green during the winter but caught the eye on her first start back and, with form maintained, could well open her autumn account
- 3. KARAIELLA BOND** - Has been acquitting herself decently over recent weeks. Is arguably better racing clockwise but will still have her supporters
- 4. KALINE DU RIB** - Showed a different side to herself here late July. Has had time to freshen up and, while unlikely to impose, can nevertheless pick up a cheque
- 5. KISIMA** - Showed early promise but frequently bites off more than she can chew and, in current form, can be passed over
- 6. KID PARKER** - Clearly capable but is never far from faulting. Gave an excellent account last time and, with stride in check, will not be far off the mark
- 7. KATCHI QUICK** - Has less experience than others here but, in terms of ability, he tops the scales. Has had time to get in shape this term and can pull off a 3rd career win
- 8. KOVES DU PONT** - Has done everything asked of him to date. Off for last 3 months though and is expected to need the run
- 9. KARMA LIGHT** - Has shown decent aptitude at a lower level. Sanctioned at Vire when stepped up in class but, on better behaviour, can get back in the game
- 10. KARATE KING** - Quality individual that has yet to disappoint, but has not been seen out since June and will not be over-taxed
- 11. KEEPER PERRINE** - Has shown a better side since switching codes and is here only for reasons of conditioning
- 12. KIM DE BEAUM** - Rarely far off the mark when she stays in stride. Unlikely to spring a surprise here but should not be ruled out either
- 13. KASBAH PERRINE** - Unexceptional filly making her first appearance since the break and will have few takers
- 14. KIBBLE** - Quality element destined for a career under the saddle and will pose no danger
- 15. KADEO JOSSELYN** - Regularly a case of all-or-nothing but has talent in abundance. Unseen since June, and stays shod, but can still get in on the action
- 16. KALINA STAR** - Honest filly that always gives her best. Is close to her race and the marginal drop in category will do her prospects no disservice
- 17. KILLER DE CAHOT** - No slouch on a good day but outclassed last time. Unseen for 6 weeks and not an obvious choice
- 18. KIR NORMAND** - Useful future prospect but makes just his first public appearance since mid-July and can be confidently ruled out

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Summary : Unbeaten in 2 starts last season, KATCHI QUICK (7) was given an easy re-entry at Vire last month and, back to racing left-handed, looks set to return to winning ways. It is unlikely to be all plane sailing though considering how well KARA DE PADD (2) acquitted herself on comeback, and the Alexandre Abrivard-factor cannot be ignored. KALINA STAR (16) incurs the penalty here but is in cracking form, and leaving Paris behind may be just the ticket. Sanctioned as often as not, KID PARKER (6) reassured last time out and, from the front line can give this a good go.

SELECTIONS

KATCHI QUICK (7) - KARA DE PADD (2) - KALINA STAR (16) - KID PARKER (6)

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C4 - PRIX PASSENAUD - 2300m (a1 7/16m) - European - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 26.000

- 1. HELIOS ATOUT** - Disappointing on the whole for some time and has no realistic chance
- 2. HURACAN** - Unremarkable trotter that rarely springs a surprise these days and is not about to change his ways
- 3. HIER ENCORE** - Delicate soul but has been reinvigorated this summer and, with application, can give TWIGS HONOR (5) a run for his money
- 4. ASSIA LUIS** - Capable at home in Italy under harness but has no monté references and is unlikely to shake things up
- 5. TWIGS HONOR** - Classy nordic trotter that has taken a particular liking to his new vocation. Faces stiffer competition this time but still looks good enough to win a race of this nature
- 6. GUIGNOL DES FORGES** - Previously a good sort but has made no impact on the track for some time and can be ruled out
- 7. EMIR DE L'ITON** - Seldom gets his nose in front but can trot. Has no references here but returning to racing left-handed might be just the trick
- 8. HYDRE** - Capable mare but has struggled since the spring. Pads fitted this time though and, with Eric Raffin in the saddle, will have her supporters
- 9. FAUST DE BEYLEV** - Not short of ability but is never far from faulting either. Shod differently this time, however, and can play a prominent role if he stays in stride
- 10. HIRO DE L'ORMERIE** - Trotter with bags of ability but is never far from faulting. Seems to be back in shape though and, barefoot with Alexandre Abrivard onboard, will be dangerous
- 11. HOUSTON DE BLARY** - Fine servant in this branch of the business and recently pleased on his monté re-entry but, in this company, will have his work cut out
- 12. MYSTIC MOM** - Particularly impressive when he can keep trotting. Got it right at Cavaillon and, similarly behaved, can go close here
- 13. HENZO DE MOUTIERS** - Honest type with decent harness form at present. Just 2nd appearance under the saddle but one to note all the same
- 14. GRAND TRIO LUDOIS** - Very hard to fault when unshod and focused. Would have finished close last time had he not faulted but, barefoot again, can make amends

Summary : Excellent in both codes and recently a revelation in this branch of the business, the Swedish TWIGS HONOR (5) is barefoot for his French debut and can make it a winning one. He is still going to face opposition from HIER ENCORE (3) who has won 3 of his last 4, and the tricky HIRO DE L'ORMERIE (10) who reassured, in no uncertain terms, last time out. GRAND TRIO LUDOIS (14) has shown significant improvement since returning to the discipline and has every chance of making up for his recent fault.

SELECTIONS

TWIGS HONOR (5) - HIER ENCORE (3) - HIRO DE L'ORMERIE (10) - GRAND TRIO LUDOIS (14)

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**C5 - PRIX OUEST NETTOYAGE - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - National - Class D -
Harness - EUR € 26.000**

1. **IRENE FLASH** - Has ability but is still being conditioned after the layoff and best to wait
2. **ISLAND CASH** - Moderate trotter that has not been seen out for over 2 months and is unlikely to garner much support
3. **IMAGE MAGIC** - Better horse in the other discipline these days and can be ruled out
4. **IN LOVE DE BLARY** - Quality mare that has been on the sidelines for some time. Has one race under her belt though, and with Alexandre Abrivard reining, will be no pushover
5. **ISIS DE LA FERME** - On a fine run of form since the spring. Competitively shod after prepping in Paris and looks a serious proposition
6. **IZIA DE MONGIVAL** - Hardy element that recently gave a superb account at Vincennes and, in similar form, can impose
7. **IBERA** - Useful for the most part and, while not disgraced in Paris last time, still represents no more than a minor place chance
8. **INARA DU VIVIER** - Serious sort in this category. Below-par in last two but champion driver in the hot seat and can get back in the game
9. **IZZIE D'ERONVILLE** - Delicate type but won twice during the summer. Shoes on this time though and others preferred
10. **IMAGINE GIRL** - Has ample talent but has not been seen out since January and will need the race
11. **IN LOVE GEDE** - Mixes the good with the less good but can trot. Better at a lower level but can still pick up a cheque
12. **INFANTE DE TOUES** - Useful on a good day but not the most dependable and unlikely to shake things up
13. **IMPERATRICE HEDEN** - Capable sort but stays shod this time and others preferred
14. **IDYLLE DE BAILL** - Useful in both codes and returns to the harness code after a brace of good efforts under the saddle and, if form transitions, can get in on the action

Summary : Back at her best following a modest summer, IZIA DE MONGIVAL (6) steps marginally up in class but still looks the horse to beat. Benjamin Rochard would still be wise to be wary of INARA DU VIVIER (8) who, with the aid of Eric Raffin, can get back to doing what she does best. ISIS DE LA FERME (5) is shod competitively for the occasion and is capable of making the frame, as is IN LOVE DE BLARY (4) who has just recently returned from an extended layoff.

SELECTIONS

**IZIA DE MONGIVAL (6) - INARA DU VIVIER (8) - ISIS DE LA FERME (5) - IN LOVE DE
BLARY (4)**

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C6 - PRIX SUPER U AV DE LA LIBERATION LE MANS - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 30.000

- 1. GREAT KILLS** - Useful sort that appears to be back at his best. Went close in last two and, from the front row, can give this a good go
- 2. GITAN DE GUEZ** - Simply superb since returning to racing barefoot. Moves up in category but still looks to be competitively well in
- 3. FORREST GUMP SET** - Not without merit, and did please last time out, but shoes back on and best to wait
- 4. GRAND PAJELO** - Remarkable talent that has met little opposition in last 3 starts. Raffin in the wagon this time and will take all the beating
- 5. ENRIQUE** - As useful in the amateur ranks as the professional. Stays shod, has no particular love for La Mans, but worth monitoring all the same
- 6. GENIAL HAUFOR** - Unremarkable sort that was not disgraced in the amateur category last time but still has more to find
- 7. EMIR SPEEDHYCAT** - No champion but always gives his best. Reassured last time out and, with Benjamin Rochard in charge this time, will be afforded every chance
- 8. EASY TOUCH** - Has looked very ordinary for some time and in this company has no realistic chance
- 9. GOSPEL VET** - Dependable trotter for the most part and, even though unplaced last time, there are no 6 year-olds here and will have his supporters
- 10. FELINA DE JOYERE** - Lost her way after placing at Reims in April. Barefoot this time but others still preferred
- 11. GUEPARD DE TILLARD** - Classy element with nothing to prove in this class, but stays shod and has other priorities
- 12. FOGO PICO** - Erratic type that surprised behind GORDON MIJACK (13) at Ecommoy but a repeat looks distinctly improbable
- 13. GORDON MIJACK** - Has been in excellent shape since late-spring. Rewarded for his efforts last time and will be no soft touch
- 14. ESPION DE BOUERE** - Has gone from strength to strength this summer. Comes here fresh and, despite the extra 25m, should still hold his own
- 15. EXPERT DELTA** - Has started to show signs of improvement but is still a modest individual and will have few friends
- 16. GRECO BELLO** - Hardy sort that benefits from a fine engagement. Is in form and, even incurring the penalty, still looks a decent proposition

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Summary : Unbeaten in 5 starts in his current shoeing configuration, GRAND PAJELO (4) debuts at Le Mans on a 4-timer and, from the front line, should pull it off. GRECO BELLO (16) starts with a 25m disadvantage but has an excellent entry here and, confirmed at the venue, must represent the principal threat. Also incurring the penalty, GORDON MIJACK (13) nevertheless returned to the winners' enclosure last time out and must be afforded respect. GREAT KILLS (1) is better-positioned in front, is close to his race, and deserves to be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

GRAND PAJELO (4) - GRECO BELLO (16) - GORDON MIJACK (13) - GREAT KILLS (1)

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**C7 - PRIX SUPER U ARNAGE - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - Class D - Harness -
EUR € 26.000**

- 1. HUDSON BAIE** - Occasionally loses her action but otherwise a faithful mare. Is clearly in form and, with application, can get a look in
- 2. HAIDA SAUTONNE** - Went off the boil last season and unlikely to shake things up on her first start since March
- 3. HAVANA PARIS** - Disappointing since winning at Craon early-summer and can be passed over
- 4. HONEY KING** - Good, consistent type with nothing to prove in this class and, even racing shod, looks a major player
- 5. HARMONY LA NUIT** - Five times a winner over the past 4 months. Comes here on a 4-timer and can pull it off
- 6. HARISON DU PLESSIS** - Got back in the game in the provinces last time out but shoes back on and best to hold off
- 7. HOLD THE LINE** - Useful sort when focused and latterly went close under the saddle. Not a priority but can nevertheless play a small role
- 8. HECTOR DE BASSIERE** - Springs the occasional surprise but has been off the boil lately and must raise his game
- 9. HAMONET DE CHOISEL** - Very hard to fault since the start of the summer. Proved himself in good company last time and looks the main threat to HARMONY LA NUIT (5)
- 10. HIGH PROPULSION** - Handy mare with solid credentials in this category but has just one race in her and is not shod to preference
- 11. HERMES LUDOIS** - Has more than once gone close over recent weeks. Returns to racing left-handed and can trot his way onto the podium
- 12. HOUSTON PAJELO** - Enjoyed an excellent run of form earlier in the year. Unplaced in next 2 but drops back down the class ladder and can get in on the action

Summary : HARMONY LA NUIT (5) is a force to be reckoned with when fitted with pads and, after three straight wins, is expected to pick up another. She will still encounter resistance from the reinvigorated HAMONET DE CHOISEL (9) who has simply got better this term, and HERMES LUDOIS (11) who has been threatening to impose lately. HONEY KING (4) has hardly stepped a foot out of place since late last season and will be no easy touch.

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HARMONY LA NUIT (5) - HAMONET DE CHOISEL (9) - HERMES LUDOIS (11) - HONEY KING (4)

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C8 - PRIX BOBET MATERIEL - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - National - Class B - Harness - EUR € 30.000

1. **JEAN DES GLENAN** - Has significantly better references in the other code and will generate little interest
2. **JACKAO DE GUEZ** - Delicate type but has ample ability. Unseen since the winter though and will not be given a hard race
3. **JAHA MAN DU PONT** - Useful type in this category but has just one race under his belt since the break and is unlikely to be at 100% yet
4. **JAFLOSA GIRL** - Promising sort but has not been seen out since the winter and will be eased back in
5. **JAHINA VITA** - Blows hot and cold but has ample ability. Benefits from a front-row start and looks a decent place prospect
6. **JASMINE DE GREZ** - Still looking for that elusive first win but left a fine account last time out, despite some poor luck, and with a better run can apply the pressure on JASMINE DE GREZ (6)
7. **JERVIS BAY** - Has bags of ability but sanctioned in last 4 and others easier to trust
8. **JAZZ DE PADD** - Showed a different side to himself before the layoff but chances limited on first start back
9. **JEDUISANT** - Classy individual with excellent references at a superior level but stays shod for re-entry and best to hold off
10. **JIOVANNA** - Went off the boil after winning a brace during the spring and chances slim on re-entry
11. **JEXELLE LUGUI** - Capable filly that seldom disappoints. Has not been seen out for 2 months, and stays barefoot, but can still get a look in
12. **JASON GINYU** - Quality trotter that just recently returned to competition but, if race-fit, can dictate the law
13. **JARIDA GEMA** - Talented and progressive filly making just her 2nd appearance of the season and, with shoes on, will have little to offer
14. **JASMIN PRECIEUX** - Very hard to fault over recent weeks but is not shod for a big run and best to hold off
15. **JUNON** - Better known under the saddle but pleased under harness last time out and, under these conditions, looks a serious player
16. **JINGLE DELO** - Never far from losing his action but has nothing to prove in this class and, with stride in check, can figure prominently

Summary : A fine servant that made excellent progress earlier in the year, JASON GINYU (12) pleased on his re-entry and, from the 2nd line, can impose this time. JASMINE DE GREZ (6) is 25 better off and, after making marked improvement at Les Sables-d'Olonne, looks capable of playing a leading role. JUNON (15) is known more for her monté prowess but has merit under harness and can give this a good go. JAHINA VITA (5) is not to everyone's taste but she has good finishing speed and should not be underestimated.

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