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R3 ARGENTAN [R-H]

C1 - PRIX CUSTOM - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 21.000

- 1. IRAN** - Erratic sort with no references at this level and even from the front line will have little to offer
- 2. INSTINCT DU RENARD** - Tricky type that has placed just once in 4 starts under the saddle and, with shoes on, will find this an arduous test
- 3. INSTINCT DE L'OREE** - Hardy trotter with a front-row start and is evidently in good condition, but in better company here and will have his work cut out
- 4. JORAH DES PRES** - Useful sort that has taken well to his new vocation. Raced better at Enghien than the result would suggest and, from the front row, can get in on the action
- 5. JANE HUDSON** - Tricky character but has fine references under the saddle. Lost her action at Enghien but excels racing right-handed and looks a player
- 6. JOSELITO PHIL** - Moderate sort that occasionally gets a look in but latest effort did nothing to convince
- 7. IN FINE FLASH** - Tends to show more in the claiming division these days and can be ruled out
- 8. IRVANA JEPHI** - Got the year off to a good start before losing her way. Unseen since July and will need the run
- 9. IRIS RENARDIER** - Not entirely without merit but has made little impact since June and can be passed over
- 10. JOKER DE FROULAY** - Quality element but frequently loses focus. Solid, however, on comeback for new yard and, with pads fitted again, can impose
- 11. JUST BIRD** - Serious type but sanctioned as often as not. Has one race under his belt and, if fit and applied, will be no pushover
- 12. JUSTICE D'EOLE** - No slouch on a good day but appears to have come off the boil and will have few takers
- 13. JAZZY FLIGNY** - Delicate type but has already won 3 times under the saddle. Showed improvement under harness at Chartres and, if form transitions, can get a look in
- 14. INSULA PERRINE** - Decent trotter but lost her way over the summer. Associated with Mathieu Mottier this time though and can start to make amends
- 15. INTUITION JIEL** - Faithful servant with solid clockwise credentials. Is plainly in fine shape and is sure to generate considerable interest
- 16. JURANCON** - Has struggled with stride issues this season but is by no means short of ability. Modified shoeing this time and, on good behaviour, will not be far off the mark
- 17. IVINDO DU BOCAGE** - Successful last winter at a marginally lower level, but made a fine re-entry and, although in good company, will have his supporters

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18. ILIADE D'URZY - Returns to a discipline for which she has shown little aptitude and, while harness form is not in doubt, others are easier to trust

Summary : Plainly talented but never far from faulting, JOKER DE FROULAY (10) made a fine debut for his new handler and looks capable of imposing this time. He will still meet opposition from the excellent but delicate JUST BIRD (11) who has front pads fitted for his first objective of the new season. 25m better off, JANE HUDSON (5) has fine credentials racing right-handed and, with application, will have her chances. INTUITION JIEL (15) has done nothing to disappoint lately and, even from the back line, can finish in the mix.

SELECTIONS

JOKER DE FROULAY (10) - JUST BIRD (11) - JANE HUDSON (5) - INTUITION JIEL (15)

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C2 - PRIX GENERAL DU POMMEAU - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 6.000

1. **FUEGO DE LIGNY** - Won a similar event at Cabourg during the summer but has 5 times failed to confirm. Disregard
2. **FOREVER YOUNG** - Handy sort with good amateur credentials. 3rd to GRAIN DE MALICE (4) at Cordemais and should again figure prominently
3. **FERRARI SOYER** - Unremarkable mare that has failed to impress since the spring and chances appear slim
4. **GRAIN DE MALICE** - Never far from losing his action but has ample ability. Won well at Cordemais last month and will not be sent out at 104/1 this time around
5. **GLASGOW ELLIS** - Monté horse being conditioned for a return to his code of preference and can be ruled out
6. **GREEN BRUN** - Moves to the amateur category after some relatively modest runs in the professional ranks and still looks to have too much to do
7. **GALATA** - Temperamental type that showed a marked return to form last time out and, on better behaviour, can take advantage of the front-row start and finish in the mix
8. **GOING DES TITHAIS** - Blows hot and cold but won at this level early last month. Is shod this time but with Michel Poirier back in the sulky, should not disappoint
9. **GALAK DE LA CAVEE** - Useful trotter with nothing to prove at this level but shoes on for the occasion and the handicap does him no favours
10. **FLASH DE FROMENTEL** - Faithful servant in the amateur division since the summer. Is barefoot this time, proven at the venue and, while not a priority, will still generate some interest
11. **ECRIN DU LAYON** - Disappointing of late but is proven at this level and a return to the category may be just the ticket
12. **ELOGE DE LARA** - Decent sort that is confirmed in this class but has just one race under his belt since the break and may still be race-rusty
13. **FETU DES MALBERAUX** - Has never excelled in the amateur division and his regressive form does little to inspire confidence
14. **GAMIN DU LERRE** - Has done nothing noteworthy since winning a professional event during the summer and looks outclassed
15. **ESPOIR DE L'AUMOY** - Monté horse in the field for a change of scenery and poses no danger
16. **ENRIQUE** - Capable trotter but dependability not his strong suit. Won impressively last time in this category though and has the quality to double his money

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Summary : A winner at Laval last time at this level, ENRIQUE (16) is reunited with Thomas Rebuffe and, given the excellent entry, can double up. The somewhat trickier GRAIN DE MALICE (4) is also a recent amateur winner and the 25m advantage will do his prospects no disservice. GALATA (7) would have finished close at Challans had she not lost her action but gets another chance and can redeem herself. GOING DES TITHAIS (8) is not the most dependable of horses but will not be far off the mark if he reproduces his penultimate performance.

SELECTIONS

ENRIQUE (16) - GRAIN DE MALICE (4) - GALATA (7) - GOING DES TITHAIS (8)

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C3 - PRIX SANCHO PANCA - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - Apprentices - Mounted - EUR € 24.000

1. **HERMINA** - Solid in 2 of 3 under the saddle but disappointed last time out and will need to raise her game
2. **FILLE DU CLOS** - Has been an absolute write-off for over a year and already looks an also-ran
3. **FAKIR DE TROUSS** - Versatile type with good references in this branch of the business. Pleased at Amiens last time and, going barefoot on this occasion, should be more competitive
4. **HARMONIE DE CIGNE** - Has ability but comes here off the back of 7 straight sanctions and will have few, if any, friends
5. **FIRST DE PAQUES** - Has demonstrated decent aptitude for the discipline but takes on much better horses here and will have too much to do
6. **FURTY DEBESSE** - Much better horse in the amateur category and under harness. No chance on monté debut
7. **GINKGO ROCQ** - Modest individual that seldom makes his presence felt and is unlikely to influence the outcome
8. **HISCO DE PARNIERE** - Occasionally a handful but otherwise a faithful campaigner in this discipline. Hind shoes off this time and should not be far off the mark
9. **HARRYBEAU DE COUET** - Useful harness type but has struggled with form lately. Unlikely to spring a surprise but can still hold his own
10. **HAYRTON MAGIC** - Has made no impact in either code for 18 months and is not about to buck the trend
11. **ETOILE DE BEAUMEE** - Moderate mare that pleasantly surprised at Compiègne last time out. Races barefoot again but a repeat seems improbable
12. **EMIR DE L'ITON** - No champion but can trot. Somewhat disappointing in last 2 and, with shoes on, is unlikely to shake things up
13. **ESTIL D'OSTAL** - Has been very disappointing for some time and has no realistic chance
14. **HELLO JADE RUSH** - Honest mare that seldom lets the side down. Drops back in class after a good effort in Paris and looks competitive for a place on the podium
15. **FIRST LADY CARJAC** - Stumbled last time under the saddle but is otherwise very hard to knock. Has had time to freshen up and, if behaved, can play a role
16. **GLOIRE JOYEUSE** - Struggled earlier in the summer but has since come good again. Is not far off winning her first of the season and can give GRAND TRIO LUDOIS (18) a run for his money
17. **FASHION MAKER** - Faithful campaigner for the most part. Oddly out of sorts at Enghien but should appreciate the Argentan profile and ought not be overlooked
18. **GRAND TRIO LUDOIS** - Hardy trotter that has been in excellent shape lately. Winner of his only start at the venue and drops back in category with a good hand to play

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Summary : Very hard to fault in 3 starts over the past month, GRAND TRIO LUDOIS (18) gets on like a house on fire with William Dersoir-Habib and, already a winner here, looks the one to beat. They can nevertheless expect to feel the heat from GLOIRE JOYEUSE (16) who is clearly close to her race. Winner of her last two racing right-handed, HELLO JADE RUSH (14) is easy to like, while HISCO DE PARNIERE (8) has a 25m head-start and, with application, can get in on the action.

SELECTIONS

GRAND TRIO LUDOIS (18) - GLOIRE JOYEUSE (16) - HELLO JADE RUSH (14) - HISCO DE PARNIERE (8)

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**C4 - PRIX GIGANT NEO - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - National - Harness - EUR €
35.000**

1. KAISER LATAL - Yet to get off the mark but always gives his best. Respectable 4th to KAVIARISSIME (12) last time, but can expect to find this a much stiffer test

2. KING BLACK DANOVER - Moderate colt that made decent progress over the summer but shoes on once again and not an obvious choice

3. KAPPA - Delicate but can trot when applied. Returns from a spell though and others preferred

4. KESITO D'URVILLE - Faithful type that finished a very good 4th in the race of reference and is not one to be underestimated

5. KORONA DELADOU - Improving filly that went close here during the spring but has not been seen out for over 3 months and will be race-rusty

6. KAVALA DE PADD - Showed early promise but has struggled somewhat since being stepped up in class. Has merit though and could well eke out a spot in the first 5

7. KARNAC WOOD - Has done nothing but impress since his first steps on the track. Missed out by little to KAVIARISSIME (12) at Le Mont-Saint-Michel and looks dangerous once more

8. KILL JOY LADY - Has turned a corner since returning to competition. Makes Argentan debut on a hat-trick and, pads fitted again, can deliver

9. KARBONE CASH - No slouch but did not deliver in Paris last time out. Takes on some similarly tough horses here and will struggle to make his mark

10. KYOTO DIGEO - Not always the most dependable but has buckets of ability. Solid at Graignes 3 weeks ago and looks thoroughly capable of having his day in the sun

11. KEYBOARD - Decent trotter with solid references at this level. Failed to confirm last time out, has not been seen for 2 months, stays shod, and incurs the penalty...but can still make his presence felt

12. KAVIARISSIME - Good class of colt from a fine yard. Has been in cracking form lately and is not incapable of turning the Graignes result on its head

Summary : A good race in prospect this with four live candidates in the field. Preference this time just goes to the promising KYOTO DIGEO (10) who acquitted himself well at Graignes recently and, again looks a slightly better bet than back-row starter KAVIARISSIME (12) who finished a good runner-up to him that day. Winner on that occasion, to complement her Vincennes success, KILL JOY LADY (8) is again competitively well in, as is KARNAC WOOD (7) who has yet to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

KYOTO DIGEO (10) - KAVIARISSIME (12) - KILL JOY LADY (8) - KARNAC WOOD (7)

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C5 - PRIX FITECO - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - National - Harness - EUR € 35.000

- 1. JERICHO DU RIB** - Winner here earlier in the year but has disappointed lately and needs to get his house in order
- 2. JEANBAT DANOVER** - Has merit but has been showing his temperament recently and, even going barefoot, is unlikely to attract much support
- 3. JOAL DU RIB** - Tough trotter that has shown a different side since starting to race barefoot, but has other priorities this time and best to hold off
- 4. JUNE D'ERABLE** - Progressive filly that went into her spell on a high note. Has not been seen out since though and others preferred this time
- 5. JACADI D'ARGILIN** - Tough type that is hard to knock when unshod. Returns to racing clockwise after failing to fire in Paris and, barefoot this time, could well upset the apple-cart
- 6. JERZINO VICI** - In the frame in 5 of last 6. Stays shod this time though and others preferred
- 7. JEROBOAM D'ERABLE** - Better under the saddle but showed his form at Graignes mid-October and, in similar shape, can challenge for a place in the frame
- 8. JUNIOR DU CHERISAY** - In cracking form over past 4.5 months. Is confirmed at Argentan, sports a new shoeing configuration, and looks a player
- 9. JOUVENCE DE CAREL** - Delicate filly but has no shortage of ability. Returns to a proven shoeing formula and, if fully fit, can play a leading role
- 10. JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL** - Hardy colt that got back in the game at Caen a fortnight ago. Shod similarly this time and, with a 25m head-start on JASON (11), looks a serious proposition
- 11. JASON** - Quality individual that made a winning comeback at Vire last month. Pads fitted this time and, despite the handicap, has every chance of doubling up

Summary : A veritable force in late-spring, JASON (11) took little time getting back in shape after his summer break and although alone on the 2nd line, he is unbeaten with front pads fitted and legitimately bids to keep that status intact. JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (10) benefits from an excellent engagement here and, 25m better off, can improve on his recent Caen performance. Twice a Vincennes winner last winter, JOUVENCE DE CAREL (9) has one race under her belt, is shod to preference, and it would be no surprise to see her getting straight back in the game. JUNIOR DU CHERISAY (8) turned a corner earlier in the year, won here during the summer, is competitively-shod, and must be respected.

SELECTIONS

JASON (11) - JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (10) - JOUVENCE DE CAREL (9) - JUNIOR DU CHERISAY (8)

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C6 - PRIX ERIC THE EEL - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 24.000

1. **HIBISCUS DE MAISY** - Has picked up a bunch of prizemoney since the spring. Somewhat below-par at Meslay though, steps up in class, and is unlikely to shake things up
2. **HUB** - Tough nut to crack when focused. Oddly out of sorts at Cabourg but is shod differently, with Lebourgeois reining, and is expected to make amends
3. **HERMES EXPRESS** - Excellent campaigner that keeps getting better. Entrusted to the champion driver again and has every chance of imposing
4. **HELALI DE MONTCEAU** - Capable mare that reassured behind HOSCOTTE DE MAUPAS (12) at Enghien last month but still has a lot of ground to make up
5. **HEARTBREAKER WELL** - Fine campaigner in the monté code. Here for reasons of conditioning and will pose no danger
6. **HAMLET DE CALVI** - Fine trotter that has won his last 2 going right-handed. Is plainly at the top of his game and looks a player
7. **HALIZEE DES ISLES** - Seldom gets her nose in front but has been racing respectably since the summer. No chance of imposing but could still get a look in
8. **HELLO JOHN** - Useful sort but has placed just once in 3 starts here and, shod for the occasion, can be passed over
9. **HETRE D'OURVILLE** - Moderate type that pleased here earlier in the year before losing his way. Unraced since late July and will need the run
10. **HIDALGO DU RIB** - Has made very little impact in either discipline since last winter and can be confidently ruled out
11. **HEMERA TURGOT** - Reliability not her thing but can trot. Has twice failed to convince lately though and cannot be considered a priority
12. **HOSCOTTE DE MAUPAS** - A veritable metronome returning to the provinces in excellent shape. Missed out by the smallest of margins at Enghien and is not incapable of winning this time
13. **HEROINE DES LANDES** - Acquits herself well for the most part when barefoot. Showed improvement at Enghien last month and can pick up another cheque
14. **HAIKIDO** - No champion but always gives what he can. Benefits from a superb entry and, in current form, is hard to ignore

Summary : A fairly open contest this with the nod just marginally going to the consistent HERMES EXPRESS (3) who is reunited with Eric Raffin for whom he won at Saint-Malo. HOSCOTTE DE MAUPAS (12) has climbed the class ladder superbly though and, in current form, looks a serious proposition. The delicate HUB (2) is competitively-shod for his return to competition and, already a winner at the venue, will have his chances. HAMLET DE CALVI (6) has hardly stepped a foot wrong since the spring and justifiably bids to set his Argentan record straight.

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HERMES EXPRESS (3) - HOSCOTTE DE MAUPAS (12) - HUB (2) - HAMLET DE CALVI (6)
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C7 - PRIX XAVIER CAVEY - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - National - Harness - EUR € 40.000

- 1. INDIGO DU PERCHE** - Acquits himself well for the most part but has not done enough to be considered a player here
- 2. IVRESSE NONANTAISE** - In the frame in 3 of last 4 when racing with pads. Has no particular love for Argentan though and can be passed over
- 3. IQUITO PLANCHETTE** - Pleasantly surprised when runner-up to INES DE LA ROUVRE (7) in the race of reference but subsequently failed to confirm and no more than a minor place prospect
- 4. IOUP LA BOUM** - Always gives his best but is one of the more modest elements in the field and can be ruled out
- 5. IDEAL DE SASSY** - Decent trotter that sprang quite the surprise at Caen recently. Unlikely to beat ICONE D'ERABLE (9) this time but can still figure prominently
- 6. IDOLE JALLERIE** - Never far from losing her action but has otherwise been enjoying a fruitful run. Competitively-shod this time and, on good behaviour, can go close
- 7. INES DE LA ROUVRE** - Tough type that has done nothing but improve lately. Rewarded with success last time and, although unlikely to repeat, should still give a good account of herself
- 8. IRIS DU PERCHE** - Fine servant that consistently finishes in the thick of things. Impressed at Caen and, barefoot this time, will be considerably more competitive
- 9. ICONE D'ERABLE** - Tough mare getting her winter campaign off in earnest. Front shoes off for the occasion and will be no easy prey for INDIAN PACIFIC (11)
- 10. INDICE DU CAIEU** - Better sort under the saddle but did reassure at Caen last time barefoot. On this occasion though he appears to have his work cut out
- 11. INDIAN PACIFIC** - Classy individual that has done everything right since the spring. Comes here fresh, with Raffin at the helm, and looks a leading contender
- 12. I RUN DE JANEIRO** - Can trot but has not progressed as originally hoped and, in this company, has no chance
- 13. IGGYPOP D'HERFRAIE** - Fine servant with an enviable strike-rate. Shoes on for first start since the spell though and best to hold off
- 14. ICEBERG BLANC** - Can trot when he puts his mind to it but latest performances have done nothing to inspire confidence
- 15. IDEAL DANCER** - Faithful trotter that thrives at Argentan. Has had time to freshen up but the extra 25m will do him no favours
- 16. IDEFIX DE CENTULE** - Blows hot and cold but could manage only 5th to IDEFIX DE CENTULE (16) at Le Mont-Saint-Michel and is unlikely to improve on that

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Summary : Certainly better with shoes off, INDIAN PACIFIC (11) nevertheless has excellent references racing both right-handed and shod. He has not been seen out for almost 2 months but is reunited with Eric Raffin, for whom he has never disappointed, and can confirm his Vincennes success. That said, the good ICONE D'ERABLE (9) will be fit by now and, with front pads fitted this time, can get straight down to business. As consistent as they come, IRIS DU PERCHE (8) showed his form at Caen and, racing barefoot this time, will be no pushover. IDEAL DE SASSY (5) has been showing his intentions recently and is unlikely to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

INDIAN PACIFIC (11) - ICONE D'ERABLE (9) - IRIS DU PERCHE (8) - IDEAL DE SASSY (5)

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C8 - PRIX PAUL BUQUET - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - Internationale - Harness - EUR € 53.000

1. **FLOPY RUSH** - Useful sort that is destined to continue his career under the saddle and has nothing to offer
2. **HELIOS SI** - Hardy type that has produced some good runs this season. Unplaced last time but drops marginally in category and, twice a winner from 3 here, will garner support
3. **GOULETTE** - Serious mare that appears to have lost nothing following her long layoff. Encouraged at Caen last time and, with modified shoeing, can play a role
4. **GARDE A VOUS** - Hard to knock when he can keep his action together. Is shod to preference after 2 return runs and, from the front row, can make his presence felt
5. **INSTINCT D'AM** - Has not got his nose in front for over 2 years but always gives his best. Showed improvement at Chartres but still not a priority
6. **GARDNER SHAW** - Quality individual that seldom disappoints when barefoot. Pleased, despite some poor luck at Vincennes, and with a clear run, can more than make amends
7. **FOREVER SPEED** - Has done nothing of note for past 18 months and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
8. **ENDURO** - Impressed on numerous occasions last season but has failed to reignite that fire and others easier to back
9. **GILMOUR** - Pleased during the spring and summer before losing his way. Shoes back on and no threat
10. **FILOU DE CHARDET** - Respectable for the most part but below-par in last 2 and will struggle to get in on the action this time
11. **HERADAMES** - Simply superb before being sent for a spell. Is barefoot following his return run and, from the front line, can win this
12. **GALA DE CRENNES** - Has placed just once in 5 here but is presently on a fine run and should not be underestimated
13. **INOUI DANICA** - Monté horse still being conditioned following a long layoff and can be confidently passed over
14. **IMPRESSIONIST** - Capable but not the most reliable of trotters. Won a Vincennes Gr.3 on penultimate start and, even racing shod, should not be far from the action
15. **FIASCHETTO** - Considerably better in the other branch of the business and the 50m handicap will do him no favours
16. **GITANO** - A model of consistency with form at a superior level. On the 2nd line here but still looks a serious threat to HERADAMES (11)
17. **EMERAUDE DE BAIS** - Excellent servant but has not been seen out for over 3 months and, with shoes on, will not be troubling the opposition
18. **GRANVILLAISE BLEUE** - Classy monté mare preparing for a winter campaign in Paris and best to hold off

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Summary : Versatile and battle-hardened, HERADAMES (11) will have been prepared with care for his first barefoot appearance of the autumn and can get it off to a winning start. David Thomain will still be conscious of the classy GITANO (16) who starts just 25m behind him. As useful racing one way as the other, GARDNER SHAW (6) showed his form at Vincennes last month and will be competitive from the front line. GALA DE CRENNES (12) incurs the penalty but has been enjoying a decent run of form lately and has every chance of trotting his way onto the podium.

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HERADAMES (11) - GITANO (16) - GARDNER SHAW (6) - GALA DE CRENNES (12)