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C1 - PRIX NOSTALGIE - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 6.000

- 1. GEORGIO HAUFOR** - Proven at a better level but is not easy to trust. Takes a notable dip in class though and can begin to resurface
- 2. ENZO DHELPA** - Unexceptional trotter with little hope in this company and can be confidently disregarded
- 3. EXO DES LOUANGES** - Not the most dependable but is never to be underestimated and is well-drawn here. Reassured at Vincennes and, with application, can get back in the game
- 4. EXTRA MOSSA** - Modest individual that has been off the boil for some time and will generate very little interest
- 5. GOLF DU BUISSON** - Form has regressed lately but is otherwise remarkably consistent in this category, and it is only a matter of time before he comes good again. Attention
- 6. FUN DE BANVILLE** - Sanctioned in last 2 but has exceptional amateur credentials. Starts in front and, returning to his class of preference, can put his recent mishaps behind him
- 7. FABULOUS DANCER** - Excellent servant in the amateur division. Arguably better racing clockwise but, in current form, is hard to ignore
- 8. GENIE D'ATTAQUE** - Won at this level during the summer but has done little of note since and others preferred
- 9. GOLD DE LA COUDRE** - Occasionally a handful but has significant amateur references. Showed marked improvement at Vincennes last time and, with form maintained, can again figure prominently
- 10. HORUSKO** - Faithful trotter that seldom disappoints in the amateur division but takes on better this time and chances limited

Summary : Complicated he might be but FUN DE BANVILLE (6) has nothing to prove in this category; he excels at the venue these days and can return to winning ways. He is set to be opposed though by the better-placed EXO DES LOUANGES (3) who will be dangerous if he can replicate his Vincennes performance, and GOLF DU BUISSON (5) who excels here and can make up for his recent lacklustre runs. FABULOUS DANCER (7) has found his niche in the amateur category and, even going left-handed this time, still looks competitively well in.

SELECTIONS

FUN DE BANVILLE (6) - EXO DES LOUANGES (3) - GOLF DU BUISSON (5) - FABULOUS DANCER (7)

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C2 - PRIX JOA DU RESTAURANT EIFFEL - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 17.500

- 1. JOLIE ROMANCE** - In the thick of things for the most part. Returns to racing barefoot and should be capable of giving JALAPENO (8) a run for his money
- 2. JAZZ DE BLARY** - Showed promise at 3 but has failed to live up to expectations and is unlikely to influence the result
- 3. JOLIESSE CASTELETS** - Tricky character that tends to show more in the claiming division and will have too much to do
- 4. JEANS HAUFOR** - Blows hot and cold but is not without merit. Reassured at Le Mans last time and, from the 4-spot, can put on a decent show
- 5. JOSS D'ATTAQUE** - Unlikely to lose his maiden tag but benefits from a very good entry and can put his latest effort behind him
- 6. JULES D'ERPION** - Looked to be coming into form during the summer but subsequently lost his way. Barefoot this time though and will be worth keeping an eye on
- 7. JUNKY DE CHENU** - Has evident talent but also has a temperament. Is clearly in excellent shape however and, competitively-shod this time, looks a player
- 8. JALAPENO** - Sanctioned as often as not but has the quality to win a race of this nature and, with a leading driver reining, will be afforded every chance
- 9. JADE MAHAL** - Very disappointing since winning at Angoulême last season and can be passed over
- 10. JELOURA** - Not the easiest to handle but showed her form last weekend. Front pads fitted this time and, if behaved, can get a look in
- 11. JELLY BELLY FOSCA** - Yet to show her true colours but appears to be on the way up. Handed a 2nd-line draw but, in this company, should not be far off the mark
- 12. JAROD MADRIK** - Not devoid of ability but seldom manages to stay in stride and will have few friends

Summary : Despite a tough start to his career, JALAPENO (8) has started to come good this season and, with Matthieu Abrivard in charge, can defy the draw and win this time. The consistent JOLIE ROMANCE (1) is better-positioned in front though and, barefoot for the occasion, can apply the pressure. JOSS D'ATTAQUE (5) is still chasing that elusive first win but always gives his best and can figure prominently. Twice a winner in his last 4 starts, JUNKY DE CHENU (7) races first time unshod behind and, with application, can go far.

SELECTIONS

JALAPENO (8) - JOLIE ROMANCE (1) - JOSS D'ATTAQUE (5) - JUNKY DE CHENU (7)

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**C3 - PRIX JOA DU CARRE D'AS - 2625m (a1 5/8m) - National - Harness -
EUR € 26.000**

- 1. KINDER QUICK** - Winner in both codes last winter. Unraced since and will be race-rusty
- 2. KISS CARISAIE** - Hardy filly that opened her account last time out. Has not been seen since though, and shod for re-entry, is unlikely to shake things up
- 3. KARMA** - Excellent campaigner that cannot be faulted. Goes left-handed for the first time and will be no soft touch if he turns
- 4. KAISER CHANCE** - Hardy sort that can lose focus but reassured in Paris last time. Rochard has maintained faith and, 25m better off, can give KIWI A TROIS (9) something to think about
- 5. KOZIELLO DE LOU** - Never far from faulting but has bags of ability. In better company this time but, with application, should still be able to hold his own
- 6. KING OF DAY** - Occasionally a tricky customer but got back in the game at Cabourg recently. Fitted with pads for the occasion but faces a much stiffer test this time around
- 7. KIVALA RENARDIER** - Has not stepped a foot out of place since her victorious debut. Takes on the colts on her first start back though and looks more a place prospect this time around
- 8. KILLER DE CAHOT** - Faithful servant that has never failed to deliver here. Encouraged at Le Mans a month back and, with form maintained, can trot his way onto the podium
- 9. KIWI A TROIS** - Serious future prospect that more than pleased on re-entry. Will have come on for the run and looks set to increase his win-rate
- 10. KUNG FU QUICK** - Quality colt from a yard in excellent form. Sanctioned in last 2 but will be no pushover if he manages to keep his action together

Summary : Most impressive earlier in the year, KIWI A TROIS (9) made a very good comeback a fortnight ago and, even from the second line, can add another score to his tally. The complicated but capable KAISER CHANCE (4) never disappoints when focused and the 25m head-start will only work to his advantage. KILLER DE CAHOT (8) has acquitted himself well since his spring debut, appreciates the venue and, in present form, is easy to like. KUNG FU QUICK (10) has been a handful lately and starts on the back line but, if applied, could well wrap this up.

SELECTIONS

KIWI A TROIS (9) - KAISER CHANCE (4) - KILLER DE CAHOT (8) - KUNG FU QUICK (10)

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**C4 - PRIX JOA CLUB ARGENT - 2625m (a1 5/8m) - National - Harness -
EUR € 20.000**

- 1. JASMIN DU LUPIN** - Oddly out of sorts at Cholet but has otherwise been in fine form. Takes on some good horses here but appreciates La Rochelle, starts in front, and can play a small role
- 2. JACOBSON** - Showed early promise but has failed to come good and, even from the front row, appears to have little to offer
- 3. JACKPOTINA** - Hardy element that seldom disappoints when barefoot. Tenacious winner last time out and is unlikely to disappoint
- 4. JICOMTE** - Honest sort that got back in the winners' enclosure last time out. Comes here fresh but in better company this time and the extra 25m only compounds matters
- 5. JET JET JET** - Serious trotter with an exceptional strike-rate. Has one race under his belt and, shod to preference this time, will be no easy game
- 6. JOB DES MOLLES** - Tricky type but has talent in abundance. Unraced for 4.5 months but can make a good go of this even if only at 75%
- 7. JACANA** - Winner here last season and has ample ability, but has yet to get into her stride this term and best to wait
- 8. JUSSEO** - Dynamic type that has climbed the class ladder well. Trounced the opposition last time out and looks eminently capable of repeating
- 9. JAHINA VITA** - Has struggled to make her mark at Vincennes lately but is plainly at the top of her game and, proven at the venue, can play a prominent role

Summary : Barring a blip in Paris late September, JUSSEO (8) has otherwise been an exceptional campaigner and, given how he won at Borély, will again take all the beating. Alexandre Bodin will still be wary of the quick JAHINA VITA (9) who faces a less difficult task than she did in the capital recently. JOB DES MOLLES (6) won 3 from 4 before being sent for a break and, although unseen since, he can still put up considerable resistance. JET JET JET (5) won 6-in-a-row earlier in the year and, unshod behind after a recent freshener, is not incapable of setting the cat among the pigeons.

SELECTIONS

JUSSEO (8) - JAHINA VITA (9) - JOB DES MOLLES (6) - JET JET JET (5)

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**C5 - PRIX JOA CLUB OR - 2625m (a1 5/8m) - European - Mounted - EUR €
30.000**

1. HAPPY FEW (SWE) - Quality Swedish import that has taken well to French conditions. Impressed 1st time under the saddle and a similar effort would see him win this

2. GOAL DE LA MORTRIE - Useful when applied but has just one race under his belt and, even though unshod, still looks to have too much to do

3. HAPPY DU LAS VEGAS - Has enjoyed a fine run of form since the summer months. Prepped for this under harness and, shod to preference this time, looks a player

4. GLOBAL LOVER - Respectable nordic import taking his first steps under the saddle but seems to be facing too stiff a test

5. FAVORI JET - Not the most reliable but has references at this level. Barefoot this time and, if focused, can make his mark

6. FILOU DU RAVARY - Currently less consistent than he was during the summer. Is better racing right-handed and chances appear limited

7. HELIUM DE L'ITON - Blows hot and cold but is not without merit. Showed improvement at Toulouse but still has more to find

8. HERMES ANGEL - Has not got his nose in front since the winter but is seldom far from the action and, considering his summer effort here, will have every chance of making the frame

9. HELITLOPET - Group-winning trotter that lost his way at 4. Just recently returned from a long absence and, even with hind shoes off, is unlikely to spring a surprise

Summary : Solid under harness, HAPPY FEW (SWE) (1) recently demonstrated excellent aptitude for the monté code and, starting on the front line, can open his account. That being said, HAPPY DU LAS VEGAS (3) has been held back for this and, competitively-shod for the occasion, can play a leading role. HERMES ANGEL (8) always gives his best, is confirmed here, and although incurring the handicap, still looks competitively well in. FAVORI JET (5) may not be everyone's cup of tea but he pleased here during the summer and could pleasantly surprise.

SELECTIONS

**HAPPY FEW (SWE) (1) - HAPPY DU LAS VEGAS (3) - HERMES ANGEL (8) - FAVORI JET
(5)**

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**C6 - PRIX JOA CLUB PLATINUM - 2625m (a1 5/8m) - National - Harness -
EUR € 26.000**

- 1. IDEAL FONGUILLERES** - Modest individual with no references at this level and can expect to have too much to do
- 2. IMPERATOR D'ELA** - Tricky type but is not devoid of ability. Failed to confirm his Chartres victory though and chances limited
- 3. IAKIM** - Has made little impact in either code for some time and, in this category, has no realistic chance
- 4. ILONA DE NERET** - Tends to be seen a level down but is a good finisher and has been in fine shape this season. Starts on the front line and is not going to be far from the action
- 5. INES D'HERMES** - Considerably better under the saddle. Currently enduring a shocking run and will have few, if any, friends
- 6. IGOR DU PARC** - Quality element in the other branch of the business. Is still being conditioned and can be passed over
- 7. INSTINCTIF** - Excellent servant that seldom lets the side down but has not been seen out since May and, with just front pads fitted, looks more a minor place prospect
- 8. ICI PARIS EFJI** - Useful sort that seldom disappoints when unshod, but has other priorities and not an obvious choice
- 9. IVRAM** - Disappointing last time when barefoot but has form at the venue. On the 2nd line though and others preferred
- 10. ILE AUX MOINES** - Well-regarded mare with form in this category. Has one race in her since the layoff and, with front pads fitted, can make her presence felt
- 11. IN LOVE MESLOIS** - Very hard to knock at this level of competition. Went close on his lone appearance here and, barefoot for his first goal of the new season, is not expected to disappoint
- 12. IUQUEM** - Seen more often than not at a superior level, and always gives his best. Drops in category and looks a major player
- 13. ICARE DU VENT** - Hardy trotter with a fine strike-rate. Has never disappointed at the venue and, barefoot this time, looks the one to beat

Summary : The main protagonists here start on the back line, with the La Rochelle-loving ICARE DU VENT (13) a leading contender as he returns to the venue with shoes off. Lamy can still expect to feel the heat from IUQUEM (12) who drops back down the class ladder with a legitimate chance of making amends for his Vincennes sanction. The talented but tricky IN LOVE MESLOIS (11) has one race under his belt and, if fully fit, can make a big splash. ILONA DE NERET (4) comes here fresh, is 25m better off, and being entrusted to Benjamin Rochard will do her prospects no disservice.

SELECTIONS

ICARE DU VENT (13) - IUQUEM (12) - IN LOVE MESLOIS (11) - ILONA DE NERET (4)

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C7 - GRAND PRIX BARON D'ARDEUIL AOC BUZET - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 30.000

1. **GERONIMO FUEGO** - Serious trotter that went into his break on a good note. Will be fit for his first objective of the new season, simply thrives at the venue, and can get straight down to business
2. **FAUST LUDOIS** - Has ability but reliability not his strong suit. Bites off more than he can chew here and others preferred
3. **GEDEON DAIRPET** - Has not won for 17 months but always gives what he can. Benefits from a good draw, gets an Anthony Barrier drive for the occasion, and is expected to show improvement
4. **GREYSON** - Has failed to make his mark in either discipline for some time and can expect to have few takers
5. **GAROU DES CHALIERS** - Quality individual with superb Châtelailon-La Rochelle credentials but is shod for his return from a spell and best to hold off
6. **GENERAL D'AMOUR** - Versatile sort that reassured at Amiens last weekend. Is confirmed at the venue and should not be far from the action
7. **FAX MADRIK** - Mixes the good with the less good but left a good impression last time out and, from the front row, can give this a good go
8. **FERIA DE LIGNY** - Had been struggling with form until reassuring last time out. Not ideally drawn though and is unlikely to be quite as competitive on this occasion
9. **GAUCHO DE LA NOUE** - Excellent over the summer but below-par in last two. Did not win the lottery in the draw stakes either and others easier to back
10. **GUYANE GEMA** - Was enjoying a productive run of form before taking on too much in Paris. Takes a dip in class though and, even from the 2nd line, can play a prominent role
11. **GIBALDI DE HOUELLE** - Has been acquitting himself well of late. Backs up after encouraging at Le Croisé-Laroche on Wednesday and should not be ignored
12. **FILOU NICAUX** - Good consistent campaigner that has previously won here but is still being conditioned and not an obvious choice this time around
13. **FEEL COOL D'EB** - Modest type with better prospects in the other code and can be ruled out
14. **GOLDEN SAUTONNE** - Not the easiest of horses to trust but has nothing to prove at this level. Handed a tough draw but will be fit and, with application, will have his chances

Summary : Very impressive over the summer, GERONIMO FUEGO (1) will be fit by now following his spell and, shod to preference, can get back to doing what he does best. Olivier Raffin will still be keeping an eye on the less-favourably placed GUYANE GEMA (10) who drops to a more suitable category this time around. GOLDEN SAUTONNE (14) has 2 races under his belt since the layoff, is barefoot for the occasion and, despite the draw, nevertheless looks a player. FAX MADRIK (7) showed marked improvement at Segré 3 weeks ago and, with form maintained, can again go close.

SELECTIONS

GERONIMO FUEGO (1) - GUYANE GEMA (10) - GOLDEN SAUTONNE (14) - FAX MADRIK (7)

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C8 - GRAND PRIX DU CASINO JOA DE CHATELLAILON - 2600m (a1 5/8m) - Group 3 - Harness - EUR € 64.000

- 1. HEADSCOTT** - Tricky character but has been in cracking shape lately. Flew up in a tough event at La Capelle last time and the front-row start will only enhance his prospects
- 2. HAPPYJO DE LIGNY** - Fine trotter that seldom lets the side down. Took no time getting back in shape and, from the front line, is not incapable of confirming
- 3. EDEN DE L'ITON** - Handy sort that recently won a Vincennes claimer with ease. Is proven at a superior level though and will be competitive for a place in the frame
- 4. FIESTA DU BELVER** - Has evident talent but has been off the boil since the spring and must get her house in order
- 5. FORUM MESLOIS** - A veritable write-off for the past 2 years and can be confidently ruled out
- 6. FIESTA DE FROULAY** - Returns to the harness code after a solid stint under the saddle. Is proven here but represents no more than a minor place chance
- 7. HASTRONAUTE** - Gr.1 winner at 2 before losing his way. Is clearly back at his best though and returns to Group-class competition with a good hand to play
- 8. FILOU D'ANJOU** - Hard to fault in either code for some time but stays shod on this occasion and will have other priorities
- 9. DOUXOR DE GUEZ** - No slouch but did please in a similar event here earlier in the year. On this occasion though, looks outclassed

Summary : Back at the top of his game after a luckless 2022, HASTRONAUTE (7) took no time getting back down to business after the break and, even though on the second line, still looks marginally better than recent winners, stablemate HAPPYJO DE LIGNY (2), and HEADSCOTT (1), both of which break with a 25m advantage. EDEN DE L'ITON (3) also won last time out but steps up from the claiming category; he does however receive an Anthony Barrier drive and, from the first row, should not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

HASTRONAUTE (7) - HAPPYJO DE LIGNY (2) - HEADSCOTT (1) - EDEN DE L'ITON (3)