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R1 LA CAPELLE [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU CREDIT AGRICOLE NORD-EST - 2700m (a1 11/16m) -
European-Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 35.000**

- 1. FILARETE DU VERGER** - Regular for the most part but loses her action from time to time. Is confirmed here though and, on good behaviour, can figure prominently
- 2. DIWI D'OCCAGNES** - Plainly capable but has struggled with stride issues since winning at Vincennes earlier in the summer and will need to get his house in order
- 3. FIRST IN LOVE** - Has shown a better side of himself since late spring. Has a decent entry and, while unlikely to open his 2023 account, should still acquit himself competitively
- 4. HEART OF GOLD** - Previously a good sort but lost his way late last season. First start back and, even though barefoot, will still need the run
- 5. EQUEJUELO** - Has considerable ability and is proven at a superior level. Returns to his code of preference and, with Eric Raffin reining, can make a big splash
- 6. FALCAO DE CHENU** - Unremarkable sort that showed signs of a return to form at Ostende, but subsequently failed to confirm and will have few takers
- 7. FORBAN** - Unexceptional on the whole for some time and latest efforts insufficient to garner much support
- 8. FAYETTE** - Not always the most reliable but made up at Vincennes recently for her flop here late July. Competitively shod again and should not be overlooked
- 9. FAKIR DE GESVRES** - Out of the picture since winning a claimer in the spring, and expectations again exceeding reality
- 10. BENJAMIN (ITY)** - Has looked decidedly ordinary since leaving Italy. Returns to racing barefoot though, and should generate some interest
- 11. DORUN BEAM** - Finished 3rd over course and distance late July. Less performant last time but is not incapable of starting to get back on track
- 12. BRILLANT FERM** - Occasionally tricky but otherwise seldom lets the side down. Lost his action in Paris last time but should appreciate these new conditions and can give KING COLE (SWE) (13) a run for his money
- 13. KING COLE (SWE)** - Serious nordic import that keeps on giving. Remarkable at Cagnes last time and, despite the draw, still looks the one to beat
- 14. LOVER BOY** - Quality element that has, however, raced just twice in the past 3 years. Hind shoes off for comeback but best to hold off

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Summary : A veritable metronome in the nordics before continuing his productive ways in France, KING COLE (SWE) (13) starts on the second line but still looks the standout contender. BRILLANT FERM (12), also on the back row, has taken almost as well to French conditions and, with application, should not disappoint. FILARETE DU VERGER (1) acquits herself well for the most part and a repeat of her Enghien performance would see her make the frame once more. Solid in his last two appearances here, EQUJUELO (5) has a fine spot in front and is not incapable of getting his nose in front.

SELECTIONS

**KING COLE (SWE) (13) - BRILLANT FERM (12) - FILARETE DU VERGER (1) -
EQUJUELO (5)**

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C2 - PRIX FRANCOIS CAILLE - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - European - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 35.000

- 1. GRAAL DU DOLLAR** - Lacklustre since placing at Amiens mid-July and appears to have no realistic chance
- 2. GENERAL** - Got back in the game with a surprise Enghien victory and, while unlikely to repeat, can still give this a good go
- 3. GO GO GIGI** - Tough mare that recently showed her form under harness. Has excellent references in the ridden code and, considering her liking for the venue, should not disappoint
- 4. GAROU DU CHENE** - Not as sharp as he once was but imposed under harness on penultimate outing and can get a look in if form transitions
- 5. GADGET DU GADE** - Has hardly set a foot wrong for some time. Has references in both codes here and, going barefoot for the occasion, looks a serious proposition
- 6. FARCEUR DE MAI** - Tricky at the best of times but has ample talent. Surprised when beating GADGET DU GADE (5) at Enghien last month but looks more a place chance this time around
- 7. GLOSSY BOY** - Useful sort that has turned a corner over recent weeks. Benefits from a good entry here and may well prove the one to beat

Summary : Enjoying something of a renaissance since returning to the monté discipline, GLOSSY BOY (7) has hardly put a foot wrong lately and looks an obvious candidate for success. Marius Durville will still be keeping a watchful eye on GADGET DU GADE (5) who has been in cracking shape since the spring. FARCEUR DE MAI (6) can prove a handful but is clearly at the top of his game and the shoeing change may be just what the doctor ordered. GO GO GIGI (3) won over course and distance last time under the saddle and returns to the code with legitimate ambition.

SELECTIONS

GLOSSY BOY (7) - GADGET DU GADE (5) - FARCEUR DE MAI (6) - GO GO GIGI (3)

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C3 - PRIX GROUPE LANIE - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - Amateurs-Autostart - Class G - Harness - EUR € 6.000

- 1. GUEPARD DU PIRE** - Not the most courageous of trotters but showed marked improvement at Strasbourg and, barefoot this time, should not be overlooked
- 2. FLASH BACK DU NORD** - Gave a good account of himself here on 2nd start back but, in this company, a repeat looks unlikely
- 3. GET IT LUNA** - Ideally-positioned in front but has been off the boil this term and chances appear slim
- 4. GONDOLIER** - Twice a winner at this level earlier in the summer, and although unplaced last time, he raced better than the result implies and deserves to be taken seriously
- 5. GOPTION MONTAVAL** - Markedly better than her formcard would suggest. Would have imposed under these conditions on penultimate start had she not faulted and, on better behaviour, can set the record straight
- 6. FIER D'ARS** - Useful sort that consistently gives his best. Boasts a good record at La Capelle and looks the principal danger to GOPTION MONTAVAL (5)
- 7. FEERIE DOTI** - Modest mare that has never won at this level and is not about to break the mould
- 8. GRANDE MALICE** - Has been on a fine run of form this summer. Is unlikely to impose this time but is never one to be underestimated and can trot his way onto the podium
- 9. GREFFIERS FLINOIS** - Won twice at this level before pleasing under the saddle at Strasbourg and, even with shoes on, can still get in on the action

Summary : It may not be the biggest of fields but it's still an open affair. There will be considerable support for GOPTION MONTAVAL (5) though who is capable of winning in this class provided she can keep her action together. FIER D'ARS (6), on the other hand, is significantly more reliable and, in present form, is hard to ignore. GRANDE MALICE (8) has been handed an unfavourable draw, but is clearly in form and backs up with justified ambition. Confirmed in this class, and recently reinvigorated in the professional ranks, GUEPARD DU PIRE (1) has the inside line and is sure to generate interest.

SELECTIONS

GOPTION MONTAVAL (5) - FIER D'ARS (6) - GRANDE MALICE (8) - GUEPARD DU PIRE (1)

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**C4 - PRIX DE LA SAUR - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - National - Autostart - Class D -
Harness - EUR € 23.000**

- 1. JIRENZO** - Good future prospect that won twice here earlier in the year. Has never been properly tested over shorter distances but will be fully fit and still looks a serious player
- 2. JENNY BEACH** - Has proved somewhat tricky these days but has pleased in better company this summer and, with application, can make a big splash
- 3. JAMBAVATI** - Disappointing on the whole for some time and, even from the 3-spot, still looks properly outclassed
- 4. JET DES BAUX** - Has ample ability but not currently firing on all cylinders. Has an excellent entry though and, in this category, will have his chances
- 5. JUPITER TURGOT** - Capricious type that appears to be somewhat back on track. Tries going barefoot for just the second time and, if applied, can get a look in
- 6. JAGUAR'S EYES** - Not always the most reliable but has merit. Disappointed last time with pads fitted though and not an obvious choice
- 7. JAVA DE CASTELLE** - Handy mare that appreciates these shorter trips. Not ideally placed but is in decent shape and can make her presence felt
- 8. JALNA ROSA CLUB** - Temperamental filly but recently showed her form at Strasbourg. Steps up in category but has hind shoes off for the first time and, despite the draw, looks competitively well in
- 9. JULIANO DE PLAY** - Unremarkable sort with better references at a lower level and the draw only adds to his problems

Summary : Rarely far from the action when she can stay in stride, JENNY BEACH (2) is nevertheless in form and, if focused, can return to winning ways. She is still going to encounter opposition from the progressive JIRENZO (1) who will be fully fit following a pair of comeback runs. Benefiting from a good entry here, JET DES BAUX (4) has the plum spot in front and, with hind pads fitted, must be afforded due respect. JAVA DE CASTELLE (7) starts wide, but always gives what she can, and over these shorter trips is very hard to fault.

SELECTIONS

JENNY BEACH (2) - JIRENZO (1) - JET DES BAUX (4) - JAVA DE CASTELLE (7)

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C5 - PRIX C.P.M. - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 27.000

- 1. GNAQUE** - Has merit but is as inclement as the wind. Encouraged at Montier-en-Der last time but still no more than a minor place chance
- 2. GO CHICAGO** - Seldom gets his nose in front but rarely far off the mark when barefoot. Appreciates La Capelle and is well-placed to give this a good go
- 3. GAMINE DE RIBEAU** - Tough type that rarely disappoints. Has fine credentials in this category and, with a front-line start, will be no pushover
- 4. FRONSAC DE BOMO** - Quality trotter that has not finished out of the frame in last 5. Is confirmed in this category and, from the front row, can open his La Capelle account
- 5. GAULE ROMAINE** - Hardy element that has done nothing but improve this summer. Has pleased in similar company and can challenge for a place in the frame
- 6. FILS D'HAUFOR** - Below-par since placing at Abbeville almost three months ago and will have his work cut out
- 7. GIBUS DE NAVARY** - No slouch on a good day but lacklustre in last two and, from the second row, has limited chances
- 8. FLEURON D'IROISE** - Modest individual that rarely makes his presence felt. Takes a big dip in class but others still preferred
- 9. FALCON JET** - Blows hot and cold but has turned a corner since returning to racing barefoot. Drops back in class and, even from the second line, can bring home the bacon

Summary : As consistent as they come over recent months, FRONSAC DE BOMO (4) is close to his race and with a front-line start can finally return to the winners' circle. Even though 25m worse off, FALCON JET (9) has won two of his last three, including over track and trip, and despite the change in shoeing, still looks a major player. GAMINE DE RIBEAU (3) has won in both amateur and professional ranks this year and impressed behind Verva's mare here last month. GAULE ROMAINE (5) is forced to break from the back this time but has been going well lately, and her latest Laval performance bodes well for her prospects.

SELECTIONS

FRONSAC DE BOMO (4) - FALCON JET (9) - GAMINE DE RIBEAU (3) - GAULE ROMAINE (5)

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**C6 - PRIX PIERRE COIGNARD - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - Autostart - Class D -
Harness - EUR € 27.000**

- 1. ICARE DE LA DORETE** - Has done nothing noteworthy so far this year and is not about to spring any surprises
- 2. IMPACT DES BAUX** - Temperamental type but hard to fault when applied. Pleased on lone appearance here and, from the 2-spot, can apply the pressure
- 3. IZARA DE VIETTE** - Never far from losing her action but otherwise a fine mare. Thrives at La Capelle and is ideally-positioned to win this
- 4. HORSERIS** - Handy dual-purpose trotter and currently in form but climbs the class ladder and will struggle to make his mark
- 5. HURON** - Useful sort in this category. Made a fine re-entry, will have come on for the run and, hind shoes off for the occasion, will be no pushover
- 6. IMPERIAL MARANDAIS** - Not as sharp since his last victory but usually picks up a cheque in this category and will have his supporters
- 7. HERMINE DE RHEVE** - Not the most reliable horse here but gave an excellent account last time out and will have her chances if Verva stays vigilant
- 8. IVANA DE BERTRANGE** - Decent mare in both codes and has respectable references in this class. Unlikely to get her nose in front but can still pick up some prizemoney
- 9. HAZEL DOPE** - Unremarkable mare that has looked rather ordinary lately. Appreciates La Capelle but is badly-drawn and still has a lot to find

Summary : Delicate she may be but IZARA DE VIETTE (3) is dynamic when focused and, given her love for La Capelle, and her position behind the car, she could well win this. It is unlikely to be all plane sailing though if the talented, but no less capricious, IMPACT DES BAUX (2) stays in stride. After a solid comeback late last month, HURON (5) races unshod behind and, from the 5-spot, will be competitive. HERMINE DE RHEVE (7) alternates the good with the less good, but can play a role if she stays focused.

SELECTIONS

IZARA DE VIETTE (3) - IMPACT DES BAUX (2) - HURON (5) - HERMINE DE RHEVE (7)

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C7 - GRAND PRIX FEDERATION REGIONALE DU NORD - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - International-Autostart - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- 1. HORSY DREAM** - Classy individual with credentials at a superior level. Pleased on comeback and looks set to maintain his successful ways
- 2. HAPPY VALLEY** - Honest and tough mare that appears to be back at her best. Excellent at Argentan last month and is sufficiently well-placed to apply the pressure on HORSY DREAM (1)
- 3. FRIC DU CHENE** - Regularly bites off more than he can chew but, with some luck in running, can pick up a cheque
- 4. ELIE DE BEAUFOR** - Fine trotter that has been knocking at the door lately. Close to HAPPY VALLEY (2) at Argentan, is unbeaten at La Capelle, and should again figure prominently
- 5. ECLAT DE GLOIRE** - Good old soul that can still pull out the stops. Pleased behind HELIADE DU GOUTIER (7) at Cagnes, is well-placed in front, and should not disappoint
- 6. HUSSARD DU LANDRET** - Decent trotter for the most part but has not been seen out since April and, with shoes on, will have nothing to offer
- 7. HELIADE DU GOUTIER** - Quality element that defied her odds to finish 2nd in a Cagnes Gr.2 recently. Starts wide here but will still have her chances
- 8. ELVIS DU VALLON** - Honest trotter that seldom lets the side down. Encouraged at Argentan, entrusted to Nivard this time, and will not be far off the mark if he can successfully negotiate the start
- 9. SELF EXPLOSIVE** - Useful sort in both codes but has no references at this level in France and will have his work cut out
- 10. DOMINO DE LA BRISE** - Showed a brief return to form at Villeréal six weeks ago but has no realistic chance this time
- 11. DEUS ZACK** - Has bags of ability but not the most dependable. Somewhat below-par at Argentan but can still challenge for a place in the first 5

Summary : Dual Gr.1 winner, and recently successful on his summer bow, HORSY DREAM (1) races unshod behind this time and will garner the lion's share of support. That said, he will be up against the better-drawn pair of HAPPY VALLEY (2) and ELIE DE BEAUFOR (4) who finished respectively 2nd and 3rd in a Gr.2 mile race at Argentan last month. Very impressive in a similar event at Cagnes 10 days ago, HELIADE DU GOUTIER (7) starts wide but still looks a major player.

SELECTIONS

HORSY DREAM (1) - HAPPY VALLEY (2) - ELIE DE BEAUFOR (4) - HELIADE DU GOUTIER (7)

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C8 - PRIX COM DE COM THIERACHE DU CENTRE - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - National - Class B - Harness - EUR € 30.000

1. **KINDER DE LA NAVE** - Unexceptional sort that springs the occasional surprise but, in this company, will have his work cut out
2. **KARAIBE DE TILLARD** - 15 runs and yet to get off the mark. Was not disgraced here on penultimate start though and will have her supporters
3. **KOELHO DE NAPPES** - Has ability but not the easiest of horses to handle. Raffin drafted in for the occasion though and it would be no surprise to see improvement
4. **KAISER DES GRANGES** - Capable colt but has not been seen since late April and is sure to need the run
5. **KISS ME DE NAVARY** - Quality filly that was beaten only by a very good horse in Paris last time. Against the boys on this occasion but, has a front-row start, and should hold her own
6. **KAVAL BOURBON** - Can prove tricky but is otherwise a useful colt. Showed his form at Enghien last time and can again figure prominently
7. **KRIS KROSS** - Smart sort looking to get that maiden monkey off his back. Has progressed well and, from the front line, should not be far off the mark
8. **KINDNESS LIAMONE** - Showed considerable promise at 2 but has been off the boil lately. Returns to racing with front pads but others still preferred
9. **KAIRA DU DAMIER** - Faithful servant for the most part. Has done nothing but improve lately and, while unlikely to impose, can still get in on the action
10. **KEMIA DU CHENE** - Well-regarded sort that encouraged in an Enghien Class B three months ago. Has not been seen since but, if fit, can give this a good go
11. **KARLSON PASS** - Decent sort in the other branch of the business. Here for reasons of conditioning and no threat
12. **KONCORD DELO** - Not entirely without merit but has struggled in both codes this term and must get his house in order
13. **KURTISS** - Has potential but sanctioned as often as not, and no chance on first start since the winter
14. **KAPTAIN DU LIAMONE** - Serious colt with nothing to prove at this level. Should appreciate the new conditions and, in current form, can have his way
15. **KISS ME SIMON** - Twice a winner when fitted with 4 pads and latterly in good order at Enghien. Has previously scored over track and trip and again looks a serious proposition
16. **KAPULA DE L'EPINE** - Delicate but talented filly. Is evidently in form but races shod this time, incurs a 50m penalty, and will have other priorities

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Summary : A progressive colt, KAPTAIN DU LIAMONE (14) seldom lets the side down and latterly acquitted himself well in good company in Paris. With form maintained, he should be able to win a race of this nature, but Alexis Prat will be wary of recent Enghien winner, KISS ME SIMON (15), who imposed over course and distance earlier in the summer. 25m better off, KRIS KROSS (7) has yet to get off the mark but he is close to his race and will be competitive. KISS ME DE NAVARY (5) takes on the colts this time but is in sufficiently good form to merit respect.

SELECTIONS

KAPTAIN DU LIAMONE (14) - KISS ME SIMON (15) - KRIS KROSS (7) - KISS ME DE NAVARY (5)