

GRANVILLE-ST-PAIR-SUR-MER [R-H] - 08 August

Race 5 - GRAND PRIX LE STELSIA CASINO DE GRANVILL - 3125m WALK-UP A580 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €45,000.

1. **ESPOIR DE MADKER** - Down the field in previous few attempts on grass in this grade. Hard to enthuse.
2. **FRANKLIN PARK** - Well held in previous couple of grass runs in this company since resuming. Others make more appeal.
3. **EMENCOURT D'AZIF** - Eight placings from thirteen grass runs including in a previous heat of this competition. Key player without shoes.
4. **FALCO D'HAVAROCHE** - No threat in both grass outings thus far. Look elsewhere.
5. **EL TIGRE SEGAH** - Experienced grass operator who placed in this class three starts ago. Strong claims.
6. **BY AND BY** - Consistent grass performer who scored in an earlier round of this competition. Notable runner racing barefoot.
7. **CARIOCA** - 1.25L success in this standard on penultimate grass run. Below par since but capable of a bold display barefoot.
8. **BE COOL D'EB** - Held eighth in a weaker walk up at Enghien eleven days ago. Could improve back on grass.
9. **EMIR DE REBOMARD** - Fair mounted type but unplaced in all driven runs to date. Opposed.
10. **DREAMER BOY** - Improved nose victory in a weaker Chateaubriant walk up last month. Solid each way claims with a favourable grass record.
11. **BLOOMER** - Safely held by Dreamer Boy in a weaker driven contest last month. Expected to struggle.
12. **BRIO DE TILLARD** - Unplaced in all driven runs. Minor role likely.
13. **CE RETOUR D'OSCAR** - Behind subsequent winners in an easier Cholet walk up 98 days ago. Among the place hopefuls.
14. **BARON DAIDOU** - Scored in three of previous five walk ups in easier company at Vincennes. Notable runner back on grass.
15. **DUEL DU GERS** - Lost unbeaten grass record second up at La Roche but improved to finish a nose second in this class at Royan three weeks ago. Tough to beat if delivering best.
16. **CLARCK SOTHO** - First grass success in a previous round of this competition run in a storm. Contender with confidence up.

Summary: DUEL DU GERS (15) holds eight wins from ten grass starts but is now on a comeback trail after losing both attempts since resuming. Came back to form with a nose runner-up effort at Royan and tough to pass if at best. BY AND BY (6) has been ultra consistent on this surface including winning an earlier heat of this competition. Leading hope. EL TIGRE SEGAH (5) brings plenty of grass experience. Strong claims. DREAMER BOY (10) bounced back to form with a Chateaubriant victory. Expect a bold display with a favourable grass record. Keep last time scorer CLARCK SOTHO (16) in mind with confidence up.

Selections

DUEL DU GERS (15) - BY AND BY (6) - EL TIGRE SEGAH (5) - DREAMER BOY (10) - CLARCK SOTHO (16)