R5 LE CROISE-LAROCHE [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE L'OLYMPIQUE MARQUOIS RUGBY - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Harness - EUR € 24.000

- **1. IBRAHIM DU RIB -** Has not won for some time but is always in the thick of things. Pleased in both starts here this year and should not be overlooked
- **2. IMAGE DE CORDAY -** Sprang something of a surprise at La Capelle last time out. Comes here fresh and, from the 2-spot, will have her supporters
- **3. IMPACT DE L'ITON -** Serious trotter that seldom lets the side down. Showed her form at Laval and, with Franck Ouvrie reining, can make a big splash from the 3-spot
- **4. I FEEL PRETTY -** Capable mare with a liking for the venue but, in this company, will have too much to do
- **5. ISOFOU DU CHENE -** Stepped up in category well in Paris last time out. Comes here fresh and, barefoot again, can win on this occasion
- **6. IN PETTO -** Honest trotter that regularly gives his best. Encouraged at Mauquenchy and, from the front line, can make his presence felt
- **7. ISTRIA** Won 5 on the trot earlier in the season. Latterly pleased at Vichy and is eminently capable of picking up another cheque
- **8. ILLUMINATI -** Back at the top of his game following a much-needed break. Handed a tough draw but is barefoot and looks a player
- **9. IMPLACABLE -** No slouch on a good day but has just one race in her since the spell and, with shoes on, will have little to offer
- **10. ISIMONEY DU CHENE -** Reliability not his strong suit but has ample ability. Sanctioned early last time but can overcome the draw and give this a good go, if Declercq assures his initial strides
- **11. ISIS CASTELETS -** Useful sort that has won at this level but takes on some better horses here and is unlikely to pull off the double
- **12. IMPATIENT DU LUPIN -** Plainly capable but has looked ordinary since July and can expect to have few takers
- **13. IDEAL DU BISTON -** Handy sort with a decent record here but has been struggling of late. Mathieu Mottier in charge this time and can start to set the record straight
- **14. IESOLO D'HERIPRE -** Quality element but makes just second start back and will need the outing

Summary: Impressive at Vincennes late August when barefoot for the first time, ISOFOU DU CHENE (5) returns to a track he appreciates, is ideally-positioned behind the car, and looks the one to beat. Very hard to fault with front shoes off, IMPACT DE L'ITON (3) is similarly well-placed on the front row and looks the main threat. ISIMONEY DU CHENE (10) is forced to start on the back line but will appreciate the mobile start and can make up for his Vincennes blip. ILLUMINATI (8) has turned a corner lately and, despite the unattractive draw, still looks capable of finishing in the mix.

SELECTIONS

ISOFOU DU CHENE (5) - IMPACT DE L'ITON (3) - ISIMONEY DU CHENE (10) - ILLUMINATI (8)

C2 - PX HAVAS COULEURS DU MONDE - FETE HIPPO - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 39.000

- **1. GOLD MENCOURT -** Has hardly put a foot out of place since early-summer. Should not be hastily judged for recent clinker and is eminently capable of bouncing back and finishing close
- **2. FAITHFUL -** No slouch on a good day and should be fit by now, but appears to be biting off more than he can chew
- **3. DIEGO DU HOULET -** Has not delivered since late last year but talent is not in doubt. Faces first objective of autumn season and, barefoot for the occasion, can get in on the action
- **4. GHOSTBUSTER -** Remarkably consistent type with nothing to prove at this level. Lost his action early last time but will be dangerous if he gets off on the right foot
- **5. GIBUS -** Has been very hard to fault for some time. Pleased on re-entry and, even though shod, still looks a player
- **6. GIRL DE BASSIERE -** Simply doesn't disappoint when unshod behind. Missed out by little at Vincennes recently and, from the front line, looks the pick of the field
- **7. FUNKY D'ALB -** Regularly in the thick of things when focused. Won 3 of last 4 and the hattrick is not out of the question
- **8. GAIA D'OCCAGNES -** Not the most reliable but is a tough mare that has previously won over course and distance. Starts wide but, if fully fit, can play a small role
- **9. EKIANGO DE NILE -** Moderate trotter that pleasantly surprised at Cagnes last time but has little chance of confirming
- 10. EASY MAZA Tends to show more at a considerably lower level these days and can be ruled out
- **11. FIESTA DU BELVER -** Capable for the most part but lost her way over the summer and chances limited on first start back
- **12. EMENCOURT D'AZIF -** Temperamental type but showed his form under the saddle recently. Thrives at Le Croisé-Laroche and will generate some interest
- **13. DREAM THE BEST -** No longer the horse he once was and has shown the limit of his capacity this year

Summary: A veritable metronome when racing without hind shoes, GIRL DE BASSIERE (6) is in simply cracking form and will be a tough nut to crack. Favoured over her, but sanctioned that day, GIRL DE BASSIERE (6) has the plum spot behind the car and is not incapable of exacting revenge. Back at his best over the summer, FUNKY D'ALB (7) rarely lets the side down and has every chance of challenging for victory. Put away after a magnificent spring, GIBUS (5) stays shod for his 2nd start back but still looks competitive for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

GIRL DE BASSIERE (6) - GHOSTBUSTER (4) - FUNKY D'ALB (7) - GIBUS (5)

C3 - PRIX DU GOLF DES FLANDRES - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - National - Harness - EUR € 30.000

- JIBILIE DU DAMIER Delicate filly but can trot. Takes a massive hike in category though and will have few friends
- 2. JALIENORTH GAME Monté horse making his seasonal re-appearance and poses no threat
- 3. JOMOLUNGMA Disappointing on the whole for past 10 months and has no realistic chance
- **4. JIRENZO -** Not the sharpest of horses here but adores these conditions and, with Mathieu Mottier reining, could well have a say in the outcome
- **5. JALDO D'OCQUE -** Very hard to knock since early-July. Went close at Reims and, even though better going clockwise, still looks a decent place prospect
- **6. JAPON YAMM -** Capable sort with decent references in both codes but can nevertheless expect to find himself out of his depth
- **7. JET DES BAUX -** Had been struggling for some time before reassuring at La Capelle last month. Similarly shod and, from the front row, should not be overlooked
- **8. JILORD VIVA -** Has been enjoying an excellent run of form since the spring. Excels at Le Croisé-Laroche and, from the 1st line, can make a big impact
- **9. JOLIE CADENCE -** 27 starts and still a maiden. Always gives her best but that simply won't be good enough here
- **10. JYPSON KALOUMA -** Showed promise earlier in the year before losing her way. Sanctioned on re-entry and not an obvious choice
- **11. JACK DES MALBERAUX -** Blows hot and cold but has ample ability. On 2nd line, is clearly in shape, and will not be far from the action
- **12. JUNIOR ANGELE -** Fine trotter that came close to winning in good company at Vincennes last time out. Will be ably driven by Ouvrie on this occasion and can have his day in the sun
- **13. JALIMEDE -** Tricky type but has references at this level. Reassured, in no uncertain terms, at Chartres and, in similar form, will be dangerous despite the handicap

Summary: Three lines of starters here and sandwiched between them is the in-form JUNIOR ANGELE (12) who, entrusted to Franck Ouvrie, looks to be in with an excellent shout. He will still encounter resistance from the better-placed JILORD VIVA (8) who is shod to preference this time around. JALIMEDE (13) is forced to break with a 50m penalty but can go close if he reproduces his recent Chartres performance. JACK DES MALBERAUX (11) may be somewhat erratic but he has taken no time getting back to his best and must be respected.

SELECTIONS

JUNIOR ANGELE (12) - JILORD VIVA (8) - JALIMEDE (13) - JACK DES MALBERAUX (11)

C4 - PRIX DU CENTRE REGIONAL EQUESTRE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- 1. JOYAU DE REM Has gradually improved since being moved up in class. Showed improvement at Nantes and, with Mathieu Mottier reining on this occasion, will be afforded every chance
- 2. JACODUS DU MELEUC Looked to be getting back in shape during the summer but subsequently lost her way again and, even going barefoot, still has a mountain to climb
- **3. JUSTE SNOB -** Has demonstrated good consistency when unshod behind. Moves up in category but is well-positioned on the front line and can make his presence felt
- **4. JESSAMINA -** Moderate type that sprang something of a surprise at La Capelle recently, but a repeat looks highly improbable
- **5. JAGGERS -** Good, consistent type that latterly opened his autumn account. Steps up in class but has a lot going for him and should not disappoint
- **6. JULIA QUESNOT -** Showed early promise but has not lived up to expectations. Is proven here but, in current condition, looks an outsider
- **7. JULIUS D'ALCI -** Has shown a different side to himself since the break. Missed out by little last time out but starts in front here and can make amends
- **8. JOYCE DE COSSE -** Faithful filly that opened her 2023 account 3 weeks ago but, at this level, from a wide draw, will have too much to do
- 9. JAZIE PONT VAUTIER Finally got off the mark a fortnight ago at the 33rd time of asking. Shoes back on and no threat this time
- **10. JODEON -** Just one win to his name in 19 starts but always gives his best. Shod more competitively this time and will be one to keep an eye on
- **11. J'AIME BARAKA -** Modest sort that has done little of note for some time and can be confidently passed over
- **12. JANARDAL CLUB -** Never far from faulting but has shown considerable ability. Moves up in category but, in present form, is hard not to like
- **13. JARODE PAULOIS -** Has taken a particular liking to Le Croisé-Laroche. Stormed up (too late) here early last week and, although handed a poor draw, still looks a leading contender
- **14. JUMACHA** Tricky character with better prospects at a much lower level and latest sanctions do nothing to inspire confidence
- **15. JUSTINE DU MESNIL -** Has shown significant promise but has not been seen out for 4 months and will need the race

Summary: Twice impressive here, notably last Monday, JARODE PAULOIS (13) backs up in cracking form and, even from the 2nd line, can impose. He will still have to contend with tricky but talented JANARDAL CLUB (12) who is also forced to break from line 2. JULIUS D'ALCI (7) showed at Mauquenchy that he was close to his race and is sufficiently well-placed to put on another good show. JAGGERS (5) has been on a cracking run of form all year and, from the 5-spot, will not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

JARODE PAULOIS (13) - JANARDAL CLUB (12) - JULIUS D'ALCI (7) - JAGGERS (5)

C5 - PRIX ZETURF - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Harness - EUR € 23.000

- **1. KAI LA SHA** Has yet to let the side down at this level. Held her own at Vichy but drops back to a more reasonable category and can play a leading role
- **2. KARTER LEWIS -** Progressive sort that stylishly stepped up in class last time out. Comes here fresh and, even racing left-handed, still looks the pick of the bunch
- **3. KILLER MELOC -** Lost his way late-spring but has since made amends and, although in better company this time, he has been handed a good draw and will generate some interest
- **4. KALAMATA BEACH -** Not the easiest of horses to handle but gave an excellent account at Reims and, with form maintained, will have a lot to offer
- **5. KAP PAASLOO -** Not the most dependable but has shown significant aptitude. Has had time to put his Wolvega blip behind him and, given his success with Florian Desmigneux, should not disappoint
- 6. KALIE D'URSIN Useful type in the other code and has nothing to offer here
- **7. KAMELIA DE JEAN -** Dependable filly for the most part. Acquitted herself well at Laval 3 weeks ago and, with just front pads on this time, can again get in on the action
- 8. KYO FERFAY Monté horse being given a conditioner. Has other priorities and can be ruled out
- **9. KERALDO -** Moderate type that appears to be finding his feet again. Not ideally-drawn but Mottier in the sulky and will have his supporters
- **10. KENZAKAY DI VIN -** Came a cropper at Reims but has otherwise demonstrated solid ability. Returns to racing shod, and starts on the back row, but can still play a part
- **11. KROONER D'ORION -** Showed early promise but has failed to make the grade since being stepped up in class and is unlikely to shake things up
- **12. KRECY PONT VAUTIER -** Capricious filly that seldom finishes a race unscathed and is not about spring a surprise

Summary: KARTER LEWIS (2) gave a superb account of himself at Strasbourg last time, securing a 2nd success, and is ideally-placed to confirm. KAP PAASLOO (5) may still be somewhat green but he can trot and, given the fine entry, will be no pushover. In the thick of things for the most part, KAI LA SHA (1) drops marginally in category and has every chance of getting in on the action. KALAMATA BEACH (4) has been handed pole-position here and a repeat of his latest effort would see him finish in the mix once more.

SELECTIONS

KARTER LEWIS (2) - KAP PAASLOO (5) - KAI LA SHA (1) - KALAMATA BEACH (4)

C6 - PRIX DE LA BOULANGERIE MATHIEU - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 30.000

- **1. GREAT GATSBY -** Debuts under the saddle following a dreadful streak in the other code and can be confidently ruled out
- **2. FUN DE LA LOGE -** Has been showing his temperamental side since late last summer and no sign of an imminent return to form
- **3. GIANT SPACE -** Can prove a handful but showed at Nantes that he has nothing to prove in this category and, on good behaviour, can bring home the bacon
- **4. FACTO PRIOR -** Has started to show improvement since returning to the ridden game. Unlikely to have his way but can still get a look in
- **5. GUOPECK DE VIVOIN -** Never far from faulting but seldom disappoints when focused and deserves to be given a second look
- **6. FRIDAY -** One of the more consistent trotters here. Presently at the top of his game and, with more luck in running this time, can make up for his recent misfortune
- **7. FAVORI JET -** Below-par lately but still has excellent credentials in the discipline. Change of shoeing here and must be afforded respect
- **8. DON JUAN DE MOERES -** Solid this time last year but has been off the boil since and will have few friends in the markets
- **9. GO GO GIGI -** Quality mare that can boast solid monté credentials. Impressed on her return to the code last month and, in similar form, can again go close
- **Summary:** Although alternating the good with the less good, GIANT SPACE (3) has nevertheless made good progress lately and should be able to wrap this up if he confirms his latest run. Very hard to fault this year, FRIDAY (6) was not the luckiest in Paris but is expected to bounce back and can defy the 25m handicap. Justifiably well-regarded at home, GO GO GIGI (9) most recently left a very good impression and will again have her chances. Somewhat out of sorts recently, FAVORI JET (7) is nevertheless a useful trotter and, shod competitively, can get back in the game.

SELECTIONS

GIANT SPACE (3) - FRIDAY (6) - GO GO GIGI (9) - FAVORI JET (7)

C7 - PRIX DE CROIX - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 6.000

- **1. HOLMAN DREAM -** Has shown decent aptitude in this class of race. Excels with his driver and looks competitive for a place on the podium
- **2. HAZEL DOPE -** Debuts in the amateur category after a lacklustre streak in the professional ranks. Entrusted to a handy driver and is well-placed to give this a good go
- **3. HEUREUX DE VOUEDE -** Pleasantly surprised at Abbeville earlier in the summer but seems like it was nothing more than a flash in the pan
- **4. HAUTAINE** Left no doubts about her potential at this level when scoring over track and trip last month. Is similarly shod, and the front-row start stands her in good stead
- **5. HERACLES DU MONT** Unremarkable sort that has done little of note for some time and will again have his work cut out
- **6. GORLANDO STEED -** Difficult type that disappointed here last month but will have his chances if he can replicate his Amiens performance
- **7. GABY MESLOIS -** Has been a total write-off since autumn 2021 and will not be troubling the judge
- **8. ELTON TRAFO -** Has resorted to racing at this level after failing in the professional ranks and once again looks thoroughly outclassed
- **9. HEGOA DU BOULAY -** Has been acquitting herself well since returning to the category. Goes unshod behind this time and will be no soft touch
- **10. FAUCON JOYEUX -** Serious trotter that rarely lets the side down. Presently at the top of his game and has a realistic chance of complementing his recent Amiens success

Summary: FAUCON JOYEUX (10) has been simply excellent in the amateur division and, given his left-handed credentials, and current form, may well have this in the bag. That said, HAUTAINE (4) won over course and distance on her debut in this category and the 25m head-start will only enhance her prospects. HEGOA DU BOULAY (9) appears to have found her niche in this class and, in current shape, is hard to ignore. The dependable HOLMAN DREAM (1) gets on well with Thibault Levasseur and is not far from opening his amateur account.

SELECTIONS

FAUCON JOYEUX (10) - HAUTAINE (4) - HEGOA DU BOULAY (9) - HOLMAN DREAM (1)