R1 LYON LA SOIE [R-H]

C1 - GRAND NATIONAL DU TROT - 3250m (a2m) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 90,000

- **1. EDEN JULRY -** 8th of 10 finishers, on comeback a month ago, in a 2050m Class C here and can be confidently ruled out
- **2. GABELOU CARISAIE** Faithful servant that finished an oddly below-par 8th to HARRY CARISAIE (7) in a 2750m Ecommoy Class A 10 days ago. Should make amends but still not a priority
- **3. FUEGO DU MORTIER -** Pleasant 8th of 16 in a 2150m Enghien Class C mid-March but, in this company, is out of his depth
- **4. GINKO DU ROUSSOIR -** Unlucky 12th of 16 in a 2150m Enghien Class C, when shod, on 15 March. Has everything in his favour here and will be expected to open his 2024 account
- **5. EMBLEME ORANGE -** Not without merit but trounced on re-entry in a 2925m Cagnes Class B and, competitively-shod or not, will still need another race
- **6. FLASH ROYAL -** Reassuring 4th to HARRY CARISAIE (7) in a 2650m Bordeaux Class C a month ago. Has had time to freshen up and, even shod to preference the occasion, still looks something of an outsider
- **7. HARRY CARISAIE** Has hardly put a foot out of line for past 13 months, most recently trotting 2nd of 14 in a 2750m Ecommoy Class A 10 days ago. In better company this time but still has a lot to offer
- **8. GRAAL DU TRESOR -** Last but one in a 2725m Lisieux Class D, on comeback 3 weeks ago. Races barefoot this time and looks main threat to GINKO DU ROUSSOIR (4)
- **9. HAPPY DANICA -** Consistently in the thick of things when unshod, latterly close 2nd in a 2700m Vincennes Class B 2 months ago. Will be fresh and debuts at the venue with legitimate ambition
- **10. HYMNE DU GERS -** 10th of 12 finishers, when prepping for this, in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 29 March. Is barefoot this time around and must be taken seriously
- **11. FAREDGIO MENUET -** 10th of 18, when still being conditioned, in a 2200m Caen Class D mid-March. Is very hard to knock when barefoot, enjoys a good entry on the front row, and is not about to disappoint
- **12. GUIDE MOI FORGAN -** Sanctioned, with gas in the tank, in a 2700m Vincennes Class B on 23 March. Trotted 2nd in the Amiens leg and, even from the back line, is not out of the picture
- **13. HORCHESTRO -** Facile winner of the 3000m Marseille GNT stage a fortnight ago. Will not be bothered by the change of direction and is capable of defying the handicap. First-5 chance
- **14. EBERTON -** Came 5th in the Amiens leg before finishing a thrashed 12th to HORCHESTRO (13) in the Marseille stage. Shoes on this time and best to hold off

- **15. FILOU D'ANJOU -** Has not been seen out since coming 2nd in a 2700m Vincennes monté Gr.3 late-December. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
- **16. FARAH DES CAUX -** Unraced since trotting 12th of 13 in a 2850m Vincennes Class A late-December and will pose no danger

Summary: After a pair of fresheners following his layoff, GINKO DU ROUSSOIR (4) goes barefoot this time and, from the front row, with Eric Raffin reining, can make this his own. Confirmed at this level, GRAAL DU TRESOR (8) has one race under his belt, is unshod-all-4 and, if fully-fit, will be no pushover. Sent for a spell after an excellent Vincennes performance 2 months ago, HAPPY DANICA (9) should have a good hand to play. Shoes off for his first objective of the new year, FAREDGIO MENUET (11) is unlikely to be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

GINKO DU ROUSSOIR (4) - GRAAL DU TRESOR (8) - HAPPY DANICA (9) - FAREDGIO MENUET (11)

C2 - BRASSERIE DES ETATS UNIS-PRIX STRASBOURG - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

- **1. JUPILLE DE GODREL -** Showed marked improvement when 3rd of 17 in a 2825m Vire Class F 10 days ago and a repeat of that performance would see her finish close
- **2. JALNA LOULOU -** 4th to JIM JULRY (6) a month back before faulting in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F at the start of the month. Has won 3 times here but is pitted against better this time and chances limited
- **3. JANGO -** Good 2nd of 9 finishers in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F on 1 March. Finds himself in superior company this time and has delivered just once in 6 starts here
- **4. JOIA DE PIENCOURT -** 2nd in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche at the start of the month. Is less at home racing clockwise, and stays shod for the occasion, but is still good enough to pick up a cheque
- **5. JASMIN DE LARRE -** Failed to confirm his Cagnes success when 5th of 13 in a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class E on 22 March but moves to a track whose conditions should suit him well and from the front line, looks competitive for a place in the frame
- **6. JIM JULRY -** Got back in the game when 2nd over course and distance a month back. Front pads fitted, which has served him well in the past, and should not be overlooked
- **7. JURAE VET -** Unraced since faulting in a 2850m Lyon-Parilly Class A late-November. Has ample ability, has previously won here, but is going to need the run
- **8. JAGUAR DU LOISIR -** 3rd over track and trip a month back before coming 6th of 10 in a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class D a fortnight ago. Sports a revised configuration but still represents no more than a minor place prospect
- **9. JUSTICIA GLAM -** Put out of the race by another horse, when clearly full of running, in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 29 March. Raffin maintains faith and can impose if he keeps her out of trouble
- **10. JUST D'ERONVILLE -** 5th of 9, at 93/1, in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 12 days ago. Won here earlier in the year and even from the back line, looks a major player

Summary: JUSTICIA GLAM (9) can count herself very unlucky not to have come close at Vincennes last time but Eric Raffin is unlikely to allow the same thing to happen twice and, fitted with just hind pads this time, she can set the record straight. That said, JUPILLE DE GODREL (1) has started to come good again and boasts a fine record racing both clockwise and barefoot. JASMIN DE LARRE (5) was not at his sharpest last time out but is well-engaged on the first row and can put things right. JUST D'ERONVILLE (10) incurs the penalty but is in decent shape and, from the back row, can still challenge for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

JUSTICIA GLAM (9) - JUPILLE DE GODREL (1) - JASMIN DE LARRE (5) - JUST D'ERONVILLE (10)

C3 - PRIX DE L'UNAT CENTRE-EST - 3250m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 8,000

- **1. HOUSTON DE CUIGNY -** Rejuvenated lately, latterly coming 3rd in a 2825m Vire Class G 10 days ago. Starts in front and, with form maintained, can open his Lyon-La Soie account
- **2. HIRINA -** Debuts at the venue after coming 2nd in a 2525m Bihorel-lès-Rouen claimer a month ago. Has references in this class, will have come on for the run and, from the first line, will have her supporters
- **3. IRELAND TEAM -** Quickly sanctioned, when unsupported, in a 2600m Nancy Class F on 30 March. Has been off the boil for some time and will have few takers
- **4. HADRIEN DU VIF -** Well-beaten 7th of 9 over 2400m at Avenches on 30 March. 4 pads fitted this time but still has nothing to give
- **5. IWAN D'AVEL -** Courageous 2nd of 9 in a similar event over 3000m at Marseille-Borély a fortnight ago. Reliability not his strong suit but, on good behaviour, can finish in the mix
- **6. GOWEN CHALEONNAIS -** Pleasant 5th of 12 in a 2700m Class F at La Capelle on Sunday. Has shown considerable improvement lately and can pick up some prizemoney
- **7. IN THE AIR DELO -** 5th of 9 in a 2000m Lyon-Parilly Class E last week. Won his first amateur event mid-February and securing another is well within his capacity
- **8. FAKIR DE FROMENTIN -** Looked very ordinary when 9th in Paray-le-Monial race of reference and, in this company, has no realistic chance
- **9. HEAVEN JULRY -** Makes his amateur debut following a below-par 8th to GALION DES THIRONS (11) in 23 March race of reference. Has previously delivered here but, from the back row, cannot be considered a priority
- **10. HARO DARCHE -** Returns to the category after a disappointing 6th of 12 in a 2050m Class E here a month back. Has nothing to prove under these conditions and must be considered a decent first-3 chance
- **11. GALION DES THIRONS -** Opened his 2024 account with ease in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class H on 23 March. Excels in the amateur division and can bring home the bacon
- **12. FAR WEST DE BUSSET -** Sprang quite the surprise when runner-up to GALION DES THIRONS (11) in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class H on 23 March but, with just front pads fitted, is unlikely to repeat
- **13. FOREVER DE PAME -** 7th of 15 on his return to competition in a 2625m Class F at Paray-le-Monial 9 days ago. Not the horse he once was and can be ruled out

Summary: Quite the revelation over the past 13 months, GALION DES THIRONS (11) took little time getting back into the winners' circle and, although on the 2nd line here, he still looks a marginally better choice than the rejuvenated HOUSTON DE CUIGNY (1) who is 25m better off. IN THE AIR DELO (7) has won in both amateur and professional ranks this year and is eminently capable of defying the penalty. HARO DARCHE (10) returns to a more reasonable distance and can more than make up for his latest effort.

SELECTIONS

GALION DES THIRONS (11) - HOUSTON DE CUIGNY (1) - IN THE AIR DELO (7) - HARO

DARCHE (10)

C4 - PRIX DE MARSEILLE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 30,000

- **1. HOLIDAY DREAM -** Last of 8 over 2400m, under harness, at Avenches 11 days ago. Has yet to excel in the discipline and is not about to buck the trend
- **2. GREAT GATSBY -** Surprise 2nd, at 77/1, to a very good horse in a 2825m Le Croisé-Laroche Class F on 1 March and will be no soft touch if still on the boil
- **3. FIRST BLACK -** Makes first public appearance under the saddle after finishing 7th of 9 in a 2925m Cagnes amateurs harness Class F on 2 March and is not about to spring any surprises
- **4. FACTO PRIOR -** Faulted in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F at the start of the month and current form does nothing to inspire confidence
- **5. IDAGANI POINT ONE -** 5th of 11 finishers in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial harness Class F a month ago. Seldom gets his nose in front, but always gives his best, and can pick up some crumbs
- **6. INDIAN MYSTIC -** Enjoying a new lease on life since the start of the year, latterly 2nd of 18 in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class F on 24 March. Well-engaged on the front row and will have claims on victory
- **7. GOUTIER CELESTE -** Complicated but talented sort making his first start since being sanctioned in a 2175m Vincennes Class E late-December, but can challenge for the win if Mathieu Mottier keeps him focused
- **8. FEEL COOL D'EB -** Flattering 5th of 8 finishers in a 3150m Saint-Brieuc Class F a fortnight back. Disappointing under the saddle for past 11 months and will struggle to make his presence felt
- **9. INDICE DELADOU -** Last of 8 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 23 March. Returns to his category though and has a decent chance of picking up a cheque
- **10. IMAGINE D'ATOUT -** 4th of 9 in a 2725m Lisieux Class E 3 weeks ago. Seldom disappoints under the saddle and can pick up her 4th victory of the year
- **11. DISCO DES TAUREAUX -** Last of 11 in a 2675m monté Class F at Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne on 18 March and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
- **12. FAUST DE BEYLEV -** Useful sort that showed courage to come 5th, behind IMAGINE D'ATOUT (10) in a 2725m Lisieux Class E 3 weeks ago. Can prove a handful but has references at a superior level and is not to be underestimated
- **13. EL PARDO -** Makes monté debut after coming 12th of 13 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class E 2 weeks ago and already looks an also-ran

Summary: Highly-consistent since the turn of the year, IMAGINE D'ATOUT (10) has been a revelation since returning to racing clockwise and, even from the back row, can win this. Guillaume Martin will still be keeping a watchful eye on the tricky GOUTIER CELESTE (7) who has front shoes off for his return to competition, and the resurgent INDIAN MYSTIC (6) who benefits from a 25m head-start. GREAT GATSBY (2) gave connections something to feel good about earlier in the month and, with form maintained, can repeat.

IMAGINE D'ATOUT (10) - GOUTIER CELESTE (7) - INDIAN MYSTIC (6) - GREAT GATSBY (2)

C5 - PX DES 15 ANS DE L'HIPPODROME -BORDEAUX - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

- **1. LIBERTY BOY -** Unremarkable 3rd of 5 finishers in a 2675m Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne Class E on 25 March and appears to be out of his league
- **2. LAIKA D'ESPACE -** Improving sort that came 2nd in a 2925m Cagnes Class E on 23 February. Takes on the colts this time however and chances limited
- **3. LOUMIODO -** Superb winner of a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 25 March. Is never far from faulting but, if applied, can give LEI E BELLA (8) a run for her money
- **4. LOTTA ROSIE -** Sanctioned in the early stages of a 2050m Class D here on 28 March. Has merit though, starts on the front row, and is not to be underestimated
- **5. LUCIELA -** Won at Saint-Galmier before finishing 3rd, behind LE MAGNIFIQUE DJOC (6) in a 2050m Class D here 2 weeks ago. 25m worse off this time and, although not expected to impose, should nevertheless acquit herself honourably
- **6. LE MAGNIFIQUE DJOC -** Decent 2nd of 5 finishers in a 2050m Class D here fortnight ago. Incurs the handicap but still has the wherewithal to finish in the mix
- **7. LIZZY DE JOUDES -** Sprang quite the surprise when winning a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class D, at 100/1, 2 weeks ago. Unlikely to repeat but, with form maintained, should give a competitive account
- **8. LEI E BELLA -** Missed out by little on the double in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class D early last month and even with an extra 25m to travel, is still the pick of the field
- **9. LONDON -** Good future prospect that faulted early in a 2175m Vincennes Class B 12 days ago but the option to run her right-handed this time may be just the ticket to her redemption

Summary: A progressive filly that beat the boys here in January, LEI E BELLA (8) came close to repeating at Saint-Galmier early last month and, even from the back line, looks the horse to beat. That said, LOUMIODO (3) made good on his promise at Le Croisé-Laroche late-March, is 25m better off, and will have his chances if Junior Guelpa keeps him trotting. LONDON (9) is not the easiest of horses to handle but has buckets of ability and will have an important part to play if she gets off on the right foot. It took a while but LIZZY DE JOUDES (7) opened her account in style a fortnight back and, if still on the boil, can again make the frame.

SELECTIONS

LEI E BELLA (8) - LOUMIODO (3) - LONDON (9) - LIZZY DE JOUDES (7)

C6 - PRIX DE CABOURG - 2050m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- **1. KAZY MERITE -** Useful type that came 9th of 10 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 29 March. Imposed on lone association with Eric Raffin and must be considered a leading contender
- **2. KALINA PRINCESS -** 8th of 12 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 1 February after having won at the same venue 1.5 months earlier. Has had time to freshen up and Mathieu Mottier will be out to set the record straight
- **3. KER DE TOUES -** Modest individual that was sanctioned when never dangerous in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 12 days ago. Shoes back on and even with David Békaert reining will not be losing his maiden status any time soon
- **4. KING MOKO -** 7th of 10 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 29 March. Fitted with front pads for the occasion, is well-positioned in front, and will be worth taking seriously
- **5. KAROLINA DI SEMBLE -** Last of 10 behind KILLER SUN DRALIAM (9) on re-entry in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class D on 6 March. Races first time barefoot but still appears to need the race
- **6. KATIMINNIE BROUETS -** Respectable 3rd of 7 finishers in a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class D 2 weeks ago. Just front shoes off this time but is still good enough to pick up a minor place cheque
- **7. KADOR D'ESPACE -** Got back down to business in a 2150m Cagnes Class E on 2 March when first-time barefoot. Shoes off again and even though breaking wide, still looks capable of making the first 5
- **8. KAISER GIBUS -** Disappointing so far this term, most recently coming 8th to KADOR D'ESPACE (7) in a 2150m Cagnes Class E on 2 March and is not about to shake things up
- **9. KILLER SUN DRALIAM -** Not disgraced when 5th of 10 in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class D on 6 March. Consistently gives his best but the draw will do him no favours
- **10. KERCHAK -** 2nd here in February before coming 6th to KILLER SUN DRALIAM (9) in 6 March race of reference. Has some ground to make up but is an honest trotter and will give what he can
- **11. KOUSINE CARISAIE -** Consistent filly making first start since trotting 3rd of 9 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 4 February. Similarly-shod and can have another day in the sun if Benjamin Rochard successfully negotiates the start
- **12. KADO D'OCCAGNES -** Tricky but talented sort that just missed out in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class E on 22 March. Is confirmed here and will have his chances if Steve Stefano positions him early
- **13. KISS BOY -** Came close 2nd, when shod, in a 2650m Saint-Galmier Class E on 6 March. Hind shoes off this time, has references at the venue and, although breaking from the second row, is still worth keeping an eye on

Summary: In the frame in all but 2 of his 10 starts, KOUSINE CARISAIE (11) has been held back since her last Vincennes run and, while not ideally-drawn, can still get her nose in front. KADO D'OCCAGNES (12) is not much better off on the 2nd line but in current form is very easy to like. KALINA PRINCESS (2) has a good spot behind the car and returning to racing with front pads should see her back in the first 3. A trotter of some potential, KAZY MERITE (1) is reunited with Eric Raffin, for whom he won last autumn, and looks a serious player.

SELECTIONS

KOUSINE CARISAIE (11) - KADO D'OCCAGNES (12) - KALINA PRINCESS (2) - KAZY MERITE (1)

C7 - PRIX HENRI CALLIER - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

- 1. HOLD UP DARCHE Makes first appearance since coming 10th of 18 in a 2000m Châteaubriant Class D 3 months ago and can be passed over
- **2. GULLY D'ARGENVIERE -** Yet to get into his stride this term, latterly finishing 9th to FOREVER MARANCOURT (8) in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F 9 days ago and will struggle to make any impact
- **3. GRAAL DE MY -** Has 2 races under his belt, latterly 8th behind FOREVER MARANCOURT (8) in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F on 1 March. Stays shod though and best to wait
- **4. HODOSIS -** Lost his action in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class G mid-March. Front shoes off this time but others still easier to like
- **5. HUNICOIS -** Won a 2850m amateurs Class F over the Vincennes inner course last week. Steps back up in category but gets a Mathieu Mottier drive and, from the front row, will be no easy touch
- **6. HESTIA DU COMTAL -** 7th of 10 in a 2675m Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne amateurs Class G on 25 March. Leading driver at the helm this time but others still preferred
- **7. HELMA DE BUSSET -** Lost her action, when well-backed, in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class H on 23 March but will be dangerous if she can replicate her penultimate performance
- **8. FOREVER MARANCOURT -** Reassuring 5th of 15 in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F 9 days ago. Unlikely to spring any surprises but can still get a look-in
- 9. GRANIT PACO 6th of 9 in a 2000m Parilly Class E last week. Shoes back on and will pose no threat
- **10. GRANIT DU MONT -** Sanctioned in a 2800m Strasbourg Class E on 1 March. Is not without ability but still looks to have too much to do
- **11. HARLEQUIN -** 10th of 11 finishers, on 2nd start back, under similar conditions on 28 March. Has had this race on his cards for some time and the engagement of David Békaert will do his prospects no disservice
- **12. HAITI LADY -** 7th of 9, when prepping shod for this, in a 3000m Marseille-Borély amateurs Class F a fortnight ago. Shoes off this time and has every chance of trotting her way onto the podium
- **13. GALOPIN DE BLOT -** Trotted 4th here before winning a 2850m Class D at Parilly 10 days ago. Benjamin Rochard in charge this time and reverting to racing unshod-in-front should serve him well. First-5 chance
- **14. HONNEUR DE BLAY -** 3rd of 16 in a 2575m Agen-Le Passage Class Eon 24 March. Entrusted to Eric Raffin this time and, penalty or not, will be a tough nut to crack. Claim

Summary: HONNEUR DE BLAY (14) showed his form at Agen-Le Passage late last month, won his only start at the venue and, with Eric Raffin reining, can win this. It is not going to be all plane sailing though if the speedy HELMA DE BUSSET (7), who sports a proven configuration, can stay in stride from one end of the race to the other. HARLEQUIN (11) has 2 runs under his belt, races barefoot for the occasion and, already a winner for David Békaert, can get straight back in the game. The similarly-barefoot HAITI LADY (12) has decent references here and, under these conditions, should figure prominently.

SELECTIONS

HONNEUR DE BLAY (14) - HELMA DE BUSSET (7) - HARLEQUIN (11) - HAITI LADY (12)

C8 - PRIX DE NANTES - 2050m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 34,000

- **1. GLOBAL AGREEMENT -** Won his 5th on the trot, on 28 February, securing a 2100m Vincennes Class D, and will again take all the beating
- **2. KING COLE (SWE) -** Fine campaigner that won, right-handed, a 2900m Amiens Class F on 6 March, having trotted 3rd in a Class B late-January. Has a good spot in front and looks a decent place prospect
- **3. HIPPOMENE QUESNOT -** Drops back in category after coming 9th of 11 finishers in a 2875m Enghien Class D mid-March. Barefoot this time with Eric Raffin at the helm and will be afforded every chance. First-5 prospect
- **4. DOMINO DE LA BRISE -** Last of 7, to GAI MATIN (5), in a 2800m Strasbourg Class E 9 days ago and will need to raise his game significantly
- **5. GAI MATIN -** Winner of a 2800m Strasbourg Class E 9 days ago. Barefoot again, has a decent spot in front, and is unlikely to be far from the action
- **6. DOLLAR DOC -** Faulted in a 2900m Amiens harness Class F on 6 March. Will be race-fit by now, goes barefoot this time, but may be biting off more than he can chew
- **7. INTELLO DE CHENU -** Quality element but sanctioned in last 3, most recently a 2625m Class A at Agen-Le Passage. Showed his form though and will not be far off the mark if Louis Baudouin can keep him focused
- **8. COINTREAU -** 5th of 7 over 1660m in Trieste on 24 March, having won at Cagnes a fortnight earlier. Placed over longer here early-February and, unshod-all-4 this time, can make a big splash, provided Benjamin Rochard positions him early
- **9. VIKING BRODDE -** Has struggled since coming to France, most recently finishing last of 13 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class D on 18 March and can expect to have few friends
- **10. FALKO DE NOUVILLE -** 4th of 13 in a 2700m Class F here a fortnight ago. Takes a notable step up in category and is unlikely to cause an upset
- **11. MADAME AF DJUPMYRA -** Returns to the harness code after faulting in a 2900m Amiens monté Class F on 6 March. Has merit but others still easier to trust

Summary: After a brief, successful stint in Italy, GLOBAL AGREEMENT (1) was subsequently sent to Paris where he has yet to be bested. All good things must come to an end but this is not the occasion and Alessandro Gocciadoro's 8 year-old can make it 6 in a row. Leading the opposition is the classy but complicated INTELLO DE CHENU (7) who would have finished close last time had he not faulted, and a barefoot COINTREAU (8) whose French form is not to be sniffed at. The ultra-performant KING COLE (SWE) (2) is significantly better-positioned behind the car and Christophe Martens will not be shy about taking advantage.

SELECTIONS

GLOBAL AGREEMENT (1) - INTELLO DE CHENU (7) - COINTREAU (8) - KING COLE (SWE) (2)