LE CROISE-LAROCHE - 13 March

Race 1

1. **GYPSIE MAGIQUE** - Finished amongst the first two on last three starts. Expect another bold showing without shoes.

2. **GLORIA VOLO** - Took a big step forward third up to find the placings at Amiens. Has a good course record and is easy to fancy.

3. **GENESALIA** - Has needed first start back in the past so happy to just watch on return.

4. **GALAXIE DJALMATS** - Resumed with an 1.75L victory at Nantes a fortnight ago. This is no tougher. Big chance racing barefoot.

5. **GO TO AMERICA** - Won three starts back in impressive fashion but not at same level in a higher level since. Back down in grade for this however.

6. **GUINNESS** - Inconsistent performances this campaign. 0.75L winner at Saint Brieuc two runs back however. Threat to all if running similarly.

7. **GRIOTTE DU VIF** - Uninspiring recent form figures and happy to oppose.

8. **GRANDE ET BELLE** - Mid-field finishes been best of late. Similar showing anticipated.

9. GODZILLA VICI - Back to back DQ. Happy to oppose following that.

10. **GELLANA** - Better run when 5L fifth at Laval last week. Goes well for this driver and can fill a place.

Summary

GALAXIE DJALMATS (4) impressed with a powerful reappearance victory. May prove hard to beat against similar competition. GYPSIE MAGIQUE (1) is thriving at present. Only narrowly denied by a nose at Amiens. Big chance of making amends. GO TO AMERICA (5) drops in grade and will find this more suitable. Each way player. GLORIA VOLO (2) found the placings at Amiens. Can improve again and holds place hope again.

Selections

GALAXIE DJALMATS (4) - GYPSIE MAGIQUE (1) - GO TO AMERICA (5) -GLORIA VOLO (2)

1. **EPINE D'AVRIL** - DQ on reappearance at Mauquenchy a month ago but expected to improve now. Place claims.

2. **EURO MAKER** - Form figures of late make little appeal and needs to bounce back.

3. **EARLY PACTOL** - Shaped well when beaten 6.25L fourth here on reappearance twelve days ago. Can progress and has big each way claims without shoes.

4. **FIRST DU BOIS** - 1L third at Vincennes five weeks back when bidding for third successive victory. This is easier. Contender.

5. **ENDURO** - Talented and consistent gelding. 0.5L second at this track and trip start of this month. In the mix running barefoot.

6. ELAN DU MOUCHEL - String of modest efforts and looks up against it.

7. **FIRST DESTIN** - Progressing of late. 1.5L third at Vincennes two weeks back and this looks easier. Each way player with no shoes.

8. **FORREST GEDE** - Mid-field at Laval three weeks ago in slightly higher level. Each way claims racing barefoot.

9. ECRIN TURGOT - Well beaten on reappearance and goes in a better race. Needs more.

10. EOWYN DE NEEL - Modest recent form figures and happy to oppose.

11. **FANNY DE L'OISON** - Resumes in easier race than she usually contests. Has run well fresh in the past and has an each way chance.

12. **FALMACO DES ANGLES** - DQ on last three starts and happy to oppose following that.

13. **ELEVEN SHAPTER** - In six runs fresh has only placed once so likely best watched on return.

14. **EARLY SOMOLLI** - Over 600 days since last victory and unlikely to change that here.

Summary

FIRST DU BOIS (4) was beaten in bid for a hat-trick but still managed to place. Clearly thriving at present and is a contender. ENDURO (5) finished in the frame on three of last four starts. Overdue another victory. Keep safe. FIRST DESTIN (7) found the placings in strong contest at Vincennes. Major each way player based on that performance. EARLY PACTOL (3) showed promise on reappearance. Place hope if progressing.

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FIRST DU BOIS (4) - ENDURO (5) - FIRST DESTIN (7) - EARLY PACTOL

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1. **HEUREUX DE VOUEDE** - DQ in strong race at Vincennes a month ago but back down in grade. Each way player.

2. **HAMLET DU VIVIER** - Resumed in flying form and won both starts this campaign. 1.25L success at Lyon La Soie four weeks back. Include.

3. **HANDSOME DREAM** - Placed on reappearance last campaign. Resumes in similar level and has each way claims.

4. **HAPPY TO LIVE** - DQ on last two starts. Hard to trust following that but remains unexposed and is hard to entirely rule out.

5. **HOUGARDEN** - This is easier than when a good fourth here on final start last campaign. Has won first up in the past. Threat to all.

6. **HAXOS DE DIGEON** - 1L second at Mauquenchy four weeks back. This is no tougher so expected to finish close up once more.

7. **HERMES DU CHATAULT** - Impressive 5L winner at Amiens on final start last campaign. Subsequent seven month absence a slight concern.

8. **HELIOS DE MESANGY** - DQ last two starts and only in modest form previous to that. Happy to oppose.

9. **HELP HAUFOR** - Powered clear for 4L victory at Ecommoy on final start last campaign. Resumes here and has each way claims.

10. **HERCULE DE BEA** - Won five starts ago but no better than mid-field since. Needs more.

11. **HURIKAT GAME** - 6L fifth at Chatillon-Chalaronne on return start of this month. Place likely best following that.

Summary

HAMLET DU VIVIER (2) has resumed in flying form and won both starts this campaign. Can improve again and looks the one to beat. HERMES DU CHATAULT (7) powered clear for an impressive 5L victory on final run last campaign. Expected to be primed for return. HAXOS DE DIGEON (6) looks close to another win following a close second. Threat to all. HEUREUX DE VOUEDE (1) drops in grade having been DQ. Progressive prior and is worth another chance.

Selections

HAMLET DU VIVIER (2) - HERMES DU CHATAULT (7) - HAXOS DE DIGEON (6) - HEUREUX DE VOUEDE (1)

1. **ETAT CIVIL** - 7.5L fifth at Vincennes last month. Notably is a perfect two from two for this driver and is worth holding safe.

2. **FLAMBEAU ROYAL** - 3.25L eighth at Vincennes on reappearance was a better return than form figures suggest. Eased in grade. Shortlist.

3. **DRAGSTER DE BOMO** - Modest recent form figures and happy to oppose here.

4. **FINE COLLINE** - Talented mare that has form in much better grades than this. Worth a market check after a break.

5. **FAKIR DE MAHEY** - Placed at Vincennes four starts ago but struggled since. Down in grade though and hard to entirely rule out without shoes.

6. **DI MAGGIO** - Modest reappearance but generally needs first start back and now is a potential big improver. Shortlist.

7. **DJADO** - Running consistently this campaign without troubling the judge. Needs more.

8. **ESPRIT OCCAGNES** - 4L third at Cagnes-Sur-Mer two weeks ago. Progressing steadily of late and has each way claims racing barefoot.

9. **DOLESMIE MERITE** - Well beaten on reappearance just five days ago here and easily opposed following that.

10. **EMIR DU PRESSOIR** - DQ at Toulouse last month and not generally been at best this campaign. Needs more.

Summary

FINE COLLINE (4) is a likeable mare. Expected to be primed for reappearance and has some very strong form in the book. The one to beat. DI MAGGIO (6) is expected to improve significantly upon comeback effort. Keep safe. ESPRIT OCCAGNES (8) placed at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Modest winning record but rates well. Expected to finish close up. ETAT CIVIL (1) runs third up so can be primed. Goes well for this driver and holds big each way claims.

Selections

FINE COLLINE (4) - DI MAGGIO (6) - ESPRIT OCCAGNES (8) - ETAT CIVIL (1)

1. **APPLE WISE AS** - Honest record and worth market check to determine what is expected on first start in France. Runs without shoes.

2. **DIVINE DE NAVARY** - Not even placed in five starts when fresh in the past. Happy to take on.

3. **BEL AIR** - Modest form all recent starts and is easily opposed.

4. **FAVORITE FLIGNY** - Down significantly in grade after seventh in the Vincennes G3 Prix De La Mayenne. Worth a second look.

5. **CLASSIC HAUFOR** - Inconsistent type. This grade more realistic and goes barefoot. Makes appeal.

6. **BRAINSTORM** - Down the field all recent starts and likely best watched.

7. **CRESCENDIS** - 2L second at Cagnes-Sur-Mer last week which reads well and can build upon that now. Keep safe racing barefoot.

8. **DIGNE ET DROIT** - 4L fourth in the Vincennes G3 Prix Jean Rene Gougeon end of January. This is easier and has top driver booked. Big chance.

9. CREPE DE SATIN - DQ last two starts and happy to oppose following that.

10. **CICERO NOA** - 2.75L fourth at Vincennes in the G3 Prix Du Plateau De Gravelle last week. That form reads well and is easy to fancy running barefoot.

11. **EXPRESS JET** - Has some high class form at best but struggling of late and over 750 days since last win. Up against it.

12. **BLE DU GERS** - Likable gelding that has been running consistently well this campaign and looks overdue another victory. Keep safe with no shoes.

Summary

A competitive affair with many of these dropping in grade. CRESCENDIS (7) looks close to a victory following a good second at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Can improve and a contender. CICERO NOA (10) produced a 2.75L fourth at Vincennes in the G3 Prix Du Plateau De Gravelle last week. That form reads well and is easy to fancy running barefoot. BLE DU GERS (12) is a long time without a victory but been running consistently well. Can be considered. DIGNE ET DROIT (8) gets an eye catching driver booking. Potential threat to all. CLASSIC HAUFOR (5) may place racing barefoot.

Selections

CRESCENDIS (7) - CICERO NOA (10) - BLE DU GERS (12) - DIGNE ET DROIT (8) - CLASSIC HAUFOR (5)

1. **ICHIMODA** - Eye-catching driver booking for this unraced Uniclove filly. Watch the market.

2. **IDYLLE DE CHANJAC** - Filly by Briar Dark. May be fit for first career start and has each way claims.

3. **INFINITY JET** - First time starter by Roc Meslois. Market check advised.

4. **IPANEMA DU BOURG** - Filly by Quinoa Du Gers. Worth a second look if primed for debut.

5. **IRANIE DES NOES** - Filly from the Jean-Marc Chaineux stable. Likely to be primed for debut and has each way claims.

6. **ISIS DI SEMBLE** - Three-year-old filly by Rolling D'heripre. Watch the market.

7. **ITSMIE SAUTREUIL** - Filly by So Lovely Girl. Market check likely to prove best guide.

8. **ILE FLOTTANTE** - Modest form both runs so far. Happy to oppose.

9. **ISLA MUJERES** - Mid-field on debut at Argentan but failed to build upon that at Vincennes when eighth. Needs to improve.

10. **IMMY FRA MALOU** - Filly by Quatre Jet. Yard not associated with debut winners but hard to entirely rule out.

11. **IRMA DU VIVIER** - Far from disgraced when 4.5L sixth on debut at Vincennes four weeks back. Should only improve. Include.

12. **I LOVE ROSE FLOWER** - DQ on last five starts. Hard to think she will even find the finish.

Summary

A market check will likely prove the best guide due to the lack of form and with many newcomers. IRMA DU VIVIER (11) shaped well when beaten 4.5L sixth on debut. Likely to improve and can be hard to beat. ICHIMODA (1) has a top driver booked on first career outing. Indicates bold bid is anticipated so keep safe. ISIS DI SEMBLE (6) looks a likeable type. Threat to all on initial career start. IDYLLE DE CHANJAC (2) holds each way claims first up.

Selections

IRMA DU VIVIER (11) - ICHIMODA (1) - ISIS DI SEMBLE (6) - IDYLLE DE CHANJAC (2)

1. **HUMOUR D'HAUFOR** - First time starter from the Christian Bigeon stable. Market check advised.

2. **HANA PRINCESSE** - Unfancied and well beaten on debut in November at Reims. Up against it.

3. HEXCELLENCIA - DQ both starts and easily opposed following that.

4. HOLD UP BEZILLAT - Showed little so far and easily opposed.

5. **HEAVENLY DREAM** - Modest form in short career to date. Happy to take on.

6. **HERA DU FOSSE** - Not progressing as hoped but drops in grade and can improve. Do not entirely discount.

7. **HIMALAYA BLEU** - DQ on last two starts but if back at the level of 2.5L second at Mauquenchy three runs back makes appeal. With no shoes now.

8. **HEROINE LILY** - Won in this grade six runs ago but disappointed subsequently. Needs to bounce back.

9. **HARMONY JIEL** - Only placed once form eleven starts. Happy to oppose here.

10. **HIP HOP D'EURVAD** - DQ on three of four wins so far but a game winner on only start when finding the finish. Potential threat to all.

11. **HARING OKINA** - Impressive 3L winner at Laon on final start last campaign. Resumes following five month absence. Big chance running barefoot.

12. **HOLLY JLYC** - DQ on reappearance but had looked a nice prospect judged on wide margin victory at Reims previously. Keep safe.

13. **HAUTAINE** - Modest recent efforts and happy to oppose here.

14. **HORS PAIR** - Placed three times early in his career but lost his way subsequently. Needs too bounce back.

15. **HELVAMOSA** - DQ at Reims but had been a good 2.25L second at Argentan on start before. Threat to all if bouncing back.

16. **HAWAI DE L'AUMOY** - 1L second at Mauquenchy two starts back. That was good form and after just four career starts remains open to further progression.

Summary

HARING OKINA (11) impressed when winning on final start last campaign and is expected to resume in similar form. One to beat. HAWAI DE L'AUMOY (16) has placed twice from four career outings. Open to any amount of further improvement and is worth holding safe. HOLLY JLYC (12) makes appeal with a top driver booked. Ignore DQ on reappearance as remains a nice prospect. HELVAMOSA (15) holds claims if judged on close second two runs back.

Selections

HARING OKINA (11) - HAWAI DE L'AUMOY (16) - HOLLY JLYC (12) -HELVAMOSA (15)

1. **FOREVER D'ECAJEUL** - Mid-field finishes in some strong Vincennes races of late. Down significantly in grade and can take a step forwards. Shortlist.

2. **ELAURIC DE CAREL** - Game 0.5L winner at La Capelle on final start last campaign. Resumes in easier contest and can be hard to beat.

3. **FOREVER'S FELLA** - Game 1.25L winner at Mauquenchy two starts back. DQ in similar contest since however and hard to predict.

4. **DEZIO JOSSELYN** - 1.75L third at Vincennes two weeks ago was a good effort. This looks weaker and he is a genuine threat to all running barefoot.

5. **CYR DE COQUERIE** - Below best of late and needs to re-find form.

6. COME BACK - String of modest runs of late. Up against it.

7. **DOLLAR TILLY** - Has only scored once but has placed on 13 of 41 starts and could easily fill that position once more.

8. **ELIO MANNETOT** - Mid-field finish in similar contest on only run last campaign. Needs more first up this season.

9. **DJANGO DU JAGUY** - 4L third at Reims on Wednesday was best effort for some time. Each way chance if repeating.

10. **CELTIC MAGIQUE** - Lost his way last campaign but has been freshened and could easily show more.

11. **EMONDEVILLAISE** - 3.5L sixth at Toulouse last week. Can progress but place likely to prove best.

12. ENIEME CHARM - Struggling on recent outings and happy to oppose.

13. **CATOWICE DE CLECY** - DQ on reappearance a fortnight ago at Amiens. Should progress but will need too.

Summary

ELAURIC DE CAREL (2) resumes following a seven month absence. Game winner of much better race than this at La Capelle. Contender on return to this track. FOREVER D'ECAJEUL (1) has been racing in competitive events this campaign. Easier task now and gets a chance to win. DEZIO JOSSELYN (4) finished in the frame at Vincennes. Can improve again and looks a solid pick. DJANGO DU JAGUY (9) progressed when placing this week at Reims. Threat to all if repeating.

Selections ELAURIC DE CAREL (2) - FOREVER D'ECAJEUL (1) - DEZIO JOSSELYN (4) - DJANGO DU JAGUY (9)