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R1 CAEN [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX OUEST FRANCE (PRIX DE CAMBREMER) - 2200m (a1 3/8m) -
European-Autostart - Class C - Harness - EUR € 31.000**

1. HUDO DU RUEL - Good consistent trotter that missed out by little at Enghien last time. Drawn on the inside line here but still looks good enough to win this

2. BOMBER DI NO - Has done nothing noteworthy since winning in Paris last autumn and can be ruled out

3. BALDUR - Has evident ability but has struggled with stride woes since last season and needs to reassure

4. HECTOR DE BASSIERE - Justifiably well-regarded individual that seldom lets the side down. Did not live up to expectations last time but is clearly in shape and with just front pads fitted can make good on his position behind the car

5. HOCHÉ - Has been on a fine run of form lately. Returned to winning ways at Saint-Brieuc late last month and going barefoot again can double his money

6. GRAAL DE L'EXTREME - Reliability not his strong suit but imposed here late March and being reunited with his victorious driver can only work to his advantage

7. EVEN STEVEN - Tricky type but showed a return to form last time despite being denied a run and in similar shape can make amends

8. HUNE LOVE - Hardy mare with form at this level. Will be fit by now and even though drawn wide, she will be barefoot and must be afforded respect

9. GOGO DES MALBERAUX - Lost his way towards the end of last season and no chance on first start following his layoff

10. BODY N SOUL - Serious trotter in both codes but has never produced the goods in France and will have few friends

Summary : After a fine 2022 season, HUDO DU RUEL (1) picked up at Enghien where he left off and looks a serious prospect on his Caen debut. He is unlikely to have it all his own way though considering how well the better-positioned HOCHÉ (5) has improved over recent weeks. HECTOR DE BASSIERE (4) was unsurprisingly well-backed last time out and benefits from a superb entry here. HUNE LOVE (8) suffered some bad luck in Paris last time out and Matthieu Abrivard will be out to redress the balance.

SELECTIONS

HUDO DU RUEL (1) - HOCHÉ (5) - HECTOR DE BASSIERE (4) - EVEN STEVEN (7)

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C2 - PRIX SWEET FM (PRIX DE LA TOUQUES) - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - National - Autostart - Class B - Harness - EUR € 31.000

1. **KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Tricky type but has form in good company. Put on a fine show last time despite losing his action but with stride in check can set the record straight
2. **KRONO DU TRIO** - Still somewhat green but is clearly in excellent shape and legitimately vies to confirm his recent Vincennes victory
3. **KASSIDY KID** - Handy colt that put on a good show at Enghien. In better company here but breaks from the 3-spot and will have his supporters
4. **KARBONE CASH** - Quality individual with some good runs to his name. Never at his ease last time out but should appreciate Caen profile and is well-placed to make amends
5. **KRISSA DE MORGANE** - Useful filly that showed potential last season. Just one race in her this term though and expected to need the outing
6. **KENTUCKY WOOD** - Sanctioned almost as often than not but has some ability. Trowned last time however and needs to raise his game
7. **KILUDI D'AVRIL** - Not the easiest to handle but has evident talent. Runner-up to a good colt at Cholet and must not be underestimated
8. **KATIM DU GOUTIER** - Already a winner this year but sanctioned in both since the spell and needs to get his house in order
9. **KING BABEL** - Serious colt that keeps progressing. Is confirmed at Caen and even though not ideally drawn still looks a serious proposition
10. **KEEN ACTION** - Respectable filly but has not done enough lately to be considered dangerous
11. **KEEP FAITH** - Rarely far off the mark when she can stay in stride but latest Cholet performance did nothing to inspire confidence
12. **KENTUCKY PIYA** - Fine colt that has successfully climbed the class ladder. Forced to start on second line but with a clear path can keep his unbeaten run intact
13. **KASH MADRIK** - Not the best horse here but showed improvement on the Vincennes short course last time out. On second line though and chances limited
14. **KISS ME DU RUEL** - Useful sort that has been knocking at the door lately. Up against the colts this time though and not an obvious choice
15. **KEOPS DE CASTELLE** - Yet to get off the mark but runner-up in last three, including over course and distance. Handed a tough draw but one to note all the same

Summary : Although not the easiest to handle, KRISTAL JOSSELYN (1) has bags of ability. She would have finished close last time had she stayed in stride and can make amends. Eric Raffin will nevertheless be wary of the improving KRONO DU TRIO (2) who latterly imposed over the distance at Vincennes. KENTUCKY PIYA (12) is forced to start on the second line but he is unbeaten in three going clockwise and looks dangerous. Already a winner at the venue, KING BABEL (9) has not once set a foot out of line and must also be taken seriously.

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KRISTAL JOSSELYN (1) - KRONO DU TRIO (2) - KENTUCKY PIYA (12) - KING BABEL (9)

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C3 - PRIX DES DUCS DE NORMANDIE - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - International - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 150.000

1. **CASH BANK BIGI** - Gr.2 winner and Gr.1 second over the winter. Just one race under her belt since the break but is not one to be underestimated
2. **ERIC THE EEL** - On a superb run of form over past two months. Impressive at Enghien last time and steps back up in class with legitimate ambition
3. **DIGNE ET DROIT** - Has done nothing of note in either code for a very long time. Disregard
4. **EVEIL DU CHATELET** - Good class of horse in the monté discipline. Here for a change of scenery
5. **HAPPY VALLEY** - Quality mare with form at the highest level. Excellent in last two starts and with form maintained could well upset the apple-cart
6. **GANGSTER DU WALLON** - Unable at Saint-Brieuc to confirm his Parilly performance and not expected to garner much support
7. **HOKKAIDO JIEL** - Occasionally tricky but has otherwise been going well of late and recent Gr.2 performance augurs well for his chances
8. **GENTLY DE MUZE** - Good class of horse with form at this level but below-par in last two and unlikely to shake things up
9. **HORSY DREAM** - Gr.1-winning trotter that finished 4th at Enghien. Handler back in the sulky this time but still a leading contender
10. **HIRONDELLE DU RIB** - Considerably better horse in the other code and has no realistic chance
11. **FAKIR DU LORAUULT** - Useful on a good day but disappointing of late and chances limited
12. **ELVIS DU VALLON** - Regularly gives a decent account when applied. 5th in race of reference but shod differently this time and not an obvious choice
13. **CALLMETHEBREEZE** - Boasts a good turn of foot and is confirmed at this level. Has never raced right-handed but should appreciate the Caen profile and will be worth monitoring
14. **ELIE DE BEAUFOUR** - Below-par of late but is a classy individual with nothing to prove in this category. JMB back in the sulky and improvement anticipated
15. **HOHNECK** - Serious trotter that consistently gives his best. Third to Westerink's horse at Enghien last time and once again expected to finish close
16. **ETONNANT** - Simply superb since returning after the spell. Impressive in Prix de l'Atlantique and will take all the beating

Summary : Winner of the 2021 and 2022 editions, the dynamic ETONNANT (16) bids to become the first horse in the race's history to win it three times and given current form should be in a position to pull it off. The ever-consistent HOHNECK (15) finished a fine 3rd to him in the Gr.1 Prix de l'Atlantique and in the absence of Go On Boy, looks the principal threat this time. A place behind him that day, HORSY DREAM (9) is being aimed at Elitloppet but still looks dangerous. HAPPY VALLEY (5) appears to be close to her best though and could well prove something of a spoiler.

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ETONNANT (16) - HOHNECK (15) - HORSY DREAM (9) - HAPPY VALLEY (5)

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C4 - PRIX DU CALVADOS - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - European - Class B - Mounted - EUR € 45.000

1. **HUDSON VEDAQUAIS** - Well-regarded but seldom lives up to expectations and is not about to break the mould
2. **DUO CHARMEUR** - Useful at a lower level but has just one race in him since the break and unlikely to spring any surprises
3. **FINGER DE RODREY** - Got back in the game with a fine Vincennes effort earlier in the month. Steps up in class but will have his supporters
4. **DE LA CHENEVIERE** - Not without merit but lacklustre in last three starts in both codes and will have few takers
5. **FLUO MESLOIS** - Regular for the most part but could manage only a modest 5th behind DEEDJAR DU VIVIER (9) last time and unlikely to worry the opposition
6. **EMERAUDE DEL PHEDO** - Has found her away again over past two months but takes on some serious horses this time and a minor place prospect at best
7. **GAIA D'OCCAGNES** - Produced her career-best monté performance at Enghien late March. Honed under harness and returns to the code with a decent chance of picking up some prizemoney
8. **GO FOR THE GOLD** - Has never produced the goods at Caen but has been in fine form for some time. Back barefoot and with application can play a prominent role
9. **DEEDJAR DU VIVIER** - As delicate as they come but reassured at Saint-Brieuc late last month. Unlikely to repeat but can still give an honest account
10. **ETOILE DE QUESNY** - Twice a winner in 6 starts under the saddle, including over track and trip. Showed her form at Vincennes and with application will not be far off the mark
11. **FASTER SYGA** - Has done little of note in either code for some time and chances slim at best
12. **DEGANAWIDAH** - Placed under the saddle here two years ago but out of the picture in all monté starts since and can be ruled out
13. **ELISKA BERRY** - Seldom seen under the saddle and sanctioned in last three attempts. Disregard
14. **EMIR DE REBOMARD** - Disappointing on the whole for past 17 months and not a realistic proposition
15. **GIRLY BECO** - Delicate but has nothing to prove in this class. Modified shoeing this time and with application can put on a good show
16. **FLOWER BY MAGALOU** - Has proven credentials in the discipline and has shown some form lately under harness but insufficient to warrant much support
17. **FILWELL** - Excellent servant in this branch of the business and won last time at the venue. Has form at a superior level and can again finish close

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18. FULTON - Won a Gr.2 last time in the discipline. Prepared carefully by his handler and looks eminently capable of imposing

Summary : Winner of a Gr.2 last time under the saddle, FULTON (18) has been prepared for this in the other code and even with just hind shoes off for the occasion should have this in the bag. He will nevertheless face some opposition from 2021 Prix des Elites winner GIRLY BECO (15), provided she can keep her action together. GO FOR THE GOLD (8) has been on a fine run of form this term and even in this company will still have a lot to offer, as should the good FILWELL (17) who seldom disappoints when barefoot.

SELECTIONS

FULTON (18) - GIRLY BECO (15) - GO FOR THE GOLD (8) - FILWELL (17)

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C5 - PRIX GEORGES DREUX - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - European - Class C - Harness - EUR € 40.000

1. **FALCO DES ROCHERS** - Very hard to fault over recent weeks. Left a good impression at Bordeaux recently but still no more than a minor place prospect
2. **EXPRESS DU GERS** - Has looked decidedly ordinary since returning this season and has no realistic chance
3. **FIESTA DU BELVER** - Fine mare when unshod but still being prepared for first objective of the season and best to hold off
4. **EXCEL D'AMOUR** - Solid as a rock in three of four this season. Imposed last time racing right-handed and should again figure prominently
5. **FANFARONNEUR** - Quality individual that has twice won at the venue. Showed his form at Pontchâteau and looks competitive once again
6. **FRILOUZ DE KERNAS** - Useful on a good day but went off the boil over the winter and has picked up where he left off
7. **GUIDE MOI FORGAN** - Hardy sort but significantly better in the monté discipline and has other priorities
8. **HARIBO DU LOISIR** - Sprang something of a surprise when winning at Pontchâteau last month and while unlikely to repeat should still acquit himself competitively
9. **EPSON D'ARIANE** - Has considerable ability and goes over any trip but needs to show improvement on latest efforts
10. **HIDALGO DES NOES** - Serious trotter that showed his form at Cholet despite racing with shoes on. Shod for competition this time and can secure his third victory of the season
11. **GLAMOUR QUEEN** - Excellent mare that has been showing her form lately. Went close last time here and is not incapable of imposing
12. **EUSEBIO D'HERIPRE** - Quality element making first appearance following an extended layoff and can be passed over
13. **HELIOT DE CAHOT** - Has been in flying form since the winter. Missed out to HIDALGO DES NOES (10) last time and with solid credentials racing clockwise must be afforded significant respect
14. **FRENCH WAY OF LIFE** - Erratic but has been showing form under the saddle and could well get a look in if she can stay in stride
15. **HALLIX** - Quality mare in the other code. Here for reasons of conditioning and no threat
16. **EXPRESSO GOOD** - Useful sort with an excellent entry here. Unable to confirm his latest Vincennes performance but will still garner support

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Summary : Very hard to fault when racing without front shoes, and with solid credentials going clockwise, HIDALGO DES NOES (10) has been specifically prepared for this and looks marginally better than GLAMOUR QUEEN (11) who has twice finished runner-up in good company lately. HELIOT DE CAHOT (13) is never to be ignored when barefoot and his recent finish behind the Gelormini-driven horse bodes well for his chances. FANFARONNEUR (5) is as versatile as they come and boasts a good Caen record.

SELECTIONS

**HIDALGO DES NOES (10) - GLAMOUR QUEEN (11) - HELIOT DE CAHOT (13) -
FANFARONNEUR (5)**

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C6 - PRIX HENRI BALLIERE - ETRIER 4 ANS Q2 - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - Group 2 - Mounted - EUR € 120.000

1. JAGUAR DU BOCAGE - Has found his way since starting to race barefoot. First time unshod all four under the saddle and should not disappoint

2. JEROBOAM D'ERABLE - Has ability but could manage only 4th on only appearance at this level. Shod differently this time but others still preferred

3. JEUNE DEMOISELLE - Capricious sort that ended last season with three straight sanctions and will have few takers on her first start back

4. JULIANA DE RETZ - Improving filly that has yet to be bested going right-handed. Goes first time unshod all four and expected to make a big splash

5. JASPER DES CHARMES - Not the easiest to handle but boasts a 100% win-rate. Takes a hike in class but has earned his place here and should put on another good show

6. JAZZY DU PRE - Runner-up in Gr.2 over course and distance this day last year but has failed to make the grade since and can be passed over

7. J'ADORE - Has never failed to finish in the money at this level but somewhat below-par last time and others easier to back

8. JEAN BALTHAZAR - Made quite the impact on his recent return to the discipline. Will have come on for the run and, confirmed at the venue, can have his way

9. JUNON DU LEARD - Boasts an enviable record under the saddle. Third in race of reference and should again figure prominently

10. JOYEUSE - Good class of filly that has already held her own against her elders at the highest level. Pads on this time and with application will be no pushover

Summary : Unseen under the saddle since June 2022, JEAN BALTHAZAR (8) made an exceptional return to the discipline a fortnight ago to finish second in the Gr.2 Prix René Palyart and in similar form can impose this time. Yoann Lebourgeois will be mindful of the progressive and talented JULIANA DE RETZ (4) who races barefoot for the first time. Unbeaten in two appearances in the monté code, JASPER DES CHARMES (5) is confirmed going clockwise and with Eric Raffin in the irons will have his chances. JOYEUSE (10) gave a fine account in the Gr.1 Prix des Centaures before struggling with stride issues behind the favourite next time but will be fitted with pads on this occasion which may well prove key to her rehabilitation.

SELECTIONS

JEAN BALTHAZAR (8) - JULIANA DE RETZ (4) - JASPER DES CHARMES (5) - JOYEUSE (10)

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C7 - PRIX CAEN BASKET CALVADOS - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - International - Group 3 - Harness - EUR € 80.000

1. **JEWEL DE BANVILLE** - Hardy type with fine aptitude for the monté game. Here for reasons of conditioning and no threat
2. **DUBHE PRAV** - Useful Italian import that has not been as productive since crossing the border and is unlikely to spring any surprises
3. **JOYFUL DIVA** - Moderate filly that has made no impact so far this year and must first reaffirm
4. **JAGUAR WIT** - Showed early promise but went off the boil last autumn and is still struggling to find his way back
5. **JAGUAR MARANCOURT** - Imposed on his first start following the break but lost his action early at Enghien and in this company will have few takers
6. **JAGUAR GRIFF** - Seldom gets his nose in front but consistently in the thick of things. 5th in race of reference and can confirm
7. **JACK TONIC** - Very hard to fault when he can keep his action together. Unseen since late January and will not be over-taxed
8. **DEUS ZACK** - Not the most reliable of trotters but has considerable talent. Should be suited to Caen profile and can make a big splash on seasonal re-entry
9. **J'AIME LE FOOT** - Has found his way in the other code but nevertheless acquitted himself well in Prix de Tonnac-Villeneuve and will have his supporters
10. **JAKARTAS DES PRES** - Has form at a superior level but better under the saddle these days and others preferred
11. **JULIET PAPA BRAVO** - Serious filly that showed considerable class to finish 3rd to the favourite last time in a race with no pace. Is barefoot for Caen debut and will be no pushover
12. **JUST LOVE YOU** - Gr.1 Prix Ourasi winner returning shod following her layoff. Unlikely to impose but can still figure prominently
13. **JOYNER SPORT** - Quality colt that has already won at a superior level. Suffered at Enghien through no fault of his driver but with more luck in running can show what he can do
14. **JAZZY PERRINE** - Hardy filly that endured some bad luck in the race of reference but gets another crack at it and can make amends
15. **JUST A GIGOLO** - Remarkable colt that stands out in this field. Showed his class on re-entry and will take all the beating

Summary : Unquestionably the leader of his generation, JUST A GIGOLO (15) flew up in the Gr.2 Prix de Tonnac-Villeneuve on his return to competition three weeks ago and looks set to repeat. Runner-up in the Gr.1 Prix de Sélection before trotting third to Allaire's colt at Enghien, JULIET PAPA BRAVO (11) can again apply the pressure. Both JOYNER SPORT (13) and JAZZY PERRINE (14) were very unlucky that day but can set the record straight.

SELECTIONS

JUST A GIGOLO (15) - JULIET PAPA BRAVO (11) - JOYNER SPORT (13) - JAZZY

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PERRINE (14)

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**C8 - PRIX PIERRE GAMARE - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - Group 2 - Mounted - EUR
€ 120.000**

- 1. KRISTINA DE RETZ** - Has demonstrated decent aptitude for the game but faces stiff opposition and unlikely to trouble the judge
- 2. KING STALLION** - Unexceptional colt that was trounced on his lone appearance at this level and will again have his work cut out
- 3. KALYPSO ICE** - Lightly-raced filly that won over track and trip late March. Faces a stiff test at this level but should nevertheless acquit herself honourably
- 4. KILLER VICTORY** - Modest 4th to the favourite last time out before reassuring 10 days later. Four pads fitted on this occasion and should logically show improvement
- 5. KELANIE LORRAINE** - Quality element that trotted second to a very good filly in the Prix Hémène last month. Unlikely to repeat but can still challenge for a spot on the podium
- 6. KANDORA BELLA** - Authoritative winner of the Gr.2 Prix Ali Hawas but never at her ease next time. Has had time to freshen up and can return with a bang
- 7. KIMBO BERRY** - Improving filly with an excellent monté record. Stayed on well to take second last time but is no match for the favourite
- 8. KYT KAT** - Superb colt looking for a 4th straight win. Easily dealt with any competition in last two outings at this level and will unsurprisingly attract the lion's share of support

Summary : Following a rough start to his career, KYT KAT (8) has subsequently come good since being fitted with front pads and after two straight Gr.2 wins, he is well-placed to pick up a third. KIMBO BERRY (7) is on the way up, having finished 3rd and 2nd respectively to him, and looks a solid prospect. Stablemate to the favourite, KANDORA BELLA (6) has also marked her card at a similar level and should not be too hastily judged for her Gr.2 Prix Hémène performance. The good KELANIE LORRAINE (5) showed marked improvement that day and once again looks competitive.

SELECTIONS

KYT KAT (8) - KIMBO BERRY (7) - KANDORA BELLA (6) - KELANIE LORRAINE (5)

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C9 - PRIX LIBERTE LE BONHOMME LIBRE - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - National - Autostart - Class C - Harness - EUR € 31.000

1. **ISLA MUJERES** - Modest mare with nothing of note to her name for some time and will have few friends
2. **IN THE AIR** - Regularly seen at a superior level but unraced since January and can be passed over
3. **IDDEN FORTUNE** - Not the most dependable horse in the field but hard to knock when focused. Somewhat unlucky in Paris but is clearly in form and from the 3-spot looks a serious proposition
4. **INVICTUS DE HOERDT** - Blows hot and cold but has merit. Gets on well with Eric Raffin and will garner support
5. **IDEAL DANCER** - Took little time getting back in the game. Well positioned behind the car and given his liking for Caen will be no soft touch
6. **I WANNA BE QUEEN** - Has found his way in the claiming division but at this level will have too much to do
7. **IVANJICA DE LOU** - Quality mare that is very hard to fault at present. Raced better in Paris last time than the result would suggest and from the front line can give this a good go
8. **IVRAM** - Useful sort that has been progressing well this term. Finished close behind IVANJICA DE LOU (7) at Vincennes last time and must be afforded respect
9. **IMPARTIAL** - Quality element that went close last time here. Lost his action at Vincennes last time and not ideally drawn but is still good enough to make amends
10. **IDOLE OF LOVE** - Enjoyed a productive 2022 season and is confirmed racing clockwise. Should be fully fit and going barefoot this time must be retained
11. **IMAGE D'ATALANTE** - Has raced respectably since the spell but shoes back on and best to hold off
12. **ITONO DE MILLAC** - Blows hot and cold. Just second race back and with shoes on will have nothing to give
13. **INDIANA D'ESPACE** - Has been on a fine run of form over recent weeks. Is confirmed at the venue and even though stepping up in class should still acquit herself honourably
14. **I RUN DE JANEIRO** - Capricious trotter that occasionally shows his good side but failed to confirm at Vincennes recently and others will be easier to back
15. **IDEFIX DHELPA** - Showed marked improvement at Vichy 10 days ago and will endeavour to confirm although the draw will do him no favours
16. **IGOR VICKING** - Excellent servant at this level but shod for comeback from winter break and will not be given a hard race

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Summary : It is not easy to choose between IDDEN FORTUNE (3) who imposed smartly at Enghien on her penultimate start, and the more faithful IDEAL DANCER (5) who made up for his comeback sanction with a solid success at Alençon, however a tentative nod goes to Franck Nivard's charge. That said, IVANJICA DE LOU (7) is barefoot again and should not be far off the mark, and neither should IMPARTIAL (9) although the draw will work against him.

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IDDEN FORTUNE (3) - IDEAL DANCER (5) - IVANJICA DE LOU (7) - IMPARTIAL (9)