

THURSDAY, 13/07/23

R4 CHATELAILLON [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX GREGORY COUTANCEAU - 2625m (a1 5/8m) - Class E -
Harness - EUR € 30.000**

- 1. GAMIN DE COKTAIL** - Has so far failed to replicate last summer's form but receives a JMB drive on this occasion and from the front row will have his chances
- 2. EXPLORATRICE** - Has begun to show improvement but has not done enough lately to justify much support
- 3. EGERIE DES JOSCO** - Known more for her performances at amateur level these days. Latest results do little to inspire confidence but in this company can get a look in
- 4. GENTIL COCO** - Unexceptional type with better prospects in the claiming category and can be passed over
- 5. DROP DE L'ITON** - Mixes the good with the less good but has nothing to prove in this class. Latest effort can be ignored and should logically figure prominently
- 6. ESBEIRIT** - Modest type that showed improvement at Beaumont-de-Lomagne last time but is 25m worse off on this occasion and not an obvious choice
- 7. GALACTEE DE CHENU** - Excellent in four of last five starts. Is clearly close to her race and will be in a position to apply the pressure on GUARDIA (8)
- 8. GUARDIA** - Mare of considerable ability and has been very hard to knock all season. Clearly in excellent shape and even with a 25m handicap can secure a 3rd success of the year

Summary : The second line appears to hold the key here with the ultra-consistent GUARDIA (8) looking a leading hope given current form and her proven liking for the track. She will still be opposed though by the hardy GALACTEE DE CHENU (7) who has been knocking at the door since the spring. A Class D winner in Paris already this year, DROP DE L'ITON (5) descends in category and will be no soft touch. Dynamic this time last season, GAMIN DE COKTAIL (1) has been entrusted to JMB for the occasion and the 25m head-start will do his prospects no disservice.

SELECTIONS

**GUARDIA (8) - GALACTEE DE CHENU (7) - DROP DE L'ITON (5) - GAMIN DE COKTAIL
(1)**

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**C2 - PRIX DU BISTROT DE MEME - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - Autostart - Class E
- Harness - EUR € 23.000**

- 1. IAGO CAYENNAIS** - Showed considerable early potential but has since lost his way and even with revised shoeing is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 2. IF DE LA COUDRE** - Very hard to fault over recent weeks. Pleased on lone start here and will not be far from the action if he gets off on the right foot
- 3. IOPAMIRON** - Good individual that prepped here a fortnight ago. Shoeless this time and is ideally-positioned to open his seasonal account
- 4. INSTALL D'ALOUETTE** - Tough type that set the record straight at Vichy last time out. Hind shoes off again and with a crack driver in the sulky looks a serious proposition
- 5. IZIA DE MONGIVAL** - Blows hot and cold but returned to competitive ways at Laval last time and with Raffin in the wagon will be afforded every chance
- 6. ICE CREAM D'ETE** - Respectable on a good day but disappointing since the spring and not a realistic proposition
- 7. IZZIE D'ERONVILLE** - Dependability not his strong suit but did win at Mauquenchy late last month. Failed to confirm next time though and a minor place chance at best
- 8. INCREDIBLE TALENT** - Enjoyed a productive spring before flopping at Enghien. Form is not in doubt though and is expected to make amends
- 9. INTELLO BELLO** - Never far from losing his action but can trot. If Terry can keep him trotting, there could well be a cheque in it for him

Summary : After a much-needed break, IOPAMIRON (3) now has two races under his belt and going barefoot from the 3-spot has every chance of getting straight down to business. Matthieu Abrivard will still be wary of the rejuvenated, and JMB-driven, INSTALL D'ALOUETTE (4) who has already won at the venue. Solid as a rock in three of his last four starts, IF DE LA COUDRE (2) lost his action early at Laval but can make a big splash if Gence assures his initial strides. IZIA DE MONGIVAL (5) got back in the game after a shoeing change and, racing in a similar configuration, can do well with Eric Raffin at the helm.

SELECTIONS

IOPAMIRON (3) - INSTALL D'ALOUETTE (4) - IF DE LA COUDRE (2) - IZIA DE MONGIVAL (5)

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C3 - GRAND NATIONAL DES JOCKEYS - 2625m (a1 5/8m) - European - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 34.000

- 1. ECRIN PERCERIE** - Sanctioned in three of last four but caught the eye at Le Croisé-Laroche and with stride in check can play a small role
- 2. GOLD DU VAL** - Never far from losing his action but evidently in excellent shape and if behaved should be able to challenge for the spoils
- 3. GLOSSY BOY** - Useful sort when he has his mind on the job. Put in a good finish behind GOLD DU VAL (2) last time and warrants respect
- 4. DIEGO DECOULGENS** - No slouch on a good day but has been off the boil since late winter. Front shoes off this time but others still preferred
- 5. ERMES DE CORDAY** - Mixes the good with the less good but can get in on the action if he reproduces his latest Graignes performance. New shoeing expected to work in his favour
- 6. FARANDOLE DI PALBA** - Blows hot and cold but has buckets of ability. Has never delivered here but in current form is hard to ignore
- 7. FIONA DE COQUERIE** - Hardy mare with good references in this category. Clearly enjoying a decent run and on this occasion can even make the frame
- 8. GRIZZLY BEAR** - Serious sort that won under harness with Raffin 12 days ago. Has solid monté credentials and on good behaviour can double up
- 9. DONYX D'HAGUE** - Sprang something of a surprise at Vincennes late last month but chances of a repeat slim at best
- 10. GAVROCHE BEST** - Serious individual that appears to be back on the right road. Drops marginally in category and can make his presence felt
- 11. DONATO BELLO** - Not the most reliable horse here but left a good impression at Langon and must not be entirely overlooked

Summary : Although a handful from time to time, GRIZZLY BEAR (8) is nevertheless a quality trotter in both codes. Winner under harness at Enghien earlier this month, he should be eminently capable of winning a race of this nature, provided of course he can stay in stride. That said, FARANDOLE DI PALBA (6) is rarely far off the mark when focused and looks the leading threat. The delicate GOLD DU VAL (2) returned to winning ways a fortnight ago and will be no pushover if he can keep his action together. FIONA DE COQUERIE (7) has been acquitting herself in good company lately and is expected to give another solid account.

SELECTIONS

GRIZZLY BEAR (8) - FARANDOLE DI PALBA (6) - GOLD DU VAL (2) - FIONA DE
COQUERIE (7)

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C4 - GRAND NATIONAL DU TROT - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - National - Autostart - Group 3 - Harness - EUR € 90.000

- 1. DOUXOR DE GUEZ** - Ended last year in good shape but has failed to rekindle the form fire and must get his house in order
- 2. HORACE DU GOUTIER** - Unbeaten in three GNT races this year. Winner of his only start at La Rochelle and can add another win to his tally
- 3. FALCO D'HAVAROCHE** - Has failed to fire in last three starts but latest effort will have done him some good and the J-M Baudouin magic may well be in evidence this Thursday
- 4. ELIE DE BEAUFOUR** - Quality element that took some time to come to hand this year but set the record straight at Vichy recently and is ideally-placed behind the car
- 5. DAYAN WINNER** - Moderate type that showed signs of form at Borély but failed to confirm next time and will have few takers
- 6. GASPAR D'ANGIS** - Superb campaigner that thrives under these conditions. Runner-up to HORACE DU GOUTIER (2) last time out but has a decent chance of exacting revenge
- 7. DOUX PARFUM** - Delicate sort but can trot and has won at this level. Showed his form in Finland last month and returns to France with a decent chance of picking up a cheque
- 8. HELIADE DU GOUTIER** - Reliability not her strong suit but is proven at this level. Forced to start wide but will not be far off the mark if focused
- 9. ETOILE DE BRUYERE** - Erratic but has ability. Unseen since April though and is sure to need the race
- 10. FLY SPEED** - Significantly better horse in the other code and will have little to offer

Summary : An unusually small field for this leg of the GNT but it lacks nothing in fascination. HORACE DU GOUTIER (2) has already won three stages, bringing his win-streak to four, and from the 2-spot a 5th straight is well within his capacity. That being said, GASPAR D'ANGIS (6) has also secured three victories in the series and Eric Raffin will be out to turn the tables after finishing bridesmaid to Guarato's horse at Langon. Multiple group-winner, ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (4) got back down to business in a Vichy Gr.2 eight days ago and from the 4-spot will be no pushover. HELIADE DU GOUTIER (8) has decent references in this class and should bounce back from her recent Enghien clinker.

SELECTIONS

**HORACE DU GOUTIER (2) - GASPAR D'ANGIS (6) - ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (4) - HELIADE
DU GOUTIER (8)**

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**C5 - PRIX V AND B - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness -
EUR € 24.000**

- 1. HIGOR DAIRPET** - Unremarkable type that was not disgraced at Rambouillet last time out and even though returning to a hard surface can get in on the action
- 2. FOLCO'S BLUES** - Very disappointing since placing at Saint-Omer during the spring and can be confidently ruled out
- 3. HENRY DE TROUVILLE** - Classy campaigner at this level of competition. Out of the picture in last three but Eric Raffin has taken the drive, which may well prove key to his redemption
- 4. GOLD D'ALOUETTE** - Delicate but has merit. Thrives at La Rochelle and even with front pads fitted this time should not be ignored
- 5. FUN LOVER** - Not the sharpest horse here but encouraged at Elbeuf and in this small field can challenge for a place on the podium
- 6. HANIKA DU LUPIN** - Got the year off to a good start but has struggled of late. Is a serious trotter when focused though and can win this if she manages to keep her action together
- 7. FEE D'AMARO** - Drawn wide but will make little difference in this small field and will not be far off the mark if she replicates her latest effort

Summary : Extremely capable in their own right, and very different as horses, both HANIKA DU LUPIN (6) and the better-placed HENRY DE TROUVILLE (3) need to reassure but each has the ability to win a race of this nature. Pressure is expected to come from FEE D'AMARO (7) who heartened connections with a good run at Agon three weeks ago. FUN LOVER (5) has not been firing on all cylinders this term but can play a part if he reproduces his Elbeuf performance.

SELECTIONS

HANIKA DU LUPIN (6) - HENRY DE TROUVILLE (3) - FEE D'AMARO (7) - FUN LOVER (5)

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C6 - PRIX DU CASINO DE CHATELAILLON - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23.000

- 1. JOLIE SMART** - Serious filly that has picked up this year where she left off. Set her personal best at Meslay early last month and will be dangerous if she turns
- 2. JOY D'OURVILLE** - Has done nothing of note since last autumn and chances slim at best
- 3. JIBI DU FRUITIER** - Has yet to score this year but left such a good impression in Paris last time that it would be hard to imagine him not contesting the finish. Eric Raffin a major factor
- 4. JADESSE** - Better type in the other discipline. Here for reasons of conditioning and no threat
- 5. JUNO DE BANVILLE** - Good class of trotter that seldom disappoints. Has no references going left-handed but with Jean-Michel Bazire in the sulky should not disappoint
- 6. JACINTHE DE DAIDOU** - Tricky of late but nevertheless showed her form at Caen last time and on good behaviour should be able to get in on the action
- 7. JOLYDOLE** - Has struggled somewhat this year but is a quality element. Reassured at Les Sables-d'Olonne 10 days ago and with hind shoes off this time will have her chances
- 8. JIVAGO TURGOT** - Has not quite lived up to expectations after having shown great promise at 3. Tends to be seen more in the claiming division these days and others preferred
- 9. JUNIOR DU VIVIER** - Yet to lose his maiden tag but is as consistent as they come. Went close last time out and another competitive account anticipated
- 10. JOKER DU PONT** - Faithful servant for the most part but has not been seen out since March and even with shoes off will need the run
- 11. JOY DU RIF** - Useful type that gave a very good account on recent re-entry. Will have come on for the run and should not be far from the action

Summary : Following a tough start to the season, JIBI DU FRUITIER (3) appears to be back on course now and after a fine effort at Vincennes late last month, he has every chance of getting off the mark for 2023. Barring the occasional fault, JUNO DE BANVILLE (5) is a model of consistency though and racing barefoot with JMB in the wagon will have the wherewithal to run him close. JOLIE SMART (1) has been in cracking form since the start of the season and even though never having raced left-handed must still be afforded respect. JOLYDOLE (7) appears to be getting back to her best and the new shoeing configuration should not let her down.

SELECTIONS

JIBI DU FRUITIER (3) - JUNO DE BANVILLE (5) - JOLIE SMART (1) - JOLYDOLE (7)

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C7 - PRIX DU PMU "CAFE DE LA POSTE" - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - Amateurs-National-Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 8.000

- 1. FRIPON D'AUTHISE** - Has been on a decent streak of form for the most part this season. Latest run can be ignored and at this level will have his chances
- 2. FARCEUSE DU PRE** - Has looked decidedly ordinary since winning at Vichy 14 months ago and can expect to generate very little interest
- 3. EQUIDO** - Gives a good account for the most part. Reassured at Questembert and with hind shoes off can make the most of his good spot in front
- 4. FUN DE BANVILLE** - Honest type that has twice won at La Rochelle. Ideally-placed on the front line and can leave his recent sanction behind him
- 5. FRUCTUEUX** - Good monté horse but here for a change of scenery and can be passed over
- 6. GOLF DU BUISSON** - Fine servant that seldom disappoints. Is confirmed at the venue and returns with a realistic chance of pulling off the three-timer
- 7. HELICIANE D'ERABLE** - Serious sort that imposed at Laval before trotting second to GOLF DU BUISSON (6) at Langon but is still the better horse and can exact revenge
- 8. EASY TOUCH** - Last made the frame in May 2022 and recent results do nothing to inspire confidence
- 9. ECRIN DU LAYON** - Trotter with a colourful formcard but is very useful when focused and is not incapable of making his presence felt
- 10. EMERAUDE JIJI** - Made no impression in three starts at the venue and even though having reassured at Eauze still looks a rank outsider
- 11. FALAKI DE CAHOT** - Boasts decent references in the amateur category but tends to be seen more under the saddle these days and unlikely to shake things up

Summary : Very hard to fault in the amateur category, HELICIANE D'ERABLE (7) has been in cracking form this term and even though starting wide still looks good enough to turn the tables on the hat-trick-seeking GOLF DU BUISSON (6) who had her measure at Langon last month. FRIPON D'AUTHISE (1) finished second over longer here on his penultimate start, and looks a good podium prospect, as does the in-form EQUIDO (3) who is better positioned in front and who has hind shoes off for the occasion.

SELECTIONS

HELICIANE D'ERABLE (7) - GOLF DU BUISSON (6) - FRIPON D'AUTHISE (1) - EQUIDO (3)

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**C8 - PRIX DE CHATELAILLON-PLAGE - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - Autostart -
Class C - Harness - EUR € 26.000**

- 1. KISS ME POLE** - Has demonstrated very good aptitude to date. Takes on some serious horses this time though and represents more a minor place prospect on this occasion
- 2. KADEHO DE FRAMIST** - Useful sort that recently got the maiden monkey off his back. Raffin reining this time and could yet make it two on the trot
- 3. KOLONEL** - As delicate as they come but has talent in spades. Should appreciate La Rochelle profile and can impose if he stays in stride
- 4. KARA DES BROUSSES** - Sanctioned as often as not but has ability. Unraced for two months though and best to wait
- 5. KEOPS DE CASTELLE** - Runner-up on no fewer than 3 occasions this term. Lost his action early last time but can play a role if he gets off on the right foot
- 6. KIM FOREVER** - Beautifully-bred filly that has shown significant promise. Will have come on for her Enghien run and can take her win-rate to the 75% mark
- 7. KORSIKO** - Useful sort that appears to have put his stride woes behind him. Always gives his best and should not be far from the action

Summary : Winner of her first two, including over longer here, KIM FOREVER (6) was by no means disgraced on her metropolitan debut and looks to have the measure of most. The principal threat is expected to come from the better-positioned, but decidedly trickier, KOLONEL (3) who will be dangerous if focused. Eric Raffin takes over the reins on KADEHO DE FRAMIST (2) who recently opened his account at Toulouse and pulling off the double is not beyond the realm of possibility. KORSIKO (7) appears to have got his act together and can pick up the crumbs.

SELECTIONS

KIM FOREVER (6) - KOLONEL (3) - KADEHO DE FRAMIST (2) - KORSIKO (7)