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R3 NANTES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX MON TOURBILLON - 2275m (a1 3/8m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 15.000

- 1. LARISSE D'ECHAL** - Julien Sébastien Cormy-trained Brillantissime filly making her debut with Eric Raffin a noteworthy engagement
- 2. LASTIVKA** - Aldo des Champs newcomer trained, owned and to be partnered on debut by Karl Champenois. One to note
- 3. LEZIA JOSSELYN** - Earned a place in the lineup with an encouraging qualifying. Starts from a good starting position on debut so could have a role to play here
- 4. LHASSA DE VANDEL** - Well-bred debutante who represents leading connections. Has to be followed closely on debut and is a candidate for success
- 5. LOLLY STAR** - Qualified well in June last year so warrants respect here on debut and is not one to be taken lightly
- 6. LOUVE DE DAIDOU** - Ouragan De Celland filly trained by Laurent-Claude Abrivard and to be partnered on debut by Paul Philippe Ploquin
- 7. LEIA PRINCESS** - Sanctioned on debut but did not go unnoticed and is likely to improve with that experience. Could have more to offer
- 8. LINKIA DES APRES** - Made an encouraging start to her career (4th on debut) and would have gained plenty from that experience
- 9. LIESSE DU CHENE** - Has more experience than most, which should stand her in good stead here, though has no more than a place chance
- 10. LA STAR DES ISLES** - Made an encouraging debut at this track and ought to improve with the benefit of that experience. High on the shortlist
- 11. LADY D'ECAJEUL** - Finished 2nd on debut at this venue and ought to confirm the promise of that introduction with the benefit of experience. Leading light
- 12. LAVANDE DE ROCHE** - Has finished 3rd in both starts so has already revealed the means necessary to stake a claim in the finish here. Keep safe
- 13. LOUNA D'ESTIEU** - Disqualified in back-to-back outings, failing to build on the promise of a good 5th three starts back. Best watched for now

Summary : A competitive contest for a race at this level, with half a dozen newcomers included in the 13-horse lineup. Well-bred LHASSA DE VANDEL (4), a daughter of Ready Cash and champion Athena de Vandel, has an attractive pedigree so her progress could be worth following from the get-go. Both LA STAR DES ISLES (10) and LADY D'ECAJEUL (11) caught the eye by finishing 2nd in their respective debut outings at this venue and that experience will stand them in good stead. LEZIA JOSSELYN (3), ROCK LAVENDER (12) and LOLLY STAR (5) are others who deserve a mention. Good race!

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SELECTIONS

LHASSA DE VANDEL (4) - LA STAR DES ISLES (10) - LADY D'ECAJEUL (11) - LEZIA
JOSSELYN (3)

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**C2 - PRIX DU NOUVEL AN - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
21.000**

- 1. JAMAICA FLIGNY** - Disappointed at Graignes last time (6th) after consecutive victories but retains sufficient means to set the record straight. Not taken lightly
- 2. JAVA DU PLESSIS** - Showed signs of improvement last time but will need to build on that progress to have a say here. Outsider
- 3. JANE'S FELLA** - Has looked decidedly ordinary in both codes for some time so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore
- 4. JOYCE DE COSSE** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and is not incapable of getting into the picture here, though has no more than a place chance
- 5. JOLLY CHIC** - A winner three starts back but has been out of sorts in both subsequent outings, so is best watched for now
- 6. JELENIA BELLA** - Consistent sort with sound form references. Has more of a place chance than a winning one in this shoeing configuration
- 7. JOSEPHA CHOUP** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (4th) by winning last time out. Could have a say once more
- 8. JADE PAROYO** - Complicated and needs to reassure after several indifferent performances, including back-to-back disqualifications, but the booking of Benjamin Rochard in the sulky catches the eye. Dark horse
- 9. JOELLA BELLA** - Finished a good 3rd in a competitive race at Vincennes recently and has already won at this venue. Winning chance
- 10. JAYA SAINT CLAIR** - Was a dominant last-start winner at Argentan and is likely to make another bold bid here judged on that evidence
- 11. JAVA DE LANGERON** - Delicate but already revealed sufficient means to play a leading role in a race like this, if remaining wise

Summary : JOELLA BELLA (9), in good form and physical condition, and last-start winner JAYA SAINT CLAIR (10), who annihilated her rivals en route to success at Argentan recently, are obvious candidates for success and likely to fight out the finish. JAVA DE LANGERON (11), well engaged at the ceiling of earnings, is capable of posing a threat, though. JADE PAROYO (8) and JAMAICA FLIGNY (1) ought to be competitive for the places, with the shortlist completed by JOSEPHA CHOUP (7), also a winner recently.

SELECTIONS

**JOELLA BELLA (9) - JAYA SAINT CLAIR (10) - JAVA DE LANGERON (11) - JADE
PAROYO (8)**

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C3 - PRIX PRINCE ROYAL - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 21.000

1. **JIMBO SPORT** - Inconsistent but isn't entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has only a place chance, though
2. **JUST A MAN** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
3. **JUTLAND DE TILLARD** - Out of sorts and is not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his recent displays. Others preferred
4. **JILINO** - Seldom far off the mark so isn't easily overlooked, though has no more than a place chance. Joker in the pack
5. **JUSTICIER DAIRPET** - Usually performs well racing unshod behind, so could make his presence felt here. Not taken lightly
6. **JACK TEJY** - Caught the eye at Vincennes recently and, even with his irons this time, ought to be competitive. Keep safe
7. **JOS DU PILET** - Consistent sort who has remained competitive after winning three starts back, finishing 4th in both subsequent outings. Beware
8. **JURASSIC MOIRE** - Bounced right back to best with a last-start success at Graignes last month, proving his undeniable ability. Capable of following up
9. **JOUTEUR D'AUGE** - Barefoot again, as he was when finishing a good 4th at Vincennes last time, with Eric Raffin in the sulky. Dark horse
10. **JACKSON DU TRESOR** - Consistent for the most part with sound form references, though has more of a place chance than a winning one in this shoeing configuration
11. **JADOU DU LUPIN** - Recently returned to victory with a stylish performance at Pontchâteau and should fight for victory once more. Winning chance
12. **JOPLIN DES CROUAS** - A very delicate sort but has revealed the means to stake a claim in a race of this nature, if remaining wise. All or nothing

Summary : Several with winning claims here, though none more so than last-start winners JURASSIC MOIRE (8), who showed he retains considerable means by scoring Graignes last month, and JADOU DU LUPIN (11) whose Pontchâteau win earlier this month was his second in his last three outings. JACK TEJY (6) is in good shape and ought to be competitive, along with consistent JUSTICIER DAIRPET (5), who is another candidate for the leading places. JOUTEUR D'AUGE (9), racing fully unshod with Eric Raffin engaged, completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

JURASSIC MOIRE (8) - JADOU DU LUPIN (11) - JACK TEJY (6) - JUSTICIER DAIRPET (5)

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C4 - PRIX HAUT DE BELLOUET - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 18.000

1. KATINKA DE L'ERDRE - Has looked decidedly ordinary in both codes for some time so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore

2. KERGUELEN ISLANDS - Complicated and has to reaffirm after several indifferent performances, although isn't incapable of getting a look in here

3. KALAMINE - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

4. KAVIASE - Brilliantly opened her account with a runaway success at Cordemais last time. Could have more to offer

5. KININE DOLEMA - Seldom far off the mark so could get into the picture here, though has no more than a place chance

6. KALINKA DE SARTHE - Consistent for the most part and boasts sound form references, including a good 2nd last time - her second 2nd in three starts. Keep safe

7. KOETANE D'AVRIL - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

8. KALISKANA - Delicate but usually does well when remaining wise, as she proved last time with a reassuring 2nd. Confirmation expected

9. KIKA JOSSELYN - Bounced back to winning ways on her reappearance last month at this venue. Has the means to go in again

Summary : An interesting race for a field with few starters. KAVIASE (4), who quickly emerged from the fog en route to success at Cordemais last month, and KIKA JOSSELYN (9), a resounding winner of her last start at this venue, seem most likely to fight for victory. However, KALISKANA (8) and KALINKA DE SARTHE (6), both of whom finished 2nd in their most recent outings - behind subsequent winners Keengame and Katy's Time, respectively - are capable of posing a threat and, as such, cannot be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

KAVIASE (4) - KIKA JOSSELYN (9) - KALISKANA (8) - KALINKA DE SARTHE (6)

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C5 - PRIX OKWO - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Apprentices - Mounted - EUR € 24.000

- 1. HAPPY DU LAS VEGAS** - Showing signs of improvement under the saddle, finishing 3rd in this code last time. Could get into the picture
- 2. HELIOT BEST** - Has alternated between the two specialties successfully, finishing 2nd in both codes recently. Will be a factor
- 3. INDIEN DE FAEL** - Delicate and unreliable sort whose means are certain. Will be competitive if remaining wise on his return to the scene of his latest victory
- 4. HEROS DE MARZY** - Remains inconsistent but has undeniable means, including respectable form references. Not taken lightly
- 5. ESPOIR ANVALOU** - Versatile sort who has finished 3rd in both codes recently, under the saddle two starts back. Could have a role to play
- 6. ETOILE DE BEAUMEE** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day, perhaps
- 7. HARPIE DU PERCHE** - Consistent for the most part and has performed well under the saddle recently. Should have a role to play here
- 8. FIRST LADY CARJAC** - Inconsistent but isn't entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has no more than a place chance, though
- 9. FULL CASH DE PADD** - Has looked decidedly ordinary in both codes in his last three outings so his chances here, even at this level, are limited
- 10. ISOCRATE D'ELA** - Confirmed the improvement of his previous outing (4th) under the saddle by finishing a good 3rd in a mounted race last time. One to beat on that form

Summary : Ecurie Daidou holds a strong hand in this race, with both ISOCRATE D'ELA (10) and INDIEN DE FAEL (3) expected to go close to winning. The in-form former is only marginally preferred ahead of his stablemate who has the experience of winning at this track. Consistent HARPIE DU PERCHE (7) has the means to pose a threat, while HEROS DE MARZY (4) is well engaged on the front row and also capable of giving cheek. HELIOT BEST (2), whose form is certain, could have a say for the minors.

SELECTIONS

ISOCRATE D'ELA (10) - INDIEN DE FAEL (3) - HARPIE DU PERCHE (7) - HEROS DE MARZY (4)

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C6 - PRIX ATLANTIQUE BOISSONS NANTES - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 24.000

1. IGGY RUDLAND - Recently joined the stable of Pierre-Emmanuel Mary following his good 2nd in a claiming race. Not taken lightly racing unshod with Eric Raffin engaged

2. IPSOS LAND - Got back on track with a win last time after a disqualification in her previous outing. Should remain competitive

3. IGGY PERRINE - Continues to blow hot and cold but is dangerous to discount in a race of this nature. Was a winner two starts back

4. IASELMA - Should not be hastily condemned after consecutive disqualifications recently, as she retains the means to win a race of this nature if remaining wise

5. IDEAL FONGUILLERES - Has finished 3rd in his last two outings but has more of a place chance than a winning one with this shoeing configuration

6. IMOUSSE LA RAVELLE - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

7. IMEO DU BOULAY - Not entirely incapable of getting a look in here but is inconsistent and was disappointing last time. Others preferred

8. IDEAL DES BRIERES - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

9. IBLIS GEMA - Only narrowly missed out on victory at Cagnes-sur-Mer last time out and should once again play a leading role. Keep safe

10. ICEMAN BLEU - Complicated but proved he retains sufficient means by returning to winning ways under the saddle last time. Capable in this code too, if he is diligent

11. IOUP LA BOUM - Unreliable but is not incapable of getting into the picture here, judged on his best form references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

12. IN THE AIR - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

13. IBERA - Ideally engaged here at the ceiling of earnings and has a good chance of reconnecting with success under these conditions

Summary : A toss-up here between IBERA (13), fully unshod and ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings, and last-start winner in the mounted code ICEMAN BLEU (10), who is not incapable of repeating his heroics in the harness category. IBLIS GEMA (9), runner-up in two of his last three starts, wouldn't be winning out of turn and ought to be competitive too. IGGY RUDLAND (1), who also finished 2nd last time, has changed hands since and could please new connections right away. IPSOS LAND (2) and IASELMA (4) come next.

SELECTIONS

IBERA (13) - ICEMAN BLEU (10) - IBLIS GEMA (9) - IGGY RUDLAND (1)

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C7 - PRIX ROYAL DREAM - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 21.000

1. GIGANTE - Out of sorts and isn't likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his recent displays. Others preferred

2. HURLEVENT - Has looked decidedly ordinary for some time now so his chances are limited, even at this level. Can be ruled out

3. HALL BLACK MESS - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance

4. HUNIQUE - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge

5. HIP HOP DE CHENU - Could improve here racing fully unshod from a favourable starting position. For lovers of outsiders

6. HOTESSE NAY - Authoritative winner of her last start at Cabourg and is likely to play another leading role. Main danger

7. HUKITA - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

8. HOPPELA THEPOL - Capable of great things on her day but is not the most reliable. Still, would be dangerous to dismiss

9. GAVOTTE DU PRATEL - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time and could get a look in here if confirming that improvement. Beware

10. HARRYBEAU DE COUET - Gets along well with Clément Frecelle and has regained momentum recently, so ought to be competitive here

11. HERMES DE BELHEME - Dominant last-start winner at Pontchâteau and need only a repeat of that performance to follow up here

12. HIKKA - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture here after two comeback races and with her hind shoes removed. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

13. HIROISE DU PARJAT - Ideally engaged here at the ceiling of earnings, fully unshod for the occasion with Eric Raffin at the helm. Has lots in her favour

Summary : HERMES DE BELHEME (11) blew his rivals away when winning at Pontchâteau last time and is unlikely to be beaten if lining up here in a similar vein of form. HOTESSE NAY (6), a convincing winner of his last start at Cabourg, seems best equipped to pose a threat with Benjamin Rochard engaged. He heads the list of potential dangers that also includes HOPPELA THEPOL (8), who is capable though unreliable, and HARRYBEAU DE COUET (10), in good form and physical condition, as well as HIKKA (12).

SELECTIONS

HERMES DE BELHEME (11) - HOTESSE NAY (6) - HOPPELA THEPOL (8) - HARRYBEAU DE COUET (10)

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C8 - PRIX QUADROPHENIO - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 27.000

1. HOUPELANDE - On a long losing run and has only been modest of late. Needs to find a few lengths to win this race

2. HARPIE DE JED - Remains barefoot. In good form at the moment with two wins in last three starts. Clearly in with a winning chance

3. HANACK DE VIVOIN - Once again presented plated on the front legs and unshod on the hind legs. Holding form well and can contest the finish

4. HEIKO VANCEEN - Last win was in 2022. Needed last run and will be fitter this time. Capable of playing a minor role

5. GOLDIGO BELLO - Remains barefoot. On a long losing run and is coming off a disqualification but is capable of playing a minor role if at best

6. HORACE D'ARTHENAY - His recent disqualification include an unlucky run. Barefoot again, he can set the record straight.

7. FILLE A PAPA - Heavily raced of late as was well beaten last time out. probably best watched for now

8. HONEY SWEET GIRL - Much improved last run when runner-up. Not reliable but is capable of contesting the finish if in the mood

9. GRAND PAJELO - Scored a hat-trick last year but is coming off three disqualifications in a row. Hard to trust but is capable of an upset if smart

10. EDEN DE LA MOIRE - On a very long losing run. Well beaten in last four starts and others are much preferred

11. FABULEUX D'ECHAL - Needed last run. Has disqualification issues but is capable of contesting the finish this distance

12. FLORE GENDREENNE - It shows commendable consistency overall and deserves credit. Has a place chance

13. FOXTROT DE BULIERE - Last win was in 2022. Well beaten in a harness race last time out and is better in Mounted races. Others are preferred

14. GENERAL D'AMOUR - Disqualified three times in last five starts and is probably best over a shorter distance. Others are much preferred

15. HAUTE COTE DE NUIT - She is in good condition. Has run well over this course and distance before and should be right there at the finish yet again

16. GLOUGLOU D'EMI - Unreliable and has disqualification issues. Last win was over a short distance and is probably best watched for now

Summary : HORACE D'ARTHENAY (6) was unlucky in one of his recent disqualifications and remains barefoot and ready to strike. Some value for the lucky last race. HAUTE COTE DE NUIT (15) is in good form and is likely to be right there at the finish yet again. HANACK DE VIVOIN (3) is holding form and clearly a danger. FABULEUX D'ECHAL (11) should be fitter from the last run and deserves some respect.

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HORACE D'ARTHENAY (6) - HAUTE COTE DE NUIT (15) - HANACK DE VIVOIN (3) -
FABULEUX D'ECHAL (11)