R3 CAEN [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE MERVILLE - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Amateurs-Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 6.000

1. EROS DU BRISSE - Moderate type that has never made the grade in the amateur division but does occasionally spring a surprise and should not be written off

2. GAVROCHE KILY - Erratic but has ability. Won a claimer in good order last time out and, from the 2-spot, will have his chances

3. FANTOMAS TURGOT - Has a good spot in front and is currently in form but stays shod this time around and best to hold off

4. GALINETTE BLEUE - Occasionally a handful but otherwise very hard to fault. Has everything going for her here and can secure a fourth success of the season

5. FOR DADDY - Reliability not his strong suit but hind shoes off this time and will pick up a cheque if he reproduces his Villedieu performance

6. ESTIL D'OSTAL - Previously useful but no longer the horse he once was and can be ruled out

7. EISHIRO DEM'S - Has been on a solid run of form over recent weeks. Drops back in category and should logically figure prominently

8. FALCON DU VIVIER - Swept all before him at this level in 2021 but has had something of a curtailed career since. Has two races in him following the break though and, competitively-shod, must not be underestimated

9. ELLA DE LA RIVE - Unexceptional mare that rarely makes any impact and is not about to influence the outcome

10. GENIAL HAUFOR - Has been a total write-off all season and appears to have no realistic chance

11. FELINE DE JANVILLE - Useful mare that has gone close more than once this term. Has respectable Caen references and can play a role if she maintains stride

12. FILLE DE L'OUEST - Handed a tough draw but has found her niche in the amateur division and will not be far off the mark if Léa Lizée can successfully navigate the start

13. EMIR PETTEVINIERE - Seldom makes much of an impression these days but has shown signs of improvement and will generate some interest

14. FEAR FACTOR - Occasionally acquits himself competitively but too infrequently to be considered a player

Summary: Winner under these conditions earlier in the year, followed by a brace in the professional ranks, GALINETTE BLEUE (4) finds herself ideally-positioned in front and can make this her own. She will, however, face opposition from recent Vincennes claiming winner, GAVROCHE KILY (2), and FILLE DE L'OUEST (12) who, although poorly drawn, is clearly close to her race. Winner last time at this level, EISHIRO DEM'S (7) has been holding his own in better company since and should not disappoint.

SELECTIONS

GALINETTE BLEUE (4) - GAVROCHE KILY (2) - FILLE DE L'OUEST (12) - EISHIRO DEM'S (7)

C2 - PRIX DE NORREY - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 21.000

1. KAP ORNE - Sanctioned in all 5 harness starts to date and not an obvious choice first time under the saddle

2. KIWI D'AVEL - Trounced on career/monté debut recently and even with front pads fitted, will struggle to leave his mark

3. KIWI DE BLARY - In two runs has shown no aptitude for the harness game. Fitted with pads this time but still not an obvious choice

4. KENTUCKY DANICA - Debuts in the discipline with front pads fitted. Leading driver in the sulky and can play a prominent role

5. KIRIKOU DE TITUZY - Has demonstrated no particular flair for either discipline and can be ruled out

6. KINSKILAND - Faulted on debut but showed improvement at Cabourg. Has ground to make up but can still pick up some prizemoney

7. KENZO D'HUCHELOUP - Pleased just once in 4 appearances in the discipline and chances slim at best

8. KALOU - Placed just once in 5 under harness. Adrien Lamy on board for monté debut but still no more than a minor place prospect

9. KENNETH DU CLOS - Promising type that has done everything right so far. Fitted with front pads this time and should not be underestimated

10. KAIMAN PERRINE - Unlucky but showed a different side to himself last time out, and can redeem himself if Guillaume Martin keeps him trotting

11. KIF DU BOIS - Yet to show any particular aptitude for the ridden game and is unlikely to shake things up

12. KEMPES DE LOU - Is proven under the saddle but at this level can be confidently disregarded

13. KURT KILY - Has made fine progress over recent weeks. Takes on some better horses this time but still looks competitive for a place in the first five

14. KENYAN BLUES - Capable colt switching code for the first time and with François Lagadeuc in the saddle could well open his monté account

Summary: Delicate he may be but KENYAN BLUES (14) has shown significant potential and, bred for the discipline, can get straight down to business. He will be opposed though by KAIMAN PERRINE (10) who passed the post in front last time, only to be disqualified, but on better behaviour can set the record straight. KENTUCKY DANICA (4) failed to make any impression under harness but has always been aimed at the monté code and, with front pads fitted and Mathieu Mottier in the irons, can make a big impact. KENNETH DU CLOS (9) has acquitted himself well to date and the new shoeing configuration will only work to his advantage.

SELECTIONS

KENYAN BLUES (14) - KAIMAN PERRINE (10) - KENTUCKY DANICA (4) - KENNETH DU

CLOS (9)

C3 - PRIX DE MOULT - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

1. KISS ME DE JEAN - Honest type but no champion and looks a rank outsider here

2. KISSES DES ROMAINS - Has not made the frame in 15 starts and is not about to change her ways

3. KANELLE DREAM - Useful sort racing with just front pads fitted this time following a pair of sanctions and, if applied, could get a look in

4. KILIA PETTEVINIERE - Showed promise earlier in the year but has realised nothing of note since and will have little to offer

5. KATLEEN REYOR - Has yet to show any aptitude for racing at this level and recent form does little to convince

6. KARANGA - Still chasing that elusive first win but has started to show improvement and, with pads fitted for the first time, can pleasantly surprise

7. KARAIELLA BOND - Not doing well on the reliability scale but got back in the game at Saint-Malo and, in similar condition, can again go close

8. KIRCIE DE GUEZ - Got her career off to a flying start but failed to fire going left-handed last time and can more than make amends

9. KAROLYNE DE MALAC - Not the most dependable but reassured at Le Touquet last time out. In this category though, can be passed over

10. KIMBERLEY - Went off the boil after an excellent start to her career. Lagadeuc in the sulky this time but still not an obvious choice

11. KSARYA DE CHENU - Sanctioned as often as not but lost her maiden status last month. In better company this time but still looks competitively well in

12. KIWA BLEUE - Has just 2 races under her belt but has looked thoroughly professional to date. Moves up the class ladder but still looks the one to beat

13. KHITARA - Has evident ability but out of the picture in last two. Has previously won going clockwise and, with application, will be no soft touch

14. KAROLINA DRY - Never the easiest of horses to gauge. Yet to impress going clockwise but can play a small role if Maillard assures her initial strides

15. KEEP TONIC - Promising filly that got off the mark at Dieppe earlier in the month. Unlikely to repeat but can still put on a good show

16. KRYSTALE STAR - Moderate filly that has returned to form lately but, in this company, will have her work cut out

Summary : KIWA BLEUE (12) has done everything asked of her to date, is proven right-handed and, with hind pads fitted this time, can complement her Montmirail victory. She will still have to take on the promising KIRCIE DE GUEZ (8) who has shown better aptitude going clockwise. Unable to express herself earlier on in the summer, KSARYA DE CHENU (11) has begun to come into herself and, even though stepping up in category, should still be good enough to hold her own. KHITARA (13) is another returning to a more suitable direction and can start to make up for her recent Pornichet sanction.

SELECTIONS

KIWA BLEUE (12) - KIRCIE DE GUEZ (8) - KSARYA DE CHENU (11) - KHITARA (13)

C4 - PRIX DE COURVAUDON - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 18.500

1. JENNY FRAZEENNE - Arguably the least performant horse in the field and can be confidently ruled out

2. JEZABEL MAHCATH - Marginally better in this branch of the business but still not good enough to compete in this company

3. JAZZY DU RENARD - Has started to come good again following her return to the discipline. Unlikely to spring a surprise but could still get a look in

4. JUSTISSIME - Unremarkable type that showed some improvement at Reims recently but is still not an obvious choice

5. JAVA DES NEUF CLOS - Has shown significant improvement since starting to race without front shoes, but in this company, will have too much to do

6. JAVA DE LAUMONT - Sprang something of a surprise at Gournay recently but a repeat is highly unlikely

7. JOIE DES ILES - Can trot but not the most dependable. Leading rider called up for her monté debut and stable confident of a big run

8. JOHANNA GEMINI - Still somewhat green but has ample ability. Gets a Mathieu Mottier ride for the first time and, with application, can play a leading role

9. JUSTYBILIE DU LUOT - Produced her career-best performance last month but sanctioned next time. Shoes back on but others still preferred

10. JINGER - Unexceptional sort with no references at this level and will have little to offer

11. JANETTE TY - Has placed just 3 times in 20 starts under harness and debuts under the saddle with limited ambition

12. JALISKA - Temperamental but is not without merit, and can pick up a cheque if she stays in stride from one end off the race to the other

13. JALISKA DES CHAMPS - Showed promise over the winter but has failed to come good this term and, even racing barefoot, appears to have her work cut out

14. JULIA BONHEUR - Has looked rather ordinary since winning at Reims earlier in the year and will struggle to make her mark

15. JAYKA DES LANDES - Left a very good impression on recent monté debut. Steps up in category but is barefoot for the occasion and must be respected

16. JARKA DE BEYLEV - Regularly in the thick of things when focused. Sanctioned on lone appearance here, but has more experience and, racing first-time barefoot will do her prospects no disservice

17. JOYEUSE DU RIB - Considerably better than her formcard would suggest. Unseen under the saddle since June but goes out with modified shoeing and should not disappoint

18. JUNON DE VRIE - Useful filly that rarely disappoints when applied. Stays shod for her return to the discipline but still looks a player

Summary: A winner on her penultimate start under harness, JOYEUSE DU RIB (17) returns to the monté code, with modified shoeing, and can get straight down to business. It is unlikely to be all plane sailing though given the presence of the delicate, but promising, JOIE DES ILES (7) who has been entrusted to Benjamin Rochard for her ridden debut. Yet to get off the mark, JOIE DES ILES (7) has nevertheless shown decent aptitude and can get in on the action if Mathieu Mottier keeps her trotting. JAYKA DES LANDES (15) caught the eye at Dozulé a fortnight ago and, with shoes off this time, can confirm.

SELECTIONS

JOYEUSE DU RIB (17) - JOIE DES ILES (7) - JOHANNA GEMINI (8) - JAYKA DES LANDES (15)

C5 - PRIX D'ETOUVY - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Apprentices-Conditional-Jockeys-Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

1. IRRESISTIBLE GABY - Very hard to fault over recent months. New to Caen but has decent right-handed references and will have her supporters

2. ISIS PASSION - Honest mare that consistently gives her best. Please here earlier in the year and is well-placed to give this a good go

3. INTENSE ACTION - Blows hot and cold but is clearly capable at this level. Hind shoes off for the occasion and from the 3-spot should not let the side down

4. IALLA IALLA - Useful on a good day but has just one race under her belt since the layoff and best to hold off

5. INDIE HAUFOR - Decent mare but struggled for much of the summer. Caught the eye at Cabourg though and the draw will only enhance her appeal

6. IOHANNA THIEBEN - Quality individual that won smartly on turf last time out. Entrusted to a talented apprentice here and can repeat

7. INDIRA DU LOISIR - Faithful servant for the most part and looks close to her race. Starts relatively wide but can still get in on the action

8. IPANEMA DE LOU - Has not done much to impress since winning a claimer last autumn but, in this company, and with hind shoes off, can pick up a cheque

9. IRMA BABEL - Unexceptional type that has not made the frame since placing here last March and is unlikely to shake things up

10. IROISE DES BAULTS - Regularly in the thick of things when applied but stays shod for her return to Caen and best to hold off

11. ISBA DU DOME - Not as sharp this season as she was in 2022 but should not be too far off the mark if she can replicate her Arras performance

12. IMPERATRICE LOVE - Sanctioned in 4 of her last 5 starts but has an abundance of ability. Handed a tough draw but, on good behaviour, will be no pushover

13. INDIANA DE PLAY - Seldom gets her nose in front but has ability. Is barefoot this time but still looks to have too much to do

14. ICONE PLANCHETTE - Still a maiden after 57 races but is not without merit. Pleased here during the spring but the draw will do her no favours

15. ISIS JENILOU - Enjoyed a productive spring but lacklustre in both since the break and will need to raise her game

16. IRIS DU GARDEN - Useful sort on a good day and pleased on her lone appearance here. Handed a tough draw though and no more than a minor place prospect

Summary: Recent winner on the Vibraye turf and competitively-shod for her return to Caen, IOHANNA THIEBEN (6) starts on the front line and can double her money. IMPERATRICE LOVE (12) has struggled with stride issues since the spring but is better than most here and, if focused, can make a big splash. The similarly tricky INDIE HAUFOR (5) reassured with a good finish at Cabourg and, with form maintained, can make the frame this time. The erratic INTENSE ACTION (3) has a good place behind the car, is confirmed here and will not be far from the action if she can keep her mind on the game.

SELECTIONS

IOHANNA THIEBEN (6) - IMPERATRICE LOVE (12) - INDIE HAUFOR (5) - INTENSE ACTION (3)

C6 - PRIX DE CROUAY - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 31.000

1. FEIWO - Modest type that has previously won in this code but is up against better and chances limited

2. GAZELLE D'ARZAL - Gives a good account for the most part in this branch of the business but, at this level, will find the going tough

3. HIDALGO DU RIB - Better trotter than his formcard would suggest. Latterly pleased under harness and, if form transitions, should be able to finish in the mix

4. HANIELLE CREPIN - Never far from losing her action but has nothing to prove under these conditions. Has a good record at the venue and will not be far from the action

5. GEORGIA DU PONT - Tough nut to crack when focused. Has won 4 this summer, including over track and trip, and can pull off the three-timer

6. GLOIRE JOYEUSE - Intermittent but nevertheless has decent references at this level and can play a small role if she replicates her Cabourg effort

7. EPSON DU VIVIER - Temperamental type that springs the occasional surprise but recent sanctions do nothing to inspire confidence

8. HISTORIEN DE LARRE - Got the year off to a fine start but has since come off the boil and is not a priority

9. HIMBERLAND - Imposed at Angers last time under the saddle. Has since imposed under harness here and looks a realistic proposition

10. GEDEON DAIRPET - No champion but has shown signs of improvement lately and switching codes may be just what the doctor ordered

11. GRAZZIA DU DAN - Fine mare with an excellent monté record at Caen. Showed her form at Cabourg and is capable of putting an end to the favourite's winning streak

12. FARCEUR DE CONDE - Makes his first appearance under the saddle following a lean streak in the other code and, going shod, is unlikely to spring any surprises

13. FLECHE DU CEDRE - Decent mare that appreciates the Caen profile but not currently up to scratch and must show improvement

Summary : Facile winner of his last two starts, GEORGIA DU PONT (5) also imposed over course and distance earlier in the summer and the hat-trick looks a possibility. Debost will still be keeping an eye on the consistent and in-form GRAZZIA DU DAN (11) who simply thrives at Caen. Barring his recent Avranches disappointment, HIMBERLAND (9) is a model of consistency and returns to the discipline with 4 pads fitted and a lot to offer. HANIELLE CREPIN (4) is hard to fault when unshod and applied and, with stride in check, can trot her way onto the podium.

SELECTIONS

GEORGIA DU PONT (5) - GRAZZIA DU DAN (11) - HIMBERLAND (9) - HANIELLE CREPIN (4)

C7 - PRIX DE VALSEME - 2450m (a1 1/2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

1. JUMPING DU RIB - Regularly a case of all-or-nothing, and in this field has no realistic chance

2. JINGLE DU CHATELET - Respectable trotter that seldom disappoints when focused but has a mountain to climb here

3. JALVENT MONTAVAL - Opened his annual account in a minor event earlier in the month but will face a stiffer test on this occasion

4. JASMIN DES ILES - Has looked a decent sort in both codes. Oddly below-par at Saint-Malo though and others preferred this time

5. JACKSON D'ECAJEUL - Hardy element with a 50% win-rate. Pleased in good company at Cabourg last time and will have his chances

6. JINGALO BABEL - Tough type that has just once disappointed when unshod. Returns to racing barefoot and looks the main threat

7. JELLY BELLY WELL - Moderate type that looks to have a better future in the other code. Disregard

8. JUMBO JACK - Not the most dependable but is hard to knock when applied. New shoeing configuration this time and is expected to get back in the game

9. JEAN NO DU MARGAS - Yet to finish first past the post but does have merit. In current shape though, will struggle to make his mark

10. JANOU POULOT - Useful sort with solid clockwise form. Failed to fire at Enghien but returning to racing right-handed should be just the ticket

11. JUST VERY NICE - Decent sort and currently in form, but has better prospects at a lower level and can be passed over

12. JEWEL TOUCH - Quality individual back at the top of his game. Boasts a good record racing clockwise and, unshod all four, can add another win to his tally

13. JOYAU DARLING - Pleased in 3 of his last 4 when barefoot. Should acquit himself honourably but still represents nothing more than an outsider

14. JUILLET - Has come into himself since starting to race barefoot and, although in better company this time, is nevertheless a candidate for success

15. JORDEN VET - Showed significant early promise and started the season off with a good effort here, but has since lost his way and must first reaffirm

16. JEAN MAJYC - Has never made the grade going right-handed but has shown marked improvement recently and with Mathieu Mottier in the wagon can make up for his Enghien sanction

Summary : On a fine run of form over the past 5 weeks, JEWEL TOUCH (12) takes a step up in category but is barefoot for the first time and can impose. That said, JINGALO BABEL (6) is excellent when barefoot and, in current form, can apply the pressure. A revelation since the start of the summer, JUILLET (14) debuts at Caen but is not incapable of pulling off the hat-trick. JACKSON D'ECAJEUL (5) can boast an enviable strike-rate, recently pleased in a better bunch, and makes his Caen debut with legitimate ambition.

SELECTIONS

JEWEL TOUCH (12) - JINGALO BABEL (6) - JUILLET (14) - JACKSON D'ECAJEUL (5)

C8 - PRIX DE CINTHEAUX - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Autostart - Class D -Harness - EUR € 33.000

1. FLOCON DIGEO - Honest type but not the most courageous. Showed improvement on turf last time but not enough to be considered a player

2. FAKIR DE VILLODON - Has turned a corner since starting to race with front pads fitted. No chance of imposing but could well spice things up a little

3. FAN DE PHYT'S - Has a fine spot in front but will need to improve on his recent claiming performance

4. FEUILLE D'ERABLE - Mixes the good with the less good but has bags of ability. Returns to a track she likes and from the 4-spot has every chance of making the frame

5. FORT GALAA - Got back in the game in a Vincennes claimer 11 days ago. Front pads fitted this time though and no threat

6. FISTON A PAPA - Quality individual with proven form at a superior level this term. Failed to fire last time but appreciates Caen and can play a leading role

7. FIRST DES CHARRONS - Acquits himself well for the most part. Reestablished his credentials last time out and will generate considerable interest

8. FELINE DE LAVAU - Untested racing clockwise but is clearly in fine shape and, barefoot for the occasion, looks a decent proposition

9. GERGOVIE DE GODREL - Faithful mare that put on quite the show last time out. Is close to her race and, despite the wide draw, still looks a leading candidate for success

10. FEE FRAULEIN - Erratic at the best of times but can trot when focused and will not be far off the mark if she can reproduce her Pornichet effort

11. GAMIN DU LERRE - Sprang quite the surprise at Castéra-Verduzan last month, but failed to confirm and chances limited

12. GITANE DU RIB - As inclement as the wind but gave a good account of himself at Graignes. Shoes back on though and others preferred this time

13. FORBAN DU RIB - Can trot but tends to show more in the amateur category these days and will have few takers

14. FABULEUX PIYA - Defied his odds to trot 3rd at Amiens a week ago. Not ideally-drawn and a repeat looks improbable

15. GENET DE BOITRON - Has shown something of a return to form lately. Has never produced the goods here though and not a priority

16. GAIA DE L'ITON - Has been enjoying a fruitful run this summer but, shoes back on and best to wait

17. GLOUGLOU D'EMI - Well-used veteran that has not delivered for some time and the draw just adds insult to injury

18. FARSIGHT ABSOLUTE - Solid last season but has failed to impress this year and can be passed over

Summary : There is not much separating the main protagonists here but, considering how well she comported herself at Graignes recently, the nod goes to the reliable GERGOVIE DE GODREL (9). Better-positioned on the front row, and recent 3rd in the elevated Trophée Vert, FISTON A PAPA (6) sports a revised shoeing formula and looks competitive for the win. Clearly fit now following the break, FELINE DE LAVAU (8) races barefoot this time and will have her chances if she turns. The useful FIRST DES CHARRONS (7) reassured last time out and, with form maintained, can figure prominently.

SELECTIONS

GERGOVIE DE GODREL (9) - FISTON A PAPA (6) - FELINE DE LAVAU (8) - FIRST DES CHARRONS (7)