

GRAIGNES [L-H] - 16 October

Race 1 - PX AGRIAL-PX FILIERE QUALITE RACE NORMAN - 2725m MOBILE D129 RST E Harness. Purse EUR €25,000.

- 1. **GINO VIVA** Has been out of the winner's circle for a long while. Finished fourth last start at Caen, 4.3L from the winner. Expecting a better run this time.
- 2. **GERONIMO MATICA** Recorded a strong win at Pornichet two starts ago then maintained the fine form with victory at Cabourg last time, finishing 0.8L ahead of his rivals. Sure to be there at the business end.
- 3. **GEOLE DE LA TOUQUE** Disqualified last start at Enghien. Forgive the latest run. Well placed to make amends.
- 4. **FARCEUSE DU PRE** Last raced at Beaumont-de-Lomagne on September 6 when she was disqualified. Prepared to overlook until her racing manners improve.
- 5. **FRONSAC** Was disqualified last start at Vincennes on October 11. Overlook the recent mishap. Well placed to make amends.
- 6. **ZINCO JET** Good second at Romme (Sweden) at the end of August. Expected to figure prominently on French debut.
- 7. **GUI D'ERABLE** Last raced at Saint-Malo on July 13 when he was disqualified. Prefer to see him perform well before recommending.
- 8. **MYSTIC MOM** Might need this run following a spell of nine weeks. Last raced when eighth at Enghien.
- 9. **GRAND SOURIRE** Ran an improved race second-up to finish fourth at Alencon. Should be further improved and worth including.
- 10. **QEEN ROC** Has been outside the top three recently, last time out finishing 13th at Vincennes. Better than last start and can improve sharply.
- 11. **FRANKLIN FACE** Won't find this as tough as last start when beaten 5L at Laval. Deserves another chance.
- 12. **FLECHE DU CEDRE** Turned in a moderate performance last time out when she finished ninth at Toulouse. Long win drought set to continue.

Summary: GERONIMO MATICA (2) completed a hat-trick when winning a Class E walk up at Cabourg last outing. Expected to continue the winning sequence with an unbeaten record at this venue. GINO VIVA (1) ran well when fourth in this grade at Caen. One to note as a three-time autostart scorer. FRONSAC (5) goes well barefoot and is interesting back in a driven race. ZINCO JET (6) was runner-up at Romme (Sweden) latest and is worth a market check.

Selections

GERONIMO MATICA (2) - GINO VIVA (1) - FRONSAC (5) - ZINCO JET (6)

Race 2 - PRIX RAYMOND RIGAULT-PRIX DU COTENTIN - 2725m MOBILE C255 Harness. Purse EUR €37,000.

- 1. **DEXTASE MONTAVAL** Easily accounted for last time when 6.3L from the winner in tenth at Alencon. Unlikely to threaten in this tougher assignment.
- 2. **FOUGUE DU DOLLAR** Last raced at Vincennes on September 25 when she was disqualified. Prepared to overlook until her racing manners improve.
- 3. **DASSERO** Was a winner by 0.4L at Vincennes last time, his second win from the last six starts. Winning chance on recent form.
- 4. **FILOU L'AUVERGNIER** Was ordinary when 40L away in 12th most recently at his first run back from a spell at Le Croise-Laroche. Might need more time.
- 5. **EXPRESS DE L'ITON** Disqualified last start at Vincennes. Forgive the latest run. Can turn things around.
- 6. EXPRESSO GOOD Looked good in winning last start at Enghien. In form and holds claims.
- 7. **ECLAIR GOLD** Turned in a nice run two back then missed the placings last time when 6.3L adrift at Cordemais. Deserves another chance.
- 8. **ERODE LUDOIS** Was safely held last time out in tenth at Pornichet, beaten 19.5L. Unlikely to threaten in this tougher assignment.
- 9. **FASHION TOUCH** Didn't do a lot when resuming last start, finishing ninth at Laval and beaten 7.8L. Can improve enough to take this out.
- 10. **CRACK ATOUT** Ran a much better race last start when second at Laval, beaten 4.1L. Leading player.
- 11. **FEE LUCERNAISE** Improved to finish third at Enghien last time out following a well-beaten fourth at La Capelle the run prior. Forward performance expected.
- 12. **EVER DREAM MUSIC** Has been outside the top three recently, last time out finishing fifth at Cordemais. Can do much better.
- 13. **EL PASO BLUE** Was disqualified last start at Enghien on October 10. Prefer to see him perform well before recommending.

Summary: A tricky contest. DASSERO (3) won a Class C walk up at Vincennes by 0.5L last-time-out. Notable chance if replicating. FASHION TOUCH (9) recent outing at Laval in shoes can be ignored. Interesting on the pick of his form in this shoeing combination. CRACK ATOUT (10) makes for place appeal following a good second in a Class E walk up at Laval. EXPRESSO GOOD (6) won a Class D mobile race at Enghien latest and cannot be dismissed.

Selections

DASSERO (3) - FASHION TOUCH (9) - CRACK ATOUT (10) - EXPRESSO GOOD (6)

- 1. **HUGO THE BOSS** Nice run two back then was well-supported but missed the placings at Guingamp more recently. Deserves another chance.
- 2. **HELLO KERODA** Found one better last start at Segre off the back of a win at this track two runs ago. Sure to feature.
- 3. **HERCULE DU PARC** Finished third at Chartres last start after he missed the placings but wasn't far away two back at Les Andelys. Sure to play a major role.
- 4. **HODOSIS** Was easily accounted for last time out in a richer race at Laval. Capable of bouncing back.
- 5. **HABERLOUR** Finished third at Chartres last start after he was unplaced two back at this track. Will find this tough.
- 6. **HEROS DE CHOISEL** Has been just behind the placegetters at his last few starts, most recently when sixth at Chartres, beaten 7.2L. Worth including.
- 7. **HUNT** In the money at his last two appearances, most recently when second at Reims. Major player.
- 8. **HASARD BLOND** Didn't perform well two runs ago at Ploermel but returned to form last time when a winner by 4.7L at Villedieu-les-Poeles. One of the primary contenders.
- 9. **HIBISCUS NORMAND** Last raced at Laval on August 28 when he was disqualified. Prepared to overlook until his racing manners improve.
- 10. **HAPPENING** Missed the placings again last start, beaten 4.2L when sixth at Vincennes. Expecting a better run this time.
- 11. **HOLLYWOOD CHINE** Finished runner-up at Vire last start, beaten 1.6L. That was his third placing, alongside two wins, from the past six starts. Genuine threat.
- 12. **HOOLIGAN** Last raced at Les Sables on August 31 when he was disqualified. Prepared to overlook until his racing manners improve.
- 13. **HERBAL DE VANDEL** Disqualified last start at Les Sables. Overlook the most recent outing. Can turn things around.
- 14. **HURRICANE FRANCE** Was last produced when ninth at Abbeville nine weeks ago. Happy to watch this time.

Summary: HELLO KERODA (2) has won four of the last six outings and seemingly did little wrong when second on the grass at Segre. Leading hope for a driver operating at 20% for the last 50 drives. HUNT (7) had a pair of subsequent winners behind when winning at Le Mont-Saint-Michael two back. Key player having backed that up with a good second at Reims last month. HOLLYWOOD CHINE (11) is respected following back-to-back Class E placings at Vire. Each-way claims go the way of HERCULE DU PARC (3).

Selections

HELLO KERODA (2) - HUNT (7) - HOLLYWOOD CHINE (11) - HERCULE DU PARC (3)

- 1. **HESTIA DE L'ITON** Again missed the placings last time out but was only 1.8L away in fourth at Chalons-en-Champagne. This looks a suitable assignment.
- 2. **HERBIERE** Last raced at Chalons-en-Champagne on October 2 when she was disqualified. Forgive the latest run. Well placed to make amends.
- 3. **HONEY SWEET GIRL** Easily accounted for last time at the first run of the campaign when 19L from the winner in tenth at Laval. Unlikely to threaten in this tougher assignment.
- 4. **HEIDI DU BISET** Missed the placings again last start, beaten 5.4L when sixth at Caen. This looks a suitable assignment. Player.
- 5. **HELIADE DU HOME** Was disqualified last start at Chartres on September 24. Forgive the recent mishap. Top pick if at her best.
- 6. **HEROIQUE DELO** Last raced at Vincennes 13 months ago when she finished third, beaten 6.7L. Could make her presence felt.
- 7. **HALTEA DU BELLAY** Finished third at this track last start after she missed the placings but wasn't disgraced two back at Cabourg. Sure to be there at the business end.
- 8. **HAVANE AU VENT** Continued some plain form when a mediocre tenth at Nantes two-and-a-half weeks ago. Not on current form.
- 9. **HULINA DEBAILLEUL** Has been out of the winner's circle for a long while. Finished fourth last time out at Les Andelys. A better run is on the cards.
- 10. **HAVA TEJY** Last raced at Nuille-sur-Vicoin on October 10 when she was disqualified. Prefer to see her perform well before recommending.
- 11. **HISTOIRE DE FRANCE** Struggling to find form and has been out of the winners' list at her last 27 runs. Last start finished fourth at Les Andelys. Can be competitive if at her best.
- 12. **HULINA D'ARGOUGES** Chalked-up a fine win at Villedieu-les-Poeles two starts ago then couldn't follow it up at Le Mont-St-Michel last time, finishing 6.6L away from the winner. Sure to be in the mix.
- 13. **HAPPY SOUVERAINE** Not going all that well and could only manage ninth last start at Nantes. No wins for a very long time and that looks like being extended.
- 14. **HOELA LESMELCHEN** Disqualified last start at Vire. Forgive the latest run. Can turn things around.

Summary: HEIDI DU BISET (4) showed up well when sixth in a Class E autostart at Caen last start. Key contender in what looks a suitable affair. HELIADE DU HOME (5) has been disappointing in recent starts but is five from twelve in this shoeing combination. Would hold very strong claims on the pick of her form. HESTIA DE L'ITON (1) was beaten 1.75L into fourth in a Class E at Chalons-en-Champagne latest. One to note. Another to consider is HALTEA DU BELLAY (7).

Selections

HEIDI DU BISET (4) - HELIADE DU HOME (5) - HESTIA DE L'ITON (1) - HALTEA DU BELLAY (7)

- 1. **JOUR DE VICTOIRE** Finished off last campaign with a win at Caen four months ago. Should go well while fresh.
- 2. **JAB KISS** Again missed the placings when fifth at his latest appearance at Vincennes. Unlikely to threaten.
- 3. **JIM KING** Was disqualified last start at Cabourg on August 16. Prefer to see him perform well before recommending.
- 4. **JAZZ PAT** Resumes from a spell after showing some very good form last campaign. Finishing it off with a win at Enghien. Expected to kick-off this campaign with a strong run.
- 5. **JAZZ UP** Resumes from a spell after a very good campaign which included three victories. Closed it off with a win at Vincennes. Is a first-up winner in the past and looks a top chance.
- 6. **JOYCE DREAM** Missed the placings again last start, beaten 8L when tenth at Vincennes. Capable of a better showing.
- 7. **JASON DU NOYER** Continued the recent improvement to register a win at Vincennes last time out. Among the chances again.
- 8. **JAMAICA D'OYSE** Is better than her last couple of starts suggests, the latest effort a fifth at Enghien, beaten 2L. Can make amends.
- 9. **JETPACK** Disqualified last start at Vincennes. Forgive the recent mishap. Looks ideally placed.
- 10. **JONAGOLD** Is racing very well of late, finishing in the money two runs back then scoring at Vire last time out. Racing well and rates highly on the latest effort.
- 11. **JOIE TOTALE** Finished 8.3L back in seventh at her latest appearance at La Capelle. Finds the right race this time.
- 12. **JEUNE DEMOISELLE** Has raced twice this campaign and failed to threaten on either occasion, the latest when 11th at Caen eight days ago. Others make more appeal.
- 13. **JAVANAIS DELO** Was ordinary when 30L away in 11th most recently at his first run back from a layoff at Vincennes. Hard to make a case in this field.
- 14. **JUST FOR LIFE** Again failed to figure last start when beaten 13L into fourth at Vincennes. Has been without a win for ages and others look to have her measure.
- 15. **JINA DE L'ORMERIE** Disqualified last start at Enghien. Overlook the recent mishap. Well placed to make amends.

Summary: JONAGOLD (10) has made a bright start to life in pads and always looked to be doing enough out in front when making all in a Class B at Vire latest. Notable chance. JAZZ UP (5) is three from three in his career thus far and must be respected despite not being seen since winning at Vincennes in February. JETPACK (9) was DQ in the G3 Prix Penthesilea at Vincennes in April. Interesting on best form if ready to roll after a break for a top yard. Last start Enghien winner JAZZ PAT (4) is worth noting having changed stables since.

Selections

JONAGOLD (10) - JAZZ UP (5) - JETPACK (9) - JAZZ PAT (4)

- 1. **FLOCK DU BOCAGE** Ran a much better race last start when third at Chalons-en-Champagne, beaten 0.5L. With even luck is a winning chance.
- 2. **FAVORI JET** Has been racing well with a couple of minor prizes to his name recently, the latest when runner-up, beaten 0.4L, at Reims. In the mix.
- 3. **GUENIEVRE DE BRETT** Missed the placings again last start, beaten 2.8L when fourth at Cazaubon Barbotan Therme. Certainly worth another chance.
- 4. **GREYSON** Has been outside the top three recently, last time out finishing seventh at this track. Rates highly on best form and can bounce back.
- 5. **GAGNANT GEMA** Won two back at Les Andelys then couldn't repeat the dose last time out when sixth at Enghien, beaten 3.3L. Well-placed in this contest. Capable of playing a major role.
- 6. **FORLANE DEBAILLEUL** Continued some plain form when a mediocre ninth at this track two weeks ago. Form not up to scratch.
- 7. **GRAHIKA** Chases the hat-trick of wins after scoring last time out at Cabourg, getting home by 0.8L. Sure to play a major role.
- 8. **FIRST MONTANA** Three from five in this shoeing combination and looks to hold strong claims as a six-time mounted winner. Leading contender.
- 9. **FOSTER DE L'ITON** Produced a better effort last start when just 0.5L from the winner in second at Chalons-en-Champagne. Should be in the mix again.
- 10. **DEESSE DES ILES** Was disqualified last start at Cherbourg on October 9. Prefer to see her perform well before recommending.
- 11. **DOMINGO ALDO** Finished 4.2L back in fifth at his latest outing at Les Sables. Expecting a much better run this time.
- 12. **FUNNY HORSE** Strong run two back but couldn't back it up last start when fourth at Alencon. Can bounce back.
- 13. **FAKIR DU LEVANT** Finished 30L back in 12th at his latest appearance at Alencon. Hard to have on those efforts.
- 14. **ESPOIR DE L'AUMOY** Had plenty of admirers last start but could only manage sixth at Nuile-sur-Vicoin. Cannot enthuse on what we have seen of late.

Summary: FIRST MONTANA (8) was extremely disappointing when tailed off at Cherbourg in April but is worth giving another chance. Three from five in this shoeing combination and looks to hold strong claims as a six-time mounted winner. GRAHIKA (7) finished second in a Class F mounted race here before back-to-back driven wins in higher grades. Key player. GAGNANT GEMA (5) won a Class F event in the saddle at Les Andely two back. Firmly in the mix. FUNNY HORSE (12) completes the shortlist.

Selections

FIRST MONTANA (8) - GRAHIKA (7) - GAGNANT GEMA (5) - FUNNY HORSE (12)

- 1. I AM A STAR QUICK Improved sharply last start to return winning form by 0.4L at Laon. Can go back-to-back.
- 2. **IXXE PILE** Was a much better run last time finishing third at Laval, beaten 4.2L. Heading the right way and is a leading player.
- 3. **IBRAHIC** Last raced at Caen on October 8 when he was disqualified. Overlook the recent mishap. Well placed to make amends.
- 4. **INDIGO** Was below his best last time when seventh at Laval after finishing in the money two back at Cabourg. Rates highly and can do much better.
- 5. **INFERNAL SPIRIT** Has been safely held recently, the latest effort a eighth at Caen. Likely to struggle again.
- 6. **IDEFIX DES LANDES** Has raced twice this campaign and failed to fill a top-three spot on either occasion, the latest when sixth at Laval, beaten 3.3L. Watch for a spike in form.
- 7. **ILLICO DE TILLARD** Showed plenty of improvement last start to score by 1.3L at Laval. In form now and can go on with it.
- 8. **ICI HAUFOR** Was safely held last time out in 12th first-up at Alencon, beaten 24L. Won't find this easy.
- 9. **IDYLLE DES BERTHES** Was a big winner last time at Cherbourg when she cruised to a 2.1L victory. In form and holds claims.
- 10. **IDEALE DE LA COMTE** Was plain when 13L away in tenth most recently at her first run back from a layoff at Cabourg. Needs to lift.
- 11. **IPOTEK** Was safely held last time out in fifth at Pornichet, beaten 7.1L. Not keen on his chances in this field.
- 12. **INEDIT VERDERIE** Finished third at Alencon two starts back then couldn't repeat the dose at Pornichet last time, finishing 7.9L from the winner. A big run would not surprise.
- 13. **IROCKO STRYCK** Improved last start when second at Toulouse, beaten 1.2L. Can go close again.
- 14. **IZELEK** Recorded a comfortable 3.3L win last start at this track. Hard to knock recent form. Best figures should see him run well.

Summary: I AM A STAR QUICK (1) won a Class E mobile race at Laon last-time-out. Leading contender as a previous course winner. IBRAHIC (3) scored when racing barefoot at Chartres earlier this season. Easy to ignore recent efforts with shoes on. INDIGO (4) finished second in this shoeing combination at Cabourg on the penultimate outing. Player. IROCKO STRYCK (13) is a dual winner without hind shoes and is respected after a decent second in a Class E walk up at Toulouse.

Selections

I AM A STAR QUICK (1) - IBRAHIC (3) - INDIGO (4) - IROCKO STRYCK (13)

- 1. **ILE D'AIROU** Produced a better effort last start when second at Le Croise-Laroche, beaten 1.2L. With even luck is a winning chance.
- 2. **HERMINE DU PERCHE** Was a much better run last time finishing third at Segre, beaten 2.2L. One of the key runners.
- 3. **HENRI DE LA ROUVRE** Was disqualified last start at Mauquenchy on August 1. Forgive the latest run. Can turn things around.
- 4. **HERA DU BOIS MORIN** Easily accounted for last time at the first run of the campaign when 16L from the winner in seventh at Villedieu-les-Poeles. Facing a tough assignment this time around.
- 5. **IRIS THORIS** Failed to threaten when resuming last start, finishing eighth at Alencon and beaten 16L. Will strip a lot fitter so watch for improvement.
- 6. **HARMONIE DE BEZ** Last raced at Ecommoy on September 25 when she was disqualified. Forgive the recent mishap. Looks ideally placed.
- 7. **HAPPY DU LAS VEGAS** Ran below par last time when sixth at Pontchateau but her form prior to that run was sound. Better than last start and deserves another chance.
- 8. **HARMONIE CLEFOISE** Continued a long run without winning when 13th at Nantes last time out. This looks a nice assignment so watch for a better run.
- 9. **HUGO DU JOUAN** Comes here off a last-start second at Cherbourg, beaten 1.2L. Won't find this as easy.
- 10. **HOURAGAN DANGUY** Missed the placings again last start, beaten 7.8L when seventh at Nantes. Wait until the form picks up.
- 11. **IDEAL DU RUEL** Was disqualified last start at Caen on October 8. Prepared to overlook until his racing manners improve.
- 12. **HERACLES D'ALESA** Last raced at Trie-sur-Baise ten weeks ago when he finished sixth, beaten 8.9L. Can open the campaign with a forward performance.

Summary: A weak finale where a market check is advised. ILE D'AIROU (1) looks to hold the strongest piece of recent form having finished runner-up in a Class E mounted race at Le Croise-Laroche last outing. Key contender. HERMINE DU PERCHE (2) placed in a driven event on the grass at Segre thirteen days ago. Unexposed in the saddle. HARMONIE DE BEZ (6) has placed seven times in the saddle. Each-way player. HARMONIE CLEFOISE (8) could find the frame.

Selections

ILE D'AIROU (1) - HERMINE DU PERCHE (2) - HARMONIE DE BEZ (6) - HARMONIE CLEFOISE (8)