LE CROISE-LAROCHE [L-H] - 18 April

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA BOULANGERIE MATTHIEU - 2825m WALK-UP F82 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €20,000.

- 1. **GEM DARLING** Continued some plain form when a poor fifth at Nancy over 2600m a week-and-a-half ago. Form not up to scratch.
- 2. **GAG DE KACY** Was among the top chances when fresh from a break finishing tenth and beaten 25 metres over 2750m at Saint Aubin Les Elbeuf. A return to form is on the cards.
- 3. **GOBANA ANABA** Was below her best last time when seventh over 2900m at Amiens after finishing in the money two back at Strasbourg. Better than the last run suggests; set to make amends.
- 4. **GLORIA DE BANVILLE** Continued a long run without winning when sixth at La Capelle over 2700m last time out. Do not dismiss.
- 5. **GAGNE LUCKY** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2600m at Lyon-Parilly. Overlook the last run. Looks ideally placed.
- 6. **GRANTURISMO LEPINE** Returned from a four months break last start and finished in the money over 2825m at this venue. Has plenty of upside. Worth following up.
- 7. **GOLDEN ROSE VIP** Was ordinary when 30 metres away in eighth most recently at her first run back from a layoff over 2700m at La Capelle. Has the job ahead.
- 8. **GERONIMO STARDUST** Has been struggling of late, most recently finishing seventh over 2850m at Mauquenchy. Has ability and can do much better.
- 9. **GHOST DU BISTON** Didn't do a lot when resuming last start, finishing eighth at this track over 2825m and beaten 45 metres. Hard to have.
- 10. **GEAR UP** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2400m at Amiens. Forgive the recent mishap. Looks ideally placed.
- 11. **GRAAL DU CHENE** Placed three back at this track but hasn't shown that sort of form since, the latest effort a seventh at La Capelle over 2700m, beaten 20 metres. Bold showing expected if at his best.
- 12. **GOSSIP BOY** Finished third over 2825m at this track last start after he was easily accounted for two back at Enghien. Should be there at the business end.

Summary: GEAR UP (10) is highly-progressive maintaining an unbeaten record at this track. Taken to regain the winning thread after a DQ when a short-priced favourite in this class of autostart on reappearance. GOSSIP BOY (12) finished downfield tackling a stronger autostart in latest. Capable of delivering a good effort at this lower level. GRAAL DU CHENE (11) has shown plenty of ability in similar autostarts and holds place appeal. GAGNE LUCKY (5) completes the shortlist.

Selections

GEAR UP (10) - GOSSIP BOY (12) - GRAAL DU CHENE (11) - GAGNE LUCKY (5)

- 1. **GALAXIE DE FLAM** Was a strong winner last time out by 4.5 metres over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly to continue the great form this campaign. Has a nice draw. Should be in the finish again.
- 2. **FLORE BUISSONAY** Finished 12 metres back in ninth at her latest outing over 2550m at Reims. Needs to lift.
- 3. **ECLIPSE DU NOYER** Form average and it has been 14 runs since the last win. Last start disqualified for galloping over 2550m at Reims. This looks tough.
- 4. **EAULYMPIK CEHERE** Was not a factor when resuming last start, finishing eighth at Cherbourg over 2625m and beaten 30 metres. Will come on from that run and is a strong winning hope.
- 5. **FAKIR DE VILLODON** Has not been racing well including a poor effort last time when a long way back in fifth over 2800m at Rambouillet. Not keen.
- 6. **ELIXIR NONANTAIS** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2900m at Arras. Overlook the most recent outing. Can turn things around.
- 7. **GORLANDO** Produced a better effort last start when second at this track over 2700m beaten 9 metres. Hard to beat.
- 8. **FEU DE REVOLTE** Recorded a strong win at Machecoul two starts ago then maintained the purple patch of form with victory over 2700m at this track last time finishing 6 metres ahead of his rivals. One of the primary contenders.
- 9. **GAULTHERIA** Has frustrated connections of late with a string of minor prizes to her name most recently when third beaten 5.5 metres over 2100m at Vincennes. Sure to be in the mix.
- 10. **FRISE PONT VAUTIER** Continued a long run of outs when third 18 metres from the winner at Reims over 2550m two-and-a-half weeks ago. Deserves another chance.
- 11. **FADOUNA D'OCCAGNES** Was sub-par last time when fifth over 2550m at Reims after drawing poorly. Drawn favourably and is worth another chance.
- 12. **GLORIOUS STORM** Finished runner-up over 2150m at Enghien last start after she was easily accounted for two back at Mauquenchy. Forward performance expected.
- 13. **FALCON JET** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2700m at La Capelle. Put a line through the latest run. Top pick if at his best.

Summary: GALAXIE DE FLAM (1) is taken to build on an impressive autostart success at Lyon-Parilly among this company. Could go close to following up against similar at attractive odds. FEU DE REVOLTE (8) rates an obvious player after five straight driven wins including an easier course autostart. Progressive. GAULTHERIA (9) is hard to fault following a third consecutive autostart placing tackling tougher. Keep safe. FRISE PONT VAUTIER (10) demands respect eased in standard with a good record barefoot.

Selections

GALAXIE DE FLAM (1) - FEU DE REVOLTE (8) - GAULTHERIA (9) - FRISE PONT VAUTIER (10)

- 1. **HOPE DE PEISELS** Finished runner-up two starts back at Reims then missed the top-three last time out over 2700m at this track. Sure to be there at the business end.
- 2. **HOUFFE DU FLINOIS** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2550m at Reims. Forgive the recent mishap. Looks ideally placed.
- 3. **HAKUNA MATATA** Clocked-in third at this track two starts back then couldn't repeat the dose over 2700m at this track last time finishing 15 metres from the winner. Forward performance expected.
- 4. **HAVANE DE COUDDE** Racing very well this time in last start scoring over 2550m at Reims by 1.3 metres. Should be in the finish again.
- 5. **HIEMOISE COQUINE** Finished third over 2925m at Challans last start after she was unplaced two runs ago at Vire. Heading the right way now.
- 6. **HAVANE MENCOURT** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2750m at La Capelle. Forgive the recent mishap. Top pick if at her best.
- 7. **HISTORY MESLOISE** Got home over 2150m at Mauquenchy last time out after a plain effort at this track the start before. Looks very hard to toss.
- 8. **HAMMAMET DANOVER** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2525m at Bihorel Les Rouen. Forgive the latest run. Can turn things around.
- 9. **HAZEL DOPE** Has raced twice this campaign and failed to fill a top-three spot on either occasion, the latest when disqualified for galloping over 2825m at this track,. This will fully test.
- 10. **HAUTAINE** Turned in a nice run two back then missed the placings last time when 21 metres adrift over 2700m at this track. This looks too tough.
- 11. **HEMERA D'HERIPRE** Missed the placings again last start beaten 40 metres when tenth over 2700m at this track. Hard to make a case.
- 12. **HERMINE DE TOUES** Again missed the placings last time out but was only 5 metres away in fourth over 2600m at Nancy. Expecting a better run this time.
- 13. **HARIGANGA** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2100m at Cluny. Overlook the recent mishap. Well placed to make amends.
- 14. **HEROINE RINGEAT** Ran an improved race second-up to finish third over 2700m at this track. Should be fitter again. Rates well and worth including if she can improve further here.

Summary: HAVANE DE COUDDE (4) managed an excellent runner-up effort in this class of autostart prior to winning a Reims walk up as favourite last month. Expected to go well in this winnable contest. HISTORY MESLOISE (7) got off the mark on third autostart at Mauquenchy in latest. Bold showing likely with further progress in sight. HOUFFE DU FLINOIS (2) can make the frame if delivering best while HIEMOISE COQUINE (5) improved behind a subsequent winner last time. One to note.

Selections

HAVANE DE COUDDE (4) - HISTORY MESLOISE (7) - HOUFFE DU FLINOIS (2) - HIEMOISE COQUINE (5)

- 1. **GOLD ELEVEN** Continued a long run without winning when sixth at Bihorel Les Rouen over 2500m last time out. Can do a lot better in this suitable contest.
- 2. **GADJO SAUTREUIL** Has been out of the winner's circle for a long while. Finished 11th last start over 2750m at La Capelle 65 metres from the winner. Unlikely to threaten.
- 3. **FRIDAY** Has raced twice this campaign and failed to threaten on either occasion the latest when 11th over 2700m at this track two weeks ago. Can improve sharply.
- 4. **FOREVER DE PRESTES** Form only moderate and has been without a win now for 43 runs. Last start finished fourth over 2750m at La Capelle. Winning claims on best figures.
- 5. **FULL SIZE** Form average and it has been 20 runs since the last win. Last start finished sixth over 2750m at La Capelle. Winning claims on best figures.
- 6. **GRINGO DES CHAMPS** Was sub-par last time when sixth over 2600m at Nancy after drawing poorly. Has a low draw this time and can improve.
- 7. **FLYING HORSE** Might need this run following a spell of five months. Last raced when 14th over 2700m at this track.
- 8. **GROUND ZERO** Has been struggling of late most recently finishing fourth over 2750m at La Capelle. Has ability and can do much better.
- 9. **GOOD GIRL MARCEAUX** Has had four runs this prep without filling a placing, the latest effort a fifth at La Capelle over 2750m beaten 35 metres. Should be at peak fitness and can turn things around.
- 10. **GUAPITA LAUMAX** Continued a long run of outs when at this track over 2825m three weeks ago. Prefer others.
- 11. **FIRST DE ROUGEMONT** Finished second at Mauquenchy two starts back then improved to score last start over 2750m at La Capelle by 5.5 metres. Big chance to find the winners list.
- 12. **GAMAY** Has been racing well most recently finishing 10 metres away in second over 2750m at La Capelle. Nicely drawn and expected to measure up again.

Summary: A moderate walk up where FIRST DE ROUGEMONT (11) rates the one to beat following a course placing among this company prior to some excellent mounted racing. Top pick. GROUND ZERO (8) maintains consistent form this term including in similar driven events. Thereabouts adopting a new shoeing combination. GOOD GIRL MARCEAUX (9) holds each-way appeal eased in standard after running at Vincennes recently. GAMAY (12) reverts to a walk up having managed some good mounted efforts. Not to be dismissed for a minor placing.

Selections

FIRST DE ROUGEMONT (11) - GROUND ZERO (8) - GOOD GIRL MARCEAUX (9) - GAMAY (12)

- 1. **IN LOVE COLOR** Has been racing well with a couple of minor prizes to his name recently the latest when third beaten 16 metres over 2950m at Saint Malo. Will make his presence felt.
- 2. **IN LOVE DARLING** In the money two back at Reims then far too good last time winning by 7.83 over 2150m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer. In form and expected to go well again.
- 3. **INDIGO BELLO** Finished third two starts back at Caen then missed the top-three last time out over 2700m at this track. Ready to make amends.
- 4. **ILVES** Saluted three back but has been safely held since last start finishing fifth at Reims and beaten 17 metres. Not going well enough.
- 5. **IMOKO DEUX** First up since finishing second over 2500m at Chatelaillon La Rochelle nine months ago. Will be there at the business end.
- 6. **INNOCENT DU BOURG** Has been safely held recently the latest effort a disqualified for galloping over 2700m at Vincennes. Others preferred.
- 7. **IT'S MY DREAM** Deserved a breakthrough maiden win last time over 2450m at Caen scoring by 0.1. Has upside and is among the winning chances.
- 8. **INDYDARCHE** First up since finishing ninth over 2100m at Vincennes five months ago. Sure to be thereabouts.
- 9. I KEEP CALM Disqualified for galloping last start over 2800m at Tours-Chambray. Overlook the most recent outing. Can turn things around.
- 10. **IVOIRE D'ECHAL** Saluted two runs ago at La Capelle then kept the outstanding form going last time when he got home by 45 metres over 2825m at this track. Winning prospects.
- 11. **IACYNTHE DIDJEAP** Form average and it has been 13 runs since the last win. Last start finished third over 2700m at La Capelle. This will be too tough.
- 12. **INSERT MADRIK** Got the job done two runs ago at Cherbourg then kept the ball rolling last time when he got home by 1.3 metres over 2825m at Vire. Sure to be there at the business end.
- 13. **IMPERIAL DE SOCERY** Last raced at Mauquenchy three-and-a-half months ago when he finished ninth beaten 21 metres, over 2150m. Sure to be thereabouts.
- 14. **INFINI LAUMAX** Was ordinary when 230 metres away in ninth most recently at his first run back from a spell over 2800m at Tours-Chambray. Open to plenty of improvement.

Summary: IN LOVE DARLING (2) made a winning autostart debut with a comfortable success at Cagnes-sur-Mer sent off favourite. Can take this class rise in his stride. IMOKO DEUX (5) delivered an excellent initial autostart second in latest. Could build on that attempting this easier standard. INSERT MADRIK (12) completed a walk up double with front pads applied. Notable claims making first autostart. IN LOVE COLOR (1) deserves place consideration after improved driven from.

Selections

IN LOVE DARLING (2) - IMOKO DEUX (5) - INSERT MADRIK (12) - IN LOVE COLOR (1)

- 1. **ISTANIA DE VIETTE** Resumes here after closing off last preparation with a win over 2200m at Le Mans. Expected to be in the finish.
- 2. **IZZIE D'ERONVILLE** Missed the placings again last start beaten 21 metres when fifth over 2725m at Lisieux. Can improve sharply.
- 3. **IL PLEUT BERGERE** Finished third over 2700m at Graignes last start after she missed the top-three but wasn't far away two back at Amiens. Winning prospects.
- 4. **ITALICA MESLOISE** Has been out of the winner's circle for a long while. Finished seventh most recently over 2200m at Caen 11 metres from the winner. Capable of a better showing.
- 5. **IRMA DU VIVIER** Has not been racing well including a poor effort last time when a long way back in disqualified for galloping over 2875m at Enghien. Not keen.
- 6. **ISBA DU VIVIER** Improved to clock-in third over 2450m at Caen last start following a mediocre disqualified for galloping at Caen the run prior. Can play a role in the finish.
- 7. IVAJALE Has not trialled since her last outing 11 weeks ago. Maybe later.
- 8. **ILOVIROIZ DI LEONE** Racing very well this time in, last start scoring over 2550m at Reims by 6 metres. Draws nicely. Leading contender.
- 9. **IZARA DE VIETTE** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2400m at Amiens. Forgive the recent mishap. Looks ideally placed.
- 10. **ILLY DU MILL** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2800m at Rambouillet. Overlook the last run. Looks ideally placed.
- 11. **IBIZA DRY** Has been out of the winner's circle for a long while. Finished tenth last time out over 2400m at Amiens 130 metres from the winner. Solid top-three prospects.
- 12. **ISENOTE D'ORGERES** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2700m at La Capelle. Overlook the recent mishap. Well placed to make amends.
- 13. **ILIE DE TOUCHYVON** Second-up after finishing runner-up at her first run of the campaign beaten 17 metres over 2800m at Rambouillet. Has the job ahead.
- 14. **IPSY DU BOCAGE** Had a tough draw last time and was safely held when tenth at Rambouillet over 2800m beaten 60 metres. Worth another chance from a much better draw.

Summary: ISTANIA DE VIETTE (1) is unbeaten after two driven victories including an autostart debut at Le Mans on previous outing. Can extend the winning sequence with further improvement likely. ILOVIROIZ DI LEONE (8) completed a double tackling an easier Reims walk up. Notable claims with a progressive profile at this low level. ILLY DU MILL (10) holds each-way chances if bouncing back to winning form at Cagnes-sur-Mer on penultimate start. IL PLEUT BERGERE (3) could challenge for a placing.

Selections

ISTANIA DE VIETTE (1) - ILOVIROIZ DI LEONE (8) - ILLY DU MILL (10) - IL PLEUT BERGERE (3)

Race 7 - PRIX DE LA SAMBRE - 2825m WALK-UP E42 Monte. Purse EUR €23,000.

- 1. **HELIOS DE SOCERY** Will be better for this run following a spell of five-and-a-half months. Last raced when eighth over 2450m at Caen.
- 2. **HOTKATISSIME** Finished runner-up over 2825m at this track last start after he was easily accounted for two back at Caen. Sure to be in the mix.
- 3. **HOLLYWOOD GIRL** Improved sharply last start to return winning form by 2.75 metres over 2825m at this track. Great chance to make it two in a row.
- 4. **HAMOUR DE SISSI** Was a much better run last time finishing third at this track over 2825m beaten 35 metres. Expected to go well.
- 5. **HEAVEN DE NAPPES** Scored over 2825m at this track last time out after a plain effort two runs ago at Reims. Will make his presence felt.
- 6. **HAPPY INTRIGANT** Was below his best last time when seventh over 2825m at Durtal after finishing in the money two back at Saint Brieuc. Better run anticipated this time.
- 7. **HERINE D'OCCAGNES** Improved to clock-in third over 2825m at this track last time out on the back of a well-beaten disqualified for galloping at this track the run prior. Looks very hard to toss.
- 8. **HAWAI TEAM** Continued a long run of outs when at Vincennes over 2175m six-and-a-half weeks ago. Not on current form.

Summary: HEAVEN DE NAPPES (5) has won two mounted races from three attempts including a dominant 6.25L success at this venue. Tough to beat if replicating. HAPPY INTRIGANT (6) is a three-time mounted winner with strong form at this standard. In the mix. HOLLYWOOD GIRL (3) bounced back to winning ways here in latest. Obvious claims along with HOTKATISSIME (2) who ran second behind her last time. Include in multiples.

Selections

HEAVEN DE NAPPES (5) - HAPPY INTRIGANT (6) - HOLLYWOOD GIRL (3) - HOTKATISSIME (2)

- 1. **JACK DU GUESNE** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2825m at this track. Forgive the latest run. Well placed to make amends.
- 2. **JAMES WORLD** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2800m at Chartres. Forgive the recent mishap. Looks ideally placed.
- 3. **JARNIBLEU** Finished 100 metres away in disqualified for galloping over 2750m at La Capelle when making his debut eight days ago. Probably needs more time.
- 4. **JACALA DE FONTAINE** Finished 9 metres back in fourth at his latest appearance over 2450m at Caen. Hard to have.
- 5. **JOCKSTRAP** Debuted with a well-beaten disqualified for galloping at La Capelle then improved last time out to finish second over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly beaten 6 metres. Should be there at the business end.
- 6. **JAVARI DU CHATELET** Improved to clock-in third over 2550m at Reims most recently following a well-beaten sixth two runs ago at Caen. Heading the right way now.
- 7. **JACKSON GALAA** Finished sixth at Enghien over 2875m last start following a win at Mauquenchy the start prior. Drawn favourably and worth another chance.
- 8. **JACK RUSSELL** Improved last start and broke through for his maiden win over 2625m at Cherbourg. Has an inside draw and looks tough to beat again.
- 9. **JEAN MAJYC** Disqualified for galloping last start over 2700m at Vincennes. Overlook the most recent outing. Can turn things around.
- 10. **JUPITER** Resumes here after scoring over 2925m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer at his only run 12 weeks ago. Expected to be in the finish.
- 11. **JAGGERA BOMB** Saluted over 2700m at this track last time out after a plain effort on debut at this track. Might find this beyond her.
- 12. **JUST YOU AND ME** Didn't fire two runs back on debut at Vire but found form last time when a winner by 6 metres over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly. Big chance to find the winners' list.

Summary: Numerous chances in this good event for the grade. JACKSON GALAA (7) is expected to go close following a sixth among tougher driven company at Enghien. Capable of bouncing back to winning form. JOCKSTRAP (5) improved into second at Lyon-Parilly. One to note. JUPITER (10) managed a successful debut at Cagnes-sur-Mer. May take this class rise in his stride. JUST YOU AND ME (12) justified strong support in the market to get off the mark second up. Genuine hope.

Selections

JACKSON GALAA (7) - JOCKSTRAP (5) - JUPITER (10) - JUST YOU AND ME (12)