

ROYAN LA PALMYRE [R-H] - 18 July

Race 3 - GRAND PRIX JEAN-MAURICE BETEAU - 3100m WALK-UP A580 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €45,000.

1. **ESPOIR DE BELLOUET** - Bounced back to better order with a 4.5L fourth at Beaumont de Lomagne. Faces significantly tougher test.
2. **CAFTAN BESP** - Hard to recommend on recent efforts.
3. **ESCAPADE** - Placed twice from last four outings interspersed with DQs. Winner on only attempt over course and distance.
4. **ETOILE DU PERCHE** - Holds each way claims after a 4.5L fourth at Lisieux. Unproven at this track.
5. **ENO DE NARMONT** - Struggling to get involved in recent runs.
6. **CIMARRON** - Hard to recommend on first four runs of new campaign.
7. **FAWLEY BUISSONAY** - Unexposed on grass with one placing from three attempts. Fair fifth in a Class A at La Roche-Posay in June. Each way claims.
8. **EASTON OF MY LIFE** - Resumed after a four month break with a second at Landivisiau. Racing well and has a good grass record but this represents a big step up in class.
9. **DETROIT ACE** - Put together three consecutive wins earlier in the campaign including at this level. Narrowly missed the frame on last two runs and can return to winning ways.
10. **BY AND BY** - Won and placed on grass from last three outings. Contender.
11. **CASH DE L'ALBA** - Better effort when 1.25L second latest at Agon. Placed on only start at this venue.
12. **DAYAN WINNER** - Returned after a six month break with a 2.25L fourth at Agon. Excellent record on grass with two wins and four placings from seven starts.
13. **COMTE DES TITHAIS** - Bounced back from a below-par effort to place 3.5L third at Caen. Place chance with plenty of experience on grass.
14. **COMTESSE DU CLOS** - Fourth on last two outings including at Chateaubriant. Place chance with experience at higher grades.
15. **FREYJA DU PONT** - Better effort when third at Enghien in a competitive contest. Two from three on grass. Top chance.
16. **DUEL DU GERS** - Made gradual headway in three starts since a break. 2.5L fifth in G3 Grand National du Trot two back and could break through dropped in grade.
17. **CLARCK SOTHO** - Disappointing on first two attempts. More required.

Summary: DUEL DE GERS (16) can break through for a well-deserved victory dropped in grade following a 2.5L third in G3 Grand National du Trot at Toulouse. Making gradual headway with each run since a break. DETROIT ACE (9) was a multiple winner earlier in the campaign including at this class. Been racing with credit since and can go close. DAYAN WINNER (12) is entitled to improve for reappearance fourth at Agon. Superb record on grass with two wins and four placings from seven starts. Not to be dismissed. FAWLEY BUISSONAY (7) has been racing consistently including a fifth at this level in La Roche-Posay. Place contender.

Selections

DUEL DU GERS (16) - DETROIT ACE (9) - DAYAN WINNER (12) - FAWLEY BUISSONAY (7)