

FRIDAY, 18/08/23

C1 - PRIX DE VILLEDIEU-LES-POELES - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 33.000

1. HELIA DE BAFFAIS - As delicate as they come but has talent in spades. Unbeaten in 3 starts at Cabourg, returns to her shoeing configuration of choice, and again looks a serious proposition

2. HORTENSIA DE LARRE - Never far from faulting but has never let the side down at Cabourg either. Breaks in front but others still easier to trust

3. HOLLYWOOD ACE - Returned to winning ways in a minor event a fortnight ago but no chance of repeating

4. HIROISE DU PARJAT - Difficult mare but has no shortage of ability, which she proved here last time out, and can make the frame if she stays in stride

5. GAZ OIL - Better sort in the amateur division but benefits from a front-line start and is capable of getting a look in

6. HEROS DU POMMEREUX - Reliability not his strong suit but seldom far off the mark when focused. Runner-up in last two and, even with shoes on, can pick up another cheque

7. HERA D'ESPACE - Moderate mare with a good recent record at the venue. Has a decent entry in front and should not be entirely overlooked

8. HAUTAIN - Good, consistent trotter that imposed comfortably here last week and, even though 25m worse off, still looks a leading contender

9. HABIT DE SOIREE - Tough type that was never at his ease in Paris last time out, but returns to a track he appreciates and even from the 2nd line can play a role

10. HOLD UP DES VENTES - Seldom out of the first 2 when he can keep his action together. Unbeaten at the venue and, in current condition, can again figure prominently

11. GOAL STAR - Useful sort when applied but has just one race in him since the break and will need the outing

12. FROZEN QUEEN - Blows hot and cold but left a good impression here three weeks ago. Front shoes off this time and will have her supporters

Summary : Simply superb when focused and unshod, HAUTAIN (8) imposed with ease over track and trip last week and, even though incurring the penalty this time, can still pull off the double. He is sure to face opposition though from the tough HOLD UP DES VENTES (10) who also won here last time. Twice a winner in her last three, HELIA DE BAFFAIS (1) is 25m better off and, on good behaviour, should have a lot to offer. HIROISE DU PARJAT (4) is similarly well-positioned and will be aiming to capitalise on her latest Cabourg performance.

SELECTIONS

**HAUTAIN (8) - HOLD UP DES VENTES (10) - HELIA DE BAFFAIS (1) - HIROISE DU
PARJAT (4)**

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C2 - PRIX DE SAINT-PIERRE-EN-AUGE - 2050m (a1 1/4m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 23.000

1. **INTREPID BEJI** - Regularly thereabouts when he has his mind on the game. Got back in business at Amiens recently and, with form maintained, can get a look in
2. **ILIADE MENCOURT** - Pleased in two of four runs since the break. Goes barefoot this time and can improve on latest Amiens performance
3. **ICI HAUFOR** - Unremarkable type that showed improvement in 2nd start back and, while unlikely to set the world ablaze, can still pick up some prizemoney
4. **INDIGO** - Took some time to come to hand this term but showed considerable improvement at Mauquenchy last time and from the 4-spot can open his 2023 account
5. **INSOLITE** - Not the most dependable but can trot on a good day. Has struggled with stride issues lately but is well in on the front line and, with application, can pick up a cheque
6. **IBISCUS DE L'ITON** - Useful sort but has better references at a lower level and will struggle to make his mark
7. **INSOLENT SOMOLLI** - Can prove a handful but has bags of ability. Should be fit by now and, shod competitively this time, can make a big splash
8. **IRON MAN** - Respectable sort but no champion. Encouraged in last two but starts wide and others preferred
9. **ICONE DELO** - Never far from losing her action but can trot when focused. Could have finished in the mix last time had she not faulted but deservedly receives another chance to set things right
10. **IRMA BABEL** - 47 starts and yet to lose her maiden status. Has never finished closer than 5th in 5 starts here and not an obvious choice
11. **INDIEN PASS** - Pleased earlier in the spring but out of the picture in last 4 and can be ruled out
12. **IRIS DU GARDEN** - Honest mare that seldom holds back but in much better company this time and chances limited
13. **I AM JULRY** - Regularly in the thick of things when barefoot. Showed his form last time out and, in spite of the draw, still looks a player
14. **IRELAND TEAM** - Has not got her nose in front for some time but is enjoying a decent run of form. Tough draw but a leading pilot in charge and should not be far off the mark

Summary : A tricky but very promising horse at 3, **INSOLENT SOMOLLI** (7) faces his first objective of the new season after a pair of comeback races and, with front shoes off for the occasion, can bring home the bacon. That bit more faithful, **INDIGO** (4) is better-placed behind the car and, going barefoot for the first time, looks a serious proposition. **I AM JULRY** (13) is less well-off on the second line but seldom disappoints when unshod all four and makes his Cabourg debut with legitimate ambition. **IRELAND TEAM** (14) has been handed a tough draw too but, barefoot with Gabriele Gelormini reining, will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

INSOLENT SOMOLLI (7) - INDIGO (4) - I AM JULRY (13) - IRELAND TEAM (14)

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C3 - PRIX DE GRAIGNES - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 29.000

1. **JOCKSTRAP** - Sixth in the race of reference after having won in Paris but hard to make a case for him on this occasion
2. **JUPPY UP** - Alternates the good with the less good but imposed here last month. Beaten only by 2 very good elements at Carentan on Tuesday and backs up with legitimate ambition
3. **JET EXPRESS** - Classy individual that was not at his ease here last time out, but has never faulted twice in a row, and has the class to redeem himself
4. **INES DES EPINES** - Clearly capable but has better form lower down the class ladder and unlikely to influence the result
5. **JAMES MADRIK** - Quality colt with an excellent strike-rate. Impressed in Paris last time out and, if still on the boil, can confirm
6. **INDIAN FIGHTER** - Ultra-dependable since the spring and thrives racing right-handed, but takes a hike in category and more a minor place prospect this time around
7. **IXTREM D'OURVILLE** - Blows hot and cold but showed his form in Paris. Sanctioned next time though and others easier to trust
8. **JAMES RULES** - Serious trotter that seldom disappoints when barefoot. Gave a fine account here recently and must be considered a leading contender this time around
9. **INVICTUS ONE** - Blows hot and cold but rarely disappoints when applied. Returns to racing unshod behind and will be dangerous if Romain Congard can keep him trotting
10. **JUVENIA DU CLOSET** - Occasionally loses focus but otherwise a useful filly and presently in top shape. Boasts a good record at Cabourg and is sure to garner considerable support
11. **ICE QUICK** - Occasionally makes her presence felt but lost her way late-winter and must reaffirm
12. **JALOUSIE DE L'ISLE** - Has started to come good again following the layoff. Has done nothing but improve lately and can make her presence felt

Summary : Most convincing when imposing at Enghien a fortnight ago, JAMES MADRIK (5) returns to racing right-handed and once again looks the horse to beat. Another tough individual, JAMES RULES (8) trotted 3rd in a competitive event here last week and is eminently capable of applying the pressure. Seldom out of the frame when he can keep his action together, JET EXPRESS (3) would have finished in the mix that day had he not continuously faulted, but is proven here and can make amends. It is regularly a case of all-or-nothing for JMB's talented INVICTUS ONE (9) who will be no easy touch if focused.

SELECTIONS

JAMES MADRIK (5) - JAMES RULES (8) - JET EXPRESS (3) - INVICTUS ONE (9)

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**C4 - PRIX DE VIRE - 2725m (a1 11/16m) - Autostart - Class E - Harness -
EUR € 26.000**

1. HAURORE - Honest mare that always gives her best. Will be fit by now but others still preferred

2. HATHAWAY - Won here mid-July but has twice failed to confirm. Barefoot this time though and, from the 2-spot, should not be underestimated

3. HEROS DHELPA - Gave an honest account here earlier in the month but has a top spot behind the car this time and can apply the pressure on HAMIGO (9)

4. HURLEVENT - Clearly capable and currently in form, but can prove a handful. Returns to racing barefoot though and can start to redeem himself

5. HUNADORA - Moderate type that finished 5th in a tough event here last month and, while unlikely to spring another surprise, can still give a competitive account

6. HUKITA - Trotted 2nd here before finishing a place behind HUNADORA (5) next time, but is better than that and is expected to show improvement

7. HIT DE JOBI - Has merit but as tricky as they come. Has better references at a lower level and, drawn wide, will struggle to make his mark

8. HATALANTE DE FLO - Won an amateur event here last month and came close to confirming next time, but in this company has no realistic chance

9. HAMIGO - Consistently in the thick of things when applied. Is close to winning another and will have his chances if Mathieu Mottier can navigate the start

10. HIBOU D'ERPION - Impressive at Caen during the spring but considerably less performant since and needs to raise his game

11. HARLEM DE L'ITON - Unremarkable sort with better references in a lesser category and latest results do nothing to convince

12. HYDRA D'ACADIE - Disappointing on the whole since the start of the year and looks totally outclassed

Summary : There are many in the running here, however the nod must nevertheless go to the unfavourably-drawn, but tough HAMIGO (9) who has been knocking at the door lately. HEROS DHELPA (3) is considerably better-placed in front and should logically improve on his latest effort here. Starting just to his outside, and barefoot for the occasion, HURLEVENT (4) will be a tough nut to crack from the 4-spot if Lagadeuc assures his initial strides. HUKITA (6) is no slouch when focused, is confirmed at Cabourg, and can make the most of her front-line start.

SELECTIONS

HAMIGO (9) - HEROS DHELPA (3) - HURLEVENT (4) - HUKITA (6)

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C5 - PRIX DU HARAS DU PIN - 2725m (a1 11/16m) - Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 22.000

1. JAVA MIP - No slouch on a good day and is proven in this category. Is clearly in form and, with Gelormini at the helm, will be afforded every chance

2. JOHANNA JOBYNA - Useful filly when she can stay in stride. Has not been seen out for 2 months but will be barefoot for the occasion and can give JEEDAYA DU VIVIER (3) something to think about

3. JEEDAYA DU VIVIER - Classy filly that won smartly at Cherbourg when stepped up in class. Has everything going for her here to make it five on the trot

4. JUNE D'ERABLE - Has not won for over a year but encouraged in good company here recently, and going barefoot this time, looks a decent candidate

5. JESSIE METEOR - Has failed to reproduce her early-season form. Not disgraced behind JUNE D'ERABLE (4) last time though and will have her supporters

6. JET SOCIETY - Is better than most here, on a good day. Starts in front and will not be far off the mark if Lebourgeois can keep her trotting

7. JUVIGNY - Sprang a 141/1 surprise when 3rd over shorter here recently, and a repeat looks distinctly improbable

8. JOLIE DES BAUX - Decidedly better horse in the other branch of the game and has no realistic chance

9. JUSQUINE FOUTEAU - Has been in cracking form for past 2 months. Is not far from winning another and will be no soft touch if André Dreux can negotiate the start

10. JULIA QUESNOT - Winner of her only right-handed start. Has had two return runs and even from the second line can give this a good go

11. JUMEIGE DE GODREL - Has done nothing of note all season and can be confidently passed over

12. JABOROSA BLUE - Showed her aptitude for the monté code last time out, but has modest harness credentials and others preferred

13. JOIE DE CORTEM - Unexceptional sort that rarely makes any impact and is not about to change her ways

Summary : Unbeaten in four career starts, JEEDAYA DU VIVIER (3) is proven right-handed, ideally-placed behind the car, and can make her Cabourg debut a winning one. That said, JOHANNA JOBYNA (2) also has a good spot in front, reassured at Angers, and is confirmed at a superior level. JUNE D'ERABLE (4) drops in category after a decent course-and-distance effort earlier in the month, and from the 4-spot can give this a good go. JET SOCIETY (6) is not to everyone's taste but she has ability and will have her chances if she stays in stride.

SELECTIONS

JEEDAYA DU VIVIER (3) - JOHANNA JOBYNA (2) - JUNE D'ERABLE (4) - JET SOCIETY (6)

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C6 - PRIX DE CHERBOURG-EN-COTENTIN - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 27.000

1. **HARVEY DE CHENU** - Acquits himself well under the saddle for the most part but the big step up in category may be a step too far
2. **HOLD UP D'LOUDON** - Regularly in the thick of things in this branch of the game. Reassured last time out but shoes back on and others preferred
3. **HELIOS DU CAPMAY** - Never far from losing his action but rarely disappoints when applied. Races shod this time though and not an obvious choice
4. **HOMMAGE LUDOIS** - Useful trotter in this branch of the business. Has turned a corner lately and the 25m head-start can only work to his advantage
5. **GABRIEL BRECY** - Trotted 3rd to FUEGO DE LIGNY (6) here last time but unexceptional in the ridden discipline and can be passed over
6. **FUEGO DE LIGNY** - Erratic type that won an amateur event under harness here last month. Has respectable monté references but at this level will have too much to do
7. **FLEMING** - Not the most attractive formcard here but has solid Cabourg credentials and on a good day is better than most here
8. **GRAAL DE L'EXTREME** - Has not been seen under the saddle since his debut in 2020. Not currently at the top of his game and unlikely to influence the result
9. **GASTON CABS** - Not the most reliable but is better than his latest effort would suggest and, even incurring the penalty, still looks a player
10. **FOREVER STONE** - Mixes the good with the less good but form is not in doubt. Has previously beaten FAKIR GASCON (11) and is not incapable of doing it again
11. **FAKIR GASCON** - Acquits himself well for the most part, and latest effort a case in point. In similar shape, he can still wrap this up from the second row

Summary : A very open affair this but the key nonetheless resides on the back line. FAKIR GASCON (11) gave an excellent account of himself at La Rochelle nine days ago and, with form maintained, should be good enough to win a race of this nature. Loanne Fauchon will nevertheless feel some heat from the in-form FOREVER STONE (10) who has already had his measure. HOMMAGE LUDOIS (4) is like a horse reborn since returning to racing barefoot and from the front row looks a major player. FLEMING (7) may not be to everyone's liking but he goes well right-handed and has references under these conditions.

SELECTIONS

FAKIR GASCON (11) - FOREVER STONE (10) - HOMMAGE LUDOIS (4) - FLEMING (7)

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**C7 - PRIX DE CARENTAN - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
25.000**

1. KILLY D'IRATY - Showed early promise but has struggled since being stepped up in category and chances slim

2. KRAC BRENUS - Winner at a lower level but did show signs of encouragement here on penultimate start and should not be overlooked

3. KAPORAL VISAIS - Has shown considerable improvement this season but failed to fire last time out. Pads fitted on this occasion though and will be one to monitor

4. KEOPS DU BUHOT - Winner of both starts to date. In better company this time around but still looks a leading proposition

5. KING FAST - Has begun to come good since starting to race with pads fitted. Unlikely to lose his maiden tag but can still finish in the mix

6. KAMARAN MADRIK - Sanctioned as often as not but imposed with attitude at Meslay and, on good behaviour, can confirm

7. KNOK - Still chasing that elusive first win but showed a different side last week and makes his Cabourg debut with legitimate ambition

8. KOOPLES DE LARRE - No champion but always gives his best. Fifth in last 2 starts here and again no more than a minor place prospect

9. KANO - Won both races before being sent for a layoff. Returned solidly last month and looks significantly more competitive this time around

Summary : A tough race in prospect here with KAMARAN MADRIK (6) making his first appearance since winning with authority at Meslay, and looks a marginally better bet than KNOK (7) who came close to winning his maiden at Châteaubriant. Unbeaten in two during the winter, KANO (9) will have come on for his recent re-entry run and looks a serious contender this time around. Unbeaten in two starts to date, KEOPS DU BUHOT (4) is forced to climb the class ladder but should nevertheless appreciate the Cabourg profile.

SELECTIONS

KAMARAN MADRIK (6) - KNOK (7) - KANO (9) - KEOPS DU BUHOT (4)

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C8 - PRIX DE JULLOUVILLE-LES-PINS - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 19.500

1. **JUPITER DE NILREM** - Has not been seen out since his monté debut last autumn and even with front shoes off has no realistic chance
2. **JOYAU DE BELLANDE** - Place in just one of three in the ridden discipline. Is barefoot for the occasion but still not an obvious choice
3. **JUPITER DE MEAUCE** - Went off the boil after imposing at Argentan during the winter. Has just one race under his belt since the layoff and will have few takers
4. **JUSTY DU OLPASI** - Useful sort that pleased first time under the saddle. In better company this time around but can still get in on the action
5. **JAGUAR DU RIB** - Capricious character but ability is not in question. Gets another crack at the discipline and, on good behaviour, can pick up a cheque
6. **JEWETT LEGEND** - Quality individual with ample ability in this branch of the business. Thrives at Cabourg and, if fully fit, can get straight back in the game
7. **JACK DU GUESNE** - Sanctioned more often than not but has evident talent. Has started to come good lately and, if behaved, can add another success to his tally
8. **JANGO DE GRAIS** - Still winless after 21 runs but went close in last two under the saddle. Evidently in decent shape and will have his supporters
9. **JACKPOT DIDO** - A winner at a lower level but races first-time barefoot and looks more competitive than he did here last week
10. **JELLY BELLY WELL** - Looked very ordinary on his monté debut at Argentan and is unlikely to generate much interest
11. **JOUJO DES CINTY** - Switches code for the first time following a shocking streak under harness, and chances appear slim

Summary : Not the classiest of fields this, but there is no standout and should prove competitive. JACK DU GUESNE (7) appears to be on track, with two wins in his last three, and can impose again if Florian Desmigneux keeps him trotting. That said, JEWETT LEGEND (6) has demonstrated very good aptitude for the discipline and, although unraced for a year, he returns barefoot to a track he loves and should not disappoint. JACKPOT DIDO (9) returns to his code of preference, first time unshod all four, and will be no pushover. JUSTY DU OLPASI (4) left a very good impression on his recent monté debut, and although aiming higher this time, must still be respected.

SELECTIONS

**JACK DU GUESNE (7) - JEWETT LEGEND (6) - JACKPOT DIDO (9) - JUSTY DU OLPASI
(4)**