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R5 TOULOUSE [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE SAINTE-EULALIE - 2325m (a1 7/16m) - Class - Harness -
EUR € 15.000**

- 1. L'AS DUEM** - Jacques-Henri Treich-trained Blue Pass colt making his debut with Patrice Gesret engaged. Has to be respected
- 2. LAGERTHA AULNAIES** - Sébastien-Emmanuel Pasquier has been engaged to partner this Ecu Pierji debutante for trainer Franck Terry
- 3. LE CARAT D'AS** - Carat Williams gelding making his debut for trainer Simon Laloum, who will also be in the sulky. Watch for now
- 4. LEOPARD** - Pascal Maurice Manceau-trained Prince d'Espace newcomer to be partnered by Cyril Gazengel. One to watch
- 5. LUKE SKYWALKER** - Drôle de Jet gelding on debut for trainer Pascal Maurice Manceau, who has engaged Xavier Bonnefoux in the sulky
- 6. LAIKA GYR** - Disqualified on debut and, while likely to improve with that experience, is probably best watched for now
- 7. LUNDU DE LOU** - Finished an encouraging 5th on debut at Argentan against stronger opposition so needn't improve a great deal to fight for victory
- 8. LIBERAL BABY** - Beaten by LAGUNE DE LA COTE (12) for his second attempt, he will try to get closer.
- 9. LIZEA D'ORGUEIL** - Finished a pleasing 4th on debut at Grenade-sur-Garonne and should have more to offer with the benefit of that experience
- 10. LORIE DE LA PRADE** - Unlucky not to have finished closer recently at Angers but will be competitive for the places if making further improvement
- 11. LUTIN DES BERNIS** - Sanctioned in consecutive outings after a pleasing 4th at his previous start. Needs to prove himself diligent
- 12. LAGUNE DE LA COTE** - Improved to finish 3rd with this shoeing configuration last time and ought to confirm that progress here. High on the shortlist

Summary : LUNDU DE LOU (7) got his career off to an encouraging start at Argentan and ought to open his account if making any improvement with the benefit of that experience. LAGUNE DE LA COTE (12) progressed in this shoe fitting last time and is likely to fight for victory if confirming that improvement. LORIE DE LA PRADE (10) is probably capable of better than the 5th she achieved at Angers recently and has shown enough to be competitive for a spot on the podium. LIZEA D'ORGUEIL (9) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

**LUNDU DE LOU (7) - LAGUNE DE LA COTE (12) - LORIE DE LA PRADE (10) - LIZEA
D'ORGUEIL (9)**

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**C2 - PRIX DE MONFLANQUIN - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Apprentices -
Harness - EUR € 23.000**

- 1. HIDALGO DES LUCAS** - Unreliable and races with his irons again but is well positioned in front to make his presence felt. Keep safe
- 2. FELICIE DE MARCAY** - Has shone in the amateur ranks recently and, despite fluffing her lines last time, isn't incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature
- 3. GOLD DE BANVILLE** - Showed signs of improvement last time but will need to build on that progress to get a look in here. Outsider
- 4. HERMENCE DAIRPET** - Seldom far off the mark so certainly not incapable of getting into the picture, even with her irons. Outsider
- 5. GUAPA DU PADOUENG** - Has regained momentum recently and, even with her shoes on, has the means to get a look in. Place chance
- 6. GHOST OF FASHION** - Inconsistent but has sufficient means to play a leading role in a race of this nature. Not taken lightly
- 7. FIZZ SAINT GERMAIN** - Continued to shine in amateur ranks throughout 2023 and is good value to make a winning start to the new year
- 8. GRACE DE MONGOCHY** - Delicate but usually does well when avoiding disqualification, so need only remain wise to have a say here
- 9. HARKONNEN** - Acquitted himself very well (3rd) at this venue recently against stronger opposition, so ought to be competitive for the leading places here
- 10. FESTIVAL DE LARRE** - Unreliable and, although seldom far off the mark, is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Others preferred
- 11. HAVANO DU THAY** - Regaining momentum after a seven-month absence and with any further improvement should have a role to play here
- 12. GAVROCHE ANABA** - Out of sorts and not likely to make his presence felt here on the evidence of recent displays. Others preferred
- 13. GOLDIGO BELLO** - Inconsistent but isn't entirely incapable of getting a look in here if judged on his best references and with all four shoes removed
- 14. HELYSEE WILD** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th in Bordeaux and, even with her irons, is not incapable of getting into the picture here

Summary : With the skillful Clarisse Lelièvre engaged, FIZZ SAINT GERMAIN (7) represents a solid point of support here and is likely to attract the majority of the votes. HARKONNEN (9) acquitted himself in a better field last time so may pose the biggest threat, with GHOST OF FASHION (6) another capable of fighting for victory if bouncing back to his best form. HAVANO DU THAY (11) and HIDALGO DES LUCAS (1) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

FIZZ SAINT GERMAIN (7) - HARKONNEN (9) - GHOST OF FASHION (6) - HAVANO DU THAY (11)

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**C3 - PRIX DES BLEUETS - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - European - Harness - EUR
€ 35.000**

- 1. ECALGRAIN** - Unreliable and currently out of sorts but isn't incapable of getting a look in here, judged on his best references
- 2. EREGON DE JUPILLES** - Performed excellently in provincial grand prix events on right-handed tracks. Should make his presence felt
- 3. GIRL PETTEVINIERE** - Needs things to go her way but knows very well how to sprint fast in a finish if getting an economical trip
- 4. GYBOR WELL** - A winner at Bordeaux recently and should enjoy these conditions to make another bold bid. Can follow up
- 5. FRANCEVILLE** - Unreliable and was disqualified last time after a short break but will race fully unshod on this occasion so ought to fare better here
- 6. GARANCE DU VIVIER** - Consistent performer who is usually hard to get by if allowed to dictate terms. Will have a role to play
- 7. GOLD D'OCCAGNES** - Unreliable and has a little less margin than before but remains competitive in a race of this nature
- 8. ELAN D'HARCOUEL** - Out of sorts and not likely to make his presence felt here on the evidence of recent displays. Others preferred
- 9. FOLLOW DREAM** - Inconsistent and not incapable of getting a look in a race of this nature but is best watched for now with this shoeing configuration
- 10. ENTRE AMIS** - Inconsistent but isn't entirely incapable of getting a look in here, judged on his best references, racing unshod behind
- 11. GYS** - Last-start winner of a Quinté+ event at Vincennes but will only be unshod behind on this occasion. Ought to remain competitive
- 12. DES SABOTS D'OR** - Showed signs of improvement last time but will need to build on that progress to get a look in here. Outsider
- 13. FUTUR DU CHENE** - Out of sorts and is not likely to make his presence felt here on the evidence of recent displays. Others preferred
- 14. FIRST LADY BLEUE** - Struggling to regain her form show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive in a race of this nature
- 15. GALANT DE CAREL** - Seldom far off the mark and is certainly not incapable of getting into the picture, even with this shoe fitting

Summary : Winner of a recent grand prix event at Bordeaux, GYBOR WELL (4) is good value to follow up here but will not have things his own way with consistent GARANCE DU VIVIER (6) likely to fight for victory back on a right-handed track. GIRL PETTEVINIERE (3) has regained momentum recently and knows how to finish quickly, so is another who has the means to pose a threat. Veterans FRANCEVILLE (5) and GYS (11), who won a Quinté+ at Vincennes recently, are also competitive for the leading places.

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GYBOR WELL (4) - GARANCE DU VIVIER (6) - GIRL PETTEVINIERE (3) - FRANCEVILLE
(5)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA NIVE - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
30.000

1. **ESTRELLA FAFA** - Veteran mare well positioned in front behind the autostart. Has been kept busy recently but could have a role to play here
2. **ECUREUIL PHIL** - Unreliable but is certainly not incapable of getting a look in here, judged on his best references. Dark horse
3. **ESPOIR DU DROPT** - Out of sorts and not likely to make his presence felt here on the evidence of recent displays. Others preferred
4. **HERMES SMART** - Performed excellently at Vincennes during the winter and returns to the South-West with strong winning claims
5. **IF I TELL YOU** - Races completely unshod here in his first start since joining Pierrick Le Moel's stable. Not taken lightly
6. **FED DU PATURAL** - Unreliable and currently out of sorts but isn't incapable of getting a look in here, judged on his best references
7. **FLYING DEVIL** - Has performed consistently at this level since the summer, albeit without success. Not taken lightly
8. **HIWI ROCQ** - Recently returned to winning ways at this venue course and need only repeat that performance to fight for victory again
9. **FASHION GIRL** - Struggling to regain her form show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive in a race of this nature
10. **IVRAM** - Usually formidable on his travels to the South-West and is likely to acquit himself competitively once more
11. **ICARE DU BERYL** - Inconsistent and not incapable of getting a look in a race of this nature but is best watched for now with this shoeing configuration

Summary : Yannick Henry holds the key to victory in this event with HERMES SMART (4), who caught the eye over the winter at Vincennes, and last-start scorer HIWI ROCQ (8) who won at this venue recently. Having recently joined Pierrick Le Moel's stable, IF I TELL YOU (5) may be out of sorts but is not incapable of giving cheek to the principals. Of the remainder, IVRAM (10) appeals most.

SELECTIONS

HERMES SMART (4) - HIWI ROCQ (8) - IF I TELL YOU (5) - IVRAM (10)

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C5 - PRIX DU SOULOR - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
24.000

- 1. HELP THE BEATLES'S** - Inconsistent and currently out of sorts but isn't entirely incapable of getting a look in here with hind shoes removed
- 2. HOCA** - Ideally engaged here and ought to be competitive under these favourable conditions. Not taken lightly
- 3. HEREDIA** - Not at her best at Vincennes two starts back but quickly got back on track by winning last time at Graignes. Confirmation expected
- 4. HARONA D'OLIVERIE** - A model of consistency in recent weeks, winning once and finishing 2nd twice in her last three starts. Leading light
- 5. HERBAGER VRAC** - Unreliable and currently out of sorts but isn't incapable of getting a look in here, judged on his best references
- 6. HARLEY DE QUARO** - Last-start winner currently at the peak of his powers and, even in this shoe fitting, is capable of continuing his momentum
- 7. HEROS DU POMMEREUX** - Unreliable and currently out of sorts but isn't incapable of getting a look in here, judged on his best references
- 8. HILAIRE DES PLANS** - Was beaten twice by HARLEY DE QUARO (6) in November so avenging that defeat here will be difficult. Dark horse
- 9. HEPICETOU** - Struggling to regain his form show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive in a race of this nature
- 10. HADES DU GOUTIER** - Out of sorts and not likely to make his presence felt here on the evidence of recent displays. Others preferred
- 11. HONORINE DES PRES** - Inconsistent and not incapable of getting a look in a race of this nature but is best watched for now with this shoeing configuration

Summary : Last-start winner HEREDIA (3) is in good form and physical condition so could be worth siding with here ahead of HARONA D'OLIVERIE (4), who will also have supporters given the strength and consistency of her form. HEROS DU POMMEREUX (7) is much better than his recent form figures suggest and retains the means to be competitive in a race of this nature. Fully unshod and ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings, HOCA (2) will make his presence felt too from a good starting position.

SELECTIONS

HEREDIA (3) - HARONA D'OLIVERIE (4) - HEROS DU POMMEREUX (7) - HOCA (2)

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C6 - PRIX DE L'AVEYRON - 2325m (a1 7/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
23.000

- 1. JOKER BLEU** - Sanctioned in both outings and has not shown enough to be recommended here. Others make more appeal
- 2. JOHAR DES CHARMES** - Seldom far off the mark so certainly not incapable of getting into the picture, even with her irons. Outsider
- 3. JUMPER STAR** - Showed signs of improvement last time but will need to build on that progress to get a look in here. Outsider
- 4. JUSTIN DE MARCAY** - Consistent sort for the most part and lines up here in good form and physical condition. Will be a factor
- 5. JAKARTA D'ALOUETTE** - Disappointed in her last two starts after winning her previous outing. Subsequent rest would've done her good
- 6. JAVANAISE DE FARS** - Confirmed the improvement of previous outings by winning last time out but is best watched for now in this shoeing configuration
- 7. JOYEUSE MAB** - Usually formidable racing without her irons and represents the direct opposition to JOHNY DU VIVIER (9)
- 8. JEANBLANC DUEM** - Recently reassured with a good 3rd at this venue and will be competitive with a repeat of that performance
- 9. JOHNY DU VIVIER** - Has won six in a row and looks very difficult to beat here in his bid for a seventh successive win. Follow
- 10. JADE LEAGABIN** - Has been in very good form over recent weeks and boasts sound form references. Best watched for now in this shoe fitting

Summary : JOHNY DU VIVIER (9) has won six races in succession and seems capable of achieving an impressive seventh race victory in a row! His opposition is likely to be led by JOYEUSE MAB (7), who rarely disappoints in this shoe fitting, with JEANBLANC DUEM (8) next best having recently reassured racing barefooted. JUSTIN DE MARCAY (4)'s latest outing would have done him the greatest good.

SELECTIONS

JOHNY DU VIVIER (9) - JOYEUSE MAB (7) - JEANBLANC DUEM (8) - JUSTIN DE
MARCAY (4)

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**C7 - PRIX DU TOURMALET - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
21.000**

1. **KERIDA DU PADOUENG** - Hasn't been seen since mid-September but has shown sufficient means to play a role in a race of this nature
2. **KOCCINELLE BEY** - Seldom far off the mark when avoiding disqualification and is certainly not incapable of getting into the picture
3. **KARA DU PLESSIS** - Has serious resources and is entrusted to Frédéric Clozier for the occasion, so will have her supporters
4. **KATOKI** - Inconsistent but isn't entirely incapable of getting a look in here if judged on his best references and with all four shoes removed
5. **KAISER DE MORTREE** - Out of sorts but has undeniable means and the return to a right-handed track should stand him in good stead
6. **KING OF PARADISE** - Seldom far off the mark when avoiding disqualification and is certainly not incapable of getting into the picture
7. **KAPARKA** - Recently left the Duvaldestin stable after a good 3rd in a claiming race. Has the means to please his connections from the outset
8. **KAVALEUR D'ENFER** - Progressive sort with sound form references, including consecutive victories in his last two starts. Chance
9. **KALINE DE SOYORA** - Inconsistent but isn't entirely incapable of getting a look in here if judged on her best references and with all four shoes removed
10. **KATKO MESLOIS** - Lost his recent victory upon investigation following a discomfort at this venue. Could redeem himself
11. **KARANGADA** - Last-start winner but has more to do in this grade/field to stake a claim. Others make more appeal
12. **KATONA** - Seldom far off the mark so certainly not incapable of getting into the picture, even with her irons. Outsider

Summary : KAISER DE MORTREE (5) has revealed interesting potential with sufficient means and this ease in grade ought to stand him in good stead. He gets the nod here ahead of KAPARKA (7), who was recently acquired after a good 3rd in a Parisian claiming event, and promising KAVALEUR D'ENFER (8) who won back-to-back outings to close out 2023.

SELECTIONS

**KAISER DE MORTREE (5) - KAPARKA (7) - KAVALEUR D'ENFER (8) - KATKO MESLOIS
(10)**