

SUNDAY, 27/08/23

C1 - PRIX DU CONSEIL REGIONAL D'OCCITANIE - 2550m (a1 9/16m) - European - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 34.000

- 1. HAMBO** - Fine servant in both codes. Has not been seen out for 2.5 months though and, with shoes on, is unlikely to shake things up
- 2. HANA D'OCCAGNES** - Faithful sort for the most part in the monté code. Showed her form at Agon last weekend and will be no pushover
- 3. FORREST D'EM** - Tenacious winner under these conditions in early June. Has shown his form under harness since and, benefitting from a front line start, can impose again
- 4. EUPHORIE** - Significantly better in this branch of the business but appears to have come off the boil and others preferred
- 5. FIDJI CLEMAXELLE** - Not the most dependable but not the worst here either. Has a good record under the saddle at Beaumont and is worth keeping an eye on
- 6. ECHO DU LUPIN** - Previously a useful sort but has failed to make any impression in last four and can be ruled out
- 7. FAUCON MALTAIS** - Got the year off to a positive start but has since lost his way. Not in the most exalted of company though and could well get a look in
- 8. EXCELEBRATION** - Has made very little impact in either code for over 18 months and can expect to generate little interest
- 9. VAGABONDO** - Delicate type but has a decent record in the monté discipline. Stays shod for the occasion but is confirmed at Beaumont and will not be far off the mark
- 10. ICARE DU BERYL** - Quality element that was surprisingly sanctioned in last two under harness. Is proven under the saddle and will have a lot to offer if he stays in stride
- 11. FRED DE PIENCOURT** - Useful sort when he can maintain stride but has been struggling of late. Sanctioned in all 3 monté starts, but is never one to be underestimated
- 12. DONATO BELLO** - Considerably better trotter than his formcard would imply. Three times a winner here and, on good behaviour, can play a prominent role

Summary : FORREST D'EM (3) opened his monté account over course and distance during the spring; he returns to the venue after securing an amateur event and, from the front row, looks eminently capable of repeating. There will be resistance though from the tough ICARE DU BERYL (10) whose one sortie under the saddle went notably well. DONATO BELLO (12) may not be the easiest of horses to handle but he has solid references in this category and, with application, should not disappoint. HANA D'OCCAGNES (2) is 25m better off and appears to be close to her best.

SELECTIONS

**FORREST D'EM (3) - ICARE DU BERYL (10) - DONATO BELLO (12) - HANA
D'OCCAGNES (2)**

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C2 - PRIX VICTOR GREGORIS - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - National - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23.000

- 1. KOUBA BLUE** - Yet to get off the mark but consistently in the thick of things. Gave a fine account here last month and, with freshness on her side, is not to be underestimated
- 2. KERIDA DE VIVOIN** - Has looked a much-improved horse over recent months. Knocking at the door lately and is well-placed to make her presence felt
- 3. KOOL DU PORHOET** - Not the best horse here but does occasionally put on a good show and, from the 3-spot, can get a look in
- 4. KHEOPS SAINT CLAIR** - Being fitted with pads worked wonders at Vichy three weeks ago. Same formula here and from the 5-spot can finally get off the mark
- 5. KING MOKO** - Still a maiden but regularly goes close. Has solid credentials in the category and this could be his day
- 6. KELLE DES MARAIS** - Claiming winner here earlier in the summer but is not up to the task this time and unlikely to influence the result
- 7. KISS AND FLY** - Not devoid of ability but has shown the limits of his capacity and will have few takers
- 8. KRAK DU RIEU** - Not ideally drawn but showed his form at Argentan recently. Entrusted to Cédric Terry for the occasion and will be afforded every chance
- 9. KIBO DES RANDES** - Yet to show any particular aptitude for the game and will generate little to no interest
- 10. KALINKA D'ALBRET** - Has merit but somewhat below-par lately. On the second line but, in this company, can play a small part

Summary : A decent trotter in the making, KING MOKO (5) regularly gives everything he has and looks thoroughly capable of finally losing his maiden status. KHEOPS SAINT CLAIR (4) showed a different side to himself at Vichy last time and, with 4 pads fitted again, will be able to apply the pressure. In this small field, Cédric Terry will not be unduly worried by his wide draw with KRAK DU RIEU (8), and should have a good hand to play. KOUBA BLUE (1) consistently goes close and her latest effort against the boys here bodes well for her chances.

SELECTIONS

KING MOKO (5) - KHEOPS SAINT CLAIR (4) - KRAK DU RIEU (8) - KOUBA BLUE (1)

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C3 - PRIX INTERMARCHE BEAUMONT - 2550m (a1 9/16m) - National - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23.000

- 1. JOKO DE LIGNY** - Has not once stepped a foot out of line since his July debut. In better company this time, is new to the venue, but still looks a serious proposition
- 2. JAZZ DE BANVILLE** - A winner at the venue during the spring and recently confirmed in a minor claimer, but at this level will have too much to do
- 3. JAMBAVAN** - Just one win in 17 but regularly gets a look in and, even though stepping up in class, will have his supporters
- 4. JADIA JOSSELYN** - Temperamental filly but nevertheless has a certain potential. Stays shod this time though and can be passed over
- 5. JUMPER STAR** - Still chasing that first win but always gives her best. Returns to racing with pads and, in this company, will struggle to make his mark
- 6. JAVA DE LA COTE** - Alternates the good with the less good but has merit and is presently in shape. Yet to make her mark here but looks more competitive this time around
- 7. JOLIE QUEEN** - Ended 2022 with Beaumont success but lacklustre so far this season and others easier to back
- 8. JOYCE MIKA** - Unremarkable filly but always does what she can. Not disgraced in last two but others still preferred
- 9. JOYEUSE SMART** - Good, consistent filly that caught the eye in Paris last time out. Has solid clockwise credentials and is sufficiently well-engaged to make a good go of this
- 10. JASMIN PHIL** - Tough character that seldom disappoints when focused. Currently at the top of his game and, on good behaviour, can make the most of his entry and figure prominently
- 11. JOIE DE LA COTE** - Hardy element that always gives her best. Finished 3rd to JASPER QUESNOT (12) here last month and can pick up another cheque
- 12. JASPER QUESNOT** - Never far from losing his action but has nothing to prove at this level. Won superbly here last month and, even incurring the penalty, looks the main threat to JOKO DE LIGNY (1)
- 13. JAPPELOU DU SOIR** - Honest trotter that acquits himself well here for the most part. On the back line and, in current condition, can make the first 5
- 14. JODIE D'ALBRET** - Winner over track an trip last season but has failed to reproduce that form this term and can be ruled out
- 15. JIGLIANA D'ARC** - Has looked decidedly ordinary since winning at Biarritz last month and chances limited from the second row

Summary : Unbeaten in four starts so far, JOKO DE LIGNY (1) takes a hike in class here but he has climbed the class ladder in good order and the 25m advantage should be just enough to keep at bay the delicate, but talented, JASPER QUESNOT (12) who won here mid-July. JOYEUSE SMART (9) is as good going left-handed as right and with shoes off again looks very competitive. Twice a winner in his last three, JASMIN PHIL (10) benefits from an excellent entry and will not be far from the action if he can stay in stride.

SELECTIONS

JOKO DE LIGNY (1) - JASPER QUESNOT (12) - JOYEUSE SMART (9) - JASMIN PHIL (10)

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C4 - PRIX DU CONSEIL DEPARTEMENTAL DE TARN ET GARONNE - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 20.000

1. **INO DE BREVOL** - Reliability not his strong suit but is very useful when applied. Showed his condition on the Riviera recently and, with form maintained, can trot off with the silverware
2. **ILLYTRASS** - Very hard to knock since early last month. New to Beaumont but won so well last time out that it is difficult to imagine him not play a leading role
3. **INDIGO PLANCHETTE** - Acquitted himself very nicely in better company here last month. Benefits from a good entry and, reverting to racing unshod behind, should not be ignored
4. **INDIEN DE BRY** - Blows hot and cold but got back in the game last weekend when runner-up to ILLYTRASS (2) and, from the 4-spot, can confirm
5. **IRASKA DUEM** - One of the more consistent individuals here. Seldom disappoints at the venue and, even though stepping marginally up in category, should still be respected
6. **ICARIOS GEMINI** - Unexceptional sort that occasionally shows his good side but too infrequently of late to be considered a contender
7. **ILTON CADENCE** - Back in business following a tough start to the year. Takes on some better horses this time though and not an obvious choice
8. **IL PRINCIPINO** - Went close on 3 occasions earlier in the year but has placed just once in last 5 and the wide draw will not help his cause
9. **IHOARA TILOU** - Not ideally positioned but gave an excellent account of herself recently and, in spite of the draw, still looks a player
10. **IERONTO** - Has been something of a handful lately but has fine category credentials. On the back line but is in form and should not be underestimated
11. **IRON CREEK** - No champion but always gives his best. Decent 3rd to IHOARA TILOU (9) last time but the draw will do him no favours
12. **INVISIBLE D'ISI** - Moderate trotter that won a minor event late last month. Failed to confirm though and will have little to offer here
13. **INCA DE MONE** - Respectable at a lower level. Has no particular love for Beaumont and others preferred
14. **IDOLE DE LA COTE** - Has merit and is confirmed at this level but looks properly outclassed this time around
15. **IRUS DE GUEZ** - Handy sort in both codes but has been handed a shocker of a draw and best to hold off

Summary : There is not much separating the main protagonists here but a tentative nod nevertheless goes to the useful, but tricky, INO DE BREVOL (1) who left a very good impression at Cagnes mid-month. That said, ILLYTRASS (2) has been in cracking form for the past 6 weeks and is better placed on the front line. Winner of two of her last four, IHOARA TILOU (9) has been handed a tough draw but will have her chances if Patrice Gesret can successfully negotiate the start. IERONTO (10) has been plagued by stride woes lately, is also poorly-drawn, but will not be far from the action if he can keep trotting.

SELECTIONS

INO DE BREVOL (1) - ILLYTRASS (2) - IHOARA TILOU (9) - IERONTO (10)

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**C5 - PRIX GILBERT ET JEAN-PIERRE GAILING - 2400m (a1 1/2m) -
National - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 26.000**

- 1. IVANHOE PAULOIS** - Has hardly put a foot out of line this summer. Has been successful here and Terry can confirm his recent victory if he successfully navigates the start
- 2. ILMA CORDA** - As delicate as they come but has bags of ability. Well-positioned in front and, if behaved, can get in on the action
- 3. IMOKO DU BOUILLON** - Somewhat erratic since the spring but can trot. Adores Beaumont-de-Lomagne, has been handed an excellent draw, and should not be entirely overlooked
- 4. INVISIBLE SAM** - Serious sort that was unlucky at Langon earlier in the month. Has a lot going for him here and is not incapable of imposing
- 5. IDEE FIXE BREIZH** - Handy mare that has been knocking at the door since the start of the year. Has placed just once in six here but benefits from a good spot behind the car and looks a player
- 6. INFANTE D'ERABLE** - Disappointing since winning at Biarritz last month and even with a decent draw will have her work cut out
- 7. IRON MIJACK** - Thereabouts for the most part. Reassured at Villeréal recently but is unlikely to repeat
- 8. IN LOVE DE CHARDET** - Useful type that is clearly back at his best. Starts wide but is better than most here and must be afforded due respect
- 9. IANINA DES BORDES** - Regular sort that pleased at a lower level last time out but has little going for her here and others preferred
- 10. IGOR DU PLANTIS** - Totally out of the picture since winning at Toulouse 2.5 months ago and must get his house in order
- 11. IRRATI DUEM** - Can prove tricky but is otherwise seldom far from the action when focused. On the second line though and no more than a minor place chance

Summary : Like a horse reborn since mid-June, IVANHOE PAULOIS (1) has since won at the venue and his subsequent performances augur well for his prospects. IN LOVE DE CHARDET (8) starts at the opposite end of the front line but is currently enjoying a fruitful run of form and will not give up lightly. INVISIBLE SAM (4) has the plum spot in front and should be able to put his recent Langon misfortune behind him. Well-entered, ILMA CORDA (2) is also nicely-drawn and will not be far off the mark if Clozier can assure her initial strides.

SELECTIONS

IVANHOE PAULOIS (1) - IN LOVE DE CHARDET (8) - INVISIBLE SAM (4) - ILMA CORDA (2)

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C6 - GRAND PRIX DYNAVENA - 2550m (a1 9/16m) - European - Class B - Harness - EUR € 44.000

1. **FETE D'EURVAD** - Not as sharp as she was last season. Showed improvement behind FAKIR MERITE (15) last time but a repeat looks improbable
2. **FUTUR DU CHENE** - Modest trotter that pleased on his claiming debut at Vincennes in early May. Unseen since and with shoes on can be passed over
3. **DIABOLO** - Nothing noteworthy on his formcard since late last year and has no realistic chance
4. **FRANCEVILLE** - Failed to fire behind FAKIR MERITE (15) at Grenade, but set the record straight at Cagnes on Monday and backs up with justified ambition
5. **DIVIN DU RENOARD** - Back in business this summer with some decent efforts. Latterly won at Villeneuve but will face a stiffer test this time around
6. **EXPRESS EVENING** - Enjoyed a return to form last time out behind DIVIN DU RENOARD (5), but still has a lot more to find
7. **GALANT GALAA** - Respectable sort in this category. One-paced at Enghien but in this company should be good enough to finish in the mix
8. **GABRIELLA DUEM** - Quality mare that thrives at the venue. Currently in fine shape and should be good enough to challenge for a place on the podium
9. **EVEIL DU LUPIN** - Seldom out of the picture these days when he can stay in stride. Clearly better racing left-handed though and not a priority
10. **EPISTOLAIRE** - Undeniably capable but has not been firing on all cylinders lately and is unlikely to spring any surprises
11. **FILOU DE CHARDET** - Hardy element benefitting from a good entry. Debuts at the venue but is excellent racing clockwise and in current form will be no easy touch
12. **FLOREAL** - Fine trotter with solid Beaumont references but is shod for return to competition and is sure to need the run
13. **FRENCH MAN** - Very hard to fault when unshod. Has been competing at an elevated level and the drop in class can only work to his advantage
14. **ESPERANZA IDOLE** - Good class of mare in the other code. Here for reasons of conditioning and will pose no danger
15. **FAKIR MERITE** - Serious trotter with solid credentials at a superior level. Flew up last time out and again looks the one to beat

Summary : Superb winner at Grenade-sur-Garonne mid-month to follow up his solid effort in a Vichy Gr.2, FAKIR MERITE (15) is remarkably well-entered here and can pull off the double. FILOU DE CHARDET (11) has returned to form after a pair of early-season blips and, with a 25m head-start, will have his chances. FRENCH MAN (13) drops back to a more reasonable level and, although on the second line, he is in fine form and looks a leading contender. GABRIELLA DUEM (8) is rarely far from the action, adores Beaumont, and once again looks competitively well in.

SELECTIONS

FAKIR MERITE (15) - FILOU DE CHARDET (11) - FRENCH MAN (13) - GABRIELLA DUEM (8)

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**C7 - PRIX DE VINCENNES - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - Autostart - Class E -
Harness - EUR € 30.000**

1. GOLFEUR DES LOYAUX - No champion but occasionally makes his presence felt. Lacklustre in last two, and latterly trounced by GAINFUL DELO (3), and is unlikely to shake things up

2. GUIMAUVE DANOVER - Fine mare that has never disappointed when racing unshod all four. She is in form, well-placed in front, and has solid references at the venue

3. GAINFUL DELO - Quality trotter that has not ceased to impress this summer. Won a tough event at Pornichet 9 days ago and can double his money

4. FIRST DE CHOISEL - Has talent in spades but has struggled to find form this term. Is barefoot for his first summer objective though and can pick up some prizemoney

5. FABIARELLE - Has looked very ordinary for most of the season and can expect to have few takers

6. GENERAL D'AMOUR - Faithful for the most part and looks unshakeable at the minute. Acquitted himself well in better company last time and, from the first line, should not disappoint

7. FORTUNE - Never far from losing her action but can trot when she can be bothered. Impressed at Fleurance and, even though only unshod behind this time, still looks a player

8. HAMIRAL NELSON - Quality element that is currently going through a rough patch but appreciates these conditions and, with his mind on the game, can begin to redeem himself

9. GOTHAM CITY - Form has regressed since imposing at Agen over 2 months ago and the draw will do her no favours

10. ECLAIR DES VAUX - By some margin the least performant horse in the field and has no realistic chance

11. FABIO DE TILOU - Sprang something of a surprise when winning last month, but has twice failed to confirm and can be ruled out

Summary : Winner at Caen last time she raced barefoot, GUIMAUVE DANOVER (2) has been lurking lately and, from the 2-spot, can make this her own. GAINFUL DELO (3) however, is also nicely positioned in front and in current shape is very hard to ignore. GENERAL D'AMOUR (6) has won two of his last four and drops back in category with justified ambition. HAMIRAL NELSON (8) is forced to start wide, and has not excelled lately, but is better than most here and it is only a matter of time before he gets back in the game.

SELECTIONS

**GUIMAUVE DANOVER (2) - GAINFUL DELO (3) - GENERAL D'AMOUR (6) - HAMIRAL
NELSON (8)**