

Saint-Galmier [R-H] - 25 February

Race 1 - PRIX SEM- PRIX DES ERABLES - 2650m WALK-UP F72 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €20,000.

1. **HOPE COGLAIS** - Easily accounted for last time at the first run of the campaign when 13L from the winner in 14th at Lyon-la-Soie. Facing a tough assignment this time around.
2. **HARRY MONTAVAL** - Continued some plain form when a poor 12th at Lyon-la-Soie nine days ago. Not keen.
3. **GAG DE KACY** - Was last produced when eighth at Jullianges six months ago. This run will do him the world of good.
4. **HAPPY COGLAIS** - Form average and it has been eight runs since the last win. Last start finished fifth at this track. Form not inspiring.
5. **HALL BLACK DREAM** - Racing very well this season, last start scoring at Grenade-sur-G by 2.8L. Top chance again.
6. **HALL TOP** - Has had three runs this time in and struggled, the latest when 11th at this track. Others preferred.
7. **HALTO MESSI** - Didn't do a lot when resuming last start, finishing sixth at this track and beaten 5.4L. Solid prospect with that run under the belt.
8. **HUNTER DE LA COTE** - First up since finishing seventh at Chartres 12 weeks ago. Consider despite the layoff.
9. **HULK DU SABLIER** - Disqualified last start at this track. Forgive the latest run. Well placed to make amends.
10. **HOUSTON JUSTICE** - Last raced at Marseille Vivaux on January 31 when he was disqualified. Put a line through that latest run.
11. **HELLO VRAC** - Registered a minor placing two starts back then a win a month ago by 0.4L at Marseille Vivaux. In form and should feature in the finish again.
12. **HERON DE JULLOU** - May need the outing following a spell of four months. Last raced when seventh at this track.
13. **HIANT DU VAL** - Won two back at this track then couldn't repeat the dose last time out when fourth at Vincennes, beaten 2.6L. Well-placed in this contest. Strong contender.
14. **HESTUR DE BELLEN** - Racing well without winning, making it two minor placings in a row last start when third at Lyon-la-Soie, beaten 3.3L. Looks hard to beat.
15. **HELLO BOY DU PIC** - Was mediocre when 5.8L away in ninth most recently at his first run back from a break at Lyon-la-Soie. Capable of testing this line up.
16. **HAKA** - Disqualified last start at Lyon-la-Soie. Put a line through the latest run. Top pick if at his best.

Summary: HESTUR DE BELLEN (14) finished third behind two subsequent winners at Lyon-la-Soie (Class E) on his first outing barefoot before filling the same spot over the same course and distance nine days ago. Leading hope back at this venue (two wins from three starts). HALL BLACK DREAM (5) score by 3L in this class at Grenade and cannot be discounted. HOUSTON JUSTICE (10) won a Class F at Marseille-Vivaux in November and needs including with an excellent strike-rate barefoot. HAKA (16) would hold claims on his Class F walk-up win at Lyon-la-Soie on penultimate outing.

Selections

HESTUR DE BELLEN (14) - HALL BLACK DREAM (5) - HOUSTON JUSTICE (10) - HAKA (16)

Race 2 - PRIX DE LIGNIERES EN BERRY - 2600m MOBILE D215 Harness. Purse EUR €33,000.

1. **EL PARDO** - Has been out of the winner's circle for a long while. Missed out two starts back then was a distant sixth last start at Lyon-la-Soie. Wait until the form picks up.
2. **FUNKY D'ALB** - Finished 6.6L back in fourth at his latest appearance at Vincennes. Can make amends.
3. **ECKMUHL JACK** - Has been struggling of late, most recently finishing seventh at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Rates highly on best form and can bounce back.
4. **HURELLA** - Is a last-start winner by 1.7L at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Sure to be in the finish again.
5. **HINDEN** - Has been out of the winner's circle for a long while. Finished seventh last time out at Vincennes, 5.6L from the winner. Can do a lot better in this suitable contest.
6. **HORACE DU GOUTIER** - Failed to raise backers' hopes when resuming last start, finishing 12th at Vincennes and beaten 11L. Open to sharp improvement.
7. **GHOST DES CHARRONS** - Safely held last time when 5.8L from the winner in sixth at Toulouse. Won't find this easy. Not keen.
8. **HIDDEN TEXAS** - Missed the placings again last start, beaten 5.2L when fourth at Vincennes. Expecting a much better run this time.

Summary: The recent outing of HORACE DU GOUTIER (6) is easily ignored given he raced in shoes and in the context of things he didn't shape badly when twelfth in the G3 Prix de Rouen. The six-year-old showed some solid form in Group company last season and holds a brilliant record in this shoeing combination (five wins from seven starts). Selected to remain unbeaten behind the mobile. HURELLA (4) is pretty prolific around this grade and looms a major threat following a Class D walk-up win at Cagnes-sur-Mer. The drop in standard should aid HINDEN (5) and FUNKY D'ALB (2) looks an each-way candidate.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HORACE DU GOUTIER (6) - HURELLA (4) - HINDEN (5) - FUNKY D'ALB (2)</p>

Race 3 - PRIX FRANCE BLEU - PRIX DES EUCALYPTUS - 2650m WALK-UP F72 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €20,000.

1. **HORTANCE FOLLE** - Was disqualified last start at Lyon-la-Soie on February 16. Prepared to overlook until her racing manners improve.
2. **HEZIA HIGHLAND** - Turned in a much better run second-up, finishing a 3.4L third at this track. Has never missed the frame when third up. Further improved but others rate better here.
3. **HERMANDA MAT** - Last raced at this track on February 12 when she was disqualified. Prefer to see her perform well before recommending.
4. **HARPIE GIBUS** - Has been struggling of late, most recently finishing fourth at Lyon-la-Soie. Can do much better.
5. **HAUTE D'ORTIGE** - Was disqualified last start at Lyon-la-Soie on January 15. Prefer to see her perform well before recommending.
6. **HUGOLINE** - Didn't do a lot when resuming last start, finishing sixth at Lyon-la-Soie and beaten 4L. Will come on from that run and is a strong winning hope.
7. **HEPONA D'UN JOUR** - Not a threat last start when tenth first-up at Lyon-la-Soie, beaten 7.3L. Facing a tough assignment this time around.
8. **GRACE RENAUDINE** - Won't find this as tough as last start when beaten 6.5L at Marseille Vivaux. Certainly worth another chance.
9. **HERMINE DU MESLIER** - Made significant improvement last start when third at Lyon-la-Soie, beaten 1.7L. With even luck is a winning chance.
10. **HINGA WOOD DE REM** - Not a threat last start when 12th first-up at Lyon-la-Soie, beaten 27.4L. This looks a far sterner test.
11. **GRAINE D'URZY** - Made significant improvement last start when second at Marseille Vivaux, beaten 0.8L. Hard to beat.
12. **GOLDEN SEVEN** - Was last produced when she scored at Lyon-Parilly 11 months ago. Happy to watch this time.
13. **HOUPETTE ROSE** - Has raced twice this prep and failed to fill a top-three spot on either occasion, the latest when ninth at Lyon-la-Soie, beaten 7.4L. Capable of a lot more.
14. **GIGA DE LA VALLEE** - Was easily accounted for last start in a richer race at Lyon-la-Soie. Expecting a return to form.
15. **GELA DE MORGE** - Will be better for this run following a spell of six months. Last raced when seventh at Divonne-les-Bains.
16. **GALAXIE DU LOISIR** - Has been outside the top three recently, last time out finishing fourth at Lyon-la-Soie. Rates highly on best form.

Summary: GRAINE D'URZY (11) finished a sound second in a Class E walk-up at Marseille-Vivaux last outing. Strong claims eased a grade with a new shoeing combination tried. Market support for HOUPETTE ROSE (13) would be interesting given she won a similar course and distance walk-up in November. DQ last-time-out but remains of interest. GALAXIE DU LOISIR (16) is proven at this track and could be in the mix if building on a decent Class E fourth at Lyon-la-Soie last month. Each-way claims go the way of HUGOLINE (6).

Selections

GRAINE D'URZY (11) - HOUPETTE ROSE (13) - GALAXIE DU LOISIR (16) - HUGOLINE (6)
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Race 4 - PRIX DES FIGUIERS - 2650m WALK-UP E61 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **ITALIO DE LA ROQUE** - Was safely held last time out in seventh at this track, beaten 10.6L. Unlikely to threaten.
2. **IOLERANA D'EAM** - Continued a long run without winning when seventh at Lyon-la-Soie last time out. Can make amends.
3. **IRONIE DU RABUTIN** - Easily accounted for last time when 5.3L from the winner in fourth at Lyon-la-Soie. This looks a far sterner task.
4. **ICE SCOTT** - Last raced at this track on February 12 when he was disqualified. Prefer to see him perform well before recommending.
5. **IDEAL WIC** - Finished third at Lyon-la-Soie last start after he missed the placings but wasn't far away two back at Toulouse. Winning claims.
6. **IRA STAR** - Not a threat last start when 13th first-up at this track, beaten 18L. Not keen on her chances.
7. **INDIGO DE NAPPES** - Last raced at Lyon-la-Soie on January 15 when he was disqualified. Forgive the recent mishap. Looks ideally placed.
8. **IDAGANI POINT ONE** - Recorded a nice win at Lyon-Parilly two runs back then missed the top-three but wasn't disgraced last start at Cagnes-sur-Mer. A big run would not surprise.
9. **IDEAL D'URZY** - Was a much better run last time finishing third at this track, beaten 3.4L. Leading player.
10. **ILLUSTRE JULRY** - Was expected to do more when returning from a break last start, finishing seventh and beaten 12L at this track. Sure to be in the finish on his best form.
11. **IXION DE VANDEL** - Has been struggling of late, most recently finishing fifth at Lyon-la-Soie. Among the leading chances on best form.
12. **INCAS D'EURVAD** - Was last produced when seventh at Vincennes ten weeks ago. Might need some time.
13. **IRLANDE DU NORD** - Turned in a better effort last time at this track, finishing runner-up and only 0.6L from the winner. Should be in the mix again.
14. **IMPLORA MAUZUN** - Was well-fancied when fresh from a break recently, finishing seventh and beaten 4L at Lyon-la-Soie. Makes appeal.
15. **ILIANO DES PLAINES** - Finished fourth beaten 2L at Lyon-la-Soie last time so he still looks for a win after 29 starts. Expected to be competitive.

Summary: INDIGO DE NAPPES (7) completed a double at Nimes and Lyon-Parilly in October. DQ on reappearance but entitled to take a step forward here and rates highly with a career record of four wins from eight starts. There could be improvement to come from IXION DE VANDEL (11) on barefoot debut following a fair fifth in a Class F walk-up at Lyon-la-Soie nine days ago. IDEAL D'URZY (9) was third in a Class E course and distance event last outing and should be on the premises. IDEAL WIC (5) drops in grade and cannot be dismissed having won his sole start over track and trip.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INDIGO DE NAPPES (7) - IXION DE VANDEL (11) - IDEAL D'URZY (9) - IDEAL WIC (5)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX DES FRENES - 2650m WALK-UP D38 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **JUKE BOX LOVE** - Much better effort last time when he broke his maiden by 0.4L at Lyon-la-Soie. Fitter for two runs back and expected to go well again.
2. **JAVA DE NERET** - Finished 3.7L back in seventh at her latest outing at this track. This looks far too tough.
3. **JOKAI** - Improved last start and broke through for his maiden win at Lyon-la-Soie. Can go back-to-back.
4. **JUDYRA BOISSIERE** - Missed the placings last start but was only beaten 2.1L when fifth at this track. Cannot enthuse.
5. **JACK SPARCK** - Finished third at Lyon-la-Soie last start after he missed the top-three but wasn't disgraced two back at Lyon-la-Soie. Sure to be thereabouts.
6. **JUST BEAUTIFUL** - Turned in a fair performance when fourth at her first run back from a spell at Lyon-la-Soie last start. Expect a much better run this time.
7. **JALNA LOULOU** - Cruised to a 4.5L win most recently at Lyon-la-Soie. Strips fitter third-up and is expected to go on with the job.
8. **JINGLE KOP** - Finished 2L back in sixth at his latest appearance at Lyon-la-Soie. Others make more appeal.
9. **JEU MYSTIC** - Finished 7.6L back in eighth at his latest outing at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Must do a lot more.
10. **JAGUAR'S EYES** - Finished off last campaign with a win at Marseille Vivaux 12 weeks ago. Finds a nice race to launch the campaign.
11. **JOB DES LOUANGES** - Disqualified last start at Vincennes. Forgive the recent mishap. Top pick if at his best.
12. **JEDI DES BROUETS** - Was disqualified last start at Lyon-Parilly on November 25. Overlook the last run. Looks ideally placed.

Summary: This represents a step up in grade for JALNA LOULOU (7) but he's looked an improved performer since having shoes removed and completed a double in fine style at Lyon-la-Soie latest. Could take this rise in standard in his stride. JOB DES LOUANGES (11) won a Class C course and distance walk-up last October. Player on that form and goes well with shoes on all four. JEDI DES BROUETS (12) would have to be respected on his Class B walk-up second here two starts ago. Open to improvement with a new shoeing combination tried. JUST BEAUTIFUL (6) won both starts as a three-year-old and remains unexposed in this company.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p>JALNA LOULOU (7) - JOB DES LOUANGES (11) - JEDI DES BROUETS (12) - JUST BEAUTIFUL (6)</p>
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Race 6 - PRIX DE LA CLAYETTE - 2000m MOBILE F3 Harness. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **KABOURG DU CHENE** - Was not a factor two runs ago on debut at Lyon-la-Soie then made progress to finish third at this track last time, beaten 4.8L. Forward performance expected from a promising type.
2. **KEN DE CORDAY** - Disqualified last start at Lyon-la-Soie. Forgive the recent mishap. Top pick if at his best.
3. **KISS BOY** - Failed to figure on debut two runs back at Lyon-la-Soie then improved last time out to finish second at Lyon-la-Soie, beaten 3.2L. One of the primary contenders.
4. **KAREN DE BUSSET** - Finished third two starts back at Lyon-la-Soie then missed the top-three last start at this track. Might find this a bit tough.
5. **KELLY DE CERISY** - Made an encouraging return when she was second at this track last start, beaten 4.3L. Another big run is on the cards.
6. **KINDER ATOUT** - Finished third on debut two runs back at Lyon-la-Soie then missed the top-three last start at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Hard to beat.
7. **KENTUCKY EXPRESS** - Last raced at this track on February 12 when he was disqualified. Overlook the last run. Looks ideally placed.
8. **KEMILLA LEAGABIN** - Was lining up for just the second time when out of the money last start at this track, beaten 4L. Capable of a better showing.
9. **KEEPLESS** - Was disqualified last start at Lyon-la-Soie on January 21. Prefer to see her perform well before recommending.
10. **KAMEL DU BAS BOSQ** - Last raced at Lyon-la-Soie on January 10 when he was disqualified. Prefer to see him perform well before recommending.
11. **KABOTINE** - Three-year-old filly from the Jonathan Cuoq stable on debut. Maybe later.
12. **KHAN D'HERIPRE** - Last raced at Vire on December 4 when he was disqualified. Forgive the latest run. Well placed to make amends.

Summary: A tricky affair. This looks easier than the Class E that KINDER ATOUT (6) finished fourth in earlier in the week. Claims on mobile debut. KELLY DE CERISY (5) was runner-up in a Class F walk-up here last start and needs respect with a new shoeing combination tried. KISS BOY (3) would likely be in the mix if building on a sound Lyon-la-Soie third in this class eighteen days ago and KENTUCKY EXPRESS (7) rounds out the shortlist.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KINDER ATOUT (6) - KELLY DE CERISY (5) - KISS BOY (3) - KENTUCKY EXPRESS (7)</p>

Race 7 - PRIX DE CHATILLON-SUR-CHALARONNE - 2000m MOBILE G94 AM Harness. Purse EUR €6,000.

1. **FLEUVE DU SABLIER** - Was below his best last time when tenth at this track after finishing in the money two back at this track. Better than the last run suggests and set to make amends.
2. **FIRST GLAM** - Was a bit plain first-up at Marseille Vivaux then improved sharply to finish second last start at Marseille Vivaux, beaten 1.6L. Well placed and ready to peak.
3. **EXO NELGER** - Last raced at this track on November 20 when he was disqualified. Prepared to overlook until his racing manners improve.
4. **EXTREME DOUDOU** - Last raced at Lyon-la-Soie on February 7 when he was disqualified. Prepared to overlook until his racing manners improve.
5. **FENILA** - Was well-fancied last time out, finishing sixth and beaten 9.5L at Lyon-la-Soie. Better than that.
6. **GALOPIN DE BLOT** - Has been struggling of late, most recently finishing sixth at Lyon-la-Soie. Among the chances on best form.
7. **EAST SOUTH STAR** - Was expected to do more last time out, finishing seventh and beaten 5.3L at this track. Bold showing expected this time.
8. **FOREVER MARANCOURT** - Has been struggling of late, most recently finishing fourth at Lyon-la-Soie. Can improve sharply.
9. **EGERIE DU PUY** - Again missed the placings last time out but was only 1.6L away in fourth at this track. Certainly worth another chance.
10. **GOMORRO** - Was disqualified last start at this track on January 28. Prepared to overlook until his racing manners improve.
11. **GRELON DES RACQUES** - Last raced at this track on January 28 when he was disqualified. Prepared to overlook until his racing manners improve.
12. **FIANARANTSOA** - May need the outing following a spell of three-and-a-half months. Last raced when third at Marseille Vivaux.
13. **GALOPIN DE BIANCA** - Last raced at Lyon-la-Soie on February 7 when he was disqualified. Forgive the latest run. Well placed to make amends.

Summary: FIRST GLAM (2) looks to hold every chance of going one place better than when runner-up in a similar amateur drivers event at Marseille-Vivaux last outing. Major appeal with the winner of that event scoring since to boost the form. FLEUVE DU SABLIER (1) and EGERIE DU PUY (9) finished third and fourth respectively in a amateur drivers race here four weeks ago and both cannot be dismissed in this suitable affair. The drop in grade should see EAST SOUTH STAR (7) in better light.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIRST GLAM (2) - FLEUVE DU SABLIER (1) - EGERIE DU PUY (9) - EAST SOUTH STAR (7)</p>

Race 8 - PRIX DES GENEVRIERS - 2675m WALK-UP E161 RST E APP Monte. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **HIDALGO STAR** - Was disqualified last start at this track on February 12. Prepared to overlook until his racing manners improve.
2. **GO OR NOT** - Has been going very well lately, most recently finishing second at this track. In the mix.
3. **EXTRA BALL** - First up since finishing sixth at Lyon-Parilly five months ago. One of the better chances.
4. **FED DU PATURAL** - Was not a factor when resuming last start, finishing tenth at Agen and beaten 13L. Can improve enough to play a big role.
5. **DESTRIER D'OR** - Has been outside the top three recently, last time out finishing 11th at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Has ability and can do much better.
6. **DAKOTA** - Missed the placings again last start, beaten 21L when ninth at Mauquenchy. Deserves another chance.
7. **DINO DE TOUCHYVON** - Was mediocre when 8.3L away in ninth most recently at his first run back from a layoff at Lyon-la-Soie. Prefer others.
8. **FANDANGO GLYCINES** - Was a much better run last time finishing third at Chateaubriant, beaten 6.7L. Expected to go well again.

Summary: This can go the way of GO OR NOT (2) who arrives in great nick and only went down narrowly in a Class E European mounted event here latest. Top hope. DAKOTA (6) is five from nineteen barefoot and this six-time mounted scorer should do better returned to the saddle. FANDANGO GLYCINES (8) has won ten races in mounted company and cannot be entirely ruled out following a third-place finish in a Class E at Chateaubriant eighteen days ago. FED DU PATURAL (4) looks next best.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GO OR NOT (2) - DAKOTA (6) - FANDANGO GLYCINES (8) - FED DU PATURAL (4)</p>
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