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R1 SAINT BRIEUC [R-H]

C1 - GRAND NATIONAL DU TROT - 3150m (a1 15/16m) - National - Group 3 - Harness - EUR € 90.000

- 1. HORACE DU GOUTIER** - Currently at the top of his game with two wins in last three. Steps up in class but starts in front and looks a serious proposition
- 2. GAMIN JABA** - Useful sort when he can keep his action together. 5th to GLAMOUR QUEEN (6) last time and on best behaviour can pick up a minor place cheque
- 3. GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE** - Dependable mare with nothing to prove at this level. Freshened up at Vincennes and going barefoot this time is expected to give a competitive account
- 4. FIGOLU FRAZEEN** - Has merit but steps out of the amateur division into Gr.3 class and chances appear limited
- 5. FORMI** - Sprang a surprise when beating GLAMOUR QUEEN (6) last time out. Unlikely to repeat but will nevertheless generate more interest on this occasion
- 6. GLAMOUR QUEEN** - Very effective with hind shoes off. Has an excellent entry on line 1 and a repeat of her Vincennes performance could see her win this
- 7. GASPARD D'ANGIS** - Pulled off the hat-trick in a Lyon-Parilly Gr.3 earlier in the month. On second line here but still a leading contender
- 8. FALCO D'HAVAROCHE** - Fine servant that seldom disappoints but has other priorities and best to hold off
- 9. EVEIL DU CHATELET** - Hardy sort but considerably better in the other code and will have few takers
- 10. EPSOM D'HERFRAIE** - Has shown better aptitude for the monté code these days and can be passed over
- 11. HIP HOP HAUFOR** - Classy trotter that ran 4th in Prix d'Amérique but shod for comeback and best to wait
- 12. GANGSTER DU WALLON** - Can prove a handful but solid third to GASPARD D'ANGIS (7) at Parilly and will have his chances if applied
- 13. DOUX PARFUM** - Veteran that still has something left in the tank but on second line and in this company will have his work cut out
- 14. ECHO DE CHANLECY** - Proved himself in this series last season but incurs 50m penalty and in the day's shoeing configuration is unlikely to shake things up
- 15. FAKIR DU LORAUULT** - Quality individual that gave a good account in an Angers Gr.3 despite the sanction. On back line but with form and stride maintained should not be far off the mark
- 16. ELIE DE BEAUFOUR** - Multiple group-winner but somewhat below-par lately. Here for a freshener and no threat

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Summary : A fine mare that seldom disappoints when unshod behind, GLAMOUR QUEEN (6) showed her form at Vincennes mid-month and from the front row can make this her own. There will be significant opposition though from HORACE DU GOUTIER (1) who has been in superb form for the past two months. GANGSTER DU WALLON (12) may be 25m worse off but was impressive behind GASPAS D'ANGIS (7) in the last leg of this series and both represent a solid threat to the favourite.

SELECTIONS

**GLAMOUR QUEEN (6) - HORACE DU GOUTIER (1) - GANGSTER DU WALLON (12) -
GASPAS D'ANGIS (7)**

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C2 - PRIX BEUREL ENVIRONNEMENT - 3150m (a1 15/16m) - European - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 33.000

- 1. HARAGONAIS** - Very hard to knock under the saddle this year. Authoritative winner of a Vincennes Class E last time and even though climbing the category ladder can still give a competitive account
- 2. FORT GALAA** - Quality trotter but lost his way last autumn and no sign of a return to form
- 3. GREC D'HAVAROCHE** - Left a very good impression on monté debut nine days ago. In better company on this occasion but is on the front line and must be respected
- 4. GRETA** - Prone to losing her action but hard to fault when applied. Won in good order at Pontchâteau and looks competitively well in
- 5. FLUO MESLOIS** - Respectable and always gives his best but not currently at the top of his game and the penalty does him no favours
- 6. EMERAUDE DEL PHEDO** - Not without ability and has references at this level but in current form is not an obvious choice
- 7. HAKIM DE CHENU** - Won three on the trot before failing to make the grade in a Gr.3. Drops back to a more reasonable level and expected to apply the pressure
- 8. GEF DE PLAY** - Clearly capable but stays shod for second start back and best to wait
- 9. DEEDJAR DU VIVIER** - Has won at a superior level but as capricious as they come. Raffin in the irons but still not the easiest to back
- 10. GO FOR THE GOLD** - Exceptional trotter that made no bones about imposing last time out to notch up a 17th victory and will be sent off hot favourite
- 11. GALIPETTE PIERJI** - Got back in the game with a solid effort behind GO FOR THE GOLD (10) in Paris last time and in similar shape can make the frame

Summary : One of the more dynamic individuals at this level in the monté discipline, GO FOR THE GOLD (10) was sensational at Vincennes mid-month and in similar form will take all the beating. Winner of four of his last six, including going clockwise at Bordeaux, HAKIM DE CHENU (7) looks the main threat, although GALIPETTE PIERJI (11) is also in with a shot given how well she raced behind the favourite last time out. GRETA (4) won in a similar category last week and will also generate interest.

SELECTIONS

GO FOR THE GOLD (10) - HAKIM DE CHENU (7) - GALIPETTE PIERJI (11) - GRETA (4)

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C3 - PRIX V AND B LANGUEUX SAINT-BRIEUC - 3150m (a1 15/16m) - Amateurs-National - Class F - Harness - EUR € 8.000

- 1. HOCCO DARCHE** - Not the worst horse here but erratic at best. Shod for second start back and poses no danger
- 2. HATTILA** - Has done nothing of note since winning a minor event last summer and can expect to garner little support
- 3. GLYCINE VRIE** - Decent dual-purpose mare that encouraged at Chartres last time out. Shoes on again but can nevertheless get a look in
- 4. FIZZ SAINT GERMAIN** - One of the more consistent elements in the field. Comes here fresh and breaking in front will do her chances no disservice
- 5. GRISIE LA MESANGE** - Non partante
- 6. FLEURON DE PADD** - Delicate but has merit and recently reassured at Vire. Has previously won at the venue and in current form must be afforded respect
- 7. GALERIA** - Moderate type with that has been struggling of late and will have her work cut out
- 8. FOX DU RIB** - Four times an amateur winner over last 12 months. Won smartly at Laval last time and from the first row will again have his chances
- 9. FLASH DES MAJ** - Reliability not his strong suit but reaffirmed at Rânes and will have his supporters
- 10. HELICIANE D'ERABLE** - At the top of her game since embarking on new career. Won last time going clockwise and even from the second line can impose
- 11. FRIPON D'AUTHISE** - Very hard to fault since returning to competition. Nothing to prove in this category and looks a serious proposition
- 12. HOLLY D'ECHAL** - Good class of trotter making seasonal bow. Here for reasons of conditioning and not an obvious choice
- 13. GIBUS DARCHE** - Hard to knock when he can keep his action together. Imposed earlier in the month but revised shoeing this time and the handicap does him no favours
- 14. GIPSY AJITE** - On second line and shoes stay on but boasts solid amateur credentials and looks competitively well in
- 15. FREEDOM DU PARC** - Monté mare making first start back and will have other priorities
- 16. ECLAT DU BUISSON** - A total write-off for past 18 months and can be confidently ruled out

Summary : Remarkably effective since switching to the amateur division, HELICIANE D'ERABLE (10) has the quality to overcome a 25m handicap and proved at Amiens that going right-handed is no obstacle. She faces competition from established amateur campaigner, FRIPON D'AUTHISE (11) who imposed in the professional ranks last month, and recent Laval winner, FOX DU RIB (8) who benefits from a spot on the front line. Winner on turf last time at this level, GIPSY AJITE (14) stays shod for the occasion but nonetheless has the quality to do well here.

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HELICIANE D'ERABLE (10) - FRIPON D'AUTHISE (11) - FOX DU RIB (8) - GIPSY AJITE
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**C4 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE SAINT-BRIEUC - 2575m (a1 9/16m) - National -
Class D - Harness - EUR € 22.000**

- 1. KAVRIK DE GUEZ** - Rather disappointing on debut a fortnight ago and needs to show marked improvement
- 2. KADEO JOSSELYN** - Facile winner on debut earlier in the month. Will have come on for the run and deserves to take his chances here
- 3. KANCALAIS** - Won right-handed on debut but not as effective since and must raise his game
- 4. KUMBI DE PHYT'S** - Has found his mark in the claiming division but at this level will have his work cut out
- 5. KING OF DAY** - Yet to get off the mark but has more than once gone close. Sanctioned at Argentan but on better behaviour can trot into the money
- 6. KADRO D'ARIANE** - Opened his account in style at Laval early last month. Comes here fresh and expected to give another solid account
- 7. KALOU LA TRIGALE** - Has shown decent ability since successful debut. Takes on better here but still warrants respect
- 8. KAROLINA DI SEMBLE** - Just three places in nine starts and latest efforts do little to inspire confidence
- 9. KRONOS DE TROIS** - Has done nothing but progress since his debut 2.5 months ago. Has had time to freshen up and must be taken seriously
- 10. KAPORAL DES FORGES** - Winner of two straight following sanctioned debut. Raffin back in charge and the hat-trick a distinct possibility

Summary : A winner on his last start of 2022, KAPORAL DES FORGES (10) got straight down to business on his seasonal bow here last month and has every chance of doubling up. It is unlikely to be a walk in the park though considering the progress KRONOS DE TROIS (9) has made since placing on debut over course and distance earlier in the year. KADEO JOSSELYN (2) won from pillar to post on his racecourse debut recently and steps up in class with justified ambition. KADRO D'ARIANE (6) lost his maiden status at Laval early last March and with freshness on his side will be no easy touch.

SELECTIONS

KAPORAL DES FORGES (10) - KRONOS DE TROIS (9) - KADEO JOSSELYN (2) - KADRO D'ARIANE (6)

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C5 - PRIX GROUPAMA - 3150m (a1 15/16m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23.000

1. **INAO SAINT CLAIR** - Lightly-raced but has decent aptitude. Change of shoeing after a respectable return and can get a look in
2. **INFATIGABLE** - Has obvious talent but sanctioned in both this term and must reassure
3. **IMOYO WOLF** - Unexceptional sort that has done little of note this year and will have few takers
4. **IMPACT DU CAIEU** - Decent trotter that pleased on Sunday but backs up with shoes on and hard to see him springing any surprises
5. **ICARE DU VIVIER** - Capable on a good day but went into his break on a low note and has picked up where he left off
6. **IDEAL DE BAULON** - Good consistent servant in the provinces. Sanctioned on comeback but barefoot this time and can make his presence felt
7. **IT'S DAY** - Occasionally loses his action but has ability. Pleased last time going right-handed and the front line start will do his chances no disservice
8. **IGGY Fafa** - Useful type when he can stay in stride. Will have come on for recent re-entry and must be respected
9. **INSTINCT D'AUTHISE** - Not without merit but below-par at Lisieux and unlikely to spring any surprises
10. **IRMINIO KILY** - Undeniably capable but as capricious as they come. Will be competitive though if he can maintain stride
11. **ISOPE PLENNERIE** - Decent sort making just second start back. Benefits from a decent entry but others still preferred
12. **IVOIRE D'AUTHISE** - Pleased on January comeback but lacklustre since and can be ruled out
13. **IMPERATOR D'EM** - Returned with force to competition following the layoff. Incurs the penalty but still looks the horse to beat
14. **IVANO DIDAN** - Has turned a corner lately with two wins in last three. Takes on better here though and extra 25m will do him no favours
15. **IGGY POP DE CHENU** - Steps up in class following some fine efforts a level down and is capable of applying the pressure on IMPERATOR D'EM (13)

Summary : Winner of his first two starts following a lengthy break, IMPERATOR D'EM (13) missed out on the hat-trick by the smallest of margins next time, and even though on the second line here, he can still win this. Tony Le Beller will nevertheless be keeping a watchful eye on the in-form IGGY POP DE CHENU (15) even though the latter steps up in class. IGGY Fafa (8) gave an encouraging account on his re-entry and with front pads on this time should logically show significant improvement. IT'S DAY (7) is confirmed in this class and on good behaviour can get in on the action.

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IMPERATOR D'EM (13) - IGGY POP DE CHENU (15) - IGGY FAFA (8) - IT'S DAY (7)

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C6 - PRIX SAINT-BRIEUC ENTREPRISES - 2575m (a1 9/16m) - National - Class D - Harness - EUR € 22.000

- 1. JOIA DU CITRUS** - Useful sort that has already won this year. Shoes off for first time going right-handed and should not be overlooked
- 2. JULOHA STAR ELGE** - Quality filly but tends to go better a level down and chances limited
- 3. JOY D'OURVILLE** - Unexceptional type that made no impact on re-entry. Shoes on again and no threat
- 4. JAPONICA** - Looks a different horse with shoes off. Gave a fine account at Enghien last time and comes to Saint-Brieuc fresh and with legitimate ambition
- 5. JUSTIN D'HERMES** - Solid as a rock to date. Impressed on first appearance back and with hind shoes off for the occasion looks a serious prospect
- 6. JEUX D'ACTION** - Quality individual that was eased back in at Argentan. Eric Raffin in charge here and looks principal danger to JACK DES ASS (8)
- 7. JADESSE** - Respectable sort with better aptitude for the monté code and can be passed over
- 8. JACK DES ASS** - Exceptional trotter with a fine track record. Imposed with ease on comeback and expected to double his money
- 9. JUDY MATIDY** - Regularly in the thick of things and confirmed at this level. Front pads fitted and is worth keeping an eye on
- 10. JALON DU GOUTIER** - Blows hot and cold but has merit. Change in shoeing configuration which could well see him back in business
- 11. JOMA OV** - Not as effective since winning in Paris three months ago but has a good entry here and can get in on the action
- 12. JET GIRL** - Has evident ability but jus one race under her belt this term and no more than a minor place chance
- 13. JOYCE DELTO** - Showed considerable ability last season. Unraced since though and best to hold off
- 14. JIGOVE** - Showed early promise but has since lost his way and 3 straight sanctions do nothing to inspire confidence

Summary : It is unsurprising that JACK DES ASS (8) is the attraction of this event having won every race in which he wasn't sanctioned. Thierry Duvaldestin has employed a somewhat modified shoeing formula for Saint-Brieuc and the winning streak looks set to continue. JEUX D'ACTION (6) won three from four, including over track and trip, before the break and after a much-needed freshener should be in a position to take on the favourite. The ultra-consistent JUSTIN D'HERMES (5) gave an excellent account on comeback and with hind shoes off for the first time will be no pushover. JAPONICA (4) has been showing another side to herself this term and is one for the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

JACK DES ASS (8) - JEUX D'ACTION (6) - JUSTIN D'HERMES (5) - JAPONICA (4)

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C7 - PRIX DU PMU LE GOLDEN BAR YFFINIAC - 3150m (a1 15/16m) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 29.000

1. **IDOLE ELDE** - Twice a winner before being sent for a break. Unraced since and no threat this time
2. **INDIAN PARK** - Boasts an excellent strike rate at a moderately lower level. Unlucky last time but is clearly in form and with application can get a look in
3. **ITALIANO** - Got back in the game at Angers after a 2-months spell. Will have come on for the run and starting in front will only work to his advantage
4. **INFINIMENT CITRON** - Useful type when barefoot. Should be fit by now and with application can go far
5. **IDOLE OF LOVE** - Versatile mare with references in this category but here for reasons of conditioning and no threat
6. **ISLAND LOVE** - Has evident ability but lost her way last year and must first reassure
7. **HYGIE HAUFOR** - Useful mare but unseen for two months and with shoes on will have little to offer
8. **IVANA DES RACQUES** - Hardy sort but makes first appearance of the year and will need the outing
9. **HAS DE COEUR** - Decent sort when barefoot but being held back for another engagement and best to wait
10. **INDRO PARK** - Serious sort with form at a superior level. Not disgraced last time but drops back in class and can impose
11. **HOCHE** - Tricky but has bags of ability. Showed marked improvement in Paris last time and warrants significant respect
12. **INCROYABLE BLACK** - One of the most consistent horses here. Won smartly last time and even though in better company can still play a leading role
13. **IDEA DES VALLONS** - Has raced twice this year without success but can pick up a cheque if fully fit and applied
14. **ICARE DES VALOIS** - Gr.1-placed under the saddle and no slouch in this code either. Is confirmed at this level and must be considered a serious place chance

Summary : The principal protagonists start on the back line here and INDRO PARK (10) may well be the one to beat as he returns to a more reasonable level after having bitten off more than he could chew in a Gr.2 mid-month. Anthony Barrier will still be fearful of the highly-consistent INCROYABLE BLACK (12) even though Frédéric Prat's gelding climbs the class ladder after having won at Paray-le-Monial. A quality dual-purpose trotter, ICARE DES VALOIS (14) impressed in a Class B on his last appearance under harness and will justifiably garner support, as will the reinvigorated ITALIANO (3) who will have a 25m head-start.

SELECTIONS

INDRO PARK (10) - INCROYABLE BLACK (12) - ICARE DES VALOIS (14) - ITALIANO (3)

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**C8 - PRIX SUZUKI.BAY LEGRAND - 3150m (a1 15/16m) - Class F -
Harness - EUR € 26.000**

1. **FLAMME VIKING** - Struggling to find form after returning from lengthy layoff
2. **GOOD FRIEND** - Better type than recent results would suggest. Not the luckiest last time but can make amends
3. **GIBUS INDIEN** - Capable on a good day but unseen since November and will need the outing
4. **GAYA DE LORGE** - Unremarkable mare with better prospects at a lower level and unlikely to spring any surprises
5. **FREDY DE LA NOE** - Proved himself more than once at similar level this year but takes on better this time and chances limited
6. **GRAND VENT RUSH** - Quality individual at this level. Has one race in him since the spell and will have come on for the run. Place prospect
7. **GALAK DE LA CAVEE** - Totally off the boil since late 2021 and not a realistic proposition
8. **GOOD COMPUTER** - Good consistent sort for the most part. Put his Fougères blip behind him at Ecommoy last time and should be competitive for a spot on the podium
9. **GADSEM** - Appears to have put his stride woes behind him. Well-in on first row and appears main threat to EQUJUELO (14)
10. **FLOPY RUSH** - Unexceptional but gave a good account here last month. Shoes on though and not an obvious choice
11. **FUTE BUROIS** - Hardy element with nothing to prove at this level. Incurs the penalty and first start back but one to watch all the same
12. **GLOSSY BOY** - In cracking form since early February. On second line but as versatile as they come and must be taken seriously
13. **FOREVER D'ARIANE** - Has looked markedly ordinary this term and will have nothing to offer
14. **EQUEJUELO** - Can prove a handful but won well last time here. Raffin back in charge and can pick up where they left off
15. **FLORE MERITE** - Respectable and always gives an honest account but out of her depth here
16. **FRIBUSTE DU CORBON** - Switches back to harness code after a brace of outings under the saddle. Placed just once in seven starts here though and a minor place chance at best

Summary : A course-and-distance winner earlier in the year when giving away 25m, EQUJUELO (14) has not been at his most productive since, but he is however reunited with Eric Raffin and can set the record straight. That being said, GADSEM (9) benefits from a front line start and is not incapable of stealing his thunder. GLOSSY BOY (12) has hardly stepped a foot out of line this term and will be reined on this occasion by Gabriele Gelormini, while GOOD COMPUTER (8) looks similarly competitive after having reassured at Ecommoy last time out.

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EQUEJUELO (14) - GADSEM (9) - GLOSSY BOY (12) - GOOD COMPUTER (8)