

PONTCHATEAU [L-H] - 29 December

Race 1 - PRIX DES SUPPORTERS - 2800m WALK-UP E118 HCP APP Harness. Purse EUR €17,000.

1. **FLORE DE CENTULE** - Nose second at Grenade second up after a break. That was a good effort and can improve further. Shortlist.
2. **FINGER DES LANDES** - Impressive 7.25L winner at Graignes two starts ago. Barefoot here and easy to fancy once more.
3. **FORTUNA D'HUON** - Can question strength of 0.5L second at Cherbourg two starts ago. In a better race here and needs more.
4. **FICIMER** - Placed on reappearance but backwards step when well beaten second up. Needs more in this grade.
5. **FIGARO GEMA** - Generally been in good form this campaign. Won in this grade four starts ago at Angouleme. Each way claims.
6. **FAN QUICK RUSH** - Uninspiring recent form figures and happy to oppose.
7. **FRANKLIN STAR** - Over 1000 days since last victory and would be a surprise were he to change that here.
8. **FILOU SMILING** - 2.5L third at Nantes recently. That was a good effort. Each way chance.
9. **FLAYA DU SAPTEL** - Nose winner at Angers two starts ago and produced a good run since. Each way player.
10. **FLIGNY** - Resumed from a lengthy absence with a DQ. Smart at best but prefer to watch here.
11. **FENIX DU LOISIR** - 4.75L fourth at Nantes. Each way chance given good record for this driver.
12. **FOTELLO DU PALAIS** - 2.25L third at Machecoul two starts ago. That was a great effort but failed to build on that last time. Interesting if doing so now.
13. **FRENCH LOVER** - Out for form and easily opposed.
14. **FRIBUSTE DU CORBON** - Placed on three of last four starts including a 1.75L second at Graignes latest. Easy to fancy.
15. **FIRST LADY BLEUE** - No better than midfield recently. Needs to find progression.

Summary: FRIBUSTE DU CORBON (14) is consistent. Looks overdue a victory in current form and looms a strong candidate. FINGER DES LANDES (2) ran clear delivering an impressive wide margin victory two starts ago. Key chance on that effort. FLORE DE CENTULE (1) races third up after a break and might now be primed. Keep safe. FIGARO GEMA (5) won four starts ago and has performed creditably since. Threat to all once more.

Selections

FRIBUSTE DU CORBON (14) - FINGER DES LANDES (2) - FLORE DE CENTULE (1) - FIGARO GEMA (5)

Race 2 - PRIX DE LA FORET DU GAVRE - 2800m WALK-UP F50 HCP Monte. Purse EUR €17,000.

1. **GUINGAMP OLIVERIE** - Midfield last time and more required if he is to trouble the main chances.
2. **GIPSY DE GRANOU** - 4.75L fourth at Bordeaux latest. That was a better effort and interesting if improving again.
3. **HADRIEN** - Improving gelding. Not at best last time but expected to give much better showing here.
4. **HARMONIE LATINE** - DQ on reappearance. Prefer to watch following that.
5. **HATENA DE BELLANDE** - Won four starts ago for this driver but disappointing since. Could bounce back.
6. **GAETAN** - Lost his way recently and happy to oppose now.
7. **GO GARFIELD** - Consistent efforts in defeat this campaign and a similar showing anticipated here.
8. **GELINOTTE DAIRPET** - Uninspiring recent form figures and happy to oppose.
9. **HIRIS DE PIENCOURT** - String of modest runs and prefer to watch at present.
10. **GISELLA D'EVEL** - 13L fifth at Saint Brieuc last time out. Needs more on that form to trouble the contenders.
11. **GELINO DE MARS** - 0.5L second at Meslay-du-Maine. Each way player following that.
12. **GRAMIGNA DODVILLE** - Not at best this campaign and more is required here.
13. **GOAL DE LA MORTRIE** - Interesting on placing at Vincennes prior to a DQ since. Threat to all if able to find the finish.
14. **GITANE DE COMBOURG** - DQ latest but running consistently prior to that. More required.
15. **HISTORIEN GALBE** - 1L second at Vincennes two starts ago reads strongly. Winning claims if near that level.
16. **HELIUM** - Well beaten on reappearance. Needs improvement to factor following that.
17. **GLORIA DE CENTULE** - Consistent sort but absent for four months and previously needed first start back. Prefer to watch.
18. **HAVRAIS** - Goes well for this good driver. Strong each way chance down in grade.

Summary: HISTORIEN GALBE (15) rates highly on a close second at Vincennes two starts back. Will take some beating if in similar form. GELINO DE MARS (11) has placed on last two starts. Improving and is easy to fancy. HAVRAIS (18) goes well for this driver. Each way player. GOAL DE LA MORTRIE (13) placed in strong contest at Vincennes two starts ago. Disappointed since but down in grade and looks a potential threat to all.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p>HISTORIEN GALBE (15) - GELINO DE MARS (11) - HAVRAIS (18) - GOAL DE LA MORTRIE (13)</p>
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Race 3 - PRIX ETABLISSEMENT DUBOURG HERBIGNAC - 2800m WALK-UP F24 Harness. Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **HAITA DU VIEUXCOUR** - Yet to place after 21 starts. Oppose.
2. **HOVER GAME** - Form only modest recently and best watched now.
3. **HALTESS DES GLENAN** - Won four starts ago but struggled since. Needs to bounce back.
4. **HIT PERRINE** - 11.25L tenth at Vincennes last time a good run and will find this easier. Each way chance.
5. **HOLLENBOURG** - Inconsistent sort. Certainly has the ability to factor if at best however so do not rule out.
6. **HEROINE DE TALA** - Winless after 21 starts but has placed on seven of those runs. Each way claims.
7. **HOSTIE** - Creditable efforts in defeat this campaign and is a perfect one from one for this driver. Interesting.
8. **HAPPY DANOVER** - Better effort when a 5L sixth at Le Mans latest. Each way claims if building on that.
9. **HERMINE QUESNOT** - Consistent performances recently but concern she is winless after 30 starts now. 1.25L third at Nantes latest. Worth holding safe.
10. **HAPPY INTRIGANT** - Placed on only previous course start. Each way chance.
11. **HEROS DE CHOISEL** - 1.75L second at Nantes two starts ago. Remains unexposed and can do better yet. Shortlist.
12. **HAMMAMET** - 34 race maiden and happy to oppose.
13. **HARMONIE CLEFOISE** - Impressive 3.25L winner at Cordemais latest. Continues partnership with this top driver and is easy to fancy.
14. **HOMA** - Uninspiring recent form figures and prefer to watch here.

Summary: HARMONIE CLEFOISE (13) sets the form standard. Impressive winner recently and will prove hard to beat if in similar form here. HEROS DE CHOISEL (11) has been running well this campaign and is open to further progression. Keep safe. HERMINE QUESNOT (9) was beaten just 1.25L into third latest. Each way player judged on that. HOSTIE (7) won only previous start for this driver. Potential threat to all.

Selections

HARMONIE CLEFOISE (13) - HEROS DE CHOISEL (11) - HERMINE QUESNOT (9) - HOSTIE (7)
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Race 4 - PRIX FRANCE BLEU LOIRE OCEAN - 2200m WALK-UP E12 Harness. Purse EUR €17,000.

1. **ICEBERG DEL PHEDO** - Five DQ from nine career starts but fair fourth latest. Frame chance.
2. **ISIDORO DIDAN** - Class F winner at Morlaix earlier in his career. Could find the placings.
3. **IN ACTION** - Three placings from five career starts. Each-way player.
4. **ISATIS DES TOUCHES** - Seventeen race maiden who has placed on two occasions. Best watched.
5. **IFF LOUZEEN** - Thirteen race maiden but could be involved on best figures.
6. **IN EN VRIE** - Fairly consistent in seven starts to date with four placings. Frame contender.
7. **INES DES COTEAUX** - Lower grade walk up winner at Cholet three back and fair form since. Noted.
8. **ISERE** - Pieces of form that could see her involved but is inconsistent.
9. **IASELMA** - Unbeaten in both career starts and scored by 0.75L at Cherbourg latest. Claims.
10. **INDY VET** - Two from three thus far and created a good impression when winning by 4.25L in a Class F at Mauquenchy. Player.
11. **INDIGO DU PERCHE** - 1.75L Class G winner on reappearance at Nantes. Claims with a top driver.
12. **IMEA DE LA POTEL** - 3L sixth in this grade mobile event at Cabourg recently. Frame claims.
13. **ISABELLA DIMJY** - Running well in mounted races recently but needs to replicate in a driven event.
14. **IBIZA BELLA** - Unbeaten in two starts to date. Created a good impression when winning by 4.5L in a Class F at Cordemais. Top chance.

Summary: IBIZA BELLA (14) can defend her unbeaten record. Created a good impression winning by 4.5L a Class F at Cordemais. Holds top claims with more to come. INDY VET (10) is two from three so far. Impressed finding success by 4.25L in a Class F at Mauquenchy and is a leading chance with progress possible. INDIGO DU PERCHE (11) looks one to note for a top driver whilst INES DES COTEAUX (7) cannot be ruled out.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">IBIZA BELLA (14) - INDY VET (10) - INDIGO DU PERCHE (11) - INES DES COTEAUX (7)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX LOIC SEROUX - 2800m WALK-UP E200 HCP E Monte. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **FAKIR DE TROUSS** - Two wins from six mounted starts and was a solid second in this grade at Mauquenchy latest. Noted.
2. **FLORETTE DE BLARY** - Could be involved eased in grade but was DQ at Vincennes 71 days ago.
3. **FIERTE RAPID** - Five-time mounted winner but was DQ at Meslay-du-Maine last week. Must bounce back.
4. **CALIN DES MOISSONS** - Poor winning record and arrives in moderate form. Others preferred.
5. **CREDO BLUE** - Held eighth in a mounted race at Nantes recently. More needed.
6. **CORSAIRE DU BOLONG** - Yet to score in 27 mounted starts but goes well barefoot. Could sneak a place.
7. **FINCA VIGIA** - Solid mounted and barefoot record including when scoring by 1.75L in this grade at Cabourg. Key chance.
8. **EVEIL** - More than capable at this level but market can guide on mounted debut.
9. **ELPHIE DU MARIN** - Fair fifth in a Class E mounted at Mauquenchy latest. Frame chance.
10. **FIFTY BARBES** - Tries racing barefoot again and not dismissed on Le Mans second two back.
11. **FIRST GEDE** - Good mounted third at Chartres prior to being DQ at Vincennes. Not ruled out.
12. **FOSCA LUDOISE** - 0.75L third in a mounted at Le Mans prior to being well beaten at Vincennes. May bounce back.

Summary: FINCA VIGIA (7) maintains a solid mounted and barefoot record including when scoring by 1.75L in this grade at Cabourg. Leading contender if replicating. FOSCA LUDOISE (12) produced a good 0.75L third in a mounted contest at Le Mans prior to being well beaten at Vincennes. May bounce back with conditions to suit. FAKIR DE TROUSS (1) is two wins from six mounted starts. Managed a fair second in this grade at Mauquenchy in latest and is one to note. FIRST GEDE (11) could be thereabouts.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FINCA VIGIA (7) - FOSCA LUDOISE (12) - FAKIR DE TROUSS (1) - FIRST GEDE (11)</p>

Race 6 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE MAURE - 2800m WALK-UP E63 Harness. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **GERFAUT D'HAMELINE** - Progressive mounted performer before a rare DQ. Others preferred after a break back in driven company.
2. **GAMIN DES ISLES** - Fine third behind a pair of subsequent winners before a break. Notable runner.
3. **GRAND TRIO LUDOIS** - Fair driven form since resuming. Place claims.
4. **GOODMORNING CHARLY** - Mixed driven form this term with something to prove at this distance.
5. **GAULE ROMAINE** - Failed to complete in this class at Vincennes earlier in the month. Hard to fancy.
6. **GRAFFITI BOND** - Not disgraced in this class two starts ago and respected on stable debut.
7. **GREGORIO** - Fine fifth in this grade nineteen days ago. Among the place options.
8. **HEDENE BESP** - Held eighth in a stronger Vincennes walk up earlier in the campaign. May improve.
9. **GALION VOLSIN** - Improved 4.5L success in a Le Mans autostart nine days ago. Consider.
10. **GERONIMO FUEGO** - 7L third in a better Nantes walk up last month. One to note.
11. **GENERATION GLAM** - Won sole course outing but woefully out of form this term. Hard to fancy.
12. **GALATEE DU VIVROT** - Completed a double in this grade at Vincennes. Major player.
13. **GIGOLO DU NOYER** - Down the field on reappearance with shoes on. Same fate here.
14. **GIPSY BOND** - No show in a Mauquenchy walk up 104 days ago. Not entirely dismissed on old form.

Summary: GALATEE DU VIVROT (12) arrives in top form after completing a double in this class at Vincennes. Major contender if replicating. GAMIN DES ISLES (2) ran a fine third behind two subsequent winners before a break. Expected to measure up. Among the chances is GERONIMO FUEGO (10) dropping in class. GALION VOLSIN (9) holds place claims.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GALATEE DU VIVROT (12) - GAMIN DES ISLES (2) - GERONIMO FUEGO (10) - GALION VOLSIN (9)</p>

Race 7 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE PONTCHATEAU - 2800m WALK-UP E150 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **ENARA DE TRIOU** - Fifth and sixth in previous couple of similar walk ups. More needed.
2. **FIRST BEST** - Flickers of promise in easier grass walk ups this term. Step forward required.
3. **EVER FAVORI** - Improved winner of an easier Vincennes walk up earlier in the month. Top chance.
4. **FAMEUX SAX** - Down the field in a weaker Nantes walk up on reappearance. Needs significant improvement.
5. **EMILY DE MELJAC** - Midfield in previous couple of similar walk ups. Others readily preferred.
6. **FRANCE D'OCCAGNES** - Runner-up in two of previous three driven outings at this level. Keep safe.
7. **ESQUILIN** - Failed to complete second up at Nantes. Could improve.
8. **FEE DANOVER** - 2L fifth in an easier Nantes walk up thirteen days ago. Place chance.
9. **FAKIR DES LANDES** - Little worthwhile form this term. Could progress with front pads on.
10. **EXIT ANGOT** - Completed a place hat-trick at Nantes. Leading contender without front shoes.
11. **FRIPON D'AUTHISE** - Midfield in previous pair of similar driven starts. More needed.
12. **FUNNY HORSE** - Placed on all three outings at this trip before a fine runner-up at Nantes. Major appeal with a good record barefoot.
13. **FEPSON** - Progressive type who secured a hat-trick including at a higher level last term. The one to beat.
14. **FABAGO DU GERS** - Fair sixth in a better Vincennes walk up ten days ago. Keep safe.
15. **EXPERT DELTA** - DQ in a Graignes autostart nine days ago. Not dismissed on previous winning form.
16. **ERDEVEN THONIC** - Scored on sole track and trip start and improved second nine days ago. Place claims.
17. **FEE DE LUNOJO** - Back-to-back placings in stronger walk up company. Firmly in the mix.

Summary: FEPSON (13) is expected to make a winning return after completing a hat-trick of victories at a higher level last term. The one to pass. EVER FAVORI (3) improved to win an easier Vincennes walk up. Notable candidate. EXIT ANGOT (10) arrives in top place form. Definite claims. FEE DE LUNOJO (17) completes the shortlist.

Selections

FEPSON (13) - EVER FAVORI (3) - EXIT ANGOT (10) - FEE DE LUNOJO (17)

Race 8 - GRAND PRIX PARIS-TURF - 2800m WALK-UP D255 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €30,000.

1. **EOLE VERDERIE** - Reached the frame in this class at Mauquenchy. Could repeat.
2. **EL PASO BLUE** - Held sixth in a Graignes autostart nine days ago. One to note on previous winning walk up form.
3. **DON JUAN DE MOERES** - Solid mounted form this term. Improvement needed returning to this grade of walk up.
4. **DAME DE LA COUDRE** - Improved place at a big price 58 days ago. Could replicate.
5. **ELOANNE** - Better effort when third in an easier Toulouse walk up. Keep safe.
6. **DESTINO DODVILLE** - Beaten out of sight in previous driven outing. Hard to pick.
7. **EL LOCO** - Fair driven form without winning this term. More needed.
8. **EROS DU FERRON** - Placed in this grade earlier in the campaign. Not ruled out.
9. **EAULYMPIK CEHERE** - Placed in previous six driven starts including at this standard. The solid choice.
10. **CARAT GEDE** - 20L defeat in this class before an absence. Impossible to recommend.
11. **EXPRESSO GOOD** - Nose runner-up in this grade on penultimate outing. Key player with a strong record with front pads on.
12. **CHAYANE DE CALVI** - 3.5L fourth in this grade three starts ago. Step forward required after a pair of modest runs.
13. **EUSEBIO D'HERIPRE** - Back-to-back placings at Chartres earlier in the month. Notable runner with a strong record barefoot.
14. **CARLITA GIRL** - Midfield in previous couple of driven outings at this level. Others make more appeal.
15. **DIVINE MONCEAU** - 0.25L success in this grade at Cabourg thirteen days ago. Key chance.
16. **CHTIOT DE BELLANDE** - Improved second in claiming company at Vincennes. More needed.
17. **EL DIABLO D'AUT** - Down the field in a trio of driven starts this term. Fully tested.
18. **CENTAURE GEDE** - Improved mounted second at Enghien but hard to enthuse back in a walk up.

Summary: EXPRESSO GOOD (11) rates a strong contender if replicating a nose second in this company two starts ago. Boasts a strong record with front pads on. EUSEBIO D'HERIPRE (13) is a key player with an excellent record without shoes. DIVINE MONCEAU (15) could replicate a victory at Cabourg in a similar driven event. Keep safe. EL PASO BLUE (2) holds place claims.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXPRESSO GOOD (11) - EUSEBIO D'HERIPRE (13) - DIVINE MONCEAU (15) - EL PASO BLUE (2)</p>
