

THURSDAY, 31/08/23

R3 MARSEILLE-BORELY [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA CIOTAT - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Amateurs - Class G -
Harness - EUR € 6.000**

- 1. HERMINE SIMARDIERE** - Useful mare for the most part. Reassured at a superior level last time and, with a 25m head-start, can pick up some place money
- 2. HERMES FLAM** - Unremarkable type that seldom makes any impact and is not about to break the mould
- 3. FOR ME GEDE** - Quality element with nothing to prove at this level. Has won 3 of his 7 amateur races and, in present form, looks a serious proposition
- 4. FIRST GLAM** - Honest sort that always gives his best but has not done enough lately to be considered a leading candidate. Minor place prospect
- 5. ECU** - Remarkably proficient when racing with just front shoes. Secured his last two in this class and looks a serious threat to HYPER HAUFOR (6)
- 6. HYPER HAUFOR** - Remarkably performant trotter that has won 9 of his last 14. Simply thrives in this category and again looks the one they all have to beat
- 7. FAVARY** - No champion. Races shod for the occasion and can be confidently ruled out

Summary : Simply superb for the past 8 months, HYPER HAUFOR (6) needs no introduction in this category and will take all the beating. Main threat will, unsurprisingly, come from FOR ME GEDE (3) who is dynamic when barefoot, and ECU (5) who has won his last two amateur events. HERMINE SIMARDIERE (1) drops back in class after a decent effort in the professional ranks and, from the front line, could well trot her way onto the podium.

SELECTIONS

HYPER HAUFOR (6) - FOR ME GEDE (3) - ECU (5) - HERMINE SIMARDIERE (1)

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**C2 - PRIX DE FIGUEROLLES - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Class G - Mounted - EUR
€ 25.000**

- 1. HAPPY JAVANAIS** - Never far from losing his action but showed his form at Hyères and can get in on the action if he keeps his stride together
- 2. HALTA CRISCANI** - Makes first appearance under the saddle in decent shape and, while unlikely to surprise, should still give an honest account
- 3. HAWAI MAB** - Has been going good-guns under the saddle this summer. Starts on the front line, is unshod all four, and can improve on her June performance here
- 4. HELIOS D'ALBRET** - Returns to the discipline after a modest streak under harness. Has better references at a lower level though and others preferred
- 5. INITIALE CASTELETS** - Can prove a handful but has been acquitting herself well in both codes lately. Won two of her last three monté starts and can add another to her tally
- 6. HECTOR DES BUTTES** - Very impressive earlier in the year. Has 3 runs in him since the break and, barefoot this time, can open his summer account
- 7. HACIENDA DESBOIS** - Useful sort that sprang a surprise at Feurs, but failed to confirm next time and more a minor place prospect on this occasion
- 8. ITRO** - Occasionally tricky but otherwise performant in the monté code. Is new to the venue, appears in good shape, and with shoes off should not let the side down
- 9. FORMIDABLE VOYAGE** - Seldom gets his nose in front these days but can trot. Will need to find more though in order to negate the 25m penalty

Summary : Both HECTOR DES BUTTES (6) and INITIALE CASTELETS (5) prepped under harness for a return to the monté code, and it would be no surprise to witness either getting straight down to business. ITRO (8) has never won under the saddle outside of Paris but is barefoot for the occasion and will have his chances. Dependable for the most part in the ridden discipline, HAWAI MAB (3) is barefoot on the front row and, in current form, will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

HECTOR DES BUTTES (6) - INITIALE CASTELETS (5) - ITRO (8) - HAWAI MAB (3)

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C3 - PRIX DES LAVANDES - 2300m (a1 7/16m) - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23.000

- 1. KLUSAZ** - Never far from losing her action but imposed with authority last time out and, although in better company this time, still looks competitive for a place in the frame
- 2. KOLENA** - Barring her Vincennes clinker, has shown ample ability. Has not been seen out for over 2 months but is still not one to be ignored either
- 3. KILLERMAN** - Quality element that is better than his latest effort would suggest. Well-positioned in front and can pick up his second career victory
- 4. KING SALTOR** - Yet to get off the mark but always gives his best. Oddly below-par last time here but has since shown improvement and, from the 4-spot, will not be far from the action
- 5. KALINKA GEDE** - Decent filly for the most part but has just one race under her belt since the break and is expected to need the outing
- 6. KETTY KATE** - Delicate she may be but has bags of ability. Gave an excellent account at Cagnes and, with application, can bring home the bacon
- 7. KISS ME CARNOIS** - Hardy colt that has progressed respectably. Showed his form last time out and looks a solid proposition once more
- 8. KASTILLE** - Generally gets a look in when applied, and pleased in one of two starts here. Left a decent impression behind KISS ME CARNOIS (7) last time but the draw will do her no favours
- 9. KETTY ANGANO** - Placed just twice in 13 racecourse appearances and has no realistic chance
- 10. KAISER DES CHAMPS** - In the frame in two of four. Courageous behind KETTY KATE (6) last time but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 11. KANDY LIFE** - Modest type more suited to racing at a lower level and will have nothing to offer
- 12. KIND OF YOU** - Gave a good account here in the spring after having won at Feurs, but currently off the boil and not an obvious choice
- 13. KABYLIE DES EDEL** - Blows hot and cold but sprang quite the surprise at Cagnes recently and, even though poorly-drawn, will not be available at 39/1 this time around
- 14. KALINE SALTOR** - Still chasing that first win but has been solid of late. Takes a big hike in category though and the draw just compounds matters

Summary : There may be no obvious standout in this event but it is hard to ignore the delicate KETTY KATE (6) who has shown significant improvement lately, and who can win this if she stays focused. KILLERMAN (3) has a better spot behind the car and, not having to incur a penalty this time, will be no soft touch. KISS ME CARNOIS (7) alternates the good with the less good but reassured at Hyères recently and will not be bothered by a return to racing left-handed. KLUSAZ (1) is force to start on the inside, and is still somewhat green, but she opened her account mid-month and steps up in class with a good hand to play.

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KETTY KATE (6) - KILLERMAN (3) - KISS ME CARNOIS (7) - KLUSAZ (1)

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**C4 - PRIX DE LA FARE - 2300m (a1 7/16m) - Autostart - Class E - Harness
- EUR € 21.000**

- 1. JAGUAR ATOUT** - Unremarkable sort with better form at a lower level and, even racing barefoot, will have his work cut out
- 2. JOLAN BOY** - Yet to get off the mark but often in the thick of things, and should not be far from the action if he reproduces his latest Vichy performance
- 3. J'ADORE CE MEC** - Progressive trotter making his first appearance since early May. Shoes on and best to wait
- 4. JADA MOKO** - Erratic but is not devoid of ability. Showed marked improvement in the race of reference and from the 4-spot will have her chances
- 5. JIFFY PEARL** - Not the most courageous horse here but gave a decent account behind JACKPOT DES THUYAS (16) at Hyères and, from the 5-spot, should not be overlooked
- 6. JALISKA VICI** - Capricious filly but has turned a corner this month. Respectably-positioned in front, is confirmed at the venue, and is not incapable of imposing
- 7. JOSE DU CHERISAY** - Very hard to knock when racing barefoot. Has never been in better shape and, even starting wide, still looks a major player
- 8. JAGUAR SPIRIT** - Unexceptional but can trot. Pleased in good company at Cagnes last time but has little going his way on this occasion
- 9. JAZZY TOUCH** - Kicked the year off well but out of the picture in last 6 starts and chances slim at best
- 10. JET DE CANVILLE** - Like a horse reborn since switching stables. Goes first time barefoot for his new handler and, even from the second line, will be competitive for the win
- 11. JACKPOT VISAIS** - Gave a reassuring account last time out but on the 2nd line here and not expected to make a big impact
- 12. JEU DECISIF** - Reliability not his strong suit but acquitted himself well in the race of reference. Has yet to shine when barefoot though and more a minor place prospect this time around
- 13. JUST PAT** - Good consistent type but has just one run in him since the winter and with shoes on can be passed over
- 14. JENNY D'EURVAD** - Had shown signs of a return to form but has since come off the boil and will have nothing to give
- 15. JOLIE A LA BRUYERE** - No slouch at a considerably lower level, and both the draw and company will conspire against her
- 16. JACKPOT DES THUYAS** - Quality element that has made the frame in three of last four. Debuted well for his new handler but the draw will limit his chances

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Summary : There is little separating the two main protagonists here with the improving JOSE DU CHERISAY (7) looking a marginally better choice than the reinvigorated JALISKA VICI (6) who is never far from faulting. JET DE CANVILLE (10) is back at the top of his game and, even though forced to start on the back line, is barefoot for the occasion and must be respected. Third to Nicolas Ensich's filly last time out, JADA MOKO (4) has been handed the ideal draw and, with shoes off again, should not disappoint.

SELECTIONS

JOSE DU CHERISAY (7) - JALISKA VICI (6) - JET DE CANVILLE (10) - JADA MOKO (4)

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**C5 - PRIX DE VELAUX - 2300m (a1 7/16m) - Autostart - Class E - Harness -
EUR € 24.000**

1. IL CONTO - Currently enjoying a productive run of form and winner of his only start here, but in better company on this occasion and a minor place chance at best

2. IMPRESS ME - Appears to be back on track after his break. Did not enjoy much luck at Cagnes last time but starts in front and can redeem himself

3. IVORY DE FAEL - Not without merit and has a good spot in front, but sanctioned in last two and others easier to back

4. ILLUSTRE FERM - Has turned a corner since starting to race barefoot. Makes his Borély debut on a hat-trick and from the 4-spot can pull it off

5. IBIS DE CHAHAINS - Temperamental but has ample ability. Is presently in good shape, entrusted to YAB and, and well-placed to give this a good go

6. IMMORTELLE DE BLAY - Undeniably capable but has been struggling lately and needs to get her house in order

7. INUITS D'EM - Good class of trotter that appears to have lost nothing following his lengthy layoff. Impressed twice here last year and once again looks a leading candidate

8. IDYLLE OCCITANE - Useful mare that gave a fine account in good company last time out. Will not be inconvenienced by the shorter trip and, in spite of a poor draw, can still put on a good show

9. INDIEN EMJI - Rarely far off the mark these days when unshod behind. Not ideally drawn but is confirmed here and will have his supporters

10. ISOCRATE DU CITRUS - Has done nothing noteworthy for almost 6 months and can be confidently ruled out

Summary : Already twice a winner this season following an enforced period on the sidelines, INUITS D'EM (7) can return to winning ways if Kevyn Thonnerieux keeps him trotting. That said, ILLUSTRE FERM (4) is better-positioned behind the car, is on a hat-trick, and has earned the right to take his chances at this level. The temperamental but in-form IBIS DE CHAHAINS (5) is reunited with YAB, with whom he gets on well, and can make up for his recent sanction. IDYLLE OCCITANE (8) has been mixing it up lately and, despite the wide draw, can make an impact if she replicates her latest performance.

SELECTIONS

INUITS D'EM (7) - ILLUSTRE FERM (4) - IBIS DE CHAHAINS (5) - IDYLLE OCCITANE (8)

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**C6 - PRIX LUGOLIN - 2300m (a1 7/16m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness -
EUR € 25.000**

- 1. HOLLY GREEN** - Useful sort that has failed to find form this season but the change of scenery, and racing barefoot for the occasion, can make all the difference
- 2. GLORIA DARCHE** - No slouch on a good day but can trot and is proven in this category. Has no particular love for Borély but, in this company, will have her supporters
- 3. HALTEA DU BELLAY** - Placed well on the front line but has no references in this category and others preferred
- 4. HAPPY MARANCOURT** - Serious mare that was rewarded with victory at Hyères mid-month. Has won 2 from 3 here and, from the 4-spot, can wrap this up
- 5. FAMILY FIRST** - Unexceptional mare that was not disgraced at Cagnes recently but still has more to find
- 6. HABANNA** - Quality individual that lost her action on turf recently, but has previously won here and, in current condition, is very hard to ignore
- 7. HARMONIE DE BREVOL** - Occasionally a handful but has been showing her form since early July. Will not be inconvenienced by the draw in this small field and must be considered a respectable candidate for success
- 8. HYSOPE DE NGANDA** - Disappointing on the whole since placing at Mons earlier in the summer and is unlikely to shake things up
- 9. HAYASTAN DE ROSAN** - Capricious sort with little of note to her name since last summer and has no realistic chance

Summary : HAPPY MARANCOURT (4) has simply gone from strength to strength since her winter break and, given her liking for the venue, can pull off the double. Jean-Charles Féron will still want to be wary of the good HABANNA (6) who will be much more at ease over this surface. Barring her July sanction, HARMONIE DE BREVOL (7) has been in cracking form and should not be far from the action. HOLLY GREEN (1) has one race in her since moving south and, barefoot this time, can get back down to business.

SELECTIONS

**HAPPY MARANCOURT (4) - HABANNA (6) - HARMONIE DE BREVOL (7) - HOLLY GREEN
(1)**

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C7 - PRIX DE LA FOURRAGERE - 2300m (a1 7/16m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 25.000

- 1. GET UP DE VAUVILLE** - Returns to a proven category after reassuring in the amateur division. Has the inside line but can still have his way
- 2. HOOK UP ABSOLUTE** - Faithful servant whose latest effort can be discounted. Is new to the venue, shod accordingly, and expected to finish in the mix
- 3. HURRICANE FRANCE** - Useful trotter that consistently gives everything he has. Well-placed behind the car and should logically improve on his recent effort behind HASIR (8)
- 4. HAPPY LYL** - Moderate type that reassured somewhat at Divonne recently, but not enough to be considered a player
- 5. FILLMORE** - Can trot but regularly blots his copybook. Yannick-Alain in the wagon this time though and can make up for recent sanction
- 6. GOOD DREAM** - No slouch on a good day but not currently flying on all cylinders and others preferred
- 7. HOOLIGAN ONE** - A total write-off since winning at Hyères last month and will, unsurprisingly, generate little interest
- 8. HASIR** - Faults regularly but otherwise a very tough character. Showed his form last time out and, barefoot on this occasion, can get his nose in front
- 9. GOHAKI** - Mixes the good with the less good but showed a liking for these conditions last season and, despite the draw, still looks a player
- 10. GALEO VENUS** - Honest sort that has won in both amateur and professional ranks. Enjoying a fruitful run of form and, entrusted to Nicolas Ensch for the occasion, should not be underestimated
- 11. GAMER DE BULIERE** - Can trot, and is confirmed here, but currently off the boil and must reassure

Summary : HASIR (8) may not be the most faithful individual in the field but is not easy to fault when applied. He got back in the game at Cagnes mid-month and, going barefoot this time, can defy the wide draw and win this. That said, GET UP DE VAUVILLE (1) appears to be back at his best and steps up in category with every chance of upsetting the apple-cart. A winner under these conditions last season, GOHAKI (9) is unshod for the occasion and, even starting on the second line, still looks a leading contender. HURRICANE FRANCE (3), in comparison, is ideally-positioned in front and can more than make amends for his latest effort.

SELECTIONS

HASIR (8) - GET UP DE VAUVILLE (1) - GOHAKI (9) - HURRICANE FRANCE (3)

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**C8 - PRIX DU MUGEL - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - European - Class F - Harness -
EUR € 27.000**

1. I CAN STEEL - Tough individual that has thrived since moving to Sweden. Makes his first appearance in France and, if race-ready, can make the most of his front-row start and challenge for the win

2. GOLDENBOY DE CHENU - Seen more often than not at a lower level but is clearly in form and will generate some interest

3. FILLE DE KERDU - More a regular in the amateur division but can trot. In better company this time though and unlikely to shake things up

4. ZEPPELIN MAN - Useful at home in his native Italy but has never made his mark in France and is not about to spring any surprises

5. GEODE DU CHERISAY - Regularly a case of all-or-nothing but won here earlier in the summer. Starts in front and, on good behaviour, can pick up some prizemoney

6. FANGIO DU GUESCLIN - Moderate sort that has never let the side own here but, in this category, will have his work cut out

7. ASTRONASCENTE ZAC - Put in quite the performance behind DANTE GODIVA (8) at Cagnes last time out. Change of shoeing on this occasion and, with form maintained, should not disappoint

8. DANTE GODIVA - Hardy trotter that seldom disappoints when barefoot. Went close at Cagnes last time out and, with Nicolas Ensch in charge on this occasion, can very well get his nose in front

9. FEMINISTU MAG - As delicate as they come but loves Borély. Goes well for David Békaert and can apply the pressure on DANTE GODIVA (8)

10. DEEP POCKETS - Has started to come good again since being dropped back in category. On the back line but still worth keeping an eye on

11. FLEURON DU LINAIS - Emerged from his lean streak with success for his new trainer at Cagnes last month. Comes here fresh and must be respected

12. GULLIVER D'ELA - Below-par since placing at Hyères 3 months ago and will struggle to make his presence felt

13. ENFILADE DU DOUET - Quality mare but has not been seen out for over 2 months and, with shoes on, can be passed over this time

14. EURO MAKER - Serious sort in both branches of the business but makes his first appearance since the spell and, going shod, will not be dangerous

Summary : There looks to be quite the battle in prospect here between DANTE GODIVA (8), who has been close to his race for some time, the capricious FEMINISTU MAG (9) who has a particular liking for Marseille-Borély, and the in-form I CAN STEEL (1) who breaks with a 25m head-start. ASTRONASCENTE ZAC (7) got back in the game behind the favourite at Cagnes last week and, with his shoes off this time, backs up with legitimate ambition.

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DANTE GODIVA (8) - FEMINISTU MAG (9) - I CAN STEEL (1) - ASTRONASCENTE ZAC (7)