

MONDAY, 17/07/23

C1 - PRIX DE LA BAIE DE VILLEFRANCHE - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 43.000

1. **GIVE ME CASH** - Capable but very complicated sort who has been sanctioned in his last four outings. Just watch for now
2. **GIPSON CREEK** - Undeniably capable but not as effective when racing with this shoeing configuration. For another day
3. **GANGSTER DAVANESS** - Seldom far off the mark when not disqualified but has been out of sorts recently so is best watched for now
4. **EKIANGO DE NILE** - Has lost his form recently but is rarely seen racing with all four of his shoes removed. Could do better
5. **EAGLE EYES** - Has been out of sorts this year but is capable of better racing unshod now after three comeback outings.
6. **GALBA RINGEAT** - Boasts an impressive record of seven wins and a 2nd from nine outings at this venue. One to beat
7. **FAST DOMINO** - Has been struggling for some time now so unlikely to trouble the judge here despite racing fully unshod
8. **FLORINE DE VIETTE** - Improved in recent outings and didn't go unnoticed when finishing 4th last time. Not taken lightly
9. **ESTERO** - Capable veteran with 12 race wins to his name. Rarely races with all 4 shoes removed so cannot be discounted
10. **EASTWOOD PARK** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for some time now so warrants little consideration. Can be ruled out
11. **HONKY TONK BLUES** - Appears to have been carefully prepared for this, with all 4 shoes now removed after two comeback outings. Respect
12. **FESTIF CHARMANT** - In very good form at present and is proven at this level. Ought to be competitive with his shoes off
13. **DEUS EX MACHINA** - Well-performed 14-time winning veteran who has lost his way, disqualified in 13 of his last 15 starts. Overlook
14. **EXPRESS DE L'ITON** - Unreliable sort but quite capable of playing a leading role in a race of this nature, so is dangerous to dismiss
15. **FASHION TOUCH** - Ultra-consistent last-start winner who races fully unshod and has nothing to prove at this level. Keep safe

Summary : GALBA RINGEAT (6) has an impressive track record and is good value to win again here returning to his old stomping ground. He is, however, likely to be tested by HONKY TONK BLUES (11), who races fully unshod and is gaining momentum, as well as consistent last-start winner FASHION TOUCH (15), who rarely disappoints when racing barefoot. Returning EXPRESS DE L'ITON (14), FESTIF CHARMANT (12) after an encouraging comeback, and even enigmatic ESTERO (9) are others to consider.

SELECTIONS

GALBA RINGEAT (6) - HONKY TONK BLUES (11) - FASHION TOUCH (15) - EXPRESS DE L'ITON (14)

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**C2 - PRIX DE GAND - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
29.000**

1. HOLD BLUE - Unreliable but is not incapable of getting a look in here if avoiding disqualification. Dark horse with shoes removed

2. HIMALAYA - Winner over the course and distance in January when racing barefoot, but has been out of sorts since. Overlook

3. I AM PHYT'S - Has won three times (including one mounted race) in his four outings racing unshod behind. Surprise package

4. IL MIO - Bounced back from consecutive disqualifications to win his last start and is capable of confirming with Pierre Vercruysse keeping faith

5. IN THE AIR DELO - Rarely wins but has been largely consistent and is seldom far off the mark when not disqualified. Keep safe

6. IZARA DE VIETTE - Reassured last time, remaining wise throughout to recapture the winning threat. All or nothing with her, a question of wisdom

7. ISBA BESNOT - Inconsistent but not incapable of getting a look in here. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

8. HARSHAM CHEF - Showed signs of improvement last time but will need to build on that to get into the picture here. Outsider

9. HANI BIRD - Unreliable and inconsistent of late but does tend to do well racing with this shoeing configuration. Capable of better

10. IMAGINE D'AR - Has hit the ground running since joining Nicolas Ensich and looks well entered here. The one to beat

11. ILLICO DE CASTELLE - Not devoid of ability but is unreliable and is disqualified more often than not. Needs to improve his manners

12. GIVE ME QUICK - Capable last-start winner who arrives in good form, winning two of his last three but with his shoes off. Watch for now

Summary : Nicolas Ensich has a strong three-pronged attack in this race with stablemates IMAGINE D'AR (10) and last-start winner IL MIO (4) capable of leading home a 1-2 for their trainer. IZARA DE VIETTE (6) proved that she still has what it takes to be competitive when putting it all together by winning last time and can join the fight for victory if confirming that improvement. IN THE AIR DELO (5) and HANI BIRD (9) could get into the picture if avoiding disqualification.

SELECTIONS

IMAGINE D'AR (10) - IL MIO (4) - IZARA DE VIETTE (6) - IN THE AIR DELO (5)

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**C3 - PRIX DE LIEGE - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class C - Harness - EUR €
33.000**

1. ISEO DE LOU - Seldom finishes far off the mark and is well placed on the front line with all 4 shoes removed. Dark horse

2. INSERT DES MONTES - Delicate but undeniably capable and has won five of his seven career victories with this shoeing configuration. Keep safe

3. IDEM DU PONT - Confirmed racing unshod behind and has done well when not disqualified. Needs to reaffirm after four consecutive sanctions

4. IRU FUSHI - Won three on the trot before his recent 8th. Undefeated barefoot and is capable of bouncing back to winning ways racing unshod again here

5. HARRY LE BEAU - Complicated on occasion but has proved most effective racing fully unshod. In good form and should play a leading role here

6. IDEFIX D'OLMEN - Ultra-consistent performer who usually has a role to play when he isn't disqualified. Warrants respect

7. INTO THE MYSTIC - Consistent for the most part and has solid form credentials at this level, so must not be discounted. Watch out

8. ITRO - Poor recent form in both codes does not augur well for his chances here, so can be ruled out. Overlook

Summary : IRU FUSHI (4) has a 100% record racing with this shoeing configuration and is good value to preserve that invincibility racing fully unshod by bouncing back to winning ways. He will, however, have to be wary of the only six-year-old in the race HARRY LE BEAU (5) who has also done particularly well when racing with all his shoes removed. INSERT DES MONTES (2), who is capable but complicated, as well as consistent duo IDEFIX D'OLMEN (6) and INTO THE MYSTIC (7) are likely to make their presence felt.

SELECTIONS

IRU FUSHI (4) - HARRY LE BEAU (5) - INSERT DES MONTES (2) - IDEFIX D'OLMEN (6)

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C4 - PRIX DES LUZERNES - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 29.000

1. **GANYMEDE DE DUSSAC** - Recently joined David Békaert's stable having misfired in his last two starts. Ideally engaged here and should prove hard to beat
2. **HAVANA MOON** - Unreliable but is not incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature, even with this shoeing configuration. Dark horse
3. **EDELZWIKER** - Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil recently, so must reaffirm. Others preferred
4. **FLEURON DU LINAIS** - Shown signs of improvement recently racing unshod behind, so can't be discounted here with all his shoes now removed
5. **FORMA DE BLARY** - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now and, as such, can be ruled out here. Overlook
6. **GOUNIT DE L'AIROU** - Versatile sort who has maintained a fair degree of consistency in both codes. Ought to make his presence felt
7. **FANTOMAS DU VAL** - Went wrong last time but has otherwise acquitted herself consistently. Proven with this shoeing arrangement, he could make amends
8. **GIRL ELEVEN** - Unplaced last time when returning from a break but is likely to do better now racing fully unshod. Keep safe
9. **HIRO MAGIS** - Has alternated between the two codes with merit recently and can boast solid form references. Include
10. **HOTESSE SEVEN** - Seldom finishes far off the mark when avoiding disqualification and racing barefoot so could get a look in
11. **GLOIRE DE MAX** - Not an incapable mare but is too inconsistent to trust and has been out of sorts for some time now. Overlook
12. **GLINKA GRAZIA** - Has been out of sorts lately but does tend to do well when remaining wise. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

Summary : GANYMEDE DE DUSSAC (1) has been a little hit and miss lately but is ideally engaged here and ought to redeem himself in this grade/company in his first start with David Békaert. FANTOMAS DU VAL (7), not to be condemned for his recent failure, versatile HIRO MAGIS (9), and unshod GIRL ELEVEN (8) are all likely to be competitive so should pose a threat. Nicolas Ensich's entrants GOUNIT DE L'AIROU (6) and HAVANA MOON (2) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

GANYMEDE DE DUSSAC (1) - FANTOMAS DU VAL (7) - HIRO MAGIS (9) - GIRL ELEVEN (8)

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**C5 - PRIX DE LORGUES - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class F - Harness - EUR €
23.000**

1. IDOLINE DU HOME - Inconsistent but is not incapable and does tend to do well when applied. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out

2. ILANA DE BEYLEV - Has looked rather ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here even at this level. Overlook

3. I LOVE UP STAR - Unreliable mare but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature after an improved 4th last time. Dark horse

4. IXANA GRIFF - Has nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now to warrant any consideration and can be ruled out

5. INITIALE BLEUE - Continues to blow hot and cold but usually finishes in the mix when not disqualified so is dangerous to dismiss. Keep safe

6. IBAIA DE MAY - Holding her form, seldom finishing far off the mark and has rediscovered her form recently. Respect

7. INDESKAYA BIRD - Has been in poor form in both codes recently and that does not augur well for her chances here. Overlook

8. IDYLLE OCCITANE - Last-start winner who imposed herself over a shorter trip on this track last time. Not incapable of following up over this distance

9. IDRA DE BEYLEV - Delicate but does tend to do well when avoiding disqualification and has caught the eye recently. Can have a say

10. IPSY DU BOCAGE - In very good form, having won two of her last four starts including her most recent outing. Will be a factor

Summary : Victory is likely to be fought out between the two last-start winners IDYLLE OCCITANE (8) and IPSY DU BOCAGE (10), with the barefooted former only marginally preferred. The latter's stablemate INITIALE BLEUE (5) is delicate but remains capable of joining that fight if she remains at the trot. IBAIA DE MAY (6) is in good shape and could have a say too, along with IDRA DE BEYLEV (9).

SELECTIONS

IDYLLE OCCITANE (8) - IPSY DU BOCAGE (10) - INITIALE BLEUE (5) - IBAIA DE MAY (6)

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C6 - PRIX BULLE DE LAUMONT - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Apprentices-Conditional-Jockeys-Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 25.000

1. **HASTIFER** - Undeniably capable but has been out of sorts for some time now, so has to reaffirm. For another day
2. **FLEUVE DU SABLIER** - Inconsistent but remains quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature, so is dangerous to dismiss
3. **HADAYA VISAIS** - Returned to form with a reassuring 2nd in her last start and ought to be competitive here if confirming that improvement
4. **HOOK UP ABSOLUTE** - Ultra-consistent performer, proven under these conditions and in good form of late. Has every chance
5. **HORIZON DE BLAY** - Brilliantly returned to winning ways at Vichy last time and could well follow up with a repeat of that performance. One to beat
6. **HELLO JO DARLING** - Complicated but capable sort who has continued to blow hot and cold recently. Has the means to play a leading role if remaining wise
7. **FALKRIS** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now, so can be ruled out here. Others preferred
8. **GOOD DREAM** - Finished a reassuring 3rd here last time and could have a role to play if confirming that improvement
9. **FULL D'AMOUR** - Consistent for the most part but more effective at a lower level and racing with her shoes off. Others preferred
10. **FINESSE DE COSSE** - Consistent sort with solid form references but is most effective without her irons, so is best watched for now
11. **GIULIA DES OUBEAUX** - Seldom far off the mark when applied but has proved hard to win with - has just one victory from 53 starts. Overlook

Summary : Both HORIZON DE BLAY (5), who was a convincing winner at Vichy recently, and consistent HOOK UP ABSOLUTE (4) have strong claims here. HELLO JO DARLING (6) has been costly to follow but remains capable of joining that pair in the fight for victory. FLEUVE DU SABLIER (2), with all four of his shoes removed on this occasion, could also have a role to play. HADAYA VISAIS (3) completes the shortlist after an improved (2nd) last start.

SELECTIONS

HORIZON DE BLAY (5) - HOOK UP ABSOLUTE (4) - HELLO JO DARLING (6) - FLEUVE DU SABLIER (2)

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C7 - PRIX DE BRUXELLES - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - National - Class C - Harness - EUR € 29.000

1. **KIND OF YOU** - Out of sorts recently but is undeniably capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Dark horse
2. **KAMILLE DU MESNIL** - Unexposed filly who won debut and recently finished 2nd in this shoeing arrangement. Not taken lightly
3. **KOMPANY VINCENT** - Promising sort who has done well in the races he has not been disqualified. Must reaffirm after consecutive sanctions recently
4. **KALINKA GEDE** - Sanctioned last time but has otherwise maintained a good level of form and consistency. For lovers of outsiders
5. **KEOLA D'HERIPRE** - Won back-to-back outings prior to her last-start disqualification. Can redeem herself here if remaining wise
6. **KATSUMOTO** - Has shown signs of improvement recently and ought to be competitive if confirming the form of his recent 4th. Respect
7. **KALISCO PLANCHETTE** - Yet to win but is seldom far off the mark when avoiding disqualification and has caught the eye on occasion. Dark horse
8. **KENTUCKY GIRL** - Made a winning start to the year but has regressed with each of her three outings since. Needs to reaffirm
9. **KELLY CHARLY ERA** - Unexposed, promising filly whose better recent performances have been with a different shoeing arrangement. Watch for now
10. **KERKENNA** - Still without a win after 11 outings but has shown sufficient means when not disqualified so has claims. Outsider
11. **KALIE WOOD** - Versatile filly who, in spite of not winning yet, has solid form references in both codes. Not taken lightly
12. **KAISER GIBUS** - Showed early promise, winning his first three starts before keeping good company in his next three. Off since December, one to note
13. **KOCKTAIL WOOD** - Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil this year, so needs to reaffirm. Best watched for now
14. **KANSAS DE LA COUR** - Not seen to best effect in recent outings but should fare better here eased in grade. Can't be written off just yet

Summary : KEOLA D'HERIPRE (5) lost her unbeaten record this year when sanctioned last time but she retains plenty of ability and is taken to get back on track here, though will need to remain wise to return to winning ways. KANSAS DE LA COUR (14) has her sights lowered and ought to fare better in these calmer waters, so could pose a threat along with KATSUMOTO (6) who showed signs of improvement last time. Delicate KOMPANY VINCENT (3) has serious means and cannot be written off either. KIND OF YOU (1) and KALIE WOOD (11) are best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

KEOLA D'HERIPRE (5) - KANSAS DE LA COUR (14) - KATSUMOTO (6) - KOMPANY VINCENT (3)