

WEDNESDAY, 24/01/24

C1 - PRIX UNE DE MAI - 2925m (a2m) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 58,000

1. **EL PRESIDENTE** - Beaten 7th in Class B Prix de Strasbourg over 2700m at Vincennes on 23 December. Has never delivered shod at Vincennes and is not about to start
2. **DESIR DE BANNES** - Unplaced in a Gr.3 over 2925m here on 22 December. Shoes on and not a realistic proposition this time either
3. **ECLAT DES NOIX** - Disappointing under the saddle over 2700m in Paris earlier this month. Beat the favourite here month but has twice failed to confirm. Shoes off but more a minor place chance
4. **EBERTON** - Sanctioned when well-supported in a Gr.3 over 2925m here on 22 December. Barefoot again and, with application, can put on a decent show
5. **DOUXOR DE GUEZ** - Thrashed in Gr.3 Prix du Forez over 2700m at Vincennes mid-month and will once again pose no threat
6. **EDY DU POMMEREUX** - Sanctioned in a Vincennes Class B over 2700m a month back. Has previously won here but is an outsider this time around
7. **DROP DES DURIEZ** - Trounced at 65/1 behind EPSOM D'HERFRAIE (10) at Vincennes last month. Not expected to generate much interest this time either
8. **GAMIN JABA** - Good 3rd in a Vincennes Gr.3 over 2850m on 3 January. Front shoes on this time but is in form and can play a leading role
9. **EL GRECO BELLO** - Unplaced in Gr.3 over track and trip earlier in the month. Returns to racing barefoot and cannot be ruled out of making the frame
10. **EPSOM D'HERFRAIE** - 5th in a Vincennes monté event over 2700m on 30 December. Not a priority but is in shape and can get a look in
11. **FIFTY FIVE BOND** - 6th at 34/1 in a Vincennes Gr.3 over 2700m on 13 January. Is confirmed under these conditions and can open his 2024 account
12. **FAKIR DU RANCH** - Well-beaten in a Gr.3 over course and distance a fortnight ago. Is barefoot this time though and has leading claims
13. **EDEN BASQUE** - Respectable 7th in Gr.3 over track and trip earlier in the month. Stays shod but will still be worth monitoring
14. **GIGOLO LOVER** - Unplaced behind FIFTY FIVE BOND (11) over 2700m in Paris on 13 January. Barefoot on this occasion with Rochard in the sulky and can have his way
15. **DEXTER CHATHO** - Trotted 5th over 2140m at home in Åby on 20 December. Has references at this level and, shoes off, will be one to keep an eye on

Summary: FIFTY FIVE BOND (11) acquitted himself well in the Gr.3 Prix du Forezat Vincennes recently after having missed out by little under these conditions the month before, and looks a marginally better choice than FAKIR DU RANCH (12) who just pipped him on that occasion. Although better under the saddle, GIGOLO LOVER (14) nevertheless has solid harness references and, unshod all 4 this time, looks a serious proposition. Stablemate GAMIN JABA (8) drops marginally in category after a fine effort in Paris and, even though just hind shoes off this time, will still have his chances.

SELECTIONS

FIFTY FIVE BOND (11) - FAKIR DU RANCH (12) - GIGOLO LOVER (14) - GAMIN JABA (8)

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C2 - PRIX DU CAIRE GROS - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 22,000

1. JUNIOR D'ETE - 7th in Class E over course and distance on 8 January. Has already won here this winter and expected to finish in the mix

2. JOSE DU CHERISAY - Well-beaten in a 2650m Class F freshener at Marseille-Vivaux 10 days ago. Races barefoot this time and can figure prominently

3. JEU DECISIF - Has not been seen out since winning a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class E with authority last summer. Is barefoot for return and can challenge for the win

4. JOB DU PERSIL - Disqualified in a Class E over 2700m at Vincennes earlier in the month. With application can impose

5. JASON GOLD - 6th of 7 in a Cagnes monté race over 2925m on 5 January. 4 pads on this time and not a priority

6. JOYAU DU GUELIER - 12th of 14 finishers in a Marseille-Vivaux Class F behind JET SIXTY ONE (9) mid-month. Shoes off this time but chances still limited

7. JAZZISSIME - Unplaced in the race of reference on 8 January. Will be fit and even with shoes on can still make his presence felt

8. JUPITER DU GOUTIER - Trotted 3rd in a Class E over course and distance on 8 January. Has claims on a place in the first 3

9. JET SIXTY ONE - 3rd in a Marseille-Vivaux Class F over 2650m on 14 January. Shoes on this time and others preferred

10. JAMIN D'ORGERES - 3rd from last behind JUNIOR D'ETE (1) over 2925m here on 29 December. Not a priority but with stride in check can get a look in

11. JUST STAY ENJOY - Unraced since being sanctioned in an Abbeville Class F over 3150m last September. Appears to have no chance

12. JAG DE LA VALLEE - Last of 8 in a Vincennes Class F monté race on 29 December. Out of his league here and no threat

Summary: Winner of his only start under these conditions, JOB DU PERSIL (4) showed his form on re-entry and, with more luck in running, can return to winning ways. David Békaert can still expect to come under pressure from the returning, and similarly well-placed, JEU DECISIF (3), who is barefoot for the occasion. JUPITER DU GOUTIER (8) has been handed a wide draw but is clearly in form and his latest performance bodes well for his prospects. Unplaced that afternoon, but a winner at the venue 10 days earlier, JUNIOR D'ETE (1) has the inside line and, with Benjamin Rochard reining, must not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

JOB DU PERSIL (4) - JEU DECISIF (3) - JUPITER DU GOUTIER (8) - JUNIOR D'ETE (1)

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**C3 - PRIX GELINOTTE - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - Class F - Harness - EUR €
16,000**

1. LE LAUREAT DU PARC - Trotted 5th over track and trip mid-December first time out. Showed potential in qualification and should logically show marked improvement

2. LEADER ATOUT - Debutant that qualified inauspiciously in late-September but has been talked-up and, with a leading driver at the helm, can impose at the first time of asking

3. LALBANE STAR - Qualified unexceptionally last May but hails from a decent yard and, with Yannick-Alain Briand reining, should not be ignored

4. LAGON DU POMMEREUX - Well-bred type that qualified in decent order in late-October. Has everything going for him here and is unlikely to disappoint

5. LAMTARA BUISSONAY - Showed improvement when 4th in a Cordemais Class F over 2150m 10 days ago. Unlikely to repeat but will still not be sent out at 134/1 this time

6. LORD ELLINGTON - Trounced in a Châteaubriant Class E over 2400m on 11 November. Unseen since and poses no threat

7. LAUREL TURGOT - Career debutant that qualified well in Paris on 18 December and if as useful in competition, can put on a good show

8. LAGUERTA CABIRAT - Unseen since qualifying moderately almost 7 months ago. Starts wide but is still capable of making the first 5

Summary: Given time to come on after qualifying respectably last September, the promising untried LEADER ATOUT (2) has been entrusted to Benjamin Rochard for his debut and is not incapable of getting straight off the mark. LAGON DU POMMEREUX (4) set off no fireworks in qualification either but he has the plum spot in front and, with David Békaert reining, must be considered a leading prospect. In quite some contrast, LE LAUREAT DU PARC (1) was dynamic in qualification and will have come on for his recent debut here. LAUREL TURGOT (7) qualified in 1'18" at Grosbois last month and, although drawn wide, will still be one to watch.

SELECTIONS

**LEADER ATOUT (2) - LAGON DU POMMEREUX (4) - LE LAUREAT DU PARC (1) -
LAUREL TURGOT (7)**

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C4 - PRIX TIGRE ROYAL - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 26,000

1. KINGDOM DU LIAMONE - Sanctioned with 800m to run behind KAMI DU BOURG (10) here on January 8 and will have few, if any, takers

2. KING HEUVELLAND - 5th behind KAMI DU BOURG (10) in the early-January race of reference. First time unshod all 4 and, well-placed in front, is not going to be far off the mark

3. KAZACHOK - Showed improvement when 3rd in a Class D over 2700m early this month. Ideally-placed behind the car and, shod for competition, can get the season off to a victorious start

4. KANTISSIME WINNER - Won a Class E over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Steps up in category but, from the 4-spot, can bring the fight to KAZACHOK (3)

5. KRISTO STAR - A place behind KAMI DU BOURG (10) here on 8 January. Given a decent draw in front and, unshod behind this time, can pick up a cheque

6. KASH DE TAGOR - Moderate 7th of 11 in a Vincennes Class D over 2700m on 26 December. First time barefoot though and is eminently capable of making the frame

7. KING MOKO - Lost his action early on Cagnes debut in the race of reference and is once again unlikely to influence the outcome

8. KIF DE L'UNE - 7th of 8 in a Class D over track and trip earlier this month and the draw only compounds matters

9. KOTO DE PIENCOURT - Sanctioned early behind KAMI DU BOURG (10) over 2925m here in early-January. Shoes back on but still has little going for him this time either

10. KAMI DU BOURG - Pleasantly surprised when 3rd over 2925m here on January 8. Is proven over 2150m here and, even though drawn on the 2nd line, still looks a player

11. KILL THE BLUES - Missed out on the hat-trick when 6th in the race of reference. Hind shoes off but will still need to raise his game

Summary: Regularly in the thick of things and confirmed over the distance, KAZACHOK (3) made an excellent Cagnes debut earlier in the month and, sporting a competitive configuration, can open his 2024 account. He will still feel considerable heat from KANTISSIME WINNER (4) who made short work of her maiden appearance at the venue, and fellow front-line starter KASH DE TAGOR (6) who gets the chance to race barefoot for the first time. KAMI DU BOURG (10) beat a number of these here last time out and, returning to racing with pads, can put on another decent showing.

SELECTIONS

KAZACHOK (3) - KANTISSIME WINNER (4) - KASH DE TAGOR (6) - KAMI DU BOURG (10)

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C5 - PRIX HOUSTON LAUKKO - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 29,000

- 1. IBLIS GEMA** - Second in a Nantes Class E over 3000m 9 days ago after having finished runner-up on Cagnes debut 2 weeks earlier and must be considered a candidate for success
- 2. IBIS QUICK** - Close 2nd in a Class D over 2925m here a month back. Has freshness on his side and is ideally-positioned to successfully kick off the new year
- 3. INTENSE DE TILLARD** - Trotted 4th at 4.9/1 in a Class E over 2925m here a fortnight ago. Has a good entry here and can finish on the podium this time
- 4. INDIAN DANEHILL** - Looked rather ordinary when 8th of 11 behind IL VILLAGGIO (10) here recently. Well-drawn in front but still not an obvious choice
- 5. IN THE AIR DELO** - 5th in a Marseille-Vivaux amateur event over 2650m on Sunday. Appreciates Cagnes and, while not a priority, can still get a look in
- 6. I AM DES MOTTES** - 5th in a Toulouse Class D over 2975m on 6 January. Barefoot this time and, with a better pace, can be considered a respectable place chance
- 7. ISBA BESNOT** - 7th in a Class D over 2925 here mid-month. Unlucky on that occasion but, can put on a good show if allowed to express herself
- 8. IZARA DE VIETTE** - Unplaced, for the 3rd time in a row, in a Class E over 2925m here mid-month. Forced to start wide, and even though fitted with front pads, returns with modest ambition
- 9. IBIS DE CHAHAINS** - Sanctioned in a Marseille-Vivaux Class F over 2650m ten days ago and appears outclassed
- 10. IL VILLAGGIO** - Pleasant 3rd in a Class D at the venue 11 days ago. On the 2nd line this time though and no more than a minor place prospect

Summary: A small field but the big guns are decently-positioned on the front line, with IBIS QUICK (2) looking a serious proposition after putting on a remarkable show over longer here late last month. It's unlikely to be all plane sailing though considering how well IBLIS GEMA (1) has been comporting himself since returning to competition. Delicate, but very capable when barefoot, INTENSE DE TILLARD (3) reassured at the venue recently and, from the 3-spot, will be no pushover. The regular I AM DES MOTTES (6) is better than his recent performance would suggest and, barefoot this time, can get back in the game.

SELECTIONS

IBIS QUICK (2) - IBLIS GEMA (1) - INTENSE DE TILLARD (3) - I AM DES MOTTES (6)

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**C6 - PRIX DES ANCOLIES - 2925m (a2m) - Class A - Harness - EUR €
39,000**

- 1. KELLY GEDE** - Trotted 5th to KRAK D'AZUR (6) at 101/1 on January 11 but a repeat seems most improbable
- 2. KLIMT MERITE** - Opened his Cagnes account in a Class D over 2925m on January 8. No surprises expected but will still not be available at 45/1 this time around
- 3. KILLER MESLOIS** - Last of 6 in a Class B over track and trip on 8 January. Is in better shape than the result would suggest though, and sporting a new configuration can make the first 5
- 4. KEROZEN** - 7th of 9 finishers in recent race of reference. Unshod behind for first time but others still preferred
- 5. KATSUMOTO** - Pleasantly surprised in a Vincennes Class B over 2700m mid-December. New configuration and, given his record over 2925m, will not be far from the action
- 6. KRAK D'AZUR** - Reassured when 2nd over course and distance ahead of KANTO AVIS (9) 2 weeks ago. With application will be no pushover. Place chance
- 7. KIROMAN** - Made a modest re-entry behind KATSUMOTO (5) in Paris last month. Will have come on for the run however and should acquit himself honourably
- 8. KIRA BO FACE** - Sanctioned for second time in a row here on January 11 and must get her house in order
- 9. KANTO AVIS** - Placed 2nd over course and distance on 11 January when unshod behind for first time. Has considerable untapped potential and will be competitive for another place in the frame
- 10. KOCKTAIL LOVE** - Sanctioned In last 5 and most recently mid-month in a Vincennes Gr.3 over 2700m. Has ample ability though and, with application, can play a leading role
- 11. KENO PETTEVINIERE** - Decent 3rd over 2700m in a Vincennes Class A on 3 January. Similarly shod and can win this time if he takes to Cagnes conditions

Summary: One of the more consistent elements here, KENO PETTEVINIERE (11) gave a reassuringly good account in Paris 3 weeks ago and does not make the long trip to Cagnes-sur-Mer just to return home with one arm as long as the other. David Békaert gets the nod this time and should have the measure of the tricky but capable KOCKTAIL LOVE (10) who will appreciate the profile of a track like Cagnes-sur-Mer's. KRAK D'AZUR (6) finished ahead of KANTO AVIS (9) here a fortnight ago but the latter's form is in the ascendance and Benjamin Rochard can turn the tables.

SELECTIONS

KENO PETTEVINIERE (11) - KOCKTAIL LOVE (10) - KANTO AVIS (9) - KRAK D'AZUR (6)

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C7 - PRIX RASTEL BIHAN - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 31,000

1. **HARCOUEL** - Trotted 6th in a Vincennes Class E over 2100m earlier this month. From inside line, with Rochard in the sulky, can figure more prominently
2. **GASTON CABS** - Trounced at 124/1 in an amateur event over 2150m here on 13 January. Well-positioned but has a lot more to find
3. **GUS DES CHAMPS** - 3rd in an amateurs Class F over course and distance on 13 January. Barefoot and well-placed this time though and looks a respectable place chance
4. **FLEUVE DU SABLIER** - Valiant 2nd to FILLMORE (6) in a claimer over 2925m here on 13 January. Barefoot again but a repeat appears improbable
5. **HIGH BLACK HORSE** - Missed out but little to trot 2nd over track and trip mid-December. Ideally-positioned in front and can impose this time
6. **FILLMORE** - Won a Cagnes claimer over 2925m 11 days ago. Steps back up in category but YAB reins again and must be respected
7. **FEU DE STAR** - Pleased in Class E over 2925m here on 13 January. Breaks wide but will not be available at 33/1 this time around. First-5 chance
8. **HEART OF GLASS** - A place behind HIGH BLACK HORSE (5) over course and distance on 16 December. Drawn wide but still has a chance of turning the tables on Mourice's charge
9. **HAFFIENOU** - Sanctioned in a Class B over 2925m here last Friday. Is clearly in form though and, if applied, can make the first five
10. **GALOPIN DE BIANCA** - Runner-up in a Cagnes claimer over 2150m earlier this month. On second line this time though and no more than minor place prospect
11. **GUNNAR LA MESANGE** - Trotted 4th in the recent amateur race of reference. Forced to start on 2nd row and unlikely to surprise
12. **GRAAL DE BUSSET** - Sanctioned over 2600m at Wolvega on 6 December. Unseen since and unlikely to influence the result
13. **GUIBSON DU SOLNAN** - Unplaced here at 499/ in the race of reference and can be confidently disregarded

Summary: Runner-up in his last 3 starts, HIGH BLACK HORSE (5) came close under these conditions mid-December, followed in by the hardy HEART OF GLASS (8), but the latter has been handed a wide draw this time and may be forced to play second-fiddle once more. HARCOUEL (1) is untried at the venue but is in form and with Benjamin Rochard reining, will not be far off the mark. GUS DES CHAMPS (3) steps back up in category, barefoot for the occasion and, from the 3-spot, is unlikely to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

HIGH BLACK HORSE (5) - HEART OF GLASS (8) - HARCOUEL (1) - GUS DES CHAMPS (3)

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C8 - PRIX HENRI ESTABLE - 2925m (a2m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 38,000

1. **HAUT BRION** - Disqualified on comeback in a Class D over track and trip mid-month and has no realistic chance
2. **FORTISSIMOKO** - Faulted early in a Class D over 2925m here on 5 January. Shoes on this time and can be confidently passed over
3. **GHOST** - Never dangerous when last of 15 on re-entry in a Class C over 2700m here last Friday and can be confidently ruled out
4. **GOLD D'ECROVILLE** - Disqualified behind FEEL GOOD DESBOIS (10) in the race of reference 16 days ago. With application can more than make amends and finish in the mix
5. **ERMES DE CORDAY** - Modest 4th under the saddle over 2925m at Cagnes on 11 January. Here for a change of scenery, is configured differently, and merits little support
6. **GEGE BAROQUE** - Surprisingly unplaced at 5.5/1 in a Cagnes Class D over 2150m on 8 January. Entrusted to Rochard this time and expected to reaffirm. Place chance
7. **EDJO DU MONT** - Sanctioned in recent race of reference after encouraging behind DIRTY LOVING (11) but others still preferred
8. **FARMER KERYVON** - Won a Class D with authority over track and trip earlier this month. In similar shape can apply the pressure on HAPPYJO DE LIGNY (12)
9. **GIVE ME CASH** - Finished good 4th to FEEL GOOD DESBOIS (10) here on 8 January. Has solid references over 2925m and has claims on a first-5 cheque
10. **FEEL GOOD DESBOIS** - Surprisingly beat a number of these in a Cagnes Class D over 2150m earlier in the month but a repeat performance is unlikely
11. **DIRTY LOVING** - Trotted a surprise 3rd in a Class D over course and distance on 22/12. With form maintained, can confirm
12. **HAPPYJO DE LIGNY** - Unplaced but still pleased in a Bordeaux Class D a fortnight ago. Is barefoot this time though and looks the one to beat
13. **EL PASO D'OCCAGNES** - Unplaced behind GOLD D'ECROVILLE (4) on re-entry in a Class C over track and trip 3 weeks ago. Pads fitted this time and others easier to back
14. **FESTIMATA** - Well-beaten over 2925m here on 2nd start back 2 weeks ago. Stays shod and no threat
15. **DUANG TAA** - Lost his action in a claimer over course and distance 11 days ago and is unlikely to influence the result

Summary: Very hard to fault when racing barefoot, HAPPYJO DE LIGNY (12) has nothing to prove at this level, will not be inconvenienced by the new profile, and can get straight down to business. That being said, FARMER KERYVON (8) is similarly performant when unshod all 4 and his recent authoritative course-and-distance victory augurs well for his prospects. Winner here last month, GEGE BAROQUE (6) raced better next time than the result would suggest and, reverting to a proven configuration, can make amends. DIRTY LOVING (11) pleasantly surprised here last time out and will not be sent out at 18/1 on this occasion.

SELECTIONS

HAPPYJO DE LIGNY (12) - FARMER KERYVON (8) - GEGE BAROQUE (6) - DIRTY LOVING (11)