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C1 - PRIX DE MAUBEUGE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Amateurs-Autostart - Class G - Harness - EUR € 6.000

1. GENESALIA - Rarely wins but consistently in the thick of things. Should be fully fit by now and in her preferred category will have a lot to offer

2. HORSE DE GRAMMONT - Handy trotter for the most part but stays shod on this occasion and best to wait

3. HAVANE D'ELMA - Useful cross-border raider making first appearance following the spell but is barefoot for the occasion and can get straight down to business

4. GRATTE CIEL - Already a winner here in better company. Ideally placed on the front line and can impose

5. GITAN DE TOUCHYVON - Tricky mare but seldom disappoints when focused. Well-in on the first row and can give GRATTE CIEL (4) a run for his money

6. HERO SENSE - Sanctioned in two of last four but form is evident and with application will not be far off the mark

7. FALCO DU TEXAS - Has failed to make the frame since September 2021 and is not about to shake things up

8. GULLI VERDERIE - Is proven in this category but more a claiming horse these days and poses no threat

9. GAMIN MARANDAIS - Won a similar event early last month but has twice failed to confirm since and can be ruled out

10. GONE DE SOFIA - Useful sort at this level of competition. Has been pleasing across the border this term and a spot in the first three is well within his capacity

11. GRACE DU KASTEL - No slouch on a good day and recently reassured at Reims but starts on back line and others preferred this time

Summary : The wealthiest horse in the race, GRATTE CIEL (4) has two runs under his belt this season. He boasts a very good record at La Capelle and is ideally-placed to open his 2023 account. It is unlikely to be all plane-sailing though if previous La Capelle winner GITAN DE TOUCHYVON (5) can keep his action together. GENESALIA (1) thrives in the amateur category and will logically have come on for her recent comeback run. GONE DE SOFIA (10) is rarely far from the action and can defy the draw.

SELECTIONS

GRATTE CIEL (4) - GITAN DE TOUCHYVON (5) - GENESALIA (1) - GONE DE SOFIA (10)

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**C2 - PRIX JACQUES JEANJOT - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Apprentices -
Conditional-Jockeys - European - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 24.000**

- 1. FARMONY DE JUPILLE** - Dynamic under saddle but sanctioned on ridden debut a fortnight ago and others preferred this time
- 2. FOLLOW JOSSELYN** - Moderate sort that was not disgraced behind GRYFFONDOR DU POLI (5) here recently but still has more to find
- 3. FRIDAY** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but has merit. Races barefoot for just the second time and can put on the pressure if applied
- 4. HER MAJESTY TEGE** - Tricky type but has nothing to prove in this class. Went close on lone appearance here and looks capable of making the frame once again
- 5. GRYFFONDOR DU POLI** - In the frame in last two over course and distance. Is confirmed with shoes on here and must not be underestimated
- 6. BEAUTIFUL BOY(ITY)** - Impressed more than once last season but currently off the boil and must first reassure
- 7. GAGNANT GEMA** - Made her seasonal debut three weeks ago a winning one. Has had time to freshen up and with form maintained can repeat
- 8. ENERGUMENE** - Very disappointing in both disciplines for some time and will generate little to no support
- 9. FIMOKO STAR** - Showed some aptitude for the code last spring but has since lost his way and will, unsurprisingly, generate little support
- 10. HALFA** - Quality mare that latterly imposed at Laval without breaking a sweat and in similar form can confirm

Summary : Consistently in the action over the past six months, HALFA (10) returned to winning ways at Laval mid-March and looks eminently capable of doubling her money. Alan Gendrot will however be keeping a keen eye on GAGNANT GEMA (7) who imposed impressively at the first time of asking this year. HER MAJESTY TEGE (4) is better than her formcard would suggest and will be no pushover if focused. GRYFFONDOR DU POLI (5) has twice come close here this term and even with shoes on can play a role.

SELECTIONS

HALFA (10) - GAGNANT GEMA (7) - HER MAJESTY TEGE (4) - GRYFFONDOR DU POLI (5)

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**C3 - PRIX DE HOUSSET - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class F - Harness - EUR €
18.000**

- 1. KATINKA GEMA** - Well-regarded filly that caught the eye in qualification and if as good on raceday should have a lot to offer
- 2. KIDHIE DE MALZE** - Untried filly from a decent yard. Set off no fireworks in qualification but is worth retaining all the same
- 3. KAZANO** - Has shown little ability in two career starts and unlikely to trouble the opposition
- 4. KRIKETTE DE ROCHE** - Yet to show any particular aptitude for the game and will struggle to make her mark
- 5. KEOPS TILLAYE** - Modest individual that has failed to make the grade so far and will have few takers
- 6. KRAK D'AZUR** - Stylish winner at Wolvega first time out. Steps up in class and distance but a serious player nonetheless
- 7. KLEMS DE JAVIE** - Gave a fine account of himself on debut here recently and should be good enough to win a race of this nature
- 8. KIFF MESLOIS** - Placed just once in three to date. Unseen since December and expected to need the outing
- 9. KATSUKI** - Placed just once in four starts but looks a decent colt and should not be far off the mark
- 10. KINGSTOWN CITY** - Showed a different side to herself at Le Croisé-Laroche when sporting pads on all four and should not disappoint
- 11. KASTAR DE RIMA** - Gave a good account on debut last November but looked very ordinary on comeback and others preferred
- 12. KLASSE DE BRUZEAU** - Endured a difficult start to her career but came good at Nancy last weekend. First time left-handed though and a minor place chance at best

Summary : A decent lot here with KLEMS DE JAVIE (7) looking a solid prospect given how well he debuted over course and distance a fortnight ago. He will have come on for the run and looks good enough to open his account. There will, however, be resistance from debutant winner KRAK D'AZUR (6) who should not be troubled by the longer trip. The well-bred KATINKA GEMA (1) makes her first public appearance after having shown potential in qualification and will be competitive. KATSUKI (9) is a promising youngster with experience on his side.

SELECTIONS

KLEMS DE JAVIE (7) - KRAK D'AZUR (6) - KATINKA GEMA (1) - KATSUKI (9)

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C4 - PRIX DE MACQUIGNY - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24.000

1. **ILVES** - Disappointing on the whole since winning under the saddle here last spring and can be ruled out
2. **IT'S MAGIC PAN** - Blows hot and cold but has merit. Below-par at Caen last time though and others easier to support
3. **INDYDARCHE** - Quality element when racing unshod all four. Is confirmed here and can compete for a place on the podium
4. **ILDO DU VIVIER** - Capable when focused but has done nothing noteworthy for some time and can be passed over
5. **ILLICO DE BOMO** - Consistent for the most part when applied. Imposed with authority last time out and a repeat is not out of the question
6. **IMHOTEP FROMENTRO** - Serious trotter when unshod and is clearly in good shape. No references going left-handed but in current shape must be retained
7. **IN THE SUN** - Has demonstrated better aptitude for monté racing and can expect to garner little support
8. **ILISMO** - Quality individual with references at a higher level. Made good progress last time out and can bring the game to ICEMAN DU KLAU (11)
9. **IRON MAN DE HOERDT** - Drops down the class order after some respectable efforts in better company and should logically finish in the thick of things
10. **IONIQUE** - Struggled with form after winning a brace at the end of the year. Barefoot this time but still not an obvious choice
11. **ICEMAN DU KLAU** - Change of handler has worked wonders. Bids for a fourth win in succession and can pull it off
12. **IDEAL DU BISTON** - Handy trotter with nothing to prove at this level but unseen since November and will need the run

Summary : Simply dynamic this year with three straight successes after moving to his new trainer, Nicolas Raimbeaux, ICEMAN DU KLAU (11) takes on some marginally better horses this time but still looks the one to beat. That being said, ILISMO (8) reassured at Le Croisé-Laroche last Monday and with Gabriele Gelormini in charge will be no pushover. ILLICO DE BOMO (5) flew up at Maure last time and with form maintained is sure to be in the mix. INDYDARCHE (3) seldom disappoints when barefoot and focused, and will legitimately garner support.

SELECTIONS

ICEMAN DU KLAU (11) - ILISMO (8) - ILLICO DE BOMO (5) - INDYDARCHE (3)

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C5 - PRIX DE LEME - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 18.000

1. **JUDITH D'ARBAZ** - Looked a good filly in the making last season. Has one race under her belt this term and looks set to make a bigger splash this time around
2. **JUNON MESLOISE** - As tricky as they come but reassured at Laval last month. Comes here fresh and with hind shoes off again looks a player
3. **JULIANE DES AGETS** - Has done nothing but improve since returning this season. Went close in last two and from the 3-spot can fight it out with JUVISY GEMA (5)
4. **JALBA DU FER** - Not the most dependable but not short of ability either and latest effort bodes well for her prospects
5. **JUVISY GEMA** - Enjoying a solid run racing barefoot. Steps up in class but still capable of confirming her La Rochelle victory
6. **JASETTE DE ROCHE** - Tends to give a respectable account when applied but needs to show marked improvement on latest effort
7. **JAYAMA** - Moderate type that failed at Graignes to confirm her Croisé-Laroche performance and even with a top-flight driver at the helm is unlikely to spring any surprises
8. **JAVA DU BAS BOSQ** - Showed significant talent at this level last year. Has endured a tough start to the season but is first time barefoot and must not be underestimated
9. **JANCIGNY** - Delicate but has already lost her maiden status. First time with hind shoes off and is certainly worth retaining
10. **JET SET AIMEF** - Won on debut last year but has done nothing noteworthy since and will generate little interest
11. **JERMANY** - Versatile but never far from losing her action. Somewhat disappointing last time and chances limited
12. **JUNE D'ATOUT** - Pleasant sort at a significantly lower level. Unseen since September and not an obvious choice
13. **JADE SAINT PIERRE** - Disappointing for the most part last season and appears to have picked up where she left off

Summary : JUVISY GEMA (5) has enjoyed something of a renaissance since starting to race barefoot. She opened her account three weeks ago and appears to have every chance of doubling up. Benjamin Rochard will want to be wary of the improving JULIANE DES AGETS (3) whose trainer has also found the most competitive shoeing formula for his filly. JUNON MESLOISE (2) looks to have left her stride woes in the past and her recent Laval performance augurs well for her chances. JUDITH D'ARBAZ (1) will have come on for her recent comeback run and should logically show improvement.

SELECTIONS

JUVISY GEMA (5) - JULIANE DES AGETS (3) - JUNON MESLOISE (2) - JUDITH D'ARBAZ (1)

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C6 - PRIX NOEL GOUBET - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 18.000

1. **JOKER DE BRY** - Looked a good sort in the making last season. Failed to fire on comeback but Derieux has found a good race for him and is possibly the main threat to JACKSON MESLOIS (7)
2. **JACK DE PEISELS** - In the frame in three of five but will need to show marked improvement on latest effort here
3. **JURASSIC** - Yet to lose his maiden status but always gives his best. By no means disgraced here last time and will have his supporters
4. **JACKPOT DES THUYAS** - Yet to shine this year but has shown potential. Expected to be in top condition by now and from the 4-spot looks competitively well in
5. **JUNIOR DU GADE** - Showed decent ability last season but sanctioned on re-entry and at this level will have his work cut out
6. **JINGALO DU CHENE** - Sanctioned more often than not but has ability. First time barefoot and with application can go far
7. **JACKSON MESLOIS** - Decent type that always gives his best. Pleased on recent re-entry and from the front line can finally get off the mark
8. **JAZZ DU HOULET** - Never far from losing his action but is capable on a good day and on better behaviour can make amends for recent comeback sanction
9. **JET STUD** - Solid in two of three races last season. Unseen since but is barefoot for the occasion and even though stepping up in category could pleasantly surprise
10. **JEAN JOSEPH** - Modest sort that has been soundly beaten in all three starts this term and can be passed over
11. **JIRO OKINA** - Got off the mark on comeback at Strasbourg early March but at this level of competition will have limited chances
12. **JULIENAS DU HEURT** - Unexceptional trotter with modest form in a lower class of competition and will have few friends
13. **JUST BE GOOD** - Undeniably capable but at a significantly lower level and even with stride in check will have too much to do
14. **JINNOVE DAB** - Well-regarded type that faulted on recent return to racing when sent out solid favourite. Should not be harshly judged and going unshod all four this time can prove something of a spoiler

Summary : Something of an open affair this but a tentative nod must go to JACKSON MESLOIS (7) who left a decent impression at Le Croisé-Laroche on re-entry last month when unshod behind for the first time. At peak fitness by now, he looks a marginally better candidate than JOKER DE BRY (1) who showed significant promise last season. The delicate JINGALO DU CHENE (6) has yet to get off the mark but goes barefoot for the occasion and can set the record straight. JACKPOT DES THUYAS (4) needs to reassure following a below-par effort here two weeks ago but is well-positioned in front and must be afforded respect.

SELECTIONS

JACKSON MESLOIS (7) - JOKER DE BRY (1) - JINGALO DU CHENE (6) - JACKPOT DES THUYAS (4)

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C7 - PRIX DE VOULPAIX - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 21.000

1. **HAPPIE DE FAVEROL** - Confirmed her improving form with a fine victory here last month. Handed the inside line but still solid enough to give this a good go
2. **HIBISCUS DES BAUX** - Seldom gets his nose in front but rarely far from the action. Unshod behind for second start back and can pick up a cheque
3. **HEROINE RINGEAT** - Good consistent mare that seldom lets the side down. Well-placed in front and should not be far off the mark
4. **HISTORIC DAY** - Highly capable trotter making a long trip here. Imposed with this shoeing configuration to cap off 2022 and can repeat
5. **HOCO MESLOIS** - Delicate type but has references at a higher level. Ideally placed on front line and with application can make a big splash
6. **HISTOIREMIKA** - In cracking form of late and well-positioned in front. Untried at the venue but still looks a serious proposition
7. **HATHAWAY** - Somewhat below-par since imposing at Agen mid-February and must reaffirm
8. **HAPPY BOY** - Has been a total write-off for past 2.5 years and can be confidently ruled out
9. **HOLD UP NOCTURNE** - Disappointing so far this season and unlikely to spring any surprises
10. **HARLEY DU CHERISAY** - Barefoot for first time this term and should be fully fit but more effective lower down the class ladder and others preferred
11. **HAPPY ATOUT** - Decent trotter that finished 2nd to HAPPIE DE FAVEROL (1) here last month but endures a tough draw and others easier to back

Summary : Very hard to knock when racing unshod, HISTORIC DAY (4) has been prepared for this event and breaking from the 4-spot with slightly modified shoeing should be good enough to hold off Sébastien Leblond's consistent mare, HISTOIREMIKA (6). Although his formsheet tells a different story HOCO MESLOIS (5) is one of the toughest horses in the field and benefits from a superb entry. HEROINE RINGEAT (3) has been as solid as a rock this season and from the 3-spot can play an important part.

SELECTIONS

HISTORIC DAY (4) - HISTOIREMIKA (6) - HOCO MESLOIS (5) - HEROINE RINGEAT (3)

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C8 - PRIX PATISSIER CHOCOLATIER FOURREZ - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 25.000

1. **FENNEC JEGO** - Just one race under his belt this term but has imposed here three times and while up against some good horses must still be afforded respect
2. **GAMAY** - Exceptional campaigner in the other code. Here for a change of scenery and can be passed over
3. **GUCCIA** - Tricky type that has not made the frame since last summer and is not about to change her ways
4. **GALIANO DU BOCAGE** - Quality individual that lost his way last season and has picked up where he left off
5. **GADGET DU GADE** - Delicate at the best of times but reassured in a monté race here recently. Shoes off for the occasion and from the 5-spot deserves to be taken seriously
6. **GUYANE GEMA** - Quality mare with form at a superior level. Pleased in Paris recently and returns to the provinces with legitimate ambition
7. **FEU D'AZUR** - Is proven at this level and undeniably in form but races shod and has other priorities
8. **GINKGO DES GRANGES** - Impressive in all but one start this season. Starts on front line and is not incapable of complementing her Croisé-Laroche victory
9. **FAUCON DE FAEL** - Unexceptional but has ability. Tends to go well when fresh and is worth retaining
10. **GUAPITA LAUMAX** - Tricky type but won impressively at Caen last month. Not ideally drawn but in current form is hard to ignore
11. **FLOWER ETOILEE** - Previously a good sort and has won over track and trip but currently searching for form and not an obvious choice
12. **FRICHTI** - Got back in the game on turf last weekend but comes here shod and best to wait
13. **FERONA DE DUFFEL** - Blows hot and cold but reassured with victory here last month. Tough draw and steps marginally up in category but a player all the same
14. **FRISSON DU QUESNE** - Respectable for the most part. Pleased on re-entry and while handed a tough draw can be counted on to give an honest account
15. **FAIRPLAY DU VIVIER** - Respectable trotter making first appearance of the year. Shoes on and no threat this time
16. **FLASH BACK DU NORD** - Useful on a good day but unraced since January and will need the outing

Summary : With two races under her belt GUYANE GEMA (6) ran better at Vincennes last time than the result would suggest and dropping down the class ladder should be enough to see her back to winning ways. GINKGO DES GRANGES (8) is drawn somewhat wider but he has been in cracking form since the turn of the year and is confirmed at the venue. It is often a case of all-or-nothing for GUAPITA LAUMAX (10) when she races barefoot but she imposed with authority at Caen and with application can give the favourites a run for their money. GADGET DU GADE (5) left a very good impression under the saddle here two weeks ago and if form transitions should be able to give this a good go.

SELECTIONS

GUYANE GEMA (6) - GINKGO DES GRANGES (8) - GUAPITA LAUMAX (10) - GADGET DU GADE (5)