

# WEDNESDAY, 24/05/23

## C1 - PRIX DU PMU "L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE" - LILLE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23.000

1. **KEN FEFAY** - Seldom disappoints when he can keep his action together. Pleased recently on first attempt going left-handed and should be good enough to confirm
2. **KOBLENZA DAIRPET** - Can prove a handful but has merit. Gave a good account recently in a Vincennes claimer and from the 2-spot can play a role
3. **KROKEUSE** - Has shown decent aptitude for both codes but in this company is unlikely to spring any surprises
4. **KUBITSA** - In the frame in two of three. Ideally placed in front but has not been seen out since September
5. **KALY D'EOLE** - Got off the mark at Challans before losing her action at Nantes when full of running. Has a good spot in front and with application can make amends
6. **KEOPS DU RIL** - Hardy sort that has yet to put a foot out of place. Decently positioned on the front row and winning this is not out of the question
7. **KER DE TOUES** - Produced a pair of good efforts right-handed before trotting 4th to KEOPS DU RIL (6) here next time. Will be fresh and should not be ignored
8. **KADO DE VANDEL** - Quality colt with a good future. Has already got off the mark and even though drawn wide can nevertheless repeat
9. **KING MOKO** - Respectable sort that has made the frame in both starts this term. Takes on better this time around but can get a look in he defies the draw
10. **KERALDO** - Has done nothing but improve on each start. Is confirmed here and despite the second-line draw can finally lose his maiden status
11. **KALMIO DE LOU** - Delicate sort with some ability but sanctioned more often than not and will have few friends
12. **KINDLY** - Sanctioned as often as not but can trot. At this level though will have her work cut out
13. **KOH POLO DE NAPPES** - Lost his action on debut 10 days ago but nevertheless caught the eye and will be worth monitoring
14. **KRIS KROSS** - Solid in both racecourse appearances to date. Looks close to getting off the mark but not well-positioned and may have to content himself with a place
15. **KISS ME SIMON** - Won on comeback before setting his personal best at Caen. Returns to a left-handed track with a reasonable chance of picking up a cheque

**Summary :** Winner on his debut last month before going close in Marseille 12 days later, KADO DE VANDEL (8) is forced to start wide but still appears a marginally better prospect than the progressive KERALDO (10) who gets Eric Raffin for the occasion. KEOPS DU RIL (6) has been on a solid run since his fine debut here and is better-positioned behind the car. KRIS KROSS (14) is another interesting colt who is not far from opening his account but the draw does him no favours.

### SELECTIONS

**KADO DE VANDEL (8) - KERALDO (10) - KEOPS DU RIL (6) - KRIS KROSS (14)**

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## C2 - GRAND NATIONAL DES AMATEURS - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - Amateurs-National - Class F - Harness - EUR € 8.000

**1. GIORGIO DU VIVIER** - Won at this level last autumn and appears to be back in decent shape but takes on some good horses this time and no more than a minor place chance

**2. FEU DES PRES** - Previously a good sort but has struggled since returning to competition and must get his house in order

**3. HAMBO DE VIETTE** - No champion but consistently gives his best. Well-placed behind the car and from the 3-spot could pleasantly surprise

**4. FAKIR DE GORRON** - Modest trotter that has been well-beaten in both outings this season and unlikely to trouble the judge

**5. HONFLEUR DE LINE** - Useful mare but not the most reliable. Benefits from an excellent entry though and must be afforded respect

**6. GOURMANDE** - Decent mare that seldom disappoints when barefoot at this level. Left a good impression when runner-up here last month and is suitably well-positioned to go one better

**7. GAMINE DE RIBEAU** - Not the best horse in the field but is not devoid of ability either. Goes barefoot for the first time since 2020 and will be worth monitoring

**8. EMONDEVILLAISE** - Lost her way after winning at Amiens last summer and has picked up this term where she left off

**9. GOWEN CHALEONNAIS** - Has hardly set a foot wrong this term. Yet to make her mark here but is fitted with pads this time and will generate interest

**10. FERONA DE DUFFEL** - Hardy sort that could well have made if 4 on the trot had she not lost her action at la Capelle but on better behaviour can set the record straight

**11. ELIOTT JULRY** - Respectable sort in the amateur division but trounced at Reims and will need to raise his game

**12. ESTIME MOI** - Faithful servant for the most part in this class. Appears to be back in shape and should not be far off the mark

**13. FLOWER ETOILEE** - Seldom seen in the amateur category but got back in the game last time and in similar shape can confirm

**14. FIRST DESTIN** - A total write-off since last summer and not a realistic proposition

**Summary :** FERONA DE DUFFEL (10) won three in a row, in both the amateur and professional ranks, before losing her action at la Capelle but should not be too hastily judged. She returns to this category with every chance of redeeming herself, but still faces the better-placed and in-form GOURMANDE (6) who went close here last month. FLOWER ETOILEE (13) is 25m worse off but got back in the game at la Capelle a fortnight ago and with form maintained will be no pushover. HONFLEUR DE LINE (5) is behind in earnings and can take advantage of her front-row position.

### SELECTIONS

**FERONA DE DUFFEL (10) - GOURMANDE (6) - FLOWER ETOILEE (13) - HONFLEUR DE LINE (5)**

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**C3 - PRIX WWW.CROISE-LAROCHE.FR - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Apprentices-  
Conditional-Jockeys - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 23.000**

**1. GOLD ELEVEN** - Modest individual that spends his time being scrutinised by the stewards and will have few friends

**2. HARLEY DU CHERISAY** - Sanctioned on lone appearance in the discipline but has been showing his form under harness and deserves to take his chances here

**3. FRIDAY** - Twice a winner under the saddle here and is on the way back up but takes on some good horses this time and not an obvious choice

**4. HIC DU MOUCHEL** - Has ability but not the most dependable. Entrusted to a capable rider on this occasion and can start to make amends

**5. GATSBY EFFEL** - Has been exceptional over recent weeks since returning to the code. Won a similar event last month and again looks the pick of the field

**6. GRYFFONDOR DU POLI** - In the frame in four of last five starts and latterly imposed under harness. Was successful here last year and should not disappoint

**7. HIDALGO DAIRPET** - Not without merit but as erratic as they come and latest results do nothing to inspire confidence

**8. HARVESTER** - Quality element that won last time at the venue. Prepared for this at Reims and going unshod all four on this occasion looks a serious proposition

**9. HELIA DAIRPET** - Yet to win under the saddle but regularly gives her best. Is confirmed here and even though shod can still give a competitive account

**Summary :** GATSBY EFFEL (5) has been like a horse reborn since returning to the monté code this year. A winner over track and trip last month, he returns to the venue with a realistic chance of repeating. That said, the regular HARVESTER (8) won last time at Le Croisé-Laroche and going barefoot for the occasion must be taken seriously. Very hard to knock in either discipline when unshod, GRYFFONDOR DU POLI (6) is clearly at the top of his game and returns to his code of preference with a solid chance. HELIA DAIRPET (9) has taken well to her new vocation and can pick up the scraps.

## SELECTIONS

**GATSBY EFFEL (5) - HARVESTER (8) - GRYFFONDOR DU POLI (6) - HELIA DAIRPET (9)**

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**C4 - PRIX V AND B LILLE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Autostart -  
Class D - Harness - EUR € 27.000**

**1. INFIEL** - Delicate type that reassured somewhat a fortnight ago. Unlikely to win but with hind shoes off can get in on the action

**2. INDY JOSSELYN** - As capricious as they come but has ample ability and can play a leading role if he stays in stride

**3. IOUP LA BOUM** - Ended 2022 on a promising note but very disappointing this year and has no realistic chance

**4. INDUS VAL** - Quality type that has already won for Alexandre Abrivard. Has a lot going for him here and looks the one to beat

**5. IMPACT DES BAUX** - Hardy sort racing in his category. Sanctioned at Caen but is in sufficiently good form to make a big impact, if behaved

**6. IMPERIAL MARANDAIS** - Improving sort that reaffirmed at Cherbourg recently but steps back up in class and chances limited

**7. IPSOS DANOVER** - Won two of his last three when racing without hind shoes and returns to this configuration with legitimate ambition

**8. INSTINCT DE CLERCE** - Can prove a handful but has been in excellent shape lately. Untried at Le Croisé-Laroche but looks good enough to figure prominently

**9. IMPULSE LOTOIS** - Showed improvement at Laval 12 days ago. Similarly shod this time but at this level is not an obvious choice

**10. IBRAHIM DU RIB** - Has done nothing but improve this term. Beaten by a very good horse at Amiens last time and even though on the second line here, he is barefoot again and could pleasantly surprise

**Summary** : A fine trotter with some good performances to his name this season, INDUS VAL (4) has been specifically prepared for this. He has solid credentials at the venue, is shod for competition, and from the 4-spot looks a serious prospect. Abrivard will nevertheless be keeping an eye on the recently reinvigorated INSTINCT DE CLERCE (8), and the more erratic but in-form IMPACT DES BAUX (5) who can make up for his Caen sanction. INDY JOSSELYN (2) has the class to do well here but it will all depend on whether he can maintain stride.

## SELECTIONS

**INDUS VAL (4) - INSTINCT DE CLERCE (8) - IMPACT DES BAUX (5) - INDY JOSSELYN (2)**

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## C5 - PRIX DE LA FEDERATION DU NORD - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23.000

1. **JUST D'HERIPRE** - Clearly talented but sanctioned in both this term and must first reassure
2. **JESSY DES PISTES** - Modest filly that has looked very ordinary all season and can be confidently ruled out
3. **JOLIE DE CORTEM** - Moderate type with better form in the claiming division. Well-positioned in front but others still preferred
4. **JET MENCOURT** - In the frame in two of last three. Hind shoes off again and is suitably well-placed to create something of an upset
5. **JACKMAN** - Promising colt that showed considerable potential at three. Should be nearing full fitness, has hind shoes off for the occasion and is ideally positioned behind the car. Claim
6. **JEWEL CASH** - Has ability but sanctioned more often than not and must get his house in order
7. **JAVA DE RETZ** - Dependability not her strong suit but opened her seasonal account earlier in the month. Alexandre Abrivard in the sulky and can make amends for Vincennes sanction
8. **JOURNAIO DU ROI** - Blows hot and cold but reassured at Vincennes last month when barefoot for first time. Starts wide but looks competitively well in
9. **JOYCE DES GRANGES** - Mixes the good with the less good but has merit. Unlikely to spring any surprises but can still put on a decent show
10. **JACKPOT D'ORGUEIL** - Has not once disappointed in three starts this year. Imposed over track and trip on re-entry and even from the second line can play a leading role
11. **JOKER DARLING** - Capricious type that has done nothing of note since the autumn and will have few takers
12. **JADE DE NAVARY** - Won two in a row last term before being put away for the winter. Victorious on comeback over course and distance and will again be competitive for a place in the frame
13. **JOURNAC DIESCHOOT** - Excellent Belgian colt that opened his French account recently. Takes a hike in category and even from the second line can put on a good show
14. **JUST IN CADENCE** - Looks to have better prospects under the saddle and unlikely to generate much interest
15. **JUST AN ARTIST** - Versatile filly that returned to winning ways at Bernay recently but in better company this time and the draw does her no favours
16. **JILORD VIVA** - Gave a fine account last time here. Not as sharp in two since but will have his supporters

**Summary** : JACKMAN (5) showed significant talent last season and should appreciate this track. He has one race under his belt this term and going unshod behind for the first time looks a serious contender from the 5-spot. Principal danger is expected to come from recent course-and-distance winner, JACKPOT D'ORGUEIL (10), and JADE DE NAVARY (12) who completed the hat-trick under similar conditions late March. One of the most consistent horses in the field, JOURNAC DIESCHOOT (13) graduated smartly at La Capelle earlier in the month and steps up in class with legitimate ambition.

### SELECTIONS

**JACKMAN (5) - JACKPOT D'ORGUEIL (10) - JADE DE NAVARY (12) - JOURNAC DIESCHOOT (13)**

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## C6 - PRIX DES PMU DE LA METROPOLE LILLOISE - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 35.000

**1. AMOUR DEL RONCO** - Has yet to show any aptitude for the monté discipline and has no realistic chance

**2. GADGET DU GADE** - Occasionally tricky but otherwise a serious trotter. Flew up over track and trip nine days ago and looks set for a repeat

**3. ECRIN PERCERIE** - Showed some form last season but a write-off so far this term and unlikely to spring any surprises

**4. SELF EXPLOSIVE** - Serious trotter that has thrived since coming to France. Latterly finished second in an Enghien Class C and even from the 2nd line can give GADGET DU GADE (2) a run for his money

**5. DIRKY EVER** - No champion but has merit, however chances of finishing in first four may well rely more on luck than talent

**6. DANDY GEDE** - Recently won a Lisieux claimer under harness but has done nothing noteworthy in the monté code since 2021 and is not about to buck the trend

**7. EL VIENTO** - Useful sort that always gives his best. Springs the occasional surprise and if fully fit will not want to be overlooked

**8. FORCE VIVE** - Solid in two of last three monté outings. Failed to fire at Enghien but has had time to freshen up and should be capable of finishing in the frame this time

**Summary** : Although never far from losing his action, GADGET DU GADE (2) is still a horse of significant talent and the nature of his recent course-and-distance victory left little doubt about his chances of confirming. Céline Lemaire will nevertheless want to be wary of the exceptionally consistent SELF EXPLOSIVE (4) who has been sensational since leaving Scandinavia, and who still looks dangerous with an extra 25m to travel. FORCE VIVE (8) debuts fresh at the venue and drops back to a more suitable category for the occasion. EL VIENTO (7), however, is never one to be underestimated and should find Le Croisé-Laroche to his liking.

### SELECTIONS

**GADGET DU GADE (2) - SELF EXPLOSIVE (4) - FORCE VIVE (8) - EL VIENTO (7)**

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## C7 - GRAND NATIONAL DU TROT - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - National - Group 3 - Harness - EUR € 90.000

1. **EXPRESS DU GERS** - Has done nothing of note this season and can be passed over
2. **FIESTA DU BELVER** - Undeniably capable but held back by brittle feet. Gave a good account at Caen recently and with form maintained can play a small role
3. **GALBA RINGEAT** - Quality element that always gives his best but somewhat below-par last time and in this company will need to find significantly more
4. **FELIX DU BOURG** - Unexceptional type making first appearance since early March and will have nothing to offer
5. **GAMIN JABA** - Blows hot and cold but reassured with success at Vincennes 12 days ago. Steps up in class but with application can make his presence felt
6. **GAIA D'OCCAGNES** - Decent dual-purpose trotter that lost her action when full of running at Caen recently. Switches back to the harness game and with application can put on a decent show
7. **GAMBLE RIVER** - Respectable but not the most talented in this field and will need to improve on latest Vincennes performance
8. **HARLEM DE BUCY** - Remarkably consistent type that has been flying lately. Has solid references in this class and can again figure prominently
9. **GASPAR D'ANGIS** - Won two of these legs in succession before trotting 3rd at Saint-Brieuc. Is untried here but in current form is hard to ignore
10. **EPSOM D'HERFRAIE** - Tends to show more in the other code these days and three straight sanctions do nothing to inspire confidence
11. **HIP HOP HAUFOR** - Quality individual that trotted 4th in Prix d'Amérique earlier in the year. Made a solid comeback at Saint-Brieuc and going unshod all four this time can impose
12. **GOELAND D'HAUFOR** - Back at the top of his game following a pair of blips. Imposed by default at Vincennes last time but a major player all the same
13. **INES DES RIOULTS** - Classy mare in the other branch of the business. Here for reasons of conditioning and no threat
14. **FARAH DES CAUX** - Serious sort at this level but unraced since January and will need the outing
15. **HAPPY VALLEY** - Good, consistent mare that was harshly sanctioned in Prix des Ducs de Normandie. Is clearly in form and can apply the pressure on HIP HOP HAUFOR (11) and set the record straight
16. **FRIC DU CHENE** - No slouch on a good day but has been off the boil for some time

**Summary :** HIP HOP HAUFOR (11) may not be the most faithful of horses but he crossed swords over the winter with the elite of the business, and after a reassuring re-entry late last month, he goes barefoot here and can get back to winning ways. He will however be up against the excellent HAPPY VALLEY (15) who will have his chances if she gets off on the right foot. A model of consistency, and proven in this series, HARLEM DE BUCY (8) is sure to finish close, as is GOELAND D'HAUFOR (12) who imposed over shorter at Vincennes earlier in the month.

### SELECTIONS

**HIP HOP HAUFOR (11) - HAPPY VALLEY (15) - HARLEM DE BUCY (8) - GOELAND D'HAUFOR (12)**

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## C8 - PRIX ZETURF - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class E - Harness - EUR € 30.000

1. **BEETHOVEN (SWE)** - Classy Swedish import that got straight down to business on French debut. Breaks from the front and can double his money
2. **GALANTE DE TILLARD** - Handy mare that reassured at Chartres a fortnight ago. Goes barefoot this time but can still make her presence felt
3. **MADE OF STARS** - Consistently in the thick of things when applied but sanctioned in both since coming south and needs to reassure
4. **MAD PRINCESS** - Previously a good sort but disappointing since leaving Sweden and can be ruled out
5. **GADSEM** - Useful sort that has not disappointed this season. Unlikely to impose but can still finish in the mix
6. **GERONIMO STARDUST** - Has shown a different side over past months. Is confirmed here and from the front line can put on a good show
7. **GALEO DU TORDOIR** - Moderate type that made a respectable re-entry at Chartres but will struggle to make his mark this time
8. **GREAT KILLS** - Decent type that benefits from a good entry here and can get a look in if he reproduces his Chartres performance
9. **VANITY LUIS** - Unexceptional mare with better chances at a lower level and will have few takers
10. **GAROU DU CHENE** - Hardy sort in the ridden code and has other priorities
11. **GAUDEPSOU** - Capable on a good day but has just one race under his belt and expected to need the run
12. **GORDON MIJACK** - Has looked decidedly ordinary since placing at Mauquenchy earlier in the year and can be passed over
13. **GOLD D'ECROVILLE** - Seldom far off the mark when he can stay in stride but sanctioned in last two and will not be easy to trust
14. **GAULTHERIA** - Occasionally a handful but otherwise in fine shape. Left a good impression here last month and in similar form can challenge for a spot on the podium
15. **HURRICANE RIVER** - Good class of trotter with proven French form. Oddly sanctioned last time but is clearly at the top of his game and even with a 25m handicap still looks the horse to beat
16. **FOLLOW DREAM** - Versatile type that has been showing his form this term. Has excellent references at this level and even from the back row can give this a good go

**Summary :** A thrilling race in prospect this between the superb HURRICANE RIVER (15) who has nothing to prove at this level, and the classy BEETHOVEN (SWE) (1) who imposed in good order on his French debut earlier in the month. FOLLOW DREAM (16) has been a model of consistency for the past two months and once again appears to have a lot to offer. Excellent here in late March, GERONIMO STARDUST (6) starts in front and can make amends for his recent sanction.

### SELECTIONS

**HURRICANE RIVER (15) - BEETHOVEN (SWE) (1) - FOLLOW DREAM (16) - GERONIMO STARDUST (6)**