

THURSDAY, 18/05/23

C1 - PRIX LE CELLIER - 2275m (a1 3/8m) - National - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23.000

- 1. KEEGAN DE CAHOT** - Unexceptional in qualification before losing his action first time out and unlikely to generate much interest
- 2. KOH SAMUI** - Promising filly that left a good impression at Caen late April. Changes direction this time but will appreciate Nantes and expected to figure prominently once more
- 3. KALINDA DU PARC** - Winner at La Rochelle first time out, beating the colts. Up against some better horses this time but still in with a realistic chance
- 4. KRACH NONANTAIS** - Imposed at first time of asking but below-par in two since and needs to reaffirm
- 5. KALINE DJOB** - Moderate filly at a lower level. Failed to confirm her Loudéac success and will have few takers
- 6. KADOR DE SEVRE** - Solid in first two but quickly faulted when stepped up in class last time. Can play a role though if he gets off on the right foot
- 7. KETMIE PRINCESSE** - Not without merit but lacklustre at Chartres last week and will struggle to make much of an impression
- 8. KWARTZ SIBEY** - Yet to lose his maiden status but in the frame in all three and is not incapable of getting off the mark
- 9. KURAPIKA DU PONT** - Has come good following a tough start to his career. Entrusted to Raffin for the occasion and must be taken seriously
- 10. KISMET** - Useful sort that imposed in decent company ten days ago and while unlikely to repeat can still get in on the action
- 11. KEN ZAO DE NAPPES** - Good class of colt that won well earlier this month and if comfortable going left-handed can double his money
- 12. KALY D'EOLE** - Sprang a massive surprise when winning at Challans earlier in the month. Repeat improbable but will still have her supporters

Summary : After a convincing debut run last month, KEN ZAO DE NAPPES (11) hit the target at Amiens 12 days ago and even though racing left-handed for the first time, he still looks the pick of the field. Duvaldestin will still be wary of the improving KWARTZ SIBEY (8) who has yet to put a foot out of place. KALINDA DU PARC (3) recently got off the mark at the first time of asking and even in the absence of Eric Raffin should still give a competitive account. KOH SAMUI (2) caught the eye at Caen last time out and should not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

KEN ZAO DE NAPPES (11) - KWARTZ SIBEY (8) - KALINDA DU PARC (3) - KOH SAMUI (2)

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**C2 - PRIX HUSSE - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Amateurs - Class G - Harness - EUR
€ 6.000**

1. **FIRSSO WIND** - Has won at this level but unraced since November and will need the outing
2. **FOREVER DES NOELS** - Not devoid of ability but has yet to show anything this year and will not be shaking things up
3. **GARDIEN DU TRESOR** - After two re-entry runs is back on track. Drops in class after a solid effort in respectable company but with shoes back on is no more than a minor place prospect
4. **GAUTE DES DOUITS** - Boasts a very good record in this class of event. Is barefoot again and can challenge for a spot on the podium
5. **GAGNANTE BARBES** - Decent sort with form at this level but never successful in this shoeing configuration and can be passed over
6. **FLORA BEAUTY** - Moderate mare with better form in the other code. Driven by a very good amateur but chances nonetheless limited
7. **GRINGO DE LA NADE** - Unremarkable trotter forever searching for that maiden victory and still no chance at his 72nd attempt
8. **FLEURON DU RYS** - Hardy type that has started to come good again. Opened his seasonal account recently and from the front row has a solid chance of doubling his money
9. **GOLF DU BUISSON** - Faithful servant that always gives his best. Imposed at a marginally lower level last Sunday and backs up with a reasonable chance of picking up another cheque
10. **FUNNY D'AVAIL** - Not entirely without merit in this category. Has two races in him and hind shoes off for the occasion but still has too much to do
11. **EASY DE CARSI** - Unexceptional mare that has made the frame just once in last 12. Always tries but still not an obvious choice
12. **FAB RUSH** - Won a brace in both amateur and professional ranks before suffering poor fortune at Cherbourg. Is clearly in form though and can more than make amends
13. **FRANCESCO** - Useful type that trotted 4th to EQUIDO (14) last time out and with form maintained should not be far off the mark
14. **EQUIDO** - Serious trotter with solid references in the amateur category. Won in good order at Maure and even from the back line can repeat
15. **FANGIO DE CREPIN** - Better in the claiming division these days and has no realistic chance
16. **ELYSEE BARBES** - Monté type making first start of the year and can be ruled out

Summary : Back in business after a tough start to the year, EQUIDO (14) won a similar event at Maure a fortnight ago and will endeavour to give away 25m to the revitalised FLEURON DU RYS (8) who imposed at Challans just four days later. Normally a model of consistency, and exceptional in the amateur category, FAB RUSH (12) encountered all kinds of trouble last time out but should logically redeem himself here. GAUTE DES DOUITS (4) has finished in the frame in two of her last three and will also have her chances.

SELECTIONS

EQUIDO (14) - FLEURON DU RYS (8) - FAB RUSH (12) - GAUTE DES DOUITS (4)

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C3 - PRIX PASCAL JOLY - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

1. **JOURNAL INTIME** - Showed decent aptitude last term. Unseen since though and will need the outing
2. **JUST RAPID** - Sanctioned in all five last term but like a horse reborn this year. That said, in this class he will need to be at his best
3. **JOUR ET NUIT** - Handy dual-purpose trotter that latterly pleased at Jallais. Starts in front but still has his work cut out
4. **JULLOU** - Occasionally a handful but otherwise a useful sort. Is shod as he was when winning at Vire and from the front line can make a solid impact
5. **JALOMY SPOKEN** - Capable on a good day but below-par in last two and unlikely to garner much support
6. **JERICHO D'EM** - Handy colt but has placed just once in three this season and latest effort did nothing to inspire confidence
7. **JOYAU DAIRPET** - Yet to get off the mark but has merit. Encouraged at Laval despite being disqualified and can get a look in
8. **JALONA** - Good progressive filly but incurs the penalty and with shoes on can be passed over this time
9. **JEROMINUS TURGOT** - Useful type that was not disgraced on recent return. Will have come on for the run and should be more competitive this time around
10. **JEWEL D'HERMES** - Quality element that showed improvement at La Rochelle last time. With three races under his belt should be set to get back in the game
11. **JIOSCO DES OMBRES** - Showed serious potential last season. Yet to get into his stride this term but is just unshod behind this time and must not be underestimated
12. **JOLYDOLE** - Three times a winner in last four starts. Is confirmed at the venue and looks a serious proposition
13. **JOKER THOURJAN** - Tricky type but has bags of talent. Won solidly at Chartres last time out and with Eric Raffin in charge can confirm
14. **JOEY DU NOYER** - Quality individual with form at a better level but makes first appearance for nine months
15. **JOKER DE BELLOU** - Went close in last two after starting to go barefoot. Is proven at Nantes and can play a leading role
16. **JAG MAHCATH** - No champion but always gives his best. 5th on lone appearance in the code and unlikely to spring any surprises

Summary : Although never far from losing his action, JOKER THOURJAN (13) is a trotter of considerable class and looks thoroughly capable of complementing his recent Chartres victory. That said, JOKER DE BELLOU (15) has shown a completely different side to himself since starting to race barefoot and could finally get that maiden monkey off his back. Three times a winner last season, JEWEL D'HERMES (10) should be fully fit by now and must be respected, as should JOLYDOLE (12) who has been in flying form this year.

SELECTIONS

JOKER THOURJAN (13) - JOKER DE BELLOU (15) - JEWEL D'HERMES (10) - JOLYDOLE (12)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA FETE DES COURSES - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Apprentices- Conditional-Jockeys - Class G - Mounted - EUR € 21.000

- 1. HILLSBORO** - Has taken well to his new vocation. Is no champion but will generate some interest
- 2. HERACLES DU LAYON** - Has done nothing of note in either code for some time and can be passed over
- 3. HOLD UP D'LOUDON** - Reliability not his strong suit but raced well at Cholet. Is well in on the front line and should not be underestimated
- 4. HAVORALI DE CHENU** - Moderate sort with respectable references in both codes. Not a leading contender but can get a look in
- 5. HOLIDAY WELL** - Temperamental mare but has bags of ability. Returns to racing with front pads fitted and can make amends for recent sanction
- 6. FAROUCHE** - Heavily-campaigned mare and no longer the horse she once was. Disregard
- 7. HIRIS DE PIENCOURT** - Can prove a handful but otherwise regularly in the action. Benefits from a front-row start and can apply the pressure on HANDY MAN (10)
- 8. GAVROCHE D'OMBLAIS** - Hardy campaigner that rarely lets the side down when behaved and can go close if he reproduces his Cherbourg performance
- 9. FICIMER** - Yet to make his mark in three starts under the saddle but has form in the other code and should not be written off
- 10. HANDY MAN** - Good consistent servant that showed his form at Chartres late last month. On the second line but still looks to have the best chance here

Summary : Consistently in the thick of things, HANDY MAN (10) has been in decent shape under both codes this term and Charley Mottier has found the ideal race for his 6yo to get back in the winners' circle. HIRIS DE PIENCOURT (7) seldom disappoints when applied and after a solid effort at Elbeuf, she finds herself well-positioned on the front line and looks the principal threat. The delicate HOLIDAY WELL (5) can trot her way onto the podium provided she keeps her action together. GAVROCHE D'OMBLAIS (8) incurs the penalty but appears to be in decent shape and will have his chances.

SELECTIONS

**HANDY MAN (10) - HIRIS DE PIENCOURT (7) - HOLIDAY WELL (5) - GAVROCHE
D'OMBLAIS (8)**

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C5 - PRIX LA ROCHE BLANCHE/POUILLE - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24.000

1. **IDEA DAMON** - Unremarkable mare that has done little of note for some time and can be passed over
2. **ITHOBELLE** - Faithful servant that always gives her best. In good company here but is evidently in shape and could well get a look in
3. **ICONE PONT VAUTIER** - Handy sort but has not been seen out since December and will need the run
4. **INDEPENDENCE** - Exceptional mare that has never been bested when unshod all four and from the front line can confirm her recent Vire victory
5. **IBIZA PACHA** - Is considerably better than her formsheet would suggest. Should be fit by now and from the front line can figure prominently
6. **ISIS DE L'AUBE** - Goes well for the most part when barefoot but thrashed last time out and others easier to back
7. **ISTA FREDANO** - Kicked the year off smartly but has since come off the boil and must reassure
8. **INTREPIDE D'ALESA** - Seldom far from the action when she can stay in stride but in this category will have her work cut out
9. **ISSAMBRES** - No slouch on a good day but has better references a level down and not the most competitive of options
10. **IZZY LISZT** - Tough type with a good record when racing barefoot. Steps up in class after her recent win but is on the first row and can challenge for two on the trot
11. **IVRE DE JOIE** - Not the most dependable and has never produced the goods here but is clearly in decent shape and should not be underestimated
12. **INARA DU VIVIER** - Useful sort that has had this as her first big objective of the year. Leading driver drafted in for the occasion and can impose
13. **ISA DU DON** - Has pleased for the most part lately but incurs the penalty here and others preferred
14. **IDOLE DU TRESOR** - Very hard to fault since returning this term. Imposed well on turf last month and in similar shape will not be far off the mark
15. **INKY PERRINE** - Mixes the good with the less good but reassured at Laval two weeks ago and with form maintained can confirm

Summary : Solid in her last two, INARA DU VIVIER (12) has been prepared with care for this event and with a top driver at the helm this time can return to winning ways. It is unlikely to be all plane sailing though given how well INDEPENDENCE (4) has returned to competition and the 25m advantage will only work in her favour. Back in form after returning to racing barefoot, IZZY LISZT (10) should again have a lot to offer. IBIZA PACHA (5) breaks in front and with two races under her belt should be ready to get back down to business.

SELECTIONS

INARA DU VIVIER (12) - INDEPENDENCE (4) - IZZY LISZT (10) - IBIZA PACHA (5)

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**C6 - PRIX DE LOIREAUXENCE - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - National - Class E -
Harness - EUR € 24.000**

- 1. INDIAN LOVE** - Trotted second here to cap off last year but lacklustre since and poses no danger
- 2. IVOIRE D'ECHAL** - Occasionally tricky but otherwise useful at this level. Will have come on for his return run and going unshod behind will only work to his advantage
- 3. INDECIS DU SCION** - Moderate type that has placed just once in 4 starts at Nantes. Showed marginal improvement last time out but insufficient to warrant much support
- 4. IMPOLOKO** - Yet to lose his maiden status but regularly finishes in the mix. Is proven here and must be worth retaining
- 5. IGGY FAFA** - Quality element that is better than recent results would suggest. Will be fit and with Nivard in the wagon will be assured a competitive drive
- 6. IDEAL DU MAXFRAN** - Fine servant that scored his lone success under these conditions. Has three times finished runner-up since and if applied can continue his Nantes love affair
- 7. ICARE DE VAL** - Gave a good account behind the favourite on sole appearance here. Got straight down to business on re-entry and with hind shoes off looks a serious proposition
- 8. INO DE BREVOL** - Useful but better at a lower level and latest results do nothing to inspire confidence
- 9. IZAR JIEL** - Never far from breaking stride but otherwise in decent shape and should be good enough to pick up a cheque
- 10. IRUN DU BOCAGE** - Quality trotter that left a fine impression at Laval last time out. Forced to start on second row but still looks a player
- 11. IOPAMIRON** - Useful sort but has not been seen out since November and will need the run

Summary : A winner over course and distance to end 2022 on a high note, IDEAL DU MAXFRAN (6) has been in excellent shape since. On the front line and barefoot for the occasion, he looks good enough to pick up a second career victory. Third to him that day before being sent for a break, ICARE DE VAL (7) most recently impressed on his re-entry and with hind shoes off this time is expected to be sharper. IGGY FAFA (5) may not always be the most dependable but he will be fit and the Franck Nivard factor cannot be ignored. IRUN DU BOCAGE (10) is 25m worse off but he showed his form at Laval last time and will be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

IDEAL DU MAXFRAN (6) - ICARE DE VAL (7) - IGGY FAFA (5) - IRUN DU BOCAGE (10)

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C7 - GRAND PRIX DU PAYS D'ANCENIS - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 27.000

1. **GYPSIE SLY** - Capable on a good day but lost her way last season and has picked up where she left off
2. **FERIA DU CAPRE** - Decent sort in both codes but thrashed at Jallais recently and unlikely to spring any surprises
3. **GIRLY VICTORY** - Moderate sort with just one race in her since the break. Is barefoot for return but still not an obvious choice
4. **FOSTINE DE CRENNES** - Gives a good account for the most part but seldom seen in this class and will have too much to do
5. **FLAMME VIKING** - Has shown she has not lost her ability despite missing all of 2022. Is well behind in earnings and must be afforded considerable respect
6. **GAVOTTE DU PRATEL** - Useful on a good day. Showed improvement at La Rochelle and should not be ignored
7. **GLORIA VOLO** - Has progressed smartly so far this term. Imposed at Elbeuf ten days ago and with Nivard in charge this time around will be assured a competitive drive
8. **ESPERANCE GIRL** - Never far from losing her action but has considerable ability. Quickly sanctioned last time but can put on a good show if Junod assures her initial strides
9. **FAUSTINE NAY** - Has done nothing noteworthy in either code this year and is not about to change her ways
10. **FERVENTE** - Previously a good sort but lacklustre so far this year. Raffin drafted in for the drive however and can set her back on the right path
11. **GOLDEN GRACE** - Quality mare with nothing to prove in this category. Drops down the class ladder and looks the horse to beat
12. **GUECHA GIRL** - Versatile mare that bit off more than she could chew in Paris recently but faces a more realistic task here and should not disappoint

Summary : After a fruitful winter GOLDEN GRACE (11) was sent for a well-earned spell and has since returned in fine shape. She faces considerably less exalted horses this time around and should be good enough to win. ESPERANCE GIRL (8) is no slouch though and should not be hastily judged for her recent early sanction in Paris. GLORIA VOLO (7) has done nothing but improve since returning to the track last month and even though incurring the penalty still looks a decent prospect. FLAMME VIKING (5) is 25m better off and her recent Saint-Brieuc performance augurs well for her chances.

SELECTIONS

GOLDEN GRACE (11) - ESPERANCE GIRL (8) - GLORIA VOLO (7) - FLAMME VIKING (5)

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C8 - PRIX DE JOUE/TRANS-SUR-ERDRE - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 27.000

1. **HELIOS DU CONROY** - Has yet to reproduce last year's form and unlikely to garner much support
2. **HINATA** - Has done nothing of note for past 10 months and can be ruled out
3. **HADRIANA DU MONT** - Barring latest outing has been on a solid run of form this year. Shod for competition and from the front line can give this a good go
4. **HYPOKHAGNE** - Blows hot and cold but confirmed at a lower level. Below-par in both this term though and others preferred
5. **HARMONIE JO** - Versatile sort that has already won three times this year. Takes a big step up in class though and a minor place chance at best
6. **HAKIRI PURPLE** - Returned from his spell in superb shape. Debuts at Nantes on a hat-trick and while unlikely to pull it off can still get in on the action
7. **HAPPY NONANTAIS** - Reliability not his strong suit but has form in this class. Shod more competitively this time and expected to show improvement
8. **HIMOKA** - Serious mare that gave a fine account on re-entry last month. Has had time to freshen up and if focused can play a prominent role from the first row
9. **HILLIONNAISE** - Clearly capable but as delicate as they come. Two races under her belt and with application could pleasantly surprise
10. **GREGORIO** - Kicked the year off with a fine effort here but very disappointing since and will have few takers
11. **HADRIEN** - Tough type with proven form under harness at Nantes. Currently at the top of his game and can confirm his recent monté victory
12. **GACHETTE MONTAVAL** - Erratic but is confirmed at this level. Just front pads fitted again but expected to improve on recent Cholet performance
13. **GRANIT DU FRESNE** - Unexceptional trotter that showed improvement at Challans earlier this month but a repeat looks unlikely
14. **GIANA DE MARZY** - Quality element that gave a good account at Tours last month. Leading pilot in the sulky this time and will be competitive for a place in the frame
15. **GOMERA** - Useful mare but lost her way late last season and has picked up where she left off
16. **GLYCINE D'ERPION** - Can prove tricky but reaffirmed at Le Mans ten days ago. Is proven here and on good behaviour can give the favourite a run for his money

Summary : Seen more often than not under the saddle, HADRIEN (11) is nonetheless very capable in the harness code and in current form looks a serious proposition. GLYCINE D'ERPION (16), however, benefits from a terrific entry and will have her chances if she can stay in stride from one end of the race to the other. Dynamic when racing unshod behind, HIMOKA (8) lost her action when full of running at Maure and with application can make amends...and make the most of her 25m head-start. GIANA DE MARZY (14) is reunited with Eric Raffin after reassuring at Tours and once again appears to be in with a decent shout.

SELECTIONS

HADRIEN (11) - GLYCINE D'ERPION (16) - HIMOKA (8) - GIANA DE MARZY (14)