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R2 SALON-DE-PROVENCE [R-H]

C1 - PRIX PIERRE ET JEAN BARRAL - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class G Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 6,000

- 1. GABARRET DAIRPET** - Won in the professional ranks at Aix before coming 6th of 8 in a 2150m Cagnes amateurs Class G a fortnight ago. Is better than that though and racing barefoot will only work to his advantage
- 2. HARDI FOSSAVIE** - Has not put a foot wrong in the amateur category this year, latterly 4th to IMOKO DEUX (6) in a 2650m Hyères amateurs Class G 3 weeks ago. Nicely-placed behind the car and looks a decent first-5 pick
- 3. GALOPIN FONTAINE** - Put in quite the finish to run 4th of 11 finishers in a 2850m Hyères amateurs Class G on 12 July. Comes here fresh, has been handed an excellent draw, and will have claims on the trophy
- 4. HERMES FLAM** - Sanctioned in 5 of last 6, latterly a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class F on Thursday, and backs up with limited aspiration
- 5. HARCADY** - A model of consistency until faulting in a 3000m Sault Class F conditioner 3 weeks ago. Hind shoes off this time and from the 5-spot is not to be underestimated
- 6. IMOKO DEUX** - Failed to continue his fine run of form when 6th of 10 in a 2925m Cagnes Class E 2.5 weeks ago but, barefoot as he was at Hyères, is unlikely to disappoint this time
- 7. IPIPIP DES SABLES** - 5th of 14 in a 2400m Class F at Beaumont-de-Lomagne a week ago. Has won 3 of his last 4 amateur contests and should not be too far from the action
- 8. GAPACHE DE HOUELLE** - Has looked a different horse lately, most recently winning a 2725m amateurs Class H at Miramont-de-Guyenne 2.5 weeks ago. Not ideally-placed but is still in with a shout of picking up a thin slice of the pie
- 9. ILOMBA DU GUESCLIN** - Unlucky not to have made it 2 on the trot after finishing runner-up to IMOKO DEUX (6) in a 2650m Hyères amateurs Class G 3 weeks ago, but can turn the tables if Cassandra Fresneau assures her mare's initial strides
- 10. IDAHODARCHE** - Still in conditioning-mode after coming last of 7 in a 2600m Cavillon amateurs Class G last weekend. No danger
- 11. HELLO RUNNER** - Sanctioned in 6 of last 7, most recently a 2600m Cavillon amateurs Class G last weekend, and can expect to have few takers
- 12. HARDI PETIT** - 6th of 8 in a 3025m Sault amateurs Class H 3 weeks ago. On back line and will have little to contribute
- 13. HERA DE LA VALLEE** - Drops in category after finishing last but one in a 2425m Jullianges Class H a week ago. Poorly-drawn though, is shod this time, and can be ruled out

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Summary: A fine campaigner in the amateur division, ILOMBA DU GUESCLIN (9) put on a super show at Hyères recently despite faulting early and if his driver gets her off on the right foot, the race is hers for the taking. IMOKO DEUX (6) won that day and, shod to preference, should again figure prominently, but may first have to see off the better-positioned GALOPIN FONTAINE (3) who will be reined by Gisèle Ambrogio who boasts an excellent record in this race. GABARRET DAIRPET (1) races barefoot, as she did when winning at Aix late-July, and gifted the inside line can give this a good go.

SELECTIONS

ILOMBA DU GUESCLIN (9) - GALOPIN FONTAINE (3) - IMOKO DEUX (6) - GABARRET
DAIRPET (1)

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C2 - PRIX RENE LAFFONT - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. L'ECU DALAMEDA** - Changes direction for first time after trotting 5th behind LAUTARET (5) in a 2150m Cagnes Class F and will be no easy touch if he turns
- 2. LONG BEACH** - 2nd of 10 in a 2150m Cagnes Class F mid-July. Is plainly starting to make good on her promise and, if focused, can give LAUTARET (5) a run for his money
- 3. LOVELY LA CHENAIE** - Would have finished closer than 5th of 7 in a 2150m Cagnes Class E 2 weeks ago with different tactics. Form is not in question and, from the 3-spot, can make amends
- 4. LHASSA DE VANDEL** - Produced a brace of decent runs in July but 7th of 10, behind LONG BEACH (2), in a 2150m Cagnes Class F mid-August. Has yet to shine racing clockwise and is not about to start
- 5. LAUTARET** - Progressive sort that showed grit to finish 3rd of 6 in a 2150m Cagnes Class F a fortnight ago. Nicely-placed in front and can finally get that maiden monkey off his back
- 6. LADY STRYCK** - Respectable but was still found wanting when 4th of 6 in a 2850m Hyères Class D a month ago, and even with just front pads fitted is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 7. LOVE D'URZY** - Steps up in category after trotting 2nd of 9 in a 2425m Jullianges Class F last weekend. Stéphane Cingland engaged for the occasion and can play a prominent role if he can keep his charge trotting
- 8. L'ARTISTE DERONFIN** - Last of 7 in a 2425m Jullianges Class E last weekend. Has not been handed the best of draws and chances slim
- 9. LADY DU FOREZ** - Capricious filly that was sanctioned in a 2425m Jullianges Class E last Sunday and is not easy to trust
- 10. LOUSTIC DU MIDI** - Encouraged at Hyères before being disqualified in a 2925m Cagnes Class F on 3 August and is not about to spring any surprises
- 11. LAVINIA DES ILES** - Made up for her debut sanction when 3rd of 5 in a 2650m Hyères Class E on 12 August. Somewhat short on experience but looks a decent future prospect and can make first 5

Summary: In the frame in 3 of his last 4 starts, LAUTARET (5) races right-handed this time and is well-placed to lose her maiden status. Steve Stefano will nevertheless be keeping a keen eye on LONG BEACH (2) who has started to come into herself, and the dependable and well-positioned LOVELY LA CHENAIE (3) who is arguably better racing clockwise. L'ECU DALAMEDA (1) is proven in this category and should logically put his recent clinker behind him.

SELECTIONS

LAUTARET (5) - LONG BEACH (2) - LOVELY LA CHENAIE (3) - L'ECU DALAMEDA (1)

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C3 - PRIX D'ARLES - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. KOSAK DU FER** - Opened his account, in style, [at 17th time of asking] in a 2725m Class F at Grenade-sur-Garonne 2.5 weeks ago, and steps up in category with a reasonable chance of getting in on the action
- 2. KANELLE DU NOYER** - 3rd of 7 in a 2150m Cagnes Class E 2 weeks ago, only to be placed last. Reliability not her strong suit but is plainly in shape and from the 2-spot can make her presence felt
- 3. KHAZAR DES CORVEES** - Went close at Hyères before coming last of 5 to KENT CLARK (4) in a 2925m Cagnes Class E. Can play a leading role though if Laurent Gout keeps him focused
- 4. KENT CLARK** - Excellent in 2 before faulting, when clearly full of running, in a 2150m Cagnes Class E a fortnight ago. Ideally-positioned in front and can wrap this up if Nicolas Ensch keeps him trotting
- 5. KAISER DE KACY** - Returned to the winners' enclosure in a 2700m Aix-les-Bains Class F in late-July. Seldom disappoints when focused and should not be far off the mark
- 6. KINGSLEY** - Returns to racing barefoot after coming 3rd of 9 in a 2650m Divonne-les-Bains Class E mid-August but in this company will have too much to do
- 7. KENJY DE LA VALLEE** - Has not been seen out since coming 4th of 12 in a 2800m Vichy Class E on 12 May. Competitively-shod for comeback and can get straight down to business. Chance
- 8. KING FOR TWO** - Considerably better sort than his 11th of 13 in a 3125m Montier-en-Der Class F 2 weeks ago would imply. Stéphane Cingland reining this time and should logically show marked improvement
- 9. KIGA DE VANDEL** - Last of 6, on return to competition, in a 2700m Cagnes Class E on 13 August. Has done nothing noteworthy for some time and can be passed over
- 10. KAWESAQUEL** - Made up for his Cagnes sanction when 2nd of 10 in a 2600m Cavillon Class F a week ago. Steps up in category but has earned the right to race here and, barefoot for the occasion, will be no pushover
- 11. KARAMEL DU PIC** - Sprang a 19/1 surprise when 2nd of 9 in a 2850m Hyères Class F 3 weeks ago, but a repeat seems most improbable
- 12. KELLY MARY** - Unseen since faulting in a 2525m Cavillon Class E mid-June. Is confirmed here but stays shod and will need the run
- 13. KISS OF THE KING** - Showed early promise but has been complicated since, latterly 7th of 9 in a 2850m Hyères Class F 3 weeks ago, and is unlikely to shake things up
- 14. KAPEO** - Consistently gives his best, most recently 3rd, behind KARAMEL DU PIC (11), in a 2850m Hyères Class F 3 weeks ago. Shoes back on though and others preferred
- 15. KEPLER D'AUVILLIER** - Not without merit but sanctioned in 4 of last 5, latterly a 2925m Cagnes Class E 11 days ago, and will have few friends

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Summary: As tricky as he may be, KENT CLARK (4) has nothing to prove in this kind of company, and while unconfirmed racing clockwise, he nevertheless has the wherewithal to win a race of this nature. Progressing with every run, KENJY DE LA VALLEE (7) pleased in a better category last time out and despite not having raced since May, he looks a more serious candidate on his Salon debut. KHAZAR DES CORVEES (3) was less performant last time but the addition of front pads will serve him well. Back on a hard surface after imposing on turf, KAISER DE KACY (5) has a lot going for him here.

SELECTIONS

KENT CLARK (4) - KENJY DE LA VALLEE (7) - KHAZAR DES CORVEES (3) - KAISER DE KACY (5)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA TOUR DE L'HORLOGE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. JERSEY BLEUE** - 9th of 14 in a 2050m Class F at Divonne-les-Bains on 20 August. Has struggled this term and must first re-establish her credentials
- 2. JUNON DE BEYLEV** - Decent 5th of 11 in 2400m Beaumont-de-Lomagne Class F last weekend. Has a lot more going for her this time and will be no easy touch
- 3. JET SET AIMEF** - Got back to victorious ways in a 2700m Class F at Aix-les-Bains early last month. Races barefoot again and, ideally-placed behind the car, can confirm
- 4. JADE PIERJI** - Placed at Mauquenchy before coming 5th of 14 in a 2050m Divonne-les-Bains Class F on 20 August. Has decent speed though and breaking from the 4-spot will do her prospects no harm
- 5. JORDANA** - Takes a dip in category after coming 5th of 8 in a 2700m Cagnes Class E 11 days ago. Decently-placed in front and even though shod for the occasion, can still play a part
- 6. JUDELLE JIHAIME** - Makes her first appearance since faulting in a 2800m Vichy Class D 14 months ago. Has buckets of ability and, if fully-fit, can get straight back down to business
- 7. JACEE DE BUSSIERES** - Steps back up in category after coming 2nd of 11 in a 2025m Saint-Galmier Class G last weekend. Unlikely to win this but can get in on the action if Kévin Devienne keeps her out of trouble
- 8. JUVANIA** - 4th of 6, behind JOLIE SCALA (12), in a 2175m Sault Class H when preparing for this 3 weeks ago. Is proven here, goes barefoot for the occasion, and is very easy to like for a place on the podium
- 9. JELINA BENOIT** - Disappointing since returning to competition, latterly sanctioned in a 2675m monté Class F at Divonne-les-Bains a fortnight ago. Barefoot with David Békaert reining this time and can get a look-in
- 10. JELOURA** - 6th of 9 in a 2600m Cavailon Class F a week ago. Has placed just once in 8 this year and has no possible chance
- 11. JAVA VENUS** - Disappointing on the whole since late last year, most recently sanctioned on last weekend's re-entry in a 2025m Saint-Galmier Class G, and can be written off
- 12. JOLIE SCALA** - Beat JUVANIA (8) when 3rd of 6 in a 2175m Sault Class H 3 weeks ago but, at this level, is unlikely to confirm
- 13. JOLIE BOES** - Last but one, behind JORDANA (5), in a 2700m Cagnes Class E on 21 August and will again have nothing to offer

Summary: Winless since her 2022 debut, JET SET AIMEF (3) ended all that with victory at Aix early last month and, breaking from the 3-spot, can double her money. Nicolas Mourou will still want to be wary of the talented JUDELLE JIHAIME (6) who has shoes off for her long-awaited return to the track, and the barefoot JUVANIA (8) who is good enough to defy the draw. Barefoot and entrusted to Nicolas Ensch, JUNON DE BEYLEV (2) must be considered a decent place chance.

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JET SET AIMEF (3) - JUDELLE JIHAIME (6) - JUVANIA (8) - JUNON DE BEYLEV (2)

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C5 - PRIX GELINOTTE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. JETSTAR DE VRIE** - Should not be too hastily-judged for latest performance. Has nothing to prove in this category and, on good behaviour, will have his chances
- 2. JUPITER DE VANDEL** - Sanctioned in a 2000m Class F at Aix-les-Bains late-July. Has solid category references when shod however and can trot his way into the frame
- 3. JOHN KILY** - Made it 3 straight sanctions when faulting in a 2850m Class F at Bagnoles-de-l'Orne 2.5 weeks ago. Has bags of ability though, is well-positioned behind the car, and with application can wrap this up
- 4. JIVAGO FLASH** - Left a good impression when 4th of 9 in a 2000m Aix-les-Bains Class F early last month. Has been handed an excellent draw and Kevyn Thonnerieux will be eager not to pass up such a good opportunity
- 5. JAZZ DU CHATELET** - Got back in the game when 2nd of 9 in a 2600m Fleurance monté Class F 3 weeks ago and, if form transitions, will not be far off the mark
- 6. JAMES BOND DUEM** - Has ability but sanctioned in last 3, latterly a 2650m Marseille-Vivieux Class E on 22 June. Comes here fresh and, with stride in check, can play a small role
- 7. JACKPOT DES THUYAS** - Showed marked improvement when 4th of 7 finishers in a 2000m Aix-les-Bains Class E late-July. Sent out with modified shoeing and will have his chances if Nicolas Mourot successfully navigates the start
- 8. JERONIMO** - Encouraged at Cagnes late-July before finishing last but one in a 2700m Cagnes Class F 2 weeks ago, and is unlikely to cause an upset
- 9. JARDIN DE MAHEY** - 5th of 10 in a 2700m Aix-les-Bains Class F late-August. Has started to show improvement but has not done enough to be considered dangerous
- 10. JOE TEJY** - 7th of 10 in a 2700m Cagnes Class F 2 weeks ago. Has been off the boil for past 12 months and can be disregarded
- 11. JUMPER** - Hesitant at the start only to be sanctioned in a 2700m Cagnes Class F a fortnight ago, and the draw will only complicate matters
- 12. JEAN PIERRE** - Last but one, behind JANOT DE TOUCHYVON (13), in a 2600m Cavailon Class F a week ago. Races barefoot this time but others still preferred
- 13. JANOT DE TOUCHYVON** - Sprang quite the surprise when 2nd of 9 in a 2600m Cavailon Class F last weekend, but a repeat is highly improbable

Summary: Double-handed here, Stéphane Cingland will be best represented by the tricky but talented JOHN KILY (3) who debuts for his new handler. Stablemate JUPITER DE VANDEL (2) is as good shod as he is not and, with application, can play a key role, but he may first have to defer to JETSTAR DE VRIE (1) who is a tough nut to crack when barefoot and focused, and the widely-drawn JACKPOT DES THUYAS (7) who sports a fresh configuration for his Salon bow.

SELECTIONS

JOHN KILY (3) - JETSTAR DE VRIE (1) - JACKPOT DES THUYAS (7) - JUPITER DE

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VANDEL (2)

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C6 - PRIX DES LILAS - 3000m (a2m) - - Harness - EUR € 20,000

1. IDOLE DE LA ROUVRE - Last but one in a 2925m Cagnes Class E mid-August. Drops in category but still looks to have too much to do

2. HATOUT DE CONNEE - Complemented his amateurs 3rd with 2nd of 10 in a 2925m Cagnes Class G 11 days ago and will not be sent out at 37/1 this time around. Place prospect

3. IBAIA DE MAY - Has hardly put a foot wrong since the spring, most recently 2nd of 7 in a 2925m Cagnes Class E on 13 August. Takes on her elders this time but still has a lot to contribute

4. IMPACT SUR LATERRE - 4th behind IBAIA DE MAY (3) in a 2925m Cagnes Class E mid-July. Is unlikely to win a race of this nature but has the capacity to pick up a place cheque

5. IGNITE MATCH - Sanctioned in a 2000m Class F at Aix-les-Bains on 9 August, just 5 days after winning there. Would be preferred a level down however and chances limited

6. HELYSEE WILD - Last of 12 in a 2450m Villeréal Class E late-July. Races barefoot this time but still looks outclassed

7. ICI PARIS - Sanctioned when being conditioned for this in a 2200m Lannemezan Class F last Wednesday. Goes barefoot this time and will be no soft touch if Nicolas Ensch keeps her trotting

8. INFANTE DE TOUES - 6th of 7 finishers behind IBAIA DE MAY (3) in a 2925m Cagnes Class E on 13 August and will have few friends in the markets

9. HORUS DES DUNES - Has produced a mixed bag this term, most recently sanctioned in a 2475m Francheville Class F 2.5 weeks ago, but is better than most here and the engagement of a top driver may make all the difference. Claim

10. IMUVRINI - 5th of 13 in a 2600m Cavaillon Class G last weekend. Enjoys a good entry and looks main threat to HORUS DES DUNES (9)

Summary: Hard to fault over these longer trips, HORUS DES DUNES (9) is significantly better than recent numbers would imply and, with David Békaert in the bike, can open his 2024 account. He will still come under pressure from the well-engaged IMUVRINI (10) who is clearly close to her race, and the reinvigorated HATOUT DE CONNEE (2) who will be hard to catch if he gets to make the pace. As versatile as they come, IBAIA DE MAY (3) has been knocking at the door and, even though fitted with pads this time, she still looks a serious proposition.

SELECTIONS

HORUS DES DUNES (9) - IMUVRINI (10) - HATOUT DE CONNEE (2) - IBAIA DE MAY (3)

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**C7 - PRIX NOSTRADAMUS - 3000m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR
€ 24,000**

- 1. HORIZON DE LARRE** - Sanctioned when being conditioned in a 3000m Sault Class H 3 weeks ago. Shoes on and no threat
- 2. HOTMAIL** - Has done absolutely nothing of note this year, latterly last but one in a 2600m Cavaillon Class G last weekend, and can be confidently disregarded
- 3. HELTER SKELTER** - Won 2 in a row before being disqualified in a 2625m Villeneuve-sur-Lot amateurs Class H 2 weeks ago. Form is not in doubt however and should put things right if his driver keeps him out of trouble
- 4. HAPPY VENUS** - Sanctioned in 5 of last 6, most recently a 2650m Saint-Galmier Class F last weekend, and has no realistic chance
- 5. HOUSTON JUSTICE** - Off the boil for past 12 months, latterly last of 9 in a 2000m Aix-les-Bains amateurs Class H early-August and, barefoot or not, can be passed over
- 6. HAWAI DE SYVA** - Pulled off the 3-timer when securing a 2625m amateurs Class H at Cazaubon-Barbotan 6 days ago. Has a lot going for him here and can expect significant support
- 7. HANDY MAN** - 3rd of 8 in a 3000m Sault Class H 3 weeks ago. One of the more faithful elements here and is unlikely to disappoint
- 8. HERMES DU DON** - Out of sorts when 9th of 12 in a 2850m Hyères Class G a month back. Has already been successful here and will be expected to set the record straight
- 9. HADAYA VISAIS** - Sprang something of a surprise when 3rd of 8 in a 2850m Hyères Class F 3 weeks ago. Unlikely to spring a surprise but can still enjoy a first-5 payday

Summary: After pulling off the hat-trick last Monday, HAWAI DE SYVA (6) steps up in category but, barefoot from the front row, is not incapable of securing the 4-timer. Similarly on cracking form, Michel Hanquier will be eager to set the record straight with HELTER SKELTER (3) who was not the most fortunate last time out. Twice a winner at Cagnes before flopping at Hyères, HERMES DU DON (8) incurs the penalty but has previously defied the handicap here and will be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

HAWAI DE SYVA (6) - HELTER SKELTER (3) - HERMES DU DON (8) - HANDY MAN (7)

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C8 - PRIX DE FOS SUR MER - 3000m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

1. IN THE AIR DELO - Returns to racing barefoot and drops in category after finishing last but one in a 2925m Cagnes Class D late-July. Has freshness on his side and, with shoes off, can take the challenge to his elders

2. FURIOSO SMILING - 6th of 8 in a 3000m Sault Class H 3 weeks ago. Would be preferred in the claiming category and can be ruled out

3. FAMILY FIRST - Last but one in a 2700m Cagnes Class F 2.5 weeks ago. Has done nothing but disappooint recently but goes barefoot and could pleasantly surprise

4. GIZMOGOLD - Reassuring 2nd of 11 in a 2150m Cagnes Class F last weekend. Is new to Salon but in current form it is easy to make a case

5. FORMIDABLE VOYAGE - 3rd in a 2150m Cagnes claimer a fortnight ago before being sanctioned, when racing notably well, in a 2150m Cagnes Class F last weekend and, with form maintained and stride in check, can get in on the action

6. FILLMORE - Honest sort that failed to live up to expectations when 5th of 6 in a 2700m Divonne-les-Bains claimer mid-July and, in this company, will need to find more

7. HAYASTAN DE ROSAN - Drops down the ladder after trotting 5th of 8 in a 2925m Cagnes Class E a fortnight ago. Has nothing to prove in this category and can make this her own if François Tugend assures her initial strides

Summary: Wonderfully-engaged at the limit of earnings, the delicate but able HAYASTAN DE ROSAN (7) has been showing her form at a better level and, confirmed here, can bring home the bacon. That said, IN THE AIR DELO (1) will be at peak fitness by now and races barefoot with a decent chance of securing his first objective of the summer. GIZMOGOLD (4) blows hot and cold but will have his chances if he replicates his recent Cagnes performance.

SELECTIONS

HAYASTAN DE ROSAN (7) - IN THE AIR DELO (1) - GIZMOGOLD (4) - FORMIDABLE
VOYAGE (5)