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R1 LA CAPELLE [L-H]

C1 - GRAND PRIX FEDERATION REGIONALE DU NORD - 1800m (a1m1/8) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR € 120,000

- 1. HUSSARD DU LANDRET** - Classy element but has not been seen out since trotting 6th of 8 finishers in 2150m Gr.1 Prix de l'Atlantique last April. Shoes on and will not be given a hard race
- 2. HOHNECK** - Won Gr.2 Prix de Washington before coming 2nd of 9 finishers in 1609m Gr.2 Critérium de Vitesse de Basse-Normandie at Argentan on 10 August. There is a reason he is richest horse here. Chance
- 3. IDAO DE TILLARD** - Has not been seen out since running 2nd to Horsy Dream in 2100m Gr.1 Prix René Ballière at Vincennes on 23 June. Has a lot going for him here and will be expected to return to winning ways
- 4. GU D'HERIPRE** - Has raced just once since Prix d'Amérique, coming 6th of 10 in a 2700m Graignes Class D conditioner early last month. Sports a new configuration and can apply the pressure on IDAO DE TILLARD (3)
- 5. EMERAUDE DE BAIS** - Solid winner of a 1609m Cagnes Gr.2 on 24 August. Is well-positioned behind the car and can play an important role if Franck Nivard keeps her focused
- 6. ELVIS DU VALLON** - Unthreatening 5th of 9 finishers in 1609m Gr.2 Critérium de Vitesse de Basse-Normandie at Argentan on 10 August. Has ample ability, and sports modified shoeing, but faces an even stiffer test this time around
- 7. HOOKER BERRY** - Superb winner of Gr.2 Prix Chambon P early-June before trotting 5th of 8 in a 2950m Vichy Gr.2 a month later. Will be fresh but cannot be considered a priority
- 8. AMPIA MEDE SM** - Good 3rd, behind HOHNECK (2), in 1609m Gr.2 Critérium de Vitesse de Basse-Normandie at Argentan on 10 August. Would have preferred a better draw but is entrusted to Benjamin Rochard and will be afforded every chance
- 9. GANAY DE BANVILLE** - 3rd in Gr.2 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère before faulting in Argentan race of reference. Runs barefoot this time and, with stride in check, can get in on the action
- 10. ERIC THE EEL** - Showed marked improvement when 3rd to EMERAUDE DE BAIS (5) in 1609m Cagnes Gr.2 on 24 August. Handed a tough draw here and can expect to have few takers
- 11. MARION FOUTY BON** - Reassuring winner of a 2250m Enghien monté Class C 3.5 weeks ago but, in this company, will struggle to make the grade
- 12. INMAROSA** - 4th in Argentan Gr.2 Critérium de Vitesse race of reference. Has never delivered over a mile but has significant class and, despite the 2nd-row draw, must be taken seriously
- 13. SELF EXPLOSIVE** - Unraced since trotting 6th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes monté Class B 9 months ago and will have nothing to contribute

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Summary: Unseen in the winners' enclosure since his metre-munching Prix de Sélection success, IDAO DE TILLARD (3) enjoys an ideal draw and reverts to a previous formula in order to keep at bay the rejuvenated and confirmed miler, HOHNECK (2), who starts upsides. That said, Philippe Allaire's charge may first have to defer to the favourite's stablemate GU D'HERIPRE (4) who is fitted with front pads for the first time. Impressive in a Cagnes Gr.2 late last month, EMERAUDE DE BAIS (5) is not about to let the side down.

SELECTIONS

IDAO DE TILLARD (3) - GU D'HERIPRE (4) - HOHNECK (2) - EMERAUDE DE BAIS (5)

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C2 - PRIX DU 150EME ANNIVERSAIRE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - Class G Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 6,000

- 1. HUGOLINO** - Won 2 straight amateur events before coming 6th of 10 in a 2800m Strasbourg Class F last week. Returns to his category of choice and will be expected to make a big impact
- 2. GRANDE MALICE** - 4th, a place behind HAZEL DOPE (9), in a 2750m amateurs Class G here on 27 August. Is not about to open her 2024 account but can still finish in the mix
- 3. HOUBLON BLEU** - Unremarkable 6th of 10 in a 2525m amateurs Class H at Les Andelys last Saturday and will struggle to make his presence felt
- 4. FARMONY DE JUPILLE** - Less-performant than she was during the spring, most recently 6th of 10, behind HAZEL DOPE (9), over 2300m at Mons late-July. Has little going for her here and can be disregarded
- 5. HEBE DU PETIT ODON** - 5th of 10 in a 2675m Vertou Class F on 25 August. Has only been beaten once in the amateur division when barefoot and, from the 5-spot, can bring home the bacon
- 6. GOPTION MONTAVAL** - Lost her action in a 2675m amateurs Class G at Divonne-les-Bains a fortnight ago, but has form at the venue and, with stride in check, will not be far from the action
- 7. FLASH BACK DU NORD** - Pleased at Saint-Omer before coming 6th in late-July race of reference and will need to find more
- 8. GOLOVKIN NATHANPI** - In the frame in 3 of last 4, latterly 3rd of 10 in a 2900m Arras amateurs Class G 2.5 weeks ago. Not ideally-drawn but form is not in question and will justifiably generate interest
- 9. HAZEL DOPE** - Good, consistent mare that ran 3rd in a 2750m amateurs Class G here late last month. Deserves to have won more than once in her 100 starts and while unlikely to deliver this time, can still challenge for a step on the podium

Summary: Twice a winner at this level, HEBE DU PETIT ODON (5) showed her form in the professional ranks 10 days ago, returns to the category with revised shoeing, and is well-placed to get her nose back in front. Maxime De Wulf will still want to be wary of HUGOLINO (1) who has never disappointed in the amateur division, and recent La Capelle 3rd, HAZEL DOPE (9), whose draw is less of an issue in this small field. A faithful servant for the most part, GOPTION MONTAVAL (6) is plainly in terrific shape and, on good behaviour, can play a prominent role.

SELECTIONS

HEBE DU PETIT ODON (5) - HUGOLINO (1) - HAZEL DOPE (9) - GOPTION MONTAVAL (6)

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**C3 - PRIX DE LA SAUR - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR
€ 27,000**

- 1. JOJO LAPIN** - Returns to France after coming 4th of 7 over 3200m at Berlin-Mariendorf 2.5 weeks ago, but appears to have his work cut out
- 2. KALICIA JOSSELYN** - Off the boil for last 17 months, latterly sanctioned when unsupported in a 2050m Cabourg Class D on 16 August, and is not a realistic proposition
- 3. KENTUCKY WOOD** - Has looked a different horse since starting to race with pads, latterly winning a 2700m Class B at Grenade-sur-Garonne mid-August, and has every chance of repeating
- 4. JODANNE DIESCHOOT** - Back on the boil after a lean streak, most recently 3rd of 11 in a 2625m Cherbourg Class E on 19 August, and with Benjamin Rochard reining this time, will be afforded a competitive run
- 5. KAISER RIVER** - Is considerably better than his 8th of 10 in a 2150m Cagnes Class B late-July would suggest. Is a capricious soul but will be dangerous if his driver keeps him trotting
- 6. JOKER D'OCCAGNES** - Won at Enghien early-July before coming 5th of 15 in a 2875m Enghien Class D 3 weeks ago. Enjoys a good entry and with a top driver reining, must be respected
- 7. JOYCE DES GRANGES** - Quality element that came last of 15, on re-entry 3 weeks ago, in a 2875m Enghien Class D. Races barefoot this time and, if race-fit, could pleasantly surprise

Summary: After a pair of conditioners, KENTUCKY WOOD (3) got straight back in the game and, with Franck Ouvrie back in the bike, can confirm his recent victory. He will, however be keeping a watchful eye on KAISER RIVER (5) who is reunited with Gabi Gelormini, and the on-form JOKER D'OCCAGNES (6) who receives a Franck Nivard drive for the occasion.

SELECTIONS

KENTUCKY WOOD (3) - KAISER RIVER (5) - JOKER D'OCCAGNES (6) - JOYCE DES GRANGES (7)

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C4 - PRIX DE CAGNES SUR MER - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 30,000

1. LEPIDOPTERISTE - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 18 June. Has not raced since and is unlikely to shake things up

2. LAMKELZE DE NIEL - Won a Class E over course and distance before faulting early and coming last of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D a week ago, and can play an active role if he gets off on the right foot

3. LIFOU IRIS'EYES - Capable but unthreatening 4th of 8 in a Class D over course and distance on 7 July. Unraced since and not a priority

4. LADY PRINCESS - Twice a winner over track and trip before coming 6th, a place behind LUMIERE DU CHENE (7), in a 2150m Enghien Class D mid-August. Faces a good bunch here but is well-placed to pick up a minor place cheque

5. LUCKY BOY VERTRAC - Useful colt that lost his maiden tag 2.5 weeks ago in a 3025m Class E at Montier-en-Der. 4 pads fitted this time and from the front line, should not be far off the mark

6. LORD DU TRIEUX - Makes first appearance since finishing 3rd of 8 in a 2150m Enghien Class D late-June. Pads fitted for re-entry but no more than a minor place prospect

7. LUMIERE DU CHENE - Won over course and distance before coming 5th of 14 in a 2150m Enghien Class D mid-August. Is plainly a progressive filly and will be expected to make the most of her front row break

8. LEGOLAS PAULOIS - Runner up here late-July before coming 3rd of 7 in a 2150m Enghien Class D 3 weeks ago. Nicely-engaged on first line and is unlikely to disappoint

9. LUDIVER DES VAUX - Tenacious 2nd of 7 in a 2675m Class C at Divonne-les-Bains a fortnight ago. Incurs the penalty once more and enjoys an excellent opportunity to lose his maiden status

10. LE CAP - Unexceptional 5th of 11 in a 2950m Vichy Class B last week and in this company will have little to offer

11. LOTUS ZEN - Last of 5 in a 2175m Vincennes monté Gr.3 on 24 August. Here for reasons of conditioning and, incurring a 50m penalty, can be passed over

12. LILAS CASTELLE - Drops down the class-ladder after coming 7th of 9 in a 2175m Vincennes Gr.2 2.5 weeks ago. Starts with a 50m handicap but still looks a serious proposition

Summary: Back in business since returning to racing shod, LUDIVER DES VAUX (9) is clearly close to his race and, in spite of the handicap, still looks the horse to beat. A further 25m behind, the well-regarded LILAS CASTELLE (12) takes a dip in category and, with application, can make a big splash. A winner here in late-July, LUMIERE DU CHENE (7) sports 4 pads for the first time and will be no pushover from the first line. LEGOLAS PAULOIS (8) defied his odds at Enghien recently and, already confirmed at La Capelle, must be respected.

SELECTIONS

LUDIVER DES VAUX (9) - LILAS CASTELLE (12) - LUMIERE DU CHENE (7) - LEGOLAS
PAULOIS (8)

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C5 - PRIX COM DE COM DE THIERACHE DU CENTRE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. INDIGO DU PERCHE** - On the way back up, most recently 3rd of 9 in a 3150m Abbeville Class H late-July. Races barefoot this time and although not a leading contender, is still worth retaining
- 2. ILFUEGO** - Makes first appearance since coming last of 9 in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 17 July. Has form in this category and should not be underestimated
- 3. IDOLE HAUFOR** - Returns to racing left-handed after missing out by little in a 2000m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 2.5 weeks ago. Handed a terrific draw and Jean-Charles Piton will be loathe to pass up such a good opportunity
- 4. ICARE DU DOUET** - Sanctioned in 4 of last 6, latterly a 2650m Vertou Class H 10 days ago, and in spite of the good draw, is a minor place chance at best
- 5. IMOW ROLAU** - Clearly back at the top of his game, latterly winning a 3150m Abbeville amateurs Class H with ease a week ago. Enjoys a decent spot in front and looks competitive for a repeat
- 6. IBLISS MAYBE** - Off the boil since winning at Arras, most recently 8th of 12 in a 2600m Berck-sur-Mer Class F 3 weeks ago and, with front pads fitted, appears to have nothing to contribute
- 7. IRONWOOD PARIS** - Gives a good account for the most part when focused, most recently a reassuring 3rd of 8 in a 2500m Class F at La Rochelle and, with form maintained, could yet open his 2024 account
- 8. IDEALE D'ARCEY** - Encountered traffic problems, coming 7th of 11 in a 2750m Cabourg Class E last week. Showed her form though and can play a prominent part if Pierre-Yves Verva keeps her trotting
- 9. IBELLO DU BOCAGE** - Returns to France after coming 5th of 12 over 2300m at Mons late last week. Steps up in category but can still hold his own
- 10. ITOU DES GENIEVRES** - Unthreatening 5th of 9 in a 2850m Mauquenchy amateurs Class G a month back but still has a lot more to find
- 11. ITAC DE PICDOM** - 4th here early-July but out of the picture in 4 since, latterly sanctioned in a 2600m Class F at Le Touquet 2.5 weeks ago, and can be ruled out
- 12. IN THE SUN** - Last but one in a 2600m Class E at Le Touquet last Sunday and backs up with no realistic chance

Summary: Third at Pornichet before winning over longer at Abbeville late last month, IMOW ROLAU (5) has never been tested below 2100m but is well-placed in front and, in current form, can double up. He will still come under pressure from IRONWOOD PARIS (7) who has placed in 2 of his last 3, and the well-positioned IDOLE HAUFOR (3) who gave an excellent account last time out. IDEALE D'ARCEY (8) was not the luckiest at Cabourg, but Pierre-Yves Verva reining this time should make all the difference.

SELECTIONS

IMOW ROLAU (5) - IRONWOOD PARIS (7) - IDOLE HAUFOR (3) - IDEALE D'ARCEY (8)

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**C6 - PRIX D'ARGENTAN - 1800m (a1m1/8) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR
€ 27,000**

- 1. GREFFIERS FLINOIS** - Pleasant 5th of 11 in a 2050m Class E at Divonne-les-Bains a fortnight ago but faces a much stiffer test this time around
- 2. FLOCON MONTJEANAIS** - Showed improvement when 4th of 11 in a 2900m Ploërmel Class F 10 days ago. Is well-placed behind the car, with Benjamin Rochard reining, and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 3. HELIUM VELCO** - Failed to confirm his Argentan victory when last but one in a 2050m Cabourg Class D on 9 August. Pleased on lone appearance at La Capelle and Thibaut Dromigny will be keen to set the record straight
- 4. GAMIN DE COKTAIL** - Beat HAND FULL (5) to win at Les Sables-d'Olonne early-August before finishing last of 10 in a 2725m Pornichet Class E 11 days later. Hind shoes off this time and the engagement of Gabi Gelormini will only help his cause
- 5. HAND FULL** - Runner-up in last 2, latterly a 2775m Class E at Les Sables-d'Olonne a week ago, and has a realistic chance of making his debut at the venue a winning one
- 6. HAPPY ATOUT** - Barring the one mis-step, has been firing on all cylinders lately, latterly 2nd of 10 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class E on 25 July. Comes here fresh, starts in front, and can impose
- 7. HERCULE DU PARC** - Useful dual-discipline trotter that came a reassuring 4th of 10 in a 2600m Class F at Le Touquet 2.5 weeks ago, but at this level will have too much to do
- 8. HERMINE DE RHEVE** - Courageous 4th of 10 in a 2800m Strasbourg Class F last week. Handed a tough draw but is still worth monitoring
- 9. HURACAN** - Sanctioned, when unsupported, in a 2675m Class D at Divonne-les-Bains 2.5 weeks ago and has no possible chance
- 10. HELLA DE JANA** - Winner over longer here earlier in the year but has not been seen out since finishing last but one in a 2100m Vincennes amateurs Class G early-June. Barefoot for re-entry though and will have her supporters

Summary: One of the most consistent horses in the field, HAPPY ATOUT (6) made up for his Vichy blip with a reassuringly good Mauquenchy performance and from the front row, can finally open his La Capelle account. That being said, he will be pitted against HAND FULL (5) who has not finished out of the first 2 since April, and recent Argentan winner HELIUM VELCO (3) who is out to make amends for his Cabourg disappointment. FLOCON MONTJEANAIS (2) seldom gets his nose in front but is seldom far from the action either, and the draw will do his prospects no disservice.

SELECTIONS

HAPPY ATOUT (6) - HAND FULL (5) - HELIUM VELCO (3) - FLOCON MONTJEANAIS (2)

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C7 - PRIX GROUPE LANIE 02 - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

- 1. FRIDAY** - Serious trotter that finished 8th of 11, when preparing for this in a 2625m Saint-Omer harness Class F 10 days ago. Won last time here, is barefoot for the occasion, and looks a player
- 2. HEVA BLONDE** - Imposed at La Rochelle before faulting early in a 2725m Pornichet Class E 2 weeks ago, but can play an active role if Océane Briand assures the mare's initial strides
- 3. GALOPIN DE MARTHE** - Very hard to fault at present, most recently good 2nd of 9 in a 2750m Cabourg Class E on 23 August, and has a realistic chance of imposing this time
- 4. GRINGO SAVA** - A write-off so far this term, most recently 9th of 10 in a 2875m Enghien Class E 6 weeks ago, and even with Benjamin Rochard in the irons, cannot be considered a priority
- 5. FASCINANT** - Has merit but sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2675m Class E at Divonne-les-Bains a fortnight ago, and others easier to trust
- 6. GENERAL** - 8th of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D a fortnight ago. Has done nothing noteworthy over recent months and can be confidently ruled out
- 7. ENJEU DAIRPET** - Last of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 2 weeks ago and will have little to offer
- 8. GALIE DE CELINIÈRE** - Sprang a 45/1 surprise when 2nd of 8 in a 2725m Pornichet Class D early-August. Comes here fresh and must be taken more seriously on this occasion. Chance
- 9. GLADIATOR BOY** - 5th of 7 finishers in a 2725m Pornichet Class E a fortnight ago. In more reasonable company this time and, with form maintained, can challenge for a place in the frame
- 10. FARCEUR DE MAI** - Honest type that trotted 6th, a place behind GLADIATOR BOY (9), in a 2725m Pornichet Class E a fortnight ago. Winless for past 12 months and that is unlikely to change this time either

Summary: In the frame in his last 4 monté starts, GALOPIN DE MARTHE (3) won under harness here earlier in the year and deserves to have his day in the sun. On just her second appearance under the saddle, GALIE DE CELINIÈRE (8) gave a terrific account early last month, is shod to preference, and Estelle Croisic will be eyeing victory this time. Winner at La Rochelle a month ago, HEVA BLONDE (2) faulted early at Pornichet next time but will be no easy touch if she gets off on the right foot. GLADIATOR BOY (9) appears to be back in shape and can get in on the action.

SELECTIONS

**GALOPIN DE MARTHE (3) - GALIE DE CELINIÈRE (8) - HEVA BLONDE (2) - GLADIATOR
BOY (9)**

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C8 - PRIX DU CREDIT AGRICOLE NORD-EST - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. FALCON JET** - Bit off more than he could chew on 26 August when 8th of 14 in a 2850m Vincennes Class C. Has won 4 times at La Capelle and, while not a priority, is still worth keeping an eye on
- 2. GASOLIN** - Made it 2 straight when victorious in a 2650m Class D at Les Sables-d'Olonne 2.5 weeks ago, and is ideally-positioned to make another big splash
- 3. IPALIO** - 7th of 11 when preparing for this over 2300m at Mons early last month. Is in his category, unshod-all-4, and from the 3-spot will have his chances
- 4. CANTO DEI VENTI** - Failed to confirm his Bordeaux performance on re-entry when 7th of 12, behind HABIT DE SOIREE (6), in a 2750m Cabourg Class D on 23 August. Will have come on for the run and, from the 4-spot, can put on a competitive show
- 5. FEEL SMART** - 5th here in July before coming 7th of 8 to HABIT DE SOIREE (6) in a 2400m Amiens Class D on 1 August. Shoes on this time and will have few friends
- 6. HABIT DE SOIREE** - Winner at Amiens early last month before coming 4th of 12 in a 2750m Cabourg Class D 3 weeks later. Will appreciate return to La Capelle and will be thereabouts at the finish
- 7. HAWAI PONT VAUTIER** - Hardy element with a superb win-rate, most recently successful in a 2625m Villeneuve-sur-Lot Class D 2.5 weeks ago. Is always 'in to win' and debuts at the venue with a good hand to play
- 8. LAST WINNER (BEL)** - Honest mare that ran 2nd of 7 in 2400m amateurs event at Waregem 3 weeks ago. Consistently gives her best, is competitively-shod, but the draw will do her no favours
- 9. IRINA DE BAILLY** - Reassuring 4th of 13 in a 2675m Class D at Divonne-les-Bains 2.5 weeks ago. In superior company this time and is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 10. COOL KRONOS** - Made it 2 in a row when successful in a 2925m Cagnes Class C 3.5 weeks ago and makes the long trip to La Capelle with every chance of securing the 3-timer
- 11. CHERRY TOP** - Left a good impression in a 2750m Cabourg Class D late last month despite being disqualified. On 2nd line but has solid credentials at this level and can get a look-in
- 12. DONIZETTI (SWE)** - Last of 5 in a 2875m Meslay-du-Maine Class D on 30 July. Has nothing to offer here and can be passed over
- 13. ILLICO DES BAUX** - 5th of 9 in 2350m Waregem group event last week. Races barefoot this time but others still preferred

Summary: Occasionally a handful he can be but COOL KRONOS (10) comes to La Capelle on a hat-trick, is behind in earnings, and with application, will be expected to make it 3 on the trot. Leading the opposition, HABIT DE SOIREE (6) thrives at the venue, is clearly in excellent shape and is better-placed on the front line. Hard to fault in the day's configuration, HAWAI PONT VAUTIER (7) will be no easy touch, and neither will the ideally-positioned IPALIO (3) who is barefoot for the occasion.

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COOL KRONOS (10) - HABIT DE SOIREE (6) - HAWAI PONT VAUTIER (7) - IPALIO (3)