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R5 CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX AUBRION DU GERS - 2925m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness -
EUR € 38,000**

1. HELIOS DES CHAMPS - Tricky customer but usually acquits himself well when avoiding disqualification - confirmed as much with a 4th on this course over 2150m on 15 August. Question of wisdom

2. GO TO AMERICA - Unreliable veteran mare soundly beaten (10th) on this course over 2150m on 31 July. Lacks references with this shoe-fitting

3. HARRY LE BEAU - Last-start winner over this course and distance on 27 July - in good time, too. Should play another leading role

4. GREGOR - Honest, in-form veteran with 5 wins already this year (3 in his last 4 starts) and references at a higher level. Most effective in this shoe-fitting and finished a good 4th over 2700m at La Capelle on 22 July - sets the standard

5. FASHIONABLE QUICK - Capable hard-knocker but currently out of sorts and is most effective when unshod, so best watched for now. Disqualified in 3 of his last 4 appearances, including his latest on this course over 2150m on 31 July

6. FAVORI DE BRY - Well-performed veteran whose best references have been achieved racing unshod behind. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th on this course over 2150m on 31 July

7. GORDON FLASH - Returned to form with an encouraging last-start 2nd on this course over 2150m on 31 July. Will be competitive if confirming that improvement

Summary: GREGOR (4) is a confident selection to win the opening event, having already won 5 times this year including 3 of his last 4 outings. Last-start scorer HARRY LE BEAU (3) and consistent HELIOS DES CHAMPS (1), who is most efficient in this shoeing configuration, are potential dangers, while GORDON FLASH (7) needs only to confirm the improvement of his latest appearance to make his presence felt.

SELECTIONS

GREGOR (4) - HARRY LE BEAU (3) - HELIOS DES CHAMPS (1) - GORDON FLASH (7)

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C2 - PRIX FLORENCE LECELLIER - 2925m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 33,000

1. CHRONO EK - Unplaced (9th) over 2700m on this course over 2700m on 10 August in his first start for David Cinier. Dark horse

2. FURIES RAIN - Finished 7th shod in a 2150m amateur race on this course recently (15 August) after a 4-month absence, having arrived on French soil from Sweden. Best watched for now

3. BOMBER MAN - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials at this level, including a good 3rd over 2650m at Hyères on 21 July. Confirmed under these conditions with this shoe-fitting, so should make his presence felt

4. HAYASTAN DE ROSAN - Complicated mare with undeniable means. Seldom finishes far off the mark when avoiding disqualification and confirmed as much with a last-start 5th over 2850m at Hyères on 12 August - should have a role to play

5. HAROLD BERGIL - Unplaced (8th) in his latest appearance on this course over 2700m on 5 August but won and finished 2nd in two previous outings over this course and distance in July. Not taken lightly

6. I AM DES MOTTES - Caught the eye when bouncing back to form with an encouraging 4th over this course and distance on 29 July. Confirmed under these conditions and likely to play a leading role

7. HERODE DU CORTA - Honest veteran trotter with sound references although most effective when unshod. Didn't go unnoticed when 7th over 2700m at this venue on 29 July - presented shod for this commitment

8. GAMINE DE RIBEAU - Has regained her form and momentum recently in consecutive 2700m races on this course, the latest (4th) on 13 August. Will be a factor

Summary: I AM DES MOTTES (6) sparked encouraging signs of a return to form with a reassuring 4th last time out and has a good opportunity to reconnect with success if building on that improvement. However, HAYASTAN DE ROSAN (4) fits a similar profile and will fight for victory should she confirm the form of her last-start 5th. GAMINE DE RIBEAU (8), whose competitiveness at this level is assured, has the means to play a leading role and ought to challenge for a spot on the podium, along with HAROLD BERGIL (5) who shouldn't be hastily condemned for his disappointing last start.

SELECTIONS

I AM DES MOTTES (6) - HAYASTAN DE ROSAN (4) - GAMINE DE RIBEAU (8) - HAROLD BERGIL (5)

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C3 - PRIX DES VAUTOURS - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

1. KIEFFER D'OURVILLE - A model of consistency with proven references under these conditions at this level, including a 3rd over course and distance last month. Acquitted himself well when finishing 5th on this course over 2925m on 3 August

2. KALINE DES RIOULTS - Lightly raced 11-start maiden with sound references/form credentials, including a 2nd and 3rd in back-to-back 2925m races on its course, the latest on 3 August in this configuration. Not taken lightly

3. KAVALE DU CHOQUEL - Inconsistent but does have sound references at this level, including a course-and-distance 5th in a similar event on 26 January. Disqualified in her latest appearance at Hyères on 12 August - for another day

4. KRISTO STAR - Consistent for the most part and rarely seen in this (barefoot) shoeing configuration - finished 4th and 5th in his 2 unshod appearances, both on this course over 2925m. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th here (2925m) on 3 August

5. KOELHO DE NAPPES - Complicated and rarely far from a fault - disqualified in 3 of his last 6 appearances and unplaced on the other 3 occasions, the latest (8th) on this course over 2925m on 3 August. Outsider

6. KANTARELLINA CHIC - Effective over the sprint distance/course with no shortage of speed, so this track layout/profile should serve her interests. Not hastily condemned despite her last-start disqualification at Vichy on 3 August

7. KATELINE DE BRY - Unreliable performer, albeit at a higher level. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th in a stronger race/field at Enghien over 2875m on 13 July on her return from a break - progress anticipated

8. KATANA QUICK - Last-start winner on this course over 2925m on 3 August with Nicolas Ensch at the helm. Confirmation expected

9. KADOR DE SEVRE - Inconsistent trotter disqualified in his latest appearance on this course over 2925m on 27 July but shouldn't be hastily condemned, especially after a course-and-distance 2nd in his previous outing (13 July). Keep safe

10. KADO D'OCCAGNES - Lightly raced gelding with considerable untapped ability. Hasn't been seen since his disqualification over 3000m at Marseille-Borely on 26 April - best watched for now

Summary: Enigmatic KATANA QUICK (8) redeemed herself after a disqualification in her previous outing with a last-start victory on this course over 2925m. She is equally adept over this shorter distance and need only avoid disqualification to follow up here at the expense of consistent KIEFFER D'OURVILLE (1). With a much-needed comeback outing under her belt, KATELINE DE BRY (7) shouldn't be taken lightly. KANTARELLINA CHIC (6), whose recent faux pas (disqualification) is best forgotten, and rejuvenated KALINE DES RIOULTS (2) also have legitimate podium aspirations.

SELECTIONS

**KATANA QUICK (8) - KIEFFER D'OURVILLE (1) - KATELINE DE BRY (7) -
KANTARELLINA CHIC (6)**

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C4 - PRIX MICHEL HERY - 2925m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 22,000

- 1. KIPPA DES ECUS** - Hasn't been seen since her debut disqualification over 2400m at Amiens on 20 November 2022. Watch for now
- 2. KLISCAMOTTE LOUTE** - Unplaced in consecutive starts last year (8th in both) and disqualified in all 3 subsequent outings - the latest over 2600m at Lyon-Parilly on 5 May
- 3. KUEEN PEARL** - Disqualified in 4 of her 8 appearances but has revealed undeniable means - confirmed as much with a good 2nd over course and distance on 7 August. Confirmation expected
- 4. KAEDE DE LA COUR** - Yet to win a race after 18 starts but boasts sound form references/credentials - has a 2nd, a 3rd and a 4th in her last 3 appearances (all over this course and distance). Finished 3rd in her latest outing on 3 August - keep safe
- 5. KANDY DU MIDI** - Complicated 32-start maiden, rarely far from a fault although seldom finishes far off the mark when remaining wise (avoiding disqualification). Sanctioned in back-to-back recent starts at Hyeres, latest (2850m) on 12 August
- 6. KETTY KATE** - Complicated and rarely far from a fault - disqualified in her last start over this course and distance on 5 August, though has achieved her best references (only victory and both places) at this venue
- 7. KARLA STYLE** - Last-start winner over 2000m at Aix-les-Bains in a Class F contest on 6 August. Will find this (Class E) tougher
- 8. KATE TURGOT** - A 14-start maiden with sound form references/credentials, especially in this shoeing configuration - twice 2nd over 2800m at Bollène in June and 3rd over 2650m at Hyeres on 2 August
- 9. KAMILLE DU MESNIL** - Consistent for the most part and finished an encouraging 4th over this course and distance on 5 August - ahead of the selection. Not taken lightly
- 10. KARA MARIS** - Stopped her run of 5 consecutive disqualifications with a reassuring 5th over course and distance on 5 August. Should have more to offer racing fully unshod (barefoot) for the first time

Summary: Delicate KARA MARIS (10) displayed better application to finish a reassuring 5th in her last start and it could pay to take a chance on her confirming that improvement. KAEDE DE LA COUR (4) will be rewarded for her consistency sooner rather than later and is likely to fight for victory, along with KUEEN PEARL (3) who need only build on the encouragement of her last-start 2nd to challenge those rivals for race honours. KETTY KATE (6), complicated although undeniably capable, KANDY DU MIDI (5), despite back-to-back recent disqualifications, and consistent KAMILLE DU MESNIL (9) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KARA MARIS (10) - KAEDE DE LA COUR (4) - KUEEN PEARL (3) - KETTY KATE (6)

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C5 - PRIX DE LA PROMENADE DES ANGLAIS - 2925m (a2m) - Class R Claiming - Harness - EUR € 12,000

- 1. GALAXY VAUCEENNE** - Veteran mare, a regular in amateur races - achieved her best references at that level, including a last-start 4th over 2150m on 10 August. Has more to do here
- 2. GITANO DE FELINE** - Finished 4th in a course-and-distance claimer on 3 August before indifferent subsequent showings in amateur races on this course - disqualified in the latest of those over 2150m on 15 August. Capable do better at this level
- 3. HAPPY LOVE** - Out-of-sorts veteran unplaced (9th) in a similar course-and-distance claimer on 3 August. Others preferred
- 4. FORMIDABLE VOYAGE** - Well-tried veteran (111 appearances) who is seldom far off the mark - finished 5th in a claimer over course and distance on 3 August. Didnt go unnoticed when 7th over 2850m at Hyeres on 12 August
- 5. GALLIANO DU DESERT** - Honest hard-knocker who rarely finishes far off the mark and is confirmed under the conditions, in this shoeing configuration. Unplaced (7th) over 2850m at Hyeres on 12 August
- 6. FRANKLIN** - Well-performed, inconsistent veteran with references at a higher level. Unplaced (8th) in a stronger race/field at Aix-les-Bains over 2700m on 4 August but should fare a lot better in this grade
- 7. GENEVRIER** - Veteran trotter whose course-and-distance 2nd in a similar contest on 3 August was his first appearance in this (claiming) category. Will be a factor
- 8. ESPIT CHUPITOS** - Out-of-sorts veteran who finished unplaced (8th) in a course-and-distance claiming race on 3 August. Has only a minor role to play

Summary: FRANKLIN (6) has been out of sorts recently but should appreciate this drop in class to contest his first claiming race, so looks good value to reconnect with success. GENEVRIER (7), runner-up in a similar course-and-distance contest earlier this month. should give the most to fear with GITANO DE FELINE (2) and FORMIDABLE VOYAGE (4), who were 4th and 5th respectively in that 3 August event, appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

FRANKLIN (6) - GENEVRIER (7) - GITANO DE FELINE (2) - FORMIDABLE VOYAGE (4)

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C6 - PRIX D'ORAIISON - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 22,000

- 1. LORENZO PAULOIS** - Disqualified in 5 of 7 appearances but finished 2nd in both completed outings, including over this track and trip on 8 July. Dark horse
- 2. LISTAO** - Lightly raced colt with scope for improvement but is currently out of sorts - unplaced (9th) in his latest outing at Les Sables over 2775m on 17 July
- 3. LUCKY D'AVAIL** - Complicated and seldom far from a fault - disqualified in 3 of his last 4 outings, including his latest on 22 June over 2650m at Marseille-Vivaux. Best watched for now
- 4. LOVICTORY WILLIAMS** - Tricky customer with undeniable means - confirmed as much with a last-start 2nd on this course over 2925m on 31 July. Keep safe
- 5. LOUNA STAR** - Has made encouraging recent improvement and bettered her finishing position with each of her last 5 outings. Confirmed the form of her course-and-distance 4th with a good 3rd on this course over 2150m on 13 August
- 6. LEADER RASTID** - Lightly raced, unexposed gelding who made a winning debut over 2650m at Marseille-Vivaux in March. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over this course and distance on 22 July when resuming after a 3-month absence
- 7. LYRE DE BEYLEV** - Lightly raced filly, twice 2nd in 3 completed races (5 starts) including her last start on this course over 2700m on 13 July. Candidate for success
- 8. LEBEL DU MIDI** - Inconsistent but isn't entirely incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references/performances. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2850m at Hyeres on 2 August
- 9. LOVELY LA CHENAIE** - Built on an encouraging Cagnes debut (5th) over 2700m to finish an improved 3rd on this course over 2925m on 31 July. Not taken lightly
- 10. LANGONE** - Disqualified in all 5 appearances, including 3 consecutive recent outings on this course - the latest over course and distance on 13 August. Others preferred

Summary: The improvement LOUNA STAR (5) has made in 3 recent appearances on this course has given the impression that the winning turn could be near, especially with further progress on the cards. LYRE DE BEYLEV (7) has finished 2nd in 2 of her last 3 starts, including a recent outing on this course so she wouldn't be winning out of turn either. LOVICTORY WILLIAMS (4), who also filled the runners-up berth last time, and consistent LOVELY LA CHENAIE (9) are others with legitimate podium ambitions. LORENZO PAULOIS (1) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

LOUNA STAR (5) - LYRE DE BEYLEV (7) - LOVICTORY WILLIAMS (4) - LOVELY LA CHENAIE (9)

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C7 - PRIX DE SAINT-ETIENNE-DE-TINEE - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class G Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 8,000

- 1. HOLY GRACE** - Veteran mare confirmed in the amateur category. Has regained form and momentum in consecutive starts over course and distance at this level - finished 2nd on 27 July and 3rd in her latest appearance on 3 August
- 2. HODOSIS** - Out-of-sorts veteran who finished a well-beaten 9th over 2850m at Hyeres on 12 August. Others are preferred
- 3. INDIGO SIMARDIERE** - Honest hard-knocker whose best references/performances were achieved racing without his irons (unshod). Finished 4th (barefoot) on this course over 2925m on 29 July
- 4. HELIA DE BRUYERE** - Consistent veteran mare with sound references, though most effective when unshod. Finished 4th (barefoot) at Sault over 3000m on 11 August
- 5. HERMES FLAM** - Complicated and seldom far from a fault - disqualified in 4 consecutive outings, the latest at Bollène on 23 June
- 6. ISTINGA BOCAIN** - Consistent mare with sound references, though her best performances have been when racing unshod. Absent since her disqualification at Saint-Galmier on 19 February
- 7. GABARRET DAIRPET** - Last-start winner (barefoot) over 2700m at Aix-les-Bains on 28 July. Presented shod for this engagement
- 8. GALAXY DU REYNARD** - A regular in amateur races with sound references and form credentials in this category. Acquitted herself well (6th) in a similar course-and-distance event when last seen on 13 July
- 9. GAVROCHE BOCAIN** - Veteran mare with proven form references/credentials at this level and under these conditions, including a 3rd over course and distance in a similar contest on 13 August
- 10. ISPAHAN TEAM** - Unplaced in 5 consecutive starts, albeit at a higher level - the latest (8th) on this course over 2925m (15 August). Should fare better in this grade
- 11. GOLDEN CASH** - Out-of-sorts veteran who seldom finishes far off the mark, though rarely wins (only 3 victories from 93 outings). Unplaced (7th) in a similar course-and-distance event on 13 August
- 12. INES DU VAAL** - Out-of-sorts veteran who is seldom far from a fault. Unplaced in her last 3 starts, the latest (11th) over 2850m at Hyeres on 12 July

Summary: GAVROCHE BOCAIN (9), who finished 3rd over this course and distance last time, GALAXY DU REYNARD (8), whose competitiveness at this level, is beyond doubt, and clas-dropper ISPAHAN TEAM (10) are awkwardly positioned at the start but seem best equipped to fight for victory. HOLY GRACE (1), ideally placed behind the autostart and in good form recently, could make life difficult for them although the same could also be said of last-start winner GABARRET DAIRPET (7).

SELECTIONS

GAVROCHE BOCAIN (9) - GALAXY DU REYNARD (8) - ISPAHAN TEAM (10) - HOLY

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GRACE (1)