

FRIDAY, 23/08/24

R5 LES SABLES D'OLONNE [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX FLAMBEAU DES PINS - 2775m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race -
Harness - EUR € 21,000**

1. IRLANDE DU CHENET - 4th of 9 in a 2950m Dinan claimer 2.5 weeks ago, on just 2nd start back, but still appears to have no realistic chance

2. IMA DU CANET - Sanctioned in a 2750m Class F at La Ferté-Vidame on Sunday, but is barefoot for the occasion and the Eric Raffin-factor must be taken into consideration. Place chance

3. IENA MESLOISE - No star but always gives her best, latterly 6th of 7 in a 2600m Berck-sur-Mer amateurs Class H on 4 August, and can get a look-in

4. IDYLLE DU GASSEL - Never far from faulting but came a pleasant 5th of 12 in a 2750m Class H at La Ferté-Vidame last Sunday. Unlikely to shake things up but can still make first 5

5. INES DE MAJEAN - Back under harness after coming 7th of 9 in a monté Class F over course and distance on 12 August and is not about to spring any surprises

6. ISKA DE VIC THI - Honest mare that finished 3rd of 11 in a 2300m Abbeville amateurs Class H 12 days ago. Breaks in front and is not incapable of bagging her first race since February 2023

7. IRIS RENARDIER - Showed marginal improvement last week when 7th of 12 in a 3100m Chinon Class F, but still has more to find

8. IBACA - Was not disgraced when 6th of 7 in a 2625m Class F at La Rochelle earlier in the month. From the front line, in this company, looks capable of imposing

9. INES DU MARLOU - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2875m Class H at Bagnoles-de-l'Orne last week. On back line and can be ruled out

10. ITALIE FRANCE - Last of 10 in a 2750m Class F at La Ferté-Vidame last weekend. Reverts to a proven formula and, on good behaviour, can play an important part

Summary: One of the more open races of the day and it may just be worth taking a punt on IBACA (8) who races with front shoes off and who enjoys a good entry on the front row, although ISKA DE VIC THI (6) reassured at Abbeville and looks a similarly serious proposition. Unshod-behind this time, ITALIE FRANCE (10) is giving away distance but should have a lot to contribute in this small field. Barefoot, with the champion driver reining, IMA DU CANET (2) is most definitely one for the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

IBACA (8) - ISKA DE VIC THI (6) - ITALIE FRANCE (10) - IMA DU CANET (2)

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C2 - PRIX FAN IDOLE - 2775m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. JULIANO DELTO** - Good, consistent type that was surprisingly unfocused in a 2475m Francheville Class F last week. Is confirmed here though, sports a new configuration, and is not to be overlooked
- 2. JACARTO DE HOUELLE** - Faulted early in a 2675m Class E at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last Sunday. Has bags of ability though and with Anthony Barrier reining this time, will be afforded every chance
- 3. JUDOKA** - Last but one, when prepping for this, in a 2725m Pornichet Class F 3 weeks ago. Has never disappointed here, is barefoot for the occasion, and merits a 2nd look
- 4. JUPITER FRANCE** - Encouraging 4th of 12 in a 3150m Class F at La Roche-Posay on 11 August but, in this company, will have too much to do
- 5. JOYAU DAIRPET** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2725m Pornichet Class F 3 weeks ago but nevertheless showed his form. Dynamic winner here early last month and, if focused, can play a leading role
- 6. JOKER DES LANDES** - Game sort that lost his action in a 2850m Class F at Bagnoles-de-l'Orne 8 days ago. Will appreciate the return to a hard surface and debuts at the venue with justified ambition
- 7. JOURNAL INTIME** - Placed 3rd here before repeating in a 2950m Le Mans Class F on 27 July. Is plainly close to his race and with the aid of Eric Raffin, can return to winning ways
- 8. JACAR DE LA DIVES** - Useful trotter but has not been seen out since coming 5th of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D early-May and will need the run
- 9. JUHELLET** - Faulted in a 3125m Vibraye Class F mid-month. Front shoes off this time but others still preferred
- 10. JOHN RIVER** - Going well when sanctioned in a 2950m Class F at Le Mans late last month. Has been afforded time to get his house in order and, with stride in check, can figure prominently
- 11. JAG DE ROZEVIC** - Secured 2nd straight victory when winning a 3150m Abbeville Class H earlier in the month and, considering the entry, will have his chances
- 12. JASPE IMPERIAL** - Won a 2900m Dozulé monté Class F 9 days ago. Has decent harness references but on this occasion, looks out of his depth

Summary: In the frame in his last two, proven at the venue, and entrusted to Eric Raffin, JOURNAL INTIME (7) looks to have the edge here, however JOKER DES LANDES (6) will be no pushover if Sébastien Hardy keeps him trotting. JOYAU DAIRPET (5) has twice failed to confirm last month's win here but his form is not in doubt and a little bit of application would see him competitive for a place in the frame. JAG DE ROZEVIC (11) returns to the venue on a hat-trick, is competitively-shod, and unlikely to be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

JOURNAL INTIME (7) - JOKER DES LANDES (6) - JOYAU DAIRPET (5) - JAG DE ROZEVIC (11)

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C3 - PRIX BOLD EAGLE - 2775m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. IVOIRE DU CHATELET** - Encouraged at La Rochelle before finishing 9th of 15 in a 2725m Pornichet Class F a week ago, and others easier to back
- 2. INTERDIT DE BOUERE** - Switches back to the harness code after coming last but one in a 2775m monté Class F here on 12 August. Hind shoes off but others still preferred
- 3. IMPEC D'AVRAN** - 7th of 10 finishers in a 2900m amateurs Class H at La Chartre-sur-le-Loir last Sunday and even from the front line will have too much to do
- 4. IMPOLOKO** - Last of 8 in a Class F over course and distance 2 weeks ago. Has nothing to write home about this term and can be passed over
- 5. IVOIRE D'ECHAL** - Made it 5 straight sanctions when faulting in a 2650m Pornichet Class F mid-month. Pads fitted this time but other more reliable options available
- 6. IKOS PRESS** - Sanctioned in a 3450m amateurs Class H at Agon-Coutainville last weekend. Is in excellent shape however and can get a look-in if he stays in stride
- 7. IX THE BEST** - Has not been seen out since completing the hat-trick in a 2275m Nantes monté Class E in early-June. Has other priorities and can be ruled out
- 8. INDIANO JIM** - Disappointing since imposing at La Rochelle in the spring, latterly 8th of 10 in a Pornichet Class F a fortnight ago. Appreciates Les Sables though and must be respected
- 9. ILTON DU BRAY** - 4th of 15 in a 2725m Pornichet Class F a week ago. Unlikely to win this but has been consistent of late and can make first 5
- 10. ILCAR QUARTMA** - Made up for a brace of sanctions when missing out by little to ILLUSTRE SAX (13) in a 2500m Class F at La Rochelle on 7 August. Similar configuration here and can again challenge for the win
- 11. IF DE LA COUDRE** - Was not disgraced when 5th of 8 in a 2625m Class F at La Rochelle earlier in the month. Races barefoot this time and will be expected to show marked improvement
- 12. IDOCTRO DE HOUELLE** - Won a Vittel Class F before coming 4th of 14 in a 3125m Granville Class F 2.5 weeks ago. 25m worse off this time but can still play a small role
- 13. ILLUSTRE SAX** - Clinched a 2500m Class F at La Rochelle earlier in the month despite traffic problems. Has thrived since moving to his new yard and is very easy to like for the double
- 14. INSTANT DU BOIS** - Reassuring 2nd of 12 in a 3100m Chinon monté Class F last week. Entrusted to the champion driver for the occasion and is unlikely to disappoint
- 15. IBAN DE KARA** - Put in a good effort to run 2nd of 7 finishers in a 2625m Cherbourg Class E mid-June. Has freshness on his side and the good entry stands him in good stead

Summary: The front line looks particularly weak in comparison to the wealthier elements, with the reinvigorated ILLUSTRE SAX (13) looking eminently capable of confirming his recent victory at La Rochelle. ILCAR QUARTMA (10) was just edged by him that day and can again figure prominently. INSTANT DU BOIS (14) returns to the harness code with Eric Raffin in charge and looks a player, as does the capable IBAN DE KARA (15) who returns fresh from a short spell.

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SELECTIONS

**ILLUSTRE SAX (13) - ILCAR QUARTMA (10) - INSTANT DU BOIS (14) - IBAN DE KARA
(15)**

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C4 - PRIX FORTUNATO II - 2775m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 30,000

- 1. HYROPHARE** - 4th of 8 in a 2750m Class F at Le Pertre on Sunday. Would be preferred in the amateur category and chances limited
- 2. HUGO DE DUSSAC** - Missed out by little in a 2725m Pornichet Class G earlier this month. Anthony Barrier maintains faith and will be justifiably eyeing victory this time
- 3. HORUS DE VAL** - Still had a lot to give when sanctioned in a 2650m Class G here on 12 August. Won here last month and is still very much in the picture
- 4. HAVANE DE CHENU** - Occasionally loses focus but is a quality mare, most recently 3rd of 9 in a 3150m Class E at La Roche-Posay 12 days ago, and must be respected
- 5. GOOD WATER** - Failed to live up to expectations when 5th of 8 in a 2650m Class G here on 12 August and can expect to find this a tougher task
- 6. HOOLIGAN** - 6th of 8 in a 2650m Class G here 11 days ago. Races barefoot this time though and, from the front row, can make his presence felt
- 7. HOMMAGE DU TRIO** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2750m Class F at La Capelle a month ago, after having twice gone close. Has a lot going for him this time and must be considered a leading proposition
- 8. HARMONY LA NUIT** - Won a 2875m Class E at Meslay-du-Maine in good order last week. Has never disappointed here when unshod, and even from the 2nd line is not about to start
- 9. DANTE TURGOT** - Appeared to be getting back in shape before finishing 10th of 14 in a 2800m Class E at Castéra-Verduzan 11 days ago, and can be confidently ruled out
- 10. FELINE DE MIRANDA** - Honest mare that came a pleasant 5th of 8 in a 2650m Class D here last Saturday. Takes on a tougher bunch this time and the extra 25m will do her no favours
- 11. GERONIMO FUEGO** - Reliability not his strong suit but came 3rd of 8 finishers in a 2700m Gr.3 at Grenade-sur-Garonne last week. On back row but will still generate some interest

Summary: HUGO DE DUSSAC (2) displayed marked improvement at Pornichet last time out, with Anthony Barrier reining and, with stride in check, should be able to win this. Runner-up in two before faulting early at La Capelle, HOMMAGE DU TRIO (7) has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time and is not about to let the side down. Sanctioned when favourite here recently, HORUS DE VAL (3) secured a hat-trick in the space of 15 days last month and Eric Lambertz will be keen to put things right. HAVANE DE CHENU (4) blows hot and cold but reassured at La Roche-Posay last time and should not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

HUGO DE DUSSAC (2) - HOMMAGE DU TRIO (7) - HORUS DE VAL (3) - HAVANE DE CHENU (4)

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**C5 - PRIX READY CASH - 2775m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR
€ 24,000**

- 1. IHLUNA** - Has started to come good again, latterly 2nd of 10 in a 2625m Class F at Saint-Jean-de-Monts on 11 August, but will find this a stiffer test
- 2. IRMA DU VIVIER** - Useful mare making first appearance since faulting in a 2150m Toulouse Class D last February, and will need the outing
- 3. I KEEP CALM** - Last of 4 finishers, but by no means trounced, in a 2875m Class E at Meslay-du-Maine late last month. Top driver in charge this time and can win a race of this nature
- 4. IVOIRE DAIRPET** - 2nd of 10 in a 2875m Class F at Meslay-du-Maine last week. Races shod this time though and best to hold off
- 5. HANACK DE VIVOIN** - Sanctioned in a 3150m Class E at La Roche-Posay on 11 August, but has never disappointed over 2775m here and should not be entirely written off
- 6. IBLIS GEMA** - Oddly out of sorts when last but one in a 2600m Josselin Class H earlier in the month. Usually one of the more consistent elements here and the engagement of Eric Raffin will do his prospects no disservice. Chance
- 7. IDEFIX DES LANDES** - Decent 5th of 11 finishers in a 2750m Class F at La Ferté-Vidame on Sunday. Is in his category here and can challenge for a place in first 3
- 8. ISABEY QUESNOT** - Barring penultimate outing, has been enjoying a productive run of form, most recently 2nd of 10 in a 2700m Miramont-de-Guyenne Class H last week, and should be good enough to trot his way into first 5
- 9. INES DE LA ROUVRE** - Has gone from strength to strength over past 6 weeks, rewarded with victory in a 2800m Vichy Class G 3 weeks ago, and is not incapable of repeating

Summary: Improving with every run this summer, I KEEP CALM (3) is plainly nearing his race, went close on his only start at the venue, and with Anthony Barrier at the helm, can win this. Eric Raffin, however, has been engaged for the in-form IBLIS GEMA (6) who has already won under these conditions. Nicely-engaged at the limit of earnings, INES DE LA ROUVRE (9) is clearly back at her best and legitimately bids to confirm her Vichy performance. IDEFIX DES LANDES (7) boasts solid credentials in this category and will not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

I KEEP CALM (3) - IBLIS GEMA (6) - INES DE LA ROUVRE (9) - IDEFIX DES LANDES (7)

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C6 - PRIX CHRISTIAN ALLILAIRE - 2775m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- 1. KEOPS DE JUMILLY** - Hard to fault this summer, most recently 3rd of 7 finishers in a 2650m Pornichet Class E 9 days ago. In similar company this time and has the wherewithal to bring the fight to KIAMA (5)
- 2. KAOUITO DES GLENAN** - Raced better in a 2650m Class E here last Saturday than his 6th of 12 would suggest and is in with a reasonable shout of making first 5
- 3. KEVISE BECO** - Unremarkable 6th of 15 in a 2725m Pornichet Class F a month ago and is not about to shake things up
- 4. KRISTAL DU TRIO** - Has had time to freshen up after finishing 6th of 11 in a 2825m Class F at Sablé-sur-Sarthe in late-June. Has buckets of talent and can make a big splash
- 5. KIAMA** - Has shown a different side since starting to race barefoot, most recently winning a 2725m Pornichet Class F, in good order, on 18 July, and clearly has the capacity to impose again
- 6. KAPRICE D'EVAILLES** - Did not enjoy the best of runs when 5th of 8 in a 2300m Châteaubriant Class F 2.5 weeks ago but, with Raffin reining, can set the record straight
- 7. KARUKERA D'OR** - Decent run came to an end when sanctioned in a 2850m Bréhal Class E 11 days ago. In better company this time and, even reverting to a previous formula, is still not an obvious choice
- 8. KALA SPORT** - Not the most dependable but reassuring 2nd of 8 in a 2600m Josselin Class F 12 days ago. Sports a new configuration and should be no easy touch
- 9. KANELLE LA RAVELLE** - 3rd of 11, at 119/1, in a 2750m monté Class F 10 days ago, but a repeat seems most improbable
- 10. KILLER DE MILLAC** - Opened his career account last month but failed to confirm when last of 8 in a 2300m Châteaubriant Class E a fortnight ago, and can be passed over
- 11. KLIF DE LA MITRIE** - 9th of 11 in a Class E over course and distance on 10 July. Has been completely off the boil all season and can be ruled out
- 12. KEFIR DU GOUTIER** - Modest colt that came last of 10 in a 2950m Biarritz Class E late last month and will have nothing to contribute
- 13. KERMESSE DU PARC** - Surprise 2nd of 9 in a 2650m Pornichet Class F mid-month. Fitted with hind pads for the first time and will not be sent out at 78/1 this time around
- 14. KALIAH DES LANDES** - Showed improvement last weekend when 4th of 7 in a 2600m Class F at Le Touquet, but still has more to find

Summary: Unbeaten in both starts this year, KIAMA (5) left a very good impression at Pornichet last month, and even though taking on the colts this time, the hat-trick is still within her grasp. She will nevertheless be pitted against the tricky but talented KEOPS DE JUMILLY (1) who is hard to fault in the day's configuration, and KRISTAL DU TRIO (4) whose recent result belies his real ability. Reunited with Eric Raffin for the occasion, KAPRICE D'EVAILLES (6) deserves to be taken seriously.

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KIAMA (5) - KEOPS DE JUMILLY (1) - KRISTAL DU TRIO (4) - KAPRICE D'EVAILLES (6)

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**C7 - PRIX JAMIN - 2775m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR €
21,000**

- 1. JIPSIE DU LAYON** - Unexceptional 7th of 12 in a 2725m Pornichet Class F a week ago and, with shoes on, has no possible chance
- 2. JULIETTE D'OO** - Has done nothing but progress lately, most recently 3rd of 10 in a 2650m Pornichet Class F, and should again pick up some prizemoney
- 3. JELLA DE LA NOEMIE** - Has merit but sanctioned in 4 of last 5, latterly a 2475m Francheville Class F mid-month, and even with modified shoeing, will have few takers
- 4. JOLLY DES BORDES** - Endured a tough trip to finish last but one, behind JACINTHE DES BOIS (5), in a 2300m Châteaubriant Class F 2 weeks ago. Pleasant 3rd here last month but still represents no more than a minor place chance
- 5. JACINTHE DES BOIS** - Surprise winner of a 2300m Châteaubriant Class F 2 weeks ago but a repeat looks to be off the cards
- 6. JOLIE ROMANCE** - Made up for a brace of sanctions when victorious in a 2700m Class F at La Capelle on 29 July. Should take well to the new conditions and will have her chances
- 7. JALNA DES ECUS** - Secured a 2nd straight when successful in a 2600m Montignac Class F 2 weeks ago. Hard to knock since the spring and even though stepping up in category, will have her supporters
- 8. JEUNE ORANGE COTON** - Despite traffic problems ran 4th of 10 in a 2725m Pornichet Class F 3 weeks ago. Just her own sex to contend with this time and can open her 2024 account
- 9. JAMAICA DE LOU** - Off the boil so far this season, latterly 8th of 11 in a 2950m Le Mans Class F late last month, and can be passed over
- 10. JOLLY LADY** - Reassuring 4th of 7 finishers in a 2650m Class F here earlier in the month and a similar effort would see her challenge for a step on the podium
- 11. JAMAICA PHEDO** - Capricious but capable mare that faulted in a 2650m Class F here 2.5 weeks ago. Has nothing to prove in this category and can make a big splash if Eric Raffin keeps her trotting
- 12. JOKE BLUE** - Sanctioned in a 3100m Chinon Class F last week. Consistently in the thick of things though when focused and barefoot, and with application will be no easy touch

Summary: JEUNE ORANGE COTON (8) left a very good impression against the boys earlier in the month and, in their absence, looks the one to beat. That said, JOLIE ROMANCE (6) is never easy to knock when focused and, on good behaviour, can put up significant resistance. Although a handful at the best of times, JAMAICA PHEDO (11) is not lacking ability, sports front pads for the occasion, and the engagement of Eric Raffin will only work in her favour. JOLLY LADY (10) appears to be back on the right road and Guillaume Martin will be eager to make good on her form.

SELECTIONS

**JEUNE ORANGE COTON (8) - JOLIE ROMANCE (6) - JAMAICA PHEDO (11) - JOLLY
LADY (10)**

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C8 - PRIX UNE DE MAI - 2775m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 21,000

1. LARRY DE CHENU - Faulted early on debut, coming last of 8 in a 2750m Cabourg Class F 2 weeks ago. Gets another crack at it but others still preferred

2. L'IMPERIALE AR - Has not been seen out since coming 7th of 8 in a 2850m Laon Class F early-May. Fitted with pads for the occasion but has yet to display any aptitude and others easier to back

3. LULU D'ECHAL - Sanctioned in 3 of 4 monté starts. Is not entirely devoid of ability and, with some luck in running, can pick up a minor place cheque

4. LOUNA CAYENNAISE - Has taken particularly well to the monté code. 2nd of 10 finishers in a Class F over course and distance last weekend and has a realistic chance of losing her maiden tag

5. LEONARD DU CLOS - Has progressed from every run, latterly 4th of 7 in a 2750m Cabourg Class E late-July, and can win this if he turns

6. LOLA DU LIVET - 3rd of 7 in a 2875m Enghien Class D a week ago. Takes on the colts this time but still looks capable of finishing in the mix

7. LOOPING DU PERRE - Runner-up in all 3 starts to date, most recently a 2100m Lignières Class F a month back, and is unlikely to return home empty-handed

Summary: A progressive sort that has twice come close to getting off the mark, LEONARD DU CLOS (5) goes left-handed for the first time and could well bring home the bacon. Anne Barthélemy will nevertheless be keeping a watchful eye on LOUNA CAYENNAISE (4) who has taken well to both Les Sables-d'Olonne and her new vocation, and LOLA DU LIVET (6) who drops back in category after a solid effort at Enghien.

SELECTIONS

LEONARD DU CLOS (5) - LOUNA CAYENNAISE (4) - LOLA DU LIVET (6) - LOOPING DU PERRE (7)