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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA DORDOGNE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class A -
Harness - EUR € 62.000**

1. DIVA EK - Gave a good account on first French appearance but considerably less effective since and expected to generate little interest

2. HOLLY GO LIGHTLY - Superb at home in her native Sweden but has struggled since coming to France and must reaffirm

3. JUNKIE (SWE) - Excellent servant that finished 3rd in race of reference. Has never raced beyond 2700m but should take it in her stride

4. DIVA DEL RONCO - Was full of running when suffering interference in the race of reference. Talent not in doubt and with better luck can figure prominently

5. JOLLY STAR JIEL - Handy sort that always gives her best but off the track for over two months and expected to be eased back in

6. DEA SPRINT BAR - Blows hot and cold but ran 4th to JENNY DE JOUDES (12) last month. Unlikely to impose but can still get in on the action

7. DIAMANTE GRIF - Respectable filly but below-par in last three and others preferred

8. JAVA DU POMMEAU - No slouch on a good day but has not been seen out for two months and with shoes on will have little to offer

9. JARIDA GEMA - Good class of filly that trotted second to JENNY DE JOUDES (12) here last time. Is not far from returning to winning ways and can give the favourite a run for her money

10. JAZZIE BELLE - Won over 2700m here earlier in the year before trotting 5th to the favourite on re-entry. Will have come on for the run and merits respect

11. JEEP DU PONT - Gr.2-placed last season but subsequently lost her way. Unraced since late January and will need the outing

12. JENNY DE JOUDES - Serious sort that showed her true ability here two weeks ago, beating much of this field, and looks set to repeat

13. JEEGHA PRIDE - Quality filly that was not at her ease in a Gr.3 here last time and will have a lot to give if she can keep her mind on the game

14. JUNON - Well-regarded in the other code and has nothing to give in this discipline

15. J'ADORE - Class act in the other branch of the business. Here for a change of scenery and no threat

Summary : Just twice out of the frame in ten starts, JENNY DE JOUDES (12) won a Class A with consummate ease over 2700m here a fortnight ago and looks eminently capable of making it two on the trot. Runner-up to her that day, JARIDA GEMA (9) is clearly on the way back up and once again appears the principal danger. Third-placed JUNKIE (SWE) (3) has continued her fine run since leaving her native Italy and looks competitively well in, however JEEGHA PRIDE (13) drops back in class and looks a marginally better bet.

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SELECTIONS

JENNY DE JOUDES (12) - JARIDA GEMA (9) - JEEGHA PRIDE (13) - JUNKIE (SWE) (3)

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**C2 - PRIX DU GERS - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class A - Harness -
EUR € 62.000**

- 1. DINGO (ITY)** - Decent sort but has not looked particularly threatening this term and unlikely to shake things up
- 2. DANUBIO (ITY)** - Runner-up in both starts since coming to France. Solid 2nd to DILUCA MO (7) here a fortnight ago and can turn the tables
- 3. JAZZY DANCER** - Not without merit but appears to have lost his way and even Raffin will struggle to get more out of him
- 4. JUSHUA TREE** - Lightly-raced colt with considerable progress left in him. Has one race under his belt and on good behaviour can trot off with the silverware
- 5. JUMBO D'AUVILLIER** - Highly consistent sort at a lower level. Unseen since November and will not be given a hard race
- 6. DARDO ZACK** - Has failed to make the grade in every harness start here since the winter and can be confidently ruled out
- 7. DILUCA MO** - Has won two of three races at Vincennes. Imposed smartly last time and even in this company must be taken seriously
- 8. JUST FOR LOVA** - Has done little of note since trotting a surprise 2nd in a Gr.1 last summer and chances slim at best
- 9. DUBHE PRAV** - Erratic but has no shortage of ability. Has since joined one of the best stables in France and must be duly respected
- 10. JINGLE DELO** - Useful type that won his penultimate start in good order. Returns fresh and looks capable of making the frame
- 11. JEAN BALTHAZAR** - Revealed himself as a classy trotter this winter. Sent for a spell after failing to fire in Gr.1 Prix Ourasi but with pads on and freshness on his side, victory could well be in the offing

Summary : A small field this may be but it does not lack quality. Jean-Michel Bazire sends out his remarkably talented JUSHUA TREE (4) who can more than make up for losing his action when full of running on re-entry. Capable of picking up the relay should the favourite fault, Gr.3 winner JEAN BALTHAZAR (11) will be dangerous if he can stay in stride. DUBHE PRAV (9) was sent for a spell after trotting second in a the Gr.3 Prix d'Orthez and returns fresh and with legitimate ambition. JINGLE DELO (10) has also been given some time and while unlikely to impose he can still get close to the action.

SELECTIONS

JUSHUA TREE (4) - JEAN BALTHAZAR (11) - DUBHE PRAV (9) - JINGLE DELO (10)

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C3 - PRIX KERJACQUES - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - International - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

1. **BILO JEPSON** - Excellent servant that seldom disappoints but bites off more than he can chew this time and chances limited
2. **FEPSON** - Decent servant that rarely lets the side down but at this level will have too much to do
3. **HERAUT D'ARMES** - Not easy to handle but talent not in doubt and will not be far from the action if he can get off on the right foot
4. **USAIN TOLL** - Quality Italian sort that has taken well to Vincennes conditions. Unlucky not to finish closer in Gr.3 Bois de Vincennes and must be taken seriously
5. **HOKKAIDO JIEL** - Can prove tricky but at the top of his game since the turn of the year. Missed out by little to HUSSARD DU LANDRET (11) in the race of reference and with stride in check will have a lot to offer
6. **ELITE DE JIEL** - Good consistent mare that always gives her best. 4th in race of reference and can get a look in
7. **EMERAUDE DE BAIS** - Fine mare that has climbed the class ladder in good order. Currently at the top of her game and will be dangerous in the final stages
8. **GENTLY DE MUZE** - Group-class winner that latterly finished 3rd in Critérium de Vitesse but shoes back on and not an obvious choice
9. **CALLE CROWN** - High-achieving Swedish trotter with decent Vincennes credentials but first start back and best to wait
10. **FRISBEE D'AM** - Missed most of last season and has struggled to find form this term. Disregard
11. **HUSSARD DU LANDRET** - Courageous winner of a tough Gr.3 over course and distance two weeks ago and in similar form can again go close
12. **ELIE DE BEAUFOUR** - Exceptional type with an enviable strike-rate. Goes barefoot following a decent re-entry and appears main threat to ETONNANT (16)
13. **ETOILE DE BRUYERE** - Decent on a good day and returned to winning ways last month but is in exalted company this time and will have few takers
14. **DORGOS DE GUEZ** - Not the most dependable but has bags of ability. Makes re-entry here though and best to hold off
15. **DELIA DU POMMEREUX** - Not the trotter she once was but still has a lot to give. Unplaced in Cagnes Gr.1 last time but returns to a more suitable trip here and should not be far off the mark
16. **ETONNANT** - High class trotter with a superb turn of foot. Should be at his peak by now and with shoes off this time looks the pick of the field

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Summary : After recovering from Lyme's disease over the winter, ETONNANT (16) returned successfully to the track mid-March. He will have come on for the run and going barefoot for the first time since winning the Prix d'Eté last September looks the horse to beat. Anthony Barrier will still want to be wary of the classy ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (12) who should be at peak fitness following his break. The swift EMERAUDE DE BAIS (7) makes her first appearance since trotting second in the Gr.1 Critérium de Vitesse and once again looks a serious player. Regularly seen at the highest level, HUSSARD DU LANDRET (11) won the Gr.3 Prix du Bois de Vincennes a fortnight ago and must be afforded significant respect.

SELECTIONS

**ETONNANT (16) - ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (12) - EMERAUDE DE BAIS (7) - HUSSARD DU
LANDRET (11)**

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C4 - PRIX DE BAPAUME - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European-Autostart - Class C - Harness - EUR € 53.000

1. **ISERIA GRIFF** - Regularly in the thick of things and appreciates these faster races. Showed her form at Enghien and expected to finish in first three
2. **IRMYLA DE SOMMAIRE** - Never far from the action when unshod all four. Has solid Vincennes credentials and could well get off the mark for 2023
3. **ISLA MUJERES** - Modest mare with little of note to her name lately and can be confidently passed over
4. **IMIKO JIEL** - Reliability not her strong suit but demonstrated form across town last time. Has an excellent spot behind the car and can make a big impact
5. **HAVANE D'OCCAGNES** - Useful sort that latterly reassured at Le Croisé-Laroche. Raffin in charge this time and drawn well but still not an obvious choice
6. **IRINA DE MONTCEAU** - Not without merit but has no references over these shorter trips and unlikely to shake things up
7. **IMPERIALE DE BAIS** - Lost her way at the back end of last year. Has just one race in her this term and even with hind shoes off appears to have her work cut out
8. **ILLIANA DU CLOS** - Has looked decidedly ordinary since winning over longer here 12 months ago. Disregard
9. **IDDEN FORTUNE** - Unreliable but nevertheless imposed at Enghien late last month. Takes a hike in class though and others easier to back
10. **NOUBA MOM** - Versatile and back in form following a rough patch, she nevertheless faces some stiff opposition this time and will have too much to do
11. **CELESTE BREED** - Not the most handsome of formcards but has been prepared for this and could pleasantly surprise
12. **CINDERELLA JET** - Delicate but has talent to burn. Returns to the code following a sortie under the saddle and with application can go far
13. **IDAHI DE HOUELLE** - Only 6th in race of reference but finished runner-up in previous two here and despite the second-line start should not be far from the action
14. **CALA MAYOR DE B.** - Fine trotter at home in her native Sweden and with neither Vincennes references nor a decent draw will have few takers
15. **BEAUTYFUL BREED** - Has been totally off the boil for some time and not a realistic proposition
16. **BAHIA DEL CIRCEO** - Fine Italian sort that flew up here on French debut last February. Steps up in class and drawn poorly, but with Alexandre Abrivard at the helm will be afforded every chance

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Summary : A very open affair this with a number in contention, but a tentative nod must go to the well-placed IRMYLA DE SOMMAIRE (2) who has never disappointed when racing barefoot. Delacour can expect to encounter resistance from ISERIA GRIFF (1) who appears to thrive over these shorter trips, and the better-positioned IMIKO JIEL (4) who had her measure at Enghien three weeks ago. BAHIA DEL CIRCEO (16) has been handed a difficult draw but is hard to ignore after having scored an impressive victory on her Vincennes debut.

SELECTIONS

IRMYLA DE SOMMAIRE (2) - ISERIA GRIFF (1) - IMIKO JIEL (4) - BAHIA DEL CIRCEO (16)

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C5 - PRIX CORNELIA - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Group 3 - Mounted - EUR € 90.000

- 1. HAKIM DE CHENU** - In cracking form over recent months with four wins from five starts. Won a Class C with ease last time and deserves to take his chances
- 2. GABIANO** - Winner over shorter at this level to kick off the year but disappointing in three since and must reaffirm
- 3. EMIR DE REBOMARD** - Has been a total write-off in both disciplines for some time and not a realistic proposition
- 4. ESPOIR D'ELPHIGNY** - Decent dual-purpose trotter but somewhat below-par at present and others easier to support
- 5. FIFTY FIVE BOND** - Quality individual taking on some big guns here but can still give an honest account
- 6. FIGARO DE LARRE** - One of the most dependable horses in the field. Has twice gone close at Group level this term and has every opportunity of achieving his goal this time
- 7. FAKIR DE L'ECLUSE** - Delicate but seldom out of first three when applied. Scalped FIGARO DE LARRE (6) last time out and is not incapable of repeating
- 8. EDITION GEMA** - Struggling with form since imposing at Laval last November and chances limited
- 9. ESPERANZA IDOLE** - Has shown a different side to herself since being shod differently but still needs to improve on latest effort behind FAKIR DE L'ECLUSE (7)
- 10. DYNASTY PEJI** - Twice a Gr.2 winner over the winter. Unable to confirm in Prix de Cornulier but comes here fresh and can set the record straight
- 11. DJANGO DU BOCAGE** - Never far from breaking stride but is still going strong aged ten. Beat DIMO D'OCCAGNES (12) in a Gr.3 to close out 2022 and with application will have a lot to offer
- 12. DIMO D'OCCAGNES** - Consistently in the thick of things over past 4 months, securing a Gr.2 over course and distance, and a Gr.3. Chance

Summary : Some of the best in the business meet in this event with the tough FIGARO DE LARRE (6) returning barefoot to his code of preference following a prep under harness and given his consistency is preferred to arch-nemesis FAKIR DE L'ECLUSE (7) who had his measure in a Class A over 2850m here late February. Veterans DIMO D'OCCAGNES (12), winner of the Gr.2 Prix Jacques Andrieu at the start of the year, and the delicate but talented DJANGO DU BOCAGE (11), are also in with a realistic chance.

SELECTIONS

FIGARO DE LARRE (6) - FAKIR DE L'ECLUSE (7) - DIMO D'OCCAGNES (12) - DJANGO DU BOCAGE (11)

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C6 - PRIX DE LOUDEAC - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European-Autostart - Class C - Harness - EUR € 53.000

1. **ICARUS OF CITRUS** - A considerably better horse in the other code and can be passed over
2. **CHARMY CHARLY AS** - Gave a fine account under these conditions earlier in the year. Failed to impress last time but the drop in distance will only work to his advantage
3. **CANTO DEI VENTI** - Excellent at home in his native Italy but has failed to shine in either French start and unlikely to spring any surprises
4. **BACCO DEL RONCO** - Well-regarded Italian import that showed his worth in Gr.3 Prix de Boissy-Saint-Léger behind Horsy Dream and in similar form can give this a good go
5. **IRISH NICE ELGE** - Consistently in the thick of things when barefoot. Finished third at Cagnes last time before being disqualified and over this shorter trip can more than make amends
6. **BLUE EYES BAR** - Talent not in doubt but lost his way last year and has picked up where he left off
7. **BRAND ROC** - Just 2nd start for new trainer who will have him ready for a new season. Has fine references from 1600m-2100m and can impose
8. **BOCCADAMO** - Winner of his last four including on Vincennes debut over longer. Won on re-entry and even though stepping up in category looks a decent prospect
9. **ISSU DES LOYAUX** - Handed a wide berth but excellent over these trips when barefoot and has every chance of challenging for victory
10. **IRON D'ESPOIR** - Faithful servant for the most part and has a decent turn of foot. Not ideally drawn but over this distance can get a look in
11. **HARRY COHIAIS** - Versatile trotter that appears to be getting back in form but at this level will have too much to do
12. **NICE PRESENT** - Reliability not his strong suit but seldom fails to make the grade when unshod all four. Not disgraced here last time and will have his supporters
13. **GIANT DESIGN** - Decent Danish raider that was not disgraced on French debut late February but still needs to raise his game
14. **BOMBER DI NO** - Capable on a good day but intermittent at present and not an obvious choice from the second line
15. **COCIS MP** - Has pleased for the most part this term but well-beaten here a fortnight ago and will garner little support
16. **CANTAB AS** - One of the more dependable elements here and has nothing to prove over 2100m, but in this company will need to be at his absolute best

Summary : Moved to Jean-Michel Bazire's yard after flopping at Mauquenchy mid-January, BRAND ROC (7) makes a first barefoot start for his new handler and over this reduced trip will be in his element. Drawn wide but nonetheless very effective over 2100m, ISSU DES LOYAUX (9) races unshod all four and will be no pushover. BACCO DEL RONCO (4) is well-positioned behind the car and if at peak fitness should make a big impact. The consistent and fast IRISH NICE ELGE (5) starts upsides and can put his recent Cagnes disqualification to bed.

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SELECTIONS

**BRAND ROC (7) - ISSU DES LOYAUX (9) - BACCO DEL RONCO (4) - IRISH NICE ELGE
(5)**

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C7 - PRIX D'AUBUSSON - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European-Autostart - Class C - Harness - EUR € 68.000

1. **GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE** - Quality individual with nothing to prove in this class but races shod on this occasion and best to hold off
2. **FLASH DE VELY** - Faithful servant when racing with front shoes off. Gave a fine account behind HELIOT DE CAHOT (4) in a Gr.3 a month back before confirming at Parilly and from the 2-spot looks a decent player
3. **BOLERO GAR** - Very good under the saddle but currently struggling in both codes and can be ruled out
4. **HELIOT DE CAHOT** - Quality element that goes over any trip. Prepped well at Lisieux and with shoes off and a top position in front can make this his own
5. **DE LA CHENEVIERE** - Pleased under the saddle across town recently but harness form poor at best and can be confidently disregarded
6. **BALSAMINE FONT** - Gave a superb account of herself in Gr.3 Prix Helen Johansson before losing her action at Laval. Drops back in class and if applied should logically put on a good show
7. **HIDALGO DES NOES** - As reliable as they come when unshod in front. Finished close to HELIOT DE CAHOT (4) at Amiens and can again run him close
8. **GALBA RINGEAT** - Unbeaten in both starts this year. Takes on some better horses this time but has every chance of finishing in the money
9. **HARIBO DU LOISIR** - Has been racing at a higher level this term with moderate success and should be good enough to get a look in
10. **HINDEN** - Has merit but has looked rather ordinary of late. By no means the worst horse here but others still easier to back
11. **GALON DE VIRE** - Sprang a surprise in an Enghien Class C over a similar trip last month. Again not ideally drawn but a repeat looks highly unlikely
12. **BABIRUSSA JET** - Has never produced the goods under these conditions but recently reassured at Le Croisé-Laroche and will have her supporters
13. **FOSTER WOOD** - Off the boil since imposing at Toulouse 10 months ago and unlikely to trouble the judge
14. **HERMINE GIRL** - Unexceptional mare that seldom impresses these days and is not about to change her ways
15. **HAVBERGS KNIGHT** - Veteran that can still trot but latest Laval effort does nothing to inspire confidence
16. **DATS SO COOL** - Serious Swedish import boasting a good turn of foot. Imposed at Laval mid-February but yet to shine at Vincennes and a minor place chance at best

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Summary : A veritable metronome when barefoot and as versatile as they come, HELIOT DE CAHOT (4) has prime spot on the front line and with Eric Raffin back in the wagon can win this. He is likely to feel some heat though from the tricky BALSAMINE FONT (6) who has references at a superior level under these conditions. FLASH DE VELY (2) finished ahead of the favourite in an Amiens Gr.3 last month and will generate more interest this time, but a place behind the favourite that day was HIDALGO DES NOES (7) who is a decidedly better trotter and will garner more support.

SELECTIONS

HELIOT DE CAHOT (4) - BALSAMINE FONT (6) - HIDALGO DES NOES (7) - FLASH DE VELY (2)

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**C8 - PRIX DE DORCEAU - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class B - Mounted - EUR €
52.000**

1. JAVA DAIRPET - Like a horse reborn since switching codes last season. Unbeaten in two this year, latterly dominating the boys, and will be no pushover if she gets the distance

2. JIMAKO VERDERIE - Barring a pair of sanctions has been a faithful campaigner. Runner-up to JAVA DAIRPET (1) last time out but faces a much stiffer test on this occasion

3. JASPER DES CHARMES - Tricky type but made no bones about imposing under the saddle at the first time of asking. Prepped under harness and if fully fit can give stablemate JADRIUS DE GUEZ (8) something to think about

4. JOCE JISCE - Respectable in all three monté starts to date but recently impressed in the other code and in similar form could pleasantly surprise

5. JACKPOT DU CHOQUEL - Still a maiden but no slouch on a good day. Makes first appearance of the year though and others easier to back

6. JOLLY ROGER - Blessed with ability but also a capricious nature. Has not been seen out for three months and will not be over-taxed

7. JASMIN BLANC - Has demonstrated considerable ability under harness but switches discipline after a lean spell and should not be entirely ruled out

8. JADRIUS DE GUEZ - Quality element under harness. Switches code for first time and can win this if ability transitions

9. JULIANA DE RETZ - Went from strength to strength last year. Unseen this term but has already raced well against the colts and expected to put on a good show

Summary : After having demonstrated considerable ability in the harness discipline, JMB has entrusted JADRIUS DE GUEZ (8) to Alexandre Abrivard for his monté debut and could well strike first time out, just as stablemate JASPER DES CHARMES (3) did earlier in the year, but on this occasion Eric Raffin will be in the irons. With four wins and a runner-up spot in five outings under the saddle, JULIANA DE RETZ (9) returns from a well-earned break over a distance she likes and can once again take it to the boys.

SELECTIONS

**JADRIUS DE GUEZ (8) - JASPER DES CHARMES (3) - JULIANA DE RETZ (9) - JOCE
JISCE (4)**

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**C9 - PRIX DE SAINTES - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
46.000**

- 1. INES PICARDE** - Modest mare that is more suited to the claiming category these days and can be confidently ruled out
- 2. IRMA DU VIVIER** - No superstar but seldom disappoints when unshod and after two return runs can give this a good go
- 3. IN RACE LORRAINE** - Has hardly stepped a foot out of place since the turn of the year. Just hind shoes off this time though and not an obvious choice
- 4. ISOTTA BAR** - Found her way on the Riviera last summer but then came off the boil and chances slim at best
- 5. ILLUSION DU RUEL** - Struggled with form over the winter but reassured in no uncertain terms at Enghien and the Alexandre Abrivard-factor cannot be ignored
- 6. ISN'T IT DU WISON** - Confirmed over track and trip and latterly decent second on grass but in this company will have her work cut out
- 7. INITIALE HERAULT** - Attractive type that has climbed the class ladder in good order. Leading driver in charge here and can apply pressure on IDYLLE EXPRESS (10)
- 8. INFANTE DE TOUES** - Clearly capable but as delicate as they come lately. Is barefoot though with Gabriele Gelormini in charge which may prove the ticket to her redemption
- 9. ISIS D'HERFRAIE** - Lost her way following some good performances last summer and with just one race under her belt is unlikely to shake things up
- 10. IDYLLE EXPRESS** - Tough, versatile mare that imposed in style last time out. In better company on this occasion but still looks the one to beat
- 11. ICONE D'AVENIR** - Has ample ability but regularly loses her action and latest Mons effort insufficient to inspire much confidence
- 12. IRIA DU POMMEREUX** - Previously a decent trotter but has completely lost her way and will have few supporters
- 13. IBERA** - Form has done nothing but improve since the start of the year. Facile winner last time out and deserves to be taken seriously
- 14. IENA DODVILLE** - Monté horse being given a lung-opener and will have nothing to offer
- 15. IRLANDA LOVA** - Finished a fine second in a similar event here two months ago when sent out at a generous price but unlikely to be available at long odds this time around
- 16. ILE BOREALE** - Never far from losing her action but racing barefoot has seen her back at her best and the return to 2700m should work in her favour

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Summary : IDYLLE EXPRESS (10) can occasionally prove a handful but she nevertheless stormed up at Laval on comeback last month and with form maintained can pull off the double. Winner of four of her last five starts, Yoann Lebourgeois has been given the drive on INITIALE HERAULT (7) who will appreciate a return to racing left-handed. Course-and-distance winner here late February, ILE BOREALE (16) has demonstrated fine aptitude when barefoot and looks similarly competitive for victory. ILLUSION DU RUEL (5) reassured at Enghien 11 days ago and a repeat performance would see her go close.

SELECTIONS

IDYLLE EXPRESS (10) - INITIALE HERAULT (7) - ILE BOREALE (16) - ILLUSION DU RUEL (5)