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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE SAINT-FLOUR - 2850m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 15,000

- 1. IROS DU GOUTIER** - Has not been seen out since coming 6th of 11 in a 2700m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche 2 months ago and will need the run
- 2. HOLD UP PECE** - Dominated an amateurs Class E under these conditions 2.5 weeks ago, on first start for 7 months, and will be very difficult to oppose
- 3. IRON BIRD DEVOL** - 4th of 14, on 2nd start back, in a 2725m Cabourg Class F on 19 December. Will have come on for the run but others still preferred
- 4. HENZO DREAM** - Looked ordinary before being sanctioned in a 2900m Amiens Class E on 9 December. Reconfigured for the occasion but still not easy to recommend
- 5. HERMES DU DOMAINE** - 4th of 15 in a 2100m amateurs Class G here on 12 December. Is plainly enjoying a productive run of form but cannot be considered more than a minor place prospect this time
- 6. IMPRESS ME** - Left a good impression at Amiens before finishing 9th of 15 in a 2100m Class E here late last month. Has shown decent aptitude at this level and the the front-row start will do his chances no disservice
- 7. HIMALAYA TONIQUE** - Last but one in a Class E over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Is confirmed in the amateur category but may find the going a bit too tough this time
- 8. IMOKO DU BOUILLON** - Won in the amateur division at Châteaubriant before confirming in a claimer over course and distance a month ago. Unlikely to secure the hat-trick but enjoys a superb entry and has the wherewithal to get in on the action
- 9. EQUALITY** - Failed to live up to expectations when 11th of 12 to IPSO DU FER (10) in a 2100m amateurs Class F here 2 weeks ago. Races barefoot this time though and even from back line can give this a good go. First 5
- 10. IPSO DU FER** - Opened his amateur account in a 2100m Class F here a fortnight ago. Forced to start on back line this time but still has the capacity to run his way into the money
- 11. IQUITO PLANCHETTE** - Qulaity amateur campaigner that won over track and trip before coming 2nd of 10 to HOLD UP PECE (2) 2.5 weeks ago and again looks the main threat
- 12. FIFTY** - 3rd to IQUITO PLANCHETTE (11) under similar conditions before finishing last of 11 in a 2700m Class D here 2 weeks ago. Charly Clozier in the bike this time and has a realistic chance of making the frame
- 13. FRISE PONT VAUTIER** - Drops back in category after finishing 9th of 14 behind IXELLE BLEUE (14) in a 2725m Cabourg Class E on 2 January. Has amateur references here but still not a player
- 14. IXELLE BLEUE** - 7th of 14 in a 2725m Cabourg Class E on 2 January. 3rd at Enghien on lone amateur start and in current shape looks a player

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Summary: Dynamic winner over course and distance on Christmas Eve, his first start for Alexis Grimault, HOLD UP PECE (2) again starts in front and should be able to wrap this up. He will still encounter opposition from second-row starters, the consistent IQUITO PLANCHETTE (11) who ran 2nd to him that day, IXELLE BLEUE (14) whose recent Cabourg run was better than the result would suggest, and FIFTY (12) who ran 3rd to Franck Blandin's horse early last month.

SELECTIONS

HOLD UP PECE (2) - IQUITO PLANCHETTE (11) - IXELLE BLEUE (14) - FIFTY (12)

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C2 - PRIX DE TIGNES - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 43,000

1. METAVERSA - Made it 2 straight sanctions after faulting in a 2100m Class C over the inner course 3 weeks ago. Has ample ability but must first get her house in order

2. MERYTATON - Bit off more than she could chew when sanctioned in a Gr.2 under these conditions mid-December and has no realistic chance

3. MELINA SUPREME - Sanctioned in a Class B over course and distance on 4 December. Is not devoid of ability but is the Bazire 2nd string and represents a minor place chance at best

4. MOSTRA DE BANVILLE - Unraced since dominating a 2200m Class D here on 13 September but will have been specifically prepared for this and should prove principal threat to MILLE ETOILES (6)

5. MAMMA MIA - Pleasant 3rd of 6 in a 2850m Class A here 2.5 weeks ago. Will not be sent out at 37/1 this time and, in this company, is worth keeping an eye on

6. MILLE ETOILES - Showed her class despite faulting in a 2850m Class A here on Christmas Day. Is clearly better than most here and, with stride in check, should bring home the spoils

7. MIDWAY LADY - Made up for 13 December sanction when 2nd of 12 in a 2100m Class C over the inner course a week later. Unlikely to dominate MILLE ETOILES (6) but can still trot her way into the frame

8. MIDNIGHT MOLLY - Flattering Gr.3 4th before finishing last but one behind MILLE ETOILES (6) in a Class B over course and distance early-December and will have nothing to contribute

9. MADEMOISELLE JANE - Showed significant tenacity to come 2nd of 10 on a 2850m Class C here on 13 December. Tackles main track for first time but still looks competitive for a place cheque

Summary: On her first start for Nicolas Bazire, MILLE ETOILES (6) was fighting out the finish with Melba Du Gers (who has since won Gr.2 Prix G  linotte) when sanctioned in a Class A here 2.5 weeks ago, and should have this in the bag if Jean-Michel keeps her focused. He will still be keeping an eye on Thierry Duvaldestin's promising MOSTRA DE BANVILLE (4) even though she has not been seen out for 4 months, and MIDWAY LADY (7) who is not far from losing her maiden tag.

SELECTIONS

MILLE ETOILES (6) - MOSTRA DE BANVILLE (4) - MIDWAY LADY (7) - MADEMOISELLE JANE (9)

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C3 - PX LES SENIORS DES COURSES (PX D'EVIAN) - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 52,000

1. LONG LEGEND - Ran 3rd over track and trip before confirming in a 13-strong 2100m Class D here a fortnight ago. Hind shoes off for first time but still no more than a minor place prospect

2. LUTELLIA MONNERIE - In the frame in 3, including over 2175m, before coming 5th of 11 behind LAUREATE DRY (5) in a 2700m Class C here 3 weeks ago. Unlikely to win this but has the capacity to make first 5

3. LILY MARGOT - Quality filly that was sanctioned on re-entry in a 2700m Class C here 11 days ago. Showed her form nevertheless and will have her chances if Gabi Gelormini keeps her focused

4. LUCIOLE DU VERTAIN - Honest filly stepping up in category and racing barefoot after running 4th of 11 behind LAUREATE DRY (5) in a 2700m Class C here 3 weeks ago. Franck Ouvrie in the bike this time but others still preferred

5. LAUREATE DRY - Runner-up in last 2, most recently of 11 in a 2700m Class C here 3 weeks ago. Is plainly close to her race and racing barefoot may be just the ticket to her success

6. LIBERTE DU GOUTIER - Comfortable winner of a 2100m Class D here on 8 December. Possesses significant potential and is not incapable of extending her Vincennes tally

7. L'ETOILE - Showed improvement when 4th of 8 in a 2700m Class C here late last month. Races barefoot for first time but may struggle to make her mark this time

8. LAGUNE PIYA - A far cry from the filly we saw last spring, most recently 9th of 11 behind LERIKA DU CHENE (10) in a 2700m Class B here on 13 December. Hind shoes off but others still easier to back

9. LAMATTA - 8th of 11 behind LERIKA DU CHENE (10) in a 2700m Class B here on 13 December. Is better than that though and racing barefoot this time, can prove the point

10. LERIKA DU CHENE - Missed out by little in a 2700m Class B here on 13 December. Sports modified shoeing with the leading driver in the bike, is proven over 2175m here, and can make this her own

Summary: Revitalised here a month ago, LERIKA DU CHENE (10) enjoys a terrific entry at just 100 Euros from elimination and, reconfigured and in the hands of Eric Raffin, can open her main-track account. She will still come under pressure from the likes of LERIKA DU CHENE (10) who races unshod-behind after having made short work of a Class D here early-December, and a first-time barefoot LAUREATE DRY (5) who has been lurking of late.

SELECTIONS

LERIKA DU CHENE (10) - LIBERTE DU GOUTIER (6) - LAUREATE DRY (5) - LILY MARGOT (3)

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C4 - PRIX DE CROIX - 2850m (a2m) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR € 120,000

1. **IMMORTAL DOC** - Surprise 4th in Gr.2 Prix Octave Douesnel before finishing 10th of 13 in a 2100m Class A here on New Year's Day and can be confidently passed over
2. **CORAL COGER** - Quality Scandinavian mare that ran 5th of 13 in a 2100m Class A on Vincennes debut 10 days ago. Makes first appearance for new stable and will be expected to acquit herself more competitively
3. **KANTO AVIS** - Unexpected winner of 2700m Gr.2 Prix Octave Douesnel here on 7 December. Has had ample time to freshen up and, if still on the boil, can again figure prominently
4. **KOKOTE** - Superb winner of Gr.2 Prix Ariste Hemard before being sanctioned in Criterium Continental. Is up against the boys again, but sports pads this time and will be no pushover if she stays in stride
5. **ELEGANCE KRONOS** - Quality nordic raider making first start for new stable. Has not raced since finishing 3rd of 11 in a 2140m Eskilstuna Gr.1 mid-November and even though barefoot for re-entry, cannot be considered a priority
6. **GLOBAL ETALON** - Sprang a 70/1 surprise when 6th of 13 in 2100m Gr.1 Critérium Continental here 3 weeks ago. Has never delivered at Vincennes but with Gabriele Gelormini in the bike, will be afforded every chance
7. **KEENAN DE JOUDES** - Can be forgiven his 12th of 13 in 2100m Gr.1 Critérium Continental here 3 weeks ago. Has never finished out of the frame at this level and can finally open his Gr.2 account, on first start over the distance
8. **KATINKA DU MOUCHEL** - 7th in Gr.2 Prix Ariste Hemard before being sanctioned early in Critérium Continental and is not expected to shake things up
9. **KHAL'S FELLA** - Good 3rd in Prix Octave Douesnel before being drawn 17, coming last of 13 in 2100m Gr.1 Critérium Continental here 3 weeks ago. Is plainly in excellent shape however and will be expected to contest the finish this time
10. **KING OPERA** - Unraced since being sanctioned in a 2100m Class A here late-September. Shoes on and no threat
11. **KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Disappointing for some time, most recently sanctioned when unsupported in Criterium Continental, and is not about to trouble the judge
12. **KALIF LANDIA** - Takes his chances in the harness code after winning a 2700m monté Gr.1 here mid-December. Eric Raffin reining for first time and is sure to be competitive at the business end of the race
13. **KELLY DE BANVILLE** - 4th of 9 to KALIF LANDIA (12) in a 2700m monté Gr.1 here mid-December. Runs for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
14. **KILMISTER** - Has failed to make any impression since coming south, latterly 9th of 13 in 2100m Gr.1 Critérium Continental here 3 weeks ago, and will not be influencing the outcome
15. **KOCTEL DU DAIN** - Never dangerous 8th of 13 behind GLOBAL ETALON (6) in 2100m Gr.1 Critérium Continental here 3 weeks ago. Not as sharp as he was before the winter but has nothing to prove in this class and can return to victorious ways

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Summary: Fine runner-up in the Gr.2 Prix Octave Douesnel, KEENAN DE JOUDES (7) drew a tough number in the Critérium Continental but will have conditions in his favour this time and should be able to turn the tables on KOCTEL DU DAIN (15) who finished 8th that day. KHAL'S FELLA (9) endured a similar fate to Jean-Philippe Monclin's horse but his form is sure and has decent credentials over 2850m of the main track. Unraced since springing a 45/1 Octave Douesnel surprise, KANTO AVIS (3) must be afforded more respect this time.

SELECTIONS

KEENAN DE JOUDES (7) - KOCTEL DU DAIN (15) - KHAL'S FELLA (9) - KANTO AVIS (3)

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C5 - PRIX DE SARTILLY - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 59,000

1. JOY ALISSA - 4th of 8 in a 2650m Bordeaux Class C a fortnight ago. Has excellent monte form at home in Sweden but faces a stiff test, and even with Eric Raffin in the saddle is unlikely to influence the result

2. HIP HOP DE MADKER - Makes just 2nd appearance under the saddle after finishing 7th of 11 in a 2100m harness Class D here on 3 January and can expect to have few friends

3. FIGHTER SIMONI - Serious Swedish sort that has thrived since coming to France, most recently 5th of 11 in a 2100m harness Class C here on 4 December. Won his only monte start at the venue and has every chance of confirming

4. HELITE ELEVEN - 4th of 8 behind HOUARNEAU (11) in a 2850m Class D here 10 days ago. Always gives her best but appears to have too much to do this time

5. STARO MOJITO - Flattering 2nd under the saddle before being sanctioned in a 2700m harness Class D here 2 weeks ago. Shod to preference but still not a priority

6. HELENA GIRL - Has been knocking at the door for some time, latterly 2nd of 7, in 1'11"7 , over course and distance on 2 December, and is not without a claim on the prize

7. HESCORT LOVE - Encouraging 2nd of 11 in a 2100m harness Class D here 3 weeks ago. Has shown significant potential in the code and will have his chances if he stays in stride

8. HEAVEN STAR - Continued his rich vein of form when 3rd of 10 in a 2600m harness Class D at Meslay-du-Maine on 19 December. Has no monte references but in current form and configuration is very easy to like

9. HIMALAYA NARCY - 4th of 13 when preparing for this in a 2550m Bordeaux harness Class D on 17 December. Is confirmed at this level and is unlikely to go home empty-handed

10. GET UP DES PLAINES - Back under the saddle after running 4th of 14 in a 2750m Cabourg harness Class D on 17 December. Placed under these conditions during the autumn but will need to be at his best this time

11. HOUARNEAU - Has done nothing but improve lately, most recently 2nd of 8 in a 2850m Class D here 10 days ago. Reunited with Lilian Bertin who won with him during the autumn and must be afforded respect

12. HOTKATISSIME - Reassuring 3rd of 7 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class D 2 months ago. Has not been seen since but is competitively-shod and will generate some interest

13. HISTORIC DAY - Takes first public steps in the discipline after coming 3rd of 14 in a 2825m Cordemais harness Class F mid-December and if form transitions, can make this his own

Summary: Ideally-engaged at the limit of earnings and patently in cracking form, HISTORIC DAY (13) sports front pads for his monte debut and with Alan Gendrot aboard can get straight down to business. Excellent in both ridden starts on French soil, FIGHTER SIMONI (3) has also been reconfigured and is unbeaten with Benjamin Rochard. HELENA GIRL (6) is not far from opening her monte account and the new formula will set her up nicely. After reassuring under harness here last month, HESCORT LOVE (7) similarly sports modified shoeing and will be reunited with Alexandre Abrivard.

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SELECTIONS

HISTORIC DAY (13) - FIGHTER SIMONI (3) - HELENA GIRL (6) - HESCORT LOVE (7)

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C6 - PRIX DE QUESTEMBERT - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. JOKE BLUE** - 2nd of 11 to JAVA DE BOITRON (4) in a Class F over course and distance 2.5 weeks ago. Has ground to make up but from is not in question and should not be overlooked
- 2. JAMAIQUE PAJELO** - Sanctioned in 6 of last 7, latterly a Class D over 2175m here a week ago, and has no realistic chance
- 3. JAZZIE DE BERLES** - Failed to confirm good Vincennes performance when 8th of 13 in a 2925m Class D on 14 December, and even with shoes back on will have few takers
- 4. JAVA DE BOITRON** - Opened her Vincennes account in a Class F over course and distance 2.5 weeks ago. Has a lot more to give and Benjamin Rochard can be confident of a competitive run
- 5. JAPONICA** - Has turned a corner recently, latterly 4th of 13 behind JARYCA (10) in a 2850m Class E here 2 weeks ago, but still has more to find
- 6. JOSY EXPRESS** - 2nd over track and trip late-November but failed to confirm when last of 13 behind JARYCA (10) in a 2850m Class E here 2 weeks ago. Barefoot this time but others still easier to back
- 7. JICKY GIRL** - Tenacious 2nd of 11 in a 2100m Class E here a month back. David Thomain in the bike this time but represents no more than a minor place prospect
- 8. JUSTICE BRICKELL** - Imposed at La Rochelle before coming 3rd of 13 in a Class E under these conditions on 5 December. Has been afforded time to freshen up and enjoys a realistic chance of opening her metropolitan account
- 9. JADE HAUFOR** - Lacklustre 9th of 13 behind JUSTICE BRICKELL (8) in a Class E under these conditions on 5 December. Struggling to replicate last spring 2024 form and must first re-establish her credentials
- 10. JARYCA** - Serious mare that was just headed in a 2850m Class E here late last month. Is close to her race and Eric Raffin will be keen to seal the deal this time
- 11. JADE VENESI** - 3rd of 13, a place behind JARYCA (10), in a 2850m Class E here 2 weeks ago. Mathieu Mottier stays faithful and she will not be sent out at 49/1 on this occasion
- 12. JOIE D'AMOUR** - Won at Graignes prior to coming 4th of 9, a place behind JAZZIE DE BERLES (3), in a 2100m Class D here late-November. Has had time to get back in shape, has won twice with Franck Nivard, and will not be far off the mark
- 13. JOSEPHA CHOUP** - 8th of 10 when prepping for this in a 2650m Bordeaux Class D a fortnight ago. Boasts fine references in this configuration and will be expected to challenge for a place on the podium

Summary: A tough race to decipher this but it is nevertheless very hard to ignore JARYCA (10) who has more than held her own since being entrusted to Eric Raffin. Not once out of the frame in the day's configuration, she may just have the edge over Laurent Koubiche's fine JUSTICE BRICKELL (8) who has done nothing to disappoint this term, and the well-entered JOSEPHA CHOUP (13) who is shod as she was at Toulouse. JAVA DE BOITRON (4) steps up in category after imposing over track and trip on Christmas Eve and must be taken seriously.

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JARYCA (10) - JUSTICE BRICKELL (8) - JOSEPHA CHOUP (13) - JAVA DE BOITRON (4)

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C7 - PRIX DU FOREZ - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 90,000

1. HEDE DARLING - Fine 2nd of 11 in a 2925m Cagnes Gr.3 3 weeks ago but races shod this time and best to wait

2. ESPACE WINNER - Steps up in category after running 7th of 10 in a 2850m amateurs Class E here on Christmas Eve, and would be preferred under the saddle

3. HANNIBAL TUILERIE - Serious sort returning to the harness code after running 3rd of 12 in a monté Gr.3 over course and distance 2 weeks ago. Has solid credentials under these conditions and can fill the 3rd step on the podium

4. HIP HOP HAUFOR - Beat stablemate GOELAND D'HAUFOR (5) in a 2100m Class A prior to coming 5th of 12 behind him in 2850m Gr.3 Prix Jean Dumouch here mid-December, and can again make first 5

5. GOELAND D'HAUFOR - In the frame in last 2, latterly 3rd of 12 in 2850m Gr.3 Prix Jean Dumouch here mid-December. Is clearly close to his best and should again figure prominently

6. ELITE DE JIEL - Makes first appearance since finishing 7th of 13 in a 2850m Class D here on 4 November. Shod for competition but is out of her depth

7. INO DU LUPIN - Flew up in a 2650m Bordeaux Class A late last month. Returns to racing barefoot and, with form maintained, can give FACE TIME (9) a run for his money

8. GENDREEN - Won a Gr.3 during the autumn but out of the picture in last 2, latterly 6th of 12 behind GOELAND D'HAUFOR (5) in 2850m Gr.3 Prix Jean Dumouch here on 15 December, and will need to raise his game

9. FACE TIME - 8th of 10 in a 2850m Class A conditioner here a fortnight ago. Swept away all before him last winter and can pick up where he left off

Summary: On paper this looks a 2-horse race between the exceptionally well-engaged FACE TIME (9) who is barefoot after a brace of conditioners, and Jean-Paul Marmion's tough INO DU LUPIN (7) who also goes barefoot after having imposed shod at Bordeaux just a fortnight ago. Class A course-and-distance winner mid-November, HANNIBAL TUILERIE (3) looks the best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

FACE TIME (9) - INO DU LUPIN (7) - HANNIBAL TUILERIE (3) - GOELAND D'HAUFOR (5)

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C8 - PRIX BELLINO II - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 80,000

1. **OVER THE LIGHT AS** - Has not been seen out since faulting over 2140m in Orebro on 19 October. Has been reconfigured for French debut but cannot be considered a player
2. **FOR YOU ROC** - Respectable Italian import making first appearance for new stable. Has not run since coming 4th of 7 over a mile at San Siro mid-November though and is unlikely to be given a hard race
3. **FUNKY ROC** - Courageous 5th of 8 finishers behind LEADER DE JOUDES (10) in a 2100m Gr.3 on 14 December. Sports 4 pads for first time and will be expected to show notable improvement
4. **LAGNU MAG** - Sanctioned in 3 of last 4, latterly a Class A over course and distance 10 days ago. Shoes on and no danger
5. **FIRST TIME ROC** - Well-regarded type making first French start not having run since being sanctioned over 2140m at Jägersro late-October. Barefoot for the occasion but may be race-rusty
6. **LASH PERRINE** - 4th of 8 finishers behind LEADER DE JOUDES (10) in a 2100m Gr.3 on 14 December. Races first-time barefoot and should again finish in the mix
7. **LOGAN JIEL** - Unexceptional 8th of 10 behind L'AS DESBOIS (11) in a Gr.3 over course and distance 2.5 weeks ago and even with hind shoes off will struggle to make any impact
8. **FRANKIE LJ** - Useful Italian import that finished 6th of 8 finishers behind LEADER DE JOUDES, on first French start, (10) in a 2100m Gr.3 on 14 December. Goes barefoot with Eric Raffin reining this time and must not be underestimated
9. **LISSANDRO** - Made it 2 on the trot when dominating a 2175m Class A here 3 weeks ago. Is plainly on the way up, has placed over track and trip, and looks the one to beat
10. **LEADER DE JOUDES** - Made up for early-December sanction when 3rd of 8 finishers in 2100m Gr.3 Prix de Mansle here 2 weeks later. Sports modified shoeing this time and will be no easy touch if Clément Duvaldestin keeps him focused
11. **L'AS DESBOIS** - Won a 2850m Gr.3 here before running a somewhat unfortunate 5th of 10 in a Gr.3 over course and distance 2.5 weeks ago. Enjoys a good entry and William Bignon will be intent on taking advantage. Chance

Summary: Improving with every run, and winner of his last two, LISSANDRO (9) steps marginally up in class but races unshod-behind for the first time and can secure the hat-trick. Jean-Michel Bazire will however be justifiably wary of William Bignon's freshly-barefoot L'AS DESBOIS (11) who did not enjoy the best of trips here on Christmas Day, and a reconfigured LEADER DE JOUDES (10) who beat a number of these in the Gr.3 Prix de Mansle mid-December. FUNKY ROC (3) was by no means disgraced that day and racing with 4 pads this time could well make all the difference.

SELECTIONS

LISSANDRO (9) - L'AS DESBOIS (11) - LEADER DE JOUDES (10) - FUNKY ROC (3)

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C9 - PRIX DE RANES - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 52,000

1. DANA EK - Failed to confirm good Gr.3 performance when sanctioned early in a 2700m Class C here 10 days ago. Is not devoid of ability though and should not be overlooked

2. DENIA - Tricky but talented mare that lost a 2700m Class C here on New Year's Day after having got her nose in front. On better behaviour though can bring the fight to JALENDRA DE MALAC (5)

3. DIVINA TRIO - No slouch on a good day but will need to show considerable improvement on recent 8th of 12 in a 2700m Class C here 10 days ago

4. IRIS FARCEUSE - Reassuring, but surprising, 3rd of 6 in a 2700m Class D here 2 weeks ago but a repeat looks decidedly unlikely

5. JALENDRA DE MALAC - Simply superb since switching yards, most recently securing the hat-trick in a 2700m Class C here late-November. Has been afforded time to freshen up and will take all the beating

6. IRMYLA DE SOMMAIRE - Quality element that ran 5th of 6 when being conditioned in a 2700m Class D here a fortnight ago. Shoes on again and best to hold off

7. ILIADE (SWE) - Respectable 6th of 10 in a 2700m Class D conditioner here 3 weeks ago. Won 3 times here in 2024, including over course and distance, and is not without her chances

8. JOLIE POUPEE - 5th of 9, a place behind JOLIE STAR (9), in a 2100m Class B here on Christmas Day. Set her personal best chrono on that occasion and in similar form can again make first 5

9. JOLIE STAR - 2nd over 2700m before coming 4th of 9 in a 2100m Class B here on Christmas Day. Benefits from a fine entry and Guillaume Martin will be keen to make hay

Summary: Unbeaten in 3 starts since moving to Alexis Grimault's yard, JALENDRA DE MALAC (5) is as versatile as they come, is reunited with Eric Raffin who has yet to be bested with her, and will be expected to bring home the bacon. Leading the resistance, DENIA (2) was disqualified after imposing over 2700m here 10 days ago and Paiö Ploquin will be eager to set the record straight. Barefoot following last month's prep here, ILIADE (SWE) (7) simply thrives with Alexandre Abrivard and will be competitive for a step on the podium this time.

SELECTIONS

JALENDRA DE MALAC (5) - DENIA (2) - ILIADE (SWE) (7) - JOLIE STAR (9)