

WEDNESDAY, 17/04/24

**C1 - PRIX DE LA F.N. DES COURSES HIPPIQUES - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR
€ 23,000**

- 1. LEIPZIG TEK** - Nicely-bred colt that qualified in 1'19"5 last autumn and, by virtue of his pedigree, will garner support
- 2. LA NESLOISE** - Has not been seen out since finishing last of 9 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D mid-November and will have nothing to give
- 3. LOKY DE JIEL** - Faulted, on first start back, in a Class E over course and distance on 21 March. Has potential but is never far from faulting and, even with hind pads fitted, may still be biting off too much
- 4. LADRA DI MALAVITA** - Left a good impression, on return to competition, when 2nd of 12 in a 2600m Nancy Class F on 24 March. In a superior field this time though and no more than a minor place chance
- 5. LARA MADRIK** - Got off the mark at the first time of asking, comfortably winning a 2800m Villedieu-les-Poëles Class G on 1 March. Steps up in category but the new configuration could make all the difference. Claim
- 6. LOTUS PAULOIS** - Non-Runner
- 7. LANKA** - Unexceptional 4th of 7 finishers in a Class E over track and trip 9 days ago and, in this company, will struggle to make her mark
- 8. LORD DES GRANGES** - Qualified nicely last season but showed a different side on debut early last month, winning a 2400m Amiens Class F in style. Takes on better this time but is still a major player in prospect
- 9. L'AMIRAL STREET** - 5th, on comeback, in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E a fortnight ago. Will have progressed and will be no easy touch. Place chance
- 10. LORIE DE LA PRADE** - Delicate but capable filly that trotted 9th of 16 in a 2350m Angers Class D last week. Fitted with 4 pads this time and although unlikely to impose, should at least show improvement
- 11. LOVE ME ALWAYS** - Progressive filly that got off the mark mid-March in a Class F over course and distance. Unlikely to repeat but will not be available at 31/1 this time around
- 12. LANDSMAN** - Showed significant improvement to win a 2350m Angers Class F, with ease, 2 weeks ago and, with form maintained, can double his money

Summary: After being eased into racing with a good effort in a minor provincial event, LANDSMAN (12) flew up at Angers a fortnight ago and looks eminently capable of repeating. That being said, LARA MADRIK (5) made no bones about opening her own account first time out and, hind pads fitted for the occasion, will also have claims on the trophy. L'AMIRAL STREET (9) left a good impression on his recent re-entry and will have come on for the run. LORD DES GRANGES (8) performed better than expected first time out and will not be far off the mark if he reproduces that effort.

SELECTIONS

LANDSMAN (12) - LARA MADRIK (5) - L'AMIRAL STREET (9) - LORD DES GRANGES (8)

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C2 - PRIX DU TROTTEUR FRANCAIS - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KINGPIN** - Course-and-distance winner last season but quickly sanctioned on return to competition last week in a Class F over 2500m here. Needs another run
- 2. KASSIOPEE DU NOYER** - Sanctioned in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E 2 weeks ago when clearly full of running. Reverts to racing right-handed and, even in the absence of Lebourgeois, can still get in on the action
- 3. KING KONG SMILE** - Has shown marked improvement since starting to race barefoot, most recently 3rd of 10 in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 1 April. In better company this time however and no more than a minor place prospect
- 4. KADO DE VANDEL** - Disappointing last of 10, behind KING KONG SMILE (3), in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche earlier this month, and even racing barefoot has no realistic chance
- 5. KARA MIA** - Sanctioned, on first start back, in a 2350m Angers Class E 2 weeks ago, but has bags of ability and, with application, will be dangerous
- 6. KANSAS QUICK** - Quality element with a 75% win-rate, latterly scoring a 2600m Meslay-du-Maine Class F victory a month back and, on good behaviour, can wrap this up
- 7. KALAMATA BEACH** - Disappointed here mid-March before coming 3rd of 7 finishers in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle 10 days ago. In the frame in 3 of 4 here and must not be overlooked
- 8. KYOTO JIEL** - 7th of 8 finishers in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 25 March. Hind shoes off for the first time, with Benjamin Rochard reining, but chances still limited
- 9. KISS ME DE JEAN** - Goes first time barefoot after finishing an unthreatening 5th of 10 in a 2150m Argentan Class E on re-entry 3 weeks ago and could pleasantly surprise
- 10. KIWI DE LARRE** - 7th of 13 in a 2100m Vincennes claimer on 5 April and is not about to lose his maiden tag
- 11. KSAR DU RIEU** - Highly-impressive winner of a 2450m Caen Class E on comeback 3 weeks ago and his new barefoot status will allow him to compete with KANSAS QUICK (6). Chance
- 12. KAEPERNICK** - Sanctioned in first 3 this year before imposing in a 2500m Class F here last week. Competitively-shod again and, with application, can trot his way onto the podium

Summary: The superb KANSAS QUICK (6) made up for his comeback sanction with an unexacting victory at Meslay-du-Maine last month and has enough untapped potential to double his money. Exactly as good as his re-entry success would suggest, KSAR DU RIEU (11) is first time barefoot and will be no soft touch. It took some time but KAEPERNICK (12) got his nose in front here 9 days ago and will again figure prominently if Julien Raffestin keeps him trotting. The tricky but clearly talented KARA MIA (5) has front pads fitted for the first time and can make a big splash if Mathieu Mottier gets his filly to maintain focus.

SELECTIONS

KANSAS QUICK (6) - KSAR DU RIEU (11) - KAEPERNICK (12) - KARA MIA (5)

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C3 - PRIX DES PARTENAIRES PMU - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 24,000

- 1. JETHAN DE MONGOCHY** - Debuts in the monté discipline after coming 6th of 12 in a 2400m Amiens harness Class F a fortnight ago and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 2. JUMBO DE LUNESE** - Sanctioned in last 2, most recently a 2700m Vincennes Class D late-January. Has had time to get his house in order and, sporting a fresh configuration, will have his chances
- 3. JUST PACHA** - Fine winner of a 2725m Lisieux Class E on 20 March. Should appreciate Reims conditions and will be expected to give JOUR DE VICTOIRE (9) a run for his money
- 4. JESS D'HERTALS** - Well-beaten 4th of 6 finishers in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche earlier this month but, in this field, could yet pick up a first-5 cheque
- 5. IMPACT FIX** - Sanctioned in a 2600m Nancy harness Class F last Sunday but has proven references under the saddle and, competitively-shod with a leading rider in the irons, will be no pushover
- 6. JOY D'OURVILLE** - 6th of 13 in a 2475m Royan-Atlantique Class E a fortnight ago. Has monté references but not enough to make a difference here
- 7. INFALLIBLE** - Faulted in a 2100m Lyon-Parilly Class E late last month. Is not the worst horse here but current form does little to inspire confidence
- 8. IVANHOE MADRIK** - Makes first appearance since faulting in a 2800m Strasbourg Class F late-October. Is barefoot, and has previously won here, but will need the outing
- 9. JOUR DE VICTOIRE** - 3rd of 6 finishers in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F on 1 March. Enjoys a good entry and can win this if he stays in stride
- 10. ICARINO DU CHOQUEL** - Delicate soul that faulted, for the 4th time in 5 starts, in a 2525m harness claimer at Les Andelys late last month. Returns to racing unshod behind though and, with application, can get a look in
- 11. INES DES FORETS** - No champion but is getting back on track, latterly 4th in a 2700m harness Class F at La Capelle 10 days ago. Has previously won under the saddle, goes unshod behind, and must be taken seriously

Summary: He may not be the easiest of horses to handle but JOUR DE VICTOIRE (9) has established credentials under the saddle, is in good shape and, sporting a new configuration, can secure his first success since June 2022. Alexis Collette can nonetheless expect to encounter resistance from last month's Lisieux winner, JUST PACHA (3) who has only hind shoes off for his Reims debut, and the promising but capricious JUMBO DE LUNESE (2) who is similarly sent out with revised shoeing. IMPACT FIX (5) returns to the code following a fruitless streak under harness and, unshod behind with Mathieu Mottier onboard, will be afforded every chance.

SELECTIONS

JOUR DE VICTOIRE (9) - JUST PACHA (3) - JUMBO DE LUNESE (2) - IMPACT FIX (5)

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C4 - PRIX DU QUINTE - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

1. **GRAAL DU CHENE** - 4th in a 2800m Strasbourg Class E on 1 April. Is plainly on the right path but, in this company, will struggle to make his mark
2. **GABY DES MOYEUX** - Last of 13 in a Class E over track and trip 9 days ago. Dependability not her strong suit and others easier to back
3. **HARMONIE DE BREVOL** - Going well when sanctioned in a 2350m Angers Class E 2 weeks ago. Has form here and, with application, can put things right
4. **HIATUS** - Quickly sanctioned in a Class E over course and distance on 21 March and is not about to spring any surprises
5. **HAILEY D'OURVILLE** - Useful sort that showed improvement at Angers a fortnight back when 3rd of 11 finishers in a 2350m Class E. Positioned in front and should take sufficiently well to Reims to trot her way into the money
6. **HAPPY DJOB** - Moderate type that finished a pleasant 5th of 14 in a 2800m Rambouillet Class F 10 days ago but, modified shoeing or not, still has a lot more to find
7. **GROUPIE DU QUENNE** - Never far from faulting but is in excellent shape, latterly coming 2nd in a 2150m Argentan Class F. Starts in front and is expected to represent the main threat to HEDIC GEMA (15)
8. **GOSSIP BOY** - Failed to confirm his good performance at Le Croisé-Laroche when 10th of 16 in a 2600m Nancy Class F late last month. Has no positive right-handed references and not an obvious choice
9. **EN CHOEUR FERFAY** - Won at Graignes before coming 5th of 16 in a 2600m Nancy Class F on 30 March and appears to have his work cut out for him this time
10. **HORACE DES CHAMPS** - 9th of 10 when prepping for this over 2840m at Mons a week ago. Has a lot going for him here and, proven racing clockwise, is not to be underestimated
11. **HELENCIO** - Proved himself in better company over the winter but will need to show more than 7th to HABIT DE SOIREE (12) in a 2700m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche on 1 March, if he wants to make the first 5
12. **HABIT DE SOIREE** - Honest sort that trotted 4th of 14 in a 2700m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche on 1 March. Has never disappointed here and, although in marginally better company and starting with a handicap, can still play a prominent role
13. **FOREVER JIEL** - Quality individual but unplaced in last 3, latterly 9th of 16 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D last Friday. Has won 3 times at the venue but nonetheless needs to shape up
14. **HAVE SEVEN** - Last of 14 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C last Saturday. Preparing for next week's GNT stage and can be passed over
15. **HEDIC GEMA** - Excellent campaigner that lost his action early at Laval but nevertheless showed his condition. Has nothing to prove at this level and, even from the back row, can make this his own
16. **ESPOIR DES CHAMPS** - Has not been seen out since coming 13 of 15 in a 2850m Vincennes Class C late-December. Hind shoes off for re-entry but others still preferred

Summary: Highly-impressive earlier in the year at Cagnes, GRAAL DU CHENE (1) quickly lost his action at Laval but seldom faults twice, and very much at ease racing right-handed, can win this. Clearly on the way back up, GROUPIE DU QUENNE (7) put on a fine show behind a good horse last time out and, from the front line, will be expected to confirm, as will stablemate HAILEY D'OURVILLE (5) who similarly breaks from the front. HORACE DES CHAMPS (10) is barefoot for his Reims debut and, ideally engaged at the limit of earnings, will have his chances.

SELECTIONS

HEDIC GEMA (15) - GROUPIE DU QUENNE (7) - HAILEY D'OURVILLE (5) - HORACE DES CHAMPS (10)

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C5 - PRIX DU CHAMPAGNE DE CASTELNAU - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 30,000

- 1. MADAME AF DJUPMYRA** - 8th of 10 finishers on monté debut in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie harness Class D a week ago after having been sanctioned on monté debut. Has ability though and first time unshod behind, will have her supporters
- 2. FINE DU COLOMBIER** - 5th of 7 finishers in a 2800m Strasbourg harness Class E earlier this month. Is useful under the saddle but, at this level, can be confidently passed over
- 3. ARA** - Sanctioned, when sent out favourite, in a 2600m Cavaillon Class D last week. Won a similar event late last year and, with stride in check, will not be far from the action
- 4. FAKIR GASCON** - Capable on a good day but 7th of 8 in a 2725m Lisieux Class E a month back and is not about to influence the result
- 5. HIRO DE L'ORMERIE** - Flattering 5th of 11 in a 2950m Toulouse Class F last Friday. Races barefoot this time but still hard to make a case
- 6. INDICE DELADOU** - Not disgraced when 4th of 9 in a 2700m Lyon-La Soie Class E on 10 March. Is not about to shake things up but could still eke out some prizemoney
- 7. ZLATAN KNICK** - 5th, on re-entry, over 2840m at Mons a week ago. Has form in superior company and makes his Reims debut with a respectable chance of making the first 5
- 8. HUIS CLOS (SWE)** - Very hard to knock when applied, most recently 5th in a 2700m Vincennes Class E 3 weeks ago. Goes well right-handed and is good enough to secure this, provided he stays in stride
- 9. BEAUTY WIND** - Good dual-discipline mare that trotted 5th of 9 over 2000m at Gelsenkirchen a fortnight ago, in preparation for this. Form is sure and has a decent chance of trotting her way into the frame
- 10. NICE PRESENT** - Has not been seen out since coming last of 11 in a 2850m Laval harness Class D 2 months ago. 2nd to ARA (3) last time here and is not incapable of imposing this time

Summary: Despite the occasional sanction, HUIS CLOS (SWE) (8) is a tough nut to crack when focused and, fit after 2 return runs, he races with hind shoes on and can make this his own if Camille Levesque keeps him trotting. Consistent for the most part, NICE PRESENT (10) goes unshod behind for his return from a spell and, never disappointing at Reims, is in with a realistic shout. Already a winner in both codes this year, BEAUTY WIND (9) prepped for this in Germany and makes her return to the monté discipline in top form. A winner over course-and-distance last autumn, ARA (3) has previously won under these conditions for Alexis Collette and, if focused, can come close.

SELECTIONS

HUIS CLOS (SWE) (8) - NICE PRESENT (10) - BEAUTY WIND (9) - ARA (3)

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C6 - PRIX PRIMAULT - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. **PRESTO D'AN** - 5th of 6, on re-entry, over 2300m at Mons a fortnight ago. Has references racing clockwise and, barefoot for the occasion, should be able to give this a good go
2. **DE GAULLE GRIF** - Quality element but seldom far from faulting, most recently in a 2700m Vincennes Class E. Has had time to get his house in order though and will have his chances if Gabriele Gelormini can keep him trotting
3. **JUMEIGE DE GODREL** - Tricky mare that came in 3rd of 9 finishers, at 115/1, in a 2500m Class F here last week but will be hard-pushed to confirm
4. **DISTILLATO** - Unraced since coming 8th of 10 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes Class D last June and will need the run
5. **MAVERICK (HOL)** - Races right-handed for the first time after coming 4th of 5 finishers over 2100m at Wolvega on 6 April. Not as good as many others here but always gives her best and could pleasantly surprise
6. **JARVIS** - Has turned a corner recently, finishing close runner-up to JACO LE GRAND (9) in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class F a fortnight ago. Form is headed in the right direction and looks competitively well-in
7. **DUMA NEH D'ASTI** - 10th of 11 over 1650m in Milan earlier this month. Barefoot this time, as he was at Vincennes 2 months ago, but chances of a repeat performance appear slim
8. **JET SPE** - 4th of 10 in a Class F over 2550m here on 21 March, a month after imposing at Amiens. Has never disappointed at Reims and is not about to return home empty-handed
9. **JACO LE GRAND** - Won a 2150m Mauquenchy Class F a fortnight ago when associated with Mathieu Mottier for the first time. Shoes off again and the double is not out of the question
10. **JUSTICE DE JOUDES** - 4th of 9 in a 2600m Nancy Class E late last month. Has never delivered at Reims but current form bodes well for her prospects. One to note
11. **JEAN MAJYC** - 3rd, a place behind JUNE DE FLORANGE (13), in a 2800m Class F at La Guerche-de-Bretagne on 24 March after having won here a week earlier. Similarly benefits from a good entry and can keep his Reims record intact
12. **JASMINE DU MELEUC** - 8th of 13 in a 2575m Saint-Brieuc Class E 3 weeks ago. Still in 'conditioning mode' and best to hold off
13. **JUNE DE FLORANGE** - Has done nothing but encourage since the layoff, most recently a fast-finishing 2nd of 13 in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class F 10 days ago, and may well be the one to beat this time

Summary: Following a well-earned break, JUNE DE FLORANGE (13) took not time getting back in shape, left a particularly good impression at Agen recently, is sent out with a new configuration, and has a realistic chance of winning this. Pierrot Beasse can nevertheless expect to encounter significant resistance from JEAN MAJYC (11) who won here last month, and JACO LE GRAND (9) who struck gold at Mauquenchy when barefoot for the first time. DE GAULLE GRIF (2) has bags of ability but after a brace of Vincennes sanctions, goes clockwise this time and will be no pushover if he takes to the new profile.

SELECTIONS

JUNE DE FLORANGE (13) - JEAN MAJYC (11) - JACO LE GRAND (9) - DE GAULLE GRIF (2)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE REIMS - 2500m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 27,000

- 1. LUCKY GUY BOKO** - Impressive since leaving Sweden, most recently 3rd of 16 in a 2850m Vincennes Class C on 29 March. Yet to be tested going clockwise but, in present form, is hard to ignore
- 2. LA SASSICAIA** - 6th behind ODANA VRIJTHOUT (5) in a 2100m Vincennes Class C on 6 March. Shod to preference this time, with Mathieu Mottier reining, and is well-placed to give this a good go
- 3. IN LOVE DE JIEL** - 6th of 16 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class F a fortnight ago. Tends to appreciate a mobile start and, from the 3-spot, a place in the first 5 is well within his capacity
- 4. CROIZEROSS** - Italian import that has struggled since coming to France, latterly 8th of 12 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 22 March. Ideally-drawn but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 5. ODANA VRIJTHOUT** - Sanctioned in a 2100m Vincennes Class C on 6 March but is clearly in fine form and, well-positioned in front, can set the record straight
- 6. FIER D'ARS** - 5th of 10 finishers in a 2550m Class F here 9 days ago. 4 pads fitted this time but a repeat seems rather improbable
- 7. IMAGE D'HERFRAIE** - Faulted in a 2100m Vincennes Class C on 6 March. Has otherwise been in excellent shape and can make a big splash if David Thomain keeps her trotting
- 8. LEE HARVEY BROS** - Disappointing for the most part over recent months, most recently coming 12th of 14 in a 2100m Vincennes Class C 11 days ago, and can be confidently passed over
- 9. TRUMPIE** - Pleasing of late, most recently 2nd over 2840m at Mons last week, but faces a much stiffer test this time around
- 10. NINEPOINTS LASSE** - Not without merit but sanctioned in last 3, latterly over 2140m at Romme early-March, and can expect to have few friends
- 11. LET IT BE VP** - Moderate sort that could manage no better than 8th of 15 in a 2675m Lisieux Class E on 20 March. On the back line and no threat
- 12. LOUIS E LOBELL** - Good class of trotter with nothing to prove at this level. Went close in Germany earlier in the month and, shod to preference, can impose
- 13. NEVELE HALL GRAUX** - 4th to TRUMPIE (9) over 2840m at Mons a week ago. Has references racing right-handed and goes unshod in front, but the draw will do him no favours
- 14. GLOBAL ABOVE ALL** - Never-dangerous when sanctioned on French debut in a 2750m Class F at La Capelle 10 days ago and has no realistic chance

Summary: Well-behind in earnings and an excellent servant when focused, LOUIS E LOBELL (12) is forced to start on the back row but, sporting a modified configuration and entrusted to Gabriele Gelormini, looks a serious proposition. IMAGE D'HERFRAIE (7) starts wide but is on the front line and, adept racing clockwise, will be dangerous if applied. LUCKY GUY BOKO (1) has taken well to French conditions and although untried racing right-handed, he will have a lot to offer if he turns. ODANA VRIJTHOUT (5) has been gifted a good draw and will be expected to make up for her latest sanction.

SELECTIONS

LOUIS E LOBELL (12) - IMAGE D'HERFRAIE (7) - LUCKY GUY BOKO (1) - ODANA VRIJTHOUT (5)

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C8 - PRIX GILBERT CORNET - 2500m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 27,000

1. KUNG FU QUICK - Struggled over the winter to make good on his promise, most recently 7th of 10 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class C, but it is only a matter of time before he comes good again. Attention

2. JABADAMES - Would have finished 4th in a 2875m Enghien monté Class D mid-March had she not lost her action. David Thomain in the sulky and, while not a priority, will have her supporters

3. KARMINA - 5th in a 2700m Vincennes Class C 8 days ago. Seldom gets her nose in front and has never delivered right-handed, but is well-positioned behind the car and is unlikely to be far off the mark

4. JACK DU CAUX - Sanctioned when well-supported on return to competition in a 2800m Rambouillet Class E 10 days ago. Is hard to knock when focused however and, even though not barefoot, can still get in on the action

5. KEVIN PRINCE - Oddly below-par when 7th of 15 in a 2450m Caen Class D on 4 March. Comes here fresh though and can set the record straight

6. JAKARTA DE CHENU - Useful sort with a good entry here. Failed to fire when 12th of 16 in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 12 March but should not be too harshly judged and, given her form, can make a big impact

7. KINNAIRD - Never-threatening when faulting in a 2700m Vincennes Class C last week and is not about to shake things up

8. KALITA D'HENINEL - Capable filly that finished 3rd of 10 in a 2700m Lyon-La Soie Class C on 11 March. Takes on her elders this time and chances limited

9. KIR NORMAND - Sent for a spell after trotting 5th of 15 in a 2100m Vincennes Class C late last month. Could have asked for a better draw but will still generate some interest

10. KLASSIC - Clearly a filly of some class but makes her first appearance since finishing last of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class A late-October. Has had time to get her house in order and is not incapable of going close on first start back

11. JOKER DE L'EPINE - Unseen since coming last of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D mid-November and can be disregarded

12. KARPANINO - Has returned to competition in top shape, most recently 2nd in a 2550m Beaumont-de-Lomagne Class C on 1 April. In more exalted company this time though and the draw will not help his cause

13. KRONOS DU KLAU - Not disgraced when 6th of 11 finishers in a 2100m Vincennes Class C on 22 March. On the back line but has decent speed and could well get a look-in

Summary: A relatively open affair with a number in contention and while no one particular horse stands out, it may well be worth taking a punt on the well-positioned KEVIN PRINCE (5) who last month failed to confirm his Wolvega success but who has already won at the venue. Michel Rothengatter will still be keeping a watchful eye on JAKARTA DE CHENU (6) who should logically bounce back from her recent disappointment, and KUNG FU QUICK (1) who is significantly better than latest efforts would suggest. KLASSIC (10) may not have been seen out since the autumn but she sports a new configuration and is not to be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

KEVIN PRINCE (5) - JAKARTA DE CHENU (6) - KUNG FU QUICK (1) - KLASSIC (10)