

SATURDAY, 18/01/25

C1 - PRIX DE SAINTE-EULALIE - 2325m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 15,000

1. MOODY DE VIVE - Pascal Maurice Manceau-trained Cristal Money colt debuting with Cyril Gazengel in the sulky. Watch for now

2. MARMOTTAN - Disqualified in the initial stages on debut in a 2150m harness event on this track recently (10 January). Showed enough after that early fault to suggest he is capable of fighting for victory if remaining wise

3. MENTEUSE PAN - Disqualified on debut over 2000m at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat on 5 January. Just a watching brief is advised

4. MISTABRAQ D'AZIF - Disqualified on debut at Lyon-La Soie over 2050m on 11 January. Must improve and is best watched for now

5. MAAT DU PATURAL - Improved with the experience of an introductory outing (disqualification) under her belt to finish 6th last time over 2000m at Bordeaux on 5 January. Further progress is expected

6. MIDLAND D'OYSE - Unplaced in both appearances, the latest (8th) over 2275m at Nantes on 16 December. Improvement needed

7. MOISSON DE LA COTE - Didn't go unnoticed (6th) on debut at Salon-de-Provence so shouldn't be hastily condemned for a subsequent failure (disqualification) at Cagnes-sur-Mer on 26 December. Open to improvement

8. MAESTRO D'IRATY - Caught the eye with an improved last-start 4th over 2000m at Bordeaux on 5 January. Will be competitive with further improvement

9. MAIRY FREE - Encouraging 3rd over 2400m on debut at Montauban last month. Subsequently disqualified on this course in a 2150m harness event on 10 January but shouldn't be hastily condemned - keep safe

10. MEA MARIS - Eye-catching 3rd on debut over 2000m at Bordeaux on 5 January and needn't improve much to play a leading role here. Winning chance

11. MY DREAM DES MONTS - Confirmed the promise of a debut 4th over 2450m at Villeréal in August by finishing 4th again over 2200m at Angoulême on 6 October. Open to improvement on his reappearance

Summary: Disqualified on debut at this venue recently, MARMOTTAN (2) showed enough after his fault to suggest he has the means to play a leading role in this opening event if avoiding disqualification. MEA MARIS (10), after an encouraging debut 3rd, and MY DREAM DES MONTS (11), who is open to improvement after a break, will make life difficult for the selection. MAIRY FREE (9), MAESTRO D'IRATY (8) and MAAT DU PATURAL (5) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MARMOTTAN (2) - MEA MARIS (10) - MY DREAM DES MONTS (11) - MAIRY FREE (9)

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C2 - PRIX DU TOURMALET - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. L'ENVIE D'ENZO - Delicate filly (disqualified in 3 of 7 starts) with undeniable means - usually acquits herself competitively when applied/remaining wise, confirmed as much with a reassuring 3rd over 2925m at Cagnes on 15 August. Respect

2. LILI - Versatile filly with sound references (form and experience) in both codes to make her presence felt here. Didn't go unnoticed when 7th in a 2700m Vincennes mounted race on 25 December - respected back in this category

3. LE LITTLE CORSE - Runner-up over 2650m at Bordeaux in this shoeing configuration on 23 December. Confirmation is expected

4. L'AS DE CAZOULENE - Consistent trotter with the form and experience to acquit himself competitively in a race like this. Runner-up in a course-and-distance race on 4 January

5. LOYAL FRIEND - Last-start winner (shod) over 2400m at Beaumont on 20 December. Should have more to offer racing without his irons (unshod) for the first time

6. LUCKY LADY D'AMOUR - Versatile filly with sound references/form credentials in both trotting categories, including a last-start 3rd over 2700m in a harness claimer at Vincennes on 5 September. Best watched for now on her reappearance

7. LUCKY AIMEF - Experienced trotter (12-start maiden) with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd over 2400m at Beaumont on 20 December. Candidate for success

8. L'AS DUEM - Complicated colt with undeniable means although seldom far from a fault. Bounced back to form with a good 3rd in a similar course-and-distance event on 4 January. Keep safe

9. LIBREVILLE - Winner over 2050m at Agen in March last year but lost her way after a 5-month layoff, finishing unplaced in 4 of 8 subsequent starts and disqualified in 3, including her latest at Bordeaux on 23 December. Others preferred

10. LOVE QUEEN - Lightly raced filly with undeniable means and room for improvement. Finished 2nd in a course-and-distance event on 28 October but hasn't been seen since so is best watched for now

11. LOLITA DE LORIOL - Finished 2nd on this track over 2150m on 10 January. Will be competitive with a repeat of that performance

Summary: Last-start Beaumont winner LOYAL FRIEND (5) and recent Bordeaux runner-up LE LITTLE CORSE (3), again lightened in his shoeing, seem the most likely to fight for victory. LUCKY AIMEF (7) isn't devoid of means and has shown enough to play a leading role, while L'ENVIE D'ENZO (1) and AS DUEM (8), who was 3rd on this track recently, could add their 2 cents. LILI (2), unshod for the first time, deserves a note of caution.

SELECTIONS

LOYAL FRIEND (5) - LE LITTLE CORSE (3) - LUCKY AIMEF (7) - L'ENVIE D'ENZO (1)

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C3 - PRIX DES BLEUETS - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

1. **GRIGRI DU BONHEUR** - Versatile veteran who bounced back to form with a reassuring 3rd under the saddle in a 2850m mounted race at Vincennes on 29 December. Not taken lightly
2. **HELIOS D'ELA** - Consistent veteran trotter with sound references/form credentials at this level, though most effective unshod. Absent since finishing 7th over 2625m at Agen on 12 February 2024
3. **HOT SUMMER** - Complicated veteran who is seldom far from a fault but usually acquits himself competitively when remaining wise. Disqualified in consecutive recent starts, the latest at Salon-de-Provence on 24 November - all or nothing
4. **FRIMEUR NARCY** - Complicated veteran who is seldom far from a fault but usually acquits himself competitively when remaining wise. Finished 9th over 2550m at Bordeaux on 17 December
5. **GILBERTO** - Consistent and versatile hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials at this level in both categories, including a last-start 5th under the saddle in a 2850m Vincennes mounted race on 29 December. Will have a say
6. **HOVE PONT VAUTIER** - Out of sorts for several months but ideally entered under these conditions. Finished 10th in a 2850m Quinte+ at Vincennes on 18 December but ought to fare better at this level - keep safe
7. **GAUDEPSOU** - Unreliable veteran with undeniable means - confirmed under these conditions/in this shoe-fitting and seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Finished 10th over 2150m at Cagnes on 6 January but warrants respect
8. **HAWAI PONT VAUTIER** - Rejuvenated by a 3-month break to finish an eye-catching 2nd over 2650m at Bordeaux on his reappearance on 9 January. Winning chance
9. **GENEROUS CHARM** - Last-start winner over 2550m at Beaumont-de-Lomagne in this shoe-fitting on 20 December. Not taken lightly
10. **MATEO DE REVE** - Inconsistent veteran trotter with sound references racing unshod. Disqualified when resuming after a 7-month absence in a 2950m event at this venue on 10 January
11. **FALFAUST** - Inconsistent veteran trotter with undeniable means and sound references/form credentials, including a recent 3rd over 2925m at Cagnes on 3 January. On the shortlist
12. **GALUPIN DE PAIL** - Honest hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials at this level under these conditions and in this shoe-fitting. Didn't go unnoticed (6th) over 2550m at Beaumont on 20 December
13. **FILOU DE SITA** - Unreliable veteran with undeniable means - seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day, even in this shod configuration. Finished 10th over 2650m at Bordeaux on 9 January
14. **GALIA SOTHO** - Regaining momentum and confirmed as much with a reassuring 4th over 2925m at Cagnes on 3 January. Dark horse
15. **HYDROMEL** - Disqualified in 3 of his last 5 appearances and finished 11th over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer on 6 January. Best watched for now

Summary: HAWAI PONT VAUTIER (8) caught the eye when 2nd on his reappearance at Bordeaux earlier this month. He needn't improve much to go one better here and is preferred to GILBERTO (5), who reverts to the harness category after an encouraging outing under the saddle, and complicated HOT SUMMER (3) who will make life difficult for the principals if he remains wise. FALFAUST (11), in good shape, HOVE PONT VAUTIER (6) and GAUDEPSOU (7) complete the shortlist

SELECTIONS

HAWAI PONT VAUTIER (8) - GILBERTO (5) - HOT SUMMER (3) - FALFAUST (11)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA NIVE - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 30,000

1. ICARE WILLIAMS - Well-performed trotter under the saddle, even with his irons (shod). Showed his form and well-being when 3rd in a 2650m mounted race at Bordeaux on 27 December - an attractive outsider in the harness category

2. INDOCILE - Well-performed trotter with solid form credentials/references at a higher level, including a last-start 4th over 2850m in a Quinté+ event at Vincennes on 7 January. Sets the standard

3. GENTLEMAN PIYA - Complicated veteran who is seldom far from a fault but usually acquits himself competitively when remaining wise. Finished 10th in this shoe-fitting over 2700m at Lyon-La Soie on 11 December

4. IVRAM - Honest hard-knocker who seldom finishes far off the mark but has no more than a place chance after finishing 6th over 2550m at Beaumont on 1 December. Outsider

5. FOREVER DE PAME - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials at this level. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 9th over 2825m at Cordemais on 24 November - keep safe

6. HERMOSO - Inconsistent veteran trotter with sound references racing unshod. Absent since finishing 8th (unshod) in a race over 2725m at Pornichet on 21 September

7. FIRST DE CHOISEL - Unreliable and currently out of sorts - finished 10th in consecutive recent outings, the latest at Bordeaux over 2650m on 9 December. Minor role

8. IPSON DU VERNAY - Rejuvenated after a 4-month break and is currently at the top of his game - finished 2nd twice before winning at Beaumont last month. Last seen finishing 3rd in a similar course-and-distance race on 4 January

9. GIGOLO DU NOYER - Soundly beaten 13th (shod) in a course-and-distance race on 7 January returning from a 7-month absence. Can do better with shoes removed

10. JACANA - Inconsistent mare with undeniable means and sound references/form credentials, though most effective when unshod. Unplaced (8th) over 2925m at Cagnes on 21 December - best watched for now

Summary: Well-performed INDOCILE (2) sets the standard and is hard to oppose given his references at a higher level. IPSON DU VERNAY (8), rejuvenated since resuming after a spell out, and returning FOREVER DE PAME (5) are best equipped to challenge the selection for race honours. Unreliable FIRST DE CHOISEL (7), proven at this level, mounted specialist ICARE WILLIAMS (1), and GENTLEMAN PIYA (3) are others with legitimate podium prospects.

SELECTIONS

INDOCILE (2) - IPSON DU VERNAY (8) - FOREVER DE PAME (5) - FIRST DE CHOISEL (7)

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C5 - PRIX DU SOULOR - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. ILISMO - Fourth in a class F at Nantes over 3000m on 13 January. Remains barefoot. Improved effort in the latest and can fight out the finish

2. IVANHOE PAULOIS - Unplaced in a class F at this track over 2750m on 7 January. Probably needed the latest and might still need it

3. IKY JOY - A runner-up in a class E at Montauban over 2400m on 29 December. Track-suited and is well positioned behind the car. Can play a minor role in the finish

4. ISTINGA BOCAIN - A runner-up in a class G at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2650m on 27 December. In a purple patch of form and can make a bold bid again

5. ISSALIO - Unplaced in a class F at this track over 2750m on 7 January. Remains barefoot. In November was fourth on this track and is not out of it

6. ILTON CASH - Finished 8th in a class F at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2550m on 20 December. Capable of improvement and can make the frame

7. IANINA DES BORDES - Finished 7th in a class F at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2550m on 20 December. Remains barefoot. A track winner in March and can bounce back to be a threat

8. IMAGE DE NERET - Unplaced in a class F at this track over 2750m on 7 January. Two poor efforts since returning from a break

9. INCA DE MONE - Disqualified in a class E at Montauban over 2400m on 29 December. If wise, it can be contesting the finish and has place prospects

10. IMPULSE LADY - Well beaten 8th in a class F at this track over 2950m on 7 January. Unplaced since winning in September

11. IXO DES PLANS - Fifth in a class E at this track over 2950m on 10 January. Others are preferred in this line-up

12. IOKO TARTIFUME - Disqualified in a class E at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2650m on 9 January. Others make more appeal

13. INCUDINE - A runner-up in a Mounted class F at Angoulême over 2750m on 6 October. Remains barefoot. Might need the run

14. IQUITO DU LEARD - Fourth in a class E at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2650m on 9 January. Needs to find a few lengths

Summary: ISTINGA BOCAIN (4) remains in very good form and should make a bold bid at beating these rivals over a distance that suits. ILISMO (1) showed improvement at Nantes and can do even better this time around. ISSALIO (5) ran well at this track in November and can bounce back to be a threat after a modest last performance. ILTON CASH (6) is unreliable but is also capable of making the frame.

SELECTIONS

ISTINGA BOCAIN (4) - ILISMO (1) - ISSALIO (5) - ILTON CASH (6)

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C6 - PRIX DE MONFLANQUIN - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. **INOUIE** - Fourth in a Mounted class E at this track over 2950m on 27 October. Might be better suited to a Mounted race
2. **HAWAI DE SYVA** - A runner-up in a class G at Grenade-sur-Garonne over 2725m on 8 December. Remains barefoot. Improved latest effort and can make the frame
3. **HATAO DU PERCHE** - Unplaced in a class G at Montauban over 2400m on 29 December. Reverts to barefoot and is well placed behind the car. Can bounce back to contest the finish
4. **ISLA JUELA** - Fifth in a class F at Vincennes over 2850m on 15 January. This will be the third run back and will be fitter. Improved effort can be expected and has a winning chance
5. **IPIPI DES SABLES** - Finished 9th in a class G at Montauban over 2400m on 29 December. Unreliable and others are preferred
6. **ISEA D'HOULBEC** - Finished 7th in a class G at Grenade-sur-Garonne over 2725m on 15 December. A penultimate start winner on this track who can contest the finish
7. **ILLICO MICHA** - Improved effort when fourth in a class E at this track over 2950m on 10 January. Showed enough on this track and can fight out the finish
8. **ICARIOS GEMINI** - A runner-up in a class G at Montauban over 2400m on 29 December. Place prospects in this line-up
9. **INFATIGABLE** - Well beaten 8th in a class E at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2650m on 9 January. Might still need the run
10. **HULK SUN DRALIAM** - Finished 11th in a class G at Grenade-sur-Garonne over 2725m on 22 December. Poor last three efforts and needs to improve
11. **GIN MABON** - Finished 10th in a class G at Grenade-sur-Garonne over 2725m on 22 December. Others are preferred in this line-up

Summary: ISLA JUELA (4) was not disgraced at Vincennes just a couple of days ago and can win a race like this. ILLICO MICHA (7) ran well at this track earlier this month and he should be very competitive once again. ISEA D'HOULBEC (6) is best judged on her penultimate start victory which was at this course. HAWAI DE SYVA (2) showed improvement last time out and remains unshod and a lively danger.

SELECTIONS

ISLA JUELA (4) - ILLICO MICHA (7) - ISEA D'HOULBEC (6) - HAWAI DE SYVA (2)

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C7 - PRIX DE L'AVEYRON - 2325m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. KAMARO DUEM - A winner in a class F at this track over 2750m on 6 December. Will have supporters and is not out of it

2. KALIENTE D'ATOUT - Finished 7th in a class E at this track over 2950m on 10 January. Unreliable and needs to find a few lengths

3. KSAR BLUE BOCAIN - Disqualified in the last five, the latest in a class E at this track over 2325m on 7 January. Reverts to barefoot. Can surprise if smart

4. KIMOLTO - A winner in a class H at Châteauroux over 2900m on 15 September. Might need the run-back

5. KRONOS JULINO - A runner-up in a class H at Châteauroux over 2900m on 15 September. Seldom far off them and can earn minor money

6. KANGCHENJUNGA - Finished 7th in a class E at this track over 2325m on 7 January. Reverts to barefoot. Poor form and others are preferred

7. KRISSA DE MORGANE - Fourth in a class E at this track over 2950m on 10 January. Some improvement in the latest and can play a minor role

8. KOOPLES ERA - Third in a class E at this track over 2950m on 10 January. Remains barefoot and this will be the third run back. Can contest the finish again

9. KENNEDY FRANCE - In good form and was third in a class D at Vincennes over 2850m on 7 January. Remains barefoot. Should make a bold bid for victory

Summary: KENNEDY FRANCE (9) is in good form and ran well enough at Vincennes earlier this month to think that he is the likely winner of this lucky last race. KOOPLES ERA (8) is not reliable but is quite capable of fighting out this finish. KSAR BLUE BOCAIN (3) is very hard to trust and has five disqualifications in a row but can surprise if smart this time. KAMARO DUEM (1) won at this track last month and is another to consider.

SELECTIONS

**KENNEDY FRANCE (9) - KOOPLES ERA (8) - KSAR BLUE BOCAIN (3) - KAMARO DUEM
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