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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE MAISONS-LAFFITTE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness -
EUR € 51.000**

- 1. LOVE LETTER** - Yet to disappoint in 3 starts this winter, but also yet to win. Looks the sort that can do well on the long course however and should not be ignored
- 2. LA FEE DU NOYER** - Progressive filly that has already won under these conditions and has a decent chance of making up for her recent Gr.2 sanction
- 3. LIPANGA DE GUEZ** - Seldom far from faulting but has talent to burn. Showed her form here recently and, with a bit more vigilance, can set the record straight
- 4. LA JOYEUSE WICZ** - Serious future prospect with very good speed. Raffin takes over in the sulky and can pull off the 3-timer
- 5. LIZA NORMANDE** - Competent trotter that appears to have a better future under the saddle and is unlikely to shake things up
- 6. LONG LIFE** - Got her career off to a flying start but has since lost her way and latest performance will not have won her any new fans
- 7. LAKARA** - Fine filly that has hardly put a foot wrong since her good debut and if she takes to the main-track profile can complement last month's maiden success
- 8. LITTLE STAR FLEURY** - Capable element that always gives her best. Hind pads fitted for the first time but, in this category, others will be easier to back
- 9. LAYLA** - Useful sort that has done nothing but improve over recent weeks and returns to the main track with every chance of picking up a cheque

Summary : The more LAKARA (7) races the better she gets. She got off the mark here a month ago and debuts on the main track with a realistic chance of doubling her money. That said, the less-experienced LA JOYEUSE WICZ (4) has quickly established her credentials and, front pads fitted, once again looks a better bet than the tricky LIPANGA DE GUEZ (3) who was disqualified from 2nd here last weekend. Well-regarded at home LA FEE DU NOYER (2) won over course and distance before losing her action in better company, and back at a more realistic level, can make amends.

SELECTIONS

LAKARA (7) - LA JOYEUSE WICZ (4) - LIPANGA DE GUEZ (3) - LA FEE DU NOYER (2)

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**C2 - PRIX DE PARDIEU - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Group 2 - Mounted - EUR €
120.000**

- 1. KASBAH PERRINE** - Useful sort that recently opened her 2024 account but at this level will struggle to make any impression
- 2. KINDY PERRINE** - Has taken well to the monté code but bit off more than she could chew last time out and will have few takers
- 3. KOUVOLA** - Has yet to disappoint since embarking on her new vocation. Appreciates 2175m here and even though in elevated company, can trot her way into the frame
- 4. KERRY LOVE** - Improving sort that has taken to the monté code like a duck to water. Drops back in trip and, barefoot for the occasion, can figure prominently
- 5. KOBALT DU VALLON** - Showed considerable early promise but has not lived up to expectations and is unlikely to influence the result
- 6. KID BELLAY** - Sanctioned in 4 of last 5 under harness but is plainly a promising colt and, unshod behind for the first time, can re-establish his credentials
- 7. KONCORD DELO** - Reliability not his strong suit but can trot. Was not disgraced in the Prix de Vincennes but even with a modified configuration, still looks no more than a minor place prospect
- 8. KAYA DREAM** - Talented type with a Gr.2 win already to her name. Sports modified shoeing after a decent effort behind KYRIELLE DES VAUX (10) and is not incapable of going closer this time
- 9. KARLA DE MAI** - Mixes the good with the less good but her class is not in doubt and, blessed with good speed, can make a big impact
- 10. KYRIELLE DES VAUX** - Fine campaigner in this branch of the business. Justifiably regarded as one of the best of her generation and will be expected to impose this time
- 11. KANDORA BELLA** - Filly with talent in spades but can prove a handful. Has previously won over track and trip though and, with application, can give KYRIELLE DES VAUX (10) something to think about

Summary : Very hard to fault since the start of the winter meeting, and 2nd in the Gr.1 Prix de Vincennes last month, KYRIELLE DES VAUX (10) will not be inconvenienced by the drop in trip and can make this her own. Beaten by KANDORA BELLA (11) in the Gr.1 Saint-Léger des Trotteurs during the autumn, it is unlikely to be all plane sailing. KOUVOLA (3) has demonstrated fine aptitude for the discipline, is unshod behind for the first time and steps up in class with legitimate ambition. KARLA DE MAI (9) may not be the most consistent but she has solid credentials under these conditions and racing first time barefoot will only work to her advantage.

SELECTIONS

KYRIELLE DES VAUX (10) - KANDORA BELLA (11) - KOUVOLA (3) - KARLA DE MAI (9)

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**C3 - PRIX DE DARNETAL - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
35.000**

- 1. KALAMITY DE CHENU** - Has shown promise in the provinces but has no love for Vincennes and can be confidently disregarded
- 2. KELLY PRINCESSE** - Showed early potential but has not lived up to expectations and looks properly outclassed
- 3. KULTA** - Considerably better than her formcard would suggest. Has significant untapped potential which she can begin to realise with Eric Raffin reining
- 4. KOPAZE DE HOUELLE** - Difficult filly at the best of times but gave a good account on penultimate start and can challenge for a spot on the podium if Gabriele Gelormini manages to keep her trotting
- 5. KANAILLE DU LUPIN** - Up-and-coming trotter that has yet to disappoint. Faces a test on Vincennes debut but is first time barefoot and looks a major player once more
- 6. KALINDA DU PARC** - Moderate type that showed improvement here 3 weeks ago and, barefoot and reunited with Franck Nivard, is sure to generate interest
- 7. KID LEA DRIVER** - Interesting sort that went into her break off the back of 2 wins on turf. Unseen for 4 months but is unshod behind and, reined by the in-form David Thomain, should hold her own
- 8. KELL MISS DE CAHOT** - Has not won since December 2022 but has encouraged more than once this winter and, competitively-shod, will be one to watch
- 9. KAHIA DE LA CROIX** - Dependability not her strong suit but pleased on her only start over track and trip. Finished a place behind KISS ME CRAZY (10) that day and, barefoot for the first time, could pleasantly surprise
- 10. KISS ME CRAZY** - Filly of considerable quality and has pleased in 2 of 3 under these conditions. Sports a new configuration and could well have her day in the sun
- 11. KOSMOPOLITAINE** - Unexceptional individual that failed to impress on her only appearance over the main track. Encouraged last time on the inner course but others still preferred
- 12. KENNEDY STREET** - Not once out of the frame when applied. Yet to prove herself left-handed but will have a lot to offer if she turns

Summary : KISS ME CRAZY (10) has gone from strength to strength since her encouraging beginnings. Confirmed under these conditions, she races unshod for the first time and will be expected to make up for her latest sanction. Benoît Robin will still be paying attention to the promising KANAILLE DU LUPIN (5) who races first-time barefoot on her metropolitan debut, and KULTA (3) who benefits from an Eric Raffin drive for the occasion. KOPAZE DE HOUELLE (4) is undeniably capable and, sporting modified shoeing, can start to get back in the game.

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KISS ME CRAZY (10) - KANAILLE DU LUPIN (5) - KULTA (3) - KOPAZE DE HOUELLE (4)

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C4 - PRIX DE BREST - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Harness - EUR € 90.000

- 1. BETTING PACER** - Quality Swedish mare making her first Vincennes appearance. Is plainly at the top of her game, but stays shod and others preferred
- 2. HACKER LOVER** - Remarkably consistent trotter that beat GAMIN JABA (14) over track and trip on penultimate start. Encouraged next time and, while not a priority, should nevertheless make his presence felt
- 3. KENTUCKY RIVER** - Quality nordic type dropping back in category after a moderate run among the elite of his generation on Christmas Eve. Thomain reining this time around and looks a more serious proposition
- 4. PINTO BOB** - Tricky character but has top-flight form at home in the nordics. Was not the most fortunate in a similar event 3 weeks ago but, with Bergh back in the sulky, can make amends
- 5. DEGANAWIDAH** - Modest individual with no place in this field and can be confidently written off
- 6. HAVE A DREAM** - Hardy campaigner with top credentials in this grade of race. Won just 1 from 5 over track and trip but, in current form, is very easy to like
- 7. HIDALGO DES NOES** - Well-regarded but has never won at this level and is not about to buck the trend
- 8. GIMY DU POMMEREUX** - Handy sort that has never disappointed under these conditions. Denied a run here recently after a fine stint in the southeast and is not to be underestimated
- 9. FAUBOURG** - Superb this time last year but has since come off the boil and has no realistic chance
- 10. GIBOULEE DE MARS** - Has not won for some time but is an honest mare. Below-par in recent Gr.3 Prix du Forez though and, in this company, will have too much to do
- 11. HASTRONAUTE** - Gr.1 winner at 4 but has not continued along the same vein. Makes first harness appearance for JMB though and, barefoot for the occasion, will be one to watch
- 12. IT'S A DOLLARMAKER** - Classy sort with nothing to prove in this category. Thrives over 2850m on the main track and can get the new year off to a victorious start
- 13. BORDEAUX S.** - Never far from losing his action but is a tough nut when applied. Has references under these conditions and can play an important role if Christophe Martens keeps him trotting
- 14. GAMIN JABA** - Occasionally a handful but otherwise seldom disappointing when unshod all 4. Nicolas Bazire back in the wagon and will be no pushover if applied
- 15. POWER (SWE)** - Gr.1 winner from Scandinavia that has previously won over course and distance, but has made little impact here since. Goes barefoot following a decent re-entry and, even though incurring the handicap, will generate some interest
- 16. DIABLE DE VAUVERT** - Gr.1 Prix de Paris winner in 2022. Has not however been delivering lately and the extra 25m will only compound matters

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Summary : A serious Swedish raider, KENTUCKY RIVER (3) failed to deliver in the Prix Ténor de Baune, but takes a dip in class here and, with the in-form David Thomain reining, can open his French account. He can nevertheless expect to meet considerable resistance from the tough IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (12) who has form at the highest level, and the versatile HAVE A DREAM (6) who was superb last year when barefoot. GAMIN JABA (14) benefits from an excellent entry on the front line and moves back up in category with legitimate ambition.

SELECTIONS

KENTUCKY RIVER (3) - IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (12) - HAVE A DREAM (6) - GAMIN JABA (14)

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**C5 - PRIX CELINE LECLERCQ - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Mounted -
EUR € 46.000**

- 1. DESTINY DI POGGIO** - Consistent transalpine raider making his French debut after a 2-months' spell. Shoes on and best to wait
- 2. JUS DE FRUIT** - Has not once finished out of the first 3 when applied. Looked good behind JASON DU CONROY (11) here before faulting but, with application, can get a look in
- 3. JUST BIRD** - Not as sharp as she was last season but Benjamin Rochard gets the nod this time and will be worth monitoring
- 4. JALNA ROBSONS** - Seldom far from faulting but secured a brace at the end of 2023. Sanctioned in last 2 but can pick up some prizemoney if she stays in stride
- 5. JAVA DAIRPET** - Capable mare that regularly finishes in the mix. Fell foul of the stewards last time but is confirmed in marginally better company and should not be entirely ruled out
- 6. JIL** - Tricky character but is confirmed in superior company. Sanctioned in the race of reference but will have her chances if Mathieu Mottier gets her off on the right foot
- 7. JACKPOT DU CHOQUEL** - Not devoid of talent and always gives his best. In tougher company this time however and will not be losing his maiden status on this occasion either
- 8. JE REVE DU BOIS** - Has struggled somewhat since being stepped up in category but had gas in the tank when sanctioned recently. Front pads fitted and, on better behaviour, can redeem herself
- 9. JUBY DE BAILLY** - Useful on a good day but was flattered here last time and can be passed over
- 10. MAHALA** - Competent Swedish mare that left a good impression on her recent Vincennes debut. Has never raced beyond 2700m but is entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time and will be assured a competitive drive
- 11. JASON DU CONROY** - Occasionally loses focus but has excellent references under the saddle. Showed improvement under similar conditions last time out and should not be far off the mark
- 12. JANZIBAR** - Quality individual that was stripped of his recent victory. Change of jockey this time and, with application, should have this in the bag
- 13. JIRI PACHA** - Serious trotter that has excelled since starting to race barefoot. Has just one race under his belt since the spell but is nevertheless barefoot and is not going to go down without a fight

Summary : Barring the occasional sanction JANZIBAR (12) has demonstrated very good aptitude for both disciplines and has won 3 times at the venue. Winner last time out before having it taken away from him in the stewards' room, David Thomain will be in the irons this time and, with application, should be able to wrap this up. The difficult JIL (6) was similarly sanctioned that day but can redeem himself, however he may first have to defer to JIRI PACHA (13) who has never disappointed when barefoot. Hard to fault this winter JASON DU CONROY (11) missed out by little recently and must be afforded significant respect.

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JANZIBAR (12) - JIRI PACHA (13) - JIL (6) - JASON DU CONROY (11)

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**C6 - PRIX DE GRANVILLE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
68.000**

- 1. HULYSSE DIGEO** - Has ample ability a level down. Just one race under his belt and even with hind shoes off is unlikely to shake things up
- 2. HARVEST DE BULIERE** - Modest type that seldom makes his presence felt these days and, with shoes on for comeback, can be ruled out
- 3. HOVE PONT VAUTIER** - Honest trotter that consistently finishes in the mix. Pleased in elevated company last time out and, in similar form, is not incapable of getting his nose in front
- 4. GOLIATH DU CAUX** - Not the most reliable of horses but did return to winning ways over 2850m earlier in the month. Has no references over 2700m though and not a priority
- 5. GALA DE CRENNES** - Honest type that always gives his best but has not done enough lately to be considered a player
- 6. FLUO MESLOIS** - Good type in the monté code. Here for reasons of conditioning though and will have few takers
- 7. HAPPY DANICA** - Six times a winner in 7 barefoot starts. Shoes on this time though and looks more a minor place prospect on this occasion
- 8. EMBLEME ORANGE** - Moderate type that looked very ordinary here last weekend. Same configuration and chances limited
- 9. GINKGO THELOIS** - Seldom gets his nose in front these days but is a trier. Pleasantly surprised behind HANNIBAL TUILERIE (15) last month but a repeat seems improbable
- 10. HERE WE GO** - Tough element that is always thereabouts in this category. Did not displease behind the favourite last time and must be considered one of the main threats
- 11. FIESTA DU BELVER** - Very hard to knock when unshod and focused. Put on a good show behind GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE (14) last month and, first time with 4 pads fitted, has a decent chance of trotting her way into the first 5
- 12. EXPRESSO GOOD** - Useful sort in this category but is still being conditioned and best to hold off
- 13. FAVORI DE L'ITON** - Capable on a good day but has just one run in him since the long layoff and will need the outing
- 14. GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE** - Took little time getting back in shape following her spell. Dominated a good field here a month ago and will be no easy touch
- 15. HANNIBAL TUILERIE** - A veritable metronome this winter over track and trip. Stormed up here on Christmas Day and should again have his way

Summary : Marvellously consistent last season and unbeaten in 3 starts over course and distance when barefoot this winter, HANNIBAL TUILERIE (15) is once again going to take all the beating. HERE WE GO (10) finished a valiant 3rd that day but is still expected to play second fiddle. GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE (14) rarely disappoints when unshod all 4 and her latest Vincennes victory augurs well for her prospects. HOVE PONT VAUTIER (3) is clearly close to his race and goes particularly well for François Lagadeuc.

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HANNIBAL TUILERIE (15) - HERE WE GO (10) - GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE (14) - HOVE
PONT VAUTIER (3)

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C7 - PRIX D'AGEN - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 52.000

- 1. JAFLOSA GIRL** - Took some time to come to hand this season and the step up in category looks a step too far
- 2. JERVIS BAY** - Has decent references under these conditions but rather disappointing last time and will need to raise her game
- 3. JALOUSIE DE L'ISLE** - Disappointing on the whole in both codes recently and can expect to have few friends
- 4. JAIN MAB** - Just 1 win to her name in 23 starts but is not short of talent. Encouraged last time out and, even though climbing the class ladder, can get a look in
- 5. JALNA DE TOUCHYVON** - Has ability but is not the most reliable horse here and current form does little to inspire confidence
- 6. JESSALYNE** - Quality mare that struggled early last season before coming good again. Unraced for 4 months but is barefoot for re-entry and should not be underestimated
- 7. JOIA DU CITRUS** - Adaptable type that seldom disappoints when unshod all 4. Runner-up to JAMAICA D'AURCY (8) last month and appears good enough to pick up another cheque
- 8. JAMAICA D'AURCY** - Faithful campaigner that demolished the opposition last time over 2700m. Bent to the will of JOCONDE SIBEY (11) a month back but looks the superior choice this time around
- 9. JOYCE DELTO** - Remarkable mare that went into her autumn break after pulling off a hat-trick of course-and-distance victories. Drops in category for her return to competition and will be expected to put on a good show
- 10. JARIDA GEMA** - Not as sharp this winter as she was earlier in the season but returns to Paris in reasonable shape and will have her supporters
- 11. JOCONDE SIBEY** - Good class of trotter that scalped JAMAICA D'AURCY (8) over shorter last time out. Has fine references over 2700m and will be no easy touch

Summary : Consistently in the thick of things when barefoot, JAMAICA D'AURCY (8) missed out to the improving JOCONDE SIBEY (11) over 2175m here last time but returns to a distance over which she was sensational ten days earlier and is expected to exact revenge. JOIA DU CITRUS (7) was best of the rest on that occasion and should again figure prominently but the returning dynamo, JOYCE DELTO (9), looks a more serious proposition.

SELECTIONS

JAMAICA D'AURCY (8) - JOCONDE SIBEY (11) - JOYCE DELTO (9) - JOIA DU CITRUS (7)

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**C8 - PRIX DE DOUVRES - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
53.000**

- 1. ISLAND LOVE** - Clearly capable but has not delivered for some time and is not about to break the mould
- 2. IRINA DE MONTCEAU** - Previously a useful trotter but has been a write-off since returning to competition, and can be ruled out
- 3. IXELLE BLEUE** - Useful mare that showed marked improvement with JMB reining a fortnight ago. Steps up in category and, while unlikely to spring a surprise, should still hold her own
- 4. ICONE** - Competent type with solid Vincennes credentials. Had 2nd place in the bag last time and Thomas Levesque is unlikely to make the same mistake twice
- 5. ILONA DES MOYEUX** - Considerably better horse in the monté discipline and will have nothing to offer
- 6. ISABELLE STORY** - Seen more often at a lower level but appears to have turned a corner recently. 3rd in the race of reference and, although untried over 2850m here, should still not be ruled out
- 7. IDOLE D'OURVILLE** - Seldom far from faulting, but has raced and placed in this class. Takes on a more elevated bunch this time though and chances limited
- 8. IN ACTION** - Faithful servant for the most part, and is proven in this category. Raced better last time than the result would suggest and is not incapable of picking up a cheque
- 9. IMIKO JIEL** - Reliability not her strong suit but reassured here late last month. Failed to confirm next time out though and is not an obvious choice
- 10. IDOLA** - Never far from losing her action but has ample ability. Has never disappointed over track and trip and could well prove something of a spoiler
- 11. ICAMORA DE HOUELLE** - No slouch under harness but has better credentials in the monté discipline, and others easier to back
- 12. IMAGE CHARENNAISE** - Can prove a handful but is otherwise very competitive at this level. Had gas in the tank when sanctioned in the race of reference, and Benjamin Rochard will be out to make amends
- 13. IVANJICA DE LOU** - Serious sort that excels when unshod all 4. Beat a host of these earlier in the month and, even in the absence of Alexandre Abrivard, can again figure prominently
- 14. IRINA D'ATOUT** - Fine mare that rarely disappoints when barefoot. Has everything in her favour here and looks set to open her 2024 account
- 15. IS MAGIC HAUFOR** - Blows hot and cold but ability is not in question. Not quite up to scratch last time but still represents a decent first-5 chance
- 16. IRIS DES CHAMPS** - Tough campaigner with references under these conditions. Will be at full fitness by now and can bring the fight to IRINA D'ATOUT (14)

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Summary : Winner last autumn on her only appearance under these conditions, IRINA D'ATOUT (14) goes barefoot for the occasion, is reunited with David Thomain, and looks a marginally better bet than the consistent IRIS DES CHAMPS (16) who has returned to competition in excellent shape. Three times a winner in the latter half of 2023, ICONE (4) would have finished close here earlier in the month had she not faulted, but reverts to racing unshod behind and, with application, can put things right. The complicated IDOLA (10) returns to the harness code after a solid success under the saddle and, over 2850m on the main track, is not to be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

IRINA D'ATOUT (14) - IRIS DES CHAMPS (16) - ICONE (4) - IDOLA (10)

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**C9 - PRIX DE LA CAPELLE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
40.000**

- 1. KINJAL DE BELLANDE** - By some margin the least performant horse here and appears to have no realistic chance
- 2. KHITARA** - Blows hot and cold but can trot. Encouraged over track and trip last month and can play a prominent role if JMB gets her off on the right foot
- 3. KALISTA JIEL** - Not entirely without merit but has no love for the Vincennes main track and can be ruled out
- 4. KELLE HAUFOR** - Improving filly that has taken well to racing with pads. Barefoot this time and given her liking for the main track, should not be far from the action
- 5. KISS ME WINNER** - Competent type that was sanctioned here last time when clearly full of running and will be no soft touch if Benjamin Rochard keeps her trotting
- 6. KAMBRIA JOSSELYN** - Decent sort that quickly lost her action last time out, but with the new configuration can more than make amends. Claim
- 7. KEY LADY** - Hardy individual that has climbed the class ladder well this winter. Entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time and has a realistic chance of imposing
- 8. KOSY D'ERONVILLE** - Form has regressed since imposing across town last autumn. Sports a revised configuration but others still preferred
- 9. KETMIE PRINCESSE** - Just 1 win in 20 starts but consistently gives what she can. Shod differently this time but will still need to raise her game
- 10. KUNZITE D'EM** - Somewhat erratic but nevertheless won 2 on the trot last month, including over track and trip. Failed to deliver when stepped up in category though and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 11. KIARA DES MONTS** - Capable filly that showed promise during the autumn but flopped in last 2. Reunited with Franck Nivard and barefoot for the first time but still not an obvious choice
- 12. KWALITA SUPREME** - Has hardly put a foot wrong since her successful debut. Came on well over her break and, with front shoes off, can bring home the bacon
- 13. KISS ME DU RUEL** - Not an easy horse to handle but is far from devoid of ability. Has yet to deliver over 2175m here but will not be far off the mark if Antoine Lhérété assures her initial strides
- 14. KAPELLA** - Has demonstrated very good aptitude since last summer. Unlucky not to finish closer last time but will still have her supporters

Summary : KWALITA SUPREME (12) picked up this winter where she left off in 2022. By no means disgraced in better company 3 weeks ago, she races without front shoes for the first time and can return to winning ways. She will nonetheless face stiff opposition from KAMBRIA JOSSELYN (6) who, unshod behind this time, can make up for her recent sanction. KEY LADY (7) is confirmed on the main track, latterly won courageously and, first time barefoot with Eric Raffin reining, will be no pushover. KHITARA (2) is still rather green but her ability is not in doubt and, racing unshod all 4 with JMB in the sulky, is not to be underestimated.

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KWALITA SUPREME (12) - KAMBRIA JOSSELYN (6) - KEY LADY (7) - KHITARA (2)