

SATURDAY, 23/03/24

C1 - PRIX DE CHATILLON - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR € 70,000

1. FEDE AS - Unraced since coming last of 9 in a Gr.2 over 2175m here on 7 January and appears to have no realistic chance

2. LARA DU GOUTIER - Fine filly that always gives her best, most recently missing out on losing her maiden status in a 2850m Class B here on 28 February. Aimed higher this time though and others preferred

3. LAMIE DU MESNIL - Good, consistent filly that came a close 2nd in a Class A under these conditions on 10 February. Takes on some tougher elements this time but can at least hold her own

4. LIZA JOSSELYN - Classy filly that flew up in a Class A over course and distance late last month and has every chance of extending her win-rate to 80%

5. LOTTA BOURBON - Won a Class A here late-December before coming 6th of 14 in Gr.3 Prix Roquépine over course and distance on 27 January. Won her only start for Eric Raffin and drops in class with legitimate ambition

6. LUNA NOVA GWEN - Talented filly making her first appearance since trotting last of 7 in Gr.2 Prix Une de Mai over track and trip mid-December. 4 pads fitted for re-entry and, although not a priority, should still acquit herself honourably

7. LIZY JOSSELYN - 3rd to LIZA JOSSELYN (4) in a Class A over course and distance on 25 February. Still has ground to make up but, with form maintained, can trot her way into the money

8. LAYLA - Valiant 2nd to the untouchable LIZA JOSSELYN (4) in a Class A over course and distance on 25 February, having made up considerable ground, and again looks the main threat

Summary: A host of fine fillies here but a clear preference nonetheless goes to LIZA JOSSELYN (4) who ran away with a Class A here late last month and, barring force majeure, should have this in the bag. LAYLA (8) finished a tenacious runner-up to her that day and looks the best of her adversaries, although LOTTA BOURBON (5), who beat the Abrivard's horse last December, will not be far from the action if race-fit. Third to the favourite last time out, LIZY JOSSELYN (7) will generate more interest this time around.

SELECTIONS

LIZA JOSSELYN (4) - LAYLA (8) - LOTTA BOURBON (5) - LIZY JOSSELYN (7)

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**C2 - PRIX DE LANGRES - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR €
52,000**

1. AMAZING JUSTICE - Makes French debut not having been seen out since trotting 6th of 7 over a mile in Rome last December and can be confidently ruled out

2. HANDSOME BOY - Sanctioned, for 3rd time in a row, in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F on Monday and will not be easy to trust

3. ICARE DU LEARD - Still had something to give when sanctioned in a Class A over course and distance on 23 February. Shod differently and has a realistic chance of making up for his recent blip

4. INDICE DELADOU - Surprise 4th behind ICARE DU LEARD (3) in a 2200m Vincennes Class D on 13 February but a repeat seems highly unlikely

5. HARDI CROWN - 2nd, with some good fortune, on monté debut 11 days ago in a 2875m Enghien Class D, but will still need to raise his game

6. HEURISTIQUE - Back at the top of her game with 2 straight course-and-distance wins, most recently with authority in a Class C under similar conditions on 20 February. Thrives over 2700m here and will take some beating

7. HUIS CLOS (SWE) - Tricky but talented type that lost his action on re-entry 3 weeks ago in a 2175m Class D here. Will have come on for the run and, with application, can trot his way into the frame

8. ISOCRATE D'ELA - Consistent sort that could well have won a 2850m Laval Class E on 29 February had he not faulted late. Has never delivered over the main track at this level but, in current condition, can change that

9. IGO CLEA - Won 3 of his last 4 monté starts, most recently a 2650m Bordeaux Class C. Benefits from a good entry and is not incapable of giving HEURISTIQUE (6) a run for her money

Summary: Simply excellent since returning to the monté discipline, HEURISTIQUE (6) is in pole-position to make it 3-in-a-row. IGO CLEA (9), however, has similarly been going good-guns and returns to a track he likes with a good hand to play. HUIS CLOS (SWE) (7) is very hard to knock when focused and will have his chances if Camille Levesque keeps him trotting. ICARE DU LEARD (3) is by no means short of ability and the new configuration may be just the ticket to his redemption.

SELECTIONS

HEURISTIQUE (6) - IGO CLEA (9) - HUIS CLOS (SWE) (7) - ICARE DU LEARD (3)

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C3 - PRIX DE GABARRET - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 53,000

- 1. CHANTAL FB** - Modest 8th of 12 in a Class E over course and distance on 22 February. Has never delivered at this level and is not about to start
- 2. ODANA VRIJTHOUT** - Defied her odds to come 5th of 15 in a 2700m Class D here late last month. Goes barefoot this time, with Yoann Lebourgeois reining, but others still preferred
- 3. CELESTE BREED** - Failed to live up to expectations when 12th in a Class D under these conditions on 28 February. Bites off more than she can chew and can be ruled out
- 4. ILIADE (SWE)** - Finished a one-paced 7th of 15 in a similar event late last month. Takes on some even better horses this time and can be passed over
- 5. CINDERELLA JET** - Courageous but never-dangerous 8th in the race of reference and will need to show marked improvement
- 6. LA SASSICAIA** - Showed improvement when 5th in a 2200m Caen Class D on 11 March. Has placed just once in 3 starts here, races unshod behind this time, and not an obvious choice
- 7. BUENA SUERTE BI** - 6th on re-entry, following a long absence, over 2140m at Färjestad on 12 February. Is confirmed here but stays shod and best to wait
- 8. CANADIAN KRONOS** - Honest type that just missed out on 3rd in the 18 February race of reference. Has not won since last summer but form is not in doubt and she is thoroughly capable of picking up a place cheque
- 9. IXORA** - Valiant 2nd of 11 in a 2150m Enghien Class D 11 days ago. Sports modified configuration this time and must not be underestimated
- 10. IRIS DES CHAMPS** - Has struggled this year, latterly coming 8th of 16 in a 2875m Enghien Class E 2 weeks ago. Gets another chance racing without front shoes but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 11. ICAMORA DE HOUELLE** - Good dual-discipline mare that finished a 15/1 2nd to IS MAGIC HAUFOR (15) in the race of reference. Is close to her race and can apply the pressure on ISLAND LOVE (12)
- 12. ISLAND LOVE** - Secured a 2nd straight when winning a 2850m Vincennes Class C in style 3 weeks ago. Is in the form of her life and will take all the beating
- 13. GLOBAL YANKEE** - Pleasant 7th of 14 to IS MAGIC HAUFOR (15) last month at 60/1, but a repeat seems improbable
- 14. IMAGE CHARENNAISE** - Unraced since winning a 2850m Vincennes Class C on 20 January. Has won 2 of last 3, is barefoot for re-entry, and merits considerable respect
- 15. IS MAGIC HAUFOR** - Tricky but talented character that beat a host of these in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 18 February. Steps up in category but still looks competitive for a slice of the pie
- 16. ICONE D'AVENIR** - A revelation since starting to race barefoot, most recently winning a 2700m Cagnes Class E a fortnight ago. Excels with Eric Raffin, is ideally-engaged and, if there is a spoiler in the field, she is it

Summary: Like a horse reborn over recent weeks, ISLAND LOVE (12) has shown remarkable speed and, should everything go to plan, can make it 3 on the trot. The principal threat will be expected to hail from Prix Gacilly 2nd, ICAMORA DE HOUELLE (11) who won over course and distance earlier in the year, 3rd-placed IXORA (9) who races barefoot for just the second time in her career, and next in, CANADIAN KRONOS (8), who has placed at Gr.3 level already this year and who should again figure prominently.

SELECTIONS

ISLAND LOVE (12) - ICAMORA DE HOUELLE (11) - IXORA (9) - CANADIAN KRONOS (8)

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C4 - PRIX DU BOIS DE VINCENNES - 2850m (a2m) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR € 90,000

- 1. JOSCO DE PHYT'S** - Dominant winner of a 2100m Class B here on 20 February. Shoes on this time though and will have other priorities
- 2. DESIDERIO D'ESI** - Excellent 3rd, behind HORSY DREAM (14), in Gr.3 Prix du Plateau de Gravelle over 2700m here 3 weeks ago and, confirmed over 2850m on the main track, should have a lot to offer
- 3. FOUQUE DU DOLLAR** - Last of 15, on comeback, in a 2850m Laval Class A 10 days ago and will not be ruffling any feathers
- 4. EPSOM D'HERFRAIE** - Unbeaten in 2 Cagnes starts this year, latterly with authority in a 2925m Gr.3 a month ago. Faces a stiffer test this time but can still hold his own. First 5 chance
- 5. GAMAY DE L'ITON** - Imposed impressively on re-entry 2 weeks ago in a 2825m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche and, with form maintained, will be no pushover
- 6. IDEAL LIGNERIES** - Has struggled with form since the turn of the year, most recently finishing 10th in the race of reference. Returns to racing unshod behind but others still preferred
- 7. FIGARO DE LARRE** - Finished 1 from last in a 2450m Caen Class D when shod for comeback a fortnight ago. Last of 12 in 2023 edition and unlikely to show much improvement on that
- 8. HAPPY VALLEY** - Came in 7th of 11 behind HORSY DREAM (14) in the race of reference. 8th in the 2023 edition but still represents an interesting outside chance
- 9. GASPAR DE BRION** - Has not been seen out since enduring a bad trip in Gr.3 Prix du Luxembourg over 2100m here on 27 January. Shoes off for comeback and best to wait
- 10. USAIN TOLL** - Pleased on his return to France when 4th in the race of reference. Unlucky 3rd in this race 12 months ago, adores Vincennes, and is not to be overlooked
- 11. GASPAR D'ANGIS** - Courageous 5th behind HORSY DREAM (14) in Prix du Plateau de Gravelle earlier this month. Has nothing to prove under these conditions, as he showed in Gr.2 GNT final, and is not to be underestimated
- 12. ERIC THE EEL** - Did not displease when 7th to EMERAUDE DE BAIS (16) in Gr.1 Critérium de Vitesse over 1609m at Cagnes 2 weeks ago. Has otherwise been in fine form and is never far off causing an upset
- 13. ECHO DE CHANLECY** - 6th, behind FAKIR DU LORAUULT (15), in a 2200m Caen Class D mid-month and will struggle to attract much support
- 14. HORSY DREAM** - Beat a number of these when 2nd to Face Time in Gr.3 Prix du Plateau de Gravelle over 2700m here 3 weeks ago. Shod to preference this time and can make a big splash if Pierre Belloche keeps him trotting
- 15. FAKIR DU LORAUULT** - Respectable but never dangerous 4th in a 2200m Caen Class D 9 days ago and will need to find considerably more
- 16. EMERAUDE DE BAIS** - Gave a fine account to trot 2nd in Gr.1 Critérium de Vitesse over 1609m at Cagnes a fortnight ago, setting a personal best of 1'08"3. In less-exalted company this time and can bring home the bacon

Summary: An excellent servant that has done nothing to disappoint at the highest level over the winter, EMERAUDE DE BAIS (16) should have no issue winning a race of this nature. Franck Nivard can still expect to feel the heat from HORSY DREAM (14) who has hind shoes off following his excellent Prix du Plateau de Gravelle performance. A place behind him that day, DESIDERIO D'ESI (2) is proven at the highest level and should again figure prominently, although he may first have to give way to GAMAY DE L'ITON (5) who was remarkable on his recent provincial re-entry.

SELECTIONS

EMERAUDE DE BAIS (16) - HORSY DREAM (14) - GAMAY DE L'ITON (5) - DESIDERIO D'ESI (2)

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C5 - PRIX DU TREPORT - 2850m (a2m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59,000

- 1. HOTESSE D'HAUFOR** - Has not been seen out since faulting, when well-backed, in a 2175m Class E here on 25 January. Has decent Vincennes credentials though, gets a front-row start, and will not be far off the mark if she can stay in stride
- 2. HANIKA DU LUPIN** - Came close to completing the double when 2nd in a 2850m Laval Class E 10 days ago. Clearly back at the top of her game, starts in front, and could finally open her Vincennes account
- 3. GAMELIA DU LUPIN** - Decent 4th of 12 in a 2850m Maure-de-Bretagne Class E on 11 February. Always gives her best but no fireworks anticipated on Vincennes debut
- 4. HARENA DE MARZY** - Reverts to a proven configuration after faulting in a 2800m Cholet Class F on 25 February. Takes on a tougher bunch this time and not an obvious choice
- 5. HISTORY MAJYC** - Returned to the winners' circle a month ago when outclassing the opposition in a 2100m Vincennes Class E. Benefits from a front-line break but, at this level, will struggle to confirm
- 6. HAUTENTICA** - Hardy mare that was given an easy comeback 3 weeks ago when 9th of 18 in a 2825m Vire Class F. Barefoot this time but others still preferred
- 7. HOLLYWOOD NIGHT** - 3rd in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 4 January, when unshod behind for the first time. Same configuration here but is out of her depth
- 8. GUESS FOUTEAU** - Left a good impression on return from her spell, trotting 4th of 17 in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class D a fortnight ago. Unlikely to repeat but worth retaining for a minor place cheque
- 9. HEMMA DE BRIKVIL** - Has 2 races under her belt by now, most recently coming 9th of 15 in a 2100m Class D here on 8 February. Incurs the penalty but with Raffin reining will be in the mix at the finish
- 10. HOSTIA** - Prepping shod for this when sanctioned in a 2850m Laval Class D on 17 February. Shoes off this time but still hard to make a case
- 11. FULMIDA** - Failed to confirm her good February performance when 12th of 15, behind GAZETTA DE LOU (13), in a 2100m Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago. Not the easiest to trust but has good speed and, with modified shoeing, can get a look-in
- 12. HELP ME WIN** - 6th in a 2450m Caen Class D on 7 March, when still being conditioned. Appreciates Vincennes, has form in this category, and can make the first 5 this time
- 13. GAZETTA DE LOU** - Honourable 6th of 15 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago. Front pads back on and not a serious threat
- 14. GIPSY DE CHAMANT** - Reassuring 5th of 16 in a 2850m Laval Class A 10 days ago. Only up against the girls this time and has every chance of imposing

Summary: An excellent campaigner when focused, GIPSY DE CHAMANT (14) showed at Laval that she is back on the right road and can return to winning ways. HANIKA DU LUPIN (2) has been flying for Yoann Lebourgeois lately and returns to conditions she appreciates with a 25m head-start. Winner over course and distance before being sent for a break, HEMMA DE BRIKVIL (9) will be fully-fit by now and is unlikely to disappoint with Eric Raffin reining. HOTESSE D'HAUFOR (1) is clearly complicated but is confirmed at this level and, on better behaviour, will be no easy touch.

SELECTIONS

GIPSY DE CHAMANT (14) - HANIKA DU LUPIN (2) - HEMMA DE BRIKVIL (9) - HOTESSE D'HAUFOR (1)

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**C6 - PRIX JEAN CABROL - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class B - Harness - EUR €
75,000**

- 1. COCCO BFC** - Last of 12 in a Gr.3 over track and trip on 25 February. No longer the horse he once was and, with shoes on, will have nothing to offer
- 2. INO DU LUPIN** - Unbeaten in all 3 this year so far, latterly a Class B over course and distance, with great authority, 3 weeks ago, and the 4-timer looks a distinct possibility
- 3. I CAN DREAM** - Monté horse making first appearance since trotting 8th of 14 on re-entry in a Gr.3 over track and trip late-November and will have other priorities
- 4. CASH BANK BIGI** - Faulted in last 3 starts, most recently a Class B over course and distance on 1 March. Has merit but in current shape is not easy to like
- 5. HAVE A DREAM** - Going well when sanctioned under similar conditions 3 weeks ago. Not the most reliable but has solid references in elevated company and should be good enough to pick up some first-5 prizemoney
- 6. INEXESS BLEU** - Starts for the first time since coming close 2nd to INO DU LUPIN (2) in Gr.3 over course and distance 2 months ago. Will have been kept on the boil and will be expected to challenge for the win
- 7. FAUBOURG** - Unraced since coming 11th of 15 in a 2850m Gr.3 here on 20 January. Shoes on and will not be given a hard race
- 8. ISLA JET** - Tough individual that finished a beaten 3rd to INO DU LUPIN (2) in a similar event 3 weeks ago. Little chance of imposing but can again make the frame
- 9. GUIDE MOI FORGAN** - A model of consistency dropping in class after coming 2nd in a 2900m Amiens Gr.3 on 6 March. Has never been in better harness form and will not be far off making the first 3
- 10. DROP DES DURIEZ** - 10th of 17 in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class A early this month, on just 2nd start back. Well-entered here but is out of his league
- 11. GALILEO BELLO** - Respectable 6th of 16 in a 2850m Laval Class A 10 days ago. Has decent course-and-distance credentials, benefits from an excellent engagement, and will have his supporters

Summary: A trotter with an enviable strike-rate, INO DU LUPIN (2) set his personal best at a similar level last time out and can expect the lion's share of support, but Antoine Wiels will be justifiably wary of INEXESS BLEU (6) who ran him close when they met 2 months ago in a Gr.3 here. ISLA JET (8) won a Gr.3 before coming 3rd to the favourite last time out and will be competitive for a place in the frame, as will GUIDE MOI FORGAN (9) who has hardly put a foot wrong since December.

SELECTIONS

INO DU LUPIN (2) - INEXESS BLEU (6) - ISLA JET (8) - GUIDE MOI FORGAN (9)

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C7 - PRIX DE MEAUX - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 62,000

1. **KADIRA MESLOISE** - Showed improvement when 4th, at 60/1, in the race of reference but will struggle to repeat
2. **KITTY CALL** - Modest 7th of 10 in the race of reference. New formula employed but still looks a rank outsider
3. **EVA KANT GIO** - Disappointing 8th to ERICA JET (6) earlier this month. Entrusted to Eric Raffin this time around but still not easy to make a case
4. **KINASSE DE VIVOIN** - Sprang quite the surprise when getting off the mark in a 2150m Enghien Class C 8 days ago, at the 23rd time of asking. Confirmation unlikely however
5. **KARA POU RAFAL** - Tenacious winner of a Class B over course and distance on 6 February. Has done nothing but improve since the turn of the year and, first-time shoeless, looks a player
6. **ERICA JET** - Got off the mark for 2024 with an easy 2850m Class B victory here 3 weeks ago. Unlikely to repeat but can still get in on the action
7. **KIPHYLE DESBOIS** - Produced another good effort to come 3rd to ERICA JET (6) in the early-March race of reference. Faces a stiffer test this time but can still make the first 5
8. **KISS ME BOURBON** - Unraced since failing to confirm her Class B victory when last of 9 to KISS ME HONEY (12) in a similar event late-January, and will have few takers
9. **KASH LADY** - Quality element that was sent for a spell after failing to fire behind KEEN WINNER (14) in a similar event on 4 January and can expect to find this a much tougher task
10. **KARAKA WOOD** - Progressive filly making her first appearance since winning a 2175m Vincennes Class B mid-January. Has freshness on her side and is unlikely to disappoint
11. **KELLE BEAUTE** - Had gas in the tank when sanctioned, on comeback, in a 2650m Bordeaux Class D 2 weeks ago. Shod to preference, with Matthieu Abrivard reining, and should not be entirely ruled out
12. **KISS ME HONEY** - Facile winner of a Class A over course and distance on 28 January. Shoes off again and, if still on the boil, can make this her own
13. **KILLER QUEEN** - Drops down the class ladder after coming an 82/1 4th of 12 in a 2850m Gr.3 here on 2 February. Hind shoes off again and, if applied, can pick up a cheque
14. **KEEN WINNER** - Won a similar event early-January but failed to confirm 10 days later when last of 12 in a Gr.3 over course and distance. Barefoot for re-entry but others still easier to back
15. **KRACOVIA** - 10th of 11 finishers, when still being conditioned, in a Gr.3 over track and trip 3 weeks ago. Competitively-shod this time and will be expected to come good. Claim
16. **KONFINEE** - Unraced since finishing 11th of 13 in a Gr.3 over course and distance early-November. First time barefoot, with Yoann Lebourgeois reining, but still best to hold off

Summary: Highly-impressive here over the winter, KISS ME HONEY (12) makes her first appearance since winning a similar event in late-January and, with shoes off for the occasion, can wrap this up. She will still face opposition from the complicated but talented KRACOVIA (15) who drops in category, with hind shoes off for the first time, and the improving KARAKA WOOD (10) who has won 3 of her last 4. KARA POU RAFAL (5) opened her French account early last month and, barefoot this time, will be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

KISS ME HONEY (12) - KRACOVIA (15) - KARAKA WOOD (10) - KARA POU RAFAL (5)

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C8 - PRIX DE GUEUGNON - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 62,000

- 1. EL CHAPO STECCA** - Failed to confirm his January victory when 9th of 12 in a Class D under these conditions on 18 February. Shoes back on and chances slim
- 2. MACK LOVE** - Has not been seen out since winning a valuable 3yo 2140m event at Åby mid-November. Front pads fitted, is new to Vincennes, and will need the outing
- 3. EDWIN JET** - Never-fancied when 13th of 15 in a 2575m Agen-Le Passage Class E last weekend and can be confidently disregarded
- 4. KWARTZ SIBEY** - Missed out by little in a 2175m Class C here on 11 February. Barefoot as he steps up in class and, although an improving type, he cannot be considered a priority
- 5. KEPI DU HOME** - Sanctioned when never threatening in Gr.3 Prix Franck Anne 3 weeks ago. Has not come on as hoped and, even though fitted with a new configuration, is not about to shake things up
- 6. KYOTO DIGEO** - Solid 3rd to KATAKI DE WALLIS (10) in a 2100m Class A here a month back. Unlikely to spring any surprises but has the capacity to trot his way into the money
- 7. KAISER RIVER** - Unseen for 2 months after making a lacklustre re-entry when 10th of 11, to KEYNOTE (12), in a Class A over course and distance. Has had time to get his house in order, sports a new configuration, and warrants respect
- 8. KESITO D'URVILLE** - Came in last of 11 finishers in the early-March race of reference. Has 2 runs under his belt but still appears to have a lot more to find
- 9. KADO SHINING** - Debuts under harness after finishing a decent 4th of 6 in a monté Gr.3 over track and trip on 20 February. Has other priorities and can be ruled out
- 10. KATAKI DE WALLIS** - Has finally started to come good, scoring a 2nd straight, a month ago, clinching a 2100m Vincennes Class A. With application, will be a serious proposition. Chance
- 11. KAPORAL DES FORGES** - 6th of 15 in a 2850m Gr.3 here on 18 February, but has nothing to prove at this grade and is unlikely to be far from the action at the business end of the race
- 12. KEYNOTE** - Has taken his game to a new level over recent months, most recently trotting 3rd in Gr.3 Prix Franck Anne over course and distance on 2 March and, quite simply, looks the pick of the bunch
- 13. KHAL'S FELLA** - 5th, behind KEYNOTE (12), in Gr.3 Prix Franck Anne over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Shod competitively this time and will be a candidate for a place on the podium
- 14. EBANO D'ARC** - 7th, a place behind KAPORAL DES FORGES (11), in a 2850m Vincennes Gr.3 on 18 February. Superbly-engaged though and Léo Abrivard will be loathe to pass up on this opportunity. One to watch

Summary: Solid as a rock in Paris this winter, KEYNOTE (12) is clearly close to his race and deserves to be rewarded with victory here. Alexis Collette will still be keeping a keen eye on KATAKI DE WALLIS (10) who has been a revelation of late, and KAPORAL DES FORGES (11) who will be expected to put his recent disappointment behind him. Fifth to the favourite 3 weeks ago, KHAL'S FELLA (13) has hind shoes off for the occasion and looks more competitive this time around.

SELECTIONS

KEYNOTE (12) - KATAKI DE WALLIS (10) - KAPORAL DES FORGES (11) - KHAL'S FELLA (13)

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C9 - PRIX D'AUXERRE - 2850m (a2m) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 60,000

1. DAMASCO EFFESSE - Acquitted himself well on Vincennes debut to come 4th of 13 in a 2700m Class E on 25 February. In better company this time and chances limited

2. DONNER AMOUR - Has taken well to Vincennes conditions when barefoot. Untried over 2850m here, and steps up in class, but is still worth keeping an eye on

3. DIE HARD (ITY) - Pleasantly surprised when 5th, a place behind DAMASCO EFFESSE (1), in a Class E over 2700m here on 25 February but will struggle to leave his mark on this occasion

4. JIBI DU FRUITIER - Honest mare that came 4th to JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (14) in the race of reference, despite not being entirely at his ease. David Thomain takes over the reins and will give him his usually competitive drive

5. YAHOO DIAMANT - Returns to Paris after coming 4th in a Gelsenkirchen prep over 2000m a fortnight ago. Appreciates Vincennes and the Eric Raffin-factor will only help his cause

6. JIGSAW PUZZLE - Modest 7th of 8 in a 2925m Cagnes Class F. Yet to recapture last summer's form and represents no more than a minor place chance

7. JAMAICA D'AURCY - Quality mare that was sanctioned in the race of reference. Shoes on this time and best to keep one's powder dry

8. JAZZ DE PERVENCHE - Made little impact when 7th to JEWEL DE BANVILLE (16) in a similar event on 9 February and racing shod does him no favours

9. JABALPUR - Looked one race shy when 5th to JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (14) here earlier in the month. Will have come on since and will be more competitive this time around

10. JULIANA DE RETZ - 4th of 5, on comeback, in a 2700m monté Class A here a month back. Here for reasons of conditioning and no threat

11. JASMIN PRECIEUX - Courageous runner-up to JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (14) in a Class B over 2700m here on 1 March. Paul Ploquin back in the wagon and, if still on the boil, can again make the frame

12. JOCONDE SIBEY - Has not been seen out since securing the hat-trick in a 2700m Class B here on 20 January. Shoes on this time though and best to wait

13. JAGUAR DU GOUTIER - Unraced since finishing 8th of 9 in a 2700m Gr.3 here 2 months ago. Shoes on and can be ruled out

14. JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL - Comfortable winner of a 2700m Vincennes Class B early this month, making it 3 from 4, and is eminently capable of pulling off the 3-timer

15. JINGLE DELO - Reassured somewhat when 5th of 12 in a 2450m Caen Class B on 11 March. Front shoes off this time but others still easier to trust

16. JEWEL DE BANVILLE - Won over course and distance before being sanctioned in a 2700m monté Class A here a month ago. Unlikely to pick up where he left off under harness, but can still pick up some prizemoney

Summary: JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (14) has enjoyed a whirlwind of success since starting to race in his current configuration and will again be a tough nut to crack. JASMIN PRECIEUX (11) produced quite the performance to run second to him here earlier in the month and will not be available at 78/1 this time around. A disappointing 5th on that occasion, JABALPUR (9) has had time to get back in shape and should prove a decent first-3 contender. YAHOO DIAMANT (5) has yet to disappoint here, goes barefoot for the occasion, and gets the services of the champion driver.

SELECTIONS

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