R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DES EGLANTIERS - 2850m (a2m) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 51,000

- **1. NECKLACE -** Finished a place behind NEMOS DU GOUTIER (2)in a Class D over course and distance on 10 November but missed the break next time. Has bags of ability though and can prove the point if Benjamin Rochard gets him off on the right foot
- **2. NEMOS DU GOUTIER -** Has shown fine aptitude for these conditions, most recently putting in a good finish to come 4th of 12 in a Class C. In similar form could well trot his way into the money
- **3. NINO TOSCA -** Solid here earlier in the year but has failed to convince in 2 starts since the break. Matthieu Abrivard reining this time but must first reassure
- **4. NATIWHEL** Solid in both main-track starts here since returning to competition. Is new to the inner course but still has the wherewithal to make first 5
- **5. NATURALE MAG -** Opened his Vincennes account in a 2175m Class D here on 25 November. Has twice failed to make any impression over the inner course though and best to hold off
- **6. NOE DES BAUX -** Improving element that lost his maiden tag in a 2200m Class B here on 3 November. Comes here fresh and will be expected to apply the pressure on NET MONEY (8). Chance
- **7. NOVECENTO** Convincing winner of a 2100m Class C over the inner track here on 18 November. Returns to the venue with morale on a high and should prove competitive at the business end of the race
- **8. NET MONEY -** Quality future prospect returning to the inner course after running 3rd behind 2 very good horses in a 2700m Class B on 29 November, and has every chance of returning to victorious ways

Summary: Winner over the inner course here during the autumn, NET MONEY (8) held his own in very good company over the main track late last month and looks the pick of the field this time. Theo Duvaldestin will be justifiably concerned though by NOE DES BAUX (6) who opened his account over 2200m here in early-November, and NOVECENTO (7) who has been going from strength to strength.

SELECTIONS

NET MONEY (8) - NOE DES BAUX (6) - NOVECENTO (7) - NEMOS DU GOUTIER (2)

C2 - PRIX DE BARCELONNETTE - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- **1. MEDELLIN ELLIS -** Blew up and finished last but one in a 2700m Class E at Le Croise-Laroche early last week. Is well-regarded at home though and while something of a gamble, should nevertheless acquit himself honourably
- **2. MISTER D'AVOINES -** Moderate sort that showed little on return to competition early this month and appears to be out of his depth
- **3. MYTHIQUE JOSSELYN** Eliminated as often as not but looks a proper trotter all the same. Entrusted to the boss this time and can contest the finish if he keeps his charge trotting
- **4. MYSTIC HAUFOR -** Would have finished in the frame had he stayed in stride here 3 weeks ago. Is plainly a decent future prospect and with application will be a tough nut to crack
- **5. MOMO DES CARREAUX -** Pleasantly surprising 3rd of 5 finishers behind METEORE ETOILE (9) at Graignes earlier this month and is not about to spring any surprises
- **6. MAKIM QUARTMA -** Got career off to a decent start but eliminated in both since the spell. On better behaviour though, Paul Ploquin could trot his way into the money
- **7. MAHATMA DANICA** Eliminated in 2 of 4, but ran close in other 2. Has not been seen since the spring but with application should nevertheless play an active role
- **8. MAGICIEN LUDOIS -** Has not put a foot wrong since his victorious debut. Is reunited with Alexandre Abrivard for re-entry and although not a leading contender should still be able to finish in the mix
- **9. METEORE ETOILE -** Makes Vincennes debut after running 2nd in a Graignes Class F on 12 December. In better company this time though and others easier to back

Summary: MYSTIC HAUFOR (4) may still be a little green but he has shown significant potential and can wrap this up if he stays in stride. MYTHIQUE JOSSELYN (3) is hardly a model of consistency but he showed promise during the summer and with JMB reining can contest the finish. MAHATMA DANICA (7) has not been seen out since June but he clearly has ample ability and, like most of Marc Sassier's runners, won't need a prep. MEDELLIN ELLIS (1) should not be condemned for his latest effort and can be brought back into the fold.

SELECTIONS

MYSTIC HAUFOR (4) - MYTHIQUE JOSSELYN (3) - MAHATMA DANICA (7) - MEDELLIN ELLIS (1)

C3 - PRIX DE GENCAY - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 40,000

- **1. L'IDEALISTE -** Eliminated in 2 of last 3 but gave a display of his form at Le Mans nevertheless, and will have his chances if Damien Bonne assures his charge's initial strides
- 2. LYNX D'URZY Well-beaten 4th to LILIUS DE GUEZ (11) on re-entry on 18 November. Will have come on for the run but still not a concern
- **3. L'AS DE COEUR -** Trotter with buckets of ability but eliminated in both comeback runs. Eric Raffin at the helm this time and can play a small role if he manages to keep his charge focused
- **4. L'ONCLE SAM -** 3rd to LILIUS DE GUEZ (11) on re-entry on 18 November. Eliminated next time though and others easier to trust
- **5. LUCERO TEJY -** Failed to deliver on first monte start back when 10th behind LUCIFER DU CAIEU (8) in a Class D over track and trip late last month. Is better than that though and the engagement of Benjamin Rochard may be just the ticket
- **6. LOOK DU PARCQ -** Oddly below-par behind LUCIFER DU CAIEU (8) in a Class D over track and trip late last month. Always gives his best and Florian Desmigneux will be optimistic of making amends
- **7. LERWICK PERRINE -** Won over course and distance during the autumn. Has been less sharp since but ran reassuring 4th behind LENSOIS DU DOLLAR (9) earlier in the month and should not be written off
- **8. LUCIFER DU CAIEU -** Ran 2nd here late last month but lost his action in a Class D over track and trip earlier this month. Is plainly in decent shape and with application should not be far off the mark
- **9. LENSOIS DU DOLLAR** Complicated individual but has shown significant aptitude for the discipline. Third over course and distance on 7 December and will not be available at 83-1 this time
- **10. LENNON D'HERFRAIE -** Hardy element switching codes for first time after having encouraged under harness here 3 weeks ago. Romain Marty in the saddle and can legitimately expect to contest the finish
- **11. LILIUS DE GUEZ -** Serious type that should not be too hastily-judged for failing to deliver in a Class D over track and trip late last month. Is clearly better than the field and Alexandre Abrivard will endeavour to prove the point
- **12. LORD DE BANVILLE -** Debuts in the discipline off the back of some poor harness efforts and is unlikely to ruffle any feathers

Summary: Easy winner of a Class E under these conditions on 18 November, LILIUS DE GUEZ (11) was less performant 8 days later but has been afforded time to recalibrate and there will be a concerted effort to get him back in the winners' circle. Alexandre Abrivard will still be keeping a watchful eye on reconfigured monte debutant LENNON D'HERFRAIE (10) who reassured here earlier in the month. Back to Paris after being eliminated early at Le Mans mid-month, L'IDEALISTE (1) will be no pushover if he gets off on the right foot. LENSOIS DU DOLLAR (9) sprang something of a surprise under these conditions earlier this month and must be taken more seriously this time.

SELECTIONS

LILIUS DE GUEZ (11) - LENNON D'HERFRAIE (10) - L'IDEALISTE (1) - LENSOIS DU DOLLAR (9)

C4 - PRIX DE SAINT-LEONARD - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 12,000

- **1. JELINA DES RACQUES** Form has regressed since placing at Mauquenchy last month. Is proven in the amateur division but is taking on too much this time
- **2. INCANTATOR -** Has been racing well of late when shod. Is plainly enjoying a productive run of form and from the first row can play a prominent role
- **3. JOKER D'ENFER -** Disappointing over the inner course here prior to running solid 2nd in an amateurs Class G at Le Croise-Laroche earlier in the month. On front row again and should not be far from the action
- **4. INSERT BOY -** Won an amateur event at Saint-Brieuc on 5 December before confirming in a Bordeaux Class E last week, and is in with a realistic shout of making it 3 on the trot
- **5. ITEM BUISSONAY -** Ran 2nd over the short course before coming 3rd under the saddle at Le Croise-Laroche earlier in the month. Stays in same shoeing formula and cannot be ruled out
- **6. IBRA DE LOU -** Faithful servant at this level of competition and currently in top shape. Sports a fresh configuration for the occasion and is good enough to make first 5
- **7. JACKSON HILL** Has been knocking at the door in both amateur and professional ranks. Enjoys a decent entry and from the front row can give this a good go
- **8. FILLE DE L'OUEST -** Handy mare that is never far from springing a surprise but disappointing in last 2 and makes her Vincennes debut in superior company
- **9. JAMAICA BROWN -** Looked very ordinary in a Class D here early this month but has been fitted with shoes and can be ignored
- **10. JUNGLE GREEN -** Lost her action here late last month but has otherwise been in excellent shape, won a similar event at Enghien in October, and with application can bring the fight to INSERT BOY (4)
- **11. HARFAN DES GRANGES -** No slouch on a good day but lost his action early at Graignes 12 days ago. Michel Poirier in the bike this time but still not a priority
- **12. HUGO OCCAGNES** Decent monte type running here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
- **13. IRON MESLOIS** Makes first appearance for new trainer after just over 12 months on the sidelines. Is confirmed in the day's configuration, but is still going to need the run
- **14. GOOD GIRL MARCEAUX -** Useful sort lining up here for a change of scenery. Preparing for a campaign in the other code and can be passed over
- **15. JINGLE DU PONT -** Fine servant making first appearance at this level. Is not normally the most dynamic when fitted with pads but in this category will have his chances
- **16. FILWELL -** Monte veteran that requires no introduction. Has not been seen out since June and is going too need the race

Summary: Barring the occasional elimination, INSERT BOY (4) is as comfortable in the amateur division as in the professional ranks, makes his Vincennes bow on a hat-trick and, from the front line is eminently capable of securing it. The good JUNGLE GREEN (10) is 25m worse off but with application can make a big splash. Winner of the Gr.2 GNT Final here late last month, JINGLE DU PONT (15) has an extra 50m to travel this time, and will be shod, but in this category should not be underestimated. INCANTATOR (2) is very much at home in this genre of race and even though shod, still looks a player.

SELECTIONS

INSERT BOY (4) - JUNGLE GREEN (10) - JINGLE DU PONT (15) - INCANTATOR (2)

C5 - PRIX DE BOUVILLE - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 36,000

- **1. KOUSINE MAJYC** Serious filly that has turned a corner since switching trainers and discipline. Comes here fresh, will have been specifically prepared for this, and can pick up where she left off
- **2. KUEEN -** Debuts in the code after some recent lacklustre harness performances. Takes on a serious lot here and can expect to have few takers
- **3. KALIE D'URSIN -** Disappointing on the whole since summer 2024. Starts for first time since March and even with hind shoes off will have no possible chance
- **4. KALYPSO DU CAUX -** Occasionally loses focus but is otherwise very capable under the saddle. Sports new formula for return to the venue and, on good behaviour, can bring the fight to KOUSINE MAJYC (1)
- **5. KOMELE -** Has shown decent aptitude for the discipline, and showed her form under harness at Graignes 12 days ago, but still not an obvious choice
- **6. KORINA DE BEYLEV -** Eliminated in both starts following the spell, most recently over longer here. Will appreciate a return to this shorter trip and could pleasantly surprise
- **7. KISS SYMPHONY** Imposed at Mauquenchy prior to running 5th of 10 in a 2700m Class F here early this month. Races shod this time and is not about to get her nose in front, but should nevertheless prove competitive when it matters
- **8. KALIFORNIE** Unseen under the saddle since August 2023, but has been knocking at the door under harness and deserves to take her chances. First 5
- **9. KATHLEEN D'ECOTAY -** Has raced just the once under the saddle, but when being conditioned. Is in competition-mode this time though and warrants respect. Place chance
- **10. KIARA DE LANDEMER -** Takes first competitive ridden steps after comfortably winning a 2400m Amiens harness Class F a fortnight ago. Benjamin Rochard aboard this time and will legitimately generate interest
- **11. KARRY WHITE -** Moderate element making first appearance since late-September. Shoes fitted and no threat

Summary: As good in one code as the other, KOUSINE MAJYC (1) may not have been seen out since imposing at Pornichet in August but hails from a yard going good-guns and can deliver on her first start back. Mathieu Mottier will still be mindful of the trickier, but freshly-configured, KALYPSO DU CAUX (4) who reassured at Caen in mid-November, and KATHLEEN D'ECOTAY (9) who sports front pads for her first objective of the meeting. KORINA DE BEYLEV (6) has a pair of runs under her belt and can play a prominent role if Adrien Lamy keeps her mind on the game.

SELECTIONS

KOUSINE MAJYC (1) - KALYPSO DU CAUX (4) - KATHLEEN D'ECOTAY (9) - KORINA DE BEYLEV (6)

C6 - PRIX DE CRAON - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 68,000

- **1. CHITCHAT** Produced a pair of good 2850m efforts before being denied a run behind JOLIVERT DU GERS (8) over course and distance 10 days ago. Is unlikely to impose but with Benjamin Rochard reining will be afforded every chance
- **2. CHESTNUT (SWE) -** Put in quite the performance to run close to the winner of a 2100m Class D here on 16 November, only to be eliminated. Appreciates Vincennes, form is not in question, and is unlikely to disappoint
- **3. JIZOU D'ETANG -** Brilliant winner of a 2850m Class C here on 20 November but subsequently lost his action over track and trip 10 days ago. Is plainly in excellent shape and, with application, will be very much in the picture
- **4. JIBI DU FRUITIER -** Raced better in 14 December race of reference than his 7th behind JOLIVERT DU GERS (8) would suggest. Is unlikely to create an upset but with a better trip can make his presence felt
- **5. MISTER DONALD -** Gave a surprisingly good account to finish a place behind CARLOFORTE FONT (15) here 2.5 weeks ago, however a repeat seems most improbable
- **6. MATEO DI QUATTRO -** Not as sharp as he was earlier in the year, coming 6th in 14 December race of reference. Would be preferred over 2850m but should still not be written off
- **7. DRAGOWSKI** Serious element making first appearance for 2 months. Gives a good account for the most part but appears to be taking on too much this time
- **8. JOLIVERT DU GERS -** Runner-up in 2 before coming 4th in a Class D under these conditions 10 days ago. Takes on a better lot this time but should nevertheless acquit himself honourably
- **9. L.A.BOKO -** Trotter with bags of ability, but also a temperament. Is confirmed here but others easier to trust this time around
- **10. JE TE CHERCHE -** Imposed over 2100m here in late-October, then outclassed the field in a 2850m Class D a month later. Has been beaten only twice when barefoot and is easy to fancy for the 3-timer
- **11. DOWHATYOUDODOWELL** Lacklustre 9th of 16 behind CARLOFORTE FONT (15) in a 2100m Class D here 2.5 weeks ago. Eric Raffin in the bike this time but still not a contender
- **12. GREG DE NIRO -** Failed to confirm Hyeres performance when well-beaten at Lyon-Parilly on 27 October. Has not been since and will be fitted with pads
- **13. GLAMOUR YOMA -** Excellent at Vichy during the summer but is presently far off that mark and will have nothing to contribute
- **14. JUST DE L'OISON -** Classy element coming here on a hat-trick, most recently imposing over 2700m here, but is shod this time and will have other ambitions
- **15. CARLOFORTE FONT -** Denied a run in a 2100m Class D here earlier in the month, coming 4th of 16. Enjoys a good entry here, is twice a winner over the main track, and must be taken seriously
- **16. GLOBAL DUBHE -** Gave a fine account on return to Vincennes 3 weeks ago, running fine 4th in a 2100m Class A. Takes a notable dip in category and Paul Ploquin will be justifiably confident of a big run

Summary: A model of consistency, JE TE CHERCHE (10) has yet to be defeated over 2700m when unshod, comes here on a hat-trick, and has every chance of pulling it off. Winner at home in Sweden before acquitting himself well over 2100m here 3 weeks ago, GLOBAL DUBHE (16) drops back down the category-ladder and the entry will only work in his favour. CARLOFORTE FONT (15) similarly benefits from a good engagement and Jaap Van Rijn will be keen to make up for some misfortune he incurred here earlier in the month. CHESTNUT (SWE) (2) has been given ample time to recalibrate after his elimination here in mid-November and will be partnered by Alexandre Abrivard for the occasion. JIZOU D'ETANG (3) is plainly in shape and with application can go far.

SELECTIONS

JE TE CHERCHE (10) - GLOBAL DUBHE (16) - CARLOFORTE FONT (15) - CHESTNUT (SWE) (2)

C7 - PRIX DE FOS SUR MER - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Amateur Riders - Mounted - EUR € 50,000

- **1. IVANHOE JARZEEN -** Comes here on a hat-trick, having won a pair at Le Croise-Laroche recently. Faces a stiffer test this time and although not a contender, should nonetheless acquit himself honourably
- **2. IDEAL DU GROIZEAU -** 3rd in a 2650m Saint-Galmier Class F on 21 November. Has been pleasing for the most part recently but still has more to find
- **3. ISOLINA -** 4th to IVANHOE JARZEEN (1) at Le Croise-Laroche before coming tenacious 3rd in a Cabourg Class E earlier in the month. Will not be creating an upset but can still pick up some prizemoney
- **4. IAGO DE SENOVILLE -** Ran 4th at Nantes before coming 2nd under harness late last month in a Mauquenchy Class F. Has no Vincennes references but will not be far from the action if he runs to his true mark
- **5. ITALIA JADOR -** Surprisingly eliminated in a 3000m Nantes Class F on 1 December. Always gives what she can but will struggle to make her mark this time around
- **6. IKITORI -** Surprisingly below-par behind IMAGE D'HERFRAIE (8) in a Class E over course and distance on 22 November, but should not be harshly-judged, and can make amends. Place prospect
- **7. IDEFIX JIHEM -** Runner-up in last 3 starts under the saddle, latterly in a 3000m Nantes Class F early this month. Takes on some better horses this time but can still figure prominently
- **8. IMAGE D'HERFRAIE -** Returns to the code, and to racing barefoot, after prepping at Graignes 12 days ago. Has form over course and distance and looks principal threat to IQUITA VILI (10)
- **9. IBILI D'OCCAGNES -** Got back in the game at Le Croise-Laroche on 15 December when 3rd in a 2825m Class E. Is unlikely to get his nose in front but should nevertheless challenge for a place in the picture
- **10. IQUITA VILI -** Took little time getting back in shape, most recently 2nd in a Class E at Le Croise-Laroche mid-month. Is patently close to her race and winning this would be no surprise
- **11. IL TROTTE JARL -** Has just the one race under his belt since the spell but still appears to need another outing

Summary: Back in form following a pair of re-entry runs, IQUITA VILI (10) twice went close in the provinces recently and should have the wherewithal to win a race of this nature. That said, IMAGE D'HERFRAIE (8) ran close 2nd here a month ago and, barefoot following her freshener, can impose. IKITORI (6) failed to deliver that day but has otherwise been in cracking form and returns to racing shod. IBILI D'OCCAGNES (9) reassured behind Theo Raffin's horse here midmonth and, with form maintained, is unlikely to let the side down.

SELECTIONS

IQUITA VILI (10) - IMAGE D'HERFRAIE (8) - IKITORI (6) - IBILI D'OCCAGNES (9)

C8 - PRIX DE CHATEL-CENSOIR - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 36,000

- **1. KILANTA PASMARICK -** Has been excelling in the provinces recently, winning 2 of last 3. Has no Vincennes references but in current condition is difficult to ignore
- **2. KALA DES RACQUES** Runner-up in last 2, most recently a Reims Class G earlier this month, however at this level will have nothing to contribute
- **3. KITTY** Disappointing this month since being reconfigured. Matthieu Abrivard in the bike this time but others still easier to back
- **4. KAABA RINGEAT -** Hard to knock when she keeps her action together. Will be pitted against better this time but sports hind pads for the occasion and the engagement of Alexandre Abrivard will not go unnoticed
- **5. KISS ME JAMINI** Returned to winning ways 10 days ago when successful in a 2825m Cordemais Class F. Takes on a better bunch this time but is reconfigured and will generate some interest
- **6. KANTARELLE -** Hardy element that was surprisingly eliminated in a Class F at Le Croise-Laroche last week. Has otherwise been excelling and Pierre-Yves Verva gets the nod this time. First 5
- **7. KESA DES THIRONS -** Made up for Nantes elimination when 2nd in a Lyon-Parilly Class G 11 days ago. Stays shod and a repeat seems unlikely
- **8. KATAVIA PRESS -** 3rd at Mauquenchy before suffering interference here a fortnight ago. Form is not in question and Adrien Lamy will be eager to put things right. Chance
- **9. KALIE PACHA** Made it 2 on the trot when easily winning a Graignes Class F on 12 October. Comes here fresh, barefoot, with a top driver at the helm, and is not incapable of pulling off the 3-timer
- **10. KERIA FLEURY -** Has looked decidedly ordinary of late and makes her main-track debut with limited ambition
- **11. KRYSTA DE KERYANN -** Showed notable improvement in a 2850m Class E here on 28 December. Will have freshness on her side and with Eric Raffin in the bike is unlikely to go home empty-handed
- **12. KIARA MAURICIENNE -** Held her own over track and trip on 30 November when 4th of 13 in a Class E. Has never disappointed when barefoot and has a respectable chance of imposing
- **13. KAMELIA DU CORTA -** Arguably better over a shorter trip but has form on the main track here and although not a priority, is still worth retaining
- **14. KIARA BLUE** Moderate element with a pair of conditioners in her since the autumn break. Has been freshly re-shod but is unlikely to upset the apple-cart
- **15. KISS ME DU LIVET -** Unremarkable mare that has done nothing noteworthy this term and will need to show marked improvement
- **16. KEVIVE DE MAIL -** Has been giving a good account for the most part over recent weeks. Is ideally-engaged at the limit of earnings and can pick up a cheque

Summary: KIARA MAURICIENNE (12) took little time getting back in the game following her 4 months' break, drops back in category and, with form maintained, can win this time. Paul Ploquin will still want to be wary of a reconfigured KATAVIA PRESS (8) who was most unlucky in a 2100m Class E here 2 weeks ago, and KILANTA PASMARICK (1) who makes her Vincennes bow after winning 2 of her last 3 in the provinces. Behind in earnings following an interrupted career, KALIE PACHA (9) may not have been seen out since 12 October but she boasts a superb win-rate and will be reined by Jean-Michel Bazire for the first time.

SELECTIONS

KIARA MAURICIENNE (12) - KATAVIA PRESS (8) - KILANTA PASMARICK (1) - KALIE PACHA (9)

C9 - PRIX DE BELLE ILE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40.000

- **1. MADAME D'ERABLE -** Given time to recalibrate following her Enghien elimination, she was prepped at Saint-Brieuc. Will have come on for the run and will not be far off the mark if she stays focused
- **2. MIRELLA DE LOU -** Disappointing after imposing at Reims last June. Has just the one race under her belt since the spell and can expect to have few friends
- **3. MARLEY -** Serious Dutch filly that made it 4 on the trot when courageous winner of a Mauquenchy Class E on 27 November. Is new to Vincennes but still has the quality to win this
- **4. MYSTIC DES FORGES -** Would have gone far had she not faulted, finishing down the field, in a 2700m Class D here 11 days ago, and Paul Ploquin will be mindful to keep her focused. Chance
- **5. MIRTHE DE REUX -** Takes to the main track for first time after running 5th in a Class E over the inner course on 27 November. Is better than the result would imply though and should not be underestimated
- **6. MAYA D'AVRIL -** Showed considerable improvement when beaten only by a very good filly in a 2175m Class E here on 28 November. Will have no issue with the trip and Eric Raffin can be forgiven for being bullish. Claim
- **7. MISS STORY** Eliminated in both starts here since winning at Reims on 10 November and will first need to re-establish her credentials
- **8. MOON LIGHT RIVER -** Last of 13 behind MYSTIC DES FORGES (4) in a Class D over course and distance 11 days ago, on first main-track start, and is unlikely to influence the result
- 9. MONA LISA ELLIS Not without merit but has not been seen out since April and will need the race
- **10. MERVEILLEUSE** Form has done nothing but regress over recent weeks and will need to get her house in order
- **11. MANDARINA DE LOU -** Back under harness after being eliminated in a 2175m monte Class D here 3 weeks ago. Is confirmed under these conditions and should not be entirely ruled out
- **12. MADRILENE -** Makes Vincennes bow after dominating a 2700m Class E at Lyon-La Soie 2 weeks ago. Tends to be seen at a lower level but in current form is easy to recommend for a first-5 cheque

Summary: MAYA D'AVRIL (6) has started to come into herself after the break; she put in a fine performance over shorter here late last month, and with Eric Raffin reining this time can open her winter account. She will still come under pressure from MYSTIC DES FORGES (4) who made a surprising blunder here earlier in the month, and MARLEY (3) who makes her Vincennes bow on a 5-timer. Another promising filly, MADAME D'ERABLE (1) can pick up a place cheque if David Thomain manages to keep her focused.

SELECTIONS

MAYA D'AVRIL (6) - MYSTIC DES FORGES (4) - MARLEY (3) - MADAME D'ERABLE (1)

C10 - PRIX DE SAINT-JEAN-DE-MONTS - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class E -Harness - EUR € 35,000

- **1. LAURENE DE BAILLY -** Unexceptional 7th behind LOULIANA DE VANDEL (2) in a 2700m Class E here a week ago. Shoes fitted once more and no threat
- **2. LOULIANA DE VANDEL -** Ran 2nd at Graignes before coming flattering 5th in a 2700m Class E here a week ago. Decently-placed behind the car but others still preferred
- **3. LOVELY JIM -** Gave a fine account on comeback, coming 3rd in a Class E over course and distance early last month. Well-positioned behind the car and Alexis Collette will be keen to make hay
- **4. LADY OF DURBUY -** Honourable 6th of 15 in a 2700m Class D here a month ago. Is by no means a priority but will have her supporters
- **5. LIBERTE HAUFOR** Comfortable winner at Amiens before dominating a 2175m Class E here 12 days ago. Benefits from a good spot behind the car and has a realistic shot at completing the hat-trick
- **6. LUNA DE JOUDES -** Failed to complete the hat-trick when uneasy 9th of 10 over 2700m here a week back. Will be better suited by the mobile start and the draw will do her chances no disservice
- **7. LA STAR DES ISLES -** Quality individual that ran 3rd to LAMBADA GIRL (8) in a Class E over course and distance on 22 November. Will have progressed for the race and from the front row can give this a good go
- **8. LAMBADA GIRL** Never far from losing her action but has won 2 of last 3, most recently opening her main-track account and, with application, should be competitive once more
- **9. LOU D'ECROVILLE -** Ran 2nd under the saddle at Reims but failed to confirm when eliminated in 17 December race of reference, and can be ruled out
- **10. LUCRECE DE CORDAY -** Has ample ability but eliminated in last 2, most recently missing the break here, but can play a part if Matthieu Abrivard gets her off on the right foot
- **11. LEGENDE SEVEN -** Showed considerable improvement when 3rd to LIBERTE HAUFOR (5) in a 2175m Class E here on 12 December. JMB in the bike once more, but still no more than a minor place prospect
- **12. LISA DE PERVENCHE -** Serious filly that ran 4th to LAMBADA GIRL (8) in a Class E over course and distance on 22 November, after some stride issues, however on good behaviour can impose this time
- **13. LUNA KALOUMA -** Has disappointed twice since placing at Enghien in October and will have nothing to contribute
- **14. LEGENDE INDIGO -** Has been acquitting herself competitively since September, latterly 2nd in a 2700m Class E here on 25 November. Mathieu Mottier would have preferred a better number but will still be expecting to finish close

Summary: LIBERTE HAUFOR (5) can prove something of a handful but her ability is not in doubt. She made no bones about imposing here at the first time of asking and David Thomain will be expecting to repeat. LISA DE PERVENCHE (12) has pulled a less-favourable number but is very effective over these shorter trips and has the wherewithal to exact revenge on LAMBADA GIRL (8) who had her measure here a month back. LEGENDE INDIGO (14) held her own over longer in this category late last month and, in spite of a poor draw, still looks competitive for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

LIBERTE HAUFOR (5) - LISA DE PERVENCHE (12) - LAMBADA GIRL (8) - LEGENDE INDIGO (14)