

# THURSDAY, 25/01/24

## R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX ANDRE MEUNIER - 2850m (a2m) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 60,000**

**1. GLOIRE ROYALE -**

**2. HULKEN SISU -** Trotted 3rd in a Vincennes Class D over 2100m last May. Untested since and is expected to be race-rusty

**3. KING COLE (SWE) -** Sanctioned in a Vincennes Class E on 16 January. Has references here and it is only a matter of time before he comes good again

**4. MARION FOUTY BON -** Won over 2700m here 12 days ago on first objective of the new year. Unlikely to repeat but will still not be sent out at 31/1 on this occasion

**5. M.T.OSCAR -** Finished 8th of 10 in a 2700m Class A here 3 weeks ago. Takes a marginal dip in category but others still preferred

**6. HEMMA DE BRIKVIL -** Has not been seen out since winning a Class E over course and distance late last September. Is barefoot for re-entry and, while not a priority, should still acquit herself honourably

**7. GAZETTA DE LOU -** Lost her action in a Le Mans Class E over 2950m on 18 December. Undeniably capable but 2 straight sanctions do little to inspire confidence

**8. A WONDER BI -** Unthreatening 7th in a Vincennes Class C over 2700m on 28 December. Eric Raffin reining this time but others still easier to back

**9. HAPPY PACHA -** 5th to HYMNE DU GERS (12) in a Class D over course and distance on 7 December. Back in shape following a long layoff and is capable of making the frame this time

**10. GRAND CANYON -** Disappointing 7th in a Vincennes Class C over 2850m earlier this month after having secured the hat-trick but is not to be underestimated

**11. BABIRUSSA JET -** 10th of 11 finishers in a Vincennes Class C over 2700m late last month. Has no particular love for the venue and is unlikely to shake things up

**12. HYMNE DU GERS -** Imposed with authority over course and distance on 7 January. Excels over 2850m on the main track and can challenge HEADSCOTT (16) for the win

**13. GLAMOUR EAGLE -** Disqualified after having imposed under these conditions on New Year's Day. 6th in the race of reference but, on good behaviour, can pleasantly surprise

**14. HUBBLE DU VIVIER -** Gave a fine account to finish 4th to HEADSCOTT (16) in last month's race of reference. Reverts to proven configuration and, in present shape, looks a serious player

**15. HEART OF GOLD -** Sanctioned in a Class A over 2700m here in early-November. Unseen since and, even with hind shoes off, is not about to spring a surprise

**16. HEADSCOTT -** Winner over 2700m Class D here mid-December to make it 3 from 4. Ideally-engaged and has a decent chance of making it 3-on-the-trot

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**Summary:** Quite remarkable lately when trouncing the opposition at Bordeaux, HEADSCOTT (16) subsequently went on to win well here and, shod to preference once more, can pull off the hat-trick. Gabriele Gelormini will still be keeping an eye on HYMNE DU GERS (12) who won smartly over track and trip earlier in the month, and HUBBLE DU VIVIER (14) who trotted 2nd to him here in late-November before confirming 10 days later. Proven in this category, HAPPY PACHA (9) showed improvement over 2850m here earlier in the month and is unlikely to be far from the action.

## SELECTIONS

HEADSCOTT (16) - HYMNE DU GERS (12) - HUBBLE DU VIVIER (14) - HAPPY PACHA (9)

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## C2 - PRIX DE GELSENKIRCHEN - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. JET DES MALBERAUX** - Winner of a Class E over course and distance, under the saddle, just over 2 months ago. Unseen since but is barefoot for re-entry and is not to be overlooked
- 2. JOYAU DE MORTREE** - Sanctioned at Pontchâteau in a 2800m Class E in late-December. Showed his form that day but still represents no more than a minor place prospect
- 3. JOLI MANNEQUIN** - Oddly below-par 9th behind JUNIOR DU CHERISAY (7) here mid-month. Is significantly better than that though and is not incapable of getting back in the game. Attention
- 4. JEWEL HEMSSON** - Made it 2-on-the-trot when successful in a Pontchâteau Class E over 2800m on 27 December. Plainly on the way up and is not going to be far off the mark
- 5. JEAN MADRIK** - A well-beaten 10th of 11 in the recent race of reference and again appears to have no realistic chance
- 6. JINGLE LOVER** - Lost his action when full of running in the mid-month race of reference. Little chance of imposing but is nonetheless capable of getting a look in
- 7. JUNIOR DU CHERISAY** - Courageous 5th here 9 days ago in a Class D over 2100m. Set his personal best chrono on that occasion and Raffin maintaining faith does his prospects no disservice
- 8. JACKSON BOY** - Won a Class D over 2850m here on 9 January. Unlikely to repeat but Dreux horses in good shape and can challenge for a place in the frame
- 9. JOB DES MOLLES** - Solid 4th in a Class C over track and trip on 7 January. Takes a dip in category and, with form maintained, can apply the pressure on JE TE CHERCHE (11)
- 10. JACK DES MALBERAUX** - Surprise 4th, at 63/1, in a Class C over 2100m here on January 14 but a repeat seems rather improbable
- 11. JE TE CHERCHE** - Made it 5 wins from last 7 when winning a Vincennes Class D over 2700m with ease in early-December. Returns fresh and has every chance of pulling off his first hat-trick
- 12. JOUR DE GLOIRE** - Modest 7th, at 54/1, behind JE T'AIME (13) in a course-and-distance Class C on 31 December and, even though barefoot, is still very much an outside chance
- 13. JE T'AIME** - 5th in a Vincennes Class C over 2700m late last month. No surprises anticipated but should still acquit himself honourably
- 14. JAGUAR DJOB** - Victorious in a Bordeaux 2550m Class D on December 28. Won over track and trip in November and, barefoot again, will be no soft touch

**Summary:** A veritable Duracell bunny when racing unshod, JE TE CHERCHE (11) is unbeaten in 2 starts over 2700m here and given the nature of his recent victory, is unlikely to be bested. JOB DES MOLLES (9) put on a very good show in better company last time out and looks the principal threat. Winner over 2850m here last month, JEWEL HEMSSON (4) went on to confirm at Pontchâteau and is similarly in with a decent shout. JACKSON BOY (8) opened his 2024 account at the first time of asking and, in similar form, can play a prominent role.

**SELECTIONS**

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**JE TE CHERCHE (11) - JOB DES MOLLES (9) - JEWEL HEMSSON (4) - JACKSON BOY  
(8)**

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## C3 - PRIX DE LA VALETTE - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class R Claiming Amateur Riders - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- 1. EXPRESS DE L'ITON** - Unplaced when shod on re-entry in a Class B over course and distance mid-month. Competitively shod on this occasion and can make the frame
- 2. FORMI** - Unraced since being soundly thrashed in a Class C over 2700m at Le Croisé-Laroche 2 months ago, but sports a new configuration and, from the 2-spot, can give this a good go
- 3. GOLD RIVER** - 4th in a Vincennes claimer over 2850m 8 days ago. May well have found his niche at this level and is well-placed to pick up another cheque
- 4. FRONSAC MADRIK** - 3rd in a Class C over 2925m at Cagnes-sur-Mer on 20 December. Has never delivered over 2100m here but in present form is very easy to like. Claim
- 5. DEGANAWIDAH** - Sanctioned at 127/1 in a Gr.3 over 2850m here last weekend. Pleasantly surprised last time in this division but others still preferred
- 6. ESPOIR DU NOYER** - Sanctioned in a Vincennes Class D over 2850m mid-December. Has had time to freshen up and, in this company, can impose
- 7. DERBY DU DOLLAR** - Given a thorough pasting in a claimer over 2700m here on 5 December and is not about to shake things up
- 8. DOW JONES EMGE** - Made no impact in a Bordeaux 2650m Class C, behind DEGANAWIDAH (5), on 28 December and, drawn wide, has very limited chances
- 9. DISCO D'OCCAGNES** - Finished 13th of 14 behind FRONSAC MADRIK (4) at Cagnes on 20 December but has otherwise been in decent shape and, even though drawn wide, must not be ignored
- 10. GABY DES VALS** - 7th in a Bordeaux Class D over 2550m on 19 December. Has decent Vincennes credentials but has little going his way this time
- 11. DORUN BEAM** - Winner of a Class D over 2700m here on Christmas Eve. On the second line and unlikely to repeat but can still figure prominently
- 12. EDEN DE L'ITON** - Trounced by DORUN BEAM (11) in a 2700m Class D here on 24 December. Has references in this category though and, in spite of 2nd-row draw, will generate some interest
- 13. EMENCOURT BLEQUIN** - Makes first appearance since finishing last of 14 at Le Croisé-Laroche on 26 November. Front shoes off for comeback but the draw will do him no favours
- 14. EASY ATOUT** - Sanctioned when looking ordinary in a Vincennes Class D over 2700m on Christmas Eve and is not about to spring a surprise
- 15. ELIXIR D'ANAMA** - One-paced 9th in a Class D over course and distance a week ago. Has placed just once in 5 starts on the main track and can be ruled out
- 16. FORBAN** - Last of 15 finishers in a Class C over 2850m here on 20 December. At a more realistic level this time and, despite an awful draw, can play a small part

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**Summary:** Disappointing last season, ESPOIR DU NOYER (6) has seen his options shrink over recent months but he has been handed a decent draw and, at this level should be able to get back to winning ways. Better-positioned behind the car, and a veritable dynamo when barefoot, FRONSAC MADRIK (4) will be no pushover, and neither will the less-favourably-placed DORUN BEAM (11) who won nicely in good company here a month back. A Class C winner here this time last year, EXPRESS DE L'ITON (1) has one race under his belt and, shod to preference this time, can put on a good show.

## SELECTIONS

**ESPOIR DU NOYER (6) - FRONSAC MADRIK (4) - DORUN BEAM (11) - EXPRESS DE L'ITON (1)**

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## C4 - PRIX DES BALEARES - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

- 1. MIREIJE CHARISMA** - Opened her monté account in a minor Gelsenkirchen 2025m event on 7 January. Unshod behind for return to Vincennes but nevertheless faces a stiff test
- 2. DAMISELA** - 4th in a 2060m event in Turin mid-December. Paul Ploquin onboard for monté debut but still not an obvious choice
- 3. JADE DE BLARY** - Disappointing 7th to JALNA DU BUISSON (14) in a Class E over 2100m under harness here earlier this month. Has references under the saddle and, while better racing clockwise, must still be respected
- 4. DESTINY DI POGGIO** - 9th in a Vincennes Class C over 2850m on first monté start, and first for new trainer, last weekend. Shod differently this time and must not be underestimated
- 5. DENIA** - Won a decent 2700m harness event in Milan on December 29. Just hind shoes off this time and, with Nathalie Henry on board for monté debut, will be afforded every chance. Place prospect
- 6. JULIA BONHEUR** - 6th in a Mauquenchy Class E over 2850m ten days ago. Has shown a liking for these conditions and is not incapable of trotting his way onto the podium
- 7. JEALOUSY LOVE** - Sanctioned under harness in a Class E over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Has no love for Vincennes and is unlikely to make much of an impact
- 8. JANE'S FELLA** - Sanctioned in a Nantes Class E over 3000m mid-month. Showed potential last time under the saddle and, with Cornulier winner Ricard in the irons, should not let the side down. Place chance
- 9. JEZABEL MAHCATH** - Won a Cabourg Class F over 2750m with authority on 21 December after having pleased on earlier Vincennes debut, and returns to the venue the mare to beat
- 10. JALISCA DE CHENU** - Reassuring 2nd in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E a fortnight back. Placed just once in 5 starts on the main track but will have her supporters
- 11. JUMACHA** - Disqualified from 3rd in a Cagnes 2925m Class E 3 weeks ago. Pleased in last 2 under these conditions though and will not be far off the mark
- 12. JACOVIA MADRIK** - Last of 5 in a Cordemais Class F over 2825m on 14 January. Hind shoes off and, although not a priority, should still not be ruled out
- 13. JAMBAVATI** - 6th of 6 finishers on a sloppy Vincennes track in a 2700m Class D last Wednesday and returns to the venue with little to offer
- 14. JALNA DU BUISSON** - Trotted 2nd in a Vincennes Class E over 2100m under harness on 9 January. Placed once in 2 appearances in the discipline and, with Raffin in the saddle, can pick up a first 5 cheque
- 15. JUST IN CADENCE** - Modest 8th in a Vincennes Class E over 2700m under harness mid-month and, even though proven on the main track, can expect to have few friends

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**Summary:** Very hard to knock this winter, JEZABEL MAHCATH (9) gave a fine account under these conditions in early-December before imposing at Cabourg a fortnight later, and looks eminently capable of imposing this time. She will still face resistance from the metronomic DENIA (5) who debuts in the discipline, with hind shoes off, after winning 5 straight at home in Italy, and the difficult JANE'S FELLA (8) who is back under the saddle after having shown promise late last year. JULIA BONHEUR (6) has demonstrated good aptitude over the main track here and, sporting a new configuration, is unlikely to disappoint.

## SELECTIONS

**JEZABEL MAHCATH (9) - DENIA (5) - JANE'S FELLA (8) - JULIA BONHEUR (6)**

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## C5 - PRIX DE VIENNE-KRIEAU - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. EL CHAPO STECCA** - Sanctioned in a Gr.3 over 2700m here late last month. Well-regarded by new trainer and drops back in category with a more realistic chance of picking up some prizemoney
- 2. EVANDRO DEGLI DEI** - Trotted 3rd over 2250m at home in Milan last week. Shoes back on and, although not a priority, should still acquit himself honourably
- 3. EVENT HORIZON** - In-form Italian colt that was sanctioned behind ELTON PRIDE GAR (9) in Milan late last month. Barefoot for first start for new stable and will be worth monitoring
- 4. ESPADA (ITY)** - Lost his action when unsupported in a competitive 2350m event at Avenches on 20 October. Unseen since but is competitively shod and, with Gelormini reining, will be afforded every chance
- 5. KISS WOOD** - Sanctioned over 2100m here 3 weeks ago after having imposed at Le Croisé-Laroche mid-December, but still appears to have his work cut out
- 6. KADOR DE SEVRE** - Sanctioned over 2100m over the inner course here over 2 months ago. Has not been seen out since and, even though first time unshod behind, is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 7. EAGLE PRAV** - Not at his ease when sanctioned over 2100m here in late-November. Hind shoes off for return to competition though and, given the yard's form, will be one to keep an eye on
- 8. ECLISSI BFC** - Put on a decent show to trot 3rd over a mile in Florence on 5 November. Unseen since however and expected to need the run
- 9. ELTON PRIDE GAR** - Won with ease over 2250m in Milan on December 29. Has never been tested over longer but looks the sort that can do well here. Place claim
- 10. KING ROC** - 7th of 8 in a Bordeaux Class D over 2550m late December when sent out clear favourite. Vincennes record speaks for itself and he is unlikely to pose a threat
- 11. NICOLAS MATISSE** - Unraced since finishing last of 4 in a good 2100m contest at Wolvega last autumn but has not raced since and will have few friends
- 12. KING DE L'OUEST** - Lost his action when heavily-backed in a Class D over track and trip on December 26. Clearly in fine condition though and can make amends if Anthony Barrier keeps him trotting
- 13. KORSIKO** - Surprising 5th in a Vincennes Class E over 2100m 3 weeks ago. Entrusted to Léo Abrivard this time but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 14. KART HAUFOR** - Winner of a Vincennes Class E over 2850m of the inner course late last month and can pull off the hat-trick if he takes to the main track profile
- 15. EDISON VEZ** - Winner over 1650m in Milan a fortnight ago. Makes first appearance at the venue but has good speed and will be dangerous if he gets the trip

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**Summary:** KART HAUFOR (14) has hardly put a foot out of line since his encouraging debut during the autumn. He made it 2-in-a-row over the short course late last month and, more competitively shod this time, can make this his own. Principal opposition is expected to come from the improving and in-form EDISON VEZ (15) who is superbly-engaged for his Vincennes debut. A quality individual that was not the most fortunate here last time, KING DE L'OUEST (12) nevertheless showed his form and, with application, can trot his way onto the podium, as can the second good transalpine raider, ELTON PRIDE GAR (9), whose recent 2250m performance bodes well for his chances.

## SELECTIONS

**KART HAUFOR (14) - EDISON VEZ (15) - KING DE L'OUEST (12) - ELTON PRIDE GAR (9)**

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## C6 - PRIX DE YONKERS RACEWAY - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 60,000

- 1. ISABELLA FERM** - Disqualified from 2nd place in a Vincennes Class C over 2700m on December 5. Has not raced since and the draw will not necessarily help matters
- 2. IDEAL GREEN** - Unraced since losing his action in a Class C over 2700m here on 4 December after winning over 2100m with authority the previous month and, on better behaviour, can make amends and win this
- 3. ICONE MADRIK** - Well-beaten 12th of 15 in a Gr.3 over 2850m here early last month. Has freshness on her side and, with application, can get more than a look in
- 4. I LOVE JOSSELYN** - Sanctioned early when favourite in a Cagnes 2925m Class C on 22 January after having imposed over 2700m here. Handed a plum spot in front and can play a part if Derieux gets him off on the right foot
- 5. IMAGINE DARLING** - Won a Vincennes Class C over 2700m on January 31 in very good order. Repeat improbable but is well-positioned behind the car and can put on another good show
- 6. INDIGO PIERJI** - Trotted a respectable 2nd to IDEAL GREEN (2) in a Class C over track and trip in late-November. Unseen since but is shod to preference and can again apply the pressure
- 7. ILLICO DES BAUX** - Surprise 4th to IRON DU GERS (9) in last week's race of reference for Eric Raffin. Rochard reining this time but a repeat of his recent 65/1 performance is unlikely
- 8. ICONE D'AVENIR** - Made short work of winning a Class C over 2700m here 3 weeks ago after having twice scored over 2100m and, although breaking wide, still looks a serious proposition
- 9. IRON DU GERS** - Made his 2024 debut a winning one in a Class C over 2850m here a week ago. JMB back in the sulky and, despite an unattractive draw, can double his money
- 10. IN LOVE MESLOIS** - Finished last of 7 on comeback in the race of reference. Front pads fitted this time but still a rank outsider
- 11. INSTINCTIF** - Came in 6th of 7 finishers behind IRON DU GERS (9) last week. Starts on the second row and, fitted with 4 pads or not, he still faces a stiff test

**Summary:** Although not always the easiest of horses to handle, IDEAL GREEN (2) showed his form here last month and, after being given time to freshen up, can confirm his superb late-November course-and-distance victory. There will be opposition though from INDIGO PIERJI (6) who finished runner-up to him that day, and the revitalised ICONE D'AVENIR (8) who will be out to keep her barefoot-and-unbeaten status intact. IMAGINE DARLING (5) appears to be enjoying something of a renaissance and, although not expected to repeat his recent success, he has been handed a good draw and can play a leading role.

### SELECTIONS

IDEAL GREEN (2) - INDIGO PIERJI (6) - ICONE D'AVENIR (8) - IMAGINE DARLING (5)

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## C7 - PRIX DE MONS - 2175m (a1m 1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 41,000

- 1. HERBES FOLLES** - Sanctioned when favourite over 2725m in a Cabourg Class F on 21 December. Had previously pleased here earlier in the month and should not be ruled out
- 2. HELITE ELEVEN** - Totally dominated when 9th of 12 in a 2850m Class D here on January 7 and can again expect to remain friendless in the markets
- 3. HILLONA DE NESLE** - 5th at 30/1 in a Bordeaux Class E over 2550m in early-January. Front pads fitted this time and the Eric Raffin-factor cannot be ignored. First 5 chance
- 4. HELSINKI GIRL** - Sanctioned in the race of reference earlier this month and again appears to have no realistic chance
- 5. HASCHELEY BERRY** - 7th, 2 places behind HARMONIE DE BREVOL (12) over 2100m in a Class E here earlier this month. Pleased in 1 of 2 over 2175m and will generate some interest
- 6. HEURISTIQUE** - Produced a decent effort to trot 3rd in a monté race over course and distance late last month but still best to hold off
- 7. HEUREUSE DE VIVRE** - Sanctioned in a Vincennes Class E monté race 12 days ago and will pose no danger
- 8. HIGH MONEY D'AVRAN** - Continued her poor run of form when well-beaten in an Argentan 2875m Class F on January 26 and can be confidently passed over
- 9. HOTESSE D'HAUFOR** - Sanctioned in a Class E over 2100m here on 8 January. Thomain takes over in the sulky and will be no easy touch if she stays in stride
- 10. HELALI DE MONTCEAU** - Defied her odds to trot 5th in the race of reference. Has been showing her form and is unlikely to be available at 36/1 this time around
- 11. HIMALAYA NARCY** - Runner-up in a Toulouse Class F over 2750m on January 9. Has no Vincennes references but is clearly in form and will have her supporters
- 12. HARMONIE DE BREVOL** - Finished 4th, beating many of these, in the early-January race of reference. Thrives over these shorter trips and is not incapable of imposing this time
- 13. HILDA DU THYRAL** - Second in a Vincennes amateur event over 2100m earlier this month. In considerably better company this time and chances limited
- 14. HELENA GIRL** - 6th in a Vincennes Class E over 2100m earlier this month. Lost her action late but can more than redeem herself if applied. Claim
- 15. HELEN DES OUBEAUX** - Sanctioned in a Meslay-du-Maine Class E on 21 December. Is confirmed over track and trip though and, at peak fitness, can make a big splash
- 16. HAURORE** - Disappointing 11th of 11 finishers in a 2100m Class E here on January 8 after having encouraged at Pontchâteau and, entrusted to Franck Nivard this time, can get back in the game

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**Summary:** Better than her recent result would suggest, HELENA GIRL (14) is superior to most here and can win this if Yves Dreux keeps her trotting. HARMONIE DE BREVOL (12) finished ahead of her that day and should again figure prominently, but she may first have to defer to the tricky, but capable, HELEN DES OUBEAUX (15) who won under these conditions 12 months ago, and who reverts to wearing pads. The complicated HOTESSE D'HAUFOR (9) was going well when sanctioned in the race of reference but can make amends if David Thomain keeps her action together.

## SELECTIONS

HELENA GIRL (14) - HELEN DES OUBEAUX (15) - HARMONIE DE BREVOL (12) -  
HOTESSE D'HAUFOR (9)

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**C8 - PRIX DE WOLVEGA - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59,000**

**1. HIGH DREAM** - Put on quite the show to trot 2nd in a 2850m Class D here earlier this month and looks set to open his 2024 account

**2. HERMES ANGEL** - Trotted 3rd in a 2950m Toulouse Class D 12 days ago. Is proven over the main track and returns to racing left-handed with a respectable hand to play from the 2-spot

**3. HASARD D'ERABLE** - 3rd, a place behind HIGH DREAM (1), in a Vincennes Class D over 2850m on January 7. Imposed under these conditions last summer and, from the 3-spot, can repeat

**4. HORATIUS D'ELA** - 3rd in a 2725m Class E at Cabourg 3 weeks ago. Arguably better over longer but has solid Vincennes references and is sufficiently well-placed to get in on the action

**5. HABIT DE SOIREE** - One-paced 5th in a Meslay-du-Maine Class D over 2600m on 21 December. Well-placed behind the car but others still preferred

**6. HELITLOPET** - Showed improvement at 22/1 in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class E on 5 January. Has a front-line start and, while not a leading contender, can still challenge for a first-5 place

**7. HAUTBRION COLMI** - Sanctioned quickly in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class E earlier in the month but has ability and, with François Lagadeuc reining this time, can start to make amends

**8. HELENCIO** - Sanctioned in a Class B over 2850m here on December 10. Has not been seen out since but gets on well with Eric Raffin and, at this level, can play a prominent role

**9. GAMIN DE MAHEY** - Valiant 2nd in a Vincennes Class D over 2100m on December 29. Shod this time though and best to hold off

**10. FAKIR STARDUST** - Sanctioned in a Vincennes monté Class D over 2700m last week and returns to the harness code with modest ambition

**11. HOTEL MYSTIC** - Sanctioned with gas in the tank in a Class E over track and trip on January 6. Leading driver at the helm this time and, over 2100m, will have claims on a place in the frame

**12. FAVARY** - Trounced in a Vincennes claimer over 2850m here 8 days ago and has no realistic chance

**Summary:** HIGH DREAM (1) has done nothing but distinguish himself since the start of the meeting, has only once been beaten in this configuration and, again looks the horse to beat. Julien Dubois will still be wary of the better-positioned HASARD D'ERABLE (3) who finished a place behind him earlier in the month, and the good HELENCIO (8) who, even though drawn wide and racing barefoot this time around, still looks competitively well in. HOTEL MYSTIC (11) is clearly in shape, sports a proven configuration, and will be no easy touch if Matthieu Abrivard keeps him trotting.

## SELECTIONS

**HIGH DREAM (1) - HASARD D'ERABLE (3) - HELENCIO (8) - HOTEL MYSTIC (11)**