C1 - PRIX DE CRAON - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- **1. JET DE LA FERME -** Moderate sort at a lower level. Trounced on re-entry here mid-march and unlikely to surprise on first start back
- 2. JOUR ET NUIT Has been on a decent run of form in both codes this year. Finished a place behind JERICHO D'EM (11) at Nantes and must be respected
- **3. JORLANDO -** Is not lacking ability and has won under these conditions, but is as temperamental as they come and not easy to trust
- **4. JOYAUX DU CHENE -** Quality colt that has yet to let the side down. Unbeaten in two this season and even though stepping up in class can make it three on the trot
- **5. JEWEL MESLOIS -** Useful colt that encouraged on re-entry at Chartres a fortnight ago. Bids to capitalise on form but faces a stiffer test this time around
- **6. JE REVE DU BOIS -** Can prove a handful but runner-up in both starts this term. Front pads fitted this time and on good behaviour can make a big splash
- **7. JOKER DES FORGES -** Has been transformed since starting to go barefoot. Takes a hike in class though and a minor place chance at best
- **8. JAZZ D'OLIVERIE -** Well-regarded but did not live up to expectations late last season. Has one race under his belt and going first time barefoot could be precisely what the doctor ordered. Claim
- **9. JIMMY THORP -** Got back in the game at Graignes earlier in the month when first time barefoot. Same formula here but unlikely to repeat
- **10. JERZINO VICI -** Has looked a different horse since starting to race unshod all four. Gave a good account here three weeks ago and should not be far from the action
- 11. **JERICHO D'EM -** Mixes the good with the less good but has bags of ability. Placed in just one of three here but is clearly in form and the engagement of Franck Nivard can only work to his advantage
- **12. JIMINY CRICKET -** Quality element getting back in shape following the break. Will have come on for his Caen run and is expected to be more competitive this time around

Summary: After a promising start to his career, JAZZ D'OLIVERIE (8) failed to make the grade when stepped up in class, but he has had the winter to come into himself and going first time barefoot could confirm his handler's belief. JOYAUX DU CHENE (4), in contrast, has been simply dynamic with two wins from two this term and is not incapable of securing a third. A delicate type he may be but JE REVE DU BOIS (6) has twice gone close lately and looks competitively well in, as does the well-entered JERICHO D'EM (11) who benefits from a Franck Nivard drive on this occasion.

SELECTIONS

JAZZ D'OLIVERIE (8) - JOYAUX DU CHENE (4) - JE REVE DU BOIS (6) - JERICHO D'EM (11)

C2 - PRIX DE SENONNES - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24.000

- 1. ISLANDE DE L'ITON Good class of trotter in this category but has not been seen out since last August
- **2. ISEA DU QUENNE -** Delicate sort that tends to go better right-handed and four sanctions in last five starts do nothing to inspire confidence
- **3. INFANTE -** Tricky character that missed out by little here earlier in the month. Sanctioned next time but with stride in check can figure prominently
- **4. ISLAND CASH -** Useful sort that got back in the game behind INFANTE (3) last time out. Appears to be back in shape and expected to get in on the action once more
- **5. IRIS COURTOISE -** Useful mare that made the frame in three of last four but unraced since early March and expected to need the run
- **6. INTENSE ACTION -** Faithful servant that took some time to reach peak fitness this term but reassured 11 days ago and is unlikely to disappoint
- **7. ISIS DE LA FERME -** Has been in excellent form since returning from a spell. Pleased on lone appearance here and must be taken seriously
- **8. IMAGE MAGIC -** Has been showing considerably better aptitude for the monté game and will have few takers
- **9. IZIA DE MONGIVAL -** Produced a couple of good efforts earlier in the year but form has tailed off and chances of finishing in the money appear limited
- **10. ISA DU PRESSOIR -** Failed at Caen to reproduce her good Amiens effort. Is barefoot on this occasion but others still preferred
- **11. INITIALE LILA -** Not always the most reliable but hard to knock when fit and applied. Better than most here, will be fresh, and on good behaviour can win a race of this nature
- **12. ITALIA JADOR -** Hardy mare that got off the mark at Tours recently at the 32nd time of asking. Unlikely to repeat but can still play a competitive part
- 13. ITALIE FRANCE Quality element that thrives at Laval but stays shod this time and best to hold off
- **14. IDYLLE PIYA -** Consistently in the thick of things when focused. Came a cropper at Vincennes last time but A. Abrivard at the helm and can more than make amends
- **15. IRLANDAISE D'ARBAZ -** Decent on a good day but has struggled to find form this term and must first reassure

Summary: A winner at Caen in an excellent time on her penultimate start, INITIALE LILA (11) is an obvious choice for the initial spots, however she will need to keep her action together in order to confirm. IDYLLE PIYA (14) has not been quite as sharp lately but is certainly more reliable and the presence of Alexandre Abrivard can only be a positive factor. INTENSE ACTION (6) showed her form at Rambouillet and with hind shoes off for the occasion looks set to getting back to what she does best. ISLAND CASH (4) went close here three weeks ago and, despite her capricious nature, is sure to garner support.

SELECTIONS

INITIALE LILA (11) - IDYLLE PIYA (14) - INTENSE ACTION (6) - INFANTE (3)

C3 - PRIX DE SAINT OUEN DES TOITS - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 27.000

- **1. HOPPELA THEPOL -** Occasionally loses focus but otherwise a decent servant but in this category will need to find significantly more
- 2. **HIGH MONEY D'AVRAN -** Kicked the year off with success at Argentan but has since come off the boil and no sign of an imminent return to form
- **3. HOTESSE D'HAUFOR -** Rarely far from the action when applied. Beat stablemate HYGIE HAUFOR (9) last time but can expect the tables to turn
- **4. HARENA DE MARZY -** Winner of last two races under this shoeing configuration. Should be fit by now and expected to put on a good show
- **5. HUDSON BAIE** Respectable mare with form at this level. Sanctioned on comeback but with application can set the record straight
- **6. HORNELLA DE JANZE -** Moderate sort with form at a lower level. Has previously won here but in this company will have limited chances
- **7. HANNA BRILLOUARD -** As sharp as a button this time last year but a write-off this term and others preferred
- **8. HELALI DE MONTCEAU -** Has done nothing of note for some time and has no realistic chance
- **9. HYGIE HAUFOR -** Lacklustre in race of reference but otherwise a decent campaigner. Should logically show a different side this time around
- **10. HEXCELLENTE -** Useful sort that left a good impression behind HELEN DES OUBEAUX (13) at Vincennes on just her second start since the break and again looks the main threat
- **11. HELIA DU GARABIN -** Won a Vincennes Class D earlier in the year but has struggled somewhat since. Is never one to be underestimated though and must be worth retaining
- **12. HELLO JADE RUSH -** Hardy dual-purpose mare returning to the harness code after imposing under the saddle. Unlikely to repeat but can still get in on the action
- **13. HELEN DES OUBEAUX -** Superb servant that seldom lets the side down. Made a fine comeback in Paris three weeks ago and looks set to impose this time around

Summary: A veritable metronome since last summer, Ghislain Castel could not have asked for a better entry for HELEN DES OUBEAUX (13). She gave a superb account on her recent comeback at Vincennes and looks the horse to beat this time. Mathieu Mottier will nevertheless be keeping an eye on a reinvigorated HEXCELLENTE (10) who finished just behind her in Paris. HYGIE HAUFOR (9) was surprisingly below-par that day but can make amends, however she may first have to see off HARENA DE MARZY (4) who returns to her preferred shoeing configuration.

SELECTIONS

HELEN DES OUBEAUX (13) - HEXCELLENTE (10) - HARENA DE MARZY (4) - HYGIE HAUFOR (9)

C4 - PRIX DE NUILLE SUR VICOIN - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24.000

- **1. IFF LOUZEEN -** Mixes the good with the less good and even having reassured here recently, he steps up in class and will have his work cut out
- **2. INCISIF VAUCEEN -** Just one blip on his formcard this season. Steps up in class but expected to give a competitive account all the same
- **3. IPSOS DE BANVILLE -** Not the worst horse here but has a certain temperament. Just one race under his belt and no threat
- 4. IMPRUDENT Very useful when applied and barefoot but below-par in last two and must reassure
- **5. IVALO DU BOCAGE -** Already twice a winner this year but has struggled lately and others easier to back
- 6. INDOCILE Totally lost his way after last summer and failed to impress on recent re-entry
- **7. IRUN DU BOCAGE -** Can prove a handful but has ample ability. Sanctioned when full of running last time and can play an important part if focused
- **8. IDEAL DES BRIERES -** Sanctioned mid-month after having imposed late April. Form is not in doubt and with application can redeem himself
- **9. ILMAT DES KECHES -** Has been very hard to fault all year. Gets on well with his driver and even in this category can get a look in
- **10. IN PETTO -** Won here last November and confirmed his liking for the track last time out. Has had time to freshen up and another big run anticipated
- **11. ISO DE KERYANN -** Seldom gets his nose in front but is clearly in excellent shape. Has demonstrated a liking for Laval and should not be far off the mark
- **12. IMPERIAL DE FORGAN -** Just one poor effort to his name all season. Currently at his best and can confirm his recent Graignes success
- 13. ISLA Moderate trotter that has done nothing of note for some time and can be passed over

Summary: Since the winter, IMPERIAL DE FORGAN (12) has been in magnificent shape and latterly imposed in good order at Graignes. He has every chance of doubling up but must see off the Laval-loving IN PETTO (10) who returns fresh to the venue. Back at the top of his game, IRUN DU BOCAGE (7) still had gas in the tank at Nantes and with application can set the record straight. IDEAL DES BRIERES (8) should not be harshly judged for his recent sanction.

SELECTIONS

IMPERIAL DE FORGAN (12) - IN PETTO (10) - IRUN DU BOCAGE (7) - IDEAL DES BRIERES (8)

C5 - PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME DE BELLEVUE LA FORET - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 27.000

- **1. HED -** Tricky type that was not beaten when he lost his action at Chartres recently. Is proven at this level and with stride in check can get a look in
- 2. HAPPY LOVE Started to come good early spring but has since come off the boil again and will have few takers
- **3. HOMMAGE DE TILLARD -** Hardy sort with good references when barefoot. Already a winner over track and trip and in present condition looks a solid place chance
- **4. HAMONET DE CHOISEL -** Disappointing in three starts this term and chances limited on first appearance for two months
- **5. HIGOR DAIRPET** Moderate type that has not made the frame since last September and is not about to break the mould
- **6. HENGY DU POMMEREUX -** Can prove a handful but has bags of talent. Impressive at Vichy last time and can make his Laval debut a winning one
- 7. HAVE A LOVE Has tended to show more in the amateur division these days and will struggle to make his mark
- **8. HERCULE MADRIK -** Useful sort that left a good impression here a month back. Raffin drafted in for the drive and should not be underestimated
- **9. HANNIBAL TUILERIE** Faithful servant for the most part. Made up for his Paris sanction with a solid win at Maure and even though in better company here still looks a player
- **10. HAMPTONS -** Fine servant with nothing to prove in this class but stays shod and has other priorities
- **11. HOBAMA -** Quality trotter with excellent credentials in this shoeing formula. Will be at peak fitness and is not incapable of striking on first start back
- **12. HARCOUEL -** Hardy type but disappointing in last two. Revised shoeing this time but still not an obvious choice
- **13. HERAKLION DESBOIS** Has not been at his sharpest this year but clearly on the right road and expected to give an honest account
- **14. HASARD CERTAIN -** Quality individual with form at this level. Made a respectable comeback here three weeks ago and is expected to give a more competitive account this time around
- **15. HOMMAGE DE LARRE -** Very hard to knock lately when barefoot. Benefits from a superb entry and can give this another good go

Summary: Regularly a question of all-or-nothing for HENGY DU POMMEREUX (6), he got it right at Vichy earlier in the month and with Abrivard back in the sulky, is eminently capable of doubling his money. That said, HOBAMA (11) is very hard to fault in this particular shoeing configuration and should be in a position to apply the pressure. The dependable HANNIBAL TUILERIE (9) was oddly sanctioned at Vincennes but more than made amends at Maure and should logically give another competitive account. A winner here last autumn, HOMMAGE DE TILLARD (3) is currently enjoying a solid run of form and is once again expected to finish in the thick of things.

SELECTIONS

HENGY DU POMMEREUX (6) - HOBAMA (11) - HANNIBAL TUILERIE (9) - HOMMAGE DE TILLARD (3)

C6 - PRIX DE MERAL - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- **1. JOUTE VINIERE -** Seldom far from the action when she can stay in stride. Is first time barefoot with Eric Raffin in the hot-seat and must not be ignored
- 2. JADE DE L'ECLAT Good dual-purpose filly but stays shod this time and has other objectives
- 3. JAVA DES ISLES Has merit but has also been showing her temperament lately and is unlikely to generate much interest
- **4. JORIA MESLOISE -** Has done nothing but improve this year. Went close at La Capelle and going barefoot for the first time must not be underestimated
- **5. JOHANITE -** Still chasing that elusive maiden win. Races first time unshod all four and with Nivard at the helm will be afforded every chance
- **6. JAVA DU PLESSIS -** Got the year off to a good start but has since lost her way and will need to reaffirm
- **7. JUMEIGE DE GODREL -** No slouch on a good day but unraced since February and will require the outing
- **8. JERSEY ISLAND -** Useful filly that passed a test at Vichy mid-month. Associated with Benjamin Rochard this time, she should not be far off the mark
- **9. JULIETTE MIXO -** Handy sort making first appearance since February but is barefoot for the occasion and is not incapable of getting in on the action
- **10. JAVA FAST -** Barring one clinker she has been in excellent shape this term. Alexandre Abrivard at the helm this time and looks a serious proposition
- **11. JIKITA MELRIC -** Quality individual with one race under her belt since the break. Encouraged at Vichy despite the sanction and if applied can win this
- **12. JULIA DE LA VALLEE -** Surprise 4th over track and trip three weeks ago. Sanctioned next time and while she can make amends, she is not an obvious choice
- **13. JANICK DU VIVIER -** Occasionally loses her action but otherwise a tough filly with ample ability. Regularly finishes bridesmaid but this could be the day she gets off the mark

Summary: There is no obvious winner here but one could imagine the finish being played out between the capable JIKITA MELRIC (11) who lost her action on comeback but nevertheless showed her form, and the fresh JANICK DU VIVIER (13) who consistently goes close when focused. JAVA FAST (10) has given two solid efforts from three this term and being fitted with four pads this time could make all the difference. JERSEY ISLAND (8) has returned to the game in cracking condition and justifiably bids to confirm her good recent Vichy performance.

SELECTIONS

JIKITA MELRIC (11) - JANICK DU VIVIER (13) - JAVA FAST (10) - JERSEY ISLAND (8)

C7 - PRIX DE MOLIERES - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- 1. KELLE MAJYC Yet to show any particular aptitude for the game and can be ruled out
- 2. KYRIELLE PRINCESSE Delicate sort that finished 4th to KENTUCKY VALLEY (11) here last month but subsequently failed to confirm. Fitted with pads this time though and should not be ignored
- **3. KISS ME SYGA -** Gave a good account of herself on debut over course and distance a fortnight ago. Unlikely to spring any surprises but should still acquit herself honourably
- **4. KULTA -** Pleased here earlier in the season but off the track for over two months and unlikely to surprise
- **5. KRIKETTE DE ROCHE -** Has placed just once in five starts to date and latest effort here did nothing to inspire confidence
- **6. KEYLA GREVIR -** Somewhat delicate but has merit. Unraced since February though and will need the outing
- **7. KINDY PERRINE -** Facile winner on debut 17 days ago. In better company this time but can still challenge for a spot in the frame
- **8. KALINA PRINCESS -** Made no bones about winning at Tours first time out. Never had to dig deep and looks a promising prospect for the future
- **9. KALINA STAR -** Moderate type that failed to fire on lone start going left-handed and appears to have her work cut out
- **10. KEY OF LOVE -** Made a promising debut before winning in good order at Le Mans. Looks a progressive sort that has the capacity to double her money
- **11. KENTUCKY VALLEY -** Can prove a handful but left a good impression here last month. Races at a higher level this time but will still have her supporters
- **12. KATE GEDE -** Well beaten here last month but made amends at Fougères, insufficiently however to warrant much support
- **13. KATHLEEN D'ECOTAY -** Won first time out but somewhat lacklustre at La Capelle. Should not be too hastily judged though and is worth retaining
- **14. KALINE DE VIRE -** Winner on debut at Chartres mid-March. Has had time to freshen up and even at this level should give a decent account
- **15. KEYPTOWN -** Showed decent aptitude before opening her account earlier in the month. Appears to have a good turn of foot which she can put to good use once again
- **16. KIARA DES MONTS -** In the frame in both starts going left-handed. Has decent speed and is worth monitoring

Summary: A rather open affair this but a tentative nod must go the way of KEY OF LOVE (10) who opened her account in fine fashion at Le Mans earlier in the month. She will face opposition from KALINA PRINCESS (8) who scored last month at the first time of asking, and KEYPTOWN (15) who deserves to take her chance at this level after winning at Evreux. KALINE DE VIRE (14) was also victorious on her debut and similarly merits respect.

SELECTIONS

KEY OF LOVE (10) - KALINA PRINCESS (8) - KEYPTOWN (15) - KALINE DE VIRE (14)

C8 - PRIX DE SAINT-PIERRE-LA-COUR - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 21.000

- **1. JEWEL SKILL -** Made a lacklustre debut in the other code earlier this month and chances of making any impact here appear slim to none
- 2. **JAPHET SNOB** Disappointing in all four harness starts to date and chances limited first time under the saddle
- 3. JOY DIVISION Disappointing so far in the other code and chances appear slim at best
- **4. JOYAU DE JANZE -** Sanctioned more often than not but ability is not in doubt and if focused can figure prominently
- **5. JAVA ALINA -** Showed progress a level down here a fortnight ago but in this company has no realistic chance
- **6. JET ROYAL -** Italian import that has struggled since coming to France and switching codes is unlikely to prove a silver bullet
- **7. JEUNE ET JOLIE -** Not the most reliable of fillies but has won in this branch of the business. Has struggled of late though and needs to reassure
- **8. JINNEE DE TAGOR -** Has taken well to her new vocation. Superb in last three starts and even though stepping up in class still has a lot to offer
- **9. JAMES OF CARLY -** Delicate but undeniably talented. Has one race under his belt this term and with Alexandre Abrivard on board will be afforded every chance
- **10. JEAN DE LA LUNE -** Hardy sort that gave a good account under harness here earlier in the month. Is made for the monté game and debuts with a leading rider in the saddle. Claim
- **11. JIPEBE -** Acquits himself well for the most part when focused and is confirmed at Laval. Quickly sanctioned last time but can play a role if he gets off on the right foot
- **12. JACQUARD MADRIK -** Made a fine monté debut mid-month and returns to the code with legitimate ambition
- 13. JARNIBLEU Has placed just twice in 20 career starts and can be confidently ruled out
- **14. JOS DU JAL -** Course and distance winner last summer but below-par this season and even with front pads fitted is unlikely to shake things up
- **15. JENTIL DIESCHOOT** Dependability not his strong suit and has yet to make his mark under the saddle but he is clearly capable and it is only a matter of time
- **16. JO DE CAZOULENE** Won on monté debut earlier in the year but has since gone off the boil and will have few friends
- **17. JUTLAND DE TILLARD -** Faithful trotter in both codes. Pleased at Caen recently, is well-entered and in similar form can get in on the action

Summary: A faithful servant under harness, JEAN DE LA LUNE (10) takes his first steps in the monté discipline and with Eric Raffin in the irons could well get straight down to business. He will however be up against the delicate but clearly talented JAMES OF CARLY (9) who races unshod behind for the first time, and the promising JOYAU DE JANZE (4) who lost his action here two weeks ago. JUTLAND DE TILLARD (17) consistently gives his best and in present condition looks a decent place chance.

SELECTIONS

JEAN DE LA LUNE (10) - JAMES OF CARLY (9) - JOYAU DE JANZE (4) - JUTLAND DE TILLARD (17)