

SATURDAY, 28/02/26

C1 - PRIX DE BONNEUIL - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 46,000

1. **MERRY RIVER** - Has pleased in 3 since running 3rd over track and trip on New Year's Day. Starts on the rail but will appreciate the mobile start and cannot be ruled out
2. **DAY AND NIGHT** - Showed a liking for these conditions when 2nd in a Class B last October. Showed her form at San Siro earlier in the month and the draw will do her chances no disservice
3. **MESSINA** - Complicated filly but has ample ability. Goes barefoot following a pair of return runs but still appears to have too much to do
4. **MANHATTAN RAIN** - Has ample ability but has been eliminated in last 6 starts. Hind shoes off this time, and has previously won for Mathieu Mottier, but other more trustworthy options available
5. **MILADY OF PARIS** - Made up for New Year's Day elimination when dominating a Class D over course and distance a fortnight ago. Has a lot going for her here and will justifiably garner considerable support
6. **MELINA SUPREME** - 3rd under these conditions 3 weeks ago before coming 6th behind GLAMOUR GIO (16) in a 2700m Class D here 9 days later. Nicolas Bazire in the bike this time and should not be written off
7. **MASAI MARA** - Solid as a rock in both Vincennes starts, both under these conditions. Will have been specifically prepared for this and can get straight back in the game
8. **GITANA FLAMENCO** - Progressive filly that made short work of her Vincennes bow late last month. Will be more comfortable over 2100m and will be expected to extend her perfect Vincennes record
9. **GIAVA WISE L** - Has shown decent aptitude in her native Italy. Has not been seen since early-November though and others easier to back this time
10. **GINEAH DANCE** - Modest sort that has yet to show any liking for Vincennes conditions and is not about to start now
11. **GOOGLE BLUE GRIF** - Showed improvement when 5th, a place behind GLAMOUR GIO (16), in a 2700m Class D here 12 days ago. Will appreciate the drop in trip and even from the 2nd row can still put in a good showing
12. **GENNYFER SELFS** - Takes her chances in France for the first time after having pleased at home in Naples earlier in the month, but already looks thoroughly outclassed
13. **TULIPE OASIS** - Looked ordinary on comeback over longer here on 16 February. Franck Nivard reining this time but has little else going for her here
14. **MUSIQUE CLASSIQUE** - Unexceptional type that was not particularly convincing on re-entry here earlier in the month. Hind shoes off this time but still not a concern
15. **GENEVE KB FONT** - Takes a big hike in category after a modest effort in Milan and the draw will do her no favours
16. **GLAMOUR GIO** - Never far from faulting but ran encouraging 4th in a 2700m Class D here 12 days ago and despite having pulled a tough number, still looks good enough to get in on the action

Summary: Impressive at home in Italy, GITANA FLAMENCO (8) came to Vincennes late last month and ran away with a 2700m Class D. She returns to a more familiar distance and even though drawn wide still looks the one to beat. MILADY OF PARIS (5) though, set her personal-best time when imposing under these conditions a fortnight ago and is better-placed behind the car. Fine 2nd on her sole appearance here, DAY AND NIGHT (2) will be reconfigured for the occasion and should not disappoint. MASAI MARA (7) may not have been seen out since September but she thrives with Eric Raffin and will be competitively-shod for the first time.

SELECTIONS

GITANA FLAMENCO (8) - MILADY OF PARIS (5) - DAY AND NIGHT (2) - MASAI MARA (7)

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C2 - PRIX FRANCK ANNE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR € 90,000

1. **MIRA DE FROULAY** - Takes a notable dip in category after finishing unplaced in a 2100m Gr.2 here 3 weeks ago, but still seems to be out of her depth
2. **MISTRAL DU BOIS** - Won 2 on the trot over course and distance before coming 4th in a 2925m Cagnes Gr.3 2.5 weeks ago. Takes on a much better bunch this time but will be competitively-shod and reined by Eric Raffin
3. **MOUFFETARD** - Useful colt that ran close 2nd in a 2925m Cagnes Gr.3 on 21 January. Faces a significantly tougher test this time though and is unlikely to influence the result
4. **MUST ATOUT** - Produced a 22-1 surprise when 3rd to MINUTY DU GERS (9) in 2850m Gr.3 Prix d'Orthez here a fortnight ago. Not as competitively-shod this time but is still one to keep an eye on
5. **MAESTRO RIVER** - Showed early promise but lost his way last summer and has shown little sign of a return to form
6. **MOSTRA DE BANVILLE** - Kicked the year off successfully with Gr.3 success and could have confirmed next time had she not faulted. Unlucky 4th to MINUTY DU GERS (9) in 2850m Gr.3 Prix d'Orthez here a fortnight ago and looks competitive once more
7. **MASINA DE TILLARD** - Serious filly making just 2nd start back. Sports pads for first time but is being prepared for a monte campaign
8. **MAKE YOUR DAY** - Talented and progressive colt that ran flat when heavily-backed in race of reference, his first start for 2 months. Will have come on for the run though and looks particularly competitive this time around
9. **MINUTY DU GERS** - First-rate colt that made it 4 in a row when comfortably winning 2850m Gr.3 Prix d'Orthez here a fortnight ago. Is unbeaten in 4 starts over 2700m here and looks primed to add a 5th
10. **MAYA DU SURF** - Lost her action 200m out in 15 February race of reference. Was plainly going well that day and, with stride in check, can more than make amends
11. **MAKE A DREAM** - Unlucky 6th to MINUTY DU GERS (9) in 2850m Gr.3 Prix d'Orthez here a fortnight ago. Is clearly in fine shape and, if kept out of trouble, is unlikely to be far off the mark
12. **MAGICO DE LOU** - Sprang something of a surprise when landing Gr.3 Prix d'Avignon in late-January, then came 5th in race of reference. Is unlikely to get his nose in front but can still make first 5
13. **MY PRINCESS** - Complicated but useful filly making first appearance since late-October. Takes a dip in category, and will be barefoot, but is expected to need the race
14. **MADemoiselle JANE** - Fine servant with excellent monte credentials. Here for reasons of conditioning and will have other ambitions
15. **MONZON NORMAND** - Has not been the sharpest of trotters here this winter but takes a dip in class and, considering the entry, is worth a second look

Summary: MINUTY DU GERS (9) has simply gone from strength to strength over recent months, latterly dominating the Gr.3 Prix d'Orthez, and is going to take all the beating. Sent for a rest after winning the Gr.3 Prix Albert Rayon in December, MAYA DU SURF (10) was eliminated on comeback that day, when clearly full of running, and must be taken more seriously this time. MAKE YOUR DAY (8) also failed to deliver on re-entry but he is a colt whose limits have yet to be defined and is not incapable of setting the cat among the pigeons. MAKE A DREAM (11) would have finished closer than 6th on that occasion had he not endured some misfortune, and Julien Dubois runs him first-time barefoot.

SELECTIONS

MINUTY DU GERS (9) - MAYA DU SURF (10) - MAKE YOUR DAY (8) - MAKE A DREAM (11)

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C3 - PRIX DE CHAMPTOCE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59,000

1. **INTELLO DE CHENU** - Lost his way late last season but has merit. Is barefoot for re-entry and, while not a priority, is not to be written off either
2. **INDOCILE** - Has been racing rather modestly for a number of months and even though in competition-mode this time, is still not a player
3. **IVANA DES RACQUES** - Dependable for the most part but went off the boil in late 2025 and has just the one race under her belt
4. **I STILL LOVING YOU** - Simply excellent for past 2.5 months, latterly winning a Nantes Class E mid-January. Alexandre Abrivard back in the bike and is easy to like for the double
5. **HUGO DU BOURG** - Surprise winner at Amiens in early-December, but has twice failed to confirm and, even though shod to preference, still has too much to do
6. **IBIZA EVENING** - Convincing winner of a Cagnes Class D on 23 January before chasing home a very good horse in better company 2.5 weeks ago, and will be dangerous if she takes to the new profile
7. **IERMES DE GUEZ** - Returns to preferred configuration, and steps back up in category, after running 3rd in a claimer over course and distance on 22 January. A repeat, however, seems most improbable
8. **IDYLLE DU PERSIL** - Seldom gets her nose in front but always gives what she can. Will be fit by now, is barefoot for first goal of the year, and with Mathieu Mottier back in the bike, will be given every chance
9. **HIGOR DAIRPET** - Pleasant 6th of 16 on re-entry in a Class D here last week but is not about to confirm
10. **IMAGE D'ATALANTE** - Has not been handed the best of draws but showed her form in good company over course and distance on 3 February. Shod as she was at Nantes and will be no pushover
11. **IN RACE LORRAINE** - Won 3 January race of reference but was less-performant in 3 since then. Is useful when focused though and Florian Desmigneux gets the nod this time
12. **IZIJAL** - An absolute dynamo in the day's configuration. Showed great tenacity in victory here earlier in the month, from a bad draw. Is not well-positioned this time either but is still easy to recommend
13. **HENZO DE CARSI** - Gives a good account for the most part when focused but has yet to convince this year and others preferred
14. **GLOUGLOU D'EMI** - Has done nothing noteworthy since imposing at Lisieux last November. Is fitted with pads this time and can be confidently disregarded
15. **GALOPIN DE BIANCA** - Not the most reliable horse in the field but ran 2nd in a 2700m Class D here 2 months ago. Is barefoot for comeback but the draw limits his chances to a minor place prospect
16. **IN EN VRIE** - Has done little of note since December 2024. Sports a fresh configuration but still has no possible chance

Summary: Like a horse reborn over recent months, I STILL LOVING YOU (4) put in a fine performance to run 2nd here in early-January before going on to win at Nantes. IN RACE LORRAINE (11) beat him that day and, even with 4 pads fitted, looks competitive, but may first have to defer to IZIJAL (12) who finished 3rd that day prior to imposing here on 1 February, and IBIZA EVENING (6) who makes her Vincennes bow after turning a corner on the Riviera recently.

SELECTIONS

I STILL LOVING YOU (4) - IZIJAL (12) - IBIZA EVENING (6) - IN RACE LORRAINE (11)

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C4 - PRIX D'ARGENTON-SUR-CREUSE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. MARCHAND DE REVE** - Reliability not his strong suit but courageously secured a Class D over course and distance 2.5 weeks ago. On the inside this time and in better company, but still warrants respect
- 2. GAUDI LAKSMY** - Facile winner over 2600m in Naples mid-January, on first start back. Races barefoot for the occasion and from the 2-spot can wrap this up
- 3. MERMOZ** - Has not been seen out since being soundly beaten here 2 months ago. Sports a fresh configuration but is still out of his depth
- 4. MON PLAISIR** - Showed promise last season but has been off the boil over recent months and must first re-establish his credentials
- 5. MARLEY DE BAILLE** - Has shown decent aptitude for both codes but was less than convincing behind MISTER MOMO (12) in a 2700m Class D here a fortnight back. Is reconfigured, with his trainer reining this time, and from the 5-spot should not be ruled out
- 6. GOELICHER ST** - Useful Italian colt but has yet to take to main track conditions. Gabriele Gelormini in the bike this time though and, with application, can give this a good go
- 7. MADMAX JEF** - Reverts to previous configuration after running 4th behind MISTER MOMO (12) in a 2700m Class D here a fortnight back. Starts on front line and the drop in trip may be just what the doctor ordered
- 8. MEGINO** - Not the worst horse here but was eliminated on re-entry here last Sunday. Has been re-shod for the occasion and is not about to spring any surprises
- 9. MANDELA SEVEN** - Failed to confirm Boxing Day success when last but one in 15 February race of reference, and is unlikely to create an upset
- 10. GIOIELLO ROC** - Useful in his native Italy but eliminated in last 2. Hind shoes back on but still not a concern
- 11. TRIGUELUS** - Good, consistent Belgian colt taking his chances across the border for the first time. On back line, but will be first-time barefoot with Eric Raffin in the bike. First 5
- 12. MISTER MOMO** - Beaten only by a very good horse on his barefoot debut here mid-month. Is clearly on the right road and despite a 2nd row break must still be considered a leading contender
- 13. MURO** - Capable colt making first start since May 2025 and will not be given a hard race
- 14. MOZART SAUTONNE** - Lightly-raced but always gives his best. 3rd in a 2700m Class D on comeback here 11 days ago and despite the tough draw, still looks a major player

Summary: Considered good enough to run the Italian Derby, GAUDI LAKSMY (2) may not have delivered that day, but he got straight down to business on his comeback last month and, barefoot for the first time, makes his Vincennes bow with a realistic chance making it a victorious one. MOZART SAUTONNE (14) has been less fortunate with the draw but he gave a fine account here early last week and, also first-time barefoot, will be no easy touch. MISTER MOMO (12) returns to a distance he appreciates after having impressed over longer 2 weeks ago and, even from the 2nd line, can play an important part. MADMAX JEF (7) has been reconfigured for his first start under these particular conditions and in current form is hard to ignore.

SELECTIONS

GAUDI LAKSMY (2) - MOZART SAUTONNE (14) - MISTER MOMO (12) - MADMAX JEF (7)

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C5 - PRIX DU PLATEAU DE GRAVELLE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR € 90,000

1. MAIN STAGE - Unexceptional Finnish raider that was trounced in a Class A here 3 weeks ago and even running barefoot will have nothing to contribute

2. ISOFOU DU CHENE - Going strongly when eliminated in Gr.3 Prix du Luxembourg before running 3rd, a place behind HORATIUS D'ELA (3), in a 2850m Class B here 11 days ago. Is plainly in excellent shape and has a realistic chance of making the frame once more

3. HORATIUS D'ELA - Did not enjoy the best of trips but nevertheless ran good 2nd in a 2850m Class B here on 17 February. Has little chance of winning this but can still compete for a step on the podium

4. KSAR - Sprang something of a surprise when close 2nd to IDEAL DU ROCHER (6) in a 2100m Class A here 3 weeks ago. Takes on a better lot this time but, with form maintained, can finish in the mix

5. HYMNE DU GERS - Has shown improvement since the turn of the year but finds himself in superior company this time and is not a player

6. IDEAL DU ROCHER - Back under harness after failing to deliver under the saddle here a fortnight ago. Has solid credentials under these conditions and should show a different side this time around

7. COBRA KILLER GAR - Terrific individual that consistently gives everything he has. Made short work of a 2100m Class A here early last month, comes here fresh, and will be reunited with Gabriele Gelormini. Claim

8. HIDALGO DES NOES - Has not been seen out since running 4th in a Bordeaux Gr.3 on 26 December. Races shod this time and can be ignored

9. HULYSSE DIGEO - 3rd, a place behind HORCHESTRO (13) in Gr.3 2100m Prix du Luxembourg on 24 January. Has been underestimated in 2 straight and it might prove unwise to doubt him again

10. EAST ASIA - Ran 2nd in Gr.1 Prix Bold Eagle last winter but has been disappointing over recent months. Races barefoot this time but others still preferred

11. GENDREEN - Moderate veteran returning to Vincennes on a hat-trick of eliminations and will have few friends

12. HANNIBAL TUILERIE - Back under harness after running 5th in a monte Gr.3 here on 15 February. Is confirmed at this level but looks no more than a minor place prospect this time

13. HORCHESTRO - Runner-up in 2 consecutive Gr.3s, latterly by the smallest of margins in 2100m Prix du Luxembourg on 24 January, and will be expected to bring the fight to COBRA KILLER GAR (7)

Summary: A wonderful campaigner with an enviable strike-rate, COBRA KILLER GAR (7) has won 14 of his last 17 starts, most recently with consummate ease, and will be well-backed to repeat. He does, however, face a serious threat this time in the form of a barefoot HORCHESTRO (13) who has been knocking at the door. HORATIUS D'ELA (3) just had the measure of ISOFOU DU CHENE (2) here recently, although Paul Ploquin's mount looks a better bet on this occasion. Just headed in a Class A here early this month, KSAR (4) will not be available at 16-1 this time.

SELECTIONS

COBRA KILLER GAR (7) - HORCHESTRO (13) - ISOFOU DU CHENE (2) - HORATIUS D'ELA (3)

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C6 - PRIX HENRI DESMONTILS - 2850m (a2m) - Gr1 - Mounted - EUR € 240,000

1. KISS ME HONEY - Ran 2nd to KEENGAME (5) in Gr.1 Prix Bilibili in mid-December, at 90-1. Returns to the code after winning a harness Class E but still faces a stiff test

2. L'ECRIN D'OR - Gr.1 Prix Jag de Bellouet winner in December before running 3rd in Gr.2 Prix Paul Bastard a fortnight ago. Takes on some better older horses this time but will be barefoot for the occasion and can play a small role

3. HEURISTIQUE - Returned to winning ways in a Class B over course and distance 3 weeks ago but at this level can expect to have few friends

4. JE M'ENVOLE - Put in quite the performance to come 3rd in Gr.1 Prix de l'Ile-de-France here early this month. Sports similar shoeing and won a Gr.2 last time under these conditions. Chance

5. KEENGAME - Lost her action in Prix de Cornulier but ran reassuring 4th behind JE M'ENVOLE (4) in 2175m Gr.1 Prix de l'Ile-de-France here on 1 February. Has excelled for the most part this winter and can again finish close

6. HALFA - Gave a fine account to run 6th, close to JEROBOAM D'ERABLE (7), in Prix de Cornulier last month, but was found wanting next time and is unlikely to spice things up

7. JEROBOAM D'ERABLE - Beat a host of these when 3rd in Gr.1 Prix de Cornulier over course and distance, and should not be condemned for faulting in Prix de l'Ile-de-France. With application can cap off a productive winter

8. JEAN BALTHAZAR - Left a fine impression when 4th in Gr.1 Prix de Cornulier. Was unable to repeat in race of reference, but should not be too quickly judged, and reverts to a previous configuration with a good hand to play

9. HIRONDELLE DU RIB - Won this race at 24-1 in 2025 but has failed to make any impact since and is not about to change her ways

10. IDEALE DU CHENE - 3rd in the 2025 edition, and has not got her nose in front since December 2024. Is aiming to end her season on a high note, however, and must not be underestimated

Summary: A top-tier trotter JEROBOAM D'ERABLE (7) ran a fine 3rd place in the Gr.1 Prix de Cornulier on 18 January before being eliminated in the Gr.1 Prix de l'Ile-de-France over shorter here 2 weeks later. Respectively 5th and 6th in the same 2 races, IDEALE DU CHENE (10) may not have lived up to expectations but he can still turn the tables on JE M'ENVOLE (4) and Prix Bilibili winner, KEENGAME (5), who finished ahead of her that day.

SELECTIONS

JEROBOAM D'ERABLE (7) - IDEALE DU CHENE (10) - JE M'ENVOLE (4) - KEENGAME (5)

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C7 - PRIX DE MONTSOREAU - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 68,000

1. **JOSHUA PEJI** - A case of all-or-nothing every time he takes to the track. Flew up here last month only to be eliminated but, with stride in check this time, can apply the pressure on FREEDOM (NOR) (10)
2. **INSTANT D'HAUFOR** - Handy sort with a pair of conditioners in him since the lengthy layoff. Stays shod again and best to wait
3. **DIABEL** - Has hardly put a foot wrong since the start of the meeting, most recently 2nd of 11 in a Class B over track and trip. Seldom lets the side down when focused and can compete for a place in the picture
4. **NICE PRESENT** - Surprise 4th behind JOURNEE REVEE (5) in a Class D under these conditions mid-month, however confirmation seems most unlikely
5. **JOURNEE REVEE** - Pleasantly surprising 2nd of 14 in a Class D over track and trip a fortnight ago. Eric Raffin has been booked for the favourite this time but could still pick up some prizemoney
6. **GOLD D'ECROVILLE** - Could well have imposed in a 2850m Class B here, at 39-1, had he been afforded a run, however he can expect to have more to find this time
7. **DOZEN OF OYSTERS** - Came to France in the autumn after winning 4 straight in Finland. Should not be too hastily-condemned for recent elimination and, although not a contender, can nevertheless pick up a first-5 cheque
8. **JOJO TOONS** - Honest type making first start for 2 months. Seldom lets the side down when applied but may just be taking on too much this time
9. **TURE L.A.** - Serious Swedish element that gave a fine account here last month before trying his hand in the other code. Is confirmed over a similar trip and should be good enough to finish in the mix
10. **FREEDOM (NOR)** - Excellent servant returning to the capital on a 3-timer. Trainer passes the reins to his brother who has already won with him, and who can do so again
11. **HALO AM** - Respectable for the most part but has been taking on too much lately and would be preferred more competitively-shod
12. **HOMARD LAND** - Opened his Vincennes account in a Class C under these conditions on 24 January. David Thomain gets the nod this time and will be quietly confident of finishing close
13. **HISA DU MARGAS** - Won a 2100m Class D here on 10 December but ran unthreatening 6th behind DIABEL (3) in a mares-only Class B here on 6 February, and can be passed over
14. **ASTRONASCENTE ZAC** - Nicely-entered here but has been completely off the boil since the summer and can be ruled out

Summary: At the top of his game since last autumn, FREEDOM (NOR) (10) returns to Paris after winning a brace in the provinces and with Eric Raffin back in the bike has a realistic chance of completing the hat-trick. It will be no easy task though if the capricious JOSHUA PEJI (1) manages to stay in stride from one end of the race to the other. HOMARD LAND (12) is nicely-engaged here and imposed with ease under these very conditions late last month. DIABEL (3) takes on the boys this time but takes a dip in category and should be competitive at the business end of affairs.

SELECTIONS

FREEDOM (NOR) (10) - JOSHUA PEJI (1) - HOMARD LAND (12) - DIABEL (3)

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C8 - PRIX DE SELECTION - PX FACE TIME BOURBON - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Gr1 - Harness - EUR € 240,000

- 1. MARVINA BELLA** - Has started to make good on her promise but is not cut from the same cloth as others here and will have limited prospects
- 2. MIDWAY LADY** - Acquitted herself well on re-entry when close 2nd to MAITRE JACQUES (5) in Gr.2 Prix Ephrem Houel 2 weeks ago, but in the presence of hardened older horses, is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 3. MAGIC MAN** - Has merit but eliminated in 3 of last 4. Is competitively-shod for first time, with Eric Raffin reining, but in this company chances seem slim
- 4. MAESTRO VRIE** - Most impressive winner of Gr.1 Prix Ourasi here on 24 January, when competitively-shod for the first time, and will need to be taken more seriously this time
- 5. MAITRE JACQUES** - Gave a fine account in Gr.1 Prix Ready Cash before lifting Gr.2 Prix Ephrem Houel 2 weeks ago. Is seldom far from the action when focused and must be respected
- 6. KEMIA DU CHENE** - Honest mare that always gives her best but is not up to the task at hand and can be passed over
- 7. L'AS DESBOIS** - Made it 3 victories from 4 starts when comfortably winning Gr.2 Prix Ovide Moulinet here 3 weeks ago and, with form maintained, could well double his money
- 8. LIZA JOSSELYN** - High-class mare returning to racing barefoot after running 5th to L'AS DESBOIS (7) in Gr.2 Prix Ovide Moulinet, and will be well-backed to win impose this time
- 9. LOVINO BELLO** - By almost a half-second, is the fastest horse in the field under these conditions. Is the richest horse here for a reason and will be expected to contest the finish

Summary: Barefoot as she always is when competing at this level, LIZA JOSSELYN (8) encounters none of those she met when 3rd in the Gr.1 Prix Bold Eagle recently and can return to successful ways. Third to L'AS DESBOIS (7) in the Gr.2 Prix Ovide Moulinet, LOVINO BELLO (9) looks thoroughly capable of turning the tables. It was at 40-1 that MAESTRO VRIE (4) won the Gr.1 Prix Ourasi late last month and the question regarding whether it was a fluke or not is still unanswered.

SELECTIONS

LIZA JOSSELYN (8) - LOVINO BELLO (9) - L'AS DESBOIS (7) - MAESTRO VRIE (4)

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C9 - PRIX DES CENTAURES - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Gr1 - Mounted - EUR € 240,000

- 1. MANITAS DE TRUCHON** - Surprise winner of Gr.2 Prix Raoul Ballière over course and distance 3 months ago, but has done little of note since and, even from the front row, can be passed over
- 2. MELODY DE VIVOIN** - 3rd of 9, a place behind MISS DES BESACES (3), in Gr.2 Prix de Pardieu over course and distance on 17 January, but failed to confirm 3 weeks ago, and others easier to support
- 3. MISS DES BESACES** - Useful filly that has been pleasing in her own age-group, and ran 2nd in Gr.2 Prix de Pardieu over course and distance last month. Will be barefoot and the 25m head-start will do her prospects no disservice
- 4. KATCHINA FOR CLARA** - Respectable mare but is out of her league at this level of competition and is unlikely to shake things up
- 5. LOVISSIME** - Made up for some modest runs when easily winning a Class A over track and trip early this month, but in this company will have her work cut out
- 6. KOBAYASHI** - Alternates well between the 2 disciplines and has been showing his form this winter. Pleased on re-entry when 2nd in a 2700m harness Gr.3 here and, although not a contender, still looks capable of making first 5
- 7. LISBONNE DRY** - Not the most reliable but has form at this level. Applied the pressure on LIONHEART (10) last time out and looks a major player
- 8. LEXIE DE BANVILLE** - Has not been as sharp since winning the Gr.1 Prix de Vincennes here last winter. Encouraged in Gr.2 Prix Paul Bastard a fortnight ago and can play a small part
- 9. KELLY DE BANVILLE** - Placed in 3 before running flat in Gr.3 Prix Léon Tacquet here in early-January. Has had time to recalibrate and should not be overlooked
- 10. LIONHEART** - Has not put a foot wrong in last 5 months. Has nothing to prove at this level and his course-and-distance results speak for themselves. Claim
- 11. KAPAULA DE L'EPINE** - Eliminated in Prix de Cornulier but reassured with Gr.1 victory just a fortnight later. Presents excellent credentials under these conditions and has a reasonable chance of bringing the fight to LIONHEART (10)
- 12. KYT KAT** - Has not been as sharp this winter as hoped. Has had this race on his agenda for some time though and will have been prepared accordingly. Place chance

Summary: Simply superb in this branch of the business, LIONHEART (10) was forced to watch London secure the Gr.2 Prix Paul Bastard earlier this month but he will race barefoot this time and is going to take all the beating. Eric Raffin will still want to be wary of the tricky but immensely talented KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (11) who lifted the Gr.1 Prix de l'Ile-de-France earlier in the month. Although eliminated that day, KYT KAT (12) is very much at home over 2175m and, if applied, can fill a step on the podium. Runner-up to the favourite in the Gr.2 Prix Camille Blaisot late last month, LISBONNE DRY (7) returns to racing barefoot and must be taken more seriously this time.

SELECTIONS

LIONHEART (10) - KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (11) - KYT KAT (12) - LISBONNE DRY (7)

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C10 - PRIX DE GUER-COETQUIDAN - 2850m (a2m) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 52,000

1. **GENTIAN KRONOS** - Tricky Italian import that was given an easy introduction to Vincennes 12 days ago. Is still in conditioning-mode and can be ruled out
2. **TROTTER PAVILLON** - Well-beaten 6th of 8 in a 2700m Class B here on 3 February and appears to have nothing to offer
3. **MISS MATTERS** - Beaten runner-up to GUARDAMI (4) in a class D over course and distance late last month and will need to find more
4. **GUARDAMI** - Stylish winner of a Class D over course and distance a month back. Takes on a better bunch this time but still looks competitive for a place in the frame
5. **GAGA LADY (ITY)** - Was headed by MISS DISCO (11) in a 2700m Class D here on 16 February, her first start at the venue. Goes barefoot again and is unlikely to disappoint
6. **GOGGIA** - Unremarkable 5th in a 2700m Class B here early this month and is unlikely to shake things up
7. **MALICE DE FRECA** - Given a rest after comfortably winning a 2100m Class D here in early-December. Eric Raffin has stayed faithful and will afford her a competitive drive. First 5
8. **MISSLADY DU VICLAU** - Has shown marked improvement since the turn of the year. Sports a fresh configuration but is still being aimed too high
9. **MUSCADE LEMAN** - Has not been seen out since August 2025. Races barefoot for the first time but will need the run
10. **MAGIQUE HAUFOR** - Went from back-marker to fast-finishing 4th in a 2700m Class B here on 3 February. Is new to 2850m here but still looks the pick of the field
11. **MISS DISCO** - Ran 4th to MAGIQUE HAUFOR (10) on 17 January before winning a 2700m Class D, after a superb drive from Eric Raffin, a month later. Keeps on improving and looks main danger to Damien Bonne's filly
12. **MY GIRL PIYA** - Never far from faulting but has bags of ability. Was quickly eliminated here last month but can play a part if David Thomain assures her initial strides
13. **MY DARLING DU RIS** - Twice 2nd here last month before losing her action in a 2100m Class A here last week. Will be barefoot for the first time but would be preferred in a marginally lower category
14. **MORNING NEWS** - Useful filly with one race under her belt since the Christmas break. Goes first-time barefoot and, if there is a spoiler here, this is it
15. **MOUSKIE DE GUEZ** - Tricky element but has shown considerable potential. Returns to racing barefoot and will not be far from the action if Nicolas Bazire manages to keep her trotting

Summary: MAGIQUE HAUFOR (10) put on quite the show here earlier in the month despite only finishing 4th, and has every chance of returning to winning ways if Damien Bonne keeps her in touch this time. A fast-finishing MISS DISCO (11) just pipped GAGA LADY (ITY) (5) here earlier in the month and they look set to do battle again. Tricky Italian filly, GUARDAMI (4), opened her French account late last month, on her first appearance for Mathieu Mottier's yard.

SELECTIONS

MAGIQUE HAUFOR (10) - MISS DISCO (11) - GAGA LADY (ITY) (5) - GUARDAMI (4)