

SATURDAY, 31/01/26

C1 - PRIX DE DOZULE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 - Mounted - EUR € 80,000

1. MICH D'OCCAGNES - Imposed on November comeback before coming close 2nd to GILLES GRIF (5) in a 2175m Class B on 27 December. Takes on a better lot this time but still has the wherewithal to get in on the action

2. MUNHOA VEDAQUAISE - Quality but tricky filly that opened her main-track account last Saturday when dominating a 2175m Class B. Has significant untapped potential and climbs the category-ladder with a good hand to play

3. MIRATISSIME - Opened her monte account on Boxing Day before losing her action in a Gr.2 a fortnight back, and will have nothing to bring to the party

4. MAGNOLIADARCHE - Pleased here last spring before losing his way. Out of the picture in last 8 starts and others easier to back

5. GILLES GRIF - Won a 2175m Class B on monte debut late last month prior to coming 3rd, a place behind MEPHISTO DU CLOS (6), in Gr.3 Prix d'Enghien over 2700m here on 4 January, and has every chance of making the frame once again

6. MEPHISTO DU CLOS - In the frame in last 4, most recently 2nd in Gr.3 Prix d'Enghien over 2700m here on 4 January. Will not have Mhum Flyng to contend with this time and looks main threat to MILOR DE LA VALLEE (7)

7. MILOR DE LA VALLEE - Put in quite the showing when 3rd in Gr.1 Prix de Vincennes over course and distance on 14 December. Has had time to get back in shape and enjoys a decent chance of imposing this time

8. MACK DAIRPET - Makes first appearance since completing the hat-trick on 20 November. Returns fresh and, with hind shoes off this time, can play a leading role

9. MELBA DU GERS - Finished last of 7 on monte debut in a 2175m Gr.2 here 2 weeks ago. Alexandre Abrivard aboard this time but still not a concern

Summary: A fine servant that finished a close 3rd in the Gr.1 Prix de Vincennes in mid-December, MILOR DE LA VALLEE (7) will be partnered once more by Eric Raffin who can be forgiven for feeling confident of winning this. He will still be mindful of maiden MEPHISTO DU CLOS (6) who has been knocking at the door since September, and GILLES GRIF (5) who has turned a corner since switching codes. MACK DAIRPET (8) completed the hat-trick in November when running away with the Gr.3 Prix Urgent and, competitively-shod for re-entry, will be no easy touch.

SELECTIONS

MILOR DE LA VALLEE (7) - MEPHISTO DU CLOS (6) - GILLES GRIF (5) - MACK DAIRPET (8)

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**C2 - PRIX DE COURTEMER - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
35,000**

1. LOVELY DU RABUTIN - Has shown improvement since starting to race barefoot. Faces a significantly better bunch this time however and, even though barefoot, chances still appear limited

2. L'ELITE DU CHOQUEL - Eliminated when going well at Mauquenchy 10 days ago. Has no Vincennes references but is capable on a good day and David Thomain has been drafted in for the occasion

3. LADY BOSSE - Surprise 4th of 12 in a Class E over course and distance on 6 January. Is not the most dependable horse in the field but, with application, could well repeat

4. LUDMILLA HAUFOR - Has been a shadow of her former self this term and will first need to reaffirm

5. LIBERTY JIEL - Made up for New Year's Day run when 3rd in a Class E under these conditions 11 days ago. Runs barefoot again and is in with a realistic shout of imposing this time

6. LALOU D'AMOUR - Moderate type that encouraged at Le Croise-Laroche in mid-December but failed to confirm at Argentan a week later and is unlikely to generate much interest

7. LONDON DELO - Unexceptional mare with just one run in her following a lengthy layoff. Stays shod and will have few, if any, takers

8. LOUISIANE PARIS - Opened 2026 account at first time of asking, winning an Argentan Class F on 8 January. Finds herself in better company here but should nevertheless hold her own

9. LOVE ME BECO - Has taken relatively well to Vincennes conditions but clearly has more to give. Has been reconfigured for the occasion and should prove competitive for a place in the frame

10. LUDIVINE DE BAILLY - Serious mare that has been acquitting herself competitively all winter. Tends to go well for Jean-Charles Piton and looks the main challenger to LIBERTY JIEL (5)

11. LUCKIS - Handy mare that has been struggling since late-autumn. Has shown little liking for the venue but has been re-shod and should not be entirely overlooked

12. LADY DE JANEIRO - Tricky mare but enjoys an excellent entry here. Returns to racing shod after failing to deliver at Argentan but, with stride in check, can get back in the game. First 5

Summary: LIBERTY JIEL (5) showed a different side to herself here recently when first-time barefoot. She has yet to disappoint with the same driver in the bike and is not about to start now. LUDIVINE DE BAILLY (10) has not put a foot wrong this winter and under these conditions can figure more prominently than she did behind Mathieu Mottier's mare 11 days ago. A place behind, LOVE ME BECO (9) sports a new formula this time and can play a more active role. LADY BOSSE (3) beat Jean-Charles Piton's horse under these conditions earlier in the month and with application can put in another good showing.

SELECTIONS

LIBERTY JIEL (5) - LUDIVINE DE BAILLY (10) - LOVE ME BECO (9) - LADY BOSSE (3)

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C3 - PRIX HENRI HELLARD - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 41,000

1. **ROCKY OASIS** - No slouch on a good day but can prove tricky. Has not been seen in the code since last March and even with Antonin Andre onboard is unlikely to create an upset
2. **ROXTON** - Is back barefoot, and debuts in the ridden code, after a necessary freshener under harness in Mons 11 days ago. Pierre-Yves Verva in the bike this time and is worth keeping an eye on
3. **KALIE D'URSIN** - Has been a write-off since winning here 2 years ago and can be confidently disregarded
4. **KARTING BOY** - Takes a notable dip in category after failing to deliver in a Class C here 2.5 weeks ago. Is ideally-entered here and Jean-Yann Ricart will be keen to make hay
5. **KALYPSO DU CAUX** - Occasionally a handful but otherwise always gives her best. Presents respectable credentials under these conditions and returns to the monte code with a good hand to play
6. **KIMY SIMARDIERE** - Has shown improvement since returning to the ridden game but will need to find more than he showed behind KOPRIORO (11) at Nantes on 19 January
7. **KALICO JACK** - Never far from losing his action but encouraged in a Class D over course and distance earlier in the month and, with application, can pick up some prizemoney
8. **KOUSINE MAJYC** - Imposed on re-entry on Christmas Eve prior to faulting when competitive in a 3000m Nantes Class E a fortnight ago. Is plainly in excellent shape and, superb when barefoot, looks the one to beat
9. **KID DES PLEIGNES** - Eliminated in first 2 monte starts before coming 4th behind KING OF RACE (14) in a 2175m Class F here on Christmas Day, but still has more to find
10. **ETOILE DU OZ** - Has a pair of runs under her belt, and will be barefoot for the occasion, but in this company has no possible chance
11. **KOPRIORO** - Has turned a corner since starting to race in current configuration. Is unbeaten with Victor Saussaye in the saddle and will be competitive for the 3-timer
12. **ORLANDO VIVA** - Has looked decidedly ordinary since coming to France. Eliminated on re-entry last month, first time under the saddle, and can be passed over
13. **KEROS DE BEAULIEU** - Acquits himself well for the most part, and is confirmed at this level, but still needs to raise his game
14. **KING OF RACE** - Produced career-best ridden performance here on Christmas Day but has twice failed to confirm and will have few friends
15. **LOVEISLOVE PELLINI** - Has shown decent aptitude at home in Sweden but looked very ordinary in Gothenburg last month and is unlikely to spring any surprises
16. **KENNETH DU CLOS** - Returns to racing with front pads after prepping for this at Nantes mid-month. Is reunited with Guillaume Martin for the occasion and is unlikely to be far off the mark
17. **KELLY D'ERABLE** - Showed her form in a Class E under these conditions on 15 January. Has raced just once in this branch of the business but has a lot going for her here and Francois Lagadeuc will be legitimately confident of finishing in the mix

Summary: A good class of mare with excellent aptitude for both codes, KOUSINE MAJYC (8) lost her action when full of running at Nantes mid-month, but goes barefoot this time and Mathieu Mottier will be determined to put things right. She will, however, be up against KOPRIORO (11) who returns to Vincennes on a hat-trick, and KARTING BOY (4) who is back at a more reasonable level. KELLY D'ERABLE (17) has hind shoes back on for just his second start under the saddle, and Clement Thomain could not have hoped for a better entry.

SELECTIONS

KOUSINE MAJYC (8) - KOPRIORO (11) - KARTING BOY (4) - KELLY D'ERABLE (17)

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C4 - PRIX ANDRE LOUIS DREUX - 2850m (a2m) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 53,000

1. **NICE STEEL** - Got her Vincennes career off to a fine start mid-month, courageously winning a 2700m Class E. Takes on a better lot this time but looks thoroughly up to the task. First 5
2. **ELTYME** - Will have come on for her respectable re-entry here a month back. Has evident ability but still seems to be biting off more than she can chew
3. **EXMES AS** - Winner on Vincennes debut 11 days ago, comfortably securing a 2850m Class D over the inner course. Faces a tougher challenge this time over the main track and may just be taking on too much
4. **KACEY BELL** - An absolute write-off since placing on turf last autumn and appears to have nothing to offer
5. **KARVINA D'ELA** - Is not devoid of ability but has not been firing on all cylinders this term either and will need to get her house in order
6. **PERFECT** - Fine Swedish raider that placed over shorter on Vincennes debut last summer. Most recently ran 2nd in a 2700m monte Class D last month and, while not a priority, will still generate some interest
7. **KHAMSA** - Complicated mare but gave a reassuringly good account at Angers 10 days ago. Alexandre Abrivard in the bike this time and is not to be underestimated
8. **KAPELLA DAIRPET** - Serious sort making up for lost time on the sidelines, winning 2 on the trot over 2700m here. Is proven over 2850m of the main track and completing the hat-trick is well within her means
9. **KENNEDY STREET** - Made up for late-December effort when 4th behind KARLA DE BANVILLE (11) here earlier in the month. Has ground to make up but is still worth keeping an eye on
10. **KASBAH PERRINE** - Useful mare with better prospects in the other discipline. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
11. **KARLA DE BANVILLE** - Made up for faulting in the race of reference when 2nd in a 2175m Class D here on 4 January. Is plainly close to her race and with her trainer back in the bike can bring home the bacon this time
12. **KAROLENE D'ETANG** - Kicked the winter off superbly but has not been as performant in 2 since. Is still clearly a capable mare though and cannot be discounted
13. **KASSIOPEIA** - Good, consistent mare that has not put a foot wrong this winter, most recently coming 3rd in a 2700m Class C here on 20 December. Is entrusted to Pierre-Yves versa this time and will be afforded every chance
14. **ELISE ANA** - Tricky but talented individual returning to France after winning in Bologna last month. Has no particular love for Vincennes but ran 2nd under these conditions last winter though and the Eric Raffin-factor cannot be ignored
15. **KLASS HAUFOR** - Should not be too hastily-condemned for recent eliminations. Sports a fresh configuration and David Thomain will be eager to get her back on track. Place chance
16. **KUNAMATATA** - Got back in the game 2.5 weeks ago when easily securing a Cordemais Class D. Is plainly in fine fettle and will be no pushover if she takes to the new conditions

Summary: Difficult to knock when barefoot and focused, KARLA DE BANVILLE (11) goes over 2850m here for the first time, but gave a fine account earlier in the month and in similar form can impose. She will face resistance though from KAPELLA DAIRPET (8) who steps up in category after winning 2 straight here, and the well-engaged and reconfigured KLASS HAUFOR (15) whose return to the winners' circle is only a matter of time. KASSIOPEIA (13) beat a number of these horses, including the latter, here last month and looks game once more. KUNAMATATA (16) won here in November, most recently confirmed at Cordemais, has been reconfigured for the occasion, and is plainly another for the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KARLA DE BANVILLE (11) - KAPELLA DAIRPET (8) - KLASS HAUFOR (15) - KASSIOPEIA (13)

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C5 - PRIX D'AUBERVILLIERS - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 52,000

1. **HISTOIRE DU LUPIN** - Winner, or in the frame, in 7 consecutive starts before being eliminated in Bordeaux on Boxing Day. Is well-engaged here, will be barefoot, and looks closest danger to IRONIE DE CHENU (4)
2. **INKY PERRINE** - Has evident ability but also has a temperament. Eliminated in 4 of last 5 and others easier to trust
3. **IDOLE JALLERIE** - Never far from losing her action but flew up in a Chateaubriant Class F a fortnight ago. Races barefoot this time and can figure prominently if Franck Nivard keeps her trotting
4. **IRONIE DE CHENU** - Hard to knock when barefoot and with Eric Raffin reining. Should be fully fit by now and has every chance of winning this
5. **HELALI DE MONTCEAU** - Honest type that ran 6th to IDOLE JALLERIE (3) in a Chateaubriant Class F a fortnight ago. Races with pads this time and plainly has more to find
6. **IZZIE D'ERONVILLE** - Hardy element with nothing to prove at this level. Unplaced in last 2 but will be barefoot, with Matthieu Abrivard in the bike, and can contest a place on the podium
7. **IASELMA** - Dependable mare with few references over these shorter trips, but consistently gives her best and is unlikely to be far from the action
8. **IL PLEUT BERGERE** - Gave a decent account on comeback early last month when 6th behind HISTOIRE DU LUPIN (1) in a Graignes Class E. Will have come on for the race, pleased on sole appearance under these conditions, and cannot be ruled out
9. **HILLONA DE NESLE** - Tends to show more in the other code but is barefoot this time, with Mathieu Mottier reining, and even though drawn wide should nevertheless hold her own
10. **HOPPELA THEPOL** - Has been disappointing for a number of months. Handed a rough draw and can be ignored
11. **HEIDI DU BISET** - Came 2nd at Argentan before running 3rd in an amateurs Class F over course and distance last Saturday. Takes on a better lot this time and the draw will do her no favours
12. **IMAGE D'HERFRAIE** - Useful on a good day and has won under these conditions, but clearly has other ambitions
13. **ISIS DE SYVA** - Never the easiest of horses to gauge but can trot when applied. Has been freshly-reconfigured, with Alexandre Abrivard in the wagon this time, but still no more than a minor place prospect
14. **I FEEL PRETTY** - Has 4 runs in her since the break but has yet to show any semblance of form and must first re-establish her credentials

Summary: An excellent campaigner when barefoot and applied, IRONIE DE CHENU (4) won here last winter, boasts a fine record with her driver and, from the 4-spot can make this her own. She will still be forced to take on the serious HISTOIRE DU LUPIN (1) who adores Vincennes and who races barefoot for just the second time. Nicely-placed on the front row, IDOLE JALLERIE (3) returns to racing barefoot after having imposed at Chateaubriant and, with application, can go far. IASELMA (7) is considerably better than latest results might suggest and looks competitively well in.

SELECTIONS

IRONIE DE CHENU (4) - HISTOIRE DU LUPIN (1) - IDOLE JALLERIE (3) - IASELMA (7)

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C6 - PRIX DE LAVAL - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 62,000

- 1. LOUIS VITTON MIJO** - Easy winner over 2175m here last month, then lost his action in 2850m Class B on 14 January. Presents excellent credentials over track and trip though and on good behaviour will be dangerous
- 2. LUTIN VENESI** - Has pleased for the most part this term but was disappointing behind LUNELLA LEMAN (7) here a fortnight back and will need to find more
- 3. LUMINOSITY** - Gr.2-class mare with a pair of runs under her belt since the break. Goes barefoot for the occasion, with Eric Raffin in the bike, and even against the boys will have a part to play
- 4. LA STAR ROC** - Pleasant 5th behind LUTIN VENESI (2) in a 2850m Class B here on 14 December. Sports 4 pads this time though and is unlikely to shake things up
- 5. LUDIVINE** - Twice 2nd over 2850m here recently. Won over course and distance in November and even though stepping back up in class, still has a lot to contribute
- 6. LORD DELO** - Outclassed the opposition in a Class B over track and trip before the spell. Was eliminated on comeback but is patently in fine shape and can get back to winning ways if he stays in stride
- 7. LUNELLA LEMAN** - Won a 2175m Class C on 20 December then clinched victory in Gr.3 Prix de Mirande under these conditions 2 weeks ago. Is unlikely to secure the hat-trick but is unlikely to be available at 27-1 either
- 8. LARA DU GOUTIER** - Moderate type that was eliminated in Gr.1 Prix Bold Eagle here last weekend. Takes a big dip in class but still not an obvious choice
- 9. LORD DU BASSIN** - Excellent winner of a 2850m Class B here on 31 December. Takes on a better bunch this time but the nature of his success augurs particularly well for a repeat
- 10. LISSANDRO** - Trotter with buckets of talent but eliminated in 7 of last 8 and others easier to trust
- 11. LAPIS LAZULI** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but ran 3rd, a place behind LUDIVINE (5), in a 2850m Class B 2.5 weeks ago and, with his mind on the task, can again figure prominently

Summary: Sent for a spell after winning a Class B here in early-November, LORD DELO (6) showed his form despite being eliminated here 2.5 weeks ago. He has nothing to prove under these conditions and can wrap this up if Nicolas Bazire keeps him focused. The young handler will still be justifiably wary of LORD DU BASSIN (9) who won unopposed here a month ago. Runner-up to him that day before repeating here mid-month, LUDIVINE (5) is plainly close to her race and should again finish close, but may first have to defer to the difficult but talented, and reconfigured, LOUIS VITTON MIJO (1) who won 3 straight over course and distance last spring.

SELECTIONS

LORD DELO (6) - LORD DU BASSIN (9) - LOUIS VITTON MIJO (1) - LUDIVINE (5)

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C7 - PRIX DECIDEE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 40,000

1. **SAN DONATO** - Eliminated in Solvalla on monte debut in November. Subsequently eliminated on Vincennes debut under harness last Tuesday, and even with front pads fitted will have little to contribute
2. **LADIVA DE VILLABON** - Has taken particularly well to the ridden game, most recently 3rd to L'ORANGE (9) here earlier in the month, but still has too much ground to make up
3. **KLAUS VON HERTEN** - Switches codes for the first time after having enjoyed a fruitful run of form over recent months. Pierre-Yves Verva in the saddle for monte debut but may just be taking on too much
4. **ONANA BOKO** - Eliminated in all 3 starts since leaving the nordics, most recently a 2850m Class C here 2 weeks ago. Was plainly in good shape that day though and, on good behaviour, can begin to make amends
5. **LEADER DE SEVRE** - Eliminated when going well in a Class D over track and trip on 7 December. Comes here fresh and will not be far off the mark if Francois Lagadeuc keeps him focused
6. **LITTLELOU MATIDY** - Complicated but well-regarded mare racing with 4 pads for her first start since last May and best to keep one's powder dry
7. **LUNIK DU CHOQUEL** - Useful on a good day but has not been seen out since September and would be preferred alternatively configured
8. **LOVE BITES** - Good class of mare that should take well to the new discipline. Will be ridden by a top jockey and can make a big splash if she takes to the new conditions
9. **L'ORANGE** - Easily won a Class D over course and distance earlier in the month. Mathieu Mottier aboard this time and must be taken seriously
10. **LUXUEUSE DANICA** - In the frame in 3 of 4 starts over course and distance this term. Pleased at Nantes a fortnight ago and even though in better company can still pick up some prizemoney
11. **LABEL DE LARRE** - Has done little of note in either code since last March. Has been reconfigured but still looks an outsider
12. **LILIUS DE GUEZ** - Serious horse in this branch of the business and will be reunited with Eric Raffin. Sports a new configuration and with application can bring the fight to LOOKING D'AURCY (13)
13. **LOOKING D'AURCY** - Winner of both monte starts this winter, both when barefoot. Returns on a 3-timer and can expect to garner the lion's share of support
14. **LYRIC** - Nicely-engaged mare that has been on a fine run of form this winter. Takes a dip in category after a respectable run in a Class C here on 6 January and can make first 5

Summary: Unbeaten in 2 barefoot starts under the saddle, LOOKING D'AURCY (13) is reunited with Alexandre Abrivard for his hat-trick bid and has every chance of pulling it off. Stablemate LILIUS DE GUEZ (12) was third to her here a month ago, sports a fresh configuration for his return to the code, and can play a leading role. LEADER DE SEVRE (5) has been afforded bags of time to recalibrate after losing his action here in early-December, sports 4 pads this time and, if applied, can get back in the game. Barring her recent prep run, LOVE BITES (8) has been delivering under harness since early-autumn and debuts in the discipline barefoot and with BENJAMIN ROCHARD in the irons.

SELECTIONS

LOOKING D'AURCY (13) - LILIUS DE GUEZ (12) - LEADER DE SEVRE (5) - LOVE BITES (8)

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C8 - PRIX D'AVIGNON - 2850m (a2m) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR € 80,000

1. MARGAUX DES ARRIS - Showed considerable improvement last Sunday when 2nd in a 2700m Class A here, but is not the horse she was last winter and can be passed over

2. MOSAIC LIFE - Capable filly but still a handful. Eliminated in both this term but sports pads for the first time and will be worth keeping an eye on

3. MAIA JIEL - Won a Class A in November but eliminated in next 2, latterly a 2700m Class A here on 3 January. Takes on better this time but is no slouch and has the wherewithal to pick up a cheque

4. MARQUETY DE BAILLY - Useful but could manage only 7th behind MARDOUK DE GODREL (11) in Gr.3 Prix Bellino II 3 weeks ago and is unlikely to create a surprise

5. MIRA DE FROULAY - Progressive filly that ran 2nd to MOSTRA DE BANVILLE (12) in 2700m Gr.3 Prix de Riberac on 11 January. Was well-beaten on sole outing against the boys, but has since come on and can again finish in the mix

6. MUST ATOUT - Raced better behind MAKE A DREAM (10) in 2700m Gr.3 Prix de Château Chinon here on Christmas Day than the result would suggest. Goes barefoot for the first time and must be afforded respect. Place prospect

7. MAGICO DE LOU - Has ability but trounced in last 3, most recently 10 January race of reference. Eric Raffin in the bike for the 2nd time but still not a priority

8. MISTRAL DU GOUTIER -

9. MAESTRO RIVER - Justifiably well-regarded but as capricious as they get. Has Gr.2 form and is unlikely to disappoint if he gets off on the right foot

10. MAKE A DREAM - Fine 3rd in Gr.3 Prix de Château Chinon before putting in a fine late flourish to come 5th in 2700m Gr.3 Prix Bellino II here on 10 January. Has not got his nose in front for 11 months, but can put that right

11. MARDOUK DE GODREL - Erratic colt that defied his 26-1 to come 2nd in 2700m Gr.3 Prix Bellino II here on 10 January, and in similar shape, can give MAKE A DREAM (10) something to think about

12. MOSTRA DE BANVILLE - Blows hot and cold but has won 2 of last 3, latterly 2700m Gr.3 Prix de Riberac on 11 January. Takes on the colts this time but still looks competitively well in

13. MISSANDEI - Has been giving a good account of herself for the most part this winter. Gets to race barefoot for the first time and has the wherewithal to run a big race

Summary: He may not always be the easiest of horses to use but MAKE A DREAM (10) left a very good impression when 5th in the Gr.3 Prix Bellino II here 3 weeks ago. He presents no references over 2850m of the main track but is patently in fine form and, with a faster pace, can win this. Runner-up at 26-1 that day, MARDOUK DE GODREL (11) will need to be taken more seriously this time around. Third-placed MUST ATOUT (6) races with pads this time and looks a player, but may first have to see off a first-time barefoot MISSANDEI (13) who came close to winning the Gr.3 Prix Albert Rayon last month.

SELECTIONS

MAKE A DREAM (10) - MARDOUK DE GODREL (11) - MISSANDEI (13) - MUST ATOUT (6)

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C9 - PRIX DE POUILLAC - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40,000

1. **MILAN DU BOSQUET** - Tricky character with 2 runs under his belt this term. Reunited with pilot of preference and with shoes off can wrap this up
2. **MITCH DE GRANOU** - Yet to get off the mark but ran 4th in a 2100m Class D here 3 weeks ago and will not be available at 159-1 this time
3. **MAX DU POMMEREUX** - Makes Vincennes bow after being eliminated in Bordeaux late last month. Reliability not his strong suit and best to ignore
4. **MAGIC DE BANVILLE** - Eliminated, on first start since the spell, in 11 January race of reference. Gave a good account after being sanctioned and will have his chances if Theo Duvaldestin keeps him focused
5. **MISTRAL DE LARRE** - Takes to the main track for the first time after being unluckily eliminated at Cagnes earlier in the month. Races shod this time but others still easier to support
6. **MAGNUS TOR** - Pleases for the most part but can be difficult to use. Has been specifically prepared for this however and, if applied, can open his 2026 account
7. **MANGO PAULO** - Pleasantly surprised in Bordeaux on Boxing Day but failed to confirm 10 days later when 6th of 9 in a Class D over track and trip. Goes barefoot again and but still not a concern
8. **MARENO BELLO** - 6th behind MITCH DE GRANOU (2) in a 2100m Class D here on 11 January despite being denied a run, but has bags of ability and can trot his way into the money provided his driver keeps him out of harm's way
9. **MAGISTER D'ELA** - Quality element that was put away after winning a 2100m Class E here last September. Goes barefoot for re-entry and, if race-fit, will be no pushover
10. **MERCURY DELO** - Gave a solid account of himself on comeback behind MITCH DE GRANOU (2) here 3 weeks ago. Should be fully-fit by now and will be expected to make the frame this time
11. **MY DREAM** - Capable colt starting for first time since mid-November. Is confirmed over the main track but still not an obvious choice
12. **MAGIC FRIENDS** - Returns to the capital after clinching a 3000m Nantes Class E last Sunday, but faces a stiffer test this time and others preferred

Summary: A number of horses in the running here but preference still goes to a freshly-barefoot MILAN DU BOSQUET (1) who has never disappointed for Eric Raffin. MAGNUS TOR (6) is still a bit green but hails from a yard in excellent form and will also go barefoot for the first time. MERCURY DELO (10) left a good impression on re-entry here even though somewhat unsure of stride, and can challenge for a place in the picture this time. MARENO BELLO (8) was unlucky that day and should show improvement if Jaap Van Rijn keeps him out of trouble.

SELECTIONS

MILAN DU BOSQUET (1) - MAGNUS TOR (6) - MERCURY DELO (10) - MARENO BELLO (8)