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C1 - PRIX MON TOURBILLON - 2275m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 15,000

1. MARINA JAMES - Boccador De Simm debutante trained and owned by Arnaud Desmottes, who is also in the sulky. For another day

2. MIST NIGHT QUICK - Marc Sassier-trained Ducato Bourbon filly debuting with Benjamin Rochard in the sulky. Not taken lightly

3. MABELLE - Disqualified on debut at Laval and soundly beaten (11th) over 2150m at Cordemais on 5 January. Others preferred

4. MAGIE DES GLENAN - Unplaced in consecutive starts last year (9th in both) and disqualified at Angers on 8 January. Best watched for now

5. MA REINE - Absent since finishing 6th over 2150m at Enghien in a Class C event on 27 October. Open to improvement - dark horse

6. MIRABELLE DE LARRE - Confirmed the promise of her debut 3rd over 2625m at Cherbourg by finishing a respectable 5th over 2800m at Chartres on 26 November. Respected over this shorter distance

7. MIRISS DE GUEZ - Eye-catching 2nd on debut at Cordemais over 2150m on 5 January. Needn't improve much to go open her account here

8. MADINA MESLOISE - Runner-up on debut in a course-and-distance race early last month so deserves another chance back at this level after finishing 11th in a stronger Class C event over 2100m at Vincennes on 20 December. Keep safe

9. MELODY DELADOU - Caught the eye when finishing 2nd on debut over 2300m at Argentan on 4 January and would've improved appreciably with that experience under her belt

Summary: MIRISS DE GUEZ (7) caught the eye on debut at Cordemais and needn't improve much on that promising introduction to open her account. MADINA MESLOISE (8), runner-up in a course-and-distance race last month, leads the opposition ahead of MIRABELLE DE LARRE (6) who has shown enough in 2 starts over further to play a leading role, if as effective over this distance. MELODY DELADOU (9) is another likely improver after an encouraging introduction.

SELECTIONS

MIRISS DE GUEZ (7) - MADINA MESLOISE (8) - MIRABELLE DE LARRE (6) - MELODY
DELADOU (9)

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C2 - PRIX HAUT DE BELLOUET - 3000m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 18,000

1. LAURA DE TOUCHYVON - Disqualified in her first 3 starts and unplaced (9th) in her latest at Meslay-du-Maine over 2875m on 24 November, so hard to recommend. Others preferred

2. LADY DU CEBE - Disqualified once and unplaced twice in her 3 appearances - finished 8th (shod) over 2875m at Meslay on 24 November. Open to improvement racing with shoes removed (barefoot) for the first time in her career

3. LAZULITA - Runner-up on debut at Cordemais over 2825m on 15 December. Would've benefitted from that experience and, with any improvement, should play a leading role

4. LOLA DE VILLARD - Runner-up on debut over 2700m at Graignes in November and acquitted herself well in defeat (6th) over 2850m at Laval on 8 December. Candidate for success

5. LA PERNELLE - Experienced 11-start maiden unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of her last start (8th) over 2750m in a claimer at Lisieux on 13 October. Overlook

6. LOULOUTE DE BOUERE - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 2nd over 2825m at Cordemais on 15 December. Confirmation expected

7. LIYAVA - Honest hard-knocker (15-start maiden) seldom far off the mark - finished 6th (shod) in 3 consecutive recent outings, the latest over 2800m at Pontchâteau on 2 January. Dark horse with shoes removed (barefoot) for the first time

8. LASTIVKA - Complicated filly with undeniable means (usually acquits herself competitively when not disqualified) and sound form references. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for her Pontchâteau sanction on 2 January - not taken lightly

9. LINA LA RAVELLE - Experienced 15-start maiden with references in both trotting categories but soundly beaten in her last 6 starts - finished 10th (shod) in consecutive mounted races, the latest over 2825m at Cordemais on 5 January. Unshod for the first time

10. LEIA HIGHLAND - Consistent trotter with the form and experience to play a leading role. Acquitted herself well in defeat (6th) at a higher level over 2850m at Vincennes on 25 December - winning chance

11. LADY DE MAI - Versatile filly with sound references/form credentials, especially in the harness code. Runner-up in the harness category over 2825m at Cordemais last month so shouldn't be hastily condemned for her faux pas under the saddle on 5 January

12. LUNA DE BELFONDS - Experienced 12-start maiden who seldom finishes far off the mark but has only a minor role to play (place chance) here. Finished 7th (shod) over 2725m at Graignes on 30 December - open to improvement racing unshod for the first time

13. LIBERTE CITY - Delicate but consistent filly with undeniable means and sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd in this shoe-fitting over 2825m at Cordemais on 5 January. Keep safe

Summary: LEIA HIGHLAND (10) acquitted herself well in defeat at Vincennes in a stronger race/field last month and a repeat of that performance at this level should suffice. Unexposed LOLA DE VILLARD (4) has revealed sufficient means and could fight for victory with improvement expected. LADY DE MAI (11), not taken lightly back in the harness category, and LAZULITA (3), who ought to improve after an encouraging debut 2nd, and last-start runner-up LOULOUTE DE BOUERE (6) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LEIA HIGHLAND (10) - LOLA DE VILLARD (4) - LADY DE MAI (11) - LAZULITA (3)

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**C3 - PRIX DU NOUVEL AN - 3000m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR
€ 21,000**

1. KUNAMATATA - Complicated mare with undeniable means/ability - seldom far from a fault but has sound references/form credentials. Disqualified in consecutive recent starts, the latest (shod) over 3125m at Angers on 8 January, but could redeem herself

2. KARLA JALLERIE - Lightly raced mare in good form and physical condition with sound references when racing shod, including a recent 2nd in a course-and-distance race last month. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th (shod) over 2800m at Pontchâteau on 2 January

3. KALINKA DU GREMAT - Experienced filly with undeniable means and sound references but is most effective without her irons. Well-beaten 10th (unshod) in a 2750m Cabourg harness race on 2 January - best watched for now

4. KELOMA DREAM - Honest hard-knocker with consistent form references/credentials at a higher level, including a last-start 6th over 2175m at Vincennes on 13 December. Winning chance

5. KISS ME SMART - Inconsistent but proven under these conditions/in this shoeing configuration. Disqualified (shod) at Saint-Brieuc in her latest appearance on 6 December but should fare better racing with shoes removed

6. KALINA LOVE - Inconsistent mare with undeniable means and sound references/form credentials. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 9th over 2750m at Cabourg on 2 January

7. KLARA - Honest hard-knocker who blotted her copybook when finishing 11th at Cabourg over 2750m on 2 January. Rarely seen in this shoe-fitting but did finish 3rd over 2700m at Vincennes when last seen in this configuration on 30 August 2023

8. KORAYA DE KERLEAN - Delicate and seldom far from a fault but undeniably talented. Snapped a sequence of 3 consecutive disqualifications by winning over 2800m at Pontchâteau on 2 January. Needs only to remain wise to fight for victory - question of wisdom

9. KID LEA DRIVER - Versatile mare with sound references in both trotting disciplines at a higher level although most effective racing unshod. Showed her form and well-being by finishing 2nd (barefoot) in a 2950m mounted race at le Mans on 16 December

10. KOSCA DES CAILLONS - Bounced back from consecutive disqualifications with a last-start victory over 2875m at Argentan on 26 December. Keep safe

11. KALINE DJOB - Experienced hard-knocker with references at this level, including a commendable last-start 6th (barefoot) over 2750m at Cabourg on 2 January. For another day

Summary: An open contest in which it could pay to side with KELOMA DREAM (4) who acquitted herself well enough (6th) at Vincennes last time to fight for victory at this level if repeating that performance. Versatile KID LEA DRIVER (9), enigmatic KUNAMATATA (1), and KORAYA DE KERLEAN (8) and KARLA JAILLERIE (2), who were 1st and 2nd respectively at Pontchâteau have earlier this month, are also genuine podium contenders.

SELECTIONS

KELOMA DREAM (4) - KID LEA DRIVER (9) - KUNAMATATA (1) - KORAYA DE KERLEAN (8)

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C4 - PRIX PRINCE ROYAL - 3000m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. **KING DEL PHEDO** - Experienced trotter with sound references, though most effective without his irons (unshod). Unplaced (7th, shod) over 2800m at Pontchâteau on 22 December - best watched for now
2. **KAIROUAN GLAM** - Versatile hard-knocker with references in both categories, including a 2825m mounted win at Cordemais in November and a course-and-distance 3rd in a harness race last month. Not taken lightly after his 6th under the saddle in a 2700m mounted race at Vincennes on 31 December - attractive outsider
3. **KSAR DU CORTA** - Complicated trotter with undeniable means but seldom far from a fault - acquits himself competitively when remaining wise, especially at this level. Shouldn't be condemned for finishing 9th in a stronger 2700m Vincennes race on 4 January
4. **KAFU** - Rewarded for consistency with a belated breakthrough maiden victory in a course-and-distance race on 8 December, albeit at a lower level. Proven under these conditions/in this shoeing configuration and should remain competitive
5. **KADEHO DE FRAMIST** - Delicate and seldom far from a fault but undeniably capable trotter with sound references - usually acquits himself well when avoiding disqualification. Absent since his latest failure faux pas at Vincennes on 17 September
6. **KIKOU D'ALEXIANE** - Consistent hard-knocker in good form and physical condition with sound references, including a last-start Argentan 2nd over 2875m in his first appearance with this shoe-fitting on 26 December. Keep safe
7. **KURAPIKA DU PONT** - Complicated trotter disqualified in 3 of his last 5 starts, including back-to-back Vincennes harness race over 2700m - the latest on 17 September. Not taken lightly on his reappearance
8. **KOMDAPI DIESCHOOT** - Regained momentum with 3 comeback appearances after a 6-month absence and confirmed as much with a reassuring 5th (shod) over 2950m at Le Mans on 16 December. Open to improvement in this shoe-fitting for the first time
9. **KASSKOU CLEMAXELLE** - Honest hard-knocker with consistent form references, including a course-and-distance 3rd last month and subsequent 3rd at Le Mans over 2950m on 16 December. Candidate for success
10. **KOBALT** - Well-beaten 10th over 2750m at Cabourg in his first appearance with this shoe-fitting on 2 January. Others preferred
11. **KARMA LIGHT** - Inconsistent but versatile trotter with sound references under these conditions/in this shoeing configuration. Finished 11th (shod) in at 2750m Cabourg harness event on 2 January but is capable of a better performance racing barefoot
12. **KAYNE RICHER** - Lightly raced trotter with sound references and room for improvement. Returned to form last time (4th) at Saint-Brieuc over 3150m in his first start with this shoe-fitting on 6 December - confirmation expected

Summary: KAFU (4) wasn't winning out of turn when belatedly opening his account with a course-and-distance victory last month and, despite the step up in class, he should remain competitive for a podium finish. However, KAYNE RICHER (12) is ideally entered at the limit of earnings and will fight for victory if confirming/building on the improvement of his last start. Consistent hard-knocker KASSKOU CLEMAXELLE (9) and rejuvenated KOMDAPI DIESCHOOT (8) with all four shoes removed for the first time, have genuine podium prospects too. KSAR DU CORTA (3) is an attractive outsider.

SELECTIONS

KAFU (4) - KAYNE RICHER (12) - KASSKOU CLEMAXELLE (9) - KOMDAPI DIESCHOOT (8)

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C5 - PRIX ATLANTIQUE BOISSONS NANTES - 3000m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. JEFF DE TILLARD** - Delicate trotter (disqualified in 12 of 17 appearances) with undeniable means, though most effective under the saddle. At fault in all 3 comeback outings after a 7-month absence, the latest in a 2175m Vincennes mounted on 25 December
- 2. JAGUAR D'ANAMA** - Rejuvenated hard-knocker in good form and physical condition - finished 3rd in consecutive recent starts, the latest in a 2800m harness race at Pontchâteau on 2 January in this shoeing configuration. Candidate for success with Eric Raffin
- 3. JOLLY DREAM** - A delicate trotter with undeniable means - winner over this course and distance in October on his only visit to this track. Showed his form and well-being by finishing 2nd in this shoeing configuration at over 2150m Toulouse on 6 December
- 4. JIOSCO DU PARC** - Course-and-distance winner of a similar contest in this barefoot configuration on 27 September, then finished 2nd over 2850m at Mauquenchy in November. Shouldn't be condemned for an underwhelming 9th at Meslay on 19 December
- 5. JAGER BOUMBOUM** - Complicated hard-knocker who seldom finishes far off the mark/usually acquits himself competitively when remaining wise. Disqualified in 2 of his last 3 starts, the latest at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 15 December - probably for another day
- 6. JACK SPARROW GEPE** - Honest hard-knocker who is seldom far off the mark but rarely wins (just 1 victory from 50 starts). Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th (shod) over 2150m at Argentan on 26 December - for lovers of outsiders
- 7. JOUR ET NUIT** - Consistent hard-knocker in good form and physical condition with sound references (albeit at a lower level), including a last-start 2nd over 2600m at Meslay-du-Maine on 19 December. Keep safe
- 8. JAHINA VITA** - Honest veteran mare with sound references under these conditions (shod) at a higher level and seldom far off the mark. Absent since finishing 9th over 2625m at Cherbourg on 19 August - best watched for now
- 9. JE T'AIME** - Consistent hard-knocker with references under these conditions/in this barefoot configuration at a higher level. Should not be hastily condemned for finishing 10th in a stronger 2175m race at Vincennes on 3 January - attractive outsider
- 10. JOPLIN DES CROUAS** - Delicate and seldom far from a fault but usually acquits himself competitively when applied/remaining wise - confirmed as much by finishing 4th (shod) over 2800m at Pontchâteau on 2 January after 5 previous consecutive disqualifications
- 11. JIMINY CRICKET** - Versatile hard-knocker with sound form references in both categories, including a last-start 2nd at Vincennes in a 2700m mounted race on 1 January. Has won and finished 2nd twice in 3 appearances at Nantes (all of them over this distance)
- 12. JUST A DREAM** - Honest hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials under these conditions and in this barefoot configuration at a higher level - seldom far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed (7th) over 2350m at Angers on 8 January and can pop up
- 13. JADE HERINIÈRE** - Course-and-distance winner at a higher level in this unshod configuration on 17 November. Unplaced in 2 subsequent appearances and disqualified in her latest outing at Angers over 2350m on 8 January - shouldn't be hastily condemned

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14. JUSQUINE FOUTEAU - Consistent mare with the form and experience to play a leading role in a race of this nature but is most effective unshod. Acquitted herself well in defeat (7th) at a higher level over 2100m at Vincennes on 7 December - not taken lightly

15. JUGEMENT D'AVE - Honest veteran trotter with sound references under these conditions at a higher level - seldom finishes far off the mark. Wasn't at all disgraced at a higher level when finishing 7th over 2175m at Vincennes on 3 January so must be respected

Summary: Course-and-distance specialist JIMINY CRICKET (11) is hard to oppose after a recent 2nd under the saddle at Vincennes and need only repeat that performance to reconnect with success. Consistent JAGUAR D'ANAMA (2), JOLLY DREAM (3), who won over this distance on his only visit to Nantes, recent Meslay runner-up JOUR ET NUIT (7), and in-form JIOSCO DU PARC (4) seem best equipped to trouble the selection for race honours. JUGEMENT D'AVE (15) and JADE HERINIÈRE (13) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

JIMINY CRICKET (11) - JAGUAR D'ANAMA (2) - JOLLY DREAM (3) - JOUR ET NUIT (7)

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C6 - PRIX OKWO - 3000m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Mounted - EUR € 24,000

1. HEROS JARZEEN - Battling long-time maiden with just 5 places from 93 appearances. Unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of his last start (7th) in a 2800m mounted race at Pontchateau on 2 January

2. ISCO D'ETANG - No-show in 4 appearances last year and finished unplaced (8th) in a 2800m mounted race at Pontchateau on 2 January. Others preferred

3. IKITORI - Last-start winner (barefoot) over 2700m of a mounted race at Graignes on 30 December. Races shod on this occasion but should remain competitive for the leading positions

4. JAZZY THOURJAN - Consistent performer under the saddle with solid form references/credentials at a higher level, including a last-start 5th over 2700m at Vincennes in a Class D race on 22 December. Candidate for success, even with his irons

5. HYM SUBLIGNAIS - Hard-knocking veteran proven in the mounted category with sound references/form credentials at a higher level under the saddle. Absent since finishing 8th in a stronger 28275m race/field at Enghien on 14 October - not taken lightly

6. JOKER DU HAMEL - Consistent performer in the mounted category with references under these conditions/with his irons (shod). Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his faux pas in a course-and-distance harness race on 17 November - attractive outsider

7. HOSANNA DE CHENU - Won a harness amateur race at Châtelailon-La Rochelle in November but finished 8th in consecutive recent starts, the latest over 2800m at Pontchateau on 22 December. Lacks references under the saddle so is best watched for now

8. JET MESLOIS - Well-performed trotter in the mounted code with references (winning form) at a higher level, especially in this barefoot configuration. Blotted his copybook (disqualified) at Vincennes on 8 December but should quickly redeem himself here

9. HERCULE DES SABLES - Won his last 2 barefoot appearances, including his latest outing over 2800m at Pontchateau on 2 January. Needs only to repeat that performance to fight for victory

10. JOUVENCE DE CAREL - Hard-knocking veteran mare with sound references/form credentials at a higher level in the harness category, including 3 consecutive 3rd-place finishes (the latest over 2700m at Vincennes on 1 January). Respected in her first mounted race

11. FEE FRAULEIN - Versatile veteran mare on a long losing run. Soundly beaten in 6 consecutive outings, the latest (7th) under the saddle at Bordeaux over 2650m on 27 December. Best watched for now

Summary: JET MESLOIS (8) is an attractive betting proposition here given his references under the saddle at a higher level and he needs only to avoid disqualification to fight for victory. Consistent JAZZY THOURJAN (4) has the form and experience in the mounted category to challenge the selection. Veteran mare JOUVENCE DE CAREL (10), in her first start under the saddle, and HERCULE DES SABLES (9), who is most efficient in this barefoot configuration, and last-start winner IKITORI (3) are others with legitimate podium aspirations.

SELECTIONS

JET MESLOIS (8) - JAZZY THOURJAN (4) - JOUVENCE DE CAREL (10) - HERCULE DES SABLES (9)

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C7 - PRIX ROYAL DREAM - 3000m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. INFERNAL SPIRIT** - In good form and was third in Class F at Le Croisé- Laroche over 2825m on 16 December. Be right there at the finish
- 2. IAKIM** - Disappointing last run when 7th in Class E at Montauban over 2400m on 29 December. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 3. IDEAL DU LERRE** - Has struggled of late and was 8th in Class F over this course and distance on 3 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 4. HENRY DE L'ECLAIR** - Has disqualification issues and was disqualified last time out at Vire on 20 November. Probably best watched for now
- 5. ISKO D'IQUAINE** - Unreliable but was barefoot and runner-up in Class F at Cabourg over 2725m on 19 December. Not unshod this time but has a winning chance
- 6. INSOLENT SOMOLLI** - Did not show his best when 7th at Cabourg over 2750m on 17 December. Capable of better but is not out of it
- 7. HAPPY END COSSE** - Battling to find best form and was tenth in Class F at Laval over 2850m on 8 December. Others make more appeal
- 8. HEAVEN QUICK** - Has really struggled of late and was disqualified last time out at Pontchateau on 2 January. Needs major improvement to win
- 9. HOCCO DARCHE** - Unreliable and was 14th in Class E at Saint-Brieuc over 3150m on 6 December. Others are preferred
- 10. INES D'HERMES** - On a long losing run but was runner-up last time out in Class F at Cabourg over 2725m on 19 December. Should be competitive again
- 11. ILISMO** - Has lost the way of late and was unplaced last time out at Cabourg over 2750m on 17 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 12. ICE HAUFOR** - Unreliable and was 11th in Class D at Vincennes over 2850m on 5 January. Capable of an upset on best form
- 13. IZELBIO** - Not disgraced when 5th in Class F over this track and trip on 3 December. Capable of making the frame

Summary: Runner-up at Cabourg last time when unshod, ISKO D'IQUAINE (5) need only repeat that performance with his irons to play another leading role. INSOLENT SOMOLLI (6) and INFERNAL SPIRIT (1) are enjoying a good spell and have the form and experience to challenge for race honours, while INES D'HERMES (10) will have a say if confirming the improvement of her last start. IZELBIO (13) and IDEAL DU LERRE (3) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ISKO D'IQUAINE (5) - INSOLENT SOMOLLI (6) - INFERNAL SPIRIT (1) - INES D'HERMES (10)

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C8 - PRIX QUADROPHENIO - 3000m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 27,000

1. **ILLICO FLIGNY** - Very unreliable and was 7th last time out in Class F at Graignes over 2725m on 12 November. Needs to do more to win this race
2. **HOLY D'AIMTE** - Unreliable but was third last time out in Class E at Pontchâteau over 2800m on 2 January. Could earn some minor money
3. **IMPERIALE MIVENCE** - Unreliable and was 6th in Class E at Pontchâteau over 2800m on 2 January. Might play a minor role
4. **ITALIQUE DU CLOS** - Remains in good form and was a barefoot winner in Class E at Meslay-du-Maine over 2875m on 19 December. Not barefoot this time but has a place chance
5. **IGUANE DU BOCAGE** - On a long losing run and was tenth in Class F at Graignes over 2725m on 30 December. Others are much preferred
6. **HADRIANA DU MONT** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when fourth in Class E at Pontchâteau over 2800m on 2 January. Can make the frame
7. **IRIS COURTOISE** - On a very long losing run and was 7th last time out in Class F at Graignes over 2725m on 30 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
8. **IENISSE DE BARBRAY** - Has major disqualification issues and was disqualified at Graignes last time out on 30 December. Probably best watched for now
9. **IDOLE ELDE** - Did not show her best when 9th in Class F at Vincennes over 2100m on 28 December. Barefoot and was in very good form before that. Big chance
10. **HERMES DE CLOPEAU** - Has some fair form of late and was not disgraced when 5th in Class D at Vincennes over 2100m on 3 January. Has a winning chance
11. **HALL BLACK MESS** - Disappointing recent form and was tenth in Class E at Vincennes over 2175m on 31 December. Others are preferred
12. **HEROINE DES LANDES** - Unreliable but was third in Class E at Graignes over 2725m on 30 December. has a place chance
13. **HANACK DE VIVOIN** - At the top of his game and was runner-up last time out in Class E at Ponchateau over 2800m on 2 January. Be right there at the finish
14. **INKY PERRINE** - Disqualified in her last two starts at Vincennes with the latest being on 6 January. Capable of contesting the finish when smart
15. **HELEN DES OUBEAUX** - Has struggled of late and was 11th in Class D at Vincennes over 2850m on 18 November. Others make more appeal
16. **FRENCHY BERRY** - Disappointing last run when 13th in Class D at Vincennes over 2850m on 13 December. Capable of better but others are preferred

Summary: IDOLE ELDE (9) has sufficient class to win despite her awkward starting position. However, if INKY PERRINE (14) remains wise, she will make life difficult for the selection. HERMES DE CLOPEAU (10) and HANACK DE VIVOIN (13) are enjoying a purple patch and could join that fight for victory. HADRIANA DU MONT (6), lightened in her shoeing, and the fast-finisher ITALIQUE DU CLOS (4) are attractive outsiders.

SELECTIONS

IDOLE ELDE (9) - INKY PERRINE (14) - HERMES DE CLOPEAU (10) - HANACK DE VIVOIN (13)