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C4 - PRIX ILE-DE-FRANCE NATURE - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 50.000

1. **ECHO DE STAR** - Thirteen starts winner who posted a promising comeback run at the venue recently. Player with improvement likely
2. **GAZETTA DE LOU** - Won well over course & distance two starts ago and was far from disgraced last time back on sand at La Capelle. Enters calculations
3. **HISTOIRE MODERNE** - Comes in the race on a long losing run but is from a powerful stable and can spring a surprise
4. **FAKIR DE L'AULNE** - Posted a solid third place effort at Vannes in the race of reference and in similar form, will have a say
5. **FIRST LADY BLEUE** - Has not won a race for over a year now but reassured in last start at Tours. Can be in the mix
6. **HELIOS SI** - Won his last two starts on turf. Has long been prepared for this race and has every chance
7. **HECTOR DES CHAMPS** - Bounced back to form at Chartres last time out and is well entered on the front row. Has it all to prove on turf though
8. **EXAUCE NOUS** - Very effective on both turf and sand. Off since October but all shoes come off and must be ready. Respect
9. **EVER DREAM MUSIC** - Has not won a race since August 2021 and only outing this season does little to boost confidence. Look elsewhere
10. **GALET STED** - Ran better than last placing suggests at Vannes and on firmer turf this Sunday, should be a serious player
11. **DIADEME BLUE** - Has failed to make the frame since October 2020 and is unlikely to change this figure this time either. Watch
12. **DIVINE DE NAVARY** - Modest recent form is probably reflective of her chances and can be overlooked
13. **FIESTA DE FROULAY** - Consistent mare in both disciplines and if in the mood, can be in the shake-up
14. **DEUS EX MACHINA** - Has been far too delicate in recent months to be given any consideration and is easily passed over
15. **FEPSON** - Smart trotter who lost his stride in last two outings. Well entered on the second tier and must be shortlisted
16. **ENZO D'ESSARTS** - Sound winner of an identical race at Vannes on same surface and must every chance here too
17. **DERBY DU DOLLAR** - Good last two runs at Vincennes but faces a stiff task from the third tier and does not look an obvious danger
18. **HEROS DE FLEUR** - Not sighted in two starts this year and although runs barefoot, has too much to find

Summary : HELIOS SI (6) shaped up nicely at Cholet with all shoes on last time out and is taken to resume winning ways, having been successful over the course & distance in the past. He is a solid winning candidate running barefoot this time around and can be preferred to ENZO D'ESSARTS (16) who has a 50 meters handicap to overcome. FEPSON (15) is a smart horse and can be forgiven his last two below par efforts. Off since October last year, EXAUCE NOUS (8) is said to be in top shape ahead of his comeback run.

SELECTIONS

HELIOS SI (6) - ENZO D'ESSARTS (16) - FEPSON (15) - EXAUCE NOUS (8)