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## C1 - PRIX DE BEAUCOURT - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 40.000

**1. JASMIN DU NORD** - Fine servant that has climbed the class ladder in good order. Has taken well to the main track profile, accounted for JASMIN D'AVE (10) on re-entry, and is not to be underestimated

**2. JAGUAR DE BELFOND** - Modest element with better references at a lower level and racing right-handed

**3. JUPITER MADRIK** - Has done nothing of note for past 11 months and will need to get his house in order

**4. JYTRACE DE HOUELLE** - Has not won since July 2022 but is an honest type. Has the capacity to do well here but Benjamin Rochard will first need to keep him trotting

**5. JAHA MAN DU PONT** - Not the most convincing of formcards but is a trotter of considerable means and with the 'Boss' back in the wagon will be expected to come good again

**6. JACK DU BARBEY** - Not entirely without merit but has placed just once in last 8 and will have few friends in the markets

**7. JOJO TOONS** - Versatile sort that ended 2023 on a high note here. Sports a new configuration for the occasion and, with Thomain reining again, should not be disregarded

**8. JOYEUX NONNA** - Dependability not his thing but can trot when focused. Reassured at Mauquenchy last Monday and with front pads on this time, will be worth monitoring

**9. JEU MAJYC** - Hardy element that endured some misfortune here recently. Entrusted to Eric Raffin this time and, with more luck in running, can put things right

**10. JASMIN D'AVE** - Quality individual that is firmly back in the game following a lean patch. Unshod all 4 on this occasion and should be in a position to trot off with the silverware

**Summary :** Just €425 from the limit of earnings, JASMIN D'AVE (10) has a great entry here, is currently in form, has solid track-and-trip credentials, and with shoes off for the occasion is going to take all the beating. Leading the opposition is the complicated JAHA MAN DU PONT (5), about whom JMB has not hidden his confidence. Stablemate JEU MAJYC (9) was very unlucky here after having romped over the inner course but will not be far from the action if Eric Raffin keeps him out of trouble. JASMIN DU NORD (1) did nothing but improve last season and scalped the favourite on his Christmas Day comeback.

### SELECTIONS

**JASMIN D'AVE (10) - JAHA MAN DU PONT (5) - JEU MAJYC (9) - JASMIN DU NORD (1)**

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## C2 - PRIX DE LA BEAUCE - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 52.000

1. **KIWI CHARENTAIS** - Promising sort with good speed. Has taken well to Vincennes conditions and if Matthieu Abrivard successfully navigates the start, he could well get his nose in front
2. **KISS ME SIMON** - Raced better here last month than the result would imply. Goes first time barefoot and looks a considerably more attractive proposition
3. **KILLER QUICK** - Colt of considerable ability but struggled in last 2 . Has previously won for Raffin though and the draw will only work to his advantage
4. **KIWI DE TREMONT** - Mixes the good with the less good but drops back in category and, from the 4-spot, can apply the pressure on KIWI CHARENTAIS (1)
5. **KOLONEL** - Has shown better aptitude for the monté code. Is barefoot and in good shape, but others still preferred
6. **KHEOPS DE FREDLAU** - Consistent in both disciplines but is destined for a career under the saddle and can be passed over
7. **KIF DU BIEF** - Rather disappointing in last 2 but is confirmed under these conditions. Breaks from the front row and looks a more serious prospect this time around
8. **KIR NORMAND** - Has previously won over the main track but has been off the boil lately and will need to get his house in order
9. **KIBRILLE MONTAVAL** - Somewhat erratic but made quite the comeback over longer here last month. Goes barefoot for the first time but has an unenviable draw and is not an obvious choice
10. **KERMES** - Trotter with significant untapped potential but is not the easiest to handle. Goes first time unshod behind and even though not ideally drawn, he can still play a role if JMB manages to place him early
11. **KRONOS DU KLAU** - Well-regarded but regularly bites off more than he can chew. Made a convincing return to competition however and, even from the second row, can get a look in
12. **KOELHO DE NAPPES** - Not without merit but is a complicated colt. Lost his action early here recently and the draw will do his prospects no favours
13. **KILOU D'YMER** - Useful monté type being conditioned. Has other priorities and can be confidently ruled out
14. **KAKOU CAYENNAIS** - Was on a fine run of form before failing to fire behind KIWI CHARENTAIS (1) 9 days ago. Handed a tough draw but redemption is still not far away
15. **KATAKI DE WALLIS** - Has evident ability but his temperament regularly gets in the way. Sports a new configuration but has little chance from the back line

**Summary** : A promising type from his first steps on the track, KIWI CHARENTAIS (1) has started to come good this winter and if he doesn't fall foul of the draw, he should be in a position to open his 2024 account. That being said, KIWI DE TREMONT (4) has fine references under these conditions, returns to racing with front pads fitted, and is ideally-drawn behind the car. Considerably better than his formcard would suggest, KIF DU BIEF (7) will appreciate the mobile start and has every chance of making amends. Clearly on the way up, KISS ME SIMON (2) must not be too hastily judged for his recent performance and, barefoot from the 2-spot, looks a player.

### SELECTIONS

**KIWI CHARENTAIS (1) - KIWI DE TREMONT (4) - KIF DU BIEF (7) - KISS ME SIMON (2)**

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## C3 - PRIX D'ESPALION - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 59.000

**1. FELICITA D'ECOUVES** - Unremarkable individual with no particular love for the Vincennes main track and can be confidently disregarded

**2. GO TO AMERICA** - Faithful servant for the most part and goes well over these shorter trips. Barefoot following her recent poor luck here and, breaking from the 2-spot will only work to her advantage

**3. GRAZIELA D'EL** - Has been acquitting herself very well of late. Paul Ploquin back in the sulky and is sufficiently well-placed to challenge for the win

**4. HARIA DU BELLAY** - Back at the top of her game over recent weeks. Vies for 3-in-a-row and from the 4-spot is in with a realistic shout

**5. HUNE LOVE** - Alternates between the good and the less good but has respectable references over 2100m here. Starts in front and although not the most important consideration, should not be entirely ruled out

**6. HAIDA DU BELLAY** - Has pleased for the most part this winter but below-par in last 2 and will need to raise her game

**7. FLORE MERITE** - Reliability not her strong suit but benefits from a decent entry and, barefoot for the occasion, will be worth keeping an eye on

**8. HOLLY MESLOISE** - Quality mare in this category. Went close at Cagnes last time, comes here fresh and despite a tough draw, can bring home the bacon

**9. HOLLY D'ECHAL** - Blows hot and cold but can trot when focused. Handed a tough draw but returns to a proven configuration and, frequently successful for Raffin, will generate interest

**10. HISTORIA KAT** - Competent mare in both branches of the business but is here for a change of scenery and will garner little support

**11. HARENA DE MARZY** - Moderate type that gave a good account over course and distance a fortnight ago. On the 2nd line and in better company this time however

**12. HAIDA SAUTONNE** - Can prove a handful but form is heading in the right direction. Left a good impression under these conditions recently and is unlikely to be far off the mark

**Summary :** A mare with good speed and clearly in excellent shape, HOLLY MESLOISE (8) is not ideally-drawn but has the ability to win a race of this category. She will still face opposition from the better-positioned GRAZIELA D'EL (3) who has found a new lease on life this winter, and HARIA DU BELLAY (4) who steps up in category with a respectable chance of pulling off the hat-trick. Third over track and trip last weekend, HAIDA SAUTONNE (12) starts on the back row but, barefoot this time, is not to be overlooked.

### SELECTIONS

**HOLLY MESLOISE (8) - GRAZIELA D'EL (3) - HARIA DU BELLAY (4) - HAIDA SAUTONNE (12)**

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## C4 - PRIX DE CORNULIER - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Internationale - Mounted - EUR € 700.000

**1. HALFA** - Well-regarded at home and will be ridden by Cornulier debutant, and apprentice, Alan Gendrot. Produced her career-best performance in the Prix du Calvados and, although not a priority, she still represents an interesting outside chance

**2. HANNAH** - Gr.2 course-and-distance winner last winter but takes on the crème de la crème this time and can be passed over

**3. IBIKI DE HOUELLE** - Can prove a handful but has demonstrated very good aptitude for the monté code. Won with authority under harness last time out and, if form transitions, could prove something of a spoiler

**4. GOLD VOICE** - Good class of mare that has taken superbly to her new vocation. Cornulier has been her objective for some time and, in current condition, is very easy to like for a spot in the first 5

**5. GEORGICA GEDE** - Gr.1-placed mare but has raced just twice since an extended layoff and is not expected to be up to the task

**6. FINE PERLE OF LOVE** - By some margin the least performant horse in the field. Likely here to please her owners and will remain friendless in the markets

**7. GEISHA SPEED** - No slouch in this branch of the business and latterly defied her odds in the Gr.2 Prix Jules Lemonnier, but is unlikely to spring any surprises

**8. FOUGUE DU DOLLAR** - Useful on a good day and a decent 3rd in the Prix Jules Lemonnier but will still need to find more

**9. EDITION GEMA** - Best monté result to date is 3rd in a Gr.2. Unplaced in last year's edition and has no realistic chance this time either

**10. DYNASTY PEJI** - Trounced in both the 2020 and 2023 runnings and, although previously a good sort, she has struggled with form this winter and is unlikely to generate much interest

**11. VAPRIO** - Quality Italian veteran that trotted 4th in the 2023 running. Encouraged on return to the discipline a fortnight ago but looks more of an outsider this time around

**12. ESPERANZA IDOLE** - Good, consistent type that won a Gr.3 over course and distance 3 weeks ago and, even going barefoot for the occasion, still looks outclassed

**13. INA DU RIB** - Classy mare with an exceptional record in the discipline. Unbeaten in 2 when barefoot and her recent Calvados victory stands her in good stead. Attention

**14. HIRONDELLE DU RIB** - Secondary choice of the Joël Hallais-trained pair and offers a first Cornulier for apprentice Noé Perron. Barefoot this time around and should not be entirely ruled out

**15. IDEALE DU CHENE** - Tenacious mare with 2 Gr.1s to her name. Sanctioned early in Prix du Calvados but trainer Le Mer is confident of a big run

**16. HANNA DES MOLLES** - Fine campaigner that has won 4 of her 5 starts under the saddle. Like FLAMME DU GOUTIER (18) has been prepped in the other code and, shod as she likes, can improve on last year's 3rd place

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**17. GRANVILLAISE BLEUE** - Good second in the 2023 running. Has not been over-taxed this winter, is barefoot for her first monté start since June, and is not to be underestimated

**18. FLAMME DU GOUTIER** - Hat-trick-seeking mare with the best monté credentials of the bunch. Showed her form under harness 3 weeks ago and even though facing a stiffer test this time, her turn of foot could make all the difference. Claim

**Summary** : Winner of the last two editions of this race, FLAMME DU GOUTIER (18) has reportedly had a satisfactory preparation, most recently acquitted herself well in the Prix de Bourgogne, and could well pull off the 3-timer. A place ahead of her on that occasion, HANNA DES MOLLES (16) has nothing to prove under these conditions and, shod to preference, will not go down easily. INA DU RIB (13) made short work of the Prix Bilibili and, barefoot again, is similarly in with a realistic shout. IDEALE DU CHENE (15) finished a valiant runner-up to her and makes her Cornulier debut with a respectable chance of making the frame.

## SELECTIONS

**FLAMME DU GOUTIER (18) - HANNA DES MOLLES (16) - INA DU RIB (13) - IDEALE DU CHENE (15)**

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**C5 - PRIX DE CHAMBORD - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €  
41.000**

- 1. HELIUM VELCO** - Springs the occasional surprise but has no place racing in this category
- 2. HIBISCUS DES BAUX** - Solid in 2 of last 3. Eric Raffin takes over in the sulky and is not incapable of making up for recent Vincennes disappointment
- 3. HERMES HAUFOR** - Honest type that found form again last summer and is still going strong. Latest effort can be ignored; he is a more serious proposition on this occasion
- 4. HADES DE L'ITON** - Currently enjoying a productive run of form. Is better racing clockwise but it would be unwise to ignore his potential
- 5. HORIZON D'AMARO** - Not always the most reliable but has been showing his form this winter. Has yet to deliver at Vincennes though and not an obvious choice
- 6. HOTOT** - Quality individual that was oddly out of sorts here a month back but has had time to get his house in order and, reunited with David Thomain who won with him last year, can more than make amends
- 7. HIPSTER** - Regularly in the thick of things but ended last season on a low note. Is barefoot this time but nevertheless faces a stiff test
- 8. HOUSTON DE JOUDES** - Quality individual with fine Vincennes credentials. Has been seen out just once since last spring though and, even racing barefoot, is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 9. HELLO JOHN** - Improving sort that has done little to disappoint lately. Showed a different side at Mauquenchy and, similarly shod, can continue in the same vein. Claim
- 10. HETRE D'OURVILLE** - Sanctioned in all 3 starts here but is plainly back at the top of his game and will not be inconvenienced by the drop in trip. Chance
- 11. HARDI CROWN** - Erratic on occasion but is better than his formcard suggests. Is proven in superior company here and the Franck Nivard-factor cannot be ignored

**Summary** : One of the most consistent horses here, HELLO JOHN (9) returns to the capital in fine fettle and, although never successful here, his form is sure and the revised configuration looks to be just the ticket. HETRE D'OURVILLE (10) has little love for the venue either but his recent Châteaubriant performance bodes well for his prospects. Faithful for the most part when barefoot, HERMES HAUFOR (3) was not given a hard race here a fortnight ago but will be significantly more competitive this time around. HOTOT (6) is another competent element and Séverine Raimond would not be running him if he was incapable of playing an important role.

## SELECTIONS

**HELLO JOHN (9) - HETRE D'OURVILLE (10) - HERMES HAUFOR (3) - HOTOT (6)**

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## C6 - PRIX MICHEL MARCEL GOUGEON - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Group 3 - Harness - EUR € 90.000

1. **IBIZA BELLA** - Capable mare that lost her action on recent re-entry and with shoes back on is not a particularly attractive proposition
2. **IPALIO** - Competent sort that defied his odds here earlier in the month. Unlikely to repeat but will still not be sent out at 49/1 on this occasion
3. **IVRIG VIKING** - Hardy sort in the other code. Here for reasons of conditioning and poses no threat
4. **ILLUSION JIPAD** - Faithful campaigner but has other priorities and best to hold off
5. **INVICTUS MADIBA** - Serious sort with nothing to prove in this category. Is barefoot for re-entry but chances limited on first start for 4 months
6. **INO DU LUPIN** - Marvellously-performant sort with an enviable strike-rate and excels on the main track. Has never disappointed over course and distance and is not about to start now. Claim
7. **INOUI DANICA** - Able type but has better references in the other code and is not expected to shake things up
8. **ISLA JET** - Honest mare with references in elevated company. Unseen since being beaten by INEXESS BLEU (11) here 2 months ago but is shod to preference and, already a multiple winner for Eric Raffin, is unlikely to be far from the action
9. **IDEAL DU ROCHER** - Serious trotter that adapts to any situation. Thrives at Vincennes and returns to the venue with a good hand to play
10. **INSTRUMENTALISTE** - Has raced and placed in superior company. Will be more competitive this time and, while unlikely to impose, can still make the frame
11. **INEXESS BLEU** - Ideally-engaged trotter that seldom disappoints here. Has a lot going for him on this occasion and is eminently capable of trotting his way into the winners' circle

**Summary :** A better entry INEXESS BLEU (11) could simply not have. Remarkably performant over course and distance, he takes a dip in category after a decent effort in the GNT Final and looks set to kick the new year off to a victorious start. Léo Abrivard, who takes over for the injured Alexandre, will nevertheless be keeping a watchful eye on the Vincennes-loving INO DU LUPIN (6) who most recently won with authority under these conditions, and a barefoot INSTRUMENTALISTE (10) who looks more competitive in this company. IDEAL DU ROCHER (9) made up for her Gr.3 Prix Oscar Collard disappointment with a superb performance in the valuable Prix de la Côte d'Azur and must be afforded considerable respect.

### SELECTIONS

**INEXESS BLEU (11) - INO DU LUPIN (6) - INSTRUMENTALISTE (10) - IDEAL DU ROCHER (9)**

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## C7 - PRIX ROXANE GRIFF - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - European - Mounted - EUR € 68.000

1. **FROMHEAVEN IDZARDA** - Has monté form in his native Sweden but has yet to deliver since coming south and can be passed over
2. **ZLATAN KNICK** - Missed out by little over course and distance last month. Failed to confirm next time but is reunited with Florian Desmigneux and is not to be ruled out
3. **HAWAI RIVER** - Seldom disappointing and appreciates Vincennes but at this level will find herself outclassed
4. **IBERIK DE MONGOCHY** - Rather erratic but has good references in this category. Goes unshod behind with Mathieu Mottier back in the saddle and will not be far off the mark if he can keep him trotting
5. **GALACTIC** - Not devoid of ability but has struggled this winter and, even racing barefoot, has no realistic chance
6. **HOPIUM** - Decent element that gave an excellent account in a similar event a fortnight ago and, although in elevated company this time, should nonetheless hold his own
7. **IVANKA DE JILME** - Has yet to live up to expectations but always gives her best. Was not disgraced here earlier in the month but still has more to find
8. **HERE I GO AGAIN** - A model of consistency and unbeaten over 2175m here. Has just one race under his belt but can win this if fully-fit
9. **FIRST GEDE** - Useful on a good day but has no particular love for these conditions and will struggle to make any impression
10. **GUAPO MARBOULA** - Competent trotter with good credentials over track and trip. Shod to preference with David Thomain in the irons but still appears to have too much to do
11. **IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL** - Quality individual with nothing to prove at this level of competition. Sanctioned last time out but with application can give HERE I GO AGAIN (8) a run for his money
12. **GAVROCHE BEST** - Has merit but not the most dependable of trotters. Was found wanting last time out and can expect to have few takers
13. **HURELLA** - Sanctioned on lone appearance under the saddle. Impressed in a tough event under harness last time out though and, with a leading jockey in the irons, can make a big splash
14. **FALCO DU DOUET** - No champion but has decent references under harness here. Debuts under the saddle off the back of 3 clinkers though and others easier to back
15. **GILMOUR** - Trotter with Group-form under the saddle. Is shod to preference, proven over 2175m here, and is unlikely to disappoint

**Summary** : Remarkably consistent under the saddle, HERE I GO AGAIN (8) sports a new configuration for his return to the discipline and, winner of his only start under these conditions, can expect to be sent out with the lion's share of support. Paul Ploquin will still want to be wary of the classy IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL (11) who ran 3rd in the Gr.1 Prix Bilibili last month, and the tough HURELLA (13) who has front shoes off and entrusted to Eric Raffin for her return to the ridden code. Although not the most reliable, GILMOUR (15) enjoys an entry-from-heaven and, just hind shoes off, must be respected.

### SELECTIONS

**HERE I GO AGAIN (8) - IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL (11) - HURELLA (13) - GILMOUR (15)**



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## C8 - PRIX DE MIRANDE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Harness - EUR € 90.000

1. **DRAGOWSKI** - Has raced respectably since crossing the Alps, but takes on a tough bunch this time and chances slim
2. **JALIMEDE** - Always gives what he can but bites off more than he can chew this time and will have few takers
3. **JEWEL DE BANVILLE** - Monté horse running here for reasons of conditioning and can be confidently disregarded
4. **DARDO ZACK** - Is confirmed in both codes here but has not done enough lately to be considered a player
5. **JAGUAR DU GOUTIER** - Not short of ability but has been off the boil this winter and appears to have nothing to offer
6. **JANGO VICI** - Kicked the meeting off superbly but out of the picture in last 2. Did race better recently than the result would suggest though and is not incapable of making amends
7. **JOLIE SURPRISE** - Competent mare with a fine record over 2700m here. Plainly in top shape and will not be short of support
8. **DUNDEE AS** - Unpredictable but is otherwise a relatively accomplished trotter at this level and will not be far from the action if he replicates his Gr.3 Prix Oscar Collard performance
9. **JAGUAR MARANCOURT** - Not short of references here and pleasantly surprised behind DUNDEE AS (8) last month. Races barefoot for the first time and will be worth monitoring
10. **GERICAULT** - Good class of trotter with nothing to prove in this category. Has excellent Vincennes credentials and will be competitive for a place on the podium
11. **DON'T SAY GAR** - Already a winner in 5 countries including a Gr.2 over track and trip this time last season. Will have come on for her good re-entry and is not incapable of bringing the fight to COQUAHOLY (12)
12. **COQUAHOLY** - Fine Scandinavian sort that has twice acquitted himself well in 3 Vincennes starts. Beat a number of these earlier in the month and can open his French account this time

**Summary :** Very impressive at home in Sweden, COQUAHOLY (12) has taken well to Vincennes conditions, gave a good account in the Gr.2 Prix Octave Douesnel last month and his latest performance augurs well for his prospects. Björn Goop can nevertheless expect to meet resistance from the 'Eurotrotting' DON'T SAY GAR (11) who finished 5th that day and the return to 2700m will only improve her chances. GERICAULT (10) has a brace of Vincennes course-and-distance Gr.3s to his name and in present shape is very easy to like. Reliability may not be his best friend but DUNDEE AS (8) has talent in spades and will be no pushover if Jean-Michel Bazire can keep him focused.

### SELECTIONS

COQUAHOLY (12) - DON'T SAY GAR (11) - GERICAULT (10) - DUNDEE AS (8)

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**C9 - PRIX DE LA FERTE MACE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness -  
EUR € 51.000**

**1. LOVI CADENCE** - Gave a good account behind L'ELU DE REVE D'OR (6) late last season but has twice failed to confirm and has no realistic chance

**2. LITTLE KING** - Not without merit but sanctioned as often as not and others easier to back

**3. L'AMERICAIN** - Competent individual that regularly finishes in the mix. Faces a stiffer test this time but returning to racing with pads will do his chances no disservice

**4. LE JIBAY** - Yet to lose his maiden status but consistently gives his best. Front pads fitted for the first time but still represents no more than a minor place prospect

**5. LEONARDO ROC** - Useful Italian sort that finished a place behind LOGAN JIEL (8) last time here. Has freshness on his side on this occasion and will have his supporters

**6. L'ELU DE REVE D'OR** - Has taken to Vincennes conditions like a duck to water. Steps up in category but won impressively over 2175m late-November and, pads fitted this time, will again be competitive for a place on the podium

**7. LUCIFERMORNINGSTAR** - Decent type that has yet to get off the mark but has finished bridesmaid on 4 occasions and it will not be long before he has his day in the sun

**8. LOGAN JIEL** - Good future prospect that has done everything asked of him since the autumn. Is proven here and may well be more suited to this shorter trip

**9. LUCKY JACKSON** - Group-class colt that was most unlucky over course and distance a fortnight ago. Faces a much simpler task this time and, with application, should have this in the bag

**Summary :** A quality colt with form in superior company, the well-engaged LUCKY JACKSON (9) takes a big drop in class after suffering all sorts of woes when full of running here recently and will be expected to set the record straight. Principal opposition will take the form of the up-and-coming LUCIFERMORNINGSTAR (7) who will not remain a maiden for long, and L'ELU DE REVE D'OR (6) who is fitted with 4 pads as he endeavours to complete the hat-trick of Vincennes victories. LOGAN JIEL (8) has not put a foot wrong since faulting on debut and, confirmed here last month, is shod to preference and will garner support.

## SELECTIONS

**LUCKY JACKSON (9) - LUCIFERMORNINGSTAR (7) - L'ELU DE REVE D'OR (6) - LOGAN  
JIEL (8)**