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**C1 - PRIX D'AIGUEPERSE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class A - Harness - EUR €
51,000**

1. LORD DE BANVILLE - Caught the eye when finishing 2nd in his first two starts but has disappointed since, with 3 consecutive disqualifications recently. Watch for now

2. LIZA JOSSELYN - Lost her unbeaten record over this course and distance on 10 February when resuming after a 5-month layoff but would've come on appreciably for the outing. Was impressive in winning both starts last year

3. LIBEREE DELIVREE - Inconsistent but is not devoid of ability, though will need to improve to make her presence felt having finished a well-beaten 9th over this course and distance on 10 February. Outsider

4. LAZAN DE PASSIEU - Delicate colt with serious means and good/consistent references, albeit without success after 10 starts. Will be competitive here on the evidence of his last-start 3rd over track and trip on 11 February

5. LA STAR ROC - Consistent filly with sound form references, including two wins and two places from six starts. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over a track and trip on 10 February

6. LOVER SIXTY ONE - A tricky customer with considerable ability. Blotted his copybook when disqualified in a 2700m harness race at this venue on 11 February. Shouldn't be hastily condemned

7. LE JIBAY - Has maintained a good level of form and consistency to this point, albeit without success. Finished 3rd over 2175 on 21 January but has no more than a place chance here

8. LE VOYOU D'ALMO - Last-start winner of a mounted race over this track and trip on 1 February. Has sound references in the harness category

9. LOVE LETTER - Reliable performer with strong form credentials, which includes a last-start 3rd in a similar contest over course and distance on 10 February. Will be a factor

10. LAYLA - Consistent filly with sound form references, including a respectable 7th in a Group II race over this track and trip last time (27 January). Should have a role to play

11. LIZY JOSSELYN - Was acquired by new connections for 170,000 Euros at the Prix d'Amérique sale, having finished 9th in a Group II over track and trip on 27 January. Dark horse

Summary: Well-bred LIZA JOSSELYN (2) lost her unbeaten record earlier this month when resuming after a five-month absence but it could pay to follow her progress here with the benefit of that comeback outing under her belt. She impressed in winning her first two outings and, on that evidence, is good value to recapture the winning thread. LAYLA (10) was not disgraced in a Group II race last time and will be more competitive at this level, so is likely to pose a threat. LOVE LETTER (9) has sound references and sufficient means to make her presence felt too. LE VOYOU D'ALMO (8), gifted in both specialties, LAZAN DE PASSIEU (4) and LIZY JOSSELYN (11) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LIZA JOSSELYN (2) - LAYLA (10) - LOVE LETTER (9) - LE VOYOU D'ALMO (8)

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C2 - PRIX RMC (PRIX DE JONCY) - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. KASH SNIPER** - A talented trotter who bounced back to winning ways last time over 2175m at this venue on 6 February. Raced fully unshod that day and will be barefoot again, so ought to remain competitive
- 2. KEPI DES MONTS** - Runner-up over 2875m at Enghien in August but has lost his way since, finishing unplaced in each of his five subsequent outings. Was disqualified last time over 2700m at this venue on 20 December
- 3. KONG** - Delicate trotter with considerable means. Disqualified more often than not, including his last start over 2700m at this venue on 7 January having won three in a row before that - races unshod for the first time
- 4. KANKAN** - Consistent for the most part with sound references over the distance and at this level. Finished 4th over track and trip on 9 February in this shoeing configuration
- 5. NACIDO BOKO** - Arrived on French soil with a big reputation, given his references at a high level in Sweden. Shouldn't be written off despite his disqualification over 2850m last time (30 January)
- 6. KITALIANO ALGREF** - Made a winning Vincennes debut over 2175m in September but failed to confirm that form last time out when disqualified over 2700m at this venue on 24 September. Watch for now
- 7. KIWI JENILOU** - Unreliable but has undeniable means, which her win over 2200m at this venue (in June) proves. Needs to bounce back, though, after consecutive failures and a last-start 12th here over 2100m on 9 February
- 8. KILLER SUN DRALIAM** - Reliable performer who was rewarded for his consistency with a winning Vincennes debut when tried in this shoeing configuration over 2850m last month. Finished 4th over 2550m at Bordeaux since (29 Jan)
- 9. KASH MADRIK** - Tricky customer with sound references but is seldom far from a fault. Finished a reassuring 5th last time over 2700m at this venue on 4 February in this configuration - has to confirm that progress over 2100m
- 10. KEEP OUT** - Confirmed the promise of his debut win over 2300m at Abbeville in July with a winning reappearance in this shoeing configuration over this track and trip on 1 February. His limits remain unknown - keep safe
- 11. KERGOMAR SIBEY** - Capable but inconsistent of late, though is very fit (this being his third start of the month). Wasn't at his best when 13th over 2700m on 20 February but ought to appreciate this shorter distance
- 12. EVENT HORIZON** - Highly rated Italian trotter with considerable means and sound references, including a creditable 7th in his Vincennes return over 2700m on 25 January. Should have a leading role to play here
- 13. ELAND** - Delicate but has already proven efficient with his irons and lines up here after back-to-back wins in Italy at a considerably lower level - the latest of those wins at Milan on 31 January. Has more to do here

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14. EVERY TIME WINNER - Italian trotter, unbeaten in three starts this year on home soil, but at a considerably lower level - the last of which was over 2700m at Milan on 11 February. Has more to do

15. EAGLE PRAV - Made an encouraging debut Vincennes debut on 25 January when finishing 5th over 2700m without his irons. Will be shod behind on this occasion

16. KILLIAM FROMENTRO - Has been prolific in his native Italy, winning eight of his 16 starts including his last two outings with this configuration (unshod behind) - the latest at Naples over 1600m on 5 January. Respect on French debut

Summary: EVENT HORIZON (12) acquitted himself better than his (7th) finishing position indicates in his last start and could be worth siding with here, ahead of KONG (3) for whom it will again be a question of wisdom. KERGOMAR SIBEY (11) is also capable of fighting for victory if avoiding disqualification. KIWI JENILOU (7) is another tricky customer who has the means to play a leading role if remaining wise. Hat-trick seeking KILLIAM FROMENTRO (16), improving last-start scorer KASH SNIPER (1), as well as consistent KANKAN (4), are others to consider in a competitive contest.

SELECTIONS

EVENT HORIZON (12) - KONG (3) - KERGOMAR SIBEY (11) - KIWI JENILOU (7)

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C3 - PRIX DE PARIS-AMÉRIQUE RACES PMU - 4150m (a2m 1/2) - Gr1 - Harness - EUR € 400,000

- 1. IT'S A DOLLARMAKER** - Consistent last-start winner (over 2850m on 20 January) who has proven time and time again that he is one of the best in his class. Moves up in class but warrants respect from his spot behind the autostart
- 2. ALWAYS EK** - A speed-course specialist who impressed when winning the Prix de Munich over 2100m on 10 February. Has no references over this distance and is moving up in class, so will only attract the fans of outsiders
- 3. FAKIR DE MAHEY** - Has overcome a period of sluggishness and rediscovered a good level of form/consistency in four starts since October. Finished 3rd over 2700m on this course last time (13 January) but steps up in class now
- 4. HIP HOP HAUFOR** - Was one of the market principals in the last edition (8th at 5/1) but has been very disappointing since. Finished 10th over 2100m at this course last time out on 10 February - not likely to trouble the judge
- 5. GANAY DE BANVILLE** - Consistent veteran with sound references at Group level, though probably a step below the principals. Was 2nd in a Group III race here over 2100m on 27 January but will be stretched by this distance
- 6. INMAROSA** - Didn't go unnoticed despite her disqualification last time on 11 February in a Group I over 2100m at this venue. Had a lot in reserve at the time of her fault around the final turn, so cannot be underestimated
- 7. MISSLE HILL** - Maintained his form and consistency with an encouraging 3rd in the Group III Prix du Luxembourg over 2100m last month but was only 16th at Group I level last time. Needs to reaffirm and a few to falter
- 8. HUSSARD DU LANDRET** - Class act with serious means and sound references, which include a good 4th in the last edition of this race. Disqualified in the benchmark race over 2700m on 28 January but capable of redeeming himself
- 9. ELVIS DU VALLON** - Honest veteran who always gives his best, though has shown his limits at this level for some time now. Seldom far off the mark but hasn't won since July 2022 and is the only participant racing with shoes on
- 10. IZOARD VEDAQUAIS** - Endured a terrible course in the Prix d'Amérique so had excuses for finishing 10th that day over 2700m on 28 January and undeniably capable of a lot better. Will be hard to get by if getting to the lead easily
- 11. HOKKAIDO JIEL** - Confirmed the form/improvement of his 2700m Group I 2nd last month with a fast-finishing 5th last in a 2100m Group I race on 11 February at this venue. Candidate for success
- 12. MONI VIKING** - Well-performed veteran and a high-class trotter in his pomp but is far from his best level now. Finished a well-beaten 11th in two recent outings here (latest over 2100m on 11 February), so can be ruled out
- 13. POWER (SWE)** - Arrived on French soil with a big reputation, given his references at a high level in Sweden. Has finished 7th in both starts on this course recently (over 2100m on 11 February) but can do better over this trip

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14. DIABLE DE VAUVERT - Winner of the 2022 edition, this veteran 11-year-old has been a shadow of his former self recently. Only 12th in a 2700m Group I at this venue on 28 January, so is hard to make a case for here on that evidence

15. AMPIA MEDE SM - Ultra-consistent veteran mare with proven references at Group I level, including the title of this race she won last year. Arrives in good order after a last-start 3rd over 2100m at this venue on 11 February

16. HOOKER BERRY - Proven high-class performer who finished 3rd in this race last year. Not as sharp since (finished 9th over 2100m on 11 February) but has been carefully been prepared for another tilt at this Group I marathon

Summary: IZOARD VEDAQUAIS (10), despite an unfavourable terrible trip, wasn't disgraced in the Group I Prix d'Amérique and retains the means to fight for victory at this level with the step up to a longer distance likely to serve his interests. Having finished 4th in this race last year, HUSSARD DU LANDRET (8) has proven his competitiveness over this marathon trip, so should not be hastily condemned for his faux pas last time. He ought to play a leading role here if avoiding disqualification, although the same could also be said of HOKKAIDO JIEL (11) whose references at this level include several eye-catching fast finishes over shorter distances. AMPIA MEDE SM (15) and HOOKER BERRY (16), who were 1st and 3rd respectively in the last edition of this race, have undeniable means so line up again with legitimate ambitions. POWER (13), IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (1) and INMAROSA (6) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

IZOARD VEDAQUAIS (10) - HUSSARD DU LANDRET (8) - HOKKAIDO JIEL (11) - AMPIA MEDE SM (15)

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C4 - PRIX WTW HIPCOVER ASSURANCES HIPPIQUES - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. ONE LOVE BIANCA** - Ultra-consistent performer with a good record in this configuration but at a considerably lower level. Finished 3rd in a minor race at Kuurne over 2300m on 14 February - has more to do here
- 2. LOZANO (GER)** - Consistent for the most part with sound references in both France and Sweden. Looked threatening at the time of his fault over 2850m on 22 January and need only avoid disqualification to fight for victory
- 3. GUCCI LINE** - Last-start winner of a minor event at Mons over 2300m on 30 January. Has been carefully prepared for this engagement and will be fully unshod on this occasion, so should not be underestimated
- 4. CAPTOR DELLESELVE** - Well-traveled trotter who, judged on his best references, has sufficient means to stake a claim in a race of this nature, despite his recent failure (disqualification) in his first outing on French soil on 22 January
- 5. ISSI TOP** - Consistent for the most part and has references racing with his irons, though probably more effective at a lower level. Finished 4th in a similar event over course and distance on 4 February - needs to confirm
- 6. CONDOR PASA GAR** - Very delicate trotter but has revealed considerable means. Finished 4th on his return from a long layoff at Naples over 2060m on 26 January and could have more to offer now, even with his irons retained
- 7. LUCKY GUY BOKO** - High-class Swedish performer absent since finishing 4th in a valuable race at Solvalla over 2140m back in February 2023. One to keep an eye on here racing fully unshod in his first start on French soil
- 8. COBRA KILLER GAR** - Showed signs of a return to form when producing an encouraging final effort to finish 6th on 1 February over 2850m in his second comeback outing after a long layoff. Remains unshod, so his day seems near
- 9. IMOKO MADRIK** - His most recent victory was achieved over this course and distance in February 2022. Seldom far off the mark but unlikely to stake a claim here after a modest 10th over 2850m at Mauquenchy on 29 January
- 10. ISO DE KERYANN** - Consistent for the most part and seldom finishes far off the mark, although rarely wins his races (2 wins in 25 starts). Showed his competitiveness at this level by finishing 4th here over 2100m on 10 February
- 11. IT'S KING** - Confirmed in this configuration (barefoot) and has sound references but is best watched for now on his reappearance. Was last seen in July when finishing 6th at Enghien over 2875m
- 12. MULBERRY (SWE)** - Prolific Swedish trotter with form references/credentials at a high level, including a last-start success at Axelvalla over 1640m on 27 January. Has to be respected racing barefoot in his first start on French soil
- 13. IRRESISTIBLE PAJ** - Registered his most recent success over this course and distance back in November 2022 and has been inconsistent ever since. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th on this course over 2100m on 10 February

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14. INVADER AM - Versatile performer who has maintained form/consistency alternating between the categories, but has no references in this shoe fitting. Was disqualified in a mounted race at Cordemais on 17 January

15. IN EN VRIE - Most efficient in this configuration (unshod behind) but is unreliable and has not won since June 2022. Finished 12th over 2175m at this venue on 4 January - others preferred

16. IDEAL DE DOMPIERRE - Complicated but has undeniable means and confirmed as much when bouncing back to winning ways over track and trip on 4 February. Will be competitive if avoiding disqualification

Summary: After two much-needed comeback races following a lengthy absence, it could pay to follow the progress of COBRA KILLER GAR (8) who ought to reconnect with success sooner rather than later if building on the improvement of his last start (6th) in the same configuration (barefoot). He gets the nod here ahead of LOZANO (2), who shouldn't be condemned despite his recent failure (disqualification), and consistent CONDOR PASA GAR (6) who, with Jean-Michel Bazire engaged, should pose a threat. Last-start winner IDEAL DE DOMPIERRE (16) and CAPTOR DELLESELVE (4), whose recent faux pas is best forgotten, also have the means to play a leading role. Good race!

SELECTIONS

COBRA KILLER GAR (8) - LOZANO (GER) (2) - CONDOR PASA GAR (6) - IDEAL DE DOMPIERRE (16)

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C5 - PRIX 20 MINUTES (PRIX DE MONFLANQUIN) - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 68,000

- 1. SAHARA JAEBURN** - Finished a reassuring 4th in the Quinte+ event of 16 February over 2700m at this venue and should fight for victory here with a repeat of that performance. Keep safe
- 2. FIESTA DU BELVER** - A capable but unreliable veteran mare who has redeemed herself in recent outings, including her 4th in a Quinte+ race over 2700m on 9 February. Last seen in this configuration (barefoot) in July 2022
- 3. FASHION TOUCH** - Veteran mare who has finished unplaced in both starts this year at this venue. Didn't go unnoticed last time when finishing 6th in a Quinte+ race over 2700m on 9 February - could get a look in if improving
- 4. GIRL DE BASSIERE** - Consistent veteran mare confirmed in this shoe fitting with solid references at this level. Finished 5th in a 2700m Quinte+ event at this venue on 9 February and should have a role to play here
- 5. FALCO DES ROCHERS** - Inconsistent but is not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature, even with her irons. Wasn't disgraced when finishing 7th over 2650m at Bordeaux on 29 January
- 6. GRINDELWALD** - At the top of her game and is most effective in this configuration (barefoot). Returned to winning ways last time in the Quinte+ event of 9 February over 2700m on this course and should remain competitive
- 7. GHOSTBUSTER** - Bounced back to form with a commendable 3rd in the Group III Prix Jean-René on 28 January behind Ibiki de Houelle and Have a Dream. Has a winning chance here on the strength of that form
- 8. ESPOIR DU NOYER** - Inconsistent veteran whose recent references have been achieved at a lower level. Will be fully unshod for the first time since September 2022
- 9. HERE WE GO** - A relatively consistent performer with solid form references at this level. Was slightly disappointing last time (9th) in a 2700m Quinte+ event at this venue on 16 February but has the means to redeem himself
- 10. PINTO BOB** - A capable but unreliable veteran who has finished unplaced in each of his three outings on this course recently. Was 11th in a 2700m Quinte+ event on 16 February - capable of better, especially at this level
- 11. FILHIO DE LOU** - Soundly beaten in both starts this year on this course and is not likely to trouble the judge here after his modest 11th over 2700m in this shoe fitting on 28 January
- 12. DOMINO D'AUVRECY** - Hard-knocking veteran with sound references and, for the most part, consistent form figures. Unplaced (14th) over 2850m at this venue on 20 February - will tempt lovers of outsiders
- 13. EXPRESSO GOOD** - Barefoot for the first time since September 2022 and is entrusted to Eric Raffin now after two comeback outings, so warrants respect. Was 11th over 2700m at this venue on 20 January
- 14. GINKGO THELOIS** - Consistent for the most part and is confirmed in this shoe fitting. Didn't disgraced when finishing 7th in a Quinte+ race at this venue over 2700m on 16 February

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Summary: A tough call to make here with four leading protagonists. GHOSTBUSTER (7), who reassured with an encouraging 3rd last time, last-start winner GRINDELWALD (6) and SAHARA JAEURN (1), whose spot behind the autostart is beneficial, as well as consistent GIRL DE BASSIERE (4) all have a winning chance. HERE WE GO (9) has the means to join that fight for victory but is unfavourably positioned from the start. EXPRESSO GOOD (13) shouldn't be discounted either.

SELECTIONS

GHOSTBUSTER (7) - GRINDELWALD (6) - SAHARA JAEURN (1) - GIRL DE BASSIERE (4)

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C6 - PRIX VIVIER DE MONTFORT - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class A - Mounted - EUR € 90,000

1. HEROS DE BEYLEV - Usually does well when avoiding disqualification and seldom finishes far off the mark, which he proved with a reassuring 3rd over 3000m at Chateaubriant on 5 February. Has more to do here

2. HALFA - Caught the eye when finishing 7th in the Group I Prix de Cornulier and confirmed her good disposition in her last start when winning over 2850m at this venue on 10 February. Capable of winning again

3. GALA D'URFIST - A very delicate trotter with considerable ability. Disqualified in three of his last four starts (including last time out over 2850m at this venue on 10 February). All or nothing

4. FORCE VIVE - Confirmed in this shoe fitting and acquitted herself well (3rd) under the saddle in the 2850m benchmark race on 10 February. Place chance

5. GOOD GIRL MARCEAUX - Capable mare with sound references. Had legitimate excuses for her failure (disqualification) last time in the benchmark race on 10 February, so shouldn't be hastily condemned

6. GABIANO - Honest performer who seldom finishes far off the mark and is confirmed in this configuration (barefoot) but has no more than a place chance here. Was 7th under the saddle at this venue over 2850m on 10 Feb

7. DUC DU LUPIN - Confirmed in this shoe fitting but is unreliable and has remained inconsistent under the saddle. Was 7th over 2700m at this venue when last seen on 30 December

8. HOMER DE FROMENTEL - Was hanging on to the coattails of HALFA (2) at the time of his fault on this course over 2850m last time (10 February). Will be a factor if avoiding disqualification

9. GALET STED - Finished an eye-catching 2nd behind HALFA (2) in the key reference race over 2850m on 10 February and should have a role to play once more

10. FINE PERLE OF LOVE - Versatile but her struggles to recapture any form have continued in both trotting disciplines. Finished a well-beaten 12th in a Quinte+ harness race over 2850m on 20 February

Summary: HALFA (2) was in full bloom over the winter and looks good value to follow up her recent success with another victory here. HOMER DE FROMENTEL (8), who was at fault last time, has the means to pose a threat if proving diligent. GALET STED (9), runner-up to the selection on 10 February, and GALA D'URFIST (3), if remaining wise, should also be competitive for a place on the podium. GOOD GIRL MARCEAUX (5), not to be condemned for her recent disqualification, completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

HALFA (2) - HOMER DE FROMENTEL (8) - GALET STED (9) - GALA D'URFIST (3)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA MAYENNE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR € 90,000

- 1. CALLISTO (ITY)** - Has performed at a high level in Sweden and Italy, seldom finishing far off the mark though rarely wins his races (5 wins from 54 starts). Absent since finishing 3rd at Solvalla over 2140m on 14 October
- 2. JANGO VICI** - Got back on track with a reassuring last-start victory over 2100m at this venue on 2 February. Gets along well with Benjamin Rochard, so ought remain competitive
- 3. DIAMOND FRANCIS** - Acquitted himself competitively/consistently at a high level in Italy, seldom finishing far off the mark. Has regained freshness after his 6th over 2080m at Modène in November - unshod for the first time
- 4. CANTO DEI VENTI** - A well-performed trotter with sound references at this level. references at this level. Seldom finishes far off the mark and didn't go unnoticed when 5th over over 2850m on 11 February at this venue - outsider
- 5. IPALIO** - Unreliable nowadays but has sound references in this configuration (barefoot) at this level. Was 10th in the benchmark race on 11 February over 2850m at this venue so has to improve to get into the picture
- 6. JAGUAR MARANCOURT** - A tricky customer but is not devoid of resources. Was disqualified last time over this course and distance when tried in this configuration (barefoot) for the first time - more questions than answers
- 7. CHARMY CHARLY AS** - A talented trotter with a 33% strike rate (7 wins from 21 starts) and sound/consistent references at this level. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th over 2850m on 11 February at this venue
- 8. IBISCUS MAN** - Confirmed in this shoe fitting and has sound form references. Had excuses for a disappointing last start over 2850m on 11 February so shouldn't be judged on that performance - warrants respect
- 9. INFANT PERRINE** - Has performed at a high level but is no longer the force of old with few references in this configuration (barefoot), which include a last-start disqualification over 2175m on 19 August. Others preferred
- 10. ILLUSION JIPAD** - Consistent mare confirmed in this shoe fitting with sound references to her name, which include a 3rd in her last start on 11 February over 2850m on this course. Ought to remain competitive
- 11. FELICIA ZET** - Consistent performer at a high level in her native Sweden. Disqualified last time in her debut on French soil when returning from a 3-month absence but can't be written off just yet with JBM at the helm now
- 12. DON'T SAY GAR** - Consistent for the most part and has proven her efficiency/competitiveness in this shoe configuration (fully unshod). Finished 3rd over 2175m on 4 February when only unshod behind
- 13. CHANCE EK** - Honest mare in full possession of her means at present after consecutive victories at Vincennes and in Italy over 1650m this year (most recently at Milan on 11 February). Not taken lightly
- 14. INDIGO DE FONTAINE** - At the top of his game after four consecutive victories, the most recent of which was on 11 February over 2850m at this venue. Can continue his winning streak

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15. COCCO BFC - Won a Group I over this course and distance in January last year and has been carefully prepared for this engagement with two comeback races (shod) over 2100m. Barefoot now and will enjoy this 2700m trip

16. BENGAN - Was not at his best when finishing 11th in the Group I Prix Bold Eagle over this course and distance on 27 January - unable to fully express himself. Has sufficient means to play a leading role here - keep safe

Summary: INDIGO DE FONTAINE (14) has been impressive all winter and won his last start easier than the margin of victory suggests, so seems more than capable of continuing his momentum by adding to his tally here. BENGAN (16), unlucky in the Group I Prix Bold Eagle, is ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings and has the means to pose a threat, which could also be said of COCCO BFC (15) who has been carefully prepared for this engagement. IBISCUS MAN (8), FELICIA ZET (11), with 'JMB' at the helm, and ILLUSION JIPAD (10) will be competitive for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

INDIGO DE FONTAINE (14) - BENGAN (16) - COCCO BFC (15) - IBISCUS MAN (8)

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C8 - PRIX JACQUES MOREAU - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 35,000

1. PRIVATE BANKER SB -

2. DAMASCO EFFESSE - Disqualified in each of his last three starts, the latest of which was at Aversa on 23 December. Races fully unshod now

3. DOWNTOWN AS - Italian trotter who won his latest outing over 2700m at Milan on 11 February. Will find this a lot tougher

4. JASPE DU DOLLAR - Delicate but has undeniable means, especially in this shoe fitting. Was disqualified over this course and distance last time (30 January). Needs to reaffirm

5. DRAKE - Refined his condition with a race in a good field over 2100m on 20 February (finished 11th shod) and is presented fully unshod for this favourable commitment. Ought to play a leading role

6. SPARTAKUS - Last-start winner over 2100m on 19 February at this venue in the same shoe fitting. Not taken lightly

7. JAMSHIR - Narrowly missed out on victory in his penultimate outing (2nd) over course and distance. Disappointed when only 8th over 2100m on 8 February but will enjoy this longer distance

8. DUCA AS - Inconsistent at a lower level - continues to blow hot and cold. Finished 8th over 2100m on this course in his last start (28 December)

9. JAG HAUFOR - He defended himself well on January 30 and will be barefoot for the first time this winter.

10. DAYAK (ITY) - He has just opened his prize list pleasantly in France and will try to confirm.

11. DAY OF GLORY (ITY) -

12. DIE HARD (ITY) - He is better than his last two outings indicate and will try to restore his image.

13. JUPITER MADRIK -

14. GLOBAL DUTY -

15. DYNAMIC FLIGHT LF - Was an unlucky 3rd in his first start on French soil on 6 December. Showed his form and well-being with an encouraging 3rd over 2700m in Italy on 11 February, so has a winning chance in a race of this nature

16. JUST REMEMBER - Has improved in this configuration (unshod behind) and confirmed as much with a reassuring 5th in his last start over 2100m on 8 February. Should have a role to play

Summary: A wide-open contest. DYNAMIC FLIGHT LF (15), if judged on his performance (3rd) release on 6 December, could be worth siding with here ahead of DRAKE (5), who has been racing against tougher opposition recently and will be unshod for this engagement. JUST REMEMBER (16) could not dream of a better entry at the ceiling of earnings and also has the means to fight for victory. DAYAK (ITY) (10) has won two of his three starts this year and could take advantage of his good disposition to play a leading role too.

SELECTIONS

DYNAMIC FLIGHT LF (15) - DRAKE (5) - JUST REMEMBER (16) - DAYAK (ITY) (10)

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C9 - PRIX D'EPINAY - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 52,000

- 1. KAMBRIA JOSSELYN** - Won two of her first four but has struggled at this track and was disqualified last time out here on 19 February. Others are much preferred
- 2. KRISSA DE MORGANE** - On a long losing run since only win and is coming off a disqualification at this course on 13 February. Best watched for now
- 3. KALINE DU JOUR** - Clearly unreliable but does win when in the mood and is coming off a solid win in Class D over this course and distance on 4 February. Can follow up and score again
- 4. KIMIKO DU DOUBS** - Modest last two runs and was 6th last time out in Class B over this course and distance on 6 February. More needed to win this race
- 5. KALITA D'HENINEL** - Yet to win a race and was 7th last time out in Class C at this course over 2175m on 13 February. Others are much preferred
- 6. KALIKA DU RIS** - Unreliable and it has been just over a year since only win but was not disgraced when fourth last time out in Class C at this course over 2175m on 13 February. Others are preferred
- 7. KHITARA** - Has disqualification issues and that was the case again last time out at this course on 13 February. Capable of earning money when smart
- 8. KLASS HAUFOR** - A bit of a disappointment when only 5th last time out in Class B over this course and distance on 6 February. Should contest the finish
- 9. KALINE D'ATOUT** - Yet to win a race and was 5th in Class B at this course over 2175m on 13 February. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 10. KENIDILLE** - Has been kept to Mounted races so far and was third in Class C at this course over 2175m on 9 February. First time in a harness race so is probably best watched this time
- 11. KANGALA DE FAEL** - A bit of a disappointment last time out when only 6th last time out in GR.3. Capable of better and should fight out the finish
- 12. KATINKA AIMEF** - Clearly better in Mounted races and won well last time out in Class C at this course over 2175m on 9 February. Has also won a harness race so is not out of it
- 13. KALIDA MANIA** - Holding form well and has been runner-up twice in last three starts including in Class C at this course over 2175m last time out on 13 February. Better over shorter but is not out of it

Summary: KALINE DU JOUR (3) has just made a very good impression, in an excellent time (1'13"7), and will try to win a third victory. KANGALA DE FAEL (11) disappointed last time out but should do a lot better this time around. KALIDA MANIA (13) is more lethal over the shorter distance but is also not out of it. KLASS HAUFOR (8) seems better than the last run would suggest and deserves some respect.

SELECTIONS

KALINE DU JOUR (3) - KANGALA DE FAEL (11) - KALIDA MANIA (13) - KLASS HAUFOR (8)