

# FRIDAY, 01/03/24

## C1 - PRIX DE VIRE NORMANDIE - 2200m (a1m 1/2) - Class B - Mounted - EUR € 43,000

1. **LILIEME FOR CLARA** - Trotted an unexceptional 5th of 6 finishers in a 2700m Class B here 2 weeks ago and appears to have a mountain to climb
2. **LAIKA DES MARES** - Takes first competitive steps under the saddle after stringing together 4 straight harness sanctions and will not be easy to trust
3. **LOOP JANEIRO** - Lost momentum, and her action, in the Gr.3 Prix Edouard Marcillac on 16 February. Not devoid of talent but, in this company, will have too much to do
4. **LOST** - Switches code for the first time after 2 straight harness sanctions, latterly in a 2700m Class C here 10 days ago. Has bags of ability and will pick up a cheque if Julien Balu keeps him trotting
5. **LEXIE DE BANVILLE** - Made little impression before being sanctioned in the Gr.3 Prix Holly du Locton a fortnight back. Has evident ability though and, with shoes back on, can make amends
6. **LOVE ME AGAIN** - Made short work of her monté debut when comfortably securing a Class D over course and distance on 14 February. Will have come on for the run and has a realistic chance of doubling her money
7. **LUCAS** - Last of 7 finishers of the Gr.3 Prix Edouard Marcillac mid-February when stepped up in class. Unlikely to improve on that but should nevertheless hold his own
8. **LABEL SPEED** - Tenacious winner of a 2700m Class C on monté debut in early-February. Has had a month to progress and even in the absence of Eric Raffin this time, still looks a major player
9. **LIBERTINE DJOB** - Finished a respectable 5th of 13 in Gr.3 Prix Holly du Locton over track and trip a fortnight ago. Always gives her best but chances of improvement limited
10. **LUSSABEAU** - Reassured, after 3 straight sanctions, when 3rd in the Gr.3 Prix Edouard Marcillac over course and distance 2 weeks back. Collette stands in for Martin this time and will not be far off the mark if he can keep his charge in stride
11. **LEANDRO DE MER** - Trotted 4th, a place behind LUSSABEAU (10) in the Gr.3 Prix Edouard Marcillac over course and distance a fortnight ago. 4 pads fitted this time though and must be afforded respect
12. **LEO DES MALBERAUX** - Valiant 2nd in a 2700m Vincennes harness Class C 10 days ago after having opened his account under harness at Châteaubriant and can make his monté debut a winning one
13. **LOVELY KOOL** - 6th of 9 finishers in a 2100m harness claimer here last week. Has yet to prove herself under the saddle and is not about to shake things up
14. **L'ARC EN CIEL** - Debuts in the discipline after losing his action in a 2100m harness claimer here a week ago. Is out of his league this time and can be passed over

**Summary:** It took some time but LEO DES MALBERAUX (12) appears to have come into his own recently and, with Mathieu Mottier on board for his ridden debut, can get straight down to business. They can still expect to come under pressure from LOVE ME AGAIN (6) who made no bones about opening her monté account at the first time of asking, and LABEL SPEED (8) who confirmed his good debut with a solid win first time out. The capable but delicate LOST (4) should take well to the new code and, with application, can get in on the action.

### SELECTIONS

LEO DES MALBERAUX (12) - LOVE ME AGAIN (6) - LABEL SPEED (8) - LOST (4)

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**C2 - PRIX DE LORIENT - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class B - Harness - EUR €  
52,000**

- 1. JOLIE STAR** - Surprisingly good 2nd of 10 in a Class C over course and distance 2 weeks ago but takes on a better bunch this time and looks no more than a minor place chance
- 2. JUVENIA BELLA** - Solid winner of a 2100m Vincennes Class C on 8 February. Takes on the boys this time but is still competitive for a slice of the pie
- 3. JEDI DES BROUETS** - Complicated trotter that lost his action in the race of reference and once again appears to be facing a very stiff test
- 4. JEWEL DE LA COTE** - Last of 10 to JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (13) in a Class B over track and trip on 18 January and will need to show another side
- 5. JE REVE DU BOIS** - Raced considerably better than his 8th place behind JOOST D'OLERON (7) in the race of reference. Is first time barefoot and can give JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (13) a run for his money
- 6. JIBI DU FRUITIER** - Consistent type that finished 4th behind JOOST D'OLERON (7) in a 2850m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks ago and looks capable of exacting revenge and finishing in the frame this time
- 7. JOOST D'OLERON** - Consistently in the thick of things and most recently finished 3rd of 15 in a 2850m Class B here 3 weeks ago. Is as versatile as they come and is not to be underestimated
- 8. JEEP DU PONT** - Finished 4th, at 87/1, of 14 in a 2100m Class B here 10 days ago but a repeat looks decidedly unlikely
- 9. JABALPUR** - Unlucky not to finish closer than 6th to JOOST D'OLERON (7) in a 2850m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks ago but can make amends if Gabriele Gelormini keeps him out of trouble
- 10. JASMIN PRECIEUX** - Unraced since trotting 3rd in a 2850m Class A here last September. Goes barefoot for the occasion and should not be entirely ruled out
- 11. JAMAICA D'AURCY** - Good, consistent type that finished 3rd of 16 in a 2850m Class B here on 10 February. In better company, with Nicolas Bazire reining, and unlikely to make the first 5 this time
- 12. JENNY DE JOUDES** - Good class of mare that was very unlucky when finishing 12th of 13 in a 2850m Class B here on 10 February. Will be fully fit by now and should be taken seriously
- 13. JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL** - Comfortable winner of a Class B over course and distance on 18 January. Has everything in his favour again and will take all the beating

**Summary:** Ideally-engaged, shod as he likes, and latterly an impressive winner over course and distance, JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (13) looks to be in with a realistic chance of doubling up. Franck Nivard will be justifiably wary though of the erratic but capable JE REVE DU BOIS (5) who is first time unshod-all-4, and JIBI DU FRUITIER (6) who will be seeking to turn the tables on JIBI DU FRUITIER (6) who just had his measure last time out.

## SELECTIONS

**JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (13) - JE REVE DU BOIS (5) - JIBI DU FRUITIER (6) - JOOST D'OLERON (7)**

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## C3 - PRIX DU FINISTERE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 41,000

- 1. JAMAICA PHEDO** - Makes Vincennes debut after finishing an unremarkable 4th of 9 in a 2900m Challans Class F last weekend. Barefoot for the occasion but can still be confidently ruled out
- 2. DAMISELA** - Unthreatening 7th of 10 in a 2100m harness Class E here 10 days ago. Ran DENIA (3) close on lone monté start though and is not incapable of turning the tables
- 3. DENIA** - Tenacious winner of a Class E over course and distance on 25 January at her first start under the saddle. Steps up in category but has earned the right to race here and could well repeat
- 4. MANSKENSTOSEN** - Uninspired 7th of 10 against the boys in a Class D over 2700m here on 2 February and is not about to spring any surprises
- 5. JOLIE GRAVURE** - Debuts in the discipline after finishing a respectable 8th of 12 in a harness Class D under these conditions on 13 February. Hails from a good home and is not one to be overlooked
- 6. JUNON DE VRIE** - Switches back to his code of preference after being sanctioned in a harness Class D freshener over 2100m here late-January. Eric Raffin in the irons this time but still not a priority
- 7. JUSSY DE PAUMAR** - Makes just 2nd public appearance under the saddle a month after debuting modestly in a Class D under these conditions and is unlikely to cause an upset
- 8. JODLEUSE MAG** - Modest last of 12 in a harness Class D over course and distance on 13 February. Has never finished a monté race unscathed and is not about to start
- 9. JILANZA DU MOULIN** - Sanctioned on comeback in a harness Class D over track and trip on 13 February. Front shoes off this time, has nothing to prove under the saddle and, if fully-fit, can play a leading role
- 10. JASMINE DE FORGAN** - Unraced since finishing 11th of 13, after faulting early, in a Class D over course and distance on 9 December but has previously won under these conditions and should not be far off the mark
- 11. INFLUENCE** - A revelation since switching codes, latterly finishing a good 2nd in a Class E over course and distance on 3 February. In marginally better company this time but can still make the first 5
- 12. JOLYSTAR GEDE** - Would have finished in the frame had she not faulted late in a Class D over track and trip on 2 February. Just hind shoes on this time and, if applied, will not be going home empty-handed

**Summary:** Impressive on her monté debut in late-January, DAMISELA (2) has since moved stables and with Paul Ploquin on board could well exact revenge on the superbly-consistent DENIA (3) who had her measure that day. JILANZA DU MOULIN (9) has one race under her belt since the spell and is competitively-shod this time, while a fresh JASMINE DE FORGAN (10) is never far from surprising.

### SELECTIONS

DAMISELA (2) - DENIA (3) - JILANZA DU MOULIN (9) - JASMINE DE FORGAN (10)

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## C4 - PRIX DE BLAVIGNAC - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class E Amateur Riders - Harness - EUR € 32,000

- 1. KAMARO** - Like a horse reborn since starting to race barefoot and 2 weeks ago trotted 2nd in a 2875m Bordeaux Class E. Goes left-handed for the first time though and, in this category, will have his work cut out
- 2. KELMONDO BOY** - Beaten only by a very good horse in a 2850m Class E over the short course here 2 weeks ago and, with form maintained, will be no pushover
- 3. KNOCKANDO** - 6th of 8 in a 2175m Vincennes Class E on 6 January and, even changing to racing with hind shoes off, still looks to have too much to do
- 4. KIKOU D'ALEXIANE** - 3rd over track and trip on 17 January before trotting 7th of 13 in a 2275m Nantes Class E a fortnight ago. Hind shoes off this time and can challenge for a spot on the podium
- 5. KAMELIA DE JEAN** - Faithful filly that has not been seen out since trotting 2nd in a 2700m Le Croisé-Laroche Class D in early-October. Goes first-time barefoot for Vincennes debut and will be worth monitoring
- 6. KATARINA D'AMOUR** - Showed improvement when 3rd of 12 in a 2275m Nantes Class E a fortnight ago but bites off more than she can chew this time around
- 7. KELLOU DES BRUMES** - Went into his break on a high note but has just one unplaced 2100m Vincennes Class D effort under her belt since and is expected to need another run
- 8. KENTUCKY GIRL** - Unraced since faulting at the start of a 2100m Vincennes Class E late-November. Shoes on and no threat
- 9. KID LEA DRIVER** - Confirmed under these conditions but sanctioned in last 2, most recently 8 days ago in a 2700m Class D. Others preferred
- 10. KINGSTON DU BOURG** - Took little time getting back in shape when 2nd of 14 in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 5 February. Shoes off again and makes his Vincennes debut with reasonable ambition
- 11. KAVAROLIKA** - Was not given a hard re-entry when 9th of 15 in a Class D over course and distance 8 days ago. Races first time barefoot and could pleasantly surprise
- 12. KAYNE RICHER** - Progressive sort that was given an easy comeback when 7th of 10 finishers in a 3000m Nantes Class E late-January. Comes here fresh, is well-engaged, and should be good enough to make the frame this time
- 13. KALINE DU RIB** - 4th in a Class D over course and distance on Christmas Day before losing her action in a similar event late-January. Shoes back on but still looks no more than a minor place chance
- 14. KEN ZAO DE NAPPES** - Quality element that was sanctioned after missing the start in a Class D over course and distance 12 days ago but has a lot going for him this time and can make this his own

**Summary:** Quite obviously a colt of some talent, KEN ZAO DE NAPPES (14) has yet to get around Vincennes unscathed but he benefits from a fine entry and with can make up for lost time. Camille Mesnil will still be keeping a keen eye on KELMONDO BOY (2) who started to show his true colours here a fortnight ago, while KAYNE RICHER (12) has been given time to get into shape and will have a lot to offer if he takes to the Vincennes profile. KIKOU D'ALEXIANE (4) is shod to preference and will be knocking at the door.

### SELECTIONS

**KEN ZAO DE NAPPES (14) - KELMONDO BOY (2) - KAYNE RICHER (12) - KIKOU D'ALEXIANE (4)**

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## C5 - PRIX EMILE ALLIX COURBOY - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 75,000

- 1. INO DU LUPIN** - Ultra-consistent 6yo that beat ISLA JET (8) in the 2700m Gr.3 Prix Michel Marcel Gougeon on 21 January. Comes here on a hat-trick and is in with a realistic shout of pulling it off
- 2. ESTEBAN JIEL** - Returns to conditions he appreciates after winning over 2300m at Kuurne mid-month, but in this category will have his work cut out
- 3. GHALIE DU GOUTIER** - Acquitted herself very well to finish 4th to ISLA JET (8) in a 2100m Gr.3 here on 28 January. Finds herself in tougher company this time though and not a priority
- 4. OSCAR L.A.** - 5th in a 2100m Class A here on 10 February. Has yet to live up to expectations since coming to France but it is only a question of time
- 5. CASH BANK BIGI** - Sanctioned, for the 2nd time in succession, when losing her action in a 2100m Class A here 3 weeks ago and is unlikely to generate much interest
- 6. IBIKI DE HOUELLE** - Never at his ease in the 10 January race of reference after having beaten HAVE A DREAM (7) in the Gr.3 Prix Jean-René Gougeon late last month. Has previously bested INO DU LUPIN (1) and can do so again
- 7. HAVE A DREAM** - Finished 8th of 13, behind OSCAR L.A. (4), in a Class A over 2100m here 3 weeks ago after missing the break. Has been knocking at the door though and is not incapable of finishing in the mix
- 8. ISLA JET** - Has done nothing but improve this winter, late last month winning a 2100m Gr.3 here. Has fine 2700m references here and can trot her way into the frame

**Summary:** A remarkable trotter with a similarly excellent strike-rate, INO DU LUPIN (1) has swept almost all before him this winter, except when beaten by IBIKI DE HOUELLE (6) in the Gr.3 Prix Narquois last December, and choosing one over the other is not going to be easy. ISLA JET (8) has gone from strength to strength over recent months but, with Raffin reining Franck Leblanc's horse, she may have to settle for a place this time. HAVE A DREAM (7) should logically bounce back from his recent blunder and looks the best of the rest.

### SELECTIONS

**INO DU LUPIN (1) - IBIKI DE HOUELLE (6) - ISLA JET (8) - HAVE A DREAM (7)**

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**C6 - PRIX D'ALENCON - 2175m (a1m 1/4) - Class D - Mounted - EUR €  
59,000**

- 1. NYMKE BRIGADOON** - No slouch on a good day but sanctioned on comeback in a 2200m Class D here on 13 February and is unlikely to make much of an impression
- 2. GOLD DE JADE** - 2nd 3 weeks ago in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on his first monté start for over 2 years. Fitted with pads this time but can still trot his way into the money
- 3. HETRE CHANGEEN** - Smart winner of a 2850m Laval Class E 2 weeks ago. Races fully shod this time but still looks capable of trotting his way onto the podium
- 4. HANDSOME BOY** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2700m Class C here on 20 January. Has already won under these conditions this winter and, on good behaviour, will be no soft touch
- 5. GEORGES L'AVENTURE** - Well-beaten in a 3000m Nantes harness Class E a fortnight ago and will have nothing to offer
- 6. HUIS CLOS (SWE)** - Winner of the last 4 races he has finished, most recently on 23 December when dominating a decent field to win a 2700m Class E. May be somewhat race-rusty but is still worth keeping an eye on
- 7. HORSY ROYAL** - A veritable metronome in this branch of the game, finishing 2nd in a 2700m Class D here on 18 January. Will be fresh, races barefoot for the first time and must be afforded respect
- 8. FAUST DE BEYLEV** - 4th of 12 in a Class D over 2700m here 12 days ago. Won over track and trip, similarly configured, in December but may struggle to make his presence felt this time
- 9. GENIE DES LUCAS** - Courageous 3rd of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 8 days ago. Is plainly on the way up and looks a threat to HORIZON CARISAIE (11)
- 10. DOLLAR DOC** - Capable sort but has not raced since faulting in a 2100m Vincennes harness Class C 4 months ago and will need the run
- 11. HORIZON CARISAIE** - 3rd in a 2700m Vincennes Class C 10 days ago. Excels over 2175m here and, if true to form, should have this in the bag

**Summary:** Simply superb under the saddle, HORIZON CARISAIE (11) has been in cracking form this winter and excels over 2175m. He will be a tough nut to crack but the improving GENIE DES LUCAS (9) looks competitively well-in, as does the shod HETRE CHANGEEN (3) who has won 2 of 3 this term, including under these conditions. HANDSOME BOY (4) seldom disappoints when applied and will not be far from the action if Damien Bonne gets him off on the right foot.

## SELECTIONS

**HORIZON CARISAIE (11) - GENIE DES LUCAS (9) - HETRE CHANGEEN (3) - HANDSOME  
BOY (4)**

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**C7 - PRIX DE MAUREPAS - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR €  
35,000**

- 1. JOYEUSE DE VOUEDE** - Unremarkable 8th of 13 to DESTINY DI POGGIO (9) in a Vincennes Class E over 2700m on 14 January and recent form does little to inspire confidence
- 2. DOLLY EFFE** - Sanctioned early, when friendless, in the 20 February race of reference and, in current form, can expect to have few takers
- 3. JAVERNE** - Held off DONNER AMOUR (8) to smartly win a 2700m Class E on her Vincennes debut on 1 February. Will have come on for the run and looks a serious first-3 chance once more
- 4. TARGARYAN** - Has not been seen out since finishing 9th of 10 in a Skive mile event on 28 December. Barefoot for French debut though and, while not a priority, is still worth keeping an eye on
- 5. JEZABEL DU BISTON** - Respectable 6th of 15 behind JAVERNE (3) in a 2700m Class E here a month back. Is in her category and eminently capable of scratching out a first-5 cheque
- 6. JADE DE PAME** - Got off to a fine start before losing her action in a 2650m Saint-Galmier Class D on re-entry 11 days ago. Races first-time barefoot for Vincennes bow but still looks to have too much to do
- 7. JENY DES MALBERAUX** - Given an easy re-entry when last of 15 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E 9 days ago. Shoes on again and can be confidently passed over
- 8. DONNER AMOUR** - Has shown a different side to herself since returning to France, most recently finishing 3rd to DESTINY EFFE (12) in the 20 February race of reference. Unlikely to impose but can still challenge for a place in the frame
- 9. DESTINY DI POGGIO** - Opened her account for new trainer when securing a 2700m Class E here in style on 14 February and, in similar form, will be expected to confirm
- 10. JADE WINNER** - Complicated but talented type that was sanctioned when well-backed in a 2700m Class D here on 22 January. Shod to preference this time and can more than make amends
- 11. J'ADORE D'EURVAD** - Un-taxed 12th of 15 on comeback under similar conditions at Mauquenchy 9 days ago. Better on a more even surface and unlikely to influence the result
- 12. DESTINY EFFE** - Highly-consistent Italian mare that can be considered unlucky when 2nd in a 2100m Class E here 10 days ago but, if kept out of trouble, can bring the fight to DESTINY DI POGGIO (9)

**Summary:** Following a couple of unsuccessful ventures in the monté code, DESTINY DI POGGIO (9) opened her Vincennes harness account in fine order recently and looks the sort that will only get better. JMB can still expect to encounter opposition from another fine Italian import, DESTINY EFFE (12), who was not the most fortunate here 10 days ago, and the good but tricky JADE WINNER (10) who returns to racing unshod behind. JAVERNE (3) pulled off quite the coup last time out and will legitimately garner support.

## SELECTIONS

**DESTINY DI POGGIO (9) - DESTINY EFFE (12) - JADE WINNER (10) - JAVERNE (3)**

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## C8 - PRIX DE LUNEVILLE - 2850m (a2m) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 53,000

1. **GRAPPA BOY** - Classy Swedish import that surprisingly failed to make any impact when 9th of 15 in the race of reference and will need to raise his game
2. **INDIANA D'ESPACE** - Has not been seen out since trotting 10th of 16 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C in early-November and, barefoot or not, will need the run
3. **CRONOS DEGLI DEI** - Pleased on Vincennes debut but sanctioned twice since, latterly in the 19 February race of reference. Has ability though and should not be too harshly judged
4. **CELIAZ** - Consistent mare that pleased in January's Vincennes debut before losing her action in a Class D over track and trip on 18 February. With application though, can get a look-in
5. **INTERIM BOY** - Has turned a corner this winter, most recently missing out by little in a similar event here a month back. Takes on some good mares this time but must still be respected
6. **CHEMAR** - Sanctioned on comeback in the race of reference, following a 10 minutes wait at the start. Appreciates Vincennes but not over 2850m and others preferred
7. **ISLAND LOVE** - Comfortably won a 2700m Vincennes Class D a fortnight ago. Steps back up in category but has form at this level and looks good enough to make the frame
8. **INSTANT D'HAUFOR** - Tricky character that was a rather disappointing 9th of 15 behind G.K.JUSTUS (16) here 12 days ago. Ran IDOLA (13) close in a Gr.3 earlier in the season though and is not to be underestimated
9. **IN LOVE MESLOIS** - Put on a good show to trot 2nd of 18 in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F 2 weeks ago. Raffin reining this time and could well repeat
10. **INSTINCTIF** - Tailed-off last of 10 in a 2700m Class B here in early-February and will need to show marked improvement
11. **ILLICO DES BAUX** - Courageous 5th of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class B on 6 February and is not about to spring any surprises
12. **IACYNTHÉ DIDJEAP** - Failed to live up to expectations when a beaten 3rd of 7 in a 2925m Cagnes Class C on 6 February. Has form at the venue though and will generate some interest
13. **IDOLA** - Faulted in the final stages of a 2700m Class B here on 6 February. Has nothing to prove in this class though and, if applied, can impose
14. **I LOVE JOSSELYN** - Reliability not his strong suit and finished 6th of 9 in a 2925m Cagnes Class C 10 days ago, but is dangerous when focused and will figure prominently if Romain Derieux gets him off on the right foot
15. **IRIS DES CHAMPS** - Quality individual that lost her action in a 2700m Vincennes Class B on 6 February. Is plainly in shape though and, barefoot for the occasion, can make amends and finish in the mix
16. **G.K.JUSTUS** - Decent 5th of 15 in a Class D over course and distance 11 days ago after having won under those conditions 3 weeks earlier, and looks the principal danger to IDOLA (13)

**Summary:** Although not always the easiest of horses to handle, IDOLA (13) is nevertheless a quality mare with Gr.3 form this winter and, barefoot for the occasion, can make up for her recent sanction. That being said, G.K.JUSTUS (16) won under these conditions in late-January and is eminently capable of giving her a run for her money. IN LOVE MESLOIS (9) got back in the game in the provinces on 18 February and, entrusted to Eric Raffin this time, is unlikely to disappoint. ISLAND LOVE (7) has thrived since the turn of the year and her recent Vincennes victory bodes well for her prospects.

### SELECTIONS

**IDOLA (13) - G.K.JUSTUS (16) - IN LOVE MESLOIS (9) - ISLAND LOVE (7)**