

TUESDAY, 02/04/24

C1 - PRIX ERIGONE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Mounted - EUR € 60,000

1. JASON DU CONROY - Versatile but unreliable sort whose best references have been achieved under the saddle when unshod. Absent since finishing 6th over 2850m on this course on 20 January

2. JE REVE DU BOIS - Was a winner under the saddle on this course in January with the same shoeing configuration. Showed his form and well-being by finishing 3rd in a harness race over this track and trip on 1 March

3. IMPERIAL COGLAIS - Consistent performer in the mounted category with sound references, including a last-start 4th at Mauquenchy over 2850m on 18 March

4. JAZZ DE PERVENCHE - Hasn't been seen in this category since finishing 2nd in a 2175m Group III mounted race in February last year. Finished 9th in a 2850m harness race on this course on 23 March

5. JIMAKO VERDERIE - Runner-up to the smart Illenc des Bosc in a mounted race over this track and trip on 23 February. Not taken lightly

6. JUST FOR BACK - Impeccable in this specialty, winning three times and finishing 2nd three times in six starts under the saddle - latest of those over 2850m on this course when last seen on 27 October. Keep safe

7. IMPALA DE VAL - At the top of his game at present, winning his last three completed races (four starts) in this category. Last-start winner over 2725m at Lisieux on 20 March

8. ICARE DU LEARD - Delicate but certainly not devoid of ability and usually does well when avoiding disqualification. Finished a reassuring 4th in this shoe fitting over track and trip on 23 March

9. JULIANA DE RETZ - Finished 4th (shod) in a race won by the smart Illenc des Bosc over this course and distance on 23 February. Barefoot for this engagement

10. IRIS DES CHAMPS - Consistent for the most part in the harness category but is best watched for now racing shod in her first start under the saddle

11. INIDILLE - Versatile and consistent trotter whose best references have been achieved when racing unshod, including a last-start 2nd over 2700m at Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne on 18 March

Summary: JE REVE DU BOIS (2) was a convincing winner of his last start under the saddle back in January so is marginally preferred ahead of JAZZ DE PERVENCHE (4) who is rarely seen in this category but finished 2nd on this course in his last reappearance in a mounted race last year. The returning JUST FOR BACK (6) and hat-trick-seeking IMPALA DE VAL (7) are also potential winners in a competitive opening event. JIMAKO VERDERIE (5) gets along well with Clément Frecelle and should acquit himself competitively too.

SELECTIONS

JE REVE DU BOIS (2) - JAZZ DE PERVENCHE (4) - JUST FOR BACK (6) - IMPALA DE VAL (7)

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**C2 - PRIX BEATRIX - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR €
46,000**

- 1. L'AS DESBOIS** - Improving last-start winner over 2825m at Cordemais on 1 March. Not to be underestimated on his Vincennes debut
- 2. LORD DE BANVILLE** - Runner-up in his first two starts but was disqualified in four of his last five outings this year - the latest at Enghien over 2150m on 8 March
- 3. LORD SMART** - Delicate but has revealed serious means. Was disqualified over 2850m at this venue on 28 February but should not be condemned for that failure
- 4. LARGO LIGNERIES** - Debut winner at Angers but was disqualified on his Vincennes in February. Set the record straight in good style when winning over 2450m at Caen on 11 March
- 5. LEONARDO VICI** - Won consecutive starts at Argentan and Cordemais in January before losing his unbeaten record over track and trip on his Vincennes debut when finishing 3rd on 20 February
- 6. LATINO PURA VIDA** - Revealed potential and performed consistently in four starts last year, including twice at this venue. Absent since his disqualification over this track and trip on 14 January
- 7. LEADER D'AIMTE** - Tricky customer with serious means. Was fighting for victory at the time of his fault on 28 February over 2850m on this course
- 8. LOVI CADENCE** - Consistent performer with sound references. Absent since finishing 6th over 2175m at this venue on 21 January

Summary: A small yet competitive lineup featuring several promising trotters. Victory, however, is likely to be fought out between LEONARDO VICI (5), who lost his unbeaten record when finishing a creditable 3rd in his last appearance (third start), LORD SMART (3), in spite of his last-start disqualification on 28 February, and recent Caen scorer LARGO LIGNERIES (4). Of the remainder, LEADER D'AIMTE (7) has shown enough to make his presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

LEONARDO VICI (5) - LORD SMART (3) - LARGO LIGNERIES (4) - LEADER D'AIMTE (7)

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C3 - PRIX ALMANON - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 52,000

- 1. HEROIC PARK** - Has racked up a string of four consecutive victories under the saddle, including all three starts this year. Absent since winning over 3000m at Nantes on 20 February
- 2. HAMISH** - Consistent veteran performer who seldom finishes far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th over 2875m at Enghien on 12 March
- 3. HARDI CROWN** - Finished an encouraging 2nd in his first start under the saddle at Enghien on 12 March but failed to confirm that form when only 7th over this track and trip on 23 March. Can set the record straight
- 4. FALAKI DE CAHOT** - Versatile veteran with sound references in this configuration (barefoot) under the saddle. Ought to fare better back in this category after finishing 14th (shod) in a 2575m harness race at Agen on 24 March
- 5. EURO MAKER** - Doesn't race often in this specialty but usually to good effect. Confirmed the improvement of his previous outing (4th) by finishing 2nd under the saddle at Cagnes over 2925m on 10 March
- 6. FEDER PERRINE** - Has not raced in this category since October 2022 but did win on that occasion over 2800m at Chartres. Showed signs of a return to form when finishing 6th in a harness race over 2850m at Laval on 13 March
- 7. GOLO KANTE** - Consistent and versatile veteran with impeccable references under the saddle, including a last-start 3rd over 2950m at Cagnes on 10 March
- 8. EVAN PAULO** - Honest veteran performer with sound references in both codes, even with his irons. Reverts to the mounted code after finishing 7th over 2625m at Cherbourg on 3 March
- 9. GALLAGHER WIND** - Versatile veteran with references in both codes and this shoeing configuration, including a last-start 4th over 2650m at Bordeaux on 9 March
- 10. ENJEU DAIRPET** - Well-performed but unreliable veteran who showed signs of a return to form when finishing 5th under the saddle over this distance at Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne on 18 March
- 11. HOCKFELER DU MESLE** - Versatile performer who has maintained his form/consistency alternating between the two trotting codes. Runner-up over 2450m at Caen on 14 March

Summary: HEROIC PARK (1), undefeated in three outings this year, and versatile HOCKFELER DU MESLE (11), who is ideally committed at the ceiling of earnings, will find themselves fighting for victory. HARDI CROWN (3), of whom better was expected last time, and GOLO KANTE (7), with Eric Raffin engaged, have the means to join that fight. FEDER PERRINE (6) shouldn't be underestimated returning to this category either.

SELECTIONS

HEROIC PARK (1) - HOCKFELER DU MESLE (11) - HARDI CROWN (3) - GOLO KANTE (7)

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C4 - PRIX OBERON - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. KATIA DHELPA** - Delicate but showed she remains capable by finishing an encouraging 4th over 2875m at Enghien on her reappearance on 12 March. Not taken lightly
- 2. KWALITA SUPREME** - Showed early promise, winning two of his first four starts, but appears to have regressed recently. Finished 9th in this configuration (barefoot) over 2150m at Enghien on 15 March
- 3. KALINDA DU PARC** - Debut winner at Châtelailon-La Rochelle in May last year and has remained consistent ever since. Finished 4th over 2150m at Enghien on 15 March
- 4. KADENCE D'ENFER** - Unable to fully express herself when finishing 7th on her reappearance over 2150m at Enghien on 15 March. Reunited with Guillaume Martin, who led her to success in their only association
- 5. KISS ME DE NAVARY** - Caught the eye when finishing 4th (shod) on her reappearance over 2875m at Enghien on 19 March. Races unshod for the first time
- 6. KISS ME DOMPIERRE** - Made a winning reappearance unshod behind at Saint-Galmier over 2650m in January but failed to confirm that form and improvement when only 7th over 2600m at that venue on 19 February. More needed tried in a new shoe fitting
- 7. KALINE DU JOUR** - Unreliable but retains sufficient means to play a leading role in a race of this nature, even with her irons, despite her disqualification over track and trip on 25 February. Chief threat
- 8. KRISSA DE MORGANE** - Won on debut at Ecommoy in July 2022 but has failed to build on that promise (yet to win) in 22 subsequent starts and was only 6th over 2150m at Enghien on 15 March. Watch for now
- 9. KAHIA DE LA CROIX** - Progressive, hat-trick-seeing filly undefeated in two associations with Laurent-Claude Abrivard. Given the style of her latest success over 2875m at Enghien on 12 March, is good value to win again
- 10. KIM FOREVER** - Debut winner at Cordemais in January last year - won three of his first four starts - and has remained consistent ever since. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 2150m at Enghien on 15 March and will enjoy this longer distance
- 11. KALIKA DU RIS** - Complicated filly rarely far from a fault. Disqualified over 2150m at Enghien on 15 March so is best watched for now
- 12. KAPUSHA MIP** - Consistent performer with sound references, especially in this configuration (barefoot), including a last-start 2nd over 2875m at Enghien on 19 March. Keep safe

Summary: KAHIA DE LA CROIX (9) has proven much too good for her opposition in winning consecutive starts and, on the evidence of those victories, is good value to complete the hat-trick here. KALINE DU JOUR (7) is unreliable but has the means to deny the selection on a good day. KISS ME DE NAVARY (5), barefoot for the first time after an encouraging (4th) last start, and KAPUSHA MIP (12), ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings, should also be competitive for a spot on the podium. KADENCE D'ENFER (4) and KATIA DHELPA (1) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KAHIA DE LA CROIX (9) - KALINE DU JOUR (7) - KISS ME DE NAVARY (5) - KAPUSHA MIP (12)

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**C5 - PRIX ALCYONE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR €
46,000**

1. LIBERTY AVENUE - Performed consistently at a lower level, winning at Lyon-La Soie over 2050m last month. Failed to confirm that form/improvement when only 5th over 2300m at Marseille-Borely on 27 March

2. LUMIERE MIKA - Runner-up on debut at La Capelle over 2000m but regressed in four starts at Vincennes and was disqualified at Enghien over 2150m on 12 March

3. LAYLA SONIA - Disqualified in four of her eight appearances but showed her form and well-being by finishing 2nd over 2150m at Mauquenchy on 18 March

4. LADY VICTORY - Has redeemed herself recently by finishing 4th in consecutive outings at this venue - the latest over 2850m on 22 March. Place chance

5. LAMTARA BUISSONAY - Consistent performer at a lower level but showed her limitations in this grade when only 6th over 2150m at Wnghein on 12 March. For another day

6. LUMINOSITY - Confirmed the promise of her debut 3rd at Argentan in January by winning at Laval in February and would've fought for victory had she been able to fully express herself at Pontchâteau last time (2nd) on 8 March

7. LUMINOUS STAR - Showed serious ability in three starts with her irons. Absent since finishing 6th (plated) over this track and trip on 5 December

8. LAMATTA - Improving last-start winner in this shoeing configuration at Vire over 2150m on 3 March. More needed

9. LOVELY DAY CEKE - Unbeaten filly after consecutive wins over 2925m at Cagnes in February. Makes her Vincennes debut now but is open to improvement

Summary: LUMINOSITY (6) has revealed serious means in three starts and, with Matthieu Abrivard engaged this time round, ought to fight for victory. LUMINOUS STAR (7), highly regarded by William Bigeon, and undefeated LOVELY DAY CEKE (9) are likely to pose a threat. LADY VICTORY (4) also has the means to make her presence felt.

SELECTIONS

LUMINOSITY (6) - LUMINOUS STAR (7) - LOVELY DAY CEKE (9) - LADY VICTORY (4)

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C6 - PRIX ANDRE DREUX - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class R Claiming Amateur Riders - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- 1. ENGOULVENT DU LYS** - Has been off the boil for some time now and is not likely to have a say here having been soundly beaten in both comeback appearances. Finished 10th over 2875m at Enghien on 19 March
- 2. ELDO DES LANDIERS** - Out of sorts and unlikely to trouble the judge on evidence of his last start - unplaced (13th) at Argentan over 2150m on 28 March
- 3. HECTOR DES CHAMPS** - Unreliable performer who let the side down when only 12th in a 2700m claimer on this course on 19 February. Capable of better
- 4. FAKIR DE GESVRES** - Caught the eye with a reassuring 2nd in the benchmark event in a 2150m claimer at Enghien on 26 March. Will be competitive if confirming that form/improvement
- 5. FAUBOURG DU PERCHE** - Has been off the boil for some time now - disqualified in four of his last six appearances, including the reference race over 2150m at Enghien on 26 March
- 6. EXPEDITIOUS** - Out of sorts and could only finish 11th in the benchmark event at Enghien over 2150m on 26 March. Will have to improve to feature
- 7. FINOU DU LUOT** - Has been off the boil for some time now and is not likely to have a say here having been disqualified in four of his last five starts. Was soundly beaten (1th) over 2825m at Vire on 3 March
- 8. EDEN DE L'ITON** - Inconsistent but finished a reassuring 3rd in the benchmark event in a 2150m claimer at Enghien on 26 March. Confirmation awaited
- 9. FALCAO DE CHENU** - Recently joined Charley Mottier's stable after finishing 10th in a 2150m Quinte+ event on 8 March at Enghien. Not taken lightly
- 10. ENJOLEUR LEMAN** - Has gone the boil and was disqualified on his reappearance over 2450m at Caen on 7 March. For another day
- 11. ERODE LUDOIS** - Didn't enjoy a favorable trip last time but still managed to finish a creditable 5th in a 2150m claimer at Enghien on 26 March
- 12. EL FUEGO** - Well-performed veteran with references at a higher level. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in the benchmark event over 2150m at Enghien on 26 March
- 13. EMENCOURT BLEQUIN** - Inconsistent veteran with references at a higher level. Caused great disappointment (9th) in the references race over 2150m at Enghien on 26 March
- 14. EXPRESS DE L'ITON** - Showed signs of a return to form when finishing 5th in a 2100m claimer on this course on 25 January. Regained freshness since

Summary: ERODE LUDOIS (11) didn't go unnoticed when 5th last time despite an unfavourable trip, so is given the nod here ahead of veteran EMENCOURT BLEQUIN (13) who has been disappointing lately. FALCAO DE CHENU (9), EDEN DE L'ITON (8) and FAKIR DE GESVRES (4) are capable individuals with sufficient means to play leading roles too. HECTOR DES CHAMPS (3) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ERODE LUDOIS (11) - EMENCOURT BLEQUIN (13) - FALCAO DE CHENU (9) - EDEN DE L'ITON (8)

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**C7 - PRIX ALCOR - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Mounted - EUR €
46,000**

1. LET'S GO BARBES - Disqualified in consecutive outings before improving to finish 4th under the saddle over 2450m at Caen on 21 March. More needed

2. LILIEME FOR CLARA - Has improved with each outing under the saddle. Finished 4th over 2250m at Enghien on 19 March but needs to make/find further progress to make her presence felt here

3. LAST KINGDOM - Improving last-start winner who opened his account in good style over 2450m at Caen on 21 March. Keep safe

4. LOTUS ZEN - SHowed early promise in both codes but has become inconsistent since - unplaced in three of her last 5 starts and disqualified in the other 2 outings. Finished 7th over 2875m at Enghien on 19 March

5. LUTIN DES BORDES - Revealed serious means in the harness category, winning two of three starts before finishing 4th over 2700m on this course on 20 February

6. LYNX ATOUT - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd at Cherbourg by making a winning Vincennes debut over 2200m on 13 February. Dark horse

7. LABEL SPEED - Debut winner under Eric Raffin over this course and distance. Disqualified over 2200m on this course last time (1 March)

8. LUSSABEAU - Disqualified in five of her last six outings, including his latest in a Group II over track and trip on 22 March. Has the means to stake a claim if avoiding disqualification

9. LUCAS - Disqualified on debut in a harness race but has performed consistently under the saddle. Finished 5th on this course over 2200m on 1 March

10. LARA DU LERRE - Was fighting for victory at the time of her fault over course and distance in a Group II event on 22 March. Ought to redeem herself

Summary: LARA DU LERRE (10) is ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings and is good value to gain compensation for a recent setback. She will, however, have to be wary of LUTIN DES BORDES (5) who begins in this specialty having shown enough quality in harness races to warrant respect under the saddle. Debut winner LABEL SPEED (7) shouldn't be underestimated after a last-start disqualification and remains open to improvement, so is also a contender for the leading places. Last-start Caen winner LAST KINGDOM (3) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

LARA DU LERRE (10) - LUTIN DES BORDES (5) - LABEL SPEED (7) - LAST KINGDOM (3)

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C8 - PRIX AUGUSTA - 2850m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 12,000

1. **HIPPONY BOURGEOISE** - Caught the eye despite her disqualification over 2450m at Caen on 18 March. Unshod on this occasion, she will make her presence felt
2. **HERMELINE DAIRPET** - Delicate but capable veteran mare who went off the boil last year. Absent since finishing 6th in a 2875m claimer at Enghien on 12 October - best watched for now
3. **GONZALES** - Delicate and seldom far from a fault but showed his form and competitiveness at this level by finishing 3rd over 2800m at Villedieu-les-Poëles on 24 March
4. **HUNICOIS** - Won four of five starts, including a hat-trick, from November 2022 to May 2023. Has gone off the boil since but is unshod here after finishing 12th (shod) at Mauquenchy on 18 March
5. **HEROICA** - Consistent for the most part and has references at this level in this configuration (barefoot), albeit without success. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 2750m at La Capelle on 10 March
6. **HELIA DE LAXA** - Delicate and is seldom far from faulting, although does have sufficient means to stake an claim in a race of this nature. Disqualified over 2700m at Le Croise-Laroche when last seen on 10 November
7. **HONEY MONEY** - Has gone off the boil but returns for new connections after a last-start disqualification at Saint-Brieuc over 3150m on 26 March
8. **IDOLE DELICE** - Inconsistent but has sound references and is ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings. Not taken lightly after a last-start 7th at Machecoul on 24 March
9. **ENRIQUE** - Well-performed veteran with 10 victories from 80 appearances. Achieved his best recent references in amateur races and could finish 10th over 2500m at Châtelailon-La Rochelle on 24 March - others preferred
10. **HIPSTER DE CAHOT** - Has performed impeccably at this level and should once again fight for victory after finishing 2nd over 2875m at Enghien on 15 March
11. **GALAK DE LA CAVEE** - Consistent performer with references in this configuration (barefoot) at a higher level. Not incapable of getting into the picture despite finishing 8th over 2450m at Caen on 18 March
12. **EASY TOUCH** - Prolific in amateur races and has regained momentum recently with three comeback outings this year. Finished 5th over 2875m at Enghien on 26 March
13. **GANYMEDE DE DUSSAC** - Entrusted to Michel Poirier, he can be talked about again for an amateur first.
14. **HAPPY DANOVER** - Unreliable and was disqualified over 2875m last time (26 March) having finished 3rd over that track and trip in his previous outing
15. **ISLA MUJERES** - Arrives in good form and physical condition after finishing 2nd in consecutive outings, the latest over 2675m at Châtillon-sur-Chalarnonne on 25 March. Keep safe
16. **EBENITO D'AURCY** - Non-Runner

Summary: Prolific HIPSTER DE CAHOT (10) has won three of his last five starts and finished 2nd in the other two, including his latest outing, so is worth siding with here to recapture the winning thread. HIPPONY BOURGEOISE (1) performs well without her irons and ought to pose a threat, along with EBENITO D'AURCY (16) who has nothing to prove at this level. ISLA MUJERES (15), is on the right track and is also likely to acquit herself competitively after finishing 2nd in consecutive outings. IDOLE DELICE (8) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

HIPSTER DE CAHOT (10) - HIPPONY BOURGEOISE (1) - ISLA MUJERES (15) - IDOLE DELICE (8)