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R2 ENGHEN [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE SAINT-SIMON - 2875m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 12,000

- 1. IGOR DU REGENCY** - 3rd of 9 in a 2400m Amiens Class F on 6 April. Would have come 3rd last time here had he stayed in stride, breaks in front, and will not be far from the action if focused
- 2. ILLIMITEE** - Fine campaigner that easily won a 2650m Cordemais amateurs Class G on 21 April, picking up where she left off and, from the front line, can wrap this up
- 3. ILLICO DE BOMO** - Lost his action in a 2850m Laval Class E 2 weeks ago but form is not in doubt and can figure prominently if the capable Benjamin Marie keeps him focused
- 4. GINGLE SPECIAL** - Last of 12 on re-entry in a 2800m Rambouillet amateurs Class G late-April and will have few, if any, friends
- 5. GRANDISSIMA BLUE** - Flattering 6th of 10 in a 2800m Cholet Class E a month ago. Has references in this class but the extra 25m will do her no favours
- 6. ENRIQUE** - 3rd of 11, at 32/1, in a 2850m Vincennes amateurs Class G mid-April but just hind shoes off this time and will struggle to repeat
- 7. IXELLE BLEUE** - Has not been seen out since winning a 2850m Vincennes Class C on 2 February. Is an interesting addition here and even though shod for the occasion, can nevertheless get in on the action
- 8. FERGIE HIGHLAND** - Won 2 amateur events, including over course and distance, before coming 9th of 13 in a 2550m Reims Class E on 8 April. Returns to her category of choice with a realistic chance of running ILLIMITEE (2) close
- 9. GOSSIP BOY** - Returns to the amateur division after finishing 10th of 14 in a 2550m Reims Class D a fortnight back but nonetheless needs to find more

Summary: Sent for a break in December after securing a 3-timer, ILLIMITEE (2) continued her victorious ways in an amateur event on comeback and, from the front row, will garner more support than most. There will be resistance though from FERGIE HIGHLAND (8) who won under these conditions, despite the handicap, mid-March, and the in-form ILLICO DE BOMO (3) who is ideally-engaged on the first line. IGOR DU REGENCY (1) made up for March's course-and-distance sanction with 2 solid efforts in the professional ranks and, if applied, can play a leading role.

SELECTIONS

ILLIMITEE (2) - FERGIE HIGHLAND (8) - ILLICO DE BOMO (3) - IGOR DU REGENCY (1)

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C2 - PRIX DU PONT NOTRE-DAME - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. LEFORT FLIGNY** - Impressive winner of a 2800m Chartres Class F on 14 April. Has the perfect profile for Enghien and can double his money
- 2. L'ESPOIR DES BAUX** - Got straight down to business, on debut, in a 2725m Lisieux Class F mid-April and has the capacity to win again
- 3. LORD DES GRANGES** - Won on debut before coming last of 9 in a 2550m Reims Class D a fortnight ago and others easier to back
- 4. LAGON DU POMMEREUX** - In the frame in first 3 before coming in a one-paced 6th, a place behind LIGHTNING JIEL (8), in a 2200m Vincennes Class D on 16 April. Faces a stiffer test this time around
- 5. LEO PERRINE** - Beaten only by a good horse late last month in a 2650m Cordemais Class E. In better company on this occasion but can still make the first 5
- 6. LUDIVER DES VAUX** - Produced career-best performance on 9 April when 3rd of 6 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes Class D. Has little chance of repeating but reverts to racing with front pads and can get a look-in
- 7. LEADER ATOUT** - Opened his account in a 2625m Châtelailon-La Rochelle Class E on 21 April. Breaks wide but is a progressive sort and steps up in class with legitimate ambition
- 8. LIGHTNING JIEL** - 5th of 12 in a 2200m Vincennes Class D mid-April and would need a better draw to make any impact here
- 9. LORD DELO** - Lost his action, when clearly in form, in a 2450m Caen Class E last weekend. Tristan Ouvrie reining this time and in this small field should not be inconvenienced by the draw. Chance

Summary: Some interesting future prospects here, with LEFORT FLIGNY (1) a case in point, having shown his dominance at Chartres recently, and can make his metropolitan debut a winning one. LORD DELO (9) has talent in spades and can defy the draw and make a big splash if he deigns to stay in stride from one end of the race to the other. L'ESPOIR DES BAUX (2) made good on his promise first time out and steps up in category with a realistic chance of going close. LEADER ATOUT (7) deserved his recent victory and will be expected to put on another good show.

SELECTIONS

LEFORT FLIGNY (1) - LORD DELO (9) - L'ESPOIR DES BAUX (2) - LEADER ATOUT (7)

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C3 - PRIX DES BATIGNOLLES - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. LADY BEAUTIFUL** - Pleased over track and trip before being sanctioned in next 2, latterly a 2850m Vincennes Class C 9 days ago. Shoes back on and no threat
- 2. LADY QUEEN** - Unthreatening 6th of 8 finishers in 16 April race of reference. Is drawn well, sports front pads for the first time, but still not easy to like on this occasion
- 3. LEA D'ATOUT** - Sanctioned early in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 9 April. Is well-placed behind the car and, with application, has every chance of imposing
- 4. LOVA BLUE** - Good 3rd of 16 in a 2350m Angers Class D 3 weeks ago when unshod behind for the first time. Same configuration here and can play a leading role
- 5. LAMTARA BUISSONAY** - Faulted early in a 2200m Vincennes Class D on 16 April and is unlikely to generate much interest
- 6. LA ISLA BONITA** - Imposed in good order on turf at Rambouillet late last month. Breaks in front here and has earned the right to be considered a player
- 7. LOTTA LOVE** - Missed out by little in a 2800m Argentan Class E on 15 April. Is plainly close to her race, although perhaps not in this category, but can still get a look-in
- 8. LYRA POTERIE** - Close 2nd in a 2200m Caen Class E 10 days ago. Not ideally-drawn but has good speed which will serve her well. Place chance
- 9. LOUISIANE MAGNY** - Won on debut before coming 5th in a 2200m Vincennes Class D mid-April. Handed an unattractive draw but races with pads for the first time and must be respected
- 10. LAST QUEEN** - Capable filly that could have finished closer than 5th in a 2850m Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago had she not briefly lost her action, but Franck Nivard has maintained faith and should not be overlooked
- 11. LOUISE CROWN** - Makes her racecourse debut having qualified respectably last autumn but is unlikely to shake things up
- 12. LAISSEZ FAIRE** - Has looked a different horse this year, most recently winning a 2700m Graignes Class F a fortnight ago but, under these conditions, will struggle to make her presence felt
- 13. LUMIERE MIKA** - Unremarkable filly that came 7th in Vincennes race of reference and has nothing to offer
- 14. LAURE DE MORANZY** - Won a 2400m Amiens Class F 2 weeks ago. Poorly-drawn but has bags of untapped potential and will deservedly garner support
- 15. LOUISIANE KAT** - Made up for her Graignes sanction when 2nd of 10 in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F a month back. Faces a stiff test considering the draw but still has the wherewithal to play a small part

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Summary: Although an open affair, LEA D'ATOUT (3) has demonstrated considerable ability and can win a race of this nature, provided Matthieu Abrivard gets her off on the right foot. LOVA BLUE (4) similarly benefits from an excellent draw and her latest performance bodes well for her prospects. Following a pair of sanctions, LA ISLA BONITA (6) came good at Rambouillet and with form maintained, can confirm. LYRA POTERIE (8) is forced to start wide but is currently racing close to her mark and is not to be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

LEA D'ATOUT (3) - LOVA BLUE (4) - LA ISLA BONITA (6) - LYRA POTERIE (8)

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C4 - PRIX DE MAUBEUGE - 2250m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 46,000

- 1. JOSCAN KERDREUX** - 10th of 11, on comeback after a lengthy absence, in a 2825m Cordemais harness Class E last week. Shoes on again and no danger
- 2. JINGLE DES BROUETS** - Pleasantly surprised when 4th of 7 in a similar event here mid-March. Not a contender but will be worth monitoring
- 3. JEWEL D'HERMES** - Sanctioned when favourite in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 23 April. Paul Ploquin will be loathe to allow same thing to happen again and can be backed with confidence
- 4. JASMIN DANOVER** - Being conditioned when 9th of 11, on re-entry, in a 2800m Rambouillet harness Class E 11 days ago. Shoes off for return to the code and can get straight down to business
- 5. JET BESP** - Hard to fault under the saddle over past year, most recently 2nd in a 2550m Reims Class E on 21 March, and is eminently capable of upsetting the JASMIN DANOVER (4) apple-cart
- 6. JACADY SLY** - Won 2 on the trot before coming 6th of 12 in a 2875m Argentan Class E mid-April and returns to racing left-handed with legitimate ambition
- 7. JIVRY** - Modest individual that came 7th of 13 in a 2800m Rambouillet harness Class E early last month. Barefoot this time but chances slim at best
- 8. JAZZY FLIGNY** - 9th of 11 in a harness Class D over course and distance 12 days ago. Fitted with front pads but sanctioned in last 4 under the saddle and is not about to change his ways
- 9. JEAN DES GLENAN** - Lacklustre 7th of 8 in a 2200m Vincennes Class D but returns to a track he appreciates and has the capacity to pick up a first-5 cheque
- 10. JOLIE NANA** - Last of 10 on re-entry in a 2800m Rambouillet harness Class E on 21 April and, with shoes on, can be ruled out
- 11. JUNON DE LOU** - 7th of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes harness Class D on 16 April. Takes first competitive monté steps and will be expected to acquit herself competitively
- 12. JODANNE DIESCHOOT** - Won under harness at Laval before coming 7th of 9 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class D, also under harness, early-April. No longer as sharp as she once was though and chances limited
- 13. JURANCON** - Unraced since trotting 8th of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 2 February. Barefoot for re-entry but will still need the run
- 14. JOLYSTAR GEDE** - Sanctioned, for a 4th straight time, in a 2875m Argentan Class E mid-April. Sports a new configuration though, with Mathieu Mottier reining, and will generate some interest

Summary: With a number of decent contenders in the mix, this is something of a head-scratcher, however it is very easy to like JASMIN DANOVER (4) who is barefoot following his harness freshener. JET BESP (5) took little time getting back in shape and is plainly close to his race, as is the more spirited JEWEL D'HERMES (3) who will be no pushover if Paul Ploquin keeps him trotting. After losing her way under harness, the useful JUNON DE LOU (11) debuts in the code, with François Lagadeuc in the irons, and could pleasantly surprise.

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SELECTIONS

JASMIN DANOVER (4) - JET BESP (5) - JEWEL D'HERMES (3) - JUNON DE LOU (11)

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C5 - PRIX DE MALBO - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class R Claiming Amateur Riders - Harness - EUR € 18,000

1. IMPACT CASTELETS - Boasts a good recent record in the claiming category, returning to it after finishing last of 14 in a 2150m Argentan Class D mid-April. Appreciates Enghien and from the front line can make a big splash

2. HERMINE SIBEY - Makes first start for new handler after flying up in a 2875m Maure-de-Bretagne claimer mid-March. Comes here fresh and from the 2-spot can apply the pressure on JUDITH REINE (14)

3. HOPE - Dead-heated for 2nd in a 2100m Vincennes claimer on 16 April. Has good speed, is well-placed behind the car, and is unlikely to be far off the mark

4. JEAN MADRIK - Won over 2875m here in March before coming 2nd under similar conditions a fortnight ago and should again play a leading role

5. IRON MIJACK - Pleasant 5th of 14 in a 2150m Argentan amateurs Class G on 15 April but makes his claiming debut with limited aspiration

6. IPSO DU FER - Honest type that finished 5th in race of reference. Starts in front and is not incapable of picking up some prizemoney

7. INVICTUS D'ECAJEUL - Drops back down the class ladder after a disappointing 8th of 15 in a 2825m Cordemais Class D 11 days ago and, while not a priority, is still worth keeping an eye on

8. HOUBLON BLEU - Disappointing for the most part this season, most recently 11th of 16 in a 2700m Class F at La Capelle on Sunday, and backs up with no realistic chance

9. JULY DU GUESNE - 7th to JUDITH REINE (14) in 18 April race of reference. Dependability not her strong suit but can trot when focused and, despite the draw, should not be far off the mark

10. HEROS DE BANVILLE - Has come off the boil recently, latterly 7th of 8 in a 3400m Orléans amateurs Class H and, even with modified shoeing, can be confidently passed over

11. JAPON YAMM - Sanctioned early behind JUDITH REINE (14) last month on claiming debut, but is not without merit and, even from the back line, can get a look-in

12. JORLANDO - Returns to the claiming division after coming 6th of 14 in a 2600m Nancy Class F on 14 April but will not be helped by the back-line draw

13. JEDI DE CAHOT - Has won at this level but has been handed a tough draw and will need to improve on recent 8th of 14 in a 2350m Angers Class E 3 weeks ago

14. JUDITH REINE - Imposed with authority on comeback in a 2875m claimer here a fortnight ago. Could not have asked for a worse draw but, in present shape, can nevertheless impose

Summary: JUDITH REINE (14) has taken superbly to the claiming category, recently romped home over longer here and, in spite of a bad draw, is still the one they all need to beat. The better-positioned JEAN MADRIK (4) finished runner-up to her that day and should again figure prominently, but may first have to defer to the recently-claimed HERMINE SIBEY (2) who has similarly found his niche in this grade of race. HOPE (3) showed marked improvement across town last time out, has been gifted the plum draw, and with form maintained, can finish close.

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JUDITH REINE (14) - HERMINE SIBEY (2) - JEAN MADRIK (4) - HOPE (3)

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**C6 - PRIX D'HERMONVILLE - 2875m (a2m) - Class E Race - Mounted -
EUR € 49,000**

1. IL TROTTE JARL - Good 3rd of 8 finishers in a 2825m Cordemais Class D last week. Capable replacement in the saddle but still no more than a minor place prospect

2. IT'S MY DREAM - Impressive winner at Le Croisé-Laroche a month back before coming 4th of 5 over 2300m under harness at Kuurne last week. Barefoot for his return to France and looks a major player

3. IDOLA PHEDO - Won a Vincennes Class E early-April before coming last of 7 when preparing for this in a 2825m Cordemais harness Class C last week. Has never disappointed here and is not about to start. Place prospect

4. INDIEN DE FAEL - Aiming for a 5-timer after making a 2650m Alençon Class F his 4th, on 21 April. No penalty to incur this time and has a legitimate claim on the trophy

5. IKURO JIEL - Sanctioned early, when well-backed, in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a month ago. Has talent in abundance though and can have his way if Benjamin Rochard keeps him trotting

6. GOUTIER CELESTE - Talented but tricky sort that came 2nd in a 2700m Class E at Lyon-La Soie on 10 March only to be subsequently sanctioned, but can begin to redeem himself if he keeps his action together

7. IMPERIAL COGLAIS - Drops back in category after trotting 5th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class B a month ago and should prove more competitive this time

8. HANIELLE CREPIN - Returned to winning ways in a 2450m Caen Class E on 27 March. Is fresh, barefoot, and dangerous. Attention

9. HISTORIEN DE LARRE - Pleasant 5th of 10 in a 2450m Caen Class F on 4 March. Barefoot for return but still looks out of his depth

10. HONNEUR DU CEBE - Finished an encouraging 5th of 15 in a 2850m Laval Class F 2 weeks ago but has not done enough to be considered a priority this time

Summary: Winner of 4-on-the-trot, INDIEN DE FAEL (4) races barefoot for his Enghien debut and has a realistic chance of pulling off the 5-timer. Benjamin Chauve-Laffay can nevertheless expect to meet resistance from a similarly-barefoot IT'S MY DREAM (2) who won like a good thing at Le Croisé-Laroche, and IKURO JIEL (5) who will be expected to make up for losing his action that day. IDOLA PHEDO (3) won smartly last time under the saddle and, shoes off again, will not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

INDIEN DE FAEL (4) - IT'S MY DREAM (2) - IKURO JIEL (5) - IDOLA PHEDO (3)

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C7 - PRIX DU PONT CHARLES DE GAULLE - 2875m (a2m) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 60,000

- 1. DAMASCO EFFESSE** - Complicated type making first appearance since being sanctioned in a 2850m Vincennes Class B on 23 March and can be confidently passed over
- 2. HUGO TROJBORG** - Nordic raider making first appearance on French soil not having raced since faulting over 2060m at Skive late-December. Barefoot for re-entry but appears to have no realistic chance
- 3. DAYAK (ITY)** - 2nd over shorter here before coming a valiant 6th to WORKING CLASS HERO (15) across town 3 weeks ago and, while not a priority, should nevertheless acquit himself honourably
- 4. DEXTER ORS** - Tricky but talented trotter that beat DAYAK (ITY) (3) over 2150m here before faulting in a 2100m Vincennes Class C early last month, and is not to be ruled out
- 5. DRAGOWSKI** - Surprise 7th to WORKING CLASS HERO (15) in race of reference but could have finished closer had he stayed in stride. A repeat, however, seems improbable
- 6. JILORD VIVA** - Hardy sort but has not been seen out since faulting in a 2700m Vincennes Class C mid-February. Shoes on and no threat
- 7. JEU COQUIN** - Has turned a corner lately, most recently 4th of 8 in a 2850m Vincennes Class C 2 weeks ago. Is confirmed at the venue and, in current condition, is very easy to like. First-5 chance
- 8. DESTINO D.J.** - 2nd of 10 in a Class A over course and distance on 20 April and a similar performance would see him in the mix at the finish
- 9. JACADI BROUETS** - Stays under harness for 2nd start back after finishing last of 8 in a 2850m Vincennes Class C a fortnight ago. Imposed over track and trip last summer but at this level will have limited chances
- 10. JEDI DES BROUETS** - Capricious sort that won at Lyon-La Soie before finishing last of 12 in race of reference and is not about to shake things up
- 11. JIM PERRINE** - Has not got his nose in front for some time but reassured on re-entry last week when 4th of 7 finishers in a 2825m Cordemais Class C. Shoes off and, in similar form, can challenge for a spot on the podium
- 12. JOKER DES MOLLES** - Has merit but sanctioned in last 5, latterly on re-entry in a 2825m Cordemais Class C 8 days ago and, barefoot or not, others are easier to trust
- 13. YAHOO DIAMANT** - 2nd of 10 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes Class B 9 days ago. Has never disappointed at the venue and is not incapable of winning this
- 14. JALIMEDE** - Imposed at Feurs before finishing last but one in 12 April race of reference and again appears to be biting off more than he can chew
- 15. WORKING CLASS HERO** - Classy Swedish import that flew up in a 2850m Class B, confirming his Caen victory, and once again looks the pick of the field

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Summary: Jörgen Westholm made a wise decision bringing his WORKING CLASS HERO (15) to France and, considering the nature of his recent victories, will take some beating. Fourth behind him last time out before putting on quite the performance here recently, DESTINO D.J. (8) can again figure prominently, but may first have to see off the good German-trained YAHOO DIAMANT (13) who is fitted with just hind shoes for the occasion. After preparing well for this, shod, on comeback at Cordemais last week, JIM PERRINE (11) is barefoot this time and Matthieu Abrivard will be out to capitalise.

SELECTIONS

WORKING CLASS HERO (15) - YAHOO DIAMANT (13) - DESTINO D.J. (8) - JIM PERRINE (11)

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C8 - PRIX DE MILLAU - 2875m (a2m) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 60,000

- 1. DONNER AMOUR** - Sanctioned in a 2850m Vincennes Class B on 23 April, but has otherwise taken well to French conditions. At this level though, may be taking on too much
- 2. DENIA** - Could manage no better than 6th in race of reference. Is not without merit but bites off more than he can chew and others preferred
- 3. DADA DEL RONCO** - Pleased here before faulting, when outclassed, in a 2100m Vincennes Class C early-April and can be disregarded
- 4. JESTA BUISSONAY** - Lost her action in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on Monday after having trotted 2nd over course and distance, but shoes on this time and backs up with limited aspiration
- 5. JUNKIE (SWE)** - Blows hot and cold but encouraged when 5th of 12, despite being denied a run, in a 2850m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks ago, and can play a prominent part if Thomas Levesque keeps her out of trouble
- 6. LOOK OF LOVE** - Pleasantly surprised when 2nd of 10 finishers in a 2100m Vincennes Class C on 6 April and, while unlikely to repeat, should still give an honourable account
- 7. JUNGLE GREEN** - Has done nothing but improve over recent months, latterly winning a 2625m Châtelailon-La Rochelle Class D 11 days ago. Is new to Enghien but comes here on a hat-trick and is not incapable of pulling it off
- 8. JEZABEL JENILOU** - Honest mare that came 5th to LOOK OF LOVE (6) here early last month but just front pads fitted this time and best to wait
- 9. JOLIE POUPEE** - 6th, a place behind JAIN MAB (11), in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.2 on 13 April and a repeat performance would see her run her close again
- 10. JADE D'AMOUR** - Has returned to competition in cracking form, most recently winning a 2850m Vincennes Class C with great tenacity, which will serve her well here. Won 4 of last 5 and must be taken seriously
- 11. JAIN MAB** - Surprise 5th of 11 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.2 on 13 April. Drops back down the class ladder and, with form maintained, can have her day in the sun
- 12. JOYCE** - Last of 10, when shod for re-entry from a spell, in a Class A over course and distance on 20 April. Races barefoot this time and, if fully-fit, can put on a good show
- 13. JUNON** - 7th of 14, when being conditioned, in a 2850m Laval Class D late-March and, barefoot this time, will not be sent out at 165/1 again. Minor place chance

Summary: A winner over shorter here mid-March before coming an admirable 5th in Gr.2 Prix Henri Levesque last month, JAIN MAB (11) looks thoroughly capable of winning a race of this class. Mathieu Mottier will still be wary of JOLIE POUPEE (9) who finished a place behind her that day, and JADE D'AMOUR (10) who steps up in category after winning both starts this year. JUNGLE GREEN (7) has taken her game to a new level this term and should appreciate the Enghien profile.

SELECTIONS

JAIN MAB (11) - JOLIE POUPEE (9) - JADE D'AMOUR (10) - JUNGLE GREEN (7)

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