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C1 - PRIX D'ARUDY - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. GHAWAR - Finished 2nd on debut over 1800m at Salon-De-Provence in a maiden on the 9th of September 2024. Big runner

2. ALPHA JET - Runner up over 1600m at Mont-De-Marsan in a maiden on the 14th of September 2024. Should go close

3. CLAPTON - Finished 10th on debut over 1300m at Saint-Cloud in a maiden on the 9th of September 2024. Ignore run and expect better

4. COPAN - Finished 4th over 1600m at Toulouse in a maiden on the 11th of October 2024. Money chance

5. PIRAILLAN - Well beaten in 6th position over 1900m at Bordeaux-Le-Bouscat in a maiden on the 1st of October 2024. Unlikely to feature

6. HAVREL - Finished 7th over 1700m at Castera-Verduzan in a maiden on the 22nd of September 2024. Others make more appeal

7. MONTERRICO - Poor effort on debut in 9th over 1600m at La Teste in a maiden on the 21st of August 2024. Would be a surprise winner

8. ORISSON - Dam raced without any success and this gelding appears to be the second choice from the yard. Stablemate preferred

9. JONH LEMON - Dam was unraced and this gelding hails from a yard that aren't known for first start winners. One to pass by

10. RAFFAELI - Dam was unraced and this colt doesn't stand out as a potential debut winner so could be one to watch for now. The market will be our best guide

Summary: GHAWAR (1) ran a cracker on debut and won't need to show massive improvement to take the spoils in this. CLAPTON (3) failed to fire on debut and needs to be given a second chance. He should show vast improvement. ALPHA JET (2) was a clear 2nd best on debut but would have tightened up and should prove to be a threat. COPAN (4) meets slightly tougher but will be a runner.

SELECTIONS

GHAWAR (1) - CLAPTON (3) - ALPHA JET (2) - COPAN (4)

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C2 - PRIX DE GABASTON - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. DELFINA NONANTAISE** - Poor performance in 12th over 1500m at Tarbes in a maiden on the 23rd of September 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 2. MUXU** - Finished 9th over 1600m at Royan La Palmyre in a claimer on the 15th of September 2024. Unlikely to feature
- 3. NEBBIA BIANCA** - No show in 9th position over 1400m at Mont-De-Marsan in a claimer on the 25th of August 2024. Battling to find form
- 4. NUIT DE GALA** - Finished 7th over 1800m at Marseille Borely in a maiden event on the 2nd of September 2024. Others make more appeal
- 5. CHAMPAGNE DANCER** - Finished 3rd over 1600m at Saint-Cloud in a maiden on the 6th of September 2024. Should run well
- 6. GHIZLENE** - Finished 7th over 1900m at Bordeaux-Le-Bouscat in a maiden on the 1st of October 2024. Needs to show more
- 7. SANDON** - Well beaten in 9th position on debut over 1600m at Mont-De-Marsan in a maiden on the 14th of September 2024. Can improve
- 8. SIEGLINDE** - Finished 7th over 1600m at La Teste in a maiden on the 31st of August 2024. Can show up better
- 9. THORDIS** - Produced a fair effort on debut in 6th spot over 1500m at Tarbes in a maiden on the 23rd of September 2024. Scope for big improvement
- 10. MRIYA** - Finished 6th over 1800m at Chantilly in a maiden on the 16th of September 2024. Place claims
- 11. LADY EVORA** - Dam was a well tried maiden and this filly doesn't particularly stand out on debut. One to pass by
- 12. INFANTERIA** - Dam had a short career, having just raced once. This filly won't need to be too special to make her presence felt on debut. Follow the market
- 13. DABAL'I** - Dam was unraced and this newcomer doesn't make a great deal off appeal on debut. Others preferred

Summary: THORDIS (9) ran with promise on debut and is to sure to have tightened up from that effort. She will be suited to the step up in trip and could be a big player. CHAMPAGNE DANCER (5) found a couple to good last time out but is coming along the right way with racing and should deliver her best performance to date. SIEGLINDE (8) ran a below par race last time out but could get back on track if repeating her debut effort. INFANTERIA (12) is a newcomer that needs to kept safe if the market speaks in her favor.

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THORDIS (9) - CHAMPAGNE DANCER (5) - SIEGLINDE (8) - INFANTERIA (12)

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C3 - PRIX D'ARETTE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

- 1. THE TOP GATSBY** - Finished close up in 3rd over 2450m at Mont-De-Masan in a Class 2 on the 14th of August 2024. Big runner
- 2. HEADHUNTER** - Finished 4th over 1900m in Spain on the 8th of August 2024. Place chance
- 3. MON OURAGAN** - Winner over 1800m at Aix-Les-Bains in a Class 2 on the 14th of July 2024. Winning chance
- 4. LE SAGE** - Finished 5th over 1700m at Marseille Borely in a Class 4 claimer on the 16th of September 2024. Others preferred
- 5. SWISS BANK** - Finished 5th over 2000m at La Teste in a Class 2 on the 31st of August 2024. Should challenge
- 6. CIRCEO** - Well beaten in 7th position over 1800m at Compiegne in a Class 3 on the 25th of September 2024. One to pass by
- 7. ASSIER** - No show in 14th spot over 2100m at Dax in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 8th of July 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 8. PIANINO** - Finished 4th over 2600m at Marseille Borely in a Class 4 claimer on the 16th of September 2024. More needed here
- 9. BELAFONTE** - Finished 2nd over 1800m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 4 claimer on the 4th of October 2024. Outside place chance
- 10. ANGEL CHARLY** - Finished 3rd over 2000m at Toulouse in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 18th of September 2024. Lurker for the places
- 11. LONG AGO** - Finished 6th over 1650m at Craon in a Listed race on the 22nd of September 2024. Place chance

Summary: MON OURAGAN (3) has done extremely well throughout his career and just continues to turn out solid performances. He will be right there at the finish again. SWISS BANK (5) brings the right type of form and should be one of the leading lights. THE TOP GATSBY (1) has been running to a very useful level and despite that being over further, he will pose a big threat here. LONG AGO (11) tries the trip for the first time in France and could be effective.

SELECTIONS

MON OURAGAN (3) - SWISS BANK (5) - THE TOP GATSBY (1) - LONG AGO (11)

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C4 - PRIX D'ARTIGUELOUTAN - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. GOLDEN STATE** - Not seen to best effect in 9th spot over 2000m at Toulouse in a handicap on the 25th of September 2024. Can be competitive
- 2. EUGENE SMITH** - Back to winning ways with a fluent performance over 2000m at Toulouse in a handicap on the 25th of September 2024. Should go close
- 3. ZINGARELLE** - Ran a fair race in 3rd position behind a reopposing sort over 2000m at Toulouse in a handicap on the 25th of September 2024. Place chance
- 4. CALON LAN** - Comfortably beaten in 6th spot over 2100m at Dax in a claimer on the 6th of October 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 5. RAYO DE LUZ** - Runner up over 2200m at Cazaubon in a claimer on the 30th of September 2024. Outside money chance
- 6. FEET OF FEAR** - Finished 5th behind a reopposing sort over 2000m at Toulouse in a handicap on the 25th of September 2024. Place chance
- 7. GRETZKY** - Weak effort in 10th over 1600m at La Teste in a handicap on the 12th of September 2024. Place chance on prior form
- 8. NONANCOURT** - Finished close up in 3rd spot over 2000m at La Teste in a handicap on the 3rd of July 2024. Should be in the firing line
- 9. BASHEER** - Finished 5th over 2300m at Tarbes in a handicap on the 23rd of September 2024. Erratic type
- 10. LE PHOCEA** - No type of effort in 8th position over 1700m at Marseille Borely in a limited handicap on the 10th of May 2024. One to pass by
- 11. NATANSI** - Moderate performance in 5th over 2100m at Dax in a maiden on the 7th of September 2024. Others inspire more confidence
- 12. ICONIC STARS** - Well held in 4th spot over 1600m at Toulouse in a claimer on the 25th of September 2024. Others make more appeal
- 13. TESTIMONIO** - Finished 8th over 1600m in Spain on the 23rd of August 2024. This is tougher
- 14. VLASIKHOVA** - Finished 7th over 1600m at La Teste in a handicap on the 12th of September 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 15. SOMMERDANCE** - Dismal run in 14th over 1800m at Chantilly in a handicap on the 1st of October 2024. Battling to find form

Summary: EUGENE SMITH (2) appears to be a talented sort that continues to go from strength to strength with each outing and showed his dominance last time out when winning. He holds a couple of these and should confirm the form. One to beat. NONANCOURT (8) has been knocking on the door for that maiden win and could be well placed to strike with a bit of luck in running. FEET OF FEAR (6) and ZINGARELLE (6) were beaten by the top pick last time out but could get closer at the weights.

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EUGENE SMITH (2) - NONANCOURT (8) - FEET OF FEAR (6) - ZINGARELLE (3)

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C5 - PRIX DE LONS - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,000

- 1. WYSPER** - A 13-start maiden soundly beaten/unplaced in 4 of 5 starts this year, including his latest (15th) in a 1400m handicap at Mont-de-Marsan on 5 July. Dropped further in the weights (ratings)
- 2. AS A CHARM** - Winner on this track last winter off a higher mark. Dropped 1,5kg after finishing 12th in a handicap over 1600m at Toulouse on 25 September - redemption awaits
- 3. BIENNE** - A regular in Parisian handicaps and has acquitted herself well in defeat recently - finished 4th in 1100m Chantilly handicap on 3 October. Keep safe
- 4. ROYAL VATI** - Successful on PSF, especially at this venue. Soundly beaten in 3 consecutive recent appearances, the latest (11th) over 1600m at Toulouse on 25 September but is dangerous to discount - on the shortlist
- 5. MA CHERIE AMOUR** - Soundly beaten/unplaced on her return to French soil last time, finishing 14th at Dax on 29 September over 1200m. Others preferred
- 6. RIONEGRO** - On a long losing run despite dropping in the weights/ratings - soundly beaten (14th) at La Teste over 2000m in a handicap on 6 August. Best watched for now
- 7. MARVELOUS CAPRICE** - Regaining form/momentum after a 4-month absence and confirmed as much with a last-start 3rd in a 1600m Pompadour claimer on 25 August. More to do back in a handicap
- 8. TERANGA** - Unreliable but has sound references in handicaps at this level/venue, including a course-and-distance victory earlier this year (with blinkers fitted). Not hastily condemned despite finishing 12th in a 1600m La Teste handicap on 30 August
- 9. ERNAN CORTES** - On a long losing run in the Parisian region, despite dropping in the weights/ratings. Unplaced (10th) at Le Croise-Laroche over 1800m in a handicap on 7 October - can do better in this grade/company
- 10. SOLITARY MAN** - Inconsistent performer on turf but rarely disappoints on PSF so he shouldn't be written off despite his latest failure (13th) in a 1900m Bordeaux turf handicap on 13 October. Not taken lightly
- 11. IZAKAYA** - Capable veteran handicapper on both surfaces - seldom far off the mark. Not hastily condemned for a recent failure (9th) in a 1600m La Teste handicap on 30 August
- 12. SPEED CHOP** - Has struggled in handicaps this year and finished unplaced (7th) in a minor Cavillon conditions race over 1600m on 25 August. Others more persuasive
- 13. ZASTER FOR ALL** - Soundly beaten (10th) in a 2100m Tarbes handicap on 23 September and unlikely to trouble the judge
- 14. CALY ROSAY** - Continues to blow hot and cold in handicaps on both surfaces. Unplaced (7th) at Angers over 1350m on 30 September
- 15. WINO** - Improved recently with headgear refitted and showed her form/well-being by finishing 3rd in a 1600m Toulouse handicap on 25 September. Attractive outsider

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Summary: This won't take much winning and a chance is taken on AS A CHARM (2) who won off a higher mark on this track last year. The same, however, applies to both ROYAL VATI (4) and TERANGA (8) whose chances shouldn't be underestimated. Track specialist SOLITARY MAN (10) also has the means to surprise off his current (reduced) mark back on the PSF. BIENNE (3) is another with legitimate podium aspirations.

SELECTIONS

AS A CHARM (2) - ROYAL VATI (4) - TERANGA (8) - SOLITARY MAN (10)

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C6 - PRIX DE BILLERE - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. FUSEE DE PORCHE** - Consistent colt with sound references/form credentials, albeit without a victory (7-start maiden). Ran well in defeat when 4th over 1200m at Dax on 6 October - high on the shortlist
- 2. PIC PEN** - Showed early promise and bounced back to that sort of form with a reassuring 2nd over 1200m at Dax on 6 October. Need only repeat that performance to have a say
- 3. PAINT CHOP** - Showed improvement in first-time headgear to finish 6th over 1600m at La Teste on 31 August. Remains open to further progress
- 4. FRENCH CHUNKY** - Unexposed youngster who has acquitted himself well in defeat in all 3 appearances, the latest (4th) over 1500m at Tarbes on 23 September. Not taken lightly despite an unfavourable No 16 starting stall
- 5. GAULOIS GLORIEUX** - Far from disgraced on debut at Sait-Cloud, finishing 7th of 13 in a 1300m newcomers' race last month (9 September). Wiser now with that experience to count on - keep safe
- 6. ZARTOP** - Improved to finish 5th in his second start over 1800m and was unsuited by the drop to 1200m when 8th at La Teste on 12 September. May need further still but will appreciate this extended trip
- 7. WELLINGTON PREMIER** - Experienced colt with sound references/form credentials, including a 3rd and 4th over 1400m. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 1500m at Tarbes on 23 September - dark horse
- 8. CREMA CATALANA** - Made no impression on debut (last of 8) at Pompadour before finishing 4th in a 1600m turf claimer at Royan on 15 September. Others preferred
- 9. QUIET WIFE** - Belied her inexperience to finish an encouraging 4th on debut at Tarbes over 1500m on 23 September and should have more to offer. Winning chance
- 10. MARVELOUS BY NIGHT** - Stylish last-start winner of a 1500m PSF claimer at Marseille-Vivaux on 9 October. Remains competitive for victory
- 11. INTERROGATION** - Didn't go unnoticed in her first start on French soil, finishing 6th at Dax over 1200m on 6 October. Open to improvement
- 12. KIM WHITE** - Took a big step forward from her debut (10th) to finish an encouraging 3rd at Tarbes over 1500m on 23 September. Confirmation expected
- 13. AUTOMNALE** - Soundly beaten in all 3 appearances, the latest (9th) over 1200m at Dax on 6 October. Hard to make a case for
- 14. BLUE LILAS** - Has placed/shown promise in two starts, finishing 3rd on both occasions in well-composed fields - the latest on 4 September at Lyon-Parilly. Likely favorite
- 15. JEALOUS SKY** - Consistent filly whose experience stands her in good stead. Finished a disappointing 6th over 1200m at Dax on 20 August but shouldn't be hastily condemned
- 16. BOUDAY SERERE** - American Devil gelding trained by Olivier De Montzey and to be ridden on debut by Gary Sanchez. Best watched for now

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Summary: François Rohaut has 2 strings to his bow and holds the key to this event with promising fillies BLUE LILAS (14), honorable 3rd in the coveted Prix de la Reboursière on debut, and QUIET WIFE (9), whose debut 4th was encouraging, likely to fight for victory. FUSEE DE PORCHE (1), after an eye-catching 4th at Tarbes recently, has the form and experience to challenge those rivals, with the shortlist completed by last-start winner MARVELOUS BY NIGHT (10) and improving KIM WHITE (12).

SELECTIONS

**BLUE LILAS (14) - QUIET WIFE (9) - FUSEE DE PORCHE (1) - MARVELOUS BY NIGHT
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C7 - PRIX DE SAINT-FAUST - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. KATHALINA** - A model of consistency in turf handicaps and seldom finishes far off the mark. Showed her form and well-being when 2nd in a 1500m Tarbes handicap on 5 June - not taken lightly on her reappearance
- 2. SHANGRI LA** - Consistent performer in Spain and didn't go unnoticed when last seen on French soil, finishing 4th in a 1900m handicap at La Teste on 28 July. Attractive outsider
- 3. ODIN** - Honest hard-knocking handicapper with sound references/form credentials. Ran well in defeat (6th) at Dax over 1200m 29 September - dark horse
- 4. UNTITLED** - Soundly beaten/unplaced in both recent comeback appearances, the latest (10th) over 1200m at Dax on 29 September. Others preferred
- 5. LA FIBRE** - Inconsistent performer on turf (since May) but is efficient on PSF and has sound references over course and distance in handicaps of this nature. Respected despite finishing 8th at Royan on 15 September
- 6. SUPER CUTE** - Unreliable but has sound references in handicaps at this level/venue, including several 1600m wins on this track, albeit with blinkers fitted. Reassured when 5th in a 1600m Toulouse handicap 25 September
- 7. BEYOND MY DREAMS** - Soundly beaten in both comeback outings last month after a 16-week absence, the latest (12th) over 1200m at Dax on 29 September. Others preferred
- 8. MALLORCA SUN** - Out of sorts at present but will appreciate reverting to PSF and should fare better as a result. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his failure (13th) over 2100m on turf at Dax on 7 September - keep safe
- 9. RICHMOND** - Runner-up on this track over 1600m on 10 March in his last PSF appearance/race. Inconsistent since on turf and only 14th in a 1400m handicap at La Teste on 13 August but will enjoy racing on this surface
- 10. WILBUR** - Absent since 26 May 2022 when finishing 12th in a 2400m Toulouse handicap. Best watched for now
- 11. KARIBBEAN DREAM** - Game frontrunner and hard to get by if allowed an uncontested lead. Unplaced (12th) in over 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux on 9 October but remains capable of better
- 12. CHIEF RED CLOUD** - Has struggled in handicaps this year and finished unplaced (11th) over 1600m at Toulouse last month (25 September). Others more persuasive
- 13. LADY PINK** - Continues to blow hot and cold but her efficiency/competitiveness in handicaps at this venue/on PSF is beyond doubt. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a 1600m Toulouse handicap on 25 September
- 14. BRIDGE WATER** - An 11-start maiden soundly beaten/unplaced in all 4 appearances on French soil, the latest (11th) over 1200m at Dax on 29 September. Hard to recommend
- 15. VERDINA** - Inconsistent handicapper who struggled/finished unplaced (8th) in a 1600m Toulouse handicap last month (25 September). For another day

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Summary: RICHMOND (9) caught the eye several times last winter on this course and recent performances/results on the turf aren't a true reflection of his ability, so it could be worth siding with him on his return to this surface for the first time since March. MALLORCA SUN (8), another PSF returnee, is dangerous off a reduced mark and could threaten the selection. LA FIBRE (5), at ease on this track, and SUPER CUTE (6), even without blinkers in which she is most effective, have podium aspirations.

SELECTIONS

RICHMOND (9) - MALLORCA SUN (8) - LA FIBRE (5) - SUPER CUTE (6)

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C8 - PRIX DU PIC D'OSSAU - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. FULL GAIN** - Honest hard-knocking handicapper with sound form references/credentials in handicaps on this track, including a 1600m victory. Ran well in defeat (6th) in a 1400m Class 4 at Toulouse on 18 September
- 2. KATALINA** - Unreliable but boasts sound references in handicaps at this level/venue and retains sufficient means. Confirmed as much by finishing 2nd in a 1200m turf claimer at La Teste on 30 August - needs to confirm
- 3. ARFAN** - Soundly beaten (unplaced) in both handicap appearances, albeit off a higher mark on both occasions. Finished 4th at Cavaillon in a 1600m conditions race on 22 September - dropped another 1kg, beware
- 4. LOUIS SKI** - Inconsistent but undeniably capable handicapper. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th in a 1600m Toulouse handicap on 25 September and shouldn't be underestimated off a career-low mark
- 5. ITALO** - A model of consistency in handicaps, especially on the PSF - never worse than 3rd in 6 outings at Pau. Runner-up in a 1600m turf handicap at La Teste on 30 August and will prove hard to beat here
- 6. LADY LUNE** - Finished 2nd and 7th in 2 appearances on this surface, both at Deauville. Soundly beaten (12th) in a 1400m turf handicap at La Teste on 13 August but could fare better returned to the PSF
- 7. CODE OF SILENCE** - Honest hard-knocker seldom far off the mark although hard to win with (just 2 victories from 31 starts). Didn't go unnoticed when 4th in a 1400m conditions race at Toulouse on 18 September - place chance
- 8. RAFALE** - Rarely seen on PSF and has struggled in the handicap category, albeit off considerably higher marks. Dropped another 1m5kg after finishing 6th in a 1400m turf claimer at Dax on 8 July - watch for now
- 9. NUIT D'ALIENOR** - Lost her way in handicaps earlier this year but regained form/momentum recently in turf claimers, the latest (2nd) over 1600m at Royan on 15 September. Not taken lightly back in a handicap off this mark
- 10. OLIVA** - Long-time maiden (25 starts) with sound handicap references, including a last-start 4th over 1600m at Toulouse on 25 September. Dark horse
- 11. DABIRADJA** - Out of sorts on turf since April but is efficient on PSF - will appreciate reverting to this surface. Has solid references in handicaps at this venue so should do better than she did (9th) at Dax on 29 September
- 12. POLIVATE** - Versatile hard-knocker with references in handicap races on both surfaces, including a last-start 4th at Dax in a 1200m turf handicap on 29 September. Reverts to PSF and will appeal to lovers of outsiders
- 13. O GRE DES SAISONS** - Hard-knocking handicapper who seldom finishes far off the mark although rarely wins (2 victories from 43 appearances). Needs to reaffirm after a disappointing 9th over 1600m at La Teste on 30 August
- 14. YSSINGEAUX** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 2nd in a 1600m turf claimer at Pompadour on 20 July. Absent since so is best watched for now

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15. JELIEL - Has regained momentum after 2 pleasing comeback/handicap appearances off this mark - finished 4th in both, the latest on turf at Compiègne over 1400m on 25 September. Attractive outsider, even on PSF

16. VIRIMOON ETOILE - Continues to blow hot and cold but her efficiency/competitiveness in handicaps at this track is beyond doubt. Caught the eye when a reassuring 3rd over 1900m at Cazaubon-Barbotan on 30 September

Summary: ITALO (5) finished on the podium in all 6 visits to this course, albeit over further. That experience stands him in good stead and he gets the nod in the 'Lucky Last' ahead of FULL GAIN (1) whose aptitude for this track is also not in question. ARFAN (3), judged on his best references and racing off a lower mark, and VIRIMOON ETOILE (16), dropped to a dangerous rating with the benefit of an apprentice allowance, appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

ITALO (5) - FULL GAIN (1) - ARFAN (3) - VIRIMOON ETOILE (16)