### **R1 VINCENNES [L-H]**

# C1 - PRIX DE MESLAY DU MAINE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 63,000

- **1. GO TO AMERICA -** Disqualified (shod) over 2800m at Pontchâteau on 1 November when resuming after a 3-month absence. Races with her irons again so is best watched for now
- 2. HIDDEN TEXAS Unconvincing in a stint with trainer Mathieu Mottier in the spring before joining Jérôme Huguet's stable this autumn. Seldom far from a fault but didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th over 2850m at Feurs on 29 October
- **3. GREG DE NIRO -** Consistent veteran at the top of his has game. Won his only Quinte+ appearance and confirmed his form/well-being by finishing 3rd over 2700m at Lyon-La Soie on 11 November. Attractive outsider
- **4. HARMONY DU RABUTIN -** Sparingly raced mare best by soundness issues but she is a model of consistency with undeniable means. Showed her form and well-being recently when 3rd in a course-and-distance contest on 9 November
- **5. HIGH PROPULSION -** Last-start winner on this course over 2100m on 14 September with Eric Raffin beat HARMONY DU RABUTIN (4). Hasnt been seen since but her efficiency/competitiveness is beyond doubt
- **6. HELP ME WIN -** Not beaten far in either of her last 2 starts, both at this level the latest (7th) over 2850m at this venue on 7 June. Absent since and shod on her return so is best watched for now
- **7. HERMES ANGEL -** Honest hard-knocker with sound/consistent form references in the South-West, especially without his irons (unshod). Well-beaten 14th (shod) on this course over 2100m on 17 November but shouldn't be underestimated racing barefoot
- **8. HOCHE -** Reliable performer whose efficiency/competitiveness at this level is beyond doubt. Won back-to-back Quinte+ events at Cabourg in July and August but hasn't been seen since finishing 4th over 2850m at Laval on 26 September respect
- **9. HISTOIRE MODERNE -** Runner-up on turf at Carentan in mid-July but largely disappointing for the better part of a year now. Showed signs of improvement when 6th over 2775m at Les Sables on 21 October the booking of Alexandre Abrivard catches the eye
- **10. HOVE PONT VAUTIER -** Often races shod but has gone off the boil recently, disqualified in 4 of his last 6 starts (3 at Quinte+ level), the latest over 2850m at this venue on 7 June. Others preferred
- **11. GORDON MIJACK -** Honest hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including 2 places in 3 Quinte+ appearances. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th in this category at Enghien over 2875m on 7 October
- **12. HACKER LOVER -** Classy but fragile horse with undeniable means and sound form references/credentials at this level without his irons. Finished a pleasing 7th (plated) in a 2850m Quinte+ at Laval on 1 November after a 9-month absence now unshod!

- **13. HASUR DAIRPET -** A true model of consistency with undeniable means and sound references/form credentials at this level, including a last-start 3rd in a 2850m Quinte+ at Laval on 1 November
- **14. HONEY KING -** Reliable performer whose efficiency/competitiveness at this level and in this barefoot configuration is beyond doubt. Showed his form and well-being when finishing 3rd over 2850m at this venue on 25 October keep safe
- **15. GREZ -** Disappointing (unplaced) in 2 Quinte+ appearances at Enghien this summer but finished a reassuring 2nd over 2775m at Les Sables on 21 October. Confirmation required
- **16. GUAPO MARBOULA -** Delicate trotter seldom far from a fault and more effective under the saddle. Disqualified in a 2875m mounted race at Enghien on 27 October for another day

**Summary:** HOCHE (8) has raced and won 3 times on this track and is good value to safeguard that 100% track record on Vincennes' classic course. He runs in the same shoeing configuration with which he achieved those victories. HACKER LOVER (12), faultless without his shoes (8 wins and three 2nds in 11 unshod appearances), consistent trotters HONEY KING (14) and HASUR DAIRPET (13), as well as HARMONY DU RABUTIN (4) and HIGH PROPULSION (5) comes next by order of preference to take on the selection.

#### **SELECTIONS**

HOCHE (8) - HACKER LOVER (12) - HONEY KING (14) - HASUR DAIRPET (13)

# C2 - PRIX DE SANTIGNY - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

- **1. LUCIA DU VIVIER -** Marius Coignard-trained debutante with Adrien Lamy booked to ride. This Orlando Vici filly is best watched for now
- 2. LEDORIKA Lightly raced filly with scope for further progress after finishing an improved 4th in a 2400m mounted race at Amiens on 15 November. More needed
- **3. LILIONALLY -** Caught the eye when finishing 3rd on debut in a 2450m mounted race at Caen but didn't confirm that promise when disqualified there last time on 21 September. Shouldn't be hastily condemned
- **4. LIBERTA DEL PHEDO -** Delicate 13-start maiden seldom far from a fault in both trotting disciplines, though has improved recently in 3 starts under the saddle the latest (5th) over 2750m at Cabourg on 26 October. More needed
- **5. LIBERTY DELO -** Caught the eye with a debut 2nd over track and trip in August. Disqualified on her reappearance over the same course and distance on 4 November but shouldn't be hastily condemned
- **6. LUCIOLA DE LOU -** Tricky customer with undeniable means and sound references under the saddle, including a last-start 3rd over 2575m at Saint-Brieuc on 3 November. Experienced filly not taken lightly
- **7. LADY D'ELFE -** Fragile filly disqualified in 5 of 8 appearances in harness races before catching the eye with an improved/encouraging course-and-distance 3rd in her first start under the saddle on 4 November. Dark horse
- **8. LOVELY JENILOU -** Disqualified recently in her first start under the saddle over 2200m at this venue on 14 November but showed enough to acquit herself competitively if remaining wise/avoiding disqualification. Keep safe
- **9. LOU DE LANGE -** Unbeaten in 2 starts, both under the saddle at Cherbourg over 2625m the latest on 1 November. Held in high esteem
- **10. LITTLELOU MATIDY -** Confirmed the form and improvement of her 2450m Caen success in September by finishing 2nd at Saint-Brieuc over 2575m on 3 November. Not to be underestimated
- **11. LEVADIA** Versatile but unreliable filly whose best references (only career victory) were achieved under the saddle. Finished 6th in a 3000m harness race at Nantes on 17 November
- **12. LILI GUILLERVILLE -** Consistent performer under the saddle with sound references/form credentials, including a course-and-distance 5th in this shoe-fitting on 4 November. Attractive outsider
- **13. LITTLE STAR -** Talented but fragile filly. Won her last 2 completed races (4 starts), including her latest in this shoe-fitting over 2425m at Angers on 11 November. Question of wisdom
- **14. LUPINE DIESCHOOT -** Consistent trotter with sound references/form credentials, albeit in the harness category twice 4th and 2nd in three of her last 5 starts. Switches to the mounted code after finishing 2nd over 2725m at Graignes on 12 November

**Summary:** LOU DE LANGE (9) has won both starts under the saddle and needn't improve much to complete her hat-trick and remain unbeaten in this specialty. Last-start winner LITTLE STAR (13) and LOVELY JENILOU (8), who didn't go unnoticed despite her disqualification last time look the biggest threat to the selection. f LITTLELOU MATIDY (10) and LUCIOLA DE LOU (6) are best of the remainder.

#### **SELECTIONS**

LOU DE LANGE (9) - LITTLE STAR (13) - LOVELY JENILOU (8) - LITTLELOU MATIDY (10)

#### C3 - PRIX D'HOSSEGOR - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class R Claiming Amateur Riders - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- **1. JACK FOULONIERE** Proven at this level, confirmed with this shoe-fitting and is in good form/physical condition. Confirmed as much when 4th over 2725m at Graignes on 12 November on the shortlist
- **2. JACOVIA MADRIK -** Experienced hard-knocker with sound references in the claiming category, which include finishing 7th in back-to-back course-and-distance claimers recently, the latest on 12 November. Minor role
- **3. JOKER MADRIK -** Out of sorts and underwhelming in recent performances (soundly beaten at Graignes over 2725m on 2 November) but should, judged on his earlier form/references, fare better in this grade. Keep safe
- **4. JOLIE FLEUR OR -** Versatile mare with sound references in both codes but continues to blow hot and cold finished 2nd over 2550m last month at Reims but unplaced (7th) over 2150m at Mauquenchy on 10 November. Unbeaten in 2 starts at this level
- **5. JOKER DU LYS -** Delicate but versatile trotter with sound references/form credentials in both disciplines at a higher level usually does well when avoiding disqualification. Confirmed as much when 5th here in a stronger race over 2100m on 4 November
- **6. JOSIO DU POMMEREUX -** Unreliable and out of sorts recently, albeit at a higher level finished 12th over 2500m at Reims on 14 November. Shouldn't be underestimated at this level
- **7. JAMES BOND -** Last-start winner over the same course and distance with this unshod configuration and in his first appearance at this level on 12 November. Candidate for success
- **8. JAGUAR DU GITE -** Honest hard-knocker with nothing to prove in the claiming category. Finished 3rd in a course-and-distance claimer on 12 November and should play another leading role
- **9. JOLIE SMART -** Complicated mare whose experiences and references at a higher level will stand her in good stead, if she can remain wise (avoid disqualification). Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over 2400m at Beaumont on 3 September
- **10. JUST CARLESS -** Unplaced (9th) in a course-and-distance claimer on 12 November and is unlikely to trouble the judge
- **11. J'Y SUIS J'Y RESTE -** Lightly raced trotter with the undeniable means to be competitive at this level. Finished 9th over 2400m at Amiens on 15 November but shouldn't be hastily condemned an attractive outsider in his first start in the claiming category
- **12. JETSTREAM GABY -** Went off the boil in September soundly beaten in his last 4 starts, the latest (13th) at Maure-de-Bretagne over 2850m on 3 November
- **13. JOSEPHA MESLOISE -** Experienced but unreliable mare soundly beaten in her last 2 starts, albeit at a higher level finished 11th over 2850m at Mauquenchy on 17 November. Drops in class (first appearance at this level) with shoes removed not taken lightly
- **14. J'ADORE CHENEVIERE -** Unsuccessful in 2 recent appearances under the saddle disqualified here last time over 2175m on 17 November. For another day

**Summary:** JOKER DU LYS (5) is a very useful trotter but he isn't the most reliable. He remains a huge a player in a race of this nature and can be retained ahead of last-start winner JAMES BOND (7) who was visually impressive over the course & distance on 12 November. JAGUAR DU GITE (8) and JACK FOULONIERE (1) are both competitive in the claiming division and are expected to be in the final shake-up.

#### **SELECTIONS**

JOKER DU LYS (5) - JAMES BOND (7) - JAGUAR DU GITE (8) - JACK FOULONIERE (1)

# C4 - PRIX DE LANDIVISIAU - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 40,000

- **1. KORA GEMA -** Disqualified (barefoot) in her last start over 2700m at this venue on 18 November but is most efficient/competitive in this shoe-fitting. Dark horse
- **2. KELLY D'ESSARTS -** Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, albeit without success (11-start maiden). Well-beaten 10th at Enghien over 2875m on 7 October when resuming after a 3-month absence it'd be unwise to dismiss her chances
- **3. KITENA -** Tricky customer but usually acquits herself competitively when applied, especially under these or similar conditions. Confirmed as much by finishing 5th over in a course-and-distance mounted race on 18 November not taken lightly
- **4. KACEY BELL -** A model of consistency under the saddle but has raised her game recently in 2 starts with this barefoot configuration. Finished 2nd over track and trip on 18 November keep safe
- **5. KISS ME JO DARLING -** Proven under the saddle and most efficient/competitive without her irons confirmed as much with a reassuring 4th (unshod) in a 2550m mounted race at Reims on 14 November. Attractive outsider
- **6. KATCHINA FOR CLARA -** Fragile filly with undeniable means and sound references/form credentials when remaining wise seldom far off the mark when applied. Disqualified in back-to-back recent starts, the latest at this venue over 2175m on 5 November
- **7. KENA DE PADD -** Complicated and seldom far from a fault but usually acquits herself well when avoiding disqualification. Finished 2nd (plated) in a 2250m mounted race at Enghien on 17 October
- **8. KALY D'EOLE -** Versatile mare with sound references in both codes under these conditions/with this barefoot configuration. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th in a 2850m harness race at this venue on 22 October
- **9. KALINE DE VIVOIN -** Delicate filly with undeniable means usually acquits herself competitively when remaining wise (isn't disqualified). Shouldn't be hastily condemned for her latest faux pas over 21750m at this venue on 5 November warrants respect
- **10. KATLINE MOUROTAISE -** Won her last 3 completed outings (4 starts) and is unbeaten in 2 appearances with this shoeing configuration. Scored under the saddle at Enghien over 2250m on 17 October hard to oppose
- **11. KALINE DU RIB -** Fragile filly whose experience and good recent form/fitness will stand her in good stead. Confirmed the improvement of her Enghien 2nd in a 2875m mounted race last month by finishing 5th over 2875m at Argentan on 3 November
- **12. KISMIE DE MONTFORT -** Experienced and versatile mare whose consistency alternating between the codes is impressive. Runner-up over track and trip in a harness race on 9 November after finishing 3rd under the saddle at Enghien over 2250m last month

**Summary:** KATLINE MOUROTAISE (10) is currently going through a purple patch and she looks a sound winning proposition once again. She is retained ahead of KALINE DE VIVOIN (9) who has ample talent but remains very delicate, and in-form KALINE DU RIB (11), who runs over her ideal trip. KISMIE DE MONTFORT (12) posted a very reassuring effort last time out and must be given some consideration too.

#### **SELECTIONS**

KATLINE MOUROTAISE (10) - KALINE DE VIVOIN (9) - KALINE DU RIB (11) - KISMIE DE MONTFORT (12)

# C5 - PRIX D'HENNEBONT - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- **1. JANKO HAUFOR -** Unplaced (shod) in 2 comeback outings after a 7-month absence finished 10th in both, the latest at Chartres over 2825m on 4 November. Confirmed with this shoeing configuration and better is expected redemption awaits
- **2. JOYAU BLUE -** Model of consistency at this level under these/similar conditions with this shoeing configuration his competitiveness is assured. Runner-up over 2725m at Graignes on 2 November
- **3. JO DIBAH -** A tricky customer who usually acquits himself competitively on a going day confirmed as much with a reassuring 4th over 2875m at Argentan on 3 November. Candidate for success
- **4. JUAN PERRINE -** Experienced hard-knocker in good form and physical condition finished 4th in consecutive recent outings, the latest over 2850m at this venue on 22 October. Keep safe
- 5. JEAN MADRIK Went off the boil in May and made no impression in 8 subsequent starts the latest (disqualified) over 2850m at this venue on 12 November
- **6. JOKER GEMA -** Experienced hard-knocker who shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 11th (unshod in front) at Strasbourg last month. Finished 3rd in a 2750m Quinte+ at Cabourg when last seen in this barefoot configuration
- **7. JACK BARROW -** Set the record straight with a last-start victory in this configuration at Les Sables over 2775m on 21 October resuming after a 4-month absence. Not taken lightly
- **8. JUNKIES MINDS -** Disqualified in his only barefoot appearance at Meslay in late July but showed his form and well-being by winning over 2150m at Enghien on 17 October. Keep safe
- **9. JOYEUX NONNA -** An honest performer, confirmed under these conditions and seldom far off the mark in this shoe-fitting. Finished 9th (shod) over 2825m at Chartrs on 4 November
- **10. JARDYLAND -** Proven under these conditions and most effective racing unshod. Won a course-and-distance contest on 4 November and should remain competitive
- **11. JET BESP -** Consistent performer without her irons under the saddle so isn't likely to trouble the judge racing shod in this code
- **12. JASMIN DU NORD -** A model of consistency at this level with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd at Cabourg over 2750m on 3 October. Races barefoot for the first time
- **13. JET DES BAUX -** Experienced trotter with sound references, albeit without his irons finished 4th (unshod) over 2725m at Graignes on 2 November. Best watched for now with his irons refitted
- **14. JUAN CARLOS GIFONT -** Experienced hard-knocker most efficient/competitive without his irons. Finished 10th (unshod) at this venue last time over 2700m on 15 November best watched for now
- **15. JOKER DU MATCH -** A model of consistency at a lower level with nothing to prove under these conditions/in this shoeing configuration. Runner-up over 2575m at Agen on 23 October more needed

**Summary:** Ideally entered on the front row and unshod after two much-needed comeback outings, JANKO HAUFOR (1) could be worth siding with in this trappy contest. JO DIBAH (3) generally performs well on this course and should acquit himself competitively. Both JUAN PERRINE (4) and JOYAU BLUE (2) have enough credentials to think that they can play a feature role in what looks an open affair.

#### SELECTIONS

JANKO HAUFOR (1) - JO DIBAH (3) - JUAN PERRINE (4) - JOYAU BLUE (2)

# C6 - PRIX DE CERISY - 2850m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- **1. LITTLE DRAGON -** An 11-start maiden unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of his uninspiring 8th (shod) here over 2175m earlier this month, November 9th
- **2. LARGO LIGNERIES -** Caught the eye with a reassuring 3rd over 2850m at Laval on 1 November when resuming after a 4-month absence
- **3. LINO DU POMMEREUX -** Won and finished 2nd in 2 appearances with this shoe-fitting before his last start (10th) on this course over 2175m on 9 November
- **4. LEADER ATOUT -** Runner-up over 2875m at Enghien last month in this shoe-fitting and shouldn't be hastily condemned for his faux pas (disqualification) at La Rochelle on 9 November
- **5. LISTER VEDAQUAIS -** Sparingly raced colt with untapped potential and solid form references/credentials in 2 starts with this shoe-fitting (a win and a 2nd). Runner-up over 2700m at this venue on 30 October
- **6. LIVANTO KALOUMA -** Bounced back to form with an improved/encouraging 2nd over 2200m at this venue on 4 November. Will be a factor
- **7. LUGANO DE LOU -** Fragile colt with undeniable means but seldom far from a fault. Finished a well-beaten 10th (plated) over course and distance on 22 October
- **8. LYNX DU RIB -** Consistent colt with undeniable means and sound references/form credentials, even with his irons (shod). Blotted his copybook when disqualified on his Vincennes debut over 2700m on 14 November shouldn't be hastily condemned
- **9. LUGANO -** Finished 6th on his comeback at Graignes last month before his disqualification at Argentan on 3 November. Shouldnt be underestimated with those much-needed races under his belt
- **10. LE CASHMAKER -** Caught the eye with a reassuring comeback 3rd over 2700m at this venue on 30 October. Should have more to offer
- **11. LINDSTEDT** Experienced but fragile trotter who didn't go unnoticed when finishing 4th over 2175m at this venue on 9 November
- **12. LATINOS DU NOYER -** Seldom far off the mark when avoiding disqualification but must reaffirm after his latest faux pas (disqualification) at Chartres on 4 November
- **13. LE PORTO -** Promising colt with undeniable means and scope for improvement. Fluffed his lines when only 9th over track and trip on 22 October but shouldn't be hastily condemned keep safe
- **14. LARABELLO DE LOU -** Wasn't winning out of turn when opening his account with a last-start victory here over 2700m on 20 September. Not taken lightly on his reappearance
- **15. LEBOSS D'HAVAROCHE -** Got his career back on track in his first appearance in this shoe-fitting, winning over 2200m on 4 November at this venue. Confirmation expected

**Summary:** LEBOSS D'HAVAROCHE (15) bounced back to winning ways over 2200m earlier this month in the same shoeing configuration and he looks capable of following up. However, it is best to keep a close eye on LISTER VEDAQUAIS (5) who was quick to bounce back to form after a lengthy break. LIVANTO KALOUMA (6) runs with pads on all four feet for the first time and is worth a look in after his excellent last effort. LE CASHMAKER (10) should come on from his comeback run.

#### **SELECTIONS**

LEBOSS D'HAVAROCHE (15) - LISTER VEDAQUAIS (5) - LIVANTO KALOUMA (6) - LE CASHMAKER (10)

# C7 - PRIX DE BETHUNE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- **1. KIFF L'OSEILLE -** Unplaced in 2 much-needed comeback outings after a 6-month absence, finished 7th in both the latest over 2825m at Chartres on 4 November. Undeniably gifted with scope to improve in his first barefoot appearance hard to oppose
- **2. KUNG FU FAMILY -** Improved racing without his irons (unshod) but blotted his copybook last time when disqualified at Saint-Galmier on 5 November. Not taken lightly
- **3. KUROKO LAUAR -** Confirmed the form and improvement of his 5th at Enghien last month by finishing 3rd over 2850m at Laval recently (16 November). Attractive outsider
- **4. KEMPEL DE GUEZ -** Didn't go unnoticed when finishing an improved 6th (shod) over 2200m at this venue on 12 November. Shouldnt be underestimated with his shoes removed
- **5. KING OF RACE -** Unreliable and more competitive at a lower level but is efficient in this shoe-fitting. Unplaced (7th) over track and trip on 12 November
- **6. KORIOLIS DE ZIETTE -** Regained his form and momentum recently and wasn't winning out of turn when adding to his tally at Cabourg over 2750m on 16 October in his first barefoot appearance. Keep safe
- **7. KILLER BECO -** Experienced trotter, seldom far off the mark finished 7th (shod) on this course over 2850m on 14 November. Never before seen in this shoeing configuration
- **8. KARAMEL JOYEUX -** Consistent under these conditions/with this configuration at a lower level. Unplaced (9th) over 2850m at Laval earlier this month, November 8th
- **9. KING CASH CEKE -** Fragile and seldom far from a fault but has undeniable means. Shouldnt be hastily condemned for finishing 9th at this venue over 2200m on 29 October
- **10. KENDRICK -** Lightly raced but confirmed under these conditions and in this shoe-fitting with sound references/form credentials, including a respectable 6th over 2850m at this venue on 14 November. Respect
- **11. KELMONDO BOY -** Unplaced in 2 comeback races (shod) after a 3-month absence, finished 10th in both the latest over 2850m at Laval on 8 November. Confirmed with this shoeing configuration and better is expected redemption awaits
- **12. KRONOS DU GOUTIER -** Caught the eye with a reassuring 2nd over 2700m in this shoe-fitting at La Capelle on 11 November. Not taken lightly
- **13. KOUP DROIT -** A model of consistency at this level, under these/similar conditions and in this configuration his competitiveness is assured. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2850m at Laval on 8 November
- **14. KNIGHT TALE ONE -** Didn't go unnoticed when finishing an improved/encouraging 3rd over 3125m at Angers on 20 October. Dark horse
- **15. KADOR DE SEVRE -** Tricky customer who is seldom far from a fault but usually does well when applied. Must reaffirm after a recent failure at Laval on 8 November
- **16. KAISER VRIE -** Rarely seen without his shoes but faultless in his 4 unshod appearances, the latest (4th) over 2850m on 8 November at Laval. Ideally engaged on his Vincennes debut

**Summary:** Unshod after 2 much-needed comeback outings and unshod for the first time of his career, KIFF L'OSEILLE (1) is an attractive betting proposition and looks the one to be with. KAISER VRIE (16) is always to be feared when he runs unshod and could make a serious impact on his first run at Vincennes. The very consistent KOUP DROIT (13) is one to keep high on the shortlist. KELMONDO BOY (11) should strip fitter after two comeback runs and can spring a surprise.

#### **SELECTIONS**

KIFF L'OSEILLE (1) - KAISER VRIE (16) - KOUP DROIT (13) - KELMONDO BOY (11)

# C8 - PRIX DE BRASSAC LES MINES - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 56,000

- **1. ICE HAUFOR -** Has 2 wins and a 2nd in 4 barefoot appearances but made no impression in 3 subsequent starts the latest (11th) over 3000m at Nantes on 6 November. Watch for now
- 2. IDAHI DE HOUELLE Tricky customer, seldom far from a fault but usually acquits herself competitively when avoiding disqualification. Not taken lightly despite her recent failure at La Capelle on 11 November
- **3. IMIKO JIEL -** Soundly beaten in her last 4 appearances, the latest (10th) over 3300m at Chartres on 17 November. Others preferred
- **4. INKY PERRINE -** Disqualified in her last 3 harness appearances. Reverts to this code after finishing unplaced (7th) over track and trip in a mounted race on 29 October
- **5. HANIKA DU LUPIN -** Delicate mare with undeniable means and sound references/form credentials when remaining wise. Finished 8th over 2850m at this venue on 18 October but has the means to do better here
- **6. IDOLE D'OURVILLE -** Complicated and seldom far from a fault but retains the means to acquit herself competitively in a race of this ilk. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 2800m at Vire on 10 November
- **7. ILLUSIVE GLORY -** Versatile hard-knocker and a consistent performer in both disciplines without her irons. Absent since finishing 3rd at Cabourg in a 2750m harness race on 5 July best watched for now racing shod on her reappearance
- **8. IRINA D'ATOUT -** Complicated mare seldom far from a fault. Finished a reassuring 3rd over 3000 at Nantes on 6 November and she will have a role to play with a repeat of that performance
- **9. HESTIA GEDE -** Experienced hard-knocker who shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 8th over 2500m at Saint-Brieuc earlier in the month (3 November). Place chance
- **10. GUAPITA LAUMAX -** Finished 9th (shod) at Lisieux over 2725m on 1 November after a 3-month absence and races shod on this occasion
- **11. IDYLLE DU PERSIL -** Reliable trotter maintaining a good level of form and consistency faultless for several months. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over 2850m at this venue on 5 November
- **12. IXELLE BLEUE -** Unplaced in two comeback outings (shod) after a 4-month absence, the latest at Graignes over 2725m (12 November). Confirmed under these conditions and likely to fare a lot better without her irons
- **13. INFERNA DE HOUELLE -** A model of consistency under these/similar conditions without her irons. Finished 10th (shod) over 2675m earlier this month at Le-Mont Saint Michel on 3 November but she will be an entirely different proposition racing barefoot here
- **14. IVANA DE BERTRANGE -** Experienced hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including back-tot-back 3rds at this venue before finishing 7th on this course over 2850m on 5 November

**Summary:** IDYLLE DU PERSIL (11) is enjoying a purple patch and finds here an ideal opportunity to resume winning ways. IXELLE BLEUE (12) runs unshod after two much-needed comeback races and should be at the top of her game. INFERNA DE HOUELLE (13) ran belowpar last time but she races unshod this Monday and is on a redemption mission. IRINA D'ATOUT (8) has the ability to feature prominently if she keeps her stride in check.

#### **SELECTIONS**

IDYLLE DU PERSIL (11) - IXELLE BLEUE (12) - INFERNA DE HOUELLE (13) - IRINA D'ATOUT (8)

# C9 - PRIX DE L'ILE DE RE - 2850m (a2m) - Class B Race - Mounted - EUR € 75,000

- **1. IVANOF -** Disqualified in consecutive recent outings, albeit in harness races the latest at Laval on 16 November. Wacth for now
- **2. DOWHATYOUDODOWELL -** Versatile trotter with sound references in both trotting codes. Shouldnt be hastily condemned for his disqualification at Enghien on 27 October
- **3. GAZELLE DE VAL -** Unbeaten in the mounted category, winning all 4 starts under the saddle the latest over 2175m at this venue back in September. Showed her form and well-being by finishing 4th in a 2850m harness race at Laval on 1 November
- **4. IMPALA DE VAL -** Almost faultless in this configuration (won his last 2 appearances under the saddle with this shoe-fitting) and in good form/physical condition. Finished 3rd in a 2700m harness race at this venue on 31 October
- **5. HERE I GO AGAIN -** Last-start winner over 3000m at Nantes on 6 November. Regained momentum so isn't taken lightly racing barefoot
- **6. GALA D'URFIST -** Confirmed under these conditions (under the saddle with this shoe-fitting) and shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 13th (shod) in a 3000m harness race at Nantes on 6 November. Keep safe
- **7. EXTREME DESBOIS -** Proven veteran trotter with sound references/form credentials at a higher level, including a last-start 4th in a 2175m Group II at this venue on 4 November. Candidate for success
- **8. FAKIR DE L'ECLUSE -** Raced only twice this year and finished 13th (shod) on his reappearance in a course-and-distance harness race (after a 10-month absence) on 4 November. Watch for now
- **9. INES DES RIOULTS -** Honest hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials at a higher level, including a last-start 5th in a 2175m Group II here on 4 November

**Summary:** Toss-up between the top two picks GAZELLE DE VAL (3) and IMPALA DE VAL (4) though preference is for the former who is unbeaten under the saddle and could have plenty more to offer in this discipline. EXTREME DESBOIS (7) and GALA D'URFIST (6) have references (form and experience) at a higher level so shouldn't be taken lightly. INES DES RIOULTS (9) is another one who wouldn't be a surprise winner.

#### **SELECTIONS**

GAZELLE DE VAL (3) - IMPALA DE VAL (4) - EXTREME DESBOIS (7) - GALA D'URFIST (6)

# C10 - PRIX DE LA CAMARGUE - 2850m (a2m) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 53,000

- **1. BOTTNAS IDOL -** Did not show his best when 6th last time out at Örebro over 2640m on 19 October. capable of winning a race like this
- **2. INDIEN DE FONTAINE -** Disappointing form of late and was disqualified last time out at Graignes on 12 November. Others are preferred
- **3. IVOIRE PRESTANCE -** Consistent of late and was fourth last time out in Class C at this track over 2100m on 29 October. Has a place chance
- **4. IGO CLEA -** Has struggled of late and was 13th last time out in Class E at Angers over 3125m on 11 November. Others make more appeal
- **5. ISLAND LOVE -** Very unreliable but did win last time out in Class D over this track and trip on 5 November. Won in a good time and could be a threat
- **6. COBRA KILLER GAR -** A winner of his last five starts, with the latest being in Class E at Cherbourg over 2625m on 25 September. Returns from a break but did win last start returning from a break. Big chance
- **7. IMPERIAL MABON** Did not show his best when tenth last time out in Class a at this track over 2700m on 31 October. Capable of playing a minor role
- **8. INTELLO DE CHENU -** Disqualified in his last 6 starts, with the latest being at Chatelaillon-La Rochelle on 20 May. Has ability but could need this run returning from a break
- **9. IXORA -** Fluffed her lines with a disqualification at this course on 31 October. Won her penultimate start and deserves respect
- **10. IMOKO JIBELAU -** Holding form and was fourth last time out in a GR.3. at Châtelaillon-La Rochelle over 2600m on 9 November. Not out of it
- **11. INSTRUCTOR -** On a long losing run but was runner-up last time out in Class C at this track over 2100m on 29 October. Has a winning chance
- **12. IRINA DE BAILLY -** Has lost her way of late and was disqualified last time out at this track on 9 November. Needs major improvement to win
- **13. IACYNTHE DIDJEAP -** Very consistent of late and was runner-up last time out in Class C at Caen over 2450m on 12 October. Can contest the finish again

**Summary:** COBRA KILLER GAR (6) is at the top of his game after 5 consecutive race victories. He returns from a break with a good chance of extending that sequence. Enigmatic ISLAND LOVE (5) has the means to threaten the selection but reliability isn't her strong suit. INSTRUCTOR (11), again without his shoes, consistent IACYNTHE DIDJEAP (13) and hard-knocker IMOKO JIBELAU (10) won't be far off the mark with IXORA (9) also capable of getting involved among the places.

#### **SELECTIONS**

COBRA KILLER GAR (6) - ISLAND LOVE (5) - INSTRUCTOR (11) - IACYNTHE DIDJEAP (13)