

# WEDNESDAY, 25/12/24

## C1 - PRIX DE CASTELSARRASIN - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

**1. LEIA HIGHLAND** - Pleasantly-surprising 3rd of 9, on comeback, in a 2500m Reims Class G 2.5 weeks ago but is being aimed too high this time

**2. LA GARBO** - Temperamental sort making first start since being sanctioned in a 2350m Angers Class E on 20 October, and is unlikely to shake things up

**3. L'ILE D'HAUFOR** - Ran 2nd at Pornichet before faulting in a 2850m Laval Class F 2.5 weeks ago. David Thomain in the bike this time and, if applied, can begin to make up for lost time. Chance

**4. LUDMILLA HAUFOR** - In the frame in 3 of 4, latterly 2nd of 7 finishers in a 2850m Laval Class F 2.5 weeks ago. Is plainly in shape and is unlikely to disappoint. First 5

**5. LOU DES COUPERIES** - Capricious filly making first appearance since faulting in a 2825m Class E at Le Croise-Laroche mid-October. Has evident talent but is going to need the run

**6. LITTLE STAR JIEL** - Made up for Mauquenchy sanction when 3rd of 7 in a 2700m Graignes Class F 12 days ago. Has significant potential and, on good behaviour, can finish close

**7. LOUMANAS** - Quality future prospect starting for first time since coming 2nd of 11 in a 2850m Laval monté Class F late-October. Should take well to inner track, is plainly in competition-mode, and can open her metropolitan account

**8. LILYROSE WIND** - 4th of 13 in a 2200m Class E here a fortnight ago. Faces a test over this longer trip but is thoroughly up to the job. Place prospect

**9. LEGENDE SEVEN** - Has not been seen out since coming 2nd of 8 in a 2725m Pornichet Class E 5 months ago and is going to need the run

**10. LAQUILA WOOD** - Got off the mark in good order on 1 December, comfortably winning a 2400m Amiens Class F. Has earned the right to take her chances here and, if applied, can get in on the action

**11. LAYLA SONIA** - Last but one in a 2200m Class E here a fortnight ago. Front pads fitted this time but others still preferred

**Summary:** Confirmed in both disciplines but unraced for 3 months, LOUMANAS (7) sports front pads for the first time and may just have something of an edge over the promising but thorny L'ILE D'HAUFOR (3) who has also been reconfigured. Winner at Mauquenchy before holding her own here 2 weeks ago, LILYROSE WIND (8) can finish closer this time. LAQUILA WOOD (10) enjoys a good entry, is padded all 4, and is not without a chance of confirming her Amiens success.

### SELECTIONS

LOUMANAS (7) - L'ILE D'HAUFOR (3) - LILYROSE WIND (8) - LAQUILA WOOD (10)

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## C2 - PRIX DE CHATELLERAULT - 2850m (a2m) - Class A Race - Harness - EUR € 51,000

**1. MILADY CAUVELLIERE** - Qualified in 1'20"7 at Caen on 22 October and faces a stiff test first time out

**2. MAVINA DES ETANGS** - Looked very ordinary when 9th of 11 on debut in a 2750m Cabourg class F 2.5 weeks ago and will have nothing to contribute

**3. MAMMA MIA** - Not devoid of ability but will need to improve on recent 5th of 7 in a 2175m Class D here on 6 December

**4. MILLE ETOILES** - Raced better behind MELBA DU GERS (8) in a 2700m Class B here 3 weeks ago than her 6th of 11 would imply. Is patently in excellent condition and with JMB reining, will be no easy touch

**5. MAESTRIA GALAA** - Won over 2175m before finishing 7th of 11 behind MELBA DU GERS (8) in a 2700m Class B here 3 weeks ago. Placed on lone start under these conditions however and is not about to let the side down

**6. MUSCADE LEMAN** - 5th of 9 finishers in a 2700m Gr.2 here 10 days ago. Unlikely to repeat but will not be sent out at 119/1 this time either

**7. MIRATISSIME** - Easy winner of a Class C over course and distance 12 days ago. Moves up in category but a similar performance would nonetheless see her go close once more

**8. MELBA DU GERS** - 4th of 11 in a 2700m Class B here 3 weeks ago. Will have better prospects over the short course and can play a leading role

**9. MOSAIC LIFE** - Gave a good account to run 2nd of 7 in a 2200m Class B here 3 weeks ago. Is plainly close to getting off the mark and appears to have a golden opportunity

**Summary:** Progressing all the while, but still runner-up in her last 3, MOSAIC LIFE (9) is due to lose her maiden status any day now and Yoann Lebourgeois will be eager to capitalise on the entry. He will still be keeping a watchful eye on MILLE ETOILES (4) who makes her first start for the Bazire stable, and MELBA DU GERS (8) who put in a decent effort despite not getting the ideal trip last time out.

### SELECTIONS

**MOSAIC LIFE (9) - MILLE ETOILES (4) - MELBA DU GERS (8) - MIRATISSIME (7)**

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## C3 - PRIX DE GRIMAULT - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

- 1. LIESSE DU CHENE** - 5th of 14, on ridden debut, in a 2850m Laval Class F 2.5 weeks ago. Sports 4 pads for first time but in this category will struggle to make her mark
- 2. L'IMPERIALE AR** - Put on a decent show when 3rd of 9 in a 2200m Class E here on 12 December. Mathieu Mottier keeps faith and is not incapable of getting her off the mark
- 3. LILI GUILLERVILLE** - Useful sort that lost her action early in a Class E over course and distance a month back. Is confirmed under these conditions but others still easier to back
- 4. LAURA** - Imposed at Amiens before coming 2nd of 7 finishers in a 2750m Cabourg Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Has never disappointed in this code and is not about to start now
- 5. LAREINE D'OURVILLE** - Ran 4th over track and trip before finishing 5th of 8 in a 2200m Class E here mid-November. Has shown significant promise and will be expected to contest the finish this time
- 6. LITTLELOU MATIDY** - Serious filly that came a clear 3rd of 9 in a Class E over course and distance on 25 November. Has been afforded ample time to get back in shape and can expect the lion's share of support
- 7. LILI** - 3rd under harness at Toulouse before coming 2nd of 9 in a 2725m Grenade Class E 10 days ago. In better company this time but with Eric Raffin in the irons, will still generate interest
- 8. LIMA MARY** - Has not been seen out since finishing 8th of 13 in a 2150m Enghien harness Class D 2 months ago. Makes monte debut with Benjamin Rochard in the saddle though and must not be overlooked

**Summary:** Improving with every run, LITTLELOU MATIDY (6) ran a courageous race under these conditions a month ago and looks the one to beat this time. She will still come under pressure from the likes of LAREINE D'OURVILLE (5) who has turned a corner since switching disciplines, and the temperamental but able L'IMPERIALE AR (2) who reassured over shorter here a fortnight ago.

### SELECTIONS

LITTLELOU MATIDY (6) - LAREINE D'OURVILLE (5) - L'IMPERIALE AR (2) - LAURA (4)

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

1. **FERRARA (SWE)** - Non-Runner
2. **ESPADA (ITY)** - Made it 2 in a row when victorious over 2350m at home in Avenches on 18 November. Front pads fitted for first time but expectations exceeding reality on this occasion
3. **ERES DORIAL MAIL** - Returns to Paris after finishing 2nd of 6 over a mile in Treviso 12 days ago. Races barefoot for first time but still not an obvious choice
4. **EMPIRE AS** - Sanctioned on re-entry before coming 4th of 13 to EXPRESS D'ARC (14) in a 2850m Class D here 3 weeks ago. First start over 2700m but sports a fresh configuration and must be afforded respect
5. **ELAND** - Sanctioned on return to competition in a 2850m Class D here 3 weeks ago. Has no love for the venue and can be passed over
6. **EMIRO CLEMAR** - Sanctioned early, when unsupported, in a 2850m Class D here 3 weeks ago and is not about to influence the result
7. **ESPRESSO ITALIA** - Occasionally a handful but otherwise always meets a challenge head-on, most recently 2nd of 6 over 2120 at San Siro on 14 December. Barefoot for just 2nd time but will be dangerous if he takes to the new conditions
8. **KAISER DE MORTREE** - 7th of 14 behind KHEOPS BOURBON (13) in a 2100m Class D here 3 weeks ago. Hind shoes off this time and a small surprise is not out of the question
9. **ETRANGER JOYEUSE** - Made it 3 on the trot when victorious over a mile in Turin 3 weeks ago. Imposed on lone association with the day's driver and must be considered a priority
10. **KING TEJY** - 8th of 10 behind KILLER FOR LOVA (15) in a monté Class D over course and distance a month back. Barefoot this time but chances slim at best
11. **KEMPEL DE GUEZ** - Steps back up in category after dominating a 2850m Class E here a fortnight ago. Tristan Ouvrie keeps the drive and while not a priority, is still worth retaining
12. **KAVAL BOURBON** - Encouraged over course and distance before being sanctioned in a 2100m Class D here on 5 December. Has previously won under these conditions but would be preferred barefoot
13. **KHEOPS BOURBON** - In the frame in 2 here, including over track and trip, before running 5th of 14 in a 2100m Class D here 3 weeks ago. Is clearly on the way up and looks a decent first-3 prospect
14. **EXPRESS D'ARC** - Stayed on comfortably to win a 2850m Class D here 3 weeks ago. Returns with morale intact, champion driver in the wagon, and can confirm
15. **KILLER FOR LOVA** - 3rd of 10, at 65/1, in a 2175m Class D here on 13 December. Takes on a marginally better bunch this time but will nevertheless generate some interest
16. **THE LION** - Group-placed type making Vincennes debut after running 5th of 9 over 2140m at Solvalla mid-November. Just 29 Euros from elimination though and with his trainer reining will be afforded every chance

**Summary:** A complicated but particularly capable colt, ESPRESSO ITALIA (7) has raced and placed against older horses and is good enough to open his Vincennes account at the first time of asking. That said, EXPRESS D'ARC (14) most recently got his winter off to a successful start and Eric Raffin will be keen to confirm. On a 4-timer, ETRANGER JOYEUSE (9) is barefoot this time and has been reunited with Alexandre Abrivard who imposed with him late-spring. KHEOPS BOURBON (13) has been knocking at the door and will be competitive for a spot on the podium.

## SELECTIONS

**ESPRESSO ITALIA (7) - EXPRESS D'ARC (14) - ETRANGER JOYEUSE (9) - KHEOPS BOURBON (13)**

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## C5 - PRIX DE CHATEAU CHINON - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 90,000

- 1. FRANKIE BAR** - Sanctioned on French debut in 2100m Gr.3 Prix de Mansle here on 14 December. Has form at home but is out of his league here
- 2. FERAHAN AS** - Hardy transalpine raider that lost his action in 2100m Gr.3 Prix de Mansle here 11 days ago. Shoes on again and others preferred
- 3. LOGAN JIEL** - Disappointing 7th of 8 finishers to LAPIS LAZULI (9) in 2100m Gr.3 Prix de Mansle here 11 days ago and will need to raise his game
- 4. LEONARDO ROC** - 3rd in Gr.3 Prix de Château-Thierry before faulting when never dangerous in a Gr.2 over track and trip on 17 November. Has little chance of winning this but, on good behaviour, can pick up a cheque
- 5. L'AS DESBOIS** - Made it 2 in a row when successful in a 2850m Gr.3 here on 1 December. Unlikely to pull off the hat-trick but has every chance of finishing in the money
- 6. LEARN TO FLY** - Fast-finishing runner-up to LAPIS LAZULI (9) in a 2100m Gr.3 here on 14 December. Eric Raffin maintains faith and there may just be a slight whiff of spoiler about him
- 7. LOOPING DAY** - Back under harness after faulting early in a monté Gr.1 over course and distance 10 days ago. Is no slouch under harness but would be preferred in the other code
- 8. LIGHT MY FIRE** - Honourable 7th of 10 in a 2100m Gr.1 here 2.5 weeks ago. Takes a notable dip in category and has the wherewithal to give this a good go
- 9. LAPIS LAZULI** - Stayed on well to win 2100m Gr.3 Prix de Mansle here 11 days ago. Has done nothing but improve lately and JMB will have legitimate claims on the win
- 10. FIL EK** - Useful Italian colt that lost his action in a 1600m Turin Gr.1 on 1 November. Has buckets of ability and even with shoes on can make a big impact
- 11. LEMON TREE** - 6th in Gr.2 Prix Pierre Plazen before finishing 11th of 12 to L'AS DESBOIS (5) in a 2850m Gr.3 here on 1 December. Is in competition-mode this time though and has a realistic chance of bringing home the bacon

**Summary:** Highly-impressive here earlier in the year, LEMON TREE (11) enjoys ideal conditions, is plainly close to his race, and going padded for the occasion, can finally open his 2024 account. Benjamin Rochard will still want to be wary of the similarly-padded LAPIS LAZULI (9) who imposed over shorter here mid-month, and the feisty FIL EK (10) who is shod for his return to France. LIGHT MY FIRE (8) will be significantly more competitive in this class and must not be underestimated.

### SELECTIONS

**LEMON TREE (11) - LAPIS LAZULI (9) - FIL EK (10) - LIGHT MY FIRE (8)**

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## C6 - PRIX DE SAINT-AUBIN-LES-ELBEUF - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 60,000

**1. IN EN VRIE** - Good, consistent servant that finished well to come 2nd of 11 in a Class C under these conditions 3 weeks ago. Takes on better this time but is a game trotter and must be respected

**2. JOLIE STAR** - Tenacious 2nd of 13 in a 2700m Class C here on 2 December. Races barefoot again and if applied, will be unlikely to disappoint

**3. JINGLE DU PONT** - Last but one when prepping for this in a Gr.3 under these conditions mid-month. Has been held back for this and the draw will only work to his advantage. Chance

**4. JIBI DU FRUITIER** - Somewhat surprising 5th of 12 in a 2850m Class B here 10 days ago. Is plainly in fine shape but is taking on too much this time

**5. JASON DU CONROY** - 6th under harness here before dominating a 2850m monté Class B here 2.5 weeks ago. Is being prepared for next ridden objective and will have few takers

**6. JUSSEO** - Serious sort that lost his action on re-entry in a Class A over course and distance late last month. Has conditions to his liking and can bring his win-rate to 50 per cent

**7. JOLIE POUPEE** - Going well when sanctioned in a 2850m Class B here 10 days ago. Is better than recent numbers would suggest and is not to be overlooked

**8. JOLIE SURPRISE** - Pleasant 5th of 10 in a 2700m Gr.3 here 2.5 weeks ago. Takes a dip in category and even though starting wide, still looks competitive for a place in the frame

**9. JIM PERRINE** - By no means disgraced when 5th of 13 in a Class A over course and distance on 28 November. Drops in category and with Alexandre Abrivard reining is unlikely to be far off the mark

**10. JANE AIMEE** - 2nd over course and distance before being sanctioned in a 2700m Class C here on 2 December. Not ideally-drawn and even reverting to a previous formula, still looks to have too much to do

**Summary:** A fine campaigner with decent Vincennes references, JUSSEO (6) has a race in him since the break, is shod to preference, with Eric Raffin reining, and can get straight down to business. Better-positioned behind the car though, JINGLE DU PONT (3) goes unshod-behind for the occasion and looks the main danger. JIM PERRINE (9) held his own in better company here late last month and despite a wide draw, will not be available at 23/1 this time.

### SELECTIONS

JUSSEO (6) - JINGLE DU PONT (3) - JIM PERRINE (9) - JOLIE SURPRISE (8)

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C7 - PRIX DE DEUIL-LA-BARRE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

1. **HABIBII** - Well-regarded German filly that ran 2nd of 8 over 2000m in Gelsenkirchen 2.5 weeks ago. Takes on a better lot this time but will not disgrace herself if she takes to the new profile
2. **ESTEREL GI** - Useful Italian raider that ran 3rd of 5 over a mile on re-entry in Turin 3 weeks ago. Barefoot for the occasion, with Alexandre Abrivard at the helm for first time, and is unlikely to go home empty-handed
3. **RAGAZZA DU CHENE** - 2nd of 6 over 2300m at Mons on 20 November. Won over course and distance 11 months ago but a repeat seems unlikely
4. **ETERNITY BAR (ITY)** - Made it 6 for 7 when victorious over 2060m at Foggia early this month. Has never been tested beyond 2100m but has a lot going for her here and may yet prove the horse to beat
5. **EMILY LP** - Would have picked up a cheque had she not faulted in final stages of a 2850m Class D here on 5 December, but is first-time barefoot and must be taken seriously
6. **ORLANDO VIVA** - Should not be hastily-judged for finishing 9th of 12, a place behind KEY OF LOVE (10), in a 2850m Class D here on 5 December. Boasts excellent credentials at home and, with stride in check, can make a big splash
7. **KEYS** - Never dangerous before being sanctioned in a 2175m Class D here on 14 December. Has never failed to deliver over course and distance however and looks a leading contender
8. **KALINE DU JOUR** - Makes first appearance since finishing 8th of 14 in a Class C under these conditions on 18 October. Will be fresh, is competitively-shod, and looks capable of getting in on the action
9. **KENNEDY STREET** - 6th of 11, at 25/1, in a 2175m Class D here on 14 December but in this category will have too much to do
10. **KEY OF LOVE** - 8th of 12 in a 2850m Class D here on 5 December. Has been out of sorts for some time and will have nothing to offer
11. **KANAILLE DES ECUS** - Starts for first time since running 10th of 14 in a Class C over track and trip on 18 October. Barefoot for comeback but may just need the outing
12. **KALINE DU LOCHEUR** - Clinched victory in a Class E over course and distance on 2 December. In better company this time but still looks eminently up to the task. Place chance
13. **KAI LA SHA** - Placed at Mauquenchy last month before faulting in a 2100m Class D here on 6 December. Franck Ouvrie reining this time and should not be far from the action if she stays trotting
14. **KLASSE DE BRUZEAU** - 7th of 11, behind KENNEDY STREET (9), in a 2175m Class D here on 14 December and already looks out of her depth
15. **KISS ME DU RUEL** - Showed marked improvement when 4th of 13 in a 2850m Class D here late-November but faces a much stiffer test on this occasion
16. **KEA DES RACQUES** - Won a Class E over 2100m before finishing 9th of 11, behind KENNEDY STREET (9), in a 2175m Class D here on 14 December and is not about to trouble the judge

**Summary:** Difficult to knock when focused, and excellent under these conditions, KEYS (7) races barefoot for the first time this term and can win this if Benjamin Rochard keeps her trotting. She is going to face a stiff challenge though from Italian metronome, ETERNITY BAR (ITY) (4), who is shod to preference with JMB reining, and the wonderfully-consistent KALINE DU LOCHEUR (12) who opened her Vincennes account earlier this month. Eric Raffin has kept faith with Swedish visitor ORLANDO VIVA (6) who will have found her feet 3 weeks ago.

## SELECTIONS

**KEYS (7) - ETERNITY BAR (ITY) (4) - KALINE DU LOCHEUR (12) - ORLANDO VIVA (6)**

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## C8 - PRIX DE SAUTRON - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class F Race - Mounted - EUR € 36,000

- 1. JUPITER CAPTAIN** - 6th of 9 behind JAVRILLON (11) in a 2700m Class F here 2 weeks ago. Barefoot again but still not easy to recommend
- 2. JET DE CANVILLE** - Debuts under the saddle after finishing 8th of 12 in a 2850m Mauquenchy harness Class E 3 weeks ago and appears to have no possible chance
- 3. JEFF DE TILLARD** - Tricky but talented sort that faulted in a 2700m Class F here a fortnight ago. Has previously won for Mathieu Mottier and can repeat
- 4. JASMIN DE LARRE** - Takes first competitive monte steps after running 11th of 14 in a 2150m Cagnes Class F a week ago and chances limited
- 5. JOLI COEUR JERSOP** - Makes first ridden start for 6 months after having run 4th of 10 in a 2150m Toulouse harness Class F on 6 December. Consistently gives his best and although not a priority, still merits respect
- 6. JACK TEJY** - 5th of 9 behind JAVRILLON (11) in a 2700m Class F here 2 weeks ago. Is not about to cause an upset but can still get in on the action
- 7. JINGKO DES BOCHARD** - Starts for first time since faulting in a 2725m Grenade Class F on 3 November. Comes here fresh and is in with a realistic shout of imposing
- 8. JALIENORTH GAME** - Last of 8 in a 2200m Class E here on 28 November and will again have nothing to contribute
- 9. JAPON DAIRPET** - Good 2nd of 9 in a 2550m Bordeaux harness Class F last week. Has little monte experience but in current form is easy to like
- 10. JUST ORLANDO** - Lost his action then pulled-up in a 2700m harness Class F at Le Croise-Laroche 9 days ago. Makes just 2nd start under the saddle but is barefoot with Alexandre Abrivard in the irons and must be taken seriously
- 11. JAVRILLON** - Has done nothing but improve, most recently 2nd of 9 in a 2700m Class F here a fortnight ago, and will not be available at 25/1 on this occasion. Place chance
- 12. JAYZI DU BOURG** - Reassuring 3rd of 12, at 37/1, in a 2700m harness Class F at Le Croise-Laroche 9 days ago. Unlikely to be as competitive this time but has been reconfigured and will have his supporters

**Summary:** Dependability may not be his strong suit but JEFF DE TILLARD (3) has bags of ability, has 2 runs under his belt and, sporting a fresh configuration, can make this his own if Mathieu Mottier manages to keep him focused. Winner on his only start with Eric Raffin in the bike, JINGKO DES BOCHARD (7) can challenge for the win if applied. JAVRILLON (11) seldom gets his nose in front but ran 2nd to a very good horse here a fortnight ago and, with form maintained, can make the frame once more. JAPON DAIRPET (9) is back to racing left-handed after impressing under harness in Bordeaux and, if form transitions, can figure prominently.

### SELECTIONS

**JEFF DE TILLARD (3) - JINGKO DES BOCHARD (7) - JAVRILLON (11) - JAPON DAIRPET (9)**