

WEDNESDAY, 01/01/25

C1 - PRIX DE THOISSEY - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

1. LIBERTA DEL PHEDO - Disqualified in her last two starts, with the latest being at Nantes on 16 December. Yet to win a race and others are much preferred

2. LA PELLOISE - Showed improvement when runner-up in a Class F Mounted race at Cabourg over 2750m on 13 December. Not out of it

3. LUCIA DI JENILAT - Has major disqualification issues but was runner-up last time out in a Class F Mounted race at Châteaubriant over 2400m on 1 December. Has a winning chance if smart again

4. LA SOL FA - Unreliable and was 7th in a Class F Mounted race at Cabourg over 2750m on 7 December. Yet to win and needs to do more to beat these rivals

5. LUNE D'OPALE - Disqualified at Cabourg on 7 December when trying a Mounted race for the first time. Has won a claimer harness race but others are preferred

6. LADY DES CHAMPS - Disqualified in four of her six starts so far, including last time out at this track on 14 November. Has also been runner-up twice and is capable of winning if wise this time

7. L'IMPERIALE AR - Has improved of late and was third in a Class E Mounted race at this track over 2700m on 25 December. Be right there at the finish unshod for the first time

8. LIGHT UP ONE - Not disgraced when 5th in a Class E Mounted race over this track and trip on 12 December. Has a place chance

9. LUCIOLA DE LOU - Yet to win a race but did run well when third in a Class F Mounted race at Laval over 2850m on 8 December. Can contest the finish

10. LUARIA - Has disqualification issues but is knocking hard at the door and was runner-up last time out in a Class E Mounted race over this track and trip on 12 December. Can go one better

11. LOVELY JENILOU - Unreliable and was tenth in a Class E harness race over this course and distance on 11 December. Others are preferred

12. LOU DES COUPERIES - Hard to trust but was not disgraced when third in a Class E harness race at this track over 2850m on 25 December. Can be a threat trying a Mounted race

Summary: L'IMPERIALE AR (7) is in good form and will be barefoot for the very first. She gets a narrow vote in a competitive-looking first event. LOU DES COUPERIES (12) is very hard to trust but can be a danger trying a Mounted race. LADY DES CHAMPS (6) has been runner-up twice but also has disqualification issues. LA PELLOISE (2) showed improvement at Cabourg and can go one better this time.

SELECTIONS

L'IMPERIALE AR (7) - LOU DES COUPERIES (12) - LADY DES CHAMPS (6) - LA PELLOISE (2)

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**C2 - PRIX DE BEAUVOIR - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR
€ 35,000**

1. KAZAN DE VANDEL - Only fair of late and was 5th in Class E at this track over 2700m on 18 December. Has won over this shorter distance and has a place chance

2. KOZMIC BLUES - Unreliable of late but was runner-up in Class E at this track over 2175m on 12 December. Not out of it

3. KEOPS BEGONIA - Disqualified last time out at this track on 18 December. Quite capable of contesting the finish when wise

4. KAID DEL GREEN - Disqualified last time out at this course on 22 December. Tends to struggle at this track but is capable of an upset

5. KILLER DE BEAULIEU - On a long losing run but was disqualified last time out at this track on 18 December. Better over further but could play a minor role

6. KENDRICK - A bit of a disappointment when only 6th in Class E at this course over 2700m on 18 December. Can be competitive

7. KING AULNAIES - In very good form and was runner-up in Class E at Cabourg over 2725m on 19 December. Be right there at the finish

8. KANGOUROU - Mostly modest form of late and was 6th in Class E over this track and trip on 22 December. Needs to do a bit more to beat these rivals

9. KANSAS QUESNOT - Very consistent of late and was runner-up last time out in Class E at Rouen-Mauquenchy over 2850m on 28 November. Has a winning chance

10. KEEPSAKE MOSSA - Has lost his way of late and was 9th in Class E over this track and trip on 22 December. Needs major improvement to win

11. KSAR VRIE - Has struggled at this track and was tenth in Class E at this track over 2850m on 10 December. Capable of better but others are preferred

Summary: KAID DEL GREEN (4) has struggled at this track of late and was disqualified last time out but is quite capable of winning a race like this. KEOPS BEGONIA (3) faulted at this course last month but does have a winning chance. KENDRICK (6) is better than his last run and should be a real threat to these rivals. KOZMIC BLUES (2) only found one better on the day last time out but is not reliable.

SELECTIONS

KAID DEL GREEN (4) - KEOPS BEGONIA (3) - KENDRICK (6) - KOZMIC BLUES (2)

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C3 - PRIX DE NEUVILLE - 2850m (a2m) - Class D Amateur Riders Race - Mounted - EUR € 54,000

- 1. JALIMEDE** - Has struggled of late and was 9th in Class B over this course and distance on 15 December. More is needed to win
- 2. JANE AIMEE** - Unreliable and was 6th in Class B at this track over 2100m on 25 December. Can make the frame
- 3. FOR EVER THE BEST** - Disqualified in his last two starts, with the latest being at Marseille-Vivau on 30 October. Hard to trust but is trying a Mounted race
- 4. INSTINCTIF** - Yet to win this year but was 5th last time out in Class E over this course and distance on 21 December. Can be competitive in this line-up
- 5. ICARE DU LEARD** - In good form of late and was third last time out in Class E over this track and trip on 22 December. Can contest the finish again
- 6. JUS DE FRUIT** - Has not won for some time now but was 6th in a Group 1 Mounted race at this track over 2700m on 15 December. Big chance in this line-up
- 7. HELITE ELEVEN** - In good form this year and was fourth in a Class D Mounted race at this track over 2200m on 20 December. Has a place chance
- 8. IKURO JIEL** - Unreliable and was 6th in a Class D harness race at Meslay-du-Maine over 2600m on 19 December. Capable of playing a minor role
- 9. HOUARNEAU** - Holding from and was third in a Class D Mounted race at this track over 2200m on 20 December. Has a winning chance

Summary: JUS DE FRUIT (6) tried a Group 1 last time out and was not disgraced when sixth. He should make a bold bid of beating these rivals. ICARE DU LEARD (5) is holding form and should be right there at the finish. INSTINCTIF (4) has yet to win this year but is capable of getting involved with the finish again. JANE AIMEE (2) was disqualified in her last two runs under the saddle but can make the frame if smart.

SELECTIONS

JUS DE FRUIT (6) - ICARE DU LEARD (5) - INSTINCTIF (4) - JANE AIMEE (2)

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C4 - PRIX DE CROISSANVILLE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class A Race - Harness - EUR € 62,000

- 1. LORD SUN DRALIAM** - Did not show his best when 7th in Class C over this track and trip on 18 December. Barefoot for the first time and has a winning chance
- 2. LUTIN DE REUX** - Did not show his best when 8th in a GR.3. at this track over 2850m on 1 December. Capable of better and is not out of it
- 3. LOUISON** - On a long losing run but was not disgraced when 5th in Class A at this track over 2175m on 21 December. Could play a minor role
- 4. LUCIFERMORNINGSTAR** - Yet to win a race and was 6th in Class A at this track over 2175m on 21 December. Might play a minor role
- 5. LE BILLET VERT** - Has struck form with two good wins, the latest in Class B over this track and trip on 12 December. Barefoot for the very first time and can complete the hat-trick
- 6. LAGNU MAG** - Has lost his way with disqualifications of late and faulted last time out at this track on 14 December. Others are much preferred
- 7. LIZZANO D'ALOUETTE** - Holding form and was fourth in Class A at this track over 2175m on 21 December. Should contest the finish
- 8. LEADER D'AIMTE** - Holding form and was third in Class A at this track over 2175m on 21 December. Be right there at the finish once again

Summary: LE BILLET VERT (5) has been winning his races well and is barefoot this time. He can pull off the hat trick. LIZZANO D'ALOUETTE (7) is usually competitive and is not out of it. LORD SUN DRALIAM (1) is barefoot for the very first time and has a winning chance. LEADER D'AIMTE (8) is consistent and should be competitive over this course and distance.

SELECTIONS

LE BILLET VERT (5) - LIZZANO D'ALOUETTE (7) - LORD SUN DRALIAM (1) - LEADER D'AIMTE (8)

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C5 - PRIX DOMINIK CORDEAU - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class A Race - Harness - EUR € 71,000

1. **KEEN WINNER** - Inconsistent filly, albeit at a higher level, with the form and experience under the conditions (over speed courses) to play a leading role. Didn't go unnoticed (6th) in a 2700m Group II here on 7 December - chance
2. **JOCONDE SIBEY** - Returned to form recently by finishing 2nd in consecutive appearances on this course, the latest (2700m) on 7 December. Candidate for success
3. **DEA SPRINT BAR** - Thriving Italian mare at the top of her game after a superb Scandinavian spell - won consecutive recent starts, the latest at Aby over 2140m on 14 December. Worth a mention, even at this level
4. **GLOBAL DUBHE** - Unplaced (10th) in a 2700m harness race here on 7 December in his first start in French soil. For another day
5. **KAMEHAMEHA** - Inconsistent colt with sufficient means to acquit himself competitively, especially with Björn Goop at the helm. Not hastily condemned for finishing 9th in a 2700m Group II harness race here on 7 December
6. **JABALPUR** - Won consecutive 2700m races on this course, the latest on 7 December. The one to beat in his hat-trick bid
7. **KAVIARISSIME** - Finished an eye-catching 3rd in a 2700m Group I mounted race on 15 December in his first start under the saddle. Not taken lightly back in the harness code
8. **ELEGANCE KRONOS** - Well-performed (Group I placed) Scandinavian filly with sound references/form credentials, including a good 3rd in a 2140m Group I harness race at Eskistuna on 16 November. Respected on her French debut
9. **CORAL COGER** - Scandinavian trotter with sound references/form credentials at a high level. Didn't go unnoticed (7th) in a 1640m harness race at Solvalla when last seen on 30 November - not taken lightly
10. **KELLE BEAUTE** - Complicated filly with undeniable means (Group II winner) but is seldom far from a fault. Had legitimate excuses for her latest disqualification here in a 2700m Group II harness race on 7 December
11. **IMMORTAL DOC** - Bounced back to form with an encouraging 4th in a 2700m Group II harness race on 7 December. Can get into the picture
12. **JOUR DE FETE** - Soundly beaten (11th) in a 2700m harness race on this course on 22 December after a 4-month absence. Versatile trotter but most effective without his irons (unshod) - watch for now
13. **EDGAR SABA** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd in a similar course-and-distance event on 14 December. Keep safe
14. **DYLAN DOG FONT** - Shown his form and well-being recently with back-to-back recent wins at Milan, the latest over 1600m on 14 December. Worth a mention, even at this level
15. **JAZZMAN (GER)** - Well-bred inconsistent colt with a big "engine" and sound references on speed courses but best watched for now after a disappointing (13th) performance on this course over 2700m on 7 December. Dark horse
16. **KOBAYASHI** - Ended a long sequence of poor performances with a reassuring 2nd (unshod) on this course over 2850m on 15 December. Races shod this time so is best watched for now

Summary: JABALPUR (6) has been imperious in winning consecutive starts over 2700m recently and, with solid references over shorter distances, he should continue his momentum. The opposition will likely be led by JOCONDE SIBEY (2), back to his best after a slump, consistent EDGAR SABA (13) and well-performed KEEN WINNER (1). There are several others with legitimate podium aspirations, including CORAL COGER (9) and DYLAN DOG FONT (14), with Eric Raffin at the helm, and DEA SPRINT BAR (3).

SELECTIONS

JABALPUR (6) - JOCONDE SIBEY (2) - EDGAR SABA (13) - KEEN WINNER (1)

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C6 - PRIX DE TENCE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 53,000

1. **MISS JAJA** - Inconsistent but has references in the harness code in this configuration. Disqualified in 2700m mounted race on 21 December - for another day
2. **DADA DEL RONCO** - Honest hard-knocker with sound references at this level in this (barefoot)configuration, including a 4th in a 2100m harness race here when last seen on 29 September. Best watched for now
3. **DAYTONA DI CECCO** - Versatile trotter with references in both categories - seldom finishes far off the mark but is most effective racing unshod. Finished 5th in a 2700m mounted race at this venue on 21 December, has upset potential
4. **JET SOCIETY** - Complicated mare with sound references, though seldom far from a fault. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a course-and-distance harness race on 29 November
5. **JOMA OV** - Honest hard-knocker with sound references at this level and in this shoe-fitting, including a creditable 8th in a course-and-distance event on 21 December. Can do better - keep safe
6. **MARY ANN LANE** - Scandinavian trotter absent since finishing 6th over 2200m at Hambourg-Bahrenfeld on 3 October. One to note
7. **JET SET** - Experienced mare with sound references/form credentials. Shouldnt be hastily condemned for her recent failure in a course-and-distance event on 21 December, especially with Alexandre Abrivard at the helm
8. **JUSTICIA GLAM** - Finished an unlucky 5th in the course-and-distance Quinte+ event (benchmark race) on 21 December. Can set the record straight
9. **JAVA D'ANAMA** - Bounce back to form with a reassuring 2nd in the benchmark event, a course-and-distance Quinte+ race on 21 December. Candidate for success
10. **JUNKIE (SWE)** - Caught the eye with a reassuring last-start 5th at this venue in a 2100m harness race on 25 October. Not taken lightly
11. **DANA EK** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th on this course in a 2100m harness race on 14 December. Keep safe
12. **DENIA** - Delicate mare with undeniable means - won a 2100m harness event here on 14 September. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for her disqualification in a 2700m mounted race on this course on 4 October
13. **JESTA BUISSONAY** - Won back-to-back course-and-distance races under the saddle in November. Not as effective in this code, especially with her irons (shod)
14. **DIVINA TRIO** - Consistent performer with sound references, albeit at a lower level. Finished 7th in a 2500m harness race at Aarau on 25 August - best watched for now
15. **JOURNEE REVEE** - Last-start winner of a course-and-distance Quinte+ race on 21 December, beating JAVA D'ANAMA (9). Confirmation expected
16. **JOUVENCE DE CAREL** - Rejuvenated trotter in good form and physical condition with sound references/form credentials, which include finishing 3rd in consecutive recent outings - the latest over 2100m at this venue on 22 November

Summary: Many for whom a solid case can be made. JOURNEE REVEE (15), JAVA D'ANAMA (9) and JUSTICIA GLAM (8) renew rivalry after finishing in that order on 21 December, and they're likely to dominate the leading positions. Both JOUVENCE DE CAREL (16) and JOMA OV (5), however, have legitimate winning ambitions too. JET SET (7), DANA EK (11) and DENIA (12) are others with undeniable podium aspirations. Good race!

SELECTIONS

JAVA D'ANAMA (9) - JUSTICIA GLAM (8) - JOURNEE REVEE (15) - JOUVENCE DE CAREL (16)

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C7 - PRIX DE DAMVILLE - 2850m (a2m) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 52,000

- 1. KEROSEN DU GERS** - Disqualified in his last three starts, with the latest being at Garignes on 2 September. Returns from a break but is not out of it if fit
- 2. KAVALA DE PADD** - Disappointing form of late and was 7th in Class C at this track over 2175m on 21 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 3. KISS ME HONEY** - Disqualified in her last two starts, with the latest being at this track on 21 December. Hard to trust and others make more appeal
- 4. KAMIKAZE DU CAMPUS** - Disqualified in his last two starts, with the latest being at this track on 20 December. Has ability and is capable of winning when wise
- 5. KING GEORGES** - In good form and was fourth in Class C at this track over 2175m on 20 December. Better this distance and should fight out the finish
- 6. KAPTAIN DU LIAMONE** - Unreliable and was 7th in Class B over this track and trip on 15 December. Capable of an upset when in the right mood
- 7. KESITO D'URVILLE** - Not disgraced when 5th in a GR.3. over this course and distance on 1 December. Has a winning chance
- 8. KASH LADY** - Disqualified at this track last time out on 15 December. In good form before that and is not out of it
- 9. KEEP YOUR DREAMS** - Unreliable this year and was 6th in Class B over this track and trip on 15 December. Can bounce back to score if in the right mood
- 10. KYOTO DIGEO** - Only modest of late and was 5th in Class B at this track over this track and trip on 15 December. Could play a minor role
- 11. KILL JOY LADY** - Unreliable of late and was 9th in Class B at this track over 2700m on 9 November. Capable of contesting the finish
- 12. KID BELLAY** - Only modest of late and was 6th in Class C at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 2925m on 21 December. Others are preferred

Summary: KILL JOY LADY (11) shouldn't be hastily condemned for her recent failure and she is taken to make amends at the expense of KEEP YOUR DREAMS (9), KASH LADY (8) and KING GEORGES (5) who are best equipped to make life difficult for the selection. Consistent KYOTO DIGEO (10) and KAVALA DE PADD (2) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

KILL JOY LADY (11) - KEEP YOUR DREAMS (9) - KASH LADY (8) - KING GEORGES (5)

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C8 - PRIX DU CROISE-LAROCHE - 2850m (a2m) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 63,000

1. HOLLY D'ECHAL - Complicated mare with sound references but seldom far from a fault these days - disqualified in a 2100m harness race on 20 December. For another day

2. HERMES D'ECROVILLE - Consistent hard-knocker with both the form and experience under these conditions to play a leading role, especially on the evidence of his last start (3rd) on this course in a 2100m harness race on 20 December

3. HUNT - Well-performed trotter with 12 wins from 49 starts, albeit at a lower level. Confirmed in this configuration but best watched for now after a recent failure (disqualification) at Le Mans on 16 December - outsider

4. HURIEL LUDOIS - Versatile trotter with references in both codes - seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day but most effective unshod. Finished 5th in a 2200m mounted race at this venue on 20 December - watch for now

5. HORS BORD - Runner-up to HURRICANE CARTER (13) in a 2100m harness race at this venue on 2 December. Should play another leading role

6. GRAND ROI KALOUMA - Won a 2800m harness race at Rambouillet in October but blotted his copybook when missing the start at Chartres on 26 November. Shouldn't be hastily condemned

7. HOCKFELER DU MESLE - Last-start winner of a 2750m harness race at Cabourg on 17 December. Should have a say in the outcome with Eric Raffin at the helm

8. GUMP DU PONCELET - Honest hard-knocker with sound references, though most effective racing unshod. Finished 13th (shod) in a 2700m harness event here on 15 December - best watched for now

9. HERMES LUDOIS - Runner-up in a 2750m harness race at Cabourg behind HOCKFELER DU MESLE (7) on 17 December. Ought to make his presence felt again

10. HAIDA SAUTONNE - Honest hard-knocker with the form and experience at this level to acquit herself competitively, especially in this barefoot configuration. Finished a good 5th in a 2100m Quinte+ on this course on 11 December

11. GOLDEN GRACE - Last-start winner of a 2200m mounted race at this venue on 20 December. Unlikely to repeat the feat back in the harness category

12. GAGNEUR - Last-start winner of a 2600m harness race at Layon-Parilly on 14 December. Confirmed in this shoe-fitting and likely to give another competitive account of himself

13. HURRICANE CARTER - Prolific 16-time winner from 28 appearances. Added to his tally with a recent 2100m victory at this venue in this shoe-fitting on 2 December

14. GERSHWIN DE CHENU - Inconsistent but has sound references at this level, especially in this barefoot configuration. Must reaffirm after a recent failure at Bordeaux on 17 December - for another day

Summary: Prolific HURRICANE CARTER (13) is hard to oppose after an impressive last start (win) in this shoeing configuration, especially with Eric Raffin at the helm. HOCKFELER DU MESLE (7) leads the opposition in the company of HORS BORD (5), second to the selection last time out, with GRAND ROI KALOUMA (6) and GAGNEUR (12) other contenders for a spot on the podium. HERMES D'ECROVILLE (2) and HAIDA SAUTONNE (10) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

HURRICANE CARTER (13) - HOCKFELER DU MESLE (7) - HORS BORD (5) - GRAND ROI KALOUMA (6)

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C9 - PRIX DE BUZANCAIS - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 46,000

1. **JIMANY** - Soundly beaten in 4 consecutive starts before her latest failure (disqualification) in a 2175m mounted race on this course on 11 December. Others preferred

2. **JUSQUIAME** - Complicated mare with sound references - seldom far off the mark when avoiding disqualification - but is best watched for now after finishing unplaced (7th) here in a 2175m mounted race on 11 December

3. **JEDEO DES VAUX** - Delicate trotter, seldom far from a fault - disqualified in 4 of his last 5 starts, including consecutive recent outings - the latest on this course in a 2175m mounted race on 11 December. Best watched for now

4. **JASMIN DANOVER** - Versatile trotter with references in both trotting codes - seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Disqualified in a 2175m mounted race on this course (resuming after a 7-month absence) on 11 December

5. **JOBOURG MESLOIS** - Inconsistent but has references in this configuration under the saddle. Unplaced (8th) on this course in a 2700m mounted race on 22 December - for another day

6. **JOMIZIO** - Consistent for the most part but is a tricky customer - disqualified in 2 of his last 4 starts, the latest on this course in a 2175m mounted race on 11 December. Shouldn't be hastily condemned

7. **JAFF DE MESLAY** - Honest hard-knocker who seldom finishes far off the mark but has no more than a place chance here after finishing 6th on this course in a 2175m mounted race on 11 December

8. **JASMINE DE FORGAN** - Complicated mare with sound references but seldom far from a fault, though usually acquits herself well when remaining wise. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 10th at Le Mans on 16 December

9. **JIMINY CRICKET** - Didn't go unnoticed (7th) in his first start under the saddle over 2950m at Le Mans on 16 December. Open to improvement

10. **JUSTE SNOB** - Delicate but well-performed trotter in the harness code, especially in this shoeing configuration (3 wins in this fitting). Disqualified in a course-and-distance harness race on 15 December but could redeem himself in his first start under the saddle

11. **JOYAU DE JANZE** - Runner-up in a 2200m mounted race at this venue on 28 November in this shoeing configuration. Will play a leading role here with a repeat of that performance

12. **JERIKA DE KERYANN** - Consistent hard-knocker with the form and experience in this category to play a leading role. Finished 9th in a 2700m mounted race on this course on 21 December but she ought to far better in this grade/field

Summary: Enigmatic JUSTE SNOB (10) didn't go unnoticed last time, despite his disqualification in a harness race here last month, and it could pay to take a chance on him making a winning mounted race debut. Hard-knocker JOYAU DE JANZE (11) boasts the form and experience in this category to expose any chinks in that rival's armour. JERIKA DE KERYANN (12), ideally engaged, and JIMINY CRICKET (9), whose debut under the saddle was encouraging, aren't taken lightly and should acquit themselves competitively, along with Damien Bonne's new recruit JOMIZIO (6).

SELECTIONS

JUSTE SNOB (10) - JOYAU DE JANZE (11) - JERIKA DE KERYANN (12) - JIMINY CRICKET (9)