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C1 - PRIX DE COURCY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 27,000

1. ISEA DU QUENNE - capable but never far from faulting. Surprise 3rd of 11 in a 2200m Class F here late last month but cannot be considered a priority

2. INSTIGATEUR - 4th to IDEO JOSSELYN (8) in a Class F under these conditions a fortnight ago. Unlikely too shake things up but should still acquit himself honourably

3. IMPERATRICE LOVE - Unplaced on lone appearance here but came an encouraging 3rd of 10, on first start back, in a 2400m Amiens Class F on 19 April. Mathieu Mottier reining this time and will be expected to finish in the mix

4. IL MAGNIFICO - Useful type making first appearance since finishing 10th of 13 in a 2750m Cabourg Class E late-October. Is shod to preference and can set the cat among the pigeons if Dominik Locqueneux keeps him trotting

5. INTELLO D'ERABLE - Faulted on re-entry in a 2550m monté Class F at Gournay-en-Bray late-March. Has had time to come on, appreciates Caen, and can win this

6. INVICTUS ORADEL - Last of 13 on re-entry in a 2900m Amiens Class F on 13 April and will not be troubling the judge

7. INDES GALANTES - Unexceptional mare that has never excelled at Caen. 11th of 16 in a 3200m Fougères Class F last Sunday and is not about to cause an upset

8. IDEO JOSSELYN - Simply superb since returning to racing barefoot, pulling off 2 course and distance wins, most recently in a Class F on 22 April, and the hat-trick is well within his capacity

9. IN YOU - Kicked the year off well but below-par since, latterly 8th of 12 in a 2650m Alençon Class F 2 weeks ago, and can be ruled out

10. IDEAL DU GOULOT - Made it 2 wins in a row when securing a 2400m Amiens Class F smartly a month back. Has yet to deliver at Caen but is barefoot this time and is hard to ignore

11. IHLUNA - 5th of 15 in a 2825m Cordemais Class D 2 weeks ago. Competitively-shod this time and is unlikely to return home empty-handed

12. IDEAL DELADOU - Looked rather ordinary when 8th, a place behind IRENO DES PLAINES (13), in a 2150m Argentan Class D 3 weeks ago and cannot expect to generate much interest

13. IRENO DES PLAINES - 7th of 14 in a 2150m Argentan Class D on 15 April and is not about to influence the result

Summary: A useful trotter in both disciplines, INTELLO D'ERABLE (5) has one race in him since the winter break, is barefoot for his return to harness competition and can have his day in the sun. François Lagadeuc will be justifiably wary of IDEAL DU GOULOT (10) who returns barefoot to Caen on a right-handed hat-trick, and IDEO JOSSELYN (8) who is herself bidding for a Caen 3-timer. IL MAGNIFICO (4) has never disappointed over 2450m here and is competitively-shod for comeback.

SELECTIONS

INTELLO D'ERABLE (5) - IDEAL DU GOULOT (10) - IDEO JOSSELYN (8) - IL MAGNIFICO (4)

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C2 - PRIX DE LILLEBONNE - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KALINE FOUR** - Filly with some potential but sanctioned in a 2850m Laval Class E mid-March and others easier to back
- 2. KAMA D'EM** - Pillar-to-post winner of a Class E under these conditions a fortnight ago. Configured similarly and must be taken seriously
- 3. KOCAINE BOND** - Made no bones about securing a 2400m Amiens Class F on 19 April. Steps up in category though and may find this a stiff test
- 4. KASSIOPEE WIND** - Promising sort but makes her first appearance since coming 4th of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D last September. Shoes on and will be race-rusty
- 5. KALEA DREAM** - In 3 starts, has never shown any liking for Caen, most recently sanctioned in a 2450m Class E here 2 weeks ago. Disregard
- 6. KATANA** - Unexceptional 8th to KAMA D'EM (2) in a Class E over course and distance on 22 April and can expect to have few takers
- 7. KELISSA D'AVE** - Runner-up to the unassailable KAI LA SHA (16) in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle on 7 April. Entrusted to Yoann Lebourgeois this time and will be afforded every chance
- 8. KLASSIKA DIDALO** - Has turned a corner lately, coming 2nd to KAMA D'EM (2) over track and trip 2 weeks ago. Is a progressive filly and one to keep an eye on
- 9. KINDIA DU CHENE** - Good, consistent type that came a good 2nd of 15 on re-entry in a 2350m Angers Class E on 11 April. Will have progressed and can get straight down to business. Claim
- 10. KANDIE DJOB** - Has not been seen out since finishing 3rd of 5 in a 2875m Enghien monté Class D last October and will need the run
- 11. KEYPTOWN** - Disappointing on the whole this term, latterly last of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E mid-April and appears to have very limited prospects
- 12. KIARA DES BORDES** - Modest individual that could manage no closer than 7th behind KAPUCINE ZEN (13) in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 16 April and will pose no danger
- 13. KAPUCINE ZEN** - Won 2 on the trot before coming 4th of 10 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 16 April and is in with a realistic chance of making the frame
- 14. KALIE PRIMO** - Tenacious Class E course-and-distance winner mid-March before being sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class E a month later. Returns to racing right-handed and can play a key role
- 15. KINSHASA DE CHENU** - Last of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D late last month. Is no star but is well-engaged, and racing barefoot will do her prospects no harm
- 16. KAI LA SHA** - Comfortable winner of a 2750m Class E at La Capelle on 7 April. Is confirmed at Caen, has an entry made-in-heaven, and is not incapable of doubling her money

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Summary: Put away for the winter after being sanctioned here last October, KINDIA DU CHENE (9) left a very good impression on her seasonal bow at Angers recently and can bring home the bacon this time. She will still come under pressure from the well-entered KAI LA SHA (16) who opened her 2024 account on her own re-entry a month ago, and KAPUCINE ZEN (13) who is like a horse reborn since starting to race barefoot. KALIE PRIMO (14) won over course and distance before faulting at Vincennes and, with application, can again go close.

SELECTIONS

KINDIA DU CHENE (9) - KAI LA SHA (16) - KAPUCINE ZEN (13) - KALIE PRIMO (14)

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C3 - PRIX DE LUNERAY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KIRWAN THORIS** - Respectable 5th to KENZO DU MONT (6) in a 2200m Class E here late last month and can expect to have his work cut out this time
- 2. KERU DE LOU** - Unbeaten in 3 last season. 6th to KOALA DES ARCS (16) on re-entry though, in a 2850m Laval Class E mid-March, and may be a race shy
- 3. KNOCK OUT MAKER** - Remarkable early last season but has not raced since faulting in a 2100m Vincennes Class D mid-January. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be passed over
- 4. KINGMAN DELO** - Mixes the good with the less good but came a decent 3rd of 10 finishers in a Class E over 2200m here 8 days ago, and returns with morale intact and a realistic chance
- 5. KAID DEL GREEN** - Faithful for the most part but sent for a break after being sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on Boxing Day. Hind shoes off for return to competition but other still preferred
- 6. KENZO DU MONT** - Reliability not his strong suit and latterly caused a 20/1 upset by winning a 2200m Class E here 8 days ago. Unlikely to repeat but can still get in on the action
- 7. KAMARAN MADRIK** - Tricky but capable colt making his first appearance since coming 6th of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D early-November. Hind shoes off for first time though and will be worth monitoring
- 8. KAISER LATAL** - Has merit and is confirmed racing clockwise, but will need to improve on his 6th of 10 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 12 April
- 9. KAMARI LOVE** - Lightly-raced, and unbeaten colt, starting for the first time since winning a 2150m Enghien Class D last August. Competitively-shod for re-entry and looks the horse to beat
- 10. KOKIN DE BELLANDE** - Imposed at Nancy late-March before finishing last but one in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 19 April, and can expect to have few friends
- 11. KING GATE** - Races barefoot for the first time, with Yoann Lebourgeois reining, after coming 10th of 12 in a 2875m Meslay-du-Maine Class E on 19 March. Has had time to get his house in order and is not to be overlooked
- 12. KING BLACK DANOVER** - Unplaced here late-March before trotting 7th of 8 in a 2850m Class E at Maure-de-Bretagne last Tuesday, and others preferred
- 13. KELLOU DES BRUMES** - Sanctioned after having trouble turning in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 12 April. Left a good impression here on penultimate outing and can set the record straight
- 14. KHEOPS JENILAT** - Showed potential last season but out of the picture in both this term, latterly 10th of 14 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E, and can be ruled out
- 15. KEL DIABLO ERGEE** - 4th over 2200m here before winning a 2150m Argentan Class E on 28 March. Benefits from a good entry and will be competitive for a cheque
- 16. KOALA DES ARCS** - Opened his account mid-March in a 2850m Laval Class E when unshod-in-front for the first time. Similar configuration here and will have a lot to offer if he takes to the Caen profile

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Summary: An excellent future prospect, KAMARI LOVE (9) has not have been seen out since securing the double at Enghien last August; she is untried racing clockwise but is unshod-behind for comeback and has the class to make this his own. Principal opposition will hail from the wonderfully-engaged KOALA DES ARCS (16) who imposed in good order at Laval last time out, and KINGMAN DELO (4) who has taken a particular liking to Caen conditions. KELLOU DES BRUMES (13) would have finished 2nd here in March had he not been disqualified for interference, but can make amends if François Lagadeuc keeps him out of trouble.

SELECTIONS

KAMARI LOVE (9) - KOALA DES ARCS (16) - KINGMAN DELO (4) - KELLOU DES BRUMES (13)

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C4 - PRIX DE COLOMBELLES - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Mounted - EUR € 24,000

- 1. ICARE DU POMMEREUX** - Unremarkable 6th of 16 in a 2800m Rambouillet Class G 2 weeks ago but won last time in this configuration and must be respected
- 2. IVOIRE DU CEDRE** - Won over course and distance last November and repeated in a Class E here 2 weeks ago. Shod as he was that day and can continue his Caen love-affair
- 3. HISTOIRE DE LOISIR** - Tricky mare but has respectable monté credentials. Won at Angers before coming a flattering 3rd of 4 in a 2550m Reims Class F late last month. Is better than that though and will be expected to put on a more competitive show
- 4. ILLUSIVE GLORY** - Put in quite the finish to come 3rd in a 2850m Laval Class F 10 days ago and has every chance of turning the tables on HOMMAGE LUDOIS (5)
- 5. HOMMAGE LUDOIS** - Missed out by little on victory in a 2850m Laval Class F on 25 April, beating ILLUSIVE GLORY (4) in the process. Goes barefoot again and will be expected to finish on the podium
- 6. HECTOR DES BUTTES** - 6th of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes amateurs harness Class F. Has decent monté references but in this field will struggle to make his mark
- 7. HALIZEE DES ISLES** - Debuts under the saddle after coming 6th of 14 in a 2850m Loudéac Class H 8 days ago and has no realistic chance
- 8. IROKO DU LOIR** - Honest trotter that was by no means disgraced when 5th of 11 in a Class F over course and distance on 21 March. Unraced since and will need to find more

Summary: Facile winner over course and distance on just his second start back, IVOIRE DU CEDRE (2) had previously shown a liking for these conditions and will take all the beating. ILLUSIVE GLORY (4) trotted 3rd here late-March, and barefoot again, can turn the tables on HOMMAGE LUDOIS (5) who had her measure at Laval ten days ago.

SELECTIONS

IVOIRE DU CEDRE (2) - ILLUSIVE GLORY (4) - HOMMAGE LUDOIS (5) - HISTOIRE DE LOISIR (3)

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C5 - PRIX DE LOUVIGNY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 27,000

- 1. JIVRY** - Sanctioned in a 2250m Enghien monté Class D on Thursday and backs up with limited aspirations
- 2. JABADAO** - No longer the horse he once was, latterly 9th of 11 in a 2875m Enghien claimer, and will have few friends
- 3. JAFAR DE FAEL** - Not easy to knock when unshod and focused. Good 2nd in a Classe E under these conditions late last month but in this company, will be facing a stiffer test
- 4. JASMIN DHELPA** - 5th of 9 finishers in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E last Monday. Has never managed to finish a race when barefoot and cannot be considered a contender
- 5. JEUNE AMI** - Clearly back at the top of his game since the spell, most recently 4th behind JASMIN PHIL (15) in a 2875m Enghien Class D a fortnight back. Théo Duvaldestin reining this time and will not be far from the action
- 6. JUVAMINE RENARDIER** - Sprang a 75/1 surprise when 3rd, a place behind JAFAR DE FAEL (3), in a Class E over course and distance late last month, but a repeat seems improbable
- 7. JAGUAR D'OBRET** - Sent for a spell after finishing 10th of 14 in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 8 March. Shoes on for comeback and will have little to offer
- 8. JOUR D'ERABLE** - Can prove a handful but has buckets of ability. Untroubled winner of a 2725m Lisieux Class E on 20 March and, with application, can repeat
- 9. JASONIA DANICA** - Has ability but appears to have come off the boil, most recently faulting in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 23 April, and others easier to back
- 10. JADE DE DAIDOU** - Mare of considerable ability but has not been seen out since coming 7th of 10 in a 2875m Enghien Class C last July, and will need the run
- 11. JEAGLE DREAM** - 10th of 13 in a 2875m Argentan Class E 3 weeks ago, continuing his poor form. Modified shoeing but still not an obvious choice
- 12. JOKER D'OCCAGNES** - Seldom fails to deliver when barefoot and focused. 3rd when still being conditioned, in a 2800m Strasbourg Class E early-April, and racing barefoot this time will be a serious proposition
- 13. JO DIBAH** - Quality element but sanctioned in last 2, most recently in a 2625m Cherbourg Class E on 1 April, but on better behaviour can play an important role
- 14. JERICHO** - Serious sort that would have made the frame in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 12 April had Eric Raffin kept his trotting. Franck Nivard takes over and can win this if his charge stays focused
- 15. JASMIN PHIL** - Good 3rd of 11 in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 20 April. Unlikely to get his nose in front but can still make the first 5
- 16. JACOMO DES BOTS** - Placed 3rd over track and trip before coming 8th of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D a month ago and, while not a priority, will appreciate the return to racing clockwise

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Summary: Winner of two of his last three, last time going right-handed, JOUR D'ERABLE (8) will be reined by Yoann Lebourgeois for the occasion and is expected to confirm. JERICHO (14) would have finished 3rd in Paris last time had he stayed in stride, his form is sure, and will be dangerous if Franck Nivard keeps him trotting. JOKER D'OCCAGNES (12) has taken no time showing his condition and, barefoot this time, can again finish close. JO DIBAH (13) has nothing to prove in this category and will figure prominently if he can stay focused.

SELECTIONS

JOUR D'ERABLE (8) - JERICHO (14) - JOKER D'OCCAGNES (12) - JO DIBAH (13)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA PORTE-MILET - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KAPORAL CARISAIE** - Quickly sanctioned, when well-supported, on monté debut 2 weeks ago in a 2450m Class F here. Mottier has deserted him for the favourite and chances limited
- 2. KARLA QUEEN** - Disappointing this year and latest 2500m harness Class H Bihorel-lès-Rouen sanction does nothing to inspire confidence
- 3. KENNEN JIEL** - Sanctioned in a 2500m Reims harness Class F 10 days ago and is unlikely to shake things up
- 4. KASH GAGOU** - 2nd of 10 in a 2800m Rambouillet Class F a month back. Yet to show any exceptional aptitude for the ridden game and, even with hind shoes off, can be passed over
- 5. KIARA D'ECOTAY** - 10th of 16 in a Class E harness freshener here on 22 April. Imposed at Reims on penultimate start and must be afforded respect
- 6. KENTUCKY SAM** - Modest trotter with what appears to be limited scope in both codes. 7th of 10 finishers in a 2200m harness Class E here late last month and can be confidently passed over
- 7. KENYAN BLUES** - Well-backed but sanctioned on comeback 8 days ago in a 2200m harness Class E here but can play a leading role if François Lagadeuc assures his initial strides
- 8. KEOPS LUDOIS** - Made short work of the opposition in a 2625m Class E at Agen-Le Passage 2 weeks ago. Steps up in category but should nevertheless hold his own
- 9. KINA DU RIB** - Lacklustre last of 7 in a 2875m Enghien Class D 2 weeks ago. Has merit but is shod this time though, and risks needing the outing
- 10. KLEMPERER** - Showed early promise but has failed to come good, most recently last of 14 in a 2850m Laval harness Class E on 25 April, and even racing barefoot has no realistic chance
- 11. KING OF JIEL** - Useful sort that clearly needed the run when last of 5 on comeback in a 2550m Reims Class F a month back. Will have come for the race and will be worth monitoring in his new configuration
- 12. KALMIA DES NOES** - 2nd only to a good filly in a Class E over course and distance on 18 April. Races barefoot this time and must be considered a decent first-5 chance
- 13. KATANGO** - Sanctioned early in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 18 April. Is no slouch on a good day and even though barefoot, may be biting off more than he can chew
- 14. KAP ORNE** - Tricky at the best of times but held on for victory in a Class E over track and trip on 21 March and has a reasonable chance of doubling his money
- 15. KRONOS** - Sent for a holiday after winning under the saddle late-July. 9th of 13 on re-entry in a 2450m harness Class E here and, barefoot for the first time, will take all the beating

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Summary: Nicely-engaged at the limit of earnings, the promising KRONOS (15) has a harness freshener under his belt following the layoff, is barefoot for his first objective of the new season, and can keep his unbeaten monté record intact. The tricky KAP ORNE (14) imposed over course and distance on 21 March, has had time to recuperate, and is not out of the running for the double. Third to him on his lone appearance under the saddle, KENYAN BLUES (7) races barefoot for the occasion and will be no pushover. KIARA D'ECOTAY (5) opened her monté account with ease last time under the saddle and barefoot again, will be no shrinking violet if applied.

SELECTIONS

KRONOS (15) - KAP ORNE (14) - KENYAN BLUES (7) - KIARA D'ECOTAY (5)

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**C7 - PRIX DE LITTRY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR €
21,000**

- 1. LORD LIGNERIES** - Looked ordinary in last year's qualification and sanctioned on debut, late-April, in a 2625m Class E at Châtelailon-La Rochelle. No threat
- 2. LOZZI NONANTAIS** - Well-supported when sanctioned on debut 3 weeks ago in a 2725m Lisieux Class F. In significantly better company this time and chances slim
- 3. LUGANO** - Sanctioned in both starts to date, most recently a 2625m Cherbourg Class F last weekend. Yoann Lebourgeois reining this time which may be just the ticket to his redemption
- 4. LETS GO UP** - Faulted early, on comeback, in a Class E over course and distance 8 days ago and can be ruled out
- 5. LOUSTIC DELAURIERE** - Unremarkable colt that was sanctioned in a 2900m Challans Class F on Monday and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
- 6. LUXE D'ERABLE** - Sanctioned mid-April in a 2800m Argentan Class E but can redeem himself if able to replicate his Vire performance. Chance
- 7. LABEL GEMA** - Solid in all 3 starts so far, most recently 4th of 12 in a 2500m Reims Class E, and while not a priority, will still have his supporters
- 8. LOVE DANCER** - Useful colt that was quickly sanctioned in a 2350m Angers Class D on 11 April. Is confirmed here and will not be far from the action if his driver assures his initial strides
- 9. LOTUS DE BEYLEV** - Unraced since coming 5th of 6 in a 2750m Cabourg Class D late-December. Sports 4 pads for the first time though and should give a competitive account of himself
- 10. LOOPING MIL** - Got off the mark in a 2750m Ecommoy Class F on 31 March. Comes here fresh but takes on a tougher bunch this time around
- 11. L'ATOLL** - Gave a good account on debut before going on to win a 2575m Agen-Le Passage Class F 2 weeks ago and while unlikely to repeat, should still be able to make the first 5
- 12. L'ARC** - Well-engaged colt with a promising future. Tenacious winner of a 2400m Amiens Class F on 19 April and is in with a realistic chance of repeating

Summary: Clément Thomain has another interesting prospect here with the delicate LUXE D'ERABLE (6) who was highly-impressive at Vire in late-March. Fitted with hind pads for the first time, he should be good enough to win a race of this nature. He is nevertheless forced to face off with the progressive L'ARC (12) who gave us a taste of his class at Amiens last month. Yet to finish a race unscathed, LUGANO (3) nonetheless possesses a wealth of untapped potential and, with application, could yet best his stablemate. LOVE DANCER (8) should not be too hastily-judged for his recent sanction and can make amends if James Lebouteiller gets him off on the right foot.

SELECTIONS

LUXE D'ERABLE (6) - L'ARC (12) - LUGANO (3) - LOVE DANCER (8)

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C8 - PRIX D'ANGERVILLE - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 21,000

- 1. LASCAUX DEL PHEDO** - Qualified in 1'20"1 at Laval late last year and makes his racecourse debut with limited ambition
- 2. LEADER SOLEDAD** - Made little impression in qualification here last summer and, considering the opposition, looks outclassed on career debut
- 3. LEROCKY DES APRES** - Qualified in 1'17"4 under the saddle at Meslay-du-Maine on 16 April and if as good in competition, will have his chances
- 4. LOVER STRYCK** - Untried colt that qualified decently last autumn despite faulting. Debuts with a top jockey onboard and is not incapable of imposing at the first time of asking
- 5. LOTI SOLO** - 3 starts and yet to finish a race unsanctioned, most recently on Wednesday in a 2625m Class F at Châtelailon-La Rochelle, and can be disregarded
- 6. LUIGI D'ISIGNY** - Sanctioned in both to date, latterly a 2200m Vincennes Class D on New Year's Day. Front pads on but others still preferred
- 7. LOOK DE LA COTE** - Never-threatening 8th behind LOUXOR DE JOUB (8) in a Class E over track and trip on 22 April. Has a lot going for him this time though and looks eminently capable of upsetting the apple-cart
- 8. LOUXOR DE JOUB** - Trotted 3rd at Saint-Malo before repeating in a Class E under these conditions 2 weeks ago, and once again looks a solid place prospect
- 9. LEOPOLD DU CLOS** - 7th on debut here before winning a 2750m Ecommoy Class E on 31 March and, with front pads fitted, can make it 2 on the trot
- 10. LEE D'IRAI** - Has not raced since coming a flattering 3rd of 4, on monté debut, in a 2200m Vincennes Class D mid-February. 4 pads fitted this time and should be able to pick up some crumbs

Summary: Winner on turf last time out, beating a horse who subsequently went on to run well at Vincennes, LEOPOLD DU CLOS (9) is fitted with front pads for the first time and can confirm. Jean-Yann Ricart will still be keeping a keen eye on promising debutant, LOVER STRYCK (4), who will be ridden by François Lagadeuc. LOUXOR DE JOUB (8) produced a solid effort here late last month and can again make the frame. Although yet to impress, LOOK DE LA COTE (7) sports 4 pads for the occasion, with Mathieu Mottier in the irons, and is not to be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

LEOPOLD DU CLOS (9) - LOVER STRYCK (4) - LOUXOR DE JOUB (8) - LOOK DE LA COTE (7)