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R4 ANGERS [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX JACQUES DY - 2350m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR
€ 23,000**

- 1. JALANSKI** - Confirmed favouritism when winning a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel a month ago. Won at the venue mid-January and, even though in more exalted company, still looks competitive for a slice of the pie
- 2. JOKER DU LYS** - Returned from his winter break with 2nd in a 2550m Gournay-en-Bray Class F on 24 March. Steps up in category but has been gifted a good draw and can get a look-in
- 3. JIVAGO DE BEYLEV** - Difficult but capable sort that returned to winning ways in a 2525m Bihorel-lès-Rouen Class F 10 days ago. Is reunited with Eric Raffin and will not go down without a fight
- 4. JO THUNDER** - 5th in a 2500m Reims Class F 3 weeks ago. Is new to Angers but should appreciate the profile, and breaking from the 5-spot will do his prospects no harm
- 5. JACKPOT DE JUMILLY** - 8th of 13 finishers in a 2450m Caen Class D 3 weeks ago. Races barefoot this time but is unlikely to cause an upset
- 6. JINNOVE DAB** - Fine servant that won a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on re-entry late last month. Takes on marginally better this time but is a tenacious trotter and will be expected to compete for victory
- 7. JOGGER KILY** - Has made decent progress this term, latterly 2nd of 16 in a 2200m Caen Class F a fortnight ago. 4 pads fitted for the first time which may be just what the doctor ordered. Chance
- 8. JACK DU PONT** - Good consistent trotter that came 3rd of 18 on comeback in a 2800m Cholet Class D 10 days ago. Will have come on for the run and has the class to defy the draw and win this
- 9. JUHELLET** - Back under harness after trotting 3rd in a 2850m Mauquenchy monté Class F on 18 March. Won here under harness earlier in the year but others still easier to back
- 10. JOPANI** - 11th of 12 in a 2575m Saint-Brieuc Class E on 26 March. Shoes off this time but still not easy to like
- 11. JOEYSTAR DE NIRO** - Gave a fine account to win a 2850m Loudéac Class F 10 days ago, on first start following the winter break. Aimed higher on this occasion and chances limited
- 12. JAIRO DE GUOZ** - Pleasantly surprised on re-entry a fortnight ago when 2nd of 12 finishers in a 2825m Durtal Class F. Hind shoes off this time but is not about to confirm
- 13. JET STUD** - Has not been seen out since coming 3rd in a 2725m Pornichet Class E mid-September. Debuts right-handed and is going to need the run
- 14. JAGUAR DE GINAI** - Disappointing 9th of 11 finishers in a 2825m Durtal Class F on 24 March. Has ability but best to wait until he reestablishes his credentials

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15. JEDI DE CAHOT - Tricky type that got back in the game 2 weeks ago when 3rd, a place behind JOGGER KILY (7), in a 2200m Caen Class F. Bites off more than he can chew this time though and others preferred

Summary: Performant and versatile, JACK DU PONT (8) gave a fine account of himself following the break and even though starting wide, still looks the pick of the field. Nicolas Bazire will still want to be wary of JINNOVE DAB (6) who went a step better on re-entry by imposing, and the padded JOGGER KILY (7) who is plainly close to his race. JIVAGO DE BEYLEV (3) benefits from the ideal draw and, although stepping back up in category, still looks a respectable place prospect.

SELECTIONS

JACK DU PONT (8) - JINNOVE DAB (6) - JOGGER KILY (7) - JIVAGO DE BEYLEV (3)

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C2 - PRIX FIRST AUTO - 3125m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. JASPER DU BELLAY** - 7th of 10 in a 2850m Class F at Maure-de-Bretagne mid-March. Is still in 'conditioning-mode' and will have few takers
- 2. JAMAICA PHEDO** - Sanctioned when sent out favourite in a 2850m Laval monté Class E late last month. Barefoot this time, entrusted to Eric Raffin, and can repeat her Maure-de-Bretagne performance
- 3. JILDA DE FONTAINE** - Unraced since coming 9th of 13 in a 3000m Châteaubriant Class F on 21 January. Has buckets of talent but shoes on this time and best to wait
- 4. JENTIL DIESCHOOT** - 7th of 8 on comeback in a 2500m Reims Class F 3 weeks ago. Barefoot this time but others still easier to back
- 5. IBIZA PACHA** - Was by no means disgraced when 6th of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class F mid-February. Shoes back on but starts in front and looks a respectable first-5 prospect
- 6. JADE PAROYO** - 8th of 13 when prepping shod for this in a 2825m Cordemais Class F early last month. Shoes on again and will have little to offer
- 7. INVICTUS PEJI** - Won at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last month but failed to confirm 10 days ago when 7th of 13 finishers in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F. In this company though, from the front row, can pick up a cheque
- 8. JAZZ SESSION** - Capable mare that was sanctioned on re-entry 10 days ago in a 2525m Class F at Bihorel-lès-Rouen on 1 April. Runs barefoot this time but may be one race shy
- 9. JOUE PAS AVEC MOI** - Unraced for over 2 months after being sanctioned in a 2175m Vincennes monté Class E on 6 February. Has little aptitude for the harness code and can be ruled out
- 10. JAVELOT DE HOUELLE** - 13th behind JERENAL D'HAMELINE (18) in a 2800m Cholet Class D 10 days ago. Has merit though, and while not the easiest to trust, is still worth retaining for a minor place cheque
- 11. JENUFA** - 7th of 11 finishers in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 19 March after having pleased across town the time before. Benefits from a front-row start and will have claims on a place in the frame
- 12. JUDY MATIDY** - 12th of 13 on comeback 11 days ago in a 2750m Ecommoy Class D on 31 March. Shoes on again and can be passed over
- 13. JULEJACQ** - Has not been seen out since trotting 4th of 9 in a 2875m Enghien Class C last July and will need the run
- 14. JOKER DU HAMEL** - 2nd in a 3150m Saint-Brieuc monté Class E late last month. Here for reasons of conditioning and poses no danger
- 15. ILLICO DE VAU** - Sanctioned in both since the break, most recently a 2150m Mauquenchy Class E last week. Modified shoeing this time but still hard to make a case
- 16. JAGERBOMB** - Simply superb when barefoot, most recently scoring a 2nd straight, with ease, in a 2850m Laval Class E on 13 March and even from the back line can repeat

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17. IMHOTEP BUROIS - Finished last of 13 on re-entry in a 2450m Castillonès Class F late last month. Races first-time barefoot but faces some stiff opposition and chances appear limited

18. JERENAL D'HAMELINE - Pleasing since returning to competition, latterly 2nd of 16 in a 2800m Cholet Class D 10 days ago. Nicely-entered at the limit of earnings and can apply the pressure on JAGERBOMB (16)

Summary: Not once out of the frame when racing barefoot, JAGERBOMB (16) returns to Angers on a hat-trick and has every chance of pulling it off. Well-engaged here, JERENAL D'HAMELINE (18) has looked sharp since his winter break and seems the main threat. Winner of 2 from 4 going right-handed, JENUFA (11) gets a 25m head-start and will be no pushover if she can replicate her penultimate performance. Winner at Vincennes the last time she raced shoeless, JAMAICA PHEDO (2) gets a leading driver for the occasion and will justifiably garner significant support.

SELECTIONS

JAGERBOMB (16) - JERENAL D'HAMELINE (18) - JENUFA (11) - JAMAICA PHEDO (2)

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C3 - PRIX DE MERAL - 3125m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

- 1. HAND FULL** - Sanctioned following some poor luck in running late last month in a 3150m Saint-Brieuc Class F. Has nothing to prove in this category though and, from the front row, can give IDYLLE PIYA (5) a run for her money
- 2. IVOIRE DAIRPET** - Oddly below-par on 19 March when 12th of 13 in a 2600m Meslay-du-Maine Class E. Returns fresh though and, from the first line, can set the record straight
- 3. I LOVE ROSE FLOWER** - 12th of 16 in a Class E over course and distance on 23 March, when prepping for this. Entrusted to Benjamin Rochard for the occasion and racing barefoot will do her prospects no disservice
- 4. ITONO DE MILLAC** - 13th of 18 in a 2825m Durtal Class E on 24 March. Breaks from the front but still looks to have too much to find
- 5. IDYLLE PIYA** - 4th of 16, on re-entry, in a 2600m Meslay-du-Maine Class E on 19 March. Has everything going her way here and Jean-Loïc Claude Dersoir will be loathe to pass up such a good opportunity
- 6. HOLD THE LINE** - Modest individual that was pulled-up in a 3000m Nantes Class E late-February. Handed a 25m penalty and can be ruled out
- 7. HARMONY LA NUIT** - Good dual-discipline mare that trotted 6th of 11 finishers in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class F on comeback late last month. Sent out shod though and best to hold off
- 8. ISYBOY DE CINGLAIS** - Has done nothing but improve since the start of the year, most recently missing about by little in a 2675m Lisieux Class E 3 weeks ago, and in similar form can pick up some prizemoney
- 9. GIN FIZZ D'UN SOIR** - Seldom far from the action but has not been seen out since finishing last of 10 in a 2950m Saint-Malo Class E last May, and will be race-rusty
- 10. GAZELLE DE VAL** - Honest mare making her first appearance since coming 4th of 17 in a 2950m Le Mans Class E last December and will need the run
- 11. IMOKO JIBELAU** - Handy sort returning to competition, not having been seen out since trotting 10th of 13 in a 2850m Vincennes Class B mid-December, and can be confidently disregarded
- 12. HIMBERLAND** - Would have finished closer than 8th in a 2550m Reims Class E on 21 March had he not faulted in the straight. Barefoot this time but the penalty will do him no favours
- 13. FALCO DU HAMEL** - 14th of 16 in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E 10 days ago, on first start back. Shoes on again and no threat
- 14. HARAGONAIS** - Sanctioned on re-entry 11 days ago in a 2750m Ecommoy Class A. Is preparing for a monté campaign but will still be interesting to monitor
- 15. IDOLE OF LOVE** - Six-times a winner since last summer, all going clockwise. Sanctioned in a 2725m Lisieux Class D, when clearly full of running, 3 weeks ago but, on good behaviour, can more than make amends

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16. HEXODE DE FELLIERE - Barefoot for just the 2nd time in her career, most recently coming 6th of 15 in a 2725m Lisieux Class D 3 weeks ago. Well-in on the back line and is unlikely to disappoint

17. HONEY KING - 5th of 14 a fortnight back in a 2100m Vincennes Class E. Shoes on this time, and starts on the back row, but still looks capable of making the first 5

Summary: Ideally-entered on the front line and impressive on her return to competition, IDYLLE PIYA (5) has solid clockwise credentials and has a realistic chance of getting off the mark for 2024. Jean-Loïc Claude Dersoir will still be wary of the Angers-loving HAND FULL (1) who will be dangerous if focused, and barefoot 2nd-row-starter HEXODE DE FELLIERE (16) who went close under these conditions earlier in the year. A veritable steamroller when focused, IDOLE OF LOVE (15) will be expected to make up for her recent sanction, even with an extra 25m to travel.

SELECTIONS

IDYLLE PIYA (5) - HAND FULL (1) - HEXODE DE FELLIERE (16) - IDOLE OF LOVE (15)

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C4 - PRIX DE SAVIGNY SUR BRAYE - 3125m (a2m) - Class F Race - Mounted - EUR € 26,000

1. HORCHATA - 15th of 16, on re-entry, in a 2825m Vire harness Class F on 3 March. Barefoot this time but still has no realistic chance

2. HAGUAIS DE LAYE - Starts for the first time since being sanctioned in a 3100m Chinon harness Class F last July and is sure to be race-rusty

3. HUMOUR D'HAUFOR - Has not been seen out since faulting in a 3000m Nantes Class F late-January. Well-engaged on the front row though and with Mathieu Mottier in the irons will be no soft touch

4. GODEFROY DU LOISIR - 12th of 15, on comeback late last month, in a 2825m Vire Class G. Has never delivered at Angers and, even with front pads fitted, is not about to buck the trend

5. FASHION DE VAL - Enjoying a new lease on life since switching codes, latterly 4th in a 2800m Cholet Class G. Not expected to win this but can still challenge for a place in the frame

6. IRESINE DU LUPIN - Hardy element that trotted a decent 3rd of 10 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F on 18 March. Has never disappointed at Angers, has front shoes off for the first time, and will be the main danger to HOLIDAY WELL (7)

7. HOLIDAY WELL - Fine servant that made up for her Graignes blip with success in a 2450m Caen Class F on 4 March, making it 5 wins from last 7 starts. Has nothing to prove at this level and can wrap this up

8. IMPERATRICE D'ELLE - Unseen since finishing a reassuring 3rd of 7 in a 2275m Nantes Class F late-January. Barefoot for re-entry, with Paul Ploquin back onboard, and will have her supporters

9. IMPALA DE VAL - Won 2 on the trot last month before coming 4th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class B 9 days ago. Drops back down the class ladder and makes his Angers debut with a respectable chance of making it a winning one

10. FEE FRAULEIN - Returns to the monté code after finishing 13th of 14 in a 2575m Agen-Le Passage harness Class E late-March. Seldom seen under the saddle but has potential, although in this company will have too much to do

11. ELDORADO DREAM - Useful provincial campaigner making first appearance since faulting in a 2700m Segré Class F early-October. Not short of talent, and sports a new configuration, but will need the outing

Summary: The big guns start on the back line here, with HOLIDAY WELL (7) an obvious pick considering how well she has been comporting herself since late-autumn. She can still expect to come under pressure from the tough and in-form IRESINE DU LUPIN (6) who has front shoes off for the occasion, and IMPALA DE VAL (9) who drops in class after having won 2 of his last 3. Enjoying a change in fortune since moving to the monté discipline, FASHION DE VAL (5) has claims on a spot in the first 3.

SELECTIONS

HOLIDAY WELL (7) - IRESINE DU LUPIN (6) - IMPALA DE VAL (9) - FASHION DE VAL (5)

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C5 - PRIX DE LAVAL - 2350m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. JITANA WILD** - Has not been seen out since coming 3rd in a 3000m Nantes Class E early-December and will need the run
- 2. JADE DU BILLARD** - Beat a number of these when 2nd in a 2200m Caen Class F on 18 March. Has a great spot behind the car and could well impose this time
- 3. JENKA DE MORMOULIN** - Smart winner, on re-entry, in a 2675m Lisieux Class F mid-March. Takes on a better bunch this time but is well-placed in front and should not be ruled out
- 4. JUST IN CADENCE** - Sanctioned in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche 10 days ago. Has done nothing noteworthy for some time and can be passed over
- 5. JUST CALITY** - 5th of 9 in a 2850m Loudéac Class F on 17 March. Won here earlier in the season and is well-placed to finish close
- 6. JAVA DE FOLIOT** - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2850m Laval harness Class E late-February. Preparing for a monté campaign and can be ruled out
- 7. JOYCE DE LA COUR** - Smart mare that set her personal best chrono of 1'13"4 when 3rd, behind JADE DU BILLARD (2), in a 2200m Caen Class F on 18 March and, in similar form, can turn the tables. Claim
- 8. JAMAIQUE DE MONE** - 3rd in a 2575m Saint-Brieuc Class E on 26 March. Starts wide on the front row but has never disappointed at Angers and will be expected to make her presence felt
- 9. JAVA DE RETZ** - 9th, behind JADE DU BILLARD (2), in a 2200m Caen Class F on 18 March. Reverts to a previous configuration but still not a priority
- 10. JASMINA DES PRES** - Surprise 3rd, a place ahead of JOYCE DE LA COUR (7), in a 2725m Graignes Class E mid-February, although a repeat seems improbable
- 11. JADE RENARDIER** - Won a Class F over 2500m at Châtelailon-La Rochelle when associated with Eric Raffin. Shoes off, same driver reining, and a decent chance of making the frame
- 12. JOKE BLUE** - Returned from her break in good shape, latterly coming 2nd of 18 in a 2825m Vire Class F on 31 March. On the 2nd row but still worth retaining
- 13. JOY DE PHYT'S** - Like a horse reborn in 2024 coming here on a hat-trick after winning a 2800m Strasbourg Class E 10 days ago. On the back line but still looks competitively well-in
- 14. JONCTION HAUFOR** - Sanctioned, when heavily-backed, in a 2700m Vincennes Class E mid-February. Sports a new configuration and, while not a priority, will be one to monitor
- 15. JEUNE ORANGE COTON** - Ended last season on a low note, being sanctioned in a 2200m Vincennes Class E early-November. Has not been seen since and will have nothing to offer
- 16. JAKA DU RUEL** - Enjoying a productive run of form, most recently coming 2nd of 13 finishers in a 2825m Vire Class F on 31 March. Handed a shocking draw but will not be far from the action if positioned early

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Summary: JOYCE DE LA COUR (7) has been knocking at the door this term and even though drawn wide, she starts on the front line, goes barefoot for the occasion, and looks a marginally better bet than the well-positioned JADE DU BILLARD (2) who had her measure last time out. JADE RENARDIER (11) is forced to start on the back line but she returned to winning ways, when reined by Eric Raffin, late last month and must be respected. JUST CALITY (5) races with just hind shoes this time, always gives her best, and the draw will do her chances no harm.

SELECTIONS

JOYCE DE LA COUR (7) - JADE DU BILLARD (2) - JADE RENARDIER (11) - JUST CALITY (5)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA ROCHE POSAY - 2350m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 20,000

1. **KNOX JENILOU** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2150m Argentan Class E a fortnight ago, but is a serious trotter in the making and can win this if Eric Raffin assures his initial strides
2. **KERLAZ D'AVE** - 6th of 7 finishers in a 2150m Argentan Class E 3 weeks ago. Handed a good place on the front line but still represents no more than a minor place prospect
3. **KISSIOKO SEVEN** - Outclassed the opposition in a 2050m Class F at Lyon-La Soie a fortnight back. Handed the plum spot in front here and steps up in category with legitimate ambition
4. **KAIROS QUICK** - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2150m Argentan Class E 2 weeks ago, when sent out favourite. Will be fully-fit by now and can play a leading role
5. **KISS ME TO LIVE** - 8th of 10 finishers in a 2150m Argentan Class E on 28 March. Is in her category and, from the 5-spot, will have her chances
6. **KINDIA DU CHENE** - Good class of filly but has not been seen out since being sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class C last October and will need the race
7. **KARAT COOL** - Failed to confirm his Pontchâteau performance when last of 9 in a 2850m Laval Class E on 30 March. Starts wide but will have his supporters
8. **KALOU D'IROISE** - 8th of 12 finishers in a 2200m Caen Class E on 18 March. Shoes on again and no threat
9. **KADRO D'ARIANE** - 8th of 9 finishers in a 2850m Laval Class E late last month. Has nothing going for him here and can be passed over
10. **KARMA LIGHT** - Sanctioned, at 87/1, in a 2150m Argentan Class E a fortnight ago. Front shoes off but will first need to re-establish his credentials
11. **KISS YOU PIYA** - Sanctioned on re-entry mid-March in a 2200m Caen Class E after having won over course and distance 2 months earlier. Barefoot from the 2nd row and should not be ruled out
12. **KRACH NONANTAIS** - No champion but is progressing nicely, most recently finishing 4th, a place behind KRISTAL CASH (14) in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class E on 31 March. Under these conditions though, will have too much to find
13. **KINGMAN DELO** - Good future prospect making his first start since winning a Maquenchy Class E over 2850m late-January. Unlikely to be given a hard race but should nevertheless be retained
14. **KRISTAL CASH** - Good, consistent type that finished 3rd of 10, on comeback, in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class E 11 days ago. Handed a tough draw but with Anthony Barrier reining, will be afforded every chance. First-5 prospect
15. **KOUROU LATIN** - Gave a good account on return to competition 3 weeks ago when 3rd of 10 in a 2200m Caen Class E. Starts wide on the back line though and others easier to support
16. **KAPORAL KADESH** - Capable type but has not been seen out since coming 5th behind KINDIA DU CHENE (6) in a 2425m Class D here last September. Hind shoes off this time but still best to wait

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Summary: Winner last month at Vire before being sanctioned early at Argentan next time, the promising, and shod, KNOX JENILOU (1) will be reined by Eric Raffin in the absence of Yoann Lebourgeois and must be considered a leading chance. KAIROS QUICK (4) was similarly sanctioned at Argentan but is a serious future prospect with a good spot behind the car and, with application, will be no pushover. KISS ME TO LIVE (5) is a bit marmite but is better than her recent run would suggest and is well-placed to give this a good go. KISSIOKO SEVEN (3) made her way back into the winners' circle late-March and the draw will only enhance his already good prospects.

SELECTIONS

KNOX JENILOU (1) - KAIROS QUICK (4) - KISS ME TO LIVE (5) - KISSIOKO SEVEN (3)

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C7 - PRIX DE MESLAY DU MAINE - 3125m (a2m) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 23,000

1. IGOR THEPOL - Trotted last of 6 finishers, at 158/1, in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class F on 18 February and is not about to ruffle any feathers

2. ITOU COCO - Modest individual that faulted in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class F on 18 February. Unseen since and unlikely to generate much interest

3. JACKPOT DE CHENU - Prepping for this when sanctioned in a 2500m Châtelailon-La Rochelle Class F late last month. Races barefoot for just the 2nd time but others are more trustworthy

4. JAVRILLON - Lacklustre 9th of 10 finishers in a 3000m Nantes Class F on 20 February and, even going barefoot, is unlikely to improve on that

5. IDYLLE DU TRESOR - Has taken well to her new vocation, coming 3rd on re-entry in a 2875m Argentan Class D a fortnight ago. Hind shoes off but may find herself out of her depth

6. IRONWOOD PARIS - 3rd of 11 finishers in a 2700m Machecoul harness Class F on 24 March. Placed just once in 7 under the saddle and chances limited

7. IRON MAN D'AVRIL - Handy sort under the saddle but has not been seen out since coming 3rd in a 2400m Châteaubriant Class F 3 months ago. Front pads fitted for re-entry and is not incapable of getting straight back in the game

8. JABLO DU CHENE - Useful sort making first appearance since faulting in a 2700m Vincennes Class D early-December. Has evident ability, is barefoot for the occasion and, on good behaviour, can play a small part

9. IBISSA PRIOR - Sanctioned, when well-supported, in a 2800m Cholet Class G 10 days ago. Is at ease racing clockwise and can pick up some prizemoney if Aurélien Desmarres keeps her trotting

10. JULIA DU CHERISAY - Put in a good finish to come 2nd of 7 finishers in a 2850m Laval Class E late last month. Is close to winning another and must be considered a leading player

11. JAZZMAN IDEF - Won a 2450m Caen Class F on 18 March, making it 4 for 4 in 2024. Hind shoes off again, gets along like a house on fire with his driver, and can expect to garner the lion's share of support

12. JOY PERRINE - Sanctioned in both return runs under harness, latterly a 2850m Laval Class E on 30 March. Should be fully-fit by now and makes her Angers debut with justified ambition

Summary: Enjoying something of a renaissance since the turn of the year, JAZZMAN IDEF (11) won his only start at the venue and will again take all the beating. Leading the opposition is JULIA DU CHERISAY (10) who has been similarly rejuvenated, and the well-engaged JOY PERRINE (12) who returns to her code of preference barefoot and with a good hand to play. Arguably better with hind shoes off, IRON MAN D'AVRIL (7) is fitted with front pads this time but still looks competitive for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

JAZZMAN IDEF (11) - JULIA DU CHERISAY (10) - JOY PERRINE (12) - IRON MAN

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D'AVRIL (7)

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**C8 - PRIX D'ECOMMOY - 2350m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR
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- 1. LILIAN DU PARADIS** - Serious sort that made short work of a 2550m Reims Class E 3 weeks ago. Has the inside line, Raffin has maintained faith, and has every chance of doubling his money
- 2. LOVA BLUE** - 5th of 10 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago. Fitted with front pads this time and, given how well she raced here in January, can pick up a cheque
- 3. LABORANTIN** - 4th of 5 in a 2200m Caen Class E, on comeback, a fortnight ago. Ideally-drawn but faces a stiff test this time around
- 4. LAVASINA** - Filly with bags of ability making first appearance racing clockwise after having come 3rd of 8 finishers in a 2200m Pontchâteau Class E late last month. 4 pads fitted on this occasion and should not be underestimated
- 5. LOVE LETTERS FERM** - 8th of 10 finishers, behind LOVA BLUE (2) in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 22 March. 4 pads fitted and even with Matthieu Abrivard reining will have too much to do
- 6. LOOKING BEST** - Promising individual that came 3rd of 8 in a 2450m Caen Class E on 23 March. Sports front pads for the first time and, from the front line, will be in a position to challenge for a place in the frame
- 7. LORIE DE LA PRADE** - 3rd of 9 in a 2450m Caen Class E 3 weeks ago. Is clearly close to getting off the mark but the draw will do her no favours
- 8. LYXIE KNIGHT** - Has not been seen out since opening her account in a 2700m Graignes Class E on 5 February. Front pads on this time but starting wide on the front line will not aid her cause
- 9. LOUNA D'ESTIEU** - Unremarkable filly returning to the harness code after faulting in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E on 31 March. Has never shown exceptional aptitude and will have few takers
- 10. LORD DU GERS** - Good future prospect that confirmed his fine qualification with victory in a 2425m Class F here on 23 March. Takes on tougher this time and is not ideally-drawn, but still looks capable of maintaining his perfect record
- 11. LARA DE SURVILLE** - Untried filly that qualified in a superb 1'17"0 late-February but takes on some serious horses first time out and best to hold off
- 12. LOVE DANCER** - Missed out by little for 3rd in a 2450m Caen Class E a month ago after having won on debut. Forced to break from the 2nd line but could still get a look-in
- 13. LUMINEUX** - Has struggled since returning to competition, latterly finishing 7th of 15 in a 2450m Caen Class E a month back, and can be ruled out
- 14. L'AZIMUT DU CEBE** - Pleasant but beaten 3rd of 7 finishers in a Class F over course and distance last week, first time out. Will have come on for the run but will struggle with the draw
- 15. LASCA PRIOR** - Got off the mark at Meslay-du-Maine before faulting early in a 2850m Laval Class E 12 days ago. Should not be too harshly judged but still no more than a minor place prospect

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16. LE RETOUR VRIE - Valiant 2nd to LILIAN DU PARADIS (1) in a 2550m Reims Class E 3 weeks ago. Handed an unwanted draw but is plainly on the way up and will not be far off the mark

Summary: After having qualified well last summer, LORD DU GERS (10) made no bones about imposing first time out and despite the poor draw, and the presence of recent Reims winner, LILIAN DU PARADIS (1), he still looks the one to beat. LE RETOUR VRIE (16) finished runner-up to Raffin's horse 3 weeks ago and although handed an unenviable draw, still looks a serious player. The improving LAVASINA (4) races with pads for the first time and , from the 4-spot, will be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

LORD DU GERS (10) - LILIAN DU PARADIS (1) - LE RETOUR VRIE (16) - LAVASINA (4)