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C1 - PRIX D'ESCUROLLES - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. LIMA MARY** - In fine shape since returning to competition, latterly a fast-finishing 2nd of 8 in a 2850m Laval Class E late last month and looks assured a place on the podium
- 2. LA BOMBONERA** - In the frame in last 3, most recently 3rd of 11 finishers in a 2525m Class E at Les Andelys a fortnight ago. Is not about to lose her maiden status but the retention of Yoann Lebourgeois will not harm her cause
- 3. LOLLIPOP STAR** - Produced a brace of good efforts before finishing 6th of 10 in a 2450m Caen Class D on 20 June. Fitted with four pads for the first time and, from the 3-spot, can get a look-in
- 4. LEGENDE DE NILREM** - Got off the mark in a 2400m Amiens Class F 3 weeks ago. Is well-positioned on the front line but may just be biting off more than she can chew on this occasion
- 5. LOZEN DE BANVILLE** - Showed improvement 2 weeks ago when 3rd of 8 in a 2525m Class E at Les Andelys. 4 pads fitted this time but will have nothing to bring to the party
- 6. LINNA DE VANDEL** - Sent for a break after her good Cholet debut, and returned victoriously in a 2975m Jallais Class G a month ago. Takes on better this time, but starts in front and can play a small role
- 7. LA COMTESSE MADRIK** - Last but one, on re-entry, in a 2200m Caen Class D on 24 June. Will have progressed for the run, but still not a priority
- 8. LOULIANA DE VANDEL** - Made up for her Rambouillet sanction with maiden victory in a 2850m Laval Class F 10 days ago. In better company this time, but nevertheless looks a major player
- 9. LONG ISLAND** - Produced a good effort on comeback mid-June when 4th of 13 in a 2850m Laval Class E. Has masses of untapped potential and every chance of opening her metropolitan account
- 10. LUNA BLANCA** - 3rd, a place behind LIMA MARY, in a 2850m Laval Class E late-June. Unlikely to strike gold here but can still hold her own. First-5 prospect
- 11. LAUREATE DRY** - Debuted nicely at Le Mans before winning a 2525m Class G at Savigny-sur-Braye early last month. Should appreciate the Enghien profile and steps up in category with legitimate ambition
- 12. LIBERTY PIYA** - Sanctioned in all 3 starts to date, most recently a 2850m Laval Class F 10 days ago. David Thomain drafted in for the occasion, but other more attractive options available
- 13. LAMEDIE** - Lost her maiden status in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 17 June. Form is clearly heading in the right direction but handed a tough draw and, in this company, will have limited chances

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14. LUMIERE DU CHENE - Trounced on debut at Rambouillet before imposing with Franck Ouvrie in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 17 June. Nicolas Bazire reining this time but the draw will do her no favours

Summary: Not one of the principal protagonists has been fortunate with the draw but it is hard to ignore the promising LONG ISLAND (9) who made a most encouraging re-entry at Laval a month ago. LAUREATE DRY (11) steps up in category but won sufficiently well last time out that a repeat performance is a distinct possibility. LOULIANA DE VANDEL (8) starts wide but the nature of her Laval score nevertheless augurs well for her chances. Starting from the inside line, LIMA MARY (1) is plainly close to her race and the engagement of Alexis Collette will do her prospects no disservice.

SELECTIONS

LONG ISLAND (9) - LAUREATE DRY (11) - LOULIANA DE VANDEL (8) - LIMA MARY (1)

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C2 - PRIX DU JARDIN DES PLANTES - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. KALINKA DU GREMAT** - Pleasant 6th of 15 in a Class E over course and distance late last month but, in order to figure here, will need to find more
- 2. KLASSICA BLEUE** - Has gone from strength to strength lately, most recently winning unopposed in a 2950m Vichy Class E on 26 June, and provided she turns, can repeat
- 3. KATANA QUICK** - Has not been seen out since faulting in a Class D over course and distance on 19 March. Shod for the occasion and will have little to contribute
- 4. KATIA DHELPA** - 7th behind KOMMUNES DE PLAY (16) in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 14 June. Left a very good impression that day but still has too much to do
- 5. KHALEESI D'ALESA** - Has twice failed to confirm her success at La Capelle, most recently 9th of 15 behind KAY LEE DU CAMPUS (12) in a 2150m Class D here 10 days ago. Is considerably better than that though and can make first 5 this time
- 6. KNITULIA** - Hard to knock lately, just missing out on the double in a 2800m Vichy Class D earlier this month. Léo Abrivard reining this time and has a reasonable chance of getting a look-in
- 7. KATELINE DE BRY** - Makes first appearance since finishing 9th of 13 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 10 May. Is no slouch but looks to have her work cut out
- 8. KOMEDIE SOMOLLI** - Won at Vincennes mid-May before coming 5th to KOMMUNES DE PLAY (16) in a 2700m Class D at the same venue mid-June. Not a priority but still has the wherewithal to make her presence felt
- 9. KELLE STAR DI PAO** - Something of a write-off since returning to the track, most recently last but one in a 2850m Vincennes Class C a fortnight ago, and must get her house in order
- 10. KORONA DELADOU** - Showed a different side to herself when 2nd of 7 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 4 June. Lebourgeois maintains faith and is unlikely to be far from the action
- 11. KALIKA DU RIS** - 'Made up' for 3 straight sanctions when last of 6 in a 2950m Vichy Class D early-June, and can be confidently ruled out
- 12. KAY LEE DU CAMPUS** - 3rd of 15, on return to competition, in a 2150m Class D here 10 days ago and will again be expected to figure prominently
- 13. KARA DE PADD** - Has done nothing but improve over past two months. Smartly won a 2050m Cabourg Class D 11 days ago but has been aimed a little too high this time around
- 14. KEMILLA DE BRION** - Has hardly put a foot wrong this year, latterly 3rd of 10 in a 2175m Vincennes Class C early last month. Is proven here and will justifiably garner significant support
- 15. KAPUSHA MIP** - Not short of ability but sanctioned in 2 of last 3, latterly a 2950m Vichy Class D on 3 June. Went close on lone start at the venue but others still easier to back
- 16. KOMMUNES DE PLAY** - 2nd of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D mid-June. Enjoys a terrific entry, is plainly close to her best, and looks principal danger to KLASSICA BLEUE (2)

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Summary: KLASSICA BLEUE (2) has enjoyed quite the turnaround over recent weeks, securing the hat-trick at Vichy, and looks set to make her metropolitan debut a winning one. KOMMUNES DE PLAY (16), however, showed marked improvement at Vincennes last time out and should take well to the Enghien profile. KEMILLA DE BRION (14) has continued to knock at the door since winning at Laval and looks a contender. KAY LEE DU CAMPUS (12) held her own very nicely on comeback here earlier in the month, will have come on for the run, and must be respected.

SELECTIONS

KLASSICA BLEUE (2) - KOMMUNES DE PLAY (16) - KEMILLA DE BRION (14) - KAY LEE DU CAMPUS (12)

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C3 - PRIX DE LA SORBONNE - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. LEADER D'AIMTE** - Makes first appearance since beating LEADER DU CHATAULT (6) to win a 2500m Châtelailon-La Rochelle Class C 2 months ago. Come here fresh and although unlikely to repeat can still put on a decent show
- 2. L'AS DESBOIS** - Sanctioned early in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 early-June, but nevertheless showed his form. Is better than most here and can bring home the bacon if he stays in stride
- 3. LUPIN D'OLMEN** - Winner of last 2, most recently with some ease, in a 2200m Vincennes Class D on 11 June. Ideally-positioned on the front row and has a realistic chance of pulling off the 3-timer
- 4. LEXINGTON DANICA** - Has won 3 of last 4 starts, most recently clinching a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 18 June. Should take well to Enghien conditions and, from the 4-spot, can play a leading role
- 5. LORD DE BANVILLE** - Yet to get off the mark but showed improvement early last month when 3rd in a 2175m Vincennes Class B. Sanctioned on lone appearance here but benefits from a decent draw and can be considered an interesting outsider
- 6. LEADER DU CHATAULT** - Missed out by little to LEADER D'AIMTE (1) in a 2500m Châtelailon-La Rochelle Class C 2 months ago. Has had time to recuperate and is not about to go home empty-handed
- 7. LORD ELLINGTON** - Returns to the harness code after coming last of 6 finishers in a 2175m Vincennes monté Class A late-May. Is clearly capable but in this company represents no more than a minor-place prospect
- 8. LOVER JULMA** - Made an excellent return to competition when 2nd to a very good horse in a Class B over course and distance mid-June. Starts wide on the front line, but with Yoann Lebourgeois reining this time, looks a player
- 9. LUCKY CASTELETS** - 3rd over course and distance last month before trotting 5th of 8 in a 2875m Class C here 10 days ago. Gives a good account for the most part, but under these conditions is unlikely to spring a surprise
- 10. LOTUS GRIFF** - Useful colt that failed to make good on his favourite's status when faulting in a 2875m Class C here 10 days ago. Could have asked for a better draw but will have come on for his return run and must be taken seriously
- 11. LUDIVER DES VAUX** - Failed to confirm his good June performance when sanctioned in a 2950m Vichy Class C 9 days ago. Pleased last time here but chances slim on this occasion
- 12. LUCKY PIYA** - Oddly below-par 7th of 8, behind LORD DE BANVILLE, in a 2175m Vincennes Class B on 4 June. Has never excelled at this level though and from the 2nd line is not going to cause an upset

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Summary: A colt of considerable talent, L'AS DESBOIS (2) was sanctioned early in a Gr.3 across town early last month, but clearly demonstrated that he is in rude health all the same and, with application, can wrap this up. William Bigeon will still be legitimately wary of the similarly well-positioned LUPIN D'OLMEN (3) who makes his Enghien debut on a hat-trick, and 2nd-line starter LOTUS GRIFF (10) who should logically bounce back from his recent sanction. LEXINGTON DANICA (4) won his 3rd of the season last time out and is well-placed to give this a good go.

SELECTIONS

L'AS DESBOIS (2) - LUPIN D'OLMEN (3) - LOTUS GRIFF (10) - LEXINGTON DANICA (4)

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C4 - PRIX DU PALAIS DE CHAILLOT - 2875m (a2m) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 75,000

- 1. HAPPY DANICA** - 5th to HARLEY GEMA (12) in a 2700m Vincennes Class C mid-June, when preparing for this. Seldom disappoints when barefoot and is in with a shout of winning this
- 2. SAHARA JAEBURN** - Makes first appearance since coming last but one in a 2150m Class C here late-April. Fitted with pads this time and is unlikely to create an upset
- 3. FAVORI DE L'ITON** - 8th of 11 when being conditioned in a 2775m Class C at Les Sables-d'Olonne last Monday. Competitively-shod this time but others still preferred
- 4. FASHION TOUCH** - Placed here earlier in the season but below-par since, latterly 11th of 15 in a 2800m Sablé-sur-Sarthe Class A 2 weeks ago, and will need to raise her game
- 5. GOLD DAIRPET** - Took a couple of runs to get back in the game but beat a number of these when 3rd of 14 in a 2850m Vincennes Class B late-May and, with Alexandre Abrivard reining, will not be sent out at 30/1 this time
- 6. ESTEBAN JIEL** - Has ability but unplaced in last 5, most recently 9th of 11 over 3450m at Waregem early last month, and is unlikely to trouble the judge
- 7. GIBUS** - 11th of 12, when shod, in a 2800m Bernay Class A last Sunday. Has yet to replicate last season's form but it is only a question of time. Attention
- 8. GUEVARA DU PONT** - 5th, a place behind FELIX DU BOURG (11), in a 2525m Cavaillon Class B last month, and can get a look-in if he takes to the Enghien profile
- 9. GAUDEO** - 10th of 15, on return from his layoff, in a 2800m Class A at Sablé-sur-Sarthe late-June. Shoes on and will still be race-rusty
- 10. HONKY TONK BLUES** - 8th of 12, behind HARLEY GEMA (12), in a Gr.3 over course and distance last weekend and has no possible chance
- 11. FELIX DU BOURG** - Honest trotter that seldom lets the side down, most recently 4th of 14 in a 2525m Cavaillon Class B on 18 June. Takes on some tougher elements this time but can still pick up some prizemoney
- 12. HARLEY GEMA** - Won 2 on the trot across town but never at her ease when 7th of 12 in a Gr.3 over course and distance last weekend. Is confirmed here though, has never disappointed with Guillaume Martin, and is a serious proposition
- 13. HIDALGO DES NOES** - Seldom gets his nose in front but fine 5th of 14 in a 2650m Bordeaux Gr.3 on 19 June. Left a good impression last time here and can play a prominent part
- 14. FLOREAL** - 11th, behind HIDALGO DES NOES (13), in a 2650m Bordeaux Gr.3 on 19 June. Is chasing his winter form and a return to Enghien may be just the ticket
- 15. ESPACE WINNER** - Here for a change of scenery after coming 4th of 8 in a 2850m Vincennes monté Class A mid-June. Has other priorities
- 16. EQUINOXE JIEL** - Sanctioned, when unsupported, in a 2150m Class A here mid-June and, in present form, will have nothing to contribute

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Summary: Difficult to fault when racing barefoot, HAPPY DANICA (1) finished 5th to the good HARLEY GEMA (12) across town a month ago, but with shoes off this time, has a realistic chance of turning the tables. GIBUS (7) may never have delivered at Enghien but is a force when on-song and, with front pads fitted, can put on a decent show. Back in business following a pair of conditioners, GOLD DAIRPET (5) looks competitive for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

HAPPY DANICA (1) - HARLEY GEMA (12) - GIBUS (7) - GOLD DAIRPET (5)

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C5 - PRIX D'UZERCHE - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. JOLIE DU CEBE** - Not without merit but sanctioned in last 3, most recently a 2950m Vichy Class E 11 days ago, and must get her house in order
- 2. JOCONDE DE RHEVE** - Game mare that trotted 4th of 14 in a 2950m Vichy Class E earlier in the month. Is arguably better racing clockwise but will still generate some interest
- 3. JALOUSIE MAZA** - Made up for finishing unplaced at Vincennes when 3rd of 12 in a 2850m Laval Class D on 27 June. Seldom disappoints when applied and must be considered a player
- 4. JUNON DE LOU** - Clearly in form but lost her action again in a 2100m Vincennes Class D mid-June. Shod to preference this time but must first re-establish her credentials
- 5. JET SET** - Last of 12, on comeback, in a 2525m Class D at Les Andelys mid-June. Hind shoes off, as when placing last time here, and although stepping up in category, will have her supporters
- 6. JOYCE DREAM** - Sanctioned when full of running in a 2100m Vincennes Class D mid-June. Even if applied though, will still face a stiff test
- 7. JADE DE PAME** - Has done nothing but improve lately, winning a 2100m Vincennes Class E late last month. In better company this time but can still not be discounted
- 8. JUMBY BAY** - Pulled-up after faulting early in a 2850m Laval Class D early last month. Hind shoes off with Tony Le Beller reining and is not incapable of picking up a cheque
- 9. JET SOCIETY** - Never far from braking stride, as she has twice proved recently, faulting in a Class D over course and distance 2 weeks ago. Front pads fitted this time but still not an obvious choice
- 10. JE ME SOUVIENS** - Last of 10 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D early-May. Comes here fresh, with a leading driver at the helm, but chances still limited
- 11. JOY JENILOU** - Last but one in a 3125m Angers Class D, on first start for 6 months, a month ago. Barefoot this time but still has nothing to give
- 12. JETIDA** - Gave a good account at Laval before faulting in a 2775m Craon Class D 3 weeks ago but, back on a hard surface with Mathieu Mottier in the sulky, will be expected to redeem herself
- 13. JEMISSORA** - Disappointing in last 2, latterly 7th of 10 in a 2625m Class E at La Rochelle late- May. Races shod this time though and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 14. JOURNEE REVEE** - Not the easiest to handle but put on a good show to come in a metre-munching 10th of 13 finishers in a 2100m Vincennes Class C late last month and, given the opportunity, can make a big splash
- 15. JITANE VALLEE** - Unusually 6th of 10 in a 2850m Feurs Class C on 14 June. Has otherwise been in excellent shape this year and can be backed with confidence this time
- 16. JOIE TOTALE** - 11th of 13 in a 2100m Vincennes Class C a fortnight ago. Looks a lost cause on paper but is far from it, and can bring home the bacon if Romain Derieux keeps her trotting

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Summary: She may not be to everyone's taste but JOIE TOTALE (16) receives a Romain Derieux drive here, enjoys a superb entry at the limit of earnings, and has an excellent opportunity to get back down to business. That said, there will still be opposition from JOURNEE REVEE (14) whose recent performance was considerably better than the result would suggest, and JETIDA (12) who will be reined by her handler this time. JITANE VALLEE (15) missed the start at Feurs last time out but with a decent break is not incapable of winning a race of this nature.

SELECTIONS

JOIE TOTALE (16) - JOURNEE REVEE (14) - JETIDA (12) - JITANE VALLEE (15)

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**C6 - PRIX DE VILLIERS - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR
€ 53,000**

- 1. JOB DES MOLLES** - 4th behind JAPPELOUP TURGOT (8) in a 2800m Vichy Class C on 26 June. Has the inside line here but still represents no more than a minor place chance
- 2. DAYAK (ITY)** - Won a Class B here early-May before trotting 4th of 14 in a 2850m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks later. Comes here fresh, has never disappointed for François Lagadeuc, and looks the pick of the field
- 3. KYOTO DIGEO** - 3rd of 16 in a 2100m Vincennes Class C a fortnight ago. Has won over longer here and will be expected to give DAYAK (ITY) (2) a run for his money
- 4. JEU COQUIN** - Would have finished 4th of 13 in a 1900m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche late last month had he not faulted. Enjoys a good spot behind the car but others still preferred
- 5. KAISER RIVER** - Took no time getting back in the game this term, latterly winning a 2200m Vichy Class B mid-June, in good order, and while not a priority, will still have a claim on a minor place cheque
- 6. JUST A BOY D'ALESA** - Capable but complicated sort that raced better on comeback than his 8th of 14 in a Class B over 2875m here mid-June would imply. Will have come on for the run and must be worth retaining
- 7. JAZZ DE PADD** - 4th, a place behind KYOTO DIGEO (3), in a 2100m Vincennes Class C 2 weeks ago. Is on the way up, has been entrusted to Alexandre Abrivard, and can figure prominently at the business end of the race
- 8. JAPPELOUP TURGOT** - Valiant 2nd of 7 in a 2800m Vichy Class C on 26 June. Won here earlier in the season and despite a wide draw, is not to be ruled out
- 9. JINGLE LOVER** - 5th over course and distance before faulting in a 2100m Vincennes Class C 2 weeks ago. Showed his form that day though and, already a winner for Lebourgeois here, is not to be underestimated
- 10. JUSTIN WOOD** - Quality element making his first appearance since faulting in a 2925m Cagnes Class C mid-February and will need the outing
- 11. KARMA QUICK** - 12th of 17, on comeback, in a 2750m Craon Class B late last month. Shod for competition this time and going home triumphant would be no surprise
- 12. ELAND** - Looked decidedly ordinary on French debut early last month, coming last but one in a 2850m Vincennes Class D, and can be disregarded
- 13. JACK DES MALBERAUX** - Left a good impression on re-entry when 3rd of 11 finishers in a 2850m Laval Class F 10 days ago but, in this field, has little going for him
- 14. DANUBIO (ITY)** - Has struggled under harness since coming to France, latterly 7th of 16 in race of reference and will have little to offer
- 15. DIAPASON (ITY)** - Last of 14 in late-June race of reference. Has been off the boil this term and will have few friends
- 16. DEXTER ORS** - Below-par in 4 after winning over track and trip 4 months ago, latterly 9th in race of reference and, handed a shocking draw, can be ruled out

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Summary: Impressive since coming to France and as solid as a rock at Enghien, DAYAK (ITY) (2) is well-placed on the front line and can make this his own. KYOTO DIGEO (3) is at the top of his game, is similarly well-positioned, and will be no pushover. JAZZ DE PADD (7) finished a place behind him last time out and despite starting wide, nevertheless looks competitively well-in. Sent for a holiday after winning a Vincennes Class A last January, KARMA QUICK (11) has a race under his belt and, sporting a new configuration, looks a realistic contender.

SELECTIONS

DAYAK (ITY) (2) - KYOTO DIGEO (3) - JAZZ DE PADD (7) - KARMA QUICK (11)

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C7 - PRIX DE WASHINGTON - 1609m (a1m) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR € 120,000

1. GAMAY DE L'ITON - Surprise 7th of 12, at 108/1, in Prix René Ballière last month. Has references at this level but, in this company, will have too much to do

2. GO ON BOY - Occasionally a handful but very good 2nd of 10 in 2100m Kouvola Gr.1 on 15 June. Seldom disappoints when focused and is in with a realistic shout of securing just his 2nd Gr.1

3. INMAROSA - 9th of 12, on return to competition, in Gr.1 Prix René Ballière over 2100m at Vincennes 3 weeks ago. Will have come on for the run, boasts a chrono of 1'08"4 over the distance, and will be competitive for a large slice of the pie

4. ELVIS DU VALLON - Unlucky 10th of 12 in Prix René Ballière late last month after having gone close earlier in the month. Has never delivered over a mile but appreciates Enghien and can get a look-in

5. HOHNECK - 5th of 8 [GO ON BOY (2) sanctioned] in Gr.1 Elitloppet at Solvalla late-May. Has had ample time to prepare for this and, given his speed, will not let GO ON BOY (2) get away from him. Chance

6. AMPIA MEDE SM - Unraced since coming 6th of 14, behind INMAROSA (3), in 4150m Gr.1 Prix de Paris late-February. Thrives over the distance, has won 2 of 3 at Enghien, and looks capable of challenging for a place in the frame

7. JUST A GIGOLO - Class element that finished a reassuring 6th of 14 in a 2175m Vincennes Gr.2 early last month. Has won 2 of 3 here, is a Gr.1 winner over 2100m, and despite the draw must be afforded respect

8. BAHIA DEL CIRCEO - 6th of 12 finishers in a 2150m Class C here a fortnight ago. Front shoes off this time but races here on a prayer and the wide draw will do her no favours

9. FAUBOURG - 5th of 12 in a 2875m Gr.3 here a week ago. Has no place in this line-up and can be ruled out

Summary: Older horses have the advantage in this superb mile contest with most of the money expected to be down on the well-placed and speedy GO ON BOY (2) who finished close runner-up in the Gr.1 Kymi Grand Prix mid-June. In current form he looks just to have the edge over Elitlopp 5th, HOHNECK (5), who finished 3rd in this race 12 months ago. INMAROSA (3) left a very good impression behind Romain Derieux's charge in the Gr.1 Critérium de Vitesse at Cagnes earlier in the year and Léo Abrivard will be eager to take advantage of the excellent draw. AMPIA MEDE SM (6) simply excels over these shorter trips, sports a new configuration, and will be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

GO ON BOY (2) - HOHNECK (5) - INMAROSA (3) - AMPIA MEDE SM (6)

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C8 - PRIX DE LA PORTE DE SEVRES - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 59,000

- 1. FULL CASH DE PADD** - 9th of 12 in a 2600m Genêts Class F last weekend and, in this company, will struggle to make any impact
- 2. FARSIGHT ABSOLUTE** - Last of 9 in a 2750m Cabourg Class F on Tuesday and backs up barefoot and with no realistic chance
- 3. FLAMBEUR DU DIGEON** - Returns to the harness code after dominating a 2800m Chartres monté Class E 2 weeks ago and, if form transitions, can play a decent role from the 3-spot
- 4. FERIA DE LIGNY** - Last but one in a 2150m Class E here last weekend but is more than capable on a good day, is barefoot this time and, well-placed behind the car, is not to be discounted
- 5. FELINE DE LAVAU** - 9th of 13 in a in a 2950m Vichy Class D 11 days ago after having imposed at Erbray, and with Alexandre Abrivard reining, will be expected to set things straight
- 6. FESTIVAL D'ORIENT** - Has not been seen out since faulting in a 2100m Vincennes Class D last October. Shoes on and will need the run
- 7. FOKKER DE BAILLY** - Sanctioned when unsupported in last weekend's race of reference and is unlikely to shake things up
- 8. ETHAN DRIVE** - Sprang a 31/1 surprise for David Thomain at Vincennes before coming 7th, behind EVAN PAULO (10), when being conditioned in a 3450m Class E at Agon 2 weeks ago, and will be competitive for a another place on the podium
- 9. FLOCON DIGEO** - 13th of 15 in a 2800m Class A at Sablé-sur-Sarthe late last month. Has placed just once in 10 this year and, even with modified shoeing, can be passed over
- 10. EVAN PAULO** - 2nd of 12 in a 3450m Class E at Agon-Coutainville late last month. Still going strong aged 10 and, with front pads fitted for the occasion, is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 11. FIRST LADY BLEUE** - 8th of 13 in a 3450m Agon-Coutainville Class E last Monday. Has done nothing of note for some time and, pads fitted or not, can be ruled out
- 12. FAUCON DE L'ALBA** - 5th, 2 places behind FEUX VERTS (14), in a 2150m Class E here a week ago. Lebourgeois maintaining faith speaks volumes and is still very much in the running
- 13. FEDER PERRINE** - Back under harness after faulting in a 2875m monté Class D here 10 days ago. Handed a tough draw but, barefoot this time, will not be far off the mark if Mathieu Mottier keeps him trotting
- 14. FEUX VERTS** - Made up for a mediocre Vincennes performance when a good 3rd of 14 in a 2150m Class E here a week ago. Could have asked for a better spot but, with Louis Baudouin reining, can defy the draw and win this
- 15. FAUBOURG DU PERCHE** - Sanctioned, at 120/1, in a monté Class D over course and distance late-June and even under harness, will have nothing to offer
- 16. ENZO SLIPPER** - Made a modest return to competition early-June when 10th of 12 in a 2625m Saint-Omer Class E, and the draw only compounds matters

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Summary: FEUX VERTS (14) held his own nicely here last weekend and despite being handed a rather unattractive draw, he races unshod behind and should still be good enough to bag the spoils. Close to him that day, FAUCON DE L'ALBA (12) is not ideally-placed either but Yoann Lebourgeois will be out to exact revenge. FELINE DE LAVAU (5) has been entrusted to Alexandre Abrivard following her Vichy blip and from the 5-spot, will have her chances. Winner at Vincennes before prepping for this in the provinces, ETHAN DRIVE (8) reverts to a proven formula and will be dangerous if David Thomain successfully navigates the start.

SELECTIONS

FEUX VERTS (14) - FAUCON DE L'ALBA (12) - FELINE DE LAVAU (5) - ETHAN DRIVE (8)

SATURDAY, 13/07/24

**C9 - PRIX DE ROMAINVILLE - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness -
EUR € 46,000**

1. ILLICO PRESTO FAC - Has hardly put a foot wrong since early-March, most recently 3rd of 12 in a 2200m Caen Class E on 20 June. Won for Mathieu Mottier at Cordemais and is not incapable of repeating

2. IDEFIX DHELPA - Sprang quite the surprise when victorious in a 3450m Agon-Coutainville Class F last Monday but a repeat seems most improbable

3. IAGO ROSE - Not without merit but below-par 6th of 15 in a 2850m Feurs Class F 3 weeks ago. Is new to Enghien and unlikely to shake things up

4. IVON DE LA MONERIE - Complicated type that finished 11th of 16 in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle 3 weeks ago, on return from his break, and can be ruled out

5. ITALIANO DI PAO - 3rd to IRRESISTIBLE PAJ (11) in race of reference before coming 6th of 13 in a 2700m Vire Class E early-July. Will appreciate the return to racing left-handed and is unlikely to be far from the action

6. ICE TEA - Showed improvement when 5th to IRRESISTIBLE PAJ (11) in race of reference but will struggle to repeat

7. ICARUS BOURBON - 10th of 16, behind INFIEL (9), in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle 3 weeks ago. Shod to preference this time but in present form will have little to offer

8. INSTALL D'ALOUETTE - Was sent to freshen up in a 2825m Class F at Sablé-sur-Sarthe a fortnight ago, only to miss the break and finish 11th of 13, but form is not in question and can make a big splash if he gets off on the right foot

9. INFIEL - 3rd of 16 in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle 3 weeks ago. Is plainly back at his best, boasts a good record at the venue, and with form maintained, can trot his way onto the podium

10. ISSU DE CORTEM - 6th of 13 in a 1900m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche on 24 June. Is not about to add another win to his name but can nevertheless make first 5

11. IRRESISTIBLE PAJ - Impressive winner of a 2850m Laval Class D on 13 June. Alexandre Abrivard at the helm this time and, given the chance, can run away with this

Summary: Although occasionally something of a handful, IRRESISTIBLE PAJ (11) nevertheless beat a number of these, with some ease, last month and looks the pick of the field. INSTALL D'ALOUETTE (8) finished a close 2nd to him that day before prepping at Sablé-sur-Sarthe, is shod as he was on that occasion, and with Gabi Gelormini reining this time can turn the tables. As versatile as they come and at the top of his game, ILLICO PRESTO FAC (1) is in with a shout, as is the revitalised INFIEL (9) who has front shoes off this time.

SELECTIONS

IRRESISTIBLE PAJ (11) - INSTALL D'ALOUETTE (8) - ILLICO PRESTO FAC (1) - INFIEL (9)