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R4 BEAUMONT-DE-LOMAGNE [R-H]

C1 - PRIX AMICALE MIDI-PYRENEES/AUVERGNE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - Class G Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 6,000

- 1. GINGER DU PADOUENG** - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2525m Cavaillon amateurs Class G on 20 September. Is confirmed in the category and his driver will be eager to make up for lost time. First 5
- 2. HEROS DES PLEIGNES** - Sanctioned early here before coming 5th of 13 in a 2150m Toulouse Class F on 20 September. Has solid credentials in the amateur division and will not be far from the action if he gets off on the right foot
- 3. HASHTAG DE TAGOR** - Runner-up in last 2, latterly a 2750m Toulouse Class F on 20 September. Is new to Beaumont but is not far off another big run and even racing shod, will not be far off the mark
- 4. GIANA DE CAZOULENE** - Met little opposition en route to victory in a 2575m Agen amateurs Class F on 15 September. Won here, shod, last May and in current form is very easy to recommend for a place on the podium
- 5. GINKO D'OCCAGNES** - Makes just second appearance in the amateur division after having been sanctioned in a 2800m Langon Class E 3 weeks ago. Well-placed behind the car but appears to be biting off more than he can chew
- 6. HAMPTON AMERICA** - Undeniably useful on a good day and has references in this category, but last but one in a 2150m Toulouse Class F late last month does nothing to inspire confidence
- 7. HIMOKO DU GOUTIER** - Sanctioned in 2 before finishing last of 13 in a 3575m Niort Class E mid-September, and can be confidently ruled out
- 8. FORUM** - Last but one to GIANA DE CAZOULENE (4) in a 2575m Agen Class F mid-September. Has been a write-off all season and is not about to cause an upset
- 9. GAPACHE DE HOUELLE** - Disappointing on the whole since early last month, most recently finishing 6th of 15 to HADES DE SUCE (13) in a 2950m amateurs Class G here last weekend, and will struggle to make her mark
- 10. GENTLEMAN SMART** - Won at Villeneuve 3 weeks ago before faulting in a 2750m Nimes amateurs Class G last Sunday. Faces a tough test this time and others preferred
- 11. GRILO** - Makes Beaumont debut on a hat-trick of amateur wins, most recently a 2150m Toulouse Class G late last month and, while unlikely to repeat, can still get in on the action
- 12. HABIE JULINO** - 4th of 14 to GIANA DE CAZOULENE (4) in a 2575m Agen Class F mid-September but is a considerably better mare and will be expected to turn the tables and go closer
- 13. HADES DE SUCE** - Put a pair of Toulouse sanctions behind him to win a 2950m amateurs Class G here 8 days ago. Forced to start on back line again but, with stride in check, can still make this his own
- 14. HARKONNEN** - Won his 2nd in as many months when clinching victory in a 2525m Cavaillon amateurs Class G on 20 September. Has decent form here but the draw will do him no favours

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15. HAPPY DUEM - 4th of 13 in a 2450m Vic-Fezensac Class F 3.5 weeks ago. Handed a tough draw, and races shod, but has previously imposed over track and trip and should not be overlooked

Summary: A veritable steamroller in the amateur division, when applied, HADES DE SUCE (13) returned to winning ways over longer here last weekend and, on good behaviour, can defy the draw and repeat. That being said, HABIE JULINO (12) is more reliable, has never disappointed at Beaumont, and is plainly close to her race. Five times a winner over the summer, HEROS DES PLEIGNES (2) drops back in category, enjoys a good spot in front and, shod as he frequently is, can play an important role. GIANA DE CAZOULENE (4) won here during the spring, and at Agen last time out, and even with shoes on, looks a player.

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HADES DE SUCE (13) - HABIE JULINO (12) - HEROS DES PLEIGNES (2) - GIANA DE CAZOULENE (4)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA RIVERETTE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Harness - EUR € 22,000

- 1. IANINA DES BORDES** - Ran 4th here early last month before repeating, behind I AM EAGLE (5), in a 2150m Toulouse Class F on 20 September. Is clearly in fine fettle but may have to settle for a lesser spot this time
- 2. GOLD DE BAULON** - Last of 14 in a 2575m Agen amateurs Class F mid-September and is not about to shake things up
- 3. HYDIS DE VASTERIE** - Quality element being given a change of scenery after finishing 8th of 11 in a 2300m Borely Class G 2.5 weeks ago, and with shoes on will have nothing to offer
- 4. IBERIO** - Last of 13, behind I LOVE GABINLEA (15), in a 2625m Villeneuve-sur-Lot Class F 3 weeks ago. Competitively-shod this time and from the 4-spot is unlikely to be going home empty-handed
- 5. I AM EAGLE** - 2nd of 13 in a competitive 2150m Toulouse Class F on 20 September. Has solid Beaumont credentials and from the 5-spot, will be expected to contest the finish
- 6. HIC DU MOUCHEL** - 5th of 12 in a 2450m Villereal Class G late-August. Has previously won here but takes on a tougher bunch on this occasion
- 7. HORIZON DE BLAY** - Failed to make any impression when 8th of 10 in a 2650m Hyeres Class F 9 days ago. Has placed just once in 3 here and others preferred
- 8. IBERO BELLO** - Continued his productive run of form when 4th of 15 in a 2550m Class E here on 3 September. Comes here fresh and although not a leading contender, is still good enough to make first 5
- 9. IOKO TARTIFUME** - 3rd of 11 in a 2750m Angouleme monte Class F last Sunday. Has other priorities and has nothing to contribute
- 10. IMPERIAL GOLD** - Returned to competition late-September, coming 10th of 13, behind I AM EAGLE (5), in a 2150m Toulouse Class F on 20 September. Has no particular love for the venue and can be passed over
- 11. HAZARD D'AMOUR** - 12th of 14 when being conditioned in a 2575m Agen amateurs Class F mid-September. Shod as he was when 5th here last month but still has a lot more to find
- 12. HEROINE DE CHENU** - Won 2 in a row before coming 4th of 11 in a 2750m Toulouse Class F on 20 October. Is shod for return to venue of last victory but still has the wherewithal to get in on the action
- 13. GARDIAN TUILERIE** - Showed improvement last Monday when 3rd of 9 in a 2800m Castéra-Verduzan claimer, but in this company has no possible chance
- 14. ICARE D'ASNOIS** - Has not been seen out since running 9th of 11 in a 2850m Feurs Class D mid-June. Has nothing to prove in this category and will be no easy touch if Nohann Brun successfully navigates the start
- 15. I LOVE GABINLEA** - 10th of 13, when preparing for this, in a 2625m Villeneuve-sur-Lot Class F 3 weeks ago. Thrived in 1st semester, won last time here, and is not incapable of confirming

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Summary: Not the easiest of races to decipher but a preference nevertheless goes to I AM EAGLE (5) who came close to opening his autumn account at Toulouse last month, and the draw will only enhance his prospects. ICARE D'ASNOIS (14) has arguably the best references here, is barefoot following a much-needed break, and in spite of a tough draw, can get straight down to business. The talented I LOVE GABINLEA (15) has not been blessed by the draw-masters either but has 2 races under his belt, is barefoot for his first objective of the new season, and the same caveat applies to Gayane Merrer. Course-and-distance winner early last month, HEROINE DE CHENU (12) races shod this time and although unlikely to impose, she should still give a competitive account.

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**I AM EAGLE (5) - ICARE D'ASNOIS (14) - I LOVE GABINLEA (15) - HEROINE DE CHENU
(12)**

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**C3 - PRIX FUSCHIA - 2400m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR €
26,000**

- 1. LAZIZA DE LIGNY** - Made it 3 for 3 when easily dominating a 2600m Cavaillon Class D on 20 September. Lana Henry in the bike this time and is in with a realistic shout of confirming
- 2. LIONNE DES BROUETS** - Got back in the game on 20 September when 3rd to LAZIZA DE LIGNY (1) in a 2600m Cavaillon Class D. Breaks in front and, with form maintained, is not about to let the side down
- 3. L'AMI DE LANCOUR** - Sent for a break after running 3rd here late-May, however coming last but one, on comeback, in a 2950m Toulouse Class B on 20 September, will not cut the mustard
- 4. L'AVENIR** - Imposed over course and distance before faulting early in a 2950m Toulouse Class B 2.5 weeks ago. Not easy to trust but can play a small part if he stays in stride
- 5. LE WINNER AS** - Ran 2nd over 2550m here before finishing a one-paced 6th of 11, behind LEWIS D'EVRON (8), in a 2950m Toulouse Class B on 20 September, and will need to take his game up a notch
- 6. L'ECRIN D'OR** - Quality colt that still had gas in the tank when sanctioned in a 2550m Class D here late-August. Has had time to recalibrate and is well-placed to set the record straight
- 7. LIKELY DU PADOUENG** - Got off the mark at Castéra-Verduzan before coming 2nd of 7 finishers, to LAZIZA DE LIGNY (1), in a 2550m Class E here on 3 September. Has some ground to make up but is still a viable contender
- 8. LEWIS D'EVRON** - Quality element that came a good 3rd of 11, on re-entry, in a 2950m Toulouse Class B on 20 September, and despite the wide draw still looks competitively well-in
- 9. LILY DES CARREAUX** - Has not been seen out since finishing 5th of 7, behind LASCO DES LUCAS (15), in a 2450m Villereal Class E mid-August. Has little going for her here and others preferred
- 10. LEOPARD** - Ran 5th to L'AVENIR (4) in a Class D over track and trip on 9 September only to be disqualified, but still looks out of his depth
- 11. LADAMES** - Reassuring winner of a 2600m Class E at Cazaubon-Barbotan a fortnight ago. Takes a notable step up in category though and represents more a minor place chance this time
- 12. LOVAT** - Returns to racing clockwise after finishing last of 10 in a 2700m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche earlier this month. Should take well to the new profile and can put things right
- 13. LIBREVILLE** - Sanctioned in 2 before being pulled-up in a Class D under these conditions early last month, and can expect to have few friends
- 14. LOCKWOOD EFJI** - Unraced since winning a 2450m Castellones Class D late-April, and will not be given a hard re-introduction
- 15. LASCO DES LUCAS** - Honest mare that trailed in a flattering 5th of 7 finishers, behind L'AVENIR (4), in a Class D over track and trip on 9 September, and is not about to spring any surprises

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Summary: Unbeaten in three starts to date, including over course and distance, LAZIZA DE LIGNY (1) is behind in earnings and has every chance of maintaining her perfect record. Better-positioned behind the car, L'ECRIN D'OR (6) has a good opportunity to make up for his comeback sanction. LIKELY DU PADOUENG (7) ran 2nd to Yannick Henry's filly early last month and should again figure prominently. Not ideally-drawn but clearly fit following his break, LEWIS D'EVRON (8) will have come on for the run and is unlikely to disappoint.

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LAZIZA DE LIGNY (1) - L'ECRIN D'OR (6) - LIKELY DU PADOUENG (7) - LEWIS D'EVRON
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C4 - PRIX BELLINO II - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Mounted - EUR € 26,000

1. **IMPERIALE DE SYHM** - 4th of 10 in a 2450m Vic-Fezensac harness Class F 3 weeks ago. Has little aptitude for the monté code and can be disregarded
2. **INES DE SUBLIGNY** - Produced 2 good efforts before finishing 7th of 8 in a 2600m Class E at Cazaubon-Barbotan late last month and appears to have no possible chance
3. **HOURAGANDA** - Makes first start since finishing 6th of 9 in a 2950m Saint-Malo harness Class F early-June and has nothing to offer
4. **IN THE MOOD GEDE** - Makes first appearance since being sanctioned in a 2625m harness Class H at Villeneuve-sur-Lot late-July and, even with hind shoes off this time, can be confidently passed over
5. **IERONTO** - Returns to the discipline after finishing last but one in a 2950m Toulouse harness Class F a month ago. Shoes on this time though and others easier to back
6. **JAZZ PASSION** - Won at Castellones before finishing 4th to JOGGER KILY (10) in Toulouse race of reference. Has never raced at Beaumont but in present shape is very easy to like
7. **IDDIR D'ANTEE** - Respectable 4th of 8 finishers in a 2600m Cazaubon-Barbotan Class E a fortnight ago. 4 pads fitted, as they were when victorious at Villereal, and will justifiably generate interest
8. **JACADY SLY** - Disappointingly-sanctioned in a 2850m Hyeres Class F 9 days ago, but is clearly fit by now and can play an active role if he deigns to keep trotting
9. **JABADAO** - Back under the saddle after winning a 2800m Castéra-Verduzan harness claimer last Monday. Is better than his monté numbers would suggest and, reverting to a previous formula, is not to be written off
10. **JOGGER KILY** - Impressive winner of a 2325m Toulouse Class F on 27 September. Marine Beudard in the saddle this time and the double looks very much on the cards
11. **JIPCHO SKILL** - Has not been seen out since being sanctioned in a 2150m Biarritz Class F mid-July. Unbeaten here in this branch of the business and while unlikely to have his way, he sports pads this time and can make first 5
12. **HEPICETOU** - Ran 4th of 8 here early last month but only 8th of 9 in Toulouse race of reference and can expect to have few friends
13. **FAMILOTE** - Has ability but only 7th in race of reference. Shoes back on here and can be ruled out
14. **ICARE WILLIAMS** - Won here late-August before being denied victory by JOGGER KILY (10) in a 2325m Toulouse Class F on 27 September. On back line but can still give him a run for his money
15. **FURIOUS BEY** - 6th of 14 in a harness Class F under these conditions last weekend but beaten only by a very good horse last time under the saddle here and, considering the entry, looks a player

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Summary: After a fine run of form under harness, late last month JOGGER KILY (10) switched codes for just the 2nd time and duly opened his monté account. Runner-up to him that day after having imposed over course and distance, ICARE WILLIAMS (14) incurs the penalty once more but Nathalie Henry will be eager to turn the tables. Second here on his last appearance in the discipline, Sandy Treich is again in the saddle and must not be underestimated. JACADY SLY (8) has been a bit of a handful lately but has solid monté references and, if focused, can begin to set the record straight.

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JOGGER KILY (10) - ICARE WILLIAMS (14) - FURIOUS BEY (15) - JACADY SLY (8)

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C5 - PRIX A TRAVERS CHAMPS - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 34,000

1. **JURA** - Comfortably won a 2150m Toulouse Class G on 27 September. Enjoys a front-row start and will be expected to play a leading role

2. **JAFAR DE L'ITON** - Out of nowhere, has swung back into form, most recently winning a 2400m Class F here last Saturday. Takes on a tough bunch but likes to make the running and from the 2-spot looks a possible spoiler

3. **JAGUAR D'AIMTE** - Not devoid of ability but has not been seen out since faulting in a 2050m Cabourg Class F early-July. Shoes on and will need the run

4. **JUNO ELLIS** - Has 3 races under her belt since the break, latterly sanctioned in a 2625m Villeneuve-sur-Lot Class F 3 weeks ago. Has form here and, barefoot from the front row, can play an active part if focused

5. **JASPER QUESNOT** - Mixes the good with the less good but will have his chances of picking up a cheque if he replicates his 9 September 2nd of 7 in a Class E over course and distance

6. **JET JET JET** - Serious trotter that finished last of 13 in a 2950m Toulouse Class C on comeback late last month. Stays shod and best to keep one's powder dry

7. **JET DE LA FERME** - Won at Auch on 2nd start back before finishing 3rd of 9, in terrific fashion, in a 2950m Toulouse Class C on 20 September. On back row but still looks the one to beat

8. **JOIE DE BERTRANGE** - Had been knocking at the door before being rested. 11th of 12, on re-entry early last month, in a 2950m Class F here. Returns fit and fresh and despite the handicap, can make first 5

9. **JURAE VET** - Won her first race for 13 months when successful in a 2525m Cavailon Class D on 20 September. Placed here late-August but the penalty will do her no favours

10. **JASMIN MERITE** - Last of 9, behind JET DE LA FERME (7), in a 2950m Toulouse Class C, on re-entry just over 3 weeks ago. Has looked ordinary for some time and chances appear limited once more

11. **JASPER PIYA** - Produced a trio of good performance before coming an uneasy 6th of 12 in a 2850m Lyon-Parilly Class C 3.5 weeks ago. Has been given time to get his act together and can more than redeem himself. Chance

12. **JOLIE DE L'AUMANCE** - Appears to have lost her way, most recently last but one, behind JET DE LA FERME (7), in a 2950m Toulouse Class C on 20 September, and can expect to have few takers

Summary: Yannick Henry sends out 2 here but it is JET DE LA FERME (7) in focus. Solid as a rock since returning from his break, and already successful under these conditions, he looks the pick of the field. He will be opposed though by JASPER PIYA (11) whose recent performance was not indicative of his present form, and recent Toulouse winner, JURA (1), who breaks with a 25m head-start. Also breaking in front, JAFAR DE L'ITON (2) won smartly here last weekend, sports front pads for the occasion, and has the game to step up in class.

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JET DE LA FERME (7) - JASPER PIYA (11) - JURA (1) - JAFAR DE L'ITON (2)

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C6 - GRAND PRIX BARON D'ARDEUIL AOC BUZET - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 34,000

- 1. HUB** - Off the boil for over a year, latterly sanctioned in a 2525m Cavaillon Class E on 20 September, and has no possible chance
- 2. FUN DE BANVILLE** - Sanctioned in 4 of last 5, most recently a 2400m Class F here last weekend. Hind shoes off but still has nothing to contribute
- 3. ICE DU LOIR** - Ran a valiant 2nd to IRRATI DUEM (4) before running 9th of 14, when being conditioned for this, in a 2625m Class F at Villeneuve-sur-Lot 3 weeks ago. Goes barefoot this time and has the wherewithal to turn the tables
- 4. IRRATI DUEM** - Has won 50% of his races this year, most recently with ease in a 2950m Class F here on 3 September. Enjoys a good entry on front line and has a realistic chance of bringing home the bacon
- 5. FORREST GUMP SET** - Disappointing in 2 after winning a 2950m Toulouse Class D last month [at 122/1], latterly sanctioned in a 2850m Hyeres Class D 9 days ago, and even with front pads fitted, is unlikely to shake things up again
- 6. JOIE DE LA COTE** - Unexceptional since imposing at Grenade-sur-Garonne last June, latterly 6th of 13 in a 2950m Toulouse Class C late-September. Has an excellent entry though and trainer Simon Laloum will be keen to capitalise
- 7. FIRST DE CHOISEL** - Sprang something of a surprise coming 3rd of 14 in a 2600m Cazaubon-Barbotan Class F a fortnight ago. Incurs the penalty but can still pick up a minor place cheque
- 8. GAJAC** - Unremarkable trotter that was sanctioned, when unsupported, in a 2600m Cavaillon Class C on 20 September, and can expect to have little support
- 9. FILOU DE SITA** - Convincing winner of a 2400m Class D here on 9 September. Starts on back line this time but adores these conditions and can again make the frame
- 10. FRANKY SATYNE** - Returns to racing with front pads fitted after coming 4th of 12, at 82/1, in a 2950m Toulouse Class C 2.5 weeks ago, but is unlikely to influence the result a second time
- 11. GALANT DE CAREL** - Put a brace of moderate efforts behind him to run 2nd to surprise winner FORREST GUMP SET (5) in a 2950m Toulouse Class D on 20 September. Should not be too bothered by the extra 25m and must be taken seriously
- 12. GOLD D'OCCAGNES** - Encouraged behind FORREST GUMP SET (5) late last month but failed to confirm when 10th of 12, behind FRANKY SATYNE (10), in a 2950m Toulouse Class C a week later, and others preferred

Summary: IRRATI DUEM (4) ran a fine 3rd here on return to competition late-August before comfortably winning over longer 9 days later and, after having been given ample time to recuperate, returns to the venue with every chance of confirming. Runner-up to him that day, ICE DU LOIR (3) has never disappointed when barefoot and, after a useful conditioner, returns to the venue with eyes on the prize. GALANT DE CAREL (11) got back in the game at Toulouse last month and although yet to win in his own back yard, still warrants considerable respect. FILOU DE SITA (9) simply thrives at Beaumont and his recent success bodes well for his chances.

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IRRATI DUEM (4) - ICE DU LOIR (3) - GALANT DE CAREL (11) - FILOU DE SITA (9)

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C7 - PRIX OCTOBRE ROSE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. KEEP COOL** - 2nd of 9 in a 2950m Toulouse Class C on 20 September. Has been knocking at the door since early-summer and has every chance of bringing home the bacon this time
- 2. KING GEORGES ELLIS** - Consistently in the thick of things when applied and, from the 2-spot, is thoroughly capable of playing an important role
- 3. KATONA** - Sprang a 76/1 surprise when 3rd of 9, a place behind KEEP COOL (1) in a 2950m Toulouse Class C on 20 September. A repeat, however, seems improbable
- 4. KERIDA DU PADOUENG** - 6th of 9 behind KEEP COOL (1) in a 2950m Toulouse Class C on 20 September. Handed a good spot behind the car, sports a new configuration, and is worth retaining
- 5. KINAYA DU CHATELET** - 6th of 7 behind KHARA DUEM (12) in a Class D over course and distance on 9 September. Enjoys a good draw but still has her work cut out
- 6. KATSOUKA** - Last of 9 when prepping for this in a 2550m Reims monté Class F mid-September. Enjoys a good position in front, goes barefoot this time, but others still easier to back
- 7. KAZA ROCK** - Showed marked improvement at Graignes before running 7th of 9 finishers in a 2960m Toulouse Class B on 27 September. Is barefoot this time and although yet to deliver right-handed, is still very easy to like
- 8. KSAR BLUE BOCAIN** - Last on 9 in Toulouse race of reference. Has previously won under these conditions and, barefoot for the occasion, will have a prominent role to play
- 9. KRISS D'AVIGNERE** - Pleasant 4th here before finishing 7th of 16 in a 2750m Toulouse Class E a month ago, and has no possible chance
- 10. KELLE LOVELY GIRL** - Made a good autumn debut here early last month but failed to fire when 14th of 16 in a 2750m Toulouse Class E 10 days later, and can be passed over
- 11. KYRIELLE D'ALBRET** - 7th of 9 in 20 September race of reference. Out of the picture in 3 starts here and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 12. KHARA DUEM** - Has progressed nicely since returning to competition, most recently 4th of 7 finishers in a Class D over course and distance early last month. Starts on 2nd line but is still good enough to make first 5
- 13. KYARA** - Put in a fine finish to run 4th of 9 behind KEEP COOL (1) in a 2950m Toulouse Class C on 20 September. Handed an unattractive draw but with form maintained, will be no pushover
- 14. KEONA DELALANDE** - 4th of 16, a place behind KRIS ROC (16), in a 2750m Toulouse Class E a month ago. On this occasion has little going for her and can be ruled out
- 15. KAVALEUR D'ENFER** - 6th of 9 in a 2950m Toulouse Class B late last month, on first start since June. Shoes on again and others preferred
- 16. KRIS ROC** - In the frame in last 2, most recently 3rd of 16 in a 2750m Toulouse Class E on 13 September, and in this category will have nothing to contribute

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Summary: As solid as a rock since his first steps on the track, KEEP COOL (1) has taken his game to a new level this term and, yet to disappoint here, looks the one to beat. KAZA ROCK (7) drops back in category, is barefoot for the occasion, and looks the main threat, although it would be ill-advised to ignore KYARA (13) who left a good impression behind the favourite recently, and a barefoot KING GEORGES ELLIS (2) who will have a lot to contribute if Frédéric Clozier keeps him trotting.

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KEEP COOL (1) - KAZA ROCK (7) - KYARA (13) - KING GEORGES ELLIS (2)

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C8 - GRAND PRIX DYNAVENA - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class A Race - Harness - EUR € 52,000

1. IN LOVE MESLOIS - Dependable trotter that ran 6th in race of reference on first start back. Shoes on again though and not a priority

2. ENTRE AMIS - Has ample ability and has previously won here but sanctioned in last 2, most recently Toulouse race of reference, and even though shod to preference, others still easier to trust

3. HOPIUM - 9th behind GABRIELLA DUEM (5) on comeback in race of reference. Gearing up for a campaign under the saddle and poses no danger

4. FARANDOLE DI PALBA - 14th of 16 in a 2850m Lyon-Parilly Class D early last month. Won a minor event here 3 years ago but others still preferred

5. GABRIELLA DUEM - Not once out of first 2 this year, latterly 2nd of 12 finishers in a 2950m Toulouse Class C 2.5 weeks ago. Steps up in class but has a fine record in the day's configuration and must not be discounted

6. GARDNER SHAW - Quality element that returned from his break at Toulouse late last month, coming 8th of 12, behind GABRIELLA DUEM (5), in a 2950m Class C. Shoes on again and best to hold off

7. FRENCH MAN - Runner-up to FAKIR MERITE (13) here before being sanctioned in a 2950m Toulouse Class C on 27 September. Has never disappointed at the venue and is unlikely to be going home empty-handed

8. HASTRONAUTE - 7th of 12, on return to competition, behind GABRIELLA DUEM (5) in a 2950m Toulouse Class C 2.5 weeks ago. Criterium winner and while no longer the horse he once was, he races barefoot and can still lay claim to a first-5 finish

9. GRECO BELLO - Has hardly put a foot wrong for 18 months, most recently close 2nd of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class B 2 weeks ago. Is new to the track but is as versatile as they come and looks a serious proposition

10. FILOU D'ANJOU - Unraced since coming 6th of 7 in a 2700m Vincennes monté Gr.3 last May. Has other priorities and can be ignored

11. BILO JEPSON - 3rd to FAKIR MERITE (13) over track and trip before beating him when 4th of 12 in a 2850m Gr.3 at Lyon-Parilly on 18 September. Has nothing to prove in this category and will be expected to finish in the mix

12. GENDREEN - Pulled off a 39/1 coup in winning a 2875m Gr.3 at Meslay-du-Maine on 2 October. Is never easy to gauge but nevertheless has a realistic chance of repeating

13. FAKIR MERITE - Won over course and distance before coming 7th of 12, behind BILO JEPSON (11), in a 2850m Gr.3 at Lyon-Parilly on 18 September. Has won 3 times under these conditions and a 4th is not beyond his capability

Summary: Winner of the Gr.3 Grand Prix Anjou-Maine earlier this month, GENDREEN (12) drops down the class-ladder and, in similar form, can wrap this up. Gabi Gelormini can still expect to meet resistance from the evergreen GRECO BELLO (9) who put on quite the show at Vincennes 2 weeks ago, and FAKIR MERITE (13) who imposed under these conditions before finishing unplaced behind the faithful BILO JEPSON (11) in a Gr.3 at Parilly 3.5 weeks ago.

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SELECTIONS

GENDREEN (12) - GRECO BELLO (9) - FAKIR MERITE (13) - BILO JEPSON (11)