R1 PONTCHATEAU [L-H]

C1 - PRIX ANDRE FRIQUET - 2800m (a2m) - Class G Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 6,000

- **1. IN ROCK DE PLAY -** Has gone from strength to strength this term, latterly easily securing a 2850m Vincennes amateurs Class F on 1 April, and in similar form will take some beating
- **2. IZENHA DU PILET -** Unexceptional mare starting for first time since being sanctioned in a 3200m Vannes Class F on Sunday and backs up with limited prospects
- **3. GOLDEN DE PAME -** Ran 2nd at Machecoul before faulting in a 2825m Cordemais amateurs Class G late last month and can make amends if Marc-André Sebaoun keeps him focused
- **4. GAMME DE BASSIERE -** Sanctioned in both since the break, latterly an amateurs Class G over course and distance mid-February. Has imposed under these conditions but can expect to have few takers
- **5. INGLORIOUS -** Runner-up in both amateur and professional ranks before easily winning a 2825m Cordemais amateurs Class G 2.5 weeks ago, and from the 5-spot is well-placed to give this another good go. Chance
- **6. HOULENN DU PILET -** Last but one in a 2800m amateurs Class H at La Guerche-de-Bretagne on Sunday. Is confirmed here but in current form is not easy to recommend
- **7. IDAHO LEGEND -** Unseen since faulting in a 2800m Villedieu-les-Poëles Class E last September and is going to need the outing
- **8. ILOS DU GOUTIER -** Unseen since being sanctioned in a 2900m Arras Class F last June, and is being prepared for a campaign under the saddle
- **9. HARIBO DU THIOLET -** 7th of 15 behind IN ROCK DE PLAY (1) in a 3000m Nantes amateurs Class G on 18 February and is not about to spring a surprise
- **10. GERGOVIE QUESNOT -** Returns to a track she likes after coming 5th of 16 in a 2350m Angers amateurs Class F a fortnight ago. Not ideally-drawn but is still in the running for a first-5 cheque
- 11. IVAN DE L'ERDRE Useful sort making first start since being sanctioned in a 2700m Machecoul monte Class G last November. Has little going for him, on the face of it, but in this category will be no pushover
- **12. FURY D'EVEL -** Disappointing so far this year, most recently 8th of 16 behind GERGOVIE QUESNOT (10) in a 2350m Angers amateurs Class F a fortnight ago, and needs to raise her game
- **13. IOUP LA BOUM -** Unraced since being disqualified in a 2850m Vincennes amateurs Class E last December. Pleased on lone start at the venue though and should not be ruled out
- **14. HOTESSE D'HAUFOR -** Unraced since finishing last of 9 in a 2050m Class F at Divonne-les-Bains last August, but makes first start for new trainer and despite a tough draw, will be barefoot for the occasion and warrants respect

- **15. FUNKY JULRY -** 9th of 16 in a 2825m Cordemais amateurs Class G 2.5 weeks ago, on first start back, but still has little to offer
- **16. HANDY JET -** Unraced since running 4th at Cagnes in December 2023. Yet to make his mark in 2 amateur starts but is in the ideal category for re-entry and can make a big splash if François Chapdelaine successfully navigates the start

Summary: A fine servant that has done nothing but improve since returning from his layoff, IN ROCK DE PLAY (1) left a very good impression at Vincennes a fortnight ago and has a realistic chance of repeating. That said, HANDY JET (16) takes a notable dip in category for his comeback from a long layoff and even though poorly-drawn and shod, still looks a leading contender. Barring his Vire sanction, INGLORIOUS (5) has not put a foot out of place lately and is well-positioned behind the car, unlike the returning IVAN DE L'ERDRE (11) who makes his first appearance since November.

SELECTIONS

IN ROCK DE PLAY (1) - HANDY JET (16) - INGLORIOUS (5) - IVAN DE L'ERDRE (11)

C2 - PRIX LE JOCKEY DAMGAN - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 19,500

- **1. MADE IN JULMA -** Qualified respectably late-March but sanctioned when unsupported in a 2950m Saint-Malo Class F 10 days ago, and will have few takers
- **2. MAESTRO DE RETZ -** Qualified in 1'16"9, then sanctioned on debut in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F on 16 February. Comes here fresh and will be no easy touch if Sebastien Ernault gets him off on the right foot
- **3. MAESTRO TEJY -** Qualified in 1'17"6 at Laval early-March but sanctioned when never dangerous in a 2350m Angers Class F on 2 April, and can be ruled out
- **4. MISTER POKER -** Sanctioned in both starts to date, most recently a 2725m Graignes Class E on 13 April, and can expect to have few friends
- **5. MISTER LOVE JULMA -** 7th of 11 in a 2675m Lisieux Class F 3 weeks ago. Yet to show any particular flair for the game and can be passed over
- **6. MONT RUSHMORE -** Debuted nicely at Chartres on 23 March when 4th of 12 in a 2800m Class F. Benjamin Rochard gets the nod this time and is capable of picking up another cheque
- **7. MAXIMUS DU FAOUET -** Has not been seen out since running 2nd of 10, on debut, in a Class F over course and distance on 16 February. Has had ample time to freshen up and represents a decent first-5 prospect
- **8. MINUTY DU GERS -** Rather unlucky 2nd of 6 finishers in a 2475m Royan Class F on debut 10 days ago. Returns quickly to competition and is eminently capable of getting off the mark this time
- **9. MISTER DES GLENAN -** Good 2nd of 12 in a 2300m Chartres Class F a month back. Will have come on for the run and merits considerable respect
- **10. MY DREAM -** Ran 3rd at Caen before finishing last but one in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E a fortnight ago. Has evident ability and can bounce back and play a leading role
- **11. MAGIC INSTINCT -** Got off the mark on re-entry, winning a 2000m Rambouillet Class F 2.5 weeks ago. Takes to a hard surface this time and although not a priority, is still worth keeping an eye on

Summary: Unlucky not to impose first time out, MINUTY DU GERS (8) has been sent quickly back on track with a realistic chance of losing his maiden status. Nicolas Bazire will however be minded to pay attention to the decent MY DREAM (10) who has placed in 2 of 4, and MAESTRO DE RETZ (2) who failed to confirm his excellent qualification when sanctioned early at Cherbourg but who has had time to recalibrate and must be taken seriously. MISTER DES GLENAN (9) gave a reassuringly good account at Chartres and the engagement of Mathieu Mottier will do his prospects no harm.

SELECTIONS

MINUTY DU GERS (8) - MY DREAM (10) - MAESTRO DE RETZ (2) - MISTER DES GLENAN (9)

C3 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DU TROTTEUR FRANCAIS - 2800m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 19,500

- **1. LOULIE MANATHIS -** Unremarkable sort that ran 6th of 9 finishers in a 2700m Meral Class H 10 days ago and, even racing barefoot, is not about to spice things up
- **2. LELITE DU LUPIN -** Kicked the year off nicely but sanctioned in last two, most recently a 2900m Class F at Challans on 23 March. Not a priority but with application can pick up a cheque
- **3. LESPANA DU BOCAGE -** Races with 4 pads fitted after having been sanctioned, when full of running, in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle 10 days ago and, if applied, can figure prominently
- **4. LOCMARIA JEWEL -** 4th of 12 on re-entry in a 2700m Graignes Class F a month back. Is not about to get her nose in front but is still competitive for a place on the podium
- **5. LOLLIPOP DU CEBE -** Quickly sanctioned but nevertheless showed her form late last month in a 2850m Class F at Maure-de-Bretagne on 25 March, and on good behaviour will not be far from the action
- **6. LEA D'AMOUR -** 5th of 9 in a 2800m Rambouillet Class F 2.5 weeks ago. Takes on a better bunch this time and has no possible chance
- **7. LASCA PRIOR -** Good 3rd of 16, on comeback 10 days ago, in a 2400m Class F at Nort-sur-Erdre. In better company on this occasion and chances seem slim
- **8. LADY ANGELE -** Unseen since running 10th of 12 in a 2450m Caen Class E last September. Shoes off for comeback though and can get straight down to business
- **9. LA CALLAS -** 6th of 10 finishers, on return to competition, in a 2950m Le Mans Class F 11 days ago. Has more to find but can still make her presence felt
- **10. LINA LA RAVELLE -** Produced 2 good efforts before coming 7th of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E late-February. Shoes fitted this time and best to hold off
- **11. LYSANDRA -** Unraced since faulting early in a 2450m Caen Class C last October. Will have been prepared for this and even with shoes fitted still seems the pick of the lot
- **12. LADY DU VALLON -** Surprisingly-disappointing 9th of 13 in a 2450m Caen Class E on 13 March. Is a serious filly for the most part and Alexis Collette will be eager to take advantage of the fine entry. Chance

Summary: Still somewhat spirited but clearly talented, LYSANDRA (11) returns to the track after a decent break. She stays shod for re-entry but will have come on over the winter and can wrap this up. Benjamin Rochard will still be keeping an eye on a similarly-shod LADY DU VALLON (12) who is considerably better than her Caen performance would suggest, and a returning and first-time barefoot LADY ANGELE (8) who is 25m better off. Also on the front row, LOCMARIA JEWEL (4) will have progressed for her re-entry run and is not going to be available at 116/1 this time.

SELECTIONS

LYSANDRA (11) - LADY DU VALLON (12) - LADY ANGELE (8) - LOCMARIA JEWEL (4)

C4 - PRIX DES COURSES DE ROSTRENEN - 2800m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 33,000

- **1. INES DE LA ROUVRE -** Makes first start since coming 5th of 14 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E on 21 February. Unplaced on only Pontchateau appearance but can clearly trot and should not be entirely written off
- **2. IDEM DU PONT -** Showed improvement in last 2, most recently 5th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 21 March. Unlikely to get his nose in front but can still pick up some prizemoney
- **3. JOMA OV -** Oddly out of sorts at Vincennes before coming 2nd of 14 in a 2350m Angers Class E 2 weeks ago. Easy to like in current form and configuration, and looks a decent first-5 chance
- **4. JESTA BUISSONAY -** Imposed smartly at Reims prior to running an unlucky 4th of 14 behind JOMA OV (3) in a 2350m Angers Class E 2 weeks ago, and can make a bigger splash if Benjamin Rochard keeps her out of trouble
- **5. HYSOPE DU BOCAGE -** Starts for first time since coming 6th of 13 in a 2875m Meslay Class D last October and has nothing to offer
- **6. HARCANGELO D'AMOUR -** Out of the picture in 2 since returning to competition, latterly 10th of 13 in a 2950m Saint-Malo Class F 10 days ago, and can expect to have few friends
- **7. EUDES DE L'AUNAY -** 4th of 17 in a 2975m Le Mans claimer on 5 April and is being aimed much too high this time
- **8. HORACE D'ARTHENAY -** Took no time getting back in the winners' circle following the break, easily securing a 2725m Graignes Class F a month ago. Winner of last 3 when barefoot and from the front line can bring the fight to JINGLE DU PONT (15)
- **9. GLYCINA BELLA -** Unseen since being sanctioned in a 2650m Bordeaux Class B on 9 January and will not be troubling the judge
- **10. HAUTBRION COLMI -** 4th of 16, on return to competition, in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 21 March. Will have come on for the run and, with application, can finish close
- **11. JONGLEUSE DE LUNE -** Classy mare that ran 3rd of 15, a place behind HIGH FIRE DAIRPET (14), in a 2925m Cagnes Class B late-February. Stays shod for the occasion though and best to wait
- **12. HOVE PONT VAUTIER -** Surprise 5th of 10 finishers in a 2900m Amiens Gr.3 early last month. Has had time to get back in shape and despite the handicap should still be competitive for a cheque
- **13. FAKIR DE L'AULNE -** 10th of 17 in a 2850m Laval Class D 2.5 weeks ago, on 2nd start back. Stays shod and can be passed over
- **14. HIGH FIRE DAIRPET -** Returns to a more reasonable level since finishing 10th of 15 behind JINGLE DU PONT (15) in a 2100m Vincennes Class C on 5 April, but still seems to have too much to do
- **15. JINGLE DU PONT -** Did not enjoy the best of trips when 7th of 15 in a 2100m Vincennes Class C on 5 April. Has nothing to prove at this level, enjoys a good engagement, and has every chance of bringing home the bacon

16. IVANOF - In the frame in last 4, latterly 3rd of 14 in a 2250m Enghien monté Class C 3 weeks ago. Has solid references under harness too and must be considered a player

Summary: Performant in Paris over the winter, JINGLE DU PONT (15) faces a less arduous task than he did earlier in the month and, shod to preference for his Pontchateau bow, looks good enough to impose. Proven at the venue, and an absolute dynamo in the day's configuration, HORACE D'ARTHENAY (8) is 25m better off and represents the main threat. After briefly losing her way, JESTA BUISSONAY (4) is plainly back in business and the front-row break will only work to her advantage. HAUTBRION COLMI (10) may be less-favourably entered but is very hard to knock when focused and after a fine return run looks a player. Back under harness, in fine fettle, IVANOF (16) is not about to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

JINGLE DU PONT (15) - HORACE D'ARTHENAY (8) - JESTA BUISSONAY (4) - HAUTBRION COLMI (10)

C5 - PRIX CONSEIL DEPT DE LOIRE-ATLANTIQUE - 2800m (a2m) - Class F Race - Mounted - EUR € 20,000

- **1. KAZAR GEDE -** Unexceptional sort that ran 7th of 9 in a 2800m Chartres Class F on comeback late last month and can be confidently disregarded
- 2. KOPS GEDE Complicated type making first appearance since being pulled up in a 2750m Cabourg Class E last July. Hind shoes off, but still not a concern
- **3. LOULIPO -** Disappointing in both starts since the break, most recently sanctioned in a 2950m Toulouse Class F on 4 April, and can expect to have few takers
- **4. KENZO VEETA -** 7th of 10 finishers in a 3125m Angers Class E last week and will need to find considerably more
- **5. KAIRAVE DES BAUX -** 4th of 11, a place behind KORFOU LEMAN (8), in a 2700m Graignes Class F on 23 March. Is plainly in rude health and even in this company can give this a good go. First 5
- **6. LYNX D'URZY -** 6th of 8 finishers, on return to competition, in a 2200m Vincennes Class D last week. Faces a less exalted lot here and on good behaviour will be competitive for a place in the frame
- **7. KALINKA MELRIC -** Unraced since being sanctioned in a 2250m Enghien Class D last August. Reliability not her strong suit but has ample ability and will be no soft touch with Mathieu Mottier in the saddle
- **8. KORFOU LEMAN -** 3rd of 11 on re-entry in a 2700m Graignes Class F on 23 March. Is useful when focused but a repeat seems unlikely
- **9. KONTIO DE LOU -** Has 2 runs in him after having missed all of 2024, most recently sanctioned in a 2850m Maure harness Class F 3 weeks ago. Won 2 of last 3 under the saddle and returns to the code with a good hand to play
- **10. LITTLELOU MATIDY -** Produced a brace of good runs before faulting in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 3 April. Adrien Lamy reining this time and can get straight back in the game. Claim
- **11. KAWASAKI ERA -** Encouraging 4th of 17 in a 2825m Class F at Le Croise Laroche late last month. Should take well to Pontchateau profile and the entry will only enhance her prospects

Summary: Never far from the hostilities when she can keep her action together, LITTLELOU MATIDY (10) enjoys an excellent entry here and makes her Pontchateau debut with a decent chance of making it a winning one. Even better-engaged at the limit of earnings, KAWASAKI ERA (11) gave a reassuring account at Le Croise-Laroche and is unlikely to go down easily. KONTIO DE LOU (9) has 2 runs under his belt following a lengthy hiatus and being entrusted to Benjamin Rochard may be just the ticket to his racing absolution. Back in the provinces after a muchneeded conditioner, LYNX D'URZY (6) will not be far off the mark if he stays focused.

SELECTIONS

LITTLELOU MATIDY (10) - KAWASAKI ERA (11) - KONTIO DE LOU (9) - LYNX D'URZY (6)

C6 - PRIX R.C.A. - 2800m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- **1. JANA D'ARMOR -** Ran 2nd over course and distance before faulting when going well in a 2825m Chartres Class E a month back. Takes on a better lot this time but still has the wherewithal to get in on the action
- **2. JONQUILLE D'AIMTE -** Surprise 3rd of 16 in a 2825m Chartres Class E a month back. 6th on lone start here but is no slouch and from the front line can get a look-in
- **3. JUBILATION -** Failed to confirm Croisé-Laroche performance when last but one in a 2450m Caen Class F on 17 March. Starts in front but others still easier to trust
- **4. JESS HOGUINIERE -** Got straight down to business on re-entry, winning a 2625m Class F at La Rochelle on 9 March. Comes here fresh and with Alexis Collette in the bike must be taken seriously
- **5. JAZERANE -** Serious mare but has not been seen out since running 5th of 13 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D last November, and with shoes on will have nothing to contribute
- **6. JEUNE ORANGE COTON -** Showed her form after being sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class F a month ago. Enjoys a front row start and will be no pushover if she stays in stride
- **7. JORPHEA D'ESPOIR -** Pleasantly-surprising 3rd of 13 in a 2900m Challans Class F on 23 March but a repeat seems most improbable
- **8. JOSEPHA MESLOISE -** 10th of 16 when preparing for this in a 2825m Cordemais Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Well-in on front row and will have her chances if she takes to the new conditions
- **9. JALISCA FLIGNY -** Steps up in category after running 4th of 9 finishers in a 2700m Meral Class H 10 days ago and quite simply has too much to do
- **10. JOYCE DREAM -** 10th of 12, on comeback, in a 2700m Graignes Class F on 23 March, and in present shape is not easy to like
- **11. JALMAROSA -** Not the horse she was in first half of 2024, latterly sanctioned in a 2100m Vincennes Class C 11 days ago, and with shoes on can be ruled out
- **12. JIL -** Sanctioned in both since her extended layoff, most recently a 2800m Rambouillet monte Class F on 30 March, and must get her house in order
- **13. JOCELYNE -** Took her game to a new level over the winter, most recently winning a 2675m Lisieux Class F mid-March. Should take well to Pontchateau conditions and will be expected to apply the pressure on JUNGLE GREEN (15)
- **14. JUSTICIA SMART -** Fluffed the start at Angers, losing her action in a 2350m Class E a fortnight ago, but form is not in question and on good behaviour can finish in the mix
- **15. JUNGLE GREEN -** Hardy element that ran 6th of 14 in a 2350m Angers Class E a fortnight ago. Is in her category, enjoys an excellent entry, and can open her 2025 account

Summary: Wonderfully-entered at the limit of earnings, JUNGLE GREEN (15) returns to racing left-handed after three respectable efforts going clockwise, and with Olivier Raffin reining looks the pick of the field. She will still come under pressure from JOCELYNE (13) who is simply dynamic in her current configuration, and the tricky JEUNE ORANGE COTON (6) who sports a new formula for a front-row break. Barefoot from the front line, JOSEPHA MESLOISE (8) will be reined by Benjamin Rochard for the occasion and is unlikely to be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

JUNGLE GREEN (15) - JOCELYNE (13) - JEUNE ORANGE COTON (6) - JOSEPHA MESLOISE (8)

C7 - PRIX DOMINIQUE DAVID - 2800m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

- **1. LEONARDO VICI -** Classy future prospect that has not been seen out since running 2nd of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class A in April 2024 and is going to need the race
- **2. LE POETE BOURBON** No slouch on a good day but last but one in a 2450m Caen Class D freshener on 3 March, and others preferred
- **3. KEYS -** Unraced since coming 7th of 16 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on Christmas Day. Shod for the occasion and can be ruled out
- **4. KARLSON PASS -** Starts for first time since being sanctioned in a 2700m Cagnes Class D on 8 February. Shoes fitted and no threat
- **5. KOALA DES ARCS -** Sanctioned when never threatening in a Class E over course and distance on 7 March and is not easy to recommend
- **6. KOOL GEORGES -** 3rd of 11 in a Class E over course and distance in early-March, on his first objective of the season. Will have come on for the run and, already a winner here, must be afforded significant respect
- **7. KOSMOPOLITAINE** In the frame in 2 of last 3, latterly 2nd of 14 in a 2850m Laval Class E 2.5 weeks ago, and should not be far from the action. First 5
- **8. KING DE L'OUEST -** Back under harness after running 6th of 10 in a 2875m Enghien monte Class D conditioner mid-March. Has nothing to prove at this level and, plainly in competition-mode, is not about to let the side down
- **9. KAPELLA VET -** Comfortable winner of a 2850m Class E at Maure-de-Bretagne on re-entry late-March. Is as versatile as they come and is in with a reasonable shout of repeating
- **10. KENDRICK -** Produced a pair of fine performances before running last but one in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 7 March. Should not be too hastily-judged and can bounce back and win this
- **11. KIWI CHARENTAIS -** Last but one in a 2850m Vincennes Class C conditioner on 20 February. Comes here fresh, with Mathieu Mottier in the bike, and must not be underestimated
- **12. LUMIZIANA** Useful filly making first appearance since winning a 2600m Cherbourg Class B last September. Stays shod and best to wait
- **13. KAPORAL VISAIS -** Rather disappointing since returning to competition, latterly last but one in a 2875m Enghien monte Class D 3 weeks ago, and is unlikely to cause an upset
- **14. LE JIBAY -** Unraced since finished last of 8 in a 2700m Vincennes Class A late-January. Drops in category for re-entry, is first-time barefoot, and must be worth retaining.

Summary: Strangely lacklustre at Enghien early last month, KENDRICK (10) reverts to a previous configuration for his Pontchateau debut and if applied can return to winning ways. He will still feel the heat from KAPELLA VET (9) who got straight down to business on her own return 3 weeks ago, and the handy KING DE L'OUEST (8) who races barefoot following a pair of return conditioners. Solid here in early-March, Olivier Raffin will be expecting to confirm with a freshly-barefoot KOOL GEORGES (6).

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KENDRICK (10) - KAPELLA VET (9) - KING DE L'OUEST (8) - KOOL GEORGES (6)

C8 - PRIX CONSEIL REGIONAL DES PAYS DE LOIRE - 2800m (a2m) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 33,000

- **1. JUDGE D. -** Swedish raider making just 2nd French start, and first under the saddle, having finished 9th of 11 in a 2850m Vincennes harness C late-March, and is not about to influence the result
- **2. ITALIA JADOR -** Pleasantly-surprising 4th of 9 finishers in a 2475m Royan harness Class F on 6 April. Can trot but is no star and in this company will struggle to make her presence felt
- **3. JOJO DE L'AUNAY -** Has had ample time to recover after dominating a 2850m Laval Class E on 27 February. Is shod as he was that day and Benjamin Rochard will be justifiably confident of another big run
- **4. HERACLES DU LAYON -** Encouraging 4th of 7 finishers in a 2450m Caen Class F on 20 March. In a better field this time and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- **5. HEROIC PARK -** Good 5th at Laval before running 3rd of 13 in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 31 March. Won his only monte start under these conditions and must be taken seriously
- **6. JAVA DU CHERISAY -** Ran 2nd of 14 in a 2150m Mauquenchy harness Class F a fortnight ago. Goes shod again and the good front-line entry stands her in good stead. Minor place prospect
- **7. DARDO ZACK -** Last of 13, on return to competition, in a 2700m Vincennes harness Gr.2 on 5 March. Has decent form in the day's formula and can figure prominently
- **8. ISOCRATE D'ELA -** Failed to confirm Laval success when 10th of 11 in a 2250m Enghien Class C late last month, but still has the wherewithal to finish in the mix
- **9. HURIEL LUDOIS -** Was preparing for this when 7th of 14 behind IMOKO JIBELAU (12) in a 2400m Amiens harness Class D on 7 April. Shoes on this time and chances slim
- **10. HAWAI RIVER -** Erratic mare racing shod again after finishing last but one in a 2625m Cherbourg harness Class D 10 days ago, and is not about to shake things up
- **11. JASON DU CONROY -** Hard to fault for some time in this branch of the game, most recently 3rd of 7, a place behind JUST FOR BACK (14), in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 1 April. Shoes on this time though and more a minor place chance
- **12. IMOKO JIBELAU -** Honest trotter making first monte start with shoes fitted, having come 5th of 14 on re-entry in a 2400m Amiens harness Class D on 7 April. Is plainly in shape though and can make an impact if form transitions
- **13. FERRERO DU LOISIR Moderate 4th of 7 finishers in a 3125m Angers Class C 2 weeks ago and can expect to have few takers**
- **14. JUST FOR BACK -** Ran 3rd on his Class A re-entry before coming close 2nd of 7 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 1 April. Mathieu Mottier in the irons this time and can expect the lion's share of support

Summary: A remarkably proficient sort that seldom disappoints under the saddle, JUST FOR BACK (14) sports just front pads for the first time under the saddle and, with Mathieu Mottier aboard, can impose. He will still want to be wary of front-line starter, and recent Laval winner, JOJO DE L'AUNAY (3), who can boast good form with his jockey, and a reconfigured DARDO ZACK (7) who has more than once come close to opening his ridden account. IMOKO JIBELAU (12) stays shod for his monte bow but current form bodes well for his chances.

SELECTIONS

JUST FOR BACK (14) - JOJO DE L'AUNAY (3) - DARDO ZACK (7) - IMOKO JIBELAU (12)