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**C1 - PRIX DES PARCS D'ALLIER - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class F Race -
Harness - EUR € 23,000**

1. INO DE BREVOL - Tricky customer, rarely far from a fault but seldom finishes far off the mark when avoiding disqualification. Shouldn't be hastily condemned following his latest failure at Biguglia over 2400m on 28 April

2. QUITO DU LEARD - Honest performer whose best references have been achieved racing unshod. Best watched for now with his irons/shoes refitted after a last-start 6th over 2650m at Carpentras on 26 May

3. INDIE DE YOR - Hard-knocking mare with sound references, even in this shoe fitting (shod), including a last-start 2nd over 2625m at Paray-le-Monial on 9 June. For lovers of outsiders

4. IZELDA - Unreliable mare who has rarely been seen in this barefoot configuration. Finished 9th over 2800m at Cholet on 14 May but could do better with her shoes/irons removed

5. ILLUSTRE JULRY - Last-start winner on the turf at Nîmes over 2750m on 25 May, when beating IN LOVE DE VINDECY (6). High on the shortlist

6. IN LOVE DE VINDECY - Has improved significantly in 3 starts racing unshod/barefoot. Showed her form and well-being with a good 3rd over 3025m at Montluçon - Nérès-les-Bains on 2 June

7. INDIGO - Unreliable performer who has been off the boil this year - unplaced in his last 4 starts, the latest (10th) over 2600m at Lyon-Parilly on 15 April. Can be ruled out racing with his shoes/irons refitted

8. IO DOMENICO - Honest performer with sound references/form credentials. Was 3rd past the post over 2900m at Arras on 9 June but was disqualified upon investigation having caused interference - not taken lightly

9. IDEAL WESTERN - Tricky customer, rarely far from a fault but seldom finishes far off the mark when avoiding disqualification. Confirmed as much by finishing 6th over 2625m at Paray-le-Monial on 9 June

10. ILLUSION CASTELETS - Finished 7th in her last 2 starts, including once over track and trip, racing unshod in front. Absent since the latest of those at Lignieres over 2775m on 15 July 2023 - shod with this reappearance

11. IZIA NINI - Lines up here in good form and physical condition - confirmed as much with a good 2nd over 2950m at this venue on 3 June. Candidate for success

12. ISCHIA SAINT CLAIR - Honest performer with sound references at this level and whose efficiency in this barefoot configuration is beyond doubt. Finished 3rd on this track (2950m) before a disappointing latest (8th) over 2950m on 3 June

13. ICARIOS DU GOUTIER - Was returning from a 7-month absence when finishing 9th (shod) over 2475m at Royan on his reappearance on 19 May. Open to improvement with the benefit of that comeback outing and his shoes/irons removed

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14. ILLUSTRATION ECLAT - Honest performer whose best references have been achieved without her irons. Best watched for now racing shod after a last-start 7th over 2600m at Lyon-Parilly on 15 April

15. IRMINIO KILY - Delicate trotter with undeniable means, especially in this configuration - finished 2nd at Caen (2450m) when last seen in this shoe fitting (27 March). This will again be a question of his wisdom

16. INTELLO DU MANERET - Awkwardly positioned at the start but shouldn't be underestimated, especially an eye-catching 2nd at Arras over 2900m on 9 June. Dark horse

Summary: IZIA NINI (11), who finished at this venue recently over 2950m with Matthieu Abrivard in the sulky, need only produce a similar performance to go one better in this opening event. IRMINIO KILY (15) has been disqualified in back-to-back recent outings but, has the means to pose a threat if remaining wise, especially with his hind shoes removed. ILLUSTRE JULRY (5), a winner on turf at Nîmes recently, should also remain competitive for the leading places. IO DOMENICO (8), INO DE BREVOL (1) and INTELLO DU MANERET (16) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

IZIA NINI (11) - IRMINIO KILY (15) - ILLUSTRE JULRY (5) - IO DOMENICO (8)

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C2 - PRIX DE COGNAT-LYONNE - 2950m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 37,000

- 1. GALLIANO D'EVA** - Honest performer with sound references/form credentials in this barefoot configuration at this level. Wasn't disgraced when 8th over 2800m at Pontchâteau on 6 June
- 2. HALMIA DE VANDEL** - Caught the eye (3rd) on her reappearance at Lisieux and has confirmed that encouragement by finishing 2nd in both subsequent starts, the latest over 2400m at Beaumont on 9 June. Winning chance
- 3. GAROU LIONNAIS** - Honest performer with sound references/form credentials at this level and whose efficiency in this shoeing configuration is confirmed. Finished 4th (barefoot) over 3475m at Vire on 25 May - for lovers of outsiders
- 4. GOELAND DE JANZE** - Consistent, versatile veteran who reverts to the harness category after finishing a 5th under the saddle over this track and trip on 3 June. Dark horse
- 5. GENIE DE L'OUEST** - Honest veteran performer with sound references at this level, albeit none in this shoe fitting - seldom far off the mark. Finished 7th (barefoot) over 2150m at this venue on 3 June
- 6. GET UP DE VAUVILLE** - Consistent veteran with sound references under these conditions (at this level in this shoeing configuration). Confirmed as much by finishing 4th over 2650m at Marseille-Vivaux on 8 June - an attractive outsider
- 7. GRANIT PACO** - Hard-knocking veteran who has finished unplaced in all 9 appearances this year - the latest (8th) over 2150m at this venue on 3 June
- 8. GAMAY DES CROUAS** - Out of sorts - made no impression in each of his 3 comeback appearances this year - but, judged on his best references, isn't incapable of getting into the picture. Finished 9th over 2150m at this venue on 3 June
- 9. GHOST DES CHARRONS** - Tricky customer, rarely far from a fault but seldom finishes far off the mark when avoiding disqualification. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th over this track and trip on 3 June
- 10. DONYX D'HAGUE** - Versatile veteran with references in both codes but races shod on his reappearance - best watched for now. Absent since his disqualification in a 2850m mounted race at Vincennes on 16 December
- 11. GOLD DU RABUTIN** - Consistent veteran with sound references under these conditions (at this level in this shoeing configuration), including a last-start 4th over 2650m at Hyeres on 11 May. Has obvious claims with David Békaert engaged
- 12. FRED DE PIENCOURT** - Well-performed, ultra-consistent veteran trotter with the undeniable means to play a leading role here after an encouraging last-start 4th over 2650m at Hyeres on 11 May. Keep safe
- 13. GREC D'HAVAROCHE** - Jean-Michel Baudouin's only representative at the meeting. Proven in this unshod configuration and cannot be underestimated, despite finishing 11th in a 2100m Quinte+ at Vincennes on 3 May - candidate for success
- 14. HELIOS SI** - Returned to form with an encouraging 4th a 2450m Quinté+ at Caen on 10 June. Needs only to confirm that improvement to fight for victory

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15. HINDEN - Was returning from an 11-month absence when finishing 11th (shod) on his reappearance at Bordeaux over 2650m on 29 April. Could improve with the benefit of that comeback outing and racing unshod behind

16. FOGO PICO - Tricky customer, rarely far from a fault but usually acquits himself well when avoiding disqualification. Was a winner over 2100m at Vincennes before his recent faux pas at that venue over 2850m on 7 June - keep safe

Summary: HALMIA DE VANDEL (2) caught the eye with an encouraging 3rd on her seasonal reappearance and has confirmed that form with consecutive 2nds in subsequent outings. She wouldn't be winning out of turn and deserves to be rewarded for her consistency. GREC D'HAVAROCHE (13) is trainer Jean-Michel Baudouin's only representative at the meeting and shouldn't be condemned for his recent failure at Vincennes. If judged on his earlier form/references, he has sufficient means to play a leading role in a race of this nature. HELIOS SI (14), who finished a commendable 4th in a recent Quinté+ at Caen, enigmatic FOGO PICO (16), whose win at Vincennes 2 starts back was impressive, as well as reliable veteran GOLD DU RABUTIN (11), aren't underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

HALMIA DE VANDEL (2) - GREC D'HAVAROCHE (13) - HELIOS SI (14) - FOGO PICO (16)

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**C3 - PRIX DE GERZAT - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR €
33,000**

1. KEOPS TILLAYE - Unreliable performer who failed to confirm the form and improvement of his previous start (2nd over 2950m at this venue) when only 10th last time (on 21 May) at Vincennes. Best watched for now

2. KHAN D'HERIPRE - Consistent colt with sound references, even in this (shod) configuration although better recent efforts have been achieved without his irons - finished 5th over 2700m at Vincennes on 4 May. For another day

3. KARBONE CASH - Won his first start in the unshod configuration and confirmed that improvement by finishing 2nd over 2150m at this venue on 3 June. Candidate for success

4. KINASSE DE VIVOIN - Has improved significantly in 4 starts this year with this shoeing configuration. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2700m at Vincennes on 4 May - dark horse

5. KRAK DE BUSSIERES - Smart sort with solid form references/credentials, including 2 wins from his last 4 starts. Performed well in defeat when 6th over 2650m at Marseille-Vivaux on 8 June

6. KIVALA RENARDIER - Consistent, lightly raced filly boasting sound references/form credentials at Vincennes this year. Acquitted herself well when 6th over 2700m at that venue on 31 May

7. KAISER RIVER - Smart colt with references at a higher level. Bounced back to form with a reassuring 3rd at Vincennes over 2700m on 7 May - sets the standard

8. KENO PETTEVINIERE - Absent since finishing 9th at Cagnes on 24 January but has revealed sufficient means to be competitive in a race of this nature. Keep safe

9. KOCKTAIL LOVE - Tricky customer, rarely far from a fault but seldom finishes far off the mark when avoiding disqualification. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over 2950m at this venue on 13 May - not taken lightly

Summary: KAISER RIVER (7) bounced back to form in his third comeback appearance, finishing 3rd at Vincennes when last seen, and needs only to confirm that improvement on this speed course to fight victory. Stable companion KARBONE CASH (3) has been in good form at this venue recently (a win and a 2nd in his last 2 outings) and is also a candidate for success. KOCKTAIL LOVE (9), judged on his best references, and KENO PETTEVINIERE (8) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

**KAISER RIVER (7) - KARBONE CASH (3) - KOCKTAIL LOVE (9) - KENO PETTEVINIERE
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C4 - PRIX ROQUEPINE - 2950m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

- 1. JOLIGOR D'EFFIAT** - Showed signs of improvement when a reassuring 4th over 2900m at Challans on 28 April. More needed here
- 2. JANGO ATOUT** - Won a 2150m claimer at this venue last month but failed to confirm that form/improvement last time when disqualified over 2625m at Gemozac on 9 June
- 3. JOKER CLASS** - Tricky customer, seldom far off the mark when avoiding disqualification. Absent since his latest faux pas at Cabourg over 2400m on 27 December
- 4. JACK MATH** - Capable, lightly raced trotter but an unknown quantity in this shoeing configuration. Absent since finishing 8th (shod) over 2700m at Lyon-La Soie on 25 February
- 5. JUMBO DU DOME** - Unreliable 23-start maiden who finished a modest 8th on his reappearance over 2900m at Arras on 9 June. Best watched for now
- 6. JASON GEDE** - Delicate but has undeniable means, which he confirmed with a reassuring 2nd over track and trip on 1 June. Dark horse
- 7. JACADI D'EVA** - Delicate (seldom far from a fault) but has references at this track and in this barefoot shoeing configuration. Finished 8th (shod) over 2725m at Lisieux on 7 June but should fare better without his irons/shoes
- 8. JOYAU DE LA COTE** - Has proven most effective in 3 starts racing fully unshod and confirmed as much with a last-start success at Eauze over 3025m on 3 June. Keep safe
- 9. JUSTIFY MY LOVE** - Honest performer with sound references/form credentials, even in this (shod) configuration - including a 3rd over 2675m at Châtillon-sur-Chalarnonne on 1 May
- 10. JASMIN LUDOIS** - Consistent performer boasting sound references/form credentials, even with his irons/shoes. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his latest (8th) performance at Toulouse over 2950m on 12 April
- 11. JUST THE GREEN** - Runner-up in two of his last three starts, including his latest at this venue over 2800m on 21 May. Not taken lightly
- 12. JAG DU LIOT** - Has won back-to-back recent outings, including his latest at this venue over 2800m on 21 May. Keep safe
- 13. JOKAI** - Honest hard-knocker in good form and physical condition, which he confirmed by finishing 2nd over 2850m at Lyon-Parilly on 25 May
- 14. JACK SPARCK** - Consistent trotter with solid form references/credentials, especially when racing unshod. Should fare better without his irons/shoes than he did in his latest (6th) outing over 2800m at this venue on 13 May
- 15. JILBOUR DEFONTAINE** - Has regained momentum after two much-needed comeback appearances, the latest (5th) at this venue over 2800m on 13 May. Has a winning chance
- 16. JAGUAR DE KARA** - Has won two of his three races this year, including his latest at Reims over 2500m on 2 June. Candidate for success

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Summary: JILBOUR DEFONTAINE (15) caught the eye when finishing 5th last time in his second start after a 6-month absence and, with the likelihood of improvement, is good value to reconnect with success. He will, however, have to thwart the expected challenge of JAGUAR DE KARA (16) who has won both completed outings (3 starts) this year. JACADI D'EVA (7), fully unshod on this occasion, and JOYAU DE LA COTE (8), a last-start winner on turf at Eauze, are also contenders for the podium. Reliable JACK SPARCK (14), hat-trick seeking JAG DU LIOT (12), and JASON GEDE (6), after a reassuring 2nd at this venue last time, complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

JILBOUR DEFONTAINE (15) - JAGUAR DE KARA (16) - JACADI D'EVA (7) - JOYAU DE LA COTE (8)

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C5 - PRIX DE GANNAT - 2950m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 29,000

- 1. GORAZON** - Out of sorts - unplaced in all 6 comeback appearances this year - and is not likely to trouble the judge having finished 12th over 2150m at this venue on 12 June. Others preferred
- 2. HIMALAYA DE DALINE** - Tricky customer, rarely far from a fault but usually acquits herself well when avoiding disqualification. Ought to improve after a much-needed comeback outing (12th) at Durtal on 19 May
- 3. GO GARFIELD** - Won a 2400m amateur race at Amiens last month but failed to confirm that form/improvement when only 11th over 2800m at Pontchâteau on 6 June
- 4. GODZILLA VICI** - Unreliable veteran mare who has been off the boil this year - finished 9th over 2850m at Vincennes last time on 4 June. For another day
- 5. HESTIA DU COMTAL** - Disqualified in back-to-back recent outings, the latest at this venue over 2800m on 1 June. Watch for now
- 6. GOLDEN DAY** - Honest veteran performer with sound references at this level - seldom finishes far off the mark and didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2800m at Strasbourg on 9 June. Outsider
- 7. HOKITOLOVE** - Last-start winner over 2950m at Saint-Malo on 19 May in his first barefoot appearance. Confirmation awaits
- 8. HELLO VRAC** - Consistent trotter with solid form references/credentials, especially in this barefoot configuration. Ought to remain competitive after a last-start 3rd over 2650m at Marseille-Vivaux on 1 June
- 9. HESTIA GEDE** - Maintaining a consistent/competitive level form in this grade under similar conditions in this (unshod) shoe fitting. Acquitted herself well when finishing 4th over 2950m at Toulouse on 6 June
- 10. GRANIT DU MONT** - Has maintained a good level of form and consistency recently racing barefoot - finished 3rd over 2800m at Strasbourg on 9 June. Not taken lightly, even in this shoe fitting
- 11. GALION DES THIRONS** - On a good run of form/consistency and is undefeated in two starts over track and trip. Showed his form and well-being by finishing 3rd over 2650m at Carpentras on 26 May
- 12. GUAPITA LAUMAX** - Has made no impression in 5 (shod) comeback outings this year but is a different proposition in this shoeing configuration (barefoot). Not taken lightly despite finishing 12th over 2800m at Rambouillet on 9 June
- 13. FAUST LUDOIS** - Inconsistent veteran who has made no impression in all 5 appearances this year - the latest (disqualified) at Vincennes on 4 June. Can be ruled out
- 14. FUNKY BERRY** - Consistent trotter with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th at this venue on 27 May over 2800m. Keep safe

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Summary: HOKITOLove (7) was fully unshod for the first time when winning his latest outing at Saint-Malo from start to finish and, on that evidence, seems capable of following up with that recipe for success (barefoot configuration) unsurprisingly repeated. GUAPITA LAUMAX (12), also barefoot for the occasion, rejuvenated veteran GALION DES THIRONS (11) and in-form mare HESTIA GEDE (9) are those most likely to pose a threat to the selection. Consistent FUNKY BERRY (14) and front-row starter HELLO VRAC (8) could make their presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

HOKITOLove (7) - GUAPITA LAUMAX (12) - GALION DES THIRONS (11) - HESTIA GEDE (9)

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C6 - PRIX DE DIVONNE LES BAINS - 2950m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 25,000

- 1. KARVINA D'OURVILLE** - Disqualified on debut at Evreux last year and again on her reappearance at Ranès on 9 June. Must improve
- 2. KONQUERANTE** - Disqualified in four consecutive outings, the latest at Lyon-Parilly over 2850m on 25 May. Watch for now
- 3. KALINKA DU HOME** - Confirmed in this barefoot configuration and shouldn't be hastily condemned following her disqualification in a 2425m mounted race at Angers on 11 June
- 4. KELLE ALLURE** - Tricky customer, rarely far from a fault but usually acquits herself well when avoiding disqualification. Needs only to confirm her latest (4th) performance over track and trip on 12 May to make her presence felt
- 5. KALIAH DES LANDES** - Consistent 14-start maiden with sound references, albeit without a victory. Didn't go unnoticed when 3rd at Cabourg over 2050m on 1 June
- 6. KOPALINE DE CHENOU** - Last-start winner over 2650m at Saint-Galmier on 11 February. Not one to take lightly on her reappearance
- 7. KISS CARISAIE** - Has regained momentum after two recent comeback outings, the latest (4th) over 2725m at Lisieux earlier in the month (7 June). Dark horse
- 8. KENZA SPORT** - Bounced back from the disqualification in her previous outing to finish a reassuring 4th at Meslay-du-Maine over 2875m on 30 May. Not taken lightly
- 9. KENZA KALOUMA** - Has finished in the top two in each of her last four outings, winning twice. Runner-up over track and trip last time on 1 June
- 10. KIARA TIT** - Consistent filly with sound references, especially in this shoeing configuration. Didn't go unnoticed last time when 7th over 2250m at Salon-de-Provence on 23 May
- 11. KAI LA SHA** - Consistent, lightly raced filly with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd over 2700m at Le Croisé-Laroche on 22 May. Keep safe
- 12. KELLY DES LOYAUX** - Bounced back from her disqualification two starts back to finish a reassuring 3rd over 2475m on the turf at Royan-La Palmyre. Winning chance
- 13. KALANDA D'ELVIE** - Won back-to-back outings last month, the latest over track and trip on 12 May. Has an undeniable chance

Summary: KELLY DES LOYAUX (12) bounced back from a previous failure (disqualification) to finish an encouraging 3rd on her return from a break on the turf at Royan-La Palmyre last time and, with Matthieu Abrivard in the sulky, need only confirm that improvement to resume winning ways. KENZA KALOUMA (9), who has won twice and been 2nd twice in her last 4 starts, and hat-trick seeking KALANDA D'ELVIE (13) are undeniably capable of fighting for victory. KAI LA SHA (11), who showed her form/well-being with an encouraging 3rd at Le Croisé-Laroche recently, and consistent KENZA SPORT (8) aren't without chances and must be respected.

SELECTIONS

KELLY DES LOYAUX (12) - KENZA KALOUMA (9) - KALANDA D'ELVIE (13) - KAI LA SHA

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C7 - PRIX BELLINO II - 2950m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Mounted - EUR € 20,000

- 1. JHA** - Versatile mare with references in both codes - seldom far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2800m in a mounted race at Bollene on 9 June
- 2. JAIS BLACK** - Confirmed the promise of his debut in the mounted code (2nd) by finishing 4th under the saddle at Bourigny over 2900m on 2 June. Keep safe
- 3. JOKER DU CLOS** - Inconsistent trotter with references under the saddle. Could have more to offer racing barefoot for the first time in this category, so shouldn't be hastily condemned following a last-start 8th at Lignieres on 14 April
- 4. KELLY DE CERISY** - Versatile filly with sound references in both trotting disciplines - seldom finishes far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a harness race at this venue over 2950m on 1 June
- 5. JESCO DE LA VALLEE** - Out of sorts - unplaced in all 6 completed races (7 starts) this year - and not likely to trouble the judge after a recent 7th over 2150m at this venue in a harness race on 27 May. Others preferred
- 6. JET D'ARJEANC** - Tricky customer, rarely far from a fault but usually acquits himself well when avoiding disqualification. Back under the saddle after a recent 7th in a 2675m harness race at Divonne on 24 May
- 7. JOKER D'ASNOIS** - Reverts to the mounted code after back-to-back disqualifications in harness races, the latest over 2700m at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 2 June
- 8. KHEOPS DU PERSIL** - Races completely unshod for the first time in the mounted code and with established apprentice Benjamin Chauve-Laffay engaged. His last-start disqualification in a harness race at Salon-de-Provence is best ignored
- 9. KEOPS LUDOIS** - Last-start winner of a course-and-distance mounted race on 1 June and seems capable of following up. One to beat
- 10. KILDARE OF LOVE** - Delicate and seldom far from a fault but did reveal considerable ability in 2 appearances under the saddle. His last-start disqualification in a 2700m harness race at Le Croise-Laroche on 22 May is best ignored
- 11. JULIANA DU LOISIR** - Finished 2nd when last seen under the saddle on 21 April. Reverts to the mounted code after finishing 6th in a 2950m harness race at this venue on 12 June

Summary: A competitive mounted race in which recent-course-and-distance winner KEOPS LUDOIS (9) and KILDARE OF LOVE (10), whose 2 starts under the saddle have yielded a win and a 2nd, seem most likely to fight out the finish. However, KHEOPS DU PERSIL (8) shouldn't be taken lightly, especially with Benjamin Chauve-Laffay engaged, and could pose a threat if improving for the return to this category. Charley Mottier's representative JAIS BLACK (2) has shown enough under the saddle to warrant consideration.

SELECTIONS

KEOPS LUDOIS (9) - KILDARE OF LOVE (10) - KHEOPS DU PERSIL (8) - JAIS BLACK (2)

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**C8 - PRIX DE BOST - 2950m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR €
19,500**

- 1. LARSON DU MARNIS** - Disqualified at Villedieu-les-Poëles on his debut over 2800m on 9 June. Would have gained plenty from that experience
- 2. LIBECCIU** - Debuted over 2200m at this venue on 27 May but was disqualified on that occasion. Would've improved with that experience
- 3. LOLITA BOND** - Disqualified on debut over 2200m at this venue on 27 May. Ought to improve with that experience but is best watched for now
- 4. LOUISIANE DELO** - Sanctioned on debut at Lignièeres over 2100m on 14 April. Would have gained plenty from that experience
- 5. LUKARI DE FONTAINE** - Disqualified in all 3 appearances, the latest at Rambouillet over 2880m on 26 May. Others preferred
- 6. LYPSTIC ATOUT** - Has acquitted himself well enough in both outings to fight for victory in a race of this nature, especially with trainer Matthieu Abrivard in the sulky. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2750m at Ecommoy on 18 May and should have more to offer over this extended trip
- 7. LATINO** - Revealed considerable ability when finishing 3rd on debut on debut at Saint-Galmie over 2650m on 21 April. Should have more to offer
- 8. LA RAISON D'ETRE** - Caught the eye on debut when finishing a promising 2nd over 252m at Savigny-sur-Braye on 9 May. Ought to improve with that experience under her belt
- 9. LORENZO D'EVA** - Disqualified in 3 consecutive outings before finishing a much-improved 2nd over 2625m at Paray-Le-Monial on 9 June. Confirmation expected
- 10. LYNX DES BROUETS** - Finished an eye-catching 2nd over 2625m on debut at Paray-Le-Monial on 19 May. Would've improved with that experience
- 11. LANCELOT DU CORTA** - Finished an encouraging 3rd on debut at Châtillon-sur-Chalarnonne and confirmed that promise with a good 4th over 2100m at Lyon-Parilly on 2 June
- 12. L'OEIL D'OR CHOISI** - Narrowly beaten when finishing 2nd on debut but was subsequently disqualified at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 2 June when leading the race. Shouldn't be hastily condemned
- 13. LUTIN DE LA BASLE** - Finished 2nd on debut over 2150m last month and didn't go unnoticed when 5th a creditable 5th at Alencon over 2650m on 2 June
- 14. LOIC D'AVEL** - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing (9th) under the belt to finish a good 2nd over 2825m at Vire ob 25 May. Not taken lightly

Summary: A field of unexposed three-year-olds makes this a hard race to assess. It could, however, be worth siding with LYPSTIC ATOUT (6) who has acquitted himself well enough in both outings to play a leading role in this company, especially with that experience likely to stand him in good stead. L'OEIL D'OR CHOISI (12), judged on the promise of his debut 2nd and not his last-start failure, LYNX DES BROUETS (10), another to have filled the runners-up berth on debut, and LATINO (7), who would've come on since his encouraging debut 3rd, are other candidates for success. LORENZO D'EVA (9) and LA RAISON D'ETRE (8) complete the shortlist.

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LYPSTIC ATOUT (6) - L'OEIL D'OR CHOISI (12) - LYNX DES BROUETS (10) - LATINO (7)