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C1 - PRIX DE MERVILLE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 6,000

- 1. FLOCON MONTJEANAIS** - Confirmed his Ploërmel performance when 4th of 9 in an 1800m Class F at La Capelle 2 weeks ago. Unlikely to win this but is still capable of getting a look-in
- 2. HUNADORA** - Returns to the amateur division after finishing last of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E late last month. Is proven in the category, well-positioned behind the car, and with front pads fitted for the occasion, can pick up a cheque
- 3. GINGER DE BRASSE** - Reassuring 5th of 10 in a 2850m Class E at Bagnoles-de-l'Orne late last month but already looks out of her depth
- 4. EMIR SPEEDHYCAT** - Sanctioned in 3 before coming last of 9 in a 2725m Grenade-sur-Garonne amateurs Class G mid-August and can expect to remain friendless
- 5. GIAC JOLI** - Switches to the amateur division after finishing 7th of 14 in a 2100m Vincennes claimer a fortnight ago and, in spite of a good draw, still looks an outsider
- 6. HOPE YOU CAN** - 3rd of 14 in a 2725m Evreux Class H on 1 September. Is proven under these conditions and, from the front row, can make a big splash
- 7. FILOU DE PAM** - 4th of 14, a place behind HOPE YOU CAN (6), in a 2725m Evreux Class H on 1 September. Seldom disappoints in the amateur division and will have his chances
- 8. FASHION DE VAL** - Last but one in a 3100m monté Class F at Nort-sur-Erdre on 1 September. Has won twice at this level but faces a much stiffer test on this occasion
- 9. FRANKLIN STAR** - Disappointing 8th of 9 in a 2675m Class E at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago. Has otherwise been in excellent shape and is not to be overlooked
- 10. FEAR FACTOR** - 2nd of 12 in a 2925m Dozulé amateurs Class H mid-August. Takes on a better bunch this time though and chances limited
- 11. HEMILIO PIERJI** - Won at Laval before coming 4th of 14 in a 2950m Le Mans amateurs Class F a week ago. Has never delivered here but is in excellent condition and must be taken seriously
- 12. FEE D'AMARO** - Unexceptional mare that finished 7th of 14 in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E 10 days ago and has no possible chance
- 13. HARPIE DE JED** - Took some time to come to hand this summer but ran 2nd of 8 finishers in a 2650m Class G at Les Sables-d'Olonne on 12 August. Takes a dip in category and, in similar form, will be competitive for a place on the podium
- 14. HAPPY HERO** - Easy winner of a 2900m Amiens amateurs Class G 11 days ago. Has never been beaten with Nicolas Post reining and despite the difficult draw, still looks the horse to beat
- 15. HOPE** - Sanctioned in a 2150m Cagnes Class F 3.5 weeks ago. Out of the picture in last 3 and is not about to cause an upset

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16. GALTON SAINT BAR - Unremarkable 5th of 8 in a 1609m Argentan Class F early last month. Seldom lets the side down in this category but the draw will do him no favours

Summary: In his element in the amateur category, and winner of his last 5 at this level, HAPPY HERO (14) has not pulled the best of draws but he excels with his driver of the day and should garner the lion's share of support. They will be opposed though by the reconfigured front-line-starter HOPE YOU CAN (6) who is clearly close to his race. HARPIE DE JED (13) reassured at Les Sables-d'Olonne last time out and, in this category, can defy the draw and challenge for the win. HEMILIO PIERJI (11) briefly lost his way but is clearly back in business and, although no fan of Caen, his form is hard to ignore.

SELECTIONS

HAPPY HERO (14) - HOPE YOU CAN (6) - HARPIE DE JED (13) - HEMILIO PIERJI (11)

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**C2 - PRIX DE NORREY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR
€ 21,000**

- 1. LARGO WIND** - Racecourse debutant from a good yard in flying form. Gets an Adrien Lamy ride for the occasion and must not be underestimated.
- 2. LONGTIME D'HERIPRE** - Kept back since qualifying in 1'18"7 at Caen earlier in the year. Sports front pads for debut and deserves to be taken seriously
- 3. LION DE BEAUMEE** - Sanctioned in both starts to date, most recently Châteaubriant race of reference. Front pads fitted this time but others still easier to trust
- 4. LOTUS BLEU** - Qualified respectably earlier in the year but faulted in a 2725m Evreux Class H on 1 September, first time out, and can be passed over
- 5. LITTLE GANGSTER** - Yet to show any aptitude for the game, most recently sanctioned, when unsupported, in a 2400m Châteaubriant Class F 10 days ago, and will have little to offer
- 6. LUNATIC DE CLARBEC** - Disappointing on the whole so far. 6th of 9 in a 2550m harness Class H at Gournay-en-Bray earlier this month and looks properly outclassed
- 7. LATINO BOY** - 6th to LOVE ME DO MESLOIS (14) in a 2400m Châteaubriant Class F 10 days ago. Fitted with 4 pads this time and will be expected to figure more prominently
- 8. LASCO DE L'ITON** - Finished a lucky last of 5 in a 2175m Vincennes Class D last week and can be confidently ruled out
- 9. LANINO** - Decent 4th at Cabourg before faulting in race of reference. Guillaume Martin in the irons this time but others still preferred
- 10. L'AMOUR DU PONT** - No champion but has started to show improvement, latterly 4th to LOVE ME DO MESLOIS (14) in a 2400m Châteaubriant Class F 10 days ago. In this company though may find the going a bit too tough
- 11. LEODAGAN DU BOURG** - Qualified smartly at Caen late-April before running 2nd of 6 finishers in a 2550m Reims Class F 2.5 weeks ago, first time out. Will have progressed for the run and looks a serious player
- 12. L'ONCLE SAM** - Ran 2nd on return to competition before faulting in a 2700m Graignes harness Class F 3 weeks ago. Fitted with pads all around this time and cannot be ruled out
- 13. LE PRIEURE** - Sanctioned in 2 under harness before switching codes and winning a 2650m Alençon Class F in good order earlier this month and, with form maintained, can confirm
- 14. LOVE ME DO MESLOIS** - Tricky character that won a 2400m Châteaubriant Class F, at 313/1, on 8 September and will again be dangerous if Justin Maillard can keep him trotting
- 15. LAURO FLIGNY** - 9th of 14 in a 2800m Bernay harness Class E 3.5 weeks ago. Races under the saddle for the first time and, sporting pads, should not be ignored
- 16. LORD DE FONTAINE** - Has turned a corner since switching disciplines, most recently 3rd to LOVE ME DO MESLOIS (14) in a 2400m Châteaubriant Class F 10 days ago, and will not be available at 35/1 this time around

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Summary: LE PRIEURE (13) showed a different side to himself at Alençon earlier this month; he will have come on for the run and looks thoroughly capable of repeating. Victor Saussaye will nevertheless be wary of the reconfigured LEODAGAN DU BOURG (11) whose racecourse debut did not go unnoticed, and LOVE ME DO MESLOIS (14) who came good at Châteaubriant 10 days ago. The well-bred LARGO WIND (1) makes his much-awaited debut and is one to keep an eye on.

SELECTIONS

LE PRIEURE (13) - LEODAGAN DU BOURG (11) - LOVE ME DO MESLOIS (14) - LARGO WIND (1)

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C3 - PRIX DE MOULT - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. LADY DU JOUR** - Encouraging 4th of 12 in a 2600m Landivisiau Class F on 1 September. Front pads fitted but in this category has no possible chance
- 2. LA STAR** - Sanctioned when full of running in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 2 September. Lebourgeois has already won with her and can do so again
- 3. LAIA D'AVRIL** - Won at Arras before coming 3rd, a place behind LISBETH DU TRIEUX (13), in a 2000m Rambouillet Class F 10 days ago. Makes first appearance on a hard surface but looks eminently up to the task. First 5
- 4. LOZA** - Has not been seen out since finishing 8th of 9 in a 2825m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche late-June. Has ample ability, and is fitted with front pads for first time, but will need the run
- 5. LEONIE DE L'ECLAIR** - Takes first steps in the harness code after running 3rd of 10 in a 2775m Class F at Les Sables-d'Olonne a month ago. Tony Le Beller reining this time and, if form transitions, could pleasantly surprise
- 6. LILOU TREMBLADAISE** - Bridesmaid in her last 2, latterly a 2950m Saint-Malo Class F on 13 August and, in the absence of her stablemate this time, can give LA STAR (2) a run for her money
- 7. LEGENDE CITRUS** - Would have finished closer than 6th of 12 in a 2050m Feurs Class E on 2 September had she not faulted early. Paul Ploquin takes over and is not incapable of picking up a minor place cheque
- 8. LADY DU POMMEAU** - Last but one in a 2550m Dieppe Class E earlier in the month. Has shown some ability and can play a role if François Lagadeuc manages to keep her trotting
- 9. LASTOJAINE** - Has progressed nicely over recent weeks, latterly 2nd of 9 in a 2500m Reims Class F 2.5 weeks ago, but can expect to be outclassed this time around
- 10. LADY MAJOR** - Encouraged at Le Mont-Saint-Michel before finishing 10th of 12 in a 2725m Cabourg Class E on 13 August, and is unlikely to improve on that
- 11. LA LOCO DE PLAY** - 5th of 9 in a 2800m Chartres Class E last week. Is an honest mare but has a mountain to climb on this occasion
- 12. LILY POM MIX** - Decent 3rd of 8 in a 2200m Strasbourg Class E 3 weeks ago but still needs to bring her game up a notch
- 13. LISBETH DU TRIEUX** - Made up for faulting at Francheville when 2nd of 8 in a 2000m Rambouillet Class F 10 days ago. Front pads fitted for first time and is unlikely to let the side down. Place chance
- 14. LOVELY TO SEE YOU** - Got off the mark at Gémozac before finishing an unremarkable 5th of 8 in a 2475m Royan Class E on 11 August. Comes here fresh, sporting 4 pads, but others still preferred
- 15. LORCANTA** - Has turned a corner recently, winning at Chinon before coming 2nd of 12 in a 2475m Royan Class F late last month. Gets on well with Guillaume Martin and will be expected to continue her forward march

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16. LERMINE D'OLIVERIE - Not the easiest to handle but made up for her Ferté-Vidame sanction when 3rd of 9 in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 2 September. Just €20 from elimination and Gérard Blandin will be keen to capitalise

Summary: On a good run of form before faulting at Graignes earlier in the month, LA STAR (2) is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois and can win this if he manages to keep her trotting. That being said, LILOU TREMBLADAISE (6) has done nothing but improve since her May debut and looks the principal threat. LORCANTA (15), padded-all-4 this time, has finally started to make good on her promise and even stepping up in category, looks a player. LISBETH DU TRIEUX (13) has demonstrated decent aptitude, and fitting pads will help her step up in category.

SELECTIONS

LA STAR (2) - LILOU TREMBLADAISE (6) - LORCANTA (15) - LISBETH DU TRIEUX (13)

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C4 - PRIX DE COURVAUDON - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Mounted - EUR € 18,500

- 1. KALITA GAME** - Pulled-up on debut in a 3125m Granville harness Class F early-August. Has had time to get her house in order and takes to the monté code with a good hand to play, provided she stays in stride
- 2. KALMIE VICTORY** - 8th of 14 in a 2800m Cholet Class F last week. Has been a write-off since her July debut and even returning to a previous formula, has no realistic chance
- 3. KARMA POLICE** - Sanctioned, when unsupported, in a 2650m Class F at Les Sables-d'Olonne on 12 August and is unlikely to make any impact
- 4. KISS ME DU DOLLAR** - Produced her career-best performance when 2nd of 6 in a 2400m Domfront Class H late-July, but is being aimed to high here
- 5. KEDRIA** - Pleasant 5th of 13 in a 2950m Vichy Class F on 7 September, but a repeat seems most improbable
- 6. KALAMITY GABY** - 5th of 8, behind KATANGA DE L'ITON (9), in a 2850m Class F at Bagnoles-de-l'Orne on 25 August. Reverts to a previous configuration but still not an obvious choice
- 7. KALYPSO DU CAUX** - Undeniably useful but has been off the boil for much of the year and her latest sanction in a 2650m Alençon Class E earlier in the month does little for her prospects
- 8. KEZIAH DE NAPPES** - Returns to the discipline after trotting 11th of 13 in a 2800m harness Class F last week. Has already won under the saddle but, in this company, will have too much to do
- 9. KATANGA DE L'ITON** - Comfortably won at Cabourg before coming 3rd of 8 in a 2850m Class F at Bagnoles-de-l'Orne 3.5 weeks ago. Reconfigured for her 2nd start at the venue and has every chance of fighting out the finish
- 10. KARYNNA FLOMART** - Sanctioned in last 2, most recently a 2750m Ecommoy Class E 10 days ago, and will have few takers
- 11. KEEP ON RUNNING** - Got back in the game at Le Croisé-Laroche earlier this month when 4th of 9 in a 2700m Class F. Unlikely to have her day in the sun but can still make her mark. First 5
- 12. KORBA DE GODREL** - Unshod behind for monté debut, having finished 7th of 12 in a Gournay-en-Bray Class F on 1 September. Victor Saussaye in the irons and should logically show another side
- 13. KORINA DE BASSIERE** - 4th to KATANGA DE L'ITON (9) in a 2750m Cabourg Class F on 13 August. Is currently enjoying a productive run of form and looks a leading contender
- 14. KELLY DES LUCAS** - Showed promise at 3 but below-par this term, latterly sanctioned in a 2400m Ploubalay harness Class F 10 days ago, and can be confidently disregarded
- 15. KERCADIA BARTH** - Last of 8 in a 2700m Thouars harness Class F late last month. Has yet to demonstrate any particular bent for the monté code and, even racing barefoot, others still easier to back

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16. KELLE PONT VAUTIER - Switches back to a code in which she has never excelled after having been sanctioned in a 3150m Abbeville Class F 10 days ago and, with shoes on, can be passed over

17. KALINE DE CONNEE - Sanctioned in a 2700m Thouars harness Class F late last month. Front shoes off for monté debut and could pleasantly surprise if she stays in stride

18. KEILA TREMBLADAISE - Raced better in a 2700m Graignes Class F earlier this month than her 6th of 13 would suggest. Anthony Dollion could not have asked for a better entry and she will be expected to win this

Summary: Just €30 from elimination, KEILA TREMBLADAISE (18) enjoys a fine entry here and will be expected to play a leading role, however there will be considerable resistance from KORINA DE BASSIERE (13) who has climbed the class-ladder in good order this summer, and the reinvigorated KATANGA DE L'ITON (9) who is shod to preference this time. Always destined for a career under the saddle, KALITA GAME (1) can make up for her debut performance with just front shoes off this time.

SELECTIONS

KEILA TREMBLADAISE (18) - KORINA DE BASSIERE (13) - KATANGA DE L'ITON (9) - KALITA GAME (1)

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C5 - PRIX DE VALSEME - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KAILASH ARCTIC** - Won a 2400m Amiens Class F on 7 September when first time barefoot. Shoes off again but may find the going that bit tougher on this occasion
- 2. KANKAL** - Takes a notable step up in category after winning a 2500m Class F at Bihorel-lès-Rouen 10 days ago, but has earned the right to race here and can play a small part
- 3. KILLER D'ENFER** - In the frame in 3 of last 4, most recently 3rd of 12 in a 2550m Dieppe Class F on 2 September. Has never been tested at this level though and others easier to back
- 4. KARAT DEFF** - Disappointing 6th of 10, behind KING LOVER (13), in a 3125m Granville Class F on 25 August and will have nothing to contribute
- 5. KING OF CHARM** - Won at Guerlesquin late-July before finishing last of 7 in a 2950m Saint-Malo Class E on 13 August. Comes here fresh and reconfigured and will be expected to make amends. Place chance
- 6. KASH GAGOU** - Encouraged at Châteaubriant before faulting in a 2750m Cabourg Class E 3 weeks ago, and others preferred
- 7. KYMI JACK** - Won at Pornichet early-August before running 4th of 11 in a 2650m Class E at the same venue a fortnight later, and must be considered a serious proposition
- 8. KARO DAIRPET** - Showed the limit of his capacity when 11th of 14 in a 2750m Cabourg Class E 3 weeks ago and, even with front shoes off, is unlikely to influence the result
- 9. KAPARKA** - 3rd of 10 in a 2475m Royan Class E on 25 August. Takes on a tougher lot this time though and is not about to spring a surprise
- 10. KARMA KILY** - Sent for a break after running 3rd here late-June. 3rd of 11, on comeback 10 days ago, in a 2000m Rambouillet Class E, and can again contest the finish
- 11. KID SMILE** - Unraced since finishing 7th of 12 in a 2200m Class E here 6 months ago and is sure to need the outing
- 12. KAMIKAZE** - Returned to winning ways in a 2200m Agon Class F on 9 September. Barefoot again but seems to be biting off more than he can chew
- 13. KING LOVER** - In the thick of things for the most part, most recently 4th of 13 in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E 10 days ago. Is new to the venue but nevertheless has the wherewithal to finish close
- 14. KEEP DREAMING** - Samples the charms of Caen after finishing a respectable 6th of 8 in a 2300m Châteaubriant Class E on 9 August, and has a realistic chance of making first 5 this time
- 15. KALISTO DU BOURDON** - Won 2 of last 3, latterly a 3125m Granville Class F 3.5 weeks ago. In better company this time but has front pads fitted and is still worth retaining
- 16. KOUREION D'ELA** - Superbly-engaged here after having come last but one in a 2850m Laval Class E late last month. Has a lot going for him this time and can return to winning ways

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Summary: There are numerous horses in contention here but preference must go to the tricky but talented KOUREION D'ELA (16) who sports a new configuration for his return to the venue and the engagement of Yoann Lebourgeois will only enhance his prospects. Back racing clockwise after a pair of good Pornichet performances, KYMI JACK (7) is competitive for the big prize, as is the Caen-confirmed KARMA KILY (10) who left a good impression on his recent re-entry. KING OF CHARM (5) sports just front shoes this time and, on good behaviour, will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

KOUREION D'ELA (16) - KYMI JACK (7) - KARMA KILY (10) - KING OF CHARM (5)

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C6 - PRIX D'ETOUVY - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class E Amateur Riders Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. JOHANNA JOBYNA** - Has placed just once in 9 starts this season, most recently last of 13 in a 2850m Bréhal Class F on 12 August. Reconfigured for return to a track she has shown no love for and can be passed over
- 2. JUSTE PARFAITE** - Sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class E last week. Not the easiest to handle but has form here and, with application, will not be going home empty-handed
- 3. JOA DE LA LOUTRIE** - 2nd of 8 in a 2725m Graignes Class F on 2 September. Won over course and distance during the spring and present form augurs well for her prospects
- 4. JAVA DE LANGERON** - Kicked the year off well but subsequently lost her way. 10th of 15 in a 2850m Laval Class F earlier in the month and, with shoes back on, will have few takers
- 5. JUDY TURGOT** - Pleasant 5th at Enghien on 11 August before finishing 9th of 14 in a 2800m Bernay Class F 2 weeks later. Shoes back on and is not about to shake things up
- 6. JADE DU DAN** - Showed marked improvement early-August when 4th of 10 in a 2750m Cabourg Class F. Is well-engaged here and, in similar shape, can make a big impact
- 7. JESSY DE DAUX** - Unremarkable 8th of 15 in a 2850m Laval Class F on 6 September. Front pads fitted this time and can be ruled out
- 8. JAZZ SESSION** - Tenacious winner at Cabourg before being denied a run, coming 9th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E last week and, the return to racing right-handed will only work to her advantage. Claim
- 9. JOLIE TEJY** - Returns to racing shod after coming 4th of 9 in a 2650m Class F at Les Sables-d'Olonne 12 days ago. Is clearly in shape and can play a role if she takes to the new profile
- 10. JOYCE D'AVEZE** - A write-off this summer, most recently last of 10 in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago, and has no possible chance
- 11. JANETTE TY** - In decent shape, most recently 4th of 10 in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago. Won here last season but may be biting off more than she can chew this time
- 12. JAMINA DES CHASSES** - Put a pair of sanctions behind her when 4th of 15 in a 2625m Class F at Saint-Jean-de-Monts 11 days ago. Has never delivered in the day's configuration however and can be passed over
- 13. JOLIE FLEUR OR** - Has won 3 of 5 starts for new trainer, latterly a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche 9 days ago, and deserves to take her chances
- 14. JULIANA BREIL** - Out of the picture in 2 since imposing at Bréhal, latterly last but one in a 2450m monté Class E here 9 days ago. Shoes on this time and poses no threat
- 15. JOKE BLUE** - Below-par since imposing at Saint-Jean-de-Monts, latterly last but one in a 2775m Class F at Les Sables-d'Olonne on 23 August. Is never far from surprising though and should not be written off
- 16. JINA FAST** - It took 15 months but returned to the winners' enclosure after securing a 2700m Graignes Class F 3 weeks ago. Is in her category and will not be far from the action if Quentin Michel successfully navigates the start

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Summary: Unlucky in Paris after having won at Cabourg mid-August, JAZZ SESSION (8) has been handed a tough draw but returns to racing clockwise and can set the record straight. Significantly better-positioned behind the car, JOA DE LA LOUTRIE (3) reassured at Graignes and similarly looks a live chance, as does the fresh JADE DU DAN (6) who encouraged last time out. Like a horse reborn since moving to Antonin André's stable, JOLIE FLEUR OR (13) has to contend with a 2nd row start, and steps up in class, but in current condition is very hard to fault.

SELECTIONS

JAZZ SESSION (8) - JOA DE LA LOUTRIE (3) - JADE DU DAN (6) - JOLIE FLEUR OR (13)

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**C7 - PRIX DE CROUAY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR
€ 31,000**

- 1. IDO MENDY** - Disappointing since winning at Cabourg in July, latterly sanctioned in a 2800m Chartres Class E last week. Freshly-configured but must still get his house in order
- 2. ILIADE DE L'ITON** - Placed 3 times before faulting in a 2550m Dieppe Class F on 2 September. Takes on a good bunch this time but is not incapable of eking out a cheque
- 3. GINKGO ROCQ** - Runner-up to INITIALE LILA (5), at 73/1, in a 2750m Cabourg Class F mid-August, but a repeat seems unlikely
- 4. GAROU BEJI** - Made up for his performance at Les Andelys when 4th of 10 in a 2200m Vincennes Class E earlier this month. Is confirmed here and racing barefoot will only enhance his chances
- 5. INITIALE LILA** - Won 2 of last 3, latterly a 2750m Cabourg Class F, by a country mile, a month ago. Unlikely to beat IVOIRE DU CEDRE (9) but nevertheless looks best of the rest
- 6. ITRO** - Won a 2875m Enghien harness claimer last week. Not as sharp under the saddle these days though and, with shoes on, can be ruled out
- 7. HAND DES ELIES** - Won at Saint-Pierre-la-Cour before running 2nd to IVOIRE DU CEDRE (9) in a 3100m Vibraye Class F mid-August. Gets on well with Paul Ploquin and legitimately vies for a place in the frame
- 8. INDICE DELADOU** - Lost his action in a 2850m Bréhal Class E late-July. Regularly in the thick of things when focused and should not be written off
- 9. IVOIRE DU CEDRE** - Winner of last 6 monté starts, most recently a 3100m Vibraye Class F mid-August. Thrives at Caen and will take all the beating
- 10. HARBOUR D'ORGERES** - Returns to monté racing after finishing 8th of 11 in a 2800m Bernay Class F late last month. Has no ridden references but sports a revised formula and has done enough under harness to be considered a decent first-5 chance
- 11. IMPERIAL COGLAIS** - Sanctioned on return to competition in a 2850m Bagnoles-de-l'Orne harness Class E 3.5 weeks ago. Is unbeaten in 2 Caen starts and, with stride in check, will not be far off the mark

Summary: Simply terrific since the start of the year, which includes 3 wins over course and distance, IVOIRE DU CEDRE (9) is shod to preference for his return to the venue and should logically make it 7 on the trot. Leading the opposition is INITIALE LILA (5) who has won 2 of her last 3, and HAND DES ELIES (7) who has done little to disappoint this summer. A good, consistent crusader, GAROU BEJI (4) has never won at the venue but is barefoot for the occasion and his recent Vincennes effort bodes well for his prospects.

SELECTIONS

IVOIRE DU CEDRE (9) - INITIALE LILA (5) - HAND DES ELIES (7) - GAROU BEJI (4)

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C8 - PRIX DE CINTHEAUX - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 33,000

1. HAPPY DE LA COTE - Disappointing in last 2, most recently 10th of 16 in a 2550m Dieppe Class F, on 2 September. Hind shoes off though and it is only a question of time before he gets back in the game

2. HIBISCUS DE LATOM - Quality element that can be considered unlucky for faulting in a 2800m Vire Class F a fortnight ago, and Alexis Collette will be loathe to let the same thing happen again. Claim

3. HAURORE - Good, consistent mare that finished 4th of 12, behind GENTLEMAN PIYA (7), in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 2 September. Unlikely to shake things up but can still finish in the mix

4. GALINETTE BLEUE - Enjoyed a rich vein of form before losing her way. 9th of 15 in a 2950m Vichy Class E 3 weeks ago and, despite the good draw, will have little to contribute

5. HAS DE CAMBES - Pleased at Le Mont-Saint-Michel before finishing 10th of 13, behind HOTEL MYSTIC (14), in a 2500m Reims Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Is considerably better than that though, has won here this year, and must be respected

6. HARDY DES LANDES - Sanctioned in a 2650m Alençon Class D earlier this month. Has done nothing of note for some time and is not about to change his ways

7. GENTLEMAN PIYA - In the frame in 2 of last 3, latterly 3rd of 12 in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 2 September. Starts in front, has won twice at the venue, and in current form is very hard to ignore

8. HISTORIC DAY - Has not put a foot wrong since the spring, most recently 3rd, a place behind HOTEL MYSTIC (14) in a 2500m Reims Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Debuts at the venue, and starts wide, but still looks a contender

9. HESCORT LOVE - Has 3 conditioners under his belt, latterly 9th of 12 in a 2700m Graignes Class F 3 weeks ago. Races barefoot for first objective of the season and, confirmed at the venue, will have his chances

10. GRAHIKA - Surprisingly sanctioned in a 2850m Carentan Class F mid-August. Is clearly in form but races shod and will have other priorities

11. HELIOS D'EURVAD - Surprise 2nd of 14 in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E 10 days ago, but a repeat seems rather unlikely

12. HARABICA - Steps up in category after being sanctioned in a 2625m amateurs Class H at Saint-Jean-de-Monts 11 days ago and can be confidently passed over

13. GLAMOUR YOMA - Produced a brace of good efforts before finishing a modest 10th of 12 in a 2400m Class D at Beaumont-de-Lomagne last week and other options available

14. HOTEL MYSTIC - 2nd of 13 in a 2500m Reims Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Won his only start at the venue and, barefoot this time, will be no easy touch

15. HAKIM DES CHAMPS - Sanctioned in last 3, most recently on comeback in a 2800m Vire Class F 2 weeks ago. Is not devoid of ability but others still easier to trust

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16. GROUPIE DU QUENNE - 8th of 12 behind GENTLEMAN PIYA (7) in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 2 September and the draw only compounds matters

Summary: Already twice a winner this summer, HIBISCUS DE LATOM (2) would have finished close last time had he not faulted; he reverts to a proven configuration and, with application, can make this his own. Alexis Collette will still be justifiably wary of HESCORT LOVE (9) who is barefoot and entrusted to Yoann Lebourgeois, and the less-favourably-drawn HOTEL MYSTIC (14) who has finished runner-up in 3 of his last 4. HISTORIC DAY (8) finished 3rd to him at Reims and will be shod to preference for the occasion.

SELECTIONS

HIBISCUS DE LATOM (2) - HESCORT LOVE (9) - HOTEL MYSTIC (14) - HISTORIC DAY (8)