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R1 LISIEUX [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX ROGER LEDOYEN - 2725m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR
€ 34,000**

- 1. EOLE DU PRIEURE** - Thrashed on comeback in a 2825m Vire Class E on 3 March. 4 pads fitted and will have nothing to offer
- 2. IDOLE OF LOVE** - Won 6 from 7 before being sent for a break. 6th of 11 in a 2650m Bordeaux Class C on comeback, but is barefoot this time around and, from the front row, can figure prominently
- 3. HEXODE DE FELLIERE** - Steps up in category after trotting 2nd in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago. Unlikely to impose but can still pick up a first-5 cheque
- 4. GAI MATIN** - Going decently when sanctioned in a 2900m Amiens Class F 2 weeks ago. Raffin reining this time but others still preferred
- 5. FLOCON DIGEO** - Evidently capable but struggling of late, latterly 10th of 18, behind GAMIN DE MAHEY (7), in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 27 February and is unlikely to make his presence felt
- 6. HOCHÉ** - 8th of 15, on his return to competition, in a 2850m Laval Class E last week. Is barefoot for his first objective of the new year and can bring home the bacon
- 7. GAMIN DE MAHEY** - Got back in the game when 3rd of 18 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E 3 weeks ago. Lebourgeois takes over in the wagon and will be competitive for a place in the frame
- 8. FAUBOURG DU PERCHE** - Returns to the harness code after faulting in a 2875m Enghien monté Class D last week. Ideally-engaged but still not easy to like
- 9. HERADAMES** - Sanctioned on comeback in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 2 March. Will have come on for the run and, even from the 2nd row, will be no soft touch if David Thomain keeps him trotting
- 10. GRAAL DU TRESOR** - Classy trotter making his first appearance since finishing 5th in a 2850m Vincennes Class B mid-December. Just front pads fitted and not an obvious choice this time around
- 11. EMENCOURT D'AZIF** - Never at his ease when sanctioned in a 2825m Croisé-Laroche Class D 11 days ago. Shoes back on and will have other priorities
- 12. HALICIA BELLA** - 7th of 15 in a 28235m Cordemais Class D earlier this month when still being conditioned. Shoes on again and can be ruled out
- 13. FUNKY D'ALB** - Decent, but beaten, 4th in a 2825m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche 11 days ago, but a repeat seems improbable
- 14. GAZ D'OCCAGNES** - Failed to confirm his Toulouse victory after faulting in a 2850m Vincennes Class D mid-December. Has not been seen out since and will need the run
- 15. INVICTUS MADIBA** - Excellent since back from his break, most recently trotting 2nd in a 2450m Caen Class D earlier in the month, and can expect to be well-supported. Claim

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16. FALCO DES ROCHERS - Sanctioned when going respectably in a 2900m Amiens Gr.3 a fortnight ago. Drops back in class, sports front pads this time, but still no more than a minor place chance

Summary: A veritable steamroller when barefoot and focused, HOCHE (6) starts on the front row and, if fully-fit, can make this his own. He will be opposed by the in-form, and unshod-in-front, INVICTUS MADIBA (15) who has been knocking at the door lately, and who has the capacity to defy the handicap. GAMIN DE MAHEY (7) produced an excellent effort at Mauquenchy 3 weeks ago and, in similar form, can again make the frame. HERADAMES (9) has nothing to prove at this level and, with fine right-handed references, must be considered a player.

SELECTIONS

HOCHE (6) - INVICTUS MADIBA (15) - GAMIN DE MAHEY (7) - HERADAMES (9)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE LISIEUX - 2725m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. JOYEUX DE BOLERO** - Encouraged when 5th of 9 in a 2700m Graignes Class E late last month but would have better prospects at a lower level
- 2. JUST DO IT LOVELY** - Good sort that finished a creditable 4th to JAVADA DU MONT (14) in a 2875m Argentan Class E, on return from a long absence, 11 days ago. On front line again and has a realistic chance of making the frame
- 3. JESABELLE DU JOUR** - Sprang a pleasant surprise when securing a 2800m Cholet Class F on 3 March. Unbeaten with Lebourgeois reining and, from the front row, can play a leading role
- 4. JULIANA BREIL** - 5th of 8 in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F on 18 February. Front shoes off this time but still looks out of her depth
- 5. JAINA D'ESSARTS** - Delicate mare making her first appearance since winning a 3125m Granville Class F last August. Breaks from the front but stays shod for comeback and best to hold off
- 6. JAM DES LANDES** - 7th of 11 in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago. Shoes off this time but others still easier to back
- 7. JETHAN DE MONGOCHY** - Makes his first appearance since coming 9th of 10 in a 2550m Reims Class E late-October and will need the run
- 8. JERRY DE BELLANDE** - 9th of 15 in a 2550m Reims Class E on 25 February, first start back. Is barefoot this time and, from the front row, can give this a good go
- 9. JACKPOT BOOSTER** - Has taken particularly well to racing barefoot, latterly 3rd of 11 in a 2600m Nancy Class D 10 days ago. Benefits from a good entry and should be capable of making the first 5
- 10. JOY D'OURVILLE** - Unseen since finishing last of 10 in a 2850m Vincennes Class E last November and, from the 2nd row, has no realistic chance
- 11. JUSTIN DES MARAIS** - Capable type but has not been seen out since coming 9th of 14 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D early-December. Shoes on and no threat
- 12. JAZZ** - 7th of 11, on re-entry, in a 2200m Caen Class E earlier this month. Front pads fitted this time but looks no more than a minor place prospect
- 13. JADE DU DAN** - Quality mare making her first appearance since coming 2nd in a 2550m Reims Class B mid-September. Shoes on though and best to keep one's powder dry
- 14. JAVADA DU MONT** - Facile winner of a 2875m Argentan Class E on 9 February. Consistently in the thick of things when focused, has references here and looks main threat to JASMINE DE GREZ (15)
- 15. JASMINE DE GREZ** - Sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class E 9 days ago. Is plainly in excellent condition though and, on good behaviour, can win this from the 2nd line
- 16. JOUR D'ERABLE** - Sanctioned in a 2850m Vincennes Class D a month back. Has had time to freshen up, is confirmed right-handed, and will be dangerous if David Thomain keeps him trotting

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Summary: JASMINE DE GREZ (15) has been struggling to express her form lately but has nonetheless been catching the eye. She left a good impression on her lone start at the venue and, with application, can finally get that maiden monkey off her back. Guillaume Martin will still be keeping a keen eye on the fine JAVADA DU MONT (14) who has won her last 2 right-handed starts. Recent Cholet winner, JESABELLE DU JOUR (3) has a 25m head-start, is barefoot for the occasion, and is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois who won with her last October. JOUR D'ERABLE (16) has been in cracking form for some months and will not be going home empty-handed, provided he stays in stride.

SELECTIONS

JASMINE DE GREZ (15) - JAVADA DU MONT (14) - JESABELLE DU JOUR (3) - JOUR D'ERABLE (16)

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C3 - PRIX COMMUNAUTE D'AGGLOMERATION LISIEUX - 2675m (a1m 1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 17,500

- 1. LAMYA DES LIARDS** - Qualified in a good 1'17"9 at Caen early-February before coming last on debut in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago, and appears to need another run
- 2. LATITUDE CASTELETS** - Put on a good show first time out, when 4th in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 4 March. Gelormini maintains faith and could pleasantly surprise on her right-handed debut
- 3. LOUNA LA TRIGALE** - Surprise 3rd of 10, at 36/1, in a 2275m Nantes Class F a month back. Unlikely to repeat but the Paul Ploquin-factor cannot be ignored
- 4. LADY DE CORDAY** - Capable filly that was sanctioned in a 2550m Reims Class F on 25 February. Hind pads fitted this time but still looks to be biting off more than she can chew
- 5. LORIANA** - Met all kinds of problems when disqualified in a 2450m Caen Class F a fortnight ago, but is a decent trotter in the making and could well have her way if Nivard manages to keep her out of trouble
- 6. LOTTA LOVE** - 9th of 11 on re-entry in a 2450m Caen Class F 2 weeks ago. David Thomain at the helm this time but others still preferred
- 7. LOLA DU CAMPUS** - Has not been seen out since coming 3rd in a 2000m Class F at La Capelle early-November. Eric Raffin drafted in for comeback and must be respected
- 8. LOUVE DE BAIS** - Qualified nicely before trotting 2nd in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie Class F on her 6 February debut. Will have progressed and, even though drawn wide, she will be entrusted to Matthieu Abrivard. Place prospect
- 9. LAHORA DES FORGES** - Sanctioned in all 4 starts to date, most recently a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago, and can be confidently written off
- 10. LOUANGE CASTELETS** - Untried filly that will have come on considerably since her fine qualification last June. Starts on the 2nd line but will be reined by Yoann Lebourgeois who can get her straight off the mark
- 11. LITTLESNABE** - Looked rather ordinary in Caen qualification last month and, from the back line, is not about to shake things up

Summary: The Jean-Philippe Monclin/Yoann Lebourgeois tandem has enjoyed a lot of success and with the well-qualified LOUANGE CASTELETS (10), they look to have a live chance on their hands. Front-line draw, LORIANA (5) has shown significant potential and can open her account if Franck Nivard keeps her trotting. LATITUDE CASTELETS (2) will have come on for her promising debut run and will be competitive for a place in the first 3, as should LOUVE DE BAIS (8) who confirmed her good qualification with a solid debut performance.

SELECTIONS

LOUANGE CASTELETS (10) - LORIANA (5) - LATITUDE CASTELETS (2) - LOUVE DE BAIS (8)

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**C4 - PRIX ATELIER 110 - 2725m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR €
23,000**

- 1. JAZZY DES EPINES** - 10th to JASMINE DE LYONS (7), on comeback, in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago. Has placed just once in 9 and can be confidently passed over
- 2. JUSTYBILIE DU LUOT** - Well-beaten 5th of 7 in a Class F over course and distance last weekend and is not about to spring a surprise
- 3. IMA DU CANET** - Unremarkable 8th of 16 in a 2900m Challans Class F late last month and once again appears to be out of her depth
- 4. IZARA DE CALVI** - 13th of 15 in a 2825m Durtal harness Class F on 10 March. Sanctioned on lone monté start and is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 5. IT'S ME DIESCHOOT** - Flattering 4th of 7 finishers in a 2750m Class G at La Capelle 10 days ago and, in this company, will struggle to make his mark
- 6. JASMIN DE CANCHY** - Sanctioned, when joint-favourite, in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago after having won smartly at Challans, and the new shoeing formula can get him right back on track
- 7. JASMINE DE LYONS** - Put 3 straight sanctions behind her when winning a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel 10 days ago, and on similarly good behaviour, can repeat
- 8. INDIANA D'AMOUR** - Encouraging, but never threatening, 4th in a 2850m Class F on monté debut early-February. Takes on some serious horses this time and will have few takers
- 9. JUST PACHA** - Serious sort the came 3rd of 12 in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class E 12 days ago. Seldom lets the side down and is a legitimate candidate for success
- 10. INAYA DE NILREM** - 5th, behind IROISE DE LAVAU (11), in a 2825m Durtal harness Class F a week ago, after having imposed at Saumur. Goes barefoot for the first time and, although not a priority, he will be ridden by Paul Ploquin and must not be overlooked
- 11. IROISE DE LAVAU** - 3rd of 15 in a 2825m Durtal harness Class F, when being conditioned, last week. In better company this time but should be able to hold her own
- 12. JIRAFENN LORIETTES** - 6th of 7 behind JUSTYBILIE DU LUOT (2) in a 2825m Vire Class F on 3 March, when shod. On the back line but front pads fitted on this occasion and a first-5 spot is well within her capacity
- 13. ICEBERG DEL PHEDO** - Sprang quite the surprise when 4th of 16 in a 2800m Cholet Class F on 3 March. Shod on this occasion but Mathieu Mottier in the irons and will not be far from the action
- 14. ISUTAH** - Defied his odds to come 5th in a Caen Class D over 2450m on 4 March. Has merit but a repeat seems unlikely
- 15. IRAFARA** - Oddly 7th of 8 finishers in a 2450m Caen Class E last Thursday. Has bags of ability and, with application, will not be far off the mark

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Summary: JASMINE DE LYONS (7) may not be the easiest of horses to handle, but she imposed so well last time out that a similar performance would hand her the double. That said, JUST PACHA (9) is considerably more dependable and will be no easy touch. JASMIN DE CANCHY (6) sports a new configuration in a legitimate bid to make amends for his recent sanction. The talented IRAFARA (15) may be 25m worse off but she is a tough nut when focused.

SELECTIONS

JASMINE DE LYONS (7) - JUST PACHA (9) - JASMIN DE CANCHY (6) - IRAFARA (15)

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C5 - PRIX DU CREDIT AGRICOLE NORMANDIE - 2725m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. KEATANA DU METZ** - Unseen since being sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes monté Class C early-September. Entrusted to a leading driver for comeback but best to hold off
- 2. KALMIO DE LOU** - Pleasant but never-dangerous 7th of 10 behind KAISER DE MORTREE (14) in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class D a fortnight ago. Disappointing on the whole over the winter and is not about to trouble the judge
- 3. KING MOKO** - Finished 5th in a 2700m Cagnes Class C early-February before being disqualified in the stewards' room. Has ample ability though and can pick up a cheque if he stays in stride
- 4. KANKAN** - 8th in the 25 February race of reference. Stays shod and will have other priorities
- 5. KEEP SECRET** - Fantastic winner of a 2875m Enghien Class D early-October. Has not been seen out since though and is unlikely to be given a hard race
- 6. KUSAERI** - Has not been seen out since flopping in a 2700m Graignes Class B mid-October. Will be race-rusty and going shod will do him no favours
- 7. KORA DE BLARY** - Moderate filly starting for the first time since coming 6th of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D mid-November and is sure to need the outing
- 8. KITALIANO ALGREF** - 6th, a place behind KASH SNIPER (10), on comeback in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 25 February. Will have come on for the run and, if race-fit, can play a leading role
- 9. KAMIKAZE DU CAMPUS** - Unseen since trotting 4th of 7, on re-entry, in a 2175m Vincennes Class D 2 months ago. Has imposed 3 times racing clockwise and, even though returning from a spell, he will be partnered by Eric Raffin. First-5 chance
- 10. KASH SNIPER** - Won early-February before finishing 5th of 10 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D later in the month. Excels with his driver and can complement his early-February success
- 11. KELLY D'ESSARTS** - Fine monté filly making her first appearance since coming 2nd in a 2700m Vincennes Class B under the saddle last October. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
- 12. KELLE CLASS** - Modest 6th of 10 in a 2700m Cagnes Class D 3 weeks ago. Has no references racing clockwise and, with shoes back on, will have few friends
- 13. KID PARKER** - Reassured somewhat when 5th of 10 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class B on 23 February. Takes a dip in class and will be competitive for a place on the podium
- 14. KAISER DE MORTREE** - 2nd in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class D a fortnight ago. Clearly at the top of his game and will be dangerous if he takes to the new profile. Claim

Summary: Unbeaten in two starts with Matthieu Abrivard reining, KASH SNIPER (10) returns to racing clockwise and is thoroughly capable of winning a race of this nature. KITALIANO ALGREF (8) finished a place behind him in Paris last time out and can again figure prominently, but may first have to defer to the superbly-engaged KAISER DE MORTREE (14) who has been showing a more competitive side lately. KID PARKER (13) drops back in category and is an obvious place candidate.

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SELECTIONS

**KASH SNIPER (10) - KAISER DE MORTREE (14) - KITALIANO ALGREF (8) - KID PARKER
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C6 - PRIX MFR VIMOUTIERS - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. KHALEESI D'ALESA** - Has not been seen out since completing the double in a 2700m Vincennes Class E last September and will not be overtaxed
- 2. KOSANOSTRA** - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2700m Vincennes Class D early-February. Is reunited with Eric Raffin for first goal of 2024 and can win this if she stays in stride from one end of the race to the other
- 3. KIRA DE CAHOT** - Faithful filly that reassured when 2nd in a 2700m Lyon-La Soie Class E on 25 February. Trotted 2nd for Lebourgeois on her last start here and is ideally-positioned to bring the fight to KOSANOSTRA (2)
- 4. KALINE DJOB** - 7th in a 2700m Vincennes Class D a month ago. Returns to a proven configuration and, from the 3-spot, will be no soft touch
- 5. KALINA STAR** - Steps back up in class after finishing a close 2nd in a 2100m Vincennes claimer late-November. Will be a race shy though and others preferred
- 6. KANDICE DU LOISIR** - Sent for a break after trotting 7th of 10 finishers in a 2175m Vincennes Class D late-November. Is first-time barefoot for comeback and not incapable of getting straight back in the game
- 7. KENZA D'AMOUR** - Well-backed but faulted early in a 2875m Enghien Class D last week. Produced an excellent effort on only start here though and is worth keeping an eye on
- 8. KISS ME DE BELFOND** - Clear 3rd of 11 in a 2550m Bordeaux Class E last Saturday. Reliability not her strong suit but Matthieu Abrivard reining this time and will be afforded every chance
- 9. KISSABELLA** - Starts for the first time since faulting in a 2200m Vincennes Class D on 8 January. Won under these conditions during the autumn, makes first start for new trainer, and should not be underestimated
- 10. KLARA** - Progressive filly making her first start since coming 3rd in a 2700m Vincennes Class D late-August. Shod for re-entry and best to wait
- 11. KADIJA MESLOISE** - Made it 3 straight sanctions when faulting in a 2150m Cagnes Class E on 2 March. Has ability in abundance however, has twice won when shod and, even from the back line, deserves to be taken seriously
- 12. KARELIA** - Solid 2nd in a 2850m Laval Class E 3 weeks ago. Shoes back on though and the draw only compounds matters
- 13. KANELLE DU VAL** - Makes first appearance since trotting 3rd of 9 in a 2175m Vincennes monté Class D in early-December and, even racing with front shoes off, will have few friends
- 14. KEYPTOWN** - Unraced since coming 9th of 14 in a 2150m Enghien Class C last October. Has merit but will be race-rusty. Hold back

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Summary: Delicate she may be but KOSANOSTRA (2) is a decent filly with a promising future and can march off with the silverware if Eric Raffin keeps her trotting. Confirmed at Lisieux and clearly in excellent shape, KIRA DE CAHOT (3) starts upsides and is unlikely to disappoint. Arguably trickier than the favourite, KADIJA MESLOISE (11) returns to racing shod and will be dangerous if she stays in stride. KALINE DJOB (4) is better than recent form would suggest and the change of shoeing should prove just the ticket to her redemption.

SELECTIONS

KOSANOSTRA (2) - KIRA DE CAHOT (3) - KADIJA MESLOISE (11) - KALINE DJOB (4)

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C7 - PRIX RUFFIN COUVERTURE - 2725m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 30,000

1. ISAAC DE SYVA - Made no impact when 6th of 8 in a 2850m Laval Class F a week ago. Has previously placed here though, starts in front, and will generate some interest

2. FOLLOW ME DU LUOT - 7th to IMPALA DE VAL (3) in a 2450m Caen Class F 2 weeks ago. Boasts a good Lisieux record though, and breaks from the front, but in this company may struggle to make his mark

3. IMPALA DE VAL - Has won 2 of 3 since starting to race without hind shoes, latterly with authority over 2450m in a Caen Class F a fortnight ago. Takes on marginally better this time but still looks up to the task

4. FAKIR GASCON - Unraced since flopping 9th of 12 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D last September. Is not entirely without ability but appears to have too much to do

5. IMAGINE D'ATOUT - Excellent all winter, latterly missing out by little in a 2650m Bordeaux Class C. Excels racing right-handed and makes her Lisieux debut with a realistic chance of imposing

6. FAUST DE BEYLEV - Trotted 5th behind GENIE DES LUCAS (9) before being sanctioned early in a 2875m Enghien Class D 8 days ago. Seldom disappoints when focused and, with application, should be able to finish in the mix

7. FRANKY SATYNE - Returns to the monté code after faulting early in a 2825m Cordemais Class D on 1 March and is unlikely to garner much support

8. ELIXIR - Has not been seen out since coming 7th in a Class E over course and distance last October. Twice a winner here, is barefoot for re-entry, and looks an interesting outside chance

9. GENIE DES LUCAS - Drops in category after trotting 3rd in a 2175m Vincennes Class D on 1 March. Mathieu Mottier could not have asked for a better entry and will be out to capitalise. Chance

Summary: A number of decent elements in contention here but, on paper, it looks a 2-horse race between IMPALA DE VAL (3) who has taken his game to a new level since starting to race without hind shoes, and IMAGINE D'ATOUT (5) who has not put a foot wrong since the turn of the year. Well-entered here, GENIE DES LUCAS (9) is close to his race and drops in category with legitimate ambition. FAUST DE BEYLEV (6) has never delivered here but in current form is easy to like.

SELECTIONS

IMPALA DE VAL (3) - IMAGINE D'ATOUT (5) - GENIE DES LUCAS (9) - FAUST DE
BEYLEV (6)

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C8 - PRIX LARCHER PUBLICITE - 2675m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 28,000

- 1. GOSPEL VET** - Has not been seen out since flopping in a 2850m Vincennes Class D mid-December. Has ample ability, and is barefoot for comeback, but will likely need the run
- 2. GEMME CASTELETS** - Useful mare but will be rusty, not having run since faulting in a 2750m Cabourg Class D mid-October
- 3. HOUSTON TUILERIE** - Sanctioned early in a 2200m Caen Class D 9 days ago but seldom disappoints when focused and, with application, can play a small part
- 4. ISYBOY DE CINGLAIS** - Gave a fine account to trot 4th in a 2450m Caen Class D on 4 March. Will be fully-fit by now and, from the 4-spot, can win this
- 5. GOGO DES MALBERAUX** - Fine servant making his first appearance since coming 2nd in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche mid-December. Shoes on but has a good spot in front and can get a look-in
- 6. HAMILTON FIRST** - Tough character but has not been seen out since finishing unplaced in a 2550m Reims Class E on 3 December, and will need the race
- 7. IMPARTIAL** - Won a 3rd straight clockwise start when securing a 2700m Lyon-La Soie Class E on 25 February. Not ideally-positioned but must still be considered a leading contender
- 8. ISEULT FLOWER** - An absolute revelation since returning to racing barefoot, most recently a facile winner of a 2875m Argentan Class F on 18 February. Handed a tough draw but should nevertheless figure prominently
- 9. FREEDOM (NOR)** - Quality nordic import that has taken superbly to both French conditions and racing right-handed. 2nd in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class D on 12 February and, even though starting on the back row, can make a big splash
- 10. G.K.JUSTUS** - Flattering 7th of 9 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes Class C earlier this month but is clearly better than that and despite the 2nd row draw, still looks a player
- 11. NYMKE BRIGADOON** - Returns to the harness code after 3 straight sanctions, latterly a 2850m Laval monté Class E, and could pleasantly surprise
- 12. GARDEN OF MEMORY** - No slouch on a good day but makes first public appearance since finishing 11th of 12 in a 2700m Segré Class F last October and can be passed over
- 13. AXIS DI GIRIFALCO** - Yet to achieve the level expected of him since leaving Italy, latterly 13th of 14 in a 2875m Enghien Class E on 8 March, and even with Gelormini reining is unlikely to shake things up
- 14. HISTOIRE THORIS** - Unplaced in a 2200m Caen Class D on comeback 9 days ago. Shoes on and will pose no danger
- 15. ICARE DES VALOIS** - Unraced since coming in last but one in a 2100m Vincennes Class B late-September and will not be given a hard race
- 16. LET IT BE VP** - Decent Eurotrotter making his first start since coming 2nd over 2140m in Mantorp early-December. Shoes on and best to wait

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Summary: Very hard to fault when focused, ISYBOY DE CINGLAIS (4) has done nothing but improve since returning to competition and, ideally-positioned in front, can open his 2024 account. The Norwegian FREEDOM (NOR) (9) has not put a foot wrong since coming to France and reverts to racing with front pads fitted. Winner of 3 of his last 4, IMPARTIAL (7) is forced to start wide but in current form is difficult to ignore. G.K.JUSTUS (10) is reunited with Pierre-Yves Verva who won with him in Paris, and will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

ISYBOY DE CINGLAIS (4) - FREEDOM (NOR) (9) - IMPARTIAL (7) - G.K.JUSTUS (10)