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R1 ENGHEN [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE SARE - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR €
40,000**

- 1. LA NESLOISE** - Has yet to show any aptitude for the game, latterly sanctioned in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche mid-month, and can be written off
- 2. LAZIE PONT VAUTIER** - Made it 2 straight sanctions when faulting in a 2550m Reims Class E last Monday and is unlikely to generate much interest
- 3. LONG LEGEND** - Promising filly that lost her maiden tag in a 2825m Vire Class F on 8 May. Untried left-handed but has talent in abundance and will be dangerous if she turns
- 4. LA VIVA DE LOU** - Useful sort making her left-handed debut after being sanctioned early in a 2450m Caen Class E last weekend. Must not be too hastily judged and there should be some redemption forthcoming
- 5. LUNA KALOUMA** - Opened her account on turf last month but only 6th of 11 in a 2750m La Capelle Class D 3 weeks ago and is not about to shake things up
- 6. LAGUNE PIYA** - Winner on debut early-April before coming 3rd of 9 finishers in a 2200m Caen Class E 3 weeks later. Clearly on the way up and has a claim on the trophy
- 7. LYXIE KNIGHT** - Not without merit but sanctioned more often than not. Would have come 2nd in a 2800m Chartres Class D on 8 May had she not lost her action. Not a priority but still worth keeping an eye on
- 8. LOUNA D'OR** - Failed to confirm her Lyon-Parilly maiden win when last of 9 in a 2750m Class D at La Capelle Class D 3 weeks ago. Not easy to predict and other more trustworthy candidates available
- 9. LATINA TOURNIBOIS** - Would have finished in the money had she not faulted in a 2200m Vincennes Class D mid-April. Is plainly in form but faces a stiffer test this time around
- 10. LUSITANIA** - Got off the mark at Graignes 3 weeks ago before trotting 3rd of 10 in a 2450m Caen Class E a week ago. Hind pads fitted for the first time and looks an interesting proposition
- 11. LUTTE DU LOGIS** - Reassuring 2nd of 14 in a 2850m Laval Class E 3 weeks ago. Pads fitted once again and, given how well she comported herself behind an 'Allaire' filly that day, must be considered a contender
- 12. LINOTTE DU MOUCHEL** - Not the easiest to gauge but finished 4th of 10 in a 2275m Nantes Class D on 9 May and, with form maintained, can get a look in
- 13. LUCIOLE DU VERTAIN** - 2nd of 13 in a 2700m Class E at La Capelle a fortnight ago. Has started to come into herself and, in this company, looks a respectable place chance

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Summary: A number in the running here but a small preference goes to the promising LAGUNE PIYA (6) who returns to racing shod after showing considerable professionalism last month, and the return of Alexandre Abrivard will only enhance her prospects. That being said, the similarly-profiled LONG LEGEND (3) beat a good horse at Vire recently and will be no easy touch. LUTTE DU LOGIS (11) showed a different side to herself at Laval and will be expected to confirm. LUCIOLE DU VERTAIN (13) showed marked improvement last time out and, in similar shape, is unlikely to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

LAGUNE PIYA (6) - LONG LEGEND (3) - LUTTE DU LOGIS (11) - LUCIOLE DU VERTAIN (13)

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C2 - PRIX D'ESPELETTE - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. JOISO POKER PRO** - Unraced since finishing last but one in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 17 March. Barefoot for the occasion but others still preferred
- 2. JANNIG D'EREVAN** - Sanctioned here late-March before imposing with authority in a 2450m Caen Class E a month later, and with stride in check, can again go close
- 3. JOYEUX NONNA** - Has not been seen out since finishing 9th of 15 in a 2450m Caen Class D on 4 March and is unlikely to make his presence felt
- 4. JAGUAR D'OBRET** - 6th behind JEUNE AMI (6) in Caen race of reference, on return from a spell. Will have progressed for the run but others still easier to support
- 5. JASMIN PHIL** - A model of consistency this year until faulting early in Caen race of reference. Pleased here last month and, with application, will not go home empty-handed
- 6. JEUNE AMI** - Knocking at the door this term after returning from his spell, coming 2nd in a 2450m Caen Class D 3 weeks ago. Receives an Alexandre Abrivard drive for the occasion and looks a serious proposition
- 7. JERZINHO SPORT** - Has 2 races under his belt, latterly sanctioned in a 2825m Chartres Class E on 8 May. Hard to knock when barefoot though and can aspire to a place in first 5
- 8. JOKER DE BELLOU** - 6th, behind JUST A DREAM (11), in a 2950m Le Mans Class E earlier in the month. Returns to racing barefoot but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 9. JERICHO** - 3rd, a place behind JEUNE AMI (6), in a 2450m Caen Class D 3 weeks ago. Plainly enjoying a fruitful run of form and, unbeaten at the venue, must be respected
- 10. JOSS AIMEF** - Good, consistent servant that came 3rd, a place behind JUST A DREAM (11), in a 2950m Class E at Le Mans on 8 May. Unshod-all-4 this time and every part a first-3 chance
- 11. JUST A DREAM** - Won at Maure-de-Bretagne before coming 2nd of 15 in a 2950m Class E at Le Mans on 8 May. Successful here earlier in her career and looks set to confirm

Summary: An open affair this but it is still hard to ignore the in-form JUST A DREAM (11) who has already proven himself under these conditions. A place behind him at Le Mans, JOSS AIMEF (10) goes barefoot this time and can give him something to think about. JANNIG D'EREVAN (2) rarely disappoints when applied and his recent victory at Caen augurs well for his chances. JEUNE AMI (6) has taken a liking to the Enghien profile and, in present shape, will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

JUST A DREAM (11) - JOSS AIMEF (10) - JANNIG D'EREVAN (2) - JEUNE AMI (6)

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C3 - PRIX DE LA PORTE DE SAINT-OUEN - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

1. LETS GO UP - Yet to show any particular aptitude for the game, most recently last of 8 in a 2875m Class F at Meslay-du-Maine mid-month, and can be disregarded

2. LUCKY LOVE - Solid in both starts to date, most recently 2nd of 11 in a 2525m Class G at Savigny-sur-Braye on 9 May. Steps up in class and, entrusted to Franck Nivard this time, looks an interesting outsider

3. LIKE DAD - Made amends for faulting on debut when winning a 2750m Elbeuf Class G on 1 May. Will have come on for the run and has a realistic chance of confirming

4. LOVE ME DO - Put away after winning on debut but faulted on re-entry in a 2700m La Capelle Class E a fortnight ago. Showed his form though and, with application, will have an excellent opportunity to put things right

5. LOVE ME HAUFOR - Took his game up a notch when 3rd of 11 in a 2750m Class D at La Capelle 3 weeks ago. 4 pads fitted again and, although not a priority, should still acquit himself competitively

6. LUGANO - Sanctioned in first 2 before clinching victory in a 2450m Caen Class E 3 weeks ago. Goes left-handed this time and, on good behaviour, can challenge for a spot on the podium

7. LORENZO DAIRPET - Always gives his best when focused, most recently 4th of 7 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D mid-month. Should take well to Enghien conditions and with Mathieu Mottier reining, will be afforded every chance

8. LUCKY DE MAC - 8th of 10 in a 2275m Nantes Class D on comeback earlier this month. Is confirmed here but appears to be biting off more than he can chew

9. LEOPARD WIT - Progressive sort that came 2nd of 6 finishers in a 2850m Maure-de-Bretagne Class E late last month. In marginally better company this time but still looks a decent first-5 chance

10. LORENZO GRIFF - Opened his account in Lyon before finishing last of 7 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D mid-month. Should appreciate the Enghien profile but others still easier to support

11. LION DES ISLES - Finished 5th, but could well have won a 2950m Vichy Class D earlier in the month had he not faulted. Top driver at the helm this time and redemption anticipated

Summary: Unlucky at Vichy 3 weeks ago after having shown significant promise, LION DES ISLES (11) has been entrusted to Alexandre Abrivard this time and, if focused, can make amends and win this. LIKE DAD (3) won at the first time of asking on a hard surface, and even though climbing in category, still looks a leading contender. LOVE ME DO (4) left a lot out there after faulting at the start in La Capelle, but Christophe Martens is unlikely to let the same thing happen twice. LUGANO (6) came good last time out and will be no soft touch if David Thomain keeps him focused.

SELECTIONS

LION DES ISLES (11) - LIKE DAD (3) - LOVE ME DO (4) - LUGANO (6)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA VIENNE - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. KENNEDY FRANCE** - Considerably better trotter than recent results would suggest. Enjoys a good entry, goes barefoot for the occasion, and should not be too far off the mark
- 2. KAMARI LOVE** - Classy colt that faulted early in a 2450m Caen Class E 3 weeks ago, on first start since the break. Entrusted to a leading driver for the occasion and can win this if Lebourgeois gets him off on the right foot
- 3. KING FLY** - 7th of 8 when preparing for this in a 2825m Chartres Class E on 28 April. Ideally-placed behind the car, races first time barefoot, and looks a possible spoiler
- 4. KAISER GIBUS** - Modest individual switching codes after being sanctioned in a 2175m Vincennes Class D on 7 May, and has no realistic chance
- 5. KINGMAMBO BELLO** - Made it 3 straight sanctions when faulting in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 8 days ago. Has a front line start and, if applied, can make a big splash
- 6. KILLER DE BEAULIEU** - Last of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D, on comeback, 8 days ago. Goes shod this time and can be ruled out
- 7. KEOPS DE CASTELLE** - 4th of 12 finishers in a 2200m Caen Class E on 18 March. Has had time to get his house in order, sports a new configuration, and will be competitive for a cheque
- 8. KELLOU DES BRUMES** - Faulted in a 2450m Caen Class E 3 weeks ago when plainly going well. Not ideally-drawn but will nevertheless have his chances if he can stay in stride
- 9. KAEPERNICK** - Has ample ability but never far from faulting. Disappointing 9th of 14 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 8 days ago, and even configured differently, still looks to have too much to do
- 10. KASTING HAUFOR** - Form has been regressing lately, most recently sanctioned in a 2600m Class H at Châlons-en-Champagne on 8 May, and will need to re-establish his credentials
- 11. KALLAGAN** - Reverts to racing barefoot after coming last of 9 in a monté Class D over longer here on 18 April, and will struggle to make much of an impact
- 12. KLARCK** - Fitted with just front pads for the first time after finishing 6th of 9 finishers in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle early last month. Breaks from the rear and no more than a minor place chance
- 13. KING D'HERMES** - Made up for his Laval sanction when 4th of 14, at 60/1, in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 12 April. On back line again but should not be underestimated
- 14. KING PAPY JOE** - Looked very ordinary when sanctioned in a 2750m Class D at La Capelle a fortnight ago, and even with hind shoes off, will not be troubling the judge
- 15. KIEVEL** - Has not been seen out since finishing 9th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on Boxing Day. Barefoot for the occasion but others still preferred
- 16. KRISTAL DU ROCHER** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2500m Class F at Châtelailon-La Rochelle 2 weeks ago. Shoes back on and the draw only compounds matters

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Summary: Unbeaten in both starts last season, including under these conditions, KAMARI LOVE (2) was sanctioned early on his recent return but, with Yoann Lebourgeois reining, can return to victorious ways. The well-positioned KINGMAMBO BELLO (5) may not be to everyone's liking but, on a good day, he would have the measure of most here. KELLOU DES BRUMES (8) is forced to start wide but he showed his form at Caen and will be no pushover if François Lagadeuc can keep him trotting. KING D'HERMES (13) sprang quite the surprise across town last time out and, competitively-shod, looks a player.

SELECTIONS

KAMARI LOVE (2) - KINGMAMBO BELLO (5) - KELLOU DES BRUMES (8) - KING D'HERMES (13)

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C5 - PRIX DE L'OBELISQUE - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 75,000

- 1. HURELLA** - 3rd of 17 in a 2450m Caen monté Class B a fortnight ago. Won under these conditions mid-March and is not incapable of repeating
- 2. GOLD VOICE** - Defied her odds to finish 3rd of 16 in a 2100m Vincennes Class B mid-April and must be taken more seriously this time around. Chance
- 3. FELIX DU BOURG** - 2nd of 17 in a 2800m Cholet Class C on 29 April. Clearly nearing his best and while not a priority, should nevertheless acquit himself competitively
- 4. HEADING REFERENCE** - 11th of 17 in a 2625m Class B at La Rochelle 2 weeks ago, on 2nd start back, and appears to need another run
- 5. FONZY D'HERIPRE** - Stylishly won a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class B 8 days ago, securing the hat-trick. Boasts a fine record over course and distance and success would be a suitable reward for Alexandre Abrivard's return
- 6. GOLD DAIRPET** - Classy trotter that was oddly out of sorts when 9th of 16 in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class C early last month. Won under these conditions last time here though and will not be far from the action
- 7. FASHION TOUCH** - 3rd to FONZY D'HERIPRE (5) here on 20 April before coming 8th of 14 in a 2850m Vincennes Class A 10 days ago. Drops back in category but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 8. GIROLAMO** - Surprise 2nd to FONZY D'HERIPRE (5) in a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class B 8 days ago, on first association with Christophe Martens. Julien Dubois at the helm this time but chances still limited
- 9. GARDNER SHAW** - Sanctioned in 20 April race of reference before trotting 4th to FELIX DU BOURG (3) in a 2800m Cholet Class C late last month. Pleased here 9 days earlier and must be considered a player
- 10. BOLERO GAR** - Sanctioned in both starts since returning to France, latterly a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 13 April, and can be ruled out
- 11. HANNIBAL TUILERIE** - 8th of 17, behind FELIX DU BOURG (3), on re-entry in a 2800m Cholet Class C on 29 April. Fitted with 4 pads this time will be expected to finish closer
- 12. GARDON** - Fine campaigner starting for the first time since winning a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class E, with ease, 2 months ago. Shoes on however and best to hold off
- 13. GOLD MENCOURT** - Confirmed his March performance here when 4th in race of reference, at 82/1. Not an obvious choice but still worth keeping an eye on
- 14. GIRL DE BASSIERE** - Has not been seen out since coming 6th, behind FASHION TOUCH (7), in a 2100m Vincennes Class C 3 months ago. Shod for competition but others still easier to back
- 15. FAVORI DE L'ITON** - Sprang a 32/1 surprise when dominating a 2100m Vincennes Class C 8 days ago. Tends to go well at Enghien but others still easier to back

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Summary: Quite simply at the top of his game, FONZY D'HERIPRE (5) won here just over a month ago and, from the 5-spot, has every chance of making it 4-on-the-trot. HURELLA (1) however reassured under the saddle 2 weeks ago and will be no shrinking violet, and neither will the recently-resurgent GOLD VOICE (2) who will not be sent out at 27/1 this time around. GARDNER SHAW (9) may not be ideally-drawn but he is plainly in shape and is eminently capable of trotting his way onto the podium.

SELECTIONS

FONZY D'HERIPRE (5) - HURELLA (1) - GOLD VOICE (2) - GARDNER SHAW (9)

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C6 - PRIX DU PONT DU GARIGLIANO - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 59,000

- 1. HEROIC PARK** - Excellent over the winter but lacklustre in last 2, most recently 7th of 10 in a 2175m Vincennes Class E on 9 April, and will first need to reaffirm his credentials
- 2. HOLESHOT** - 10th of 11 in a 2625m harness Class F at La Rochelle 2 weeks ago. Won his only monté start at the venue, has shoes off for the occasion, but appears to be taking on too much
- 3. HARAGONAIS** - Sanctioned early, when well-supported, in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 7 May, but will have his chances if Mathieu Mottier gets him off on the right foot
- 4. GEVREY D'AUTHISE** - Last of 7, when being conditioned, in a 2700m Vincennes Class E earlier in the month. Appreciates Enghien conditions and, if fully-fit, can put on a good show
- 5. GAVROCHE D'OMBLAIS** - Disappointing 6th of 7 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 7 May. Has obvious talent and it is only a matter of time before he comes good again
- 6. HORSY ROYAL** - Had a course-and-distance Class D won mid-March before faulting 100m out. Has had time to get his house in order and can challenge HANSKA (10) for the win
- 7. GLADYS TARTIFUME** - Sanctioned, on return from a spell, in a 3475m Castillonès harness Class D on 8 May. Can boast solid monté credentials but looks outclassed here
- 8. GEGE DE FROMENTEL** - 6th of 18 in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E on 29 April. Remarkably consistent in this branch of the business however, and deserves to be taken seriously
- 9. FAUST DE BEYLEV** - 5th of 17 in a 2450m Caen Class B 2 weeks ago. Fitted with front pads this time and, with his mind on the game, can finish the mix
- 10. HANSKA** - Sanctioned in a 2850m Laval Class D a month ago but has otherwise been in cracking form. Should appreciate Enghien profile and has a realistic chance of opening her 2024 account
- 11. GENERAL** - Below-par this term, most recently last of 11 in a 2175m Vincennes Class D late last month and can expect to have few friends

Summary: Excellent late last season, HANSKA (10) was sanctioned early on her return to competition but can set the record straight if Camille Levesque assures her initial steps. HORSY ROYAL (6) is another performant sort with form in evidence and can play a leading role if Paul Ploquin keeps him trotting. HARAGONAIS (3) has never disappointed at Enghien and should logically make up for his Vincennes sanction. GEVREY D'AUTHISE (4) has 2 runs under his belt and, given his liking for the venue, could pleasantly surprise.

SELECTIONS

HANSKA (10) - HORSY ROYAL (6) - HARAGONAIS (3) - GEVREY D'AUTHISE (4)

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C7 - PRIX DU RHONE - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class A Race - Harness - EUR € 71,000

- 1. JOUMBA DE GUEZ** - Has 2 races under her belt, most recently 8th of 14 in a 2850m Vincennes Gr.2 when still being conditioned. Has a lot going for her here and has every chance of opening her 2024 account
- 2. ICONE MADRIK** - Versatile mare that finished 2nd in a 2325m Toulouse Class B on 12 April. Comes here fresh, is well-positioned behind the car, and will be in the running to win this
- 3. HAMILTON DU HAM** - Classy individual but sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class C earlier this month, but is ideally-placed to get back in the game
- 4. HISA DU MARGAS** - Pleasantly surprising 3rd of 13 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D a fortnight ago. Unlikely to repeat but is well-placed in front and will be afforded every chance
- 5. HAITIAN FIGHT SONG** - Was on a fine run of form this year before a disappointing 6th of 13 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D 2 weeks ago. Mathieu Mottier in the sulky this time and, from the 5-spot, should show improvement
- 6. INSTINCT D'AM** - Modest 7th of 12 finishers in a 3100m Angers Gr.3 on 3 April. Goes barefoot this time but still not about to shake things up
- 7. KING SCHERMER** - Returns to France after trotting 5th of 10 in a 2140m Åby Gr.1 3 weeks ago. Starts wide but likes Enghien and must be afforded respect
- 8. INFANT PERRINE** - Enjoying decent form at present, holding his own to finish 4th, a place behind IPALIO (11), in Gr.3 Prix Perreux across town mid-month. Starts wide on front row but should not be ignored
- 9. JAGUAR GRIFF** - Has not won since 2021 but always gives his best, most recently 5th in Gr.3 Prix Perreux. Was flattered that day though and others preferred
- 10. CHERRY TOP** - Has enjoyed quite the renaissance this year, most recently close 4th behind INDY DARK (15) in a 2625m Class B at La Rochelle a fortnight ago, and can again make the frame
- 11. IPALIO** - Sprang a 21/1 surprise when 3rd of 8 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 10 days ago. Starts on the back line, is barefoot again, but unlikely to break into first 5
- 12. FILIPPA B.J.** - Quality Scandinavian import that trotted 9th of 17, on seasonal bow, in a 2800m Cholet Class C late last month. Shoes off this time but the draw will not help matters
- 13. DONIZETTI (SWE)** - Disappointing since coming to France, latterly sanctioned in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class D on 18 March. Unseen since and even though barefoot, still looks out of his depth
- 14. GASOLIN** - Has placed just once in 7 starts since coming south. 7th of 16 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class D on 18 March and from the back row will struggle to play any role
- 15. INDY DARK** - Not once out of the frame in last 5, latterly 2nd of 17 in a 2625m Class B at La Rochelle 2 weeks ago. Handed a tough draw but should still not be ruled out
- 16. CALLISTO (ITY)** - 6th of 7 when being conditioned in a 2850m Laval monté Class D a month ago. Front pads fitted but can still be confidently passed over

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Summary: Although never far from faulting, JOUMBA DE GUEZ (1) has nothing to prove in either code and, with front pads fitted for her first objective of the year, can make this her own. Starting upsides, ICONE MADRIK (2) has not put a foot out of line this season and has yet to disappoint at Enghien. CHERRY TOP (10) has turned a corner this year, left a good impression last time here and even from the 2nd row, can figure prominently. Normally a metronome, HAMILTON DU HAM (3) will be reined by Yoann Lebourgeois this time in a bid to put his recent sanctions to bed.

SELECTIONS

JOUMBA DE GUEZ (1) - ICONE MADRIK (2) - CHERRY TOP (10) - HAMILTON DU HAM (3)

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C8 - PRIX DE LA PLACE DU CHATELET - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

1. ISLENA - Handy dual-discipline mare that came 5th of 10 finishers in a 2700m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche mid-month, but in this company, will have her work cut out

2. HELLA DE JANA - Won 2 in a row before faulting, when favourite, in a 2825m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche 12 days ago. Is plainly in excellent condition though and, with more focus, can trot her way onto the podium

3. IRIS FARCEUSE - Made up for her Mauquenchy blip with 2nd in a 2700m Vincennes Class D, at 45/1, 3 weeks ago and, with form maintained, can get in on the action

4. HOTESSE D'HAUFOR - Sanctioned in all 4 starts this year, most recently a 2350m Angers Class E early last month, but can get a look-in if she gets off on the right foot

5. ILLUSION D'AMOUR - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2850m Laval Class D on 2 May. Revised configuration but others still preferred

6. HERMINE DE RHEVE - Pleased at Vichy but failed to confirm when sanctioned early in a 2800m Strasbourg Class F 9 days ago. Has yet to excel at Enghien and is not about to start

7. INKY PERRINE - Beat a number of these under similar conditions last month before faulting in a 3000m Nantes Class D on 9 May. Has evident ability and can pick up a cheque if Paul Ploquin keeps her trotting

8. HELALI DE MONTCEAU - Respectable but unthreatening 7th of 16, behind INKY PERRINE (7), in a Class D over track and trip on 18 April and is not about to spring any surprises

9. INITIALE HERAULT - Sanctioned when full of running in a Class D over course and distance on 18 April. Entrusted to a driver who knows him well and looks the leading contender

10. HUNADORA - Has not raced since coming 7th of 9 finishers in an amateurs Class F over course and distance late-March. Races barefoot this time however and if race-fit, can play a leading role

11. IDOLE DE RETZ - 9th of 17, when being conditioned, in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel on 10 May. Very hard to knock when barefoot though and winning this is well within her capacity

12. HERMINE SIBEY - Steps back up in class after excelling in the claiming category, latterly completing the double over 2150m here on 2 April. Unlikely to pull off the 3-timer but still warrants respect

13. IDEE NOIRE - Won over 2150m here early-March before coming 10th of 16 in a 2850m Vincennes Class C later in the month. Franck Nivard takes over and can bring her close if she deigns to stay in stride

Summary: Winner of her first 2 of the year, INITIALE HERAULT (9) was unlucky not to pull off the hat-trick last month, but is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois who won twice with him in 2023. Seldom out of the first 3 when unshod, IDOLE DE RETZ (11) races barefoot for the occasion and looks the main threat. HELLA DE JANA (2) also failed to make it 3-in-a-row last time out but her form is not in doubt and will be expected to make amends. IDEE NOIRE (13) benefits from an entry-made-in-heaven and is not incapable of confirming March's course-and-distance victory.

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INITIALE HERAULT (9) - IDOLE DE RETZ (11) - HELLA DE JANA (2) - IDEE NOIRE (13)

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C9 - PRIX DE LA PLACE GAMBETTA - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 53,000

- 1. JILORD VIVA** - 9th of 11 finishers when being conditioned in a 2875m Class B here earlier in the month. Competitively-shod this time and, with application, can pick up some prizemoney
- 2. JASMIN BLANC** - Respectable 5th of 12, behind JUNIOR ANGELE (12), in a 2700m Vincennes Class C a month ago. Pitted against better this time and chances limited
- 3. JOB DES MOLLES** - Out of the picture in 2 after imposing at Caen, latterly sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class C a month ago and, even from the 3-spot, will need to find more
- 4. JUMBO D'AUVILLIER** - Useful for the most part but unexceptional 7th of 12 in a 2150m Vichy Class B 12 days ago and even though well-positioned in front, makes his Enghien debut with limited ambition
- 5. JOUEUSE DU MIREL** - Unraced since coming 7th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 on 2 March. Shod for comeback poses no danger
- 6. JASMINE DE VAU** - 4th in a Vincennes Gr.2 mid-April before failing to confirm when 9th of 14 in a 2850m Gr.2 at the same venue 3 weeks ago. In this company though, can play a prominent role
- 7. JAZZ D'OURVILLE** - 8th of 11 when preparing, shod, for this in a 2625m Class D at La Rochelle last Monday. Starts in front, races barefoot for the occasion, and can make the first 5
- 8. JALOUSIE DE L'ISLE** - Forced to start wide on the front row after a fine 2nd place to JALDO D'OCQUE (15) in a 2200m Caen Class C 2 weeks ago. Unlikely to spring a surprise but can still get a look-in
- 9. JINGLE LOVER** - Tricky character but has been showing his form lately, most recently 3rd, a place behind JAZZ DE PADD (11) in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 3 April, and once again looks a decent place prospect
- 10. JOLI CHERI** - Encouraging 5th, behind JASMINE DE VAU (6), in a Class C over course and distance mid-March. Comes here fresh and barefoot but chances of a repeat slim at best
- 11. JAZZ DE PADD** - 2nd of 11 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 3 April. On the back line this time but is barefoot again and not about to let this one slip away easily
- 12. JUNIOR ANGELE** - Versatile type that came 3rd of 15 in a 2200m Caen Class C 2 weeks ago. Boasts excellent Enghien references and looks the one to beat
- 13. JUDICIEUX** - Has struggled with form all year, latterly sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class C a month ago, and shod this time can be ruled out
- 14. JAVANAIS DELO** - Good 2nd of 10 in a 2300m Class D at Marseille-Borély 2 months ago. Takes on better this time though and will have few takers
- 15. JALDO D'OCQUE** - Enjoying something of a resurgence since start of April, winning 2 of 3, most recently a 2200m Caen Class C a fortnight back. Handed an unattractive draw but, in present shape, is hard to ignore
- 16. JASPER PIYA** - Went into his break last August after coming 3rd under these conditions. Lacklustre 10th of 15 on re-entry in a Caen race of reference and with shoes on again will have nothing to offer

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Summary: Most of the big guns start on the back row here, with JUNIOR ANGELE (12) looking a serious proposition considering how well he performs for Yoann Lebourgeois. They will still come under pressure from JAZZ DE PADD (11) who has never let the side down when barefoot, and JINGLE LOVER (9) who has been knocking at the door across town recently. JASMINE DE VAU (6) drops to a more reasonable level and the front-line break will do nothing to harm her prospects.

SELECTIONS

JUNIOR ANGELE (12) - JAZZ DE PADD (11) - JINGLE LOVER (9) - JASMINE DE VAU (6)