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C1 - PRIX DES PRIMEVERES - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 19,500

1. MAESTRIA GALAA - Qualified in 1'19"5 here on 13 June. Caen a regular hunting ground for Allaire debutantes and she is unlikely to disappoint. Chance

2. MAGIC MAGGIE - Blue-blooded filly that qualified in 1'16"7 here on 17 September, and looks eminently capable of opening her account first time out

3. MARILYN D'OURVILLE - Untried element that qualified in 1'19"8 here early-August and is not about to shake things up first time out

4. MISS DES BESACES - Unexceptional in qualification during the summer, and subsequently faulted on debut late-September, in a 2050m Laval Class F. Disregard

5. MINETTE DU BOIS - Qualified respectably in June but unremarkable 6th of 10 in a 2050m Cordemais Class F on debut 2 weeks ago, and others easier to back

6. MADONE PIYA - Qualified nicely here late-June before running 2nd of 6 finishers to MATINEE PARISIENNE (9) in a 2200m Angouleme Class E 2 weeks ago, and should again make her presence felt. First 5

7. MOLLY WHITE - Defied her odds to run 4th of 8, in a 2150m Enghien Class C 10 days ago, and will not be sent out at 60/1 this time around

8. MILLE ETOILES - In the frame in 3 of 4, most recently 3rd of 7 finishers in a 2100m Cholet Class D 3 weeks ago. Unlikely to spring any surprises but should nevertheless acquit herself competitively

9. MATINEE PARISIENNE - Debuted successfully a fortnight ago, winning a 2200m Angouleme Class E with ease. Faces a better lot this time but still looks a player

10. MONEGASQUE - Placed at Vincennes on 13 September before finishing last but one in a 2200m Class C over the inner track a week later, and can expect to generate little interest

Summary: MAGIC MAGGIE (2) qualified superbly here last month and if as good in competition, can strike at the first time of asking. She will be opposed though by another untried filly, MAESTRIA GALAA (1), who hails from one of the best nurseries in the land, and the promising MOLLY WHITE (7) who showed good progress at Enghien recently. Winner 2 weeks ago, first time out, MATINEE PARISIENNE (9) must also be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

MAGIC MAGGIE (2) - MAESTRIA GALAA (1) - MOLLY WHITE (7) - MATINEE PARISIENNE (9)

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**C2 - PRIX DE PLANQUERY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness -
EUR € 19,500**

- 1. MIRADOR PLANCHETTE** - Career debutant that qualified in an unremarkable 1'20"9 here last June, and is not about to spring a surprise
- 2. MISTRAL DU REGENCY** - Sanctioned in both starts to date, latterly a 2225m Moulins Class G mid-September. Anthony Barrier back in the wagon but others still preferred
- 3. MONTANA WOOD** - Unseen since being sanctioned in a 2300m Bernay Class F late-July and will have nothing to contribute
- 4. MERCATOR** - Unraced since being sanctioned in a 2300m Bernay Class E on 25 August. Debuts for new yard and, with application, will not be far off the mark
- 5. MISSING YOU** - Ran 3rd of 8 finishers, to MONTENEGRO (10), in a 2100m Evreux Class G a month ago, first time out. Is plainly made of better stuff and will be expected to apply more pressure this time. Chance
- 6. MELKIOR CASTELLE** - Surprise 3rd of 8 finishers on debut early-September, in a 2400m Chateaubriant Class E and, in this company, is unlikely to repeat
- 7. MAN IN LOVE** - Placed at Les Sables before being sanctioned in a 2200m Angouleme Class E 2 weeks ago. Benjamin Rochard takes over the reins and will afford his colt every chance
- 8. MISTER MAGIC** - Made up for his debut sanction when 3rd of 12 in a 2050m Cabourg Class D 2.5 weeks ago. Has a lot more to give and looks a possible spoiler
- 9. MAESTRO JAMINI** - Beaten only by a very good horse, on debut late-September, in a 2050m Laval Class F. David Thomain in the bike this time and will have his chances
- 10. MONTENEGRO** - Made short work of a 2100m Evreux Class G a month ago, on debut. Knows the track, will have come on for the run, and can double his money
- 11. MYSTIC D'AVE** - Bit off more than he could chew when sanctioned in a 2200m Vincennes Class C mid-September. Debuts for new trainer with Paul Ploquin reining, and should not be underestimated

Summary: After a convincing qualification here 2 months ago, MONTENEGRO (10) duly went on to win smartly first time out and has the quality to repeat. Well-beaten 3rd that day, MISSING YOU (5) looks to be a colt of considerable potential and is not incapable of exacting revenge. MAESTRO JAMINI (9) has had time to freshen up after a solid Laval debut late last month and the change of driver could yet pay dividends. Another promising colt, MERCATOR (4) makes his first start for the Mathieu Mottier stable and is unlikely to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

MONTENEGRO (10) - MISSING YOU (5) - MAESTRO JAMINI (9) - MERCATOR (4)

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C3 - PRIX DE NEHOU - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 24,000

- 1. KYRIE** - Sanctioned, on career debut 2.5 weeks ago, in a 2750m Cabourg Class E, and will have nothing to offer
- 2. KANAILLE DU MONT** - Back in a discipline she appreciates after faulting in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E early-September. Shoes on though and not a priority
- 3. KALOU DES NOEES** - Honest colt that was sanctioned in a 3000m Nantes harness Class E, when preparing for this, late last month. Unlikely to lose his maiden tag but will be competitive for a minor place cheque
- 4. KANA DE SUCE** - Won at Mauquenchy early-August before running 4th of 9 in a 2675m Class E at Le Mont-Saint-Michel on 8 September. Has previously won right-handed but others still easier to back
- 5. KANSAS DU HOCTI** - Unexceptional 5th of 8 in a 2850m Laval Class E on 5 October, but has never disappointed at Caen and can challenge for a place on the podium this time
- 6. KOQUIN DU PERCHE** - Tries his hand at the monté game after finishing last but one in a 2700m Class E at La Capelle on 23 September. Is not devoid of ability but still faces a stiff test
- 7. KALIN DU TRESOR** - Sanctioned early, on re-entry, in a 2850m Laval harness Class E a fortnight ago. Boasts an enviable strike-rate under the saddle and should be able to win a race of this category
- 8. KALINE DU BOULAY** - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2450m Class D here last weekend. Has been off the boil for some time and can be disregarded
- 9. KEEGAN DE PARNIERE** - Won with ease at Mauquenchy before being sanctioned, when going well, in a 2875m Enghien Class D 3 weeks ago. Benjamin Rochard in the bike this time and, with application, could pleasantly surprise
- 10. KAHINA DE FAEL** - Takes first steps under the saddle after faulting in a 2775m Craon harness Class D on 23 September. Has fine harness credentials and, if ability transitions, can play a leading role
- 11. KALMIA DES NOES** - Sanctioned in a 2750m Cabourg harness Class D on Wednesday. Is plainly capable, is shod to preference, but is too frequently sanctioned to trust
- 12. KING FLEC** - Convincing winner of a 2750m Cabourg Class E 2.5 weeks ago, on first start in the discipline. Will have learned from his experience and looks a serious proposition
- 13. KISS ME DAIDOU** - Disappointing in last 2, latterly sanctioned in a 2700m Graignes Class F last weekend. Has won under harness here and, although not a priority, can still make first 5
- 14. KENOBI D'HERFRAIE** - Tricky but capable sort making first appearance since being sanctioned in a 2750m Cabourg Class D mid-July. Paul Ploquin reining this time and will not be far off the mark if he can keep him trotting

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Summary: Simply exceptional since switching codes, KALIN DU TRESOR (7) has a run under his belt and every chance of maintaining his unbeaten Caen status. Mathieu Mottier will be justifiably wary though of KAHINA DE FAEL (10) who has done enough under harness to be considered a player on her monté debut. KING FLEC (12) got straight down to business on his own monté debut and makes his Caen bow with morale restored and a good hand to play. Somewhat below-par last time out, KANSAS DU HOCTI (5) returns to a track he likes and looks competitively well-in.

SELECTIONS

**KALIN DU TRESOR (7) - KAHINA DE FAEL (10) - KING FLEC (12) - KANSAS DU HOCTI
(5)**

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C4 - PRIX D'AIRAN - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. LIBERTY PIYA** - Sanctioned more often than not, most recently a Class C over course and distance when full of running, but can put things right is she stays in stride
- 2. LA BOMBONERA** - Goes right-handed for first time after running 2nd of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes claimer on 1 October. Enjoys an excellent entry though and Yoann Lebourgeois will be loathe to let it slip by
- 3. LADY DE GREZ** - Last but one in a Class C over track and trip last weekend, on first start back. Has previously imposed under these conditions but faces a tougher test this time around
- 4. LYRA POTERIE** - Unraced since coming 4th of 14 in a 2150m Enghien Class D mid-August. Positioned nicely in front, is confirmed at the venue, but in this company will need to find more
- 5. LILY DE L'AUNAY** - Returns to racing right-handed after finishing 11th of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 1 October, and is unlikely to influence the status quo
- 6. LETTRE D'ERABLE** - Produced a pair of fine performances before finishing 10th of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 1 October. Is significantly better than that and David Thomain will be keen to set the record straight
- 7. LOULIANA DE VANDEL** - Made up for Vincennes sanction when 3rd of 9 finishers in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 9 October. Has no references racing clockwise but starts in front and will not be far from the action if she turns
- 8. LADY DU CHENE** - Sent for a break after getting off the mark in a 2700m Class E at La Capelle late-July. Shoes on this time and best to wait
- 9. LIBELLA DU HOULBET** - 7th of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 1 October, when never at her ease. Mathieu Mottier reining this time but others still easier to back
- 10. LOUBIANA DU BOURG** - Sanctioned, on first start since winning over course and distance last May, in a 2175m Vincennes Class D on 13 September. Not ideally-drawn and a minor place prospect at best
- 11. LELLAMIKA** - Took her game to a new level when 2nd of 13 in a 2725m Cabourg Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Sports 4 pads for first time and should not be overlooked
- 12. LA MISS ROYALE** - 2nd of 14 in a 2150m Enghien Class E late-September. Forced to start on back row but has talent in abundance and can again contest the finish
- 13. LUSITANIA** - Should not be too quickly-condemned for coming 10th of 13, behind LELLAMIKA (11), in a 2725m Cabourg Class E 2.5 weeks ago. On back line here but still has the wherewithal to finish in the mix
- 14. LISA DE CHANLECY** - Has not been seen out since faulting in a 2875m Enghien claimer last April. Shod for return and will have nothing to contribute
- 15. L'ORANGE** - Quality element that ran 4th of 7 in a 2275m Nantes Class E on re-entry a fortnight ago. Has little going for her here though and can be passed over
- 16. LADY HAUFOR** - Progressive filly making first start since dominating a 2950m Le Mans Class E late-July and will need the outing

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Summary: Although somewhat disappointing at Vincennes early this month, LETTRE D'ERABLE (6) has been handed a good spot behind the car and makes her Caen debut with a realistic chance of making it a winning one. Less-favourably drawn but no less-talented, LA MISS ROYALE (12) is plainly close to her race and will not be easily brushed aside, and neither will LIBERTY PIYA (1) if Benjamin Rochard can a) extricate her from the rail, and b) keep her trotting. LUSITANIA (13) was not at her best at Cabourg but has decent Caen references and must not be discounted from finishing close.

SELECTIONS

LETTRE D'ERABLE (6) - LA MISS ROYALE (12) - LIBERTY PIYA (1) - LUSITANIA (13)

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C5 - PRIX STUART - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 27,000

1. KASH DES CAILLONS - 5th of 13, behind KAN DURAN (3), in a 2150m Enghien Class D 2 weeks ago. Is significantly better than that though and can challenge for a place in the frame this time

2. KISS WOOD - Imposed at Le Croisé-Laroche 2.5 weeks ago before finishing 8th of 13 in a 2800m Chartres Class B conditioner on Thursday. Backs up barefoot and will be no pushover if Mathieu Mottier keeps him focused

3. KAN DURAN - Very good 2nd of 13 in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 7 October. Races shod for return to Caen though and looks more a minor place chance

4. KEYBOARD - Has 2 runs under his belt since the break, most recently last but one in a 2800m Rambouillet Class B a fortnight ago, and appears to have no possible chance

5. KRONO DU TRIO - Has not been seen out since coming 5th of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 21 June. Plainly in conditioning mode and best to wait

6. KATSUMOTO - Won at Cagnes mid-August before being sanctioned in a 2925m Class A at same venue a week later. Has had time to freshen up but with shoes on will have little to contribute

7. KALICIA JOSSELYN - Reassured at La Capelle before faulting, when unsupported, in a 2800m Cordemais Class B a fortnight ago. Barefoot this time but others still preferred

8. KAZY MERITE - Unraced since comfortably winning a 2775m Class C at Les Sables-d'Olonne early-August. Is barefoot for return to competition and looks to have the measure of most

9. KAY LEE DU CAMPUS - Failed to confirm Enghien victory when last but one in a 2175m Vincennes Class C a fortnight ago. Has delivered in 2 of 3 starts for Benjamin Rochard who will be confident of being able to set things straight

10. KETY DU GOUTIER - Fine filly that goes either direction but has not raced for 2 months and, with shoes on, will be eased back in

11. KANO - Won 4 of last 5, most recently with tenacity in a 2825m Chartres Class B on 13 September. Has had ample time to recuperate and is not incapable of continuing his victorious march forward

12. KOBALT DU VALLON - Sanctioned in both comeback runs, latterly a 2850m Vincennes Class B earlier this month, and can be confidently passed over

Summary: Sent for a rest after winning at Les Sables in early-August, KAZY MERITE (8) comes here fresh, pleased on his lone clockwise run, and barefoot for the occasion, looks the horse to beat. He will still face opposition from the well-engaged KANO (11) who makes his Caen debut on a 3-timer, and a reconfigured KAY LEE DU CAMPUS (9) who is reunited with Benjamin Rochard. As adept going right-handed as left-, KASH DES CAILLONS (1) will be expected to improve on his latest Enghien performance.

SELECTIONS

KAZY MERITE (8) - KANO (11) - KAY LEE DU CAMPUS (9) - KASH DES CAILLONS (1)

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C6 - PRIX DE BOURG L'ABBE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 27,000

- 1. JE ME SOUVIENS** - Has done nothing but improve lately, latterly 3rd of 13 in a 2950m Toulouse Class C late-September. Handed a tough draw but can get a look-in if Charley Heslouin positions her early
- 2. JUNE D'ERABLE** - Won at Vincennes late-August before coming 2nd of 15 in a 2100m Class D at the same venue 3 weeks later, but races shod this time and will have other priorities
- 3. JAVELOT** - 3rd of 12 in a 2900m Challans Class D last Sunday. Is clearly in excellent shape and from the 3-spot can make this his own
- 4. KENTUCKY WOOD** - Has enjoyed a good run of form recently, latterly 4th of 9 in a 2950m Toulouse Class B late-September. Has previously placed here and, nicely-positioned in front, can figure prominently at the business end of affairs
- 5. JACK SURPRISE** - Won 2 on the trot before faulting in a 2700m Vincennes Class C a month ago. Benefits from a superb draw and has all the ingredients to set the record straight
- 6. JACOMO BELLO** - Starts for first time since winning a 2100m Vincennes Class D last April. Just front pads fitted and will be race-rusty
- 7. JONAGOLD** - Got back in the winners' enclosure after securing a 2750m Angouleme Class E a fortnight ago. Breaks in front, has references racing clockwise and, while not a priority, can still get in on the action
- 8. KRAKEN CASTELETS** - Has 2 races under his belt since the break, most recently sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class B mid-September. Comes here fresh and, with application, can play an active role
- 9. JOCE JISCE** - Failed to confirm good Divonne performance when last but one in a 2825m Class B at Le Croise-Laroche 3 weeks ago, and even going barefoot is unlikely to cause an upset
- 10. JUVAMINE RENARDIER** - Ran 4th at Vincennes before coming 6th of 16 in a 2875m Meslay Class D 2.5 weeks ago. Takes on a better bunch here and chances limited
- 11. JAGUAR DJOB** - Useful type that finished 8th of 13, behind JAVELOT (3), in a 2725m Pornichet Class D a month ago, after a spell. Stays shod and best to hold off
- 12. JIPET DE CREPIN** - Final dual-discipline trotter making first appearance since winning a 2700m Vincennes Class D last February. Shoes on and no threat
- 13. JOVIAL HAUFOR** - Fine campaigner returning to competition after coming 4th of 9 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class D last March, and will need the run
- 14. JOUR DE GLOIRE** - Got back in the game on 17 September when 3rd of 8 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D. Has never delivered racing clockwise but in current condition is very easy to like
- 15. JOJO DE L'AUNAY** - 7th of 9 in a 2850m Laval monté Class E mid-September. Here for a change of scenery and can be ruled out
- 16. KITTS ET NEVIS** - Missed out by little in a 2800m Class B at Le Croise-Laroche 2.5 weeks ago. Lebourgeois would have preferred a better draw, but both he and his charge have the class to negate the disadvantage

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17. JIDEO STREET - Like a horse reborn in 2024 and has yet to disappoint at Caen, but has not been seen out since mid-July and the draw doesn't help

18. KID DES MOLLES - Sanctioned for 2nd straight time when faulting in a 2175m Vincennes monté Class C earlier this month, and has nothing to contribute

Summary: In the thick of things for the most part when focused, JAVELOT (3) backs up just a week after a good performance at Challans, and reunited with Anthony Barrier for whom he seldom disappoints, can wrap this up. Nicely-positioned, also on the front row, JACK SURPRISE (5) has had a month to recalibrate after his Vincennes sanction and Romain Hue will be eager to redeem himself. KITTS ET NEVIS (16) has won twice since changing yard, goes well for Yoann lebourgeois, and will be dangerous if he successfully navigates the start. JOUR DE GLOIRE (14) is not much better off on the back line but he defied his odds in Paris last month and must be taken more seriously.

SELECTIONS

JAVELOT (3) - JACK SURPRISE (5) - KITTS ET NEVIS (16) - JOUR DE GLOIRE (14)

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**C7 - PRIX D'ARGENTRE - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Mounted - EUR
€ 45,000**

1. IVOIRE DU CEDRE - Simply a revelation this term, latterly winning a Class E over course and distance, with consummate ease, a month ago. Has won his last 6 Caen starts, which could soon be extended

2. HUDSON VEDAQUAIS - Completely off the boil this term, latterly sanctioned in a Class D over course and distance last weekend, and has no possible chance

3. HOLKA DU LYS - Confirmed at this level but below-par in last 2, most recently sanctioned in a 2875m Meslay Class D 2.5 weeks ago. On better behaviour though, can get a look-in

4. FEE DU VERNAY - Back under the saddle after finishing 10th of 13 in a 2875m Enghien harness Class D 11 days ago. Shoes on and can be ruled out

5. FASCINOSO DE LOU - Ran 4th at Cherbourg before finishing 2nd of 10 in a 2875m Enghien Class C a fortnight ago. Has excellent clockwise credentials and will not go down without giving his best

6. HOPIUM - Has 2 races in him since the break, latterly last of 12 in a 2550m Beaumont harness Class A last weekend. Barefoot as he likes, has previously imposed here, but others still preferred

7. FALCON D'ESPACE - 4th of 10, behind FASCINOSO DE LOU (5), in a 2875m Enghien Class C 2 weeks ago. The in-form Agathe Poulain in the irons this time and will be no easy touch

8. FLUO MESLOIS - Reassuring 5th of 10, behind FASCINOSO DE LOU (5), in a 2875m Enghien Class C 2 weeks ago. Is unlikely to have his way but can again make first 5

9. EMENCOURT D'AZIF - Sprang a 22/1 surprise winning a 3500m Craon harness Class B on 23 September. First time with Mathieu Mottier in the saddle and, although not a priority, will still be afforded every chance

10. GO OR NOT - Has been going good-guns since the spring, most recently 3rd of 9 in a 2175m Vincennes Class B on 1 October. Very much at home racing clockwise and can figure prominently

11. INOUI DANICA - Last but one, to EMENCOURT D'AZIF (9), on return to competition in a 3500m Craon Class B on 23 September. Back at the venue of his latest success and can repeat

Summary: Winner of his last 7 races, 4 of them over course and distance, IVOIRE DU CEDRE (1) is reunited with Estelle Croisic for whom he won last May, and is going to take all the beating. That being said, INOUI DANICA (11) was most convincing here before being sent for a rest and runs barefoot with a realistic chance of confirming. A faithful servant that has returned to competition in excellent shape, GO OR NOT (10) excels racing right-handed and will justifiably garner significant support. FASCINOSO DE LOU (5) left a good impression at Enghien earlier in the month and is very easy to like.

SELECTIONS

IVOIRE DU CEDRE (1) - INOUI DANICA (11) - GO OR NOT (10) - FASCINOSO DE LOU (5)

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C8 - PRIX DE CHAMPCERIE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 42,000

- 1. HANDY BOURBON** - Last of 10, behind HUDO DU RUEL (6), in a 2725m Graignes Class C last weekend. Shoes on again and can be ignored
- 2. GAZOLINE DU SEUX** - 8th of 12 in a 2700m Segre Class D 2 weeks ago. Has struggled of late and represents no more than a minor place chance
- 3. HALLIX** - 5th of 11 in a 2625m Alencon Class E conditioner a fortnight ago. Enjoys a good place behind the car, is barefoot for the occasion, and the engagement of a leading driver will only work to her advantage. Claim
- 4. HELIOS SI** - Placed at Alencon before running a valiant 4th of 12 in a 2700m Class C at Le Croise-Laroche on 2 October. Starts in front but will need to bring his A-game
- 5. HULYSSE DIGEO** - Won a a 2875m Enghien Class D a fortnight ago. Has decent Caen form, goes well right-handed, but faces a stiffer test this time around
- 6. HUDO DU RUEL** - Faithful trotter that ran 2nd of 10, on first objective of the autumn, in a 2725m Graignes Class C a week ago. Is unlikely to impose his will but has been handed a good draw and won his only start at the venue
- 7. HOLERO LOVE** - Faces first goal of the autumn after 2 return runs, latterly sanctioned in a 2725m Graignes Class C last weekend. Has won here, goes barefoot for the occasion, but others still preferred
- 8. HAMONET DE CHOISEL** - Won 2 of last 3, most recently a 2150m Enghien Class D with ease 3 weeks ago. Has won 11 times with Anthony Barrier and from the front line, can make it 12
- 9. HASARD D'ERABLE** - Won at Laval before running 2nd to HULYSSE DIGEO (5) in a 2875m Enghien Class D a fortnight ago. Imposed at Cabourg last time racing right-handed and must be afforded considerable respect
- 10. ILAYA** - Honest mare that most recently ran 2nd of 15 in a 2700m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks ago. Handed a tough draw but has previously won here and, in present shape, is very hard to ignore
- 11. HECTOR DE BASSIERE** - Unplaced in last 2, latterly 10th of 14 in a 2650m Laval Class D late-August, and is not about to cause an upset
- 12. INSTINCT D'AM** - 7th of 15, behind ILAYA (10), in a 2700m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks ago. Has form at a superior level, is no stranger to racing clockwise, and even from second line still looks a decent place chance
- 13. ILLENC DES BOSC** - Has not been seen out since coming 5th of 8 in a 2650m Bordeaux monté Class D last June. Here for reasons of conditioning and poses no danger
- 14. IVANOF** - Serious dual-discipline type that ran 10th of 14, to HASARD D'ERABLE (9), in a 2850m Laval Class D, on re-entry, late last month. Still in conditioning mode however and best to keep one's powder dry
- 15. GOLDORACK** - 14th of 16 in a 2450m Class D here last weekend. Has done nothing noteworthy for some time and can be ruled out

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16. HISA DU MARGAS - Lacklustre 11th of 13 in a 2650m Cordemais Class D 2 weeks ago. Dependability not her strong suit, and has been handed an unexceptional draw, but still has the wherewithal to get in on the action. First 5

17. GRANDE PRETRESSE - Sanctioned in a 2725m Graignes Class C last weekend. Undeniably capable on a good day but has had few of those recently and can be passed over

18. HOLD UP DES VENTES - Quality element making first appearance since finishing 8th of 11 in a 2875m Meslay Class D last May, and will need the run

Summary: Hard to knock when barefoot and focused, HALLIX (3) has had the benefit of 3 return runs, has been entrusted to Benjamin Rochard, and is ideally-positioned to play a dominant role. Plainly at the top of his game, HAMONET DE CHOISEL (8) has never produced the goods under harness here but he has never been in better shape either and looks the main danger. HASARD D'ERABLE (9) is similarly forced to start wide but he has been firing on all cylinders since the spring and has solid right-handed references. Much better than his latest results would suggest, INSTINCT D'AM (12) must be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

HALLIX (3) - HAMONET DE CHOISEL (8) - HASARD D'ERABLE (9) - INSTINCT D'AM (12)