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C1 - PRIX DE NANTUA - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class E Amateur Riders Race - Harness - EUR € 44,000

- 1. HIP HOP DE MADKER** - Disappointing since imposing at Francheville mid-July, latterly 6th of 14 in a 2650m Alençon Class D last Sunday, and can be confidently ruled out
- 2. HIROSS** - Pleasant 5th of 12 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class E on 12 September. Handed a decent draw but, in this lot, will have too much to do
- 3. HAMLET DU VIVIER** - Finished a trounced 10th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E late last month. Has a good spot behind the car but others still preferred
- 4. HAUDATIS** - 3rd of 13 in a 3025m Montier-en-Der Class F earlier this month. Has not put a foot out of line lately and even though stepping up in category, is well-drawn and worth keeping an eye on
- 5. HOLLENBOURG** - Faulted early, coming 6th of 12 behind HIROSS (2) in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class E on 12 September. Is plainly fully-fit and, with application, will be no easy touch
- 6. HIATUS** - Won a Vincennes claimer before finishing 8th in 12 September race of reference, and again bites off more than he can chew
- 7. HISTOIREMIKA** - Quality mare that consistently gives her best, most recently 5th of 12 in a 2950m Le Mans Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Is confirmed under these conditions and must be considered a live chance
- 8. HIDALGO DE VARENNE** - Beat HERMES DE CLOPEAU (12) to impose at Ploublay 3 weeks ago before finishing 4th of 9 in a 3100m Nort-sur-Erdre Class F a week later. Breaks wide on front row but will still generate some interest
- 9. HAIKIDO** - Won a 2700m Class F at La Capelle a fortnight ago. Fitted with pads this time though and more a minor place prospect on this occasion
- 10. HOLLYWOOD TORINO** - Last of 15 in a 2700m Class F at La Capelle 2 weeks ago. Form may not be in question but his presence here is. Disregard
- 11. HEXCELLENTE** - Returned to competition earlier in the month, coming 9th of 12, behind HIROSS (2), in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class E on 12 September. Sports pads this time and even from the back row, can win this
- 12. HERMES DE CLOPEAU** - Lost his action in a 3100m Class F at Nort-sur-Erdre mid-month, but has otherwise been in excellent shape and, even from 2nd line, can make a big splash
- 13. HORIZON D'ALMANI** - Put 3 sanctions behind him when finishing 5th of 8 in an amateurs Class F over course and distance on 11 August. Not ideally-placed on this occasion and, even sporting a fresh configuration, will have little to contribute
- 14. HARPIE DE JED** - Runner-up at Les Sables-d'Olonne before coming 4th of 14 in a 2200m Caen amateurs Class F 10 days ago. In better company this time, unfavourably-drawn, and chances limited
- 15. HARMONIE DE SITA** - Oddly below-par in last 2, latterly 7th of 11 in a 2575m Agen Class F mid-month. Hind shoes off this time and, back line draw or not, can still make amends

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16. HURRICANE WIND - 2nd of 8 in a 2550m Dieppe Class F 2 weeks ago. Pulled a rough draw but won here 3 months ago and will not be far off the mark if William Forniglia successfully navigates the start

Summary: A competitive event with a number in contention, a small preference nevertheless goes to the erratic but capable HEXCELLENTE (11) who is fitted with pads for her first objective of the autumn. More dependable and better-positioned in front, HISTOIREMIKA (7) imposed under these conditions last season and has the ability to win this, as does the on-song HERMES DE CLOPEAU (12) who won his last 2 in this configuration. HOLLENBOURG (5) is significantly better than his latest result would suggest and, from the 5-spot, will be competitive provided Maxence Vaudoit assures his initial strides.

SELECTIONS

HEXCELLENTE (11) - HISTOIREMIKA (7) - HERMES DE CLOPEAU (12) - HOLLENBOURG
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C2 - PRIX DU COTENTIN - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class R Claiming - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- 1. JOKER DES MOLLES** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2875m Vincennes claimer 2.5 weeks ago but nonetheless showed his form. Has the inside line here and will not be far from the action if Benjamin Rochard gets him off on the right foot
- 2. JUST A WINNER** - Returns to the harness code after finishing last of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes monté Class D early this month. Nicely-positioned though, is reunited with Alexandre Abrivard, and will have his chances
- 3. JOYCE MIKA** - Drops back to a category in which she is eminently comfortable after finishing last but one in a 2800m Auch Class E on 1 September. Confirmed here earlier in the year and the draw will do her prospects no harm
- 4. JOYEUX MESLOIS** - Starts in the claiming division for first time after finishing last of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C 8 days ago. Pleased on lone appearance here and, from the 4-spot, can make this his own
- 5. JEMILLIA BELLA** - 2nd in a Vincennes claimer before finishing 10th of 15 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D 9 days ago. 2nd on lone start under these conditions and, while not a priority, can still get a look-in
- 6. JUDITH REINE** - Makes first appearance for 3rd handler in as many months after finishing 8th of 10 in a 2925m Cagnes Class G on 21 August. Thrives in the claiming division and is sufficiently well placed to give this a good go
- 7. JONAS** - Returns to racing unshod behind after finishing last but one in a 2400m Beaumont-de-Lomagne Class D on 25 August, and will have few friends
- 8. JOURNEY OF DREAM** - Honest sort that ran 5th of 11 in a 2800m Class B at Le Croisé-Laroche on September. Is new to claimers but has been entrusted to Eric Raffin, and can defy the wide draw and win this
- 9. JEDI DE CAHOT** - Confirmed under these conditions but sanctioned in last 3, most recently a 2550m Dieppe Class F earlier in the month, and can be passed over
- 10. JERIDIA MENUET** - 5th of 11, behind JEMILLIA BELLA (5), in a 2875m Vincennes claimer 2.5 weeks ago. Is not about to cause an upset but can still generate some interest
- 11. JACOVIA MADRIK** - 6th in a Vincennes claimer a month ago but last but one a fortnight later in a 2700m Class E at the same venue and, even with pads fitted, has nothing going for her this time either
- 12. JAGUAR DU GITE** - At home in the claiming division and most recently 2nd of 10 in a similar event over 3475m at Agon a month ago. Debuts for new handler, sporting a fresh configuration, and if still on the boil can pick up some prizemoney
- 13. JOLIE NANA** - A write-off in both codes lately, most recently last of 9 in a 2850m Laval monté Class E 12 days ago, and appears to have very limited chances
- 14. JACK FOULONIERE** - Goes barefoot for claiming debut after having finished 10th of 12 in a 2500m Reims Class E mid-month. Pulled a tough draw but goes barefoot this time and should not be entirely ruled out

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15. JOKER MADRIK - Failed to continue his good claiming record when 7th of 14 in a 2850m Vincennes claimer a month ago. Starts wide on the back line and even reverting to a previous formula, will have too much to do

16. JULY DU GUESNE - Off the boil since March, latterly 7th of 11, behind JEMILLIA BELLA (5), in a 2875m Vincennes claimer 2.5 weeks ago, and has no possible chance

Summary: Confirmed at a superior level but currently out of sorts, Pierre Belloche gives JOYEUX MESLOIS (4) a chance to regain some morale and, together with JOURNEY OF DREAM (8), represent the main contenders. JUST A WINNER (2) is not an easy horse to handle but he seldom disappoints when focused and, even under harness, deserves to be taken seriously. Claiming specialist JUDITH REINE (6) returns to the category after a fruitless streak in marginally better company and can begin to redeem herself.

SELECTIONS

JOYEUX MESLOIS (4) - JOURNEY OF DREAM (8) - JUST A WINNER (2) - JUDITH REINE (6)

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C3 - PRIX DE JARNAC - 2875m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. KUMBI DE PHYT'S** - Particularly ordinary trotter that was sanctioned in a 2675m Alençon claimer last weekend and quite simply has no realistic chance
- 2. KAOLIN MOUROTAIS** - Runner-up in last 2, most recently a 2700m Graignes Class F late last month. Similarly-shod this time and a similar result anticipated
- 3. KOMAN** - Modest 8th of 12 in a 2550m Reims Class E mid-month. Is not without ability but recent efforts have done little to inspire confidence
- 4. KLEMS DE JAVIE** - Got back in the game a month ago when 3rd of 12 in a 2850m Laval Class E. Left a very good impression that day and, with Alexandre Abrivard reining, will be dangerous
- 5. KITO TURGOT** - Capable but delicate at the best of times, most recently sanctioned, when full of running though, in a 2700m Class E at La Capelle last Monday. Is clearly in form and, with stride in check, can get a look-in
- 6. KINGSTON DU DOME** - Won his 2nd of the year mid-month, securing a 2550m Dieppe Class E. Should take well to Enghien profile and is thoroughly capable of trotting his way onto the podium
- 7. KASCH MILL** - Makes Enghien debut after coming 3rd of 13 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E 3 weeks ago. Takes on a better lot this time however and chances appear limited
- 8. KING SUN DRALIAM** - 2nd over 2150m here before finishing a one-paced 6th of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E a month ago. Sports 4 pads for first time though and must not be overlooked
- 9. KOOL LUDOIS** - Won a pair last month, most recently coming 4th of 9 in a 2950m Le Mans Class E 2.5 weeks ago, and will be expected to finish in the thick of things
- 10. KOPA D'ARC** - Produced a brace of good efforts before coming a fast-finishing 6th of 11 in a 2700m Class D at La Capelle late last month, and will struggle to make his mark in this company
- 11. KENTUCKY PIYA** - Sanctioned in 2 before finishing last of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 11 days ago, and will have nothing to offer
- 12. KING ROC** - Last but one, after some stride woes, in a 2800m Vire Class E 3.5 weeks ago. Has evident ability but has never delivered racing left-handed and is not about to start
- 13. KILLER DES CHAMPS** - Unraced since being sanctioned in a 2750m Cabourg Class E on 19 July. Is competitively-shod, has form under these conditions, and will have his supporters
- 14. KING EVOLUTION** - 3rd over course and distance before trotting 8th of 10 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 21 August. Has a lot going for him here and can wrap this up if he stays in stride from one end of the race to the other
- 15. KYROC D'ERPION** - Won 2 of last 4, latterly with ease in a 2800m Strasbourg Class E a month back. Takes on better this time but enjoys a good entry and cannot be excluded
- 16. KIRWAN THORIS** - Ideally-engaged at the limit of earnings but will need to improve on his 6th of 12 in a 2050m Cabourg Class D a month ago

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Summary: Very good here over the summer, KING EVOLUTION (14) was somewhat lacklustre at Vincennes last time out, but returns to Enghien sporting a new configuration, with Eric Raffin reining, and looks good enough to have his way this time. That being said, KLEMS DE JAVIE (4) gave a reassuringly-good account at Laval last month and will be no pushover, and neither should KAOLIN MOUROTAIS (2) who steps up in category in excellent form. KINGSTON DU DOME (6) has been firing on all cylinders recently and even racing shod, still looks a player.

SELECTIONS

KING EVOLUTION (14) - KLEMS DE JAVIE (4) - KAOLIN MOUROTAIS (2) - KINGSTON DU DOME (6)

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C4 - PRIX DE THOMERY - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 40,000

1. KAISER FROMENTRO - Valiant 4th of 11 in a 2775m Class E at Les Sables-d'Olonne 3 weeks ago. Never easy to gauge but is useful when focused and can pick up a thin slice of the pie

2. KALOU DE TESS - Has struggled since being stepped up in category, most recently 7th of 13 to KEEGAN DE PARNIERE (9) in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E earlier this month. Hind shoes off this time but others still preferred

3. KISCOOL DU GOLLIER - Took no time opening his monté account, dominating a 2450m Caen Class F a week ago. Takes on some better colts this time but is a progressive trotter and will be expected to apply the pressure on KAVALO BELLO (11)

4. KEPI ROUGE - Superb in this branch of the business, latterly winning a 2700m Graignes Class F with ease earlier in the month. Has earned the right to line up here and will have claims on a place in the frame

5. KAMAY DES CORONS - Reassuring 5th of 9 in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E 3 weeks ago but, in this category, will struggle to confirm

6. KIKOU DE FAY - Returns to the main track after faulting in a 2200m Class E at Langon last Saturday. Is not entirely devoid of talent but latest numbers do nothing to inspire confidence

7. KERSIGAN - Makes first appearance since being sanctioned in a 2700m Class D here 5 months ago. Shoes on and no threat

8. KING DE PLAY - Pleasantly-surprising 5th of 9 in a 2700m Class D here on 17 September. 4 pads fitted this time though and unlikely to repeat

9. KEEGAN DE PARNIERE - Put 4 straight sanctions behind him to win, in fine fashion, a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 12 September. Not the easiest to trust but Alexis Collette has stayed faithful and should not be underestimated

10. KHEOPS DU PERSIL - 6th of 9 finishers in a 2850m Parilly harness Class E 10 days ago. Needs to reassure but the presence of Eric Raffin in the saddle will only enhance his chances. First 5

11. KAVALO BELLO - Won his last 2 under harness, most recently a 2650m Pornichet Class E, in good order, on 22 August, and debuts in the discipline with every chance of making it a winning one

12. KRACK DESBOIS - Has not been seen out since finishing 6th of 7 in a 2200m Vincennes Class D last April. Enjoys an excellent entry though, will have been prepared for this, and must be taken seriously

Summary: Reinvigorated since moving to Simon Rousselle's yard, KAVALO BELLO (11) takes his first public monté steps after winning 2 straight under harness and the engagement of Alexandre Abrivard should be enough to seal the deal. Like a horse reborn since giving the discipline another go, KISCOOL DU GOLLIER (3) is not incapable of confirming his recent Caen victory. KEPI ROUGE (4) has taken superbly to racing barefoot and steps up in category with a good hand to play. KRACK DESBOIS (12) has not been seen out since April but he is shod to preference and, just €5 from elimination, must be considered a live chance.

SELECTIONS

KAVALO BELLO (11) - KISCOOL DU GOLLIER (3) - KEPI ROUGE (4) - KRACK DESBOIS (12)

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C5 - PRIX DE LA PORTE DE COURCELLES - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. LODEN D'HERFRAIE** - Failed to confirm his Saint-Jean-de-Monts success when sanctioned in a 2650m Class E at Les Sables-d'Olonne a month ago, but will have a respectable first-5 chance if Romain Marty can keep him trotting
- 2. LOOKING BEST** - Has 2 races under his belt, most recently 6th of 11 in a 2450m Caen Class E last Saturday. Front pads on this time but has not done enough to be considered game
- 3. LOUSTIC DE SALOMAX** - 9th of 10, after some stride issues, in a 2850m Laval Class E late-August. Should not be too hastily-judged though and can more than make amends if he stays in stride
- 4. LET IT OUT** - Reassuring 2nd of 11 in a 2000m Rambouillet Class F 3 weeks ago. Hind pads fitted this time but takes a notable step up in category and others preferred
- 5. L'ART DU SOLLIER** - 5th of 9, on return from summer break, in a 2650m Class E at Les Sables-d'Olonne 3 weeks ago. Will have progressed for the run and from the 5-spot, can play a leading role
- 6. LE MAGNIFIQUE** - Debuted nicely at Saint-Omer before winning a 2200m Agon Class F a month ago. Should take well to the new conditions and is sufficiently well-placed to make a big impact
- 7. LABRAX DU SKY** - Sanctioned in a 2100m Vincennes Class E early this month. Is not devoid of talent, breaks in front and, with some luck in running, can pick up a cheque
- 8. LELOUP VALLEE** - Has not been seen out since getting off the mark in a 2700m Graignes Class F early-May. Is shod to preference with the champion driver reining and can pick up where he left off
- 9. L'ASTRE D'ORION** - Respectable 6th of 9, a place behind L'ART DU SOLLIER (5), in a 2650m Class E at Les Sables-d'Olonne 3 weeks ago. Benjamin Rochard in charge this time but others still easier to back
- 10. LAWMAN** - Opened his account at Les Sables-d'Olonne before losing his action, when competitive for a place, in a 2725m Pornichet Class E on 22 August. Top driver at the helm and, despite the draw, looks a major player
- 11. LARKY PERRINE** - Looked very ordinary when 7th of 9 in a 2600m Class F at Châlons-en-Champagne last Sunday and can be confidently passed over
- 12. LEADER JIEL** - Won at first time of asking before running 3rd of 7 finishers in a 2750m Class F at La Capelle 3 weeks ago. Not a priority but still has the wherewithal to get in on the action
- 13. LUCKY ROSE** - Returns to racing left-handed after finishing 6th of 8 in a 2450m Caen Class E on 9 September, but already looks out of his depth

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Summary: Although unraced since winning at Graignes during the spring, Sébastien Guarato sends LELOUP VALLEE (8) out with 4 pads fitted for the occasion, having engaged the services of Eric Raffin and, drawn wide or not, still looks a marginally better choice than LE MAGNIFIQUE (6) who ran out a convincing winner just a month ago. With a good comeback run under his belt, L'ART DU SOLLIER (5) will be reined by Franck Nivard for the occasion and the draw will only enhance his prospects. Considerably better than his recent result would imply, Guarato's 2nd runner, LAWMAN (10), will be partnered with Alexandre Abrivard who has every chance of putting things right.

SELECTIONS

LELOUP VALLEE (8) - LE MAGNIFIQUE (6) - L'ART DU SOLLIER (5) - LAWMAN (10)

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C6 - PRIX DE MAUPERTHUIS - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 40,000

1. **KISS ME JIVE** - 6th of 7 finishers in a 2675m harness Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last Monday and already looks outclassed
2. **KALINE JULMA** - Back in the code after winning a 3000m Châteaubriant harness claimer 3 weeks ago but, in this field, will show the limit of her ability
3. **KARLIE STAR** - Debuts under the saddle after faulting in a 2850m Laval harness Class E late last month. Is the kind of horse that can do well in this code and with Alexis Collette riding, will be afforded every chance
4. **KANELLE LA RAVELLE** - 3rd of 12, a place behind KISMIE DE MONTFORT (13), in a 2200m Vincennes Class E on 5 September. Has taken well to her new vocation and will not be available at 103/1 on this occasion
5. **KLASSIC MUSIC** - Won at Cabourg in July but failed to confirm when 6th, behind KISMIE DE MONTFORT (13), in a 2200m Vincennes Class E earlier this month. Is useful when focused though and should not be too far off the mark
6. **KENENISA SKILL** - Game filly that ran 4th of 9 in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E 3 weeks ago. Faces a stiffer test this time but has form with Victor Saussaye, although the modified shoeing may not be enough for redemption
7. **KERENE MIXO** - Has been struggling of late, most recently finishing 7th of 9 in a 2550m Reims Class F mid-month. Benjamin Rochard in the irons but still not an obvious choice
8. **KORFOU LEMAN** - Steps up in category after coming 2nd of 10 in a 2200m Langon Class E last Saturday. Gets on well with Alexiane Lepage and has a realistic chance of finishing close
9. **KLARISSE** - Serious but complicated filly that was sanctioned in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E 3 weeks ago. Missed the start that day but can enjoy a reversal of fortune if Alexandre Abrivard assures her initial strides
10. **KALIE DU BLEQUIN** - Outclassed the opposition in a 2675m Class E at Divonne-les-Bains on 20 August. Takes on a better bunch this time but, in present form, is easy to like
11. **KISS ME DAIDOU** - Returns to the ridden discipline after finishing a courageous 5th of 9 in a 2950m Le Mans harness Class E 2.5 weeks ago. 6kg better off than the opposition but is not about to spring a surprise
12. **KERIDA DE VIVOIN** - Well-beaten 5th of 6 in a 2700m Class D across town 9 days ago. Front pads fitted this time but others still easier to back
13. **KISMIE DE MONTFORT** - Tenacious 2nd over 2200m at Vincennes before faulting in a 2700m harness Class D at the same venue 8 days ago. Top jockey onboard and, considering the entry, looks main danger to KLARISSE (9)

Summary: Although a handful at the best of times, KLARISSE (9) has shown her talent on numerous occasions and, sporting a revised configuration and returning to racing left-handed, can start making up for lost time. Alexandre Abrivard will still be justifiably wary of an on-form KISMIE DE MONTFORT (13) who has been reunited with Eric Raffin, and KARLIE STAR (3) who has been freshly-configured for her return to the discipline. KORFOU LEMAN (8) consistently gives her best and, although in better company this time, can still play an active role.

SELECTIONS

KLARISSE (9) - KISMIE DE MONTFORT (13) - KARLIE STAR (3) - KORFOU LEMAN (8)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA PLACE DE L'ALMA - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. LYANA D'ARC** - Easy winner of a 2700m Graignes Class F on 22 August. Has had time to recuperate and has every chance of making her metropolitan debut a victorious one
- 2. LA MISS ROYALE** - Opened her account at Evreux before finishing 2nd of 10 in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 9 September. Has ample untapped potential and is sufficiently well-placed behind the car to play a dominant role
- 3. LADY DAY** - 3rd of 9 in a 2525m Class D at Les Andelys mid-month. Evidently on the way up and Etienne Dubois will be loathe to pass on such a good opportunity
- 4. LOZA** - Returns to racing shod after a fine, but late, finish to come 5th of 13 in a 2450m Caen Class E 10 days ago. Enjoys a good spot in front and will not be available at 106/1 on this occasion
- 5. LA LUNA STAR** - 3rd of 8 in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle a fortnight ago. Appears to be back on the right road and, with form maintained, can finish thereabouts
- 6. LOVELY GODIVA** - Honest mare that came 5th of 11 in a 2550m Dieppe Class E early this month. Leading pilot in the bike this time and is in with a realistic chance of getting off the mark
- 7. LOVE ME ALWAYS** - Complicated character starting for first time since faulting in a 2825m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche late-June. Front pads fitted but is unlikely to have much to contribute
- 8. LADY DU POMMEAU** - Showed early promise but out of the picture lately, finishing 7th, behind LOZA (4), in a 2450m Caen Class E 10 days ago. Starts wide but Franck Nivard in the wagon and is not incapable of picking up a cheque
- 9. LISCIA** - Sanctioned in 2 since winning at Saint-Omer, most recently a 2750m Class E at La Capelle on 13 September. Is not devoid of ability and can play a part if Pierre-Yves Verva keeps her trotting
- 10. LEYLI DE LA VALLEE** - Won a 2050m Vitteaux Class H last weekend, on first start for 4 months. In considerably more elevated company here and chances slim
- 11. LAIA D'AVRIL** - Produced 2 good turf performances before finishing last but one, behind LOZA (4), in a 2450m Caen Class E 10 days ago. Hind pads fitted for first time but others still preferred
- 12. LUBIE DE CELINIÈRE** - Looked to be getting back in the game but coming 7th of 14 in a 2600m Landvisiau Class F earlier in the month will not cut the mustard
- 13. LILLY LOVE** - Sanctioned in 6 before being pulled-up in a 2725m Graignes Class E early-September. On the back line and must get her house in order
- 14. LYMKA PRINCESSE** - Produced her career-best performance when 2nd of 11 in a 2150m Vichy Class F a fortnight ago. Handed a tough draw though and a repeat seems improbable
- 15. LILI GUILLERVILLE** - Pleased on debut before coming 4th of 10 in a 2750m Cabourg Class F early last month, but in this category, will not be shaking things up
- 16. LAZIE PONT VAUTIER** - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2750m Cabourg Class E on 23 August, and is not about to influence the result

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Summary: Professional all the way to the line at Graignes last month, LYANA D'ARC (1) finds herself in more elevated company this time, but the nature of her success that day augurs particularly well for the double. Starting next to her, LA MISS ROYALE (2) has similarly shown significant talent and looks threatening. Stablemate LOVELY GODIVA (6) benefits from an Eric Raffin drive for the first time and will be no easy touch. Plainly close to her race, LADY DAY (3) has been handed the plum spot behind the car and will not go down easily.

SELECTIONS

LYANA D'ARC (1) - LA MISS ROYALE (2) - LOVELY GODIVA (6) - LADY DAY (3)

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C8 - PRIX DU PONT MARIE - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 38,000

1. MANHATTAN ROUSSAC - 7th of 8 in a 2200m Vincennes Class C 11 days ago. Will appreciate this more even surface but still looks to have too much to do

2. MY NAME IS BOND - Runner-up in both starts to date, most recently a 2200m Vichy Class E last weekend. Alexandre Abrivard in the bike for first time and will be quick to take advantage of the draw. Chance

3. MAESTRO DE JOUDES - Disappointing since winning first time out, mid-July, most recently last of 8, behind MANHATTAN ROUSSAC (1), in a 2175m Vincennes Class C late last month. Eric Raffin reining but more performant options available

4. MYSTIC SONATO - Solid on debut, then ran respectable 5th of 8 in a 2200m Vincennes Class D 2.5 weeks ago. Enjoys an excellent draw and will not be far off the mark if Franck Nivard assures his initial strides

5. MUSCLE DREAM - Impressive 2nd on debut before coming 4th of 8 in a 2225m Ecommoy Class C 3 weeks ago. Has buckets of untapped potential and looks better than most here. Claim

6. MEMPHIS DE BRASSE - Has done everything right so far, latterly 2nd of 12 in a 2000m Rambouillet Class E 3 weeks ago. Hails from a yard going good-guns and will again be expected to contest the finish

7. MINOS DES CHARRONS - Lost his action first time out before making amends and winning a 2200m Vichy Class F, with consummate ease, 3 weeks ago. Faulted on lone left-handed start but can pick up a cheque if he turns

8. MANHATTAN JIEL - Fastest qualifier in the field that came a good 2nd of 7 finishers in a 2000m Class E at La Capelle on 8 September. Takes a notable step up in category though and may be taking on too much

9. MADNESS SIBEY - Pleasing 3rd of 8 in a 2200m Caen Class F, on debut, 3 weeks ago. Will have come on for the run and, despite starting on 2nd line, still looks a player

10. MISTER CHARLY - Quickly sanctioned in a 2250m Class C here on 10 August and, in this category, can expect to find himself swimming against the tide

Summary: Eye-catching first time out, MUSCLE DREAM (5) was not quite as striking at Ecommoy earlier in the month, but the move to a left-handed flat track, with a good spot behind the car, may just be the key to opening his account. Etienne Dubois will nevertheless be keeping an eye on MY NAME IS BOND (2) who is plainly close to losing his maiden status, and MEMPHIS DE BRASSE (6) who moves to a hard surface with legitimate ambition. MADNESS SIBEY (9) is an interesting character that should appreciate these conditions.

SELECTIONS

**MUSCLE DREAM (5) - MY NAME IS BOND (2) - MEMPHIS DE BRASSE (6) - MADNESS
SIBEY (9)**