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C1 - PRIX IRENE - 2875m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. JABIRU BOY - Lightly raced, prolific gelding with 5 victories from his 7 completed races (9 starts). Has won 3 of his 4 outings in this shoe-fitting, including consecutive recent outings - the latest over 2950m at Saint-Malo on 12 July

2. JOB DU CEBE - Rewarded for consistency with a last-start victory at Chinon (on turf) over 3100m on 14 July. Ought to remain competitive

3. JADE - Hard-knocker confirmed in this shoe-fitting and seldom far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over course and distance on 21 July

4. JOSIO DU POMMEREUX -

5. JERICHO DU RIB - Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his last-start failure (disqualification) over 2750m at Cabourg on 12 July, having achieved his best references (all 4 career wins) on a right-hand track. Cannot be underestimated

6. JIPEBE - Most effective under the saddle - achieved his best references (all 3 wins) in the mounted code - when unshod so is best watched for now. Last seen finishing 4th at Pornichet in a 2725m mounted race on 6 July

7. JILBOUR DEFONTAINE - Delicate but has undeniable means/ability - usually acquits himself well when avoiding disqualification, and confirmed as much by finishing 2nd in this shoe-fitting at Durtal over 2825m on 14 July. All or nothing

8. JOKER DU PONT - Has lost his way/form this year - disqualified in 3 consecutive starts, the latest in a mounted race over 2475m at Francheville on 14 July. Others preferred

9. JAPPELOU - Won a 2675m harness race at Lisieux in May but has gone off the boil since - unplaced (9th) next time out and disqualified in consecutive recent starts, the latest over this track and trip on 21 July

10. JACK DU PONT - Ultra-consistent, reliable trotter (never disqualified in his 21 appearances) who finished 2nd in his only outing on this Meslay-du-Maine track. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 3025m at Luçon on 21 July

11. JUNKIES MINDS - Revealed considerable early promise, winning 5 of first 6 completed races (8 starts). Has regained momentum after a last-start 5th (shod) at Cabourg over 2750m on 23 July and is ideally engaged with all 4 shoes removed

Summary: JABIRU BOY (1) has won 3 of his last 4 starts (all in this shoe-fitting) and remains open to further progress in just his 10th outing. With that improvement on the cards, he gets the nod ahead of JUNKIES MINDS (11) who should have more to offer racing in this (barefoot) configuration for the first time in his career. JERICHO DU RIB (5), despite a recent faux pas (disqualification), is capable of making his presence felt too. JACK DU PONT (10), JOB DU CEBE (2) and JILBOUR DEFONTAINE (7) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

JABIRU BOY (1) - JUNKIES MINDS (11) - JERICHO DU RIB (5) - JACK DU PONT (10)

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C2 - PRIX DE L'ESPOIR - 2850m (a2m) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 30,000

- 1. KALAMITY DE CHENU** - Absent since her disqualification at Vincennes on 5 April. Has references in this (shod) shoeing configuration but is best watched for now - for another day
- 2. KURAPIKA DU PONT** - Capable but has gone off the boil recently - disqualified in consecutive recent outings, the latest over 2950m at Biarritz on 20 July. Improvement needed
- 3. KITTY** - Complicated filly but is undeniably talented - hasn't finished worse than 3rd in her 6 completed races (9 starts), winning twice and finishing 2nd three times. Runner-up in consecutive recent outings, the latest over 2775m at Les Sables-d'Olonne on 10 July
- 4. KASSIOPEIA** - Has only once finished out of the first four in nine appearances (10 starts), winning once and finishing 2nd four times - including consecutive recent outings earlier this month, the latest at Clairefontaine (2900m) on 20 July
- 5. KAKUETA VEDAQUAISE** - Consistent filly with sound references, including a creditable 5th at odds of 94/1 over 2875m at this venue on 30 May. Not disgraced in either subsequent outing (finished 7th in both), the latest at Enghien on 6 July
- 6. KARAIELLA BOND** - Complicated filly with sufficient means to make her presence felt, even with her irons fitted (shod), judged on her best references. Needs to reaffirm after back-to-back disqualifications, the latest at Les Sables on 13 July
- 7. KAZAN DE VANDEL** - Ideally entered on the front row (just €75 from the limit of decline) and has regained momentum recently with 2 pleasing comeback outings. Showed his form and well-being by finishing 2nd (barefoot) at Cabourg on 9 July
- 8. KANELLE DE TILLARD** - A pleasant finisher on this course during her penultimate outing, she confirmed her form by doing well at Vincennes.
- 9. KEVISAN** - Has made marked improvement in 2024 - finished 2nd three times and won twice in 5 appearances this year. Last-start winner (unshod behind) over 2100m at Vincennes on 11 June but sports a new shoe-fitting here
- 10. KOUSINE CARISAIE** - Disqualified in 2 of her last 3 appearances - including her latest over 2700m at Vincennes on 21 June - but has the undeniable means to stake a claim here, even with her irons (shod). Attractive outsider
- 11. KARAMBAR** - Has revealed considerable ability/promise by winning 5 of his 7 completed outings (8 starts), including 3 of his 4 appearances in this (plated in front) shoe-fitting. Won his latest at Vichy over 2950m on 26 June - contender
- 12. KOLDPLAY** - Acquitted himself well in back-to-back Group III races (6th in both) at Vincennes in December. Made a winning start to 2024 but was disqualified in both subsequent starts, the latest on 28 January - best watched for now
- 13. KIMIKO DU DOUBS** - Consistent filly and last-start winner over 2700m at Vincennes on 25 February - raced fully unshod (barefoot) on that occasion and resumes with her irons fitted (shod). Best watched for now
- 14. KEEN OF THE NIGHT** - A 20-start maiden with references at a higher level, even with her irons (shod). Absent since 14 January, when 10th in a 2700m Group III at Vincennes - one to note on her reappearance

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15. KID BELLAY - Versatile colt with sound references/form credentials in both codes but is complicated. Usually performs well when avoiding disqualification and confirmed as much with a 4th at Vincennes in a mounted race on 23 June

16. KARLITO - A two-time Group III winner (both victories in December 2023) who was 3rd in a 2700m Group I at Vincennes in January this year. Not disgraced when 6th in a 2200m Group I at Vincennes on 2 March - not taken lightly

17. KATINKA DU MOUCHEL - Talented, lightly raced filly with an impressive strike rate - 6 wins from 12 completed races (15 starts). Won her only appearance in this shoe-fitting so shouldn't be discounted, despite her failure at Vincennes on 21 June

Summary: KAZAN DE VANDEL (7) finished 2nd in this (barefoot) configuration over 2725m at Cabourg earlier in the month (9 July) and has a lot in his favour here, with Eric Raffin at the helm from a front-line starting berth. He is, therefore, preferred to KITTY (3) who also benefits from a first-post departure point, so should fight for victory. KARAMBAR (11), despite conceding a 25m headstart to that pair, has the means to make up the ground and stake a claim in the outcome. KEVISAN (9), KANELLE DE TILLARD (8), KASSIOPEIA (4) and KARAIELLA BOND (6) have place prospects.

SELECTIONS

KAZAN DE VANDEL (7) - KITTY (3) - KARAMBAR (11) - KEVISAN (9)

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**C3 - PRIX DES FLEURS - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR €
34,000**

1. GO FOR BELLAY - Inconsistent veteran and has rarely been seen in this shoe-fitting, though his most recent victory was achieved (5 February) in this configuration. Dark horse

2. IDOLA PHEDO - Last-start winner of a 2850m mounted race at Laval on 27 June. Boasts sound references/form credentials at a higher level, so should have a role to play here

3. HELIUM DE L'ITON - Complicated but is confirmed under these conditions/in this (plated) shoe-fitting and has been in good form of late, confirmed as much with an encouraging 3rd over 2750m at Cabourg on 9 July. Attractive outsider

4. STARO MOJITO - Well-performed veteran who showed his versatility/efficiency under the saddle with an encouraging 2nd on his debut in the mounted category over 2950m at Vichy on 4 July. Will be a factor

5. GOUTIER CELESTE - Prolific under the saddle, with 11 wins in the mounted category, including his last 3 starts in this (barefoot) configuration. Last-start winner over 2775m at Les Sables on 8 July

6. DONIZETTI (SWE) - Disqualified in 3 of 6 appearances (all in the harness category) this year and unplaced on the 3 other occasions. Others preferred

7. FALKIR BUIZARDERIE - Has regained momentum recently and boasts sound references/form credentials in the mounted category. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th under the saddle over 2950m at Vichy on 26 June

8. HOLKA DU LYS - Delicate but, judged on her best references (achieved at a higher level) is undeniably capable of fighting for the victory. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for her last-start disqualification at Montier-en-Der on 7 July

Summary: GOUTIER CELESTE (5) has won his last three starts under the saddle and done so easily on each occasion, so he is hard to oppose. Versatile STARO MOJITO (4) showed his efficiency/competitiveness under the saddle when 2nd in a mounted race 2 starts back on 4 July at Vichy. He is taken to win the race to fill the runners-up berth ahead of HOLKA DU LYS (8) and IDOLA PHEDO (2), who have already proven themselves under the saddle.

SELECTIONS

GOUTIER CELESTE (5) - STARO MOJITO (4) - HOLKA DU LYS (8) - IDOLA PHEDO (2)

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**C4 - PRIX DE L'ETE - 2875m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR €
30,000**

1. HIT PERRINE - Unreliable but is open to improvement in this (barefoot) configuration, which he has only raced in once before. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over course and distance on 21 July

2. HARRY DE MIENNAIS - A proven frontrunner who, if allowed a sort/an uncontested lead, will make life difficult for his rivals. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his last-start disqualification at Les Sables on 17 July

3. GLADIATOR PHEDO - Inconsistent but isn't incapable of making his presence felt if building on the improvement of his last start (4th) over track and trip on 21 July. Dark horse

4. IVANHOE PAULOIS - Confirmed the improvement of his previous outing (3rd) by finishing 2nd over 2625m at Villeneuve-sur-Lot on 21 July. Keep safe

5. HARMATTAN DU RIB - Has regained momentum recently and confirmed as much with an encouraging/improved 4th over 2700m at Graignes on 25 July. Not taken lightly

6. IDOLE JALLERIE - Bounced back from a spell of indifferent performances to finish a reassuring 2nd over track and trip on 21 July. Need only confirm that form/improvement to fight for victory

7. INFINIMENT CITRON - Has been performing at the top of his game recently, winning 3 of his last 4 completed races (5 starts) including his latest outing at Segré over 2700m on 15 July. Will be a factor

8. INSTRUCTOR - Returned to form with a reassuring 2nd in this (barefoot) configuration over 3200m at Montmirail on 7 July. Confirmation expected

Summary: IDOLE JALLERIE (6) shone on this course recently and need only confirm the form/improvement of that course-and-distance 2nd to reconnect with success, which has eluded her since May 2023. INFINIMENT CITRON (7) has won 3 of his last 4 completed outings (5 starts) and boasts sound references against stronger opposition, so promises to be formidable. HARRY DE MIENNAIS (2) could be hard to peg back if allowed to dictate the pace, so he isn't underestimated either. IVANHOE PAULOIS (4) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

**IDOLE JALLERIE (6) - INFINIMENT CITRON (7) - HARRY DE MIENNAIS (2) - IVANHOE
PAULOIS (4)**

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C5 - PRIX UN JOUR AUX COURSES - 2875m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. **JOLANA JADOR** - Disqualified in 7 of 11 starts this year and only 8th over 3125m at La Gacilly on 15 July. Can be overlooked
 2. **JONCTION HAUFOR** - Disqualified in 8 of her last 10 starts, including 4 consecutive recent outings racing unshod - the latest (19 July) over 2725m at Pornichet. Sports this shoe-fitting for the first time in her career
 3. **JADORE GIRL** - Delicate mare seldom far from a fault. Halted a series of 4 consecutive disqualifications with a last-start victory over 2950m at Saint-Malo with Eric Raffin in the sulky - confirmation expected with the duo reunited here
 4. **JASMINE DU MAXFRAN** - Made no impression on her return from a 7-month absence over 3100m at Chinon on 14 July. Others preferred
 5. **JOHANNA JOBYNA** - Disqualified in 6 of his last 8 appearances, including his latest at Argentan on 15 July. Rarely finishes far off the mark when avoiding disqualification
 6. **JOSY EXPRESS** - Capable, lightly raced mare but has achieved her best performances/references racing unshod. Disqualified on her reappearance after a 6-month layoff over 2850m at Laval on 3 July - for another day
 7. **JADE FOR EVER** - Finished a well-beaten 13th (shod) over 2825m at Durtal on 14 July but is a totally different proposition racing without her irons (unshod). Has won her last 4 barefoot appearances so is likely to make her presence felt here
 8. **JADE DE TOUCHYVON** - Capable mare, consistent for the most and seldom far off the mark on right-hand tracks which are more to her liking. Shouldn't be underestimated despite a disappointing 11th over 2650m at Les Sables on 13 July
 9. **JITANA WILD** - Consistent maiden mare with sound references/form credentials, albeit without success. Showed her form and well-being with an encouraging 3rd over 2150m at Argentan on 15 July - will be a factor once more
 10. **JEEDAYA DU VIVIER** - Looked an exciting prospect last year, winning all 6 outings racing unshod behind. Resumed after a 10-month absence with 2 much-needed comeback outings over 2750m at Cabourg, the latest (6th) on 12 July - beware
 11. **JADESKA** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a creditable 5th over 2750m in her last start at Cabourg on 12 July. Not taken lightly
 12. **JULIE DU CLOS** - Delicate but seldom far off the mark when avoiding disqualification. Went off the boil (lost her way/form) early in the year and made no impression (9th) on her return from a 3-month break over 2825m at Durtal on 14 July
 13. **JEZABELLE BIE** - Versatile mare with sound references in both codes. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 8th (made a mistake at the start) over 2750m at Cabourg on 12 July. Dark horse
 14. **JICKY GIRL** - Inconsistent but has sound references, especially in this (barefoot) shoeing configuration - her most recent win was achieved when fully unshod. Unplaced (10th) over 2750m at Cabourg on 12 July but is capable of better
 15. **JANE CASH** - Refined her condition with a last-start 8th (shod) over 2150m at Vire on 1 July with a view to this commitment. Ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings and all four shoes removed - sets the standard
- Summary:** JANE CASH (15), the highest earner in the race, is ideally engaged here at the limit of earnings and races fully unshod (barefoot) for this great opportunity to reconnect with success. JADORE GIRL (3) is rarely far from faulting but gets along well with Eric Raffin and she could make life difficult for the selection if confirming the form/improvement of her last start (victory). JITANA WILD (9), JADE FOR EVER (7) and JADE DE TOUCHYVON (8) have legitimate ambitions for a podium finish.

SELECTIONS

JANE CASH (15) - JADORE GIRL (3) - JITANA WILD (9) - JADE FOR EVER (7)

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C6 - PRIX DE L'OCEAN - 2875m (a2m) - Class E Amateur Riders Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. IHLUNA** - On a long losing run and was 7th last time out in Class E at Ecommoy over 2750m on 7 July. Might play a minor role
- 2. ILLICO DE VAU** - Has major disqualification issues and was disqualified last time out at Les Sables-d'Olonne on 17 July. Won his penultimate start and has a winning chance
- 3. INVINCIBLE DU THAY** - Very consistent and was third last time out in Class E at Royan La Palmyre over 2475m on 21 July. Not out of it
- 4. I KEEP CALM** - Only fair of late and was 5th last time out in Class E at Pornichet-La Baule over 2650m on 11 July. Can make the frame
- 5. IT'S PAT** - Very consistent of late and was a winner last time out in Class E at Rambouillet over 2800m on 16 June. Can double up
- 6. IPSOS DE BANVILLE** - Disqualified at Laval on 23 May. Returns from a break but is capable of earning some minor money if fit
- 7. INFERNA DE HOUELLE** - Has disqualification issues and was disqualified last time out at Vittel on 21 July. Capable of an upset when in the mood
- 8. IRINO DE GUERON** - Has improved of late and was a winner last time out in Class F at Segré over 2700m on 15 July. Can follow up

Summary: IT'S PAT (5) has been rejuvenated since joining Jean-François Vallette's stable and seems likely to continue his winning momentum. ILLICO DE VAU (2), if avoiding disqualification, and IRINO DE GUERON (8), who is at the top of his game and ideally engaged, are best equipped to challenge the selection for victory. I KEEP CALM (4) is more effective/comfortable on a left-hand course but a say for the places.

SELECTIONS

IT'S PAT (5) - ILLICO DE VAU (2) - IRINO DE GUERON (8) - I KEEP CALM (4)

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C7 - PRIX V AND B - VINS ET BIERES - 2875m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 17,500

1. **LORD** - Revealed promise last year but has failed to build on that encouragement in 2 appearances this year. Only 10th over 2700m at La Capelle on 9 July - others preferred
2. **LIPINSKA** - Caught the eye when 2nd on debut at Vire but failed to confirm that promise when disqualified at Francheville over 24765m on 14 July. Needs to reaffirm
3. **LIBREVILLE FLIGNY** - Placed (3rd) on debut but has failed to confirm that promise in 6 subsequent unplaced appearances, the latest (6th) at Vichy over 2950m on 2 July
4. **LOLA DU CAMPUS** - Has acquitted herself consistently/competitively in her last 3 appearances, the latest (4th) over 2550m at Reims on 2 June. Outsider
5. **LOUMIA DE LA LEUE** - Consistent, honest performer who hasn't been far off the mark in all 4 appearances - finished 3rd twice and 5th in her last start over 2725m at Pornichet on 4 July. Outsider
6. **L'ECHO DU PERCHE** - Caught the eye when 2nd on debut at Vire but failed to confirm that promise when only 5th at Clairefontaine over 2200m on 14 July. Improvement needed
7. **LEONARDO DE LOU** - Was the subject of 'track talk' (interest/attention) when an eye-catching 2nd on debut at Laval early this month and lost little in defeat when 4th over 2725m at Pornichet on 18 July. Not taken lightly
8. **LUNA DE BELFONDS** - Has made progress in consecutive recent outings, confirming the improvement of his previous start (3rd) with a good 2nd over 2150m at Ranés on 13 July
9. **LENNON DU VIVIER** - A tricky customer who, on the evidence of his 2500m Questembert victory last month, possesses the means to trouble the principals. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his recent disqualification at Argentan on 15 July
10. **LEDETROIT CHENOU** - Has acquitted himself consistently/competitively in 3 appearances, the latest (3rd) over 2950m at Saint-Malo in this shoe-fitting (plated) on 12 July. Dark horse
11. **LOTUS DE BLAY** - Caught the eye when 2nd on debut and bounced back from the disqualification in his next start to finish 3rd at Ecommoy over 2750m on 7 July. Attractive outsider
12. **LARISSE D'ECHAL** - Confirmed the promise of her debut 4th by finishing 2nd in her next start before a 6-month layoff. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for her last-start disqualification at Les Sables on 17 July - keep safe
13. **L'AMI DE HOUELLE** - Disqualified in 3 of his 4 outings but did win his only completed appearance (at Craon over 2275m on 23 June). All or nothing
14. **LUCKY D'AURCY** - Well-bred colt and debut winner over 2750m at Ecommoy on 7 July. Would've come on with the benefit of that experience
15. **LOVELY GODIVA** - Confirmed the promise of her debut 2nd last month with a good 3rd over 2950m at Vichy on 4 July. Should win sooner rather than later and, with any improvement, could open her account here

Summary: LOVELY GODIVA (15) has revealed her obvious ability with two encouraging appearances and needn't improve a great deal to open her account here. Well-bred LUCKY D'AURCY (14) also showed promise when winning on debut at Ecommoy and, with the benefit of that experience, is likely to fight for victory. LENNON DU VIVIER (9) isn't immune to a mistake but, on the evidence of his victory at Questembert last month, has the means to make his presence felt. LARISSE D'ECHAL (12) and L'AMI DE HOUELLE (13) should be competitive for the places.

SELECTIONS

LOVELY GODIVA (15) - LUCKY D'AURCY (14) - LENNON DU VIVIER (9) - LARISSE D'ECHAL (12)

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C8 - PRIX FIESTA D'ANJOU - 2875m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 6,000

1. HUNIQUE - Has acquitted himself well in stronger races/fields in the "pro" ranks, so is an undeniable candidate for success here, especially after an encouraging 4th over 2725m at Les Sables on 17 July

2. HIER ENCORE - Has made no impression in 4 starts this year - disqualified in 3 consecutive starts before a finishing well-beaten 11th at Pornichet over 2650m on 19 July

3. HAPPY HERO - Confirmed in the amateur ranks and showed both his form and well-being with a last-start victory over 2600m at Le Touquet on 14 July. Has everything going for him here

4. HULTIMA - Has been off the boil (lost her way/form) for some time now and was disqualified in her last start over 2900m at Clairefontaine on 20 July

5. FURY D'EVEL - Consistent performer at this level and confirmed under these conditions, even with his irons (shod). Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over track and trip on 21 July

6. GOOD COMPUTER - Inconsistent veteran but has is confirmed under these conditions/in this shoe-fitting. Not taken lightly after an encouraging last-start 5th over 2600m at Genêts on 21 July

7. ENGOULVENT DU LYS - Soundly beaten (unplaced) in each comeback appearance this year, the latest at Chinon over 3100m on 14 July

8. HENJOY DE MONGOCHY - Rarely far from a fault but, judged on his best references (including a victory at this level), is certainly capable of winning a race like this. A question of wisdom with him - all or nothing (disqualified at Argentan on 15 July)

Summary: Last-start winner HAPPY HERO (3) boasts sound references in the amateur category and appeals most judged on the strength and consistency of his recent form. HENJOY DE MONGOCHY (8) is capable of great things when avoiding disqualification and is likely to pose a threat if applied/remaining wise throughout. HUNIQUE (1) is a model of consistency and could join that fight for victory. FURY D'EVEL (5) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

HAPPY HERO (3) - HENJOY DE MONGOCHY (8) - HUNIQUE (1) - FURY D'EVEL (5)