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C1 - PRIX BULLE DE LAUMONT - 2825m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Riders - Mounted - EUR € 18,500

- 1. JANUS DE LAIR** - Complicated type that was sanctioned, for the 3rd time in a row, in a 2400m Châteaubriant harness Class G in early-December. Unseen since and can be written off
- 2. JELLA IDEF** - Modest mare that unsurprisingly finished last in a 2150m Saint-Brieuc Class F a month back and will not be troubling the judge
- 3. JUSTYBILIE DU LUOT** - Last of 9 in a 2900m Challans Class F last weekend but is not the worst horse here and will generate some, but not much, interest
- 4. JULIO MANNETOT** - A thrashed last of 10 finishers to JEZABEL MAHCATH (12) in a 3000m Nantes Class F on 20 February and, even going barefoot, has no realistic chance
- 5. JEWETT LEGEND** - Unraced since last November when sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class F. Has had time to get his house in order and could pleasantly surprise
- 6. JOBERMAN DU HOME** - Opened his account when imposing at Mauquenchy in a 2850m Class F. In better company this time but is still candidate for a step on the podium
- 7. JIRAFENN LORIETTES** - Has done nothing but improve this winter, most recently trotting 3rd to JOBERMAN DU HOME (6) in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F, and is unlikely to be far from the action
- 8. JOSELITO PHIL** - Modest 10th of 16 in a 2875m Argentan Class E a fortnight ago. Can trot on a good day but still not a priority
- 9. JOKER DE SUBLIGNY** - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2850m Laval harness Class E 2 weeks ago. Shod for competition this time and looks a player
- 10. JUNINIO FLEURY** - Debuts under the saddle after coming 8th of 12 in a 2875m Argentan Class E on 9 February and looks totally outclassed
- 11. JOLIE DES BAUX** - 8th of 9 in a 2875m Argentan harness Class F on 22 January. Shoes on for return to the monté code but is classier than most here and can win this
- 12. JEZABEL MAHCATH** - 3rd in a 3000m Nantes Class F on 20 February. Has solid form racing right-handed and the excellent entry augurs well for her chances

Summary: There is an excellent duel in prospect here between the contrary but talented JEZABEL MAHCATH (12) who reassured at Nantes recently, and JOLIE DES BAUX (11) whose recent harness freshener will have done her good. JOKER DE SUBLIGNY (9) has just the one race in him since the break but has solid references when racing with front shoes off, and will similarly be in with a shout. A model of consistency, JOBERMAN DU HOME (6) is at the top of his game, sports revised shoeing and even though stepping up in category, warrants being taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

JEZABEL MAHCATH (12) - JOLIE DES BAUX (11) - JOKER DE SUBLIGNY (9) - JOBERMAN DU HOME (6)

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C2 - PRIX AMISO - FLERS - 2825m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. **IMNOU DES PLAINES** - Bit off more than he could chew when 8th of 14 in a Cabourg Class E over 2725m in mid-October and will have nothing to offer
2. **IRAFARA** - Sanctioned, for the 2nd time in a row, in a 2150m Argentan Class F on 9 February. Has previously won under these conditions though and, with stride in check, could pleasantly surprise
3. **ISPANO BELLO** - Lost his action in a 2150m Argentan Class F on 9 February. Goes barefoot from the front row this time and should not be far from the action if Cédric Terry can keep him trotting
4. **IPOTEK** - Sanctioned when unsupported in a 2825m Cordemais Class F last November and can expect to be race-rusty
5. **IDEAL DU GOULOT** - Failed to confirm his Angers success when unplaced in a 2600m Meslay-du-Maine Class F on 21 December. Shod for re-entry and no threat
6. **IZAAK DE NAPPES** - Unraced since being sanctioned in a 3000m Châteaubriant claimer in early-November and can be confidently passed over
7. **IZQUIERDO** - Never got going when 11th of 12 in a 2725m Graignes Class F on 15 February but form is not in doubt and, from the front row, will be expected to challenge for the win this time
8. **I AM JELOCA** - Sanctioned in a 2725m Graignes Class F mid-February but tends to excel at Vire and, shod to preference this time, will be no easy touch
9. **ICE BAR GIRL** - Has not been seen out since trotting 10th of 14 in a 2725m Cabourg Class E mid-October. Hind shoes off for return but others still preferred
10. **I OUP LA BOUM** - Reassuring 2nd in a 2800m Cholet Class D last weekend following 3 straight sanctions. Not a priority but will have his supporters
11. **IVANHOE PAULOIS** - Consistent type making first start since finishing 2nd in a 2550m Beaumont-de-Lomagne Class E last September and is unlikely to shake things up
12. **I ROCKO STRYCK** - Fine servant making his first appearance since winning a 2400m Beaumont-de-Lomagne Class D in early-December. Shoes on for the occasion and best to hold off
13. **IGRISONI** - 5th of 16, on comeback, in a 3025m Nantes Class D just over 2 weeks ago. Front shoes on again but can still trot his way in to the money
14. **IMPERATOR D'ELA** - Authoritatively won a 2950m Toulouse Class E on 10 February. 25m worse off this time but can still give this a good go
15. **IERMES DE GUEZ** - Tricky character that missed out by little in a 3000m Nantes Class D mid-February and could well impose this time if Romain Congard keeps him trotting
16. **ISLAND STAR** - Last of 12 in a 2175m Vincennes Class D in early-January. Has had time to freshen up, has already won here, and is not to be underestimated
17. **ICONE D'ERABLE** - Made no impression in a 2700m Graignes Class F on 21 January. Shoes on again and can be ruled out
18. **ICE TEA** - 7th of 16 in a 3000m Nantes Class D on 16 February and has no realistic chance

Summary: IERMES DE GUEZ (15) is never far from faulting but he reassured at Nantes recently and, in similar form and with stride in check, can impose. In decent form this winter, and 3rd on his last start at the venue, IZQUIERDO (7) is 25m better off and should logically bounce back from his Graignes blunder. Similarly placed in front and back to racing with front pads, I AM JELOCA (8) was sanctioned that day but returns to a track he appreciates and is unlikely to disappoint. Excellent when barefoot, IMPERATOR D'ELA (14) latterly scored at Toulouse and, even though incurring the handicap this time, still looks good enough to finish close.

SELECTIONS

IERMES DE GUEZ (15) - IZQUIERDO (7) - I AM JELOCA (8) - IMPERATOR D'ELA (14)

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C3 - PRIX AU VIEUX PUIITS - VILLERS-BOCAGE - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 20,000

1. **LUCKY DES GAUDINES** - Runner-up in both public starts to date, latterly in a 2275m Nantes Class E on 16 February. Has the inside line and can bring home the bacon this time
2. **LARIFLETTE** - Sanctioned, at 64/1, in a 2100m Vincennes claimer 9 days ago and looks properly outclassed here
3. **LARGO DE JOUDES** - Debuted nicely before winning a 2150m Argentan Class F from the 3-spot on 9 February. Has a good spot behind the car and a realistic chance of making the frame once more
4. **LOOKING BEST** - Produced his career-best performance when 2nd in a 2850m Laval Class F a fortnight ago. Benefits from a good draw but still no more than a minor place prospect
5. **LAMATTA** - Returns to the provinces after coming a lacklustre 6th of 13 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 13 February. Franck Nivard takes over and should be good enough to make the first 5
6. **LAGUARDA DU BOCAGE** - Capable filly that finished a beaten 3rd of 10 in a 2725m Graignes Class E mid-February. Starts in front and could yet get a look-in
7. **LUGANO DE LOU** - Impressive winner, on re-entry a month back, of a 2875m Argentan Class F. Handed a wide draw here but will still be competitive at the business end of affairs
8. **LOOK MESLOIS** - Sanctioned, for the 2nd time in succession, in a 2225m Mauquenchy Class E 11 days ago and will need to get his house in order
9. **LADY DE FOUQUE** - Lost her action early after a collision in a Châteaubriant Class D over 2400m on 5 February and is unlikely to influence the outcome
10. **LADY DU RIB** - Struggled to make her mark in a 2100m Vincennes claimer on 23 February and, from the back line, can expect to have few takers
11. **LADY UP STAR** - Has not been seen out since coming last of 7 in a 2450m Caen Class C in late-October and can be passed over
12. **LA DIVA DU WALLON** - Qualified well but sanctioned in both starts to date, most recently in a 2300m Argentan Class F a fortnight ago, and appears thoroughly out of her depth
13. **LAMA DE CORDAY** - Won a Class F over 2225m here 3 weeks ago, first time out. In better company this time but is a progressive type and looks a decent place chance
14. **LILY DE L'AUNAY** - Has not raced since coming a below-par 8th of 9 in a 2700m Graignes Class E mid-December and the draw only compounds matters
15. **LION SUR MER** - Showed promise last summer but unseen since faulting in a 2200m Vincennes Class D in September and is going to need the run
16. **LIBREVILLE** - Makes first start since coming 5th of 8 in a Montauban Class D last September and the draw only adds insult to injury

Summary: After qualifying well last summer, LUCKY DES GAUDINES (1) has twice come close and looks capable of getting off the mark this time. LUGANO DE LOU (7) won like a good thing on his Argentan re-entry and, with hind pads fitted looks the main threat, although the wide draw is something Yoann Lebourgeois could do without. LAMA DE CORDAY (13) made short work of his recent career debut and even from the back line looks a player. LARGO DE JOUDES (3) opened his account with ease last time out and is sufficiently well-placed to produce another good run.

SELECTIONS

LUCKY DES GAUDINES (1) - LUGANO DE LOU (7) - LAMA DE CORDAY (13) - LARGO DE JOUDES (3)

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C4 - PRIX JAMOTTE MOTOCULTURE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 17,500

1. **KELLY RAIN** - Unseen since being sanctioned on comeback over 2750m in a Cabourg Class E on 18 December and is unlikely to attract much attention
2. **KAMELIE DU PLESSIS** - Makes her first start since last August when last of 10 in a 2700m Class E at La Capelle and is sure to need the run
3. **KOMMUNES DE PLAY** - Modest 7th of 9, to KENNY PEARL (8), in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 21 February and, while not a priority, she has a good spot behind the car and can still get a look-in
4. **KOCARDE** - Starts for the first time since trotting 11th of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E in late-September and, even from the 4-spot, will have few takers
5. **KELLE FLECHE** - Serious future prospect that has won both starts to date, latterly a Graignes Class F over 2700m last August, but is not expected to be given a hard race
6. **KIARA DELADOU** - Honest filly that trotted 5th, to KLERVIE D'AVEL (9), in a 2700m Graignes Class E mid-February. Handed a front-row start here and is unlikely to go home empty-handed
7. **KARABANE DE BLARY** - Came 8th, a place behind KASSIOPEE DREAM (15), in a 2750m Cabourg Class E in late-October. Unseen since, but has hind shoes off for the first time, and should not be entirely ruled out
8. **KENNY PEARL** - Quality filly that unusually dug her heels in when 6th of 9 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E 11 days ago. Not ideally-drawn here but form is not in doubt and Franck Nivard reining could make all the difference. Claim
9. **KLERVIE D'AVEL** - 3rd in a 2700m Graignes Class E mid-February, beating KELLE FLECHE (5). Has done nothing but improve since the turn of the year and, even from the back line, can figure prominently
10. **KALINE DU PONCHET** - Was making good progress before flopping in a 2850m Vincennes Class E on 20 February. Returns to racing clockwise and will be expected to redeem herself
11. **KADENCE DU PERCHE** - Showed improvement when 4th of 18 in a 2875m Argentan Class E 2 weeks ago but, in this company, will have too much to do
12. **KEEP THE FAITH** - Not disgraced when finishing 5th of 10 in a 2275m Nantes Class F on 16 February. Will not be helped by the draw but will still have her supporters
13. **KAROLINE CADE** - Well-supported but sanctioned in a 2225m Class F here 3 weeks ago. Breaks from the rear and will struggle to make her mark
14. **KIARA DE LA FYE** - Has shown a different side since starting to race barefoot, latterly winning a 2875m Argentan Class G a month back. Starts on 2nd row but is barefoot again and will be no pushover
15. **KASSIOPEE DREAM** - Unremarkable filly that has not been seen out since 18 December when faulting in a 2200m Le Mans Class E and the draw will do her no favours
16. **KADENCE DU RIB** - Moderate 6th of 10 in a 2225m Class F here 3 weeks ago. Handed a shocker of a draw and can be passed over

Summary: Somewhat disappointing at Mauquenchy recently, KENNY PEARL (8) has otherwise been in cracking form this winter and despite being handed a wide draw, she can still win this. She will have company though in the form of a reinvigorated KIARA DE LA FYE (14) who got that maiden monkey off her back a month ago. KLERVIE D'AVEL (9) is clearly on the way up and should appreciate Vire conditions, while KALINE DU PONCHET (10) can put her latest effort behind her if she reproduces her Angers form.

SELECTIONS

KENNY PEARL (8) - KIARA DE LA FYE (14) - KLERVIE D'AVEL (9) - KALINE DU PONCHET (10)

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C5 - PRIX YEARLY - LAMAISON.FR - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 17,500

1. **KALYPSO DREAM** - Has taken well to racing barefoot, most recently coming 4th of 8 in a 2800m Argentan Class F. Not a priority but has the inside line and is still competitive for a cheque
2. **KHEOPS DE LARRE** - Blows hot and cold and has not been seen out since finishing unplaced in a 2750m Cabourg Class E last October but sports a new configuration and the draw will do nothing to hurt his chances
3. **KARL LEWIS** - Showed improvement when 5th, behind KALYPSO DREAM (1), in a 2800m Argentan Class F. Handed a plum spot behind the car and will be expected to finish in the mix
4. **KROC DES CARREAUX** - Sent for a break after finishing last of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E in September, last time out. Ideally-positioned in front but still no more than a minor place prospect
5. **KNOX JENILOU** - Improving type that finished a surprising 6th of 8 when favourite in a 2350m Angers Class E on 10 January. Will be fresh though, starts in front, and can make up for lost time
6. **KAPRICE D'AVRIL** - Unplaced on re-entry before confirming his poor form when 7th of 8 in a 2700m Graignes Class Mid- February and is not about to spring any surprises
7. **KING DE LARRE** - Went into his September layoff after trotting 4th in a 2800m Vichy Class E. Will be race-rusty and best to hold off
8. **KRACKER PIYA** - Has not been seen out since trotting 2nd in a 2550m Dieppe Class E last September. Not ideally-positioned on the front row but has the class to do well nevertheless
9. **KASHKAI** - Has not been seen out since coming 5th of 13 in a 2450m Caen Class F mid-November. Shoes on, breaks on the second line, and others easier to back
10. **KISS PAULCA** - Unremarkable colt that went into his break last August after trotting last of 9 in a Vertou Class E over 2650m and is going to need the outing
11. **KOREAN DE GLATIGNE** - Made a lacklustre return to competition when last of 8 finishers in a Cherbourg Class F over 2625m. Handed a 2nd row draw and others preferred
12. **KAPITANO DREAM** - 8th of 10 finishers, on comeback, in a 2225 Class F here 3 weeks ago. Has untapped potential and racing first-time barefoot will only enhance his appeal
13. **KAZUMO** - Sent for a holiday after a disappointing 9th in a 2650m Class E at Les Sables-d'Olonne last August. Tough draw and will pose no threat
14. **KASH DIBAH** - Capable but delicate sort that encouraged on comeback before faulting in a 2150m Cagnes Class E 9 days ago. Would have preferred a better draw but, with application, can get a look-in
15. **KOPEK BOURBON** - Unraced since being sanctioned in a 2650m Alençon Class F in early-October and appears to have nothing going for him

Summary: KNOX JENILOU (5) may have failed at Angers to confirm his Cabourg success but he is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois who won with him that day and, with hind shoes off, from the 5-spot, looks a serious proposition. Excellent racing right-handed, KRACKER PIYA (8) is forced to start wide after a decent break, but can get straight down to business. KARL LEWIS (3) is significantly better-placed and will have come on for his recent Argentan re-entry. The promising KHEOPS DE LARRE (2) goes without front shoes for the first time and François Lecanu will be eager to make good on the draw.

SELECTIONS

KNOX JENILOU (5) - KRACKER PIYA (8) - KARL LEWIS (3) - KHEOPS DE LARRE (2)

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**C6 - PRIX AMB MENUISERIE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR
€ 20,000**

- 1. JACKPOT DE MAHEY** - 2nd in a 2875m Argentan Class E 2 weeks ago, confirming his Cordemais form, and looks eminently capable of trotting his way into the frame
- 2. JAKADI DE BOUERE** - Fast-finishing 2nd in a 2625m Class F at Agen-Le Passage on 21 January. Is close to his race and, from the 2-spot, could well pull it off
- 3. JAZZ DU GOUTIER** - Unraced since coming last of 7 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on Christmas Day. Just shod behind for the occasion and can make his presence felt if not too race-rusty
- 4. JOAKIM BILOU** - 8th of 10 in a 2875m Argentan Class F a month ago, on 2nd start back. Will be fit by now, is suitably unshod, and can get back in the game
- 5. JOGGER KILY** - Makes his first start since trotting 5th of 12 in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie Class D 4 months ago and, even though well-drawn, is unlikely to cause an upset
- 6. JASON DU NOYER** - Starts for the first time since finishing last of 13 in a 2875m Enghien Class E mid-August and is not about to shake things up
- 7. JULIANO** - Has not been seen out since trotting 5th in a 2750m Cabourg Class E but has hind shoes off for the occasion and is not to be underestimated
- 8. JALANSKI** - Quality individual in this category and trotted 3rd in a 2875m Argentan Class F a month back. Not blessed by the draw but is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois and can return to winning ways
- 9. JASMIN DU CHATELET** - Sanctioned in a Maure-de-Bretagne Class E over 2850m last weekend and is showing no signs of a return to form
- 10. JOKER DU COQ** - Unseen since last June when 6th of 8 in a 2100m Class F at Le Touquet and will have his work cut out
- 11. JAGUAR HAUFOR** - Defied his odds to come 3rd of 10 in a 2400m Amiens Class F last weekend and will not be far from the action if Anthony Barrier keeps him trotting
- 12. JAGUAR DE GINAI** - Came close to finishing 3rd in a 2300m Châteaubriant Class F early last month. Shoes back on though, breaks from behind, and no more than a minor place chance

Summary: Three times a winner in his last 6 starts, JALANSKI (8) returns to racing barefoot and even though starting wide on the front line, he still looks the pick of the field. JAKADI DE BOUERE (2) has been knocking at the door lately, races barefoot for the occasion, and on his current trajectory is due a victory. JACKPOT DE MAHEY (1) has also been coming close recently, goes unshod in front for the first time, and is sufficiently well-positioned to give this a good go. JOAKIM BILOU (4) is better than recent results would suggest, races barefoot, and can take advantage of the excellent draw.

SELECTIONS

JALANSKI (8) - JAKADI DE BOUERE (2) - JACKPOT DE MAHEY (1) - JOAKIM BILOU (4)

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C7 - PRIX ANDRE PIGACE - 2825m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. **HARRY DE MIENNAIS** - Got back in the game when securing a 2800m Pontchâteau Class F a fortnight ago and, in similar form, can again figure prominently
2. **HOMME D'ETAT** - 5th to HELBERT FOUTEAU (8) in a 2900m Challans Class E last weekend but races shod this time and best to wait
3. **HARRY D'YVI** - Sprang quite the surprise when runner-up to HARRY DE MIENNAIS (1) in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class F on 18 February but a repeat seems improbable
4. **HANNIBAL DE NUIT** - Won at Chartres before being sanctioned in a 2150m Argentan Class G in late-November. Shoes on and not a priority
5. **HALIZAROSA** - Has not been seen out since coming 8th of 15 in a 2725m Lisieux Class F last September and can expect to remain friendless
6. **HAMILTON FOUTEAU** - Unseen since coming 5th in a 2500m Bihorel-lès-Rouen Class F last October and can be ruled out
7. **HIBISCUS NORMAND** - Sent for a spell after coming a surprising 4th in a 3000m Nantes Class F in early-December. Shod for return and others preferred
8. **HELBERT FOUTEAU** - Winner of a 2900m Challans Class E last weekend, making it 2 on the trot. Starts in front and has a realistic chance of securing the 3-timer
9. **HELIE RENARDIERE** - Unraced since finishing 8th of 13 in a similar event here on 12 November and is unlikely to shake things up
10. **HORCHATA** - Makes first appearance since finishing last of 12 in a 2400m Amiens Class F 4 months ago and will need the outing
11. **HIBISCUS DE MAISY** - 2nd in a 2750m Cabourg Class F on 18 December before being sent for a spell. Incurs the penalty but is barefoot for the occasion and will garner support
12. **HARD MONEY** - Fast-finishing 2nd in a 2850m Maure-de-Bretagne Class E 3 weeks ago. On the back line again but is still one to watch
13. **HELLO JOHN** - Decent sort that was surprisingly below-par when 7th in a 2875m Argentan Class E on 9 February but returns to a track he likes and can set the record straight
14. **HAUTENTICA** - Useful mare that was put away after being trounced in a 2700m Vincennes Class D early-November and, with shoes on, will have few takers
15. **HEROINE DES LANDES** - Finished 5th, beating HARRY DE MIENNAIS (1) and HELLO JOHN (13), in a 2875m Argentan Class E on 9 February. Franck Nivard reining this time and must be respected
16. **HAPPY DANOVER** - Made it 2 straight sanctions when faulting in a 2700m Machecoul Class E 3 weeks ago and can be confidently passed over
17. **HYWEL D'OR** - Sent for a layoff after trotting 7th of 15 in a 2575m Agen-Le Passage Class F in September and can be disregarded
18. **HENZO DE MOUTIERS** - 10th of 14 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E mid-February. Benefits from a good entry and will be expected to make amends

Summary: Head-and-shoulders above most here, HELLO JOHN (13) has placed in 2 of his 3 Vire appearances and will be in a position to open his 2024 account. Jean-William Hallais can still expect to come under pressure from the better-positioned HELBERT FOUTEAU (8) who comes here on a hat-trick, and a reinvigorated HARRY DE MIENNAIS (1). HEROINE DES LANDES (15) is no champion but can hold her own in this category and looks competitive for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

HELLO JOHN (13) - HELBERT FOUTEAU (8) - HARRY DE MIENNAIS (1) - HEROINE DES LANDES (15)

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C8 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE VIRE NORMANDIE - 2825m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 30,000

1. **HIKKA** - Lacklustre 9th of 14 in a 2650m Cherbourg Class G 2 weeks ago. Shoes back on and not an appealing proposition
2. **HOTESSE NAY** - Steps up in category after winning 2 of last 3, latterly a 2900m Challans Class E a month back. Unlikely to repeat but should at least still hold her own
3. **HESPERANCE ELTE** - Disappointing 9th of 18 in a 2900m Argentan Class F on Boxing Day. Unseen since and will have few friends
4. **GAROU LIONNAIS** - Unplaced when shod in a 3000m Châteaubriant Class D early last month. Barefoot this time and is ideally-positioned to play a leading role
5. **GAMIN DE COKTAIL** - Has not been seen in public since being trounced in a 3000m Nantes Class E last November and will not be worrying the opposition
6. **HACIENDA** - Unraced since finishing 13th of 16 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 20 December. Shoes on and no danger
7. **HOCKFELER DU MESLE** - 6th in a 2700m Vincennes monté Class C 12 days ago. Has references under harness and, with application, can get a look-in
8. **EOLE DU PRIEURE** - Modest individual that went into his layoff after failing to impress in a 2850m Bagnoles-de-l'Orne Class E last August. Disregard
9. **GENET DE BOITRON** - Quality element that finished unplaced, when shod, behind GAROU LIONNAIS (4) in a 3000m Nantes freshener on 19 January. Has other priorities and can be ignored
10. **HAWAI PONT VAUTIER** - Finished a place behind HERALDIQUE (15) at Meslay-du-Maine before coming 2nd in a 2950m Toulouse Class D mid-January and is very hard to ignore
11. **HASARD D'ERABLE** - Modest 5th in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 25 January. Unbeaten at Vire but is shod for return to the venue and best to wait
12. **HAITIAN FIGHT SONG** - Runner-up in a 2850m Laval Class D a fortnight ago after having won at Angers. Shoes back on but is still capable of winning a race of this nature
13. **HIPPOMENE QUESNOT** - Lost his action in a 2850m Laval Class D 2 weeks ago but is no slouch when focused and, with application, can make the first 5
14. **EXPEDITIOUS** - Makes first start since August 2023 when last of 14 in a 2725m Gr.3 at Grenade-sur-Garonne, and will need the run
15. **HERALDIQUE** - Unraced since trotting 2nd in a 2600m Meslay-du-Maine Class D on 21 December but is seldom out of the first 2 and is not about to let the side down
16. **GLOIRE DES LOYAUX** - Failed to confirm her Nantes performance when 10th of 15 in the Laval race of reference, but is seldom far from the action and can redeem herself
17. **FINOU DU LUOT** - Complicated trotter that was sanctioned on re-entry in the race of reference and has no realistic chance

Summary: Back at the top of her game since the turn of the year, HAITIAN FIGHT SONG (12) should find the Vire profile to her liking and looks a marginally better bet than the ever-consistent HERALDIQUE (15) who has not been seen out for over two months. HAWAI PONT VAUTIER (10) boasts a similar profile and his Toulouse performance bodes well for his prospects. Given an easy freshener at Châteaubriant, GAROU LIONNAIS (4) will be barefoot this time and the 25m head-start will do his chances no disservice.

SELECTIONS

HAITIAN FIGHT SONG (12) - HERALDIQUE (15) - HAWAI PONT VAUTIER (10) - GAROU LIONNAIS (4)