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R3 HYERES [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX ANDRE CORMIER - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class G Amateur Drivers -
Harness - EUR € 6,000**

- 1. JARODE PAULOIS** - Unexceptional element returning to the amateur division following a pair of clinkers in the professional ranks, but still not an obvious choice
- 2. ITALIO DE LA ROQUE** - Has never excelled in the amateur division but gave a good account at Oraison last Sunday. Sports modified shoeing and backs up with a decent hand to play
- 3. KHAZAR DES CORVEES** - Has not put a foot out of line since imposing over course and distance, in the professional ranks, in early-February. Is a class above most here and again looks the horse to beat
- 4. JUVANIA** - Has 3 runs in her since the turn of the year. Returns to racing shod and, considering her spot behind the car, should be able to give this a good go
- 5. KYRIELLE D'ALBRET** - Makes his first foray into the amateur category after 3 modest runs. Has pulled a good number but returns to racing shod and is unlikely to spice things up
- 6. JUAN LES PINS** - Ran a good 4th in a Cavailon amateurs Class G 2.5 weeks ago despite enduring a tough trip. Appreciates this category and is unlikely to disappoint. Place chance
- 7. IVANHOE RENKA** - Is confirmed at this level but has made no impact so far this year and can be confidently passed over
- 8. JACKPOT DE MAHEY** - Showed improvement at Oraison on 12 April when 4th in a 2675m Class H. Has been reconfigured for his return to the category and despite an unexceptional draw can nevertheless figure prominently
- 9. JAPON DAIRPET** - Capable but not the easiest of horses to use. Ran 7th to KHAZAR DES CORVEES (3) on re-entry here early last month, and the draw will do him no favours
- 10. INO DE BREVOL** - Lost his action here early last month before reassuring at Nimes 12 days ago. Is out of his depth and a repeat seems most improbable
- 11. KEOPS DU CHATAULT** - Failed to confirm his Marseille-Borély amateur victory when eliminated in a Class F at the same venue mid-April. Has otherwise been in cracking form and looks main danger to KHAZAR DES CORVEES (3)

Summary: Already twice a winner at Hyeres this year, KHAZAR DES CORVEES (3) goes barefoot as he was here early last month and from the 3 slot can wrap this up. Ingrid Metzemaekers will nevertheless be keeping a keen eye on the less-favourably-drawn, but in-form and reconfigured, KEOPS DU CHATAULT (11) who has taken to the amateur division like a duck to water. JUAN LES PINS (6) has come close more than once to opening his amateur account and the front-row start will do his chances no disservice. JUVANIA (4) needs to reassure but he seldom disappoints at Hyeres, and even with shoes fitted will have his chances.

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**KHAZAR DES CORVEES (3) - KEOPS DU CHATAULT (11) - JUAN LES PINS (6) -
JUVANIA (4)**



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C2 - PRIX DU PRESIDENT VERIGNON - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 19,500

1. MELODIE DU LILAS - Late developer making up for lost time with 2 straight Agen successes in the space of a week last month. Is in better company this time but still has the wherewithal to finish close

2. MELIA DE MONGOCHY - Showed early promise but has made little impact so far this season and is not about to change her ways

3. MI SUENO - Out of the picture in 3 starts this term. Races first-time barefoot but others still easier to back

4. MISS MARGOT - Always gives her best but has yet to lose her maiden status. Returns to racing shod and cannot be considered a player

5. MALIDA - Was unable to confirm good Borely performance when eliminated at Cavaillon on 7 April. Nevertheless showed her form that day and, if applied, can finish in the mix

6. MACAO MIP - Talented sort but has been eliminated almost as often as not. Returns to racing shod and will have his chances if he deigns to keep his action together

7. MAEVA DE COQUERIE - Has turned a corner since starting to race barefoot. Was not at her sharpest here on 6 April but has won twice since and must be afforded respect

8. MILLENIUM - Makes just 2nd appearance for new trainer after losing his action at Ecommoy early last month. Has nothing to prove at this level and the change of shoeing and driver may be just the ticket. Claim

Summary: Difficult to use and hard to gauge at the best of times, MILLENIUM (8) is nevertheless the most accomplished horse in the field, benefits from a terrific entry, is competitively-shod for the first time, and with application can make this his own. Christophe Martens will still be mindful of a shod MACAO MIP (6) who is as capable as he is spirited, and MELODIE DU LILAS (1) who makes her Hyeres bow on a hat-trick.

SELECTIONS

MILLENIUM (8) - MACAO MIP (6) - MELODIE DU LILAS (1) - MAEVA DE COQUERIE (7)



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C3 - GRAND PRIX DE LA VILLE DE HYERES - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 26,000

- 1. NIRVANA D'HERMES** - Serious colt that should not be too hastily-condemned for being eliminated at Marseille-Borely 2 weeks ago. Is clearly a serious future prospect and can wrap this up if he stays in stride
- 2. NEW BABY DOLLAR** - Got his career off to a fine start with 2 straight successes. Sent for a short rest after faulting at Lyon-La Soie on 18 February and, if fit enough, can make a big splash
- 3. NORMANDIE** - Has looked a different horse this term, most recently running 2nd to a classy colt in a Marseille-Borely Class E a week ago, and underestimating her could prove foolhardy
- 4. NIKKO DE JOUDES** - Imposed at Saint-Galmier before confirming at Lyon-La Soie on 18 February. Was eliminated at Parilly next time, but is undefeated racing right-handed and cannot be discounted
- 5. NABUCCO DES ARRIS** - Won over shorter here earlier in the year but has not been as sharp since. Came 4th behind NORMANDIE (3) at Borely a week ago but looks less competitive this time around
- 6. NECTAR DES LOYAUX** - Returns to racing clockwise after twice failing to deliver at Borely recently, but still looks the weak link here
- 7. NOMADE BEST** - Has acquitted himself decently in both starts this term. Is unbeaten at Hyeres and with hind pads fitted could keep that fact relevant

Summary: Winner in Lyon in late-February before confirming at Marseille a fortnight later, NIRVANA D'HERMES (1) was quickly eliminated at the same venue 2 weeks ago, but the reins have been passed to Theo Briand this time and has a realistic chance of imposing. He is going to feel the heat though from the faithful, and reconfigured, NOMADE BEST (7) who ran 4th that day, and the returning NEW BABY DOLLAR (2) who has won 2 of 3 to date.

SELECTIONS

NIRVANA D'HERMES (1) - NOMADE BEST (7) - NEW BABY DOLLAR (2) - NORMANDIE (3)



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**C4 - PRIX MARCEL JONIO - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
23,000**

- 1. LOUPIAC D'HERFRAIE** - Reverts to a previous formula after losing his action at Agen 12 days ago. Starts on the rail but is patently in fine fettle and can contest the finish
- 2. L'ANGE AIMEF** - Useful type but lost his way last season. Is barefoot for first start of the season but will first need to re-establish his credentials
- 3. LISTAO** - Has improved for every run this term, latterly easily winning a monte Class F at Marseille-Borely a week ago. Seems to be here for conditioning reasons and others preferred
- 4. LE PREMIER ORTHON** - Makes his Hyeres debut after running 3rd in an Agen Class F 2 months ago. Will have been kept on the boil and from the 4 slot is not about to disappoint
- 5. LATINUS DU PRE** - Won 2 on the trot last month and comes here on a 3-timer. Has yet to deliver at Hyeres but is well-positioned on the front line and Nicolas Ensch can be legitimately confident of a big performance
- 6. LUCKY ARCTIC** - Made up for his Lyon elimination when 2nd in a Marseille-Borély Class F mid-April. Has won at the venue and from the front row should have the wherewithal to make first 5
- 7. LUCKY MAJYC** - Back under harness after coming 2nd to LISTAO (3) in a monte Class F at Marseille-Borely a week ago. Has placed just once in 3 Hyeres starts however and cannot be considered a concern
- 8. LOUISIS DU LUPIN** - Has come on for every race this year, latterly securing a Castillonnes Class E last weekend. Driver would have preferred a better draw, which is somewhat negligible over 2650m, and should figure prominently at the business end of the race
- 9. LEADER DE CHOISEL** - Serious individual that seldom lets the side down when focused. Is in competition-mode following a pair of conditioners and can get his nose in front
- 10. LIDO SHOW** - Has ample ability and has a liking for Hyeres but stays shod for 2nd start back and best to hold off

Summary: Although never far from losing his action, LEADER DE CHOISEL (9) races barefoot following a pair of much-needed conditioners and, with application, can still win this from the back row. LOUPIAC D'HERFRAIE (1) fits a similar bill, has been reconfigured, and will be no pushover if David Bekaert keeps him focused. Nicely-positioned behind the car, LATINUS DU PRE (5) is unlikely to pull off the hat-trick but can give it a good go all the same. Unbeaten in 2 starts for Thomas Ducos, most recently at Castillonnes, LOUISIS DU LUPIN (8) is unlikely to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

**LEADER DE CHOISEL (9) - LOUPIAC D'HERFRAIE (1) - LATINUS DU PRE (5) - LOUISIS
DU LUPIN (8)**



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C5 - PRIX PAUL GIOVANNA - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class G - Harness - EUR € 22,000

1. JERICHO DU BELLAY - Unluckily eliminated at Marseille-Borely 2 weeks ago when clearly going well. Pleased on sole start under these conditions and, with application, can get back in the game

2. KOUROUKA BLUE - Can be considered unlucky for being eliminated at Marseille-Borely last week. Is clearly in shape and considering her liking for Hyeres is easy to fancy for the win

3. KANSAS DE CASTELLE - Showed a better appreciation of Hyeres last season. Is unraced since November but has been handed a good number for his comeback and can pick up a cheque

4. KING'S DAY - Back under harness after being eliminated under the saddle at Oraison last Sunday, but still looks to be out of his depth

5. JIMIR DE GUEZ - Moderate element with just the one run under his belt since returning from his winter break. Is barefoot for Hyeres debut and, while not a priority, can nonetheless make the most of his good draw

6. KAWESAQUEL - Ran 3rd to KENAVO DU BOUILLON (7) last time here. Most recently ran 3rd on turf, and from the front row is easy to like for a place in the picture

7. KENAVO DU BOUILLON - Can prove a handful but did impose last time here. Is plainly better than his Carpentras result would suggest and must be taken seriously

8. KALGARY - Will have come on for his Borely return run in which he lost ground at the start, but can redeem himself if Nicolas Ensch gets him off on the right foot

9. KAPTAIN LOVER - Serious trotter but is preparing for a campaign under the saddle and will have nothing to offer

10. KOOPLES ERA - Has started to show some form since returning to competition. Has delivered at Hyeres just the once but is not incapable of getting a look in this time

11. KRISTAL DU PALAIS - Has been on a fine run of form this year but stays fully-shod for the occasion and others easier to back

12. IALKO VASANI - Races competitively-shod for the first time since December 2024. Eliminated in both return runs and has no possible chance

13. ITYA DE BOSSENS - No slouch on a good day and has form at Hyeres, but has little going for her here and can be passed over

Summary: KOUROUKA BLUE (2) had just taken the lead and was going strongly when eliminated at Marseille-Borely a week ago. She is plainly in fine form, has won 3 times at the venue, and with shoes back on can set the record straight. KENAVO DU BOUILLON (7) may have twice failed to confirm his February success here, but he enjoys a good entry, and Francois Tugend will be confident of turning the tables on KAWESAQUEL (6) who had his measure at Carpentras. JERICHO DU BELLAY (1) would not have been far off the mark last time had he kept his action together, and can make amends if David Bekaert keeps him trotting.



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KOUROUKA BLUE (2) - KENAVO DU BOUILLON (7) - KAWESAQUEL (6) - JERICHU DU BELLAY (1)



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C6 - PRIX CHRISTOPHE DOMINICI - 2850m (a2m) - Class G - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. KOA CHEF** - Is not without merit but has been eliminated more often than not and can expect to have few friends
- 2. JOKER DES CHAMPS** - Has looked decidedly ordinary so far this year and will first need to re-establish his credentials
- 3. KEN QUICK** - Useful individual in race-mode following a pair of conditioners. Appreciates Hyeres, and starts in front, but still represents no more than a minor place prospect
- 4. KOSMOS DE SOCERY** - Got back in the game last season but has yet to convince this term and can be ignored
- 5. KLIC JULRY** - Has picked up this term where he left off last November. Runs shod for return to the venue but still not an obvious choice
- 6. JOLLY LOOK** - Tends to show more in the amateur division these days but is clearly in form, and with David Bekaert in the bike will be afforded every chance. Attention
- 7. JALMINE VERDERIE** - Has a pair of runs under her belt following a lengthy absence, but has yet to convince and is going to need the race
- 8. KACY AND GEPE** - Can prove a handful but should be fully-fit by now. Starts in front, has nothing to prove at Hyeres, and can challenge for a place on the podium
- 9. KEDERMANN** - Ran good 2nd at Cagnes before prepping at Marseille-Borely mid-April. Trainer could not have wished for a better entry and Nicolas Mortagne will be expecting to finish close
- 10. JINGLE KOP** - Kicked 2026 off respectably but has since come off the boil, and with shoes on has no realistic chance
- 11. KASH D'URZY** - Ran close 2nd in a Class F over 2650m here last Saturday. Incurs the penalty but thrives at Hyeres and should prove competitive when it matters. Chance
- 12. JEEN LOVER** - Complicated type but is not devoid of ability. Will have come on for his comeback run and despite the handicap, still looks a player. First 5
- 13. KHEOPS TURGOT** - Wonderfully-entered at the limit of earnings. Showed her form at Cavaillon last time, and with application can bring home the bacon

Summary: Regularly in the thick of things when he can keep his action together, KHEOPS TURGOT (13) gave a reassuringly good account at Cavaillon early last month, benefits from a fine entry and, at ease at Hyeres, can impose. He will still be opposed by KASH D'URZY (11) who came close to winning his first target of the season, and a barefoot KEDERMANN (9) who enjoys a terrific entry on the front row. Barefoot following a pair of conditioners, KACY AND GEPE (8) starts on the first line and is unlikely to be far off the mark.

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KHEOPS TURGOT (13) - KASH D'URZY (11) - KEDERMANN (9) - KACY AND GEPE (8)



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C7 - PRIX LEOPOLD RITONDALE - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 29,000

- 1. GOLZAC DE REM** - Unremarkable trotter taking a step up in category after running 3rd in an Elbeuf claimer last Sunday, but will have few takers
- 2. ICARE FILE** - Goes barefoot for the first time in over 3 years following a pair of fresheners. Is not a priority but from the 2 slot can play a small role
- 3. JAURESS DE CANI** - Sports a fresh configuration after pleasantly surprising in a Borely Class F 2 weeks ago. Has pulled a good number but others still preferred
- 4. GALVESTON** - Failed to confirm Lyon-La Soie victory when unplaced in a Toulouse Class E in late-March. Has shown a particular liking for Hyeres and the draw will do his prospects no disservice
- 5. JAVA DES CAILLONS** - Makes the long journey south after running 5th in a Mauquenchy Class F a month back. Should be at peak fitness by now and has every chance of imposing
- 6. ISIS DE POULINE** - Made up for Marseille elimination when comfortably winning a Lyon-Parilly Class F 2.5 weeks ago, and has a reasonable chance of contesting the finish once more
- 7. FAKIR DE LARRE** - Pleasant 4th, at 44-1, in an Oraison Class F on 12 April, however confirmation is unlikely
- 8. IROISE QUESNOT** - Ran 7th at Castillonnes last weekend after having been bought out of a Vincennes claimer. Sports pads again and should logically finish closer this time
- 9. IBRA TEJY** - Honest sort facing first target of the new season. Boasts solid barefoot form here and even from the back row can play a prominent role
- 10. ILLICO DU BISET** - Good, consistent servant making Hyeres bow after giving a fine account on comeback at Marseille-Borely on 15 April, and can play a leading role
- 11. JUDOPOCK** - Can trot but has made no impact since returning from his break. Sports 4 pads for the first time, and the draw will not help matters

Summary: A serious mare with a pair of runs to her name since the break, JAVA DES CAILLONS (5) is as good racing right-handed as left- and is ideally-placed to win this. ISIS DE POULINE (6), however, returned to victorious ways in Lyon last month and looks the main threat. ILLICO DU BISET (10) may be forced to start on the back row but he is as generous as they get and should take well to the new profile. IBRA TEJY (9) is not much better off but has form here and will be barefoot for the occasion.

SELECTIONS

JAVA DES CAILLONS (5) - ISIS DE POULINE (6) - ILLICO DU BISET (10) - IBRA TEJY (9)



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C8 - PRIX DE LA METROPOLE TOULON PROVENCE MED - 2850m (a2m) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 43,000

1. **ICARE DE PHYT'S** - Has quite the motor but is never easy to gauge. Takes first steps for new trainer though. Yannick-Alain Briand in the bike and is worth keeping an eye on
2. **GALOPIN DES CHAMPS** - Sprang an 89-1 surprise when 2nd to GAVROCHE DE L'ITON (6) in a 2525m Cavaillon Class D on 7 April, but in this company will struggle to repeat
3. **HYDROMEL** - 5th to GAVROCHE DE L'ITON (6) in a 2525m Cavaillon Class D on 7 April prior to running 3rd in a Marseille-Borely Class D 10 days later. Faces a tougher test this time and is unlikely to create an upset
4. **HOT SUMMER** - Moderate trotter starting for just 2nd time since the lengthy layoff. Is still in conditioning-mode and can be dismissed
5. **FLYING BRICKELL** - Unexceptional trotter with just the one run in him since the spell. Is barefoot for Hyeres debut but is still not a priority
6. **GAVROCHE DE L'ITON** - Got straight down to business on comeback at Cavaillon early last month, authoritatively winning a Cavaillon Class D. Steps up in category, breaks in front, and should not be far from the action
7. **IMPULSE JULRY** - Capable on a good day and has won 4 of 5 Hyeres starts, but has been rather disappointing this year and needs to get her house in order
8. **INGRID TURGOT** - Faces first objective of the season after a much-needed Marseille-Borely freshener in late-March. Has won 1 of 2 Hyeres runs, starts on front line, and with shoes off this time can finish in the mix
9. **FURIOSO FLIGNY** - Very disappointing in last 3 starts. Has merit but is clearly out of sorts and best to wait
10. **FEMTO DE VAUVERT** - Handy element at a lower level. Ran 6th in 7 April race of reference and will need to raise his game
11. **GAOTCHO JIEL** - Disappointed late last season when returning to the mainland. Is shod for comeback and can be ruled out
12. **FOSTER WOOD** - Hard to fault when barefoot and applied. Gave a reassuringly good account when 3rd in Cavaillon race of reference, has a particular fondness for Hyeres, and can again contest a place on the podium
13. **ISTER MAN** - Won 3 on the trot before coming close 2nd in a Parilly Gr.3 on 8 April. Incurs the penalty once more and Theo Briand will be keen to keep their love affair going. Claim
14. **INATO PIERJI** - Gr.2 placed trotter that will have come on for his 2nd place on re-entry in a 2525m Cavaillon Class A on 7 April. Boasts an enviable record racing clockwise and can win this
15. **FLOREAL** - Gave a fine account in a 2525m Cavaillon Class A on 7 April when 4th behind INATO PIERJI (14). Enjoys a good entry and will not be available at 40-1 this time



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Summary: Unbeaten in 3 starts with Theo Briand, ISTER MAN (13) went close to pulling off the 4-timer in a Lyon-Parilly GNT Gr.3 early last month and has a realistic chance of making his Hyeres bow a winning one. He will nonetheless be taking on INATO PIERJI (14) whose comeback run was particularly encouraging. Third that day, FOSTER WOOD (12) is clearly in fine shape and adores Hyeres. Fourth-placed FLOREAL (15), on the other hand, is new to the venue but in current condition should again figure prominently.

SELECTIONS

ISTER MAN (13) - INATO PIERJI (14) - FOSTER WOOD (12) - FLOREAL (15)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day

JAVA DES CAILLONS (705)

Outsider of the day

KANSAS DE CASTELLE (503)

Reverse forecast

ISTER MAN (813) - INATO PIERJI (814)

Three pick of the day

KHAZAR DES CORVEES (103) - JAVA DES CAILLONS (705) - ISTER MAN (813)