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## C1 - PRIX DE MARCQ-EN-BAROEUL - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 41,000

- 1. JADE DE NAVARY** - 3rd to JALAYA DES BROUETS (6) in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 15 April. Hind pads fitted again but others still preferred
- 2. JAVA DE BOITRON** - Close-finishing 4th of 12 in a similar event here on 9 April. Not once out of first 2 with Raffin reining and is not about to change her ways
- 3. JADE HAUFOR** - 5th, 2 places behind a shod JALMAROSA (8), in a 2100m Vincennes Class E 3 weeks ago, but will not find things easy in this category
- 4. JAVA DE CASTELLE** - On a good run of form recently, latterly 3rd, a place behind JOYCE DE LA COUR (5), in a 2900m Amiens Class E 2 weeks ago, and will need to find more
- 5. JOYCE DE LA COUR** - In the frame in last 4, most recently a 2900m Amiens Class E a fortnight ago. In this company though, is not about to set off any fireworks
- 6. JALAYA DES BROUETS** - Left a fine impression when winning a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche mid-April. Hard to knock when barefoot and has a claim on a first-3 spot
- 7. JET SET DU BELLAY** - Makes her first appearance since coming 3rd of 15 in a 2150m Enghien Class E late-March. Gets on well with Franck Nivard and is not about to return home empty-handed
- 8. JALMAROSA** - Won a brace in March before coming 3rd of 11 in a 2100m Class E here on 12 April, and with Lebourgeois back in the wagon, can bring home the bacon
- 9. JULIA DU CHERISAY** - A model of consistency in the other code, most recently 2nd of 9 in a 3125m monté Class E at Meslay-du-Maine and is unlikely to influence the result
- 10. JOUVENCE D'AVRIL** - Complicated but capable sort that finished a reassuring 2nd of 11 in a 2550m Reims Class E 9 days ago and, on good behaviour, can play a small part
- 11. JANIS SHOW** - Did not enjoy the best of runs when 10th of 12 in a 2850m Class D here on 19 February. Has had time to get her house in order and Franck Ouvrie will be out to capitalise on her good entry

**Summary:** JALMAROSA (8) has gone from strength to strength this year, last month passed her main-track baptism with honours and, racing first time barefoot, looks set to open her metropolitan account. Yoann Lebourgeois will still be wary of JAVA DE BOITRON (2) who simply thrives with Eric Raffin reining, and JALAYA DES BROUETS (6) who imposed smartly on just her second start back. JANIS SHOW (11) will have got her game together during the spell and the excellent entry will do her prospects no disservice.

### SELECTIONS

JALMAROSA (8) - JAVA DE BOITRON (2) - JALAYA DES BROUETS (6) - JANIS SHOW  
(11)

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## C2 - PRIX DE RENNES - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 52,000

1. **KIM FOREVER** - Good, consistent filly that trotted 3rd to KAHIA DE LA CROIX (4) in a Class D over track and trip a month ago. Shoes on this time though and best to hold off
2. **KEY OF LOVE** - Was never at her ease before faulting in 9 April race of reference, and others easier to trust
3. **KINNAIRD** - No slouch on a good day but modest 5th of 9 in a 2500m Reims Class D mid-April and is not about to shake things up
4. **KAHIA DE LA CROIX** - A revelation since starting to race barefoot, most recently winning a Class D, with ease, over track and trip, and is in with a realistic shout of repeating
5. **KAPPA** - Sanctioned in 9 April race of reference but is otherwise a very talented filly and will not be far from the action if Etienne Dubois keeps her trotting
6. **KAIRA DU DAMIER** - Somewhat below-par 6th of 8 finishers, behind KIVALA RENARDIER (12), in a Class C over track and trip early-April. Won under these conditions for Pierre-Yves Verva in February and can pick up another cheque
7. **KITTY CALL** - Sports a new configuration after faulting in early-April race of reference. Adrien Lamy reining this time but still no more than an outside chance
8. **KALICIA JOSSELYN** - Has looked decidedly ordinary this year, most recently last but one in the race of reference, and will have nothing to offer
9. **KANDIE D'ORCO** - Raced well on re-entry when 3rd of 10 in a 2850m Feurs Class C on 8 April. Has references here but takes on an elevated bunch this time around and can expect little support
10. **KETTY ANGOT** - Back under harness after finishing a flattering 5th of 7 in a 2175m monté Gr.2 recently and, with shoes on, will not be troubling the judge
11. **KINASSE DE VIVOIN** - 4th of 9 in a 2625m Class B at La Rochelle 2 weeks ago, but has little love for the Vincennes main track and can be passed over
12. **KIVALA RENARDIER** - Reassuring 3rd of 8 finishers in a Class C over course and distance on 9 April. Shoes off, entrusted to Eric Raffin, also for the first time, and is unlikely to disappoint. Chance
13. **KISS ME BOURBON** - Winner at this level earlier in the year but has failed to confirm in 2 since. Left a good impression despite being sanctioned in a Class A over course and distance late-March and is not to be overlooked
14. **KASH LADY** - Respectable but unthreatening 8th of 10, behind KINASSE DE VIVOIN (11), in a Class A under these conditions on 23 March. Drops back in category though and can get a look-in
15. **KOKOTE** - Makes her first appearance since coming 2nd of 10 in a 2850m Class B here 2 months ago. Well-engaged and, in similar form, can play a prominent role
16. **KEMIA DU CHENE** - 8th of 9, on re-entry, in a Class B over course and distance 8 days ago. Has an excellent entry and can finally be rewarded with a deserved success

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**Summary:** Unshod-all-4 following a necessary freshener, KEMIA DU CHENE (16) enjoys an entry-made-in-heaven and, under these conditions, looks a marginally better bet than recent course-and-distance winner, KAHIA DE LA CROIX (4), who returns to the venue on a 4-timer. KIVALA RENARDIER (12) beat a number of these early last month and racing first time barefoot, looks a serious proposition. KOKOTE (15) can occasionally prove a handful but is hard to fault when focused and must be considered one of the main protagonists.

## SELECTIONS

**KEMIA DU CHENE (16) - KAHIA DE LA CROIX (4) - KIVALA RENARDIER (12) - KOKOTE (15)**

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**C3 - PRIX DU VAUCLUSE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 70,000**

- 1. KIRCIE DE GUEZ** - 9th, on comeback, in a Class A over course and distance 8 days ago. Preparing for a monté campaign and can be ruled out
- 2. KANTO AVIS** - Good 2nd of 9 on re-entry in a 2625m Class B at La Rochelle a fortnight back. Hind shoes off this time and, even stepping up in class, is still worth keeping an eye on
- 3. KRACOVIA** - Reassuring 2nd in a Class A over track and trip 8 days ago. Takes on a bigger task this time around and, in the absence of Eric Raffin, is unlikely to surprise
- 4. KELLE BEAUTE** - Complicated but plainly back in business. Surprise winner of a 2850m Class A here on 6 April, has solid 2700m credentials, and is not going to be far off the mark
- 5. KEEN WINNER** - 6th to KELLE BEAUTE (4) in a 2850m Class A here early last month. Has however won twice over course and distance this term and is not about to let the side down
- 6. KNOCKONWOOD** - Never the easiest to gauge but eye-catching after faulting in 2875m Gr.2 Prix de Tonnac-Villeneuve at Enghien a fortnight ago and can play a leading role if Franck Nivard keeps him trotting
- 7. KAYA DREAM** - Makes first start since being sanctioned in a 2175m Vincennes monté Gr.2 last January. Front pads fitted but still not a priority
- 8. KIARA DE VANDEL** - 4th to KELLE BEAUTE (4) in a 2850m Class A here on 6 April and can pick up another pay-cheque if Léo Abrivard keeps her trotting
- 9. KHAL'S FELLA** - 3rd, a place behind KAVIARISSIME (13), in a 2850m Class A here on 6 April, after having won over track and trio, and will justifiably garner support
- 10. KELLY DE BANVILLE** - Starts for first time since finishing 3rd of 6 in 2700m monté Gr.3 here on 20 February. Shoes on and will not be given a hard race
- 11. KALMIA QUICK** - 8th of 10, when shod, in 20 April race of reference. Shoes on again and others preferred
- 12. KOOL DES CHAMPS** - Races barefoot after finishing last of 10 in Prix de Tonnac-Villeneuve late last month and even racing barefoot, will struggle to make his mark
- 13. KAVIARISSIME** - Does not always race to form but reassured with a fine 4th in 2875m Gr.2 Prix de Tonnac-Villeneuve across town 2 weeks ago and looks the one to beat this time
- 14. KEEP GOING** - Second to a superior KAVIARISSIME (13) in Gr.3 over track and trip early-March. Less-competitively-shod this time but still looks capable of trotting his way into the frame

**Summary:** KAVIARISSIME (13) held his own particularly well, in better company, at Enghien a fortnight ago and with form maintained should be able to impose. Gabriele Gelormini will still be wary of KNOCKONWOOD (6) who was most impressive following his sanction that day. KEEP GOING (14) trotted 2nd to the favourite in Gr.2 Prix Franck Anne 2 months ago and even with just front pads fitted, can still put on a good show. KHAL'S FELLA (9) has been encouraging lately, has form against the Allaire colt, and must be respected.

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KAVIARISSIME (13) - KNOCKONWOOD (6) - KEEP GOING (14) - KHAL'S FELLA (9)

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**C4 - PRIX ALBERT DEMARCQ - 2850m (a2m) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR  
€ 120,000**

- 1. JASMINE DE VAU** - Missed out by little for 3rd, behind JOCONDE SIBEY (2), in Gr.2 Prix Henri Levesque on 13 April but appears to have a mountain to climb this time
- 2. JOCONDE SIBEY** - Progressive mare that finished a fine 2nd in 2700m Gr.2 Prix Henri Levesque 3 weeks ago. Races barefoot again and although unlikely to repeat, is still worth retaining
- 3. JANGO VICI** - 5th to JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (6) in a 2875m Enghien Class A 2 weeks ago and already looks out of his depth
- 4. JIOSCO DE PHYT'S** - Had Gr.2 Prix Robert Auvray at his mercy last month before faulting in the final strides. Won for Eric Raffin 2 months ago and has a realistic chance of repeating
- 5. JASON** - Took his game to a new level when 3rd to JACK TONIC (9) last month on first start in this class. Returns with morale intact and can again figure prominently
- 6. JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL** - Has done nothing but progress since the autumn, most recently lifting a 2875m Enghien Class A a fortnight ago. Steps back up in class and while not a priority, should nevertheless hold his own
- 7. JOUMBA DE GUEZ** - 10th of 11, on first start since the layoff, in 2700m Gr.2 Prix Henri Levesque 3 weeks ago and is not about to shake things up
- 8. JASPER DES CHARMES** - Last but one, on comeback, in race of reference. Preparing for monté campaign and can be passed over
- 9. JACK TONIC** - Surprising, but excellent, winner of 2700m Gr.2 Prix Robert Auvray here 3 weeks ago. Not expected to repeat but can still pick up some prizemoney
- 10. JAG STRYCK** - Reinvigorated of late, most recently runner-up to JACK TONIC (9) in 13 April race of reference. Has won over course and distance and is very much in the reckoning
- 11. J'AIME LE FOOT** - 4th in Gr.2 Prix Robert Auvray here on 13 April. Has never delivered over 2850m on the main track but, in current condition, is hard to ignore
- 12. JUNINHO DRY** - Disappointing over the winter and most recently finished lacklustre 7th behind JACK TONIC (9) in 2700m Gr.2 Prix Robert Auvray here 3 weeks ago. No threat
- 13. JUST LOVE YOU** - Looked a race shy on comeback here when 9th of 11 finishers in 2700m Gr.2 Prix Henri Levesque 3 weeks ago. Shoes back on and poses no danger
- 14. JUST A GIGOLO** - Quickly sanctioned in 2700m Gr.1 Prix Bold Eagle here late-January. Reverts to a previous configuration, with Gabriele Gelormini reining, and with freshness on his side, can return to winning ways

**Summary:** Although sanctioned when on course for victory in Gr.2 Prix Robert Auvray 3 weeks ago, JIOSCO DE PHYT'S (4) nevertheless showed that he was up to the challenge at this level and is not incapable of winning this. Then there's JUST A GIGOLO (14), who has talent to burn, and the modified shoeing and new driver may well be the ticket to his redemption. JASON (5) met his Prix Robert Auvray challenge head-on and, in similar shape, can again finish close. J'AIME LE FOOT (11) finished a place behind him that day and will be expected to confirm.

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**JIOSCO DE PHYT'S (4) - JUST A GIGOLO (14) - JASON (5) - J'AIME LE FOOT (11)**

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**C5 - PRIX DE MENTON - 2850m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 56,000**

- 1. GADSEM** - 7th of 13, when being conditioned, in a 2825m Cordemais Class F 10 days ago and even though barefoot and confirmed over course and distance, still looks to have too much to do
- 2. GIGA DES PLAINES** - Unremarkable mare that came 6th of 18 in a 2800m Rambouillet Class F 2 weeks ago and, even with front pads fitted, still looks to have her work cut out
- 3. HARMONY LA NUIT** - Produced a good effort to trot 2nd of 13 in a 2825m Cordemais Class F 10 days ago and the change of driver will only work to her advantage. Place chance
- 4. HURIEL LUDOIS** - Winner in both codes last month, most recently a 2825m Cordemais monté Class D on 24 April. In better company this time but nevertheless looks an interesting outsider
- 5. HARIA DU BELLAY** - Has bags of ability but disappointing lately, most recently 7th of 13 in a 2100m Class E here. Lebourgeois keeps the faith though and, in this company, could well make the first 5
- 6. HUGO DU BOURG** - Has not been seen out since faulting in a monté Class E over course and distance last December and can be confidently passed over
- 7. HOUSTON TUILERIE** - Difficult to fault when focused, most recently winning a 2875m Argentan Class F in good order mid-April. Is dangerous when barefoot and looks a serious proposition
- 8. HECTOR DE BASSIERE** - 2nd of 13 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F a month back. Franck Nivard reining this time and will be afforded every chance
- 9. HERMES EXPRESS** - Facile winner of a 2550m Reims Class E on 21 March, making it 4 victories on the trot. Unbeaten in 5 starts for Eric Raffin and will be expected to continue their love-affair

**Summary:** A model of consistency, and winner over course and distance mid-February, HERMES EXPRESS (9) returns to Paris on a 5-timer and, with Eric Raffin reining, looks set to accomplish the feat. Back in business lately with 2 straight victories, HOUSTON TUILERIE (7) races barefoot for the first time since September and Matthieu Abrivard will have the favourite fixed firmly in his sights. HARMONY LA NUIT (3) is plainly in form, won her only start for JMB, sports modified shoeing, and is not going to be far from the action. In the frame in two of his last three, Franck Nivard gets the nod on HECTOR DE BASSIERE (8) and looks similarly capable of challenging for a place on the podium.

## SELECTIONS

**HERMES EXPRESS (9) - HOUSTON TUILERIE (7) - HARMONY LA NUIT (3) - HECTOR DE BASSIERE (8)**

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## C6 - PRIX DE CHATEAU-DU-LOIR - 2850m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 59,000

- 1. FAUX DOLLARS** - Below-par since the turn of the year, latterly 14th of 15 in a 2725m Lisieux Class E 3 weeks ago, and even with Théo Duvaldestin reining, will struggle to make his mark
- 2. FULL CASH DE PADD** - 9th of 16 in a 2900m Amiens Class F 3 weeks ago. Races first time barefoot but others still preferred
- 3. FLAMBEUR DU DIGEON** - Below-par 9th of 14, behind FEELING PACO (8), in a 2100m Class E here late-March. Has otherwise been enjoying a decent run and can make the first 5 this time
- 4. ETHAN DRIVE** - Moderate trotter that lost his action on comeback late-April in a 2825m Cordemais Class F 10 days ago, and barefoot or not, is unlikely to be up to the task
- 5. FEDER PERRINE** - 7th of 13 finishers in a 2825m Cordemais Class F 10 days ago. Mathieu Mottier reining this time but still no more than a minor place chance
- 6. FEUX VERTS** - By no means disgraced when 8th of 12 finishers in a 2100m Vincennes Class D after having won 2 right-handed. Goes barefoot again and can challenge for a place on the podium this time
- 7. EQUIDO ALFA** - Fine provincial campaigner that came in last of 9, when still being conditioned, in a 2800m Cholet Class E last Monday. Shoes on again and no threat
- 8. FEELING PACO** - 4th of 13 in a 2100m Class E here on 29 March. Has excellent references when barefoot and will be expected to turn the tables on FAN DE PHYT'S (13) who beat him late-February
- 9. FELICITA D'ECOUVES** - Last of 12 in a 2100m Class D here a fortnight ago. Is not devoid of ability but will need to find more this time around
- 10. FAUBOURG DU PERCHE** - Last of 15 in a 2700m claimer here on Tuesday. Front shoes off this time but others still preferred
- 11. EL PARDO** - Shod to preference after coming a surprise 7th of 13 in a 2650m Class E at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue 2 weeks ago and can be written off
- 12. FELINE DE CALVI** - Raced better in a 2700m Graignes Class E on 18 April than her 7th place would suggest. Previously showed her form at a superior level and, with a leading driver reining this time, will be competitive for a place in the frame
- 13. FAN DE PHYT'S** - Pulled off quite the surprise when winning a 2100m Class E here on 28 February. Has had time to recuperate and is not incapable of doubling up
- 14. FILOU DE L'ELLE** - Has not been seen out since coming 9th of 11 in a 2175m monté Class D here mid-January. Has references in this category though and will have his supporters
- 15. EMIR DU PRESOIR** - Sanctioned, at 133/1, in a 2700m claimer here on Tuesday and, quite simply, has no realistic chance
- 16. FRANKY SATYNE** - Got back in the game 11 days ago when close 2nd of 15 in a claimer over course and distance. Modified shoeing here but Eric Raffin has maintained faith and will be expected to finish in the mix

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**Summary:** Unlucky not to finish closer than 4th in a competitive 2100m event here late-March, FEELING PACO (8) should find conditions more to his liking today and Franck NIVARD will be out to exact revenge on FAN DE PHYT'S (13) who, surprisingly, had his measure over 2700m a month prior. 183/1 winner of a 2750m Ecommoy Class A 5 weeks ago, FELINE DE CALVI (12) gets a Matthieu Abrivard drive for the occasion and can make up for her Graignes result. FEUX VERTS (6) won 2 on the trot before racing courageously here a fortnight ago and improvement is expected.

## SELECTIONS

**FEELING PACO (8) - FAN DE PHYT'S (13) - FELINE DE CALVI (12) - FEUX VERTS (6)**

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## C7 - PRIX DE COMBREE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 68,000

- 1. ETERNEL AMOUR** - 11th, behind GREAT OF MADRIK (7), in a similar event here 3 weeks ago and again appears to be out of his depth
- 2. IBISCUS MAN** - Dynamic since late-December, most recently trotting 2nd in a 3000m GNT Gr.3 at Marseille-Borély on 27 March. 2nd in 2700m Gr.3 Prix de la Mayenne on previous outing and is in with a realistic shout
- 3. GILMOUR** - Unremarkable type that came a tenacious 5th of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes Class C but will struggle to make much of an impact on this occasion
- 4. GINKO DU ROUSSOIR** - Showed improvement when 6th, a place behind HARRY CARISAIE (8), in a 3250m GNT Gr.3 at Lyon-La Soie on 10 April, but on this occasion appears to have more limited prospects
- 5. EUSEBIO D'HERIPRE** - Starts for the first time since coming 9th of 10 in a 2850m Class B here last June and can be disregarded
- 6. HARLEY GEMA** - Faulted in the stretch when en route to victory in a 2150m Enghien Class C 2 weeks ago. Is plainly at the top of her game and, on good behaviour, can set the record straight
- 7. GREAT OF MADRIK** - Pleasantly surprised when 3rd of 14 in a Class C over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Unlikely to repeat but should still acquit himself honourably
- 8. HARRY CARISAIE** - 5th of 14 in 3250m GNT Gr.3 at Lyon-La Soie on 10 April. Consistently gives everything he has and is unlikely to be far from the action
- 9. HAPPY DANICA** - Good mare but disappointing after the spell when 7th, behind HARRY CARISAIE (8), in 3250m GNT Gr.3 at Lyon-La Soie on 10 April. Returns to her preferred hunting-ground though and can start to make amends
- 10. HERADAMES** - Got back in the game when 3rd of 12 in a 3100m Angers Gr.3 a month back and, if still on the boil and focused, can go close
- 11. FIFTY BLACK** - Put in a good final effort to come 7th, behind GREAT OF MADRIK (7), in a similar event here 3 weeks ago and will be expected to be more competitive this time around. Place chance
- 12. FAVORI DE L'ITON** - 10th of 14 finishers in a 2150m Enghien Class C 2 weeks ago. Is more at home in the claiming division and can be ruled out
- 13. FIESTA DU BELVER** - Modest 9th to GREAT OF MADRIK (7) in 13 April race of reference and is unlikely to be troubling the judge
- 14. GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE** - Courageous but unthreatening 6th, a place behind GREAT OF MADRIK (7), in a Class C over course and distance late-March and is not about to spring a surprise
- 15. INVICTUS MADIBA** - Runner-up, for the 3rd time in a row, in a 2725m Lisieux Class D 2 weeks ago. Is not going to be far off the mark and can even win this
- 16. ELIXIR WIND** - Quality element making his first appearance since coming 5th of 13 in a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class C last October. Front shoes off but others still preferred

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**Summary:** An excellent servant with nothing to prove under these conditions, HARLEY GEMA (6) would have imposed at Enghien a fortnight ago had she not faulted, and Guillaume Martin will be out to put things right. It's unlikely to be all plane sailing though considering the form the younger IBISCUS MAN (2) has been showing at a superior level. FIFTY BLACK (11) caught the eye on re-entry, will have come on for the run, and is not to be underestimated. Bridesmaid in his last three, INVICTUS MADIBA (15) is close to his race and will be competitive for a spot on the podium.

## SELECTIONS

**HARLEY GEMA (6) - IBISCUS MAN (2) - FIFTY BLACK (11) - INVICTUS MADIBA (15)**

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## C8 - PRIX ROGER LEDOYEN - 2850m (a2m) - Gr3 Race - Mounted - EUR € 90,000

**1. EXTREME DESBOIS** - Appears to have found his way in the ridden code, latterly runner-up to HOPIUM (3) in a 2875m Enghien Class C 2 weeks ago. Takes a notable step up in category however and is unlikely to cause an upset

**2. FORAIN JENILOU** - 4th of 8 in a 2825m Cordemais Class D 8 days ago. Faithful sort with decent 2850m credentials, races barefoot for the occasion, but at this level will have his work cut out

**3. HOPIUM** - Excellent this term, most recently successful in a 2875m Enghien Class C 2 weeks ago. Aimed higher this time and although not a contender, can still eke out a cheque

**4. HALFA** - Could manage no closer than 5th behind HOPIUM (3) in a 2700m Class C here on 12 April, after suffering interference, but form is sound and redemption should be on the cards. Chance

**5. GEF DE PLAY** - Springs the occasional surprise but latest sanction in 12 April race of reference does nothing to inspire confidence

**6. ESPOIR DU RAVARY** - Capable type that trotted 4th behind HOPIUM (3) in a 2700m Class C here on 12 April but will still need to raise his game

**7. GRAAL DU TRESOR** - Powerful winner of a 3250m harness Gr.3 on 10 April. Plainly at the top of his game and can play an important role if form transitions

**8. IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL** - Tough element returning on a hat-trick, latterly clinching victory in a Gr.3 over course and distance a month back. Breaks in front and can bring the fight to EDITION GEMA (10)

**9. FILWELL** - Has not been seen out since trotting 4th to EDITION GEMA (10) in a 2175m Vincennes Gr.3 on 18 February. Is barefoot for re-entry but the extra 25m may limit him to a first-5 prospect this time

**10. EDITION GEMA** - Superior winner of a 2700m Gr.2 here a fortnight ago. Incurs the penalty but still looks capable of getting her nose in front and pulling off the 5-timer

**Summary:** An absolute revelation since the turn of the year, the versatile EDITION GEMA (10) breaks from the 2nd line but still looks capable of besting recent Gr.3 Prix Cornelia winner IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL (8) who benefits from a 25m head-start. 3rd in Gr.2 Prix du Calvados over course and distance earlier in the year, HALFA (4) can play a key role here if Alan Gendrot manages to keep her in stride. Unseen under the saddle for almost 2 years, GRAAL DU TRESOR (7) was superb in a Lyon-La Soie harness Gr.3 last month and returns to the discipline with a good hand to play.

### SELECTIONS

EDITION GEMA (10) - IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL (8) - HALFA (4) - GRAAL DU TRESOR (7)

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## C9 - PRIX DU ROUERGUE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 75,000

- 1. HORCHESTRO** - Made short work of a Marseille-Borély Gr.3 late-March before coming good 3rd in a 3250m Lyon-La Soie Gr.3 on 10 April and, even with the inside draw, still looks main threat to EUREKA VRIE (5)
- 2. DERBY DU DOLLAR** - Unseen since coming last but one in a 2700m Vincennes claimer early-December. Disregard
- 3. EQUINOXE JIEL** - Races barefoot after 2 fresheners, latterly last of 10 in a 2850m Class A here a fortnight ago, and is not about to spring any surprises
- 4. EBERTON** - Handed a fine draw, and competitively-shod, but will need to improve on his 8th of 10 in a 2850m Class A here 2 weeks back
- 5. EUREKA VRIE** - Very hard to fault when racing in this configuration, most recently winning a Class B under these conditions on 13 April. Well-placed behind the car and is the one to beat
- 6. GO FOR THE GOLD** - 10th of 11 on comeback in a 2650m Bordeaux Gr.3 earlier in the week. Is better under the saddle but is barefoot for the occasion and could pleasantly surprise
- 7. FILOU D'ANJOU** - Being conditioned when 10th behind HAVE A DREAM (10) in a 2800m Cordemais Gr.3 10 days ago. Known more for monté exploits but, with hind shoes off and Yoann Lebourgeois reining, will be afforded every chance
- 8. GUIDE MOI FORGAN** - Should not be too harshly-judged for recent 9th behind HORCHESTRO (1) in a 3250m Lyon-La Soie Gr.3 on 10 April. Won a similar event earlier in the year and will be no soft touch
- 9. BORDEAUX S.** - Hardy element making his first appearance since coming 3rd of 15 in a 2850m Laval Class A mid-March and will not find this the easiest of tests
- 10. HAVE A DREAM** - Pleased over longer here in March before trotting 5th of 15 in a 2800m Cordemais Gr.3 10 days ago. Below-par that day but expected to prove more competitive on this occasion
- 11. FANATIC FLASH** - 3rd time a charm, winning a 2525m Cavaillon Class B on 9 April. Is confirmed under similar conditions and, while clearly in better company this time, should still acquit himself decently
- 12. HIDALGO DES NOES** - Reaffirmed when 2nd to EUREKA VRIE (5) under similar conditions in 13 April race of reference. Just front shoes off this time though and the draw will do him no favours
- 13. FAUBOURG** - No longer the horse he once was, finishing 6th over 2840m at Mons and, in this company, can be confidently ruled out
- 14. HONKY TONK BLUES** - Has been disappointing for some time and latest 12th behind HAVE A DREAM (10) in a 2800m Cordemais Gr.3 10 days ago, does nothing to inspire confidence
- 15. ESTEBAN JIEL** - Kicked the year off well but disappointing of late, most recently a well-beaten 7th to EUREKA VRIE (5) 3 weeks ago, and will need to reaffirm his credentials
- 16. GRINDELWALD** - 5th of 14, to EUREKA VRIE (5), in a Class B over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Has a fine turn of foot and, even from wide on the 2nd line, can still finish in the mix

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**Summary:** In his element under these conditions and hard to fault with Eric Raffin reining, EUREKA VRIE (5) has been handed a good front-line draw and will be expected to double his money. Excellent in the GNT lately, HORCHESTRO (1) returns to the capital in top form, sporting a proven configuration, and will be no pushover if David Békaert successfully navigates the start. GUIDE MOI FORGAN (8) did not enjoy the best of runs behind him in Lyon last month and, already a winner for Mathieu Mottier, can redeem himself. The excellent GRINDELWALD (16) has been handed a shocking draw but with JMB reining, will not go down without a fight.

## SELECTIONS

**EUREKA VRIE (5) - HORCHESTRO (1) - GUIDE MOI FORGAN (8) - GRINDELWALD (16)**