

R1 CAEN [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DE COQUAINVILLIERS - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

- 1. JADE DU PARC** - Disqualified in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 22 September. Has otherwise been giving a good account of herself and, barefoot this time, can get in on the action
- 2. INITIALE LILA** - Finished 8th in a harness Class E at Argentan over 2,875m on 23 September. Seldom disappoints in this branch of the business, has a particular liking for Caen, and is very hard to ignore
- 3. IZIASLAV TEK** - Runner-up, on monte bow, in a Class E Apprentices' race at Cabourg over 2,750m on 3 October. Charline Blaizot keeps the ride but is not a priority
- 4. JOYEUSE ENTREE** - Unplaced in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 22 September. Won over course and distance earlier in the year but in current form is hard to recommend
- 5. JUST BIRD** - Winner of a Class E at Angers over 3,125m on 9 September. Has not put a foot wrong since June and looks thoroughly capable of confirming
- 6. KANSAS DU HOCTI** - Unplaced, when preparing for this, in a harness Class D at Laval over 2,850m on 24 September. Is clearly in race-mode this time and has a realistic chance of giving JUST BIRD (5) a run for his money
- 7. IDEAL DU NOYER** - Disqualified, on comeback, in a Class D at Laval over 2,850m on 28 August. Sports a new formula but will still be a race shy
- 8. KALMIA QUICK** - Fourth in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 12 September. Has yet to excel under the saddle and is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 9. JAZZY THOURJAN** - Finished 5th, on re-entry, in a Class D at Laval over 2,850m on 30 September. Will have come on for the run but is still taking on too much
- 10. KATCHINA FOR CLARA** - Finished 3rd in a Class D at Feurs over 2,850m on 16 September. Excels in her current configuration and will be reunited with Mathieu Mottier. Chance
- 11. IROKO DU LOIR** - Finished 3rd in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,175m on 5 September. Is as good racing right-handed as left- and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 12. HOTKATISSIME** - Starts for the first time since finishing 8th in a Class D at Laval over 2,850m on 19 August and has no possible chance
- 13. JUBLA VIKING** - Finished 7th in a Class D at Laval over 2,850m on 10 September. Stays shod this time and best to keep one's powder dry

Summary: JUST BIRD (5), in cracking form, KANSAS DU HOCTI (6), barefoot and bidding for a sixth win of the year, and KATCHINA FOR CLARA (10), hard to knock at present, will need to be wary of the reconfigured INITIALE LILA (2) who will be entrusted to Alexandre Abrivard for her return to the code.

SELECTIONS

JUST BIRD (5) - KANSAS DU HOCTI (6) - KATCHINA FOR CLARA (10) - INITIALE LILA (2)

C2 - PRIX D'AIREL - 2200m (a1m1/2) - - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. **MINDIE DES PRES** - Finished 6th in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,750m on 19 September. Is plainly better than that though and, considering the entry, will be no easy touch
2. **MULANE DU BOCAGE** - Finished 10th in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 4 September. Has otherwise been giving a good account of herself and a return to racing clockwise should produce results
3. **MARIANNA** - Produced 3 straight sanctions before being pulled-up in a Vincennes Class D a fortnight ago and will have few friends
4. **MY LOVELY LADY** - Finished 4th in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 18 September. Has been knocking at the door for some time and, with David Thomain in the bike, can impose
5. **MAGABYLOU** - Unplaced in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 18 September. Will be more at home here and the draw will only work to her advantage
6. **MANON DU CHENE** - Ran 7th in a Class E at Saint Malo over 2,950m on 11 August. Comes here fresh, starts in front, and with Benjamin Rochard reining should not be far from the action
7. **MARGATE** - Finished 5th in a Class E at Vire over 2,800m on 31 August. Presents good references in both disciplines but races shod this time and best to hold off
8. **MELINDA DU LOISIR** - Fifth in a monte Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 17 September. Is here for reasons of conditioning and will have nothing to bring to the party
9. **MIAMI** - Had encouraged at Bernay but finished unplaced in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 18 September and is not an obvious choice
10. **MEDUSA DU PONT** - Disappointing in all 3 starts since returning from her layoff. Continues to race shod and can be passed over
11. **MONEY DU CHATELET** - Disqualified in last 2, the latest a Class E at Cabourg over 2,750m on 3 October. Is hard to knock when focused though and will have a lot to contribute if Yoann Lebourgeois successfully negotiates the start
12. **MAYWENN DU GUERET** - Ran 6th in a Class E at Enghien over 2,875m on 2 August. Won a Class E under these conditions in June but shoes fitted on this occasion and others preferred
13. **MI CASA** - Finished 7th in a Class E at Castera-Verduzan over 2,800m on 10 August. Can trot when focused, has been re-shod, but latest results do nothing to inspire confidence
14. **MIYAJIMA VET** - Has been disqualified in 3 consecutive starts, the latest a Class E at Cabourg over 2,750m on 3 October. Has pulled a rough number and is unlikely to upset the apple cart
15. **MOLLY WHITE** - Out of the picture in last 7 starts. Would have better prospects in the other code and can be ruled out
16. **MISS SPEED** - Switches code after being disqualified in two straight under the saddle. Goes barefoot for the first time, has form here, and despite the draw should not be underestimated

Summary: Maxime Bézier has a strong hand with MY LOVELY LADY (4), who is due a win one of these days, and MINDIE DES PRES (1), ideally-entered at the limit of earnings. MAGABYLOU (5) returns to the provinces with a good hand to play and may just be a marginally better bet than the latter. MONEY DU CHATELET (11), provided she remains focused, and MANON DU CHENE (6), partnered by Benjamin Rochard, can be considered next.

SELECTIONS

MY LOVELY LADY (4) - MAGABYLOU (5) - MINDIE DES PRES (1) - MONEY DU CHATELET (11)

C3 - PRIX DE BLAINVILLE SUR ORNE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. MOONLIGHT DJOC** - Disqualified in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 27 March. Has bags of ability but has not been seen out since and with shoes fitted will have nothing to contribute
- 2. MANDELA SEVEN** - Disqualified in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 3 April. Makes first appearance since then and can be ruled out
- 3. MY NAME IS CHENU** - Disqualified in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 1 September. Has otherwise been in excellent form, presents excellent right-handed credentials, but at this level is a minor place chance at best
- 4. MAFIOSO DREAM** - Has not been seen out since finishing 10th in a Class D at Clairefontaine over 2,900m on 13 July. Is barefoot with Alexandre Abrivard in the bike, and the draw will only work in their favour
- 5. MAESTRO D'IDEF** - Third in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,750m on 19 September, a month after winning an Argentan Class E. Has been handed a good number and Gildas Donio will be keen to make hay
- 6. MALIBU** - Made amends for a pair of eliminations when successful in a Class E at Angers over 3,125m on 9 September. Has buckets of ability and can confirm if he deigns to keep his action together
- 7. MIRAGE DU CAIEU** - Won a Class E at Vire over 2,800m on 6 September. Has done nothing but improve lately and the front-line draw will do his place prospects no disservice
- 8. MODEVY** - Won a Class E at Pornichet over 2,725m on 19 September. Faces a stiffer task this time though and is unlikely to spice things up
- 9. MAMBO DU MIREL** - Surprise third in a Class E at Enghien over 2,875m on 26 September. Can trot when in the mind to but will still need to find more
- 10. MILANO BOCNEUF** - Disqualified in a Class E at Laval over 2,850m on 3 October. Disappointing in 2 since winning at Alencon last month and is not about to set off any fireworks
- 11. MAMBO DE CAHOT** - Finished 7th in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,750m on 17 July. Is competitively-shod for re-entry but the draw will not help his cause
- 12. MARC AURELE** - Unplaced in a Class E at Enghien over 2,875m on 26 September. Is capable on a good day but can expect to have few friends this time
- 13. MAN ON THE MOON** - Returned to the winners' circle after comfortably securing a Class E at Vincennes over 2,100m on 5 September. Showed aptitude for racing right-handed in August and despite the draw still looks a serious player
- 14. MILLESIME GWEN** - Starts for the first time since finishing runner-up in a Class D at Lisieux over 2,725m on 7 June. Is confirmed at the venue, will be barefoot, and can play a part if his driver successfully navigates the start

Summary: Winner at Angers a month ago, MALIBU (6) goes barefoot this time and can double up if he stays in stride. MAN ON THE MOON (13) has plenty of ability, has been reconfigured and, on good behaviour, will lead the opposition alongside the returning but well-positioned MAFIOSO DREAM (4), a winner here in May, and MIRAGE DU CAIEU (7), who is bidding to maintain his unbeaten record with Franck Ouvrie.

SELECTIONS

MALIBU (6) - MAN ON THE MOON (13) - MAFIOSO DREAM (4) - MIRAGE DU CAIEU (7)

C4 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE CAEN - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Claiming - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. HORUS DE VAL** - Imposed at Argentan mid-August before repeating in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,100m a fortnight later. Comes here fresh, starts in front, and even in the absence of Eric Raffin, can win this
- 2. KASSYA** - Scored her third success of the year when lifting a Class D at Cabourg over 2,750m on 28 August. Has a lot going for her here and looks main threat to HORUS DE VAL (1)
- 3. KORONA DELADOU** - Fourth in a Class E at Argentan over 2,875m on 23 September. Is not about to win this, but consistently gives her best, and this effort should prove no different
- 4. KALINE DU LOCHEUR** - Made it three on the trot when securing a Class C at Vichy over 2,950m on 12 September. Should take well to Caen conditions and has a reasonable chance of continuing her triumphant streak
- 5. KALITA D'HENINEL** - Has not been seen out since running fifth in a Class D at Lisieux over 2,725m on 15 July and is going to need the race
- 6. IL PLEUT BERGERE** - Fifth in a Class D at Amiens over 2,400m on 5 September. Faces a much stiffer challenge on this occasion and is unlikely to repeat
- 7. IASELMA** - Ran 6th in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,850m on 27 September, 3 weeks after having won an Amiens Class D. Starts in front here, has been re-shod, and is worth keeping an eye on
- 8. ISIA DU CHENE** - Disqualified in a Class D at Amiens over 2,400m on 5 September. Is not without merit but others still easier to trust
- 9. KNOCKONWOOD** - Has been disqualified in 3 consecutive starts, the latest a Class D at Laval over 2,850m on 24 September, but given the chance can put on a good show
- 10. KASH DES CAILLONS** - Second in a Class C at Vichy over 2,950m on 12 September. Has a particular appreciation for Caen and his latest performance bodes well for his chances of making first five
- 11. JAMAIS** - Victorious in a Class D at Beaumont-De-Lomagne over 2,400m on 14 September, making up for Argentan blip, and should again prove competitive when push comes to shove
- 12. JUDY MATIDY** - Finished 9th in a Class E at Redon over 2,950m on 6 September. Has been below-par since placing at Amiens in late-July and can be passed over
- 13. JANE AIMEE** - Starts for the first time since coming third in a Class B Apprentices' race at Vincennes over 2,700m on 5 January and is not a concern
- 14. INDICE DELADOU** - Ran 7th in a Class C at Enghien over 2,875m on 6 March. Has not been seen out since and will pose no danger
- 15. IGUANE DE CAPONET** - Disqualified in a Class B at Vincennes over 2,700m on 27 September. Has otherwise been in excellent shape and Alexandre Abrivard will be keen to put things right. Attention
- 16. HABIT DE SOIREE** - Finished 9th at Divonne over 2,000m on 21 August. Has done nothing noteworthy since last February and is not about to start now
- 17. GINO VIVA** - Finished 10th in a Class B at Vincennes over 2,700m on 27 September. Has been a write-off for some time and will have nothing to offer
- 18. KAPTAIN DU LIAMONE** - Victorious in a Class C at Toulouse over 2,950m on 25 September. Benefits from a good entry on the second row but sports pads this time and looks a minor place chance at best

Summary: After a mixed first half of the year, HORUS DE VAL (1) is clearly now back at his best. Runner-up last time here, he is easy to like for the win. With a good turn of foot and partnered by Yoann Lebourgeois who is always a force at Caen, KASSYA (2) will lead the opposition alongside KALINE DU LOCHEUR (4) who makes her Caen bow on a four-timer. KNOCKONWOOD (9) is seldom far from faulting but will be no pushover if Robin Lamy can keep him focused. KASH DES CAILLONS (10) enjoys a good entry on the front row and in current form is easy to recommend.

SELECTIONS

HORUS DE VAL (1) - KASSYA (2) - KALINE DU LOCHEUR (4) - KNOCKONWOOD (9)

C5 - PRIX DE CREULLY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. **LE BALIGHAN** - Disqualified in a Class E at Nantes over 3,000m on 25 September. Tends to show more going left-handed though and others easier to back
2. **LAFAYETTE DU BOURG** - Unplaced in a Class E at Vincennes over 2,700m last Tuesday. Is in competition-mode this time though and can finish in the mix if he stays in stride
3. **LARIMAR** - Has not been seen out since running 3rd in a Class E at Vincennes over 2,850m on 30 April and is going to need the race
4. **LUXOR DE VILLABON** - Unplaced in a Class E Apprentices' race at Cabourg over 2,050m on 1 September. Sports 4 pads for the first time but is not about to create an upset
5. **LET'S GO SAUTREUIL** - Finished 8th, on re-entry, in a Class E at Vichy over 2,150m on 19 September. Will have come on for the run and, reunited with Mathieu Mottier who won with him in May, can make this his own
6. **LIEUTENANT COLUMBO** - Third in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,850m on 25 September. Can prove a handful but his form is not in question, and is eminently capable of imposing this time
7. **LOTUS DE BEYLEV** - Unlucky 9th in a Class E at Enghien over 2,875m on 22 July. Has been afforded time to recalibrate and could well pick up minor honours
8. **LOCKI DU FER** - Fourth in a Class E at La Capelle over 2,700m on 2 September. Presents solid right-handed references but in this company will need to find more
9. **LORQUET** - Disappointing in 2 since securing a double in July and August, most recently unplaced in a Class E at Le Croise-Laroche over 2,700m on 30 September, but it is only a matter of time before he gets back in the game
10. **LUTIN DE BOISNEY** - Finished 3rd in a Class E Apprentices' race at Cabourg over 2,050m on 1 September, but on this occasion will struggle to confirm
11. **L'AIGLE PASS** - Won a Class F at Villedieu Les Poeles over 2,800m on 13 September. Faces a much stiffer test on this occasion, however, and is not about to repeat
12. **LUDO PAROYO** - Finished 4th in a Class E at Vincennes over 2,850m on 20 September. Was unlucky that day and should make amends if Sebastien Baude keeps him out of harm's way
13. **LE GRAND AMOUR** - Finished 7th in a Class F at Landivisiau over 2,600m on 6 September. Is never the easiest of horses to gauge and can be ruled out
14. **LITTLE KING** - Victorious in a Class F at Villedieu Les Poeles over 2,800m on 13 September. Sprang something of a surprise that day and a repeat seems unlikely
15. **LEADER BEACH** - Finished 9th in a Class D at Chateaubriant over 3,000m on 13 September. Has otherwise been in decent shape but cannot be considered a priority
16. **LOTUS JIEL** - Made it 2 in a row when successful in a Class E Apprentices' race at Chalons-En-Champagne over 2,625m on 20 September. Is new to the venue but is nicely-entered and, in race-mode this time, can make a big splash

Summary: LET'S GO SAUTREUIL (5), whose recent comeback at Vichy was much better than it looks on paper, LIEUTENANT COLUMBO (6), who reassured at Vincennes two weeks ago, LOTUS JIEL (16), in top form, re-shod, and well-entered, and LUDO PAROYO (12), unlucky last time out, can be considered ahead of LAFAYETTE DU BOURG (2) who will be barefoot for his first objective of the autumn.

SELECTIONS

LET'S GO SAUTREUIL (5) - LIEUTENANT COLUMBO (6) - LOTUS JIEL (16) - LUDO PAROYO (12)

C6 - SAINT-LEGER DES TROTTEURS - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Gr1 - Mounted - EUR € 150,000

1. **NECTAR DE LA FYE** - Unplaced in an Argentan harness Class B 2.5 weeks ago when preparing for this. Sports pads this time but others still preferred
2. **NEWTON ELLIS** - Disqualified in a Class A at Vincennes over 2,700m on 20 September, 3 weeks after winning a Class C there, but is biting off more than he can chew this time
3. **NATURALLY STAR** - Disqualified, on return to the code 3 weeks ago, in a Vincennes Class A, and in this field will struggle to make her mark
4. **NINA FOX** - Second in a Class A at Vincennes over 2,700m on 20 September. Takes a notable hike in category though and may just be taking on too much
5. **NINA JAVO** - Flattering 5th in a Group II at Vincennes over 2,700m on 11 September and is once again out of her depth
6. **NANIKA DU PONT** - Finished 3rd in a Class A at Vincennes over 2,700m on 20 September. Has never delivered at Group-level though and is unlikely to start now
7. **NORMAN PIERJI** - Ran 7th in Group I Criterium des 3 Ans at Vincennes over 2,700m on 12 September. Clearly has bags of ability, has been reconfigured, and will be no pushover if he takes to the code
8. **NYX DE VAL** - Third in a Group II at Vincennes over 2,700m on 11 September, at 48-1, and a repeat seems unlikely
9. **NOCARIO JEEP** - Fourth in a Group II at Vincennes over 2,700m on 11 September. Has twice defied his odds recently and while not a priority, should not be overlooked either
10. **NOBEL SPEED** - Debuts in the discipline after winning 2 straight under harness. Is confirmed racing clockwise and worth keeping an eye on
11. **NEW SUCCESS** - Finished 9th in a harness Class B at Le Croise-Laroche over 2,800m on 30 September. Is in competition-mode this time but still has nothing to contribute
12. **NIKITA DES CHARMES** - Authoritative winner of a Group II at Vincennes over 2,700m on 11 September. Is never the easiest of horses to use but can nevertheless double her money if applied
13. **NUEVO CASH** - Disqualified in last two, the latest the Group I Criterium des 3 Ans at Vincennes over 2,700m on 12 September. Is new to the discipline, but will be ridden by Victor Saussaye and should not be underestimated
14. **NELSON EMGE** - Finished 8th in Group I Criterium des 3 Ans at Vincennes over 2,700m on 12 September. Has demonstrated decent aptitude under harness and Benjamin Rochard knows him well. Attention
15. **NICKEL DE BAILLE** - Finished 11th in a harness Group II at Vincennes over 2,700m on 29 August, when preparing for this. Faces first target of the autumn and is unlikely to let the side down. Place chance
16. **NINJA DE L'ENVOL** - Runner-up in a Group II at Vincennes over 2,700m on 11 September. Is already a Gr.1 winner himself though, and is not incapable of exacting revenge

Summary: Winner of this race last year, Simon Rousselle will bid to retain his title with NIKITA DES CHARMES (12) who recently imposed by a wide margin from NINJA DE L'ENVOL (16), winner of the Gr.1 Prix d'Essai in June. NICKEL DE BAILLE (15), carefully prepared by Mathieu Mottier, can also fight for the places, as can newcomers to the discipline NUEVO CASH (13) and NORMAN PIERJI (7), trained by Thierry Duvaldestin.

SELECTIONS

NIKITA DES CHARMES (12) - NINJA DE L'ENVOL (16) - NICKEL DE BAILLE (15) - NUEVO CASH (13)

C7 - PRIX DE BRAINVILLE - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. **LEONIE DE L'ECLAIR** - Has been disappointing on the whole for the past 12 months and recent form does nothing to inspire confidence
2. **LAVEZZI PEJI** - Gives a good account for the most part but finished 8th in a Class E at Laval over 2,050m on 24 September and will need to raise her game
3. **LA MOME DE CAHOT** - Sports 4 pads for the first time in seven months, most recently disqualified in a Gournay Class F late last month. Reliability not her strong suit but with Benjamin Rochard reining will have her supporters
4. **LOVELY BRUYERE** - Form has done nothing but regress since running second in a Class F at Cabourg on 4 August and will first need to reaffirm
5. **LAHANNA DESBOIS** - Finished 8th in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,850m on 2 October, a month after running 2nd at Les Sables-d'Olonne. Will appreciate a return to racing right handed and is unlikely to disappoint
6. **LADY D'HELIOS** - Ran reassuring 3rd in a Gournay Class F 2 weeks ago. Tends to go well for Guillaume Martin and can pick up another cheque
7. **LUTTE IMPERIALE** - Finished 9th in a Class E Apprentices' race at Cabourg over 2,050m on 16 September. Has made little impact since June and will struggle to make her presence felt
8. **LILA D'OCTAV** - Unplaced in a Class F at Blain over 3,200m on 20 September. Is preparing for a campaign under the saddle and will have nothing to contribute
9. **LONDON LADY** - Victorious in a Class F at Salon-De-Provence over 3,000m on 12 September, a fortnight after winning over 2200m at the same venue. Is confirmed with Antonin André who will be justifiably confident of a big run
10. **LA BAULE HAUFOR** - Finished 5th in a Class E Apprentices' race at Cabourg over 2,050m on 16 September. Imposed under these conditions in mid-June but looks no more than a minor place prospect this time
11. **LYA DU VIVIER** - Disqualified in a Class E Apprentices' race at Cabourg over 2,050m on 16 September, after having run 2nd at Lisieux the previous month. Ran third under these conditions last time here and could well get her head in front
12. **LIBERTY HEROLD** - Disqualified in a Class E Apprentices' race at Cabourg over 2,050m on 16 September. Has looked decidedly ordinary since winning a Class E at Amiens in May and is not a concern
13. **LOUMIA CASTELETS** - Finished 6th in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,725m on 21 August. Won a 2200m Class E here in June but has been disappointing since and can be passed over
14. **LADY AURELIA** - Has been a handful since winning at Brehal on 10 August. Is in form though and, with application, can play a prominent part
15. **LADY DAIRPET** - Third in a Class E at Vincennes over 2,850m on 12 June. Has not been seen since and best to keep one's powder dry
16. **LOLA DE CHENU** - Fifth in a Class E at Vincennes over 2,850m on 25 September. Mathieu Mottier gets the nod this time and looks a serious proposition

Summary: LYA DU VIVIER (11), who should be given another chance after some misfortune at Cabourg, LOLA DE CHENU (16), ideally-engaged, LADY AURELIA (14), provided she remains focused, LONDON LADY (9), in top form, and LAHANNA DESBOIS (5) all look capable of mixing it up here.

SELECTIONS

LYA DU VIVIER (11) - LOLA DE CHENU (16) - LADY AURELIA (14) - LONDON LADY (9)

C8 - PRIX DE LOUCELLES - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 35,000

1. **JAB KISS** - Took advantage of the Cabourg prep to win a Class F at Gournay 2 weeks ago. Has form at the venue and looks eminently capable of bringing the fight to JOKER GES (5)
2. **HOKITOLove** - Fifth in a Class F at Graignes over 2,700m on 2 October. Tends to go better at a lower level and is not a concern
3. **IPATINGA** - Victorious in a Class F at Graignes over 2,700m on 2 October, making it 2 of last 3. Is unlikely to repeat but can still finish in the mix
4. **JACADI D'ARGILIN** - Finished 2nd in a Class H at Savenay over 3,100m on 27 September. Is plainly in fine condition, but is taking on too much this time
5. **JOKER GES** - Serious individual that showed his form despite being disqualified in a Class E at Laval over 2,850m on 30 September and, with application, can make this his own
6. **ILLICO DE VAU** - Ran reassuring 2nd in a Class F at Saint Malo over 2,950m on 27 September. Takes on a better bunch here but still has the wherewithal to get in on the action
7. **IRMA DE L'ECLAIR** - Fourth in a Class F at Morlaix over 2,600m on 27 September. Has been reconfigured and cannot be considered a player
8. **IL MIO** - Finished 4th, at 83-1, in a Class F at Graignes over 2,700m on 2 October, and a repeat seems most improbable
9. **INDY DE MAI** - Finished 2nd in a Class F at Graignes over 2,700m on 2 October. Consistently gives his best and even though in superior company this time, still looks good enough to make first five
10. **JOCKEY** - Disqualified in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,100m on 11 September. Has been out of sorts since winning at Graignes in May and is not an obvious choice
11. **J'ENVISAGE DUBRIO** - Finished 11th in a Class E Apprentices' race at Enghien over 2,150m on 26 September. Is better than the result would suggest, is confirmed here, and can get a look in
12. **IGGY DES RIOULTS** - Disqualified at La Capelle over 2,750m on 21 September. Seldom makes much of an impression and is unlikely to begin now
13. **JADE RENARDIER** - Victorious in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 6 June. Has not been seen out since and will need the race
14. **JEWEL DE LA COTE** - Second in a Class E at Laval over 2,850m on 30 September. Races sparingly but to good effect and should have a lot to offer at the business end of the race
15. **IDOLE JALLERIE** - Finished 12th in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 20 September. Enjoys a good entry here and will be no soft touch if Yoann Lebourgeois keeps her mind on the game
16. **HIDALGO DE VARENNE** - Has not been seen out since finishing 8th in a Class D at Enghien over 2,150m on 6 March. Shoes fitted for comeback and best to wait

Summary: JOKER GES (5) was disqualified after winning at Laval ten days ago but Alexandre Abrivard will be determined not to let the same thing happen again. He will still want to keep a watchful eye on JAB KISS (1), who has won 2 of his last 3, and the in-form, second-row starter, JEWEL DE LA COTE (14), who has been entrusted to Benjamin Rochard. Second in this race 12 months ago. IDOLE JALLERIE (15) is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois who was onboard that day. IPATINGA (3) steps up in category but is in flying form and warrants respect.

SELECTIONS

JOKER GES (5) - JAB KISS (1) - JEWEL DE LA COTE (14) - IDOLE JALLERIE (15)

C9 - PRIX DE FORMENTIN - 2450m (a1m1/2) - - Harness - EUR € 27,000

- 1. NIEBLITA** - Third in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,175m on 8 September, a week after having won a Cabourg Class E, but in this field looks to be out of her depth
- 2. NOROMAOR** - Fourth in a Class C at Vincennes over 2,100m on 2 October. Barring one clinker, has been hard to fault over recent months and can make the frame this time
- 3. NOA BY STEED** - Finished 4th in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 15 September. Debuted nicely right-handed, and sports a new configuration, but others still preferred
- 4. NARCO CONNECTION** - Has not been seen out since running 4th in a Class C at Vincennes over 2,700m on 5 May and is going to need the race
- 5. NAVAJA DE CORDAY** - Won on re-entry before being disqualified in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 22 September. At this level though, can expect to find the going tough
- 6. NORMAND KISS** - Runner-up in a Class D at Beaumont-De-Lomagne over 2,400m on 14 September, on just second start back. Finds himself in better company this time but can still figure prominently
- 7. NAYA REINA** - Victorious in a Class D at Chartres over 2,800m on 17 June. Starts for the first time since and can be passed over
- 8. NEPTUNE DE SMARVES** - Disqualified in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 22 September. Has ample ability, has been fitted with 4 pads for the first time, and could pleasantly surprise if he turns
- 9. NORTH RIM** - Runner-up at Craon over 2,750m on 28 September. Will have come on for the run, is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois who ran 2nd with him here in June, and can finally get that maiden monkey off his back
- 10. NICKY DU VERGER** - Ran 6th in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 22 September. Is still chasing that elusive first win but he will not find it here
- 11. NACHYMA BERRY** - Finished 10th, on comeback, in a Group III at Vincennes over 2,700m on 27 September. Is still in conditioning-mode and best to hold off
- 12. NAPOLITANO VERO** - Opened his 2026 account when successful in a Claimer at Vire over 2,800m on 20 September. Takes on a superior lot this time but has been reconfigured and with François Lagadeuc reining should hold his own
- 13. NOTA PRIMO** - Finished 6th, on comeback, in a Class D at Laval over 2,850m on 30 September. Will have improved for the race and returns to racing clockwise with a good hand to play
- 14. NEED FOR LOVE** - Respectable individual that was unplaced on re-entry at Argentan 2.5 weeks ago. Will have progressed for the run and can play a small part

Summary: NORTH RIM (9) looks close to opening his account, but Yoann Lebourgeois will still need to watch out for NOTA PRIMO (13), who made an encouraging comeback at Laval, NOROMAOR (2), clearly in fine fettle, and NORMAND KISS (6) who has been knocking at the door.

SELECTIONS

NORTH RIM (9) - NOTA PRIMO (13) - NOROMAOR (2) - NORMAND KISS (6)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
JOKER GES (805)

Outsider of the day
LOTUS DE BEYLEV (507)

Reverse forecast

MALIBU (306) - MAN ON THE MOON (313)

Three pick of the day

JUST BIRD (105) - MALIBU (306) - JOKER GES (805)