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C1 - PRIX ACTU.FR (PRIX DE CAMBREMER) - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 29,000

- 1. HOMMAGE DE TILLARD** - Can prove a handful but showed his form when winning a 3200m Fougères Class F late last month and has a realistic chance of doubling up
- 2. MUSETT AF DJUPMYRA** - 9th of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E 2 weeks ago. Not everyone's cup of tea but breaks from the 2-spot and is not to be underestimated
- 3. GOLIATH DE LAIR** - Starts for the first time since coming last of 12 in a 2850m Vincennes claimer on 2 January and has no realistic chance
- 4. MELLBY GUARD** - Unraced since trotting 10th of 14 in a 2575m Agen-Le Passage Class E on 24 March. Is drawn well, races barefoot for the occasion, but still looks out of his depth
- 5. GUESS FOUTEAU** - 7th of 15, at 44/1, in a 2850m Laval Class F 3 weeks ago. Tends to go well for Sébastien Ernault, is well-placed behind the car, and will generate some interest
- 6. HANUGAN** - Never far from faulting but reassured somewhat when 6th of 12 in a 2800m Chartres Class F on Wednesday, but backs up with moderate prospects of picking up a cheque
- 7. HARMONIE DE BREVOL** - Was full of running before encountering traffic problems, finishing 11th of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E a fortnight back, but can redeem herself if Eric Raffin keeps her out of trouble
- 8. GLOIRE DE FLEURY** - Reinvigorated lately, most recently finishing 3rd of 13 in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche late last month. Forced to break wide but gets a Matthieu Abrivard drive this time and will be worth watching
- 9. HASHTAG DUB'S** - Faulted when being freshened up in a 2800m Class F at Villedieu-les-Poêles last Sunday. Has conditions in his favour and can make his Caen debut a winning one
- 10. GOLD DE BERG** - Makes first appearance since coming 6th of 13 in a 2725m Graignes Class E early-February. Shoes on and no threat
- 11. REDDINGTON** - Makes French debut after winning over 2300m at Kuurne on 24 April. Has solid references at home in Sweden and must be afforded respect
- 12. HALO AM** - Won at Cavaillon before finishing last of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 19 April. Races at a more reasonable level this time and will be expected to put on a good show. Place prospect
- 13. GOOD FRIEND** - Totally off the boil this year, latterly 9th of 12 in a 2700m Pontivy Class F 10 days ago, and can be ruled out
- 14. FOLLOW ME DU LUOT** - 5th of 9 in a 2850m Loudéac monté Class H 2 weeks ago. Here to freshen up and can be written off
- 15. GOLDY SMILE** - Imposed at Royal-Atlantique before trotting 9th of 13 in a 3000m Class F at Senonnes-Pouancé last Sunday and is unlikely to spring a surprise

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Summary: A tough nut to crack when unshod and focused, HASHTAG DUB'S (9) registered his last two victories in this configuration with David Thomain reining and, despite the draw, is still very easy to like. The pair will still encounter resistance from the likes of HOMMAGE DE TILLARD (1) who won smartly on turf a fortnight ago, and HALO AM (12) who will be expected to bounce back from his lacklustre Vincennes performance. HARMONIE DE BREVOL (7) was unlucky last time out but sports modified shoeing, has been entrusted to the champion driver, and is eminently capable of getting back in the game.

SELECTIONS

HASHTAG DUB'S (9) - HOMMAGE DE TILLARD (1) - HALO AM (12) - HARMONIE DE BREVOL (7)

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C2 - PRIX PIERRE GAMARE - ETRIER 3 ANS Q5 - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 Race - Mounted - EUR € 120,000

- 1. LUSSABEAU** - Has ample ability but regularly loses her action, latterly in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on Tuesday, and can expect to return home empty-handed
- 2. LENNON D'ANS** - Steps back up in category after trotting 3rd in a 2700m Vincennes Class A on 23 April but can expect to find this a stiff test
- 3. LA VIE EST BELLE** - Sanctioned when unsupported in a 2700m Vincennes harness Class A 8 days ago. Has potential and the change of discipline may prove just the ticket
- 4. LALYLY BEY** - Modest 5th in Prix Hémine before repeating in a 2800m Cholet Class D late-April and will have few takers
- 5. LILI DRY** - Trotted 3rd in Prix Ali Hawas before faulting, on her way to confirming, in Prix Hémine, but has 4 pads fitted this time and will not be far from the action if Damien Bonne keeps her trotting
- 6. LUNIK DU CHOQUEL** - Flattering 3rd in a Vincennes Gr.1 before coming 5th to LUTIN DES BORDES (8) in Gr.2 Prix Gai Brillant mid-April and will need to raise his game
- 7. LIBERTINE DJOB** - Showed her potential when 3rd in Prix Hémine, at 55/1. Same configuration employed this time and while unlikely to repeat should still be afforded respect
- 8. LUTIN DES BORDES** - Smart winner, at 11/1, of 2175m Gr.2 Gai Brillant at Vincennes a month ago. Has taken particularly well to his new trade and looks a player
- 9. LEXIE DE BANVILLE** - Faulted early in Gr.2 Prix Hémine after having won Gr.2 Prix Ali Hawas late-March and, with application, can return to victorious ways
- 10. LYZIA DES AGETS** - Solid winner of Gr.2 Prix Hémine over 2175m at Vincennes mid-April and even in the presence of the colts this time, still looks a leading contender
- 11. LITTLE ORELIE** - Has taken to the monté code like a duck to water, latterly missing out by little to LYZIA DES AGETS (10) in 2175m Gr.2 Prix Hémine at Vincennes on 13 April, and the Mottier camp will be anticipating a reversal of fortune
- 12. LET ME SHINE GIO** - 4th in 13 April race of reference. Returns to racing with 4 pads fitted and will not be far off the mark

Summary: Even with a quartet of colts present, the fillies' Gr.2 Prix Hémine is the line to be followed here. LYZIA DES AGETS (10) just held off LITTLE ORELIE (11) that day but the latter is arguably the better horse, returns to racing with just front pads, and Mathieu Mottier will be expecting to exact revenge. LEXIE DE BANVILLE (9) beat both of those in the Gr.2 Prix Ali Hawas before faulting in the race of reference, but Adrien Lamy will be loathe to allow the same thing to happen twice. LUTIN DES BORDES (8) established his Gr.2 credentials in Paris last month and once again appears to be in with a realistic shout.

SELECTIONS

LITTLE ORELIE (11) - LYZIA DES AGETS (10) - LEXIE DE BANVILLE (9) - LUTIN DES BORDES (8)

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C3 - PRIX RFM - PRIX HUBERT HARDY - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 31,000

- 1. JUNIOR ANGELE** - 4th of 9 in a 2100m Vincennes Class C a fortnight ago, after having trotted 3rd over 2450m here, and already 4 times a winner for Yoann Lebourgeois, must be respected
- 2. JOMA OV** - 8th of 9 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D 8 days ago, when handed a terrible draw, but starts from the 2-spot this time and is in with a realistic shout
- 3. JALOUSIE DE L'ISLE** - Sanctioned in a 2850m Vincennes monté Gr.2 late last month. Has done nothing of note under harness for some time and can be passed over
- 4. JASPER PIYA** - Quality individual making his first appearance since coming 3rd in a 2150m Enghien Class C last August. Shod for re-entry but benefits from a good spot behind the car and should be retained
- 5. JOUR DE FETE** - Faulted early in a 2950m Vichy Class D last Monday but nevertheless showed his form and can make a big splash if he assures his initial strides
- 6. JUST ONE NIGHT** - Faulted in a 2200m Vincennes monté Class D last Sunday. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
- 7. JERVIS BAY** - Last but one in a 2100m Vincennes Class D 8 days ago but nevertheless caught the eye. Gelormini has maintained faith and will be keen to put things right
- 8. JOURNEE REVEE** - Last of 10, when being conditioned, in a 2650m Alençon Class D 3 weeks ago. Hind shoes off this time and will not be far off the mark if fully-fit and applied
- 9. JAMAICA** - Returns to the harness code after faulting in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E late last month. Just front pads fitted this time and, even though not ideally-drawn, will have her supporters
- 10. JUDY MATIDY** - Has 2 races under her belt following the break, most recently 7th of 15 in a 3125m Angers Class E a month ago. Starts on the back row but sports a new configuration and must still be respected
- 11. JALDO D'OCQUE** - Has re-emerged from his fruitless streak, most recently 3rd of 10 in a 2650m Alençon Class D. Should acquit himself honourably but cannot be considered a priority
- 12. JONAGOLD** - Sanctioned on comeback in a 2625m Class D at Châtelailon-La Rochelle 3 weeks ago. Shod to preference this time but seems to be biting off more than he can chew
- 13. JOLLY CHIC** - Showed marked improvement when 3rd of 8 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 23 April but shoes back on and best to wait
- 14. JET GIRL** - 2nd of 7 in a 2825m Cordemais Class C on 24 April after having won at Enghien. Steps up in category though and the draw will do her no favours
- 15. JAGUAR DJOB** - Versatile trotter that came 12th of 16, on re-entry, in a 2800m Cholet Class D early-April. Stays shod and best to hold off
- 16. JACKSON D'ARC** - Returned to winning ways in a 2500m Class E at Châtelailon-La Rochelle 10 days ago. Is confirmed racing clockwise and even though handed a shocking draw, can still finish in the mix

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Summary: The tricky but talented JOUR DE FETE (5) missed out on his first objective of the spring when faulting at Vichy, but can set the record straight if Nicolas Bazire gets him off on the right foot. The in-form JOMA OV (2) is better-positioned behind the car this time and should logically make up for her recent Vincennes disappointment. Solid here in March, JUNIOR ANGELE (1) confirmed at Vincennes and looks a decent place prospect. JERVIS BAY (7) may not be the easiest of horses but he left a good impression in Paris recently and will be no pushover if Gabriele Gelormini keeps him trotting.

SELECTIONS

JOUR DE FETE (5) - JOMA OV (2) - JUNIOR ANGELE (1) - JERVIS BAY (7)

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C4 - PRIX DES DUCS DE NORMANDIE - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR € 150,000

- 1. FULTON** - 2nd in 2700m Vincennes monté Gr.2 3 weeks ago. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
- 2. GAMAY DE L'ITON** - Beat a number of these when 2nd, at 17/1, in 2700m Gr.2 Prix Kerjacques at Vincennes early-March. Unlikely to repeat but can still make first 5
- 3. GASPAR DE BRION** - Disappointing 6th of 12 finishers in 3100m Angers Gr.3 on 3 April. Has decent Caen form but is no more than a minor place prospect
- 4. ERIC THE EEL** - 7th to EMERAUDE DE BAIS (8) in 2850m Gr.3 Prix du Bois de Vincennes on 23 March. Pleasant 6th in 2023 edition, won on his only start for Eric Raffin, but others still preferred
- 5. GANAY DE BANVILLE** - Fine sort that produced an excellent performance to come 5th in Prix de l'Atlantique last month. Hind shoes off for return to racing clockwise and is unlikely to be far from the action
- 6. ECHO DE CHANLECY** - Last but one in 2800m Cordemais Gr.3 on 24 April. Shoes off this time but still looks out of his depth
- 7. FAKIR DU LORAU** - Facile winner of a 2725m Lisieux amateurs Class E mid-April. 3rd in 2022, 7th last year, is barefoot for the occasion, but chances still limited
- 8. EMERAUDE DE BAIS** - Sanctioned when well-supported in Gr.1 Prix de l'Atlantique 3 weeks ago. Significantly better racing left-handed but has good speed and can finish in the mix if he turns
- 9. IZOARD VEDAQUAIS** - Serious trotter making first start since faulting in 4150m Gr.1 Prix de Paris at Vincennes late-February. Races barefoot this time and, with application, will be dangerous
- 10. HANNA DES MOLLES** - Unremarkable 7th of 8 finishers in last month's Prix de l'Atlantique and can be confidently passed over
- 11. ELVIS DU VALLON** - Sprang a 93/1 surprise when 3rd, behind HOHNECK (16), in Gr.1 Prix de l'Atlantique over 2150m at Enghien 3 weeks ago. Reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois but will struggle to repeat
- 12. HIRONDELLE DU RIB** - 7th of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes monté Gr.2 on 19 April. Here for a change of scenery and, with shoes on, will have nothing to offer
- 13. HOKKAIDO JIEL** - Tough element that finished 5th to GAMAY DE L'ITON (2) in 2700m Gr.2 Prix Kerjacques at Vincennes on 6 April. Barefoot when 2nd here 12 months ago, worked here recently, and is not to be underestimated
- 14. HOOKER BERRY** - Last of 8 in 2150m Gr.1 Prix de l'Atlantique last month but with a more considered drive can make amends and get a look-in
- 15. IDAO DE TILLARD** - Unseen since winning Gr.1 Prix de Sélection over 2200m at Vincennes early-March. Has recovered from his cough and should have this in the bag
- 16. HOHNECK** - Reassuring 2nd in Gr.1 Prix de l'Atlantique over 2150m at Enghien 3 weeks ago. Last year's winner and can go close if he repeats his latest performance

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Summary: Forced to miss the Prix de l'Atlantique because of illness, IDAO DE TILLARD (15) will nevertheless have been precisely-honed for his return to competition and should logically have the measure of last year's champion, and recently-invigorated, HOHNECK (16). HOKKAIDO JIEL (13) has nothing to prove under these conditions and, barefoot for the occasion, must be considered a respectable place chance, as should IZOARD VEDAQUAIS (9) provided Benjamin Rochard can keep him trotting.

SELECTIONS

IDAO DE TILLARD (15) - HOHNECK (16) - HOKKAIDO JIEL (13) - IZOARD VEDAQUAIS (9)

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C5 - PRIX HENRI BALLIERE - ETRIER 4 ANS Q2 - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 Race - Mounted - EUR € 120,000

- 1. KARINA STEED** - Won a 2625m harness Class B at Châtelailon-La Rochelle 3 weeks ago. Is confirmed in the code and will not be far off the mark if form transitions
- 2. KAN DURAN** - 5th of 9 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D early last month. Always gives his best but is fitted with front pads this time and will struggle to make his mark
- 3. KARINA DE BOMO** - Has not been seen out since finishing last of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 late-November. First time unshod-behind but others still preferred
- 4. KADANSE DU CORTA** - Won in Paris on 5 April but failed to confirm, when sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 23 April. With application though, can make amends and finish in the mix
- 5. KALLAS IN SALLAZ** - Disappointing 8th of 9 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C late last month. Sports a new configuration however and will be worth monitoring
- 6. KANTHABELLA** - Last of 7 behind KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (10) in 2175m Vincennes Gr.2 a fortnight ago and can be confidently passed over
- 7. KALICIA JOSSELYN** - Last but one in a 2700m Vincennes harness Class B last weekend. Mathieu Mottier in the irons this time but still not easy to like
- 8. KAISARIA** - 4th of 9 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 23 April. Races unshod-in-front for the first time and will be expected to show improvement
- 9. KELLY DE BANVILLE** - Fine filly that came last of 12 on re-entry in a 2700m Vincennes harness Gr.3 last weekend. Returns to her code of preference though and will be no soft touch
- 10. KAPAULA DE L'EPINE** - Sanctioned in 4 straight before coming 2nd of 7 in a 2175m Vincennes Gr.2 a fortnight back and can again play a leading role if she stays in stride
- 11. KYRIELLE DES VAUX** - Won 2 Gr.2's in succession before being sent for a spell. Solid 3rd on comeback behind KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (10) in a 2175m Vincennes Gr.2, will have come on for the run, and should be able to make this her own

Summary: Fillies have a lock on this contest with the talented, unshod-in-front, and Caen-confirmed, KYRIELLE DES VAUX (11) leading the charge after trotting 3rd on comeback a fortnight ago. The complicated KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (10) had her measure that day, races barefoot this time and, with application, should again acquit herself competitively. Superbly-consistent earlier in the year, KELLY DE BANVILLE (9) races barefoot following a harness conditioner and, unshod-all-4, should logically get straight down to business. KARINA STEED (1) returns to the discipline after imposing at La Rochelle and will have her chances.

SELECTIONS

**KYRIELLE DES VAUX (11) - KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (10) - KELLY DE BANVILLE (9) -
KARINA STEED (1)**

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C6 - PRIX GUILLAUME LE CONQUERANT - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 80,000

- 1. KEEP YOUR DREAMS** - Fast-finishing 3rd of 9 in a 2700m Vincennes Class A a fortnight back and, with form maintained, will be competitive for a step on the podium
- 2. KNOCKONWOOD** - Sanctioned early in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 a week ago but nevertheless showed his form and can pick up some crumbs if Franck Nivard keeps him trotting
- 3. KIARA DE VANDEL** - Unthreatening 7th of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 last weekend and chances slim at best
- 4. KEEP GOING** - Quality colt that came 4th of 12, when shod for comeback, in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 last weekend and going barefoot this time, looks a serious proposition
- 5. KEENAN DE JOUDES** - Made up for Prix de Sélection sanction when 3rd to KOCTEL DU DAIN (12) in the race of reference. Regularly applies the pressure, is confirmed racing clockwise, and looks the main threat
- 6. KAPITANO DE SOURCE** - Delicate but has talent in abundance. Has not been seen out since faulting in Gr.2 Prix Ephrem Houel 3 months ago though and is not about to shake things up
- 7. KABAKA DE GUEZ** - Below-par 6th of 7 in a 2175m Vincennes Gr.2 a fortnight ago and, even racing barefoot, still needs to markedly raise her game
- 8. KALIF LANDIA** - Respectable 5th in the race of reference despite being unsure of stride. Returns to racing shod but still warrants respect
- 9. KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Last but one behind KOCTEL DU DAIN (12) 3 weeks ago and can be confidently ruled out
- 10. KSAR** - Classy campaigner making his first appearance since faulting in Gr.1 Prix de Sélection over 2200m at Vincennes on 2 March. Shoes on for re-entry however and will not be given a hard race
- 11. KING OPERA** - 6th behind KOCTEL DU DAIN (12) in Prix de Tonnac-Villeneuve, on first start since the spell. Will have come on for the run and, even though shod again, can still make first 5
- 12. KOCTEL DU DAIN** - Won 2nd successive Gr.2 when landing 2875m Prix de Tonnac-Villeneuve at Vincennes on 20 April. Goes over any trip and should have this in the bag

Summary: By some margin the richest horse here, KOCTEL DU DAIN (12) was made to sing for his supper in the Prix de Tonnac-Villeneuve at Enghien 3 weeks ago but still has every chance of pulling off the Gr.2 hat-trick. As consistent as you like, KEENAN DE JOUDES (5) came a good 3rd to him that day and looks the principal danger this time. Solid on his return to competition, KEEP GOING (4) steps back up in category, but is barefoot for the occasion, and must be considered a player. A handful for much of this term, the promising KEEP YOUR DREAMS (1) reassured in Paris recently and is not about to let the side down.

SELECTIONS

KOCTEL DU DAIN (12) - KEENAN DE JOUDES (5) - KEEP GOING (4) - KEEP YOUR DREAMS (1)

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C7 - PRIX DU CALVADOS - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Mounted - EUR € 45,000

1. **FAUST DE BEYLEV** - Was by no means disgraced when 8th of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.2 3 weeks ago. Is confirmed at Caen but will struggle in this company
2. **HUGO OCCAGNES** - Good, consistent servant that trotted 5th, a place behind FORAIN JENILOU (8), in a 2825m Cordemais Class D on 24 April. Takes on some tougher elements this time but will still have his supporters
3. **GARDE A VOUS** - Changes shoeing formula after coming 6th of 14 in a 2850m Laval harness Class D on 25 April, but still looks a rank outsider on monté debut
4. **FINGER DE RODREY** - Sanctioned in both since the break, latterly a 2250m Enghien Class C late-March, and can expect to have few friends
5. **HOLERO LOVE** - Came close to finishing 2nd in a 2950m Vichy Class D earlier in the week. Raffin has defected but is still capable of challenging for a place in the frame
6. **EXTREME DESBOIS** - Has taken well to his new vocation but found the going tough when 6th of 10 in a 2850m Vincennes Gr.3 last weekend. Fitted with 4 pads this time and must be retained
7. **GAIN ULTIME** - Tricky but talented trotter making his first appearance since faulting in a 2850m Vincennes Class C on 23 February. Hind shoes off though and, while not a leading contender, should still not be ruled out
8. **FORAIN JENILOU** - Last of 10, behind EXTREME DESBOIS (6), in 4 May race of reference. Has previously picked up some prizemoney here and can get a look-in
9. **HOPIUM** - Won at Enghien before coming 8th, behind EXTREME DESBOIS (6), in a 2850m Vincennes Gr.3 last weekend. Reunited with Mathis Champenois who knows him well, has previously imposed at the venue, and can make the first 5
10. **FALCO DES ROCHERS** - 6th of 17 in a 2800m Cholet harness Class C late last month. Makes monté debut aged 9 but is not one to be ignored
11. **GEF DE PLAY** - Out of the picture in all 3 this year, latterly 9th of 10 behind EXTREME DESBOIS (6) in race of reference and is unlikely to generate much interest
12. **INOUI DANICA** - Drops in class after trotting a good 6th of 12 in a 2850m Vincennes Gr.3 on 6 April. Has never disappointed at the venue and looks a solid place chance
13. **HURELLA** - One-paced 12th of 14 in a 2150m Enghien Class C 3 weeks ago. Simply thrives for Eric Raffin though and looks the one to beat
14. **DEGANAWIDAH** - 13th of 16 in a 2800m Cholet harness Class C 12 days ago. Has placed just twice in 10 starts under the saddle and can be written off
15. **GIBUS** - Back in the monté code after coming 6th of 14 in a 2100m Vincennes Class B. Has won 2 of last 3 under the saddle and can give HURELLA (13) a run for her money
16. **FANATIC FLASH** - Failed to confirm his Cavillon success when 7th of 14 in a 2100m Vincennes harness Class B a week ago and returns to the monté discipline with little to offer
17. **FLOWER BY MAGALOU** - 11th of 15 in a 2800m Cordemais harness Gr.3 on 24 April. Has references under the saddle but not enough to make a difference here

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Summary: Unplaced under harness at Enghien last month, HURELLA (13) is reunited with Eric Raffin who has already won 4 times with her and, while no right-handed specialist, she still looks good enough to win this. That being said, GIBUS (15) has 2 races under his belt and, seldom disappointing in this configuration, looks dangerous. INOUI DANICA (12) is in his category here and has shown a liking for Caen conditions. HOLERO LOVE (5) has previously won here, left a good impression at Vichy last Monday, sports a proven configuration, and backs up with justified ambition

SELECTIONS

HURELLA (13) - GIBUS (15) - INOUI DANICA (12) - HOLERO LOVE (5)

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C8 - PRIX GEORGES DREUX - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. FALCON D'OURVILLE** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2400m Amiens Class D 3 weeks ago. Disappointing in last 3 starts here and can be written off
- 2. HELIOS SI** - Honest type that came 4th of 14 in a 2850m Laval Class D late last month. Has never disappointed here, is fitted with front pads this time and, while not a priority, is still worth monitoring
- 3. GALAGO DU CADRAN** - Won a brace, including over course and distance, before trotting 6th, behind HOLD UP DU DIGEON (4), in a 2800m Cordemais Gr.3 on 24 April. Appreciates Caen, is barefoot for the occasion, and will be no pushover
- 4. HOLD UP DU DIGEON** - Left a good impression when 4th of 15 in a 2800m Cordemais Gr.3 on 24 April. Won in this configuration here before, adores Caen, and the Eric Raffin-factor cannot be ignored
- 5. HARMONISTA** - Has not been seen out since coming 2nd of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C in early-March. Shoes on and best to wait
- 6. GIVE ME** - Sent for a break after trotting 7th behind HELLO SPORT (8) in a 2850m Vincennes Class D 4 months ago and with shoes on will have little to offer
- 7. IBISCUS MAN** - Runner-up in 2 Gr.3's before faulting in a 2700m Vincennes Class C last Saturday and his driver will be loathe to allow the same thing to happen twice. Chance
- 8. HELLO SPORT** - Capable element that came last of 11 on re-entry in a 3200m Fougères Class A 2 weeks ago and, with cobwebs blown away, can get back to doing what he does best. Minor place chance
- 9. GILMOUR** - Not the luckiest when 7th of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C a week ago but, even so, will still have too much to do
- 10. GAZOLINE DU SEUX** - 3rd at Lyon-La Soie before trotting 5th behind GALA DE CRENNES (12) in Fougères race of reference and will struggle to make her presence felt
- 11. DASSERO** - Pleasantly surprised mid-April when 5th of 15 in a 2725m Lisieux amateurs Class E but, in this field, is out of his depth
- 12. GALA DE CRENNES** - Reassuring 3rd in a 3200m on turf in a Class A at Fougères a fortnight back but will have his work cut out this time
- 13. HEDIC GEMA** - Made short work of a 2550m Reims Class D on 17 April. Has earned the right to race in this category and looks main threat to the equally well-entered HEDIC GEMA (13)
- 14. GALANT GALAA** - Good dual-discipline sort but starts for the first time since coming 10th of 12 in a 2850m Vincennes monté Class C on 23 February. Shod for comeback and no danger
- 15. HUBBLE DU VIVIER** - Fine trotter with solid credentials at this level. 4th of 14 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C a month ago and, if he turns, can make this his own
- 16. GREAT OF MADRIK** - Quality element that lost his action last weekend after some misfortune in a 2700m Vincennes Class C, but has the wherewithal to make amends and finish in the mix

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Summary: Nicely-engaged here and currently in excellent form, HUBBLE DU VIVIER (15) makes his first right-handed start and will be in a position to win this if he takes to the new conditions. GREAT OF MADRIK (16) had his measure last time out and should again figure prominently, but will first have to see off HEDIC GEMA (13) who flew up at Reims mid-April, and the ever-improving IBISCUS MAN (7) whose recent sanction should not be taken too seriously.

SELECTIONS

HUBBLE DU VIVIER (15) - HEDIC GEMA (13) - IBISCUS MAN (7) - GREAT OF MADRIK (16)

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C9 - PRIX OUEST FRANCE (PRIX DE LA TOUQUES) - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 31,000

- 1. LAURELINA** - Drops back in category after finishing last but one in a 2700m Vincennes Class A 8 days ago but still faces a tough task
- 2. LOVELY TRIP** - Respectable 5th of 8 in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 late-March. Will have progressed, comes here fresh, and will justifiably garner significant support
- 3. LARA CROFT** - Sent for a spell mid-February after winning a 2100m Vincennes Class D. Fitted with 4 pads for re-entry though and, from the 3-spot, should not be underestimated
- 4. LAMATTA** - 3rd of 6 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes Class C on 23 April. Franck Nivard has kept the drive and is well-positioned to give this a good go. Minor place chance
- 5. LIBEREE DELIVREE** - Looked rather ordinary when sanctioned in a 2175m Vincennes Class B on 29 March. Has had time to get her house in order though and, on good behaviour, can play a small part
- 6. LOURGA** - Restored some faith when 2nd in a Bihorel-lès-Rouen claimer 2 months ago but has no place in this line-up and can be ruled out
- 7. LIBERTY AVENUE** - 2nd of 8 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D a month ago. Entrusted to Benjamin Rochard this time and will be expected to finish close
- 8. LYNX DU CHATELET** - Facile winner of a 2200m Vincennes Class D on 16 April, confirming his debut success, and will be the one to beat
- 9. LUCKY PIYA** - Acquitted himself well in a 2875m Vincennes Class C 3 weeks ago despite not enjoying the best of runs and will be expected to apply the pressure on LYNX DU CHATELET (8)
- 10. LOCCA DU BELLAY** - Sanctioned in a 2175m Vincennes Class B on 29 March. Is clearly better at a lower level and racing shod will do her no favours
- 11. LOOK AT ME LULU** - Won in Bordeaux before faulting in a 2800m Cholet Class D 12 days ago but can get a look-in if she deigns to stay in stride
- 12. LUNGA DES BROUSSES** - Honest filly but has not been seen out since trotting 5th of 6 in a 2700m Vincennes Class B mid-January. Shoes on and no threat

Summary: Winner of 2 on the trot, both in good order, LYNX DU CHATELET (8) receives another Eric Raffin drive and, even in spite of the draw, still looks up to the task of maintaining his unbeaten status. It is unlikely to be all plane sailing though considering how well LUCKY PIYA (9) acquitted himself at Enghien, and returning to racing right-handed will only enhance his prospects. Better-positioned in front, LOVELY TRIP (2) will have come on for his fine Gr.3 comeback, while LIBERTY AVENUE (7) steps up in category with a decent chance of making the frame.

SELECTIONS

LYNX DU CHATELET (8) - LUCKY PIYA (9) - LOVELY TRIP (2) - LIBERTY AVENUE (7)