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**C1 - PRIX DE CHAMPCEY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class F - Mounted - EUR €
18,500**

- 1. NAVY MADRIK** - Qualified in 1'20'2 under harness here a fortnight ago, but will need to find more in order to play any part
- 2. NIGHT OPAJELO** - Untried filly that set off no fireworks in qualification at Meslay-du-Maine in late-October and is unlikely to cause an upset
- 3. NOORHA D'IQUAINE** - Qualified in 1'20'1 here last May. Will have come here with considerable work behind her and is expected to figure prominently
- 4. NOSTALGIA QUICK** - Career debutante that qualified in 1'19'1 here on 18 December. Will have had this race on her agenda since then and, if as good in competition, will have her chances
- 5. NOSTALGIE DE BLAY** - Untried filly that qualified in 1'20'2 here in early-December. On paper, not an obvious choice, but knows the track and cannot be ruled out
- 6. NAVA DE BEYLEV** - Qualified decently here last October but failed to deliver on debut at Vincennes late-December. Comes here fresh, with 4 pads fitted, Benjamin Rochard aboard, and must not be overlooked
- 7. NIKITA PRIOR** - Has not been seen out since being eliminated at Vincennes on debut in early-December and cannot be considered a contender
- 8. NINA DE VANDEL** - Switches code for the first time, with Guillaume Martin in the irons, but has looked very ordinary and can be disregarded
- 9. NETIQUETTE** - Ran 3rd under harness at Mauquenchy 2.5 weeks ago only to be eliminated. Has always been destined for a career in the ridden code and, if behaved, will be filling one of the podium steps
- 10. NEXT DANCE KALOUMA** - Has yet to show any particular flair for either discipline and is unlikely to have many friends in the markets
- 11. NUEVA DE VANDEL** - The fastest qualifier here posting 1'17'6, but has so far failed to deliver in either code and is unlikely to shake things up
- 12. NINA JAVO** - 4th in a Cherbourg harness Class F early this month. Will have come on for the run, debuts in the discipline with Victor Saussaye in the saddle, and will generate interest
- 13. NEFERTITI DU LERRE** - Filly with ample potential but can prove a handful. Is head-and-shoulders better than most though and will be supported accordingly. Claim

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Summary: Clearly capable but yet to make the point where it's needed, NEFERTITI DU LERRE (13) has been entrusted to Alexandre Abrivard for the first time and should have this in the bag as long as he keeps her focused. NETIQUETTE (9) takes her first competitive monte steps after a good, but ultimately doomed, harness performance at Mauquenchy recently and, with application, will be no soft touch. NOSTALGIA QUICK (4) qualified nicely under the saddle here in December and returns to the venue with a potentially good hand to play. NOORHA D'IQUAINE (3) was less-performant in qualification, also here, but has had time to come into herself and can play an important role.

SELECTIONS

NEFERTITI DU LERRE (13) - NETIQUETTE (9) - NOSTALGIA QUICK (4) - NOORHA D'IQUAINE (3)

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**C2 - PRIX DE SAINT-WANDRILLE - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class F - Harness -
EUR € 18,500**

- 1. NEBRASKA FLEURY** - Career debutante that qualified in 1'18'1 here a month back. Looks a decent future prospect but may still be taking on too much
- 2. NEOUVIEL NATE** - Qualified modestly here last August. In considerably more exalted company this time and appears to have no possible chance
- 3. NEVERMIND DAY** - Qualified in an unexceptional 1'20 here last July. Benjamin Rochard reining though and should not be overlooked
- 4. NEWTON KING** - The slowest qualifier in the field at 1'20'6 and is unlikely to upset the apple-cart
- 5. NIOSCO RED** - Most impressive in qualification here in November. Has not been rushed since and will be expected to finish close
- 6. NOBEL DE LA VALLEE** - Nicely-related colt making first appearance since qualifying in 1'16'6 here last July. In good company for career bow but can still pick up some prizemoney
- 7. NUMBER ONE GAGOU** - Made quite the impression in qualification 2 weeks ago, and a similar performance would see him impose
- 8. NAPOLEON** - Well-regarded colt that lost his action on Chartres debut in 11 days ago and could well impose if he stays in stride this time
- 9. NEVER WOOD** - Has yet to show any particular aptitude for the game and can be written off
- 10. NORFOLK DE VANDEL** - Eliminated on debut at Reims last October. Has not been seen since and even with François Lagadeuc in the bike, is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 11. NINDALF** - Given 8 months to come on after qualifying nicely here last June, but endured traffic problems on debut here 10 days ago. If kept out of harm's way though, can get back in the game. Place chance
- 12. NAOS DREAM** - Makes first appearance since qualifying here last June and chances of making any impact seem limited
- 13. NAPOLEON RANAIS** - Defied his unexceptional qualification to run 3rd on debut at Challans on 1 March. Faces a tougher challenge this time but the run will stand him in good stead. First 5

Summary: Impressive in qualification here recently, posting 1'16'8, NUMBER ONE GAGOU (7) returns to the venue with every chance of losing his maiden status at the first time of asking. He will be opposed though by NAPOLEON (8), provided Alexandre Abrivard keeps him focused, and NIOSCO RED (5) who also qualified well here, but last November. NINDALF (11) was not the luckiest on debut here earlier in the month but can redeem himself if kept out of trouble.

SELECTIONS

NUMBER ONE GAGOU (7) - NAPOLEON (8) - NIOSCO RED (5) - NINDALF (11)

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C3 - PRIX DE LUC SUR MER - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. MANOLA DE MUZE** - Disappointing in 2 starts so far this year. Just front shoes on this time but still has a lot more to find
- 2. MINDIE DES PRES** - Respectable sort returning to competition after a lengthy break. Has solid right-handed references but not in this category
- 3. MUSE DU VIVIER** - Just one blip on her formcard to date. Is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois who won with her at Lisieux and is not incapable of imposing here at the first time of asking
- 4. MIAMI** - Last but 1 in a Class D over course and distance 10 days ago, her first start since last August. Front pads fitted but still has little to offer
- 5. MA BELLE ATTAQUE** - Goes clockwise for first time after winning 2 of last 3, most recently with room to spare. Takes on a better lot here but with hind shoes off will have the wherewithal to pick up some prizemoney
- 6. MIA DE SIMM** - Has struggled to replicate her early-winter form. Shoes back on and can be confidently disregarded
- 7. MIRELLA DE LOU** - Unremarkable filly that was well-beaten by MAGIC MAGGIE (15) in Paris early last month. Hind shoes off this time but still appears to be out of her depth
- 8. MERRY DE MALABRY** - Quality filly with a bright future ahead of her. Proved at Laval in September that she can get the job done when fresh, and has a realistic chance of making her Caen bow a winning one
- 9. MANILLE SOMOLLI** - Starts for the first time since winning a 2750m Cabourg Class E in early-December. Will have been prepped for this but faces a stiffer test this time around
- 10. MAMZELLE DREAM** - Yet to get off the mark but is frequently in the thick of things. Ran 5th last time here, hails from a yard in form, and has a reasonable chance of making first 5
- 11. METSUYANE ERA** - Tricky sort but can trot when minded to. Has form here, reverts to a volte start, and with Alexandre Abrivard back in the bike should not be far from the action
- 12. MIYAJIMA VET** - Moderate filly making first appearance since running 5th in a Bordeaux Class C last October. Is competitively-shod for the first time but is still unlikely to spice things up
- 13. MOOVIESTAR SOMOLLI** - Returns to racing shod after disappointing in a 2100m Vincennes Class D a month ago and is not about to create an upset
- 14. MELODY DELADOU** - Unlucky 3rd in a Nantes Class E a month back. Is nicely-engaged here, will race first-time barefoot, placed here this time last year, and will have her supporters
- 15. MAGIC MAGGIE** - 14 starts and yet to lose her maiden tag, but seldom disappoints when focused, is confirmed going right-handed, and will have her chances if Gabriele Gelormini keeps her trotting
- 16. MAYA PONT VAUTIER** - Put away mid-January after running close at Vincennes. Goes barefoot as she was that day and, considering the entry, looks a player

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Summary: MERRY DE MALABRY (8) may not have been seen out since November but she has shown considerable potential, has never failed to fire for Eric Raffin, and will be competitively-shod for the first time. MUSE DU VIVIER (3) is unbeaten racing clockwise, goes barefoot for the first time, and looks the principal danger. It has been almost 2 months since MAYA PONT VAUTIER (16) has graced the track but she is proven here, benefits from a terrific entry, and must be taken very seriously. Also nicely-engaged, MAGIC MAGGIE (15) is plainly in shape and, if applied, can play a leading role.

SELECTIONS

**MERRY DE MALABRY (8) - MUSE DU VIVIER (3) - MAYA PONT VAUTIER (16) - MAGIC
MAGGIE (15)**

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**C4 - PRIX DE PUCHAY - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR €
24,000**

- 1. LATCHO DU CHAL** - Lightly-raced individual that has done little of note since returning from an extended period on the sidelines and can be ruled out
- 2. KSAR LUDOIS** - Has evident ability but has raced just once since last May. Has yet to deliver at Caen, but will be barefoot this time, with Benjamin Rochard in the irons, and cannot be discounted
- 3. L'APOGEE IMPERIAL** - Modest element with just one run under his belt since the break. Sports a fresh configuration but can still be ignored
- 4. LOUISIANE KERYVON** - Showed marked improvement in Bordeaux but failed to confirm in Toulouse 3 weeks ago and others easier to back
- 5. L'AS DE COEUR** - Disappointing on comeback last week at Pontchateau. Sports pads this time but still has no realistic chance
- 6. LEON DU CLOS** - Capable sort but has been plagued by health issues. Has just the one race under his belt since the winter break and may just need another run
- 7. LOU DES COUPERIES** - Hard to fault in this branch of the business and has imposed over course and distance. Is shod for competition following her harness re-entry and warrants respect
- 8. LEDORIKA** - Consistently-performant type making Caen bow in fine shape. Faces a less-difficult challenge than she did in Paris a fortnight ago and should be good enough to contest the finish this time
- 9. KING ROC** - Starts for the first time since last August. Made no impact on sole monte start and, even with 4 pads fitted, is not about to spring a surprise
- 10. LITCHI DU BISET** - Hardy element that goes as well right-handed as left-. Made a good impression on sole monte start and returns to the code reconfigured and with a good hand to play
- 11. KANELLE** - Takes first competitive monte steps after being trounced at Vincennes a month ago. Races shod this time and can be passed over
- 12. KARMA LIGHT** - Is back barefoot after prepping under harness at Graignes early last month. Has won 1 of 2 here but still not a priority
- 13. LADY DE GREZ** - Ran 2nd in an Agen Class E last week, on first monte start since the autumn. Will have progressed for the race and a similar effort would see her go close once again
- 14. LEMPICKA SEPT** - Capricious mare but has buckets of ability. Has 3 runs under her belt since the layoff, will be competitively-shod, and can make a big splash if Eric Raffin manages to keep her mind on the game
- 15. KYLEBEAU DU LUOT** - Modest sort with a good entry here but has no monte references and will have nothing to offer on first start since December
- 16. LILOU D'ATOUT** - Serious mare with a big motor. Trainer could not have wished for a better entry and the talented Clara Dersoir will be hoping to make hay. Claim

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Summary: LILOU D'ATOUT (16) and reliability don't necessarily go hand-in-hand but she has won 2 of her last 4 monte starts, enjoys a good entry and, barefoot following a harness conditioner, can find her way back to the winners' enclosure. Considerably more dependable, LEDORIKA (8) returns to the provinces in excellent condition and can make a big impact if she takes to the new conditions. LEMPICKA SEPT (14) is frequently undone by her own temperament but has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time and, with application, can go far. LADY DE GREZ (13) took little time showing her form and, already a winner under these conditions, is easy to recommend.

SELECTIONS

LILOU D'ATOUT (16) - LEDORIKA (8) - LEMPICKA SEPT (14) - LADY DE GREZ (13)

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C5 - PRIX DE BERVILLE - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Riders - Harness - EUR € 19,000

- 1. KRONOS DE TROIS** - Useful sort but seldom gets his nose in front. Ran close on sole Caen start but is going to need the run
- 2. JERRY PAULO** - Made modest return to competition at Amiens last month, on first start since July. Sports modified shoeing but still not an obvious choice
- 3. KARNO D'ARBAZ** - Tough trotter with solid Caen credentials but is still being conditioned and others preferred this time
- 4. JOYEUX DE BOLERO** - Modest individual making first start since mid-December and appears to have nothing to contribute
- 5. JADOR JOSSELYN** - Complicated sort but boasts an enviable win-rate. Is shod for first run since late-November though and is not a concern this time
- 6. KEL DIABLO ERGEE** - Faces first goal of the season after returning at Mauquenchy in early-February. Tends to go well here when barefoot and will legitimately generate interest
- 7. KARO DAIRPET** - Returns to racing barefoot after being conditioned at Le Mont-Saint-Michel mid-February. Is confirmed at Caen and with his partner. First 5
- 8. KILLER ANGOT** - Capable on a good day and has never failed to deliver under harness here. Takes on some better horses this time but still has the wherewithal to get in on the action
- 9. KOBALT APPLE** - Very hard to fault in 3 starts so far this year. Is plainly in rude health and it will not be long before he gets back down to business. Claim
- 10. KERLAZ D'AVE** - Has struggled over the winter but impressed at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last weekend and can again finish close if still on the boil
- 11. JIKAO** - Has enjoyed a decent run of form so far this year. Has imposed just the once racing right-handed but in present form is easy to like for a place on the podium
- 12. JOKER DE VOUEDE** - Returns to a track he has little liking for after pleasantly surprising in an Argentan Class E early last month, however a repeat seems improbable
- 13. JUMPING DU RIB** - Useful sort at a lower level but stays shod for the occasion and best to keep one's powder dry
- 14. KIWI DE L'OISON** - Ex-Duvaldestin horse that defied his odds on re-entry late last month. Will have come on for the race and is thoroughly capable of trotting his way into the picture

Summary: In the frame in all 3 starts since the Christmas break, KOBALT APPLE (9) races right-handed for just the 2nd time in his career; he is clearly close to his race though and will be backed to win this. Antoine Boutin will still want to be wary of the superbly-engaged KIWI DE L'OISON (14) who will be competitively-shod for his Caen debut, and JIKAO (11) who drops back down the category-ladder. KERLAZ D'AVE (10) produced something of a surprise last Sunday and backs up with a decent chance of going close once more.

SELECTIONS

KOBALT APPLE (9) - KIWI DE L'OISON (14) - JIKAO (11) - KERLAZ D'AVE (10)

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**C6 - PRIX DE CORBON - 2450m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR €
31,000**

1. JADE DU CEDRE - Never far from faulting but is useful when focused. Has just the one race in her since the break though and others preferred

2. JADE DU PARC - Good, consistent mare that gives a good account for the most part. Presents fine Caen credentials and has a reasonable chance of picking up a place cheque

3. IQUEM NARCY - Hardy type starting for first time since November. Has nothing to prove going clockwise and, barefoot for the occasion, has a decent chance of making first 5

4. ITALIA SOLO - Blows hot and cold and has not been seen out since last July. Appreciates Caen though, will be barefoot for comeback, and can get a look in

5. IN YOUR EYES - Has picked up this year where he left off last spring and can be confidently disregarded

6. JESOLO - Seldom puts a foot wrong when barefoot. Has been firing on all cylinders for some months and can bring the fight to JADE DE CASTELLE (9)

7. JOYEUSE ENTREE - Quickly back in action after running 3rd in a 2200m harness Class E here last Monday and will not be available at 22-1 this time. Place prospect

8. IDAHO A LA BRUYERE - Previously a good sort but has struggled with health issues for some time. Has raced just once since October 2024 and would be preferred both fit and barefoot

9. JADE DE CASTELLE - Has done nothing but improve since late-December, latterly coming 2nd in a Vincennes Class C on 17 February, and should prove even more competitive this time

Summary: Consistently performant in the monte discipline, JADE DE CASTELLE (9) benefits from an excellent entry here and, given present form, is easy to fancy for the win. That being said, JESOLO (6) has been excelling lately and will be no pushover. JOYEUSE ENTREE (7) backs up just days after going close under harness here and will have her chances if still on the boil. JADE DU PARC (2) has form under these conditions and will be expected to play an active role.

SELECTIONS

JADE DE CASTELLE (9) - JESOLO (6) - JOYEUSE ENTREE (7) - JADE DU PARC (2)

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**C7 - PRIX D'HAUTEVILLE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR €
21,000**

1. LUTIN DU PRATEL - Moderate trotter with better chances at a lower level and will have nothing to offer here

2. LYS PETTEVINIERE - In the frame in 2 of last 3 starts, most recently a close 3rd in a Vire Class F. Benefits from a good draw and Yoann Lebourgeois will be justifiably confident of a big run. Claim

3. L'ECLAIR DE PLAY - Pleased at Angers before prepping here 10 days ago. Runs barefoot from the 3 slot this time but still not a priority

4. LEAD ME ON - Useful type but has lost his way this term. David Thomain reining this time though and can start to make amends

5. LUCKY PIYA - Put away last July after 4 straight eliminations and even though competitively-shod still has nothing to contribute

6. LIBERAL BABY - Seldom disappoints when barefoot and applied. Has been showing his form recently and is not to be underestimated

7. LOOKING BEST - Placed in 2 at Graignes before failing to fire at Mauquenchy. Is confirmed at Caen but will have more to find this time around

8. LESS TIME - Never far from faulting but can trot. Has not raced since early-January but runs well when fresh and will be reunited with Benjamin Rochard who has already won with him

9. LUNDU DE LOU - Has taken well to racing barefoot and goes nicely right-handed. Faces a less-difficult task than he did at Vincennes last month and has a reasonable chance of contesting the finish

10. LARGO DE LA BESSE - Placed in 2 of 3 before being sent for a spell. Has yet to show much love for Caen but is no slouch when focused and will have his supporters

11. LE PRINCE - Complicated sort making first appearance since mid-December. Shoes on and no danger

12. LITTLE BOY - Taken out of the race, coming last, in a 2100m Vincennes Class E on 16 February. Is reunited with Eric Raffin, for whom he has never failed to fire, and will be competitive at the business end of the race

13. LAMPARO - Starts for first time since running 2nd in a Class F here last October and in this category will struggle to make his mark

Summary: Very much at home racing right-handed these days, and plainly in excellent shape, LYS PETTEVINIERE (2) went close at Vire early this month and, barefoot this time, is in with a realistic chance of imposing. LUNDU DE LOU (9) has not been quite as fortunate with the draw, and has yet to deliver at Caen, but has been holding his own in good company lately and receives an Alexandre Abrivard drive for the occasion. LITTLE BOY (12) should not be too hastily-condemned for his recent Vincennes run and can be backed with confidence this time. LESS TIME (8) presents decent references at this level and, if fully-fit, is unlikely to disappoint.

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LYS PETTEVINIERE (2) - LUNDU DE LOU (9) - LITTLE BOY (12) - LESS TIME (8)

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C8 - PRIX DE CAUVICOURT - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. GOAL STAR** - Capable on a good day but has not had many of those recently. Front shoes off this time but still not an obvious choice
- 2. GENDREEN** - Serious sort with nothing to prove at this level. Has struggled somewhat lately though and reverts to a previous formula in a bid to get back in the game. First 5 if applied
- 3. GRINDELWALD** - Held her own but never-dangerous 6th in a 2700m Vincennes monte Class A on 22 February. Is seldom seen racing right-handed these days but on ability alone, can get in on the action
- 4. HERADAMES** - Put away in December after failing to deliver on 3 occasions during the Vincennes winter meeting. Comes here fresh and barefoot and the draw will do his prospects no disservice
- 5. IDAO DE TILLARD** - Dual Prix-d'Amerique winner making re-entry at a track he appreciates. Is new to 2200m here but has been handed an excellent draw and will be expected to take all the beating
- 6. IGREC DE CELLAND** - Not always the most dependable but has a race in him since the spell, has previously won here, and with Benjamin Rochard reining will be afforded every chance
- 7. HIDALGO DES NOES** - Useful on a good day and has previously imposed here. Ran 7th in a Class D here a week ago but will be better served by the mobile start this time and can make first 5
- 8. INVICTUS MADIBA** - Looks to be back on track after running 4th of 13 in a 2925m Cagnes Gr.3 on 20 February and a similar effort would see him trot his way onto the podium
- 9. INSTRUMENTALISTE** - Hardy trotter starting for first time since last October. Is competitively-shod for re-entry, is confirmed with Eric Raffin, and must be respected
- 10. KAYA DREAM** - Multiple Gr.2-winner under the saddle. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ignored
- 11. ILLICO PRESTO FAC** - Failed to confirm Maure-de-Bretagne performance when unplaced at Challans early this month. Has pulled a 2nd row number and is unlikely to create an upset
- 12. KNOCKONWOOD** - Useful when younger but has done nothing noteworthy since August 2024 and can be ruled out
- 13. LANCIER DU GOUTIER** - Classy 5yo making first start since winning the Gr.1 Criterium des 4 Ans at Vincennes last September. Hind shoes off, and is drawn on the back line, but is still being conditioned and can be passed over
- 14. ILLENC DES BOSCS** - Quality element that has raced little but frequently to good effect. Is still in conditioning-mode though and is being prepared for a campaign in the other discipline
- 15. LOVE GLYCINES** - Generous sort starting for the first time since November. Is particularly versatile but will be shod and is going to need the race
- 16. GUEVARA DU PONT** - Flexible veteran with just the one run in him since his lengthy absence. Shoes fitted and no threat

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17. INDY DARK - Useful for the most part but went into winter break on a low note. Stays shod for return and best to hold off

18. JAKARTAS DES PRES - No slouch on a good day but has not been seen out since November and is going to need the run

Summary: All eyes will be fixed on the mighty IDAO DE TILLARD (5) who makes his first appearance since running 4th in the Gr.1 UET Elite Circuit Final last October. He will be unshod-behind for the occasion and although unlikely to be fully-fit should nevertheless be able to wrap this up. INVICTUS MADIBA (8) showed marked improvement at Cagnes 3 weeks ago and despite the wide draw still looks the main danger. Reconfigured for his first objective of the new year, INSTRUMENTALISTE (9) used this race to make his reappearance in 2025, and even though having pulled the 9 slot, still looks competitively well in. Particularly adroit racing clockwise, IGREC DE CELLAND (6) has a run under his belt and should logically show more than he did at Cagnes. HIDALGO DES NOES (7) is next best.

SELECTIONS

IDAO DE TILLARD (5) - INVICTUS MADIBA (8) - INSTRUMENTALISTE (9) - IGREC DE CELLAND (6)