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R1 LAVAL [L-H]

C1 - GP DU CONSEIL DEPARTEMENTAL DE LA MAYENNE - 2850m (a2m) - - Harness - EUR € 53,000

- 1. FEELING BOY** - 5th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 18 February. Steps up in class however and chances limited
- 2. ILLUSION JIPAD** - Finished 3rd in a Vincennes Gr.3 before trotting 7th of 12 in a similar event on 25 February. Raffin maintains faith and should logically bounce back. Place chance
- 3. FINGER DE RODREY** - Monté horse making first appearance since being sanctioned in a 2175m Vincennes monté Class C 3 months ago and has no realistic chance
- 4. GIPSY DE CHAMANT** - Capable mare that finished 11th of 15 in a 2850m Vincennes Class B on 1 February. Shod to preference this time and is not going to be far off the mark
- 5. IGREC DE CELLAND** - Has not been seen out since coming 5th in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 in early-December. Shoes on for comeback however and best to wait
- 6. FRANKLIN PARK** - Won a brace of claimers before being sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 28 February. Pads fitted this time and, in this company, will have limited prospects
- 7. HUBBLE DU VIVIER** - Finished close 3rd of 15 in a 2850m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks ago. In less-exalted company this time and, from the front row, can have his day in the sun
- 8. DEUS ZACK** - Drops in class after trotting 6th of 11 finishers in 2700m Gr.1 Prix Bold Eagle on 27 January. Will appreciate Laval conditions and, even with a 25m penalty, can still play a leading role
- 9. HOLY WATER** - Has not been seen out since trotting 7th over 3140m at Jägersro last July. Barefoot for re-entry though and will be worth monitoring
- 10. FLOWER BY MAGALOU** - Unthreatening 9th of 12 on re-entry in a 2900m Amiens Gr.3 a week ago. Barefoot this time but still unlikely to shake things up
- 11. GALILEO BELLO** - Should be fit by now after 2 return runs, latterly trotting 10th of 15 behind HUBBLE DU VIVIER (7) in a 2850m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks ago and, with Mathieu Mottier reining, will be afforded every chance
- 12. BORDEAUX S.** - Came 5th of 10 in a 2850m Vincennes monté Class B on 10 February. Is barefoot this time and will be dangerous if he replicates his penultimate performance
- 13. GENDREEN** - Trotted 4th, a place behind HUBBLE DU VIVIER (7) in a 2850m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks ago. Has nothing to prove at this level and will be no soft touch
- 14. FOUGUE DU DOLLAR** - Last of 16 finishers in 2700m Gr.1 Prix de Cornulier on 21 January. Has other priorities and can be passed over
- 15. GIGOLO LOVER** - Good Gr.3 2700m Vincennes 3rd on 18 February. Shoes on though, incurs a 50m penalty, and can be ruled out

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16. GEISHA SPEED - Won Gr.1 Prix de l'Ile-de-France before coming 5th to GIGOLO LOVER (15) in a 2175m Vincennes Gr.3 on 18 February. Has solid harness references but stays shod and can be disregarded

Summary: Not easy to knock when focused, HUBBLE DU VIVIER (7) acquitted himself well in very good company last time out and, with front pads fitted, from the first line, can open his 2024 account. GENDREEN (13) finished close to him that day and should again figure prominently, but may first have to defer to DEUS ZACK (8) who takes a big dip in class. GALILEO BELLO (11) has two races under his belt by now and significant improvement will be expected.

SELECTIONS

HUBBLE DU VIVIER (7) - DEUS ZACK (8) - GENDREEN (13) - GALILEO BELLO (11)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DU TROTTEUR FRANCAIS - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 30,000

1. HOUKO SPORT - Well-beaten 8th of 9 in a 2450m Caen Class F last week. Front pads fitted this time but still not an obvious choice

2. NYMKE BRIGADOON - 2 false starts took their toll when sanctioned early in a 2175m Vincennes Class D on 1 March. Sports a new configuration though and can figure prominently if Estelle Croisic gets her off on the right foot

3. ESTIME MOI - Produced career-best monté performance 10 days ago when 3rd of 8 in a 2800m Strasbourg Class G, but at this level will struggle to make any impact

4. FASHION DE VAL - Faulted in a 3000m Châteaubriant harness Class D on 5 February. Has solid monté references but appears to be biting off more than she can chew

5. FIMOKO STAR - Has not been seen out since trotting 9th of 15 in a 2875m Enghien Class D last October. Barefoot for return but others easier to like

6. HUGO OCCAGNES - Trotted 4th to HARVEST (7) before coming 5th of 7 in a similar event 2 weeks ago, when fitted with front pads. Has never disappointed at Laval and is not about to let the side down

7. HARVEST - Facile winner of a 2200m Vincennes Class D 11 days ago, taking it to 2 in a row, and a similar effort would see him win this

8. FOUDRE DAIRPET - Winner of a 3150m Saint-Brieuc harness claimer 10 days ago. Finds himself in a tougher field this time and, although not a priority, should still give an honest account

9. GIUSEPPE - Excellent campaigner that trotted 11th of 15 in a 2100m Vincennes harness Class D on re-entry 11 days ago. Barefoot for just 2nd start back and, if fully-fit, can apply the pressure on HARVEST (7)

10. GOLD DU VAL - Going well when sanctioned in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class D last Friday. Confirmed here this time last year and, with application, can put things right

11. GORDON MIJACK - Honourable 8th of 16 in a harness Class D over course and distance a fortnight ago. Makes first public appearance in the discipline and is unlikely to spring a surprise

12. ERODE LUDOIS - Unraced since trotting 5th of 15 in a 2875m Enghien claimer 5 months ago. Takes first competitive steps under the saddle but has been entrusted to Eric Raffin and is unlikely to disappoint

Summary: Winner of both starts since the turn of the year, HARVEST (7) met no opposition in better company this time and the hat-trick looks a distinct possibility. The usually-faithful HUGO OCCAGNES (6), who trotted 4th to him in Paris, boasts the fastest time under these conditions, is 25m better off, and looks more threatening this time, however the excellent GIUSEPPE (9) returns to his discipline of preference and, barefoot for the occasion, looks a marginally better bet. ERODE LUDOIS (12) gets a top jockey for his monté debut and must not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

HARVEST (7) - GIUSEPPE (9) - HUGO OCCAGNES (6) - ERODE LUDOIS (12)

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C3 - PRIX DES 3 PROVINCES - 2850m (a2m) - Class G Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 6,000

1. **HENRI DE LA ROUVRE** - Pulled-up after faulting at the start of a 2850m Mauquenchy Class G on 29 January. Has already proved himself at this level and will not be far off the action if he gets off on the right foot
2. **HULINA DEBAILLEUL** - 11th of 12 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class G a fortnight ago. Has the ideal profile for the amateur division and the Michel Poirier-factor cannot be ignored
3. **HERACLES DU VIVIER** - Unseen since finishing last of 7 in a 2450m Jarnac Class H last October and can be confidently ruled out
4. **HOUSTON DE CUIGNY** - 11th of 14 in a 2800m Mauquenchy Class F on 18 February. Unlikely to be race-rusty now, has previously imposed at the venue, and is ideally-positioned in front to give this a good go
5. **HOLDEM RIVER** - Picked up where he left off when 10th in a 3250m Saumur Class H on re-entry late last month and can be confidently passed over
6. **GLYCINE VRIE** - Faithful campaigner that trotted 4th of 13 in a 2800m Cholet amateur event 10 days ago. Thrives at this level at Laval and, in present shape, will take all the beating
7. **FREGATE HAUFOR** - Has form at this level but went off the boil late last season. Beaten 9th of 13 on re-entry in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class F 5 days ago and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
8. **HURRICANE STEED** - Modest individual that trotted 9th of 10 in a 2700m Graignes Class G on 25 February and can expect to have few takers
9. **GREAT DELIS** - Fine monté horse making his first appearance since trotting 3rd in a 2700m Segré Class F last October and will have nothing to offer
10. **HYM SUBLIGNAIS** - Seen more often than not under the saddle, latterly coming 6th of 11 in a 3000m Nantes Class F 3 weeks ago. Is not without merit but still not a contender
11. **EDISON CEIJY** - Can prove a handful but reassured when 3rd of 13 in a Class G over track and trip a fortnight ago. Starts from Row 3 though and a minor place chance at best
12. **GENERAL DU PALAIS** - Makes just 2nd appearance at this level after a disappointing 9th place in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 5 February and, even though just unshod behind this time, will not be influencing the outcome from the 3rd row
13. **FIFTY WINNER** - Returns to a category he appreciates after having been sanctioned in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class F last Friday. Handed a 50m handicap and is unlikely to win but, with application, can challenge for a place in the first 5
14. **GRAAL DE L'EXTREME** - Has not been seen out since coming 8th in a 3125m Angers Class E last October and, simply put, has no realistic chance
15. **GENERAL DE CONNEE** - 10th of 13 on re-entry in a 2900m Challans Class E on 25 February. Is still being conditioned and already looks an also-ran
16. **ENRIQUE** - Unraced since finishing 4th, a place behind GLYCINE VRIE (6), in a similar event over course and distance last November. Has never disappointed when unshod behind and his liking for Laval will stand him in good stead

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Summary: A good, consistent servant, GLYCINE VRIE (6) has never disappointed in the amateur division at Laval and in present form, looks the one to beat. HOUSTON DE CUIGNY (4) may not be to everyone's taste but he has already won over course and distance and, with a 25m head-start, could pleasantly surprise. HULINA DEBAILLEUL (2) has yet to make her mark in this category but will be barefoot, reined by Michel Poirier, and can set the record straight. HENRI DE LA ROUVRE (1) has been showing his form this term, reverts to a proven configuration, and will have his chances if Pascal Allais assures his initial strides.

SELECTIONS

GLYCINE VRIE (6) - HOUSTON DE CUIGNY (4) - HULINA DEBAILLEUL (2) - HENRI DE LA ROUVRE (1)

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C4 - PRIX WWW.HIPPODROME-LAVAL.FR - 2850m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Riders - Mounted - EUR € 23,000

1. HEROS JARZEEN - Distant 5th behind HERCULE DES SABLES (10) in a 2825m Cordemais Class G on 1 March but a repeat seems improbable

2. HELIOT BEST - Faithful element that finished 5th of 14 in a 3000m Nantes Class F on 23 January. Takes on better this time, and sports a new configuration, but should nevertheless hold his own

3. HAPPY SHANNON - Unseen since coming 9th of 10 in a 2550m Reims Class F early-November and will need to show considerable improvement

4. IDEAL DU MOULIN - 7th in a 2625m conditioning Class F in Cherbourg 10 days ago after coming 2nd to IXOR DE L'ITON (8) mid-February and could well trot his way onto the podium

5. INTRIGANTE - Delicate sort that finished 11th of 15 in a Vincennes 2700m harness Class D after having pleased under the saddle a month earlier and, with form maintained, can challenge for a spot in the first 5

6. HOMEMADE QUICK - Not disgraced when 5th of 7 in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class E on 4 March but still has more to find

7. INDIEN DE FAEL - Tenacious and fast-finishing, but beaten, 2nd to a very good horse in a 2450m Caen Class D 9 days ago. Tends to appreciate Laval and looks set to get off the mark for the new year

8. IXOR DE L'ITON - Authoritative winner of a 2850m Vincennes Class E a month back. Boasts a 50% Laval win-rate and has a decent chance of doubling up

9. ISAAC DE SYVA - 10th of 13 in a conditioning 3000m Nantes harness Class E a fortnight ago. Won his only start at the venue and looks a major player

10. HERCULE DES SABLES - Courageous 2nd of 8 in a 2825m Cordemais Class G on 1 March after having romped at Cherbourg 12 days earlier.

Summary: Although seldom far from faulting, INDIEN DE FAEL (7) nevertheless has bags of ability, most recently pulverised his personal best, and fitted with pads this time, deserves to be rewarded with victory. He will however be pitted against the good IXOR DE L'ITON (8) who imposed with brio last time out, and ISAAC DE SYVA (9) who returns barefoot to a track over which he has not been beaten. IDEAL DU MOULIN (4) has been in fine form since returning to competition and, although yet to prove himself at Laval, is still very easy to like.

SELECTIONS

INDIEN DE FAEL (7) - IXOR DE L'ITON (8) - ISAAC DE SYVA (9) - IDEAL DU MOULIN (4)

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C5 - PRIX DU STADE LAVALLOIS MAYENNE FC - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. **JADE DE CORDAY** - Starts for the first time since trotting 8th of 11 in a 2850m Carentan Class D last August. Stays shod and can be confidently disregarded
2. **JUSTE SNOB** - Won 2 in a row before failing to deliver when 12th of 16 in the 18 February race of reference. Goes shod this time and not an obvious choice
3. **JOLLY CHIC** - Enjoying a superb run of form, latterly winning a Class E over course and distance with ease on 17 February. Steps marginally up in category but is eminently capable of trotting her way into the frame
4. **JOUR JOYEUX** - Back in business since the turn of the year, most recently 2nd of 9 in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 5 February. Reverts to racing with just front pads fitted though and others preferred
5. **JUSTICE BRICKELL** - Missed out by little on re-entry in a 2275m Nantes Class D on 28 January. Will have come on for the run and can give JAGERBOMB (14) a run for his money
6. **JODANNE DIESCHOOT** - Quickly sanctioned, when unsupported, behind JASMINE DE JYR (15) in a 3000m Nantes Class E on 16 February. Is not devoid of ability but others still easier to back
7. **JUAN CARLOS GIFONT** - Put in a decent effort after being sanctioned in a 2400m Amiens Class E a week ago. Has solid references at this level and, with application, can finish in the mix
8. **JAZZ IN JEEP** - Won at Nantes before finishing a one-paced 8th of 16 behind JUAN CARLOS GIFONT (7) in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 18 February. Matthieu Abrivard maintains faith though and will be expected to make amends
9. **JIM D'ALOUETTE** - Sent for a break after winning a 2800m Cordemais Class B last October, his 4th straight success. Stays shod for re-entry though and best to keep one's powder dry
10. **JACK SURPRISE** - Makes first appearance since coming in last of 13 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 1 December. Comes here fresh though and is not incapable of getting a look-in
11. **JOY DU RIF** - Has not been seen out since finishing 7th of 10 in a 2850m Vincennes Gr.3 in early-December. Has nothing to prove in this class but with shoes on for comeback, will have little to offer
12. **JACK L'EVENREUR** - Modest 8th of 15 in a 2450m Caen Class D 9 days ago. Just unshod behind this time and appears to be biting off more than he can chew
13. **JIVRY** - Unraced since finishing a thrashed 10th of 12 in a 2875m Enghien claimer last October. Shoes on and no threat
14. **JAGERBOMB** - Easy winner of a 2650m Class E here last week. Adores Laval, is at the top of his game and should logically garner the lion's share of support
15. **JASMINE DE JYR** - Erratic sort that reassured when 4th of 16 in a 3000m Nantes Class E on 16 February. Pleased on lone appearance here though and will have her supporters
16. **JAVA D'ANAMA** - Left a good impression when 3rd of 16 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 19 February. Is plainly on the way back up and, in similar form, can eke out a first-5 cheque

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Summary: A veritable steamroller when unshod, JAGERBOMB (14) excels at Laval, latterly flew up here and will be a tough nut to crack. That being said, JUSTICE BRICKELL (5) boasts excellent references in this category and, in current shape, will be no easy touch. JOLLY CHIC (3) has turned a corner over recent weeks, also won here last time out, and looks marginally better than the recently-sanctioned JUAN CARLOS GIFONT (7) who has shown his form more than once this winter.

SELECTIONS

JAGERBOMB (14) - JUSTICE BRICKELL (5) - JOLLY CHIC (3) - JUAN CARLOS GIFONT (7)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA FEDERATION ANJOU-MAINE CENTRE - 2850m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 18,000

1. LAGERTHA - Nicely-related racecourse debutante that qualified in 1'19"4 at Caen last June. Well-regarded at home and can get straight off the mark

2. LUBIE DE LOIRON - Qualified in 1'19"1 here last June and takes first competitive steps with what appears to be a tough task ahead of her

3. LAVALLOISE GIRL - 7th of 8 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 19 February, after being sanctioned when fighting out the finish here a fortnight earlier and, if focused this time, can make amends

4. LADY PETTEVINIERE - Last of 6 finishers in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F 10 days ago and will struggle to make any impact

5. LOVEA DE CEMASO - Qualified modestly last summer before coming 5th of 12 in a 2700m Graignes Class F on 25 February and will need to show marked improvement

6. LOUISIANE - 4th of 8 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F on debut a fortnight back. Raced better than the result would suggest and deserves to be taken seriously

7. LADY PLANCHETTE - Sanctioned, on comeback, in a 2700m Graignes Class F on 25 February and can expect to have few, if any, takers

8. LAST QUEEN - 2nd in a 2375m Challans Class F early last month, having qualified decently last summer. Is a fine trotter in the making and is unlikely to go down without a fight. Claim

9. LA DESTINEE - Pleasant 2nd at Argentan on debut before faulting in a Class E over course and distance 2 weeks ago. Is clearly a filly for the future and, with application, is capable of losing her maiden status

10. LITTLE WINGS - Qualified nicely before finishing 2nd, behind a very good horse, on debut in a 2275m Nantes Class F 3 weeks ago. Will have progressed and, while not as well-regarded as her stablemate, should still acquit herself honourably

Summary: Half-sister to Philippe Allaire's Gr.2-winning Be My Girl, LAGERTHA (1) makes her much-awaited public bow with Yoann Lebourgeois in the wagon, hind shoes off, and can impose at the first time of asking. LAST QUEEN (8) was beaten only by a very good horse first time out and must be considered dangerous. LA DESTINEE (9) has demonstrated considerable potential and can play a prominent role this time if Théo Duvaldestin keeps her trotting. The 2nd Allaire-trained runner, LITTLE WINGS (10), did everything right in last month's debut and will have come on for the run.

SELECTIONS

LAGERTHA (1) - LAST QUEEN (8) - LA DESTINEE (9) - LITTLE WINGS (10)

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**C7 - PRIX WWW.LAMAYENNE.FR - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness -
EUR € 21,000**

- 1. KOALA DES ARCS** - Improving sort that finished a good third at Nantes in a 3000m Class E a fortnight back. Takes on some tough elements here but races without front shoes for the first time and deserves to be retained
- 2. KIMIE CASTELETS** - Erratic filly making her 2024 bow, not having been seen out since trotting last of 11 in a 2550m Bordeaux Class E mid-November. Shoes on and poses no threat
- 3. KALINE JAMINI** - Makes first public appearance since winning a 2700m La Capelle Class E last July. Will be eased in gently and best to hold off
- 4. KISS AND FLY** - Sent for a rest after coming in a beaten 6th of 11 in a 2575m Agen-Le Passage Class C last October and little chance of improving on that
- 5. KALINE FOUR** - Took some time but reassured when 2nd in the Nantes race of reference. Is new to Laval but receives an Eric Raffin drive for Laval debut and must be respected
- 6. KEEP TRUST** - Got back in the winners' enclosure at Agen-Le Passage on 17 February, winning a 2575m Class E when first time barefoot. Shoes off again and, even though arguably better going clockwise, will still generate interest
- 7. KRONOS JULINO** - Won at Toulouse early last month before coming in a disappointing 9th of 12 behind KALINE FOUR (5) 2 weeks later. Modified shoeing for the first time but others still easier to trust
- 8. KANO** - Unraced since coming 2nd of 13 in a 2275m Nantes Class D late last September. Should appreciate Laval conditions but will nevertheless need the outing
- 9. KARMA LIGHT** - 3rd of 9 in a 2850m Vincennes Class E on 16 February. Races barefoot again and can play a small role if he stays in stride
- 10. KING AULNAIES** - Useful sort that showed improvement when 4th to KALINE FOUR (5) in a 2275m Nantes Class E on 16 February. Form is heading in the right direction but still looks no more than a minor place prospect
- 11. KADRO D'ARIANE** - Sent for an early spell after failing to fire when 10th of 11 in a 2850m Vincennes Class E on 12 December and is unlikely to draw much favour
- 12. KENDALL** - Has not been seen in public since winning a 2750m Cabourg Class E late-October. Shoes on and expected to need the race
- 13. KISS WOOD** - Has ability but never far from losing his action. Made it 3 straight sanctions when faulting early in a 2700m Vincennes Class D early last month but with a leading driver reining, can start to come good again
- 14. KROSS FINGERS** - Lost his action in a 2825m Cordemais Class E 12 days ago. Runner-up on lone appearance here, will be fit by now, and looks the principal danger to KERU DE LOU (16)
- 15. KOMDAPI DIESCHOOT** - Returned to competition in decent shape, latterly coming 3rd of 13 finishers in a 2875m Argentan Class E on 18 February. Never disappoints when focused, and returns to racing left-handed with a lot to offer

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16. KERU DE LOU - Has not been seen out since completing the 3-timer in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E last August but is the sort that can do well when fresh and has every chance of maintaining his unbeaten status

Summary: Unbeaten in all 3 races he ran last year, KERU DE LOU (16) will have come on nicely over the winter and has the class to get straight back in the game, however Anthony Dollion will be keeping a keen eye on the promising KROSS FINGERS (14) who has 2 races under his belt, and the complicated but capable KISS WOOD (13) who will be reined by Yoann Lebourgeois for the occasion. KOMDAPI DIESCHOOT (15) has significant ability and, even though stepping slightly up in category, should nevertheless acquit himself competitively.

SELECTIONS

KERU DE LOU (16) - KROSS FINGERS (14) - KISS WOOD (13) - KOMDAPI DIESCHOOT (15)

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C8 - PRIX MAYENNE TOURISME - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 30,000

1. **HANIKA DU LUPIN** - Won superbly, at 19/1, over course and distance for Yoann Lebourgeois on 17 February. Never easy to trust but with her mind on the game, can challenge for the win
2. **GANYMEDE DE DUSSAC** - Unraced since coming 4th of 10 in a 2925m Cagnes Class F last July. Shod for re-entry and will need the run
3. **HORTINO** - Fast-finishing 2100m Vincennes Class E winner on 23 February. Has done nothing but improve since mid-January and can confirm
4. **FEDER PERRINE** - 10th in the Cordemais race of reference, continuing his poor streak. Barefoot this time, has already won for Mathieu Mottier, but others still easier to support
5. **HECTOR DE BASSIERE** - 2nd in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 15 February. Boasts a decent record when barefoot and is not to be overlooked
6. **HOLD UP RANAIS** - Valiant 7th of 16 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 11 February. Has decent references in this category and the drop in class will only work in his favour
7. **GLYCINA BELLA** - Honest mare that could have finished closer than 4th in a 3000m Nantes Class E mid-February had she not faulted. Not a priority but one to keep an eye on all the same
8. **HUNE LOVE** - Finished nicely, coming 4th behind Hector de Bassière, in a 2725m Graignes Class E a month back. Has ground to make up but will still acquit herself honourably
9. **HARIA DU BELLAY** - Takes a dip in class after coming 7th, a place behind HUNE LOVE (8), in a 2700m Vincennes Class B on 6 February. Goes shod this time though and will have other priorities
10. **HORS BORD** - Excellent servant that trotted 2nd over 2840m at Mons on comeback a fortnight ago. Barefoot for Laval debut and must be considered a leading contender
11. **GERONIMO FUEGO** - Good 2nd in a 2825m Cordemais Class D 12 days ago. Plainly on the way back up and looks a solid first-5 chance
12. **HONEY KING** - 7th of 14 in a Class D over course and distance on 17 February. Prepared for this, he is reunited with François Lagadeuc who went close with him at Cabourg, and can finish in the mix this time
13. **HYPER FAST** - Lacklustre 11th of 16 in the 1 March race of reference. Pleased on only start at the venue but chances nevertheless appear limited
14. **HOCHÉ** - Has not been seen out since winning a 2700m Graignes Class E on 26 November. Has previously won at Laval but shoes on for comeback and best to wait
15. **HIPPOCRATE DU TRIO** - 12th of 16 behind GERONIMO FUEGO (11), when shod for re-entry, in a 2825m Cordemais Class D on 1 March. Has a good entry but others still preferred

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Summary: HORTINO (3) has enjoyed something of a resurgence over the past 2 months and a repeat of his recent Vincennes performance would see him double his money. HANIKA DU LUPIN (1), however, made short work of the opposition over track and trip last month and Yoann Lebourgeois will be out to confirm. One of the most faithful elements in the field, HORS BORD (10) has a good record when fresh and, barefoot for his French comeback, will be in with a realistic shout of finishing in the frame. HONEY KING (12) has no particular love for Laval but, with the day's driver, will be afforded every chance.

SELECTIONS

HORTINO (3) - HANIKA DU LUPIN (1) - HORS BORD (10) - HONEY KING (12)