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**C1 - PRIX DORIS - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class R Claiming Amateur Riders -
Harness - EUR € 18,000**

- 1. FERIA DE LIGNY** - Possesses early speed so is ideally positioned at the start from the inside of the front row, especially in this shoeing configuration (barefoot) after a creditable last-start 7th over 2925m at Cagnes on 31 January. Has a winning chance
- 2. FABULEUX PIYA** - Well-performed veteran, although no longer the force of old and more effective racing unshod. Disqualified at Reims over 2500m on 25 February but, judged on his best references, cannot be underestimated in his first start at this level
- 3. GETING** - Winner of his only appearance in this category at Cherbourg way back in October 2021. Soundly beaten in both starts this year - the latest (14th) at Argentan over 2150m on 28 March - so will need to improve to make his presence felt
- 4. GLORIOSO BELLO** - Soundly beaten in all three comeback outings this year - made no impression in his latest outing at Caen over 2200m on 11 March. Won his only barefoot appearance in this category, so is dangerous to dismiss
- 5. GOUNIT DE L'AIROU** - Consistent for the most part and proven in this configuration (barefoot) with references at a higher level, though has looked out of sorts in 4 appearances this year (10th at Argentan over 2150m on 28 March). Can do better in this grade
- 6. FAX MADRIK** - Out of sorts and appears to have gone off the boil in his three appearances this year - disqualified in his latest outing at Carhaix on 7 April. Won his only outing in this category at Enghien in June last year
- 7. HYWEL D'OR** - Has performed inconsistently in three comeback appearances this year but has already proven his competitiveness at this level. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th at Agen over 2575m on 7 April - high on the shortlist
- 8. GOLFEUR DES LOYAUX** - Veteran trotter with just 2 wins from 72 starts. Has looked out of sorts in three comeback appearances this year - the latest (8th) at Argentan over 2150m on 28 March - but could fare better in his first start at this level
- 9. GARRY THORIS** - Out of sorts but has sound references in the claiming category and retains the means to play a leading role in a race of this nature, despite finishing a well-beaten 14th in a mounted race over 2800m at Rambouillet on 7 April. Respect
- 10. HOPE** - Unreliable performer with references in this category at this venue. Best watched for now, though, after his failure (disqualification) at Graignes on 25 February
- 11. GRANIT DU CHATELET** - Delicate veteran trotter who appears to have lost his way after 3 disqualifications in 6 starts this year (2 at this level), including his latest outing at Le Mont-Saint-Michel on 7 April. Others preferred
- 12. GALIANO DU BOCAGE** - Sparked improvement to finish 4th in a 2150m amateur race at Cagnes on 8 March but has to make further progress to get a look in here, even at this level

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13. FEE D'AMARO - Soundly beaten in all three comeback outings this year and hard to make a case for here after making no impression in her latest outing at Ecommoy over 2750m on 1 April. Could resurface at this level but is best watched for now

14. FRISSON DU QUESNE - Finished 9th on his reappearance (shod) over 2900m at Amiens on 6 April but could fare better here racing barefoot

15. FAIRWAY LA VITARD - Hasn't finished far off the mark alternating between the disciplines recently but is more effective racing unshod. Was 8th in a 2600m mounted race ay Nancy on 30 March

16. GRISBI DU PERSIL - Placed just once (2nd at Amiens in September) in 10 starts last year and has finished unplaced in his 3 outings this term - was 7th at Amiens over 2900m on 6 April. Lacks references in this shoeing configuration

Summary: Hard race/opening event to assess, though it could pay to side with FERIA DE LIGNY (1) in her first start at this level from an ideal starting position and in this shoeing configuration (barefoot). HYWEL D'OR (7), with a promising youngster engaged as his partner, has the means to pose a threat, along with GARRY THORIS (9), whose return to this level has to be respected. FABULEUX PIYA (2) has sound references at this venue and should make his presence felt too.

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FERIA DE LIGNY (1) - HYWEL D'OR (7) - GARRY THORIS (9) - FABULEUX PIYA (2)

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C2 - PRIX ATHOR - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. KALYPSO MI AMOR** - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, albeit at a lower level - didn't go unnoticed when finishing 4th at Reims over 2500m on 8 April. Could have more to offer racing fully unshod for the first time - dark horse
- 2. KADIJA MESLOISE** - Disqualified in four of her eight starts and in three of four appearances this year, including her latest over 2350m at Angers on 3 April. Has the means to stake a claim if avoiding disqualification
- 3. KAPUCINE ZEN** - Unbeaten in this configuration (barefoot) after consecutive victories at Nantes in February - the latest over 3000m on 27 February. One to beat
- 4. KARA DE PADD** - Delicate filly but is not devoid of ability and has references at this level (was 4th over 3000m at Nantes in November). Acquitted herself well (5th) over 2350m at Angers on 3 April
- 5. KOMEDIE SOMOLLI** - A tricky customer, rarely far from a fault but has the means to get into the picture if avoiding disqualification - which she was guilty of last time at Enghien on 26 March. All or nothing
- 6. KISS ME SMART** - Bounced back to her best with a last-start success over 2800m at Pontchâteau on 31 March and is capable of winning again with Éric Raffin engaged on her return to Vincennes. Warrants respect
- 7. KENTUCKY GIRL** - Delicate but is undeniably capable of playing a leading role in a race of this nature, judged on the evidence of her 3rd at Caen over 2450m last month. Disqualified in her latest outing at Enghien on 26 March but shouldn't be written off
- 8. KWINIE JHAIME** - Soundly beaten in all three comeback outings this year, albeit in a different shoeing configuration. Well-beaten 14th (shod) over 2100m at this venue on 5 April - now races fully unshod
- 9. KOMMUNES DE PLAY** - Consistent sort who has improved recently racing without her irons. Backed up her 2700m Vire success last month with a good 2nd over 2150m at Argentan on 28 March - not taken lightly
- 10. KIARA DES BORDES** - Disqualified in three consecutive appearances, including both comeback outings this year - the latest over 2875m at Enghien in a mounted race on 15 March. Barefoot now for the first time in her career
- 11. KIVA DU LOISIR** - Unreliable filly with sufficient means to stake a claim here, if avoiding disqualification. Could only finish 10th at this venue over 2100m on 5 April but is a lot better than that performance/finishing position suggests - keep safe
- 12. KADIX DEL PHEDO** - Performed well in both starts with this shoe fitting, finishing 2nd and 3rd over track and trip late last year. Only 10th over this course and distance last time (22 February) when racing barefoot - capable of better in this configuration
- 13. KEYPTOWN** - Has regained momentum with two comeback appearances this year, including an eye-catching 5th here over 2100m on 5 April. On the shortlist
- 14. KULTA** - Delicate but has undeniable means - finished 2nd in consecutive outings before her recent failure (disqualification) over 2100m at this venue on 5 April. Shouldn't be hastily condemned

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15. KALIE PRIMO - Sparingly raced filly with considerable means. Confirmed as much with a last-start victory over 2450m at Caen last month (14 March). Candidate for success

16. KARMEN DE MONTCEAU - Consistent 16-start maiden with sound references/form credentials at this level in this configuration (barefoot). Acquitted herself well last time when finishing 4th on this course over 2100m on 5 April

Summary: KAPUCINE ZEN (3) has won both outings racing unshod and, with further progress on the cards, is good value to reach a new milestone. She will, however, face a stern test of her mettle with highly regarded KALIE PRIMO (15) expected to be competitive in her first Vincennes appearance. KEYPTOWN (13) has been regaining momentum after a lengthy absence and, judged on her best references, has the means to join that fight for victory. KISS ME SMART (6), with Éric Raffin engaged, will have her supporters and cannot be underestimated either.

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KAPUCINE ZEN (3) - KALIE PRIMO (15) - KEYPTOWN (13) - KISS ME SMART (6)

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C3 - PRIX STEPHANIA - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Mounted - EUR € 53,000

- 1. JUNIOR BERDIERE** - Delicate but not devoid of ability and has sound references/form credentials in this category - when not disqualified. Was sanctioned in his last start at this venue over 2200m on 5 April
- 2. JADE DE CASTELLE** - A consistent 27-start maiden whose reassuring 2nd over 2850m on this course last time (29 March) was encouraging. Not taken lightly
- 3. JUS DE FRUIT** - A model of consistency under the saddle with sound references/form credentials in this category and at this level, including a last-start 3rd in a course-and-distance Group II on 16 February
- 4. JUBY DE BAILLY** - Versatile performer confirmed under these conditions and in this shoe fitting with sound references in this category. Finished 14th in a 2100m harness race on his reappearance (6 April) but should fare better back under the saddle
- 5. JIROBELLO** - Undefeated in three outings this year, all under the saddle including one over track and trip. Latest win over 2875m at Enghien on 26 March
- 6. JUST BIRD** - Has established himself in this category with this configuration (barefoot) and has legitimate winning credentials on the form/performance of his latest outing (2nd) over 2200m at this venue on 5 April
- 7. JASON DU CONROY** - Inconsistent but undeniably capable performer with the means to win a race of this nature, especially after a (shod) much-needed preparation outing over track and trip on 2 April in which he finished 9th. Better in this shoe fitting
- 8. IMBROGLIU MAG** - Sparingly raced gelding who showed promise under the saddle in his early days but has lost his way on the evidence of his 3 unplaced comeback appearances this year - 11th in a 2825m harness race at Chartres on 31 March
- 9. IL TROTTE JARL** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials in this category, including a last-start 2nd over 2850m at Laval on 29 February. Lacks references in this shoe fitting, though
- 10. JENY LOVE JEPHI** - Rarely seen in this category but is versatile and has won under the saddle. Back in the mounted code after finishing 9th in a 2850m harness race at Lyon-Parilly on 2 April
- 11. JOLIGIRL BEAUFOR** - Winner of her last four completed races (six starts) but remains delicate and is seldom far from a fault. Disqualified in her most recent appearance over 2100m at this venue on 6 April

Summary: Undefeated in three outings this year, JIROBELLO (5) sets a good standard here and is hard to oppose. JASON DU CONROY (7) could pose the biggest threat with his front shoes removed for this engagement, although enigmatic JOLIGIRL BEAUFOR (11), for whom this will be a question of wisdom/application, is also capable of challenging for victory. JUST BIRD (6) steps up in class but arrives in good form and physical condition, so ought to remain competitive.

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JIROBELLO (5) - JASON DU CONROY (7) - JOLIGIRL BEAUFOR (11) - JUST BIRD (6)

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C4 - PRIX CLORINDE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. JASMINE D'OUILLY** - Delicate but is not devoid of ability and has sound references/form credentials at this level. Disqualified in her last 4 outings, including both appearances this year (the latest over track and trip on 29 March), so is best watched for now
- 2. JEMISSORA** - Has regained momentum recently with two encouraging performances - finished 4th in both, the latest over 2875m at Enghien on 19 March. Winning chance
- 3. JUDY BLUE EYES** - Unreliable 31-start maiden unlikely to open her account here. Was disqualified in consecutive comeback outings last month and could only finish 8th in a mounted race over 2200m at this venue last time (5 April) - others preferred
- 4. JETIDA** - Inconsistent and absent since finishing 11th over 2700m at this venue on 1 January. Unshod on her reappearance, so has to be respected
- 5. JOY DU CHERISAY** - Finished 10th in a discreet comeback appearance over 2875m at Enghien on 19 March but is more than capable of winning a race of this nature
- 6. JUJUBEE** - Revealed considerable early promise but has lost her way/form this year, finishing unplaced in all four starts this term - the latest (13th) over 2750m at Ecommoy on 31 March. For another day
- 7. JALENDRA DE MALAC** - Capable mare, performed consistently/competitively at this level last year but has looked a shadow of her former self in her four starts this term. Hard to recommend after finishing 10th over 2300m at Marseille-Borely on 27 March
- 8. JISMIE GRIFF** - Returns to the harness category after her recent failure (disqualification) in a 2850m mounted race at this venue on 29 March. Not incapable of getting into the picture
- 9. JOY TO GIS** - Disqualified in three consecutive appearances this year. Has regained freshness since the latest of those over 2850m on this course on 23 February
- 10. JACKPOTINA** - Las-start winner over 2275m at Nantes on 28 January. Regained freshness but is best watched for now, races shod on her reappearance
- 11. JAFLOSA GIRL** - Lines up here in good form and physical condition, which she confirmed by finishing 4th over 2700m on this course last time (6 April). Candidate for success
- 12. JUNON DE LOU** - Confirmed at this level and in this shoeing configuration with sound references/form credentials to her name, which includes a creditable 6th over 2150m at Enghien on 12 March
- 13. JOCIE DU VILLARD** - Reverts to the harness category after finishing 6th in a 2200m mounted race at this venue on 5 April. Not incapable of getting into the picture with all four shoes removed
- 14. JALNA DU GERS** - Consistent mare who won on her only visit to this track. Races barefoot now after a much-needed (shod) comeback outing over 2700m at this venue on 6 April
- 15. JALENZA DU BOCAGE** - Consistent for the most part so shouldn't be condemned for her recent failure (disqualification) over 2625m at Chartres on 1 April. Keep safe
- 16. JAMES BOND GIRL** - Returned to form with a reassuring 2nd over 2800m at Rambouillet on 7 April. Can get into the picture if confirming

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Summary: JEMISSORA (2) has made three encouraging comeback appearances this year after a lengthy seven-month absence and, on the evidence of her eye-catching last start (4th) at Enghien, has a great opportunity to reconnect with success, especially if improving in this shoeing configuration. JETIDA (4), after a much-needed comeback outing, and JAFLOSA GIRL (11), whose form and experience/competitiveness at this level are beyond doubt, are those most likely to challenge the selection. JALNA DU GERS (14) didn't go unnoticed on her return to action and is another capable of playing a leading role with all four shoes removed for this commitment. JOY DU CHERISAY (5) completes the shortlist.

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JEMISSORA (2) - JETIDA (4) - JAFLOSA GIRL (11) - JALNA DU GERS (14)

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C5 - PRIX CHLOE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. LORD DELO** - Was almost disqualified on debut after an early error but overcame that trouble to make a winning introduction over 2475m at Royan-Atlantique on 7 April
- 2. LYNX DU CHATELET** - Promising colt who looked a work-in-progress when winning on debut at Strasbourg over 2200m on 3 March. Chance
- 3. LEONARDO DU DERBY** - Runner-up in consecutive starts at Lisieux and Graignes before finishing 3rd over 2200m at Caen on 27 March. Not to be taken lightly
- 4. LEGATO DE FELLIERE** - Consistent sort whose references/form credentials, which include a creditable last-start 5th over 2875m at Enghien on 19 March, give him a leading chance here
- 5. LUCIFER** - Has backed up a pleasing debut 6th by finishing 3rd in four consecutive/subsequent outings, the latest over 2850m at Mauquenchy on 4 April. Will tempt lovers of outsiders
- 6. LATINOS DU NOYER** - Delicate but has undeniable means, confirmed by his Graignes success over 2725m last month. Disqualified last time (9 April) over 2850m on this course but shouldn't be hastily condemned
- 7. LUBIN SECRET** - Promising sort who has remained consistent/competitive with each start/step up in class, albeit without success. Runner-up over 2450m at Caen on 18 March
- 8. LAY UP** - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd at Reims by improving to open his account at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m earlier this month (2 April). More needed at this level but is open to further progress
- 9. LIGHTNING JIEL** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, including a creditable last-start 6th over 2875m at Enghien on 19 March. His experience will stand him in good stead
- 10. LINGUIST D'HERIPRE** - Debut winner at Auch last year and made an encouraging reappearance (26 March) when finishing 2nd over 2575m at Saint-Brieuc. Keep safe
- 11. LAGON DU POMMEREUX** - Promising colt whose debut 2nd has been backed up by two encouraging performances - finished 3rd over 2925m at Cagnes in February and was 2nd over 2050m at Agen on 24 March. Not taken lightly
- 12. LARGO DE JOUDES** - Improving sort who confirmed the improvement of his Argentan victory with an encouraging 2nd at Vire over 2150m on 3 March. Dark horse

Summary: Despite proving a tricky customer at the start, LORD DELO (1) made a thunderous winning debut and established himself as a smart colt for the future so it should pay to follow his progress. LEGATO DE FELLIERE (4) was unlucky not to have achieved a better result in his last start (5th) and is likely to play a leading role if avoiding disqualification. Like the selection, debut winner LYNX DU CHATELET (2) is open to any amount of improvement and could confirm the promise of his successful introduction by joining the fight for victory. LIGHTNING JIEL (9) and LEONARDO DU DERBY (3) have also shown enough to warrant consideration/inclusion.

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LORD DELO (1) - LEGATO DE FELLIERE (4) - LYNX DU CHATELET (2) - LIGHTNING JIEL

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C6 - PRIX BAMBERGA - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. LILY ROSE** - Debut winner at Meral over 2725m on 7 April. This well-related filly, sister to Bon Jour de Fête, has a winning chance
- 2. LA DIVA SUPREME** - Improved with the benefit of experience (debut disqualification) to open her account with a 2800m Chartres victory on 31 March
- 3. LOUISIANE MAGNY** - Debut winner over 2500m at Châtelailon-La Rochelle on 31 March. Steps up in class but has the scope to improve
- 4. LOVE GLORY** - Improved to finish 2nd at Caen last month but failed to confirm that progress when only 7th on her Vincennes debut over 2850m on 22 March. For another day
- 5. LINOTTE DU MOUCHEL** - Delicate but is not devoid of ability, although was disqualified on her Vincennes debut over 2850m on 22 March. Watch for now
- 6. LUMIERE MIKA** - Runner-up on debut at La Capelle last year and confirmed that promise in consecutive Vincennes appearances (3rd and 4th) but has lost her way since. Disqualified in back-to-back recent outings - latest over track and trip on 2 April
- 7. LADY QUEEN** - Finished 3rd in consecutive starts late last year but has failed to build on that encouragement - was only 9th on her reappearance over 2850m at this venue on 22 March
- 8. LATINA TOURNIBOIS** - Bounced back from a previous failure (disqualification) to finish a reassuring 3rd over 2825m at Le Croise-Laroche on 1 April. Confirmation required
- 9. LUCKY STAR JIEL** - Confirmed the promise of her debut 2nd with a victory at Nancy over 2600m on 30 March. Will have more to offer
- 10. LAMTARA BUISSONAY** - Revealed early promise in the provinces but has shown her limitations at this level recently (unplaced in consecutive outings). Finished 7th over track and trip on 2 April
- 11. LITTLETON LANDING** - Winner on debut over 2275m at Nantes and lost little in defeat when finishing 2nd at Caen over 2450m on 21 March. Candidate for success
- 12. LADAMES** - Delicate but has undeniable means. Disqualified in all three comeback outings this year, the latest at Lyon-La Soie on 28 March, so need to reaffirm
- 13. LOVISSIME** - Built on the promise of an encouraging debut 2nd at Lisieux by winning at Cherbourg over 2625m on 1 April. Follow
- 14. LA SPEZIA DE LOU** - Promising filly with sound references/form credentials, including an encouraging last start (3rd) over 2150m at Enghien on 12 March

Summary: Well-related LOVISSIME (13), a full sister to Kaviarissime, confirmed the promise of her debut 2nd by winning next/last time and promises to be formidable in her first appearance at the temple of trotting. Debut winner LITTLETON LANDING (11), runner-up at Caen last time, is also a smart prospect with legitimate winning credentials, as is LILY ROSE (1) after a winning introduction at Meral early this month. The shortlist is completed by improving last-start winner LUCKY STAR JIEL (9). Good race!

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LOVISSIME (13) - LITTLETON LANDING (11) - LILY ROSE (1) - LUCKY STAR JIEL (9)

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C7 - PRIX EUPHROSYNE - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 40,000

- 1. LILI** - Yves Hurel-trained newcomer to be partnered on debut by Florian Desmigneux. Best just to watch for now
- 2. LUTECE DELO** - Newcomer to note with Alexis Collette engaged for trainer Jean-Luc Lerebourg. Not to be underestimated
- 3. L'IMPERIALE AR** - Was the subject of attention in her introduction so cannot be hastily condemned, despite her debut disqualification (at Lyon-Parilly on 31 March). Keep safe
- 4. LAURIANE DU RIED** - Disqualified in both appearances, once in each trotting discipline - the latest in a 2450m mounted race at Caen last month (27 March). Hard to recommend
- 5. L'ODYSSEE MESLOISE** - Debuts under the saddle after two appearances in the harness code - disqualified on debut and could only finish 7th over 2725m at Meral on 7 April
- 6. LEGION D'OURVILLE** - Unplaced in both starts in the harness category - the latest (7th) over 2400m at Amiens on 29 October. Makes her first start under the saddle on her reappearance
- 7. LIBERTY D'OURVILLE** - Has improved with each start in the harness category and makes her debut under the saddle after finishing 6th over 2550m at Reims on 8 April
- 8. LUEUR DU CHATELET** - Finished an encouraging 3rd on debut in a 2450m mounted race at Caen on 27 March in this shoeing configuration. Not taken lightly with improvement expected
- 9. LILIEME FOR CLARA** - Disqualified in three of her six appearances, including her latest over 2700m at this venue on 2 April. Seldom finishes far off the mark when remaining wise throughout
- 10. LUXELLA** - Caught the eye when improving to finish 2nd over 2450m at Caen on 27 March. Will be competitive if building on that progress
- 11. LEGEND DARLING** - Improving filly and confirmed as much by finishing 3rd in consecutive outings - the latest over 2250m at Enghien on 19 March. Candidate for success
- 12. LOUISIANE KERYVON** - Has performed consistently and competitively in all 4 starts with sound references/form credentials to play a leading role. Keep safe
- 13. LAURENCIA BELLA** - Made an encouraging debut under the saddle, finishing 2nd over 2250m at Enghien on 19 March. Winning chance

Summary: On the form of their 19 March meeting at Enghien, LAURENCIA BELLA (13) is good value to confirm the promise of her first start under the saddle by beating LEGEND DARLING (11), who also acquitted herself well that day in her first appearance in this discipline. Endowed with interesting potential, LUXELLA (10) is another with legitimate winning credentials after an encouraging last start (2nd). After finishing 5th in the reference race, LOUISIANE KERYVON (12) appeals most of the remainder.

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LAURENCIA BELLA (13) - LEGEND DARLING (11) - LUXELLA (10) - LOUISIANE KERYVON (12)

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C8 - PRIX EMMA - 2850m (a2m) - Class G Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 12,000

- 1. ISAAC NORMAND** - Consistent trotter who seldom finishes far off the mark when avoiding disqualification and confirmed as much with two encouraging outings in the claiming category over track and trip. Absent since finishing 4th on 11 December
- 2. IDEAL DU RUEL** - Sparked improvement on his return to the harness category last time, finishing 4th over 2500m at Bihorel-lès-Rouen on 17 March. Confirmation required
- 3. HURON DES LANDIERS** - Consistent for the most part and boasts sound references in the amateur ranks. Disqualified at Elbeuf over 2750m on his reappearance but is capable of better with improved fitness on his side
- 4. HACKER D'ERI** - Consistent veteran with sound references/form credentials at this level and, recently, in this shoeing configuration. Finished 4th on his reappearance over 2675m at Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne on 25 March
- 5. HARKANE DES BORDES** - A veteran mare and model of consistency whose competitiveness at this level is beyond doubt. Finished 2nd at Agen over 2625m on 5 April
- 6. HARMONIOUS** - Ultra-consistent veteran with sound references/form credentials, including consecutive recent victories - the latest at a higher level over 2825m at Le Croise-Laroche on 25 March. One to beat
- 7. HERMIONE DARCHE** - Showed signs of a return to form last time by finishing 4th over 2850m at Laval on 30 March. Can get into the picture
- 8. FRANKLIN STAR** - Showed his form and well-being by reconnecting with success at Laval over 2850m on 30 March. Will be competitive
- 9. EARLY PACTOL** - Out-of-sorts veteran trotter who appears to have lost his way. Finished 6th in a 2675m Le Mont-Saint-Michel claimer on 7 April and is unlikely to trouble the judge here
- 10. HOUSTON PEJI** - Delicate but is undeniably capable of winning a race of this nature, especially having tasted success with this driver and after a reassuring 2nd over 2150m at Mauquenchy on 4 April
- 11. GIANT STEPS** - Most effective in this shoeing configuration (barefoot) and, seemingly, carefully prepared for this commitment with all four shoes removed after fine-tuning his preparation with a last-start 7th (shod) at Meral over 2700m on 7 April
- 12. ENRIQUE** - Well-performed veteran trotter with 10 wins to his name from 81 appearances, though is no longer the force of old. Soundly beaten (9th) over track and trip in a similar contest last time on 2 April

Summary: Prolific in a lower grade, HARMONIOUS (6) won at a higher level on his return to French soil and is a confident selection to follow up in a race of this nature. HARKANE DES BORDES (5), a model of consistency this year, is the most likely of his rivals to pose a threat. HOUSTON PEJI (10) caught the eye with a reassuring 2nd in an apprentice race last time and will have a role to play if confirming that improvement, with last-start winner FRANKLIN STAR (8) not without a chance either despite his starting position (25m handicap).

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**HARMONIOUS (6) - HARKANE DES BORDES (5) - HOUSTON PEJI (10) - FRANKLIN STAR
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