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R4 MESLAY-DU-M. [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX COURTOIS - 2875m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR €
17,500**

1. L'AMOUR D'ETANG - Looked rather ordinary in qualification here last autumn and is unlikely to generate much interest first time out

2. LONDON BRIDGE - Nicely-bred filly with evident ability but sanctioned in both to date, most recently a Jullouville-les-Pins Class G over 2700m a week ago. Can however get in on the action if he gets off on the right foot

3. LARKY PERRINE - Unremarkable 6th of 7 in a 2600m Landivisiau Class G on re-entry 8 days ago and is not going to set the world alight

4. LEMON DE LA VALLEE - Disappointing on the whole, latterly sanctioned in a 2300m Class F at Le Mans last week, and will have few takers

5. LE GAL D'HERIPRE - Clearly capable and showed improvement when 5th of 10 in a 2975m Jallais Class G 12 days ago. Eric Raffin reining this time and will be no pushover

6. LE BEAU GOSSE - Sanctioned first time out before coming a reassuring 4th of 8 in a 2650m Cordemais Class E on 21 April but still represents no more than a minor place prospect

7. LETS GO UP - Pleasant 4th of 6 finishers, at 91/1, in a 2450m Caen Class E on 5 April. With progress factored, he looks a solid place prospect

8. LEIPZIG TEK - Full-brother to the good I Love You Tek. Pleased on debut before faulting in a 2900m Challans Class F a late-April. Rochard maintains faith and will be loathe to allow the same thing to happen twice. Chance

9. LARZAC DE HOUELLE - Showed a different side when 2nd of 9 in a 2150m Rânes Class G late-April. Takes a hike in category though and chances limited

10. LOUSTIC DU PERRE - Unraced since coming 4th of 8 in a 2275m Nantes Class E on 28 January. Is clearly useful, Matthieu Abrivard has been engaged for the occasion, and will be afforded every chance

11. L'AS DU CHATELET - Unseen since faulting in a 2725m Graignes Class E mid-February. Showed his ability in good company earlier in the year and, if race-fit and focused, can wrap this up

12. LASKO DES BROUSSES - 2nd on debut before trotting 7th of 9, after faulting, in a 2900m Challans Class F on 28 April, but with stride in check, can make amends and finish in the mix

Summary: A colt of considerable ability, L'AS DU CHATELET (11) may not have been seen out for 3 months but he hails from a stable going good-guns and has a realistic chance of opening his account. Mathieu Mottier will still be keeping a keen eye on the well-related LEIPZIG TEK (8) who will be expected to bounce back from his Challans mistake, and the progressive LETS GO UP (7) who defied his odds at Caen earlier in the month. LE GAL D'HERIPRE (5) raced better at Jallais than the result would suggest and must be respected.

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SELECTIONS

L'AS DU CHATELET (11) - LEIPZIG TEK (8) - LETS GO UP (7) - LE GAL D'HERIPRE (5)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA FETE DE LA CHASSE MESLAY - 2600m (a1m1/2) - Class E Amateur Riders Race - Harness - EUR € 25,000

- 1. HIBISCUS DE LATOM** - Respectable 4th to IN LOVE DE JIEL (14) in a 2400m Amiens Class F on 4 April. Has the inside line and is not incapable of getting a look-in
- 2. HEXCELLENTE** - Encountered all sorts of woes when 11th of 12 in a 3000m Nantes Class E a week ago. Shoes back on but is nevertheless sufficiently well-positioned to redeem herself
- 3. GALON D'AMIRAL** - Oddly below-par 9th go 13 in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche late-April. Gifted a good draw but takes on better here and no more than a minor place chance
- 4. IMPACT PLAYER** - Stays shod after coming a pleasant 5th of 10 in a 2850m Vincennes amateurs Class G last week and, while not a priority, should still not be ruled out
- 5. GANYMEDE DE DUSSAC** - Got back in the game when 3rd of 16 in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a month ago. Well-placed behind the car, front shoes off this time and, if still on the boil, can pick up some prizemoney
- 6. INSTINCT SAINT BAR** - Rarely far from the action when applied, recently winning a 2825m Cordemais amateurs Class F 3 weeks ago. Unlikely to repeat but can still make the first 5
- 7. GADSEM** - Reliability not his strong suit but held his own when 5th in a 2850m Vincennes Class D 12 days ago and, with form maintained, can again finish in the mix
- 8. GO FAST ROC** - Last of 16 in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche mid-April and has nothing going for him here
- 9. HAUDATIS** - Starts for the first time since coming 5th of 11 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E late-November and will need the outing
- 10. HESTIA GEDE** - Flew up in a 2150m Vichy Class F 10 days ago. Starts from the rear but in present form is very hard to ignore. Claim
- 11. GAMAY DES CROUAS** - Has not been seen out since coming 10th of 11 in a 2150m Vichy Class E last June and will need the run
- 12. HERA DU DONJON** - Unthreatening 7th of 8 behind IN LOVE DE JIEL (14) in a 2400m Amiens Class F earlier in the month and can be confidently ruled out
- 13. HISTOIRE DU LUPIN** - Occasionally loses focus but is otherwise in excellent shape, most recently 3rd of 15 in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E late last month and is not going to be far from the action
- 14. IN LOVE DE JIEL** - Hard to fault when focused and racing clockwise, latterly 2nd of 8 in a 2400m Amiens Class F 12 days ago, and has a reasonable chance of confirming his Reims success
- 15. GINGER DE BRASSE** - Pleasant 3rd of 11 in a 3575m Bihorel-lès-Rouen Class F on 28 April. Pleased on lone appearance here but, in this company, will have too much to do
- 16. GENTLEMEN GOLFEUR** - Races barefoot for his first objective of the spring after faulting in a 2975m Jallais monté Class H 12 days ago, but the draw will do him no favours

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Summary: IN LOVE DE JIEL (14) is plainly back at his best following a modest start to 2024 and even though handed an unfavourable draw, he still looks a leading contender. Similarly on the back line, HESTIA GEDE (10) is also enjoying a new lease on life and benefits from the advantage of having already raced here. GADSEM (7) returns to the provinces after pleasing at Vincennes and, dropping back in category, looks competitive for a place in the frame, as does the ultra-consistent HISTOIRE DU LUPIN (13) who is clearly close to her race.

SELECTIONS

IN LOVE DE JIEL (14) - HESTIA GEDE (10) - GADSEM (7) - HISTOIRE DU LUPIN (13)

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C3 - PRIX DES COLOMBES - 2875m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. JIOSCO BELLO** - Complicated character that was sanctioned in a 2725m Thouars monté Class F last week and has no realistic chance
- 2. JABIRU BOY** - 8th of 9, on return from a lengthy absence, in a 2850m Class E at Maure-de-Bretagne on 30 April. Has a lot going for him here though and is unlikely to let the side down
- 3. JORECAR DE FORGAN** - Went off the boil last year and has picked up where he left off, latterly sanctioned in a 3200m Landivisiau monté Class F, and can be confidently ruled out
- 4. JAVELOT DE POULINE** - Took little time getting back in shape, coming 2nd of 11 in a 2800m Tours Class F on Sunday, and backs up with every chance of making the frame once more
- 5. JOSS D'ATTAQUE** - Has merit but sanctioned in last 2, most recently a 3000m Nantes Class E a week ago. Shoes back on and will not be far from the action if Matthieu Abrivard keeps him trotting
- 6. JACALA DE FONTAINE** - Last of 11 in Rambouillet race of reference on 21 April and is unlikely to be influencing the outcome
- 7. JUSTE CHOIX** - 9th of 10, on re-entry, in a 2750m Elbeuf Class F a fortnight ago. Is confirmed at this level though, races barefoot this time, and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 8. JACKSON KILY** - Returns to the harness code after coming 4th of 11 in a 2400m Amiens monté Class F 12 days ago. Here for reasons of conditioning though and can be passed over
- 9. J'ADORE CELESTE** - Pleasant 3rd in Rambouillet race of reference before faulting, when on course for a place in the frame, in a 2700m Vincennes Class E 2 weeks ago. Shoes back on though and cannot be considered a player
- 10. JOLI ALEZAN** - Showed marked improvement at Argentan before faulting, when favourite, in a 2700m Class F at La Capelle late last month. Sports a new configuration and can set the record straight
- 11. JAG PRIOR** - 4th of 13 in a 2700m Méral Class F on Sunday but will need to raise his game in order to play a role here
- 12. JUPITER DU CORTA** - On a fine run of form this term, most recently 3rd of 8 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes Class E 2 weeks ago and, despite the handicap, can still figure prominently at the business end of the race
- 13. JEAN NO DU MARGAS** - Made it 2 wins in a row when securing a 2800m Rambouillet Class E a fortnight ago. Yet to impress at the venue but in present form, looks an interesting outsider
- 14. JOUEUR TURGOT** - Made it 2 straight sanctions when faulting in a 2800m Rambouillet Class E on 21 April and is not going to be troubling the judge
- 15. JACK SURPRISE** - Failed to confirm his Angers performance when 8th of 11 in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 20 April. Will appreciate the return to racing clockwise however and can start to put things right
- 16. JAD DE CALIX** - Delicate but finished 3rd of 10 in a 2450m Caen monté Class E late last month. Pleased on re-entry here, also under the saddle, and has other priorities

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Summary: JOLI ALEZAN (10) may not be the easiest of horses to handle but he is clearly in form, is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois who has already won with him, and can make this his own if he stays focused. JUPITER DU CORTA (12) is 25m worse off but has been excellent this season and does not need to race unshod to play a leading role here. JAVELOT DE POULINE (4) starts in front, looked the part at Tours, and makes his Meslay debut with legitimate ambition. The tricky JABIRU BOY (2) has already won for Eric Raffin and, although not a top-flight contender, he races unshod-in-front and could pleasantly surprise.

SELECTIONS

JOLI ALEZAN (10) - JUPITER DU CORTA (12) - JAVELOT DE POULINE (4) - JABIRU BOY (2)

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C4 - PRIX DES BENEVOLES - 2875m (a2m) - Class F Race - Mounted - EUR € 26,000

1. IORKA DE BELLANDE - Has done nothing but improve this term, latterly 2nd of 11 in a 2675m Class G at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last week, but may be biting off more than she can chew this time

2. ISPANO BELLO - 2 for 2 since his return to the code, most recently victorious in a 2825m Cordemais Class F on 21 April, and unbeaten in this configuration, can use his 25m advantage to apply the pressure on INKA DU VIVIER (9)

3. ISATIS DES TOUCHES - 3rd to INKA DU VIVIER (9) in a 2800m Cholet Class F late last month. Pleased on lone appearance here and, from the front row, can give this a good go. First-5 chance

4. HOULALA NONANTAIS - Returns to a hard surface after finishing 8th of 12 in a 2800m Rambouillet Class G, but still looks out of his depth

5. IMPERIAL COGLAIS - Has acquitted himself well in good company this year, most recently 4th behind IKURO JIEL (6) in a 2875m Enghien Class E 2 weeks ago. Seldom disappoints racing clockwise and is not about to change his ways

6. IKURO JIEL - Seldom disappoints when applied, latterly good 2nd in a 2875m Enghien Class E a fortnight ago. Has solid right-handed references and looks a solid first-3 prospect

7. INDICE DELADOU - Beaten 5th of 8 in a 2550m Reims Class E a month ago. Is an honest trotter but still no more than a minor place prospect

8. IMPERATRICE D'ELLE - Faithful mare that came a respectable 3rd of 8, on return to competition, in a 3125m Angers Class F on 11 April. Incurs the penalty but is unlikely to go home empty-handed

9. INKA DU VIVIER - Simply dynamic when focused, most recently dominating a 2800m Cholet Class F late-April and, with application, can confirm

Summary: She occasionally loses focus but INKA DU VIVIER (9) is an excellent campaigner and the nature of her recent triumph augurs well for her chances of doubling up. That said, ISPANO BELLO (2) has been a revelation since switching codes and shod as he was at Mauquenchy, with a 25m head-start, will be no soft touch. The complicated IKURO JIEL (6) reassured in Paris two weeks ago and, with stride in check, can again finish close. 2 places behind him that day, IMPERIAL COGLAIS (5) can challenge for a step on the podium.

SELECTIONS

INKA DU VIVIER (9) - ISPANO BELLO (2) - IKURO JIEL (6) - IMPERIAL COGLAIS (5)

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C5 - PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME DE LA BRETONNIERE - 2600m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. JOB KERVILOU** - Reassuring 3rd of 7 finishers in a 2500m Class F at La Rochelle 2 weeks ago. Shoes back on, has never delivered right-handed, but is still worth retaining
- 2. JALANSKI** - Well-supported when sanctioned in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 3 May. Already twice winner this year and, if applied, can make the most of the draw and trot his way onto the podium
- 3. JAGUAR DE KARA** - Got straight down to business when shod for re-entry late-April, winning a 2700m Class F at La Capelle with ease. Stays shod but is well-positioned in front and looks a player
- 4. JUST DE LA MORTRIE** - Won 2 in a row before coming 8th of 12, shod, in a 2800m Cholet Class F on 29 April. Thrives in this configuration though and is expected to bring home the bacon
- 5. JOKER CASTILUANNE** - 3rd of 12 finishers in a 2825m Vire Class F on 21 April, a month after having won at Maure. Enjoys a good entry in front and, despite the hike in category, still looks competitive for a first-5 cheque
- 6. JOYCE D'AVEZE** - Sanctioned in last 3, most recently a 2850m Laval Class E a fortnight ago, and is not about to garner much support
- 7. JOKER DU CHOQUEL** - Has not been seen out since being sanctioned in a 2850m Loudéac Class F mid-March and can be confidently ruled out
- 8. JOFESCA BUISSONAY** - Has 2 races under her belt, most recently sanctioned in a 2650m Alençon Class D on 21 April. Is a tough nut when focused however, and being reunited with Benjamin Rochard will only work to her advantage. Chance
- 9. JASMIN DU PERRE** - Makes first appearance since faulting in a 2550m Class F at Gournay-en-Bray on 24 March. Is barefoot for the occasion, reunited with Matthieu Abrivard, but still not a priority
- 10. JACK TEJY** - Returns to the provinces after a disappointing last of 8 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E a fortnight ago and appears to have little going for him here
- 11. JOB DU CEBE** - Imposed at Lisieux mid-April before coming 7th of 10 in a 2950m Vichy Class D 10 days ago, and even though on the back line, redemption is not out of the question
- 12. JAGUARA BELLA** - Faulted late last month, on return from a lengthy break, in a 2800m Cholet Class F. Has buckets of talent though, is unbeaten here, and must be taken seriously
- 13. JOLICOEUR DU MIREL** - 7th of 9 when preparing shod for this in a 2825m Vire Class F last week. Is dynamic racing barefoot though and, although stepping up in category, is still worth monitoring
- 14. JUMEIGE DE GODREL** - Won at Rânes late-April before faulting in a 2500m Class F at Bihorel-lès-Rouen a week ago. Sports modified shoeing, has been entrusted to Eric Raffin and although not a contender, will still be afforded every chance
- 15. JASMINE DE TEIX** - Sanctioned more often than not, most recently at 120/1 in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E on 29 April, and will have few friends

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Summary: Ideally-positioned on the front line, and shod as he was for his last 2 victories, JUST DE LA MORTRIE (4) is going to take all the beating. Leading the resistance is the widely-drawn JOFESCA BUISSONAY (8) who has 2 races under her belt, and the erratic but capable JALANSKI (2) who is nicely-positioned behind the car. JAGUAR DE KARA (3) starts upsides and although unlikely to repeat his recent success, can still get in on the action.

SELECTIONS

JUST DE LA MORTRIE (4) - JOFESCA BUISSONAY (8) - JALANSKI (2) - JAGUAR DE KARA (3)

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C6 - PRIX SEPAL - 2600m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. KEEP YOUR LOVE** - Sent for a holiday last October after imposing at Vitré and picked up on 21 April where he left off, winning a 2525m Class F at Agen-Le Passage. Has had time to recuperate and, with form maintained, can play a leading role
- 2. KIWI DE L'OISON** - Unraced since coming 3rd of 11 in a 3150m Class F at Saint-Brieuc late-March. Has freshness on his side, races barefoot again and, from the 2-spot, looks a serious proposition
- 3. KING DE CHANLECY** - Below-par this term, most recently last but 1 in a 2850m Laval Class E a fortnight back. Handed a good draw but it is likely to go to waste
- 4. KABIR BEDI** - Blows hot and cold but reassuring 4th of 11 in a 3000m Nantes Class E a week ago and will be dangerous if Romain Congard can keep him trotting
- 5. KOLMI DES EPINES** - Failed to confirm his Loudéac performance when sanctioned in a 2725m Graignes Class E 2 weeks ago. Showed his form but nevertheless appears to have too much to do
- 6. KAYAK** - Sanctioned on comeback in a 2750m Elbeuf Class F 2 weeks ago. Showed potential last season and, with front pads fitted this time, can open his 2024 account
- 7. KAZAKHSTAN** - Held his own to finish 5th of 13, at 143/1, in a 2800m Cholet Class F late-April, on first start for 10 months, but a repeat seems improbable
- 8. KASIMIR DU BOIS** - Faithful servant that missed out by little for 3rd in a 2500m Reims Class F on 8 April. Takes a step up in category, and starts wide, but will have his supporters
- 9. KYMJO DE BELFOND** - Complicated but won 2 in a row before losing his action in a 2800m Bernay Class E last Sunday. Entrusted to Eric Raffin this time and can trot his way into the first 5
- 10. KAJARO** - Has not been seen out since coming 6th of 9 in a 2825m Chartres Class E early-December. Is unbeaten racing right-handed but others still preferred
- 11. KORSO SNOB** - Sent for a well-earned break after winning a 2200m Vichy Class E in May 2023. Has not been seen out since and will be given an easy re-entry
- 12. KING DU VIVIER** - Won 2 on the trot last spring before being rested. Pleasant 4th of 10 on re-entry in a 2750m Elbeuf Class F on 1 April. Hind shoes off and, given the stable's form, must not be underestimated
- 13. KURLY DE MONGOCHY** - Not devoid of ability but lacklustre of late, most recently faulting in a 2550m Reims Class E 2 months ago, and needs to get his house in order
- 14. KINGPIN** - Yet to get into his stride this term, latterly last but 1 in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last Friday. Races first time barefoot but still not an obvious choice
- 15. KRONOS ZEN** - Held his own to finish 4th of 12 in a 2550m Bordeaux Class E late-April. Won over longer here 2 months ago but the draw will not help his cause
- 16. KADOR D'OURVILLE** - 2nd of 10 in a 2800m Cholet Class F, confirming his re-entry run. Handed a shocking draw but races first time barefoot and can get in on the action if Franck Nivard successfully navigates the start

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Summary: KAYAK (6) lost his action on re-entry earlier in the month but is a colt with bags of potential; he sports front pads this time and, starts in front, and looks the pick of the field. Yoann Lebourgeois can still expect to meet resistance from the better-positioned KABIR BEDI (4) who put in a good finish at Nantes last week, and KEEP YOUR LOVE (1) who made short work of his comeback last month. KIWI DE L'OISON (2) showed improvement last time out, comes here fresh, and looks next best.

SELECTIONS

KAYAK (6) - KABIR BEDI (4) - KEEP YOUR LOVE (1) - KIWI DE L'OISON (2)

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C7 - PRIX FRANCE BLEU MAYENNE - 2600m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. KELLISIA GIRL** - Sanctioned, on re-entry, in a 2850m Laval Class E 2 weeks ago but has talent in abundance. Form is not in doubt and can win this if Eric Raffin keeps her trotting
- 2. KETTY DE LA BUTTE** - Won at Le Croisé-Laroche early-March before faulting in a 2850m Laval monté Class E a fortnight back. On better behaviour though, could pleasantly surprise
- 3. KALINE DE FAEL** - Disappointing 8th, behind KRISTALE (5), in a 2800m Cholet Class F on 29 April. Gets another crack at it though and is unlikely to disappoint this time
- 4. KELLE BLEUE** - Has come good since being fitted with front pads, most recently getting off the mark in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 29 April, and is ideally-placed to confirm
- 5. KRISTALE** - Good, consistent filly that finished a courageous 4th of 13 in a 2800m Cholet Class F late last month. Faces a stiffer test here but can still figure prominently
- 6. KELLY PRETTY** - Won a 2800m Cholet Class F 2 weeks ago when barefoot for the first time. Takes on better here but still warrants respect
- 7. KAPELLA FABULET** - In the frame in 2 of last 3, latterly 2nd of 12 in a 2500m Reims Class F 3 weeks ago. Unlikely to have her day in the sun but can nevertheless pick up some crumbs
- 8. KUEEN DE TILLARD** - Capable sort making first appearance since trotting 7th of 10 in a 2200m Caen Class F early-March. Shoes off for the occasion but starts wide and others preferred
- 9. KALINA LOVE** - Kicked the year off well but below-par lately, latterly faulting in a 2725m Graignes Class E earlier in the month and is not about to spice things up
- 10. KERIA FLEURY** - Disappointing 13th of 16 in a 2200m Caen Class E on 27 April. Sports a new configuration but others still easier to back
- 11. KELLY CHALEONNAISE** - Yet to establish herself right-handed, but came an encouraging 6th, behind KRISTALE (5) in Cholet race of reference. Hind shoes off, with Benjamin Rochard reining, and will be no easy touch
- 12. KLASSICA BLEUE** - 8th of 10, behind KENTIA HAUFOR (14), in a 2800m Cholet Class F a fortnight ago, and is not about to change her ways
- 13. KATRINA DE MARZY** - Has merit but sanctioned as often as not, most recently in a 2850m Class E at Maure-de-Bretagne on 30 April. On the back line and not a priority
- 14. KENTIA HAUFOR** - Just once out of the frame in 5 starts, most recently 2nd of 10 in a 2800m Cholet Class F 2 weeks ago. Unshod-all-4 for the first time and will be dangerous if Damien Bonne positions her early
- 15. KANELLE CASTELETS** - 7th of 12 in a 2700m Class F at La Capelle 11 days ago after having pleased at Chartres. In good company here and the draw only compounds matters
- 16. KOURANE LA CHENAIE** - Returns to the harness code after trotting 3rd of 8 in a 2850m Laval monté Class E 2 weeks ago. Handed a dreadful draw and chances slim

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Summary: Sent for a break after faulting in Paris, KELLISIA GIRL (1) did the same thing on her first start back, but did show her form and, racing barefoot this time, Eric Raffin is not about to let the same thing happen again. He will still feel the heat from recent Le Croisé-Laroche winner, KELLE BLEUE (4) who enjoys a good spot behind the car, and the less-favourably-drawn, but no less-talented, KENTIA HAUFOR (14) who is first-time barefoot. Unshod behind, as she was at La Rochelle, KELLY CHALEONNAISE (11) will be reined by Benjamin Rochard and despite a second-line break, still looks a player.

SELECTIONS

KELLISIA GIRL (1) - KELLE BLEUE (4) - KENTIA HAUFOR (14) - KELLY CHALEONNAISE (11)

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**C8 - PRIX DES TULIPES - 2875m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR €
17,500**

- 1. LAVEZZI PEJI** - Untried filly that set off no fireworks in qualification last November and already looks out of her depth
- 2. LUCRECE HAUFOR** - Left a good impression in qualification here last autumn, hails from a very good home, and will be expected to give an honourable account
- 3. LUTINE CASTELETS** - Qualified in 1'17"9 at Caen last summer, will have come into herself over the winter, but best to hold off first time out
- 4. LADY DE LA VALLEE** - Qualified nicely here last year but faulted on debut in a 2800m Cholet Class F 2 weeks ago. Matthieu Abrivard reining this time and is not one to be underestimated
- 5. LUCKY STAR** - Sanctioned, first time out, in a 2600m Landivisiau Class G last week and is not about to garner much support
- 6. LELIZIA** - Respectable but unthreatening 7th of 10 in a 2850m Laval Class E 2 weeks ago and is not about to shake things up
- 7. LIBERTY STARDUST** - Returns to racing shod after faulting in a 2900m Amiens Class F 12 days ago and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
- 8. LISSE D'ATOUT** - Unraced since faulting in a 2725m Lisieux Class F 2 months ago. Has demonstrated limited aptitude for the game and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 9. LOVELY HONEY** - Takes on a better bunch after coming 3rd of 8 in a 2150m Rânes Class G late last month. Is fitted with 4 pads for the occasion though and will have her supporters
- 10. LADY PLANCHETTE** - Sanctioned, for the 2nd straight time, in a 2825m Vire Class F last week and, fitted with pads or not, has no realistic chance
- 11. LAURENCE MADRIK** - Has not been seen out since finishing 2nd of 7 in a 2300m Argentan Class F 3 months ago. Will be fresh and is unlikely to disappoint. First-5 chance
- 12. LILIBET** - Confirmed his excellent qualification with 2nd of 9 in a 2000m Rambouillet Class F a fortnight back. Is sure to have progressed and looks the main danger to LOVELY DU VALLON (14)
- 13. LILY BECO** - Left a very good impression on debut 2 weeks ago when 2nd of 9 in a 2800m Cholet Class F. Will have come on for the run and looks a player
- 14. LOVELY DU VALLON** - Has not been seen out since coming 2nd in a 2200m Caen Class F on debut last September. Will have come on over the winter and can get straight down to business
- 15. LUCIA DI JENILAT** - Has placed just once in 3, most recently sanctioned in a 2850m Laval Class F on 19 April, and will have few takers
- 16. LOUVE DE REVE D'OR** - Sports 4 pads for the first time after coming 2nd of 7 in a 2500m Class G at Bihorel-lès-Rouen late-April and, in this company, will be competitive for a place on the podium

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Summary: Beaten only by a very good filly on her debut last autumn, LOVELY DU VALLON (14) will be partnered by Franck Nivard this time and looks a serious proposition. LILIBET (12), who trotted 2nd on her recent racecourse bow, leads the opposition, together with the well-engaged, and padded, LOUVE DE REVE D'OR (16) who showed her promise late last month, and LILY BECO (13) who was most impressive at Cholet first time out.

SELECTIONS

LOVELY DU VALLON (14) - LILIBET (12) - LOUVE DE REVE D'OR (16) - LILY BECO (13)