

WEDNESDAY, 20/08/25

C1 - PRIX DE CHATEAUMEILLANT - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Mounted - EUR € 46,000

1. MADELIA - Yet to show any potential under harness, most recently last but one in a 2675m Divonne-les-Bains Class G last week, and debuts in the discipline with nothing to offer

2. MASTERCLASS - Eliminated, at 183/1, in a 2875m Enghien Class D last week and can expect to have few, if any, friends

3. MARIEVA DE LOU - Last but one in a 2750m Cabourg Class E a fortnight ago. Has shown ability though and Adrien Lamy gets the nod for her ridden bow. Chance

4. MAGGIOTTA - Made the frame in 4 of 5 monte starts, latterly 3rd of 8 finishers in a 2150m Class E at Les Sables-d'Olonne a week ago. Is not made of the same stuff as others here but should nevertheless hold her own

5. MENTHE FRAICHE - Easy winner of a 2000m Class E at La Capelle early-July, on her first start in the code. Takes on a better lot this time but will have progressed for the run and William Dersoir-Habib can be justifiably confident of a good performance

6. MUSIQUE NAY - Runner-up in both ridden starts to date, latterly behind a very good horse in a Class D over track and trip on 24 June. Is clearly close to losing her maiden tag and appears thoroughly capable of winning a race of this nature

7. MY WAY LEAGABIN - Debuts in the discipline after running 6th of 8 in a 2875m Enghien harness Class C on 2 July. Eric Raffin has stayed faithful but it is otherwise hard to make a case

8. MADAME CHENU - Got off the mark at Graignes in late-June before confirming in a 2250m Enghien Class E 3 weeks ago, and a similar performance would see her impose

Summary: Wonderfully entered at the limit of earnings, MADAME CHENU (8) makes her Vincennes debut on a hat-trick and is in with a realistic chance of pulling it off. Clement Frecelle will still want to be wary of the good, but returning, MUSIQUE NAY (6) who has taken well to her new vocation, and MARIEVA DE LOU (3) who has done enough under harness to be considered a player first time in the discipline. MENTHE FRAICHE (5) got off the monte mark at the first time of asking and must be considered a player.

SELECTIONS

MADAME CHENU (8) - MUSIQUE NAY (6) - MARIEVA DE LOU (3) - MENTHE FRAICHE (5)

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C2 - PRIX DE SAINT-DIZIER - 2850m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 12,000

1. JULIE DU NORD - Last of 9 in a 2900m Clairefontaine amateurs Class H a month ago. Has done nothing noteworthy for the past 11 months and can be ruled out

2. JONCTION HAUFOR - Placed in 3 of last 4, most recently 3rd of 10 in a 2725m Vittel Class F late last week. Is confirmed in the amateur category but appears to be biting off more than she can chew

3. HARPER DE BANVILLE - Reassuring 2nd of 8 finishers in a 2650m Portbail Class H on 10 August. In this company however, can expect to have few friends

4. JOYAU DARLING - Good, consistent type that came 3rd of 11 in a 3025m Class F at Montier-en-Der 10 days ago. Ran 2nd on lone start at this level but may just have too much to do on this occasion

5. IBRA DE LOU - Oddly below-par 7th of 9 in a 2600m Class H at Berck-sur-Mer 10 days ago. Has otherwise been flying the flag for his yard and with his mind on the game can finish thereabouts

6. JAMAIQUE DE HOERDT - Placed in 2 of last 3, most recently 2nd of 11 in a 2750m Class F at La Capelle on 25 July. Appears to be close to her best and from the front row looks a serious player

7. JURASSIC - Placed twice at a superior level before being eliminated in a 2675m Class F at Divonne-les-Bains on 11 August. Breaks in front here and with application could well have his day in the sun

8. IMPRESS ME - Won an Enghien amateurs Class F over 2150m 10 days ago only to lose it in the stewards' room. Is not always as generous in this category but is nevertheless hard to ignore

9. HESPERANCE ELTE - Makes just 2nd appearance in the amateur division after finishing last of 13 in a 2750m Cabourg Class E on 8 August. Consistently gives her best and while not a contender can still pick up a minor place cheque

10. IT'S PAT - Showed improvement at Graignes earlier this month when 3rd of 12 in a 2700m Class F. Stands out in this company and has a decent chance of imposing

Summary: Although winless since June 2024, IT'S PAT (10) has done nothing but progress for the past month, drops to the amateur level for the first time, and even though incurring the penalty still looks the horse to beat. Opposition comes from the front row with the nicely-engaged JURASSIC (7) the obvious danger. JAMAIQUE DE HOERDT (6) looks close to her race and can again make the frame if focused. IMPRESS ME (8) was a platonic winner at Enghien and although 25m worse off here, Guillaume Porée will be keen to put things right.

SELECTIONS

IT'S PAT (10) - JURASSIC (7) - JAMAIQUE DE HOERDT (6) - IMPRESS ME (8)

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C3 - PRIX D'AURILLAC - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

1. LADY DU CHENE - Starts for first time since running 7th of 8 in a Class D under these conditions on 13 June. Has yet to deliver when barefoot though and others preferred

2. LOVELY JENILOU - 3rd in last 2, latterly of 7 in a 2950m Saint-Malo Class D 2 weeks ago. Is a tough nut when barefoot and although unlikely to get her nose in front, should nevertheless finish in the mix

3. LASKA DU LEVANT - Eliminated in a 2950m Saint-Malo Class D a fortnight back and would be preferred in the other code

4. LONG LEGEND - 11th of 14, on return to competition, behind LADY QUEEN (11) in a 2725m Cabourg Class E on 8 August, and still looks a race shy

5. LERIKA DU CHENE - Has 3 runs in her this term, most recently 12th of 15 in a 2850m Class B at Meslay-du-Maine late last month. Is plainly in competition-mode and will be no easy touch

6. LIBERTA MESLOISE - Quality element making first start since running 2nd of 8 in a Class D over course and distance on 13 June. Returns fresh for first start at this level and is very much up to the challenge

7. LUNA D'ARNHEM - Has 2 runs under her belt since the break, latterly 8th of 10 finishers, a place behind LADY QUEEN (11), in a 2875m Enghien Class C on 19 July. Barefoot this time and will be dangerous if fully fit

8. LADY DE SAFRAN - Opened her account at Cabourg on 4 July then repeated in a 2150m Enghien Class D 19 days later. With so much going for her here, it is difficult to envisage her being beaten

9. LOTTA LOVE - Improved when 3rd of 8 in a 2150m Enghien Class D late last month. Is shod as she was that day. Has never failed to fire for Paul Ploquin and is not about to start now

10. LUNA DOMA - 9th of 10 finishers behind LADY QUEEN (11) in a 2875m Enghien Class C a month back. Not as sharp as she was earlier in the year and best to hold off

11. LADY QUEEN - Made up for Enghien elimination when 2nd of 14 in a 2725m Cabourg Class E on 8 August. Faces a much stiffer test this time and is not an obvious choice

Summary: A little like the bus analogy, LADY DE SAFRAN (8) got off the mark at the 16th time of asking, then repeated 19 days later. She will be barefoot this time, partnered by Eric Raffin, and can complete the hat-trick. LIBERTA MESLOISE (6) was given a short rest after just missing out on her own 3-timer here but is first-time barefoot for re-entry and clearly means business. LUNA D'ARNHEM (7) will be race-fit by now and with shoes off for the occasion can play a prominent role. Given an undemanding preparation, LERIKA DU CHENE (5) faces her first goal of the season and with shoes off will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

LADY DE SAFRAN (8) - LIBERTA MESLOISE (6) - LUNA D'ARNHEM (7) - LERIKA DU CHENE (5)

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C4 - PRIX DE SEGRE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

1. LOOK DE VALAILLES - Endured a poor trip in a 2150m Enghien Class D behind LAPS GEDE (9) late last month, finishing last of 14. Is plainly in decent shape though, is nicely-engaged here and unlikely to go home empty-handed

2. L'AVIS DU CHAILLOU - Made it 6 straight eliminations when losing his action in a 2900m Clairefontaine Class E on 13 July and has no realistic chance

3. LONDON JONES - Courageous 2nd of 9 in a 2875m Enghien Class E 3 weeks ago, when first-time barefoot. Shoes off once more and has never failed to deliver for Anthony Barrier. Drawn 3, attention

4. LOVING STAR - Should not be too hastily-condemned for finishing 12th of 14 behind LAPS GEDE (9) in a 2150m Enghien Class D late last month. Was beaten only by a very good horse here on penultimate start and looks dangerous

5. LUI DU DONJON - Comfortable winner of a 2950m Saint-Malo Class D 2 weeks ago when first-time barefoot. Eric Raffin keeps the faith and is not incapable of confirming

6. LUTHIER DE PAIL - Wonderfully consistent type that ran close 2nd of 18 in a 2850m Meslay-du-Maine Class B late last month. Is new to Vincennes but he excels for Paul Ploquin and should again finish close

7. LISTEL D'URZY - 5th of 10 in a 2875m Class E across town on 10 July. Is no slouch on a good day but would be preferred a level down

8. LEONARDO DU DERBY - Finished well to take 3rd of 10 in a 2150m Argentan Class D on 9 August. Forced to break wide here but with Yoann Lebourgeois in the bike, could well get his nose in front

9. LAPS GEDE - Made amends for a pair of eliminations when 4th of 14 in a 2150m Enghien Class D late last month. Is barefoot this time and despite the draw can play a small role

10. LEOLIO - 4th of 9 finishers behind LONDON JONES (3) in a 2875m Enghien Class E 3 weeks ago. Handed a tough draw though and a repeat seems improbable

Summary: A rather open affair this but considering however well LEONARDO DU DERBY (8) reassured at Enghien recently, he could well open his 2025 account this time. LOVING STAR (4) returns to racing barefoot though and enjoys a much better position behind the car. LUI DU DONJON (5) debuts in the capital after imposing at Saint-Malo and the draw will do his prospects no disservice. Starting upside, LUTHIER DE PAIL (6) is a model of consistency and will have a good hand to play if he takes to the new conditions.

SELECTIONS

LEONARDO DU DERBY (8) - LOVING STAR (4) - LUI DU DONJON (5) - LUTHIER DE PAIL (6)

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C5 - PRIX DE NOAILLES - 2850m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 59,000

1. HUGO DU BOURG - Ran 5th at Enghien before being pulled-up in a 2700m Vittel Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Springs the occasional surprise but is out of his depth here

2. HANA D'OCCAGNES - Eliminated in a 2875m Enghien monte Class D 11 days ago. Seldom far off the mark under harness but in this company will struggle to make her presence felt

3. HELIOS DES CHAMPS - Eliminated in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 26 July. Is as capricious as they get and has no possible chance

4. IDEAL DE JEAN - Useful sort that ran 10th of 14 on comeback in a 3125m Granville Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Has ample ability but may just need another outing

5. FALCO DU HAMEL - 7th of 11 finishers in a 2600m Class D at Divonne-les-Bains last week. Is no slouch on a good day and is not incapable of getting a look in

6. ILLUSION D'AMOUR - 8th of 11 behind INDIC (12) in a 2700m Class D at La Capelle a month ago. Seldom disappoints when focused, has form here, and with Matthieu Abrivard reining will be afforded every chance

7. HELIOS DJEMA - Made it 2 in a row when easily winning a 3150m Class E at La Roche-Posay 10 days ago. Has already won here and is unlikely to disappoint

8. INSIGHT SPOKEN - Placed at Lignieres before winning a 2725m Pornichet Class D on 24 July. Is confirmed here and in similar condition will be no soft touch

9. ILIO MANNETOT - Imposed at Enghien on 19 July prior to running 5th of 11 in a 2725m Pornichet monte Class D 3 weeks ago. Placed at this level mid-June and should not be overlooked

10. ISYBOY DE CINGLAIS - Going well when eliminated in a 2725m Pornichet monte Class D 3 weeks ago. Competitively-shod this time and, very much at home here, can play a prominent part

11. HAUTAIN - Comfortable winner of a 2950m Saint-Malo Class E 2 weeks ago. Is arguably better racing clockwise but, considering his condition, is easy to like for a spot in the mix

12. INDIC - Won smartly across town in early-July prior to running 2nd of 11 in a 2700m Class D at La Capelle a month back. Pleased on lone start under these conditions and in present shape is easy to fancy for the win

Summary: Consistently in the thick of things and benefitting from a fine entry close to the threshold, INDIC (12) is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois and will take some beating. He will nevertheless feel the heat from the freshly-reconfigured ISYBOY DE CINGLAIS (10) who will have a lot to contribute if applied, and INSIGHT SPOKEN (8) who left a very good impression last time out. HELIOS DJEMA (7) is difficult to knock when barefoot and Anthony Barrier will be eager to complete the hat-trick.

SELECTIONS

INDIC (12) - ISYBOY DE CINGLAIS (10) - INSIGHT SPOKEN (8) - HELIOS DJEMA (7)

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C6 - PRIX DU PERIGORD - 2850m (a2m) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 60,000

1. EXPRESS D'ARC - Unseen since running 2nd of 16 in a Class B under these conditions on 23 May. Consistently in the thick of things when focused and the engagement of Eric Raffin enhances his already decent chances

2. ERNESTO ROC - Failed to confirm Sables-d'Olonne victory when eliminated in a 3100m Vibraye Class D last Friday. Is a Gr.3 winner but is currently some way off that level

3. ENOCK - Has not been seen out since running 3rd of 16 in a Class B over course and distance on 23 May. Barefoot for the occasion but not a priority this time around

4. ERNEST JET - Last but one, on return from a break, in a 1609m Argentan Gr.2 11 days ago. Ran 2nd last time under these conditions but even with JMB reining is unlikely to spring any surprises

5. EVERY TIME WINNER - Returns to Vincennes after clinching a 2875m Enghien Gr.3 on 5 July. Is plainly back in form and will not be available at 51/1 this time

6. KEVIN PRINCE - 3rd of 13 in a 2875m Enghien Class B on 7 August. Always gives what he can and Matthieu Abrvard will assure him a competitive drive

7. KOUFRA IRIS'EYES - Imposed at Enghien before running 3rd of 8 in a 2950m Vichy Class C 2.5 weeks ago. Has references at a superior level and must be taken seriously

8. PANTOCRATOR - Serious type making first appearance since running 2nd of 16 in a Gr.3 over course and distance on 22 June. Has nothing to prove at this level and can get his nose in front this time

Summary: Barring his Harper Hanover run, PANTOCRATOR (8) enjoyed a terrific spring, benefits from being behind in earnings, and with freshness on his side looks every part the horse to beat. Paul Ploquin will still be keeping a keen eye on EVERY TIME WINNER (5) who picked up an Enghien Gr.3 last time out, and Gr.2-placed KOUFRA IRIS'EYES (7) who has done nothing to disappoint lately. Hard to fault when focused, EXPRESS D'ARC (1) is barefoot for his re-entry and is reunited with Eric Raffin who won 2 for 2 with him last winter.

SELECTIONS

PANTOCRATOR (8) - EVERY TIME WINNER (5) - KOUFRA IRIS'EYES (7) - EXPRESS D'ARC (1)

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C7 - PRIX DE BEAUNE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 68,000

1. HALMA D'AMER - 8th of 13, a place behind FAKIR DE L'AULNE (3), in a 3100m Nort-sur-Erdre Class A 10 days ago. Is not a priority but with JMB in the bike, should not be ruled out either

2. IACYNTHE DIDJEAP - Last but one behind FAKIR DE L'AULNE (3) in a 3100m Nort-sur-Erdre Class A 10 days ago. Is back under conditions he appreciates and is certainly one to keep an eye on

3. FAKIR DE L'AULNE - 7th of 13, on just 2nd start back, in a 3100m Nort-sur-Erdre Class A 10 days ago. Is useful when fit but takes on too much this time

4. CANTO DEI VENTI - Determined 2nd of 7 to a very good horse in a 2875m Enghien Class B 3 weeks ago. Drops marginally down the category-ladder and will be expected to contest the finish this time

5. INDY DARK - Serious element that ran 7th of 16 when preparing for this in a 2675m Class D at Le Mont-Saint-Michel mid-July. Is an excellent servant at this level and looks a serious proposition

6. HELIOS SI - 10th of 13 finishers in a 3750m Biarritz Class D on 17 July and at this level has no realistic chance

7. GRAND ROI KALOUMA - Tricky but talented type that ran 6th of 7 finishers to GORDON MIJACK (14) in a 2150m Enghien Class C 10 days ago. Is proven at this level and can make first 5 if he keeps his mind on the game

8. INDIGO DU PORET - Remarkable monte horse making first appearance since December 2022 and is only here for reasons of conditioning

9. HURRICANE CARTER - Made it 2 for 3 when courageously lifting a 2875m Enghien Class C 3 weeks ago. Is a class above most here and can expect the lion's share of support

10. HABIT DE SOIREE - 4th of 7 behind CANTO DEI VENTI (4) in a 2875m Enghien Class B late last month. Franck Nivard knows him well but others still easier to back

11. ILAYA - Last of 13 when prepping for this in a 2950m Saint-Malo Gr.3 2 weeks ago. Won twice under these conditions last winter, is barefoot for the occasion, and must not be underestimated

12. HOLD UP DU SAPTEL - 10th of 12 behind GILMOUR (13) when preparing for this over 2300m in Mons a fortnight back. Has otherwise been in fine shape and while unlikely to win this, should nevertheless finish close

13. GILMOUR - Returns to France after running 7th of 12 over 2300m in Mons a fortnight back. Is some way off his best though and not an obvious choice

14. GORDON MIJACK - Won over 2150m on 10 July before coming 5th of 7 behind CANTO DEI VENTI (4) in a 2875m Enghien Class B 3 weeks later. Barefoot this time and although not a priority, is still an interesting outside chance

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Summary: Known for his streak of 14 straight, HURRICANE CARTER (9) has been back on the winning train this summer and looks set to confirm his recent Enghien victory. CANTO DEI VENTI (4) drops marginally in category though and in current form will be expected to apply the pressure. Excellent in all 3 starts over course and distance this spring, INDY DARK (5) is barefoot again and will be competitive. Also barefoot following his prep, HOLD UP DU SAPTEL (12) is not about to let the side down. ILAYA (11) has been specifically prepared for this and is similarly unshod.

SELECTIONS

HURRICANE CARTER (9) - CANTO DEI VENTI (4) - INDY DARK (5) - HOLD UP DU
SAPTEL (12)

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C8 - PRIX D'ABBEVILLE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 59,000

1. IL TROTTE JARL - 4th of 7 finishers in a 2750m Pornichet Class E a fortnight ago, but is being aimed too high this time

2. ICARE WILLIAMS - Opened his 2025 account at Enghien on 17 July before running 3rd of 9 to ISLAMORADA (4) in a 2725m Pornichet Class D 2 weeks later. Thrives under these conditions and will be expected to challenge for a place on the podium

3. INSTANT GRAVE - Was prepping for this when 9th of 13 in a 2800m Langon Class D mid-July. Is arguably better racing clockwise but under these conditions looks a player

4. ISLAMORADA - Runner-up to HEVA BLONDE (9) at Enghien before dominating a 2725m Pornichet Class D 3 weeks ago. Seldom far from the action when focused and can once again contest the finish

5. HURIEL LUDOIS - Returns to the discipline after finishing 8th of 18 in a 2825m Sable-sur-Sarthe harness Class E 10 days ago and is not about to shake things up

6. ILEO PIERJI - Fine campaigner that finished 11th of 13 when warming up for this in a 3000m Rochefort-sur-Loire harness Class D 2.5 weeks ago. Comfortable under these conditions and should acquit himself competitively

7. IMPULSE JULRY - Back under the saddle after being eliminated in a 2925m Cagnes harness Class C a month back. Ran 4th at Vichy last time in the code and looks to have a lot more to give. First 5

8. INITIALE CASTELETS - Unexceptional 5th of 7 finishers in a 2250m Enghien Class C 2.5 weeks ago. Always gives her best but still appears to be taking on too much

9. HEVA BLONDE - Secured the hat-trick when lifting a 2875m Enghien Class D on 2 July. Imposed over track and trip 2 months ago and can complete the 4-timer

10. HIS DREAM DE CAHOT - Failed to confirm Cabourg performance when last of 7 behind INITIALE CASTELETS (8) in a 2250m Enghien Class C 2.5 weeks ago, and in this field will need to find more

11. HELLO JADE RUSH - 5th of 7 finishers in a 2950m Saint-Malo Class D a fortnight ago and already looks out of her depth

Summary: HEVA BLONDE (9) has enjoyed quite the renaissance this summer, continues to progress, and should be able to wrap this up. Guillaume Martin will be legitimately mindful though of ISLAMORADA (4) who returns to racing barefoot after comfortably imposing at Pornichet. Exceptional when barefoot, and winner of her last 2 ridden starts, INSTANT GRAVE (3) is easy to like. ICARE WILLIAMS (2) is clearly in fine shape and represents a decent place chance.

SELECTIONS

HEVA BLONDE (9) - ISLAMORADA (4) - INSTANT GRAVE (3) - ICARE WILLIAMS (2)