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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX IDUNNA - 2850m (a2m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. LORENE D'AVEZE** - Sanctioned in both since coming to France, most recently a 2450m Caen Class F a fortnight ago. JMB takes over in the sulky this time though and can put all concerns to bed. Chance
- 2. L'HAVANA D'ELMA** - Solid 2nd to LUNA DOMA (9) in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 4 March. Is not about to open her account but can at least hold her own
- 3. LOVE GLORY** - Has done nothing but improve since returning to competition, latterly runner-up to LA STAR DES ISLES (15) 2 weeks ago. Sports hind pads this time but whether she takes to racing left-handed remains to be seen
- 4. LEDA MESLOISE** - Superb winner of a 2150m Cagnes Class F on debut mid-February. Has been given time to freshen up and looks the main threat to LA DESTINEE (14)
- 5. LADY VICTORY** - Reassuring 4th, a place behind LYRA POTERIE (6), in a 2100m Class D here on 13 February. Switches to the inner course this time and, with 4 pads fitted, can give this a good go
- 6. LYRA POTERIE** - Would have finished closer than 5th in a 2450m Caen Class E recently had she not faulted near the wire. Takes on a tougher bunch this time and appears to be facing a stiff test
- 7. LOVA BLUE** - Unlucky 6th of 10 in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class E a fortnight ago. Has merit but may be taking on too much this time around
- 8. LALUNA DES FORGES** - Came good on 27 February, winning a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F in good order. Is unlikely to be up to the required standard though and others preferred
- 9. LUNA DOMA** - Made no bones about opening her account earlier this month in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche. Has a lot more to give and will be no soft touch. Place chance
- 10. LOVE LETTERS FERM** - Somewhat erratic but reassured when 2nd in a 2825m Cordemais Class F 3 weeks ago. Reunited with Matthieu Abrivard but still not a priority
- 11. LINOTTE DU MOUCHEL** - Unraced since trotting 3rd in a 2050m Cabourg Class D on 5 January. Will be a race shy and has no left-handed references
- 12. LADY QUEEN** - Has not been seen out since coming 6th of 9 in a 2175m Vincennes Class D late-November and is not about to shake things up
- 13. LEIA PRINCESS** - Improving type that got off the mark mid-February in a 2725m Graignes Class E. Should take well to the short-track profile and will not be far from the action
- 14. LA DESTINEE** - Authoritative winner of a 2850m Laval Class F 9 days ago. Sports front pads this time and, with form maintained, can wrap this up
- 15. LA STAR DES ISLES** - Opened her account with ease in a 2450m Caen Class F a fortnight ago. Returns to racing left-handed and will have a lot to offer if she takes to Vincennes conditions

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Summary: Another excellent filly from the Duvaldestin powerhouse, LA DESTINEE (14) flew up at Laval just 9 days ago, is seemingly still on the boil and, with front pads fitted, can make her Vincennes debut a winning one. She can still expect to come under pressure from LEDA MESLOISE (4) who will have come on for last month's victorious career bow, and LUNA DOMA (9) who showed what she was made of at Le Croisé-Laroche earlier this month. LEIA PRINCESS (13) has made good progress so far and, while not a leading contender, can still compete for a place in the first 3.

SELECTIONS

LA DESTINEE (14) - LEDA MESLOISE (4) - LUNA DOMA (9) - LEIA PRINCESS (13)

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**C2 - PRIX ALI HAWAS - ETRIER 3 ANS Q2 - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Gr2 -
Mounted - EUR € 120,000**

- 1. LAIKA DES MARES** - Reassuringly good 2nd in a 2450m Caen Class F last week but is out of her depth here
- 2. LARA DU LERRE** - Won over track and trip on monté debut mid-January before a disappointing 7th of 8 in the race of reference and will need to raise her game
- 3. LILI DRY** - Good class of filly that was sanctioned, when clearly with more to give, in the Prix Holly du Locton last month. Hind pads fitted this time and, if applied, can get a look-in
- 4. LOVELY KOOL** - Produced her best monté performance 3 weeks ago when 3rd to LEXIE DE BANVILLE (6) in a 2200m Class B here but, in this company, will need to find significantly more
- 5. LIZA NORMANDE** - Valiant 4th in the race of reference on her return to the discipline. 4 pads fitted this time and is thoroughly capable of making the first 5
- 6. LEXIE DE BANVILLE** - Debuts over the main track, with front pads fitted, after losing her maiden status in a 2200m Class B here 3 weeks ago. Steps up in class but has shown enough potential to acquit herself competitively
- 7. LA MOME** - Gives the monté code a second chance after a reassuring 2nd in a 2925m Cagnes harness Class A 2 weeks ago. Shoes on this time though and chances limited
- 8. LYZIA DES AGETS** - Progressive sort that finished runner-up to LITTLE ORELIE (9) in the race of reference. Has won over track and trip and, is fitted with pads this time and is not incapable of turning the tables
- 9. LITTLE ORELIE** - Like a horse reborn since switching codes, most recently winning the 2200m Gr.3 Prix Holly du Locton here on 16 February and, in similar form, can pull off the hat-trick
- 10. LET ME SHINE GIO** - Gr.2-harness-winning filly that lost her chance early on monté debut in Gr.3 Prix Holly du Locton over 2200m here mid-February, but can more than make amends if Eric Raffin manages to keep her mind on the game

Summary: LITTLE ORELIE (9) has enjoyed something of a renaissance since changing disciplines and even though stepping up in class, she sports 4 pads for the occasion and has every chance of wrapping this up. LYZIA DES AGETS (8) finished runner-up to her last month, and similarly fitted with 4 pads, looks the principal threat. The ever-improving LEXIE DE BANVILLE (6) has latent talent in spades and returning to racing with front pads will do her prospects no disservice. LET ME SHINE GIO (10) will not be far off the mark if she gets off to a decent start.

SELECTIONS

**LITTLE ORELIE (9) - LYZIA DES AGETS (8) - LEXIE DE BANVILLE (6) - LET ME SHINE
GIO (10)**

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C3 - PRIX CANOPUS - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 53,000

- 1. HALO AM** - Unseen since coming 6th over 2600m at Wolvega mid-January. Comes here fresh and with hind shoes off but still looks a rank outsider
- 2. INVADER AM** - 8th of 16 in a Class D over track and trip on 25 February. Has form here but is still being conditioned and best to hold off
- 3. CROIZEROSS** - Unraced since finishing 12th of 16 in a 2850m Class B here mid-December. Shoes on and not a realistic proposition
- 4. BITCOIND'ARC** - Reassured with a valiant 2nd to CHITCHAT (5) in the race of reference. Not the easiest to trust though and a repeat seems unlikely
- 5. CHITCHAT** - Quality Swedish sort that opened his French account with ease in a 2875m Enghien Class E 2 weeks ago. Takes on some better elements this time but still looks competitive for a place on the podium
- 6. IACYNTHÉ DIDJEAP** - Disqualified in a 2850m Vincennes Class C 3 weeks ago. Is an honest trotter with decent Vincennes references but is still no more than minor place chance
- 7. HURIEL LUDOIS** - Good dual-discipline type making his seasonal appearance, not having raced since trotting 4th of 14 in a monté Class D over track and trip late-November. Is preparing for a monté campaign and can be disregarded
- 8. BRILLANT FERM** - Respectable but never-threatening 7th of 10 in a Cagnes Class E 12 days ago. Has never produced the goods at Vincennes and is not about to break the mould
- 9. ILLICO DES BAUX** - Defied his odds to come 2nd in a 2850m Class C here 3 weeks ago. Unlikely to impose but can still make the first 5
- 10. IDEAL GREEN** - Oddly out of sorts when 7th of 11 in a Class B over course and distance on 6 February. Is better than that, has won at this level, but others preferred this time
- 11. CHERRY TOP** - 2nd to ISOFOU DU CHENE (12) at Vincennes before finishing 3rd to CHITCHAT (5) in the race of reference. Goes unshod behind this time and should again be able to trot his way into the frame
- 12. ISOFOU DU CHENE** - Unbeaten in 3 Vincennes starts this year, most recently with authority in a 2850m Class D on 19 February, and in similar form can pull off the 4-timer
- 13. IVOIRE PRESTANCE** - Classy campaigner with an excellent strike-rate, latterly winning over 2100m at Wolvega 2 weeks ago. Entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time and it would be foolhardy to ignore him
- 14. IRON JET** - Sanctioned, on comeback, in a 2875m Enghien Class E 2 weeks ago. Is confirmed under these conditions though and, on good behaviour, can play a small part
- 15. CALLISTO (ITY)** - 12th of 16, behind CHITCHAT (5), in a 2875m Enghien Class E a fortnight ago, when still being conditioned. Will be fit by now but is still unlikely to cut the mustard
- 16. ISTER MAN** - 5th in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class D a month back. Boasts a fine record when barefoot at Vincennes and, in current shape, can apply the pressure on ISOFOU DU CHENE (12)

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Summary: Simply superb at Vincennes over the winter, ISOFOU DU CHENE (12) returns fresh to the venue and even though stepping marginally up in category, will still take all the beating. Blessed with an excellent engagement, ISTER MAN (16) goes barefoot for the occasion and Jonathan Cuoq will be loathe to pass up such a good opportunity. 3rd to CHITCHAT (5) at Enghien a fortnight ago, CHERRY TOP (11) returns to a track he appreciates, with hind shoes off, and is capable of turning the tables.

SELECTIONS

ISOFOU DU CHENE (12) - ISTER MAN (16) - CHERRY TOP (11) - CHITCHAT (5)

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C4 - PRIX FELICIEN GAUVREAU - ETRIER 3 ANS Q1 - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Gr2 - Mounted - EUR € 120,000

1. LENNON D'ANS - Well-beaten 6th of 8, behind LUCKY CRISTAL (2), in a 2250m Enghien Class D 2 weeks ago and has nothing to offer here

2. LUCKY CRISTAL - Produced career-best monté performance 2 weeks ago when 2nd in a 2250m Enghien Class D. Bites off more than he can chew this time however and represents no more than a minor place chance

3. LUSSABEAU - Surprise 3rd to LUCKY SIBEY (9) in the race of reference before being sanctioned in a 2200m Class B here 3 weeks ago. With his mind on the game though, can redeem himself and pick up a first-5 cheque

4. LUNIK DU CHOQUEL - Last of 6 on re-entry in a 2850m Class B here on 28 February. Hind pads fitted this time but others still easier to back

5. L'ARC EN CIEL - Would have finished in the money on monté debut 3 weeks ago had he not faulted in a 2200m Class B here. Modified shoeing this time but would have better prospects at a lower level

6. LOVE AND SUN - Progressive colt that finished runner-up to LUCKY SIBEY (9) in the race of reference. Hind pads fitted for the first time and can again make the frame

7. LUXOR DE VILLABON - 2nd to LE VOYOU D'ALMO (8) on monté debut before faulting when well-backed in Gr.3 Prix Edouard Marcillac mid-February. Has talent in abundance and, with focus, can makes amends and finish in the mix

8. LE VOYOU D'ALMO - Won his monté debut in style early last month before being sanctioned in a harness Class A over course and distance on 25 February. Is clearly a colt for the future and is in with a realistic shout of opening his black-type account

9. LUCKY SIBEY - Classy colt that won Gr.3 Prix Edouard Marcillac over 2200m here on 16 February. Has previously been beaten by LE VOYOU D'ALMO (8) but Eric Raffin is not known for his lack of competitive spirit. Claim

Summary: In between 2 harness sanctions, LE VOYOU D'ALMO (8) stylishly opened his monté account under these conditions early last month and, with application, can repeat. He will still be pitted against recent Gr.3 winner, LUCKY SIBEY (9), who has hardly put a foot wrong since his December debut. LOVE AND SUN (6) finished 3rd that day and, fitted with hind pads, should again acquit himself competitively, but may first have to accede to LUXOR DE VILLABON (7) who will be expected to bounce back from his Prix Edouard Marcillac sanction.

SELECTIONS

LE VOYOU D'ALMO (8) - LUCKY SIBEY (9) - LUXOR DE VILLABON (7) - LOVE AND SUN
(6)

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**C5 - PRIX ENCELADUS - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
46,000**

- 1. JOJO TOONS** - Unlucky 8th behind JANKO HAUFOR (16) in the race of reference. David Thomain reining this time and could pleasantly surprise if he can keep his charge out of trouble
- 2. JASMIN D'AVE** - Sprang quite the surprise when 2nd of 16 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 18 February but a repeat seems improbable
- 3. JOPH DE VANDEL** - Fitted with 4 pads for his first start since coming 2nd in a monté Class D over track and trip on Christmas Day. Not easy to handle but, if applied, can pick up some prizemoney
- 4. JEAGLE DREAM** - Sanctioned on his Vincennes debut in a 2700m Class E on 10 February. No superstar but Eric Raffin takes over the reins and will generate some interest
- 5. JOYAU JICEE** - Showed improvement when 5th to JANKO HAUFOR (16) in the late-February race of reference. Not a priority but still worth retaining
- 6. JAVELOT DE HOUELLE** - Useful sort that finished 2nd of 15 in a 2450m Caen Class D on 4 March. Has never delivered over 2700m at Vincennes though and can be passed over
- 7. JET DE BUSSET** - Imposed with authority in a 2450m Caen Class E 11 days ago when first time barefoot. Shoes off again and the double is not out of the question
- 8. JERZINO VICI** - Encountered no opposition when winning a 2400m Amiens Class E on 6 March, his first start since early-December, and in similar form will be no pushover
- 9. JACOMO BELLO** - 7th of 16 in a Class D over course and distance on 10 February but can redeem himself if Thomas Levesque keeps him covered up
- 10. JOKER DE CHOISEL** - Consistent sort returning to Vincennes on a hat-trick, latterly lifting a 3000m Nantes Class E mid-February. In better company this time but sports a modified configuration and looks a decent first-5 chance
- 11. JALDO D'OCQUE** - 8th of 14 in a 2850m Class C here on 22 February and can expect to have few friends
- 12. JUPITER TURGOT** - Excellent since returning to the harness code, winning 2 on the trot, most recently a 2800m Pontchâteau Class E a fortnight ago, and while unlikely to complete the hat-trick, should nevertheless hold his own
- 13. JET DES BAUX** - Has not been seen out since coming 8th of 12 in a 2100m Class D here on 14 January and will need the run
- 14. JEWEL TOUCH** - Runner-up to JUPITER TURGOT (12) in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class E a fortnight ago but the step up in class may be a step too far
- 15. JUAN PERRINE** - Unplaced in all 3 starts this year, most recently 7th in a 2850m Class C here a month ago. Has merit though and it is only a matter of time before he comes good again
- 16. JANKO HAUFOR** - 2nd of 16 in a 2100m Class D here a month back. Has been knocking at the door and looks the horse to beat this time

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Summary: Ideally-engaged and clearly close to his race, JANKO HAUFOR (16) has every chance of opening his 2024 account. He will still face resistance from JET DE BUSSET (7) who showed at Caen what he could do when barefoot, and JERZINO VICI (8) who made short work of the opposition on his Amiens comeback run. JACOMO BELLO (9) did not enjoy the best of trips last time out but will be expected to make amends.

SELECTIONS

JANKO HAUFOR (16) - JET DE BUSSET (7) - JERZINO VICI (8) - JACOMO BELLO (9)

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**C6 - PRIX DE TRAPPES - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
46,000**

- 1. IRIS INTENSE** - Followed up 3 straight sanctions with a surprise 5th of 15 in a 2850m Laval Class D a fortnight ago. Races barefoot for just the 2nd time but others still easier to back
- 2. IBERIO** - 6th of 14 in a 2700m Class G at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight ago, even having lost his action. Has a lot going for him here and can more than make amends
- 3. INFIEL** - Drops back in category after trotting 7th of 15 in a Class D over 2700m here on 16 February and looks a more serious proposition. Claim
- 4. INVASION D'OEILLET** - Unable to confirm her Angers performance when 6th of 16 in a 3000m Nantes Class D on 16 February. Has a decent record over course and distance but may be biting off more than she can chew
- 5. INSTINCT DE CLERCE** - Goes barefoot from the 5-spot after finishing unplaced when shod in a 2800m Cholet Class F earlier this month and is sufficiently well-placed in front to pick up a cheque
- 6. IPSO SIMARDIERE** - Produced 3 good efforts here before prepping over track and trip mid-February. Shoes off this time and is not incapable of getting his nose in front
- 7. IGOR VICKING** - 8th of 13 when prepping for this in a 2450m Caen Class D on 4 March. Barefoot this time but still not an obvious choice
- 8. IMOKO AIMEF** - 7th, a place behind INSTINCT DE CLERCE (5), in a 2800m Cholet Class D on 25 February. Has previously won under these conditions but starts wide and looks no more than a minor place prospect
- 9. I LOVE YOU TEK** - Considerably better than his 10th place behind INFIEL (3) last month would suggest. Starts for new trainer and, despite an unfavourable draw, can get straight down to business
- 10. IVALO DU BOCAGE** - Sanctioned, for a 3rd straight time, in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on 10 February and has little going for him on this occasion either
- 11. INDIA SEA** - Unplaced in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F on 3 March. Tends to go well when barefoot and, even from the 2nd line, can still finish in the mix
- 12. IN EN VRIE** - Pleasantly surprised when 3rd of 11 in a 2150m Enghien Class D 10 days ago. Shoes back on though and others preferred
- 13. I LOVE IGNY** - Sanctioned in a 2925m Cagnes Class D 3 weeks ago and, in this company, will stay friendless in the markets
- 14. IONIQUE** - Hardy sort making his first appearance since trotting 3rd in a 2700m Class D at La Capelle last August. Shoes on and no threat
- 15. IROCKO STRYCK** - 3rd of 18 on re-entry in a 2825m Vire Class E on 3 March. Races barefoot this time and can play a role if Cédric Terry positions him early
- 16. ISIMONEY DU CHENE** - Close 2nd in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 4 March. Is clearly in fine shape but the draw does him no favours

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Summary: Not the easiest of races to decipher but a tentative nod must go to the superbly-positioned INFIEL (3) who drops back to a more suitable category and who should put his recent blip behind him. IPSO SIMARDIERE (6) races barefoot following his course-and-distance freshener and will be no pushover. The widely-drawn I LOVE YOU TEK (9) makes his first start for Jean-Michel Baudouin and with Eric Raffin reining, will be afforded every chance. IBERIO (2) could well have won last time out had he not faulted and, from the 2-spot, with pads fitted for the occasion, must be considered a player.

SELECTIONS

INFIEL (3) - IPSO SIMARDIERE (6) - I LOVE YOU TEK (9) - IBERIO (2)

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C7 - PRIX ATE - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 46,000

1. **KASH MADRIK** - Never far from faulting but impressive winner of a Class D under these conditions on 25 February. Starts from the inside and pulling off the double is well within his capacity
2. **KAISER DES GRANGES** - Could have finished closer than 6th in the race of reference had he been afforded a run. Benefits from a decent spot behind the car and will be worth monitoring
3. **KEOPS TILLAYE** - Got back in the game when 3rd of 12 in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class B on 19 February. Has no particular love for Vincennes and others preferred
4. **KHAN D'HERIPRE** - Pleasant 5th of 10 in a 2700m Lyon-La Soie Class C 11 days ago. Well-placed in front, with Yoann Lebourgeois reining, and is sure to generate interest
5. **KRONOS DU KLAU** - Seldom gets his nose in front but trotted a surprise 4th of 16 in a 2700m Vincennes Class B on 23 February. With form maintained, he could well make the frame this time
6. **KONAN JERSEY** - Won his first 2 of the year before a disappointing 8th in the 23 February race of reference. Sports a new configuration though, starts in front, and can make amends
7. **KATSUMOTO** - Sanctioned when clearly going well in a 2925m Cagnes Gr.3 mid-February. Entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time and, with just hind shoes off, is not to be underestimated
8. **KALINOU QUICK** - Sanctioned in a Class B over 2700m here on 23 February. Has ample ability though and can figure prominently if Romain Derieux keeps him trotting
9. **KAISER** - Quality element making his first appearance since coming 2nd in a 2850m Class C here late-October. Drawn wide though and unlikely to be given a hard race
10. **KAIROS DE BOMO** - Courageous 5th behind KAID MARTIN (11) under these conditions 3 weeks ago. On the back line this time however and will have too much to do
11. **KAID MARTIN** - Showed a different side to himself when 3rd of 10 finishers under similar conditions 3 weeks ago. On the back row this time but still a respectable first-5 prospect
12. **KIPLING IRON** - Complicated but talented colt starting for the first time since being sanctioned in a 2175m Gr.3 here last April. Front shoes off but will still need the run
13. **KAKO GASCOGNE** - Makes main-track debut after faulting in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class C on 17 February. Has little going for him here and chances slim
14. **KOELHO DE NAPPES** - Sanctioned in a 2100m Vincennes Class C 3 weeks ago and, in current form, can be confidently passed over
15. **KRONO DU TRIO** - Last of 10 finishers, on re-entry, in the race of reference and has no realistic chance
16. **KOPECK DE CHENU** - Won 2 of his last 3, most recently a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class C with authority mid-February. Is arguably better racing right-handed but can still get in on the action

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Summary: The complicated KASH MADRIK (1) finally broke his Vincennes duck, under these conditions, late last month; he has a better draw this time around and can repeat. KALINOU QUICK (8) may be drawn wide but he drops back in category and will be dangerous if he can keep his action together. KRONOS DU KLAU (5) also drops down the class ladder as he bids to replicate his recent 116/1 4th place. KOPECK DE CHENU (16) has been handed a shocking draw but is plainly at the top of his game and must be afforded respect.

SELECTIONS

KASH MADRIK (1) - KALINOU QUICK (8) - KRONOS DU KLAU (5) - KOPECK DE CHENU (16)

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C8 - PRIX MAIA - 2850m (a2m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59,000

- 1. HIPSTER** - Respectable 4th of 14 in a 2550m Reims Class F last weekend. In more exalted company this time and even from the front line is not about to shake things up
- 2. FICIMER** - Has raced just once at Vincennes but deserves to take his chances again after scoring twice at Cagnes recently, most recently a Class E over 2925m on 5 March. Raffin reining this time and looks a major player
- 3. HETRE D'OURVILLE** - Placed 3 times in a row before faulting, when favourite, in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class D 2 weeks ago. Benefits from a front-row start and will be one to keep an eye on
- 4. GAMIN BAZOQUAIN** - Useful sort but stays shod for re-entry, not having been seen out since trotting 3rd in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E late-November, and will need the race
- 5. GUERRIER CASTELETS** - Sanctioned early in a 2875m Enghien Class D last week. Plainly at the top of his game and can play a role if Matthieu Abrivard keeps him trotting
- 6. FELLI ELEVEN** - Last of 14 behind GINO VIVA (12) in a 2100m Class D here earlier in the month and can expect to remain friendless
- 7. GOAL STAR** - Honest type that came 5th of 18 in a 2850m Laval Class D a fortnight ago. Entrusted to Yoann Lebourgeois this time and looks eminently capable of making the frame
- 8. HORATIUS D'ELA** - 5th of 17 in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class D a fortnight back and can upstage HAUTBRION COLMI (11) if he gets to the front early
- 9. GARDE A VOUS** - Pleasant 11th of 16 on comeback 11 days ago in a 2450m Caen Class D. Shod to preference this time but others still easier to back
- 10. EXTREME DESBOIS** - Difficult veteran that was unsurprisingly sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class D on 4 March and can expect to have few, if any, takers
- 11. HAUTBRION COLMI** - Facile winner of a 2875m Enghien Class D a week ago, making it 2 on the trot, and hopes are justifiably high for the 3-timer
- 12. GINO VIVA** - Courageous winner of a similar event 3 weeks ago but is in better company this time and just fitted with pads. Hold off
- 13. HOVE PONT VAUTIER** - Would have finished closer than 6th in a 2925m Cagnes Class B 3 weeks ago had he stayed in stride. Has nothing to prove at this level and should have a lot to offer
- 14. FLYING BRICKELL** - Showed his form when 2nd of 16 in a 2850m Laval Class D 3 weeks ago. Races barefoot this time and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 15. GIMS DU PLESSIS** - Quality element that finished unplaced behind HORATIUS D'ELA (8) on re-entry at Pontchâteau a fortnight ago. Stays shod and best to wait

Summary: Brilliant winner at Laval last month, HAUTBRION COLMI (11) went on to confirm at Enghien a week ago and looks thoroughly capable of securing the hat-trick. François Lagadeuc will still want to be wary of HORATIUS D'ELA (8) who has won 2 of his last 4, including a similar event over 2100m here. HOVE PONT VAUTIER (13) has references at a superior level and returning to racing unshod behind will do his prospects no disservice. GOAL STAR (7) consistently finishes in the money and will not be going home empty-handed this time either.

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**HAUTBRION COLMI (11) - HORATIUS D'ELA (8) - HOVE PONT VAUTIER (13) - GOAL
STAR (7)**