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R4 LAVAL [L-H]

C1 - PRIX GASTON PELTIER - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KAPPELLA DRY** - Honourable but unthreatening 9th of 16 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on comeback 3 weeks ago. Front shoes off for the first time and, already a course-and-distance winner, will be worth monitoring
- 2. KASSIOPEE DU NOYER** - Faulted, when unsupported, in a 2550m Reims Class E 8 days ago and can be passed over
- 3. KIARA MAURICIENNE** - Comfortable winner of a 2650m Class F here on comeback early-March. Will have come on for the run and can double her money
- 4. KANELLE DE TILLARD** - Showed improvement when 2nd of 10 in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel on 7 April. Competitively-shod this time and, with stride in check, could pleasantly surprise
- 5. KADENCE DU PERCHE** - Opened her 2024 account in a 3125m Angers Class F a month back. In better company this time but still looks capable of getting a look-in
- 6. KARA MARIS** - 7th, behind KALINE D'ERPION (16), in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 1 April and will struggle to make any impact
- 7. KASSIOPEIA** - Useful filly that finished 4th of 13 in a 2200m Caen Class E on 21 March. Races with just front shoes this time and looks a major player
- 8. KATANE DU CORTA** - Went into her winter break on a high note and just 10 days ago was sanctioned on re-entry in a 2875m Argentan Class E. First time barefoot but others still preferred
- 9. KALINE JAMINI** - Showed improvement when 5th of 9 in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle earlier this month. New formula this time but still has too much ground to make up
- 10. KATE GEDE** - Won at Vivaux in February but sanctioned in both since, most recently a 2750m Ecommoy Class E on 1 April, and even with modified shoeing, will have few takers
- 11. KABALA QUICK** - Sanctioned, when favourite, in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle earlier this month and can more than make amends if Pierre Belloche keeps her trotting.
- 12. KISS ME DE JEAN** - Sanctioned after suffering interference in a 2550m Reims Class E 8 days ago, but nevertheless showed her form and must not be underestimated
- 13. KERRA UP STAR** - Has not been seen out since coming 2nd of 8 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 31 December. Is confirmed here but perhaps best to hold off
- 14. KELIA DES TOUCHES** - Easily won a 2500m Reims Class F on 8 April. Has turned a corner since moving yards and, while unlikely to repeat, should still acquit herself competitively
- 15. KARELIA** - 3rd, a place behind KALINE D'ERPION (16), in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 1 April. Is reunited with Eric Raffin and is not going to be far from the action

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16. KALINE D'ERPION - Has turned a corner since starting to race barefoot, latterly 2nd in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche earlier in the month. Benefits from a superb engagement and is unlikely to disappoint

Summary: After having shown considerable potential last season, KIARA MAURICIENNE (3) won over 2650m here on her return to competition and looks good enough to repeat. Benjamin Rochard will nevertheless be wary of KABALA QUICK (11) who could also have imposed on re-entry had she not faulted, and the in-form KASSIOPEIA (7) who races unshod-behind for the first time. Very unlucky last time out, a barefoot KISS ME DE JEAN (12) is due some compensation.

SELECTIONS

KIARA MAURICIENNE (3) - KABALA QUICK (11) - KASSIOPEIA (7) - KISS ME DE JEAN (12)

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C2 - PRIX PAUL DELANOE - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. JOKER JOLI** - 12th of 13, on comeback, in a 3125m Angers Class E. Preparing for a campaign under the saddle and can be ruled out
- 2. JEROMINUS TURGOT** - Lacklustre 8th of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E 12 days ago, after having won at Maure-de-Bretagne 1.5 months earlier. Has previously won in this configuration and will be expected to redeem himself
- 3. JACK TEJY** - Moderate 4th of 7 in a monté Class E over course and distance late last month. Has never delivered under harness here and chances slim
- 4. JIVAGO DE BEYLEV** - Sanctioned on Sunday in a 2650m Alençon Class D when first time barefoot. Fitted with new configuration this time though and will have his supporters
- 5. JEREMY D'AS** - Has not been seen out since coming 6th in a 2775m Class E at Les Sables-d'Olonne late last August and is sure to need the run
- 6. JACKSON HAUFOR** - Pleasant 5th of 11, on first start since the break, in a 2700m Graignes Class F 11 days ago. Shod to preference this time, will have come on for the run, and will be no easy touch
- 7. JEKILL ROCQ** - Unbeaten in 3 starts this year, most recently securing a 2700m Graignes Class F on 14 April, and can make his Laval debut a winning one
- 8. JOE LE VEINARD** - Finished a place behind JUST D'ACADIE (15) in Paris before a below-par 7th of 9 in a 2600m Nancy Class E on 30 March. Shoes on and others preferred
- 9. JOYEUX DU LANDRET** - 3rd in a 3250m Saumur Class F earlier this month after having imposed on comeback 2 weeks earlier. Sports a fresh configuration, has references here, and must be respected
- 10. JUMBO DE JA YO** - Back under harness after coming a flattering 5th of 7 finishers in a monté Class E under similar conditions late-March. Has merit, and races barefoot, but will have his work cut out this time
- 11. JACK DU PONT** - Has returned to racing in excellent shape, latterly 3rd in a 2350m Angers Class E a fortnight ago. Is confirmed at Laval and must be considered a serious player
- 12. JOAL DU RIB** - Complicated but useful sort making first start since faulting in a 2850m Vincennes Class E on 3 January. Barefoot for the occasion and is not to be overlooked
- 13. JAGUAR DU RIB** - Last of 13 on return to competition in a 3125m Angers Class E 3 weeks ago. Has other priorities and can be passed over
- 14. JEUDI DES RACQUES** - Pleasant, and surprising, 6th of 14 finishers in a 2950m Saint-Malo Class F mid-month but a repeat seems improbable
- 15. JUST D'ACADIE** - Not disgraced when 6th of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E earlier this month. Won his only start here, with the driver of the day, and is eminently capable of opening his 2024 account
- 16. JETLAG DE BEAUFOUR** - Sanctioned early, on re-entry, in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 7 April and is not going to be troubling the judge. Disregard

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Summary: Unbeaten in three starts this year, JEKILL ROCQ (7) is new to Laval but still has the wherewithal to pull off the 4-timer. Florian Desmigneux will still be keeping a keen eye on the well-engaged JUST D'ACADIE (15) who won for Eric Raffin under these conditions last autumn, and JACK DU PONT (11) who has returned to competition in excellent shape. The complicated JACKSON HAUFOR (6) has one race under his belt, is competitively-shod, and can get straight back in the game.

SELECTIONS

JEKILL ROCQ (7) - JUST D'ACADIE (15) - JACK DU PONT (11) - JACKSON HAUFOR (6)

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C3 - PRIX JEAN MARY - 2850m (a2m) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

- 1. CAPTOR DELLESELVE** - Unraced since coming 10th of 14 in a 2700m Vincennes harness Class D 2 months ago. Takes first steps under the saddle with limited aspirations
- 2. IMPALA DE VAL** - Won 3 of last 4, most recently in style over 3125 in an Angers Class F a fortnight back. Is shod to preference and can strike again
- 3. CALLISTO (ITY)** - 6th of 14 in a 2750m Toulouse harness Class E 2 weeks. Debuts in the discipline and may just be the joker in the pack here. Attention
- 4. GAVROCHE D'OMBLAIS** - Ultra-consistent trotter making his first appearance since coming 6th of 7 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C mid-December. Is, however, unlikely to be given a hard race
- 5. ENJEU DAIRPET** - Made no impact when 8th of 11 in a 2875m Enghien Class C last Saturday. Has merit but races shod this time and others easier to back
- 6. DOLLAR DOC** - Returns to the monté code after trotting 7th of 11 in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie harness Class D a fortnight ago. Boasts a 50% monté win-rate but, on this occasion, will struggle to make his mark
- 7. HANSKA** - 2nd, on re-entry, in a 2700m Vincennes Class C 2 months ago, picking up where she left off. Comes here fresh and, returning to her preferred barefoot status, can deny IMPALA DE VAL (2) victory
- 8. ELIXIR** - Produced a good return run before coming 7th in a 2800m Rambouillet Class E when prepping for this earlier in the month, and will need to be considerably sharper
- 9. DOWHATYOU DODOWELL** - Handy Danish sort that came 5th of 16 in a 2700m Vincennes harness Class C on 13 April. Makes just 2nd appearance under the saddle but with Paul Ploquin in the irons will be afforded every chance. First-5 prospect
- 10. GALLAGHER WIND** - Has turned a corner lately, winning 2 of last 4, most recently a 2700m Vincennes Class E in good order. Has references at this level and looks a solid place prospect
- 11. BEAT GENERATION** - Quickly sanctioned in a 3125m Angers Class D 3 weeks ago. Has nothing to prove at this level though, is already a winner with Raffin reining, and is not one to be underestimated

Summary: Barring his January sanction, IMPALA DE VAL (2) has been acquitting himself superbly for the past 4.5 months and is once again competitive for the win, however he will have to take on the highly-consistent HANSKA (7) who is barefoot for her first start late-February. GALLAGHER WIND (10) flew up at Vincennes last time out and legitimately bids for the double, while the temperamental BEAT GENERATION (11) is never far from causing an upset.

SELECTIONS

IMPALA DE VAL (2) - HANSKA (7) - GALLAGHER WIND (10) - BEAT GENERATION (11)

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C4 - PRIX THIERRY DENUAULT - 2850m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 27,000

- 1. IBANQUE LEBEL** - Has not been seen in public since trotting 5th to ISIS DE LA FERME (13) in a 2100m Vincennes Class D in early-December and will need the run
- 2. I KEEP CALM** - Makes his first appearance since faulting, when full of running, in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E late-January. Competitively-shod for comeback and should not be ruled out
- 3. ISO DE KERYANN** - Kicked the year off successfully but less performant since, most recently 7th, behind ICARE D'ACADIE (5), in a 2800m Cholet Class E early-April. Reverts to racing unshod-behind and will have claims on a spot in the first 5
- 4. INDIA SEA** - Surprise 4th of 13, at 83/1, in a 2100m Vincennes Class D a month ago. Is confirmed at the venue but will struggle to repeat
- 5. ICARE D'ACADIE** - 4th of 12 in a 2800m Cholet Class E on 1 April. Went close on only Laval start, has front shoes off for the occasion, and can figure prominently at the business end of the race
- 6. IDAHI DE HOUELLE** - 8th of 15, on re-entry, in a 2800m Rambouillet Class E earlier this month. Goes barefoot this time but still hard to make a case
- 7. HAMPTON DU VIVIER** - Unseen since finishing 10th of 15 in a 2850m Vincennes monté Class E last November. Won on his only appearance over course and distance but can expect to be race-rusty
- 8. ITONO DE MILLAC** - Picked up this year where he left off last season, latterly coming 11th of 15 in a 3125m Angers Class F a fortnight ago, and can be confidently ruled out
- 9. IDEFIX DES LANDES** - 4th of 13 in a 2800m Rambouillet Class E on 7 April when first time barefoot. Always gives his best, showed his form last time out, and can give ILLICO D'AMOUR (14) a run for his money
- 10. HORS SAISON** - 11th of 13 in a 2600m Class H at Blain-Bouvron-Le Gâvre, when being conditioned, 12 days ago. Boasts fine Laval credentials, gets an Eric Raffin drive, but others still preferred
- 11. HAFCOCK** - Terrific campaigner making his first appearance since coming 2nd in a 2525m amateurs Class H at Les Andelys last September. Won his last 2 in the professional ranks and is not about to disappoint
- 12. IRINO DE GUERON** - Continued his fine streak when 2nd of 18 in a 2825m Durtal Class E a month ago. Steps back up in class but still looks competitively well-in. Place chance
- 13. ISIS DE LA FERME** - 8th of 11 in a 2150m Enghien amateurs Class G a week ago and 2024 form does nothing to inspire confidence
- 14. ILLICO D'AMOUR** - Already 3 times a winner this year, latterly dominating a 2875m Enghien Class E mid-March. Shod as he was at Enghien and will unsurprisingly garner the lion's share of support
- 15. HUNIQUE** - 5th of 13, on first start since the spell, in a 2600m Blain-Bouvron-Le Gâvre Class H 12 days ago. Takes a small step up in category but still looks capable of finishing in the mix

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Summary: An excellent servant that cannot be faulted this year, ILLICO D'AMOUR (14) debuts at Laval but in present condition must be considered the leading contender. That being said, he will be up against IDEFIX DES LANDES (9) who is fitted with front pads after having reassured on turf earlier this month, and IRINO DE GUERON (12) who has not missed a beat since returning from his spell. HUNIQUE (15) has an entry-made-in-heaven and, hind shoes off for the occasion, will be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

ILLICO D'AMOUR (14) - IDEFIX DES LANDES (9) - IRINO DE GUERON (12) - HUNIQUE (15)

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C5 - PRIX LOUIS BAUDRON - 2850m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. GORDON MIJACK** - 7th to HELIOS SI (7) in Amiens race of reference. Hind shoes off this time but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 2. FEE DU VERNAY** - Hard to fault since returning to racing barefoot, latterly 3rd of 16 in a 2825m Lignières Class E 11 days ago. Form is sure and even with front pads fitted, can still give this a good go
- 3. GARDE A VOUS** - Encouraging 5th to HELIOS SI (7) in 2400m Amiens Class D last Friday. Unshod-all-4 this time and can pick up a cheque
- 4. ENJOLEUR LEMAN** - Lacklustre 8th of 12 in a 2700m Vincennes claimer earlier in the month and can be passed over
- 5. HORATIUS D'ELA** - 4th of 15 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 22 March. Has won 5 times for his driver and has every chance of making it 6
- 6. GOLDEN VISAIS** - Has not been seen in public since coming 3rd in a 2700m Vincennes Class C late-November. Shoes on and no threat
- 7. HELIOS SI** - Has looked a different horse over recent weeks, beating a number of these when 3rd in a 2400m Amiens Class D 6 days ago, and will have more of a claim on the trophy this time around
- 8. GRAZY** - 2nd in a 2100m Vincennes Class D early-March but stays shod here and will have other priorities
- 9. EASY ATOUT** - Produced some decent efforts in Paris before being sanctioned, when preparing for this, in the Amiens race of reference. Hind shoes off this time but others still easier to back
- 10. GREC D'HAVAROCHE** - Faithful for the most part but lost his action in a 2400m Amiens Class D 6 days ago. Is plainly in form and will not be far off the mark if he keeps his action together
- 11. ELIXIR DE CRENNES** - Unexceptional trotter that finished 13th of 15 on his comeback in a 2850m Vincennes Class D a fortnight back and is not about to change his ways
- 12. FIROS** - Unseen since trotting 6th of 10 in a 2850m Vincennes monté Class D mid-December and has no realistic chance
- 13. FEELING BOY** - Useful veteran that would have finished closer than 8th in a 2850m Class A here last month had he got off to a better start. Raffin reining this time and can set the record straight
- 14. FRANCEVILLE** - Never threatening when sanctioned in the race of reference. Pleased on lone Laval start, reverts to a proven formula, but appears to be biting off more than she can chew
- 15. HISTOIRE MODERNE** - Has not been seen out since being sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class C late-December. Shoes off for re-entry and the good engagement will only work to her advantage
- 16. HEART OF GOLD** - Ideally-placed at the limit of earnings but faulted early in a 2250m Enghien Class C late last month and must get his house in order

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Summary: Reunited with Benjamin Rochard after finishing 4th in a competitive Vincennes Class D late last month, HORATIUS D'ELA (5) looks every part the horse to beat. It is unlikely to be all plane sailing though given how well HELIOS SI (7) has been acquitting himself lately. The complicated but talented HISTOIRE MODERNE (15) is barefoot for her return from a short break and will have her chances. FEELING BOY (13) is reunited with Eric Raffin and, at this level, will be no easy touch.

SELECTIONS

HORATIUS D'ELA (5) - HELIOS SI (7) - HISTOIRE MODERNE (15) - FEELING BOY (13)

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C6 - PRIX YVONNICK BODIN - 2850m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Mounted - EUR € 23,000

- 1. HEROS JARZEEN** - Last of 5 in a 3400m Orléans Class F on 1 April and can be confidently disregarded
- 2. HOUSTON ROCKET** - Disappointing so far this year, most recently sanctioned in a 2650m Alençon Class F on Sunday, and is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 3. IMTITI** - 4th to HORIZON DU TRIANON (10) in a 2875m Enghien Class E a week ago. Never far from faulting but is plainly in form and will generate some interest
- 4. ILEO PIERJI** - Pleasantly surprised, on re-entry, when winning a 2800m Class H at La Guerche-de-Bretagne a month ago. Shod to preference this time but others still preferred
- 5. GLOIRE DE LA BASLE** - Unremarkable 6th of 12 in a 2700m harness Class F at La Capelle earlier this month. Is confirmed at the venue but nevertheless faces a stiff test
- 6. HOMMAGE LUDOIS** - 10th of 12 under harness in a 2800m Cholet Class E on 1 April, when still being conditioned. Will be fully-fit and returns to his code of preference with a good hand to play
- 7. ILLUSIVE GLORY** - Preparing for this when 9th of 13 in a 2800m Rambouillet harness Class E on 7 April. A veritable metronome in the monté discipline since early-December. Sports a new configuration and can trot his way onto the podium
- 8. IGOR DU PARC** - Useful sort making his first appearance since coming 3rd in a 2925m Cagnes Class D last January. Races shod as he did then and can get straight down to business
- 9. GABEUR DAIRPET** - 8th of 11 when preparing for this in a 2700m Graignes harness Class F mid-month. Barefoot this time and, in this category, can play a prominent role
- 10. HORIZON DU TRIANON** - A revelation in the monté code, most recently winning a 2875m Enghien Class E a week ago. Configured similarly and is unlikely to go down without a fight. Claim

Summary: The Laval-loving IGOR DU PARC (8) may not have been seen out since January, and stays shod for re-entry, but he should still have the measure of most here. Principal threat will likely hail from HORIZON DU TRIANON (10) who has never disappointed under the saddle when fitted with 4 pads, and the versatile HOMMAGE LUDOIS (6) who can face his first goal of the year with absolute confidence. Sent out with modified shoeing, ILLUSIVE GLORY (7) is another fine campaigner and even up against the boys this time, looks competitively well-in.

SELECTIONS

IGOR DU PARC (8) - HORIZON DU TRIANON (10) - HOMMAGE LUDOIS (6) - ILLUSIVE GLORY (7)

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C7 - PRIX GASTON ROUSSEL - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KEEPSAKE MOSSA** - Unexceptional 7th of 12 in a 2700m Graignes Class F on 14 April. Has no particular liking for Laval and chances limited
- 2. KISS ME AGAIN** - Disappointing on the whole this year, most recently 7th to KRONOS D'ERPION (13) in a 2200m Caen Class E on 21 March and, barefoot or not, is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 3. KASH DES CAILLONS** - Honest colt that finished 4th, a place behind KILLER DES CHAMPS (8), in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F on 1 April. Reunited with David Thomain and will be afforded every chance
- 4. KRAC BRENUS** - Trotted 5th at Laval before faulting in a 2875m Argentan Class E 10 days ago. Patrick Ploquin takes over in the wagon and can challenge for a place in the frame if he manages to keep him trotting
- 5. KLIF DE LA MITRIE** - Unraced since coming 4th of 10 in a 2150m Enghien Class D mid-August and, shod for re-entry, will have nothing to offer
- 6. KAPORAL KADESH** - Useful on a good day but sanctioned 2 weeks ago in a 2350m Angers Class E and is not about to cause an upset
- 7. KILLER BOND** - Showed significant ability last season but has not been seen out since trotting 3rd in a 2625m Class C at Châtelailon-La Rochelle last July and will need the run
- 8. KILLER DES CHAMPS** - Made up for his Argentan sanction when 3rd of 9 finishers in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F on 1 April and, in similar form, will not be going home empty-handed
- 9. KORRIGAN DU FAYARD** - Won over course and distance before coming 8th of 10 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E late-November. Unseen since, stays shod for the occasion, and will pose no danger
- 10. KAROLUS FAIR** - 7th of 9 in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle on 7 April. Will be fully-fit by now and expected to make his presence felt
- 11. KENDALL** - Has 2 races under his belt since the break, latterly 5th of 7 finishers in a 2150m Argentan Class E late-March. Sports a new configuration and, with application, can win this
- 12. KESSERO** - Tricky sort that has started to come good again, most recently 2nd of 10 in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class E on 31 March. In marginally better company this time but still looks a player
- 13. KRONOS D'ERPION** - Close 2nd of 10 in a 2200m Caen Class E on 21 March. Not once out of first 3 when barefoot and can win this if he turns
- 14. KAMARO DU DONJON** - Capable colt but starts for the first time since trotting last of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on Boxing Day. Stays shod and best to wait
- 15. KILLY D'IRATY** - 4th of 5 finishers in a 2875m Enghien Class E on 19 March. 4 shoes on this time and although not a priority, should still acquit himself honourably
- 16. KLEMPERER** - Modest colt making first appearance since being sanctioned in a 2175m Vincennes monté Class D late-November and, even though unshod-behind, can be confidently ruled out

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Summary: Although he often gets in his own way when trying to express himself, there is no denying the potential KENDALL (11) has shown and, competitively-shod for his first objective of the new season, looks the pick of the field. He will still come under pressure from KRONOS D'ERPION (13) who has been a revelation since starting to race barefoot, and KESSERO (12) who himself has turned a corner over the past two months. KRAC BRENUS (4) gets a second crack at racing without shoes and, if applied, will not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

KENDALL (11) - KRONOS D'ERPION (13) - KESSERO (12) - KRAC BRENUS (4)

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C8 - PRIX PROSPER ET GUY LAISIS - 2850m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- 1. LIANGA** - Racecourse debutante that qualified superbly earlier this month and if as good in competition, can make a big splash
- 2. LORENZO DE CHENU** - Qualifying in 1'18"4 last summer, he has been given ample time to come into himself and looks capable of winning first time out
- 3. LUCKY DU DONJON** - Qualified in 1'20"1 last September and will need to be something special to successfully take on this field
- 4. LOYAL DU CHENE** - Has not raced since coming 7th of 10, on debut, in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on New Year's Day. Matthieu Abrivard in the sulky this time but his charge may be one race shy
- 5. LEVADIA** - 7th of 8 in a 2650m Cordemais Class E on Sunday. Has demonstrated little aptitude for the game and can be written off
- 6. LIPTON LATAL** - Sanctioned in a 2700m Graignes Class F 11 days ago. Takes on a tough bunch here and chances slim
- 7. LEBARON D'OURVILLE** - Races shod after coming 5th of 12 in a 2800m Argentan Class E 10 days ago and is not about to shake things up
- 8. LONDON EYE** - Started to make good on his promise when 2nd of 12 in a 2200m Pontchâteau Class F on 8 April. Is clearly a colt for the future and, with application, can lose his maiden tag
- 9. LADY D'ECAJEUL** - Unseen in public since trotting 5th of 10 in a 2275m Nantes Class F mid-January and is unlikely to make much of an impact
- 10. LOOPING D'HERIPRE** - Left a good impression on debut before finishing 8th of 10 in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 19 March. David Thomain takes over the reins and will be no pushover if he can keep him trotting
- 11. LUCKY DAY** - Has looked a decent sort to date, most recently coming 4th of 5 finishers in a Class E over course and distance late last month. Has much more to give and is unlikely to be far from the action
- 12. LATINUS AVIS** - 6th of 8, on re-entry, in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E 3 weeks ago. Is Baudouin's 2nd string and will need the outing
- 13. LUCKY D'AVAIL** - Last of five, behind LUCKY DAY (11), in a Class E over course and distance on 30 March but the engagement of Benjamin Rochard will only enhance his prospects. First-5 chance
- 14. LISBONNE** - Has not been seen out since coming 3rd of 8 in a 2050m Cabourg Class E in late-October. Shoes on for re-entry but is nonetheless worth retaining
- 15. LYNX DU RIB** - Debuted pleasantly before coming 2nd to a good horse in a 2725m Lisieux Class F 11 days ago. In more exalted company this time but can still hold his own
- 16. L'HAVANA D'ELMA** - Sanctioned in a 2825m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 1 April. Has evident ability, goes shod this time, and can start to make amends

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Summary: After a brace of sanctions, LONDON EYE (8) came good earlier in the month at Pontchâteau and can open his account if Eric Raffin manages to keep him trotting. He is however going to be pitted against racecourse debutant LORENZO DE CHENU (2) who will be expected to confirm last summer's good qualification, and the promising LOOPING D'HERIPRE (10) who should not be harshly-judged for his Enghien clinker. After qualifying in 1'16"5 3 weeks ago, LIANGA (1) takes on the boys first time out, a sign perhaps of Julien Dubois' confidence.

SELECTIONS

LONDON EYE (8) - LORENZO DE CHENU (2) - LOOPING D'HERIPRE (10) - LIANGA (1)