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R3 ARGENTAN [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DU BOURG SAINT-LEONARD - 2800m (a2m) -
Class F - Harness - EUR € 18,000**

1. LITTLE BLACK MO - Made up for 2 straight sanctions with a close 2nd in a 2450m Caen Class F a fortnight ago. Had the measure of LITTLE TWO (4) that day and, with application, can open his account

2. LOVELY DE L'AUMOY - Delicate type that was sanctioned early in a 2825m Cordemais Class F early this month. Has never been tested in this category and is not about to take the world by storm

3. L'ART DU SOLLIER - Produced a decent effort first time out, coming 3rd of 11 in a 2800m Auch Class F on 10 March. Dupont stable in good shape and with Anthony Barrier reining, is unlikely to be shy about making his presence felt

4. LITTLE TWO - 3rd, a place behind LITTLE BLACK MO (1), on re-entry in a 2450m Caen Class F 2 weeks ago. Is a colt with significant untapped potential and can exact revenge on LITTLE BLACK MO (1)

5. LOUSTIC D'YVEL - Acquitted himself well to finish 5th in the Caen race of reference. Has ground to make up but is nicely-positioned in front and is not incapable of playing a small part

6. L'AMOUR EN VRAI - Went close on debut before coming 6th of 8 in a 2450m Caen Class F on 4 March. Is no superstar but breaks in front and can get a look-in

7. LABEL TURGOT - Gave a reassuringly good account when 2nd of 8 in a 2800m Class G at Villedieu-les-Poëles on Sunday. Aimed a bit too high this time though and chances limited

8. LEADER DE CERISY - Complicated character that was sanctioned on re-entry in a 2550m Reims Class E last week. One of the least performant horses here and can be written off

9. LARIANO - Unraced since faulting in a 2150m Enghien Class C last October. Has yet to get around unscathed and others will be easier to trust

10. LYNX DU RIB - Qualified in 1'18"8 at Caen last November and has distance in his pedigree. Hails from a fine yard and, even from the 2nd line, looks a decent first-5 chance

11. LIKABLE DE LOU - Set off no fireworks in qualification at Meslay-du-Maine last August but has had time to come on. Debuts with a top driver at the helm and, even from the back row, can put on a good show

12. LE MAGICIEN - Flattering 4th of 5 finishers in a 2550m Reims Class E last Wednesday. Gelormini has maintained faith though and could well pick up a cheque

Summary: A few good elements here but this could end up being a two-horse race between the tricky LITTLE BLACK MO (1) who showed a hint of his potential at Caen last month, and LITTLE TWO (4) who finished a place behind him that day, and Julien Dubois' colt may well be able to turn the tables. L'ART DU SOLLIER (3) left a good impression first time out and should take well to Argentan conditions. LIKABLE DE LOU (11) makes his much-awaited debut, with Matthieu Abrivard reining, and it would be foolhardy to ignore him.

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SELECTIONS

LITTLE TWO (4) - LITTLE BLACK MO (1) - L'ART DU SOLLIER (3) - LIKABLE DE LOU (11)

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C2 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE SASSY - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KALINKA DE BOMO** - Showed improvement when 5th of 12 in a 2275m Nantes Class E on 16 February. 4 pads fitted this time but may struggle to make her mark
- 2. KOMMUNES DE PLAY** - Tough winner of a 2700m Vire Class F on 3 March. Well-positioned behind the car and looks a respectable place prospect
- 3. KENNY PEARL** - Has hardly stepped a foot wrong since last October, most recently winning a 2700m Graignes Class F with ease on 17 March. In better company this time but should still give a competitive account
- 4. KISS ME TO LIVE** - Sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class E a fortnight ago. Benefits from a good draw but racing shod will do her no favours
- 5. KISS ME DE JEAN** - Handy sort making her first appearance since coming 5th of 10 in a 2150m Enghien Class D late-October. Shod for the occasion though and best to hold off
- 6. KOUMBA MESLOISE** - Disqualified when well-supported in a 2150m Cagnes Class E on 2 March. Reliability not her strong suit and others preferred
- 7. KANELLE D'OUVILLE** - Tenacious winner of a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E a month back. Is excellent racing right-handed and, from the front line, can play a leading part
- 8. KARA DE PADD** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class E mid-month. Is unbeaten here but breaks wide and others easier to back
- 9. KENZA SPORT** - Easy 2nd to a fine filly in a 2200m Caen Class F 3 weeks ago. Has a good turn of foot, is unbeaten at Argentan, and with a good start can defy the draw and impose
- 10. KENZA SUPREME** - Like a horse reborn since the start of the year, most recently securing the double in a 2800m Class F here on 9 February, and the 3-timer is well within her capacity
- 11. KINA DU GOUTIER** - Modest filly making her first start since faulting in a 2200m Caen Class D late-October. Has little going for her here and can be passed over
- 12. KALIENTE D'ATOUT** - Pleased on first start back before faulting half-way in a 2550m Reims Class E 12 days ago and is unlikely to be troubling the judge
- 13. KERIDA BEST** - 8th of 9 finishers on re-entry early-February. Bites off more than she can chew here and can expect to return home empty-handed
- 14. KALOUMA DELADOU** - Sanctioned in all 4 starts this year, latterly a 2450m Caen Class E a fortnight ago, and will have few takers
- 15. KELISSA D'AVE** - 7th of 10 finishers in a 2450m Caen Class E a fortnight ago. 4 pads fitted this time, as she was when winning at Cagnes, and with Gabriele Gelormini reining will be afforded every chance
- 16. KISS ME JIHEM** - In the frame in last 3 starts, most recently 3rd to KENZA SPORT (9) in a 2200m Caen Class F 3 weeks ago. Entrusted to Benjamin Rochard this time and, even racing shod, can still get in on the action

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Summary: Winner over course and distance late-January and, on the whole a fine trotter in the making, KENZA SPORT (9) may not be ideally-drawn but she is better than most here and can impose if Chloé Sabin successfully negotiates the start. That said, the progressive KENZA SUPREME (10) won here last time out and returns to the venue on a hat-trick. A model of consistency since early-December, KANELLE D'OUVILLE (7) must be considered a leading candidate for success. KOMMUNES DE PLAY (2) got off the mark earlier in the month and, while unlikely to repeat this time, can still trot her way onto the podium.

SELECTIONS

KENZA SPORT (9) - KENZA SUPREME (10) - KANELLE D'OUVILLE (7) - KOMMUNES DE PLAY (2)

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C3 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE CHAMBOIS - 2875m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. JULIANA BREIL** - 11th of 12 finishers in a 2725m Lisieux Class E last week. Gets a Benjamin Rochard drive this time but still not an obvious choice
- 2. JANELLE RUSH** - Produced her best effort of the year when 4th of 14 in a 2900m Challans Class D on 7 March but, in this category, will struggle to make her mark
- 3. JEDICOVA DICARI** - 6th of 16, on re-entry, in a 2875m Meslay-du-Maine Class E 11 days ago. Hind shoes off this time but still has more to find
- 4. JOLLY DES BORDES** - Honest type that finished 5th of 16 in a 2875m Meslay-du-Maine Class E on 17 March. Is not about to spring a surprise but can still hold her own
- 5. JUVIGNY** - Starts for the first time since finishing 8th of 9 in a 2825m Vire Class F early-December and will have nothing to offer
- 6. JALTA DE TILLARD** - Sanctioned, for the 5th time in succession, in a 2400m Amiens Class F late-February and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
- 7. JULIANA VICI** - Unraced since winning a 2725m Class E at Pornichet-La Baule late-October. Races shod this time and others preferred
- 8. JOCONDE DE L'AUMOY** - Unseen since faulting in a 2725m Graignes Class F in early-November. Better at a lower level and with shoes on will have limited prospects
- 9. JUST IN LOVE** - 7th, when prepping shod, of 10 in a 2825m Durtal Class F on 10 March. Ideally-engaged here and racing barefoot may be just the ticket to her redemption
- 10. JAVADA DU MONT** - Sanctioned, when favourite, in a 2725m Lisieux Class E 8 days ago after having won over track and trip the previous month. With application can defy the penalty and set the record straight
- 11. JADE DE CORDAY** - 12th of 14 on comeback a fortnight ago in a 2850m Laval Class E and, even racing barefoot, has no realistic chance
- 12. JOLIE INDIENNE** - 3rd in a 2450m Caen Class E on 11 March and can play a prominent role if Guillaume Martin keeps her trotting
- 13. JADE HERINIÈRE** - Makes her first start since trotting 3rd in a 3000m Nantes Class A late-November. Shoes on and will need the run
- 14. JEANNE DELO** - Has not been seen out since coming 11th of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D 2 months ago. Is barefoot for the occasion and, entrusted to Matthieu Abrivard, will be afforded every chance
- 15. JULIE DU CLOS** - Tricky character that reassured when 4th in a 2450m Caen Class D on 4 March, putting in her career-best time. Just front pads fitted for the first time and, with application, can make the first 5
- 16. JAPONICA** - Disqualified for interference after finishing 5th in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E on 9 March, and could have finished even closer had she not faulted. Has never delivered at Argentan but is still worth retaining

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17. JOCELYNE - Made short work of the opposition, on 5 February, in a 2725m Graignes Class E. Starts on the back line but still looks a serious proposition

18. JUVAMINE RENARDIER - 9th of 14 in a 2400m Amiens Class E 3 weeks ago, Flopped on lone appearance at the venue, and is no more than a minor place prospect

Summary: Well-entered on the first row here, JUST IN LOVE (9) has produced something of a mixed bag this winter but she goes barefoot for just the second time and looks a marginally better bet than recent course-and-distance winner JAVADA DU MONT (10), and the ultra-consistent JOCELYNE (17), both of which incur the penalty. JOLIE INDIENNE (12) is also 25m worse off but encouraged at Caen recently and will have a lot to offer if still in the same condition.

SELECTIONS

JUST IN LOVE (9) - JAVADA DU MONT (10) - JOCELYNE (17) - JOLIE INDIENNE (12)

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C4 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DU HARAS NATIONAL DU PIN - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KERLAZ D'AVE** - 10th of 17, behind KALOU D'IROISE (5), in a 2200m Caen Class E on 18 March. Has undeniable ability but in this category is not about to spring any surprises
- 2. KAISER DE CESNY** - Trotted 4th here last month before coming 6th of 16 in a 2450m Caen Class E on 11 March. Takes on some better beasts this time and, despite the good draw, appears to have too much to do
- 3. KAROLUS FAIR** - Useful sort making first appearance since coming 13th of 14 in a 2175m Vincennes Class D mid-December and will be expected to need the run
- 4. KNOX JENILOU** - Easily won a 2700m Vire Class F, on return from his spell, on 3 March. Has won 2 from 3 with Yoann Lebourgeois and, from the 4-spot, will be no soft touch. Claim
- 5. KALOU D'IROISE** - Disappointing of late, most recently finishing 8th of 17 in a 2200m Caen Class E on 18 March. Back to racing unshod-behind, is well-placed on the front row, but others still preferred
- 6. KALLAGAN** - 6th of 9 in a 2900m Enghien claimer on 12 March, having faulted in the straight. Form is not in doubt but may be biting off more than he can chew
- 7. KAIROS QUICK** - 9th on re-entry in a 2450m Caen Class E on 11 March. Races first time unshod-behind, boasts a 50% win-rate, and with application, can extend it
- 8. KILOU** - Failed to confirm his Mauquenchy success when sanctioned in a 2875m Enghien Class E 9 days ago. Forced to start wide and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 9. KENDALL** - Quickly sanctioned, on return to competition, in a 2850m Laval Class E a fortnight ago. Is back racing clockwise and Sébastien Ernault will be eager to place him early
- 10. KINOS DE CRENNES** - Capable type making his first appearance since coming 12th of 13 in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche last December. Best to hold off
- 11. KEL DIABLO ERGEE** - Won over course and distance late-January before coming 4th of 18 in a 2200m Caen Class F on 4 March. Is plainly close to winning another and, even though starting on the 2nd row, will be competitive for a step on the podium
- 12. KARMA LIGHT** - Tricky character that pleased at Vincennes before losing his action in a 2850m Laval Class E on 13 March. Fitted with front pads this time and, with application, can start to put things right
- 13. KANO** - 7th of 9 finishers in a 2850m Laval Class E, on return to competition 2 weeks ago. Has won twice going right-handed and will not be far off the mark if he takes to the Argentan profile
- 14. KING TURGOT** - 12th of 13 finishers in a 2650m Laval Class F 3 weeks ago. Front shoes off this time but still not an obvious choice
- 15. KING AULNAIES** - Trotted 4th at Nantes before faulting early in a 2850m Laval Class E a fortnight back. Handed a tough draw but can get a look-in if Cédric Terry keeps him trotting
- 16. KRIS ROC** - Yet to replicate last year's form, latterly coming 8th to KAISER DE CESNY (2) in a 2875m Class E here on 18 February. Is far from his best and must first re-establish his credentials

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Summary: Given an easy return to competition earlier this month, KAIROS QUICK (7) will have swept away the cobwebs and, in spite of a wide draw, he races first time unshod behind and looks the horse to beat. KNOX JENILOU (4) receives another Lebourgeois drive here though and is better-placed behind the car. KEL DIABLO ERGEE (11) has taken his game to a new level since starting to race barefoot and will be competitive at the business end of the race. KANO (13) is no slouch either and, if fully-fit, should be able to challenge for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

KAIROS QUICK (7) - KNOX JENILOU (4) - KEL DIABLO ERGEE (11) - KANO (13)

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C5 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DES DUCS D'ALENCON - 2875m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. INESTELLE** - Never-threatening 6th of 10 in a 2400m Amiens Class F mid-December. Unseen since and, with shoes on, can be ruled out
- 2. ICE BAR GIRL** - Modest 8th of 15 in a 2675m Lisieux Class F on 16 March and appears to have too much to find
- 3. INSTIGATEUR** - Respectable 5th here last month before finishing 4th of 17 in a 2200m Caen Class E 3 weeks ago. Not a priority but races unshod-behind this time and should be able to hold his own
- 4. IZQUIERDO** - Got back in the game earlier this month when 4th to IMPERATOR D'ELA (13) in a 2825m Vire Class E and, in similar form, could get another look-in
- 5. IN THE MOOD GEDE** - 12th of 16 in a 2575m Agen-Le Passage Class F on 12 February and would have better prospects a level down
- 6. IRMA DE L'ECLAIR** - Has turned a corner since starting to race barefoot, latterly coming a very close 2nd of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes Class F on 14 February and, from the front row, is unlikely to be far from the action
- 7. ITHENA DE GAJUEL** - 9th of 11 when shod for comeback in a 2300m Châteaubriant Class E early last month. Has never delivered at this level and is not about to shake things up
- 8. IMPERIAL DU CAPRE** - Showed the limits of his capacity when 7th of 15 in a 2850m Laval Class D 3 weeks ago and, even from the front row, looks out of his depth
- 9. ILLICO FLIGNY** - Gave a fine account on re-entry, finishing 2nd of 17 in a 2800m Cholet Class F on 3 March. Will have come on for the run and, from the front row, can play a leading role
- 10. IN LOVE DE JIEL** - 8th of 15 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D mid-February. Has good references racing right-handed and, even with an extra 25m to travel, is not to be underestimated
- 11. IRENO DES PLAINES** - Blows hot and cold but came in a good 4th to IOUPY TOLLEVILLE (17) in a 2450m Caen Class D earlier this month and, with form maintained, can confirm
- 12. ICARUS BOURBON** - 7th of 11 in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 12 March. Has merit but recent efforts do nothing to inspire confidence
- 13. IMPERATOR D'ELA** - Simply superb since the autumn, latterly securing the double with ease, in a 2825m Vire Class E on 3 March. Will not be put off by the handicap and is capable of giving IOUPY TOLLEVILLE (17) a run for his money
- 14. IT'S MY DREAM** - Unable to confirm his Caen performance when trounced in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class D 10 days ago and will need to raise his game
- 15. ILIADE D'URZY** - Won on re-entry at Vincennes before faulting in a 2450m Caen Class D 3 weeks ago. Has won twice racing clockwise and is not to be overlooked. Attention
- 16. ILLUSION D'AMOUR** - Unraced since coming 4th of 9 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E mid-January. Is barefoot for the occasion but still faces a stiff test
- 17. IOUPY TOLLEVILLE** - Put in a superb finish to trot 2nd in a 2450m Caen Class D on 4 March. Not once out of the frame when barefoot, loves Argentan, and can make this his own

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18. IRMYLA DE SOMMAIRE - Has 2 races under her belt since the spell, latterly sanctioned in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class D 10 days ago. Modified configuration this time but others still preferred

Summary: Preference must go to a trio of back-line horses here, with IOUPY TOLLEVILLE (17) just getting the nod after having reassured at Caen, and also due to the fact that he is unbeaten in 2 Argentan starts. IRENO DES PLAINES (11) finished a good 4th to him that day and will again be competitive, but may first have to defer to IMPERATOR D'ELA (13) who makes his Argentan debut on a hat-trick. ILLICO FLIGNY (9) is 25m better off, was impressive on comeback, and with front pads fitted this time, is not going to be far from the action.

SELECTIONS

IOUPY TOLLEVILLE (17) - IMPERATOR D'ELA (13) - IRENO DES PLAINES (11) - ILLICO FLIGNY (9)

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C6 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE MEDAVY - 2875m (a2m) - Class D Amateur Riders - Mounted - EUR € 24,000

- 1. JALHIA DU HANOY** - Debuts under the saddle after coming 9th of 11 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E a month back. Has shown sufficient under harness to be considered a decent first-5 prospect first time in the monté code
- 2. IDYLLE DU TRESOR** - Unraced since losing her action early in a 2175m Vincennes Class F on Boxing Day. Shoes on and no threat
- 3. IFALCO DE MAY** - Sanctioned in a harness Class E over course and distance early last month. Still a maiden after 37 runs and is not about to break the mould
- 4. JAVA DU TRESOR** - 2nd in a 2725m Lisieux Class F on 16 March. Excels going clockwise, has a front row start, and will be expected to finish in the mix
- 5. JEFS DES CHAMPS** - Honest trotter that came 4th of 9 in a 2450m Caen Class F on 18 March. 4th on lone start here, breaks in front, and will be no soft touch
- 6. JADE DU CEDRE** - Faulted early, when well-supported, in a 2875m Meslay-du-Maine Class D 9 days ago and will first need to get her house in order
- 7. IQUEM NARCY** - Lost all chance early when sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class F 10 days ago. Sports modified shoeing and will not be far from the action if Thomas Roullier keeps him trotting
- 8. INTUITION JIEL** - Disappointing last of 6 finishers in a 2550m Reims Class G mid-month. Has never excelled at Argentan but is not to be entirely ruled out
- 9. IN LOVE REGLISSE** - 5th of 16 on re-entry in a 2850m Loudéac harness Class F 11 days ago. Always gives his best and although not a priority, will still have his supporters
- 10. IVOIRE DU CEDRE** - Has not been seen out since coming 4th of 9 in a 2200m Vincennes Class E late-November. Just front pads fitted this time but is still capable of challenging for a place in the frame
- 11. JOKER DE FROULAY** - Gave a reassuringly good account when 3rd in a 2450m Caen Class D on 4 March. Won his only start at the venue and could well leave the premises 2 for 2
- 12. JUDY BLUE EYES** - Sanctioned on comeback last week in a 2450m Caen harness Class D. Barefoot this time but others still preferred

Summary: Back on track following a couple of blips at the turn of the year, JOKER DE FROULAY (11) has already won at the venue and, even from the back line, can make this his own. JEFS DES CHAMPS (5) has a 25m head-start though, with front shoes off, and in current form is hard to ignore. JAVA DU TRESOR (4) has taken superbly to her new vocation and a repeat of her recent Lisieux performance would see her go close once more. IVOIRE DU CEDRE (10) may not have been seen out since November but he has buckets of ability and even though not shod to preference, can still put in a competitive performance.

SELECTIONS

JOKER DE FROULAY (11) - JEFS DES CHAMPS (5) - JAVA DU TRESOR (4) - IVOIRE DU CEDRE (10)

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C7 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE CARROUGES - 2875m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. JAROLD** - Unseen since being pulled-up in a 2875m Class F here mid-December. Has already won at the venue but stays shod and can be ruled out
- 2. JARLHEY DU RIB** - Honest type that finished 2nd, on comeback, in a 2825m Vire Class F on 11 March. Stays shod again and looks competitive for a first-5 cheque
- 3. JOREK** - Has not been seen out since coming 5th in a 2725m Lisieux Class F last July. Will be rusty and can be passed over
- 4. JOHN KILY** - Sanctioned, on first start back, in a 2800m Class F at La Guerche-de-Bretagne last Sunday. Sports a new configuration but may still be one race shy of fit
- 5. JACADI DE PEBRAC** - 7th of 8 in a 2500m Class F at Bihorel-lès-Rouen on 17 March. Has no references at this level and can expect to have few friends
- 6. JOLI ALEZAN** - Made a respectable return to competition mid-month when 8th of 16 in a 2675m Lisieux Class F. Will have come on for the run and has a lot going for him here. Chance
- 7. JINGLE FAN** - Handy element starting for the first time since trotting 4th of 11 in a 2400m Amiens Class E late-October and will be expected to need the outing
- 8. JACKPOT BOOSTER** - 4th of 15 in a 2725m Lisieux Class E 8 days ago. Plainly in form, is proven under these conditions, and will generate some interest
- 9. JEWELKIM** - Trotted 2nd at the venue late-January before coming 5th of 9 finishers in a 2875m Class E here on 18 February, despite faulting. On better behaviour, can set the record straight
- 10. JAG DU LIOT** - Lost his action in a 2675m Mont-Saint-Michel Class F on 10 March. Has form here though and can make his presence felt if he deigns to stay in stride
- 11. JUNINHO** - Sanctioned in a 2500m Bihorel-lès-Rouen Class F on 17 March, following a long absence. Won here last winter but only has pads fitted and best to hold off
- 12. JOB DU CEBE** - Made his seasonal comeback 11 days ago when 8th of 16 in a 2875m Meslay-du-Maine Class F. Benefits from a superb entry and, going barefoot this time, can make a big splash
- 13. JADE** - 8th of 10 finishers, on re-entry, in a 2450m Caen Class E on 11 March. Reverts to racing with front pads fitted and even though incurring the penalty, can get a look-in
- 14. JAFAR DE FAEL** - Won at Mauquenchy last month before coming 2nd to a very good horse in a 2650m Laval Class E 3 weeks ago. Comported himself well last time here and, unshod-all-4 on this occasion, can win this from the 2nd row
- 15. JASPE DU DOLLAR** - Did not enjoy the best of runs when disqualified in a 2450m Caen Class E on 11 March. Showed his form in Paris last month though and must be taken seriously
- 16. JAPANESE SUN** - Finished 12th of 14 in a 2400m Amiens Class E 3 weeks ago. Has otherwise been in decent shape but the handicap does his prospects no favours
- 17. JACADI D'ARGILIN** - Last of 10 finishers, on first start since the break, in a 2450m Caen Class E on 11 March. Has references in this category but with shoes on will have little to offer

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Summary: One of the trickier races to decipher, it nevertheless has all the makings of an interesting contest. JAFAR DE FAEL (14) is clearly back at the top of his game, has solid right-handed references and, despite the extra 25m to travel, he still looks a leading contender. Ideally-entered on the first row, JOB DU CEBE (12) goes barefoot this time and can take advantage of the head-start, while the padded JOLI ALEZAN (6) is reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois who won with him on their only association. With a bit more luck in running, JEWELKIM (9) can make up for his recent fault here.

SELECTIONS

JAFAR DE FAEL (14) - JOB DU CEBE (12) - JOLI ALEZAN (6) - JEWELKIM (9)

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**C8 - PRIX DU CHATEAU D'O - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - Class F - Harness - EUR
€ 27,000**

- 1. FABULEUX D'ECHAL** - Very unlucky to finish 9th of 15, behind GROUPIE DU QUENNE (11), in a 2450m Caen Class D on 11 March. Form is not in doubt and with a trouble-free run can more than make amends
- 2. GRISOU ATOUT** - 8th of 13, on re-entry, in a 2900m Amiens Class F 3 weeks ago. Appreciates Argentan, will have come on for the run, and is not incapable of springing a surprise
- 3. EL PACO** - 4th in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie claimer, despite interference, on 11 March. Steps back up in category but is well-placed behind the car and will not be far off the mark if Louis Goetz gets him off on the right foot
- 4. GARDEN OF MEMORY** - 9th of 15 in a 2675m Lisieux Class E 8 days ago. Well-placed in front but, in this field, will have limited chances
- 5. GOUNIT DE L'AIROU** - 11th of 14 in a 2550m Reims Class F 12 days ago. Is confirmed at this level though and, from the 5-spot, will have his chances
- 6. ELDO DES LANDIERS** - Seen more often than not under the saddle but pleased when 4th of 15 in a 2875m Maure-de-Bretagne harness claimer mid-month. At this level though, will have too much to do
- 7. GARRY THORIS** - Won a Vincennes claimer before flopping behind GROUPIE DU QUENNE (11) in a 2450m Caen Class D on 11 March. Starts wide here and chances appear limited
- 8. EUDES DE L'AUNAY** - Switches codes after trotting 8th of 10 in a 2450m Caen monté Class F earlier in the month. Barefoot this time but will have other priorities
- 9. FOR DADDY** - Has not been seen out since trotting 12th of 13 in a 2725m Lisieux Class F early-November. Shoes on and no danger
- 10. GALOPIN DE CONDE** - Pleasant 7th of 13 in a 2550m Bordeaux Class F on 9 March, on his first start back, but a repeat looks decidedly improbable
- 11. GROUPIE DU QUENNE** - Blows hot and cold but finished a reassuring 4th, ahead of FABULEUX D'ECHAL (1), in a 2450m Caen Class D 17 days ago and, even from the back line, looks the main threat to him
- 12. GAVROCHE DE L'ITON** - 9th of 18, on first start since the spell, in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel on 10 March. Races barefoot this time. is proven at the venue, and looks a solid first-3 prospect
- 13. GETING** - Last but one on comeback in a 2725m Graignes Class E mid-February. Will be fresh but has little else going for him
- 14. FAUX DOLLARS** - Sent out favourite but quickly sanctioned in a 2725m Graignes Class F 11 days ago but will be no easy touch if Yann Lorin keeps him trotting
- 15. GOLFEUR DES LOYAUX** - Has looked ordinary lately, most recently faulting in a 2725m Graignes Class F 11 days ago and, even with a modified configuration, is unlikely to ruffle any feathers
- 16. FARCEUSE DU PRE** - Sanctioned in 5 of last 6, most recently a 2725m Graignes Class F on 17 March. Handed a shocking draw, and even though fitted with pads, can still be ruled out

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Summary: Not a good draw among the main protagonists here but FABULEUX D'ECHAL (1) looks best off and Anthony Barrier can win this if he keeps his charge out of trouble. They will still face resistance from 2nd-row starters GROUPIE DU QUENNE (11) who recently beat him, GAVROCHE DE L'ITON (12) who is barefoot for his first objective of the new year, and FAUX DOLLARS (14), who sports modified shoeing, and who will be expected to make up for his Gaignes sanction.

SELECTIONS

**FABULEUX D'ECHAL (1) - GROUPIE DU QUENNE (11) - GAVROCHE DE L'ITON (12) -
FAUX DOLLARS (14)**