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R4 LYON-PARILLY [LYON-PARILLY]

**C1 - PRIX DU BERRY - 2000m (a1m1/4) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR €
18,000**

- 1. LYNE TENSAU** - Pleased at Feurs before enduring some misfortune when 9th of 11 in a 2525m Cavailon Class E on 9 April. Has the inside line here and, while not a priority, is still worth retaining
- 2. LUCKY ARCTIC** - Drops back in category after finishing last of 8 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class D 11 days ago. Front pads fitted but still not an obvious choice
- 3. LOLA LOULOU** - Qualified in 1'18"1 at Feurs last month before coming 2nd on debut in a 2100m Class F here 3 weeks ago. Has significantly more to give and winning this is well within her capacity
- 4. LYRE DE BEYLEV** - Sanctioned in first 2 before producing a good 2nd in a 2050m Hyères Class F mid-March. Comes to Parilly with morale intact and a decent first-5 chance
- 5. LOUNA CHIC** - Took some time to come to hand but pleasant 3rd of 7 finishers in a 2025m Paray-le-Monial Class G earlier this month. Is clearly in top shape and can pick up a cheque
- 6. LOUISIANE DES PINS** - Pleased at Saint-Galmier before faulting over 2850m here mid-month. Not the best horse in the field but can get a look-in if Jean-Christophe Sorel keeps her out of trouble
- 7. LORENZO GRIFF** - Faulted in a 2850m Class F here 2 weeks ago after having come 5th to LUCKY CYNASOSO (8) earlier in the month. Serge Peltier has maintained faith though and will legitimately endeavour to erase his recent sanction
- 8. LUCKY CYNASOSO** - Progressive colt that finished a valiant 3rd of 8 in a similar event here on 2 April. Handed a wide draw but, with David Békaert reining, will be afforded every chance
- 9. LADY DRY** - Surprise 3rd of 7 finishers in a 2850m Class F here 2 weeks ago but a repeat looks decidedly unlikely
- 10. LE CONQUISTADOR** - 4th of 9, on debut, in a 2025m Avignon Class G on 10 April, after having qualified well last season. On the back line but is fitted with front pads and should not be ignored
- 11. LOTUS DE LA VALLEE** - Looked very ordinary when sanctioned in a 2850m Class F here a fortnight back and the draw only compounds matters
- 12. LE DUC D'ARCY** - Modest 6th of 8 in a 2200m Orléans Class G a week ago and already looks outclassed
- 13. LEWIS GALAA** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2850m Class F here 2 weeks ago but nevertheless showed his form. Starts on the back row but still looks competitively well-in
- 14. LIBERTY DE NERET** - Solid 3rd on debut before faulting in 15 April race of reference, when well-supported. Forced to start on the 2nd row but will not be far from the action if she can stay in stride

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15. LOVE KILLS - By no means disgraced when 4th of 5 finishers in a 2850m Class F here mid-April, following 3 straight sanctions. Is better than most here and, on good behaviour, can get off the mark

16. LADY OF TERRAIL - Made it 3 sanctions in a row when faulting in a 2650m Saint-Galmier Class F a week ago and will not be easy to trust

Summary: Although sanctioned as often as not, LOVE KILLS (15) showed marked improvement here recently and despite an unfavourable draw, could still win this. Jacky Belleveaux will still be keeping an eye on the much better-positioned LOLA LOULOU (3) whose recent debut performance augurs well for her prospects. LORENZO GRIFF (7) has yet to show what he is really made of but will be no pushover if Serge Peltier keeps him trotting. Well-in before being sanctioned here last time out, LEWIS GALAA (13) appears to be in excellent shape and, if focused, will have his chances.

SELECTIONS

LOVE KILLS (15) - LOLA LOULOU (3) - LORENZO GRIFF (7) - LEWIS GALAA (13)

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C2 - PRIX DU CALVADOS - 2000m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KILEA DU VAL** - Last of 9 in a 2650m Hyères Class E on 2nd start back and seems a far cry off best form
- 2. KALANDA D'ELVIE** - Fast-finishing 4th of 10 in a 2650m Class F at Marseille-Vivaux late last month. Goes barefoot again and can put things right
- 3. KANDY LIFE** - Erratic filly that encouraged at Le Croisé-Laroche before faulting early in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle 3 weeks ago and will have her work cut out
- 4. KATALEYA DU VARLET** - 3rd of 10 in a 2650m Paray-le-Monial claimer in early-April and is unlikely to cut the mustard here
- 5. KAURA DE LA VALLEE** - 2nd of 8 finishers in a 2850m Class F here earlier in the month. Is clearly close to her race and is perfectly-placed to make a big impact
- 6. KOLDIMA D'AUT** - Disappointing 9th of 10 in a 2650m Avignon Class F on 4 April. Benefits from a good entry though and, in this company, should not be too far from the action
- 7. KALIENTE D'ATOUT** - Debuts for new trainer after trotting 6th of 14 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 4 April. Is considerably better than that though and can redeem herself
- 8. KIMBRA DJOC** - Makes her Parilly debut after trotting 5th of 11 in a 2700m Lyon-La Soie Class E 2 months ago. Will be fresh, but starts wide, and cannot be considered a priority
- 9. KAMILLE DU MESNIL** - Disappointing this year after a good 2023, most recently sanctioned early in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class E 11 days ago, but the mobile start should work to her advantage. First 5 chance
- 10. KALIOPE DE MASSARA** - Hind shoes off for the first time, after faulting in a 2650m Class G at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, and appears to have little to offer
- 11. KALYPSIA BOND** - 5th of 9 in a 2850m Class F here 2 weeks ago, when first time barefoot. Shoes off again but will not be helped by the draw and a minor place prospect at best
- 12. KALAMITY HENJO** - Pleasant 4th behind KAURA DE LA VALLEE (5) in a 2850m Class F here on 2 April but, in this company, will struggle to confirm
- 13. KORA DE VINDECY** - Has ability but disappointing this year, most recently 7th behind KAURA DE LA VALLEE (5) in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie Class F a month back. Starts on the 2nd line and will pose no threat
- 14. KAVALE ERCA** - Encouraged, on just 2nd start back, when 5th to KAURA DE LA VALLEE (5) in a 2850m Class F here early-April, but the draw will do her no favours
- 15. KALINE DU RABUTIN** - Sanctioned more often than not but reassured with victory in a 2825m Lignières Class F mid-month. Handed a tough draw but still has the capacity to win a race of this nature
- 16. KINDLY ZEN** - Won a Class F here 3 weeks ago before coming an unthreatening 5th of 9, behind KALYPSIA BOND (11), in a 2850m Class F here 8 days later. Has been served up a shocking draw and chances appear limited

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Summary: A winner on debut here as a 2yo, KALANDA D'ELVIE (2) put in an eye-catching performance last time out and, from the 2-spot, has every chance of opening her 2024 account. Following a tricky start to her career, KALINE DU RABUTIN (15) lost her maiden tag a fortnight back and, even though starting from the 2nd line, she races with front pads this time and can again go close. KAURA DE LA VALLEE (5) is better-positioned behind the car, showed a liking for Parilly earlier this month, and must be afforded respect. KALIENTE D'ATOUT (7) has shown decent aptitude for the game and should take well to the Parilly profile.

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**KALANDA D'ELVIE (2) - KALINE DU RABUTIN (15) - KAURA DE LA VALLEE (5) -
KALIENTE D'ATOUT (7)**

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C3 - PRIX DE LA COTE D'AMOUR - 2000m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KRACH NONANTAIS** - Had been on a decent run of form until faulting in a 2350m Angers Class E on 11 April. Starts on the inside here and is unlikely to disappoint
- 2. KINGLY DREAMS** - Revitalised of late, most recently coming 2nd in a 2850m Class F here 2 weeks ago. Has earned the right to step up in category and is well-placed to give this a good go. Place prospect
- 3. KIMCOERE LE FOL** - Faithful servant that trotted 3rd of 10 in a 2850m Feurs Class F late last month. Comes here fresh, is confirmed at the venue, and steps back up in class with a claim on a place in the frame
- 4. KINY KADESH** - 4th in a 2825m Lignièrès Class F 2 weeks ago. Is well-placed behind the car but, at this level, may be biting off more than he can chew
- 5. KE PASA** - Sports a new configuration after winning a 2650m Avignon Class F on 10 April. Has a good spot behind the car and, although in more exalted company this time, should still hold his own
- 6. KAD DES ANDRAUX** - Won late last month before trotting 4th in a 2825m Lignièrès Class F a fortnight ago. Takes on some tougher element this time but the draw will do his chances no disservice
- 7. KARNA SANTIGNY** - Got back in the game 2 months ago when 2nd of 10 in a 2150m Cagnes Class E. Breaks in front and, if race-fit, can get a look-in
- 8. KINDER DE LA NAVE** - Considerably better than his 9th of 10 in a 2700m Le Croisé-Laroche Class E earlier this month would suggest, and does not make the long trip to see the sights. Chance
- 9. KARLITO SCOTT** - Kicked the year off victoriously but disappointing twice since, latterly 10th of 11 in a 3000m Class E at Marseille-Borély 11 days ago, and has no realistic chance
- 10. KARAOKE** - 7th of 12 in a 2850m Feurs Class C 3 weeks ago and will have nothing to offer here
- 11. KINGSLEY** - Not devoid of ability but as difficult as they come, most recently sanctioned in a 2850m Class F here 2 weeks ago and can be passed over
- 12. KARMA DE MONTCIANT** - Honest trotter that was beaten only by a very good horse, in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie Class F a month back. Is new to the venue, and breaks from the rear, but still represents a respectable first-5 chance
- 13. KEFREN BLEU** - Can prove a handful, as he showed when sanctioned in a 2650m Marseille-Vivaux Class F a month ago, but can wrap this up if he replicates his penultimate performance
- 14. KAPTAIN DE CRISTAL** - Still chasing that elusive first win but came an encouraging 3rd behind KINGLY DREAMS (2) in a 2850m Class F here mid-month. Handed an unfavourable draw though and chances limited
- 15. KEN DE CORDAY** - Back under harness after being sanctioned in a 2225m Feurs monté Class E 3 weeks ago and can be assured little, if any, support

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16. KAJIRTAL - Has taken well to racing unshod-all-4, most recently opening his account in a 2675m Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne Class F on 10 March. Has had time to freshen up but the draw will limit his prospects

Summary: Terrific winner at Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne before faulting next time out, KEFREN BLEU (13) breaks from the 2nd line but is barefoot for the occasion and has the wherewithal to win this, provided Nathan Cormy can keep him focused. They will still encounter opposition from KINDER DE LA NAVE (8) who races unshod behind in a bid to make amends for his recent performance, and the better-positioned KINGLY DREAMS (2) who is like a horse reborn since starting to race barefoot. Barring his Saint-Galmier blip, KIMCOERE LE FOL (3) has been acquitting himself well this term and, from the 3-spot, should not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

KEFREN BLEU (13) - KINDER DE LA NAVE (8) - KINGLY DREAMS (2) - KIMCOERE LE FOL (3)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA MAURIENNE - 2850m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Mounted - EUR € 19,000

- 1. JHA** - Sanctioned in a 2850m harness claimer here 3 weeks ago. Has never demonstrated any particular flair for the monté game and represents no more than a minor place prospect
- 2. ILE DU SABLIER** - Modest individual that came 7th of 11 in a 2825m Lignières Class F 2 weeks ago and looks thoroughly outclassed
- 3. ISLANDE ELDE** - Switches back to the monté discipline after flopping in a 2825m Lignières harness Class F mid-month. Has previously placed under the saddle here but others still preferred
- 4. IGLESIA** - Last but one in a 2600m harness Class F here mid-month. Unseen under the saddle since July 2022 but has solid references and, just front shoes off this time, can get straight back in the game
- 5. JALNO MADRIK** - Returns to the monté code after coming 10th of 11 in a 2825m Lignières harness Class F 2 weeks ago. Has previously won under these conditions and starting in front will only work in his favour
- 6. JOYAU DE SOYORA** - Tricky character that finished a reassuring 3rd of 9 in a 2100m Class E here on 31 March and will be expected to figure prominently at the business end of the race
- 7. INOUIE DOMPIERRE** - Sanctioned in a 2400m Marseille-Borély Class E 11 days ago. Should not be too hastily judged though and can put things right if she stays in stride
- 8. HOLD UP PECE** - 2nd in a 2650m Alençon amateurs harness Class G last weekend. Is unbeaten in 2 monté starts when barefoot and is going to take all the beating

Summary: It seems to be all about the three horses on the back line, with HOLD UP PECE (8) very easy to like, seeing how well she has raced since moving to Charley Mottier's yard. INOUIE DOMPIERRE (7) is never far from faulting but she has previously won under the saddle here and should prove the main threat, provided of course that Mathis Laffay can keep her trotting. Similarly temperamental, JOYAU DE SOYORA (6) nevertheless seems to be on the way back up, and the same caveat applies. IGLESIA (4) is 25m better off, returns to a discipline in which she has decent credentials, and sports a modified configuration.

SELECTIONS

HOLD UP PECE (8) - INOUIE DOMPIERRE (7) - JOYAU DE SOYORA (6) - IGLESIA (4)

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C5 - PRIX DU DUCHE DE LORRAINE - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. JUNON DU VASSET** - Encouraging 5th of 11 in a 2650m Oraison Class E last weekend. Modified shoeing this time but she nevertheless faces a stiff test
- 2. JULIE DU NORD** - Won at La Capelle late-March before faulting in a 2800m Strasbourg Class G a week later and will struggle to make her mark
- 3. JAZZY MUSIC** - Sanctioned in both this year, most recently a 2600m Class G here 3 weeks ago. Front pads fitted but can still expect to have few friends
- 4. JAHIKA** - Unremarkable mare that came 5th to JIPSY ROYALE (10) in a 2850m Lignières claimer a fortnight ago but still has a lot more to find
- 5. JUNE DE L'ORGUE** - Totally out of the picture in all 4 starts this year, latterly sanctioned in a 2650m Saint-Galmier Class F a week ago, and can be written off
- 6. JESSIE DU HAUTVENT** - Showed marked improvement when 3rd of 10 in a 2650m Saint-Galmier Class F last weekend and, barefoot this time, will be worth monitoring
- 7. JAZZY TOUCH** - One of the more complicated elements here but has some ability. Sanctioned in a 2600m Class G here 3 weeks ago but it is only a question of time before she comes good again
- 8. JERELDA** - 6th of 14 in a 2600m Class F here 2 weeks ago. Benefits from a good entry though and can play a prominent role
- 9. JONCQUIERE** - Won over 2000m here before losing her action in a 2650m Class F at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue last weekend, when full of running, but with application, can set the record straight
- 10. JIPSY ROYALE** - Won 2 claimers in a row, most recently over 2850m at Lignières. Clearly in better company this time but should still be in a position to challenge for a place in the first 5
- 11. JAVA DES AUGERIES** - 6th of 12 in a 2850m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight back. Disappointing on the whole and, barefoot or not, can be ruled out
- 12. JADE DE PAME** - Sanctioned, with gas in the tank, in a 2050m Feurs Class E 3 weeks ago but will have the measure of most if she can stay focused
- 13. JENNY LEGEND** - 7th of 8 in a 2050m Feurs Class E 3 weeks ago, having briefly lost her action but, on better behaviour can put things right
- 14. JEZABELLE BEZILLAT** - Not entirely without merit but sanctioned, when never threatening, in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class E early-March, and is unlikely to shake things up
- 15. JUST BEAUTIFUL** - Met no opposition en route to victory last month in a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class E. Incurs the penalty but is in the form of her life and can make it 3 on the trot
- 16. JELIA DES CHARMES** - Has so far this term failed to replicate previous form, most recently last of 7 in a 2650m Oraison Class E, and will need to raise her game

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Summary: JUST BEAUTIFUL (15) took no time getting back down to business following a long layoff and even starting with an extra 25m to travel, can nevertheless pull off the hat-trick. JADE DE PAME (12) joins her on the second line and, plainly in form, goes unshod-in-front for the first time and will have her chances, if Laurent Lamazière keeps her trotting. JONCQUIERE (9) seldom disappoints when unshod and will be expected to make up for her recent sanction. JERELDA (8) left a good impression on her penultimate start here and, with front shoes off, will be competitive for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

JUST BEAUTIFUL (15) - JADE DE PAME (12) - JONCQUIERE (9) - JERELDA (8)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA DORDOGNE - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. JOGGER DE BELLANDE** - Sanctioned in a 2600m Class G here 3 weeks ago, when unsupported, and even with 4 pads fitted is unlikely to cause an upset
- 2. JOYEUX D'OUXY** - Sanctioned when well-backed in a 2600m Class G here on 7 April. Has no references in this category and can be passed over
- 3. JAZZ DE MOUTIERS** - Back in business since returning to racing barefoot, most recently 2nd of 9 in a 2650m Carpentras Class H mid-month. In better company this time but breaks in front and should not be far off the mark
- 4. JAMIN D'ORGERES** - Capable but as capricious as they come. 10th of 11 in a 3000m Borély Class E 11 days ago and is unlikely to influence the result
- 5. JAMES GRIFF** - In fine shape, most recently 3rd of 9 in a 2600m Class G here 3 weeks ago, but in this company is not about to spring a surprise
- 6. JOSCO DE SAUZETTE** - 8th of 10 in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F early-April but in this category will have too much to do
- 7. JEANNOT DU SABLIER** - Won at Lyon-La Soie before coming a modest 6th of 9 in a 2600m Class G here earlier in the month. Barefoot this time but chances still appear limited
- 8. JIFF DES CELLIERS** - Surprising 6th of 15 in a 2000m Class F here on 2 April. Has a good engagement though and racing unshod-all-4, can wrap this up
- 9. JAGUAR JENILOU** - Pleased at Feurs before coming a respectable, but never dangerous, 6th of 12 in a Class D over course and distance on 2 April. Races barefoot this time though and will generate some interest
- 10. JIPSY DES AIRES** - Honest trotter that came 5th of 8, behind JUST PAT (15), in a 2050m Feurs Class E 3 weeks ago. Not a priority but will nevertheless acquit himself honourably
- 11. JENJOY MAYBE** - 4th of 12 in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class E on 6 March. Has been given ample time to recuperate and even from the back row, can play an important part. Chance
- 12. JAKABINO** - Fine winner of a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class E on 22 March. Shoes off again and even though 25m worse off here, still looks a serious proposition
- 13. JOOSTER LE FOL** - 2nd in a 2100m monté Class E here late last month. Has other priorities and can be ruled out
- 14. JAEGER MAN** - Sanctioned in a 2650m Avignon Class E on 10 April and appears to have nothing to offer
- 15. JUST PAT** - Sprinted well to come 2nd of 8 in a 2050m Feurs Class E 3 weeks ago. On the back line but seldom lets the side down and is not about to start now
- 16. JAGUAR'S EYES** - 8th of 12 behind JAGUAR JENILOU (9) in a Class D over course and distance earlier this month. Drops back in category and can more than make amends

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Summary: Benefitting from a good entry on the front line, JIFF DES CELLIERS (8) races barefoot for the first time and looks just a marginally better choice than recent Marseille-Borély winner JAKABINO (12) who has an extra 25m to cover. JENJOY MAYBE (11) consistently gives everything he has, appreciates Parilly conditions and will be competitive, as will JAGUAR'S EYES (16) who returns to the configuration he sported when 2nd at Agen.

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JIFF DES CELLIERS (8) - JAKABINO (12) - JENJOY MAYBE (11) - JAGUAR'S EYES (16)

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C7 - PRIX DU PAS-DE-CALAIS - 2000m (a1m1/4) - Class G Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. IDEE SHANNON** - Returns to the professional ranks after winning a 2050m Saint-Galmier amateurs Class G last weekend but chances more limited this time around
- 2. GRAAL DE MY** - 5th of 10 in a 2700m Lyon-La Soie Class F on 10 April. Is barefoot this time but has no particular love for Parilly and is unlikely to create any waves
- 3. HELLO D'URZY** - Races barefoot for the occasion after finishing last of 14 in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F on 1 April. Well-placed behind the car but others still preferred
- 4. HOUSTON TEXAS** - Makes his first appearance since being sanctioned in a 2925m Cagnes Class E mid-February. Will be fresh and can play a leading role if Nicolas Ensch keeps him focused
- 5. HESTIA DU COMTAL** - Sanctioned early in a 2700m Class F at Lyon-La Soie on 10 April and is unlikely to generate much interest
- 6. IRONIE DU RABUTIN** - Won like a good thing over 2850m here on 2 April before coming 3rd of 15 in a 2825m Lignières Class F 12 days later, and has every chance of doubling her money
- 7. HARIBELO DE NUIT** - Pleased at Saint-Galmier before coming 7th of 14 when prepping shod for this in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F earlier this month. Is barefoot this time and can trot his way into the first 5
- 8. GASTON DE SAUZETTE** - Pulled-up in a 2675m amateurs Class G at Châtillon-sur-Chalarnonne last Monday and backs up with limited aspirations
- 9. HAPPY COGLAIS** - Reverts to a previous configuration after coming last of 13 in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F early-April. Is new to Parilly but the engagement of Serge Peltier makes him a more attractive proposition
- 10. HERMINE DU SABLIER** - No slouch on a good day but is still in conditioning-mode and can be ruled out
- 11. HELLO VRAC** - Good consistent sort that came 2nd to a good horse in a 2850m Feurs Class F 3 weeks ago and despite the back-line draw, still looks a major player
- 12. HISTRIO** - Surprise 5th of 9 behind IDEE SHANNON (1) in a 2050m Saint-Galmier amateurs Class G last Sunday but a repeat seems improbable
- 13. IVANOVITCH EST LA** - 6th of 14 in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F early-April. Will be fully fit by now and, barefoot for the occasion, can finish in the mix
- 14. ILUX DU CAUX** - Unseen since coming 10th of 12 in a 2825m Lignières Class F on 18 February and the draw only compounds matters
- 15. IDEAL DE LANDEMER** - 7th of 8 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class F on 17 April. Is more at home in the claiming division though and will have few takers
- 16. ILTON DE BELLANDE** - Hardy element dropping in category after trotting 5th of 9 in a 2850m Vincennes Class E earlier this month. Forced to start wide on the 2nd line but will still have his chances

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Summary: Simply superb since the turn of the year, IRONIE DU RABUTIN (6) won over longer here recently and, reverting to a successful configuration, has every chance of confirming. That being said, the good HOUSTON TEXAS (4) has had time to get his house in order and, from the 4-spot, will be no soft touch. HELLO VRAC (11) starts on the back row but he is clearly close to his race and must be taken seriously. ILTON DE BELLANDE (16) has been handed a terrible draw but seldom disappoints here and will justifiably garner support.

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**IRONIE DU RABUTIN (6) - HOUSTON TEXAS (4) - HELLO VRAC (11) - ILTON DE
BELLANDE (16)**

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C8 - PRIX JEAN BOILLEREAU - CRITERIUM DE TROT - 2000m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 35,000

1. HOOLIGAN JIM - Finished well to come clear 3rd of 7 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély monté Class E a month back. Has nothing to prove at this level and will be expected to apply the pressure on HYPER FAST (9)

2. FILAE DE SOYORA - Seldom gets her nose in front but encouraged when 5th of 10 in a 2525m Cavaillon Class D on 9 April. Well-positioned in front and can play an active part in the final stages

3. HAUT BRION - Last of 10 when preparing for this in a 2525m Cavaillon Class D earlier in the month, but goes barefoot this time, is ideally-placed on the first row, and has never disappointed here. Chance

4. GORDON FLASH - Pleasant 5th of 12 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class D on 17 April. Nicely-drawn but nevertheless faces a tough task

5. FLASH MONEY - Quality element but only 7th of 12 in a 2025m Saint-Galmier Class D mid-March. Has been given time to recover and, from the 5-spot can play a prominent role

6. HAMILTON RENKA - Last of 12 when preparing shod for this in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class D 11 days ago. Barefoot this time but still not a realistic proposition

7. GAMIN NORMAND - Showed form, despite being sanctioned, in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 5 April. Breaks in front, with David Békaert reining, and must not be underestimated

8. GEPETTO DE GODREL - Won at Cagnes earlier in the year but lacklustre in 5 since, most recently 8th of 9 in a 2650m Carpentras Class A mid-month, and is unlikely to be rocking any boat any time soon

9. HYPER FAST - Did not enjoy the best of runs, coming 10th of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D 9 days ago. Not the most dependable but has bags of ability and is expected to show another side for new handler. Claim

10. HISTOIRE PHILS - Has not been seen out since finishing 5th of 6 in a 2600m Class D here mid-December. Is barefoot for comeback though, thrives at Parilly, and must be respected

11. HOLD OF COMTAL - Reassuring 2nd of 13 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class E on 22 march but races shod this time and will have other priorities

12. GRACE PARKER - 7th of 9 in a Class E over course and distance earlier this month. Is considerably better in the amateur class however and can be passed over

13. FALKO DE NOUVILLE - 2nd of 13 in a 2650m Class E at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue last weekend. In better company this time and the draw will not help his cause

14. GRANTCHESTER - Not without merit but will need to improve on his 6th of 12 in a 2650m Class F at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue 3 weeks ago

Summary: A useful trotter for the most part, HYPER FAST (9) makes his first start for the Maxime Busset yard and despite the draw, can get straight down to business. Starting just in front of him, the ever-consistent HOOLIGAN JIM (1) has previously won here and in current shape is very easy to like. HAUT BRION (3) has been gifted an ideal draw and, barefoot for the occasion, will not go down without a scrap. Barring his recent blip at Saint-Galmier, FLASH MONEY (5) has otherwise been in cracking form and is well-placed to make a good go of this.

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HYPER FAST (9) - HOOLIGAN JIM (1) - HAUT BRION (3) - FLASH MONEY (5)