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C1 - PRIX DE CUQ - 2575m (a1m 1/2) - Class F Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 6,000

1. **FUN DE BANVILLE** - Won over 2850m at Vincennes before finishing 10th over 4125 at the same venue last time on 23 January. Ideally engaged here so is good value to make amends

2. **GASC** - Confirmed in this shoeing configuration and has references at a higher level, including a last-start 7th on this track over 2575m on 22 January. Has leading claims at this level

3. **FOU DE ROCK** - A model of consistency at this level and is most effective in this configuration (barefoot). Finished 2nd on this course over 2625m on 21 January

4. **EPERON D'OR** - Returned to form in this configuration (fully unshod) by winning on this track and at this level over 2625m on 21 January. Will be a factor here if confirming that improvement

5. **FURIOSO SMILING** - Capable well-performed veteran with sound references in this category, though is most effective when racing unshod. Finished 11th over 2750m at Toulouse on 23 January and is best watched for now

6. **GUEPARD DE MONE** - Most effective when racing unshod and has been out of sorts recently with his irons, so is best watched for now. Finished 8th over 2725m at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 28 January

7. **FLUSH ROYAL NARCY** - Unreliable but is a capable sort who won a similar contest in this configuration two starts back. Disqualified in a stronger race over 2400m at Montauban on 24 December

8. **FASTER WIC** - Consistent for the most part, especially in this shoeing arrangement (unshod behind). Finished 10th with his irons over 2750m at Toulouse on 23 January in a stronger race so ought to fare better in a race of this nature

9. **FLO DU DERBY** - Inconsistent but capable sort who finished 2nd with this configuration in a similar contest two starts back. Was 7th in a stronger race over 2050m at this venue on 4 February

10. **EDELWEISS NAY** - Seldom far off the mark on a going day but is most effective when and has been off the boil for some time now. Finished 10th over 2400m at Montauban on 24 December and can be ruled out

11. **ENVOL THE BEST** - Hard-knocking veteran with sound references in this category and shoeing configuration. Finished 3rd over 2650m at Bordeaux on 29 January - place chance

12. **FESTIVAL DE LARRE** - Seldom far off the mark on a going day but appears to have gone off the boil for some time now. Finished 7th over 2750m at Toulouse on 20 January and is best watched for now

Summary: FUN DE BANVILLE (1) did not shape in a tougher field over 4125m last time but did win over 2850m at Vincennes two starts back and, on the evidence of that victory, is good value to reconnect with success. GASC (2) has been competing in stronger races so also has legitimate claims for the leading places. FOU DE ROCK (3) is proven in this category so ought to be competitive, while last-start winner at this level EPERON D'OR (4) isn't without a chance either.

SELECTIONS

FUN DE BANVILLE (1) - GASC (2) - FOU DE ROCK (3) - EPERON D'OR (4)

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C2 - PRIX ESPERANZA IDOLE - 2625m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 21,000

- 1. JASPARONE** - Disqualified in five of her nine starts, including her latest outing in a harness race over 2950m on 12 January at Toulouse, but has finished unplaced in each of her four completed races. Best watched for now
- 2. JEANWIL D'OLYMPE** - Delicate sort who has been disqualified more often than not, including his most recent outing at Toulouse on 2 February. Posted a career-best 3rd under the saddle in this configuration, so is one to keep an eye on here
- 3. JAGERSRO** - Debut winner in the harness category but has been disqualified in each of his six subsequent starts. Was still in contention for victory when penalized last time in his first start under the saddle at Toulouse on 2 February
- 4. JOCK DE NARMONT** - Finished a reassuring 4th over 2625m on this course in a harness race on 21 January but has no references in the mounted code. Watch for now
- 5. JAZZ MARTINEZ** - Has taken well to the mounted code. Finished 2nd under the saddle last time over 2400m at Châteaubriant on 8 January and need only a repeat of that performance to play a leading role
- 6. JO DE L'ORMERIE** - Delicate in the harness category but found his way under the saddle last time by opening his account with a win at Bordeaux over 2650m in this configuration on 7 January. Could have more to offer
- 7. JAVA DE BEUVRON** - Consistent for the most and is confirmed in this configuration, but has no references in the mounted code. Finished 5th on this course over 2625m in a harness race on 4 February
- 8. JAPAN GIRL** - Usually does well when avoiding disqualification although is seldom far from faulting. Was sanctioned in her last start at Toulouse in a harness race on 2 February but should fare better back under the saddle now
- 9. JAMES D'OVAKI** - Capable with his irons but inconsistent in the harness category, although was 2nd in both outings under the saddle. Finished 6th over 2625 on this course in a harness race last time but has claims back in this code
- 10. JOLIE DE JEGUN** - Consistent mare with this configuration (barefoot) in the harness category and did finish 2nd when last seen in the mounted code. Finished 8th in a harness race at Toulouse on 6 January
- 11. JUST IN LOVE AR** - Unreliable but versatile sort who is capable on her day. Was disqualified in a harness race on this course over 2625m on 4 February, although did win under the saddle at Trie-sur-Baïse last year
- 12. JACKSON DU CLOS** - Last-start winner without his irons at Châteaubriant over 3000m on 21 January in the harness category but is equally effective under the saddle in this configuration. One to beat
- 13. JIPCHO SKILL** - Usually does well when avoiding disqualification but is seldom far from a fault. Was sanctioned last time at Toulouse on 2 February but this step up in this distance should serve his interests

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14. JOLIE INDIENNE - Verstaile mare and a specialist performer on right-hand tracks. Proven in this configuration under the saddle and ought to play a leading role having finished 5th in a harness race over 3125m at Angers on 31 January

Summary: Arnaud Desmottes's charges JACKSON DU CLOS (12) and JOLIE INDIENNE (14) boast the best references and have the means to make up the ground from the second row to get the better of JAZZ MARTINEZ (5), whose last performance at Chateaubriand did not go unnoticed. JO DE L'ORMERIE (6) has never disappointed in the mounted category and could pose a threat, while it will be a question of wisdom with JAGERSRO (3) who need only prove his diligence to stake a claim too.

SELECTIONS

JACKSON DU CLOS (12) - JOLIE INDIENNE (14) - JAZZ MARTINEZ (5) - JO DE L'ORMERIE (6)

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C3 - PRIX DE MARMONT-PACHAS - 2625m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. JIKA SAUTONNE** - Disqualified in each of her last four starts, including her latest outing in a harness race over track and trip on 21 January. Best watched for now
- 2. JEZABEL DUFOURNEAU** - Inconsistent mare who seldom finishes far off the mark but has no more than a place chance here. Finished 7th over course and distance on 4 February
- 3. JIKOA EFJI** - Out of sorts but proven in this shoeing configuration and usually does well when avoiding disqualification. Was sanctioned in her last start over course and distance on 4 February
- 4. JERIKA LOVE** - Was unshod behind when finishing 6th over 2750m at Toulouse on 20 September but is rarely far from a fault. Watch for now
- 5. JOLINE TUILERIE** - Delicate but usually does well when avoiding disqualification and is ideally entered here on the front row. Was disqualified at Toulouse over 2950 on 16 January, so this will again be a question of her wisdom
- 6. JOYEUSE D'ATOUT** - Capable sort with sound references, although is most effective racing unshod. Finished 3rd over course and distance on 4 February with her irons in a weaker contest
- 7. JOY DE PENGUEN** - Consistent sort confirmed in this shoeing configuration with sound references at this level. Was 3rd last time when unshod at Bordeaux over 2650m on 11 January and should acquit herself competitively once more
- 8. JUNO ELLIS** - Consistent mare with sound references in this shoeing configuration and at this level of competition. Was 3rd over 2750 at Toulouse on 2 February and should again have a role to play here
- 9. JOYE DE FANTASIA** - Prolific without her irons and did not have to exert herself to win at Angers over 3125m on 27 January. Will be fully unshod this time around and is good value to win again here
- 10. JAKARTA D'ALOUETTE** - Showed considerable early promise and is confirmed in this shoeing configuration. Was returning from six months out when disqualified at Toulouse on 20 January and retains the means to do better
- 11. JASMINE DE GREZ** - Unreliable but capable sort with references at a higher level and in this configuration (barefoot). Finished 8th over 2750m at Cabourg on 5 January
- 12. JAVANAISE DE FARS** - Consistent for the most part and confirmed her form and well-being by finishing 3rd over 2325m at Toulouse on 20 January with her irons. Not taken lightly
- 13. JULIE DU CLOS** - Delicate but has already revealed serious means. Has been disqualified in her last three starts - most recently at Angers on 31 January - but would've needed that outing after a layoff and will be fully unshod the time
- 14. JADE LEAGABIN** - Ultra-consistent mare who has performed impeccably without her irons. Finished 5th over 2550m at Bordeaux on 29 January and wouldn't be winning out of turn

Summary: JOYE DE FANTASIA (9) made a winning reappearance at Angers last month and is good value to follow up here without her irons. JULIE DU CLOS (13) remains delicate but is considerably talented and likely to pose a threat if avoiding disqualification, although the same could be said of ultra-consistent JADE LEAGABIN (14) who is ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings. JUNO ELLIS (8), and JOLINE TUILERIE (5) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

JOYE DE FANTASIA (9) - JULIE DU CLOS (13) - JADE LEAGABIN (14) - JUNO ELLIS (8)

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**C4 - PRIX FAN IDOLE - 2575m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
21,000**

- 1. KALITA DU PADOUENG** - Ideally positioned on the inside of the front row having finished a reassuring 2nd over 2750 at Toulouse when unshod for the first time on 16 January. Ought to make her presence racing barefoot again
- 2. KALIE DU DAN** - Last-start winner at Toulouse over 2150m on 2 February. Seldom far from a fault but has serious means and s moving up in class category with legitimate ambitions
- 3. KATONA** - Consistent sort with sound references and a good record on this course. Finished 3rd over 2750m at Toulouse on 20 January in configuration and should have a role to play once more
- 4. KHEA DRY** - Would have finished among the leading positions were it not for her faux pas over 2550m at Bordeaux in her last start on 29 January. Capable of better, especially racing unshod for the first time
- 5. KEBBIE** - Last-start winner over 2150m at Toulouse on 13 January and has plenty of room for improvement but is rarely far from a fault. All or nothing
- 6. KAKUETA VEDAQUAISE** - Unreliable sort, albeit at a higher level. Finished 9th over 2100m at Vincennes on 16 January and, judging by his best references, ought to fare better in this grade
- 7. KIRA DE CAHOT** - Unreliable of late at a higher level but ought to fare better here dropping in class having finished 10th last time over 2150m at Vincennes on 16 January. Keep safe
- 8. KINAYA DU CHATELET** - Consistent for the most part and has sound references, even with her irons. Finished 5th on this course over 2625m on 22 January and could get into the picture
- 9. KATOKI** - Won his first two starts at Beaumont-de-Lomagne last year and would've needed his two comeback outings after a three-month break. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 2750m at Toulouse on 20 January
- 10. KINDNESS LIAMONE** - Won her first two starts at Beaumont-de-Lomagne and Nancy in 2022 but has sparingly raced since and does appear to have regressed since. Was only 8th over 2725m at Cabourg on 5 January so needs to improve
- 11. KOCCINELLE BEY** - Delicate sort who is seldom far from a fault. Disqualified in consecutive recent outings - the latest at Toulouse on 20 January - so is best watched for now
- 12. KAVALEUR D'ENFER** - Blotted her copybook last time when disqualified at Toulouge over 2750m on 20 January. Revealed considerable means last year so cannot be written off just yet
- 13. KAISER BEGONIA** - Highly regarded sort who bounced back from his previous start (disqualification) by winning at Mauquenchy in this configuration over 2150m on 10 January. One to beat
- 14. KALLISTO DE LASTEL** - Inconsistent sort but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Finished 3rd in a similar race over 2750m at Toulouse on 23 January
- 15. KIGA DE VANDEL** - Unreliable but capable sort who was disqualified on 22 January on this course but could have more to offer racing unshod for the first time

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16. KALINKA D'ALBRET - Consistent for the most part with sound references, though remains a maiden. Finished 4th at Toulouse over 2750m at Toulouse on 16 January but has no more than a place chance here

Summary: KAISER BEGONIA (13) gained compensation for his previous faux pas by winning with authority at Mauquenchy last month and it could pay to follow his progress on the evidence of that victory. He will need to overcome a tricky starting berth, though, as well as thwart the likely challenges of both KIRA DE CAHOT (7), who ought to be competitive dropping in class, and KATONA (3), whose last-start 3rd is good enough to play a leading role in a race of this nature. Last-start winner KAELIE DU DAN (2) and delicate KHEA DRY (4) are not out of it either.

SELECTIONS

KAISER BEGONIA (13) - KIRA DE CAHOT (7) - KATONA (3) - KAELIE DU DAN (2)

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**C5 - PRIX DE LAPLUME - 2050m (a1m 1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
24,000**

- 1. ICI PARIS** - Complicated but has considerable means. Finished 6th over 2550m at Bordeaux on 29 January and could get into the picture here
- 2. IRON BOCAIN** - A model of consistency and last-start winner at Grenade-sur-Garonne over 2725m on 28 January. Should have a role to play
- 3. INTENSE AMOUR** - Has been carefully prepared for this engagement, which represents a good chance for him to reconnect with success having finished 2nd in this configuration at Saint-Brieuc over 3150m on 26 January
- 4. ILOU FIRST RICHER** - Finished a reassuring 2nd over 2150m at Toulouse on 16 January and could have a role to play with a repeat of that performance
- 5. ISIA DU CHENE** - Excellent right-hander who won her last start at Saint-Galmier over 2650m on 27 January. Makes the long trip with legitimate ambitions
- 6. HALADIN D'ARGENT** - Unreliable but is not devoid of resources. Finished 6th on his reappearance after a seven-month absence over 2625m at this venue on 4 February and ought to improve here
- 7. IANINA DES BORDES** - Consistent for the most part and has sound references in this configuration. Finished 8th at Bordeaux over 2550m on 29 January and could get into the picture
- 8. HAMPTON AMERICA** - Unreliable but capable sort with references at a higher level and in this configuration (barefoot). Finished 6th over 2400m at Châteaubriant on 21 January
- 9. INVINCIBLE DU THAY** - Lightened in his shoeing now (unshod behind) after a preparation race at Argentan with his irons, finishing 9th over 2875m on 27 January. Keep safe
- 10. HELYSEE WILD** - Unreliable but is not devoid of resources. Won over 2750m at Toulouse on 20 January but is presented in a new shoeing configuration now
- 11. HUSSARD DU VALLON** - Unreliable performer with sufficient means. Was disqualified in a mounted race over 2325m at Toulouse on 2 February
- 12. HILKA DE BERTRANGE** - Capable, even with her irons, and has sufficient means. Will need to improve to have a say having finished 9th over 2775m at Graignes on 30 December
- 13. ISSALIO** - Inconsistent sort who is most effective when racing unshod. Finished 5th with his irons at Manpazier on 2 July over 3125m and is best watched for now on his reappearance
- 14. IDEE FIXE BREIZH** - Confirmed in this shoeing configuration and has sufficient means but is out of sorts. Finished 11th over 2550m at Bordeaux on 29 January
- 15. HURRICANE OF LOVE** - Unreliable in the mounted category and, despite finishing 3rd under the saddle over 2325m at Toulouse on 2 February, is best watched for now in a harness race

Summary: Presented here without his irons, it could pay to side with INTENSE AMOUR (3) who is marginally preferred to ISIA DU CHENE (5), who set the record straight by winning at Saint-Galmier recently. INVINCIBLE DU THAY (9), barefoot after a preparation outing, has the means to fight for victory too. Last-start winner IRON BOCAIN (2) is another with legitimate claims of playing a leading role, as is ICI PARIS (1) who is ideally positioned on the inside of the front row.

SELECTIONS

INTENSE AMOUR (3) - ISIA DU CHENE (5) - INVINCIBLE DU THAY (9) - IRON BOCAIN (2)

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C6 - PRIX DU CONSEIL DEPARTEMENTAL DE LOT-ET-GARONNE - 2625m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. JAGUAR DE CHENOU - Very delicate but certainly not devoid of any means. Was disqualified over 2325m at Toulouse on 9 January but will have a role to play here if remaining wise

2. JEDI DU PAC - Inconsistent sort who is most effective in this configuration (barefoot) but has been out of sorts. Finished 10th with his irons at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 28 January over 2725m

3. JIMMY THORP - Showed considerable early promise in 2022 but flattered to deceive in 2023 and was disqualified on his return from a layoff at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 17 December over 2725m

4. JAFAR DE L'ITON - Delicate sort who has been disqualified in four of his last five starts, though did finish 2nd at Toulouse over 2325m in his only completed race in that sequence. Sanctioned at Toulouse over 2750m on 2 February

5. JAMBAVAN - Has proven his competitiveness after winning four starts back finishing 2nd in each of his three subsequent outings, the latest of which was at Salon-de-Provence on 26 November over 2250m

6. JASMIN PHIL - Consistent for the most part and confirmed his form and well-being by finishing 2nd over 2750m at Toulouse on 2 February. Not taken lightly

7. JOSS AIMEF - Confirmed in this category and need only remain wise to return to success. Was disqualified at Bordeaux last time over 2550m on 29 January

8. JERICHO DE JARY - Unreliable performer but does have sufficient means and is confirmed in this shoe arrangement. Finished 5th last time at Toulouse on 2 February over 2325m

9. JEANBLANC DUEM - Seldom far from a fault but has reassured in recent outings, finishing 2nd over 2325m at Toulouse in his most recent start on 20 January. Keep safe

Summary: JOSS AIMEF (7) left Bordeaux with regrets recently having been in a good position to fight for victory at the time of his faux pas. He is worth another chance here and gets the nod ahead of JEANBLANC DUEM (9), who has been prepared for this ideal entry. JAGUAR DE CHENOU (1) can go far from the front line if remaining wise, while JASMIN PHIL (6) is also capable of staking a claim if confirming the form of his last-start 2nd. Good race!

SELECTIONS

JOSS AIMEF (7) - JEANBLANC DUEM (9) - JAGUAR DE CHENOU (1) - JASMIN PHIL (6)

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C7 - PRIX AUBRION DU GERS - 2575m (a1m 1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. IBIS D'OR** - Undeniably capable sort with sound references, although is most effective when racing unshod. Finished 7th at Beaumont-de-Lomagne back in September and is best watched for now
- 2. INDIGO DE BANVILLE** - Was a disappointing 7th over 2650m at Bordeaux on 14 January but that performance does not reflect his true value. Well placed behind the autostart and proven in this category, he ought to play a leading role
- 3. IZARD BOCAIN** - A model of consistency who has alternated between the two codes with success. Finished 3rd in a harness race at Grenade-sur-Garonne over 2725m on 28 January
- 4. IGOR DU TRUFIER** - Relatively consistent performer with sound references, although is probably better when racing unshod. Was 6th over 2725m at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 28 January
- 5. IN THE MOOD GEDE** - Unreliable but has undeniable means. Confirmed in this shoeing configuration and ought to be competitive having finished 3rd at Toulouse over 2950m on 23 January
- 6. IDEAL DU VIGNAC** - Last-start winner at Toulouse over 2750m on 2 February, despite making a mistake at the start. Will be hard to beat
- 7. IMPULSIF D'AVENIR** - A model of consistency with sound references at this level and in this shoeing configuration. Finished 2nd last time at Bordeaux over 2650m on 14 January
- 8. ICARE DE BANVILLE** - Consistent for the most, has sound references in this configuration and is in good form/physical condition. Was 5th over 2575m on this course on 4 February
- 9. ILLICO MICHA** - Seldom far off the mark on a going day but is most effective racing without his irons. Finished 6th over 2725m at Grenade-sur-Garonne on his return after a 4-month layoff on 28 January and is best watched for now
- 10. IMPERIAL RYLD** - Consistent for the most but has better references racing without his irons. Finished 3rd at Auch over 2800m on 4 September - watch for now
- 11. INDY RED** - Finished a reassuring 3rd in this shoeing configuration over 2750m at Toulouse on 2 February. Can get into the picture
- 12. IL PRINCIPINO** - Inconsistent sort who seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day and is confirmed in this configuration. Finished 7th over 2725m at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 28 January
- 13. INTUITIF BOY** - Battling, long-time maiden who is without a win now after 56 attempts. Has no more than a place chance here after finishing 7th at Toulouse over 2750m on 2 February
- 14. IXO DES PLANS** - Confirmed the improvement of his previous outing (3rd) by finishing 2nd over 2725m at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 28 January. Has claims despite starting from the second row
- 15. IDEAL DE BEZILLAT** - Consistent for the most and has sound references in this configuration, including a last-start 2nd at Toulouse over 2750m on 2 February. Outsider

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16. INDIEN DE BRY - Seldom far off the mark and is confirmed in this configuration, though has no more than a place chance here. Finished 4th in an amateur race over 2625m on this course on 4 February

Summary: Given the manner of his last-start victory, IDEAL DU VIGNAC (6) seems more than capable of preserving his 100% record this year by completing his hat-trick. ICARE DE BANVILLE (8), however, is also in good form and ought to pose a threat, along with INDIGO DE BANVILLE (2) who shouldn't be condemned for his latest poor performance as he retains the means to play a leading role too. IN THE MOOD GEDE (5) and IXO DES PLANS (14) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

IDEAL DU VIGNAC (6) - ICARE DE BANVILLE (8) - INDIGO DE BANVILLE (2) - IN THE MOOD GEDE (5)

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C8 - PRIX FAUSTIN SEMEILLON - 2625m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. FREEDOM (NOR)** - Talented Swedish trotter who arrived in France with a big reputation and has confirmed it by finishing 2nd at Bordeaux before winning at Vincennes on 22 January over 2850m. One to beat
- 2. MADAME AF DJUPMYRA** - Finished a reassuring 4th at Saint-Galmier over 2650m on 21 January and should appreciate the layout of this Agen track. Keep safe
- 3. BLUFF DEI GREPPI** - Last-start winner at Vincennes over 4125m on 23 January. If he adapts to this right-handed course, this Italian veteran could have a role to play
- 4. IGGY ROCK** - Continues to push his limits and steps up in class justified ambitions, having won both starts this year in this shoeing configuration. Winner recently over 2950m at Toulouse on 23 January
- 5. ICI PARIS EFJI** - Consistent for the most and is confirmed in this configuration. Was 5th at Toulouse over 2950m on 2 February and could have a say here
- 6. ERGO AVIS** - Delicate but usually does well when avoiding disqualification, although is more effective when racing unshod. Was disqualified at Cagnes over 2925m on 6 February, so this will again be a question of wisdom
- 7. ICARE DU BERYL** - Has raced twice this year with his irons in preparation for this engagement. Was disqualified at Toulouse over 2950m on 2 February but is most effective in this configuration (barefoot) and will be a different proposition
- 8. IN LOVE WITH CHENU** - Favorably entered here on the front row and faces a challenge very much within her reach. Disqualified in her last start at Nantes over 3000m but will be fully unshod this time around - leading light
- 9. MATEO DE REVE** - Undeniably capable sort with sound references, although is most effective when racing unshod. Absent since finishing 5th at Reims over 2550m on 13 September
- 10. GALANT DE CAREL** - Unreliable performer but does have sufficient means and is confirmed in this shoe arrangement. Finished 11th at Toulouse on 20 January over 2150m - outsider
- 11. ENDIAN DE BANVILLE** - Unreliable but is not devoid of resources. Finished 15th in a similar contest at Bordeaux on 19 December over 2550m. Needs to improve
- 12. DIABOLO** - Well-performed veteran with 14 race wins to his name but has been off the boil for some time now. Sanctioned in his last start at Auch on 11 November
- 13. FUTUR DU CHENE** - Unreliable performer but does have sufficient means and is confirmed in this shoe arrangement. Managed only to finish 10th last time at Toulouse on 20 January over 2150m
- 14. DIEGO DECOULGENS** - Undeniably capable sort with references at a higher level in both trotting disciplines. Finished 2nd over 2175m in a mounted race at Vincennes on 6 February
- 15. ENTRE AMIS** - Inconsistent sort who seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day but is more effective racing unshod. Was 5th at Toulouse on 20 January over 2150m
- 16. FRANCEVILLE** - Unreliable but capable sort with sufficient means, although has better references racing unshod. Finished 7th over 2150m at Toulouse 20 January

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17. HELIOS D'ELA - A model of consistency with sound form references at this level and in this shoeing configuration. Finished 4th at Bordeaux over 2650m on 11 January and has the means to stake a claim in a race of this nature

18. HAPPYJO DE LIGNY - Finished a reassuring 3rd at Cagnes over 2925m on 24 January but that was without his irons. Best watched for now with irons refitted

Summary: FREEDOM (1) is a good horse and has won at Vincennes, as well as proving himself on a right-hand track. He gets the nod ahead of IN LOVE WITH CHENU (8), who has caught the eye on several occasions but has been very delicate lately. IGGY ROCK (4), after 3 consecutive victories, is also capable of joining that fight for victory, as is ICARE DU BERYL (7) who will be fully unshod for this commitment. MADAME AF DJUPMYRA (2), HELIOS D'ELA (17) and BLUFF DEI GREPPI (3) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

FREEDOM (NOR) (1) - IN LOVE WITH CHENU (8) - IGGY ROCK (4) - ICARE DU BERYL (7)