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C1 - PRIX AUSONE - 2650m (a1m 1/2) - Class G Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 6,000

1. FAMEUX - A regular at this level, seldom finishing far off the mark. Was 5th over 2625m at Agen-Le Passage on 21 January and could play another minor role

2. HUMOUR WILLIAMS - Finished a well-beaten 12th in a similar contest over 2650m on 17 January at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat. Could play a minor role here judged on his best references, but others make more appeal

3. GENERAL INTRIGANT - Has regained his best level and usually does well, especially at this level, when not disqualified. Was 2nd over 2575m at Agen-Le Passage last time and seems well placed to go one better

4. HOPEFUL DREAM - Confirmed at this level and in this shoeing configuration. Ideally engaged under the conditions and ought to be competitive here after a creditable 6th over 2625m at Agen-Le Passage on 21 January

5. HERMENCE DAIRPET - Reliable mare who maintained a good level of consistency before her recent failure/disqualification at Toulouse on 20 January. Could have a say if remaining wise

6. ELIZA BELLA - A model of consistency at this level and is barefoot, her most effective shoeing configuration, after finishing 6th at Toulouse over 2950m on 9 December. Not taken lightly

7. FANTINE BRILLOUARD - Last-start winner over course and distance at a higher level on 14 January. Should have a say in the outcome

8. GARIFAN DE CASTROU - Course-and-distance specialist with sound form references in this grade and at a higher level. High on the shortlist, despite finishing 10th last time in a stronger race

9. ENVOL THE BEST - Veteran of 120 starts with 6 wins to his name, though his best has been achieved when unshod. Can be ruled out

10. GAME UP - Capable but unreliable veteran with sound references at a higher level, but when unshod. Best just to watch for now

11. HAWK DES LOISES - Won at Fleurance in August 2022 but has lost his way since in 7 subsequent outings. Was returning from a lengthy absence when finishing 16th over 2650m on 11 January

Summary: GENERAL INTRIGANT (3) is back on track and ought to capitalise here on what looks a good opportunity to reconnect with success, having finished 2nd in a similar contest last time. GARIFAN DE CASTROU (8) has interesting references at this level and in better/stronger, so is likely to pose a threat. FANTINE BRILLOUARD (7) impressed when winning at this level last month and should also have a role to play with a repeat of that performance. ELIZA BELLA (6) and HOPEFUL DREAM (4) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

**GENERAL INTRIGANT (3) - GARIFAN DE CASTROU (8) - FANTINE BRILLOUARD (7) -
ELIZA BELLA (6)**

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C2 - PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME DE VILLEREAL - 2000m (a1m 1/4) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 18,000

1. KASHMIRE TONIC - Finished 9th at Solvalla on debut in March but has been disqualified in both outings on French soil. Watch for now

2. KALIM DU GOUTIER - Has shown little in three starts, even when fully unshod last time (7th) at Toulouse. Unshod in front this time but is hard to make a case for

3. KALIGNANE DU CHARI - Sanctioned in three of her five starts, including her latest outing at Toulouse on 6 January. Ought to prove more diligent with Matthieu Abrivard engaged now

4. KAMARO - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th here on 14 January over 2650m and ought to raise his game with all four shoes removed for the first time. Keep safe

5. KALINKA D'AURALIE - Did not go unnoticed in either outing last year but has not been seen since finishing 6th at Gémozac on 15 August. Best watched for now

6. KADENCE CENSERIE - Has shown signs of improvement recently and was not disgraced last time when finishing 5th over 2650m at this venue on 19 December. More needed

7. KOSAK DU FER - Improved to finish 4th in this shoe fitting at Toulouse on 6 January but didn't confirm that progress when disqualified last time at Agen-Le Passage. Could have a say if remaining wise

8. KID DES PLEIGNES - Finished 5th in consecutive outings at this venue before a disappointing (11th) last start over 2575m at Agen-Le Passage. Can get a look in judged on his best references

9. KRACH D'ERABLE - Delicate sort disqualified in six of his nine outings, though did improve to finish 2nd over a similar trip (2050m) at Agen-Le Passage earlier this month. Chance here if confirming

10. KOALA DU DROPT - Finished 4th in each of his last three completed races (six starts) but was disqualified in the others. Will be a question of his wisdom, though could have more to offer racing unshod for the first time

11. KALYPSO D'ALBRET - Finished 2nd on debut at Montauban but has failed to build on that promise in 8 subsequent starts, including when barefoot last time (7th) at Toulouse over 2325m. Others preferred

Summary: KOALA DU DROPT (10) caught the eye last time when 4th at Agen and needn't improve a great deal on that to open his account here. He will, however, have to thwart the expected challenges of KAMARO (4) and KRACH D'ERABLE (9), both of whom will be racing fully unshod for the first time in their careers. KALIGNANE DU CHARI (3), with Matthieu Abrivard at the helm, should not be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

KOALA DU DROPT (10) - KAMARO (4) - KRACH D'ERABLE (9) - KALIGNANE DU CHARI (3)

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C3 - PRIX OURASI - 2550m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. **KEL AIR D'EOLE** - Delicate sort but has done well when avoiding disqualification. Was sanctioned in a much stronger race in the mounted category last time but has no references in the harness code
2. **KYRIELLE D'ALBRET** - Consistent filly with sound form references. Blotted her copybook (disqualified) at Toulouse back in September but is worth keeping an eye on in her belated comeback outing
3. **KELLE STAR DI PAO** - Bounced back to form/winning ways over course and distance on 28 December and should confirm that improvement racing barefoot for the first time
4. **KARA DU PLESSIS** - Opened her account at the 17th attempt when racing unshod behind for the first time at Toulouse on 20 January. Not taken lightly
5. **KILLER SUN DRALIAM** - Consistent performer who was rewarded for his consistency with a win at Vincennes on 9 January. Candidate for success with Benjamin Rochard at the helm again
6. **KHALIFE DELALANDE** - Convincing last-start winner over 2650m at this venue on 18 November. Consistent sort who should have a role to play
7. **KANKAN** - Caught the eye with a reassuring 3rd at Vincennes on 26 December and will be unshod (behind) for the first time. Dark horse
8. **KALISKA DE FORGAN** - Unplaced in consecutive outings at Vincennes in December but, judged on her previous references, is not incapable of getting a look in here racing unshod for the first time
9. **KALINA BABY** - Has improved with this shoeing configuration (barefoot) and confirmed as much by finishing 3rd at Agen last time over 2625m. Place chance
10. **KHEA DRY** - Did not go unnoticed when finishing 7th over 2625m at Agen-Le Passage last week. Can get into the picture
11. **KRONOS D'EOLE** - Unreliable sort seldom far from faulting, although not devoid of resources. Could get a look in here if remaining wise

Summary: A good race for a field of this size, with four last-start winners in the lineup. It should, however, pay to side with KILLER SUN DRALIAM (5) who was rewarded for his consistency with a win at Vincennes last time in this shoeing configuration and should confirm that improvement. KELLE STAR DI PAO (3) got her career back on track by improving to win well at this venue last time and she, too, ought to build on that success racing barefoot for the first time. KHALIFE DELALANDE (6) is reliable and likely to fight for victory so warrants the utmost respect, as does recent scorer KARA DU PLESSIS (4).

SELECTIONS

KILLER SUN DRALIAM (5) - KELLE STAR DI PAO (3) - KHALIFE DELALANDE (6) - KARA DU PLESSIS (4)

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**C4 - PRIX ULTRA PETITA - 2550m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
23,000**

1. JADE LEAGABIN - Consistent for the most part, especially when fully unshod (as is the case here). Was 5th at Toulouse last time with her irons and should do even better racing barefooted here

2. JOSS AIMEF - Has proven most effective racing barefoot, finishing 3rd as well as 2nd (twice) in three outings with this arrangement. Dark horse

3. JOKER DE CHOISEL - A model of consistency, barring two mishaps in July. Finished 5th at Vincennes on 19 December and ought to be competitive here on that form

4. JASON DU PERRON - Capable but is inconsistent. Failed to confirm the improvement of his previous outing (2nd) by only managing to finish 9th at Vincennes last time

5. JAKARTA DE CHENU - An honest mare with sound references. Confirmed in this shoe fitting and has been in good form at Vincennes recently, so has leading claims

6. JAKIRA - Hard-knocking mare who seldom finishes far off the mark when avoiding disqualification. Yet to win a race after 33 attempts and unlikely to do so here

7. JACK REACHER - Undefeated in two outings when fully unshod and capable of a lot better than the 9th he finished at Toulouse last time with his irons. Barefoot this time, he will fight for victory

8. JOYEUX NONNA - Struggles to find the right configuration persist with him, though he does tend to do well when not disqualified. Place chance

9. JOSEPHA CHOUP - Relatively consistent performer with sound references, although most effective racing unshod. Best watched for now

Summary: JACK REACHER (7) is undefeated when barefoot so looks good value to resume winning his ways with that shoe fitting reapplied here. JAKARTA DE CHENU (5) has proven her worth at this level and is likely to pose a threat, as is JOKER DE CHOISEL (3) who acquitted himself well at Vincennes recently. JOYEUX NONNA (8) is not incapable of getting involved either.

SELECTIONS

**JACK REACHER (7) - JAKARTA DE CHENU (5) - JOKER DE CHOISEL (3) - JOYEUX
NONNA (8)**

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C5 - PRIX DES AMIS DU CHEVAL - 2650m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 30,000

1. IDEAL SAN LEANDRO - Unreliable type who has lost his way in the harness code, despite several changes to his shoeing. Best watched for now switched to the mounted category for the first time

2. GONZAGUE VALSORA - Capable but is out of sorts. Was returning from a layoff when finishing 6th at Agen over 2625m last time (22 January). For another day

3. FED DU PATURAL - Was 3rd under the saddle at Saint-Galmier last year (February) but lost his way subsequently before finishing a reassuring 2nd barefoot (again here) in a harness race on 20 January. Dark horse

4. GLADYS TARTIFUME - Consistent for the most part and should not be hastily condemned following her disqualification at Cordemais on 17 January. Keep safe

5. FORAIN JENILOU - Complicated but is an undeniably capable veteran who, if setting off on the right leg, should play a leading role. Finished a reassuring 3rd over 2850m at Vincennes when last seen (31 December)

6. DIEGO DECOULGENS - Veteran of 136 starts and 10 wins. Would have improved his condition after an outing in the harness code (8th) on 22 January so ought to fare better racing back under the saddle and unshod in front

7. HERODO BELLO - A versatile trotter disqualified in a harness race at Agen-Le Passage recently but seldom disappoints under the saddle. One to beat back in the mounted category

8. FRED DE PIENCOURT - Hard-knocking versatile veteran rarely seen in the mounted category. Runner-up under the saddle at Beaumont-de-Lomagne in August last year, so is one to keep an eye on back in this code

Summary: Versatile HERODO BELLO (7), although disqualified in the harness category last time, has proven himself to be efficient under the saddle so could be worth siding with in this event. FORAIN JENILOU (5), for whom it will again be a question of wisdom, is undeniably capable of fighting for victory too. GLADYS TARTIFUME (4) should not be condemned for her recent failure (disqualification) at Cordemais as she retains the means to also play a leading role. DIEGO DECOULGENS (6) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

**HERODO BELLO (7) - FORAIN JENILOU (5) - GLADYS TARTIFUME (4) - DIEGO
DECOULGENS (6)**

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C6 - PRIX OZO - 2550m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. **IPSOS DE BANVILLE** - Maintained a good level of form/consistency before an excusable last start (11th) at Cordemais. Not written off
2. **IANINA DES BORDES** - Runner-up in consecutive starts, including one barefooted (the case here), before finishing 5th over 2550m here on 29 December. Needs to reaffirm
3. **ISABEY QUESNOT** - Inconsistent but capable sort who, in his last four starts, has finished 8th twice and victorious twice (including his latest outing at a lower level on 14 January). Not taken lightly
4. **ICI PARIS** - Delicate mare with serious means - has won and finished 2nd in her last five starts, but disqualified on the other three occasions. All or nothing
5. **IMPERIAL BEJI** - Made a comeback (7th) at Cordemais on 17 January but should have more to offer with improved fitness on her side and did win in March 2023 when last fitted in this shoeing configuration - beware
6. **IDEE FIXE BREIZH** - Consistent for the most part and is proven under these conditions but off the boil in the second half of last year and sanctioned here when last seen on 19 December. Others preferred
7. **IDEAL MADRIK** - Complicated but is certainly capable and usually does well when not disqualified. Sanctioned in his last two starts but is likely to be competitive in a race of this nature if remaining wise throughout
8. **INSTALL D'ALOUETTE** - Got back on track with a last-start success in his first outing with this shoeing arrangement. Capable of following up that Rouen-Mauquenchy win (10 January) with another bold winning bid expected
9. **ILTON CASH** - Runner-up in this shoe fitting at Châteaubriant in February last year before winning over course and distance on 19 December. Was plated when winning last time (11 January) - hard to beat
10. **INDY DE SALSA** - Model of consistency with strong form references/credentials, including an encouraging 4th on his reappearance at Angers on 14 January. Makes the trip with legitimate ambitions
11. **ITALIA JADOR** - An honest mare with sound references and seldom finishes far off the mark, though rarely wins her races (two from 41). Finished 5th at Vincennes on 31 December and has another place chance here
12. **IRISH SONG** - Capable mare but has been absent since her disappointing 8th at Villeneuve-sur-Lot in September. Watch for now

Summary: It's hard to oppose ILTON CASH (9) who, on the evidence of his back-to-back victories on this course, seems capable of completing the hat-trick. He will, however, have to be wary of INSTALL D'ALOUETTE (8), with Gabriele Gelormini at the helm, as well as consistent INDY DE SALSA (10) who should have more to offer after an encouraging belated comeback. IPSOS DE BANVILLE (1) and IMPERIAL BEJI (5) are not taken lightly either and can also make their presence felt.

SELECTIONS

ILTON CASH (9) - INSTALL D'ALOUETTE (8) - INDY DE SALSA (10) - IPSOS DE BANVILLE (1)

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C7 - PRIX BEATNICK II - 2650m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. **JEWEL LYMM** - Showed promise during his three-year-old campaign (2022) but regressed throughout last year. Can be ruled out
2. **JEWEL MESLOIS** - Seldom far off the mark but is probably more effective at a lower level, on the evidence of her last two (unplaced) appearances. Others preferred
3. **JOYEUX DES VAUX** - Battling, long-time maiden with just places to his name from 26 outings. Finished a modest 8th last time at Angers and can be overlooked
4. **JASMIN LUDOIS** - Capable but complicated sort usually does well when avoiding disqualification but is seldom far from a fault. Absent since his sanction at Vichy in August
5. **JULIA DE MUTRECY** - Delicate but is not devoid of resources. Was disqualified at Agen-Le Passage last week but, if judged on her previous form/references, remains capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature
6. **JAKOTA DU PERCHE** - Seldom far off the mark and hasn't gone unnoticed in recent outings (5th at Châteaubriant and 6th at Argentan on 6 January). Has leading claims with Benjamin Rochard engaged
7. **JEANNE D'AUTHISE** - Consistent mare with sound references, including a good 5th over 2650m at this venue last time (11 January). Has claims here from the front row
8. **JACANA** - Returned to form with a reassuring 5th (shod) on her comeback at Toulouse on 16 January and will have more to offer in this configuration (barefoot). Candidate for success
9. **JEAGLE DREAM** - Has regained freshness since blotting his copybook (11th) at Caen in October. Most effective in this shoeing configuration, so has to be taken seriously on his reappearance
10. **JICOMTE** - Usually acquits himself competitively when avoiding disqualification, although most effective when racing unshod. For another day
11. **JOJOBA DE QUERAY** - At the top of his game now after confirming the improvement of his 2nd at Toulouse on 19 May with subsequent victories in June and again on his reappearance last week (23 Jan). Winning chance

Summary: With Benjamin Rochard engaged, this represents an ideal opportunity for JAKOTA DU PERCHE (6) to belatedly double his tally. However, JOJOBA DE QUERAY (11) is at the peak of his powers and is likely to fight for victory again in his bid to complete the hat-trick. JACANA (8) races barefoot on this occasion and is a serious contender for a podium position, as is capable JEAGLE DREAM (9) who is ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings.

SELECTIONS

JAKOTA DU PERCHE (6) - JOJOBA DE QUERAY (11) - JACANA (8) - JEAGLE DREAM (9)

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C8 - PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME DE MONFLANQUIN - 2650m (a1m 1/2) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 39,000

1. **FLAMBEUR DE MATROX** - Capable performer on his day but this veteran is no longer the force of old. Finished 5th at Toulouse on 16 January but faces a tougher task in this race/company
2. **BEHIND BARS** - Was enjoying a good/productive spell of before blotting his copybook in a Quinte+ event last time at Vincennes on 16 January. Retains the means to play a leading role in a race of this nature
3. **GORESTAN** - Well-performed 10-time winner but is out of sorts - unplaced in consecutive outings here before his latest faux pas (14 January). Unlikely to trouble the judge
4. **HAMPTONS** - Prolific performer with a good strike-rate, albeit at a lower level. Winner at Cagnes-sur-Mer on 11 January and ought to remain competitive here
5. **ENERGIE MERITE** - Consistent and honest mare with sound form references, which include finishing 3rd in consecutive outings last month. Most effective when racing unshod, so best watched for now
6. **HIWI ROCQ** - Formidable performer when racing barefoot and boasts an impressive winning ratio. Has won both starts this year at Toulouse and could well preserve his 100% record in 2024
7. **SANTOS DE CASTELLA** - Consistent, confirmed in this shoeing configuration and boasts sound references at a higher level. Not tone to be underestimated here from the front row
8. **EXPRESS EVENING** - Well-performed veteran of 113 starts with 11 wins to his name, though his best references are when racing unshod. Can be ruled out
9. **TOTO BAROSSO** - Delicate but retains undeniable quality. Was disqualified at Vincennes on 4 January but, judging on his previous form/references, remains capable of fighting for victory in a race of this nature
10. **FALCO DES ROCHERS** - Did not go unnoticed when finishing 7th at Agen-Le Passage last week over 2625m. Can get into the picture if building on that return to form
11. **EASTON OF MY LIFE** - Well-performed veteran of 92 appearances and 17 victories. Confirmed under these conditions but has gone off the boil, so probably for another day
12. **DORUCK** - Veteran of 137 starts with 11 victories. Confirmed under these conditions but is out of sorts and too inconsistent, so others are preferred
13. **GUIDE MOI FORGAN** - Model of consistency with proven references/form credentials, including an encouraging last-start success at Vincennes on 14 January. More than capable of following up here

Summary: HAMPTONS (4) and HIWI ROCQ (6) line up here at the peak of their powers after impressive recent victories and should once again fight for victory, despite jumping in class. GUIDE MOI FORGAN (13) starts from the back (25m handicap) but has the means to pose a threat. This could also be said of TOTO BAROSSO (9), for whom this will again be a question of wisdom. BEHIND BARS (2), who has done well on this course, and SANTOS DE CASTELLA (7) will be competitive for the places.

SELECTIONS

HAMPTONS (4) - HIWI ROCQ (6) - GUIDE MOI FORGAN (13) - TOTO BAROSSO (9)