C1 - PRIX DE LA BOULANGERIE MATHIEU - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- **1. HYLTON DE RAMBURES -** Back on French soil following a string of consistent performances at Mons (Belgium). Can get into the picture
- **2. HALLUCINANT -** Unreliable but quite capable of getting a look in under these conditions if applied. Place chance
- **3. HILTON DU HOULET -** Encouraging 6th over track and trip recently on his reappearance after an 8-month absence but is fully shod again. For another day
- **4. HUNICOIS -** Blows hot and cold but is respected racing unshod after a start-to-finish win at Bihorel-lès-Rouen last month. Aims to repeat
- **5. HUGOLINO -** Found form and consistency with shoes off in the second half of last year. Fully shod on his return, so is best watched for now
- 6. HIT RIVER Winless since March 2021, off since April 2022. Unlikely to play a role here
- **7. HARIETTE DE LIZMAR -** Pops up on occasion but is inconsistent so hard to trust. Was disqualified with this shoeing configuration last time
- **8. HACKER DU CHENE -** Smart from 2019 to 2021 before losing his way last year disqualified in 6 of his last 7 starts (including his last 4). Effective fully shod, must reaffirm
- **9. HASHTAG CHAMANT -** Among the best in this lineup on pure class but not seen since November and fully shod on his reappearance. One to note
- **10. HOPE AND GLORY -** Tends to do well when not disqualified and with shoes removed, so is just one to keep an eye on for now racing fully shod after a layoff
- **11. HAXOS DE DIGEON -** Probably better around right-handed tracks and with all shoes removed but still has a good chance here. On the shortlist
- **12. HORS BORD -** Consistent sort with solid form references at a higher level. Proven under these conditions and likely to be in the firing line

Summary: HORS BORD (12) and HAXOS DE DIGEON (11) have hit the ground running in 2023 and line up here in good form, so are likely to have a say in the finish despite their 25m handicap. Preference, however, is for the consistent former who will be unshod for the occasion. Last-start scorer HUNICOIS (4) and HYLTON DE RAMBURES (1), who is back on French soil after a productive spell in Belgium, ought to be competitive from the front row so must be respected. HASHTAG CHAMANT (9) is better when racing barefoot but capable of having a say on his reappearance.

SELECTIONS

HORS BORD (12) - HAXOS DE DIGEON (11) - HUNICOIS (4) - HYLTON DE RAMBURES (1)

C2 - PRIX ZETURF - CA VA ALLER ! - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 35.000

- **1. FORSICA DU ROCHER -** More effective when unshod and probably in need of this outing after an absence of three months. Others preferred
- 2. FESTIVAL D'ORIENT Talented but has been complicated in equal measure recently, so this is a matter of his diligence. Worth another chance though
- **3. GRAVALETA -** Fast finisher, proven under these conditions and maintaining consistency. Can play a role in the finish
- **4. GALAXIE DE FLAM -** Reassured with an improved 3rd in her most recent outing and in similar form ought to be competitive
- GARUDA FLIGNY Consistent at this level and runs well barefoot, so should be competitive here. On the shortlist
- **6. FEU DE REVOLTE -** Has lost form recently but mostly in stronger races, so should do better in this grade. Respected
- 7. FERLAINE Tends to do well when not disqualified and unshod. Trying a new shoeing configuration here
- 8. FUSEE DES VAUX Unreliable sort, capable of getting into the picture at her best but is out of form and will need to reaffirm
- **9. FOXY LADY YANKEE** Capable mare, consistent for the most part of last year but has been off for 3 months and is more effective without shoes
- **10. GORDON MIJACK -** Inconsistent but does tend to pop up on occasion when applied. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
- **11. GAULTHERIA** Consistent mare, effective when racing unshod in front, and boasts solid form references. Not discounted
- **12. ESPOIR DU JOUR -** Unreliable and out of sorts for more than a year now. Is fully unshod again but hard to make a case for
- **13. GIBUS DE NAVARY -** Confirmed the improvement of his previous start by winning an amateur race at Enghien last month. Barefoot again but has more to do
- **14. FRANCEVILLE** Went off the boil after winning at Biarritz in July. Absent since November and fully shod on her return, so best watched for now

Summary: FESTIVAL D'ORIENT (2) has proven costly to follow recently but is most effective with this shoeing configuration. He does, however, remain more than capable of making amends at this level and should, if not breaking into a gallop, repay those followers who would've been let down by consecutive disqualfications in his last 3 starts. GARUDA FLIGNY (5) ought to fare better in this grade having made no impression in a Quinte+ at Enghien last time, and is likely to pose a threat to the selection if bouncing back to the sort of form that saw him finish 3rd over this course and distance on 5 December, when ahead of both GALAXIE DE FLAM (4) and FEU DE REVOLTE (6) who are also capable of getting into the picture. GRAVALETA (3) and GAULTHERIA (11) are worth a mention and complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

FESTIVAL D'ORIENT (2) - GARUDA FLIGNY (5) - GALAXIE DE FLAM (4) - FEU DE REVOLTE (6)

C3 - PRIX DES TULIPES CONTRE LE CANCER - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- **1. IRELAND TEAM -** On the right track after 2 starts following a winter break and is capable of having a say
- **2. ISA LEPINE -** Has regressed in 6 starts since her win here over 2825m back in June. Can do better with her all shoes removed
- **3. ISABELLE DU LUOT -** Barefoot again and does tend to do well when not disqualified, so is not to be underestimated
- 4. ISIS DE LA FERME Has been struggling for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge
- **5. IDOLE DE NAVARY -** Bounced back to form when 3rd over track and trip last time out, beating several of these re-opposing rivals. One to beat
- **6. IDOLE STAR -** Usually in the thick of things at this level and more effective when racing fully unshod. Lurker
- **7. IDYLLE COPAISE -** Has rediscovered her form for new connections and is likely to play a role on the evidence of recent displays
- **8. IGANA D'ALB -** Capable but complicated and will need to reaffirm after 4 disqualifications in her last 5 starts this year
- **9. ISIS TUILERIE -** Long-time maiden, races fully unshod for just the fourth time in her 32nd outing. Others preferred
- 10. I FEEL PRETTY Does well when not disqualified, so is not to be taken lightly racing fully unshod
- 11. ISERIA DE PLAY Sanctioned in her last 2 starts and more effective when racing barefoot, so best watched for now with shoes back on
- **12. IVANKA -** Undeniably capable but sanctioned in four of her last six starts. Could get into the picture if applied

Summary: After two comeback runs this term, which includes an improved last start over this course and distance recently, IDOLE DE NAVARY (5) gets the nod here and should double her tally with all four shoes removed once again. ISABELLE DU LUOT (3) needs to reaffirm following 4 consecutive disqualifications but is fully unshod now after a comeback run at Caen and remains capable of fighting for victory if bouncing back to her best form. IDYLLE COPAISE (7) has shown signs of improvement in her 3 starts since resuming this year so could make her presence felt too. IVANKA (12) and IRELAND TEAM (1) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

IDOLE DE NAVARY (5) - ISABELLE DU LUOT (3) - IDYLLE COPAISE (7) - IVANKA (12)

C4 - PRIX DE LA LYS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- JUNIOR DE BRY Banging on the door of a maiden career success and deserves to open his account.
 One to beat
- 2. JOY EASTER Tends to do well when not disqualified, so should not be underestimated
- **3. JAGUAR DE CHENOU** Has always finished in the money when not disqualified, winning twice. Capable but complicated in equal measure, all or nothing
- **4. JAGOAR DU TRIEUX -** Bounced back to form when finishing 4th at Argentan recently and should have a role to play if confirming
- **5. JIOSCO DES CHASSES -** Well-beaten 9th of 12 over the course and distance on his reappearance. Capable of better than that
- **6. JACKPOT DE VIETTE -** Finished 6th on his comeback after a lengthy layoff. Open to improvement now with a new shoeing configuration
- **7. JEWEL D'AUCHY -** Flattered to deceive last year and is still a maiden after 14 starts. Needs to improve returning from a spell out over the winter
- **8. JIRENZO -** Won on his return at La Capelle and is likely to continue his momentum. Respected
- 9. JUST FOR EVER Won back-to-back races at Cagnes-sur-Mer last year but has since lost his way. Capable but unreliable
- **10. JACODUS DU MELEUC -** Disqualified in consecutive starts recently after a pleasing comeback from a lengthy layoff. Can do better
- 11. JAGUAR DELO Won 2 of his last 3 starts before a winter break. May need the outing but is worth a second look
- **12. JACK LA FRIPOUILLE -** Went off the boil late last year but is open to improvement after a pleasing comeback run at Amiens, Can do better
- 13. JEU DE MOTS Undeniably capable but has gone off the boil, so will need to reaffirm. Outsider
- 14. JACKPOT DE MAHEY Reassured with an improved last start and in similar form should be competitive
- **15. JUNO IRIS'EYES -** Has won 2 of his last 4 starts and was 2nd in another. Could also improve after a winter break
- **16. JETHRO ICE** Blotted his copybook when sanctioned on his comeback after a promising start to his career. Not written off

Summary: JUNIOR DE BRY (1) wouldn't be winning out of turn here and is deserving of an overdue breakthrough win after racking up 3 seconds and 3 thirds from his 6 starts. He should fight for victory with the likes of JAGUAR DE CHENOU (3), who caught the eye on his comeback at Caen, and hat-trick seeking JIRENZO (8) who made a winning reappearance La Capelle. JAGOAR DU TRIEUX (4) and JACKPOT DE MAHEY (14) are also worth a mention and could get a look in if confirming their recent improvement.

SELECTIONS

JUNIOR DE BRY (1) - JAGUAR DE CHENOU (3) - JIRENZO (8) - JAGOAR DU TRIEUX (4)

C5 - PRIX DE LA SCARPE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- **1. JOHANNA DE BRETT -** Seldom far off the mark and ideally placed here behind the autostart. Unshod in front for the first time, so could have more to offer
- 2. JESSIE LAKE Has looked rather limited in 12 winless starts but may have more to give with her shoes removed for the first time
- **3. JOUVENCE D'ATOUT -** Fits a similar profile, having finished 2nd twice last year in a lower grade. Not likely to trouble the judge
- **4. JAVA DU VERTAIN -** Inconsistent but does tend to do well when applied. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
- **5. JOYCE D'YVI -** Capable of setting the record straight with this shoeing configuration after a last-start disqualification
- **6. JAVA FAST -** Unreliable but showed what she is capable of when winning on her return at Vire last month. Could confirm
- **7. JOY DA VINCI -** Has found form and consistency racing unshod and is likely to play a leading role with her shoes off again
- **8. JULIA DE LA VALLEE -** Unreliable in this code and has proven more effective under the saddle with this shoeing configuration
- JANET JIEL Gets along well with David Bertrand and ought to be competitive at this level.Respect
- **10. JAVA DES BERTHES -** Showed promise during a 4-start campaign last year, which culminated with a win in her last start. One to note at this level on her reappearance
- **11. JOLLY VICTORY -** Twice 2nd in 4 starts last year, albeit at a lower level. Chances limited on her return from a layoff
- **12. JACKIE D'HERTALS -** Undeniably capable but has performed better when racing unshod, so can be ruled out with her shoes back on
- **13. JERLA MAZA -** Reassured with an improved last start at Reims and will be totally unshod for the first time, so could have more to offer

Summary: A relatively open contest. It could, however, pay to follow JOY DA VINCI (7) who was unshod for the first time when winning over track and trip last month, and he could repeat the feat racing barefoot once more. JOYCE D'YVI (5) was disqualified at Argentan recently when racing with all her shoes removed for the first time. She did better at her previous start, though, when tried in this shoeing configuration and could pose threat on that form. JERLA MAZA (13) races unshod for the first time after an encouraging comeback 2nd and is likely to have a say if confirming that improvement. Both JANET JIEL (9), who likes it here, and JAVA FAST (6), after a victorious reappearance, have claims too.

SELECTIONS

JOY DA VINCI (7) - JOYCE D'YVI (5) - JERLA MAZA (13) - JANET JIEL (9)

C6 - PRIX DES DELICES DE PAQUES - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 24.000

- **1. HOLD UP D'OUDON -** Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period so can be ruled out
- **2. GATSBY EFFEL -** Consistent performer under the saddle and arrives in good form. Does well when barefoot, so has strong claims here
- **3. GEM HAUFOR -** Versatile and undeniably capable but has been off the boil in both codes recently so will need to reaffirm
- **4. HONEY MONEY -** Reassuring 3rd under harness recently at this track. One to note debuting in this code
- **5. HOTKATISSIME -** Last-start winner at Caen when returning to this discipline and on the evidence of that display could follow up here
- **6. HOTEBO DE BREMONT -** Not disgraced when finishing 5th under the saddle last time. Has a place chance
- 7. HALMA VICI Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge
- **8. HIDALGO DAIRPET -** Inconsistent but tends to do well when applied. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
- **9. HELIA DAIRPET -** Highest earner in the field. Barefoot for this engagement and likely to play a role

Summary: HOTKATISSIME (5) returned to winning ways when reverting to this code at Caen and could follow up with another strong showing anticipated. Frontrunner GATSBY EFFEL (2) has bounced back to form racing under the saddle and be a tough nut to crack if allowed to dictate his own terms. Both HELIA DAIRPET (9), who is barefoot this time, and HONEY MONEY (4) in his first start in a mounted race, could make their presence felt. HOTEBO DE BREMONT (6) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

HOTKATISSIME (5) - GATSBY EFFEL (2) - HELIA DAIRPET (9) - HONEY MONEY (4)

C7 - PRIX DE LA DEULE - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- 1. KAISER DE BUSSET Worth a mention debuting for trainer and driver Damien Bonne. Not discounted
- 2. KEOPS DU RIL Well-bred son of Ready Cash, who warrants respect on debut for Romain Derieux
- 3. KANTHABELLA Sanctioned on debut so is hard to make a case for. Best watched for now
- **4. KINGSTON DU GOSIER -** Posted consecutive 4th place finishes in 2 starts this year. Must improve to play a role here
- **5. KRACDARCHE** Reassured when an improved 3rd last time with Jarmo Niskanen. Could confirm
- **6. KONQUISTADOR -** Finished 2nd on debut at Nancy last month and ought to have come on with that experience. Dark horse
- **7. KALITA D'HENINEL -** Unreliable sort but capable of playing a minor role in a race like this. Outsider
- **8. KATALA PONT ROYAL -** Has finished 2nd in her last 2 starts but at a lower level. Must do more at this level
- **9. KIRGHIZE SPEED -** Looked a smart prospect when winning at Vire on debut and could well follow up here
- **10. KIT ANGOT -** Reassuring 2nd on his reappearance but needs to build that improvement to play a role
- **11. KER DE TOUES -** Runner-up at his last 2 starts behind a pair of bright prospects and should have a say again. Respect
- **12. KENNEDY FRANCE -** Not at his best when a disappointing 6th at Caen recently but is worth another chance. Has claims

Summary: A brilliant winner on debut at Vire, KIRGHIZE SPEED (9) is unlikely to stop there and it could pay to follow his progress. Well-bred newcomer KEOPS DU RIL (2) is an interesting proposition. He could give cheek despite his inexperience, so must be kept safe. Better was expected of KENNEDY FRANCE (12) last time and he shouldn't be written off just yet. KER DE TOUES (11) has finished 2nd to exciting prospects in his last 2 starts, so should also be competitive here. Good race!

SELECTIONS

KIRGHIZE SPEED (9) - KEOPS DU RIL (2) - KENNEDY FRANCE (12) - KER DE TOUES (11)

C8 - PRIX DE LA SAMBRE - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 21.000

- 1. ISIS DU MONT Finished 3rd at this track under the saddle recently in a time of 1'16"7. Lurker
- **2. INTREPIDE OCCAGNES -** Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge here
- **3. IDYLLE DU PONT -** Last-start winner in the other code and worthy of consideration in her first outing under the saddle
- 4. IZOU RENKA Another who has been struggling and also unlikely to trouble the judge
- **5. IBERNATUS -** Nothing noteworthy to his name in both codes for a considerable period. Can be ruled out
- **6. IP OP DE LA ROQUE -** Judged on his penultimate victorious outing at Mauquenchy, he has a winning chance back in this code
- **7. IKIGAI D'OMBREE -** Capable of staking a claim when not disqualified but is too delicate to be trusted
- **8. IKITORI -** Must be forgiven for his recent disqualification because he is relatively consistent. Has claims
- **9. IT'S MY DREAM -** Ineffective in the other code but could find his way under the saddle. Respected
- **10. ICARINO DU CHOQUEL -** Tends to do well when not breaking into a gallop. Not one to be underestimated

Summary: A convincing winner of his last start under the saddle at Mauquenchy on March 13, IP OP DE LA ROQUE (6) reverts to this code with the highest of ambitions. IT'S MY DREAM (9) has proven to be ineffective in the harness category but could have more to offer in this specialty. ICARINO DU CHOQUEL (10) has faced better rivals and, judged on his best form, ought to be competitive here after two much-needed comeback runs. IKITORI (8) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

IP OP DE LA ROQUE (6) - IT'S MY DREAM (9) - ICARINO DU CHOQUEL (10) - IKITORI (8)