

WEDNESDAY, 09/04/25

C1 - GRAND NATIONAL DU TROT - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 90,000

1. **HELLO PANAME** - Surprise 2nd to JAMIN DE BRION (11) in a 3000m GNT Gr.3 at Salon-de-Provence 2 weeks ago. Unlikely to repeat but reverts to a previous formula and it would be foolhardy to rule him out
2. **INSHOT JOSSELYN** - Quality element that ran 3rd of 10 finishers in 2900m GNT Gr.3 at Amiens on 5 March. Has solid references in good company and will be expected to produce another big run
3. **GAMIN DE MAHEY** - 9th of 15 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C early last month and is going to have to raise his game considerably
4. **GORDON MIJACK** - Placed 3 times before being sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class C in early-March. Is new to the venue but goes well right-handed and Benjamin Rochard will be keen to put things right
5. **GAMIN DES PERDRIX** - Ran 3rd at Cordemais before finishing 6th of 9 finishers in a 2825m Class D at Le Croise-Laroche a month back, and will struggle to make his presence felt
6. **HELIOS SI** - Disappointing so far this term, most recently 8th of 16 in a 3100m Angers Gr.3 a week ago. Has merit but in present shape is not easy to recommend
7. **HABIT DE SOIREE** - Failed to live up to expectations when 8th of 14 in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie Class C a month ago. Is patently capable but is being aimed too high this time
8. **HAMONET DE CHOISEL** - Fine campaigner making first appearance since finishing 8th of 10 in a 2850m Vincennes Class B on 11 December. Stays shod for re-entry and best to wait
9. **HOLD UP DU DIGEON** - Finished last of 12 behind HELIOS SI (6) in a 2875m Argentan Class D on 19 March. Placed just once in 5 GNT starts in 2024 and is not about to stir things up
10. **KIARA DE VANDEL** - Ran good 5th of 14 in a 2200m Caen Class D on 13 March. Is Gr.1-placed, proven right-handed, and looks main threat to JAMIN DE BRION (11)
11. **JAMIN DE BRION** - Imposed at Agen before clinching victory in a 3000m GNT Gr.3 at Salon-de-Provence 2 weeks ago. Is masterful racing right-handed and will take all the beating
12. **GYS** - Faithful sort that ran 5th of 15 in a 2150m Enghien Class C mid-March. Regularly in the thick of things but appears to be biting off more than he can chew
13. **HERO SIBEY** - Sanctioned, on return to competition, in a 2700m Vincennes Class B 2.5 weeks ago. Is shod to preference this time and, with application, can defy the handicap and get in on the action
14. **FANATIC FLASH** - Last of 12 behind KIARA DE VANDEL (10), on re-entry, in a 2200m Caen Class D on 13 March. Is no slouch on a good day but is going to need another run
15. **JACK TONIC** - Makes first start since running 3rd of 11 in a 2100m Vincennes Class A 2 months ago. Has freshness on his side, boasts excellent right-handed credentials, and has the wherewithal to play an important role

Summary: Ten times a winner in 11 starts racing clockwise, JAMIN DE BRION (11) stayed on well to win the Salon-de-Provence leg of the GNT, and fresh for his Reims debut, can repeat. KIARA DE VANDEL (10) may not be the most dependable but she reassured at Caen last month, has references at a superior level, and will be reined by Alexandre Abrivard this time. INSHOT JOSSELYN (2) defied his odds at Amiens in early-March and in similar form can again make the frame. Although unseen for 2 months, JACK TONIC (15) will be barefoot for his re-entry and even with an extra 25m to travel, must be taken seriously. HELLO PANAME (1) got back in the game at Salon and reverts to his most performant configuration.

SELECTIONS

JAMIN DE BRION (11) - KIARA DE VANDEL (10) - INSHOT JOSSELYN (2) - JACK TONIC (15)

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C2 - GRAND NATIONAL DES AMATEURS - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 8,000

1. **IT'S DU QUENNE** - Tenacious 2nd of 11 in a 2600m Nancy amateurs Class G 11 days ago. Shoes off this time and can make a big impact
2. **JUDICIEUSE ZAILER** - Last of 9 in a 2625m Class E at La Rochelle early last month. Stays shod and best to hold off
3. **ISIS D'ERAH** - 5th of 13 in a 2600m Nancy Class F late last month. Won at this level mid-March and although not a priority, can still pleasantly surprise
4. **JUST REMEMBER** - Met little opposition en route to victory in a 2900m Amiens amateurs Class F on 5 March. Boasts a 60 percent win-rate in the day's configuration and Pascal Garreau will be expected to extend that
5. **IRMA BABEL** - Put on an excellent show when 3rd of 11, a place behind IT'S DU QUENNE (1), in a 2600m Nancy amateurs Class G 11 days ago. Unlikely to get off the amateur mark but still has a claim on a place in the frame
6. **HELLO CAUVELLIERE** - Modest sort returning to racing after having been sanctioned in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F last November and is not about to cause an upset
7. **JOKER D'AMARO** - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2450m Caen monte Class F mid-March. Has other priorities and cannot be considered a player
8. **JOYCE DU VAL** - Useful mare that ran 5th of 16 on re-entry in a 2600m Nancy Class F late last month. Has never disappointed here and with the talented Barbara Guenet in the bike, can play a leading role
9. **HURRICANE STEED** - Showed improvement 3 weeks ago when running 4th of 16 in a 2200m amateurs Caen Class G. Forced to break on 2nd row but still merits respect
10. **GOLOVKIN NATHANPI** - 8th of 16 on re-entry in a 2700m Class G at Le Croise-Laroche a month ago. Will have progressed for the run and, given his liking for Reims, should be thereabouts at the finish. First 5
11. **HORSE DE GRAMMONT** - Drops in category after running 5th of 11 in a Class E over track and trip 3 weeks ago. Has won here in this division and despite the 25m handicap, should still be competitive for a place in the frame
12. **HIBISCUS DES BAUX** - 9th of 16, a place behind HIDAO DE LA GOUTTE (14), in a 2625m Class H at Paray-le-Monial 2.5 weeks ago and is going to need another run
13. **HERCULE DE BEA** - Makes first appearance since faulting in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 13 January. Shod for the occasion and will have nothing to contribute
14. **HIDAO DE LA GOUTTE** - Disappointing so far this term, latterly 8th of 16 in a 2625m Class H at Paray-le-Monial 2.5 weeks ago, and can be passed over
15. **GOWEN CHALEONNAIS** - Returns to a category he appreciates after finishing surprise 5th of 14 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class E on 22 January. Not a priority on comeback but can still get a look-in

Summary: JUST REMEMBER (4) got his amateur career off to a flying start at Amiens early last month and with hind shoes off again can double up. He will still come up against the well-engaged JOYCE DU VAL (8) who will have come on for her return run, and a freshly-barefoot IT'S DU QUENNE (1) who appears to have found his calling in the amateur ranks. IRMA BABEL (5) may not be the biggest fan of Reims but she returns to the venue competitively-shod and in form.

SELECTIONS

JUST REMEMBER (4) - JOYCE DU VAL (8) - IT'S DU QUENNE (1) - IRMA BABEL (5)

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C3 - PRIX OSCAR COLLARD - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. MAGNUM DAIRPET - Sanctioned when going well, on debut, in a 2700m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche on 24 March. Still rather green though and others easier to back

2. MAILLON DU CHENE - Surprisingly lacklustre 7th of 10 on debut behind MADE IN CASTELETS (4) in a Class F over course and distance mid-March, and is unlikely to shake things up

3. MAKE A WISH - Quickly sanctioned, on return to competition, in a 2450m Caen Class E a fortnight ago. Has otherwise demonstrated decent aptitude and, with stride in check, can pick up a cheque

4. MADE IN CASTELETS - Ran 3rd on debut here on 2 March before coming 2nd of 10 in a Class F, also over course and distance, a fortnight later. Unlikely to get off the mark but is not one to be dismissed out of hand either

5. MAJOR DU GOUTIER - Victorious on debut 2.5 weeks ago, securing a 2425m Angers Class F. Hails from a yard firing on all cylinders and will, unsurprisingly, garner significant support. Chance

6. MESSINA - Imposed at first time of asking, winning a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel a month back. Will have come on for the run, is to be reined by Alexandre Abrivard, and should appreciate Reims conditions

7. MEYOU DU CAMPUS - Confirmed debut success when securing a 2200m Strasbourg Class F a month ago. Finds himself in better company here but should nevertheless give an honourable account

8. MONTROSE VERGNIER - Got off the mark in good order 2.5 weeks ago, easily winning a 2375m Challans Class F. Takes on a somewhat better lot this time but still has the wherewithal to finish close

9. MIRZA DU BOUILLON - Out of the picture in all 4 starts this term, latterly 6th of 14 in a 2450m Caen Class E late last month, and can expect to remain friendless in the markets

10. MATTERHORN - Given time to recalibrate after running 5th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 20 February. Goes first-time clockwise but with the champion driver at the helm, will be afforded every chance

11. MINDFREAK - Superior winner of a Class E over course and distance 3 weeks ago, first time out. Looks a serious colt in the making and it would be no surprise to see him double up

Summary: Fastest qualifier in the field, MINDFREAK (11) made short work of the competition on debut here last month and a similar performance would see him competitive for a repeat. Romain Derieux will however be justifiably wary of MAJOR DU GOUTIER (5) who similarly imposed at the first time of asking, and MATTERHORN (10) who has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time. MESSINA (6) did everything right at Le Mont-Saint-Michel first time out, and must also be considered a contender.

SELECTIONS

MINDFREAK (11) - MAJOR DU GOUTIER (5) - MATTERHORN (10) - MESSINA (6)

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C4 - PRIX DU CHAMPAGNE CASTELNAU - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Harness - EUR € 19,000

1. **JALICO DU FRUITIER** - Makes first public appearance since being sanctioned in a 3250m Saumur Class F last October. Shoes on and no danger
2. **JAZZMAN SYGA** - Starts for first time since coming last of 10 in a 2900m Amiens Class F last July. Goes barefoot for comeback but is nevertheless going to need the run
3. **JULIO DES LANDES** - 2nd of 14 in a 2825m Villedieu-les-Poëles claimer 10 days ago. Steps up in category for Reims bow, and for new trainer and, competitively-shod, should not be ignored
4. **JADOR JOSSELYN** - Made short work of an amateurs Class G over course and distance, on comeback, 3 weeks ago. Has nothing to prove at this level and, if disciplined, can repeat
5. **JUMPER** - Comfortable winner of a 2150m Cagnes Class G early last month. Has excelled since switching yards and will be expected to bring the fight to JADOR JOSSELYN (4)
6. **JAGGERS** - Back in France after winning over 2600m at Victoria Park 2.5 weeks ago. Seldom far from faulting but races unshod behind and, on good behaviour, will be no pushover
7. **JESSY D'ARCY** - Unraced since coming 6th of 16 in a 2150m Argentan Class F 2 months ago. Is shod for the occasion and best to wait
8. **J'AIME EN VRAI** - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2450m Caen Class E a fortnight ago. Is not the most performant of horses and will have few friends
9. **JAMAICA ISLAND** - 6th of 16 in a 2825m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche on 24 March, her best result for some time, and is unlikely to spice things up
10. **JELLY BULLE** - Unseen since coming 4th of 14 in a 2550m Bordeaux Class F in early-January. Consistently gives her best and while not a priority, can still play a small role
11. **JUMBO DE JA YO** - Modest individual making first appearance since finishing 8th of 9 in a 2775m Nimes claimer last November. Barefoot for Reims debut but has no possible chance
12. **JOYCE MESS** - 6th of 18, on return to competition, in a 3125m Angers Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Hind shoes off this time and will not be far off the mark if Tony Fleury keeps her trotting
13. **JUSTIN DE VALMONT** - Failed to confirm comeback victory when 12th of 16 in a 2825m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche on 24 March. Drops marginally in category though and the revised configuration may be just what the doctor ordered
14. **JAG DE ROZEVIC** - Has not been seen out since being sanctioned in a 2825m Cordemais Class F late-November. Is shod for comeback but benefits for a very good entry and his apprentice will be eager to take advantage

Summary: A fine servant that seldom disappoints, JADOR JOSSELYN (4) got straight down to business after winning an amateurs event here on his first start following a lengthy layoff, and has every chance of doubling his money. He will still encounter a certain resistance from the reinvigorated JUMPER (5) who imposed on the Riviera early last month, and a reconfigured JAGGERS (6) who had his way at Wolvega recently. Well-engaged here, JUSTIN DE VALMONT (13) has 2 races under his belt and runs without front shoes.

SELECTIONS

JADOR JOSSELYN (4) - JUMPER (5) - JAGGERS (6) - JUSTIN DE VALMONT (13)

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C5 - GRAND NATIONAL DES JOCKEYS - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

- 1. UCCELLONE** - Sanctioned in valuable 1900m Gold Serie event under harness at Berlin-Mariendorf 2.5 weeks ago. Lost his action in the capital last autumn on only ridden start and others preferred
- 2. JABLO DU CHENE** - Has not been seen out since running 4th of 12 in a 2850m Vincennes Class C late-October. Is a class act in this branch of the business though and is in with a realistic shout of imposing
- 3. ZANZA FRANK** - Made it 3 from 4 when comfortably winning a 2800m Chartres Class E last October. Is on a hat-trick of wins for Eric Raffin and can give JABLO DU CHENE (2) a run for his money
- 4. ARA** - Returns to the ridden code after dominating a 2950m Beaumont-de-Lomagne harness Class F 10 days ago. Never far from faulting but has previously won here and will be no easy touch if form transitions
- 5. INDICE DU CAIEU** - Fast-finishing 7th of 15 in a 2450m Caen harness Class E on 31 March. Cannot be regarded a priority but returns to the code with a respectable chance of picking up a cheque
- 6. STACCATO HL** - Surprisingly below-par last of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 22 March. Was not indicative of his nature however, and Benjamin Rochard will be determined to set the record straight
- 7. SILVER BULLIT(SWE)** - Back under the saddle after finishing last but one in a 2700m Cagnes harness Class E a month ago. Has yet to deliver in the discipline and others easier to support
- 8. IDEAL DU NOYER** - Quality element making first appearance since running 5th of 9 in a 2650m Bordeaux Class C late-December. New to the venue but has excellent clockwise credentials and, barefoot this time, must be taken seriously
- 9. KEYTOTHEHILL** - Debuts in the discipline after running 2nd of 7 in a Gold Series event over 1900m at Berlin-Mariendorf 2.5 weeks ago. Takes on a good bunch here, has been reconfigured, but still not an obvious choice
- 10. HIRO DE L'ORMERIE** - Sanctioned after enduring a tough trip in a 2175m Vincennes Class D on 28 February. Not the most dependable but pleased on lone start here and returns to racing right-handed with a chance of getting in on the action
- 11. FASCINANT** - Surprise 4th of 9 in a 2875m Enghien Class D a month ago. Is not the most performant horse here and a repeat seems improbable

Summary: Seldom far from the action and as game as they come, JABLO DU CHENE (2) is barefoot for re-entry and, already confirmed here, can get straight down to business. Paul Ploquin will still be keeping a keen eye on the similarly-returning ZANZA FRANK (3) who simply excels with Eric Raffin, and the good STACCATO HL (6) who should not be too hastily-judged for his recent sanction. Back under the saddle after 2 fine harness performances, ARA (4) will legitimately generate interest.

SELECTIONS

JABLO DU CHENE (2) - ZANZA FRANK (3) - STACCATO HL (6) - ARA (4)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA MARNE - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. **LONDON RECALL** - Made a fine comeback a fortnight ago when 4th of 8 finishers in a 2100m Lisieux Class E, on first start for new yard, and will be expected to contest the finish this time
2. **LUGER** - Pleasant 3rd of 10 to LORD DE LA FUTAIE (6) over 2300m at Mons on 25 February. Shoes on this time though, with Pierre-Yves Verva reining, but in this company will have too much to do
3. **LAMSOU SAN** - Got off the mark in a 2700m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche late last month and although unlikely to repeat, should nevertheless hold his own
4. **LADY DE JANEIRO** - Returned to victorious ways late last month, easily securing a 2600m Nancy Class F. Takes on a better lot this time though and represents no more than a minor place prospect
5. **L'ECHO DU PERCHE** - Made it 2 in a row when dominating a 2575m Saint-Brieuc Class E in December. Unlikely to pull off the hat-trick but can still give this a good go
6. **LORD DE LA FUTAIE** - Hard to fault of late, most recently 3rd of 13 in a 2700m Class E at Le Croise-Laroche on 24 March. Has never delivered at Reims but in current condition is easy to like
7. **LE HAVRE** - Sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class E 2 weeks ago. Is clearly talented though and will not be far from the action if Franck Nivard keeps him trotting
8. **LUC PAASLOO** - Imposed in Kuurne before finishing last but one in a 2875m Enghien Class E 3 weeks ago and appears to have too much to find
9. **LUCIA DU CHATELET** - Disappointing in 3 this year, latterly sanctioned in a 2875m Enghien Class E a fortnight ago, and is not about to cause an upset
10. **LA DAME DE COEUR** - Caught the eye after being sanctioned on re-entry in a 2150m Argentan Class E 3 weeks ago. Ability is not in question and with application will have her chances
11. **LOVE DANCER** - 2nd of 15 in a 2450m Caen Class E on 10 March. Is never far from faulting but on good behaviour can finish in the mix
12. **LIMO DE MER** - Quality element that was sanctioned on comeback over 2300m at Mons a month ago. Hind pads fitted this time but still faces a stiff test
13. **L'ADAMANTIUM** - Unseen since completing the monte double in a 2700m Vincennes Class E last August and will not be given a hard race
14. **LAVALO BELLO** - Fine servant that was surprisingly-sanctioned in a 2200m Caen Class E on 17 March. Form is not in doubt though and, free from traffic problems, can wrap this up

Summary: Very unlucky to be sanctioned last time out, the wonderfully-engaged LAVALO BELLO (14) is nevertheless in top form and can win this if Benjamin Rochard keeps him out of harm's way. LA DAME DE COEUR (10) also came a cropper on her first start back but still left a good impression and races first-time barefoot. As capable going right-handed as left-, LONDON RECALL (1) will have come on for his Lisieux return race and Romain Derieux can be justifiably confident of a competitive run. LOVE DANCER (11) reassured at Caen a month ago and even with shoes back on, will not be far off the mark...if disciplined.

SELECTIONS

LAVALO BELLO (14) - LA DAME DE COEUR (10) - LONDON RECALL (1) - LOVE DANCER (11)

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C7 - PRIX GILBERT CORNET - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. ERES DORIAL MAIL - 8th of 16 behind RED D'OVER (4) in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 23 February. Has no references here but Julien Dubois brought in for the occasion and will have his supporters

2. ESPADA (ITY) - Reassuring 4th of 15 In a 2575m Agen Class E mid-March. Tends to show more in Switzerland but is still worth retaining

3. ERGA OMNES PAR - Back under harness after finishing last of 4 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes monte Class D 12 days ago, and is not about to take the world by storm

4. RED D'OVER - Ran 3rd at Vincennes before coming 4th of 8 over 2840m at Mons 3 weeks ago. Shoes off this time and looks thoroughly capable of running his way onto the podium

5. EGUADOR - Won a Vincennes Class E on 11 February before coming 10th of 16 behind RED D'OVER (4) in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 23 February. In less-exalted company this time and should logically redeem himself

6. ECTOR ZL - Sanctioned, on French bow, in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 23 February. Romain Derieux gets the nod this time but others still easier to back

7. EMIRO CLEMAR - Has been a write-off for some time, latterly sanctioned in a 2575m Agen Class E mid-March, and will struggle to make his presence felt

8. EL DORADO BAR - Takes his chances racing clockwise after running 5th of 16 behind RED D'OVER (4) in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 23 February. Did not enjoy the best of trips but with a better run can make amends and open his French account

9. KYO FERFAY - Has not been seen out since finishing last of 8 in a 2700m Vincennes monte Class D last December, and will need the run

10. ELEGANZA AV - Races barefoot after running 7th of 16 in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 11 March and would be preferred a level down

11. COSMEA - Sanctioned after suffering interference in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 11 March. Returns to racing barefoot and will have her chances if she takes to the Reims profile

12. KATHLEEN D'ECOTAY - Ran 5th at Caen prior to being sanctioned in a 2725m Lisieux Class E a fortnight ago. Has yet to deliver for new yard but has a lot going for her here. Place chance

13. KALITY LOVE - Flew up under these conditions early-March before coming 5th of 16 in a 2875m Argentan Class E 3 weeks ago. Undeclared at the hands of Eric Raffin and could well stay that way

14. KRONOS DU KLAU - Makes first appearance since being sanctioned in a 2750m Cabourg monte Class F on 2 January. Front pads fitted, enjoys a fine entry, and if applied can make first 5

Summary: Solid in both of starts since coming to France, EL DORADO BAR (8) raced better at Vincennes last time than the result would suggest and Alexandre Abrivard will be eager to set the record straight. He will still be vigilant of recent Reims winner, KALITY LOVE (13), who won on her lone association with Eric Raffin, and a barefoot COSMEA (11) who will be expected to bounce back from last month's ill-fated Enghien run. KATHLEEN D'ECOTAY (12) is a complicated mare at the best of times but races barefoot for the occasion, is entrusted to Paul Ploquin, and must not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

EL DORADO BAR (8) - KALITY LOVE (13) - COSMEA (11) - KATHLEEN D'ECOTAY (12)

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C8 - PRIX PMU "AU BON ACCUEIL" - 2550m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 28,000

1. DEMETRIO - 6th of 11 in a 2850m Vincennes Class C late last month. Has run sub-1'13"0 in last 3 starts and makes Reims debut with a respectable chance of making first 5

2. WILDA KNIGHT - Unseen since finishing last but one in a 2800m Chartres Class E last November and will have nothing to offer

3. TEATOX - Imposed at Straubing before finishing last of 5 finishers in a 2900m Amines monte Class F early last month, and can expect to have few takers

4. INSIDE - Reassuring 4th of 16 to HOLLYWOOD TORINO (10) in a 2700m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche on 24 March. Is barefoot again but may be taking on too much this time

5. OSCAR VAN HALBEEK - A model of consistency making Reims debut after running 3rd of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 21 March. Is as honest as they come and deserves to be rewarded with victory one of these days

6. CAMERON - Flew up at Vincennes late-January before finishing 11th of 13 behind OSCAR VAN HALBEEK (5) in a 2850m Class C at the same venue a month later. Comes here fresh and has a realistic chance of making a big splash

7. CARL HALBAK - Makes French debut after coming 3rd of 13 in a valuable event over 2640m at Bergsaker on 22 February. Has had time to recover, races with just hind shoes, and the engagement of Benjamin Rochard will do his prospects no disservice

8. NYMKE BRIGADOON - Placed twice under the saddle before running lacklustre 8th of 11, also under the saddle, in a 2700m Vincennes Class E 2.5 weeks ago, and is unlikely to spring any surprises

9. HAND FULL - Never pushed when last but one, on re-entry, in a 2850m Laval Class E 11 days ago. Placed in one of 2 here and is not to be overlooked

10. HOLLYWOOD TORINO - Comfortable winner of a 2700m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche on 24 March. Races with front pads fitted this time and cannot be considered more than a minor place chance

11. INSIDE MAN - Not the most fortunate when 6th of 11 in a Class F over course and distance mid-March. Otherwise enjoys excellent Reims references and has every chance of winning a race of this nature

12. JOHN WICK - Good class of colt making first start since running 4th in a 2925m Cagnes Class B in July 2023 and is going to be race-rusty

13. HAPPY ATOUT - Returns to racing barefoot after coming 5th of 11 in a Class F over track and trip on 15 March. Is barefoot this time, with Eric Raffin in the bike, and must be taken seriously

14. JERUSALEM - Erratic but capable mare making first appearance since finishing last but one in a 2850m Vincennes Class B last May. Shoes on and no threat

Summary: INSIDE MAN (11) did not enjoy the best of runs here last month but will be fully-fit by now and his trainer will be minded to make amends. That said, he will be forced to take on OSCAR VAN HALBEEK (5) who has been knocking at the door over recent months, and the terrifically well-engaged, and barefoot, HAPPY ATOUT (13) who held off Pierre-Yves Verva's horse here mid-March. CAMERON (6) won in France at the first time of asking before failing to fire late-February, and Alexandre Abrivard will be expected to put things back in order.

SELECTIONS

INSIDE MAN (11) - OSCAR VAN HALBEEK (5) - HAPPY ATOUT (13) - CAMERON (6)