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C1 - PRIX HEMINE - ETRIER 3 ANS Q3 - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Gr2 Race - Mounted - EUR € 120,000

1. LIBERTINE DJOB - Encouraged last time under the saddle before finishing last of 7 in a harness Class B prep under similar conditions late last month and, even with pads fitted for the first time, will have few friends

2. LOVELY KOOL - Unexceptional filly that finished a place ahead of LIBERTINE DJOB (1) in a harness Class B over track and trip, and returns to the ridden code with limited aspirations

3. LALYLY BEY - Sanctioned in a harness Class B over course and distance a fortnight back. Has shown promise in the monté code but not enough to be considered a priority

4. LIPANGA DE GUEZ - Came in a good 4th of 7 finishers in a harness Class B over track and trip 2 weeks ago and makes her first appearance under the saddle with legitimate ambition

5. LA MOME - Yet to show any aptitude for the discipline, most recently finishing a thrashed 7th of 8 behind LEXIE DE BANVILLE (9), and has no realistic chance

6. LILI DRY - Sanctioned on monté debut mid-March before missing out by little for 2nd in the race of reference. Repeat unlikely but should still give an honourable account

7. LYZIA DES AGETS - Failed to reproduce her Prix Holly du Locton performance when 5th to LEXIE DE BANVILLE (9) in last month's Gr.2, but is not to be underestimated and will be expected to show significant improvement. Place prospect

8. LITTLE ORELIE - 2nd in the race of reference on her maiden appearance under the saddle, over the main track. Looks to be on the way up and should prove the principal threat to LEXIE DE BANVILLE (9)

9. LEXIE DE BANVILLE - Has started to show her true potential, first winning a Class B in style before making short work of Gr.2 over course and distance on 22 March and, in similar form, will have this in the bag

10. LET ME SHINE GIO - Harness Gr.1 winner over the winter and most recently trotted 4th in Prix Ali Hawas. Will appreciate the shorter trip and racing with shoes may be key to her redemption. First-5 chance

Summary: LEXIE DE BANVILLE (9) has truly come into herself lately, beating most of these with ease in the Gr.2 Prix Ali Hawas 3 weeks ago and, if still on the boil, can pull off the hat-trick. Adrien Lamy will be more than aware of the presence of LITTLE ORELIE (8) who finished an eye-catching 2nd that day, and LYZIA DES AGETS (7) whose recent performance should not be over-analysed. Back in form under harness lately, LIPANGA DE GUEZ (4) debuts in the monté discipline with all the confidence of his astute trainer.

SELECTIONS

LEXIE DE BANVILLE (9) - LITTLE ORELIE (8) - LYZIA DES AGETS (7) - LIPANGA DE GUEZ (4)

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C2 - PRIX DE CHELLES - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 52,000

- 1. LUCKY PIYA** - Sent for a break after winning a 2050m Cabourg Class D on 5 January. Will be race-rusty and the elevated level will do him no favours
- 2. LORD DE BANVILLE** - Showed improvement when 3rd in a 2700m Class C earlier this month but, with shoes back on, will struggle to make his mark
- 3. LEADER DU CHATAULT** - 3rd over 2100m here before authoritatively winning a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class D on 6 March. In better company this time but should nevertheless acquit himself honourably
- 4. LINDSTEDT** - Sanctioned in the Gr.3 Prix Penthesilea over 2700m here fortnight back. Previously ran 2nd to LIGHT MY FIRE (11) at Enghien and has a reasonable chance of making the first 5
- 5. LEADER DU POMMEAU** - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2700m Class A here 2 months ago. Has ample talent and will have an important part to play if Eric Raffin keeps him trotting
- 6. LOBBING DE BLARY** - Impressive winner of a 2700m Class C here on 20 February. Is back fresh and, with form maintained, will be no pushover
- 7. LE POETE BOURBON** - Unraced since coming 4th of 7 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes Class A on Boxing Day, after having won his first 2. Will have come on over the winter and can get straight back in the game
- 8. LAGNU MAG** - Yet to get off the mark but came an encouraging 3rd of 6 in a 2850m Class B here on 28 February. Has not, however, done enough to be considered a player
- 9. LANNISTER D'AVRIL** - Bit off more than he could chew on return from his break, finishing last but one in the race of reference, and even with pads fitted for the first time, still looks out of his depth
- 10. LOVELY TRIP** - Came into himself late last season before being sent for a break. Trotted 5th in a 2700m Gr.3 here a fortnight ago will be significantly more competitive this time around
- 11. LIGHT MY FIRE** - Won a 2150m Enghien Class D, in very good fashion, early last month. Has proved himself over the main track and, if allowed to express himself, can double his money
- 12. LE CAP** - 2nd in a 2100m claimer here, on re-entry, late-February. Takes to the Vincennes main track for the first time, pads on all 4, and under the guidance of Yoann Lebourgeois, will be afforded every chance
- 13. LUTTEUR DES GLENAN** - Honest colt that was sanctioned in the Gr.3 race of reference, on comeback. Fitted with front pads for the occasion but others still preferred

Summary: This race is overflowing with talent and, while nothing is a given, it is hard to ignore how well LIGHT MY FIRE (11) won last month and, for many, will be the horse of choice. LOVELY TRIP (10) however made an excellent return to competition and will have come on for the run. Beautifully-bred and already a winner over course and distance, LE POETE BOURBON (7) will have his chances, as will LOBBING DE BLARY (6) who put in an eye-catching finish last time out.

SELECTIONS

LIGHT MY FIRE (11) - LOVELY TRIP (10) - LE POETE BOURBON (7) - LOBBING DE BLARY (6)

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C3 - PRIX GAI BRILLANT - ETRIER 3 ANS Q4 - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Gr2 Race - Mounted - EUR € 120,000

- 1. LOS ANGELES LAKERS** - Faulted, when sent out favourite on re-entry, in a 2950m Toulouse Class C early-February. Stays shod for the occasion but, with some luck in running, can get a look-in
- 2. LYNX ATOUT** - Lightly-raced colt that finished 4th behind LUTIN DES BORDES (5) in a Class C over track and trip. 4 pads fitted this time but others still preferred
- 3. LEANDRO DE MER** - Has potential but quickly sanctioned in a 2200m Class B here on 1 March and others easier to support
- 4. LUCKY CRISTAL** - Well-beaten and flattering 4th to LUCKY SIBEY (12) in the race of reference and a repeat seems improbable
- 5. LUTIN DES BORDES** - Confirmed his monté promise when good 2nd of 5 finishers in a 2700m Class C here earlier this month. Will have progressed for the run and looks a player at this level
- 6. LINOS DU GOUTIER** - Sanctioned in both appearances under the saddle but redeemed himself somewhat when winning a 2875m Enghien harness Class D on 19 March. Hind pads fitted this time and can play a small part if form transitions
- 7. L'ARC EN CIEL** - Trounced 5th to LUCKY SIBEY (12) in Gr.2 Prix Félicien Gauvreau and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
- 8. LUXOR DE VILLABON** - Clearly has potential but sanctioned in last 2, most recently the Gr.2 Prix Félicien Gauvreau. Mathieu Mottier in the irons on this occasion and it is only a matter of time before he comes good again. Attention
- 9. LUNIK DU CHOQUEL** - Well-beaten 3rd to LUCKY SIBEY (12) in the race of reference, first time under the saddle. Will have come on for the race though and has claims on a spot in the first 5
- 10. LE VOYOU D'ALMO** - Complicated type that won his monté debut before faulting in Prix Félicien Gauvreau on 22 March, but can apply the pressure on LUCKY SIBEY (12) if Adrien Lamy keeps him trotting
- 11. LOVE AND SUN** - Twice bridesmaid to the favourite, most recently in Gr.2 Prix Félicien Gauvreau over course and distance, and can again trot his way onto the podium
- 12. LUCKY SIBEY** - Dominated a quality field to win a Gr.2 over course and distance 3 weeks ago and is quite simply the horse to beat

Summary: After winning the Gr.2 Prix Félicien Gauvreau in the manner of a champion, LUCKY SIBEY (12) is once again going to take all the beating. Clear 2nd to him that day, after having finished runner-up to him in the Gr.3 Prix Edouard Marcillac the previous month, LOVE AND SUN (11) should again figure prominently, but may first have to make way for the complicated but talented LE VOYOU D'ALMO (10) who will have his chances if focused. LUTIN DES BORDES (5) left a very good impression on his recent monté debut and appears thoroughly up to the day's challenge.

SELECTIONS

LUCKY SIBEY (12) - LE VOYOU D'ALMO (10) - LOVE AND SUN (11) - LUTIN DES BORDES (5)

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C4 - PRIX DE WISSEMBOURG - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 41,000

- 1. JOY EASTER** - Capable element that confirmed his form when 2nd to JARDIN D'ERABLE (3) in a 2600m Nancy Class E a fortnight ago. In better company this time but still has the wherewithal to get a look-in
- 2. JIRENZO** - 6th, behind JENARO DJEMA (6), in a 2150m Enghien Class E late last month. No champion but is regular for the most part, and from the 2-spot, can finish in the mix
- 3. JARDIN D'ERABLE** - Imposed at Nancy late last month before trotting 3rd of 13 in a 2750m Class E at La Capelle last weekend. Steps up in category though and more a minor place prospect this time around
- 4. JAZZ** - 8th of 12 in a 2725m Lisieux Class E on 20 March and, barefoot or not, will struggle to make his presence felt
- 5. JOSVIL** - Sanctioned, when never dangerous, in a 2150m Enghien Class E on 26 March. Disregard
- 6. JENARO DJEMA** - Won 3 from 5 this year, latterly 4th of 13 in a 2150m Enghien Class E. Races barefoot for the first time though and can give JEROMINUS TURGOT (11) something to think about
- 7. JASMIN DHELPA** - Won 2 on the trot before finishing 11th of 12 in a 2475m Royan-Atlantique Class E on awful ground. Reverts to his preferred configuration and can play a prominent role if he turns
- 8. JASMIN DU NORD** - In the frame in 2 of last 3, most recently 2nd in a 2550m Reims Class E on 25 February. Gelormini reining this time and is not going to be far from the action
- 9. JACKPOT JOMUNA** - 3rd to JARDIN D'ERABLE (3) in Nancy race of reference but has been handed a tough draw and is unlikely to influence the result
- 10. JACKPOT DE VIETTE** - Not the most dependable but finished an encouraging 3rd of 10, despite being briefly denied a run, in a 2500m Reims Class F 3 weeks ago and merits considerable respect
- 11. JEROMINUS TURGOT** - Comes to Vincennes fresh following a fine 2850m Maure-de-Bretagne Class E success late-February. Handed a 2nd line draw but appreciates these shorter trips and, on good behaviour, can impose
- 12. JAPPELOU** - Unremarkable 6th of 12 on re-entry in a 2750m Ecommoy Class E earlier this month and, even with pads fitted, is still not up to the task

Summary: A tricky character at the best of times, JEROMINUS TURGOT (11) has nevertheless shown considerable aptitude when unshod and has every chance of complementing his Maure win, provided he can keep his action together. JENARO DJEMA (6) is arguably more performant racing clockwise but he is better-placed on the front line and with shoes off for the first time, can increase his already-good strike-rate. JASMIN DU NORD (8) has placed twice in 4 starts over the main track, has been handed a wide draw, but the return to a shorter trip may be just the ticket. JASMIN DHELPA (7) has yet to deliver left-handed but is superb with just hind shoes off and must be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

JEROMINUS TURGOT (11) - JENARO DJEMA (6) - JASMIN DU NORD (8) - JASMIN DHELPA (7)

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C5 - PRIX HENRI LEVESQUE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR € 120,000

1. **JASMINE DE VAU** - Showed signs of encouragement when 3rd to JAIN MAB (5) in a 2150m Enghien Class C on 15 March. In considerably more exalted company this time and chances limited
2. **JUSTICIA SMART** - Tricky character that set the record straight with success in a 2650m Bordeaux Class D on 9 March. Has placed just once in last 11 starts here and can be passed over
3. **JONQUILLE DE MEAT** - Sprang quite the surprise when comfortably winning a 2875m Enghien Class D on 19 March, her first start for 5 months and, with form maintained, could well pick up a minor place cheque
4. **JOLIE POUPEE** - Unseen for almost 2 months since coming 5th of 10 in a Class C over course and distance. Has few references at this level and, although no slouch on a good day, is unlikely to shake things up
5. **JAIN MAB** - Won a 2150m Enghien Class C mid-March. Pleased here more than once over the winter meeting but still no more than a minor place chance
6. **JOLIE STAR** - Easy winner, when shod, of a 2850m Laval Class D 2 weeks ago. Goes barefoot this time and entrusted to a leading driver for the occasion, can bring home the bacon
7. **JEEP DU PONT** - Pleasant 3rd of 15 in a 2625m Paray-le-Monial Class F earlier this month but bites off more than she can chew this time
8. **JAMAICA D'AURCY** - 6th to JOLIE STAR (6) in a 2850m Laval Class D 2 weeks ago. Very hard to knock when barefoot and applied though, appreciates 2700m here and, in the hands of her trainer, is unlikely to disappoint
9. **JOCONDE SIBEY** - Won 2 in a row here before being sent for a spell. 6th of 10 in a 2850m Class B here on re-entry 3 weeks ago but, barefoot this time, can impose
10. **JEWELCANDLE FAC** - Useful in both branches of the business, however finished last of 8 in a monté Gr.2 over track and trip mid-February and appears to have her work cut out
11. **JEEGHA PRIDE** - In the frame in her last 2 under harness, latterly 2nd in a 2450m Caen Class B a month ago, and while not a leading contender, should still be capable of making the first 5
12. **JOUMBA DE GUEZ** - Tricky mare making her first appearance since winning monté Gr.1 over track and trip mid-December. Has other priorities and can be disregarded
13. **JESSY DE BANVILLE** - Sanctioned when unsupported in a 2200m Caen monté Class D mid-March. Here for reasons of conditioning and will pose no danger
14. **JUST LOVE YOU** - Classy mare starting for the first time since trotting 3rd in Gr.1 Critérium Continental over 2100m here on Christmas Eve. Shoes off for comeback though and even if not fully-fit, can still challenge for a place in the frame
15. **JAZZY PERRINE** - Multiple Gr.2.winning mare returning from a spell after an unlucky 8th of 14 in a Gr.3 over 2100m here late-January. Will be fresh, races barefoot for the occasion, and will justifiably garner support

Summary: Never the easiest of horses to handle, JOLIE STAR (6) has nevertheless turned a corner this year and, racing barefoot this time and entrusted to Matthieu Abrivard, looks a serious proposition. JOCONDE SIBEY (9) has one race under her belt and, impressive when unshod, she races first time barefoot and can continue her successful run. JUST LOVE YOU (14) may not have been seen out since her excellent Critérium Continental performance but is barefoot for re-entry and must not be underestimated. JAZZY PERRINE (15) is similarly returning from a break and, if fit, will be no easy touch.

SELECTIONS

JOLIE STAR (6) - JOCONDE SIBEY (9) - JUST LOVE YOU (14) - JAZZY PERRINE (15)

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C6 - PRIX DE FAULQUEMONT - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. KAKO GASCOGNE** - Made up for his Agen sanction when 3rd behind KHAN D'HERIPRE (12) in a 2100m Class C here on 22 March but will struggle to repeat
- 2. KENTUCKY IDEAL** - Excellent 2nd in a 2175m Class C here 2 months ago. Stays shod for re-entry and best to hold off
- 3. KING GEORGES** - Progressive sort that was sanctioned on return to competition in a 2850m Class A here last weekend. Shoes on again and not a priority
- 4. KEROS DES BAUX** - Went off the boil last summer and sent for a break after coming 8th of 10 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class A late-November. Barefoot for comeback, with Eric Raffin reining, but others still preferred
- 5. KANDEL DE BEYLEV** - Unraced since tenaciously winning a 2850m Vincennes Class D late-January but is shod to preference and unlikely to let the side down
- 6. KUSAERI** - Impressive winner of a Class D over track and trip 2 weeks ago, putting in a fast time, and steps up in category with legitimate ambition
- 7. KWARTZ SIBEY** - Progressive sort that was sanctioned after finishing 4th in a Class A over course and distance 3 weeks ago. In less-exalted company this time and can make this his own
- 8. KATAR** - Ended last year with 3 in a row, concluding in a 2850m Class C over the short course last October. Is competitively-shod though and legitimately bids to stay unbeaten for Yoann Lebourgeois
- 9. KUNG FU QUICK** - Unraced since late-February when sanctioned in a 2850m Class B here. Could well have imposed had he not faulted and will be no pushover if Clément Duvaldestin keeps him trotting
- 10. KATIM DU GOUTIER** - Placed under these conditions before faulting in the race of reference and others easier to support
- 11. KALAO DU VIVIER** - Yet to reproduce last year's form, latterly coming 6th, behind KERALDO (13), in the late-February race of reference. Better than most on a good day but in current form looks rather average
- 12. KHAN D'HERIPRE** - Showed improvement when close 2nd in a 2100m Class C here 3 weeks ago. Hind shoes off again and is not to be overlooked
- 13. KERALDO** - Has taken his game to a new level since starting to race barefoot, most recently coming 4th of 15 in a 2850m Class B here late-February, and can again finish in the mix

Summary: Handy in better company last month despite being sanctioned, KWARTZ SIBEY (7) reverts to a proven configuration and will be expected to put his recent blip behind him. Louis Baudouin will nonetheless be wary of the returning KATAR (8) who has not been seen out since securing the hat-trick last autumn but he is fitted with pads and is not incapable of picking up where he left off. KUSAERI (6) put on quite the show here a fortnight ago and Pierre Houel will be out for the double. Ideally-entered at the limit of earnings, KERALDO (13) drops marginally in class and has every chance of making the frame.

SELECTIONS

KWARTZ SIBEY (7) - KATAR (8) - KUSAERI (6) - KERALDO (13)

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**C7 - PRIX ROBERT AUVRAY - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR
€ 120,000**

1. JEWEL DE LA COTE - Got back in the winners' circle when securing a Lyon-Parilly 2850m Class D with ease earlier this month. Eric Raffin reining this time but will still need to pull a rabbit out of his hat

2. JAMIN DE BRION - 8th of 18 when prepping for this in a 2850m Laval Class D a fortnight ago. Has references under these conditions but just front pads fitted and at this level will have limited chances

3. JASMIN PRECIEUX - Honest type that trotted a courageous 4th of 15 in a 2850m Class B here 3 weeks ago. Does not represent a priority but still has the capacity to get a look-in

4. JAGUAR DU GOUTIER - 8th, on re-entry from a spell, behind JASMIN PRECIEUX (3) in a 2850m Class B here on 23 March. Competitively-shod this time but still has too much to find

5. JASON - 7th of 16, when prepping shod for this, in a 2450m Caen Class B a month back. Excels under these conditions and is not going to return home empty-handed

6. JIOSCO DE PHYT'S - Won 2 from first 3 this term before coming 12th of 15, with shoes on, in a 2850m Gr.3 here 3 weeks ago. Never tested at this level but is very hard to ignore

7. JASPER DES CHARMES - High-class trotter in the other code making first appearance since winning the monté Gr.1 Prix du Président de la République in style last June. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be passed over

8. JACK TONIC - Last of 8 in Gr.2 Prix Ovide Moulinet over course and distance 2 months ago. Is significantly better than that though and, having had time to freshen up, can start to put things right

9. JAG STRYCK - A place behind J'AIME LE FOOT (10) in Gr.2 Prix Ovide Moulinet before finishing just ahead of him in Prix de Sélection. Is plainly close to his race and his recent chrono of 1'10"8 bodes well for his chances

10. J'AIME LE FOOT - Unlucky not to have gone closer than 5th in Gr.1 Prix de Sélection over 2200m here early last month. Takes a dip in category and has an excellent opportunity to return to victorious ways

11. JUNINHO DRY - Tricky sort with bags of talent making his first appearance since finishing last of 17 in Gr.1 Critérium Continental on Christmas Eve. Pads fitted for return to action and, if focused, will not be far off the mark

Summary: A number in contention for the prize here but it hard to ignore how well J'AIME LE FOOT (10) acquitted himself in the Gr.1 Prix de Sélection before faulting and, with just front shoes off this time, can open his 2024 account. JAG STRYCK (9) took advantage of the mistake to finish a place ahead of him that day and should again figure prominently, as should the talented but temperamental JIOSCO DE PHYT'S (6) who is barefoot for the occasion. Unbeaten in 3 barefoot starts at the venue over the winter, JASON (5) is going to be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

J'AIME LE FOOT (10) - JAG STRYCK (9) - JIOSCO DE PHYT'S (6) - JASON (5)

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C8 - PRIX DE CHATEAU-GAILLARD - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 68,000

1. **GAYLORD AM** - 3rd in a 2700m Machecoul Class F 3 weeks ago. Always gives his best, is barefoot this time, but still no more than a minor place chance
2. **DOWHATYOUODODOWELL** - 3rd of 16 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class D. Raffin back at the helm and, while unlikely to impose, can still get a look-in
3. **CHARMY CHARLY AS** - 4th in a Gr.3 here before being denied a run in a 2100m Class C here last weekend and Paul Ploquin will be loathe to let the same thing happen twice. Place chance
4. **BOLERO GAR** - Modest Italian sort that was sanctioned early in a 2100m Class C here last weekend and appears to have no realistic chance
5. **HAVE SEVEN** - 11th, behind ETERNEL AMOUR (6), in a 2850m Laval Class D late last month and can be comfortably disregarded
6. **ETERNEL AMOUR** - 7th, a place behind CHARMY CHARLY AS (3), in a 2100m Class C here last weekend, and will be hard-pushed to repeat even that
7. **FOSTER WOOD** - Starts for the first time since winning a 2650m Hyères Class C last August. Shoes on and no threat
8. **GREAT OF MADRIK** - Reassuring 5th, behind BELZEBU'JET (14), in a Class C over course and distance a fortnight ago. Unlikely to win this but can still finish in the mix
9. **HUBBLE DU VIVIER** - Encountered no opposition when winning a 2850m Laval Class A mid-March. Shod as before and looks eminently capable of challenging for victory
10. **COCCO BFC** - Blows hot and cold but showed marked improvement when 5th of 9 in a similar event 3 weeks ago. Both shoes and gloves off this time. Claim
11. **DIXIT DANICA** - Quickly sanctioned in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie Class C a month back. Has no love for Vincennes and, even shod differently, can be confidently ruled out
12. **FANFARONNEUR** - Delicate type that was sanctioned on comeback in a Class C over course and distance 2 weeks ago. Is plainly talented but not the easiest to trust
13. **FIFTY BLACK** - Has not been seen out since coming 13th of 14 in a 2850m Class C here late-November. Excels under these conditions though and, with hind shoes off for re-entry, should be taken seriously
14. **BELZEBU'JET** - Left a good impression when 4th of 16 in a Class C over track and trip 2 weeks ago. Should be on his mark here and can play a prominent role
15. **FUNKY D'ALB** - Disappointing 10th of 12 finishers in a 2725m Lisieux Class D on 20 March and, in current shape, looks properly outclassed
16. **FIESTA DU BELVER** - Decent mare that showed considerable improvement when 5th in a 2150m Class F at Enghien mid-March and the entry will only enhance her prospects

Summary: Although not as sharp as he was when winning the Gr.1 Prix Bold Eagle late-January, COCCO BFC (10) encouraged when shod last time out and, going barefoot for the occasion, can get back to winning ways. He will still come under pressure from the excellent HUBBLE DU VIVIER (9) who flew up at Laval a month ago, and the tough and well-engaged FIESTA DU BELVER (16) who sports a proven configuration for the occasion. CHARMY CHARLY AS (3) was very unlucky here last weekend and should logically make amends if Paul Ploquin can keep him out of trouble.

SELECTIONS

COCCO BFC (10) - HUBBLE DU VIVIER (9) - FIESTA DU BELVER (16) - CHARMY CHARLY AS (3)

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C9 - PRIX DE LA LORRAINE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 75,000

1. **GRINDELWALD** - Won 2 on the trot here before faulting in a 2925m Cagnes Class B a month ago. Has the inside line, boasts a fine turn of foot, and will be expected to redeem herself
2. **HIDALGO DES NOES** - Disappointing on the whole this year, most recently coming last of 13 in a 2825m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche on 9 March, and can expect to have few takers
3. **GHALIE DU GOUTIER** - Tough mare that consistently gives what she can, latterly 5th of 6 in a Class B under these conditions early last month. Is evidently better than that and, from the 3-spot, can go closer this time
4. **EUREKA VRIE** - Challenging for a place when sanctioned in a 2900m Amiens Gr.3 on 6 March. Thrives over 2100m, form is not in doubt, and Eric Raffin will not be displeased by the draw
5. **GIBUS** - Sanctioned, on first start back, in a 2875m Enghien monté Class C on 19 March. Will have benefitted from the run though and with Yoann Lebourgeois reining, can win this
6. **FEE DE RANCHOVAL** - Makes just 2nd start back after finishing a beaten 7th of 14 in a 2750m Ecommoy Class A on turf 12 days ago. Has done nothing of note here for some time and, even racing barefoot, can be ruled out
7. **DORUCK** - Pleased at Cagnes before coming 10th of 14 in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class C last weekend and in this company will struggle to make his mark
8. **ESTEBAN JIEL** - 9th of 18 in a 2200m Caen Class D mid-March. Is not to everyone's taste but has decent references under these conditions and will have his supporters
9. **FANDANGO LA NUIT** - 12th of 16 when being conditioned, shod, in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class C 8 days ago. Is a tough nut to crack when barefoot and should not be far from the action
10. **GOLD VOICE** - Returns to the harness code after a disappointing 5th of 7 in a 2875m Enghien monté Class C. Starts on the back row but has solid course-and-distance credentials and her presence will not go unnoticed
11. **DEGANAWIDAH** - Lacklustre last of 7 in a 2875m Enghien monté Class C, on re-entry, on 19 March and will have nothing to offer
12. **HEADING REFERENCE** - Unraced since finishing last of 15 under similar conditions mid-December. Is barefoot for the occasion, has previously won over track and trip, and should generate some interest
13. **GINKGO THELOIS** - Below-par when sanctioned in a Class C over course and distance a fortnight ago. Useful on a good day but, in present condition, will have little to offer
14. **HURELLA** - Facile winner of a 2150m Enghien Class C mid-March. Shoes on though and will have other priorities
15. **MUSETT AF DJUPMYRA** - Pleasantly surprise when 2nd, at 118/1, in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class D on 18 March. Poorly-drawn and a repeat is highly improbable
16. **FELIX DU BOURG** - Honest trotter that finished 6th of 14 in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class C 8 days ago and despite a good entry, can be passed over

Summary: Although sanctioned under the saddle on his return from a brief spell, GIBUS (5) won twice here over the winter and, with front shoes off for his return to the harness code, can get straight down to business. EUREKA VRIE (4), on the other hand, requires no freshening up and will be dangerous if Eric Raffin keeps him trotting, which is similarly the case for GRINDELWALD (1) who trounced the boys on her last Vincennes start. Fourth in a Gr.3 over course and distance earlier in the year, GHALIE DU GOUTIER (3) is nicely-positioned in front and also looks to be in with a decent shout.

SELECTIONS

GIBUS (5) - EUREKA VRIE (4) - GRINDELWALD (1) - GHALIE DU GOUTIER (3)