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R4 VIRE [R-H]

C1 - PRIX RADIO VFM - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 20,000

1. NATIVE DE PLAY - Lost her way during the autumn after having shown potential. Is unraced since November and is unlikely to spring any surprises

2. NASHIRA RUSCINO - Produced a 35-1 surprise when 4th in a 2150m Toulouse Class C 3 weeks ago, however a repeat seems unlikely

3. NAUSICAA - Has twice failed to confirm her excellent December qualification at Le Mans, but sports front pads for the first time and should not be overlooked

4. NORTHERN WAY - Quality colt but eliminated in both starts since the turn of the year. Is plainly a decent trotter in the making and, if applied, can wrap this up

5. NEUILLY DE PLAY - Has placed just once in 5 starts to date and in this company has no possible chance

6. NAYA D'ERONVILLE - 7th of 8, a place behind NEUILLY DE PLAY (5), in a 2225m Mauquenchy Class E 2.5 weeks ago, her first appearance since November. Is reunited here with Clement Duvaldestin who won with her at La Capelle and looks a leading contender

7. NUANCE KADESH - Handy element that made the frame in 2 of last 3, including going clockwise at Saint-Brieuc. Is unlikely to get her nose in front but can nevertheless challenge for a place in the picture

8. NASHIRA DRY - Qualified in 1'17'2 at Meslay-du-Maine before imposing smartly on debut in an Angers Class F on 11 January. Makes Vire bow with morale on a high and must be taken seriously

Summary: Not the most fortunate at Vincennes last month, Philippe Allaire's talented NORTHERN WAY (4) returns to racing shod, will be partnered by Yoann Lebourgeois for the first time, and has a realistic chance of winning this. The Duvaldestin clan, however, sends out the promising NAYA D'ERONVILLE (6) who will have come on for her return run. NASHIRA DRY (8) confirmed her excellent December qualification with debut victory at Angers in January and will also have her chances.

SELECTIONS

NORTHERN WAY (4) - NAYA D'ERONVILLE (6) - NASHIRA DRY (8) - NUANCE KADESH (7)

C2 - PRIX PASCAL GUILBERT - 2800m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Riders - Mounted - EUR € 18,500

1. LEU DES BOIS - Modest individual that has shown little aptitude for either discipline and can be ruled out

2. LOUMANA ROSE - Last of 9 to LISON DES GLENAN (9) on monte debut here early last month. Will have come on for the race but others still easier to back

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3. L'AS RUSH - Debuts in the discipline after being eliminated here 3 weeks ago. Has shown decent aptitude for the harness code and if ability transitions, his place will be in the money

4. LARIANA CLEVILLE - Reliability not her strong suit but reassured when 3rd to LISON DES GLENAN (9) in a Class F over course and distance 3 weeks ago, and a repeat performance is not beyond the realm of possibility

5. LUCIE DES BAUX - Has not been seen under the saddle since last July. Has failed to deliver in 4 harness starts this year and is not about to upset the apple-cart

6. LOUXOR DE JOUB - Showed promise at 3 but has endured an interrupted career. Sports a fresh configuration for re-entry but cannot be considered a priority

7. LOU DE LANGE - Has started to show improvement after a lacklustre end to 2025. Gave a fine account at Vincennes a month back and can finish in the frame this time

8. LA FLECHE - Back under the saddle after having produced some good harness performance over recent months. Sports modified shoeing and will be no easy touch

9. LISON DES GLENAN - Has taken very nicely to the monte code and even though in better company this time, is still easy to fancy for the double

Summary: Wonderfully-engaged and winner over course and distance just 3 weeks ago, LISON DES GLENAN (9) steps up in category but can still win this. As consistent as they come, LA FLECHE (8) has shown a liking for Vire conditions, has been reconfigured, and returns to the discipline with a decent chance of filling 1 of the 3 steps on the podium. LOU DE LANGE (7) has not imposed since December 2024 but she has otherwise been acquitting herself competitively and looks a player. Eliminated under harness here early last month, L'AS RUSH (3) switches code for the first time and looks sharp enough to give this a good go.

SELECTIONS

LISON DES GLENAN (9) - LA FLECHE (8) - LOU DE LANGE (7) - L'AS RUSH (3)

**C3 - PRIX INTERMARCHE - VIRE NORMANDIE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F
- Harness - EUR € 17,500**

1. MARIE DE L'AUNAY - Is much-improved since starting to race barefoot, latterly coming 4th, a place behind MARIE DES BAUX (8), in a 2800m Argentan Class F on 6 January. Is not a priority but should still have the wherewithal to get a look in

2. MARILYN D'OURVILLE - Mixes the good with the less-good. Has not been seen out since early-September and even though racing barefoot for the first time, is going to need the run

3. MISS DE L'AUNAY - Ran 5th behind MARIE DE L'AUNAY (1) at Argentan on 17 January before running fine 2nd in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class F on 4 February. Should find Vire profile to her liking and, with form maintained, will not be far off the mark

4. MAQUENZA DU BOCAGE - Won twice during the autumn, including over 2800m here, but out of the picture in last 2 and must get her house in order

5. MANDARINE BAM - Makes first appearance since winning a Lisieux claimer last October. Is confirmed at Vire but is being aimed too high

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6. MENEUSE DE HOUELLE - Has show a different side to herself since the turn of the year. Was less-performant behind MARIE DES BAUX (8) at Argentan last month but has been reconfigured and must not be underestimated

7. MELODY MADJI - Sprang something of a surprise when 2nd of 7 finishers at Angers early last month. Should take well to Vire conditions and has a decent chance of making the frame again

8. MARIE DES BAUX - Has been knocking at the door since late-November. Is new to the venue, and starts wide on the front line, but still represents a solid place chance

9. MALICE DE COSSE - Runner-up to MESANGE DU RIB (14) in a 2800m Class F here 3 weeks ago, then failed to deliver at Maure-de-Bretagne a fortnight later. Has not won the draw-lottery either and is unlikely to spice things up

10. MADU JOSSELYN - Did everything right on debut in a 3025m Chateaubriant Class F on 5 January. Will have come on for the race and will be expected to bring the fight to MESANGE DU RIB (14)

11. MONONOKE DE BRETT - Produced career-best performance when 2nd in a Nuillé-sur-Vicoin Class F last October and has nothing to contribute here

12. MA BEAUTE - Starts for the first time since winning a Cholet Class F last September and will not be given a hard race

13. MISS EMMY RUSH - Made good on her promise when winning a Saint-Brieuc Class G 2 weeks ago but is out of her depth, and badly-drawn, this time

14. MESANGE DU RIB - Has shown marked improvement since being switched to the harness code, latterly breaking her duck here 3 weeks ago. Goes barefoot again and can confirm

15. MELLY STAR - Eliminated in 2 after opening her account at Cabourg in December, and can expect to have few takers

16. MUZE DES BOIS - Gave a very good account on re-entry in a 2425m Angers Class F 3 weeks ago when 4th behind MELODY MADJI (7). Has ground to make up and has pulled a tough number, but is still worth keeping an eye on

Summary: MESANGE DU RIB (14) got off the mark on her comeback over 2800m here early last month and, even though handed a rough number, still looks thoroughly capable of repeating. Also on the back line, MADU JOSSELYN (10) lost her maiden status in early-January at the first time of asking, and will come here fresh. In the frame in her last 4 starts, MARIE DES BAUX (8) will be barefoot for the first time and in the hands of Franck Nivard will be no shrinking violet. MELODY MADJI (7) steps up in category after running 2nd in an Angers Class F 3 weeks ago and will not be sent out at 19-1 this time.

SELECTIONS

MESANGE DU RIB (14) - MADU JOSSELYN (10) - MARIE DES BAUX (8) - MELODY MADJI (7)

**C4 - PRIX JAMOTTE MOTOCULTURE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F -
Harness - EUR € 17,500**

1. MAMBO DE CAHOT - Useful element making first appearance since finishing 4th at Caen last June. Will need the run, but is still better than many here and can compete for a first-5 cheque

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2. MAESTRO D'IDEE - Has acquitted himself well in 2 Argentan starts this season. Is plainly on the right road and appears to have a lot more to offer this time

3. MAHATMA DANICA - Tricky sort that would have finished closer at Agen a fortnight ago had he not faulted with 200m to run. Benefits from a good draw, will be fully fit after a pair of runs, and is ideally-placed to get off the mark

4. MAGISTER - Serious sort that ran 2nd here last summer before being sent for a rest. Was eliminated on comeback last Tuesday but has a lot going for him here and Clement Duvaldestin will be minded to keep him focused

5. MATRIX DE LA BAIE - Went into his winter spell on a good note after running 4th in a 2850m Laval Class E in early-November. Will not be available at 156-1 this time but is unlikely to shake things up either

6. MON ROI - Sprang a 24-1 surprise when 3rd in a 2800m Argentan Class F early last month, but a repeat performance is not on the cards

7. MONSIEUR DARLING - Has not been seen out since August but is unshod-behind for the first time, with a top driver in the bike, and from the front line can make a big splash

8. MILLION DREAMS - Modest sort making first start since mid-December. Is first-time barefoot but would still be preferred at a lower level

9. MAX DE COQUERIE - Unexceptional individual that has failed to make any impact this winter and is not about to start now

10. MAJESTIC DU KLAU - By some margin the weakest link in this field and can be confidently disregarded

11. MUSTANG D'ERI - Complicated trotter that produced a 29-1 surprise when 2nd in a Maure-de-Bretagne Class F on comeback a week ago. A repeat, however, seems improbable

12. MYSTERE DES ARRIS - Lost his action, when full of running, in a 2800m Argentan Class F on 6 February. Competitively-shod for the first time and will not be far from the action if Francois Lecanu positions him early

13. MILORD D'ISSE - Has turned a corner since starting to race barefoot but sports pads this time and will have other ambitions

Summary: Considerably better than his formcard would suggest, a reconfigured MAHATMA DANICA (3) takes a dip in category and, with application, can win this from the 3-slot. He will still encounter opposition from the more widely-drawn, but promising, MONSIEUR DARLING (7) who is competitively-shod for the first time, and the better-positioned MAESTRO D'IDEE (2) who will be barefoot following a pair of conditioners. MYSTERE DES ARRIS (12) was still going strong when eliminated at Argentan last month and the new formula may be just the ticket to his redemption.

SELECTIONS

MAHATMA DANICA (3) - MONSIEUR DARLING (7) - MAESTRO D'IDEE (2) - MYSTERE DES ARRIS (12)

C5 - PRIX AMB MENUISERIE - 2800m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 24,000

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1. **JACINTHE DES BOIS** - Reassured somewhat when 4th in a Laval amateurs Class G on Thursday but backs up with little to offer
2. **JOMINI D'AMBRI** - Modest element with better form in the other code and the lengthy absence will do him no favours
3. **JENORA GUIVIA** - Starts for first time since running 8th in a Class E over course and distance last November and is unlikely to influence the result
4. **JADE THORIS** - Complicated individual starting for first time since early-December. Will be shod for comeback and can be ignored
5. **JULIUS ECUS** - Put in a good effort to come 4th in a 2875m Argentan Class E on 6 February. Sports a fresh configuration this time and, on good behaviour, can pick up some prizemoney
6. **JESABELLE DU JOUR** - Eliminated in last 3 and has no particular love for Vire, but has been reconfigured for the occasion and tends to go well for Tony Le Beller. Starts in front and, with application, can make her presence felt
7. **JISA DES LOYAUX** - Unremarkable mare that has not made the frame since last July and is not about to change her ways
8. **JAG DU LIOT** - Dependability not his strong suit but will be shod as he was at Chateaubriant in early-January and, from the front row, can get in on the action if his trainer-driver keeps him trotting
9. **JOYAU DE L'ITON** - A fine servant for the most part but has not been at his sharpest for past 2 months and, despite a good entry, still looks an outsider
10. **JOG JELOCA** - Very hard to knock in current configuration, and hard to fault in current form either. Has placed in 1 of 2 Vire starts and looks main threat to JOYEUX NONNA (17)
11. **JAZZMAN** - Seldom far off the mark when he manages to stay in stride. Presents solid clockwise references but with shoes fitted is unlikely to shake things up
12. **JUNE D'ERABLE** - Imposed at Enghien last October but has done nothing noteworthy since. Front shoes off for first goal of the year but still has no realistic chance
13. **JOJO DE L'AUNAY** - Makes first appearance since running 4th under the saddle at Graignes last November and can be confidently ruled out
14. **JULIE DU CLOS** - Good mare but lost her way late last season. Runs barefoot for 2nd start back but still not a priority
15. **JACK QUICK** - In the frame in last 2 at Graignes early last month. Is consistently in the thick of things when applied and should again figure prominently
16. **JAMAIQUE DAIRPET** - Reliable mare that finished 5th, a place behind JULIUS ECUS (5), in a 2875m Argentan Class E 3.5 weeks ago. Benefits from a good entry and can again make first 5
17. **JOYEUX NONNA** - Kicked the year off with 2 straight successes. Came close to winning a 3rd at Pontchateau 2 weeks ago and is easy fancy for the win
18. **JACK SURPRISE** - Has not been seen out for 2 months and is new to Vire but is very useful when focused and returns to the harness code with a decent hand to play

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Summary: Nicely-engaged here, and plainly enjoying a productive run of form, JOYEUX NONNA (17) will be reunited with Yoann Lebourgeois who won with him at Mauquenchy in January, and is easy to like for a 2nd Vire success. He will still meet resistance from JOG JELOCA (10) who has been thriving over recent months, and JACK QUICK (15) who is clearly close to his race. JACK SURPRISE (18) returns to the harness code for this excellent entry and, if still on the boil, can finish close.

SELECTIONS

JOYEUX NONNA (17) - JOG JELOCA (10) - JACK QUICK (15) - JACK SURPRISE (18)

C6 - PRIX SALON DE L'HABITAT VIRE NORMANDIE - 2800m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. KANSAS DU RIB** - Capricious sort making first appearance since imposing at Saint-Brieuc on 5 December. Won here last May, is competitively-shod for first start back, and merits respect
- 2. KOULOU GAGOU** - Delicate sort that has not made the first 3 since October 2023 and is not about to break the mould
- 3. KABRI** - Won 2 of 4 last summer before being sent for a rest. Is shod for comeback and is going to need the race
- 4. KAMALIS** - Pleasant at Argentan before coming 7th behind KEROSSEN DU GERS (16) in a Nantes Class E last weekend and will need to raise his game
- 5. KONQUERANT** - No slouch on a good day but is seldom not being scrutinised by the stewards. Has not been seen out since early-November, but will be barefoot, and will generate some interest
- 6. KANSAS BONBON** - Has been very disappointing since imposing at Mauquenchy a year ago and with shoes on will have nothing to contribute
- 7. KATKO DES CAILLONS** - Quality element in the monte code. Runs for the first time since mid-September though and will not be given a hard race
- 8. KENTIA DES RIOULTS** - Barring a pair of eliminations, has been in rude health over recent months. Was not disgraced here last June but still looks a minor place chance at best
- 9. KATANA** - Respectable mare that consistently gives her best, and has decent clockwise credentials, but in this company will have too much to do
- 10. KOBRA JENILOU** - Wonderfully-consistent and has excellent right-handed references. Should not be condemned for recent Vincennes performance, and can be backed with confidence this time. Chance
- 11. KARLSON PASS** - Unexceptional trotter starting for first time since last August. Is clearly better in the other discipline and will have few friends
- 12. KARAIELLA BOND** - Imposed at Vincennes in late-December but disappointing in 2 since. Shoes back on here and can be passed over
- 13. KELLY D'ESSARTS** - Has never shown any liking for the harness code. Is here for reasons of conditioning and will have nothing to offer
- 14. KALINE DE COSSE** - Very hard to fault since the turn of the year. Makes Vire bow on a hat-trick and despite a 25m handicap still looks a major player

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15. KANSAS DU HOCTI - Useful trotter but has better prospects under the saddle and can be ruled out

16. KEROSEN DU GERS - Never far from faulting but is otherwise in excellent shape. Has been knocking at the door lately and enjoys a fine opportunity to win for the first time since April 2024

17. KOUROUX - Back in the provinces after pleasantly surprising in a Vincennes Class D 2.5 weeks ago. Pleased on sole Vire appearance and with Yoann Lebourgeois reining will be afforded every chance

18. KANCALAIS - Eliminated in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on re-entry 2.5 weeks ago. Will have come on for the race and, if as performant as he was earlier in the winter, is unlikely to let the side down

Summary: Runner-up at Vincennes in January, and again at Nantes last weekend, KEROSEN DU GERS (16) will have every chance of winning this provided he stays is stride. A winner here last summer, KOBRA JENILOU (10) returns to racing right-handed after failing to deliver at Vincennes earlier in the month and, 25m better off, will have his chances. KALINE DE COSSE (14) has won 3 of 4 starts this year and even though incurring the penalty still looks a serious proposition. Charles-Antoine Mary could not have wished for a better entry for KANCALAIS (18) who has taken particularly well to racing in his present formula.

SELECTIONS

KEROSEN DU GERS (16) - KOBRA JENILOU (10) - KALINE DE COSSE (14) - KANCALAIS (18)

C7 - PRIX AMISO - FLERS - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 20,000

1. LYS PETTEVINIERE - Useful element that prepped at Le Croise-Laroche last week. Is shod as he was when 2nd at Angers in January and can finish closer this time

2. LUXURY DU DOUAROU - Handy element starting for the first time since late-October. Has placed just once in 3 Vire starts, and would be preferred barefoot, but benefits from a decent draw and could pleasantly surprise

3. LABEL GEMA - Serious sort making first appearance since late-November but is plainly in competition-mode and can get straight down to business

4. LASCAUX DU PERCHE - Ran 2nd in an Amiens Class F last weekend, on his first objective of the new year. Will have come on for the race and from the 4-slot will be no soft touch

5. LATINO DES ISLES - Unremarkable type making first appearance since 19 October. Eliminated on sole Vire start and is not about to set off any fireworks

6. LUCKY DES GAUDINES - Showed promise last year before form trailed off. Stays shod for first start since October and not a concern

7. LOUISIS DU LUPIN - Disappointed in 2 after imposing in Toulouse last autumn, and will first need to re-establish his credentials

8. LUTIN DE LA BASLE - Was somewhat uneasy at Laval despite giving a good account, but has better prospects here and is unlikely to return home empty-handed

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9. LOUDEAC D'YVI - Looked decidedly ordinary when 5th of 7 finishers in a 2800m Class F here 3 weeks ago. Is not the most generous of horses and can be passed over

10. LAMENTIN - Was going well when eliminated in a Nantes Class E last weekend. Has been handed a 2nd line draw but is clearly in fine fettle and could well open his 2026 account

11. L'ARNACOEUR - Has not been seen out since being disqualified at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last September and has no realistic chance

12. LISSANDRO D'ARC - Somewhat made up for Angers elimination when 4th in a Bordeaux Class D 3 weeks ago. Breaks from the rear this time but has merit and cannot be discounted

Summary: LABEL GEMA (3) has not been seen out since November but he is barefoot for the occasion, takes on a less-exalted lot this time, and the draw only enhances his already good prospects. After placing at Saint-Brieuc in January, LAMENTIN (10) was most unlucky at Nantes last weekend and Pierre Houel will be eager to put things right. Runner-up at Angers before failing to deliver at Le Croise-Laroche last Monday, LYS PETTEVINIERE (1) will appreciate returning to racing clockwise and has been reconfigured. LASCAUX DU PERCHE (4) left a very good impression on his recent re-entry and should not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

LABEL GEMA (3) - LAMENTIN (10) - LYS PETTEVINIERE (1) - LASCAUX DU PERCHE (4)

**C8 - PRIX OLIVIER STIRN / ROBERT AUVRAY - 2800m (a2m) - Class E -
Harness - EUR € 30,000**

1. JAMAICA D'OYSE - Unremarkable trotter that was eliminated in 3 of last 4 starts. Has form here, and goes barefoot, but still seems to be out of her league

2. HURRICANE STEED - 2nd at Angers before coming 6th behind ILLINOIS (7) in a 2800m Argentan amateurs Class F on 23 December. Has not been seen since however and cannot be considered a priority on Vire debut

3. JOKER DU CHOQUEL - Has hardly put a foot out of line this winter, most recently running 4th in a Vincennes Class E. Imposed last time here and the front row start will only enhance his prospects

4. JOYCE DREAM - Has struggled to make any impression this winter. Returns to racing barefoot but current condition does nothing to inspire confidence

5. JOYCE D'AVEZE - Got back in the winners' circle at Amiens last weekend after clinching a 2400m Class F. Is new to the venue and even from the front line is unlikely to spring any surprises

6. IVO LE COUP - Hardy type making first appearance since 20 December when trounced at Vincennes. Shoes on and can be ruled out

7. ILLINOIS - Surprisingly eliminated at Saint-Brieuc early last month. Has been flying in the amateur division for some time, seldom disappoints at Vire, and from the front row looks good enough to pick up some prizemoney

8. HIPPO DE POMMERAYE - Takes first competitive steps since flopping at Bernay last August. Has placed just once in 4 starts here and can be confidently disregarded

9. ISA DES LANDES - Modest mare returning to the harness code after 2 unexceptional monte starts and appears to have no realistic chance

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10. HERAKLION DESBOIS - Sent for a spell after running 3rd at Meslay-du-Maine in December but looked ordinary at Saint-Brieuc and others easier to back

11. IDOLE JALLERIE - Talented mare but never far from faulting. Has won her last 2 though, most recently in style, and given her liking for Vire, will be competitive at the business end of the race

12. JERENAL D'HAMELINE - Most impressive in 2025 and most recently pleased on comeback at Laval 11 days ago. Will be barefoot this time and will justifiably garner considerable support

13. JULIANA DE RETZ - Useful dual-discipline mare starting for the first time since September. Shoes off for the occasion but is not a concern

14. GRILLE PAIN - Acquits himself honourably for the most part, presents fine Vire references, but has not raced since September and would be preferred barefoot

15. IQUITO PLANCHETTE - Pleased in 2 after finishing 2nd in a Class E under these conditions in early-December. Is unlikely to create an upset but can nevertheless make first 5

16. HETRE D'OURVILLE - Rather disappointing since returning to competition in December. Is confirmed here and it is only a question of time before he comes good again

17. JIPET DE CREPIN - Flew up in a 2850m Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago. Is plainly at the top of his game and even though obviously better racing left-handed still looks the pick of the field

18. HEAVEN STAR - Serious sort that lost his way in 2025. Has not been seen out since September and is going to need the run

Summary: He may not be the easiest of horses to use but JIPET DE CREPIN (17) ran out an impressive winner in Paris early last month and can repeat if kept focused. IDOLE JALLERIE (11) returns to a track she likes on a hat-trick and, with form maintained, is unlikely to disappoint. Sent for a break after winning 2 straight last autumn, JERENAL D'HAMELINE (12) will be barefoot following his comeback run and makes his Vire debut with every chance of finishing close. JOKER DU CHOQUEL (3) is 25m better off though, won over course and distance in November, and in present form is very hard to ignore.

SELECTIONS

JIPET DE CREPIN (17) - IDOLE JALLERIE (11) - JERENAL D'HAMELINE (12) - JOKER DU CHOQUEL (3)