

R3 LAVAL [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE MOLIERES - 2850m (a2m) - Class G Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 6,000

- 1. JACADI D'EVA** - Eliminated on re-entry at Erbray 3 weeks ago. Is new to Laval and is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 2. JEWEL D'AUCHY** - Went off the boil late last season and has picked up this term where he left off. Disregard
- 3. INES D'IDEF** - Showed considerable improvement at Nantes 2 weeks ago despite having been disqualified and, with application, could pleasantly surprise
- 4. INZAGHY** - Has made no impact whatsoever since winning at La Rochelle almost 2 years ago and can be written off
- 5. HAKA DANCER** - Showed improvement at Loudeac in late-May when 3rd in a 2850m claimer, however a repeat seems most unlikely
- 6. JOVIAL** - Will be reunited with Olivier Fontes de Aguiar who ran 2nd with him in a Graignes Class F a month back. Has yet to deliver at Laval but the front-line start will only work to his advantage
- 7. HOTLINE JAVANAISE** - Has done nothing of note since placing at Neuillé-Pont-Pierre over 2 months ago. Starts in front but is still not a concern
- 8. JASTAR** - Imposed at La Roche-Posay in late-May, 3 weeks prior to coming 5th in a Durtal Class F. Enjoys a good entry on the front row and Sébastien Rocher will be eager to make hay
- 9. IMPERIAL DE FORGAN** - A complete disappointment for past 12 months and recent comeback did nothing to dispel any doubts
- 10. IMAGINE GIRL** - Quality mare with nothing to prove in this category. Can be excused her recent elimination and will have this in the bag if she stays in stride
- 11. JAHINA VITA** - Ran very good 4th in a Nantes Class G a fortnight ago. Incurs the penalty once more but in present shape is hard to ignore
- 12. IZAAC D'HAVAROCHE** - Returns to the amateur category after running 4th under the saddle in a Pornichet Class F on Thursday but is not about to spring any surprises
- 13. HOMMAGE DU TRIO** - Eliminated in both starts so far this term. Will be shod as he was at Graignes and can get a look in if his amateur manages to keep him trotting
- 14. GRACIEUX GALBE** - Has been acquitting himself decently since returning to the track in April. Is unlikely to create an upset but is nicely-entered on the back line and can again finish in the mix

Summary: Seldom disappointing at this level when she can keep her action together, IMAGINE GIRL (10) takes on a relatively unexceptional lot here and even from the back row can make this her own. Arthur Raffin will still be keeping an eye on the better-placed JASTAR (8), who has been holding his own in the professional ranks, and JOVIAL (6) who will be shod as he was when runner-up at Graignes in late-May. JAHINA VITA (11) starts on the back row but she is clearly back on the right road and can finally break her Laval duck.

SELECTIONS

IMAGINE GIRL (10) - JASTAR (8) - JOVIAL (6) - JAHINA VITA (11)

C2 - PRIX DE SAINT PIERRE LA COUR - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 21,000

1. **MABROUKA GIRL** - Has returned modestly to competition following a lengthy hiatus and will have few, if any, friends
2. **MEMPHIS NEMO** - Has shown no aptitude whatsoever for either code and can be ruled out
3. **MANON DU LEARD** - Ran 2nd under these conditions last winter but has looked rather ordinary since and is not about to spice things up
4. **MILTON ELLIS** - Has yet to get off the mark but always gives his best. Should not be condemned for faulting at Amiens but at this level will have too much to do
5. **MOUNGO** - Won a Class F over course and distance on 22 May, but was eliminated 3 weeks later. Is in decent condition though and can pick up some prizemoney if he deigns to stay in stride
6. **MANIFESTO** - Has evident ability but eliminated in last 2, most recently under harness. Is confirmed going left-handed but others still preferred
7. **MISTIGRI JIBE** - Eliminated more often than not but has talent in spades. Was sanctioned at Langon but on better behaviour can make a big splash
8. **MY STORY** - Returns to a track she appreciates after having been eliminated at Vichy, but form is sure and she will be reunited with Eric Raffin who ran 2nd with her at Chartres 2.5 weeks ago. Attention
9. **MORGANE DE TOI** - Returns to the discipline after some decent harness performances during the spring. Finds herself in superior company though and chances appear slim
10. **MOMINETTE** - Produced a 22-1 surprise when 2nd in a Caen Class D in mid-June. Goes barefoot again and can play a small role
11. **MARIUS DES TOURS** - Ran 3rd at Les Sables-d'Olonne before repeating at Langon on 12 June. Is in his category here and unlikely to be far from the action
12. **MAYBE DU CEBE** - Has yet to make her mark this term but should be fit by now. Presents solid Laval credentials and it will not be long before she makes her presence felt again
13. **MA PIECE D'OR** - Won a Vire Class E in May, then ran better in a Caen Class D 3.5 weeks ago than her 5th place would suggest, and is easy to fancy for the win this time

Summary: Nicely-engaged here, and clearly in good shape, MA PIECE D'OR (13) has proven left-handed references and Alexandre Abrivard will be keen to improve on her recent Caen run. She will still be up against the talented MISTIGRI JIBE (7) who will be no soft touch if Anthony Barrier keeps him focused, and the same caveat should be applied to the on-form MY STORY (8). MARIUS DES TOURS (11) has been knocking at the door but may once again have to settle for a place cheque.

SELECTIONS

MA PIECE D'OR (13) - MISTIGRI JIBE (7) - MY STORY (8) - MARIUS DES TOURS (11)

C3 - PRIX DE CRAON - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. **MATRERO** - Made his way back into the winners' circle when easily winning a Class F under these conditions on 19 June. At this level though, he is unlikely to confirm
2. **MEC DE MUTRECY** - Has started to make good on his potential over past 6 weeks, most recently securing a Feurs Class D on 12 June, and if behaved can bring home the bacon
3. **MYTHE D'ERABLE** - Returns to racing left-handed after coming close in a Caen Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Is plainly close to his race and can bring the fight to MEC DE MUTRECY (2)
4. **MONZON DU CHATELET** - Made up for Pontchâteau elimination when 3rd in a Cherbourg Class F 3 weeks ago. Takes on a better field this time but still has the wherewithal to pick up a cheque
5. **MEETING MESLOIS** - Has turned a corner over recent weeks after having been entrusted to Enzo Cive, most recently good 3rd in a Mauquenchy Class E a month back. Has been reconfigured for the occasion and cannot be discounted
6. **MY JIBAY** - Modest individual with better prospects at a lower level. Goes barefoot this time but still not a concern
7. **MAGIC DE VAUVILLE** - Barring Vincennes performance has been giving a good account of himself this term. Defied his odds at Le Mans in late-May but a repeat seems unlikely
8. **MAJOR D'IVY** - Useful but not the most dependable of colts. Showed considerable improvement at Pontchateau a month back, imposed over course and distance last November, and the engagement of Franck Nivard speaks for itself
9. **MAJOR DU MARGAS** - Would have finished 3rd in an Enghien Class E last weekend had he not been eliminated. Has form at this level and will not be far off the mark if Anthony Barrier keeps him focused
10. **MUST DE VILLARD** - 10 races but yet to get off the mark. Has not been seen out since late last year but benefits from a terrific entry and in the hands of Eric Raffin will be no pushover
11. **MARABOU DODVILLE** - Promising future element starting for first time since February and is going to need the run

Summary: It took a few weeks after being transferred to the Grimault yard for MEC DE MUTRECY (2) to come good; he was won 2 of his last 3 starts and can wrap this up if he takes to the new conditions. Alexandre Abrivard will nevertheless be mindful of MYTHE D'ERABLE (3) who just missed out at Caen last month. MUST DE VILLARD (10) has yet to get off the mark, and has not raced since November, but he will be competitively-shod for the first time, with Eric Raffin in the bike. MAJOR DU MARGAS (9) is not the easiest to handle but he would have finished in the frame at Enghien had he kept trotting and must be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

MEC DE MUTRECY (2) - MYTHE D'ERABLE (3) - MUST DE VILLARD (10) - MAJOR DU MARGAS (9)

C4 - PRIX DE SENONNES - 2850m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. **LIBERTY FRECA** - Modest individual making first appearance since late-March. Stays shod for the occasion and will have nothing to offer
2. **LEONORA** - Holds her own for the most part but was most recently eliminated at Cherbourg, and in this company will have too much to do
3. **LITTLE WING BLUES** - Has ability but is as complicated as they come. Was eliminated in 4 of last 5 starts and will have few takers
4. **L'ETOILE DE ROCHE** - Still a maiden but has gone close more than once. Will have progressed for re-entry run though and, with Anthony Barrier reining, will be afforded every chance. First 5
5. **LIESSE DU CHENE** - Was unable to confirm Pontchateau victory when 7th in an Elbeuf Class F 3 weeks ago. Should not be too quickly-condemned for the run though, has otherwise been in cracking form, and will be expected to get straight back in the game
6. **LIBERTA DE MARZY** - Has gone from strength to strength over recent weeks, latterly runner-up to LIESSE DU CHENE (5) in a 2800m Pontchateau Class E a month ago, and will be no easy touch when push comes to shove
7. **L'ILE D'HAUFOR** - Previously a good sort but has done nothing noteworthy for some time and can be passed over
8. **LOLLIPOP MIJACK** - Takes a dip in category after failing to fire in better company over course and distance 3.5 weeks ago. Is unlikely to create an upset but can still figure prominently
9. **LA BAULE HAUFOR** - Produced career-best time when victorious in a Caen Class F 3 weeks ago. Has yet to deliver at Laval but benefits from an excellent entry, and in current condition is hard to ignore. Claim
10. **LOYALTY** - Serious mare that held her own in a Vincennes Class E on 12 June. In less-exalted company this time and can challenge for the win

Summary: Very hard to knock this year, LA BAULE HAUFOR (9) returns to Laval on a hat-trick and it is hard to see her being beaten. At just 30 Euros from elimination, the on-form LOYALTY (10) left a good impression in Paris last month and has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time. With form clearly headed in the right direction, and very much at her ease at Laval, LIBERTA DE MARZY (6) will be competitive for a place in the picture. LIESSE DU CHENE (5) can be forgiven her recent Elbeuf blip and the engagement of Franck Nivard will only help her cause.

SELECTIONS

LA BAULE HAUFOR (9) - LOYALTY (10) - LIBERTA DE MARZY (6) - LIESSE DU CHENE (5)

C5 - PRIX DE SAINT OUEN DES TOITS - 2850m (a2m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 27,000

- 1. MERCENARY** - Debuts in the discipline off the back of some decent harness performances at home in Sweden. Goes well when barefoot but may nevertheless be taking on too much
- 2. HERINA SOTTO** - Has raced twice under the saddle but to no avail. Has not been seen out since October and can be confidently disregarded
- 3. JUMBO DE LUNESE** - Good, consistent trotter that ran 2nd in a Class F at La Capelle on 19 June. Is reunited with Alexandre Abrivard who will be keen to provide him with a first win since September 2024
- 4. JUST ME NESLE** - Gave a reassuringly good account when 2nd in a 3000m Nantes Class D a fortnight ago. Has not visited the winners' enclosure since September 2024 but appears to be close to his race and should be taken seriously
- 5. JONQUILLETE CREPIN** - Ran 4th behind JOISO POKER PRO (6) at Chartres in late-May, then came 2nd in an Avranches Class F, from the back row, 2 weeks ago. Is unlikely to get her nose in front but is unlikely to be too far from the action either
- 6. JOISO POKER PRO** - Has hardly put a foot out of line over recent weeks, most recently complementing his Chartres monte run with 4th place in a Cherbourg harness Class E 3 weeks ago. Has not won under the saddle for 4.5 years but should not be underestimated either
- 7. JACKSON DU CLOS** - Serious type with nothing to prove at this level. Was eliminated under harness on comeback, but will have work behind him, sports modified shoeing, and looks main threat to JUMBO DE LUNESE (3)
- 8. PARKER** - Has decent aptitude for the discipline but has yet to impress this term and others easier to back

Summary: One of the most reliably-performant horses in the field, JUMBO DE LUNESE (3) returns to a track he appreciates after having gone close at La Capelle recently and has a realistic chance of imposing. JACKSON DU CLOS (7) has just the one race under his belt since last November but he presents fine monte credentials and will be competitively-shod for his first objective of the year. JOISO POKER PRO (6) made a solid return to the discipline in late-May and Victor Saussaye will be back in the irons.

SELECTIONS

JUMBO DE LUNESE (3) - JACKSON DU CLOS (7) - JOISO POKER PRO (6) - JUST ME NESLE (4)

C6 - PRIX DE MERAL - 2850m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. LE LIBERTY** - Showed some promise during the spring but has made little impact lately and is not about to spice things up
- 2. LOULOU BOY** - Difficult to use during the spring but is by no means devoid of ability, and can get in on the action if he stays in stride
- 3. LIBERATOR PHEDO** - Better under the saddle, as he showed here 10 days ago. Has decent harness references though and, if applied, can pick up a first-five payout
- 4. LET'S GO VAL** - Always gives what he can but has looked very ordinary this year and will have few friends
- 5. L'ELU DE REVE D'OR** - Has endured an interrupted career and is behind in earnings, but will have nothing to contribute on first start since June 2025
- 6. LORENZO DU NOYER** - Made amends for Alencon elimination when comfortably winning a Graignes Class F a fortnight ago. Has taken particularly well to racing barefoot and with stride in check can confirm
- 7. LONDON JONES** - Capable on a good day but has not been seen out since October and will not be given a hard race
- 8. LOOK DE GINAI** - Turned a corner last month with 2 consecutive victories. Has form with Anthony Barrier and can challenge for 3 on the trot
- 9. L'AMI DANOVER** - Imposed at Laon early last month then confirmed a fortnight later at Nantes. Will be reunited with his usual partner and should not be far off the mark
- 10. LIPTON DU NOYER** - Revitalised over recent weeks, latterly winning a Nancy Class F in tenacious fashion, and with form maintained can figure prominently at the business end of the race

Summary: Runner-up on his sole appearance under these conditions, and twice a winner in his last 3 starts, LORENZO DU NOYER (6) goes barefoot again and, with application, should have this in the bag. Eric Raffin can nevertheless expect opposition from LOOK DE GINAI (8) who makes his Laval debut on a hat-trick, and the well-engaged LIPTON DU NOYER (10) who has recently been making up for lost time. Also on a three-timer, L'AMI DANOVER (9) has never produced the goods here but in present shape is easy to like for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

LORENZO DU NOYER (6) - LOOK DE GINAI (8) - LIPTON DU NOYER (10) - L'AMI DANOVER (9)

C7 - PRIX DE NUILLE SUR VICOIN - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 28,000

- 1. KISS WOOD** - Had made no impact at all since winning an Angers Class F on 21 January. Is not a priority but it is just a matter of time before he comes good again
- 2. KING D'HERMES** - Went into his spring layup in fine shape. Has a race under his belt but is still being conditioned and best to hold off
- 3. KARAT DEFF** - Pleased in 5 of 5 starts this year until being eliminated at Caen when still holding all the cards. Damien Bonne in the bike this time and can finally open his charge's 2026 account
- 4. INTERIM BOY** - Useful earlier in his career but has raced little in recent times and is very hard to trust
- 5. JOUR ET NUIT** - Gives a good account for the most part and most recently ran 4th in a Chateaubriant Class F on 7 June. Is facing a stiffer test this time though and others preferred
- 6. KENNEDY STREET** - Drops back in category after coming 7th in an Enghien Class D 9 days ago. Is plainly in good shape though and Eric Raffin has a point to prove
- 7. KER POULGWEN** - Produced a pair of good performances before being sanctioned in a turf Class D a fortnight ago. Will be more comfortable going left-handed and can make amends
- 8. KOOL GEORGES** - Has ample ability but has been off his porridge so far this term. Has previously won for Theo Raffin, will be barefoot, and warrants respect
- 9. JUST D'ACADIE** - Left a good impression on comeback at Les Andelys 2 weeks ago when 2nd in a 2525m Class F. Will not be barefoot this time but will have come on for the race and can get in on the action
- 10. KETBERNY** - Twice second before enduring misfortune in a Vincennes Class D a month back. Enjoys a good entry here and will be reunited with Franck Nivard for whom he goes well

Summary: Knocking at the door since the turn of the year, KARAT DEFF (3) could well have won a Caen Quinte last month had he not lost his action. He has been reconfigured for his Laval bow though and, with application, can make it a winning one. Damien Bonne will be justifiably wary of the well-engaged, and freshly-padded, KETBERNY (10) who was not afforded the best of runs at Vincennes a month ago, and KENNEDY STREET (6) who is considerably better than her recent Enghien result would suggest. KER POULGWEN (7) returns to racing left-handed after being eliminated at Craon, and will be shod as he was at Nantes in early-June.

SELECTIONS

KARAT DEFF (3) - KETBERNY (10) - KENNEDY STREET (6) - KER POULGWEN (7)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day

IMAGINE GIRL (110)

Outsider of the day

MONZON DU CHATELET (304)

Reverse forecast

LA BAULE HAUFOR (409) - LOYALTY (410)

Three pick of the day

IMAGINE GIRL (110) - LA BAULE HAUFOR (409) - JUMBO DE LUNESE (503)