

# LAVAL - 07 May

## Race 1

1. **ICE BACK** - Looks limited after ten starts. Unlikely to factor in this field.
2. **ISLAND BOND** - Showed definite promise in first campaign. Been freshened and should continue progressing now. Place claims.
3. **ICONE MADRIK** - Looked a high class prospect when going clear for a 4L victory at Saint Malo first up. Upped in grade but deservedly so. Keep safe.
4. **INFINITY DU PONT** - Stayed on well to make a winning debut at Ecommoy. Sure to improve upon that and conditions should suit. Shortlisted.
5. **IXANA GRIFF** - 1.25L winner at Cholet on debut. Impressed that day and good driver retains the ride. Solid pick.
6. **IVORY DU CHERISAY** - Finished second on both starts so far. Beaten just 2L at Amiens two weeks ago and could easily go one place better.
7. **IDEAL LADY** - DQ last two starts. Had shown promise earlier in career however and needs to bounce back.
8. **INTERGALACTIQUE** - Won on debut but form of that only modest. Ran with credit however upped to this grade second up. Holds claims.
9. **ISIS DE ROSE** - 2.75L third at Lyon Parilly was a career best. May now be improving so do not rule out.
10. **IN RACE LORRAINE** - Inconsistent performances in short career to date. Place claims if at best.
11. **IDOLE DE MEAT** - 3.75L victory on just second career start. That was impressive and this is only slightly tougher. Big chance.

## Summary

A competitive looking affair in which the market may prove telling. ICONE MADRIK (3) impressed when going clear on debut. High class prospect well fancied to make it two from two. IDOLE DE MEAT (11) took a big step forward from first to second start. Top driver booked and holds winning claims. IXANA GRIFF (5) was a game winner on sole outing so far. Could be anything at this stage so keep safe. IVORY DU CHERISAY (6) placed twice from two runs so far. Can continue progressing and is easy to fancy.

## Selections

**ICONE MADRIK (3) - IDOLE DE MEAT (11) - IXANA GRIFF (5) - IVORY DU CHERISAY (6)**

## Race 2

1. **IOKIDO DE GUEZ** - Modest debut effort and unlikely to improve enough to factor.
2. **IBIS DE FRECA** - 0.5L winner at Durtal first up. That was a grade G contest so form is questionable. In a lot better race here but is hard to rule out.
3. **INCREDIBLE TALENT** - Showed promise on all three starts so far. Conditions should suit and holds each way claims.
4. **IMPERIAL MABON** - Impressed when a 2L winner at Saint Malo on debut. This is tougher but good driver booked and is easy to fancy.
5. **IRON BOND** - Game nose winner on debut at Chartres a month ago. Could be anything following that. Shortlisted.
6. **ITALIANO** - Game 1L winner at Fougères on debut. Unfortunate to just miss the placings here since. Can do better now. Big chance.
7. **IN THE AIR** - 5L third on reappearance at Rambouillet. Lacks the potential of some of these rivals but has place claims once more.
8. **IDEAL MADRIK** - Made the frame on debut and took a step forward when winning second up. This is tougher however. Place may prove best.
9. **IDEAL DES YEDRAG** - Shaped with significant promise in six starts so far. Potentially remains vulnerable for win purposes but another place is possible.
10. **ILLICO DE JAVIE** - Game winner on debut and placed second up. Looks a smart prospect and is easy to fancy despite grade rise.
11. **INGMAN** - Run with credit on all starts so far. Certainly has the ability to factor and holds each way hope.

### Summary

IMPERIAL MABON (4) impressed when going clear on debut. Upped in grade but expected to be the one to beat once more. ILLICO DE JAVIE (10) looks a smart prospect. Won and placed from two outings so far and may give another bold showing. IBIS DE FRECA (2) comes into this following a debut victory. Form is questionable but with a top driver booked is easy to fancy. ITALIANO (6) just missed the placings at this course. Can build on that and holds each way claims.

### Selections

**IMPERIAL MABON (4) - ILLICO DE JAVIE (10) - IBIS DE FRECA (2) - ITALIANO (6)**

## Race 3

1. **HORNELLA DE JANZE** - Talented and consistent filly. Won on debut and has placed on all four runs since. Tries better grade now. In the mix.
2. **HANIKA DU LUPIN** - String of placed efforts before DQ the last twice. Needs to re-find form.
3. **HEROINE DU ROY** - DQ last two runs and happy to oppose following that.
4. **HYDILLE DE RETZ** - Won three starts ago but struggled since. Goes well for this driver however so hard to rule out.
5. **HOSANNA DE MESLAY** - Progressed with each start this campaign. 1.75L third at Cherbourg a month ago. Each way chance without shoes.
6. **HAVANA MOON** - Looks a smart prospect having won twice and placed from just four starts. Should continue improving and is easy to fancy.
7. **HOMAHA BEACH** - Scored second win in last four starts when a 1L winner at a country venue. This looks a better race but hard to rule out.
8. **HYPER SEXY** - Inconsistent filly. Unlikely to factor amongst this field.
9. **HORS SAISON** - 3.25L third at Le Croise-Laroche three weeks ago. That was a good run and has won at this track in the past.
10. **HALTEA DU BELLAY** - Game 0.5L winner at Amiens was sharp improvement. Holds claims if building upon that.
11. **HUMEUR LA RAVELLE** - Modest form this campaign and happy to take on.
12. **HAMMAMET** - Mid-field on reappearance six days back. Can progress but unlikely that will be enough.
13. **HIRONDELLE FEE** - Won three starts ago but DQ both runs since. Hard to trust but a threat to all if finding the finish.
14. **HILDA DU GERS** - Talented and consistent filly. 0.5L second at Reims eleven days ago and is easy to fancy following that.
15. **HAVANE DE FRECA** - Resumes after four months. Market check will prove best guide to chance.
16. **HIGH ENERGY** - Ended last campaign with back to back DQ. Holds form in higher grades however. Potential threat to all first up.

### Summary

HAVANA MOON (6) has only had four career starts. Already won twice and is a smart prospect who looks the one to beat. HORNELLA DE JANZE (1) is both talented and consistent. Yet to miss the placings. One to keep safe. HOSANNA DE MESLAY (5) is progressing with each run this campaign. Big chance. HORS SAISON (9) placed at Le Croise-Laroche and returns to track enjoyed previously. Each way chance.

### Selections

**HAVANA MOON (6) - HORNELLA DE JANZE (1) - HOSANNA DE MESLAY (5) - HORS SAISON (9)**

## Race 4

1. **HASARD** - Won twice and finished a close second in three starts so far. Looks a nice prospect and open to further progression. Big chance.
2. **HAPPY BEJI** - Form figures make little appeal. Happy to oppose.
3. **HIPSTER** - Scored overdue victory when a 1L winner at Pontchateau in March. This is tougher but can give another bold showing.
4. **HADES DE SUCE** - Struggling recently and this may prove too tough.
5. **HERCULE DU LEVANT** - Well beaten in all recent starts and is easily opposed.
6. **HAPPY PURPLE** - Won three starts back and placed subsequently before a DQ at Caen. Remains unexposed however. Holds some claims.
7. **HENRIQUE DE LOU** - 1L second at Caen a fortnight ago. That was a good effort and a threat to all if building upon that.
8. **HETRE CHANGEEN** - Steps up in grade following 1L win at Chartres. Goes well for this driver and looks a potential threat to all.
9. **HAVRE** - Won three starts back and placed next time but fifth last weekend. Worth another try running barefoot.
10. **HERMES LUDOIS** - Well beaten on reappearance. Should improve but unlikely that will be enough.
11. **HERMES GRIFF** - DQ on reappearance three weeks ago. Happy to oppose following that.
12. **HALFAN SPEED** - Back to back victories since resuming. Looks an improved performer and can do better yet. Keep safe without shoes.
13. **HANAR GRIMM** - 3.25L fourth at Reims in March. That was a promising reappearance and should strip fitter. Shortlisted.
14. **HAROLD BERGIL** - 2.75L victory at Alencon nineteen days back. This is tougher but confidence will be high. Holds claims.
15. **HOLD UP PECE** - Progressed with each start this campaign. 1.75L third at Le Mans three weeks ago was a good run. Remains in the same grade. Each way player.
16. **HOPE YOU CAN** - 0.5L winner at Amiens two weeks ago. Had been struggling prior. Worth a second look.

### Summary

HASARD (1) looks a high class prospect. Won two of three starts so far and expected to be hard to beat once more. HALFAN SPEED (12) won both outings since resuming. Looks an improved performer and can easily score a hat-trick now. HIPSTER (3) delivered an overdue victory at Pontchateau. This is tougher but could go close. HOLD UP PECE (15) remains a maiden though does have ability. Each way player following a placing at Le Mans.

### Selections

**HASARD (1) - HALFAN SPEED (12) - HIPSTER (3) - HOLD UP PECE (15)**

## Race 5

1. **GEEK D'ACADIE** - Placed on first two starts but not progressed from that yet. Each way chance now second up.
2. **GAUTIER DU MAXFRAN** - Definite promise on reappearance effort and should only improve. Each way hope.
3. **GRISBI DU PERSIL** - Shaped with significant promise in recent outings and now is third up so can be primed. Big chance racing barefoot.
4. **GANYMEDE DE DUSSAC** - Progressed with each start this campaign. Placed at Caen eleven days ago but return to this track not ideal. Races barefoot.
5. **GIRELLO** - 7.75L fourth at Maure-de-Bretagne was a lot better but still needs a lot more.
6. **GONDOLIER** - Back to back placed finishes earlier in the campaign. Threat to all if back in that form. Races barefoot.
7. **GABIN D'ERONVILLE** - Made a winning reappearance three runs back and placed four weeks ago. Clearly in great form and can show up well once more racing barefoot.
8. **GALEHAUT AMERICA** - Thriving of late. Won four starts back and placed all runs since. Goes well for this driver. The one to beat running barefoot.
9. **GENGIS D'HAMELINE** - Let down favourite backers at Saint Brieuc in March but still ran with credit. Won here two starts back and a threat to all without shoes.
10. **GUEPARD DE TILLARD** - Modest winning record but placed on only previous run at this track and has run well for this driver. Goes barefoot and holds each way claims.
11. **GRAAL DE BUSSET** - DQ last three starts and easily opposed following that.
12. **GOWEN CHALEONNAIS** - Recent form figures make little appeal. Happy to oppose.

### Summary

GALEHAUT AMERICA (8) won four starts ago and placed all three runs since. Clearly thriving at present and rates a leading contender. GRISBI DU PERSIL (3) shaped with significant promise on recent outings and now third up could be primed. Keep safe. GABIN D'ERONVILLE (7) scored on reappearance. Ran well both attempts since and now looks ready to strike again. Easy to fancy. GENGIS D'HAMELINE (9) maintains a great record with this driver. Let down favourite backers at Saint Brieuc but can easily make amends. Threat to all.

### Selections

**GALEHAUT AMERICA (8) - GRISBI DU PERSIL (3) - GABIN D'ERONVILLE (7) - GENGIS D'HAMELINE (9)**

## Race 6

1. **EFFET** - 5.75L fifth at Cholet on reappearance. That was promising and in three runs at this track has placed every time. Each way player.
2. **EVA GIRL** - Inconsistent mare. Struggling recently and unlikely to factor in current form.
3. **EVITA DU BOURG** - Recent outings have only been modest. Easily opposed.
4. **COOL HAUFOR** - Placed in a better grade here three runs ago. Holds some very strong form in the book and looks a threat to all.
5. **ENZO DE JAVIE** - DQ last three starts. Hard to fancy following that.
6. **CORNULIER DU TAM** - Struggling recently and happy to take on.
7. **EOLE CHRISTUBERT** - Well below best of late and unlikely to trouble the judge.
8. **DAME DE TILLARD** - 0.5L second at Maure-de-Bretagne nine days ago was a great run. This if anything is easier. Contender.
9. **EKEREN** - DQ on last five starts and hard to fancy he will even find the finish at present.
10. **DADDY CASH** - Running consistently well in defeat of late. Each way claims.
11. **DRUSENHEIM** - In the form of her life of late. Won twice and placed twice from last five starts. Expect another bold showing running barefoot.
12. **EROICO BELLO** - DQ on last two starts. In much better form before that however so a threat to all if finding the finish.
13. **BELIEVE ME** - Modest recent form figures and happy to oppose at present.

### Summary

DAME DE TILLARD (8) was a close second in a higher grade at Maure-de-Bretagne. Holds claims and rates a leading chance. DRUSENHEIM (11) is thriving. Expected to finish close up once more. EFFET (1) shaped with promise on reappearance. Might improve upon that. Each way player. COOL HAUFOR (4) maintains strong form. Each way hope with a good driver booked.

### Selections

**DAME DE TILLARD (8) - DRUSENHEIM (11) - EFFET (1) - COOL HAUFOR (4)**

## Race 7

1. **FOLKLORE DE BOMO** - Placed on reappearance but then DQ second up. In better level now and needs more.
2. **FOREVER D'ARIANE** - Won five starts ago but not at same level since. Good driver booked however and has won for him previously. Potential threat to all.
3. **FURIEUSE PURPLE** - Ended last campaign in flying form and lots to like about reappearance when placing at Caen. Should only progress and is easy to fancy.
4. **FILOU DE LARRE** - DQ last two starts and hard to trust following that. Game winner four starts ago however and hard to entirely rule out.
5. **FOX PAPA TANGO** - Good winning record for this driver but struggled on recent outings. Happy to take on.
6. **FUCHSIA PIERJI** - Form figures of late are only modest. Needs more.
7. **FAUVE DES YOLAIS** - Struggled to find the finish last campaign. Market check advised to determine what is expected on return.
8. **FERIA D'ANAMA** - Ran with credit all starts this campaign and placed at a country track four weeks ago. Remains in the same grade. Each way player.
9. **FEVE DE BEYLEV** - 3.25L second at Vincennes a month ago. That form reads very strongly given the drop in grade. The one to beat.
10. **FRONT LINE** - Won five starts ago but lost her way subsequently. Needs to bounce back.
11. **FLEUR D'ERABLE** - Good 2.25L second at Caen second up. Will be primed for this now and is easy to fancy.

### Summary

FEVE DE BEYLEV (9) drops in grade. Sets a clear form standard. The one to beat. FLEUR D'ERABLE (11) finished 2.25L second at Caen. Now third up so can be primed. Keep safe. FURIEUSE PURPLE (3) placed on reappearance. Can only improve following that and looks a threat to all. FERIA D'ANAMA (8) went well in all outings this campaign. Placed four weeks ago and can progress further. Each way chance.

### Selections

**FEVE DE BEYLEV (9) - FLEUR D'ERABLE (11) - FURIEUSE PURPLE (3) - FERIA D'ANAMA (8)**

## Race 8

1. **FLEURON D'ACADIE** - Won two of last four starts. Clearly in great form and enjoys running at this track. Keep safe.
2. **ELIZIR DU HOME** - Running consistently this campaign without troubling the judge. Similar showing anticipated.
3. **DUMBO** - Impressive winner on second career start and then excuses when down the field since. Expect a better showing now.
4. **FELIX DU BOURG** - Game 0.5L winner at Le Croise Laroche. This is tougher but no real surprise were he to go back to back without shoes.
5. **EL SANTO HAUFOR** - Multiple placed finishes earlier in the campaign but modest efforts since. Needs to bounce back.
6. **FESTIF CHARMANT** - 5L third at Cholet eighteen days ago. This is tougher but definite place claims once more.
7. **EMPEREUR THE BEST** - Struggling recently and easily opposed.
8. **CRACK D'ARIANE** - Modest runs all starts this campaign. Likely best ignored.
9. **DREAM GOLD** - Resumes after a five month absence. Has won fresh in the past so deserves a market check.
10. **DREAM TO GIS** - Struggled on recent outings and happy to take on.
11. **ETONNE DE CARSI** - Won three starts ago in a better grade at this track. That was only previous course run and if at the same level again can go close without shoes.
12. **EFFIGIE MADRIK** - Far from disgraced on reappearance and should improve. Good record when running second up. Holds claims.
13. **ENZO D'ESSARTS** - Talented and consistent gelding. Nose second at Vincennes four weeks ago reads as very strong form. Contender if repeating.
14. **DARLING LORRAINE** - Uninspiring recent form figures and happy to oppose.

### Summary

ENZO D'ESSARTS (13) is thriving at present. Beaten just a nose at Vincennes in a stronger level. Leading contender. ETONNE DE CARSI (11) won a better race than this on only previous course appearance. Big chance returning here. FLEURON D'ACADIE (1) is in good form. Enjoys racing at this venue and rates a solid pick. DUMBO (3) struggled last time though did look a nice prospect prior. Threat to all if bouncing back.

### Selections

**ENZO D'ESSARTS (13) - ETONNE DE CARSI (11) - FLEURON D'ACADIE (1) - DUMBO (3)**