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## R4 LA CAPELLE [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX MLD BETHUNE - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - National - Class D -  
Harness - EUR € 23.000**

- 1. KATSUKI** - Modest sort that was trounced here last month and recent Laval effort did nothing to reassure
- 2. KABOBBOY SANT** - Sanctioned in all five starts this season and has no realistic chance
- 3. KOMAN** - Won on debut but subsequently lost his way and chances limited on first start back
- 4. KAP PAASLOO** - Already a winner this year and latterly 4th in race of reference. No credentials going left-handed but will still generate some interest
- 5. KEILA DU PERCHE** - No champion but has demonstrated good consistency and expected to give another honest account
- 6. KOPHIE TOYE** - Complicated filly but not devoid of talent. Currently off the boil though and not an obvious choice
- 7. KEN FERFAY** - Yet to get off the mark but has more than once gone close. Untried left-handed but if he turns will not be far off the mark
- 8. KOUMBA MESLOISE** - Well-regarded filly returning to a more suitable trip after remaining one-paced at Caen. Front pads on and redemption expected
- 9. KEPI DEL** - Promising colt that has still not proved himself going anti-clockwise but is clearly in flying form and will be dangerous if he turns
- 10. KENNEDY FRANCE** - Versatile colt with considerable ability. Should appreciate La Capelle conditions and can finish in the mix
- 11. KLEMS DE JAVIE** - Quality colt that has not put a foot wrong to date. Impressive course-and-distance winner last month and returns with a realistic chance of confirming

**Summary** : Third on his debut over course and distance late March, KLEMS DE JAVIE (11) imposed with authority just two weeks later and again looks the pick of the field. KEPI DEL (9) has yet to prove himself going left-handed but is clearly in form and must not be underestimated. KOUMBA MESLOISE (8) can be forgiven her recent Caen blip and being fitted with front pads can more than make amends. KENNEDY FRANCE (10) is better than recent results would suggest and should be competitive for a spot on the podium.

### SELECTIONS

**KLEMS DE JAVIE (11) - KEPI DEL (9) - KOUMBA MESLOISE (8) - KENNEDY FRANCE (10)**

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## C2 - PRIX MLD VALENCIENNES - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 18.000

- 1. JET DE MAI** - Very disappointing since last season's debut and can be confidently written off
- 2. JOKE DU HOUSSEL** - Unremarkable individual with nothing to show for himself and not a realistic proposition
- 3. JAVA DE LAUMONT** - Placed just once in five appearances in the code and will have few friends
- 4. JOBOURG MESLOIS** - Unexceptional sort that has yet to make any impression in the monté division and can be passed over
- 5. JOYEUSE D'OCCAGNES** - Has looked a decent sort so far and beat JUSTIN DE VALMONT (10) at Reims. Drops back in class after having failed to confirm at Enghien and will be more competitive
- 6. JODHPUR** - Showed decent aptitude last year but below-par this term and needs to get his house in order
- 7. JABIN DES TOURS** - Has switched codes successfully. Got off the mark at Saint-Omer and even though in better company this time still looks a major player
- 8. JOYEUSE DU METZ** - Has merit but as delicate as they come. Can play a role though if she can assure her initial strides
- 9. JETSET MOKO** - Unthreatening in both appearances under the saddle and going shod does nothing to aid her plight
- 10. JUSTIN DE VALMONT** - Useful type that gave a superb account of himself on comeback despite struggling to turn on the way in. Will be helped by change of direction and must be afforded considerable respect
- 11. JASMIN DANOVER** - Pleases for the most part in this branch of the business and with application can make amends for his Caen sanction
- 12. JACKPOT D'ISQUES** - Produced his best monté performance at this track last autumn but still has more to find
- 13. JINGKO DES BOCHARD** - Fine sort that will have come on over the winter and looks a serious proposition on his first start of the new season
- 14. JUST CALITY** - Decent filly taking her first steps in the discipline and if form transitions should not be far from the action

**Summary** : Barring one blip last autumn, JINGKO DES BOCHARD (13) has demonstrated very good aptitude for the monté game and is eminently capable of imposing on his seasonal comeback. That being said, JABIN DES TOURS (7) has taken to the discipline like a duck to water and steps up in class with legitimate ambition. JUSTIN DE VALMONT (10) gave a fine account of himself on re-entry at Reims and will be more at his ease going left-handed this time. JUST CALITY (14) debuts under the saddle after reassuring at Amiens and will be first-time unshod behind.

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JINGKO DES BOCHARD (13) - JABIN DES TOURS (7) - JUSTIN DE VALMONT (10) - JUST  
CALITY (14)

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**C3 - PRIX MLD CALAIS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Autostart - Class  
F - Harness - EUR € 18.000**

- 1. JAVA DE L'ORMERIE** - Consistently gives a good account when focused. Has never excelled here but can get a look in if she reproduces her Chartres performance
- 2. JOUTE VINIERE** - Sanctioned more often than not but lacks no ability and can play a role if she gets off on the right foot
- 3. JOLIE STAR BLONDE** - Modest filly that has failed to make any impression this year and even going barefoot will have her work cut out
- 4. JERMANY** - Consistently in the thick of things this term. Good third over course and distance early last month and justifiably bids to confirm
- 5. JOLLY GOOD** - Showed early promise before losing her way and recent re-entry did nothing to reassure
- 6. JORIA MESLOISE** - Good consistent sort that caught the eye on recent return and is sufficiently well-placed in front to challenge for the win
- 7. JE SUIS HEUVELLAND** - Confirmed here last summer but very disappointing so far this term and can be passed over
- 8. J'ADORE D'EURVAD** - Showed significant promise last summer before going off the boil. Has had the winter to freshen up and should not be written off
- 9. JAZZY MAKER** - Sanctioned as often as not and recent Reims effort disappointing at best
- 10. JALUCINE DELAVOIRE** - Decidedly ordinary filly with nothing to offer here. Disregard
- 11. JAMAICA ISLAND** - Europe-trotting filly that imposed at La Capelle at the first time of asking over an extended trip and even in spite of the draw can double her money
- 12. JAMBA D'OURVILLE** - Unexceptional type with nothing of note to her name recently and will have few takers
- 13. JUVENTINA DE LOU** - No star but can trot. Pleased in both since returning to competition and is sure to garner support
- 14. JAMES BOND GIRL** - As tricky as they come but quality not in doubt and on good behaviour can make a big impact

**Summary** : After having shown considerable promise in four separate European countries, JAMAICA ISLAND (11) made her French debut here a winning one. She is not ideally positioned on the second row but is still good enough to dominate JORIA MESLOISE (6) who left a fine impression on her seasonal re-entry. JAMES BOND GIRL (14) is clearly capable and will have her chances if she can stay in stride from one end of the track to the other. JUVENTINA DE LOU (13) has been reassuringly constant since returning from her spell and could well finish in the frame.

## SELECTIONS

**JAMAICA ISLAND (11) - JORIA MESLOISE (6) - JAMES BOND GIRL (14) - JUVENTINA DE LOU (13)**

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**C4 - PRIX HYMER - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Autostart - Class F -  
Harness - EUR € 18.000**

- 1. JOSCANO** - Has ability but yet to prove himself going left-handed and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 2. JOURNAC DIESCHOOT** - Remarkably consistent colt making his first foray onto French soil and if as good as believed can pull off the hat-trick
- 3. JERIMOW** - Beat a good horse on victorious re-entry to make it 2 from 3. Has excellent spot behind the car and can repeat
- 4. JACKPOT DES THUYAS** - Consistency not his strong suit but beat JACKSON MESLOIS (10) here last month and is sure to generate interest
- 5. JOB DU PERSIL** - Showed his talent more than once last season but has just one race under his belt this term and best to wait
- 6. JULIUS CAESAR** - Not without merit but suffers from stride woes and will not be easy to trust
- 7. JETON** - Twice a winner last season but stays shod for just second race back and worth holding off
- 8. JAZZ DU CHATAULT** - Yet to lose his maiden status but in the frame in last four. Shod this time but worth retaining all the same
- 9. JAZZ DES TOURS** - Showed promise last autumn but below-par so far this term and will have few takers
- 10. JACKSON MESLOIS** - Good type that caught the eye here early last month and in similar form can challenge JERIMOW (3) for the win
- 11. JASEUR** - Modest individual with better form at an inferior level and can be passed over
- 12. JUPITER DE MEAUCE** - Sanctioned more often than not and has better aptitude for the other code
- 13. JAMES WORLD** - Has looked a much better individual since the turn of the year. Not disgraced here a fortnight ago and can again make the first five
- 14. JUST D'ACADIE** - Blows hot and cold but recently failed to confirm his Graignes success. Back to winning shoeing formula in a bid to make amends
- 15. JADORE D'ISQUES** - Decent sort that made a solid comeback three weeks ago. Will have come on for the run and can make a big splash if he negates the draw

**Summary :** Put away after opening his account in June 2022, JERIMOW (3) got straight down to business on his comeback last month and is ideally-positioned to confirm. JACKSON MESLOIS (10) has progressed nicely since returning to competition and his recent run here bodes well for his chances. The ever-consistent JOURNAC DIESCHOOT (2) is better drawn and even though stepping up in class looks a serious proposition. JADORE D'ISQUES (15) should take well to La Capelle and can overcome the tough draw.

## SELECTIONS

**JERIMOW (3) - JACKSON MESLOIS (10) - JOURNAC DIESCHOOT (2) - JADORE**

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D'ISQUES (15)

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**C5 - PRIX ERIBA - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 21.000**

- 1. HAUTAINÉ** - Modest mare that seldom makes her presence felt and is not about to change her ways
- 2. HURIELLE** - Regular for the most part. Has not been seen out since the autumn but is first-time barefoot for return and starting in front must be respected
- 3. HARMINA DU BREUCQ** - Imposed at Graignes to cap off 2022 but has looked ordinary since. Barefoot this time though and will generate some interest
- 4. HEAVEN'S DOOR** - Unexceptional trotter that has failed to make the grade in either appearance this term and will have few takers
- 5. HELMA D'OCQUE** - Very disappointing so far this term but will be reined by Gabriele Gelormini this time and is sure to garner support
- 6. HIRINA** - Dependable mare that gave a decent account here late last month. Well positioned in front and should not be far from the action
- 7. HELVAMOSA** - Got her harness game off to a good start this year and with a favourable run can finish in the money
- 8. HEXA D'HERTALS** - Has ability and is confirmed at La Capelle but latest form does nothing to inspire confidence
- 9. HILDA MARIA** - Opened her seasonal account at a lower level recently but won sufficiently well to be considered a good prospect to double up
- 10. HEROINE RINGEAT** - Barring latest effort at the venue has been enjoying a decent run of form and is not incapable of setting the record straight
- 11. HARMONIE PICARDE** - Quality element with nothing to prove at this level. Has had time to freshen up after good Nancy effort and can again figure prominently
- 12. HAUTENTICA** - Very good servant in the other code. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be passed over
- 13. HOUFFE DU FLINOIS** - Seldom lets the side down when focused. Solid in two of last three and has every chance of imposing this time
- 14. HALMA VICI** - Unremarkable mare that has made no impact in either code since the break and unlikely to spring any surprises

**Summary** : The principal protagonists are on the back line here with HOUFFE DU FLINOIS (13) looking a fine candidate after finishing runner-up in two of her last three starts. Julien Raffestin will still want to be wary of HILDA MARIA (9) who steps back up in class after winning smartly in the amateur category three weeks ago, and the useful HARMONIE PICARDE (11) who put in an excellent finish at Nancy just last Monday. HIRINA (6) pleased here last time out and the 25m head start will do her prospects no disservice.

## SELECTIONS

**HOUFFE DU FLINOIS (13) - HILDA MARIA (9) - HARMONIE PICARDE (11) - HIRINA (6)**

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C6 - PRIX LAIKA - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 21.000

1. **HASHTAG DU LION** - Disappointing on the whole for past 10 months and even with a leading driver at the helm will still need to raise his game
2. **HENDRIX DE VAUVERT** - Got the year off to a respectable start but is back off the boil and unlikely to spring any surprises
3. **HOT SHOT** - Totally out of the picture for some time and can be confidently disregarded
4. **HARMONIOUS** - Just once out of the frame in 7 starts this term. Latterly a good third here and from the front line can repeat
5. **HOOKER DU PECH** - Modest type that lost his way last autumn and no sign of an imminent return to form
6. **HENZO D'ARC** - Lightly-raced type that benefits from a first-row start. Will have come on for his return run and should not be underestimated
7. **HECTOR DU MINON** - Useful on a good day and has form at the venue but shoes on for just second start back and best to hold off
8. **HECTOR DES CAMBRES** - Decent horse in the monté division. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
9. **HAPPY BOY** - Dependability not his strong suit but reassured at Lyon and in similar form can again finish in the mix
10. **HONEY MONEY** - Not the most reliable but gave a good account last time under harness and a repeat performance would see him trot into the money
11. **HAROLD SAUTONNE** - Quality element when barefoot and focused. Will be fully fit by now and can get straight back in the game
12. **HURON** - Hardy campaigner that seldom fails to make the grade. Pleased on his only start at the venue and after a much-needed freshener will have a lot to offer

**Summary :** After a pair of fresheners following the winter break, HAROLD SAUTONNE (11) goes barefoot for his first goal of the new season and looks thoroughly capable of pulling it off. Matthieu Abrivard will nevertheless be keeping a watchful eye on the hardy HURON (12) who has shown a liking for La Capelle. The ultra-consistent HARMONIOUS (4) is 25m better off and with Pierre-Yves Verva in the sulky will be no pushover. HAPPY BOY (9) made good progress at Lyon-Parilly and will endeavour to confirm.

## SELECTIONS

**HAROLD SAUTONNE (11) - HURON (12) - HARMONIOUS (4) - HAPPY BOY (9)**



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## C7 - PRIX CARADO - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 27.000

1. **IRVING DE BAILLY** - Unthreatening at present but has still been acquitting himself honestly and will have his supporters
2. **IDEALE DE BONNEFOI** - Just one win to her name in 43 starts but always gives her best. Gave a good account at Vincennes last time and is suitably well-positioned to notch up a second win
3. **ISSU DE CORTEM** - Capable type with references in this class but shod for the occasion and best to hold off
4. **IRRESISTIBLE PAJ** - Handy trotter with form at this level. Has previously won in this shoeing configuration and benefits from an ideal spot behind the car
5. **IMPACT CASTELETS** - Appears to have found his niche in the claiming division and will struggle to make his mark
6. **ICARUS BOURBON** - Not the easiest to handle but a tough campaigner on a good day. Reassured in Paris last time and with application will have a lot to offer
7. **INDIEN DE FONTAINE** - Not yet as sharp this term as he was last season but a repeat of his penultimate performance would see him finish in the thick of things
8. **IACYNTHÉ DIDJEAP** - Not the easiest of horses to manage but has buckets of ability. Shod for return and drawn wide but can still get a look in
9. **ICARE DES FORGES** - Not without merit but as tricky as they come and recent comeback run did little to inspire confidence
10. **IMAGE DE CORDAY** - Impressive this time last year but off the boil so far this term and needs to raise her game
11. **IMAGE DE FLAM** - Versatile mare that has already won three times this year. Did not enjoy the best of luck in Paris last time but will have her chances if she can defy the draw
12. **IZAC AWAGNE** - Arguably better going clockwise but is in excellent shape. Handed an unappealing draw but nevertheless worth retaining
13. **ILLICO DE BOUTEAU** - Won on turf before pleasing next time going clockwise. Hind shoes off on this occasion but still not an obvious choice
14. **INES FLIGNY** - Well-regarded and often seen in better company but just one start in her since the break and expected to need another outing
15. **IVANA DE BERTRANGE** - Respectable in both codes but disappointing in both starts this term and must reassure

**Summary** : An excellent race in the making this, however there is no obvious standout. IDEALE DE BONNEFOI (2) benefits from a fine entry here and is in sufficiently good form to dominate the useful IRRESISTIBLE PAJ (4) who faces his first objective of the new season. Winner of three of her last four, IMAGE DE FLAM (11) is forced to start on the second line but can still make up for a her Vincennes blip. ICARUS BOURBON (6) showed marked improvement at Enghien two weeks ago and in similar form will not be far off the mark.

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**SELECTIONS**

**IDEALE DE BONNEFOI (2) - IRRESISTIBLE PAJ (4) - IMAGE DE FLAM (11) - ICARUS  
BOURBON (6)**

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**C8 - PRIX MLD LA CAPELLE - 2750m (a1 11/16m) - European - Class F -  
Harness - EUR € 27.000**

1. **AMOUR DEL RONCO** - Delicate type that has done nothing noteworthy for some time and will have few friends
2. **BEETHOVEN (SWE)** - Faithful Swedish trotter making first appearance in France. Will be fresh and barefoot and with Gabriele Gelormini in charge will be afforded every chance
3. **GINGIRELLA** - Has been enjoying a decent run of form this term. Is confirmed here and starts in front but others still preferred
4. **MADE OF STARS** - Decent dual-purpose Scandinavian with form over these longer trips. Benefits from a front-row start and should not be underestimated
5. **FERONA DE DUFFEL** - In cracking form over recent weeks with three victories in a row. Starts in front and justifiably vies for the 4-timer
6. **GAYLORD AM** - Serious Nordic import with form at a superior level. Left a good impression in Paris last time and has every chance of opening his French account
7. **VANITY LUIS** - Pleased in last two at a lower level but in this company has no realistic chance
8. **GAZETTA DE LOU** - Occasionally loses her action but otherwise a fine campaigner and in present form looks a serious proposition
9. **LAST WINNER (BEL)** - Good consistent mare returning to France in fine shape but shod on this occasion and others easier to back
10. **DOMINO DE LA BRISE** - Lost his way after winning a brace last autumn and can be confidently ruled out
11. **GENERAL DU NORD** - Faithful servant that consistently gives his best and while unlikely to spring any surprises can still give an honest account
12. **GALANTIS** - Pulled hard in Lyon after having imposed at Vincennes and is unlikely to let the side down this time around
13. **GOAL STAR** - Seldom disappoints when focused. Should appreciate these conditions and can make amends for recent sanctions

**Summary** : A classy Swedish import, GAYLORD AM (6) has made solid progress since coming to France and will be in a position to win this if he can reproduce his recent Vincennes performance. The tricky but talented GAZETTA DE LOU (8) latterly reassured at Rambouillet though and can give the Scandinavian raider a run for his money. Unable to confirm his Vincennes victory in Lyon, GALANTIS (12) gets a chance to redeem himself and should not disappoint. FERONA DE DUFFEL (5) has won her last three, including two at the venue, and from the front row can play a leading role.

## SELECTIONS

**GAYLORD AM (6) - GAZETTA DE LOU (8) - GALANTIS (12) - FERONA DE DUFFEL (5)**