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R4 CHARTRES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX CHARTREXPO - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E - Harness
- EUR € 22.000**

- 1. INTENSE ACE** - Unbeaten in two starts at the venue but just one race in her since the winter and with shoes on is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 2. IBRA DE LOU** - Has done nothing but improve since his late-March return. Entrusted to Eric Raffin this time and is sure to garner significant support
- 3. ILMENITE** - Has ability but not the most dependable. Caught the eye at Cholet though and going barefoot on this occasion should be retained
- 4. IMPACT SPORT** - Three times a winner in last 5 starts, including at the venue. Well in on front line and going barefoot for the occasion looks a serious proposition
- 5. IBILI DE SALTA** - Useful trotter that has started to come good again but faces stiff opposition and others preferred
- 6. INDY VET** - Reliability not his strong suit but currently on a decent run of form and with hind shoes off can play an important role
- 7. IT'S CLASSIC ROCK** - Decent sort with two races under his belt following the long break. Unshod all four this time and can get straight back in the game
- 8. ICEMAN CASTELETS** - Won superbly mid-March but has twice failed to confirm and must get his house in order
- 9. IDEAL DE NGANDA** - Not the easiest of horses but is back at his best and looks eminently capable of repeating his Lisieux success
- 10. IRINA DU GLAY** - Quality element that has come off the boil since winning at Graignes and with shoes on will have little to offer
- 11. IPSOS DANOVER** - Well-regarded type that has already won twice this term but shoes back on and best to hold off
- 12. IMPERIEUSE STEED** - Has looked decidedly ordinary since last summer and will have few friends
- 13. ISIS D'HERFRAIE** - Useful mare with references in better company. Should be at peak fitness by now and even though on second line still looks capable of challenging for the win
- 14. IDYLLE DE MAHEY** - Often a case of all-or-nothing. Should not be hastily judged for latest performance and is more than able to bounce back

Summary : Back in business after enduring a tough start to the new season, IDEAL DE NGANDA (9) benefits from a front-line position and can confirm his Lisieux victory. ISIS D'HERFRAIE (13) incurs the penalty but is unshod behind for the occasion and will be no soft touch. Winner on his only appearance at the venue, INDY VET (6) is clearly in good shape and even though stepping back up in class will still garner support. IMPACT SPORT (4) has also imposed at Chartres and will be out to set the record straight after losing his action at Elbeuf.

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SELECTIONS

IDEAL DE NGANDA (9) - ISIS D'HERFRAIE (13) - INDY VET (6) - IMPACT SPORT (4)

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C2 - PRIX DU BAR-PMU LE TRIANGLE MAINVILLIERS - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 25.000

1. **FISTON A PAPA** - No slouch on a good day and recently showed improvement at Lyon but still has more to find
2. **EASY AND NICE ER** - Unexceptional mare that has made the frame just once in last 10 and looks properly outclassed
3. **FABULEUX PIYA** - Twice a winner at the turn of the year but has placed just once in five since and a minor place prospect at best
4. **FAMOUS LAST WORDS** - Won at Parilly before flopping at Vincennes. David Thomain at the helm this time but still not the easiest to back
5. **FERIA DE LIGNY** - Useful sort with references in this class but has struggled since returning to competition and needs to reassure
6. **FRISSON D'AMOUR** - Mixes the good with the less good but has references in this category and with a leading driver in the wagon will be afforded every chance
7. **FILS D'HAUFOR** - Seldom gets his nose in front these days but gave a good account at La Capelle late April and with form maintained can play a role
8. **GREZ** - Completed a hat-trick in March before finishing 4th last time out. Comes here fresh and scoring for yet another time this term looks a distinct possibility
9. **FURIOSO FLIGNY** - Not as sharp as he was earlier in the year but is not one to be underestimated either
10. **ESPOIR FLYMP** - Generally in the thick of things when focused. Reassured last time out and with Raffin maintaining faith will be guaranteed significant support
11. **GIPSY BOND** - Quality element in this class. Has two races in him and with application will be a serious proposition
12. **FAUCON DE L'ALBA** - Disappointing on the whole since returning from the winter break and will have few takers
13. **FOR LOVING YOU** - Decent mare that made the frame in two of last three. Not as good as some here but with a clear run can spice things up
14. **GILBERTO** - Seldom far from the action when unshod behind. In excellent shape at present and while unlikely to win can still figure prominently

Summary : Already three times a winner this season, GREZ (8) is one of the more confirmed elements in this homogenous field and has every chance of picking up another success, however Arnaud Desmottes will still be wary of the good GIPSY BOND (11) who should be at peak fitness by now. ESPOIR FLYMP (10) showed marked improvement at Pontchâteau following a brace of blips and should be competitive for a spot on the podium. FRISSON D'AMOUR (6) gets a Yoann Lebourgeois drive this time and can get in on the action.

SELECTIONS

GREZ (8) - GIPSY BOND (11) - ESPOIR FLYMP (10) - FRISSON D'AMOUR (6)

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**C3 - PRIX BMW-MINI - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class F - Mounted -
EUR € 25.000**

- 1. GALILLEA CELESTE** - On the way back up following a lean streak. Just hind pads fitted this time around but worth monitoring all the same
- 2. GUITAR HERO** - Not the most dependable but has references in the discipline and can pick up a cheque if focused
- 3. FORJET VOGOULIERE** - Unremarkable type that seldom makes his presence felt and is not about to break the mould
- 4. FAIRWAY LA VITARD** - Has pleased for the most part this season. Unlikely to win this but can still give an honest account
- 5. GAMAY** - Won over track and trip last month to bag a second of the season and with application is not incapable of securing a third
- 6. ORNELLO (GER)** - Classy Scandinavian import that has taken well to the monté code. Left a very good impression last time out and is capable of opening his French account
- 7. GRINGO SAVA** - Has done nothing but improve over recent weeks. Is in his category and looks a respectable place chance
- 8. ETOILE D'ETE** - Not the most dependable but has merit. Found wanting at Cholet though and unlikely to surprise
- 9. FATOU** - Delicate but confirmed at the venue. Barefoot for return to competition and with application will have a lot to offer
- 10. GEVREY D'AUTHISE** - Simply superb in this branch of the business. In the frame in last 7 starts and can win his second of the season

Summary : The remarkably consistent Swedish ORNELLO (GER) (6) has thrived since coming to France earlier in the year. Runner-up in both starts under the saddle, he gave a very good account at Pontchâteau three weeks ago and could well impose this time. Camille Levesque will nevertheless be keeping an eye on the in-form GAMAY (5) who has won his last two in the discipline, latterly in very good order over course and distance, and GEVREY D'AUTHISE (10) who is a model of consistency. Even though FATOU (9) has not been seen out since last September, he has bags of ability and will be barefoot for the occasion.

SELECTIONS

ORNELLO (GER) (6) - GAMAY (5) - GEVREY D'AUTHISE (10) - FATOU (9)

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**C4 - PRIX ECURIE CH. BRIDAULT - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E -
Harness - EUR € 19.500**

- 1. JOCUNDA MATCH** - Showed significant ability last season. Lacklustre on re-entry but will be fitter this time and will be worth monitoring
- 2. JUST BUILT** - Excellent in all bar one start this year. Went close here last month and in similar form can again make the frame
- 3. JEWEL MESLOIS** - Useful sort making first appearance since the break but hind shoes off for the occasion and can get straight back in the game
- 4. JO LA CLASS** - Unremarkable sort that seldom does anything noteworthy and can be confidently disregarded
- 5. JACODUS DU MELEUC** - Respectable at a lower level but has struggled so far this term. Entrusted to Eric Raffin on this occasion though, which could well prove key to his redemption
- 6. JEWEL DU NORD** - Not completely devoid of ability but disappointing this season and has no realistic chance
- 7. JULIANA DES LUCAS** - Blows hot and cold but has climbed the class ladder in decent order. Sanctioned on comeback but can play a role if focused this time
- 8. JAZZ MELODY** - Has enjoyed something of a renaissance since beginning to race barefoot. Will appreciate Chartres profile and can make a big impact
- 9. JETHRO ICE** - Quality colt being reined by a leading driver for the first time and on good behaviour can open his seasonal account
- 10. JOE LE VEINARD** - Has been acquitting himself well over recent weeks. 2 places behind JUST BUILT (2) last time but still no more than a minor place chance
- 11. JERZINHO SPORT** - Not always the most reliable but has ability. Looked good at Caen in spite of the sanction and with application can go close
- 12. JACK RUSSELL** - Moderate type making first appearance of the new season and will struggle to make his mark

Summary : Excellent last year in all three racecourse appearances, JETHRO ICE (9) has been sanctioned in both starts this term but will be fully fit and with Alexandre Abrivard in charge this time can return to winning ways. JAZZ MELODY (8), however, has looked a totally different horse since starting to race unshod all four and similarly looks a leading contender. JUST BUILT (2) came on well over the winter and his recent Chartres performance augurs well for his chances. JERZINHO SPORT (11) was quickly sanctioned last time but nevertheless showed his form and must be treated with respect.

SELECTIONS

JETHRO ICE (9) - JAZZ MELODY (8) - JUST BUILT (2) - JERZINHO SPORT (11)

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C5 - PRIX DURET MATERIEL AGRICOLE - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 22.000

- 1. HIMALAYA BLEU** - Placed just once in four starts in the discipline and in current shape is unlikely to trouble the opposition
- 2. HULOTTE DE FORGES** - Gives a decent account for the most part but has not done enough lately to be considered dangerous
- 3. IERVANN DE GUEZ** - Gave a good account here earlier in the season but has twice failed to confirm and others preferred
- 4. INFANT D'AUTHISE** - Capable on a good day but below-par so far this term and needs to raise his game
- 5. HOTESSE GALBE** - Not the most reliable but showed improvement at Orléans and in similar form can get a look in
- 6. INFALLIBLE** - Regularly in the action when focused and even though stepping up in class will still generate interest
- 7. ICARE DE PHYT'S** - Sanctioned on lone start in the code but has been showing form under harness and should not be entirely overlooked
- 8. IGOR DE NEUVILLE** - Very hard to knock when racing in the monté code and while unlikely to have his way can still put on a good show
- 9. IN LOVE DE L'ITON** - Excellent so far this season in this branch of the business. Steps marginally up in class but is on the front line and can repeat his Lisieux victory
- 10. ICALINE DIESCHOOT** - Still a maiden but seldom far from the action. Barefoot for return to her code of preference and can again make the frame
- 11. HARKOS DE CERISY** - Lost his action in both appearances under the saddle and current form does nothing to inspire confidence
- 12. HOLLANDAISE** - Yet to get off the mark in the monté code but regularly gives her best and will have her chances if form transitions
- 13. ILLICO PANTE** - Has shown significant potential in the other code and debuting in the discipline with a leading rider in the saddle will have a lot to offer
- 14. HARIBELO DE NUIT** - Not once out of the frame under the saddle this term. Modified shoeing on this occasion and can defy the handicap. Claim

Summary : The only horse incurring the 25m penalty, HARIBELO DE NUIT (14) has nevertheless been superb under the saddle this year and fitted with pads this time has every chance of confirming his Paray-le-Monial victory. That said, IN LOVE DE L'ITON (9) comes here off a lower level success and the distance advantage can only work in his favour. Faithful for the most part, ICALINE DIESCHOOT (10) goes barefoot for her return to the discipline and will be competitive. ILLICO PANTE (13) makes his long-awaited debut in the code and with Yoann Lebourgeois in the irons will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

HARIBELO DE NUIT (14) - IN LOVE DE L'ITON (9) - ICALINE DIESCHOOT (10) - ILLICO

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PANTE (13)

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C6 - PRIX DU CENTRE NAUTIQUE L'ODYSSEE - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class D - Harness - EUR € 22.000

- 1. KAPITAN D'HERIPRE** - Confirmed last season's solid qualification with a fine win on debut 9 days ago and with form maintained could well confirm
- 2. KINGMAMBO BELLO** - Promising colt that has twice made the frame in four starts. Gets a top driver for the occasion and can trot his way onto the podium
- 3. KAHIA DE LA CROIX** - Just one decent performance to her name in seven and recent Chartres sanction did nothing to reassure
- 4. KETMIE PRINCESSE** - Lost her maiden status on turf late last month but at this level of competition has no realistic chance of repeating
- 5. KING AULNAIES** - Useful colt that got off the mark at a lower level last time out. Little chance of repeating but should still acquit himself honourably
- 6. KILLY D'IRATY** - Quality individual that could have picked up a second victory last month had he not lost his action and on better behaviour can more than make amends
- 7. KANGOUROU** - Serious sort that has yet to disappoint. Makes first start off the turf but still looks a serious proposition
- 8. KRAPO LILA** - Respectable sort but has found the limits of his capacity and no more than a minor place prospect

Summary : A small field this may be, but there is a host of talent on show and KANGOUROU (7) is a case in point. Winner on debut early last month, he went close three weeks later and looks a serious candidate on his first appearance on a hard surface. Alexandre Abrivard can still expect to encounter resistance from Romain Derieux's promising KAPITAN D'HERIPRE (1) who scored recently at the first time of asking. KILLY D'IRATY (6) has no references going left-handed but he is a progressive sort and if applied can go close. KINGMAMBO BELLO (2) has yet to get off the mark but he has a lot of potential and the Yoann Lebourgeois-factor cannot be ignored.

SELECTIONS

KANGOUROU (7) - KAPITAN D'HERIPRE (1) - KILLY D'IRATY (6) - KINGMAMBO BELLO (2)

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C7 - PRIX DOMUS VI - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Apprentices-Conditional-Jockeys - Class F - Harness - EUR € 17.500

1. **GIRLY D'HUON** - Consistent mare for the most part. Unlikely to spring any surprises but can nevertheless pick up a cheque
2. **HAZANA THONIC** - Looked like she was getting back in form but has since lost her way and others preferred
3. **HASARD BLOND** - Appears to have come out the other end of the 'lean streak tunnel'. Barefoot for the occasion and the 25m head-start will do his prospects no disservice
4. **HEART DU CHENE** - More at home in the provincial claiming division these days and not expected to generate much interest
5. **GANCHERI** - Respectable a level down but three straight sanctions do nothing to inspire confidence
6. **HARLEYZON** - Tricky character making first appearance since November and will have few takers
7. **HEROS DE BANVILLE** - Mixes the good with the less good but latterly 3rd in an Enghien claimer and from the front row can give this a good go
8. **HIBISCUS NORMAND** - Seldom gets his nose in front but no slouch on a good day and if race-fit can get a look in
9. **HIMOKO DU GOUTIER** - Has form in similar company but disappointing on re-entry and looks to need another run
10. **GALANTE DE TILLARD** - Quality element with two races under her belt this term. Has references going left-handed and will not be far off the mark
11. **HAPPY DANOVER** - Blows hot and cold but reassured earlier in the month. Just front shoes off this time but a leading candidate all the same
12. **HIT PERRINE** - Has merit but not the most reliable and racing shod this time does him no favours
13. **GUCCI DE BARB** - Good consistent campaigner but has not been seen out since December and will need the run
14. **HUPERLA MAG** - Moderate sort that has made the frame just once this year. Found wanting here late last month and a minor place prospect at best
15. **HED** - Can prove a handful but has nothing to prove at this level. Will be fit by now and on good behaviour can impose

Summary : Not the easiest of races to handicap but considerable respect must be afforded to HED (15) who has solid references in superior company. If he manages to stay in stride, he should have the measure of the reinvigorated HAPPY DANOVER (11) who gave a fine account at Saint-Omer 9 days ago. GALANTE DE TILLARD (10) is arguably better going clockwise but in this company can play an important role. HASARD BLOND (3) showed improvement last time out and from the front line deserves to be taken seriously.

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HED (15) - HAPPY DANOVER (11) - GALANTE DE TILLARD (10) - HASARD BLOND (3)

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**C8 - PRIX FRANCE ADOT 28 - 2825m (a1 3/4m) - Amateurs - Harness -
EUR € 6.000**

- 1. FORREST JO** - Disappointing on the whole for some time. Has no love for Chartres and can be passed over
- 2. HISTORY SPOKEN** - Has done nothing noteworthy at any level for past 10 months and will have few takers
- 3. GARTA MAG** - Modest mare with better references in the claiming division and can expect to find herself outclassed
- 4. HELIO VAINE** - Not the most dynamic of horses but occasionally surprises and at this level should not be written off
- 5. GITANO DE LUISLO** - Yet to win at this level but has solid amateur references and returns to the category with a decent chance of picking up some prizemoney
- 6. FORYOU DE LA MOIRE** - Multiple winner in the amateur category. Has one race in him since the break and from the front line can put on a good show
- 7. HERMES DU LEARD** - Seldom lets the side down with hind shoes off. Won with authority here last month and can confirm
- 8. HOMAYA DU BOCAGE** - Excellent in last two appearances at Chartres. Benefits from a good entry and is once again a candidate for success
- 9. FAKIR DE PUCH** - Nothing to prove at this level of competition. Just second start back but is barefoot and if at peak fitness can defy the 25m penalty
- 10. FLASH QUICK** - Useful sort making his return to competition with a monté programme on the cards. No threat

Summary : Although not always the most reliable of horses, HERMES DU LEARD (7) seldom disappoints when unshod behind. Configured that way when imposing over course and distance mid-April, he looks eminently capable of repeating. HOMAYA DU BOCAGE (8) has also demonstrated a liking for the venue and her latest efforts here bode well for her chances. Confirmed at a superior level and with solid references in the amateur category, FAKIR DE PUCH (9) is 25m worse off but can still figure prominently. FORYOU DE LA MOIRE (6) boasts solid amateur credentials and if fully fit will not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

**HERMES DU LEARD (7) - HOMAYA DU BOCAGE (8) - FAKIR DE PUCH (9) - FORYOU DE
LA MOIRE (6)**