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R1 LAVAL [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU HARAS DU ROCHER - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness -
EUR € 32,000**

- 1. JACK DES MALBERAUX** - Modest trotter with better prospects in the claiming division and can be ruled out
- 2. INKY PERRINE** - Disappointing in both disciplines since December 2024 and can be confidently ignored
- 3. HOUSTON DE CUIGNY** - Won in early-February Bordeaux re-entry before running 3rd in a Vincennes Class E a fortnight back. Takes on a better lot this time but can still get a look in
- 4. JEWEL DE LA COTE** - Imposed at Cherbourg before running 2nd in a Caen Class D Quinte race last week, but shoes back on and best to hold off
- 5. JAMAICA PHEDO** - Never far from faulting, and is arguably better under the saddle, but gave a fine account here 3 weeks ago and on good behaviour can play a leading role
- 6. JOVIAL HAUFOR** - Won a Vincennes Class E in January before coming 4th, a place behind JAG HAUFOR (7), in a 2850m Class D at the same venue on 8 February. Should take well to the new profile and is unlikely to disappoint
- 7. JAG HAUFOR** - Fine servant that consistently gives his best and has form under these conditions. Left a good impression in Paris early last month and has a realistic claim on the silverware
- 8. JOY JENILOU** - Kicked the year off victoriously at Vincennes but has been out of the picture in 3 since. Did show improvement here 3 weeks ago despite being eliminated, has otherwise never failed to fire here, and cannot be discounted
- 9. JADOU DU LUPIN** - Not once out of the frame in last 9 starts, including over track and trip on 4 February. Has shown a liking for Laval and, in current shape, is easy to fancy for a place on the podium
- 10. JUNKIES MINDS** - Made short work of a 2625m Cherbourg Class F 10 days ago. Is hard to fault when barefoot and, if applied, can wrap this up
- 11. INDIAN PACIFIC** - Fine trotter making first start since December 2024. Will be shod for comeback and will have nothing to contribute
- 12. HERAKLION DESBOIS** - Disappointing in 2 since the spell. Has placed just twice in 10 Laval starts and is unlikely to garner much support
- 13. JESTA BUISSONAY** - Unlucky at Cagnes-sur-Mer before failing to deliver behind JAMAICA PHEDO (5) here on 18 February. Has never raced in this configuration here and with Benjamin Rochard reining will be afforded every chance

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Summary: Solid in the provinces twice already this year, JUNKIES MINDS (10) returns to racing barefoot after impressing at Cherbourg early this month and looks just a marginally better choice than the good JAG HAUFOR (7) who has been knocking at the door since November. JADOU DU LUPIN (9) will be shod as he was when 2nd under these conditions last month and must be considered dangerous. Winner under the saddle last month before placing over course and distance 2 weeks later, JAMAICA PHEDO (5) has already won 4 times for Eric Raffin and is easy to like. JOVIAL HAUFOR (6) is clearly back on the right trajectory and makes his Laval bow with a good hand to play.

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JUNKIES MINDS (10) - JAG HAUFOR (7) - JADOU DU LUPIN (9) - JAMAICA PHEDO (5)

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C2 - PRIX DU HARAS D'AVIREAU - 2850m (a2m) - Class G Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 6,000

- 1. JERRY DE BELLANDE** - Respectable trotter taking first competitive steps in the amateur category, and starts on front row, but in this company is properly out of his depth
- 2. JUSSIE** - Ran 3rd at Saint-Brieuc before losing her action in a 2850m amateurs Class G at Maure-de-Bretagne 2.5 weeks ago. Front pads fitted this time and will have little to offer
- 3. JUGOR** - Not the most dependable of horses but has nothing to prove in the amateur category. Has 2 races under her belt since the winter break and from the front row can give this a good go
- 4. JAGUAR GEDE** - Returns to racing barefoot after failing to deliver in a Cavillon amateurs Class G 10 days ago. Is better-engaged, will be barefoot for the occasion, and should not be far from the action
- 5. JUSTINE DU MESNIL** - In the frame in 3 straight amateur events before coming 5th to JALNA GIRL (11) at Vincennes. Is superbly-entered on the front row though and can get back in the winners' circle
- 6. JALANSKI** - Decent dual-discipline type making first appearance since May 2025. Is shod for re-entry and others easier to back
- 7. JEDI** - Tricky character starting for the first time since early-November. Is preparing for a monte campaign and can be ruled out
- 8. ISPANO BELLO** - Previously a good sort but has been out of competition since December 2024. Has one race under his belt and, while not a priority, can still get a look in
- 9. JANGO DU THANA** - Honest type that won his only start at this level. Pleased in a Class F here early last month, enjoys a terrific entry, and will be expected to contest the finish
- 10. JAZZ MELODY** - Has not been seen out since running 4th in a Vire Class F in early-December. Is in competition-mode though and, winner at this level last summer, is easy to fancy for a place in the frame
- 11. JALNA GIRL** - Will be shod as she was when dominating a 2850m amateur Class D at Vincennes on 20 February. Breaks with a 50m handicap but still looks a serious proposition
- 12. IVES DES GLENAN** - Boasts decent amateur references but is clearly still being conditioned and best to wait
- 13. HORDAGO D'ELA** - Starts for the first time since his amateur debut in early-December. Has not raced at the venue since 2020 and the 50m penalty will do him no favours
- 14. JADE VENESI** - Returns to the harness code after a fine stint under the saddle, most recently 2nd over course and distance. Has a further 50m to travel this time but in this company looks competitive for a first-5 payout
- 15. HOCCO DARCHE** - Hardy element in the amateur category but is shod for comeback and best to keep one's powder dry
- 16. JET GIRL** - Made a fine amateur debut last December, and has been going well since, but shoes back on and others preferred

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Summary: JUSTINE DU MESNIL (5) has enjoyed something of a resurgence since being switched to the amateur division. She has not imposed since November 2022 but is ideally-placed on the front line here and in current condition could finally return to victorious ways. JANGO DU THANA (9) is 25m worse off but he held his own in better company here last month and, even though shod, looks dangerous. On the 3rd row but impressive in Paris last time, JALNA GIRL (11) presents decent Laval credentials and is hard to ignore. JAZZ MELODY (10) starts ahead of her and will be barefoot for comeback.

SELECTIONS

JUSTINE DU MESNIL (5) - JANGO DU THANA (9) - JALNA GIRL (11) - JAZZ MELODY (10)

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C3 - PRIX DU HARAS DE LA PAUMARDIERE - 2850m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- 1. NEFERTITI EMGE** - Starts for the first time since qualifying in 1'120'2 here last August and is unlikely to be given a hard race
- 2. NOBLESSE GRANDVAL** - Looked decidedly ordinary in qualification at Meslay-du-Maine in September and is unlikely to upset the apple-cart
- 3. NOSTALGIQUE JAYF** - Qualified in 1'20'1 here last June. Has been afforded considerable time to come on and makes her career debut with a potentially good hand to play
- 4. NESTINA** - Qualified respectably here last summer and most recently lost her action here first time out. Shoes on this time, with Clarisse Lelievre in the bike, and will not be far off the mark if she manages to keep her filly focused
- 5. NEW YORK CITY** - Failed to make any impact in 3 starts last autumn. Sports 4 pads this time, with Anthony Barrier reining, and cannot be discounted
- 6. NAMBALADA** - Qualified in 1'18'7 at Le Mans last August. Has obvious potential but others still preferred
- 7. NOTRE HISTOIRE** - Has not been seen out since finishing last of 5 in an Ecommoy Class C, on debut, last August, and is not expected to spring any surprises
- 8. NAOMIE DEUGE** - Has yet to show much flair for the discipline and will struggle to make her mark
- 9. NEOUVIELLE** - Useful filly with buckets of potential. Lost her action on comeback but a repeat of her debut performance would see her competitive when it counts. Chance
- 10. NOUVELLE KARA** - Left a good impression on debut last month when 3rd in a 2200m Pontchateau Class F. Will have progressed for the race and it will not be long before she gets her nose in front
- 11. NIKKI BEACH JISCE** - Considerably better filly than last summer's results would suggest. Will be a different horse this term and is not incapable of getting straight down to business

Summary: Fastest qualifier here, and very good on debut at Pontchateau in mid-February, NOUVELLE KARA (10) should appreciate the Laval profile and Arnaud Desmottes can be justifiably confident of another big run. NEOUVIELLE (9) debuted well at Cabourg and even though eliminated on her Graignes return, she must still be considered a leading contender. NIKKI BEACH JISCE (11) was given a couple of runs last summer before being put away for the rest of the year; she has had ample time to grow into herself, sports pads for the first time, and will be reunited with Eric Raffin. NOSTALGIQUE JAYF (3) may not have set off any fireworks in qualification but he hails from a good yard and must be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

NOUVELLE KARA (10) - NEOUVIELLE (9) - NIKKI BEACH JISCE (11) - NOSTALGIQUE JAYF (3)

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C4 - PRIX DU HARAS DE VAIGES - 2850m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Riders - Mounted - EUR € 23,000

- 1. IN ROCK DE PLAY** - Totally out of the picture in last 5 monte starts and will have nothing to contribute
- 2. KARLSON PASS** - Has done nothing of note since winning at Chartres in May 2025. Will race barefoot for the occasion but others still preferred
- 3. KABALA QUICK** - Just missed out on victory in a Vincennes Class C on 27 January, last time out. Estelle Croisic keeps the faith and is unlikely to let the side down. First 5
- 4. KOREA** - Showed another side to herself late last year on her return to the discipline. Takes on some good horses but will have been specifically prepared for this and looks a major player
- 5. KRISTAL DE JANZE** - Gave a good account to secure a 2700m Vincennes Class E a month back. Is reunited with Thomas Roullier and will be no pushover
- 6. KLASSIC FROMENTRO** - Easy winner over track and trip in early-February following a year off the track. Eliminated next time but will be hard to beat if he stays in stride
- 7. JURASSIC MOIRE** - Gives a good account for the most part when focused. Has just the one run in him since the spell but should nevertheless give an honourable account if Ophelie Corbin keeps him trotting
- 8. IVANHOE JARZEEN** - Complicated he may be but enjoys no shortage of talent. Has yet to get his nose in front here but it is just a question of time. Chance
- 9. JOCDOR** - Has endured an interrupted career since placing in a Gr.2 in 2022. Last of 15 here 3 weeks ago and can be passed over
- 10. KROME** - Not the most reliable of horses but can trot when in the mood. Is barefoot following last month's return run and cannot be ruled out
- 11. IBAN DE KARA** - Takes first competitive monte steps after running 2nd of 15 in harness Class F over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Will not be sent out at 79-1 this time but is unlikely to be as competitive either
- 12. KOPECK DE CHENU** - Back under the saddle after winning a Vincennes harness claimer in early-February. Opened his monte account this month last year, but has completely failed to confirm in 4 subsequent outings and is not about to create an upset
- 13. KANSAS DU HOCTI** - Useful for the most part under the saddle. Is barefoot for return to the code, always gives his best at Laval, and will have his supporters
- 14. KETTY ANGOT** - Well-regarded but has not been seen under the saddle since last September. Has never failed to please here though and has a reasonable chance of picking up a minor place cheque

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Summary: A fine servant in this branch of the game, KLASSIC FROMENTRO (6) got straight down to business over course and distance recently after a year on the sidelines. He lost his action early next time but is clearly in fine shape and Charline Blaizot will be eager to set the record straight. IVANHOE JARZEEN (8) is not the easiest to use but he sports a fresh configuration for his return to Laval and, if focused, can compete for a spot on the podium. KOREA (4) has demonstrated serious aptitude when barefoot under the saddle and the Mathieu Mottier yard is firing on all cylinders. KRISTAL DE JANZE (5) secured his 4th monte victory just a fortnight ago and has previously placed at the venue.

SELECTIONS

KLASSIC FROMENTRO (6) - IVANHOE JARZEEN (8) - KOREA (4) - KRISTAL DE JANZE (5)

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C5 - GP CONSEIL DEPARTEMENTAL DE LA MAYENNE - 2850m (a2m) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 53,000

1. **KENTUCKY IDEAL** - Ran 2nd of 15 in a 2850m Vincennes Class E on 13 January, last time under harness. Is barefoot following a pair of monte eliminations and, although not a priority, will nevertheless generate some interest
2. **IMAGE CHARENTAISE** - Springs the occasional surprise but is out of her league here and can be written off
3. **LORD DELO** - Eliminated in first 2 this year before securing a 2100m Vincennes Class B 3 weeks ago. Will appreciate the Laval profile and with application can make this his own
4. **LEMON TREE** - Goes barefoot for the first time at Laval after having run 3rd in a Caen Class D last week. Is nicely in on the front row and has every chance of contesting the finish
5. **LITTLE BROWN** - 3rd in a Vincennes Gr.3 before running solid 6th, in good company, in a similar event 2.5 weeks ago. Is new to Laval but is better than most here and, in this company, will have his chances
6. **RIKITA JP** - Reunited with Eric Raffin after running 7th in Gr.1 Prix de France. Trainer could not have wished for a better entry and Eric Raffin will be hoping to make hay
7. **EDGAR SABA** - Good, consistent sort making first start since coming 2nd in a 2100m Vincennes Gr.3 on 13 December. Is plainly in race-mode for comeback and will not be going home empty-handed
8. **HEADSCOTT** - Has not been seen out since finishing 9th behind INO DU LUPIN (12) in a 2850m Vincennes Gr.3 on 17 January, but shoes on this time and can be passed over
9. **JAG STRYCK** - Has twice shown form recently even though not reflected in his results. Can trot when minded to and even racing shod will generate some interest
10. **FILOU D'ANJOU** - Has been superb under the saddle over recent weeks but is here for reasons of conditioning and will have few friends
11. **JABALPUR** - Gr.1-winning trotter making first start since late-December and, with shoes fitted, is unlikely to shake things up
12. **INO DU LUPIN** - Tough element with fine black-type references. Is unbeaten in 2 Laval starts and even with shoes fitted cannot be ruled out
13. **FULTON** - Fine campaigner in the other branch of the business and, with shoes fitted, will have nothing to contribute

Summary: An excellent campaigner that took a couple of runs to come good this year, LORD DELO (3) was most impressive at Vincennes recently and from the front row looks the one to beat. LEMON TREE (4) gave a good account on his first objective of 2026 and, barefoot this time, should prove the principal threat. LITTLE BROWN (5) drops down the category-ladder following a pair of good Gr.3 performances and looks particularly competitive this time. RIKITA JP (6) bit off more than she could chew in the Gr.1 Prix de France, but has solid references at this level and, considering the entry, is hard to ignore.

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C6 - PRIX DU HARAS D'HAUFOR-PRIX DE LA SNECTF - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. MAJOR AR CARAC** - Comfortable winner of a 2825m Cordemais Class F on 27 February. Guillaume Martin stays faithful and will be justifiably confident of finishing close
- 2. MISS IS DU CANET** - Unremarkable filly that has yet to convince this term and in this company has no possible chance
- 3. MARIO TREMBLADAIS** - In the frame in 2 straight before being eliminated in a 2850m Maure-de-Bretagne Class E in early-February. Reverts to racing shod and, with application, can make amends. First 5
- 4. MADRAGUE DAIRPET** - Handy element starting for the first time since running 4th in an Enghien Class D last August and is expected to be race-rusty
- 5. MAISY DU DONJON** - Moderate 4th of 7 in a Vincennes Class E on comeback a month ago. Will have come on for the run but will need to find more
- 6. MYSTIC HAUFOR** - Reassured in a Vincennes Class E in late-January but subsequently lost his action next time. Is better than most here though and will have a part to play if Damien Bonne manages to keep him trotting
- 7. MANY DREAMS** - Started to make good on his promise last autumn before being put away. Has not been seen out for 4 months and is going to need the race
- 8. MARTIN DOL** - Fine winner of a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 24 February, and a similar performance would see him double up
- 9. MISTER MOUROTAIS** - Quality element making first appearance since last September. Is competitively-shod for the first time though, with Eric Raffin reining, and must not be overlooked
- 10. MAESTRO DE PAGERIE** - Has taken his game up a notch since starting t race barefoot. Is arguably better going clockwise but should nevertheless take well to Laval conditions and is unlikely to be far from the action
- 11. MACBETH** - Showed promise last spring but then went off the boil. Makes first appearance since early-January comeback run but will be first-time barefoot and cannot be discounted
- 12. MY LOVE JULMA** - Good winner of a Class E over course and distance 3 weeks ago, and with hind shoes off again, can bring the fight to MARTIN DOL (8)
- 13. MALOU DU BOIS** - Unremarkable sort that was quickly eliminated in a Cagnes Class E last week. Has done little of note this year and is unlikely to spice things up
- 14. MAZAL DES GLENAN** - Makes first appearance under harness, having been sent for a rest last September after having won 2 of 4 in the other code, and will have nothing to contribute
- 15. MERITE** - Has not been seen out since failing to deliver at Vincennes last October and can be confidently ruled out
- 16. MAJOR DU MARGAS** - Useful on a good day but eliminated in last 2 in Paris. Enjoys a fine entry here but still not easy to recommend

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Summary: Lightly-raced but clearly a good future prospect, MARTIN DOL (8) got straight down to business on his Mauquenchy comeback a fortnight ago and is thoroughly capable of repeating. Benjamin Rochard will still want to be wary of MY LOVE JULMA (12) who also imposed on re-entry, but under these conditions. It took 9 runs but MAJOR AR CARAC (1) lost his maiden status late last month in superior fashion and is not to be underestimated. MYSTIC HAUFOR (6) returns to the provinces after being eliminated in 4 of last 5 starts, but imposed here first time out and warrants considerable respect.

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MARTIN DOL (8) - MY LOVE JULMA (12) - MAJOR AR CARAC (1) - MYSTIC HAUFOR (6)

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**C7 - PRIX DU HARAS DE BRASSE - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Mounted -
EUR € 30,000**

- 1. INDIGO GEDE** - Previously a good sort but has been a write-off since September 2024 and has no realistic chance
- 2. JUSQUIAME** - Is no champion but can trot when minded to. Enjoys a front-row start and Florian Desmigneux will be keen to take advantage. First 5
- 3. HORIZON DU TRIANON** - Has won 3 of last 4 barefoot starts, has a brace of conditioners under his belt, but may first have to re-establish his credentials
- 4. JULLOU** - Made his monte bow a successful one but has twice failed to confirm and is unlikely to shake things up
- 5. JINGLE DELO** - Excellent element that has been knocking at the door for a number of months. Is confirmed here and in present shape has a realistic chance of imposing
- 6. JAG MAHCATH** - Seldom out of first 3 when focused. Has won 3 of last 5, imposed over course and distance last time here, and can repeat
- 7. HASARD** - 3rd in a Vincennes Class D on 15 February before being kept on the boil under harness at Caen last week. Will be shod as he was in Paris this time though and can make amends
- 8. IMELDA** - Raced better in a 2700m Vincennes Class D behind HASARD (7) on 15 February than the result would suggest. Is more competitively-shod this time though and most certainly has the ability to make the frame this time

Summary: Occasionally a handful but otherwise as tough as old boots, JAG MAHCATH (6) returns to a track he likes after having won in Bordeaux and, undefeated in 2 starts with Benjamin Rochard, will legitimately garner significant support, but will be opposed by JINGLE DELO (5) who has been thriving since last autumn. IMELDA (8) benefits from a terrific entry here, has been reconfigured, and drops down the category-ladder with a good hand to play.

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JAG MAHCATH (6) - JINGLE DELO (5) - IMELDA (8) - HASARD (7)

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C8 - PRIX DU STADE LAVALLOIS MAYENNE FC - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. LORD DAIRPET** - Capable trotter that has yet to deliver following a lengthy hiatus. Reverts to racing shod but still not an obvious choice
- 2. LUTHIER DE PAIL** - Showed serious form last year but out of the picture in last 3 starts. Winner of his only race at the venue though and will be worth monitoring
- 3. LIEGO** - Gave a good account on re-entry at Cordemais mid-January. Raced better at Nantes next time than the result would suggest, and is not one to be underestimated
- 4. LITTERAIRE** - Has ample ability but consistency not his strong suit. Has yet to make any impact this term and, even sporting modified shoeing, still looks an outsider
- 5. LUI DU DONJON** - Left a good impression at Nantes on re-entry last month but is still being conditioned and not a concern this time
- 6. LEGENDE D'EOLE** - Scored at Nantes before running 2nd in a Vincennes mares-only Class D on 16 February. Will be shod this time but should still be good enough to pick up a first-5 payout
- 7. LAMATTA** - Has not been seen out since last July. Stays shod for return and can be confidently ruled out
- 8. LITTLE DU RIB** - Has imposed just the once but otherwise always gives her best. Comes here fresh and barefoot and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 9. LED ZEP VET** - Got off the mark at 17th time of asking, easily winning a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 12 February. Has never failed to deliver for his driver and in present form looks capable of repeating
- 10. LUCKY LOVE** - Produced some impressive times in Paris over the winter. Should not be too hastily-condemned for recent blip and even looks good enough to make the frame this time
- 11. LA KIFFANCE PIYA** - Justifiably well-regarded mare but remains shod for Laval bow and best to hold off
- 12. LE DUC DE SEVRES** - Returned to victorious ways at Nantes in late-January, and was by no means disgraced when 4th next time. Has taken well to his new formula and has a decent chance of giving LED ZEP VET (9) a run for his money

Summary: Reunited with Eric Raffin after having been driven to victory by Franck Nivard at Mauquenchy a month ago, LED ZEP VET (9) takes on a marginally better lot this time but still has the wherewithal to confirm. Wonderfully-engaged here, LE DUC DE SEVRES (12) has not put a foot wrong for some time and will not go down easily. LUCKY LOVE (10) went close in Paris more than once over the winter and will have his chances if he takes to Laval conditions. LIEGO (3) has yet to excel here but he will be partnered by Damien Bonne who won with him at Enghien last autumn.

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LED ZEP VET (9) - LE DUC DE SEVRES (12) - LUCKY LOVE (10) - LIEGO (3)