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R4 PONTCHATEAU [L-H]

C1 - PRIX EQUURES - 2800m (a2m) - Class G Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 6,000

- 1. IBIS DU LYS** - Finished last of 10 on comeback in a Maure-de-Bretagne claimer a month ago, and is unlikely to garner much support
- 2. INTENSE ACE** - Has tended to show more in the monte discipline these days and appears to be here just for a change of scenery
- 3. HEROINE DE TALA** - Ran 4th at Cordemais on 8 March, then repeated at Cholet a fortnight later. Hind shoes back on here but still has the wherewithal to finish in the mix
- 4. HE MISS DEIHA** - Briefly lost her way over the winter but ran 2nd in an Orleans Class H last Monday. Has been reconfigured for the occasion and can make a big splash if still in shape
- 5. HAUGAIN** - Good, consistent trotter with fine amateur references. Clearly in race-mode for return to the game and has a realistic chance of winning this
- 6. HERMINE SIMARDIERE** - Has found her niche in the amateur category. Has a race under her belt following the winter break and will not be far off the mark if she takes to the new profile
- 7. ILLUSTRE BLUE** - Failed to live up to expectations at Marseille-Borély on 13 March. Sports modified shoeing and returns to the amateur category with a decent hand to play
- 8. HEAR DESTIN** - By no means the best horses here, and was trounced on his recent comeback, but has form in the amateur division and cannot be ruled out
- 9. HANNAH DU BERYL** - Modest mare that was eliminated on comeback at La Guerche-de-Bretagne 2 weeks ago. Shoes back on and not a priority
- 10. JOBIC KERGWEN** - Has ample ability but is never far from losing his action. Is shod after his spell and unlikely to spice things up
- 11. JOLYA DE POMMERAYE** - Raced and placed on sole amateur outing but stays shod for return to competition and can be ruled out
- 12. IRIS D'AVIGNERE** - Can prove a handful but pleased in both amateur starts this term. Failed to deliver at Pontchateau though and others preferred
- 13. INDIGO SIMARDIERE** - Modest individual making first start since early-November. Is barefoot for the occasion but can expect to have few friends
- 14. JOKER GES** - Left a very good impression on re-entry last Sunday when 5th in a Fougères Class F. Trainer could not have wished for a better entry and Sébastien Rocher will be expected to deliver

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Summary: Nicely-engaged close to the limit of earnings, JOKER GES (14) gave a good account of himself on re-entry at Fougères last weekend and, with form maintained can win his first race for 2.5 years. HAUGAIN (5) presents fine amateur credentials and will be barefoot for his return to competition. HE MISS DEIHA (4) seldom disappoints in the amateur division, went close at Orleans on Monday, and even though sporting a new formula still looks competitively well in. HEROINE DE TALA (3) has imposed just the once in 91 starts but is clearly in fine condition and ran 2nd here in mid-February.

SELECTIONS

JOKER GES (14) - HAUGAIN (5) - HE MISS DEIHA (4) - HEROINE DE TALA (3)

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C2 - PRIX DES COURSES DE LOUDEAC - 2800m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 19,500

- 1. NANA DU MESNIL** - Untried filly that qualified in 1'19'0 at Grosbois last August. Takes on some good horses first time out and is unlikely to cause an upset
- 2. NEW ORLEANS WIND** - Qualified in 1'18'6 at Caen last June. Has been afforded bags of time to grow into herself and is clearly in this to win this
- 3. NISKA DES ARRIS** - Qualified in 1'19'0 at Caen last September. Damien Bonne gets the nod for career debut and will afford her a competitive drive
- 4. NEMESIS JULMA** - Showed decent potential in qualification but failed to come good when eliminated at Graignes last Saturday, first time out. On better behaviour though, can trot her way in to the money
- 5. NEREIDE SIBEY** - Eliminated in both starts to date but is well-regarded at home, and will not be far off the mark if Gauthier Baudouin manages to keep her focused
- 6. NANILLE DES APRES** - Returns to the harness code after a modest run under the saddle and in this category appears to have no possible chance
- 7. NACARA BELLA** - Put away after comfortably winning an Auch Class F on debut in early-November. Will have work in her though and the new configuration may be just the ticket. Place chance
- 8. NUITEE D'AMOUR** - Runner-up in both outings to date, most recently a Graignes Class F on 22 February. In this field though, will have too much to do
- 9. NOTRE HISTOIRE** - Has yet to get off the mark but has the look of a serious future prospect, and it will not be long before she loses her maiden tag

Summary: Nicely-related, and fastest qualifier in the field, NEW ORLEANS WIND (2) has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for his career debut, sports front pads for the occasion, and will be heavily-backed to impose. She will be opposed though by the improving, and reconfigured, NOTRE HISTOIRE (9) who pleasantly surprised at Caen late last month, and the promising but spirited NEREIDE SIBEY (5) who will have her chances if she stays focused. NACARA BELLA (7) was sent for a rest after imposing at Auch last November at the first time of asking; she sports 4 pads for the first time and, despite her absence, still looks competitive for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

NEW ORLEANS WIND (2) - NOTRE HISTOIRE (9) - NEREIDE SIBEY (5) - NACARA BELLA (7)

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**C3 - PRIX YVES ET JEAN MOYON - 2800m (a2m) - Class E - Harness -
EUR € 19,500**

- 1. MAGIC GARLINOIS** - Sent for a rest after getting off the mark last September. Left a good impression on comeback here, will have come on for the race, and can pick up a first-5 cheque
- 2. MAT DES CHARRONS** - Showed some promise last season but has placed just once in 3 starts this year and at this level will need to find more
- 3. MAGICIO BELLO** - Put away last October after having placed in all 3 starts. Is competitively-shod for his re-entry and Antoine Wiels will be anticipating a big performance
- 4. MISTRAL D'HERMES** - Imposed at Chartres on 1 March before running 2nd at Graignes 3 weeks later. Is reunited with Eric Raffin who will be expecting to win this
- 5. MOMO DE MIENNAIS** - Moderate colt that has yet to wow his connections. Made some headway at Saint-Malo, but not enough to be considered a player
- 6. MAGICIEN LUDOIS** - Has yet to make his mark this term but pleased here on re-entry before being disqualified and deserves a 2nd chance
- 7. MAESTRO TEJY** - Honest type that encouraged here 2 weeks ago but takes on some better horses this time and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 8. MEGAFLO BELLO** - Has taken his game up a notch since the start of the year. Is unlikely to lose his maiden tag but can nevertheless challenge for a place in the picture
- 9. MADRAS** - Was oddly lacklustre on re-entry at Laval a fortnight back, but showed considerable potential in 2025. Will have progressed for the run and cannot be discounted

Summary: MISTRAL D'HERMES (4) has done everything asked of him since starting to race barefoot and seems capable of bringing home the bacon. MAGICIO BELLO (3) showed significant promise last season and with hind shoes off for comeback will be no easy touch. MAGICIEN LUDOIS (6) has not been the most fortunate since returning to competition but he is a colt for the future and, with application, could even open his 2026 account. MEGAFLO BELLO (8) returns to the provinces after holding his own at Enghien and even though incurring the penalty this time will not be available at 56-1.

SELECTIONS

**MISTRAL D'HERMES (4) - MAGICIO BELLO (3) - MAGICIEN LUDOIS (6) - MEGAFLO
BELLO (8)**

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**C4 - PRIX DES BENEVOLES - 2800m (a2m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR €
20,000**

1. KAOLIN DE FONTAINE - Capable under harness but has yet to demonstrate any particular flair for the ridden game and others easier to back

2. KALINA VENDEENNE - Debuts in the discipline following some disappointing harness efforts, most recently losing her action here 2 weeks ago. Is shod to preference this time and has a decent chance of picking up some prizemoney

3. KARTING BOY - Ran good 3rd in a Class E over course and distance on 6 March. Faulted at Fougères next time but on good behaviour should be able to contest a spot in the frame

4. KING HAUFOR - Showed improvement in a Fougères Class E last weekend but has a lot more to find this time

5. KERVIGNAC - Serious type that caught the eye on Chartres return last Sunday. Is behind in earnings and has a reasonable chance of fighting out the finish

6. JOYEUX DE BOLERO - Ran 2nd at Meslay-du-Maine on his monte bow on 17 March and could have picked up another cheque had he not faulted at Angers. Faces some superior horses this time but should still not be entirely written off

7. KOBALT APPLE - Switches codes for the first time after 3 consecutive harness eliminations. Hails from a yard firing on all cylinders and will be no soft touch

8. KEROS DE BEAULIEU - Has imposed just the once in this branch of the business but has merit nevertheless. Drops down the category-ladder and should represent a decent first-5 candidate

9. KALEDA DE LA COUR - Put in a very good showing when victorious in a Class G over course and distance in early-March. Is back in the code after prepping under harness and will be barefoot again. Claim

10. KAMES MERITE - Finished last but one in a Rambouillet Class F a fortnight back. Benefits from a good entry and Agathe Poulain will be hoping to deliver

Summary: Absent from the code for 2.5 years, KALEDA DE LA COUR (9) got straight down to business on his return to the discipline last month and, barefoot again, can confirm. Mathis Champenois will still want to be keeping tabs on KERVIGNAC (5) who will have come on for last weekend's encouraging return run, and the tricky but talented KOBALT APPLE (7) who sports a fresh configuration and who will be partnered by the good Estelle Croisic for his monte bow. KARTING BOY (3) gave a good account of himself here last month and, if applied, can again finish close.

SELECTIONS

KALEDA DE LA COUR (9) - KERVIGNAC (5) - KOBALT APPLE (7) - KARTING BOY (3)

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C5 - PRIX DE LA COMMUNAUTE DE COMMUNES - 2800m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. LUMIERE DU TREZON - Completely out of the picture in last 3 starts. Has made the frame just once in 22 outings and can expect to have few takers

2. LUTECE DES BOIS - Moderate mare starting for the first time since last June. Shoes off but still not a concern

3. LATINA DU PARC - Returns to racing barefoot after a comeback run at Cherbourg. Will be barefoot this time and could pick up some minor honours

4. LINKA D'ADELE - Yet to get off the mark but always gives her best. At this level though, will have her work cut out

5. LOVELY DEVOL - Not the most productive of mares but is not short of talent. Has 2 runs under her belt, goes barefoot this time, and is eminently capable of finishing close

6. LERMINE D'OLIVERIE - Is not entirely without merit but is as spirited as they get and has nothing to offer on first start back

7. LAUREATE SPEED - Tricky element making first appearance since September. Showed considerable promise last year and while unlikely to be completely race-fit, should nevertheless acquit herself competitively

8. LOUNABELLA - Got straight back in the game on just 2nd start since the winter break, winning a Castellones Class F last Monday, however a repeat is an unrealistic ask

9. LEGENDE D'OLIVERIE - Had a recce of Pontchateau 2 weeks ago on her first start since early-January. Goes barefoot this time and could well impose

10. LUNOA D'ECHAL - Capricious in both disciplines but has had the benefit of 2 conditioners. Is better than most here and can wrap this up if Eric Raffin keeps her trotting

11. LUIGIA JIBELA - Ran 3rd in a Nantes Class E on 21 February but was eliminated at Maure a month later. The revised formula though may be just what the doctor ordered

12. LA TERRE DU BANNEY - Showed considerable potential at 3 but has been off the boil since and will first need to re-establish her credentials

13. LIBERTE DE L'AUNAY - Dependable mare whose recent Ecommoy run did not go unnoticed. Starts alone on the back line but still has the wherewithal to pick up a cheque

Summary: Complicated she may be but LUNOA D'ECHAL (10) has bags of ability; she will be fit by now and with Eric Raffin reining has every chance of trotting her way back into the winners' circle. He will still be mindful of LEGENDE D'OLIVERIE (9) who will be barefoot as she was when imposing at Chartres last season, and the handy LOVELY DEVOL (5) who will race barefoot for the first time this year. LUIGIA JIBELA (11) lost her action last time but has been reconfigured for her return to the venue and, with application, will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

LUNOA D'ECHAL (10) - LEGENDE D'OLIVERIE (9) - LOVELY DEVOL (5) - LUIGIA JIBELA (11)

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C6 - PRIX DU COMITE REGIONAL DE L'OUEST - 2800m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. **KERBEROS** - 34 starts and yet to lose his maiden tag. Has failed to impress in either start this term and will have few friends
2. **KILLY D'IRATY** - Kicked the year off respectably but has failed to impress since. Reverts to racing with front pads but already looks to be out of his depth
3. **KYLEBEAU DU LUOT** - Eliminated on re-entry under the saddle at Caen a month ago. Has no references at this level and is not about to create a surprise
4. **KING DE CHAMPIGNY** - Hardy element starting for first time since August last year. Is barefoot for the occasion but is still going to need the race
5. **KING STEED** - Can prove a handful but left a good impression in a Laval Class D early last month. Has yet to deliver at Pontchateau but looks close to his race and can give KILIMANDJARO PLAYA (16) something to think about
6. **KORIOS DE ZIETTE** - Unraced since coming 2nd in a 2700m Vincennes Class F 2 months ago, but won his sole start at the venue, and from the front row can give this a good go
7. **KUROKO LAUAR** - Capable on a good day but has just the one race in him since the autumn and would be preferred competitively-shod
8. **KADOR DES TITHAIS** - Imposed at Nantes in February before running 3rd in a Caen Class F a fortnight ago. Is new to the venue but in present shape is hard to ignore
9. **KILDARE** - Showed improvement when 3rd at Le Mont-Saint-Michel on 8 March. In better company this time, but has hind shoes off, ran 2nd on his only Pontchateau appearance, and cannot be discounted
10. **KADEO JOSSELYN** - Complicated sort that has done nothing of note since last summer. Will be barefoot following his Challans comeback run but still not a priority
11. **KING OF DAY** - Still a maiden after 34 racecourse outings. Is not devoid of ability but stays shod and best to wait
12. **KOOPER** - Given a couple of months to recalibrate after having disappointed on his re-entry. Is competitively-shod for the occasion, nicely-engaged on the front line, and should be good enough to make first 5 this time
13. **KARMA TEJY** - Stays shod after having run surprising 4th in a Chartres Class D last Sunday. Is unlikely to repeat but, with form maintained, can hold his own
14. **KRONOS DE VANDEL** - Handy type preparing for a campaign under the saddle and can be passed over
15. **KAZAN BEACH** - Showed improvement behind KILIMANDJARO PLAYA (16) at Enghien on 10 March. Ran 2nd on lone Pontchateau start but still cannot be considered a priority
16. **KILIMANDJARO PLAYA** - Has not put a foot wrong since the turn of the year. Would have finished closer last time had he not lost ground early, but can more than make amends if Eric Raffin gets him off on the right foot

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17. KOQUIN D'AMOUR - Kicked the year off with 2 fine Nantes performances, but below-par at Caen last month. Pleased on his sole Pontchateau start though, benefits from a good entry, and reverts to a formula that has served him well

Summary: Giving away distance at Pontchateau is never an easy thing to do, but considering the display that KILIMANDJARO PLAYA (16) produced at Maure-de-Bretagne last month, anything is possible, even with shoes fitted. He will be opposed though by front line starters KING STEED (5), whose Laval performance was particularly encouraging, KORIOLIS DE ZIETTE (6) who returns to the provinces after going close in Paris, and KADOR DES TITHAIS (8) who has done little wrong over the past couple of months.

SELECTIONS

KILIMANDJARO PLAYA (16) - KING STEED (5) - KORIOLIS DE ZIETTE (6) - KADOR DES TITHAIS (8)

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C7 - PRIX LECLERC DISTRIBUTION - 2800m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 27,000

- 1. INSTANT DU BOIS** - Disappointing in both starts this year. Is not without merit but will first need to reassure
- 2. JOKER DE MARZY** - Was contesting the finish in a Vincennes Class E mid-February when he lost his action. Has been afforded time to recalibrate, has been reconfigured and, on good behaviour, has a reasonable chance of making first 5
- 3. INDY DE MAI** - Took little time getting back in shape, most recently 3rd in a Royan La Palmyre Class F last weekend. Sports modified shoeing but in this company will have too much to do
- 4. JUPITER DE MAISY** - Made up for Graignes elimination when 2nd in a Mauquenchy Class F 10 days ago. Has previously won here when barefoot and in current condition is easy to like for a place in the frame
- 5. JASMIN PHIL** - Difficult trotter returning to the harness code after disappointing under the saddle at Chartres. Pleased here last summer but it appears to have been a one-off
- 6. JILANZA DU MOULIN** - Hardy mare with significantly better aptitude for the monte discipline and will have other ambitions
- 7. JEUDI DES RACQUES** - Unable to confirm good Cordemais run when failing to fire in a Cholet Class E 3 weeks ago. Has previously won at the venue, returns to racing barefoot, and cannot be discounted
- 8. JENUFA** - Has been giving a good account of herself for some time. Needs to sharpen up a little but will be shod to preference and should not be entirely overlooked
- 9. JADE** - Showed his form at Le Croisé-Laroche in early-March prior to prepping under the saddle at Caen later in the month. Returns to racing shod as he was that day and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 10. JULIANO STILE** - Got back in the game when 2nd in a Maure-de-Bretagne Class E on 24 March. Goes well when barefoot and can contest the finish if he manages to stay in stride
- 11. JAVA DE BOITRON** - Has looked decidedly ordinary in all 5 starts this term. Has never shown any fondness for Pontchateau and will have few friends
- 12. INCONTOURNABLE** - Secured a hat-trick 13 months ago but has failed to make his mark since and is not a player
- 13. JUST DE LA MORTRIE** - Quality element that pulled off a hat-trick last autumn. Has one race in him since the spell and, competitively-shod for the occasion, can bring the fight to his stablemate
- 14. JOB DE CHOISEL** - Wonderfully-consistent when barefoot and focused. Ran 3rd in a Cordemais Class E in late-February, comes here fresh, and will be well-backed to win this

Summary: Sylvain Dupont is well-represented here with the fine JOB DE CHOISEL (14) who enjoys a golden entry, and JUST DE LA MORTRIE (13) who will be shod to preference for his first objective of the year. JULIANO STILE (10) is very hard to fault when focused and his recent Maure-de-Bretagne run stands him in good stead. JUPITER DE MAISY (4) has been knocking at the door and Theo Raffin can be confident of a good performance.

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SELECTIONS

**JOB DE CHOISEL (14) - JUST DE LA MORTRIE (13) - JULIANO STILE (10) - JUPITER DE
MAISY (4)**

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C8 - PRIX DU CAFE-PMU LE MYROS MISSILLAC - 2800m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 29,000

- 1. OH CEAN** - Was not disgraced on French debut, and comeback, when 6th in a Reims Class E last weekend. The run will have done him some good and he should not be too far from the action
- 2. JUDGE DREDD SISU** - Has failed to deliver in 2 since leaving Sweden but has had the benefit of a freshener and from the front row can give this a good go
- 3. MASTER OF ZON** - Has struggled since coming to France last summer. Has kicked 2026 off modestly and must first establish his credentials in France
- 4. ILLYTRASS** - Useful on a good day and has a race in him since the winter break. Goes barefoot this time but would have better prospects at a lower level
- 5. JADE HERINIÈRE** - Modest mare that has not been seen out since June 2025 and has no realistic chance
- 6. ISARIO VENESI** - Produced 3 decent performances before failing to deliver at Graignes 3 weeks ago. Starts in front here and Antonin Andre will be keen to put things right
- 7. JOELLA BELLA** - Has not been seen out since winning a 3000m Nantes Class F on 1 December. Sports front pads this time and, although unlikely to create an upset, can nevertheless finish in the mix
- 8. REDBULL PELLINI** - Changed hands after running 3rd in a Marseille-Borely Class D 2.5 weeks ago. Is well-entered on the first row, should take well to the Pontchateau profile, and will be reined by Eric Raffin. Place chance
- 9. FIORANO** - Form has done nothing but regress since the start of the year, latterly 7th of 10 in a Class D over course and distance early last month, and in the day's configuration will struggle to make his mark
- 10. DADA DEL RONCO** - Has not been seen out since running 2nd in a Vincennes Class D on 19 December. Will be barefoot for re-entry but is expected to be race-rusty
- 11. INSTINCTIF** - Was given an easy comeback at Le Mont-Saint-Michel early last month. Has had time to progress but stays shod again and best to hold off
- 12. IZIA DE MONGIVAL** - Showed improvement at Le Croise-Laroche a fortnight back when 5th in a Class D. Has won 2 of 3 at the venue and while not a contender, should nevertheless hold her own
- 13. XERAVA C.D.** - Will be barefoot as she was when 3rd in a 2100m Vincennes Class D on French bow in early-February. Has bags of ability and can challenge for the win this time
- 14. JUSTICIA SMART** - Returns to the provinces after coming 4th in a Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago. On the back row again, and has been reconfigured, but looks more a minor place prospect this time
- 15. JOSHUA PEJI** - Mixes excellence with eliminations but is classier than most here and is in with a realistic chance of making his Pontchateau debut a winning one
- 16. GOLD PEJI** - Unremarkable veteran starting for the first time since mid-January. Stays shod and poses no danger

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17. CERTAINLY (SWE) - Nicely-entered here but has looked very ordinary so far this term and must get his house in order

18. JOKER DE CHOISEL - Quality individual that should not be too-hastily judged for re-entry result. Is plainly in race-mode, is well-engaged, and will not be returning home empty-handed

Summary: With JOSHUA PEJI (15) it is almost always a question of all-or-nothing. He did, however, show his form at Enghien a month back and drops marginally in category with every chance of winning this. Damien Bonne will still want to be wary of XERAVA C.D. (13) who ran 3rd on her Vincennes bow, and the well-engaged and in-form REDBULL PELLINI (8) who has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time. Terrifically-engaged here, JOKER DE CHOISEL (18) has a race under his belt, will be shod to preference, and should prove competitive when it matters. Swedish import JUDGE DREDD SISU (2) makes just his second start for his new handler, races without front shoes this time, and clearly has the capability to play an important role.

SELECTIONS

JOSHUA PEJI (15) - XERAVA C.D. (13) - REDBULL PELLINI (8) - JOKER DE CHOISEL (18)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
LUNOA D'ECHAL (510)

Outsider of the day
KORISOLIS DE ZIETTE (606)

Reverse forecast
MAGICIO BELLO (303) - MISTRAL D'HERMES (304)

Three pick of the day
JOKER GES (114) - KALEDA DE LA COUR (409) - LUNOA D'ECHAL (510)