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R4 CHATELAILLON [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX JOA DU RESTAURANT EIFFEL - 2625m (a1m1/2) - Class G
Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 6,000**

1. HIVAROSA DU BOCAGE - Won a similar event over course and distance 11 days ago before trotting 5th of 11 in a 3250m Class H at La Réole on Thursday. Under these conditions though, looks the pick of the field

2. HARRY ATOUT - 3rd of 9 in a 2825m Chartres Class G 2 weeks ago, on his first start in the amateur category. Front pads fitted this time but is still competitive for a place on the podium

3. GRAND PALAIS - 5th of 10 in a 3125m Rânes amateur Class H last weekend. Takes on better this time though and chances limited

4. HEROINE DE TALA - Disappointing lately, most recently last of 9 in a 2900m Challans amateurs Class G a fortnight ago, but unshod-all-4 this time and looks set to get back in the game

5. FRISSON D'OCCAGNES - Returns to the amateur division after coming last of 12 in a Class F over track and trip early this month and can be confidently written off

6. FABULOUS DANCER - Honest sort but has not raced since trotting 4th over 2500m here early-November and will need the outing

7. GARIFAN DE CASTROU - Surprise 5th over 2500m here before coming 9th of 16 when prepping for this in a 2800m Langon Class G 11 days ago. Barefoot this time though and must be taken seriously

8. FIRST DE BRETAGNE - Has not been seen out since winning a 2950m Toulouse amateurs Class G on 25 February. Simply superb at this level and even from the back row, can make a big splash

9. FURY D'EVEL - Made up for her Angers blip when 3rd of 11 in a 2800m Pontchâteau Class G on 1 April. On the back line but, at a stretch, can get a look-in

Summary: Excellent in two starts under these conditions last month, HIVAROSA DU BOCAGE (1) was less performant at La Réole next time but has a good entry here and can bring home the bacon. She will still meet resistance from the excellent FIRST DE BRETAGNE (8) even though Alain Millet's horse has been handed a 25m handicap. HARRY ATOUT (2) took well to amateur conditions at Chartres recently and, even with front pads fitted, can finish in the mix, as can HEROINE DE TALA (4) who is barefoot for the occasion.

SELECTIONS

HIVAROSA DU BOCAGE (1) - FIRST DE BRETAGNE (8) - HARRY ATOUT (2) - HEROINE DE TALA (4)

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C2 - PRIX JOA DU CARRE D'AS - 2625m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Mounted - EUR € 20,000

1. KNOKKE DE HOUELLE - Flattering 4th of 8 finishers in a 2850m Laval Class E 10 days ago, but has a top jockey in the irons and is unlikely to be far off the mark. Place chance

2. KARMA JIEL - Would have picked up a minor-place cheque had he not faulted in a 2700m Vincennes Class D late last month. Not everyone's cup of tea but has the wherewithal to make the first 5

3. KAPRICCIO BELLO - Impressive since switching codes, latterly making short work of a 2850m Laval Class F late-March. Goes barefoot again and represents the main danger to JINGKO DES BOCHARD (4)

4. JINGKO DES BOCHARD - Quality element but has had an interrupted career. Unraced since flying up in a 2750m Class F at La Capelle a year ago but is in 'race mode' for re-entry and can deliver on Yannick Henry's confidence. Claim

5. KIFILE DANICA - 14th of 16, on re-entry, in a 2450m Caen harness Class E. Has shown significant potential under the saddle and, with hind shoes off for the occasion, could pleasantly surprise

6. KA FACTOR - Makes first appearance since faulting in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 19 February. Has ability but is unlikely to shake things up on first start back

7. JOUR DE JUIN - Sanctioned, when unsupported, in a 2500m harness Class F here on 1 April. Yet to show any particular flair for the monté code and can be ruled out

8. KOSMOS DE SOCERY - Below-par lately, most recently last of 7 in a 2200m Vincennes Class D on 9 April. Shoes back on and no chance

Summary: Although he has not been seen out for over a year, JINGKO DES BOCHARD (4) is nevertheless the smartest horse in the field and racing barefoot with Eric Raffin reining, will take all the beating. They will however be pitted against recent Laval winner, KAPRICCIO BELLO (3) who has thrived since switching codes. KNOKKE DE HOUELLE (1) is better than his recent Laval effort would suggest and with Benjamin Rochard in the irons, will be expected to show improvement.

SELECTIONS

**JINGKO DES BOCHARD (4) - KAPRICCIO BELLO (3) - KNOKKE DE HOUELLE (1) -
KIFILE DANICA (5)**

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C3 - PRIX JOA BRONZE - 2500m (a1m1/2) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

1. LISA MONA BLUE - Unremarkable filly that was sanctioned in a 2850m Laval Class E late-March and, in this field, will have nothing to offer

2. LEADER DU CHATAULT - Oddly below-par when 6th of 7 in a 2175m Vincennes Class B mid-April, after having imposed at Saint-Galmier, but can win this if he takes to the new profile

3. LOVA BLUE - Denied a run before coming 4th of 14 in a 2150m Enghien Class D 10 days ago. By no means a priority but can get in on the action if Jean-Philippe Mary keeps her out of trouble

4. LATINO PURA VIDA - Decent colt that showed improvement when 5th, at 45/1, in a 2875m Enghien Class C 3 weeks ago, and if still on the boil, can play an important role

5. LEADER ATOUT - Won smartly over 2625m here last month before trotting 5th to LAGON DU POMMEREUX (7) in a 2150m Enghien Class D 10 days ago, and the return to La Rochelle may be just the ticket

6. LEADER D'AIMTE - Respectable 5th of 6 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C early last month but seems to be taking on too much this time around

7. LAGON DU POMMEREUX - In the frame in 4 of 5, latterly a 2150m Enghien Class D 10 days ago, and Eric Raffin reining could make all the difference. Chance

Summary: There may not be many runners but it looks a scrappy affair, with the well-positioned and in-form LEADER DU CHATAULT (2) debuting at a track he should appreciate and with a realistic chance of replicating his Saint-Galmier performance. That said, Eric Raffin takes over the reins on LAGON DU POMMEREUX (7) who missed out by little at Enghien, and will be no pushover. LATINO PURA VIDA (4) appears to be getting back in shape and looks competitive for the 3rd step on the podium.

SELECTIONS

**LEADER DU CHATAULT (2) - LAGON DU POMMEREUX (7) - LATINO PURA VIDA (4) -
LEADER ATOUT (5)**

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C4 - PRIX JOA CLUB ARGENT - 2625m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. JOSHUA ONE** - Sanctioned on comeback in a 2700m Méral Class H 3 weeks ago. Has done nothing of note for some time and is not about to change his ways
- 2. JAG DE MARCAY** - Complicated but useful sort making first appearance since coming 10th of 12 in a 2350m Angers Class F early-December, and will need the run
- 3. JAZZ DES TOURS** - Disappointing this year, most recently 9th of 12 in a 2975m Jallais Class F last weekend, and can be passed over
- 4. JASMINE DU BOCAGE** - Made a respectable seasonal bow when 8th of 12 in a 2900m Arras Class F 3 weeks ago. Races barefoot this time but looks to be biting off more than she can chew
- 5. JOYAU BLUE** - Surprise 3rd of 12, at 142/1, in a 2800m Cholet Class G 11 days ago. Unlikely to repeat but breaks in front and, with Benjamin Rochard reining, must not be underestimated
- 6. JOLI FOUGERAY** - Back on the right road last month, latterly 2nd of 10 in a 2550m Class F at Gournay-en-Bray, and the front-row start will only enhance his first-5 prospects
- 7. JAZZA PRIOR** - Sent for a holiday after securing the double in a 2900m Châteauroux Class H last September. Stays shod and best to hold off
- 8. JADE DE CORDAY** - Failed to confirm her Royan performance when last of 11 in a 2875m Enghien claimer on 18 April and will have few, if any, friends
- 9. JAGUAR DU LONDEL** - Sanctioned early in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E 2 weeks ago. Has otherwise been in excellent condition and must be afforded respect
- 10. JOLIE DU CEBE** - Serious trotter that finished 9th of 14 on comeback 11 days ago in a 2800m Rambouillet Class E. Shoes off, with the champion driver reining, and looks a player
- 11. JUDICIEUSE** - Blows hot and cold but reassuring 2nd to JUTONNIERE (13) in a 2825m Cordemais Class E on 21 April. Barefoot this time and can narrow the gap
- 12. JOSS CAPELLO** - Pulled-up in a 2875m Enghien Class D 3 weeks ago. Has bags of ability though and can play a key role if he deigns to stay in stride
- 13. JUTONNIERE** - Facile winner of a 2825m Cordemais Class E, on re-entry, 3 weeks ago and even from the back line has every chance of doubling her money

Summary: Authoritative winner on comeback 3 weeks ago, and ideally-entered at the limit of earnings, JUTONNIERE (13) starts on the back line but still looks the one to beat. Antoine Wiels can still expect to feel a bit more heat from a barefoot JUDICIEUSE (11) than he did at Cordemais that day. JOSS CAPELLO (12) may not be the most dependable of horses but he will not be far off the mark if Tom Beauvais keeps him focused. Barefoot following a much-needed conditioner, JOLIE DU CEBE (10) has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time and will be afforded every chance.

SELECTIONS

JUTONNIERE (13) - JUDICIEUSE (11) - JOSS CAPELLO (12) - JOLIE DU CEBE (10)

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**C5 - PRIX JOA CLUB OR - 2625m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR
€ 26,000**

- 1. HERACLES DU VIVIER** - Alternates the good with the less good but reassured with an easy 2825m Chartres amateur Class G victory 4 days ago and, with Eric Raffin reining, can double up
- 2. GODZILLA VICI** - Ideally-placed in front, however last but one in a 2850m Loudéac Class H late last month and is unlikely to spring a surprise
- 3. HAVANE DE CHENU** - 4th of 12 over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Ideally-entered on the first line, will be reined by Benjamin Rochard, and looks main threat to HERACLES DU VIVIER (1)
- 4. GRANDISSIMA BLUE** - Unremarkable 6th of 8 in a 2875m Enghien Class F 10 days ago and the extra 25m to travel will do her no favours
- 5. HA YES MAX** - 2nd of 11 finishers in a 2700m Thouars Class F on Thursday. Is close to his race but, in this company, may have to settle for another place cheque
- 6. HAMLET DU VIVIER** - Unraced since being sanctioned in a 3150m Saint-Brieuc Class E in early-February. Shoes on and no chance
- 7. FILOU NICAUX** - 8th of 14 in a 2450m Castillonès Class F a fortnight ago. Is an honest trotter and, if applied, can get in on the action
- 8. GAUCHO DE LA NOUE** - Hardy element that encouraged when 3rd of 15 in a 2850m Laval Class F 3 weeks ago and, with form maintained, can again trot her way into the frame
- 9. GYPSIE ROYALE** - Last but one, on Wednesday's re-entry, in a 2950m Class F at Le Mans. Is never easy to gauge but races unshod-in-front and can make the first 5
- 10. HOLESHOT** - Here to freshen up after faulting in a 2950m Vichy monté Class F last Monday and can be passed over
- 11. FAX MADRIK** - Off the boil for some time, most recently 8th of 12 in a 2725m Graignes Class E 9 days ago, and can be disregarded

Summary: HERACLES DU VIVIER (1) may not be to everyone's liking but he flew up at Chartres on Wednesday, starts on the first row, with a top driver reining, and must get the nod ahead of the well-engaged HAVANE DE CHENU (3) who has never disappointed at the venue. GAUCHO DE LA NOUE (8) starts on the 2nd line but showed his form at Laval last time out and will be no easy touch. HA YES MAX (5) has been in cracking form recently and backs up with a decent chance of picking up some prizemoney.

SELECTIONS

HERACLES DU VIVIER (1) - HAVANE DE CHENU (3) - GAUCHO DE LA NOUE (8) - HA YES MAX (5)

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C6 - GRAND PRIX CASINO JOA CHATELAILLON-DYNAVENA - 2625m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 44,000

- 1. CHERRY TOP** - Has turned a corner since start of the year, most recently romping in a 2750m Toulouse Class E a month ago. Breaks in front and must be afforded respect
- 2. GIANT MADRIK** - Faithful for the most part, latterly runner-up to GIANINA BELLA (9) in a 2825m Cordemais Class E 3 weeks ago and, although not a priority, can still eke out a cheque
- 3. HERMES ANGEL** - 4th of 11 in a 2175m Vincennes monté Class D late-April. Is as honest as they come, has never disappointed here, but others still easier to back
- 4. JAGUAR MARANCOURT** - Unraced since faulting in a 2700m Vincennes Gr.3 late-February. Reverts to a proven formula for re-entry but still not an obvious choice
- 5. INDY DARK** - Simply superb this year, latterly clinching victory from IBIZA BELLA (6) in a 2850m Laval Class D on 2 April, and will again be competitive for a place in the frame
- 6. IBIZA BELLA** - Close 2nd to INDY DARK (5) in a 2850m Laval Class D on 2 April. Plainly back at her best and from the front line can play a leading role
- 7. HIDDEN TEXAS** - Sanctioned early, when favourite, in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E 2 weeks ago. On the front line this time, and shod differently, but in this company looks no more than a minor place prospect
- 8. HAPPY PACHA** - Hind shoes off this time after being sanctioned on comeback in a 2700m Machecoul Class E on 1 April. In this category though, will have little to offer
- 9. GIANINA BELLA** - Got back in the game 3 weeks ago, winning a 2825m Cordemais Class E. Shoes on this time but has form here and will have her supporters
- 10. EXPERT DELTA** - Makes first start since faulting in a 2850m Vincennes claimer mid-January and can be confidently ruled out
- 11. GAUDEPSOU** - 9th of 14 in a 2825m Lignières Class E on comeback mid-April. Shod to preference this time but still has a lot more to find
- 12. DIADEME BLUE** - Last but one, on return from his break, in a 2800m Cholet Class C a fortnight ago and, from the 2nd row, has no realistic chance
- 13. JESSY DE BANVILLE** - Classy monté mare racing here for a change of scenery and is not about to trouble the judge
- 14. HEADING REFERENCE** - 10th of 14 on re-entry in a 2100m Vincennes Class B on 13 April. Has merit but is not the most dependable and others preferred
- 15. ELISKA BERRY** - Has not been seen out since coming 7th of 8 in a 2850m Vincennes Class C last September. Fitted with front pads and will need the run
- 16. CASH BANK BIGI** - Put to bed 3 sanctions when 3rd of 9, at 44/1, in a 2700m Vincennes Class B late-March. Comes here fresh and can get a look-in if Hugues Monthulé keeps her in stride
- 17. JAG STRYCK** - Had hardly put a foot wrong this term until faulting in a 2850m Vincennes Gr.2 last weekend. Has nothing to prove in this category and, even from the back line, can impose

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18. IBIKI DE HOUELLE - 2nd to a very good horse in a 2800m Cordemais Gr.3 on 24 April. Is confirmed at the highest level and is eminently capable of winning this

Summary: A quality individual with nothing to prove at this level, IBIKI DE HOUELLE (18) left a very good impression at Cordemais last month and looks a marginally better bet than the talented JAG STRYCK (17) who was never at his ease in Paris last weekend. INDY DARK (5) is 25m better off and, in current form, is a serious proposition. Runner-up to him at Laval 9 days ago, IBIZA BELLA (6) must also be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

IBIKI DE HOUELLE (18) - JAG STRYCK (17) - INDY DARK (5) - IBIZA BELLA (6)

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C7 - PRIX JOA CLUB PLATINIUM - 2500m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 17,500

1. KAFU - Left a decent impression on re-entry, coming 4th of 7 in a 2825m Cordemais Class E on 21 April. Has had time to come on, goes unshod-in-front, and appears to be in with a decent shout

2. KRISTAL DU ROCHER - Won a brace at Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne before coming 5th of 9 in a 2825m Lignières Class F a month back. Shoes off for the first time though and the good draw will only enhance his prospects

3. KOUREAS D'ELA - Reassuring 2nd of 9 in a 2975m Jallais Class F last weekend. Raffin has defected but has a good replacement in Benjamin Rochard and will be no pushover

4. KELLA DU DONJON - Twice failed to confirm her Bordeaux victory, latterly 8th of 9 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E early-February. Shoes on and no threat

5. KISS ME JAMINI - Complicated but has bags of untapped potential, most recently 2nd of 10 in a 2800m Rambouillet Class F 11 days ago. Eric Raffin reining this time and has a respectable chance of trotting his way into the frame

6. KASSAV DE FRECA - Bridesmaid in 2 before faulting, when heavily-backed, in a 2750m Toulouse Class F late-April. Sanctioned on lone left-handed start though and others easier to back

7. KALIE DE MONE - Got off the mark in a 2850m Laval Class F on 19 April, when first time barefoot. Shoes off again and even though drawn wide, is still a serious proposition

8. KING DE BOUTEAU - Encouraging 3rd of 13, at 67/1, in a 2750m Toulouse Class F on 26 April. Will not be too inconvenienced by the draw and the Gabriele Gelormini-factor must be taken into account

9. KALINE DES RACQUES - 8th of 9, on first start since the break, in a 2400m Amiens Class F on 19 April, and already looks out of her depth

10. KALAHARI - Sanctioned more often than not but imposed on comeback in a 2200m Langon Class G a fortnight ago. Shod competitively for the occasion but nonetheless appears to be aiming too high

11. KALINE DU PONCHET - Lost her action, when well-supported, in a 2700m Graignes Class F on 1 May. Is in form though, sports a modified configuration and, with application, can get a look-in

12. KIMONO DU CAIEU - 9th of 10 finishers in a 2850m Laval Class F on 19 April after having reassured at Chartres. Shoes back on and others preferred

Summary: After producing an excellent effort here late-March, on her first start since early-October, KALIE DE MONE (7) opened her account at Laval last month and, even up against the colts this time, still looks a leading contender. Antoine de Vaugiraud will nevertheless be keeping a watchful eye on the better-positioned, and barefoot, KRISTAL DU ROCHER (2) who has won 2 of his 3, and an unshod-behind KAFU (1) who is plainly close to his race. The complicated KISS ME JAMINI (5) reassured at Rambouillet and is well-placed behind the car.

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KALIE DE MONE (7) - KRISTAL DU ROCHER (2) - KAFU (1) - KISS ME JAMINI (5)