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R4 MAUQUENCHY [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE L'OUVERTURE DU CHALLENGE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 28.000

- 1. HUKKA DU VIVIER** - Useful mare that seldom disappoints when focused. Third to HOLD UP NOCTURNE (5) last time here and, on good behaviour, can play another prominent role
- 2. FLYNN STAR** - Dependability not his thing but can trot. Reassured at Graignes last weekend but can nevertheless expect to find this a stiffer test
- 3. GOUTIER CELESTE** - Quality individual in this branch of the business. Can prove a handful but is unlikely to be race-rusty and, with application, can get back down to business
- 4. HOLESHOT** - Has turned a corner since returning to racing barefoot. Set his personal best time winning at Enghien and will be no pushover
- 5. HOLD UP NOCTURNE** - Serious trotter that has done everything right since the spring. Won over track and trip during the autumn and returns to the code with every chance of imposing
- 6. HUBINE KERYVON** - Handy mare with form at this level but sanctioned in 2 of last 3. If applied though, could get a look in
- 7. FAVORI JET** - Not without merit but has looked very ordinary over recent weeks and will need to raise his game
- 8. HOUSTON DE BLARY** - Previously a very good trotter but no longer the horse he once was, and recent efforts leave a lot to be desired
- 9. HOTKATISSIME** - Decent trotter in both branches of the business and left a good impression here during the summer. Has one race under his belt, is shod to preference, and looks a player
- 10. GALOPIN DE CONDE** - Unexceptional sort that rarely makes his presence felt and is unlikely to shake things up
- 11. FAUST DE BEYLEV** - Honest type that has been acquitting himself well of late. Faces resistance from the 6 year-olds but can still hold his own
- 12. GALA D'ARTISTE** - Gives a good account for the most part under the saddle. Runner-up in last 2 but shoes back on and best to wait

Summary : Simply superb under the saddle this year, HOLD UP NOCTURNE (5) won last time over course and distance and can pick up a 4th consecutive monté success. Guillaume Martin would still be wise to be wary of the reinvigorated HOLESHOT (4) who was simply remarkable at Enghien last month. For GOUTIER CELESTE (3) it is regularly a question of all-or-nothing but he is competitively-shod and will be fresh. HUKKA DU VIVIER (1) lost her action at Graignes but is otherwise in excellent condition and her latest Mauquenchy effort will stand her in good stead.

SELECTIONS

HOLD UP NOCTURNE (5) - HOLESHOT (4) - GOUTIER CELESTE (3) - HUKKA DU VIVIER (1)

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**C2 - PRIX DU DUO LACROIX - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
25.000**

1. **HENRI DE LA ROUVRE** - Tricky monté horse making his first start since the spring and can be confidently disregarded
2. **HARPIE DE JED** - Not entirely without merit but has failed to impress at a lower level recently and can be passed over
3. **HORSE DE GRAMMONT** - Rather erratic and arguably better in the amateur category these days. Others preferred
4. **GRANIT D'EPONA** - On a solid run of form before being stepped back up in category and, even here, will struggle to make his mark
5. **HAVANE AU VENT** - Looked to be coming good during the summer but form has since regressed and will have few takers
6. **HEMILIO PIERJI** - Very good campaigner in the amateur division but seldom makes the grade in this category and not an obvious choice
7. **HORN** - Useful sort for the most part and recently won smartly over longer. Ideally engaged on the front line and can double up
8. **FORT DES MALBERAUX** - Has done nothing noteworthy for some time outside of the claiming division and, from the back line, will have his work cut out
9. **HOLSTER** - Faithful servant making his Mauquenchy debut on a hat-trick and, despite the penalty, still looks competitive for a place on the podium
10. **HARIA DU BELLAY** - Impressive more than once during the spring before losing her way somewhat. Will be fresh, but stays shod, and more a minor place chance this time around
11. **HARDI CROWN** - Useful type with form at a better level. Has 2 races under his belt and, barefoot this time, can put on a good show
12. **HUNT** - Occasionally loses focus but is otherwise a dependable trotter that seldom goes home empty-handed and looks set to get back down to business
13. **HANUGAN** - Springs the occasional surprise but is out of his depth here and can be ruled out
14. **HAPPY DANOVER** - Has been on a decent run of form this season. Failed to fire last time but is back on a hard surface, although racing shod will do him no favours
15. **GABIN DU MESNIL** - Lost his way after showing improvement during the spring. Unseen since and will not be over-taxed
16. **HASHTAG CHAMANT** - Hardy element with solid references in the category. Is untried at the venue but is plainly in form and looks a leading contender

Summary : Although seldom seen racing left-handed, HORN (7) nevertheless won at Saumur recently for her new handler and, with Mathieu Mottier reining this time, has every chance of doubling his money. Twice a winner during the autumn and, benefitting from an excellent entry, HASHTAG CHAMANT (16) must be respected, as should HOLSTER (9) who, even from the second line, looks a serious proposition. Barring his recent Cabourg sanction, HUNT (12) is clearly at the top of his game and, with application, should finish in the mix.

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HORN (7) - HASHTAG CHAMANT (16) - HOLSTER (9) - HUNT (12)

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**C3 - PRIX GENY COURSES - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
21.000**

- 1. IDEAL THORIS** - Completely lost his way after placing here during the summer and must get his house in order
- 2. IZORA BARZAT** - Has done nothing but improve under harness over past 2 months. Recent monté sanction can be ignored and, just front pads on this time, will be one to watch
- 3. INNOCENT DU BOS** - Just 2 wins to his name but consistently finishes in the mix. Fitted with 4 pads for Mauquenchy debut and could pleasantly surprise
- 4. IDEALE D'ARCEY** - Not devoid of ability but has been a write-off recently and, even though barefoot this time, will have little to offer
- 5. INIMITABLE** - On the way back up, and has been handed a good draw, but shoes back on best to wait
- 6. INSOLITE** - Seldom puts 2 good runs together but is never from the action when focused, and a repeat of her Graignes performance would see her pick up a cheque
- 7. IDAHO PAULO** - Still winless after 29 races but is an honest trotter. Goes left-handed after flopping at Cabourg and can start to redeem himself
- 8. IRON BIRD DEVOL** - Enjoyed a cracking run of form until biting off more than he could chew at Agen. Went close here during the summer and, back at a more suitable level, can return to winning ways
- 9. IMPALA PARK** - Reinvigorated since early-summer and is clearly close to his race, but is not ideally-drawn and may be no more than a place prospect this time around
- 10. IMOW ROLAU** - Tricky character that encouraged at Pornichet recently but not enough to be considered a player
- 11. IGOR DES CAILLONS** - Disappointing on the whole for some time and has no chance in this company
- 12. INCANTATOR** - Won here earlier in the year, and at Graignes a fortnight ago. Excels when barefoot and can play a role if Dominik Locqueneux successfully navigates the start
- 13. ICARE DE PHYT'S** - Tough individual in both branches of the business, but is still being conditioned and unlikely to be given a hard race
- 14. ISIMONEY DU CHENE** - Not the most reliable but has more than enough talent to compete in this category. Sanctioned when full of running last time and can more than make amends if Savio Ferrara keeps him trotting
- 15. ITOU DES GENIEVRES** - Sprang quite the surprise when beating IRON BIRD DEVOL (8) here last August but has not been as sharp since and others preferred
- 16. IDYLLIC LOVE** - On a superb run of form over recent months. Left a good impression here mid-September and, despite the draw, is not one to be underestimated

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Summary : Winner of two in a row before failing to make the grade in better company next time, IRON BIRD DEVOL (8) has been handed a wide draw here, but drops in category and can set the record straight. ISIMONEY DU CHENE (14) is no better off on the back row but has been showing his form lately and, on better behaviour, can challenge for the win. One of the most dependable horses in the field, the in-form INNOCENT DU BOS (3) prepped well for this late last month and, fitted with pads this time, will have his chances from the 3-spot. IMPALA PARK (9) appears to have found form again, is confirmed at the venue, and sure to generate interest.

SELECTIONS

**IRON BIRD DEVOL (8) - ISIMONEY DU CHENE (14) - INNOCENT DU BOS (3) - IMPALA
PARK (9)**

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C4 - PRIX HIPPOMAT - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 18.000

1. **JACADI DE RANCHVAL** - Unexceptional in both codes and has no realistic chance here
2. **JUST ORLANDO** - Moderate trotter still searching for that elusive first win. Is confirmed here, and showed improvement at Chartres, but still looks to have too much to do
3. **JOYAU DE FECS** - Excellent earlier in the year before coming off the boil and recent re-entry did nothing to inspire confidence
4. **JOLI ALEZAN** - Good servant when he can keep his action together. Drops back to a more reasonable level and, from the 4-spot, can make up for his recent Enghien flop
5. **JULES ET JIM** - Has yet to reach the form he showed at 3 but it is only a matter of time before he gets it right. Handed the 5-spot here and is not to be ignored
6. **JOVIALINO** - Boasts very good references at a lower level. Unraced for over 2 months, and is shod for comeback, but starts in front and can give this a good go
7. **JEROM BUTTERFLY** - Good servant that has been enjoying a fine run recently. Won last time out, and even though taking on tougher opposition this time, still looks competitive for a cheque
8. **JERRY DE BELLANDE** - Has looked a different horse since starting to race barefoot, but new configuration on this occasion, and the wide start will do him no favours
9. **JOS DU PILET** - Has climbed progressively well up the categories lately. Should take nicely to the Mauquenchy profile and will have his chances
10. **JUDICIOUS DAYDREAM** - Seldom far off the mark these days when he can stay in stride. Just hind shoes off this time, and while not a priority, is still easy to like
11. **JAMSHIR** - Never easy to gauge but has ability. Has one race under his belt and, if fully-fit, can start to come good again
12. **JACKPOT DE MAHEY** - Honest trotter that showed improvement behind JAG D'URZY (15) at Cherbourg recently but a repeat seems improbable
13. **JET SPE** - Quality element with excellent Mauquenchy references. Pleased on re-entry and, shod to preference this time, looks the one to beat
14. **JEWEL D'AUCHY** - Modest type that has not made his presence felt for some time and is not about to buck the trend
15. **JAG D'URZY** - Still delicate but has started to come good again. Handed a tough draw though and will find this a considerably more difficult task
16. **JEWELKIM** - Not without merit but is as tricky as they come and has nothing going for him this time

Summary : Although JET SPE (13) is never far from losing his action, he has bags of ability, adores the venue and, with hind shoes off for the occasion, can defy the draw and continue his Mauquenchy love-affair. With that being said, JOLI ALEZAN (4) is significantly better-placed behind the car and will be dangerous if can replicate his Cherbourg performance. JOS DU PILET (9) has been progressing nicely of late and, in spite of a 2nd line draw, still looks competitively well in. With one race in him following a long layoff, JAMSHIR (11) has hind shoes off this time and will be one for the shortlist.

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JET SPE (13) - JOLI ALEZAN (4) - JOS DU PILET (9) - JAMSHIR (11)

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**C5 - PRIX PARIS COURSES - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
18.000**

- 1. JAVA BESP** - 33 races and still racing with that maiden monkey on her back. Disappointing since the summer and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 2. JADE DU BILLARD** - Has looked a horse reborn since August. Would have gone close at Amiens had she not faulted and the change of direction may well be her ticket to redemption
- 3. JAMAIQUE DAIRPET** - Moderate type that defied her odds at Cabourg late last month and, with form maintained, should not be too far off the mark
- 4. JUST CALITY** - Quality individual that came close to showing her true potential at Laval recently and looks the main threat to JALOUSIE MAZA (7)
- 5. JEUNESSE ETERNELLE** - Sanctioned almost as often as not but won the last 3 races in which she managed to finish unscathed and is well-placed to give this another good go
- 6. JOADIE WIND** - No slouch on a good day and has previously won here, but form continues to regress and, even with hind shoes off, will find this a stiff test
- 7. JALOUSIE MAZA** - Excellent servant that has yet to be truly tested. Handed a wide draw but is unbeaten in current configuration and once again looks the pick of the field
- 8. JUNE DU CHATAULT** - Promising but still green last season. Has not been seen out for 14 months and, while unlikely to impose at the first time of asking, should nevertheless give a respectable account from a wide draw
- 9. JOLIE STAR BLONDE** - Tricky filly but imposed last time when unshod all 4. On the back line but, if fully-fit, can get in on the action
- 10. JUZA DE DIGEON** - Has started to improve since returning to racing unshod. In better company this time and will not be helped by the draw
- 11. JUNON MESLOISE** - Kicked the year off nicely but form quickly went south. Unraced since late-July and will have nothing to offer
- 12. JAVA DE L'ORMERIE** - Delicate filly that has previously made the frame here but has been very disappointing since the summer and can be ruled out
- 13. JALMAROSA** - Has struggled to regain form after returning from her break. Handed a tough draw and chances slim
- 14. JUDITH D'ARBAZ** - Started to get back in the game late-summer but has since come off the boil and will have few takers
- 15. JULIA DE PIENCOURT** - Got her career off to a positive start but has been lacklustre at best this year and has no chance
- 16. JUSTINE D'HOULBEC** - Still a maiden but capable on a good day. Hind shoes off for comeback but is outclassed and badly-drawn, and can be disregarded

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Summary : Very hard to fault since her first steps on the track, JALOUSIE MAZA (7) makes her Mauquenchy debut on a 5-timer, and although unproven going left-handed, will have this wrapped up if she turns. Opposition is expected to take the form of the better-placed JUST CALITY (4) who came close to opening her account on her debut for Michel Dabouis, and the good, but delicate JEUNESSE ETERNELLE (5) who starts upsides. JADE DU BILLARD (2) has a decent spot behind the car and will be no pushover if she can stay in stride.

SELECTIONS

**JALOUSIE MAZA (7) - JUST CALITY (4) - JEUNESSE ETERNELLE (5) - JADE DU
BILLARD (2)**

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**C6 - PRIX VANS BARBOT - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
21.000**

- 1. KLONDIKE** - Moderate trotter taking his first competitive steps in the discipline but, in this company, will simply have too much to do
- 2. KALL ME LOVE** - Sanctioned more often than not but talent is not in doubt. Should take well to the Mauquenchy profile and can play a leading role if Julien Dubois keeps him trotting
- 3. KENZA DE LA BESVRE** - Capable filly that can trot but would have better prospects at a lower level and will not be springing any surprises
- 4. KITO TURGOT** - Not the most reliable but gave a good account behind KUIZZ D'AGENVILLE (5) last time and, with form maintained, can confirm
- 5. KUIZZ D'AGENVILLE** - Sanctioned 4 times in a row before his summer break but has returned in cracking form and, given the nature of his recent win, again looks the one to beat
- 6. KAY** - Mixes the good with the less good but reassured with an account-opening performance at Saint-Omer and, although stepping up in category, will have his supporters
- 7. KRUG LOVER** - Winner of 2 from 4 to date. In better company this time but has earned the right to run here and, on good behaviour, can make his presence felt
- 8. KSAR DU CORTA** - Progressive colt that reassured at Cabourg after having faulted at Caen. Has not been seen out since but he is fitted with 4 pads for re-entry and looks a possible spoiler
- 9. KILLER DES CHAMPS** - Difficult type that has been revitalised since starting to race with pads. Shod this time but, with application, can get in on the action
- 10. KAHIA DE LA CROIX** - Has yet to show any particular flair for the monté code and can expect to remain friendless

Summary : Disappointing earlier in the year before being put away for the summer, KUIZZ D'AGENVILLE (5) has looked a different horse since returning to competition and seems eminently capable of confirming his recent Croisé-Laroche victory. Jérémy Koubiche can still expect to encounter resistance from KITO TURGOT (4) who finished runner-up to him that day, and the delicate but clearly talented KALL ME LOVE (2) who, despite his stride issues, still looks a marginally better option. KILLER DES CHAMPS (9) has found his way again and is close to his race, but with shoes on here looks more a place chance.

SELECTIONS

KUIZZ D'AGENVILLE (5) - KALL ME LOVE (2) - KITO TURGOT (4) - KILLER DES CHAMPS (9)

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**C7 - PRIX MOET ET CHANDON - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Mounted - EUR
€ 21.000**

1. IN LOVE DE PHYT'S - Debuts under the saddle off the back of some moderate efforts in the harness code and will need to show another side

2. INSTINCT DE L'OREE - Pleasant in 3 of last 4 starts in the discipline but takes on some better beasts this time and will have his work cut out

3. INTREPID NEMO - Has been acquitting himself respectably of late but finds himself in superior company this time and will need to come up with significantly more

4. ISA LEPINE - Sanctioned on lone appearance under the saddle. New shoeing formula for return to the code but still looks to have a lot to do

5. ICHIMODA - Has pleased just once in 6 appearances in the discipline and can be confidently passed over

6. IN JEOPARDY - Capricious trotter with fine monté credentials. Sanctioned in last 4 but it is only a matter of time before he gets back in the game

7. ISIS TUILERIE - Not devoid of ability in this code but is no champion, and last 2 starts were hardly confidence-inspiring

8. INSTANT DE BEYLEV - May well have found his niche in this branch of the game. Will have come on for his Graignes run and is not incapable of going closer this time

9. IDAHO PHIL - On an excellent run during the summer before a lacklustre effort at Angers. Had a freshener under harness at Graignes and returns to his code of preference with a realistic chance of reassuring

10. IMPACT FIX - Fine winner under the saddle at the first time of asking. Goes unshod behind this time and can bring the game to IGOR DE NEUVILLE (11)

11. IGOR DE NEUVILLE - Temperamental sort but has ample ability. Makes just his 3rd start for new handler, is in fine shape, and the new shoeing formula will do his prospects no disservice

12. INTIME COTERIE - Not the most reliable but showed improvement at Nantes on penultimate start. Below-par at Cabourg next time but still represents a moderate first-5 chance

13. INFALLIBLE - Seldom far from faulting but has nothing to prove in the discipline. Pleased behind IMPACT FIX (10) at Strasbourg and can again figure prominently

Summary : Since joining the Mathieu Mottier yard, IGOR DE NEUVILLE (11) has shown considerable progress and, with a modified configuration for the occasion, can win this if he stays in stride. It is unlikely to be all plane sailing though given how well IMPACT FIX (10) won on his monté debut and, hind shoes off this time, could well repeat. The tricky INFALLIBLE (13) finished runner-up to him that day and will not be sent out at 18/1 this time around. INSTANT DE BEYLEV (8) also pleased first time under the saddle and, twice placed under harness here, is sure to garner support.

SELECTIONS

IGOR DE NEUVILLE (11) - IMPACT FIX (10) - INFALLIBLE (13) - INSTANT DE BEYLEV (8)

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**C8 - PRIX CARREFOUR LES GRANDES VENTES - 2150m (a1 5/16m) -
Class - Harness - EUR € 6.000**

- 1. GOPTION MONTAVAL** - Placed in a similar event at La Capelle in early September but has 4 times failed to confirm and can be confidently passed over
- 2. HORACIO DE CERISY** - Useful sort that struggled during the summer before coming good at Amiens. Well-placed behind the car and can trot his way into the frame
- 3. HAMILTON D'ALB** - Has not got his nose in front for a year but consistently gives his best. Pleased in good company last time and from the 3-spot looks a serious proposition
- 4. GONDOLIER** - Handy sort that left a good impression behind HORACIO DE CERISY (2) at Amiens recently. Has a better spot in front this time and will be no easy touch
- 5. HOLDEM POKER** - Sanctioned in the race of reference but scored last time at this level. In cracking form since and, despite taking on better this time, can still play a part from the 5-spot
- 6. HARLEY DU CHERISAY** - Has yet to disappoint in the amateur division. Went close at Parilly last time and, starting in front, should not be underestimated
- 7. HOLLY ANGELE** - Dependably performant when racing barefoot. Redeemed herself last time out and takes a big dip in class with a leading role to play
- 8. HAUTE VOLTIGE** - Moderate type in the claiming division but has no references in this category and can expect to have few friends
- 9. HAUT DE FORME** - Ironically-named trotter that has failed to make any impression all year and will have few takers in the markets
- 10. HIJO MOKO** - Very disappointing for the past 18 months and, even with hind shoes off, has no realistic chance
- 11. HAPPY BOY** - Unremarkable sort that has made no impact for some time and is not about to change his ways
- 12. GAGA LADY BENACH** - Mare with fine amateur references but has been struggling of late and must get her act together
- 13. HIT RIVER** - Opened his amateur account with a facile Chartres success last weekend and, although not ideally-drawn, should still not be far off the mark
- 14. GRACE DU KASTEL** - Springs a very occasional surprise but is unlikely to improve on her 6th place in the race of reference

Summary : Back in business at Cabourg after a brace of below-par efforts, HOLLY ANGELE (7) is forced to start wide on the front line but still looks a marginally better bet than the ideally-positioned HAMILTON D'ALB (3) who gave a fine account of himself in the professional ranks at Amiens. Relatively new to the category, HORACIO DE CERISY (2) acquitted himself well earlier this month and, from the 2-spot, will be competitive for a place on the podium, as will GONDOLIER (4) who finished a place behind him that day.

SELECTIONS

HOLLY ANGELE (7) - HAMILTON D'ALB (3) - HORACIO DE CERISY (2) - GONDOLIER (4)

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