R3 LAVAL [L-H]

C1 - PRIX ANDRE CARRUS - 2850m (a2m) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. KASSKOU CLEMAXELLE Beat KALISKANA (9) when 3rd in a Class C over course and distance on 1 November. Is more competitively-shod this time and Eric Raffin will be primed to make hay
- 2. KELLISIA GIRL Good, versatile mare but has not been seen out since securing the double at Meslay-du-Maine in mid-August, and best to hold off
- **3. KANCALAIS** Imposed at Cabourg on comeback prior to running good 4th in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 21 October. Cannot be considered a priority but in current configuration could still get a look in
- **4. KELLY GEDE** Opened her autumn account at Angers before being eliminated in a Vincennes monte Gr.2 8 days ago. There is no doubt about her form, has won in the day's configuration, and should be good enough to pick up some prizemoney
- 5. KARMA TEJY Takes a dip in category after a pair of lacklustre Vincennes runs. Has placed just twice in 6 Laval starts though and others preferred
- **6. KELYO DU SOLNAN -** Gave a reassuringly good account when 2nd at La Rochelle 3 weeks ago. Has placed just once in 5 here but with Anthony Barrier back in the bike will be afforded every chance
- 7. KIR NORMAND Last of 14 when being conditioned here on 1 November. Has a liking for the venue though and with shoes off for the occasion should not be overlooked
- 8. KYRIA BELLA Runner-up in last 3 starts. Won her only Laval race, could not have wished for a better entry, and is eminently capable of winning this
- 9. KALISKANA Should not be hastily-judged for running 6th behind KASSKOU CLEMAXELLE (1) in a Class C over course and distance on 1 November. Has a lot going for her this time and can impose
- 10. KAPITANO DE SOURCE Disappointing since returning to competition. Is no longer the horse he once was and will have few, if any, friends

Summary: Winner of 3 in a row before failing to deliver in a Class C here early this month, KALISKANA (9) is forced to start on the back line but she will be barefoot this time and can return to victorious ways. KASSKOU CLEMAXELLE (1) finished ahead of her that day, sports a new configuration, and goes well for Eric Raffin. Barring the occasional elimination, KYRIA BELLA (8) is a model of consistency, won here earlier in the year, has been reconfigured, and is very easy to like. KELYO DU SOLNAN (6) is clearly getting back to his best and front shoes come off here.

SELECTIONS

KALISKANA (9) - KASSKOU CLEMAXELLE (1) - KYRIA BELLA (8) - KELYO DU SOLNAN (6)

C2 - PRIX IVAN LAMBERTZ - 2850m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 30,000

- 1. IZAAC D'HAVAROCHE Has done nothing of note since 13 June. Has placed just twice in 9 Laval appearances and can be passed over
- 2. JUTONNIERE Ran good 4th in a Chartres Class F after winning in Machecoul. Is new to the venue but is plainly in fine fettle and with application can finish in the mix
- 3. GAVROCHE ANABA Unremarkable sort that seldom makes his presence felt and is not about to start now
- **4. JYTRACE DE HOUELLE -** Hardy type that most recently made his return to competition at Machecoul, not having run since February, and still appears to be race-rusty
- **5. JUPITER FRANCE -** Fine servant that ran 13th of 15 in an amateurs Class G over course and distance on 1 November. Is still in conditioning-mode though and best to keep one's powder dry
- 6. IDEAL D'URZY Eliminated in last 5 starts, goes barefoot for the occasion, and will not be far from the action if he can stay in stride
- 7. JUST D'ACADIE Tricky sort that showed his form after being quickly eliminated under these conditions on 7 October. Is not short of ability and can have his way if Anthony Barrier keeps him focused
- 8. IMAGE CHARENTAISE Tough mare making first start since December 2024. Has bags of talent but will have other ambitions
- **9. FLAMENCO -** Left a good impression at Craon before running 5th in a Class D at La Capelle 3 weeks ago. Takes on a better lot this time though, incurs the handicap, and is unlikely to create an upset
- 10. GASSMAN D'ESSA Modest individual with a pair of races in him since the break. Hind shoes off but would still be preferred at a lower level
- **11. HARMONIE DE SITA** Made no bones about imposing on re-entry, securing a 2400m Amiens Class D in early-October. Shoes back on though and looks a minor place prospect at best
- **12. HEUREUX DE BOUERE** Useful on the whole but has disappointed since the spring, most recently 9th of 18 in a Rambouillet Class E in early-October, and can expect to have few friends
- 13. JOLIE STAR Last but one on comeback at Caen on 19 October. Won on her sole Laval appearance and with the champion driver reining will be no pushover
- **14. IN LOVE MESLOIS -** Prepared for this over 2700m in Machecoul on 2 October. Has nothing to prove at this level and will be competitive for a place on the podium
- **15. GAROU PIERJI -** Has 3 runs under his belt since the long layoff, most recently coming 5th in an Alencon Class D in early-October. Has ample ability but in this company will have too much to do
- **16. HURIEL LUDOIS -** Given an easy comeback run at Argentan early this month. Top driver at the helm and will have a lot to offer if his charge takes to the new conditions
- 17. IMOKO JIBELAU Quality element making first appearance since August. Seldom disappoints when barefoot, has previously won here, and considering the entry, should not be ignored

Summary: JUST D'ACADIE (7) may not be the most reliable of horses but he is a tough nut to crack when focused, enjoys a terrific entry here, and in the hands of Anthony Barrier can win for the second time at Laval. 25m worse off, the complicated but capable JOLIE STAR (13) has a race under her belt since the break and Eric Raffin is just the man to get her back in business. IN LOVE MESLOIS (14) is better than recent results would suggest, returns to racing barefoot, and will be reunited with Matthew Abrivard who gave him a good drive at Angers. HURIEL LUDOIS (16) is well in at the earnings threshold and with Alexandre Abrivard reining should not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

JUST D'ACADIE (7) - JOLIE STAR (13) - IN LOVE MESLOIS (14) - HURIEL LUDOIS (16)

C3 - PRIX RENE FOUASSIER - 2850m (a2m) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. LUCERO TEJY Unplaced on comeback in a Vincennes Class D 12 days ago. Is preparing for a campaign under the saddle and can be passed over
- 2. LOOK AT ME LULU Sprang a 22-1 surprise when beating LYRIKO BELLO (6) at Angers in early-October. Finished a place behind L'AS DESBOIS (7) here next time and while not a priority should not be written off either
- **3. LATINA DU FER -** Won 3 of 4 prior to coming 5th of 16 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 17 October. Hard to fault when barefoot and should be able Ito turn her Laval form around. Place prospect
- **4. LAPS GEDE -** Hard to knock since the summer, latterly winning a Vincennes Class C with ease a month back. Takes on a better bunch here but should nevertheless acquit himself honourably
- **5. LOUSTIC DELAURIERE** Oddly below-par 6th behind L'AS DESBOIS (7) in a Class B over track and trip on 1 November. Is patently better than that and improvement anticipated
- **6. LYRIKO BELLO -** Runner-up at Angers prior to coming 4th in a 2700m Vincennes Class B a month back. Has no older horses to contend with this time, and with Antoine Wiels in the bike can again challenge for a place in the frame
- 7. L'AS DESBOIS Faithful servant that beat a number of these over course and distance earlier in the month. Sports a fresh configuration and Matthieu Abrivard has stayed faithful. Chance
- **8. LILAS CASTELLE -** Given a freshener here after being eliminated in the UET Grand Prix at Solvalla. Is barefoot for the occasion, appreciates Laval conditions, and could yet prove the horse to beat

Summary: LILAS CASTELLE (8) is not always the most reliable but she boasts solid references at a superior level; she has shown a liking for these conditions and, barefoot this time, can make her first visit to the winners' circle in over a year. Tom Beauvais will still be keeping an eye on L'AS DESBOIS (7) who had her measure here a fortnight ago, and LYRIKO BELLO (6) who has not put a foot wrong since the summer.

SELECTIONS

LILAS CASTELLE (8) - L'AS DESBOIS (7) - LYRIKO BELLO (6) - LATINA DU FER (3)

C4 - PRIX PIERRE HUNAULT - 2850m (a2m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 27,000

- 1. JOYAU DAIRPET Takes first public steps under the saddle after being trounced in a Chartres amateurs harness Class G 12 days ago, and will have few takers
- 2. JUPITER DE VAL Eliminated in last 3, most recently a Class E over course and distance 8 days ago. Is not devoid of talent though and can get in on the action if he stays in stride
- 3. INTIME COTERIE Has struggled since being stepped up in category and is simply not up to the challenge
- **4. JANUS DE VRIE -** Excellent winner of a Class E over track and trip in early-October before breaking into a gallop next time. Is clearly in fine shape though and should have this in the bag if Paul Ploquin keeps him trotting
- 5. INDIANA TESS Made little impact when 6th of 10 finishers in a 3000m Nantes Class F in late-September. Has never produced the goods at Laval and is not about to start now
- 6. JACOTTE DE TIZE Eliminated in last 5 starts under harness and returns to the monte discipline with nothing to give
- 7. JAVRILLON Has shown significant aptitude for the monte game and enjoys a fine entry on the front row. Has never delivered here but Thierry Raffegeau is confident he can produce a big run. Chance
- **8. JIHERE DU PORET -** Made up for Cabourg elimination with a facile score in an Argentan Class F over 2875m. In the frame in 2 of 3 barefoot starts here and looks a major player
- 9. IXOR DE L'ITON Returns to racing barefoot following a pair of fresheners. Has been reconfigured for the occasion, is confirmed here, but still unlikely to shake things up
- **10. JAZZY THOURJAN** Dependable type making first appearance since mid-August. Has solid references in the day's configuration and, despite the penalty, can get straight back in the game
- **11. HARLEY DELTO** Bit off more than he could chew when last of 11 in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 29 September. Has ample ability though, thrives at Laval when barefoot, and looks competitive for a first-5 cheque

Summary: Although not always sure of stride, JANUS DE VRIE (4) stormed up here early last month before being quickly eliminated just 8 days ago. He has been entrusted to Paul Ploquin for the first time though and should be in a position to redeem himself and win this. That said, JAVRILLON (7) has a harness conditioner in him following the lengthy layoff and with Eric Raffin in the saddle, will be no shrinking violet. JIHERE DU PORET (8) is never far from faulting, and starts on the 2nd line, but reassured at Argentan recently, reverts to a previous formula, and Alexandre Abrivard has been drafted in to continue the good work. Dependable for the most part, JAZZY THOURJAN (10) may not have raced since August but ran 3rd here in June and returns reconfigured to the venue with a genuine chance of picking up a place cheque.

SELECTIONS

JANUS DE VRIE (4) - JAVRILLON (7) - JIHERE DU PORET (8) - JAZZY THOURJAN (10)

C5 - PRIX FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE CYCLISME - 2850m (a2m) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. MAGIK DE PIERRAIS Disappointing in 2 after imposing at Nantes in late-September, and is once again taking on too much
- 2. MALIKA DU SURF Has yet to get off the mark and while useful on a good day, she has not been seen out since August and is going to need the race
- 3. MAERLINE D'AVEL Failed to make any impact when last but one in 1 November race of reference. Won here during the summer but still has more to find
- 4. MAVANA DU DIGEON 5th of 12 behind MIKADO CASTELETS (8) in 1 November race of reference. Always gives her best and will not be available at 62-1 this time
- **5. MANHATTAN ROUSSAC** Looked decidedly ordinary when 9th of 12 in race of reference and while not a priority could nevertheless pick up a minor place cheque
- **6. MAMBO DU TAILLIS** Quality element being reunited with Alexandre Abrivard after running valiant 4th behind MIKADO CASTELETS (8) in a Class B over course and distance early this month, and looks the main danger once more
- 7. MISTRAL DU BOIS Never got into the game when 8th behind MIKADO CASTELETS (8) in a Class B over course and distance early this month. Eric Raffin reins for the first time and will be expected to show another side. Place chance
- **8. MIKADO CASTELETS** Met no opposition in Paris before coming 2nd to a very good horse over track and trip next time. Has already beaten most of these and can do so again

Summary: Winner at Enghien before coming 2nd under these conditions earlier this month, MIKADO CASTELETS (8) looks set to win this. He will still feel som heat from the serious MAMBO DU TAILLIS (6) who ran 4th that day, and MISTRAL DU BOIS (7) who is significantly better than the 8th place he posted.

SELECTIONS

MIKADO CASTELETS (8) - MAMBO DU TAILLIS (6) - MISTRAL DU BOIS (7) - MAVANA DU DIGEON (4)

C6 - PRIX JULES LEROYER - 2050m (a1m1/4) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 15,000

- 1. NOLIO DU BARBEY Qualified in very good order before running 3rd in a 2450m Caen Class D on debut last month. Will have progressed for the run and looks principal threat to NECK OUEST (4)
- 2. NALA DE SMARVES Given time to come into herself after qualifying at Le Mans in May. Gave a good account at Enghien on debut 3 weeks ago and makes Laval bow with every chance of confirming
- **3. NEW WAVE -** Produced her best performance to date when 3rd of 12 in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F 2 weeks ago. Steps up in category but still represents a respectable first-5 candidate
- **4. NECK OUEST -** Nicely-related individual making first appearance for new yard. Has shown considerable spirit, but also considerable potential, and Eric Raffin can win this if he keeps his colt focused
- 5. NANA DU LEVANT 4th over course and distance on debut in late-September before finishing below-par 6th behind NABAD DU ROCHER (7) at Meslay 3 weeks ago. Nicely-placed behind the car but others still preferred
- **6. NIEBLA -** Gave a good account of herself on debut when 2nd of 8 in a 2000m Rambouillet Class E in early-September. Comes here fresh and will be expected to hold her own
- 7. NABAD DU ROCHER Returns to the provinces after being quickly eliminated in a Vincennes Class D last Monday, but others still easier to trust
- **8. NOIRE INTENSE -** Produced an eye-catching qualification here 11 days ago. William Bigeon would have preferred a better draw but she looks a game prospect and can strike at the first time of asking
- **9. NIKO DE TIMBOEUF** Left a good impression when 4th of 13 on debut in a 2050m Cordemais Class F on 5 October. Has ground to make up and the draw does him no favours
- 10. NARCO DU CHATELET Pleasant qualifier in 1'17"9 at Meslay-du-Maine last May. Is unlikely to be at peak fitness and can be ruled out
- **11. NICKY LARSON** Left a good impression when qualifying in 1'18"9 here in early-October. Starts on 2nd row but looked a decent future prospect that day and must be respected
- **12. NINETY EIGHT -** Qualified in a decent 1'18"0 at Caen early last month before running an uneasy 4th of 12 on debut at Salon 3 weeks ago. On better behaviour would have finished closer and, despite the draw, must not be underestimated
- 13. NAIADE DE CHENU 5th of 12 behind NEW WAVE (3) in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F on 1 November. Finds herself in better company here and from the 2nd line will have little to contribute
- 14. NINO DE TIMBOEUF Qualified in 1'19"1 here last May. Is here more for reasons of conditioning and can be passed over

Summary: Purchased for 60,000 Euros recently, NECK OUEST (4) makes his first appearance for the Adrien Ernault stable. Has been allocated the 4-spot, with Eric Raffin reining, and with application can finally make good on his promise. NOLIO DU BARBEY (1) though ran a good race at Caen first time out and it will not be long before he loses his maiden tag. NOIRE INTENSE (8) qualified in a fine 1'16"9 here earlier in the month and will be dangerous if as good in competition. NICKY LARSON (11) also qualified here and in spite of an unfavourable draw still looks good enough to make the frame.

SELECTIONS

NECK OUEST (4) - NOLIO DU BARBEY (1) - NOIRE INTENSE (8) - NICKY LARSON (11)

C7 - PRIX LE BISTROT DU PAVILLON - LE BISTROT - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Riders - Harness - EUR € 19,000

- 1. JOLI DE CONNEE In the thick of things for the most part, latterly 2nd of 16 in a 2850m Maure-de-Bretagne Class F on 19 October, and makes his Laval bow with a good hand to play
- 2. JOSEPHA MESLOISE Imposed at Feurs during the summer but out of the picture in 3 since. Returns to racing shod but still not a priority
- 3. JACKSON DU TRESOR Moderate sort returning to the venue after 2 consecutive eliminations. Pleased on sole appearance here but is unlikely to spice things up
- **4. JANGO BLEU -** Returns to racing left-handed after coming close 2nd of 12 in a 2800m Strasbourg Class F a fortnight ago, and in similar shape can go one better this time
- **5. JALNA DES HAYES -** Sprang an 80-1 surprise when 3rd in a 2850m Maure-de-Bretagne Class F on 2 November. Is ideally-placed on the front line, and has been re-shod, but will nonetheless have her work cut out
- **6. JILDA DE FONTAINE -** Struggled during the summer but has since returned to form. Steps back into the professional ranks with a reasonable chance of getting her nose in front
- 7. JOYCE PILE Ran 3rd at Maure-de-Bretagne before confirming with her day's partner at Vire last Sunday. Starts wide on front line but still looks competitively well in
- 8. JOURNAIO DU ROI Has made little impact on the track in 2025 and latest results do nothing to inspire confidence
- **9. JAVA DU GERS -** Dependable mare that always gives her best. Has pulled a tough number but nevertheless has the wherewithal to finish in first 5
- 10. JAVA DE FOLIOT Has returned to competition in fine shape. 3rd in both return runs but still has a lot more to find
- 11. JUSTE DE MELLERAY Mixes the good with the less good but has solid references in the day's configuration and will not be far off the mark if he takes to the new conditions
- **12. JAVA DE LANGERON** Lost her way after imposing at Les Sables-d'Olonne during the summer. Front shoes back on and chances appear slim
- **13. JACARTO DE HOUELLE -** Reassuring 4th behind JANGO BLEU (4) in a 2800m Strasbourg Class F on 2 November. Will not be available at 96-1 this time but will not be as competitive either
- **14. JALONA** Won 2 in a row before coming 3rd, a place behind JILDA DE FONTAINE (6), in a 3300m Chartres amateurs Class G early this month. Theo Raffin won this race in 2024 and, despite the draw, will have his sights set on a repeat
- 15. JALNA DU BUISSON Has not been seen out since flopping in a ridden Class E last April and even racing barefoot will need the outing
- **16. JACKPOT DE PLOMB -** Failed to confirm Saumur victory when 7th behind JALNA DES HAYES (5) at Maure-de-Bretagne earlier in the month, and others easier to back

Summary: JANGO BLEU (4) recently proved in Strasbourg that he was close to his best and has been handed an excellent draw. Alexandra Szirmay will still want to be wary of JILDA DE FONTAINE (6) who has twice gone close lately, and the in-form JALONA (14) who finished a place behind her at Chartres earlier this month. JOYCE PILE (7) has been holding her own recently and in current condition can pick up another place payout.

SELECTIONS

JANGO BLEU (4) - JILDA DE FONTAINE (6) - JALONA (14) - JOYCE PILE (7)

C8 - PRIX MARCEL GYPTEAU - 2850m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- **1. LASER SEDUISANT** Honest type returning to the harness code after making short work of a 2725m Pornichet monte Class F a fortnight ago. Goes barefoot again and should not be overlooked
- **2. LOUSTIC DE DALINE -** Has done nothing but improve lately, most recently winning a 2850m Maure-de-Bretagne Class F with ease 2 weeks ago. Takes on a better lot this time though, has been reconfigured, and can be passed over
- 3. LOULOU DU PRATEL 27 starts and still chasing that elusive first win. Has looked ordinary of late and will have nothing to contribute
- 4. LOVE FEELING Capricious but capable type starting for the first time since July and is going to need the race
- 5. LADY MASTER Disappointing on the whole over recent months. Has no particular liking for Laval and can be ruled out
- **6. LANSELOD LENN** Useful element but has struggled with stride woes lately. Sports a fresh formula though, with Anthony Barrier reining, and is not incapable of getting a look in
- 7. LAERTE DU GOUTIER Has not put a foot out of line since returning from his layoff. Comfortably secured a 2nd straight at Chartres on 3 November and a repeat is well within his capacity
- **8. LIPTON DU NOYER -** Got off the mark in a Nantes Class E 3 weeks ago, his 16th start. Serena Auvrai in the bike again but chances of a repeat seem limited
- 9. L'AMI DANOVER Capable on a good day but has not been seen out since May. Is barefoot for re-entry but still not a concern
- 10. L'INCORRUPTIBLE Just missed out on the double over course and distance a fortnight back. Has taken well to racing with pads and Eric Raffin can be confident of a big run. Claim
- **11. LOLLY STAR -** Runner-up at Saumur on 2nd start back, followed by 4th in a Pontchateau Class F 2 weeks ago. Is plainly close to her best, races first-time barefoot, and François Pierre Bossuet is unlikely to let this opportunity pass him by
- **12. LEADER BLACK** Took Cherbourg by surprise early this month when winning a 2625m Class F with ease. Unlikely to repeat but must nevertheless be taken more seriously this time
- **13. LEWIS GO -** Put on quite the show in a 3000m Nantes Class E on 6 October, imposing in brilliant fashion. Takes on some better horses this time but still has the wherewithal to fight for a spot on the podium
- **14. LA BELLE VIE -** Has shown improvement since starting to race barefoot, latterly 4th of 16 in a 2700m Saumur Class F earlier in the month. Is unlikely to spring any surprises but can still finish in the mix
- **15. LIBERTE DE L'AUNAY -** Got straight down to business, after 5 months off, in a 2275m Nantes Class E on 26 October. Is just 250 Euros from elimination and Matthieu Abrivard will be eager to deliver
- 16. LACLOS Sanctioned in 3 this term before finishing last but one at Saint-Brieuc. Benefits from a fine entry but still not a concern

Summary: This may be something of an open affair but it is still difficult to ignore L'INCORRUPTIBLE (10) who imposed easily at Laon before missing out by the smallest of margins under these conditions 2 weeks ago. Eric Raffin has kept the faith and his charge looks a marginally better bet than the progressive LAERTE DU GOUTIER (7) who returns to Laval on a hat-trick. LEWIS GO (13) opened his harness account at Nantes in early-October and will have his chances if he has been kept on the boil. Superbly-engaged at the limit of earnings, LIBERTE DE L'AUNAY (15) imposed 3 weeks ago on her first association with Matthew Abrivard and can expect to be well-supported.

SELECTIONS

L'INCORRUPTIBLE (10) - LAERTE DU GOUTIER (7) - LEWIS GO (13) - LIBERTE DE L'AUNAY (15)