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R3 NANTES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX JAG DE BELLOUET - 2275m (a1m1/2) - Class F - Mounted - EUR
€ 18,000**

1. MALICIEUSE D'EYMY - Eliminated on debut under harness last June. Has not been seen since and is likely to be race-rusty

2. MERCURY BOND - Has yet to show any particular flair for the monte code and even with shoes off is unlikely to spring any surprises

3. MINKY PERRINE - Quickly eliminated on monte bow at Graignes last Sunday, but will be competitively-shod for the first time and backs up with a decent card to play

4. MAZARA - Has been disappointing in both codes since last year's debut. Hind shoes off for first time but still not a concern

5. MY LOVE BLUE - Showed improvement when 5th in a Cordemais Class F on 4 January, however a repeat seems most improbable

6. MELOPEE BELLA - Eliminated in both monte starts to date but has evident ability. Top pilot aboard this time and can make a big impact if she keeps her action together

7. MILORD DE LA FONTE - Ran 4th in a 2750m Cabourg Class F on 8 December, his career debut. Will have progressed for the run and looks thoroughly capable of repeating

8. MAGNUM VERGNIER - Takes to the ridden code for first time after some respectable outings under harness. Champion jockey in the saddle this time and must be considered a contender

9. MEZQUITA - 3rd at Chateaubriant before being eliminated in a Graignes Class F last Sunday. Is unlikely to create an upset but is still worth monitoring

10. MANON DU LEARD - Oddly lacklustre 6th of 9, a place behind MY LOVE BLUE (5), in a Cordemais Class F 12 days ago. Form belies recent numbers though and should not be too far from the action this time

11. MAGIE DES GLENAN - Flattering 4th in an Argentan Class F last week and will need to find considerably more

12. MAESTRIA DU PLAIN - Returns to the code after prepping under harness at Cordemais earlier in the month. Hind shoes off for the first time and looks main danger to MARGARITA (13)

13. MARGARITA - Made up for a pair of Vincennes eliminations when outclassing the opposition in a Laval Class F on 7 December. Should take well to Nantes conditions and is easy to fancy for the win

Summary: Even though still rather green, MARGARITA (13) stormed up at Laval in early-December and with stride in check will not be easy to oppose. MAESTRIA DU PLAIN (12) though made short work of a Chateaubriant Class F last time in the code and will be competitively-shod this time. The tricky MELOPEE BELLA (6) races first-time barefoot and has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the occasion. MAGNUM VERGNIER (8) debuts in the discipline with Mathieu Mottier in the irons and looks competitive for a place in the frame.

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SELECTIONS

MARGARITA (13) - MAESTRIA DU PLAIN (12) - MELOPEE BELLA (6) - MAGNUM
VERGNIER (8)

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C2 - PRIX DES LUMIERES DE LA VILLE - 3000m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 18,000

1. MON REVE A MOI - Unexceptional individual making first appearance since last May. Is competitively-shod but has no left-handed references and cannot be considered a priority

2. MISTER DE SUBLIGNY - Tricky sort starting for the first time since flopping at Pornichet in late-October. Mathieu Mottier in the bike this time and, although not a leading contender, should still be taken seriously

3. MENDEL DE L'ITON - Improving sort that left a good impression at Cordemais on 23 November. Has freshness on his side and looks a candidate for success this time

4. MIRACLE D'ALEXIANE - Should not be too hastily-condemned for his recent Cordemais run. Has otherwise been in fine shape and with the help of Benjamin Rochard can put to bed any doubts about his form. Chance

5. MIKADO - Solid in 3 of 4 starts to date, most recently 3rd behind MIRACLE D'ALEXIANE (4) in a Cordemais Class G a month back. Hind shoes off this time and again looks a decent place prospect

6. MILZANO DU BOSSU - Has been a total write-off since returning to competition. Hind shoes off this time but still not a concern

7. MON DE CHEVALERIE - Complicated element that has shown better aptitude for the other code and is unlikely to set the cat among the pigeons

8. MEGAFLO BELLO - Unraced for 2.5 months after running 3rd in a Saumur Class F. Faces a tougher challenge this time but always gives his best and, with some luck in running, can pick up a first-5 payout

Summary: Lightly-raced but plainly a decent future prospect, MENDEL DE L'ITON (3) has been afforded time to recover from his good Cordemais performance, races first-time barefoot, and has every chance of opening his account. Antonin Andre will still be justifiably wary of MIRACLE D'ALEXIANE (4) who placed twice before producing a surprisingly below-par effort earlier in the month. MIKADO (5) ran 2nd here on 7 December before coming in a place behind her at Cordemais and will sport modified shoeing.

SELECTIONS

MENDEL DE L'ITON (3) - MIRACLE D'ALEXIANE (4) - MIKADO (5) - MISTER DE SUBLIGNY (2)

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C3 - PRIX YVES BOUVIER - 3000m (a2m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 24,000

1. **KALIE D'URSIN** - Capricious mare that has done nothing noteworthy for over 2 years and is not about to change her ways
2. **L'ONCLE SAM** - Fine servant that seldom disappoints when focused. Pleased at Vincennes on 24 December and should be taken more seriously this time
3. **LEMPICKA SEPT** - Complicated but talented mare starting for first time since last July. Sports a fresh configuration but should nevertheless need the race
4. **KOUSINE MAJYC** - Left quite the impression on her Christmas Eve re-entry when dominating a Vincennes Class F. Is behind in earnings and Mathieu Mottier will be justifiably expecting to bring home the bacon
5. **KNOKKE DE HOUELLE** - Unremarkable element that lost his action in a Graignes Class E 2.5 weeks ago and will have nothing to offer
6. **LEONCE DU CLOS** - Showed promise at 3 then lost his way in 2025, and will have little to contribute on first start since September
7. **KING OF RACE** - Sprang a 64-1 surprise when 2nd in a Vincennes Class F on Christmas Day. Sports 4 pads as he did that day, Eric Raffin takes over in the saddle, and will have his supporters
8. **KENNETH DU CLOS** - Has been knocking at the door since the autumn. Races shod this time though and would be preferred at a lower level
9. **LEONARD DU CLOS** - Useful sort making first appearance since last April. Front pads fitted for the occasion and, while not a priority, should not be entirely discounted either
10. **LADY DE SAFRAN** - 3rd in a 2750m Cabourg Class E a fortnight ago, on first start in the discipline. Pleased on lone Nantes appearance and should again figure prominently
11. **LUCIA PERRINE** - Leaves Paris for the provinces after a respectable but unexceptional stint at Vincennes. Returns to racing barefoot though, tends to go well for Jean-Yann Ricart, and must be respected
12. **LOTI SOLO** - Could have finished closer in Paris last time had he better-negotiated the final turn. Is new to Nantes but goes barefoot again and should logically show improvement
13. **LUXUEUSE DANICA** - Below-par 7th of 8 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes Class D late last month. Has otherwise been in good shape and, under these conditions, should be able to bounce back and finish in the mix
14. **KRISTAL DE JANZE** - Tough type that has been hard to fault when barefoot over recent months, latterly runner-up at Graignes. Sports hind shoes this time but is still not incapable of finishing in the mix

Summary: Sent for a holiday after opening her monte account in August, KOUSINE MAJYC (4) outclassed the opposition on comeback last month and even with 4 pads fitted this time can still wrap this up. Nicely-engaged here, LUXUEUSE DANICA (13) placed in 3 of 5 in Paris this winter and returns to the provinces with a good hand to play. LOTI SOLO (12) got back in the game 2.5 weeks ago and with form maintained should not disappoint. LADY DE SAFRAN (10) held her own on her ridden bow at Cabourg recently and will be expected to confirm.

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SELECTIONS

KOUSINE MAJYC (4) - LUXUEUSE DANICA (13) - LOTI SOLO (12) - LADY DE SAFRAN
(10)

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C4 - PRIX GROUPE MICHAUD - 3000m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. **LERMINIG OLIVERIE** - Gave a good account after having been eliminated in a Class F over course and distance a month ago, but can figure prominently if Pascal Tijou assures her initial strides
2. **LOVELY LANDIA** - Has not been seen out since running 4th in a Class F at Nuillé-sur-Vicoin last October and is unlikely to shake things up
3. **LHASSA DU SCION** - Never far from faulting but has won 2 of last 3, latterly a Class F over course and distance a month back. In better company this time but has earned the right to take her chances, and from the front row can make first 5
4. **LIESSE DU CHENE** - Back under harness after having placed under the saddle at Le Mans in mid-December. Runs barefoot but will have other ambitions
5. **LUIGIA JIBELA** - Useful on a good day but went off the boil late last summer. Goes barefoot this time, with Benjamin Rochard reining, but cannot be considered a priority
6. **LIYAVA** - Encouraging 7th of 16 in a Class E under these conditions on 1 December. Unplaced in last 3 here but is not devoid of ability and should generate some interest
7. **LEMBELIE VERDERIE** - Respectable sort with a pair of conditioners under her belt following 15.5 months off the track, but still needs another run
8. **LAYANA DE HOUELLE** - Has a pair of conditioners in her after 11 months out of competition. Alexis Collette gets the nod this time and is not to be underestimated
9. **LUCRECE DE CORDAY** - Made up for 2 eliminations when 4th in a 2100m Vincennes Class E on Christmas Eve. Is in conditioning-mode this time though and best to wait
10. **LA MOME DE CAHOT** - Ran 2nd in a Cabourg Class E 2 weeks ago. Stays shod and is unlikely to repeat
11. **LA JOCONDE** - Tough mare that ran 2nd in a Class A under these conditions 2 months ago. 25m more to travel this time, but is close to winning another and will be backed accordingly
12. **LEGENDE INDIGO** - Has not won since September but has been knocking at the door since. Goes well for her driver and under these conditions can make this her own
13. **LAURENCE MADRIK** - Faithful element taking on a less-elevated bunch after having run 5th in a Vincennes Class E in early-December. Trainer could not have wished for a better entry and Hugues Monthule will endeavour to deliver

Summary: The big hitters start on the back row here and it is hard to ignore the well-engaged pair of LEGENDE INDIGO (12) who is close to her race and reconfigured for the occasion, and LAURENCE MADRIK (13) who will be more performant at this level. LA JOCONDE (11) will be shod as she was when victorious at Angoulême last October and current form stands her in good stead. LAYANA DE HOUELLE (8) has 2 runs under her belt following a lengthy layoff and with application can play a leading role.

SELECTIONS

LEGENDE INDIGO (12) - LAURENCE MADRIK (13) - LA JOCONDE (11) - LAYANA DE

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HOUELLE (8)

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C5 - PRIX HARDI DU MENHIR - 3000m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. **LONYX** - Complicated individual that seldom leaves his mark and is not about to start now
2. **LYPSTIC ATOUT** - Unable to confirm good Châtelailon-La Rochelle effort when eliminated in a Class E over course and distance on 1 December. Has been re-shod, and starts in front, but still represents little more than a minor place chance
3. **LOVER DES BROUSSES** - Tricky type with just the one race in him since the break and is unlikely to make his presence felt
4. **LEO PERRINE** - Produced a fine performance to run 2nd in a Vincennes Class E on 29 December. Is clearly close to his race and looks competitive once again
5. **L'ESPOIR BELRI** - Imposed at Mauquenchy before running 4th in a competitive Vincennes Class E a month ago. Has been enjoying a productive run of form which is unlikely to stop here. Place chance
6. **LUIGI PAULCA** - Won 3 on the trot before twice failing to deliver at Vincennes, but is expected to take well to the new conditions and, with application, can play a major part
7. **L'EXPRESS DE PLAY** - 2nd of 12, at 26-1, in a 2700m Vincennes Class E a fortnight ago. Should adapt easily to Nantes profile and is unlikely to be returning home empty-handed
8. **LUDO SANTIGNY** - Useful sort making just 2nd appearance since last July. Stays shod for the occasion and can be passed over
9. **LIL BOSS ONLY** - Won 2 of last 3, most recently a 2175m Vincennes Class E on 11 December. Is not easy to fault in the day's configuration and will legitimately garner support
10. **LOUSTIC DE FLAM** - Undefeated in 4 starts for new handler. Has improved for every run and a repeat of his Cabourg performance would see him pull off a 5th straight success
11. **LE DUC DE SEVRES** - Good, consistent sort that ran reassuring 2nd at Grenade-sur-Garonne early last month. Races shod as she did in both excellent Nantes runs and it would not be advisable to ignore him

Summary: LOUSTIC DE FLAM (10), who changed yards after running 2nd in a Vire claimer, has since gone on to win 4 straight for his new handler. He will be reunited with Benjamin Rochard who won with him at Mauquenchy and is in with a realistic shout of securing the 5-timer. Difficult to knock when barefoot and focused, LUIGI PAULCA (6) should appreciate Nante's level surface, as should LEO PERRINE (4) who has been going from strength to strength. L'ESPOIR BELRI (5) races barefoot for the first time and in present condition is easy to like for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

LOUSTIC DE FLAM (10) - LUIGI PAULCA (6) - LEO PERRINE (4) - L'ESPOIR BELRI (5)

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C6 - PRIX THIERRY DENUAULT - 3000m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. **KALISTA D'AVRIL** - Eliminated, on comeback, in a 3000m Chateaubriant Class E earlier this month and has no realistic chance
2. **KENZO DE L'ETOILE** - Tricky sort that was most unlucky in Lyon on 13 December. Entrusted to Eric Raffin for just the 2nd time, but can finally get off the mark if he keeps his action together
3. **KASSEL BERG** - Moderate sort with decent references at a lower level. Is unraced since early-November and unlikely to spice things up
4. **KENZO D'IQUAINE** - Unexceptional trotter making first appearance since late-September. Is clearly being aimed too high and already looks an also-ran
5. **KASH DU LIROT** - Has not been at his most productive over recent months, and in this category will have nothing to contribute
6. **KOSTA BUROISE** - 3rd of 16, at 85-1, in a 2150m Argentan class G a month ago. Goes barefoot from the front line, with Antonin Andre reining this time, but still represents no more than a minor place prospect
7. **KAM DEGE** - Has shown the limit of his capacity since being stepped up in category during the autumn. Alexis Collette reining but others still preferred
8. **KADOR SPIRIT** - Modest sort with nothing to offer in a race of this nature and will have few friends
9. **KARELLE DU DORAT** - Produced a fine effort at Mauquenchy before being eliminated early at Argentan 3.5 weeks ago. Is plainly in form though and will not be far off the mark if she gets off on the right foot
10. **KALINE DJOB** - Has done nothing but disappoint since last autumn. Has no particular liking for Nantes and will have few takers
11. **KISMIE DE MEMARTIN** - Honest mare that ran 5th behind KASH DE TILLARD (12) in a 2150m Argentan Class F on 23 December. Is unlikely to get her nose in front but should nevertheless hold her own
12. **KASH DE TILLARD** - In the frame in 3 of last 4, most recently 3rd in a 2150m Argentan Class F on 23 December. Benjamin Rochard in the bike this time and will not be sent out at 35-1 on this occasion. Chance
13. **KING D'EB** - Has been disappointing on the whole since returning to competition in early-November, but showed signs of encouragement at Le Croise-Laroche a month ago, and should not be entirely written off
14. **KARNAC D'ALCI** - Fine, consistent servant that went into his spell in good shape. Is as comfortable going left-handed as right- and will legitimately garner considerable support
15. **KIM DE BEAUM** - Gave a surprisingly good account at Le Mans in mid-December and in this modest field will have a reasonable chance of picking up a place cheque
16. **KAJOU JOSSELYN** - No champion but benefits from a terrific entry here, and with Mathieu Mottier reining will be afforded every chance. First 5

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Summary: Delicate he may be but KENZO DE L'ETOILE (2) nevertheless ran an excellent race at Lyon-Parilly last month only to come unstuck by the stewards. He receives an Eric Raffin drive this time and on good behaviour can trot his way back into the winners' circle. The principal danger hails from a trio of back-row starters, notably KASH DE TILLARD (12) who has been knocking at the door for some time. KARNAC D'ALCI (14) has not been seen out for over 2 months but he consistently gives his best and is not about to let the side down. Nicely-engaged here, KIM DE BEAUM (15) can figure more prominently than she did at Le Mans a month back.

SELECTIONS

**KENZO DE L'ETOILE (2) - KASH DE TILLARD (12) - KARNAC D'ALCI (14) - KIM DE
BEAUM (15)**

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**C7 - PRIX LOXAM LOCATION - 3000m (a2m) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
27,000**

1. KHEOPS SAINT CLAIR - Unremarkable sort that looked very ordinary at Angers last weekend. Comes here barefoot and with Alexis Collette reining, but still not an obvious choice

2. KARMA DE BEAUFOUR - Not the most dependable horse here but is not the worst either. Sports 4 pads for the occasion but is unlikely to shake things up

3. JOYEUSE DU PORTO - Back under harness after a modest effort under the saddle at Graignes late last month. Mathieu Mottier in the bike this time but others still easier to back

4. KELLE BELLE JASMA - Ended her 2025 season on a good note just over 3 months ago. Is shod for comeback and best to keep one's powder dry

5. JAZZ D'OURVILLE - Did nothing of note in 2025. Made no impact on recent Vincennes re-entry either and can be confidently ignored

6. JAVA DE BOITRON - Returns to racing barefoot after a pair of fresheners. Excels with the day's partner and should again finish in the mix

7. KOOL GEORGES - 4th in a Gr.3 before running 3rd in a Vincennes Class C on 19 December. Has won 2 of 3 over course and distance and looks a serious proposition once more

8. JAZZ DE PADD - Has 2 return runs under his belt following the autumn break. Seldom lets the side down when barefoot and, given the entry, can contest the finish

9. JACADI BROUETS - Going strongly when denied a run in a 2100m Vincennes Class E 11 days ago, coming 6th of 15. Is quite clearly in fine fettle and can win this if kept out of trouble

Summary: JACADI BROUETS (9) showed a different side to himself at Vincennes earlier in the month, although not reflected in his result, and at just 120 Euros from elimination is ideally-placed to get right back down to business. That being said, KOOL GEORGES (7) imposed under these conditions before twice acquitting himself well in Paris, and will be expected to contest the finish. Barefoot following a brace of conditioners, JAZZ DE PADD (8) has references at this level and faces his first winter target with a lot to contribute. JAVA DE BOITRON (6) is back in competition-mode after a pair of provincial preps and, while yet to deliver here, will be reined by Eric Raffin this time and can be assured a competitive drive.

SELECTIONS

**JACADI BROUETS (9) - KOOL GEORGES (7) - JAZZ DE PADD (8) - JAVA DE BOITRON
(6)**

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C8 - PRIX NARCISSE - 3000m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 30,000

1. **IRELLO** - As complicated as they get, and unproductive for the most part. Reconfigured for first start since the spell but is clearly out of his league
2. **HILKA DE BERTRANGE** - In the frame in 2 of last 3, most recently 2nd in a Vincennes amateur Class F last Saturday. In better company this time but is still worth keeping an eye on
3. **IMPERATOR DE CARSI** - Honest individual that has hardly put a foot wrong since last summer. 4th over course and distance on Monday and backs up with a decent chance of picking up another cheque
4. **IBOY DES TITHAIS** - Unremarkable over recent months, latterly eliminated at Vire. Reverts to an earlier formula but still not a concern
5. **IDOLE DE LA TOUQUE** - Put in a good effort in a Vincennes amateurs Class F late last month, on first outing for new yard. Showed her form though and must be taken seriously
6. **HISTOIRE D'ELLE** - Encouraging but surprise 4th at Vire before failing to deliver at Cordemais next time and can be confidently disregarded
7. **IGLOO DE BEAULIEU** - Pleased twice in November before disappointing twice in December, and comes to Nantes with little to contribute
8. **IRIS DU LIVIER** - Failed to confirm early-December success when eliminated at Agen on Sunday. Benefits from a wonderful entry though and, with application, can play a prominent role
9. **I STILL LOVING YOU** - Runner-up in last 2, most recently a Vincennes Class D 2 weeks ago. Is plainly close to his race and has a serious chance of making his Nantes bow a winning one
10. **HUELVA DUPEROUZEL** - Returned to successful ways in a Vire Class E on 7 December. Has had ample time to get back to her best and with Eric Raffin in the bike this time, she must be considered a serious player
11. **IQUITO PLANCHETTE** - 2nd to HUELVA DUPEROUZEL (10) at Vire prior to coming 5th behind I STILL LOVING YOU (9) in a Vincennes Class D on 19 December. Pleased on sole Nantes start but not a priority this time around
12. **FUNNY HORSE** - Capable on a good day but out of the picture in last 2 and can be ruled out
13. **IRMYLA DE SOMMAIRE** - Well-beaten in last 3, latterly 7th behind I STILL LOVING YOU (9) in a Vincennes Class D on 19 December, and will need to find more
14. **IMAGE CHARENTAISE** - In fine form but oddly below-par at Vincennes early this month. Has never run at Nantes but can make a big splash if he stays in stride from one end of the race to the other
15. **HETRE D'OURVILLE** - Has been off the boil for some time, most recently trounced in Paris. Has no Nantes references and is not about to cause an upset
16. **GOLD PEJI** - Mixes the good with the less good but reassured somewhat in a Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago and, considering the entry, will generate interest

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Summary: Back at the top of his game since moving yards, I STILL LOVING YOU (9) faces a less-difficult task than he did in Paris recently and even though incurring the penalty still looks the horse to beat. IMAGE CHARENTEAISE (14) is significantly better than her most recent results would suggest, and Alexis Collette will be determined to prove the point. Reliability may not be her strong suit but HUELVA DUPEROUZEL (10) won smartly at Vire last time out and will be partnered by Eric Raffin on this occasion. 25m better off, and sporting a new configuration, IDOLE DE LA TOUQUE (5) makes just his second start for Charley Mottier and, with application, can challenge for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

**I STILL LOVING YOU (9) - IMAGE CHARENTEAISE (14) - HUELVA DUPEROUZEL (10) -
IDOLE DE LA TOUQUE (5)**