

SUNDAY, 16/03/25

R4 GRAIGNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DES TULIPES - 2725m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR
€ 23,000**

1. KOULOU GAGOU - Out of the picture in both return runs, latterly 9th of 12 finishers in a 2200m Caen Class E on 3 March. Hind shoes off this time but still not a priority

2. KOZMIC BLUES - Never far from faulting but came an encouraging 3rd of 8 in a Class E under these conditions earlier this month. Shod to preference this time and, with application, will not be far off the mark

3. KLEMS DE JAVIE - Failed to confirm mid-February performance when 6th of 16 in a 2650m Laval Class E 10 days ago. Well-placed on front line and will be no pushover if David Thomain keeps him trotting

4. KNOCK OUT - Unraced since being sanctioned in a 2150m Cagnes Class D last July. Has a lot working for him here and looks a serious proposition

5. KANSAS BONBON - Ran 2nd at Laval before comfortably winning a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 25 February. Appreciates Graignes and in current condition can confirm

6. KOBALT APPLE - 3rd of 14, on return to competition, in a 2700m Class E here 3 weeks ago. Will have come on for the run and is sufficiently well-placed to challenge for the win

7. KING AULNAIES - Finished well to run 5th of 16 in a 3000m Nantes Class E 3 weeks ago. François Lagadeuc reining this time and from the front row can give this a good go. Place chance

8. KENDALL - Sanctioned on comeback late-January in a 2275m Nantes Class D. Has had time to recalibrate, reverts to a previous formula, and must not be overlooked

9. KERGOMAR SIBEY - 10th of 16 behind KLEMS DE JAVIE (3) in a 2650m Laval Class E 10 days ago and the draw only compounds matters

10. KAOLIN MOUROTOIS - Starts for first time since finishing last of 8 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class F early-November. Is confirmed here, is competitively shod, but will still need the run

Summary: A number of horses in contention here but preference must still go to KANSAS BONBON (5) who has turned a corner lately. He will be opposed though by KOBALT APPLE (6) whose return run here was particularly encouraging. Ideally-positioned behind the car, KNOCK OUT (4) may not have been seen since last July but is barefoot with Yoann Lebourgeois reining, and has already won at the venue. KING AULNAIES (7) gave a reassuringly-good account at Nantes last time and despite the draw still looks a player.

SELECTIONS

KANSAS BONBON (5) - KOBALT APPLE (6) - KNOCK OUT (4) - KING AULNAIES (7)

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C2 - PRIX DES PRIMEVERES - 2725m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 26,000

1. HIRIUS DE GUEZ - 5th of 13, at 175/1, in a 2500m Reims Class F a fortnight ago. Well-entered with a top pilot in the bike, and has every chance of trotting his way into the frame

2. GREAT KILLS - Unraced since finishing 8th of 15 in a 2700m Class E at Le Croise-Laroche mid-December. Disappointing for past 11.5 months and can expect to have few takers

3. HOUGARDEN - 12th of 15 in a 2500m Class E at La Rochelle 2 weeks ago. Will be fully fit by now, has solid references with his driver, and from the 3-spot looks a serious proposition

4. HUNMEC SOMOLLI - Quality element returning to harness code after finishing last but one in a 2450m Caen monte Class F a fortnight ago. Has never delivered at Graignes but is barefoot this time and his form speaks for itself

5. HOPE YOU CAN - 4th of 15, a place behind HUNMEC SOMOLLI (4), in a 2900m Amiens Class F 3 weeks ago. Less performant in the day's configuration but from the 5-pot can still make his presence felt

6. HARLEY DELTO - Good dual-discipline sort back under harness after running 2nd of 11 in a 2850m monte Class E at Laval mid-February. Is clearly in rude health and from the front line will not be far off the mark

7. HORACE D'ARTHENAY - 6th of 18 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F 3.5 weeks ago. Has superb barefoot credentials and will take all the beating

8. HIGH MONEY D'AVRAN - 8th of 16, on return to competition, in a 2850m amateurs Class G at Laval last Wednesday. Shoes fitted once more and can be ruled out

9. HAMPTON DU VIVIER - 5th of 13 on comeback in a 2725m Graignes Class E early last month. Races shod again but a repeat seems most improbable

10. HARPIE DE JED - 6th of 11 finishers, on first start for 2 months, in a 2850m Laval Class D 10 days ago. Has placed just once in 3 runs here and the draw will do her chances no favours

11. HEROS DHELPA - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2850m Laval Class D 10 days ago. Enjoys decent Graignes references but is shod on the back row and will have little to contribute

Summary: HIGH MONEY D'AVRAN (8) seldom races barefoot but when he does, trainer Frédéric Retaux generally means business. Forced to break wide, he will nevertheless be reined by Mathieu Mottier and has a genuine claim on the trophy. Better-positioned behind the car and barefoot for the occasion, HOUGARDEN (3) tends to go well for François Lagadeuc and will be no soft touch. Well-engaged and obviously back on track, HIRIUS DE GUEZ (1) has the rail but with Yoann Lebourgeois in the bike is unlikely to disappoint. Back under harness after 2 solid monte performances, HARLEY DELTO (6) runs barefoot for the occasion, and given his liking for Graignes must be respected.

SELECTIONS

HORACE D'ARTHENAY (7) - HOUGARDEN (3) - HIRIUS DE GUEZ (1) - HARLEY DELTO (6)

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C3 - PRIX DES COQUELICOTS - 2725m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. KYRA D'ESSARTS - Unseen since running 7th of 13 in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 2 December. Already a winner here, has ample ability, and if race-fit can make a big impact

2. KIVAOA DU PERCHE - Decent in last two, most recently 4th of 17 in a 2850m Laval Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Nicely-positioned behind the car, is competitively shod, and must be afforded respect

3. KALINE D'ERABLE - Has ability but as tricky as they get, latterly sanctioned in a 2850m Laval Class E a month ago. Unlikely to set off any fireworks in the day's configuration and no more than a minor place chance

4. KYA D'ERABLE - Raced better in a 2700m Vincennes Class E late-January than her 7th of 16 would suggest. Ideally-placed in front and will have her chances

5. KASANE DU BISET - Imposed over course and distance on 13 February before running 3rd of 12 in a 2200m Caen Class E 3 weeks later and is not about to let the side down. Place chance

6. KAHINA DE LATZ - Last but one on comeback in a 2400m Amiens Class E 11 days ago. Will have progressed for the run, has been entrusted to Mathieu Mottier for the occasion, and is not one to be underestimated

7. KAMELIA DU CORTA - Comfortable winner at Laval before running 2nd of 11 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E on 18 February. Yoann Lebourgeois in the bike this time and has a realistic chance of wrapping this up

8. KADIJA MESLOISE - Comes here off the back of 7 straight sanctions, most recently a 2100m Vincennes Class E on Christmas Eve, and will have few friends

9. KALI DES LANDIERS - Failed to confirm Argentan performance when last of 11 behind KASANE DU BISET (5) in a 2200m Caen Class E 10 days ago. Has placed twice in 4 here but has too much to do this time

10. KINOHA D'OURVILLE - Honest mare that was quickly sanctioned in a Class E over course and distance on 13 February. Has little going for her here and can be disregarded

Summary: Winner at Laval before running second in Paris a month back, KAMELIA DU CORTA (7) has had ample time to recover and even though starting wide on the front line, she still looks a better bet than the well-placed KYA D'ERABLE (4) who has already won at the venue. KASANE DU BISET (5) won over track and trip last month and from the 5-spot will be no easy touch. KYRA D'ESSARTS (1) has not raced for 3.5 months but she is barefoot for re-entry and has also taken a liking to the venue.

SELECTIONS

KAMELIA DU CORTA (7) - KYA D'ERABLE (4) - KASANE DU BISET (5) - KYRA D'ESSARTS (1)

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C4 - PRIX DES MARGUERITES - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Mounted - EUR € 20,000

1. JETHRO DE NILREM - Complicated sort making first appearance since running in last but one in a 2800m Vire Class F last September. Still in conditioning-mode and can be passed over

2. JAR BEN - Has turned a corner over recent months, latterly 2nd of 14 in a 2800m Pontchateau Class F a month back. Has been knocking at the door and it is only a matter of time before he is rewarded. First 5

3. KAMAY DES CORONS - Reassuringly-good 3rd of 14 in a 2800m Vire Class F 2 weeks ago. Hind shoes off once more and will not be available at 26/1 this time

4. JUNON TWIN - 3rd at Cherbourg before coming 6th of 8 finishers behind KEY BISCAYNE (13) in a 2450m Caen Class D earlier this month. Not once out of first 5 at Graignes and will be expected to finish in the mix

5. JAIZKIBEL - 10th of 16 on re-entry in a 2625m Cherbourg harness Class F a fortnight ago. Has won under the saddle, is shod to preference, but is being aimed too high

6. J'Y SUIS J'Y RESTE - Makes first appearance, and debuts in the code, since finishing 9th of 14 in a 2100m Vincennes harness claimer late-November. Has merit but runs shod and is unlikely to stir things up

7. IRLANDO D'OR - 3rd of 14, on return from a spell, in a 2500m harness Class H at Bihorel-lès-Rouen a week ago. More competitively shod this time but appears to have his work cut out

8. INA SI - Last of 12 on ridden debut in a 2625m Cherbourg Class G a month ago. Has never delivered at Graignes and is not about to break the mould

9. JALOGNY - Has not been seen since finishing last but one in a 2825m Chartres harness Class E mid-October. Has decent Graignes credentials and even though pitted against some good horses here, can still get a look-in

10. KAWASAKI ERA - Unraced since coming last of 7 in a 2175m Vincennes Class C on 9 February. Is plainly better than that though, is ideally-engaged, and has a legitimate claim on a place in the frame

11. IMPEC DE BERTRANGE - Unseen since finishing last of 14 in a 3000m Nantes Class G mid-November. Is barefoot for comeback, placed on only Graignes start, but the extra 25m to travel will do nothing to help his cause

12. KADOR DU MONT - Makes ridden debut after running 6th of 10 finishers in a 2700m Vincennes harness Class D early last month. Reverts to a more productive formula and can make a big splash on ridden debut

13. KEY BISCAYNE - 5th of 8 finishers in a 2450m Caen Class D earlier this month. Has an extra 25m to travel this time but is clear better than most here and has a realistic chance of making his Graignes debut a victorious one

Summary: A tough type with form at a superior level, KEY BISCAYNE (13) is forced to incur the handicap here but is reunited with Mathieu Mottier who has already won with him and may just have the edge over fellow second-line starter KADOR DU MONT (12) who debuts in the discipline and who returns to a formula which has never let him down. KAWASAKI ERA (10) enjoys a terrific entry and Arthur Rebèche will be eager to make hay. KAMAY DES CORONS (3) reassured at Vire two weeks ago and, solid on his lone start here, must be respected.

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SELECTIONS

**KEY BISCAYNE (13) - KADOR DU MONT (12) - KAWASAKI ERA (10) - KAMAY DES
CORONS (3)**

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C5 - PRIX DES VIOLETTES - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 17,500

1. LORD TOLLEVILLE - Pleasant 3rd of 14 in a 2625m Cherbourg Class G a fortnight back. Faces a much stiffer test this time but can still play a small part

2. LEADER DU RIB - Back under harness after coming 5th of 12 in a 2625m ridden Class F at Cherbourg 2 weeks ago. Has merit but would be preferred in a lower category

3. LUCKY DES SOURCES - Has not been seen out since finishing 6th of 7 in a 2700m Vincennes monte Class E last August. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out

4. LOVER PARK - Has not been seen out since finishing last of 7 in a 2275m Nantes Class E last October. Will be fresh but still not easy to recommend

5. LUPIN DU RIB - Sanctioned here mid-February before repeating in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last weekend. Has evident talent and, with shoes off for first time can start to make amends

6. LUCIANO VET - Runner-up in both since the break, most recently a 2625m Cherbourg Class F a month ago. Takes on some better horses here but is proven at the venue and looks a major player

7. LUCKY CARNOIS - Tenacious 2nd of 12 to LUTIN DES ARRIS (11) in a 2825m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche 3 weeks ago. Hind shoes off again and Alexandre Bodin will be intent on exacting revenge. Claim

8. LOOKING GOOD ER - Solid winner of a Class F over course and distance on 12 January. Has done everything right so far and will be expected to play another active role

9. LEONARDO PASS - Unremarkable 5th of 9 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 25 February. Has been in fine shape this term but cannot be considered a concern this time around

10. LALBER - Lost his maiden status late-January before running 5th of 9, a place behind LIKE MESLOIS (12), in a 2700m Vire Class F a fortnight ago. Has been reconfigured and the engagement of David Thomain can make all the difference. First 5

11. LUTIN DES ARRIS - Comfortably got off the mark in a 2825m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche 3 weeks ago. Yoann Lebourgeois in the bike this time and is not incapable of doubling up

12. LIKE MESLOIS - Ran a very good 4th of 9 on re-entry in a 2700m Vire Class F a fortnight ago. Sanctioned on only Graignes start but will still generate considerable support. Place chance

13. LOOPING MIL - 4th of 7 finishers in a 2650m Bordeaux ridden Class E on 9 February. Enjoys a good entry but appears to have nothing to contribute

Summary: After running 3rd at Pontchateau, LUTIN DES ARRIS (11) sprang something of a surprise when imposing at Le Croise-Laroche just 8 days later and, without hind shoes this time, can run another big race. Runner-up to him that day, LUCKY CARNOIS (7) still looks a better horse and will be expected to turn the tables. LUCIANO VET (6) is plainly close to his race and must be considered a contender. LIKE MESLOIS (12) will have come on for his re-entry run and will not be far off the mark if he can keep trotting.

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LUCKY CARNOIS (7) - LUTIN DES ARRIS (11) - LUCIANO VET (6) - LIKE MESLOIS (12)

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C6 - PRIX DES LILAS - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 17,500

1. LADY KEPLER - Sanctioned in last 2, most recently a 2625m Cherbourg Class G a fortnight ago, and has no possible chance

2. LUNA BLANCA - Unraced since finishing last but one in a 2100m Vincennes Class E last September. Has shown promise though and while probably race-rusty, should not be ignored either

3. LOCMARIA JEWEL - Tricky element making first appearance since running 3rd of 7 finishers in a 2400m Class E at Nort-sur-Erdre mid-September. Is no slouch but is going to need the run

4. LIYAVA - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly when going well in a 2850m Laval Class E 2.5 weeks ago. On better behaviour though will have a realistic chance of getting her nose in front

5. LYALYA - Starts for first time since running 4th of 15 in a 2350m Angers Class F in early-December. Always gives her best but appears to be out of her depth this time

6. LELIZIA - Sanctioned here on 13 February before coming 5th of 11 in a 2850m Laval Class E a fortnight later. Can trot when focused and should not be ruled out

7. LOVA DE LA COUR - Has not been seen out since faulting, when full of running, in a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 6 December. Is plainly in competition-mode and, if applied, could pleasantly surprise

8. LA BELLE DE BEYLEV - Close 4th of 14 behind LILIBETH SMART (9) in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 25 February. Not always the easiest to manage but in current condition is easy to like for a step on the podium

9. LILIBETH SMART - 3rd of 14 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 25 February. Has done nothing but progress since last October's debut and looks the pick of the field

10. LIPINSKA - Last of 12, on return from a break, in a 2450m Caen Class D on 3 March and is not about to set off any fireworks

11. LOLITA DES LANDES - Unexceptional 6th of 11 in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 19 February and would be preferred racing clockwise

12. LILLY LOVE - Tricky sort that was sanctioned early in a 2200m Vincennes Class E on 18 February. Never far from breaking stride but should finish in the mix if she keeps her action together

Summary: LILIBETH SMART (9) has shown significant aptitude when sporting front pads, ran a good race late last month, and with Yoann Lebourgeois in the bike, can open her 2025 account. A place behind her that day, LA BELLE DE BEYLEV (8) is clearly on the right road and looks dangerous. David Thomain will be reining LIYAVA (4) here and she will not be far from the action if he manages to keep her trotting. Nicely-engaged and 3rd of 13 last time here, LILLY LOVE (12) should have a good hand to play.

SELECTIONS

LILIBETH SMART (9) - LA BELLE DE BEYLEV (8) - LIYAVA (4) - LILLY LOVE (12)

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C7 - PRIX DES PAQUERETTES - 2725m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 17,500

1. MERCURE - Unraced since making it 3 straight sanctions, faulting in a a 2100m Vincennes Class C on 19 November. Has pulled the 1-slot and chances limited

2. MENDES DE JED - 5th of 9 finishers in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last weekend, but still has a lot more to find

3. MASSOURY - Showed his form after being sanctioned in a 2675m Class F at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last Sunday. Handed an excellent draw and can wrap this up if Gauthier Baudouin manages to keep him trotting

4. MOLSHEIM - Confirmed his modest debut when last but one in a 2575m Saint-Brieuc Class F on 24 January and can be ignored

5. MALOU DU BOIS - Unraced since being sanctioned in a 2050m Cabourg Class D on 2 January. Trainer-jockey combination was victorious in 2024 but looks to have no more than an outside chance this time

6. MIRAGE DE KARMEL - Sanctioned in three before running 6th of 11 in a 2825m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche 3 weeks ago. Is plainly capable though and, with stride in check, can play a leading role

7. MASSILIO BLOND - Well-supported when sanctioned on career bow in a 2500m Class F at La Rochelle last Sunday. Breaks wide but can make amends if he gets off on the right foot

8. MAGIC FADO - Made numerous faults on debut when 9th of 15 in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F earlier in the month. Gets a leading pilot this time and, despite the draw, will be competitive at the business end of the race

9. MORE MAJORUM - Untried colt that qualified in 1'20"0 at Caen last summer. Has had time to come into himself and, while forced to start on 2nd line, still looks an interesting proposition first time out

10. MANCHESTER SPORT - Qualified in 1'20"7 last October at Caen. Is unlikely to shake things up but should have the wherewithal to make first 5

Summary: MASSOURY (3) may have yet to finish a race with his stride intact but he nevertheless left a fine impression at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last weekend and on better behaviour can impose. Yoann Lebourgeois gets the nod on MAGIC FADO (8) who will have found his feet at Cherbourg. MIRAGE DE KARMEL (6) showed promise recently and the engagement of François Lagadeuc will only work to his advantage. Quickly sanctioned first time out, MASSILIO BLOND (7) nonetheless looks a decent sort in the making and Florian Prioul will be eager to put things right.

SELECTIONS

MASSOURY (3) - MAGIC FADO (8) - MIRAGE DE KARMEL (6) - MASSILIO BLOND (7)

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C8 - PRIX DES JONQUILLES - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Mounted - EUR € 17,500

1. LOVIOU JOSSELYN - Qualified in 1'19"5 under the saddle at Caen 2.5 weeks ago. Noémie Hardy in the irons and will assure him a competitive ride. Place prospect

2. LOTUS DELACOUR - Delicate soul making monté debut not having been seen out since being sanctioned in a 2625m Cherbourg Class F last October and can be passed over

3. LANDO - Capricious type making monté debut after faulting in a 2625m Cherbourg harness Class G a fortnight back. Is not devoid of ability though and can pick up a cheque if he stays in stride

4. LUCKY MACKER - Last of 6 finishers when unsupported in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E late-January and can be confidently ruled out

5. LUCIANO DU FER - Sanctioned in a 2700m Machecoul Class G on 2 March. Races shod this time and will have few friends

6. LIEGE - Takes first competitive ridden steps after coming 6th of 12 in a 2500m Class H at Bihorel-lès-Rouen and is not about to cause an upset

7. LAVATER GEDE - Tricky character that was going well when sanctioned in a 2550m Reims Class F on 2 March and can set the record straight if Noé Perron keeps him trotting

8. LYPHARD DELF - Surprise 2nd of 9 in a 2450m Caen Class F 6 days ago. Is never far from faulting but a similar effort would see him challenge for the prize

9. LE COQUIN - Back under the saddle after finishing last but one, on return to competition, in a 2650m Laval Class F 10 days ago and is unlikely to spring any surprises

10. LUCKY DU BOUFARD - Got off the mark at the first time of asking under the saddle, dominating a 2625m Cherbourg Class F a fortnight ago. Races here with morale intact and every chance of confirming

11. LUIGI DU CLOS - Steps up in category after winning a 2700m Machecoul Class G a fortnight ago. Sports a new formula and will be expected to contest the finish

Summary: Easy winner at Cherbourg after a lengthy absence, and on his first start under the saddle, LUCKY DU BOUFARD (10) races barefoot again and looks thoroughly capable of repeating. LUIGI DU CLOS (11) opened his account at Machecoul the same day and has been reconfigured for the occasion. LYPHARD DELF (8) showed marked improvement last Monday and has the wherewithal to finish close. The untried LOVIOU JOSSELYN (1) showed significant potential when qualifying and if as good in competition, can figure prominently.

SELECTIONS

**LUCKY DU BOUFARD (10) - LUIGI DU CLOS (11) - LYPHARD DELF (8) - LOVIOU
JOSSELYN (1)**