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R4 LA CAPELLE [L-H]

**C1 - PX FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE RECONVERSION - 2700m (a1m1/2)
- Class G Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 6,000**

- 1. JAVA DES TIGARDS** - Has been particularly disappointing so far this year and can be confidently dismissed
- 2. JUST LIKE A DREAM** - Looked very ordinary on re-entry in an amateurs Class G here 2 weeks ago. Enjoys a good draw but others still preferred
- 3. KINGSTON DU MINON** - Appears to have found his niche in the amateur category. Showed his form after being eliminated in a Saint-Omer amateurs Class G a week back and his trainer-driver will be mindful to keep his charge focused
- 4. INDY DE MUZE** - Moderate type starting for first time since November. Races shod for the occasion and can be passed over
- 5. ISIS TUILERIE** - Pleasant 5th in a 2625m Saint-Omer Class F last Sunday, her first start since September. Stays shod, but will have come on for the run, and should not be entirely discounted
- 6. KERGOMAR SIBEY** - Gave a good account on amateur debut at Amiens last weekend. Starts in front, has been entrusted to a capable amateur, and can contest a place in the picture
- 7. KOACH BOND** - Hardy element with an enviable strike rate. Has been off the track for some time but is plainly in competition-mode and can get straight down to business
- 8. ITOU DES GENIEVRES** - Has failed to make any impact since last summer and has no realistic chance
- 9. JAZIE PONT VAUTIER** - Started to show improvement late last season before being put away for the winter. Is competitively-shod for comeback and will be worth retaining
- 10. JAZZ OPERA** - Confirmed his Mons success when winning a Saint-Omer amateurs Class G a week ago. Was thoroughly in charge that day and the hat-trick is not out of the question
- 11. KALYNKA LANDING** - Takes to the amateur category after having lost her way in the professional ranks. Is confirmed at La Capelle and picking up a cheque is well within her capability

Summary: New to the amateur division, and unraced since last August, KOACH BOND (7) will be barefoot for his first start back and can win this if he turns. KINGSTON DU MINON (3) has taken well to the category and Christian Lejeune will be keen to make amends for his Saint-Omer elimination. JAZZ OPERA (10) won that day, after having imposed in Mons, and will be no soft touch. KERGOMAR SIBEY (6) is better than his latest results would imply, and the engagement of Sébastien Laboutique will do his prospects no disservice.

SELECTIONS

KOACH BOND (7) - KINGSTON DU MINON (3) - JAZZ OPERA (10) - KERGOMAR SIBEY (6)

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C2 - PRIX DE VOULPAIX - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Riders - Harness - EUR € 19,000

- 1. KADOR DELO** - Good sort with excellent monte credentials. Is here for reasons of conditioning and will have few takers
- 2. KALICINE** - Faces first objective of the year after a necessary freshener here 2 weeks ago. Benefits from a good entry and Martin Goetz will be eager to capitalise on the opportunity
- 3. KAABA RINGEAT** - Should not be condemned for recent Caen run in which she endured a tough trip. Sports shoes this time and is ideally-placed to make a big impact
- 4. KIROYAL DU VINOIS** - Fine servant that should be at peak fitness after 3 return runs. Caught the eye at Chartres recently and from the 4 slot can return to successful ways
- 5. KYRIELLE JOMUNA** - Ran 2nd at Enghien before winning an amateurs Class G here a fortnight ago. Is competitively-shod this time and although in better company, must still be afforded respect
- 6. KITALIANO ALGREF** - Won 2 in a row at Le Croise-Laroche before failing to fire in a Mauquenchy Class D mid-March. Starts in front though and can play a role
- 7. KADEAU DE L'AVRE** - Honest trotter that defied his odds in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class E early this month when 4th of 15. Form is clearly on the way upwards and despite the draw can still make the frame
- 8. KEZIO JOSSELYN** - Completely lost his way after winning twice last autumn. Has been reconfigured for re-entry but still not an obvious choice
- 9. KIRSCH VRIE** - Modest sort that would have better prospects at a much lower level and can be confidently disregarded
- 10. KERIA FLEURY** - Starts for the first time since returning from an unproductive winter and will have nothing to offer
- 11. KINO DE LAUMIERE** - Unremarkable element that has done nothing to write home about this year and is not about to influence the outcome

Summary: KIROYAL DU VINOIS (4) has improved for every run this term, enjoys a terrific entry, has been handed the ideal draw, and can wrap this up. Leo Guenet will still be keeping a watchful eye on the talented KAABA RINGEAT (3) who will be shod as she was when victorious at Le Croise-Laroche in early-March, and the less-favourably-drawn KADEAU DE L'AVRE (7) who put on a good show at Mauquenchy 2.5 weeks ago. Last time in the day's configuration, KALICINE (2) ran away with a Caen Class E.

SELECTIONS

KIROYAL DU VINOIS (4) - KAABA RINGEAT (3) - KADEAU DE L'AVRE (7) - KALICINE (2)

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**C3 - PRIX DE HOUSSET - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR €
18,000**

- 1. NEMO DE FAY** - Untried gelding that qualified unexceptionally at Caen last month and is unlikely to shake things up
- 2. NESMILE RENKA** - Qualified correctly in Victoria Park late last month, but faces a tough test first time out
- 3. NEWTON DES FORGES** - Well-bred colt making debut for his able handler. Will have considerable work behind him and can play a leading role
- 4. NAPA VALLEY ZEN** - Confirmed her modest qualification with a modest debut earlier this month and will have nothing to contribute
- 5. NIRVANA DU CHENE** - 5th of 9 finishers on debut in a 2000m Rambouillet Class F 3 weeks ago. Will have progressed for the run and should logically finish closer this time
- 6. NYMPHE DE BAIS** - Finished down the field on comeback in a 2750m Ecommoy Class F a fortnight ago. Gabriele Gelormini in the bike this time but others still easier to back
- 7. NEMO D'ARNHEM** - Reassured somewhat at Chartres mid-March but was subsequently disqualified at Rambouillet 3 weeks ago and can be dismissed
- 8. NEBULO** - Makes first appearance for new stable after having shown significant promise at Alencon last autumn. Is competitively-shod this time and looks the one to beat
- 9. NOURKIS** - Has yet to set the world alight but has acquitted himself respectably in both starts to date. Is not a priority, but still cannot be ruled out
- 10. NO DOUBT DU SAPTEL** - Acquitted himself well to come 2nd in a Reims Class F a fortnight back. Changes direction here but has the look of quality about him and can again contest the finish
- 11. NICO DE SAINT NOM** - Debuted nicely over shorter here last November before being put away. Held his own on re-entry a month back, will be fitter this time, and can pick up some prizemoney
- 12. NINJA DU PLESSIS** - Back under harness after a failed foray into the monte code last Monday. Alexis Collette in the bike this time and can get in on the action if he manages to keep his colt focused

Summary: After having qualified in a good time last summer, NEBULO (8) ran 2nd to Nuevo Cash on his debut in September. Given time to grow into himself, he makes his first appearance for Laurent-Claude Abrivard and, with hind pads fitted, can get off the mark. The nicely-related NEWTON DES FORGES (3) will be expected to live up to his pedigree and looks the main danger. NO DOUBT DU SAPTEL (10) looked thoroughly professional at Reims recently and will have come on for the race. NIRVANA DU CHENE (5) was not over-extended at Rambouillet late last month and should be more at home on a hard surface.

SELECTIONS

**NEBULO (8) - NEWTON DES FORGES (3) - NO DOUBT DU SAPTEL (10) - NIRVANA DU
CHENE (5)**

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C4 - PRIX DE LEME - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. MEDIEVALE** - Gave a good account on re-entry at Argentan before losing her action at Reims 2 weeks ago. Paul Ploquin in the bike this time and can make first 5 if he manages to keep her trotting
- 2. MA PIECE D'OR** - Has so far shown better aptitude for the monte code. Has been reconfigured following her rapid Chartres elimination and, if applied, can figure prominently
- 3. MILADY DE REUX** - Moderate filly that failed to make any impact in either run this year and will have nothing to contribute
- 4. MAJESTIK D'AMOUR** - Lightly-raced filly that ran 2nd in a Pontchateau Class F on comeback 3 weeks ago. Goes first-time barefoot and, although not a priority, is still worth keeping an eye on
- 5. MUSE D'EURVAD** - Course-and-distance winner last May. Has not been anywhere near as sharp this term and is unlikely to trouble the judge
- 6. MY QUEEN DELO** - Is no star but has begun to acquit herself competitively. Races barefoot for the first time but looks a minor place chance at best
- 7. MARIBELLA** - Showed promise last season but looked decidedly ordinary on her Mauquenchy comeback earlier this month and seems to need another run
- 8. MANGUE** - Has excelled since returning to competition, winning 2 for 2. Races barefoot again and if there is a danger to MISS MELODY PEEL (11), this is it
- 9. MAMZELLE DU HOULET** - Has taken her game up a notch with the removal of her shoes. Held her own in a Class F at Le Croise-Laroche 3 weeks ago and can again challenge for a place on the podium
- 10. MOANA DE WALLIS** - Has not been seen out since securing Class E success at Amiens in early-December. Races first-time barefoot though and, although arguably better going right-handed, is still to be taken seriously
- 11. MISS MELODY PEEL** - Has been simply superb over recent weeks. Has a lot going for her here and Gabriele Gelormini will be expecting to keep their partnership untarnished

Summary: After having outclassed the opposition at Chartres early last month, MISS MELODY PEEL (11) went on to confirm a fortnight later at Mauquenchy. She benefits from a fine entry here and, competitively-shod for the first time, will not be easy to oppose. That said, MANGUE (8) is like a horse reborn and steps up in class with a good hand to play. Sent for a break after getting off the mark at Amiens in December, MOANA DE WALLIS (10) races barefoot for her comeback and will be no shrinking violet if she turns. MAMZELLE DU HOULET (9) has similarly turned a corner since beginning to race barefoot and is unlikely to let the side down.

SELECTIONS

MISS MELODY PEEL (11) - MANGUE (8) - MOANA DE WALLIS (10) - MAMZELLE DU HOULET (9)

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**C5 - PRIX NOEL GOUBET - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
21,000**

1. MORRIS DE REUX - Got off the mark in a Class F over course and distance a fortnight back. Takes on a superior lot this time but should nevertheless hold his own

2. MAITRE DU CHENE - Showed early promise but disappointing in both starts this term. Did win at La Capelle though last November and returning to the venue may be just the ticket

3. MYROS DE PALMA AR - Capable on a good day but was particularly lacklustre on comeback, and even with shoes off is unlikely to create an upset

4. MELIUS AVIS - Kicked his career off nicely last spring but subsequently lost his way. Has been reconfigured for La Capelle bow but others still preferred

5. MISTRAL DE KACY - Useful future prospect making first appearance since running 2nd at Pontchateau last December, but will have work behind him and can get in on the action

6. MEDELLIN ELLIS - Showed potential last season but has looked ordinary since returning to competition and can be passed over

7. MADE IN CASTELETS - Sprang a 110-1 surprise when 3rd of 16, a place behind MOJITO CENE (10), in a 2700m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche on 30 March. Is unlikely to repeat but will still have his supporters

8. MASTER KING - Progressive colt that was not completely at his ease at Le Croise-Laroche late last month, but gave a good account all the same. Julien Raffestin at the helm this time and should not be far off the mark

9. MAKE FOR JUMP - Gave a respectable account on re-entry at Le Croise-Laroche on 23 March. Will have progressed for the run and looks principal threat to MOJITO CENE (10)

10. MOJITO CENE - Hardy element that has come into himself over recent weeks. Has bags of untapped potential and winning this would be no surprise

11. MUSTANG DE REUX - Has imposed just the once but has taken his game up a notch recently and in similar form can finish closer this time

12. MALO RENKA - Takes first steps on French territory after having flown up at home in The Netherlands on 3 April. Has never raced beyond 2100m but enjoys a terrific entry and with Gabriele Gelormini reining will be no easy touch

13. MASSILIO BLOND - Heavily-campaigned gelding with better prospects in the claiming division and can be confidently disregarded

Summary: MOJITO CENE (10) has never shown much liking for La Capelle but he has been transformed since starting to race barefoot and, with Alexandre Abrivard in the bike, looks eminently capable of winning a race of this nature. He will still want to be wary of MAKE FOR JUMP (9) who will have come on for his return run, and the well-engaged MALO RENKA (12) who got off the mark in Victoria Park earlier in the month. MUSTANG DE REUX (11) held his own in Paris recently and debuts at the venue with a good hand to play.

SELECTIONS

MOJITO CENE (10) - MAKE FOR JUMP (9) - MALO RENKA (12) - MUSTANG DE REUX

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**C6 - PRIX DE VERVINS - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
24,000**

- 1. LEONORA** - Pleased at Mauquenchy prior to being trounced at Graignes a week ago, and is not about to spring a surprise
- 2. LASKOVA** - Faithful mare for the most part. Was given an easy test on re-entry but returns to La Capelle with morale on a high and can bring the fight to LEXOVIENNE (8)
- 3. LIGNE BLANCHE** - By no means disgraced on comeback 10 days ago when 7th in a Meslay-du-Maine Class E. With stride in check though, can make the frame
- 4. LIBERTY AVENUE** - Sports a new configuration for first objective of the season, but others still easier to back
- 5. LIANE** - Is undeniably capable but has been out of the picture in last 3 starts. Has, however, twice placed over course and distance and even though preferred barefoot, should not be overlooked
- 6. L'AUDACE** - Made amends for Enghien blip when 5th in a 2175m Vincennes Class E on 10 April and, in similar form, can finish closer
- 7. LUCKY STAR JIEL** - Form has done nothing but regress since the turn of the year and appears to have no possible chance
- 8. LEXOVIENNE** - Has found form again since returning to racing shod. Is clearly close to her race and will be rewarded with victory one of these days
- 9. LUNA DE JOUDES** - Has evident talent but eliminated in last 3 starts and will first need to get her house in order

Summary: Runner-up in her last 2 starts, LEXOVIENNE (8) missed out by the smallest of margins at Nancy late last month and, if she takes to the new conditions, can impose for the first time since June 2024. LASKOVA (2) made short work of her return run at Meral last weekend and steps back up in category with a lot to contribute. LIGNE BLANCHE (3) will have come on for her return run and, in this field, looks competitive for a place in the picture. L'AUDACE (6) showed improvement at Vincennes recently and should not disappoint.

SELECTIONS

LEXOVIENNE (8) - LASKOVA (2) - LIGNE BLANCHE (3) - L'AUDACE (6)

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**C7 - PRIX DE MACQUIGNY - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
24,000**

- 1. LORENZO DE HOERDT** - Unremarkable trotter that has done nothing of note since returning to competition and can be confidently disregarded
- 2. LARABELLO DE LOU** - Has pleased in both starts this term, latterly 4th in a Meslay-du-Maine Class E 10 days ago. Has ground to make up but will be barefoot and should give this a good go
- 3. LEAD ME ON** - Placed at Reims before coming 6th behind LARABELLO DE LOU (2) in a Meslay-du-Maine Class E 10 days ago. Dependability not his strong suit but nevertheless has the wherewithal to get a look in
- 4. LOUVIERS** - Quality individual that will be out for redemption following some misfortune at Chartres recently. Is clearly the best horse here and will take some beating
- 5. LUPIN DU BOURG** - Placed in 3 straight this year before being undone in a pace-less Class E at Enghien in late-March. Should not be too hastily-judged though and Pierre-Yves Verva will be determined to put things right
- 6. LOIR ET CHER** - Kicked the year off decently in Mons but has twice failed to confirm and can expect to have few friends
- 7. LUCIUS DE PUCH** - Made a good impression when 4th in a Nancy Class E 3 weeks ago. Pleased on sole start at the venue but will need to find more this time around
- 8. LUCKY PORT** - Barring recent disappointment at Mauquenchy has otherwise been in fine form. Sports a new formula for the occasion and can be backed with confidence this time
- 9. LOVE SHACK** - Won 2 in a row at Mauquenchy before being effectively pulled-up at Enghien 3.5 weeks ago. Has been afforded time to recalibrate and is not one to be underestimated
- 10. LOVI CADENCE** - Modest trotter that seldom makes his presence felt and is not about to start now
- 11. LUCKY BOY VERTRAC** - Would have finished 4th in a Class E at Le Croise-Laroche late last month had he kept his action together. Is reunited with Paul Ploquin, for whom he tends to go well, and can finish in the mix
- 12. LOUPIAC** - Undeniably useful but went off the boil last autumn. Has just the one run under his belt, and even though barefoot, still looks an outsider

Summary: Emphatic winner at Maure-de-Bretagne late last month, LOUVIERS (4) was not the luckiest at Chartres 2 weeks ago, and Alexandre Abrivard will be out to set the record straight. He can nevertheless expect to come across the in-form LUPIN DU BOURG (5) who has already scored at the venue, and a reconfigured LUCKY PORT (8) who surprisingly blew up at Mauquenchy last time out. Back in the provinces after having failed to secure the hat-trick at Enghien, LOVE SHACK (9) sports pads this time but still looks competitive for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

LOUVIERS (4) - LUPIN DU BOURG (5) - LUCKY PORT (8) - LOVE SHACK (9)

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C8 - PRIX RACE AND CARE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 25,000

- 1. JUMBO DES PRES** - Has been transformed since moving yards. Raced notably better at Mauquenchy than the result would suggest and is easy to like for the win this time
- 2. JASON DU PERRON** - Serious trotter with nothing to prove at this level. Is new to La Capelle but clearly means business and is sufficiently well-placed to give this a good go
- 3. JALBA DU FER** - Is no star but always gives what she can. Is more competitively-shod this time but may just be taking on too much
- 4. JETLAG HOPE** - Left a good impression when 2nd in a 2750m Class E here on 22 March. Is plainly close to his race and is easy to like for a place on the podium
- 5. JUSQUIAME** - Hardy mare coming here for a change of scenery and will have nothing to offer
- 6. JEKILL ROCQ** - Made up for his Chartres blip when runner-up to JAZZ JENILOU (11) in a Class G over course and distance 2 weeks ago. A repeat seems unlikely but could still pick up some minor honours
- 7. IMPERIAL DE FORGAN** - Previously a decent trotter but has been out of sorts for some time and can be ruled out
- 8. JAPPELOU** - Put away last autumn after having come off the boil. Sports 4 pads for comeback and best to keep one's powder dry
- 9. JURASSIC** - Can prove a handful but has solid references to back him up. Is confirmed here, showed his form earlier this month and, with application, can trot his way onto the podium this time
- 10. JIRENZO** - Has not got his nose in front for some time but has been acquitting himself respectably, most recently 5th in 6 April race of reference. Reverts to racing with 4 pads and will have his supporters
- 11. JAZZ JENILOU** - Has acquitted himself well since the turn of the year, latterly winning a Class G over course and distance, from a bad draw, 2 weeks ago. In better company this time but still looks competitively well in
- 12. J'ADORE D'EURVAD** - Handy mare in both codes but has not been seen out since last August and is unlikely to make much impact
- 13. JENNA DAIRPET** - Was launching her attack on JAZZ JENILOU (11) when eliminated in a Class G over course and distance 2 weeks ago. She goes barefoot again and, with stride in check, can get in on the action
- 14. JET DES BAUX** - Moderate trotter with one run under his belt following a lengthy absence. Is barefoot this time but still no more than a minor place chance
- 15. JAMAIQUE DE HOERDT** - Kicked the year off nicely but has since come off the boil. Was well-beaten here earlier in the month and the draw only compounds matters

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Summary: Courageous winner at Reims in mid-March, JUMBO DES PRES (1) was unable to confirm at Mauquenchy earlier this month but acquitted himself well despite a poor draw, and with Alexandre Abrivard reining will be well-backed to win this. JURASSIC (9) put in a good showing after his elimination last time and returns to racing barefoot and with a good hand to play. Decently-placed on the front row, JASON DU PERRON (2) may not have been seen out since September but he is in race-mode for his re-entry and should be taken seriously. JETLAG HOPE (4) has been knocking at the door and his recent run here stands him in good stead.

SELECTIONS

JUMBO DES PRES (1) - JURASSIC (9) - JASON DU PERRON (2) - JETLAG HOPE (4)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day

MISS MELODY PEEL (411)

Outsider of the day

MASTER KING (508)

Reverse forecast

MAKE FOR JUMP (509) - MOJITO CENE (510)

Three pick of the day

MISS MELODY PEEL (411) - MOJITO CENE (510) - LEXOVIENNE (608)