

R4 LE MANS [L-H]

C1 - PRIX BOBET MATERIEL - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. L'ILE D'HAUFOR** - Useful but tricky mare that is plainly still in conditioning-mode and is of no concern
- 2. LA BOISBONNIERE** - Has taken little time to show her form, latterly runner-up to LIPINSKA (3) at La Capelle. Has ground to make up but is not one to be underestimated
- 3. LIPINSKA** - Has gone from strength to strength since returning to competition. Made no bones about winning at La Capelle and the 3-timer is within her reach
- 4. LILYROSE WIND** - Very disappointing so far this season and is unlikely to shake things up
- 5. LIGNE BLANCHE** - Has returned from her winter break in excellent shape, latterly dominating a Laval Class E on 29 April, and confirmation is anticipated
- 6. LUNE LUMALO** - 5th behind LYLOU DES THUYAS (10) in a Vincennes Class E on 2 May after having suffered traffic problems, but can redeem herself if Benjamin Rochard keeps her out of trouble
- 7. L'AUDACE** - Makes her Le Mans debut after having placed in 2 straight, but may find the going a bit too tough this time around
- 8. LORETTE** - Returns to a hard surface after placing 3 times on turf. Has been re-shod for the occasion but others still preferred
- 9. LEVIOSA** - Has been acquitting herself competitively all season and most recently ran 3rd in an Argentan Class E 10 days ago. Presents solid left-handed references and, while not a priority, still cannot be ruled out
- 10. LYLOU DES THUYAS** - In the frame in last 2, most recently 3rd in a Vincennes Class E on 2 May. Is clearly close to her race but looks more a minor place chance this time
- 11. LYRE D'ERABLE** - Lost her action in a 2700m Vincennes Class D a month ago, but has shown ample promise. Is unbeaten at the venue and David Thomain will be keen to keep that fact relevant

Summary: LIGNE BLANCHE (5) came good late last month with an excellent performance at Laval and, with form maintained, can make her Le Mans bow a winning one. She will be opposed though by LUNE LUMALO (6) who was most unlucky at Vincennes recently, and LIPINSKA (3) who comes here on a hat-trick. Just a few Euros short of elimination, LYRE D'ERABLE (11) imposed on her sole Le Mans start and, with application, will not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

LIGNE BLANCHE (5) - LUNE LUMALO (6) - LIPINSKA (3) - LYRE D'ERABLE (11)

C2 - PRIX PASSENAUD - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. **LOVER D'AVE** - Has looked rather ordinary so far this season and in this company has no possible chance
2. **LUTHIER DE PAIL** - Previously a good sort but has been off the boil since December and is unlikely to upset the status quo
3. **LYNX DU RUISSEAU** - Imposed at Maure-de-Bretagne in late-March prior to coming 3rd to LUCKY DE CALVI (8) in a Laval Class E a month later. Has already imposed under these conditions and going barefoot can make all the difference
4. **LORD SUN DRALIAM** - Sent for a spell in January but has made no impact since returning 2 months later and can be ruled out
5. **LORD DE VANDEL** - Ran 2nd in a Vitre Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Has been reconfigured for Le Mans bow and, although better racing barefoot, should not be overlooked
6. **LEADER BOY** - Has won 5 of the 8 races he has finished but stays shod for first start back and will have nothing to offer
7. **LOU PRESTANCE** - Strategy did not go to plan in Paris last month when last of 12 in a 2875m Class D. Has a lot going for him here however and at this level can impose
8. **LUCKY DE CALVI** - It took 21 months but returned to successful ways on 23 April, authoritatively securing a 2850m Class E. Should appreciate the Le Mans profile and is not incapable of dominating LOU PRESTANCE (7)
9. **LODEN D'HERFRAIE** - Had been enjoying a productive run of form before being eliminated at Rambouillet earlier in the month. Is new to Le Mans but current form bodes well for his chances of trotting his way onto the podium

Summary: Forced to use up all of his reserves early at Enghien last month, LOU PRESTANCE (7) was unable to deliver that day, but he has been reconfigured, will be reined by Eric Raffin for the first time, and will be expected to set the record straight. LUCKY DE CALVI (8) ran out a commanding winner at Laval last month and David Thomain will be keen to repeat. LODEN D'HERFRAIE (9) reverts to a previous formula, is nicely-engaged here, and can play a leading role if he stays in stride. LYNX DU RUISSEAU (3) is barefoot for the first time, has previously won here, and is very easy to like for a place in the picture.

SELECTIONS

LOU PRESTANCE (7) - LUCKY DE CALVI (8) - LODEN D'HERFRAIE (9) - LYNX DU RUISSEAU (3)

C3 - PRIX OUEST NETTOYAGE - 2950m (a2m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 26,000

1. **KASTA DU RIB** - Has ample ability but has yet to deliver this term. Has shown a liking for Le Mans conditions though and has a reasonable chance of picking up some prizemoney
2. **KAHIRA DES MARES** - Went off the boil in early-autumn and has picked up this term where she left off. Disregard
3. **KELOWA STARDUST** - Quality mare that was oddly lacklustre in Cluny a fortnight ago. Will be shod this time and best to keep one's powder dry
4. **KYRA D'ESSARTS** - Has not been as sharp this year as she has been in the past. Imposed on sole association with David Thomain but is not a priority this time around
5. **KEVA LUDOISE** - Took little time returning to winning ways following her break, routing the opposition at Cholet early this month. Held her own when 4th in a Vichy Quinte 10 days later and has a lot going for her here. Chance
6. **KARLA JALLERIE** - Raced better at Durtal early this month than her 6th place would imply. Will be shod to preference this time and, if applied, can finish in the mix
7. **KASPAROVA** - No slouch on a good day but rather disappointing in last 3 starts. Will race barefoot this time but is still being aimed too high
8. **KABALVA** - Can trot on a good day but has not had many of those recently and will struggle to make her presence felt
9. **KISS ME DE MADKER** - Hardy mare that seldom disappoints when focused, most recently coming 4th in a 2700m Vincennes Class D late last month. Has already won for Eric Raffin and is not about to let the side down
10. **KARIELLA BOND** - Starts for the first time since running 7th of 12 in a 2100m Vincennes Class D 2 months ago. Has delivered in the day's configuration but must first reaffirm
11. **KELOMA DREAM** - Ran 5th in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago, a place behind KISS ME DE MADKER (9). Should take well to the new conditions and is expected to figure prominently at the business end of the race
12. **KORIGANE D'ERABLE** - It took a couple of runs but got back in the game at Chartres in late-April. Is reunited with Paul Ploquin who drove her to victory on their lone association and will be no shrinking violet
13. **KANARY BAY** - Made amends for Paray-le-Monial elimination when easily dominating a 2800m Vichy Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Was sanctioned on sole Le Mans start but a repeat of her recent run would be good enough to secure the double
14. **KANELLE STAR** - Tricky element that has placed just once in 7 starts this year. Was not disgraced behind KISS ME DE MADKER (9) at Vincennes though and cannot be discounted

Summary: Excellent winner at Vichy earlier this month, KANARY BAY (13) enjoys a terrific entry here, goes barefoot again, and is easy to fancy for the double. KEVA LUDOISE (5) has been in similarly good shape and, first-time barefoot, with Benjamin Rochard reining, will be no pushover. KISS ME DE MADKER (9) makes her Le Mans debut in fine fettle, has been re-shod, and is unlikely to disappoint. KELOMA DREAM (11) has no references at the venue either but in current condition is hard to ignore.

SELECTIONS

KANARY BAY (13) - KEVA LUDOISE (5) - KISS ME DE MADKER (9) - KELOMA DREAM (11)

C4 - PRIX VOLVO THIBAUT - 2950m (a2m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 26,000

- 1. KRUGER DU NORD** - Has not been seen out since failing to deliver in a Vincennes Class D in early-February. Shoes on and no threat
- 2. KLEMS DE JAVIE** - Showed marked improvement at Maure-de-Bretagne earlier in the month when 3rd in a 2850m Class F. Has never shown much appreciation for Le Mans though and can be passed over
- 3. KING DE LARRE** - A complete write-off since returning to competition this year and will need to get his house in order
- 4. KALL ME CENSERIE** - Good, consistent trotter that has not finished worse than 4th in last 9 starts. Is new to the venue but has previously imposed for Matthieu Abrivard and will be afforded every chance
- 5. KID SMILE** - Honest trotter that continued his productive ways when 3rd in a 2700m Vincennes Class D late last month, finishing just ahead of KOBE EIGHT (13). May not have his measure this time but has been re-shod and can finish in the money
- 6. KRACK DESBOIS** - Has not been as performant as he was when winning at Meslay-du-Maine last September. Has merit but represents no more than a minor place chance
- 7. KING MOKO** - Moderate trotter that has done nothing of note for some time and can expect to have few friends
- 8. KINGMAN DELO** - Went off the boil last summer after securing a double. Sports a fresh configuration for his return to Le Mans but others still preferred
- 9. KOH I NOOR** - Put a pair of eliminations behind him to run 5th in a Laval Class D a month back and while not a priority, should nevertheless hold his own
- 10. KAKOU CAYENNAIS** - Impressive in first 2 this term following a lengthy layoff. Should not be condemned for faulting at Vitre and can be brought back into the fold. First 5
- 11. KING BABEL** - Has not put a foot out of line since the turn of the year, winning 3 of 4, most recently a 2700m Graignes Class E in good order, and Gabriele Gelormini will be expecting to contest the finish once again
- 12. KRONO DU TRIO** - Quality element that made up somewhat for his Lyon blip when 6th in a Class E at Le Touquet 3.5 weeks ago. Is considerably better than the result would suggest and must be considered a player
- 13. KOBE EIGHT** - Won 3 of first 4 starts this year before coming 4th in a Vincennes Class D on 28 April. Seldom lets the side down when reined by Raffin and has a realistic chance of imposing
- 14. KATSUKI** - In the frame in last 3 starts, most recently 3rd in a 2800m Vichy Class F 10 days ago, and considering the entry, must be afforded respect. Place chance

Summary: Excellent so far this year with 3 wins in 5 runs, KOBE EIGHT (13) will be reunited with Eric Raffin who accounts for 2 of those 3 victories and, winner on his only Le Mans start, is easy to fancy for another. That being said, he will still come under pressure from KING BABEL (11) who has thrived since December, and the superbly-engaged KATSUKI (14) who has been knocking at the door over recent weeks. KRONO DU TRIO (12) showed at Le Touquet that he is back on the right road and will be reunited with Gilles D'Haenens who knows how to get the best out of him.

SELECTIONS

KOBE EIGHT (13) - KING BABEL (11) - KATSUKI (14) - KRONO DU TRIO (12)

**C5 - PRIX SUPER U AV. DE LA LIBERATION LE MANS - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
20,000**

- 1. MILLESIME STAR** - Can trot when focused but has better references in the claiming division and 3 straight eliminations do nothing to inspire confidence
- 2. MAJIRO KALOUMA** - Useful on a good day and but has not been seen out since flopping at Vincennes on 11 February and will have nothing to offer
- 3. MIRABILIS VRIE** - Serious colt that showed significant potential at 3. Has not raced since October but sports hind pads for the first time and is unlikely to be far from the action
- 4. MAN OF WOOD** - Has not put a foot wrong since coming to France, latterly runner-up in a Chartres Class E 2 weeks ago. Will be pitted against better this time but still looks good enough to finish close
- 5. MY DREAM MESLOIS** - As delicate as they come but ran very good 3rd in a 2850m Laval Class E on 23 April. Is never easy to trust but races unshod behind this time and, on good behaviour, can make his presence felt
- 6. MAESTRO DE FORGAN** - Can prove a handful but is not devoid of talent, most recently winning a Chartres Class F 3.5 weeks ago. Sports a fresh formula and although not a priority, is still with monitoring
- 7. MISTER LA NUIT** - Facile winner at Lisieux before being eliminated at Argentan earlier in the month. Form is not in question and will have his chances if Benjamin Rochard keeps him trotting
- 8. MARKUS DES AGETS** - Makes Le Mans debut after running 2nd in a Fougères Class F early this month. Is competitively-shod this time but still seems to be taking on too much
- 9. MAGIC DE VAUVILLE** - Got the year off to a promising start but more than met his match in Paris last month and chances appear limited
- 10. MARDONIOS** - Quality future prospect that ran good 2nd in a Nort-sur-Erdre Class E on 8 May. Will be more competitively-shod this time and has a decent chance of opening his 2026 account
- 11. MEGAFLO BELLO** - Has yet to lose his maiden tag but always gives his best. Prepped for this at Châtelailon-La Rochelle earlier in the month but with hind shoes off this time can play a small part
- 12. MAESTRO TEJY** - Lost his maiden status at Graignes on 28 April prior to being denied a run in a Vincennes Class D last Friday, and will not be sent out at 57-1 this time. First 5
- 13. MISTER D'AVOINES** - Never far from faulting but ran fine 2nd to a good horse in a 2850m Laval Class E on 29 April. Eric Raffin stays faithful and will be eyeing victory this time
- 14. MAJOR DU MARGAS** - Nicely-engaged element with decent ability, but has been eliminated in 4 of last 5 starts and others easier to trust

Summary: Eliminated on comeback at Laval last month, MARDONIOS (10) gave a considerably better account of himself on turf at Nort-sur-Erdre a fortnight ago; he sports a fresh configuration for his first real objective of the year and, entrusted to Matthieu Abrivard for the first time, looks the horse to beat. He will still be keeping a keen eye on a first-time padded MISTER D'AVOINES (13) who reassured with Eric Raffin 3 weeks ago, and MISTER LA NUIT (7) who was full of running when eliminated at Argentan 10 days back. MAN OF WOOD (4) has taken superbly to French conditions and looks set to continue his productive ways.

SELECTIONS

MARDONIOS (10) - MISTER D'AVOINES (13) - MISTER LA NUIT (7) - MAN OF WOOD (4)

C6 - PRIX DES MANCEAUX - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 20,000

1. **MANTILLE VRIE** - Races barefoot for the first time after coming 2nd in a Châtelailon-La Rochelle Class F on 26 April. Is not about to spring a surprise but will have her supporters
2. **MY PRINCESS HAUFOR** - Went totally off the boil last June and has picked up this year where she left off. Barefoot this time but still not a concern
3. **MIGRAINE DE CONNEE** - Got back in the game at Chartres 3.5 weeks ago. Is barefoot this time and can play a prominent role if she stays in stride
4. **MISS MAGIQUE** - Sent for a rest after reassuring in a Vincennes Class E in early-February. Is shod for comeback and best to hold off
5. **MICHIKO** - Occasionally a handful but should be fully-fit by now after 2 return runs. Is clearly in competition-mode and on good behaviour can wrap this up
6. **MONANZA CASTEL** - Comported herself well in a Laval Class E a month ago when 5th of 13. Is not about to take Le Mans by storm but can nonetheless hold her own
7. **MANON DU RIED** - Showed promise at 3 before being put away for a year. Goes barefoot following her recent re-entry run but may still be race-rusty
8. **MAMACITA** - Has taken superbly to racing barefoot, winning at Cordemais in mid-April before running 3rd in a Caen Class E 10 days later, and can bring the fight to MICHIKO (5)
9. **MILADY DE LA PIECE** - Eliminated more often than not but is clearly talented. Front pads fitted this time and will be no easy touch if Alexandre Abrivard manages to keep her trotting
10. **MACHA DE CAHOT** - Useful filly making first appearance since winning a Chartres Class E last November but is going to need the race
11. **MAGIC MAGGIE** - Capricious filly but can trot when focused. Eliminated in last 2 but can pick up a cheque if Gabriele Gelormini gets her off on the right foot
12. **MA JOLIE PRINCESS** - Took no time getting back in the winners' circle, comfortably winning a 2700m Graignes Class E on first start since December. Takes a step up in category though and will need to find more
13. **MELODY DE BENOISE** - Barring a couple of clockwise blips has otherwise shown a different side since beginning to race barefoot. Will appreciate returning to a hard surface and with Benjamin Rochard in the bike should prove competitive when it matters
14. **MIA STEJELO** - Sprang a 202-1 surprise when 3rd in a Châtelailon-La Rochelle Class E on 1 May, however a repeat seems most improbable

Summary: Eye-catching more than once last season, MICHIKO (5) has a pair of fresheners under her belt since returning from a lengthy break, goes barefoot for the first time, and can get her nose in front if she takes to the new conditions. MAMACITA (8), however, has taken her game to a new level since having her shoes removed and looks the main threat. MILADY DE LA PIECE (9) has buckets of ability but also a temperament to go with it; she has been fitted with front pads and will not be far off the mark if she stays in stride. Back on the right road after missing out by little at Chartres recently, MIGRAINE DE CONNEE (3) returns to racing barefoot and has been entrusted to the champion driver this time.

SELECTIONS

MICHIKO (5) - MAMACITA (8) - MILADY DE LA PIECE (9) - MIGRAINE DE CONNEE (3)

C7 - PRIX SAS GUYON METAL ALU - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MY LOVE BLUE** - Flattering 3rd of 6 finishers in a 2850m Laval Class E 3 weeks ago and will have nothing to contribute
- 2. MANON DU LEARD** - Eliminated on re-entry in a Laval Class F in late-March and even with hind shoes off still looks an outsider
- 3. MAYFLOWER AR MOR** - Takes first competitive ridden steps after running 2nd in a Graignes Class E on 28 April. Top jockey in the irons and is unlikely to disappoint
- 4. MONA GALAA** - Moderate filly starting for the first time since mid-February and even with front pads fitted is not an obvious choice
- 5. MA TALOU JOLY** - Yet to lose her maiden status but regularly gives her best. Goes left-handed this time and can pick up some crumbs
- 6. MISS SPEED** - Useful mare that placed twice this term before being quickly eliminated in a Caen Class E last Saturday. Is not about to open her 2026 account but has a reasonable chance of making first 5
- 7. MAYBE DU CEBE** - Has been reconfigured after being eliminated early in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago. Is clearly talented and will be able to contest a place on the podium provided she keeps her action together
- 8. MISTRAL DU PORET** - Returns to the monte code after 3 harness fresheners. Is shod as he was when victorious at Cabourg to end last season and will have his supporters
- 9. MEANDRE DE VANDEL** - Interesting element with a certain flair for the monte code. Has bags of untapped potential and will be well-backed to win this
- 10. MAMBO DE LA VALLEE** - Has won 2 of the 3 races he has finished but has been eliminated in 13 of 16. With application though, could well challenge for the win

Summary: A most promising individual in this branch of the business, MEANDRE DE VANDEL (9) has not been seen out since last November, but he races first-time barefoot and can finally get that maiden monkey off his back. Better engaged, but as capricious as they get, MAMBO DE LA VALLEE (10) goes unshod-behind for the first time and is reunited with Eric Raffin who rode him to victory in Paris last season. MAYBE DU CEBE (7) is not always the most relaxed of fillies but she has been reconfigured and will be no soft touch if Alexis Collette keeps her focused. MAYFLOWER AR MOR (3) reassured at Graignes last month, has been reconfigured, and will be partnered by Benjamin Rochard for his monte debut.

SELECTIONS

MEANDRE DE VANDEL (9) - MAMBO DE LA VALLEE (10) - MAYBE DU CEBE (7) - MAYFLOWER AR MOR (3)

C8 - PRIX DES MANCELLES - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. NAIADE VRIE** - Showed marked Improvement on her debut performance when runner-up in a Châtelailon-La Rochelle Class F early this month, however she is most unlikely to repeat
- 2. NOUBA DE CHINE** - Made up for modest debut when 2nd in a 2700m Graignes Class F in late-April, however at this level will have too much to do
- 3. NOTE D'OR** - Encouraging 3rd of 11 in a 2700m Graignes Class F a fortnight back, but is in considerably better company this time and is unlikely to rock the boat
- 4. NIJNI NOVGOROD TEK** - Made short work of a 2625m Saint-Omer Class F 3 weeks ago, first time out. Faces a tougher lot this time but the nature of her victory augurs well for her prospects
- 5. NETTOYEUSE** - Has shown better aptitude for the monte code and is here for reasons of conditioning
- 6. NOLITA LOMIG** - Useful filly that was eliminated on re-entry at Chartres 2 weeks ago. Will have come on for the race but others still easier to back
- 7. NICE FLASH SEMILLY** - Got off the mark first time out, securing a Laon Class F on 1 May. Will have improved for the run and looks principal danger to NEW FAIRY (14)
- 8. NEWMARKET** - Got straight down to business on career bow, winning a 2200m Class F here a fortnight back. Will have no issue with the new trip and should figure prominently once more
- 9. NAIADE DE LA NADE** - Has shown decent aptitude so far, latterly 4th in a Laval Class E 3 weeks ago. Has been fitted with 4 pads for the first time and will be worth keeping an eye on
- 10. NICE AND FORTUNE** - Imposed at Laval in February at the first time of asking but was solidly trounced at Chartres late last month. Is better than the result would suggest though and must be worth retaining
- 11. NOVA DU FER** - 50-1 winner at La Capelle in March and has twice failed to confirm. No threat
- 12. NINA MINIGNA** - Returns to racing left-handed after losing her maiden tag in a Class F at Ecommoy 2.5 weeks ago. Is pitted against better this time but the engagement of Matthieu Abrivard will do her prospects no disservice
- 13. NUITEE D'AMOUR** - Got her career off to a good start but took on too much at Enghien on 27 April. Takes a dip in category though and cannot be discounted
- 14. NEW FAIRY** - Showed both immense courage and talent when snatching victory in a Vire Class F on 18 March. Is a filly of considerable promise and looks thoroughly capable of repeating

Summary: A beautifully-bred filly, NEW FAIRY (14) got her career off to a flying start when victorious in a Vire Class F in March; she has had ample time to get back to her best, clearly has talent to burn, and looks a marginally better choice than the Duvaldestin NICE FLASH SEMILLY (7), and NEWMARKET (8), both of which got off the mark at the first time of asking, Benjamin Rochard's filly winning at Le Mans. Clear winner at Saint-Omer on her own debut, beating another Duvaldestin horse, NIJNI NOVGOROD TEK (4) will not be without support.

SELECTIONS

NEW FAIRY (14) - NICE FLASH SEMILLY (7) - NEWMARKET (8) - NIJNI NOVGOROD TEK (4)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
MEANDRE DE VANDEL (709)

Outsider of the day

KASTA DU RIB (301)

Reverse forecast

LOU PRESTANCE (207) - LUCKY DE CALVI (208)

Three pick of the day

LOU PRESTANCE (207) - KOBE EIGHT (413) - MEANDRE DE VANDEL (709)