

R4 SAINT MALO [R-H]

C1 - PRIX ROBERT SURCOUF - 2950m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 17,000

1. **NIKITA POP** - Lost her action on debut 3 weeks ago at Vitré and in this company is unlikely to spring any surprises
2. **NOBILIARY STAR** - Eliminated at Jullouville-les-Pins on debut last Sunday. Sports 4 pads on this occasion but still has nothing to contribute
3. **NYMPHE D'ERABLE** - Was still competitive when eliminated in a Vire Class F on debut earlier this month. Is clearly a capable filly and on better behaviour can bring home the bacon
4. **NINA DE BASSIERE** - Has finished no closer than 5th in 5 starts to date, and even with 4 pads fitted this time is unlikely to make much of an impact
5. **NOVA CASTELETS** - Put on a good show at Cholet on 1 May, first time out, coming 3rd in a 2800m Class F. Has had time to freshen up and is one for the first-5 shortlist
6. **NO TIME TO JYL** - Only beaten on debut by a pair of fillies who subsequently went on to win again. Lost her action at Graignes but looks a decent trotter in the making and must be afforded respect
7. **NICE GRIFF** - Gave a fine account at Vire on 8 May when 2nd of 9 in a 2800m Class F, and with form maintained should finish close once again
8. **NUAGEE MARANCOURT** - Is not devoid of ability but has been struggling in the claiming category and is not a priority
9. **NAYA REINA** - 4th at Chartres first time out, followed by 2nd place in a Durtal Class G early this month. Was beaten only by a very good horse that day and enjoys a decent chance of getting off the mark
10. **NOVA JOSSELYN** - Takes a small step up in category after acquitting herself well in both starts to date. Is unlikely to lose her maiden tag but can nevertheless get in on the action
11. **NINA CHARENNAISE** - Has placed just the once in 7 starts so far. Was quickly eliminated at Vichy last weekend and can expect to have few friends
12. **NAOMIE DEUGE** - Nicely-engaged and last month showed improvement under the saddle here, but still faces a stiff test

Summary: Put away after qualifying nicely last August, NYMPHE D'ERABLE (3) left a very good impression on her recent Vire debut and can get off the mark if David Thomain keeps her trotting. Mathieu Mottier requires just 3 wins to secure his 2,000th winner and NAYA REINA (9) is the first of his many good chances here today. NICE GRIFF (7) made up for her debut blip when running 2nd at Vire and will not be available at 40-1 this time. NOVA JOSSELYN (10) races on a hard surface for the first time and in current form is easy to like for a place in the picture.

SELECTIONS

NYMPHE D'ERABLE (3) - NAYA REINA (9) - NICE GRIFF (7) - NOVA JOSSELYN (10)

C2 - PRIX JULES LEPENNETIER - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 19,500

1. **MILORD D'ISSE** - Looked to be coming good in March but subsequently disappointed in his next 2 and can be passed over
2. **MADIBA MARBEN** - Quality colt that has been holding his own for the most part this year but races shod this time and best to hold off
3. **MEC D'ERLANGER** - Has been revitalised since beginning to race barefoot. Was unable to repeat his Nancy victory but is patently in shape and is unlikely to be too far from the action
4. **MUST SPORT** - Has returned from his lengthy break in excellent form, most recently dominating a Class F under these conditions on 2 May, and with a top driver at the helm will be afforded every chance. Podium prospect
5. **METALO DE PLAY** - Not the easiest of horses to use but has a pair of conditioners under his belt following the winter break and, if applied, can play a small role
6. **MYTHE D'ERABLE** - Promising future prospect that goes either direction. Is still in conditioning-mode though and best to keep one's powder dry
7. **MUCHO BELLO** - Got back in the game at Vannes on 8 May after a brace of eliminations. Has earned the right to race in this category and with shoes off will be no easy touch
8. **MEILLEUR KURYS** - By no means the worst horse here but is still a maiden after 26 starts, and has never delivered racing clockwise
9. **MY WAY D'ALB** - Promising colt making first appearance since running 2nd in a Cabourg Class E last October, and is going to need the race
10. **MINOU D'ECHAL** - Has taken his game to another level since starting to race barefoot, latterly losing his maiden status in a Class F at La Capelle on 8 May. Takes on a better lot here but the nature of his latest run bodes well for his chances
11. **MAGICO** - Never pressed on re-entry when 5th in a Nantes Class E 10 days ago. Is a class above most here and can wrap this up
12. **MAGIC COCO** - Still waiting for that 2nd win, not having scored since debuting victoriously in March 2025. Has been showing his form though and a repeat of his Vichy run would see him finish in the mix
13. **MIKI DU POMMEREUX** - Heavily-campaigned element that picked up 5th place in an Argentan Class E last Tuesday, but is unlikely to improve on that

Summary: Particularly impressive last season, MAGICO (11) was given an unhurried comeback at Nantes mid-month, goes barefoot for the first time, and has a realistic chance of winning this. Mathieu Mottier will still want to be wary of MUCHO BELLO (7) who returns to racing barefoot after smartly imposing at Vannes just over a fortnight back, and MINOU D'ECHAL (10) who got his nose in front at La Capelle the same day. MUST SPORT (4) climbs the category-ladder after having delivered over course and distance 3 weeks ago and with David Thomain in the bike will be no shrinking violet.

SELECTIONS

MAGICO (11) - MUCHO BELLO (7) - MINOU D'ECHAL (10) - MUST SPORT (4)

C3 - PRIX DE CEZEMBRE - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 19,500

1. **MISS SOLAU** - Has done nothing but improve since returning to competition but is being aimed much too high this time
2. **MILADY** - Made up for Alencon elimination when successful in a Durtal Class F on 1 May. Takes on a marginally better lot this time but still has the wherewithal to double up
3. **MISUA BARTH** - Like a horse reborn since starting to race barefoot. Is not far off winning another but may just find this category a little elevated
4. **MARBELLA SMART** - Was unable to confirm Cholet victory when enduring a hard trip at Vichy 2 weeks ago. Is patently in good shape though and, given the form of the Chavatte stable, should not be underestimated
5. **MISS BABY DU SURF** - Not always at her ease but showed a different side at Ecommoy 3 weeks ago when barefoot for the first time. Shoes back on here but form is not in question and should be taken seriously
6. **MOUMBA DE MIENNAIS** - Showed improvement on 8 May when 2nd in a Fougères Class F, however in this company will need to find more
7. **MISS MOUROTAISE** - Tough filly that has twice come close to losing her maiden tag recently. Should not be condemned for her Vire performance and could well impose this time
8. **MEXICA BELLA** - Has started to get back in the game, latterly 4th of 8 finishers in a Fougères Class F. Anthony Barrier reining this time and is most certainly one to keep an eye on
9. **MA LADY DU GARDEN** - Modest filly that has made no impact whatsoever this year and is not about to change her ways
10. **MARGOT PAROYO** - Went off the boil after opening her account at Argentan 12 months ago. Has not been seen out since September and is going to need the run
11. **MANDARINE BAM** - 3rd at Graignes before coming 2nd in a Le Touquet Class F a month ago. Trainer could not have wished for a better entry and will endeavour to make it pay dividends

Summary: Runner-up in 2 of her last 3 starts, and very much at home over these longer trips, MISS MOUROTAISE (7) raced better at Vire than the result would suggest and Sébastien Houyvet has every reason to believe she can get off the mark this time. He will nevertheless anticipate opposition from MILADY (2) who sports a fresh configuration after having lost her own maiden tag at Durtal earlier in the month. Talented but occasionally spirited, MARBELLA SMART (4) gives racing barefoot another go and makes her Saint-Malo bow with a potentially good hand to play. With form headed in the right direction and shoes off again, MANDARINE BAM (11) benefits from an entry made-in-heaven and looks competitive for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

MISS MOUROTAISE (7) - MILADY (2) - MARBELLA SMART (4) - MANDARINE BAM (11)

C4 - PRIX DU QUEBEC - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 22,000

- 1. LIKE A ROLLING JYL** - Races right-handed for the first time after having placed just once in 4 starts this term and can be ruled out
- 2. LILOU TREMBLADAISE** - Unthreatening 5th, a place behind LUCRECE HAUFOR (6), in a Meslay-du-Maine Class E 3 weeks ago, but will struggle to make her mark this time
- 3. LADY DU CEDRE** - Won 2 of 3 last summer before being sent for a lengthy break. Should be fully-fit by now and is not incapable of giving LANISTER SMART (7) a run for her money
- 4. LA MOME DE CAHOT** - Complicated mare being reunited with Mathieu Mottier after 3 straight eliminations. Ran 2nd at Cabourg with her last time they were associated and can repeat
- 5. LA BELLE MIKA** - Capricious mare that is seldom far from faulting. Showed a different side when 3rd in a Vichy Class E last weekend, however confirmation is unlikely
- 6. LUCRECE HAUFOR** - Got back in the game at Meslay-du-Maine 3 weeks ago, has been re-shod for the occasion, and has a reasonable chance of making first 5
- 7. LANISTER SMART** - Has looked solid since returning from her winter break. Takes a dip in category here and is in with a realistic shout of winning this
- 8. LADIVINA** - Surprise 3rd in a Vire Class F on 8 May when being conditioned. Hind shoes off this time and could pick up some minor honours
- 9. LA JOCONDE** - Unraced for 4 months but has bags of ability. Is not as competitively-shod as one may wish but still has the wherewithal to finish in the mix

Summary: Winner on her comeback at Royan in early-April, LANISTER SMART (7) went on to run 4th at Saint-Brieuc 3.5 weeks ago and, if still on the boil, can impose again. Anthony Barrier will still be mindful of the progressive LADY DU CEDRE (3) who will be barefoot for her first target of the year. LA MOME DE CAHOT (4) is never far from losing her action but is reconfigured for a return to the venue and on good behaviour can go close. The useful LA JOCONDE (9) sports a fresh formula and can figure prominently if sufficiently fit.

SELECTIONS

LANISTER SMART (7) - LADY DU CEDRE (3) - LA MOME DE CAHOT (4) - LA JOCONDE (9)

C5 - PRIX FRANCOIS ET REGIS LE VEXIER - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 22,000

- 1. LUCKY SOTHO** - Surprise 2nd in a Class F over course and distance when being conditioned earlier this month, although a repeat seems most improbable
- 2. LUKABEL** - Returned to winning ways in Bordeaux on 13 April but failed to confirm when eliminated at Loudeac a fortnight later, and chances appear limited
- 3. LE GRAND AMOUR** - Impressive on numerous occasions last season but is presently far from that form and is unlikely to upset the apple-cart
- 4. LEONARD DE VINCI** - More competitively-shod after coming 4th behind LUTIN DU PRATEL (5) at Vire earlier this month when being conditioned and, runner-up on sole Saint-Malo start, will have a decent chance of making the first 3
- 5. LUTIN DU PRATEL** - Honest horse that defied his odds to finish 2nd in a 2800m Vire Class F on 8 May. Has shown a liking for the venue and can again finish close
- 6. LEWIS DE GINAI** - Never dangerous but ran honourable 4th in an Amiens Class E last weekend. Has been fitted with shoes this time though and others easier to back
- 7. LABORANTIN** - Has been rather disappointing since imposing at Caen 2 months ago. Does spring the occasional surprise though and should not be ruled out
- 8. LOOK PEJI** - Finished a place behind LUTIN DU PRATEL (5) over course and distance last month before coming 4th in a Meslay-du-Maine Class E 3 weeks ago. Entrusted to an in-form pilot here and should not be underestimated
- 9. LOUKY DE BAULON** - Returns to racing with front shoes following his recent Fougères performance. Should appreciate the new profile and, given the entry, is easy to fancy for the win

Summary: LOUKY DE BAULON (9) may have something of a character about him but he is hard to knock when focused. He has previously imposed right-handed, reassured at Fougères earlier in the month, is ideally-engaged, and with application can deliver. Nicolas Bazire will still want to keep an eye on recent Vire second, LUTIN DU PRATEL (5), who is confirmed at Saint-Malo, and a reconfigured LEONARD DE VINCI (4) who put on a good show behind him just over a fortnight ago. Mathieu Mottier gets the nod for LOOK PEJI (8) here and warrants significant respect.

SELECTIONS

LOUKY DE BAULON (9) - LUTIN DU PRATEL (5) - LEONARD DE VINCI (4) - LOOK PEJI (8)

**C6 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DU TROTTEUR FRANCAIS - 2950m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
22,000**

1. **JALTA DE TILLARD** - Complicated sort with a race under her belt since the break. Will be shod to preference this time but is clearly out of her league
2. **KIRMANE DE LAVAU** - Clearly capable but is only ever a stride away from faulting and with shoes fitted can be ruled out
3. **JOY BRETONNIERE** - Moderate type starting for first time since last October and is going to need the run
4. **KAVALE DU CHATELET** - Capable for the most part but has so far failed to convince this term and can be passed over
5. **KUEEN DE MONGUERET** - Has not passed the post in front for some time but always gives her best. Is new to the venue, has solid clockwise credentials, and can contest a first-5 payout
6. **KASANE DU BISET** - Has been a complete write-off since March 2025 and is not about to create an upset
7. **KALISPERA DE TRIOU** - Hardy mare that ran very good 3rd in a Saint-Brieuc Class F in late-April, on first start since last July. Anthony Barrier in the bike this time and will be legitimately confident of a big performance
8. **KANTA EMJI** - Lost her way late last season but has ample ability at this level. Is shod to preference following a necessary freshener earlier in the month and, confirmed here, must be respected
9. **KEPHORA** - Occasionally a handful but seldom disappoints when focused. Starts in front and if sufficiently-fit can make a big splash
10. **KINA DES COTEAUX** - Capable on a good day but has yet to get into her stride this term. Did show improvement at Maure 2 weeks ago, but still looks to be a minor place chance at best
11. **KENTIA DES RIOULTS** - Handy mare benefitting from a good entry here but has yet to impress this term and must first reaffirm
12. **JAYA DES BROUSSES** - Showed talent earlier in her career but has endured an interrupted career and is no longer the same horse she once was
13. **KALINKA DU BREUIL** - Made up for her Durtal blip when victorious in a Maure-de-Bretagne Class F a fortnight ago. On the back line here, and even though reconfigured, still looks a respectable place chance
14. **JENNA DAIRPET** - Has evident ability but has been out of sorts all year and will have nothing to offer
15. **KELLE BELLE JASMA** - Has not put a foot out of line this year, most recently successful in an Agen Class D in early-April. Has freshness on her side and enjoys a reasonable chance of winning this
16. **JAMAICA D'OYSE** - By no means the best horse here but reassured in the amateur division at Vincennes earlier in the month. Has the penalty to deal with but, at just 10 Euros from elimination, cannot be discounted

Summary: The useful KALISPERA DE TRIOU (7) gave a fine account of herself on comeback late last month, will have improved for the race, and can impose. KELLE BELLE JASMA (15) may be 25m worse off but she has done everything asked of her this year and has never disappointed for Mathieu Mottier. Sent for a layup after imposing at Mauquenchy in February, KEPHORA (9) has been entrusted to David Thomain for the first time, and the front-line start will do her prospects no disservice. KALINKA DU BREUIL (13) does incur the handicap but she too comes here on the back of victory, and has previously won in the day's configuration.

SELECTIONS

KALISPERA DE TRIOU (7) - KELLE BELLE JASMA (15) - KEPHORA (9) - KALINKA DU BREUIL (13)

C7 - PRIX DE BRETAGNE - 2950m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 24,000

1. **JADE DES BRUYERES** - Modest individual with a pair of runs in her this term but in this company has no possible chance
 2. **JOLANA JADOR** - Can trot but reliability not her strong suit. Was well-beaten at Le Mans earlier in the month and would have better prospects at a lower level
 3. **JAG DES MONTIERS** - Won 2 of 3 last month prior to faulting in a Lignieres Class F last weekend. Is unlikely to get his nose in front but with Anthony Barrier reining will be afforded every chance
 4. **JACINTHE FOUTEAU** - Has acquitted herself well in 3 of 4 starts this term, latterly 3rd in a Class F at Jullouville-les-Pins a week ago. Should appreciate these conditions and will be expected to play an active role
 5. **JOKER DU LEVANT** - Sprang something of a surprise when victorious in a Pontivy Class F 3 weeks ago. Has been reconfigured for Saint-Malo bow and should not be overlooked
 6. **INVISIBLE D'ISI** - Returns to the professional ranks after running 2nd in a Thouars amateurs Class H 10 days ago but is unlikely to be as competitive here
 7. **JOUR DU TRESOR** - Already twice a winner this year, latterly an Elbeuf Class F on 8 May. Mathieu Mottier in the bike this time and will be no soft touch
 8. **JAPHET SNOB** - Quality element coming here for a change of scenery after falling at Savigny-sur-Braye 10 days ago and will have other ambitions
 9. **JOIE GIBUS** - Has yet to deliver this month but has merit. Will be shod to preference this time, benefits from a fine entry, and can play a small part if Grégoire Houel manages to keep her mind on the game
 10. **INTRIGUE DE VIETTE** - Has done nothing but improve of late, most recently 3rd in a Class F at Le Croise-Laroche a month back, and from the 2nd line will have little to offer
 11. **ILLUSION DE CHENU** - Produced a pair of good performances in April before finishing last but one at Senonnes-Pouancé 3 weeks ago. Returns to her preferred formula and even from the 2nd row, can finish close
 12. **ISKO D'IQUAINE** - Useful individual but has not been seen out since early-February and is going to need the race
 13. **JUEN EMONDEVILLE** - Not the most reliable but held his own behind JE VIENS DU SUD (15) at Challans a month back. Is patently in competition-mode here and, with application, can run him closer this time
 14. **IMPERATRICE HEDEN** - Has her moments but has raced just the once since the break and with shoes fitted can be dismissed
 15. **JE VIENS DU SUD** - It took 4 races this term but got back in the game when 2nd to the good Jazzman in a Challans Class G in late-April. Is ideally-engaged here and David Thomain will be eager to make hay
- Summary:** Shod as he was when 2nd at Challans late last month, JE VIENS DU SUD (15) enjoys a golden entry here and even from the back line can make this his own. Not far off him in 5th that day, JUEN EMONDEVILLE (13) will be competitively-shod and looks the principal danger. Eliminated on that occasion, JOUR DU TRESOR (7) more than made amends at Elbeuf and the 25m head-start will do his chances no harm. Also on the first row, and clearly close to her race, JACINTHE FOUTEAU (4) is unlikely to let the side down.

SELECTIONS

JE VIENS DU SUD (15) - JUEN EMONDEVILLE (13) - JOUR DU TRESOR (7) - JACINTHE FOUTEAU (4)

C8 - PRIX DU FORT NATIONAL - 2950m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 25,000

- 1. INES DE GLADJESS** - Gave a surprisingly good account when 3rd in a Class F at Villedieu-les-Poëles on 19 April, however a repeat seems improbable
- 2. ISMAIL DU PRE** - Unremarkable trotter that was trounced on recent return to competition and has no realistic chance
- 3. JACK IS HAUFOR** - Has a pair of runs in him since returning from an extended stint on the sidelines. Has no Saint-Malo references but starts in front and, barefoot for the occasion, can finish in the mix
- 4. JIMIR DE GUEZ** - Lost his way after imposing at Villeneuve-sur-Lot last September and has picked up this year where he left off
- 5. ILLICO FLIGNY** - Has done nothing noteworthy since running 2nd in a Class F over course and distance in early-April and is not about to set off any fireworks
- 6. JILBOUR DEFONTAINE** - Showed improvement when 5th in a Le Mans Class E on 8 April when being conditioned. Is on the front row again and will be barefoot for the first time this season. Attention
- 7. HAVANA MOST** - 6th of 12 finishers, at 132-1, in an Amiens Class F a month ago, and will have her back against the wall this time
- 8. JURITI** - Produced 2 fine efforts before failing to deliver at Amiens a month ago. Benefits from a good entry on the front row and is not incapable of getting in on the action
- 9. JACKSON BOY** - Tough trotter facing his first goal of the year. Has never won racing right-handed but is confirmed and seems the main threat to JALNA GIRL (10)
- 10. JALNA GIRL** - 5 wins and a 2nd place in last 6 starts. Was commanding at Nantes and in similar form can repeat
- 11. JAGUAR D'OBRET** - Seldom lets the side down when focused but has not been seen out since December and is going to need the run
- 12. JOMA OV** - 2nd in a Class E over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Was denied a path when full of running at Angers next time, and can make amends if kept out of trouble
- 13. GO FAST ROC** - Not the horse he once was, has yet to impress this term, and from the back row is unlikely to spice things up
- 14. JAGUAR DJOB** - Won smartly at Carhaix on 12 April, then ran 4th, a place behind IMPERIALE MIVENCE (15), in a Durtal Class F on 1 May, and Julien Balu may just have the upper hand this time
- 15. IMPERIALE MIVENCE** - Facile winner of a Reims Class E mid-April prior to running 3rd in a Durtal Class F a fortnight later. Beat a number of 7yo's that day and can again compete for a place in the picture

Summary: The big-hitters are on the second row here and it's JALNA GIRL (10) who looks the one to beat yet again. She has been a veritable dynamo this year in both the amateur and professional ranks, and after romping at Nantes, will be hard to oppose. JACKSON BOY (9), however, will be barefoot for his first objective of the season and can apply the pressure. Nicely-engaged here, JAGUAR DJOB (14) is plainly in fine fettle and will not be far off the mark, and neither should the even better-entered IMPERIALE MIVENCE (15) who appears to be back at her best.

SELECTIONS

JALNA GIRL (10) - JACKSON BOY (9) - JAGUAR DJOB (14) - IMPERIALE MIVENCE (15)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
MAGICO (211)

Outsider of the day

JOIE GIBUS (709)

Reverse forecast

LADY DU CEDRE (403) - LANISTER SMART (407)

Three pick of the day

MAGICO (211) - LANISTER SMART (407) - JALNA GIRL (810)