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R4 LAVAL [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX PAUL DELANOE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E -
Harness - EUR € 24.000**

- 1. IROQUOIS DIGEO** - Alternates the good with the less good but imposed under these conditions last month. First time barefoot and must not be underestimated
- 2. ISIDORO DIDAN** - Placed just once in three at Laval and in this company will have his work cut out
- 3. IL TROTTE JARL** - Considerably better in the other code and not a realistic proposition
- 4. I AM DE LA COUR** - Useful dual-purpose type but unseen since January and will need the outing
- 5. ITTY D'AIMTE** - Delicate but useful on a good day. Steps up in class but could still get a look in
- 6. IPSO SIMARDIERE** - Previously a good sort but disappointing this year and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 7. IMHOTEP FROMENTRO** - Winner of last two outings when barefoot. Reassured at La Capelle and can go one better this time
- 8. INVITE D'OBRET** - Recently showed a return to form following a pair of lacklustre efforts. Hind shoes off but others still preferred
- 9. IN PETTO** - Imposed on lone appearance at the venue. Not as effective since but barefoot this time and worth noting
- 10. IPSOS DE BANVILLE** - Moderate trotter making first appearance for 3.5 months and not an obvious choice
- 11. IRUN DU BOCAGE** - Highly capable trotter that should be fit by now. Won last time with just front pads fitted and must be retained
- 12. IVALO DU BOCAGE** - Has raced well for the most part this term. Sanctioned last time but expected to make amends and can be backed with confidence
- 13. IMPACT JET** - Not the most dependable but has ability. One race in him since the break and with front shoes off this time can get straight back in the game
- 14. ISO DE KERYANN** - Good consistent sort that went close here last time out. Comes back fresh and can again challenge for the win

Summary : Unproven going left-handed until finishing second at La Capelle earlier in the month, IMHOTEP FROMENTRO (7) goes barefoot this time and with stride in check should have the measure of the in-form and recent Laval second, ISO DE KERYANN (14). Effective at this level, IMPACT JET (13) should be fit by now and with front shoes off for the occasion will be competitive. Course-and-distance winner last month, IROQUOIS DIGEO (1) races first-time unshod all four and could well play the role of spoiler.

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SELECTIONS

IMHOTEP FROMENTRO (7) - ISO DE KERYANN (14) - IMPACT JET (13) - IROQUOIS
DIGEO (1)

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**C2 - PRIX JEAN MARY - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class D - Mounted -
EUR € 35.000**

- 1. HOMER DE FROMENTEL** - Consistently tough campaigner returning fresh to a track he likes and looks set to pick up where he left off
- 2. DEVS DEFINITIF** - Classy Swedish import that has taken well to his new vocation. Will be fresh and another solid run anticipated
- 3. ELIXIR** - Sprang a massive surprise when third at Argentan 10 days ago but a repeat looks highly unlikely
- 4. ETNA DU LUPIN** - Moderate sort with decent aptitude but struggled on re-entry and must show improvement
- 5. HERMES DE CORDAY** - No closer than 4th in last 11 starts and can expect to generate little interest
- 6. CHANDELLES** - Has acquitted herself well since leaving Norway and can trot her way onto the podium
- 7. FURIE D'AUTHISE** - Imposed in Paris to kick off the new year but below-par since and must raise her game
- 8. HERE I GO AGAIN** - Very hard to fault since the winter. Appreciates these conditions and is not incapable of opening his seasonal account
- 9. FAMOUS PORT** - Previously a good sort but has been off the boil for some time
- 10. FARANDOLE DI PALBA** - Unseen since December and unraced under the saddle since March 2021, but is very capable when behaved and is not to be overlooked
- 11. FIONA DE COQUERIE** - Took little time getting back in the winners circle following the break and if applied can give this a good go
- 12. ATIK DL** - Debuts in the discipline following a disappointing period under harness and no fireworks anticipated

Summary : After a successful winter meeting in Paris, HOMER DE FROMENTEL (1) returns from a well-earned break and considering his liking for Laval can get straight back down to business. There will be considerable resistance though from the ever-consistent, and Laval-loving, HERE I GO AGAIN (8) who is going through a bout of 'seconditis'. DEVS DEFINITIF (2) has not been seen out for over two months but he has bags of ability and if fully fit can make a big impact. CHANDELLES (6) has yet to win since coming to France but regularly finishes in the thick of things.

SELECTIONS

**HOMER DE FROMENTEL (1) - HERE I GO AGAIN (8) - DEVS DEFINITIF (2) -
CHANDELLES (6)**

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C3 - PRIX THIERRY DENUAULT - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 27.000

1. **HURZY DE LUNE** - Undeniably capable but stays shod for second start back and best to hold off
2. **HED** - Returned to form during the winter after a lean period but unraced for 2.5 months
3. **GUERILLA SOMOLLI** - Gave an excellent account on Mauquenchy comeback three weeks ago and in shape form will be no pushover
4. **GODEFROY DU LOISIR** - Superb campaigner in the other code but under harness can be ruled out
5. **HEXCELLENTE** - Has some merit but off the track since early February
6. **HENRY DE TROUVILLE** - Fine servant that took little time getting back in shape following the winter break. Is barefoot for step back up in class and looks main threat to HADDOCK DU CLOS (8)
7. **GLOSS FOUTEAU** - Modest individual with just one race in him since last summer and will have nothing to offer
8. **HADDOCK DU CLOS** - Remarkably consistent type that comes here on a 4-timer. Yet to produce the goods at Laval but in current form is hard to ignore
9. **GALA D'ARTISTE** - Quality element but unseen since December and will need the run
10. **HONEY KING** - Twice a winner in three starts this year. Never successful here but in present form is still worth retaining
11. **GENERAL DE CONNEE** - Previously a decent sort but lost his way last season and has picked up where he left off
12. **GUNNAR LA MESANGE** - No slouch on a good day but better at a lower level and chances limited
13. **HOUSTON PEJI** - Quality element that imposed at Rambouillet when unshod behind. Is clearly in form and will not be far off the mark
14. **HIPPARIS** - Erratic but even having shown improvement last time will still struggle to make his mark
15. **HIZIA MARANDAISE** - Hardy mare with references at a superior level. Returned to winning ways earlier in the month and justifiably bids to double her money
16. **HERO SIBEY** - Serious trotter making first appearance of the year. Stays shod but has the quality to make it into the money

Summary : Even after a 15-months' absence, HADDOCK DU CLOS (8) lost none of his shine and has been simply dynamic since his winter comeback. A fourth straight win looks very gettable but Mathieu Mottier will still be wary of the tough HENRY DE TROUVILLE (6) who secured 5 in a row last season. HIZIA MARANDAISE (15) opened her 2023 account recently and is sure to garner support, as should the in-form HOUSTON PEJI (13) who rarely lets the side down when unshod behind.

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**HADDOCK DU CLOS (8) - HENRY DE TROUVILLE (6) - HIZIA MARANDAISE (15) -
HOUSTON PEJI (13)**

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C4 - PRIX LOUIS BAUDRON - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 35.000

1. **ESMONDO** - Last picked up a cheque 8 months ago and is not about to spring any surprises
2. **ENJOLEUR LEMAN** - Completely out of the picture in every start this term and will have few friends
3. **EXTRA DU CHATAULT** - Decent trotter that has raced better lately than results would suggest and deserves to be taken seriously
4. **ERODE LUDOIS** - Modest individual that has not been seen out since December and will have nothing to offer
5. **ENDURO** - Clearly capable but still being conditioned after the break and best to hold off
6. **GALON DE VIRE** - Blows hot and cold but in cracking form right now. Denied a gap last time when full of running but can more than make amends
7. **FAMEUX DESTIN** - Won two on the trot earlier in the year before flopping at Enghien. Stays shod this time and others preferred
8. **FETICHE ATOUT** - Quality element that should be fully fit by now. Boasts decent credentials at this level and should not be far off the mark
9. **FILOU DE CHARDET** - Solid type but races shod for re-entry and best to hold off
10. **DRACO JIEL** - Likes Laval but disappointing so far this year and needs to reaffirm
11. **DOZULE GITAN** - Specialist in the monté code and has other priorities
12. **ELIXIR DE CRENNES** - Serious sort that seldom disappoints when barefoot. Twice a winner here and will again have his chances
13. **GHOSTBUSTER** - At the top of his game in recent weeks. Reunited with champion driver and hopes high of a second success of the season
14. **EGINE PRECIEUSE** - Exceptionally consistent mare that went close last time here. First start of the season but goes barefoot for the occasion and should not be underestimated
15. **DROP DE COLLEVILLE** - Veteran that seems more at home in the claiming division these days and can be ruled out
16. **GAZOLINE DU SEUX** - Has raced particularly well this year and latterly imposed at Vincennes. Comes here fresh and can challenge for a place on the podium

Summary : Back in business lately since returning to racing barefoot, and a course-and-distance winner last season, GHOSTBUSTER (13) will be reined by Eric Raffin this time and will logically garner the lion's share of support. GALON DE VIRE (6) did however win an Enghien Class C last month before enduring some tough luck across town next time and should prove the favourite's principal danger. ELIXIR DE CRENNES (12) excels when barefoot and is competitively well in here, as is the hardy FETICHE ATOUT (8) who is clearly on the way back up.

SELECTIONS

GHOSTBUSTER (13) - GALON DE VIRE (6) - ELIXIR DE CRENNES (12) - FETICHE ATOUT

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C5 - PRIX GASTON ROUSSEL - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

- 1. JETROVNA DU VIVIER** - Winner of three from five. Lacklustre on re-entry but hind shoes off for first time and can make amends
- 2. JAZZ D'OLIVERIE** - Unexceptional sort from the Guarato powerhouse and unlikely to spring any surprises on comeback
- 3. JET EXPRESS** - Quality element that climbed the class ladder well last year but unraced since and best to wait
- 4. JAKOTA DU PERCHE** - Showed good potential last season. Just one race under his belt this term though and appears to require another outing
- 5. JUST ORLANDO** - Still a maiden from 11 and even though having gone close more than once, stride issues will deny him much support
- 6. JUNIOR DU CHERISAY** - Unexceptional colt that has yet to show any form this year and can be passed over
- 7. JAGERBOMB** - Just one blip on his formsheet in six career starts. Moves up in class but still looks to have a lot to offer
- 8. JIROBELLO** - Has done nothing but improve since returning to competition but at this level is unlikely to complement recent turf victory
- 9. JUEN EMONDEVILLE** - Appears to be at the top of his game. First time unshod behind and the Raffin-factor cannot be ignored
- 10. JINKGO VEETA** - Solid sort that got straight down to business on comeback. In better company this time but one to note all the same
- 11. JADE HERINIÈRE** - Moderate type that has failed to shine yet this term. Revised shoeing formula but still not an obvious choice
- 12. JE ME SOUVIENS** - Useful filly that has pleased in both starts this year. First time barefoot and looks a serious proposition
- 13. JOCKEY** - Serious colt that went close on only start here. Showed his form on comeback and on good behaviour can get off the mark for the year
- 14. JOHN MAGIC** - Sanctioned here earlier in the month but otherwise a faithful servant with considerable ability and can impose
- 15. JAVA CAILLERIE** - Capable when applied but sanctioned early at Cherbourg and others easier to back
- 16. JAZZY CUT** - Showed decent aptitude last season. Unraced since December but goes unshod behind and must be worth retaining

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Summary : A serious colt when applied, JOCKEY (13) comported himself very well on re-entry here in spite of an early sanction and if applied this time may well have the edge over the improving JOHN MAGIC (14) who also fell foul of the stewards that day. Solid in both appearances this term, JE ME SOUVIENS (12) goes first-time barefoot and improvement is expected. JUEN EMONDEVILLE (9) has turned a corner lately and the new shoeing formula could pay dividends.

SELECTIONS

JOCKEY (13) - JOHN MAGIC (14) - JE ME SOUVIENS (12) - JUEN EMONDEVILLE (9)

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C6 - PRIX YVONNICK BODIN - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Apprentices-Conditional-Jockeys - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 23.000

1. **HAVANE ORANGE** - Capricious mare that has done nothing noteworthy for some time and will have few takers
2. **FLEUR DU LANDRET** - A complete write-off for past 13 months
3. **HERMINE DU GUELIER** - Unraced since winning in the south mid-January and will not be over-taxed
4. **GALINKA DE GENNES** - Decent type with nothing to prove in this category but unraced since January and will need the outing
5. **HEDENE BESP** - Disappointing on the whole since last summer and can be ruled out
6. **FASELMA** - Has evident ability but sanctioned too often this term to warrant much support
7. **GAVROCHE D'OMBLAIS** - Solid type in this code. Reassured recently and racing unshod all four will have a lot to offer
8. **FAVORI JET** - Seldom fails to give a good account when applied. Drops back in category and will be competitive for the win
9. **HARBELLA** - Trotted a good second over track and trip last month. Below-par behind GLORIA MIX (10) next time but expected to bounce back at a venue she likes
10. **GLORIA MIX** - No champion but always gives her best. Surprise second at Enghien last week and will not be sent off at 36/1 this time around
11. **FLYNN HEROLD** - Below-par in both codes this season and needs to get his house in order
12. **HERCULE MADRIK** - New to the discipline but has demonstrated enough aptitude under harness to be considered a decent candidate on his monté debut
13. **GUAPITA LAUMAX** - Won at Caen last month but shoes back on here and best to wait
14. **FIMOKO STAR** - Back in shape following a lean patch but takes on some better horses this time and a minor place prospect at best
15. **GUCCIA** - Nothing noteworthy on her formcard for some time and will have few friends
16. **FRIMEUR DU START** - Fourth on maiden monté start of the year but still not good enough to make his mark on this occasion
17. **GAGNANT GEMA** - Unbeaten in two starts so far this term. Appreciates Laval and looks thoroughly capable of making it three on the trot
18. **GADGET DU GADE** - Can prove a handful but otherwise very effective under the saddle and on good behaviour can make a big splash

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Summary : After a well-earned break, GAGNANT GEMA (17) returned to the track in top form last month and has won both of his starts since; he has yet to disappoint at Laval and can pull off the hat-trick. That said, FAVORI JET (8) drops back down the class ladder and should logically show improvement. GAVROCHE D'OMBLAIS (7) got back in the game at Cherbourg recently and racing barefoot for the occasion will only work to his advantage. GADGET DU GADE (18) returns to his code of choice with legitimate ambition.

SELECTIONS

GAGNANT GEMA (17) - FAVORI JET (8) - GAVROCHE D'OMBLAIS (7) - GADGET DU GADE (18)

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**C7 - PRIX PROSPER ET GUY LAISIS - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class F
- Harness - EUR € 18.000**

- 1. KOSTELLO DE LOU** - Racecourse debutant from a stable in cracking form and with Alexandre Abrivard at the helm will be afforded every chance
- 2. KALPONE DE GUEZ** - Out of luck in both starts last season. Unseen since and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 3. KENAVO** - Gave a good account on debut early April. Will have come on for the run and looks capable of picking up another cheque
- 4. KAOS DE LA COTE** - Looks a decent sort in the making but faces a stiff test in this field
- 5. KISMIE DE MEMARTIN** - Modest filly that has yet to shine and can be confidently ruled out
- 6. KAPORAL DU PONT** - Delicate sort but not without merit. Entrusted to Raffin for the occasion but still not an obvious choice
- 7. KAIROS ECUS** - Sanctioned in two of three but is certainly a promising colt and must be taken seriously
- 8. KIF DU BIEF** - Showed considerable potential when going close first time out. Changes direction and looks capable of opening his account
- 9. KALINA STAR** - Pleased at Vire on second start but takes a hike in class and will struggle to make much of an impression
- 10. KILLER SUN DRALIAM** - Always gives his best but is no champion and will have too much to do
- 11. KOKA RIGHT** - Has done nothing but improve since his Angers debut. Appreciates Laval and should not be ruled out
- 12. KATSUKI** - Placed just once in five starts to date and can be passed over
- 13. KASHMIR JADOR** - Endured a tough start to his career but has begun to show improvement and will have his supporters
- 14. KOLDIMA D'AUT** - Won on debut last season. Given an easy re-entry here earlier in the month but will be fit and should not be underestimated
- 15. KRIKETTE DE ROCHE** - Encouraged here earlier in the year before going closer at La Capelle next time. In better company on this occasion but worth watching all the same
- 16. KINGSTON DU BOURG** - Won on turf recently first time out. Changes direction and surface but still one to note

Summary : Not the easiest of races to handicap but a significant amount of support is sure to go to the Gabriele Gelomini-driven KIF DU BIEF (8) who missed out by little on his Lisieux debut eleven days ago. KOSTELLO DE LOU (1) is untried but he qualified well and hails from a stable in top form. Although still rather green, KAIROS ECUS (7) has shown potential and with application can go far. Already a winner and with one race under her belt this term, KOLDIMA D'AUT (14) could pleasantly surprise.

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SELECTIONS

KIF DU BIEF (8) - KOSTELLO DE LOU (1) - KAIROS ECUS (7) - KOLDIMA D'AUT (14)

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C8 - PRIX GASTON PELTIER - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Amateurs - Class G - Harness - EUR € 6.000

1. **FITO PRIOR** - Capricious sort that left his stride issues behind at Alençon and if applied can again figure prominently
2. **FAROUCHE** - Has looked very ordinary in both codes for some time and will generate little to no interest
3. **GIBUS DU MOULIN** - Gives a good account for the most part. At home in the amateur division and with application can make the most of his front-row spot
4. **FONCE VICOMTE** - Unexceptional sort that has yet to get into his stride and will need the run
5. **FABIO DE LA VALLEE** - Modest type that showed improvement at Pontchâteau but a repeat looks unlikely
6. **GASTON DU ROC** - Lost his way last summer. Unraced since and no threat
7. **FREGATE HAUFOR** - Regularly in the thick of things when barefoot. Imposed well at Le Mans and from the front line can double her money
8. **GOLF DU BUISSON** - Versatile sort that seldom lets the side down and once again expected to finish in first three
9. **EVER FAVORI** - Left a good impression here following the spell. Considerable improvement left and should be good enough to challenge FREGATE HAUFOR (7)
10. **EBENITO D'AURCY** - Superb servant in this category but makes first appearance since September and best to hold off
11. **FEE DES GOSSETS** - Moderate sort that occasionally surprises but shoes back on and can be passed over
12. **EMIR DE L'ESQUE** - Gave a decent account behind FREGATE HAUFOR (7) at Le Mans. Races with front pads again and will not be sent out at 86/1 this time
13. **EMIR DU PASSAGE** - No slouch on a good day but has just one race under his belt and a minor place chance at best
14. **ETHAN DRIVE** - Has earned hardly anything for past two years and is not about to buck the trend
15. **EGERIE DES JOSCO** - Has form in the amateur division but has not been seen out for some time

Summary : Exceptionally good in the amateur division, FREGATE HAUFOR (7) won in good order at Le Mans two weeks ago and given her liking for Laval must be considered the best candidate. A winner here last winter, EVER FAVORI (9) is 25m worse off but caught the eye last time out and looks dangerous. GOLF DU BUISSON (8) always gives her best and while unlikely to impose should still make the frame. GIBUS DU MOULIN (3) starts in front and with application will not be far from the action.

SELECTIONS

FREGATE HAUFOR (7) - EVER FAVORI (9) - GOLF DU BUISSON (8) - GIBUS DU MOULIN

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