

R2 MESLAY-DU-M. [R-H]

C1 - PRIX FRANCE BLEU MAYENNE - 2875m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MELLINA DE MAI** - Unremarkable filly that seldom makes her presence felt and is not about to start now
- 2. MOI PLUS TOI** - Has failed to make much of an impact in 3 starts since imposing at Challans in February. Shoes fitted and no threat
- 3. MASSETTA BELLA** - Will be shod to preference after having prepped at Laval a month back. Imposed under these conditions late last season and, with stride in check, can get in on the action
- 4. MADISHA JOSSELYN** - Showed promise last season but has looked decidedly ordinary so far this term and will have nothing to offer
- 5. MONONOKE DE BRETT** - Lost her maiden status at Lisieux 11 days ago when comfortably securing a Class F, but is taking on too much this time
- 6. MUSE DU VALLON** - Useful sort that has demonstrated decent aptitude for racing right-handed. Showed her form at Angers earlier in the month and can play a leading role if kept out of harm's way
- 7. MELODY DU DIGEON** - Won over course and distance on re-entry in early-April. Less effective in next 2 though and in this company looks no more than a minor place prospect
- 8. MISS DAM LORRAINE** - Has shown notable improvement since beginning to race barefoot, latterly runner-up in a Saint-Brieuc Class E late last month. Is in better company here but has a lot more to offer and must be respected
- 9. MAGIA LA TRIGALE** - Has been enjoying a decent run of form, latterly 4th in a Vire Class E 10 days ago, and will not be available at 72-1 this time
- 10. MAISY DU DONJON** - Races competitively-shod for the first time after having held her own in 2 recent clockwise training runs. Franck Nivard in the bike here and is very hard to ignore
- 11. MINERVE DE VANDEL** - Unlucky at Laval in February, last time under harness, but has twice since excelled in the other code. Barefoot for return to racing right-handed and Eric Raffin will be keen to put things right
- 12. MARINA DE FAEL** - Useful filly that was given an introduction to racing clockwise on comeback on 11 May. Will have been well-schooled at home and should be more than capable of winning this

Summary: Although still a bit green last year, MARINA DE FAEL (12) nevertheless showed considerable potential. Given an easy re-entry at Argentan 2.5 weeks ago, she races barefoot for the first time and, if applied, can wrap this up. Théo Duvaldestin will still want to be wary of MUSE DU VALLON (6) who would have finished close at Angers last month had she not suffered interference, and MAISY DU DONJON (10) who has been reconfigured for her first real objective of the spring. MISS DAM LORRAINE (8) has taken her game up a notch recently and is patently close to her race.

SELECTIONS

MARINA DE FAEL (12) - MUSE DU VALLON (6) - MAISY DU DONJON (10) - MISS DAM LORRAINE (8)

C2 - PRIX DES TULIPES - 2875m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 17,500

- 1. NIGHT QUEEN** - Untried filly that was never pushed in qualification last summer. Has had time to come into herself and will be worth monitoring first time out
- 2. NAUSICAA DEUGE** - Has yet to show any particular flair for the harness game and is unlikely to create an upset
- 3. NUANCE DE STAR** - Debuted nicely at Tours in early-April but has failed to make her mark in 2 since and will have few friends
- 4. NOUMEA DU CHATELET** - Has already raced 13 times, has yet to finish closer than 5th, and can be confidently passed over
- 5. NAGOYA DE LOU** - Made up somewhat for first 2 starts, when 2nd in a Gournay-en-Bray Class G 2.5 weeks ago. Will be pitted against better this time but still merits respect
- 6. NOUSHANA** - Takes on a better bunch after having run 2nd on debut 2 weeks ago at Le Grand-Fougeray. Beat a number of colts that day and will generate some interest
- 7. NIKITA DE BEAUM** - Qualified respectably here last November, ran 2nd on debut at Neuillé-Pont-Pierre late last month, but others easier to back on this occasion
- 8. NOVA ODESSA HAUFOR** - Well-related filly that ran 2nd in a 2525m Class G at Savigny-sur-Braye on debut a fortnight back. Faces a tougher bunch here but is clearly a good future prospect and unlikely to disappoint. Chance
- 9. NOCCIOLINA** - Made up for being eliminated on debut at Chartres when close 2nd in a Saint-Malo Class F early last month. Comes here fresh, with Alexis Collette reining, and will be no easy touch
- 10. NINA PRIMO** - Yet to deliver this term but showed considerable promise on debut at Cabourg last December. Is unlikely to open her account but will be fit and, with application, can pick up some prizemoney
- 11. NIKITA JAMES** - Ran 3rd at Ecommoy first time out, then repeated behind NOVA ODESSA HAUFOR (8) at Savigny-sur-Braye 2 weeks ago. Trainer back in the bike and can again finish close
- 12. NACRE DE MOUTIERS** - Gave a fine account first time out, running 2nd in a Lisieux Class F on 17 May. Should appreciate the new conditions and will be well-backed to impose

Summary: Runner-up at Lisieux recently on her debut, NACRE DE MOUTIERS (12) will be entrusted to Eric Raffin for the occasion and could well get off the mark this time. NOVA ODESSA HAUFOR (8) moves to a hard surface after having debuted nicely on turf and similarly warrants respect. NOVA ODESSA HAUFOR (8) finished a place behind her that day and can again figure prominently, but may first have to see off NOVA ODESSA HAUFOR (8) who will be sporting pads for the first time.

SELECTIONS

NACRE DE MOUTIERS (12) - NOVA ODESSA HAUFOR (8) - NOCCIOLINA (9) - NIKITA JAMES (11)

C3 - PRIX DU JASMIN - 2875m (a2m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 17,500

1. **NORTH RIM** - Made short work of his qualification last autumn. Comes to Meslay with a certain reputation and can make a big splash if as good as believed
2. **NUAGE D'ENFER** - Gave a good account of herself despite being sanctioned at Lisieux 11 days ago, first time out. Top pilot in the bike this time and will not be far off the mark if he keeps him trotting
3. **NOTRE PRINCE** - Was well-beaten on debut when 6th of 13 in a Cholet Class F on 1 May, and will need to find significantly more
4. **NARUTO UZUMAKI** - Gave a good account on re-entry at Le Mont-Saint-Michel, coming 4th in a Class F mid-month. Will have come on for the race and will have his supporters
5. **NOAH DES MALBERAUX** - Ran 4th at Lisieux last month before repeating in a Saint-Malo Class F early this month, and even with 4 pads fitted cannot be considered a priority
6. **NABUCCO JOSSELYN** - Put on a good show at Jullouville on debut 11 days ago, coming 2nd of 11. Takes on a better lot here but is certainly up to the task and should not disappoint
7. **NYNO DE TROUVILLE** - Unexceptional sort that has yet to wow his connections and is unlikely to start now
8. **NASSFELD** - Has not been seen out since coming 2nd in a Rambouillet Class F 2 months ago. May be a little race-rusty and others preferred
9. **NOMADE BOY** - Beaten only by a good Duvaldestin horse on debut in late-April. Has had the time to get back to his best and is in with a realistic shout of getting off the mark this time
10. **NOTTINGHAM PLACE** - Sports 4 pads for the first time after coming 5th, a place behind NOAH DES MALBERAUX (5), in a Saint-Malo Class F early this month, and will not be sent out at 234-1 on this occasion

Summary: NOMADE BOY (9) gave a fine account on debut at Challans late last month, will have progressed for the run, and can get off the mark this time. Eric Raffin will still be keeping a keen eye on well-regarded debutant NORTH RIM (1) who posted the second-fastest qualifying time, and the promising Sassier-trained NABUCCO JOSSELYN (6) who did everything asked of him on debut recently. Even though eliminated on his racecourse bow, NUAGE D'ENFER (2) nevertheless showed his form and Alexis Collette will be at the helm this time.

SELECTIONS

NOMADE BOY (9) - NORTH RIM (1) - NABUCCO JOSSELYN (6) - NUAGE D'ENFER (2)

C4 - PRIX INSERT GEDE - 2875m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 20,000

1. **MANHATTAN CERA** - Showed some aptitude last year but starts for the first time since October and can be ruled out
2. **MILZANO DU BOSSU** - Disappointing in last 2 starts, both going left-handed. Has never delivered racing clockwise and is unlikely to begin now
3. **MISTER CAPELLO** - Put a trio of eliminations behind him to win a Questembert Class F 11 days ago, but faces a stiffer test this time and others easier to back
4. **MONCOEUR DE DYPP** - Won a Reims Class F on re-entry early last month, at 28-1. Unsurprisingly failed to confirm at Laval next time and can be passed over
5. **MIRACLE D'ALEXIANE** - Showed serious form prior to being sent for a rest. Gave a good account at Nantes on comeback, will be reunited with Benjamin Rochard, and should not let the side down
6. **MOJI DE VANDEL** - 2nd over course and distance on re-entry mid-March. Has not been as sharp in 2 subsequent outings but cannot be discounted either
7. **MORPHEUS DE GUEZ** - Has picked up this year where he left off in 2025. Just missed out at Cholet last month and certainly has the wherewithal to get his nose in front this time
8. **MADE IN MOUROTAIS** - In the frame in 2 of last 3, most recently 2nd in an Angers Class F earlier in the month. Beaten only by a very good horse that day and it will not be long before he trots his way back into the winners' circle
9. **MUST PLEIN CHENE** - Made up for April elimination when 3rd of 13, a place behind MAESTRO VET (13), in a 2450m Caen Class E on 16 May. Is not a priority but can nevertheless make his presence felt
10. **MEARAS PAULOIS** - Sent for a spell after winning 2 on the trot, and ran excellent 3rd in an Angers Class E on re-entry early last month. Will have improved for the race and may just prove the main danger to MORPHEUS DE GUEZ (7)
11. **MIRAGE DE BRAY** - Won twice last summer but has failed to make much of an impact over recent weeks and must first reaffirm
12. **MILTON DU CHATELET** - Has yet to deliver in 3 starts this term. Has been re-shod for the occasion but still looks an outsider
13. **MAESTRO VET** - Made up for Cholet blip when close 2nd in a Caen Class E 12 days ago. Is unlikely to lose his maiden tag but can still trot his way onto the podium
14. **MIRABILIS VRIE** - Hardy colt that was given an easy re-entry at Le Mans a week ago. Will have come on for the run and, considering the entry, should have a reasonable shout at picking up a first-5 payout
15. **MAESTRO DES SARTS** - Benefits from a terrific entry here but has not been seen out since December and will have nothing to contribute

Summary: A fine servant that has already produced the goods for Eric Raffin, MORPHEUS DE GUEZ (7) has yet to fulfil his full potential and is easy to like for the win. The champion driver will be mindful though of Anthony Dollion's progressive MEARAS PAULOIS (10) who gave a very good account of herself on comeback here in early-April, and the in-form, well-engaged, and reconfigured, MAESTRO VET (13) who has proved himself over course and distance. MADE IN MOUROTAIS (8) has been knocking at the door and steps back up in category with a realistic chance of finishing in the mix.

SELECTIONS

MORPHEUS DE GUEZ (7) - MEARAS PAULOIS (10) - MAESTRO VET (13) - MADE IN MOUROTAIS (8)

**C5 - PRIX FETE CHASSE ET PECHE DE MESLAY - 2875m (a2m) - Class E Amateur Riders - Harness -
EUR € 25,000**

- 1. JUNON DES ROSES** - Gave a fine account at Angers before showing improvement at Saint-Malo last Saturday, despite stride issues, and on better behaviour can contest the finish
- 2. KETAMINE D'UZE** - Has nothing to prove at this level, has a pair of fresheners under her belt, is in race-mode, and with application can play a leading role
- 3. INDIAN PARK** - Takes a dip in category after running 6th in a Vire Class E 10 days ago. Has no Meslay references but is still good enough to pick up some prizemoney
- 4. IN LOVE GEDE** - Has done nothing noteworthy for some time and in this company has no realistic chance
- 5. KISS ATOUT** - Ran 3rd in a Laon Class D 11 days ago on just 2nd start back. Will be at peak fitness by now and looks the one to beat this time
- 6. JAFLO GEMA** - Ran 2nd in 2 before failing to deliver in a Vichy Class F 2.5 weeks ago. Should not be too hastily-judged though and could pleasantly surprise
- 7. KELLY GEDE** - Seldom far from the action when she can stay in stride. Ran 2nd under these conditions last time here and returns to racing clockwise with a good hand to play
- 8. INSTAGRAM** - Steps up in category after running 3rd in a Bernay claimer 10 days ago. Has previously won here but is not about to spice things up
- 9. KYOKA BOCNEUF** - Useful sort with solid Meslay references but has not been seen out since December and is going to need the race
- 10. KANDIE DJOB** - Good servant for the most part when she can stay focused. Reassured at Jullouville-les-Pins recently and even though shod, should not be overlooked
- 11. IL MIO** - Showed marginal improvement in a Le Neubourg Class H on Monday, but backs up shod and can be ignored

Summary: An excellent campaigner when barefoot and focused, KISS ATOUT (5) reassured at Laon recently and, at home racing clockwise, can win this. JUNON DES ROSES (1), though, is plainly on the right road and will not go down without a fight. The complicated KETAMINE D'UZE (2) won her only start here, is competitively-shod for her first objective of the year, and must be taken seriously. KELLY GEDE (7) has shown a liking for these conditions and in current condition is difficult to ignore.

SELECTIONS

KISS ATOUT (5) - JUNON DES ROSES (1) - KETAMINE D'UZE (2) - KELLY GEDE (7)

C6 - PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME DE LA BRETONNIERE - 2875m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. **LE LIBERTY** - Flattering 4th, some way off 3rd-placed LOOKING BOY (10) in a Vire Class E on 18 May. Runs shod this time and is unlikely to influence the result
2. **LOULOU BOY** - Has ample ability but has yet to get into his stride this term. Is not a priority but is worth monitoring all the same
3. **LAURA DE TOUCHYVON** - Won 2 from 3 before losing her action in an Argentan Class F 2.5 weeks ago. Has a particular liking for the venue and on good behaviour can figure prominently
4. **LADY MAURE** - Dependable element backing up after coming 2nd in a Rostrenen Class F last Saturday, but at this level will have no possible chance
5. **LET'S GO HAUFOR** - Eliminated more often than not but can trot. Is patently in race-mode here and on good behaviour will have a lot to contribute. Place chance
6. **LORQUET** - Showed marked improvement at Reims on Monday, coming 4th in a 2500m Class E. Is not about to spring a surprise but still has the wherewithal to make first 5
7. **LOOK DES CAILLONS** - Won 2 of 3 before faulting in Toulouse, but reassured at Cholet late last month and will be no pushover if he stays in stride
8. **LUDO PAROYO** - Has raced little since his 3yo season and has not been seen out for over 2 months. Disregard
9. **LUCKY JOSSELYN** - Is nicely-entered here and has 2 runs under his belt since the layoff, but first needs to reaffirm
10. **LOOKING BOY** - Made up for a pair of eliminations when 3rd in a Vire Class E on 18 May. Is ideally-engaged close to the limit of earnings and will be justifiably well-fancied

Summary: Difficult to knock when focused, and already a winner for Eric Raffin, LOOKING BOY (10) reassured at Vire recently and can bring home the bacon if he stays trotting. LET'S GO HAUFOR (5) may not be the easiest horse to use but he has a pair of runs in him since the break and will be shod to preference. LOOK DES CAILLONS (7) has shown improvement since starting to race barefoot and looks competitive once more. Winner here in March, and winner at Challans the following month, LAURA DE TOUCHYVON (3) is easy to like for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

LOOKING BOY (10) - LET'S GO HAUFOR (5) - LOOK DES CAILLONS (7) - LAURA DE TOUCHYVON (3)

C7 - PRIX DES BENEVOLES - 2875m (a2m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR € 26,000

- 1. KERVIGNAC** - Tough trotter racing clockwise for the first time after having kicked the season off nicely. Top jockey in the irons and is in with a decent shout of imposing
- 2. KANGAE DE GUEZ** - Sprang a 13-1 surprise when victorious in a Class G at Le Mont-Saint-Michel a fortnight back. Has placed in 1 of 2 here and must be considered a priority
- 3. JOY MARANCOURT** - Has been a write-off in both codes since last summer and can be confidently ruled out
- 4. IPPON MAGIC** - Good dual-discipline type that has prepared for this under harness. Sports a fresh configuration, has previously delivered racing right-handed, but looks a minor place chance at best
- 5. JUST PACHA** - Can prove a handful but has merit. Is new to the venue but is well in on the front row and can give this a good go
- 6. KELVALSE CASTELETS** - Left a good impression at Caen 12 days ago when 4th of 11 in a 2450m Class F. Has not won for 2 years but is clearly in good shape and has a decent chance of making first 5
- 7. KIRCIE DE GUEZ** - Ran 3rd in Toulouse prior to repeating in a Royan Class F on 19 April. Has been reconfigured and although not a priority, is still worth keeping an eye on
- 8. HERACLES DU LAYON** - Has done nothing noteworthy so far this year and will have nothing to bring to the party
- 9. KILOU D'YMER** - Quality element returning to the provinces after a pair of good runs in Paris. Incurs the penalty but is a class above most here and can make his Meslay debut a winning one

Summary: KILOU D'YMER (9) may not have got his head in front for 14 months but he is seldom far from the action and in this company looks thoroughly capable of opening his 2026 tab. KERVIGNAC (1) is 25m better off, has done nothing to disappoint this term, runs barefoot, and benefits from Eric Raffin's services for the occasion. KANGAE DE GUEZ (2) opened her monte account 2 weeks ago and Jean-Yann Ricart will be out to prove it was no flash in the pan. JUST PACHA (5) benefits from a good entry and, if behaved, can finish close.

SELECTIONS

KILOU D'YMER (9) - KERVIGNAC (1) - KANGAE DE GUEZ (2) - JUST PACHA (5)

C8 - PRIX DE LA GEE-EQUIPEMENT DU CHEVAL - 2875m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. LORD DE Jafa** - Has placed just once in 6 starts this year. Shoes off this time but still not a concern
- 2. LASTRONAUT DANOVER** - It has taken a few runs this year but showed more last time out. Is new to the venue, and steps up in category, but can still contest a place in the frame
- 3. LIGHTNING ARCTIC** - Useful sort that has won 1 of 2 barefoot starts. Is barefoot for first start since late-December but is still going to need the race
- 4. LEOLIO** - Encouraged earlier in the year but has since gone off the boil and will have few takers
- 5. LIEUTENANT COLUMBO** - Should not be too hastily-judged for faulting on comeback at Argentan 2.5 weeks ago. Is confirmed here, rarely disappoints when applied, and can bring the fight to LOOKIERO (6)
- 6. LOOKIERO** - Serious element that ran 2nd in a Châtelailon-La Rochelle Class E on re-entry 2.5 weeks ago. Will have come on for the race, benefits from a terrific entry, and can make this his own
- 7. LORD DE BRION** - Is not devoid of ability but has yet to deliver this term and, shod this time, can be passed over
- 8. LOVER STILL** - Never far from faulting but has a race under his belt, is reunited with Benjamin Rochard, and sports modified shoeing. Place prospect
- 9. LOVER SIXTY ONE** - Previously a good sort but lost his way last season and has picked up this term where he left off

Summary: Lightly-raced he may be but LOOKIERO (6) showed considerable talent at 3 and 4. He was beaten only by a very good horse on comeback early this month and, even though yet to finish a race for Eric Raffin, he will still be sent out with the lion's share of support. Always competitive when focused, LIEUTENANT COLUMBO (5) put on a good show after being eliminated at Argentan on re-entry and will be partnered by Alexis Collette for the first time. LOVER STILL (8) is not always at his ease but he can trot when it suits him; he has been reconfigured for his Meslay bow and even from the 2nd line will be no soft touch. LASTRONAUT DANOVER (2) reassured somewhat at Saint-Malo earlier in the month and cannot be discounted.

SELECTIONS

LOOKIERO (6) - LIEUTENANT COLUMBO (5) - LOVER STILL (8) - LASTRONAUT DANOVER (2)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
KILOU D'YMER (709)

Outsider of the day
MUST PLEIN CHENE (409)

Reverse forecast
KERVIGNAC (701) - KILOU D'YMER (709)

Three pick of the day
MARINA DE FAEL (112) - KISS ATOUT (505) - KILOU D'YMER (709)