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R4 LAVAL [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX TALICIA BELLA - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - National - Class E -
Harness - EUR € 21.000**

- 1. JERK HAUFOR** - Regularly in the thick of things when focused. Imposed at Saint-Galmier before losing the race in the stewards' room and, on better behaviour, can play a prominent role
- 2. J'ADORE CHENEVIERE** - Gives a good account for the most part at an inferior level and is unlikely to influence the result
- 3. JAZZ DU NOYER** - Pleased here earlier in the season but has since lost his way and can expect to have few friends
- 4. JASMINA DES PRES** - Showed early promise but has since shown the limits of her capacity and, even racing barefoot, looks to have too much to do
- 5. JEWEL DU NORD** - Still chasing that elusive first win after 32 starts. Just front shoes on this time however, and with Yoann Lebourgeois reining, could well pick up some prizemoney
- 6. JAVA LA RAVELLE** - Blows hot and cold but has ability. Would have better prospects a level down though
- 7. JUDOKA** - Not the most reliable but has placed in 2 of last 3. Should take well to the Laval profile and will have his supporters
- 8. JUSTE D'UN JOUR** - Has ample ability but somewhat below-par lately. Unshod all 4 this time though and improvement anticipated
- 9. JORLIC TEJY** - Respectable sort in this category. Should be race-fit following a pair of comeback runs and, with application, can make up for his Châteaubriant sanction
- 10. JUKEBOX DU SCION** - Course-and-distance winner during the spring but has struggled since being stepped up in class and chances limited
- 11. JELLY JAMM** - Decent mare that always gives her best but shoes back on this time and others preferred
- 12. JENKO DU HENNEQUIN** - Yet to get off the mark but is a promising sort. Champion driver in the sulky this time and will be dangerous if he assures his initial strides
- 13. JOB DE CHOISEL** - Serious sort that won his only start unshod all 4. Should be at peak fitness and can open his seasonal account
- 14. JOG JELOCA** - Useful for the most part and has shown improvement racing with pads. Gave a good account at Vire and, with form maintained, can repeat
- 15. JEDICOVA DICARI** - Decent future prospect but has just one race under her belt since the break and will need the run
- 16. JASMIN VIVANCIERE** - Went into his spell on a good note but has not been seen out since and best to hold off

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Summary : Impressive more than once over the winter months, JOB DE CHOISEL (13) has two runs in him since the break and, barefoot for the occasion, looks the pick of the field. He will be directly opposed by the promising JENKO DU HENNEQUIN (12) who has been entrusted to Eric Raffin this time, and JOG JELOCA (14) who reassured connections at Vire earlier in the month. Clearly capable but not currently finding his feet, JUSTE D'UN JOUR (8) gets to race barefoot this time and can start to come good again.

SELECTIONS

JOB DE CHOISEL (13) - JENKO DU HENNEQUIN (12) - JOG JELOCA (14) - JUSTE D'UN JOUR (8)

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C2 - PRIX ROYAL DREAM - 2050m (a1 1/4m) - National - Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24.000

1. **IVINDO DU BOCAGE** - Good monté horse making a soft re-entry following his layoff and can be ruled out
2. **ILTON DU BRAY** - Good class of trotter with a lot going for him here. Is well-placed on the front line and can return to winning ways
3. **INDIRISS** - Seldom seen racing left-handed but is plainly in excellent form and is ideally-positioned to give this a good go
4. **IMOKO ATOUT** - Not the easiest to handle but has excelled in current shoeing configuration. Latest run can be ignored and, from the 4-spot, should not be underestimated
5. **INTREPIDE DES BOIS** - Useful type that regularly finishes in the thick of things. Caught the eye in Paris last time and, in similar shape, can repeat
6. **ILLICO DE BOMO** - Heavily-campaigned type that regularly gives everything he has. Is in his category here and, with Eric Raffin in the sulky, will be given a competitive drive
7. **IMPACT DE L'ITON** - Occasionally a handful but otherwise always gives his best. Returns to racing left-handed under conditions which should suit him and, will be no pushover if Lagadeuc successfully navigates the start
8. **IDAHO LEGEND** - Lost his way after securing a double during the winter and even the shoeing change is unlikely to be enough for redemption
9. **INCREDIBLE TALENT** - Never the easiest to trust but has ability. Has never excelled at Laval but should not be far from the action if he can replicate the form he showed at Pornichet
10. **IN TO MARANCOURT** - Trotter with an extraordinary strike-rate. Has not been seen out for 3 months but is classier than most here and, even racing shod, can figure prominently
11. **INVITE D'OBRET** - Acquits himself well for the most part, and went close at Dieppe, but shoes back on and, from the 2nd line, will struggle to make any impression
12. **IF DE LA COUDRE** - Has evident ability but has been struggling of late. Change in shoeing formula this time but the draw will do him no favours
13. **IROCKO STRYCK** - Fine servant that turned a corner during the spring. Has not been seen out since though and best to wait
14. **INSIGHT SPOKEN** - Never far from losing his action but seldom disappoints when applied. Encouraged behind ILTON DU BRAY (2) last time but the draw does nothing to help his chances
15. **I LOVE LATAL** - Alternates the good with the less good but pleased at Tours earlier in the month. In this company though, will not find the going easy
16. **INDIEN DE FAEL** - Decent campaigner in the other code. Makes seasonal comeback and poses no threat

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Summary : ILTON DU BRAY (2) may be untried over this distance but he races barefoot this time, after a convincing effort here recently, with a leading driver in the sulky, and is well-positioned on the front line. That said, Lebourgeois can expect to encounter resistance from the better-placed IMOKO ATOUT (4) who won here before going in for his spring break, and IMPACT DE L'ITON (7) who will appreciate returning to a hard surface. INTREPIDE DES BOIS (5) left a very good impression at Vincennes last time and will generate considerably more interest on this occasion.

SELECTIONS

ILTON DU BRAY (2) - IMOKO ATOUT (4) - IMPACT DE L'ITON (7) - INTREPIDE DES BOIS (5)

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C3 - PRIX TRIODE DE FELLIERE - 2050m (a1 1/4m) - National - Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 24.000

1. **INCONDITIONNELLE** - By some margin better than the majority of the field. Can put her draw to good use and, with a new shoeing configuration, should put her Dieppe run to bed
2. **IDA DE BOITRON** - No slouch on a good day and established her Laval references earlier in the summer. The 2-spot stands her in good stead and she should not disappoint
3. **ISIS PASSION** - Hardy sort that rarely lets the side down. Returned to winning ways recently and, although in better company this time, will not be inconvenienced by the draw
4. **ILARIA KILY** - Erratic but has an abundance of ability. Imposed smartly last time out and from the 4-spot will have her chances
5. **ILONA DE NERET** - Quality mare that has progressed well this summer. Would have finished closer with a better run last time but Matthieu Abrivard can put things right
6. **INES D'HERMES** - Tricky but talented monté horse making her seasonal comeback and has nothing to offer here
7. **INES DE L'ELLE** - Blows hot and cold but pleased in the provinces recently. Takes a hike in category though and a repeat looks highly improbable
8. **IRLANDAISE D'ARBAZ** - Considerably better than her formcard would suggest but has been handed a tough draw and is unlikely to shake things up
9. **IZARA DE CALVI** - Lost her way last season and still appears to be off the boil. Disregard
10. **IPSIE DE LA LUNE** - Not the most dependable but can trot when focused. Has placed in 2 of 3 here and looks set to rehabilitate herself
11. **IVORY WIND** - Won 3 on the trot before finishing a place behind ILONA DE NERET (5) in Paris. Lebourgeois has maintained faith and must be respected
12. **ISLAND GIS** - Not without merit but failed to impress in either return run and is unlikely to generate much interest
13. **IVORY PERRINE** - No slouch when barefoot but as she showed when imposing here earlier in the season, but still needs to step up her game
14. **ILLUSION DE BETTON** - In form during the spring but has been very disappointing since and must get her house in order
15. **IDEALE D'ARCEY** - Unremarkable mare that has not made the frame for almost a year and is not about to change her ways

Summary : Very impressive since starting to race barefoot, ILONA DE NERET (5) has a good spot in front and, unlucky at Vincennes recently, can set the record straight. Oddly below-par in two of her last three, INCONDITIONNELLE (1) has the inside line, modified shoeing, and a decent chance of challenging for the win. IDA DE BOITRON (2) has good base speed, is confirmed at Laval, and is well-placed to make a good fist of this. ILARIA KILY (4) has been handed the plum spot behind the car and a repeat of her recent run would see her go close once more.

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ILONA DE NERET (5) - INCONDITIONNELLE (1) - IDA DE BOITRON (2) - ILARIA KILY (4)

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**C4 - PRIX SCIPION GOUTIER - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class D - Harness - EUR
€ 35.000**

- 1. FALCO FUN** - Mixes the good with the less good but appears to have turned a corner lately. Has no particular love for Laval but can still get a look in
- 2. FAMEUX DESTIN** - Has ability but is not to everyone's liking. Has just one race in him since the break and will need the run
- 3. HOLD UP DU DIGEON** - Hardy element that always gives his best and can wrap this up in Franck Nivard gets him to the front early
- 4. HAVE SEVEN** - Regularly in the thick of things when applied, but is still being conditioned and best to hold off
- 5. ELIXIR DE CRENNES** - Has merit but has not been firing on all cylinders recently and will have little to offer
- 6. HURELLA** - Very hard to knock when barefoot and focused, but is unraced since April and will not be over-taxed
- 7. HEART OF GOLD** - Delicate sort with references in better company. Pleased on comeback and, with stride in check, can make his presence felt
- 8. GABELOU CARISAIE** - One of the most consistently productive horses in the field. Boasts a fine record at the venue, is shod differently this time and, in current form, is hard to ignore
- 9. ENZO DU KLAU** - Has won 8 of the 10 races he has run this year. Has never excelled at Laval but, in present shape, is an attractive place proposition
- 10. GALACTEE DE CHENU** - Not always the most reliable but has bags of ability. Takes a dip in class here and, with application, will be dangerous
- 11. HOLERO LOVE** - Excellent campaigner that confirmed here late June. Returns to a hard surface after winning a Craon Gr.3 and must be respected accordingly
- 12. FRANKLIN PARK** - Moderate trotter with better prospects in the claiming category and can be ruled out
- 13. HEDE DARLING** - Quality Norwegian import making his 2nd start for the Bazire stable. Hind shoes off this time and expected to make a significant impact
- 14. EXTRA DU CHATAULT** - Useful for the most part and goes well at Laval. Returns to racing barefoot and, with Lebourgeois reining, can make up for his recent Enghien disappointment
- 15. HERMINE GIRL** - Unremarkable mare that regularly disappoints in the harness code and is unlikely to make any impact
- 16. GLOIRE DU PERCHE** - Can prove tricky but is a quality mare. Has not been seen out since June though and will need the race

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Summary : One of the toughest horses here, HOLD UP DU DIGEON (3) has references at a superior level and if he gets hold of the lead, he won't let go. GALACTEE DE CHENU (10) is a quality mare dropping in class and will have her chances if Eric Raffin keeps her trotting. HEDE DARLING (13) has previously proved herself at group-level in Paris, is unshod behind for the occasion, and now in the hands of JMB, can play a significantly more prominent role. Four times a winner this season, including over course and distance, HOLERO LOVE (11) is at the top of his game and will have a good hand to play.

SELECTIONS

HOLD UP DU DIGEON (3) - GALACTEE DE CHENU (10) - HEDE DARLING (13) - HOLERO LOVE (11)

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

- 1. KEZIAH DE NAPPES** - Career debutante that set off no fireworks in qualification and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 2. KESHUA** - Useful filly with form in her own category but, in this company, will have her work cut out
- 3. KAPUSHA MIP** - Promising filly that met little opposition on her way to victory here last time out. Will have come on for the run and can double her money
- 4. KRACOTTE VERGNIER** - In the frame in two before failing to step up at Pornichet a fortnight ago and represents no more than a minor place chance
- 5. KOKO QUEEN** - Unexceptional filly that failed at Graignes to confirm her provincial success and can expect to have few takers
- 6. KASTA DU RIB** - Useful type for the most part. Should appreciate Laval conditions and looks good enough to finish in the first 5
- 7. KOPHIE TOYE** - Showed promise earlier in the year but has failed to come good and can be confidently passed over
- 8. KLASS D'ESPOIR** - Very hard to fault over recent weeks. Did everything asked of her at Rambouillet but still has a lot more to find
- 9. KETTY DE LA BUTTE** - Has never shown any particular flair for the harness game and can be disregarded
- 10. KINOHA D'OURVILLE** - Smart type that got off the mark last time out. Takers a big hike in category but 4 pads fitted this time and should not be far off the mark
- 11. KIRCIE DE GUEZ** - Talented sort but can prove tricky. Is better than most here though and, with her mind on the game, can get back down to business
- 12. KIVIVE DE HOUELLE** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but pleased here earlier in the month. Lost her action next time but will still have her supporters
- 13. KALINKA DU GRENAT** - Sanctioned as often as not but lost her maiden status on turf 11 days ago. Finds herself with a tough task on her hands this time around though
- 14. KATOUNA DU QUENNE** - Moderate type that has not been seen out since winning at Graignes 3 months ago and is sure to be race-rusty
- 15. KELLE HAUFOR** - Capable sort that made good progress last time out. Has earned her place here and must be taken seriously
- 16. KINTE ROYALE** - Yet to get off the mark but always gives her best. Gets the champion driver this time and, with front pads on, can pleasantly surprise

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Summary : A relatively open event this but it is hard to ignore KAPUSHA MIP (3) who won with consummate ease over course and distance late August and, with front pads fitted, can take the step up in category in her stride. KIRCIE DE GUEZ (11) has struggled somewhat of late but has bags of potential and, with stride in check, can make a big splash. The useful KELLE HAUFOR (15) acquitted herself well at Le Mont-Saint-Michel last time, comes here fresh, and looks competitively well in. KINTE ROYALE (16) always gives her best, has front pads fitted, is entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time, and looks a possible spoiler.

SELECTIONS

KAPUSHA MIP (3) - KIRCIE DE GUEZ (11) - KELLE HAUFOR (15) - KINTE ROYALE (16)

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C6 - PRIX MAINE FRUIT - 2650m (a1 5/8m) - Apprentices-Conditional-Jockeys-Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 21.000

1. **HUNT** - Tenacious trotter that is clearly close to his race. Has the inside line and, in current form, will be no soft touch
2. **HIVER D'AUTHISE** - Decent dual-discipline trotter but stays shod as he finishes conditioning and best to wait
3. **HALFAN SPEED** - Serious trotter that has won 3 times at Laval, and at a superior level. Entrusted to an apprentice in excellent form and can win this
4. **HORIZON D'ALMANI** - Decent sort that won under these conditions late last month. Has the top spot in front and is not incapable of repeating
5. **HURRICANE DREAM** - Hardy individual that always gives his best. Returns to racing barefoot and should not be far from the action
6. **HERAKLION DESBOIS** - Moderate type that got back in the game at Cabourg last time out. Comes here fresh and could pleasantly surprise
7. **HEROS DU POMMEREUX** - Back at the top of his game since the summer. Winner of last 2, including over longer here, and even though shod this time, should not be ignored
8. **HERBU DU FERRON** - Not entirely without merit, and is confirmed here, but still represents no more than a minor place chance
9. **HARFAN DES GRANGES** - Not always the most reliable but is confirmed in this category. Handed a tough draw but can play a small role if he reproduces his last Cagnes performance
10. **HERMES DE CLOPEAU** - Tends to give a decent account when he can stay in stride, but in this field, will struggle to make his presence felt
11. **HEIKO VANCEEN** - Moderate trotter but better at a lower level and has no realistic chance
12. **HEROS DE CHOISEL** - Has been in cracking form all season but takes on some better horses this time and the draw will just add to his problems

Summary : Rarely far off the mark when barefoot, HALFAN SPEED (3) has decent references at the venue and from the 3-spot can again have his way. Clarisse Lelièvre will still want to be wary of the tough and consistent HUNT (1) who looks a serious player on his Laval debut. Ideally-situated behind the car, HORIZON D'ALMANI (4) latterly imposed over track and trip and justifiably bids for the double. Starting upsides is the regular HURRICANE DREAM (5) who is in sufficiently good shape to pick up a place cheque.

SELECTIONS

HALFAN SPEED (3) - HUNT (1) - HORIZON D'ALMANI (4) - HURRICANE DREAM (5)

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**C7 - PRIX CREDIT MUTUEL - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class F - Mounted - EUR €
18.000**

- 1. KALINE DE SARTHE** - Untried filly from a good yard. Qualified well here earlier in the summer and will be one to monitor
- 2. KINA DU RIB** - Pleased in a minor event here last month but out of the picture in next two and chances slim
- 3. KROME** - Looked a decidedly different sort on his ridden debut. Raffin in the saddle this time and, competitively shod, looks a decent proposition
- 4. KAIROS MADRIK** - Modest individual that has shown little love for either code and can be disregarded
- 5. KOLOSSE RHODES** - Debuts in the discipline after a fruitless streak in the other code and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 6. KABELIA** - Unremarkable filly that has yet to make any impact under the saddle and can be confidently dismissed
- 7. KIRIEC PRIMO** - Has shown potential, but also a temperament, under harness but can play a leading role if he keeps trotting
- 8. KALOU DE TESS** - Sprang a surprise here mid-summer but has been a write-off since and will have few friends
- 9. KING DE GINAI** - Has pleased under harness to date but needs to show a completely different side in order to compete in this category
- 10. KALEDA DE LA COUR** - Showed respectable aptitude on her monté debut at Caen but still has a lot to find
- 11. KERMA LA ROYALE** - Capricious sort but is not devoid of ability and, on good behaviour, can pick up a cheque
- 12. KAMES MERITE** - Got back in the game, at a somewhat lower category, 6 days ago and backs up in a bid to take advantage of his form
- 13. KAIMAN PERRINE** - Showed marked improvement at Caen mid-month when fitted with pads. Same formula here and can confirm
- 14. KRONO DE GESVRES** - Good future prospect that lost his maiden status in fine fashion and, if as good under the saddle, should have this in the bag
- 15. KORFOU LEMAN** - Never far from faulting but in the frame in 2 of last 3. Steps up in category, with front pads fitted, but will still have a lot to do
- 16. KATHORA** - Won in style on debut before faulting in Paris, but is plainly in form and, with application, can set the record straight
- 17. KING DEL PHEDO** - Better in this discipline but has looked ordinary of late and unlikely to shake things up
- 18. KATIA DE LA FYE** - Has demonstrated decent aptitude for the monté game. Pleased at Châteaubriant and, even though in better company, should still acquit herself honourably

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Summary : Facile winner under harness in the provinces late August, KRONO DE GESVRES (14) has been entrusted to Mathieu Mottier for his monté debut and can get straight down to business. Judged good enough to race at Vincennes after winning in style on debut, KATHORA (16) lost her action in Paris but can play a leading role, if behaved. Not short of talent, KIRIEC PRIMO (7) has proved a handful under harness but is made for this game and is expected to show a different side. KROME (3) left a good impression first time under the saddle and, although unraced since, he is fitted with pads for the occasion and should not disappoint.

SELECTIONS

KRONO DE GESVRES (14) - KATHORA (16) - KIRIEC PRIMO (7) - KROME (3)

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**C8 - PRIX BOLD EAGLE - 2050m (a1 1/4m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness
- EUR € 15.000**

- 1. LUCE DU FRUITIER** - Entrusted to Eric Raffin for her debut following a respectable qualification. Starts in front and looks competitively well in
- 2. LOMAC GEDE** - Qualified decently at Le Mans during the summer but risks meeting better horses here and no more than a minor place prospect
- 3. LOBBY MESLOIS** - Looked a decent prospect in the making when qualifying at Caen. Is well-positioned behind the car and can play a prominent role
- 4. LANCE DU GOUTIER** - Qualified well before debuting unexceptionally, but is expected to have progressed and from the 4-spot will be no easy touch
- 5. LOUP GAROU** - Caught the eye in qualification last month and, given the good draw, should not be overlooked
- 6. L'OR BLEU** - Sanctioned on debut before putting on a modest show at Caen and is unlikely to generate much interest
- 7. LOVA BLUE** - Did everything right in qualification but is forced to start wide first time out and will not find this an easy test
- 8. LEOLIO** - Smartly-bred colt out of a very good mare. Sure to attract a lot of attention and will be dangerous if Bigeon successfully navigates the start
- 9. LEADER DU CHATAULT** - Left a very good impression in qualification. Not ideally-drawn but, with pads fitted, can get straight down to business
- 10. LATINUS DU PRE** - Qualified unexceptionally here earlier in the summer and will need to have come on a lot to play any role
- 11. LOLITA DE LA BUTTE** - Pleased in qualification here but starts on the 2nd line and looks a rank outsider

Summary : Just two horses in this field with any race experience, with most of the support expected to be garnered by the beautifully-bred LEADER DU CHATAULT (9) who is fitted with pads for his career debut. LEOLIO (8) has not been blessed by the draw either but boasts a good pedigree and would not be here were he not in with a realistic shout. LANCE DU GOUTIER (4) failed on her recent debut to confirm her promising qualification, but will have come on for the run and the good draw will only enhance her attractiveness. Eric Raffin has accepted the drive on LUCE DU FRUITIER (1) who, from the front line, will have her chances.

SELECTIONS

LEADER DU CHATAULT (9) - LEOLIO (8) - LANCE DU GOUTIER (4) - LUCE DU FRUITIER (1)