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R4 LA CAPELLE [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DU TOUQUET - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race -
Harness - EUR € 30,000**

1. FRONSAC DE BOMO - Honest type that came 3rd of 12 in a 2600m Class H at Châlons-en-Champagne 3 weeks ago but, in this category, will have too much to do

2. GINGIRELLA - Good 4th here last month before winning a 2825m amateurs Class G at Le Croisé-Laroche on 3 June, but shoes back on and best to wait

3. GO CHICAGO - Blows hot and cold but reassured when 3rd, a place behind HAPPY ATOUT (6), in a 2825m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche earlier this month and will not be available at 83/1 this time. Chance

4. HOUFFE DU FLINOIS - Sanctioned when well-supported in a 2550m Reims Class D a fortnight ago. Has previously won at La Capelle and, with application, can make her presence felt

5. GAMIN DE COKTAIL - In the frame in 2 before coming 8th of 12 finishers in a 2850m Loudéac Class E last Tuesday. Should not be too hastily judged and will be expected to make amends and finish close

6. HAPPY ATOUT - Faithful trotter that has hardly put a foot wrong this term, latterly 2nd of 16 in a 2825m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight back. Has solid references under these conditions and can finally open his La Capelle account

7. FALCON JET - Winner here early-May and most recently 3rd of 14 in a 2625m Class E at Saint-Omer. Incurs the penalty once more but still a respectable contender

8. GO GO GIGI - Disappointing on the whole this year, latterly 9th of 12 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D on 24 April and will have nothing to offer

9. FEEL SMART - 9th, on comeback, in race of reference. Appreciates the venue but is still being conditioned and best to hold off

10. FOR LOVING YOU - Lost her action in 3 June race of reference after having pleased at Laon. Always acquits herself competitively here and, even from the back line, is expected to finish in the mix

11. GOLD D'ECROVILLE - Has merit, and adores La Capelle, but sanctioned in last 3, most recently the race of reference. Front pads fitted but others still preferred

12. FERLAINE - Surprise 4th of 14 in a 2600m Nancy Class E late last month. Unlikely to repeat but can still get a look-in

Summary: Currently enjoying a productive run of form, HAPPY ATOUT (6) left a very good impression here early-March and, well-entered on the front line, should be able to wrap this up. A place behind him at Le Croisé-Laroche 2 weeks ago, GO CHICAGO (3) must be taken more seriously this time around. Four times a winner here, FALCON JET (7) showed his form a fortnight ago and, even from the back row, is a serious candidate for success. GAMIN DE COKTAIL (5) reverts to racing unshod-behind and should logically make up for his Loudéac disappointment.

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SELECTIONS

HAPPY ATOUT (6) - GO CHICAGO (3) - FALCON JET (7) - GAMIN DE COKTAIL (5)

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C2 - PX CENTRE JEUNES DIRIGEANTS ST QUENTIN - 1800m (a1m1/8) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 30,000

1. HERMES D'ECROVILLE - Quality element making first start since finishing 10th of 14 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D late-January. Shoes off, from the front line, and looks a serious proposition

2. HOLLYWOOD NIGHT - Would have fought for victory in a 2875m Argentan Class F 3 weeks ago had she not faulted half-way up the stretch. Hind shoes off this time and David Armellini will be loathe to blow such a good draw

3. GOSSIP BOY - 7th of 16 in a 2850m Vincennes amateurs Class F earlier in the month. Not the most reliable but not the worst horse here either, has solid references at La Capelle and, with a little luck in running, can pick up some crumbs

4. INDIEN DE FONTAINE - Consistent sort that trotted 4th of 14 in a 2850m Laval Class C earlier in the month. Has twice come close here and from the 4-spot, looks every part the horse to beat

5. FILS DE COSSE - Last of 11 in a 2250m Salon-de-Provence Class E on 23 May. Well-placed behind the car but, in current form, will have nothing to contribute

6. IMPERIAL DURABUTIN - Complemented his Laval victory with success [dead-heat] in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 24 May. Starts in front and looks main danger to INDIEN DE FONTAINE (4)

7. IVANA DE BERTRANGE - Hardy mare returning to the harness code after coming 7th of 12 in a 2200m Vincennes monté Class D last weekend. Is consistently in the thick of things under harness and looks competitively well-in

8. IRIS DES CHAMPS - 10th of 16, when being prepared for this, in a 2850m Vincennes amateurs Class F earlier in the month. Will appreciate the change of scenery though and, despite the draw, should not be far off the mark

9. GRAND MARABOUT - Won a Laon claimer before trotting 9th of 14 in a 2850m Class F at the same venue 3 weeks ago and can expect to have few takers

10. HURACAN - Back under harness after finishing last of 8 in a 2850m Mauquenchy monté Class G last weekend and quite simply has no realistic chance

11. HIATUS - Out of the picture in all 5 this season, most recently 10th to INDIEN DE FONTAINE (4) in a 2850m Laval Class C on 5 June, and has no possible chance

12. ISLA MUJERES - Was preparing for this when last of 15 in a 2850m Vincennes Class F a month ago. Front shoes off this time and can make her presence felt

13. GALIANO DU BOCAGE - Well-beaten 10th of 15 in a 2100m Vincennes Class F on 21 May and the draw just adds insult to injury

Summary: A game horse that consistently gives his best, INDIEN DE FONTAINE (4) has never disappointed at La Capelle and, barefoot for the occasion, can have his day in the sun. Julien Raffestin will still be keeping a watchful eye on the rejuvenated, La Capelle-loving, IMPERIAL DURABUTIN (6) who excels when barefoot. HERMES D'ECROVILLE (1) may not have been seen out since January but he has nothing to prove at this level and will be competitive for a place on the podium. IRIS DES CHAMPS (8) has been given a wide draw but is considerably better than recent results would imply and should not be underestimated.

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SELECTIONS

INDIEN DE FONTAINE (4) - IMPERIAL DURABUTIN (6) - HERMES D'ECROVILLE (1) - IRIS
DES CHAMPS (8)

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**C3 - PRIX D'AMIENS - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR €
21,000**

- 1. IN JEOPARDY** - Made it 6 straight sanctions when faulting on comeback in a 2650m Laon Class F 3 weeks ago and even racing barefoot, can be written off
- 2. IAMAY BATTUE** - Returns to the professional ranks after coming 7th of 11 in a 2800m Strasbourg amateurs Class G last weekend and will need to show marked improvement
- 3. ICIANO** - Reassuringly-good 2nd of 14 in a 2825m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 3 June, and will not be far off the mark if Julien Raffestin keeps him trotting
- 4. IDEAL DE FOUQUE** - Failed to deliver when 5th of 15 in a 2725m Lisieux amateurs Class G 3 weeks ago. Has placed just twice in 8 starts here and can be passed over
- 5. IN LOVE WITH PUCH** - 8th of 15, when still being conditioned, in a 2750m Ecommoy Class F a month back. Will be fully fit by now and can make this his own
- 6. ISCO DE WATOU** - 3rd here late-April before coming 7th of 11 in a 2750m Class E here early last month. Drops to a more reasonable level but others still preferred
- 7. INVINCIBLE MAUZUN** - Consistent campaigner that has gone from strength to strength this term, latterly 2nd of 14 in a 2625m Saint-Omer Class F a fortnight ago, and has the capacity to win a race of this nature
- 8. ITEM BUISSONAY** - Sanctioned when being conditioned in a 2825m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche earlier in the month. Shoes on again and can be ruled out
- 9. IBRA DE LOU** - Reassured when 3rd of 11 in a 2600m Nancy Class F late-May, but a repeat seems improbable
- 10. IDOLE DE NAVARY** - Raced better 2 weeks ago in a 2825m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche than her 6th place would suggest. Has a lot going for her here and has a realistic chance of picking up a place cheque
- 11. INTENSE DES VAUX** - Regular mare that always gives her best but sanctioned early in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F last weekend, and the penalty only compounds the issue
- 12. ILLICO DE BOMO** - Has evident ability but sanctioned in 3 of last 4, latterly a 2750m Elbeuf Class F 2 weeks ago, and the handicap just complicates matters
- 13. IMPRESS ME** - Blows hot and cold but returned to winning ways last weekend in a 2850m Laon Class D. Incurs the penalty this time but can still put on a decent show. First 5
- 14. ISSI TOP** - Useful sort that came 2nd of 14 in a 2850m Laon Class F 3 weeks ago. Has previously won at the venue but the penalty will reduce him to a minor place prospect
- 15. IZAC AWAGNE** - Serious type but has not been seen out since flopping in a 2700m Vincennes Class C last September and will need the run
- 16. ILLUMINATI** - Drops marginally in category after coming 8th of 14 in a 2725m Graignes Class E on 24 May and although not a priority, can still get a look-in

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Summary: Sent for a holiday after winning at Graignes last November, IN LOVE WITH PUCH (5) now has 2 races under his belt and, from the front row, can win this. He will however be up against the in-form INVINCIBLE MAUZUN (7) who races barefoot for the occasion after having gone close at Saint-Omer recently. ICIANO (3) has yet to deliver at La Capelle but his latest performance augurs well for his prospects. 6th to him that day, IDOLE DE NAVARY (10) is in her category, ideally-engaged on the first row, and is not about to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

**IN LOVE WITH PUCH (5) - INVINCIBLE MAUZUN (7) - ICIANO (3) - IDOLE DE NAVARY
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C4 - PRIX D'ENGHIEN - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 24,000

1. JOKE DU HOUSSEL - Has made gradual improvement, latterly 4th, a place behind JEDEO DES VAUX (5), in a Class F over track and trip on 10 May. Has previously won at the venue and has every chance of making first 5

2. JINGKO DES BOCHARD - Classy individual that has endured an interrupted career but won smartly on seasonal comeback at La Rochelle. 8th of 10 finishers in a 3025m Eauze harness Class F 2 weeks ago and returns to the code with a good hand to play

3. JABIN DES TOURS - Sanctioned on return to the discipline 2 weeks ago in a 2600m Class F at La Roche-Posay, but won his last 3 in the day's configuration and deserves to be taken seriously

4. JALIENORTH GAME - Complicated sort that came a distant last of 8 in a 2600m Nancy Class F late-May and can be ruled out

5. JEDEO DES VAUX - Beat JEDEO DES VAUX (5) here last month before coming 7th of 9 finishers in a 2750m Cabourg Class E on 1 June. Modified shoeing this time but others still preferred

6. JIMANY - 2nd of 6 finishers in a 2550m Class F at Gournay-en-Bray 3 weeks ago, but shoes back on and others easier to back

7. JUSQUIAME - Not disgraced when 5th of 9 in a 2750m Cabourg Class E 2 weeks ago but has little prospect of confirming

8. JESS D'HERTALS - Returns to the monté code after coming 5th of 12 in a 2500m Reims harness Class E a fortnight ago. Has show promise in this branch of the business and could pleasantly surprise

9. JOBOURG MESLOIS - Fine campaigner that ran 2nd on lone appearance here. Unraced since coming 2nd in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 4 March but is in competition-mode and deserves to be rewarded with victory

Summary: Excellent over the winter before being sent for a rest, JOBOURG MESLOIS (9) is barefoot for re-entry, at a track he appreciates and, nicely-entered at the limit of earnings, can bring home the spoils. JINGKO DES BOCHARD (2) has already won here, goes barefoot following his harness freshener, and being behind in earnings stands him in good stead. JABIN DES TOURS (3) is shod as he was when capping off 2023 with a hat-trick, and has every chance of making up for his recent sanction. JESS D'HERTALS (8) has demonstrated decent aptitude for the monté discipline and, barefoot this time, is not to be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

JOBOURG MESLOIS (9) - JINGKO DES BOCHARD (2) - JABIN DES TOURS (3) - JESS D'HERTALS (8)

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C5 - PRIX DE COMPIEGNE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. JANET JIEL** - Oddly below-par 11th in 3 June race of reference, having enjoyed a relatively fruitful season so far, but it is only a matter of time before she gets back in the game. Attention
- 2. JESSAMINA** - Unable to confirm her good Strasbourg performance when 10th of 14 in race of reference. Decently-positioned in front, with hind shoes off, but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 3. JACKIE D'HERTALS** - Back in business lately, most recently 4th of 9 finishers in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class F early-April. Comes here fresh and is ideally-placed to give this a good go. Chance
- 4. JAZIE PONT VAUTIER** - Not the most dependable of horses but benefits from a good spot behind the car and can finish in the mix if Bernard Piton keeps her trotting
- 5. JAVA DU VERTAIN** - Sanctioned, on re-entry last weekend, in a 2900m Arras Class F and is sure to need another outing
- 6. JUTLAND** - Won at Gournay-en-Bray last month before trotting 4th, at 52/1, to JABELLINA (13) in a 2700m Le Croisé-Laroche Class F on 3 June. Not a leading contender but starts in front and should not be overlooked
- 7. JAIDA DE MAY** - Tough mare that came 7th to JABELLINA (13) in race of reference, competes barefoot this time, and is in with a chance of finally getting that maiden monkey off her back
- 8. JAVA BESP** - Last of 8 in a 2200m Caen Class F a month ago, when being prepped for this. Tough draw but has good speed and a decent chance of picking up a place cheque
- 9. JOY DU CHATAULT** - Races with hind shoes off for first time after coming 6th in race of reference. On back line but will nonetheless generate some interest
- 10. JESSY DU NOYER** - Unremarkable character that came 12th in race of reference. Barefoot this time, is confirmed here, but others still preferred
- 11. JITANE D'IS** - Off the boil this term, latterly sanctioned in a 2800m Strasbourg Class G last weekend, and has no possible chance
- 12. JUANITA DU BANNEY** - Modest individual that complemented her April sanction with another in a 2825m Vire Class F 3 weeks ago, and others easier to back
- 13. JABELLINA** - Ultra-consistent mare that beat many of these when 2nd in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight ago and, despite the draw, still looks good enough to open her French account
- 14. JIRELLA DU BARNE** - 6th of 8 finishers in a 2900m Arras Class F last weekend and, in this company, can be confidently disregarded
- 15. JOEPIE** - Last of 6, on comeback late-May, in a 2900m Arras Class G and will have nothing to contribute
- 16. JILPA KALONIG** - Showed promise last season, but disappointing this term, most recently 8th of 15 in race of reference and can be passed over

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Summary: Remarkably performant when racing unshod, JABELLINA (13) has yet to win on French soil, and has been handed a tough draw, but still has the wherewithal to win this, provided Finn Verkaik successfully navigates the start. JAIDA DE MAY (7) is better-positioned though on the front line, and with shoes off for the occasion, looks a serious contender. JACKIE D'HERTALS (3) is plainly on the way back up, has won at the venue, and from the 3-spot will be no pushover. JAVA BESP (8) is forced to start wide on the first row but has 2 races under her belt since the break and is not going to be far from the action.

SELECTIONS

JABELLINA (13) - JAIDA DE MAY (7) - JACKIE D'HERTALS (3) - JAVA BESP (8)

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C6 - PRIX DE REIMS - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KEL PRESTANCE** - 2nd in a Class F over course and distance on 5 May. Comes here fresh, with the inside line, and is eminently capable of imposing this time
- 2. KEEP COOL BELRI** - 3rd behind KEL PRESTANCE (1) here before coming 5th of 15 in a 2150m Vichy Class E on 21 May. Hind shoes off as when winning here late-March and is sufficiently well-positioned to bring the fight to the Martens' colt
- 3. KOPERNIK DE GODREL** - Useful dual-discipline colt making first start since faulting in a 2700m Vincennes monté Class E last December and will need the run
- 4. KING OF SWING** - Opened his French account late-April in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche. Perfectly-placed in front and a repeat is not out of the question
- 5. KINGSTON DU GOSIER** - 5th, a place behind KIKLOVE ATOUT (8), in a 2400m Amiens Class E late last month. Well-in behind the car and, with form maintained, can give this a good go
- 6. KEEPSAKE MOSSA** - Sanctioned in a 2650m Alençon Class F a fortnight ago. Front shoes off this time but still not an obvious choice
- 7. KABOBBY SANT** - Erratic type that showed improvement in a 2550m Reims monté Class E 2 weeks ago, before losing his action. Front shoes off but others still easier to back
- 8. KIKLOVE ATOUT** - 4th of 14 in a 2400m Amiens Class E late last month. Plainly close to his race but the wide draw could prove a limiting factor
- 9. KING DE FOURCHES** - Sanctioned in all 4 starts this year, most recently a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight back and, with shoes on, is not about to spring any surprises
- 10. KARAMBA KARACHO** - Lost his action in a 2850m Laon Class F 3 weeks ago. Has otherwise been in fine form and, with application, can pick up a cheque
- 11. KNOW BY NOW** - Faulted when never dangerous in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class E last weekend, on first start back from a spell. Shoes back on but appreciates La Capelle and must be taken seriously
- 12. KYMI MELOC** - Modest individual that finished last but one in a 2400m Amiens Class F 8 days ago and, even though barefoot, will have nothing to contribute
- 13. KEFIR COHIAIS** - Oddly below-par last of 10 in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight ago. Races first time barefoot but the draw will do him no favours

Summary: Barring his March sanction, KEL PRESTANCE (1) has been a model of consistency; he left a good impression over course and distance early last month and has a realistic chance of losing his maiden status. Runner-up to him that day after having won here late-March, KEEP COOL BELRI (2) has an excellent spot behind the car and, hind shoes off, can again run him close. KING OF SWING (4) has had time to freshen up after his win at Le Croisé-Laroche and should take well to La Capelle conditions. Rarely far off the mark when focused, KIKLOVE ATOUT (8) breaks wide but is still good enough to challenge for a spot in the frame.

SELECTIONS

KEL PRESTANCE (1) - KEEP COOL BELRI (2) - KING OF SWING (4) - KIKLOVE ATOUT

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C7 - PRIX DU CROISE-LAROCHE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

1. KISS SYMPHONY - Won at Laon last month before coming 3rd of 6 finishers in a 2850m Class F at the same venue 3 weeks ago. Won shod here in March but with front shoes off, could well prove more performant. Attention

2. KALYNKA LANDING - Has come good since starting to race in the day's configuration, most recently 4th of 10 in a 2050m Cabourg Class F 2 weeks ago and, while unlikely to impose, can still challenge for a place in the frame

3. KI VA - Disappointing this year, latterly 6th behind KERDYNA MATCH (6) in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight ago, and is unlikely to improve much on that

4. KIRANIE DES NOES - Surprisingly lacklustre before being sanctioned in a 2400m Amiens Class E 3 weeks ago, but has ample ability and, with just hind shoes on, should prove main threat to KERDYNA MATCH (6)

5. KOMSI KOMSA - Complicated filly that was sanctioned in a 2825m Bernay claimer late last month. Shoes on and would have better prospects in that category

6. KERDYNA MATCH - In the frame in 2 volte-starts here before coming 2nd of 12 finishers in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight ago and, with the aid of the mobile start, is expected to lose her maiden status

7. KILLIE EILISH - Makes first appearance since faulting in a 2450m Caen monté Class F late-March. Has other priorities and can be passed over

8. KISS ME DE JOMAX - 5th of 8 finishers in a 2650m Alençon Class F a fortnight ago. Shoes off again but still no more than a minor place prospect

9. KALYPSO DU CAUX - Debuts under harness after faulting in a 2850m monté Class E at Maure-de-Bretagne on 4 June. Here for a change of scenery and poses no danger

Summary: Confirmed here, and bridesmaid in her last two starts, KERDYNA MATCH (6) is close to getting off the mark and is an obvious candidate for success. KIRANIE DES NOES (4) was not at her ease at Amiens last time but should appreciate the new conditions and, with front shoes off, will be expected to redeem herself. Winner here earlier in the year, KISS SYMPHONY (1) is clearly back in business and returns to La Capelle with a good hand to play. KALYNKA LANDING (2) has shown good versatility this season and can improve on her latest Cabourg effort.

SELECTIONS

**KERDYNA MATCH (6) - KIRANIE DES NOES (4) - KISS SYMPHONY (1) - KALYNKA
LANDING (2)**

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C8 - PRIX DE LA CAPELLE - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. LIFE** - Faulted in a 2850m Laon Class F late last month. Yet to show any particular bent for the game and will have few friends
- 2. LIFOU IRIS'EYES** - Got off the mark in a 2600m Nancy Class F 2 months ago. Has not been seen since, and steps up in category, but looks a useful type and is unlikely to go home empty-handed
- 3. LOVELY GAZELLE** - In the frame in 2 of last 3, latterly 2nd of 9 in a 2800m Strasbourg Class F mid-May, but takes on a better bunch this time and chances limited
- 4. LOLITA DE LANDEMER** - Failed to confirm her Arras success when last but one in a 2300m Chartres Class E 2 weeks ago. Pads off this time and others easier to support
- 5. LEADER MESLOIS** - Makes first appearance on sand after winning a 2650m Alençon Class F 2 weeks ago and will not be far off the mark if he takes to the new conditions
- 6. LIMO DE MER** - Won on debut early last month before trotting 3rd of 12 in a 2400m Amiens Class E 3 weeks ago. Debuts at La Capelle with morale intact and can again make the frame
- 7. LIKE A BIRD STAR** - Unraced since coming 4th of 13 in a 2200m Vincennes Class C late-January, but showed significant ability last season and, if race-fit, can give LAY UP (8) a run for his money
- 8. LAY UP** - Bit off more than he could chew when 8th of 11 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 24 May. In more suitable company this time and looks the pick of the field
- 9. LADY BEAUTIFUL** - Last but one in a 2700m Vincennes monté Class C on 14 May. Off the boil for some time and can be ruled out

Summary: LAY UP (8) is plainly a colt for the future and back at a more reasonable level, can make his debut at La Capelle a winning one. LIKE A BIRD STAR (7) has not been seen out since January but she has obvious potential and can get straight back in the game. LEADER MESLOIS (5) switches to a hard surface after losing his maiden status on turf a fortnight ago, and can play a leading role. LIMO DE MER (6) is another promising element and receives a Matthieu Verva drive for the occasion.

SELECTIONS

LAY UP (8) - LIKE A BIRD STAR (7) - LEADER MESLOIS (5) - LIMO DE MER (6)