

SUNDAY, 07/04/24

C1 - PRIX DE PAPLEUX - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class G Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 6,000

1. **IMARA DU NORD** - La Capelle-loving mare making her first appearance since coming 5th in an 1800m Class E here last July. Is barefoot for the occasion and, while unlikely to impose, can still get in on the action
2. **HURRICANE RUN** - 10th of 14 in a similar event over course and distance a fortnight ago. Good draw but no threat
3. **HELVIRA** - Good 3rd of 16 in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight back and will just need to replicate that performance in order to play a leading role here
4. **HARD ROCK HAUFOR** - Ultra-consistent in this category, most recently winning a 2900m Amiens Class F on 6 March. Has everything going his way here and will take all the beating
5. **IVAJALE** - 9th in a 2750m Class E here, on 2nd start back, a fortnight ago. Will have blown the cobwebs away and, from the 5-spot, can figure prominently
6. **HIRONDELLE D'AVEZE** - Respectable 6th of 14 in a Class G over track and trip 2 weeks ago. Unlikely to improve on that but should still acquit herself honourably
7. **IMPLACABLE** - 9th of 14 in a 2700m amateurs Class G at Le Croisé-Laroche a month back and chances appear particularly limited
8. **IZQUIERDO** - Below-par 14th of 15 in a 2875m Argentan Class E 10 days ago. On a good day would have the measure of most here and, drawn wide or not, he is not one to be underestimated
9. **HURIELLE** - 7th on return to competition in a 2600m Nancy Class G on 10 March. Shoes on this time and can be confidently disregarded
10. **GIORGIO DU VIVIER** - 6th in a 2550m Reims Class G 3 weeks ago. Not the most performant of horses and unlikely to spring any surprises
11. **HYSIA D'HUON** - 11th of 16 in a 2750m Class E here 2 weeks ago, when still being conditioned. Continues racing with front pads though and can be ruled out
12. **HOOKER DU PECH** - Drops back in category after coming 6th in a 2750m Class E here 2 weeks ago. Has placed just once in 9 starts at La Capelle and others easier to back
13. **INFINI DU TRY** - Debuts in the amateur category after coming 4th of 7 in a 2700m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche on 4 March. Handed a tough draw and, with shoes on, will have little to offer
14. **HIRO DE LA LUNA** - Useful sort back at his best, most recently coming 2nd of 13 over 2300m at Mons on 21 March. Takes on marginally better this time, and starts on the second line, but can still make the first 5

Summary: HARD ROCK HAUFOR (4) needs no introduction under these conditions, is back at his best, sports a proven configuration and, from the 4-spot, can wrap this up. He will still feel the heat from HELVIRA (3) who showed her form late last month, and the less-attractively-drawn IZQUIERDO (8) who will not be far off the mark if he performs to his true value. IVAJALE (5) stays shod but will bet race-fit by now and can challenge for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

HARD ROCK HAUFOR (4) - HELVIRA (3) - IZQUIERDO (8) - IVAJALE (5)

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C2 - PRIX DE VOULPAIX - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Harness - EUR € 19,000

- 1. ISKOYA** - Unlucky not to finish closer than 5th in a 2675m Lisieux Class F 3 weeks ago. Form is not in question and will be a decent place prospect if she takes to the new profile
- 2. IGANA D'ALB** - Pleasant but unthreatening 8th of 16 in a 2600m Nancy Class F 8 days ago. Likes La Capelle though and, with front shoes off, could pleasantly surprise
- 3. IRMA BABEL** - 7th to IDEE MELOC (8) in a 2450m Caen Class F 3 weeks ago and is not about to shake things up
- 4. IRONIE DU BAS BOSQ** - Goes barefoot for 2nd start back, having come 9th of 12 in a Class G over course and distance on re-entry 2 weeks ago. Well-positioned on the front row and can apply the pressure on IDEE MELOC (8)
- 5. IRLANDAISE D'ARBAZ** - 4th of 10 in a 3400m Orléans Class F last Monday. Takes on a better bunch this time but, from the 5-spot, can get in on the action
- 6. IL PLEUT BERGERE** - 2nd of 11 finishers in a 2550m Class F at Gournay-en-Bray a fortnight back. Similarly-shod but takes a hike in category and will have too much to do
- 7. IMAYA CHRISTUBERT** - Useful mare that finished last of 11 on re-entry in a 2800m Strasbourg Class F on 3 March. Barefoot this time, pleased on her lone start here, and has a realistic chance of making the frame
- 8. IDEE MELOC** - Comfortably won a 2450m Caen Class F 3 weeks ago. Has no particular love for La Capelle but has only raced barefoot here only once and will be expected to show another side. Claim
- 9. INES DES CHAMPS** - Unseen since being sanctioned in a 3000m Châteaubriant claimer last November and looks thoroughly out of her depth
- 10. I DID IT AGAIN** - 8th, 2 places behind ISARIA DU GUELIER (12), in a 2750m Class F here a month ago. Is nowhere near the mark she needs to be at and others preferred
- 11. INES DES FORETS** - Returned to competition 2 weeks ago, coming last of 14 in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche. Has never delivered here and is not about to buck the trend
- 12. ISARIA DU GUELIER** - Never dangerous when 6th of 12 in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche last Monday. Fitted with front pads this time, is in her category, and looks a decent first-5 chance

Summary: IDEE MELOC (8) made short work of her first objective of the new year and, even though drawn wide, she still looks good enough to double her money. IRONIE DU BAS BOSQ (4) is better-placed behind the car though, has shoes off for the occasion, and will be no pushover. ISKOYA (1) returns to racing left-handed in fine condition and can play a leading role if Enzo Le Bec keeps her out of trouble. IMAYA CHRISTUBERT (7) has solid references in the category and, barefoot for her 2nd start back, should not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

IDEE MELOC (8) - IRONIE DU BAS BOSQ (4) - ISKOYA (1) - IMAYA CHRISTUBERT (7)

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C3 - PRIX DE HOUSSET - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 18,000

1. LIKE HAUFOR - Set off no fireworks in qualification last autumn. Should acquit himself honourably but is unlikely to spring any surprises

2. LUBERON - Qualified in a modest 1'20"6 at Amiens last October and makes his career debut with limited ambition

3. LOLITA DE LANDEMER - Qualified unexceptionally last November. Sanctioned first time out, 8 days ago, in a 2600m Nancy Class F and will have few takers

4. LOVERMAN D'HERTALS - Well-beaten last of 6, behind L'ARTISTE D'AVENIR (7), in a 2700m Le Croisé-Laroche Class F 2 weeks ago and has no realistic chance

5. LOTUS DES SABLES - Makes his first appearance since coming one from last in a 2225m Vire Class F last December and can expect to remain friendless

6. LYPHE D'OCCAGNES - Qualified smartly before coming 3rd of 7 finishers on debut in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche last autumn. Has had time to come into herself and it would be no surprise to see her figure prominently

7. L'ARTISTE D'AVENIR - Not the easiest to handle but showed improvement, albeit minimal, when 4th of 6 finishers in a 2700m Le Croisé-Laroche Class F a fortnight ago. On this occasion though, can finish closer

8. LIONELLE DU SOLEIL - Trotted 3rd of 4 finishers on debut in a Class F over track and trip 2 weeks ago. Takes on better this time and chances limited

9. LOCKDOWN POWER - Made amends for his debut blip when 3rd of 7 finishers in a Class F over course and distance 2 weeks ago. Is sure to have come on and will not be available at 33/1 this time around

10. LET ME FLY - Gave a fine account, first time out, when 3rd of 9 in a 2825m Le Croisé-Laroche Class F on 4 March. Will have progressed and, with Pierre-Yves Verva reining, will be afforded every chance. Claim

11. LETS GO DE MONCHEL - Sanctioned, for the 2nd straight time, in a 2600m Nancy Class F on 30 March. Is not devoid of ability though and can get a look-in if he stays in stride

12. LAUREL TURGOT - Lost his action early in a 2825m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche last Monday. Has promise though, and with Franck Ouvrie drafted in for the occasion, must be considered a live chance

Summary: Although sanctioned early last week, LAUREL TURGOT (12) has demonstrated decent potential and if he takes to these new conditions, should be able to win a race of this nature. That said, LET ME FLY (10) qualified nicely and confirmed her promise on last month's debut. LOCKDOWN POWER (9) made up for his debut sanction with a solid 3rd place under similar conditions a fortnight ago and is thoroughly capable of picking up a place cheque. LYPHE D'OCCAGNES (6) has a similar profile, and although unseen since September, is certainly one for the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LAUREL TURGOT (12) - LET ME FLY (10) - LOCKDOWN POWER (9) - LYPHE D'OCCAGNES (6)

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C4 - PRIX DE SOMMERON - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class F Amateur Riders Race - Mounted - EUR € 24,000

1. HINDY DE CAZOULENE - Has not been seen out since finishing 10th of 12 in a 2700m Le Croisé-Laroche harness Class F last November and will have nothing to give

2. GLOBAL ABOVE ALL - Starts in the discipline after finishing 11th of 12 in a 2900m Amiens Class F on French debut a month ago and is unlikely to generate much interest

3. HYPERION DU BOCAGE - Sanctioned in a 2450m Caen harness Class E on 27 March. Has yet to deliver under the saddle and can be ruled out

4. CHARLES OP - Prepped for this when 12th of 16 in a 2850m Vincennes harness Class C late last month. Shod to preference this time and, even in the absence of Eric Raffin, can complement his Enghien success

5. HAMAZONE - Capable mare returning to her code of preference after being sanctioned on re-entry 12 days ago in a 3150m Saint-Brieuc Class F. Gets a 2nd crack at racing barefoot and, with her jockey's vigilance, can make the first 5

6. JACK IS BACK - Showed a different side to herself under the saddle last summer. Unplaced, on re-entry, in a 2200m Caen harness Class D on 11 March and, shoes off this time, will have his chances

7. HURACAN - Moves back to the monté code after coming 8th of 12 in a 2700m harness Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight ago. Has not excelled under the saddle for some time and others preferred

8. INFIEL - Unthreatening 7th of 13 in a 2100m Vincennes harness Class D on 22 March but returns to the discipline in which he showed promise and must not be underestimated

9. IN LOVE DE BLARY - Gave a fine account to win a 2850m Laval Class E late-February. Fitted with pads again and, with form maintained, can double up

Summary: A handful from time to time she may be, but IN LOVE DE BLARY (9) got back down to business at Laval late-February and returns fresh and with every chance of repeating. That said, CHARLES OP (4) opened his ridden account last month and, with front shoes off again, will be no soft touch. JACK IS BACK (6) showed promise under the saddle last season and, barefoot following a much-needed lung-opener, looks a player. INFIEL (8) similarly showed potential last autumn and, shod as he was at Le Croisé-Laroche, will endeavour to make up for his recent harness clinkers.

SELECTIONS

IN LOVE DE BLARY (9) - CHARLES OP (4) - JACK IS BACK (6) - INFIEL (8)

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**C5 - PRIX DE LEME - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR €
21,000**

1. KANDY LIFE - Reliability not her strong suit but reassured when 4th in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche last Monday and, in similar form, can pick up some prizemoney

2. KAI LA SHA - Useful filly but has not been seen out since coming 4th of 13 in a 2200m Caen Class D last October and will need the run

3. KALINE JAMINI - Went out on a high last summer, winning over 2700m here. Came in last of 9 in a 2850m Laval Class E conditioner on 13 March but races first time barefoot and can open her 2024 account

4. KALAMATA BEACH - Pleasant 8th of 11, behind KROKEUSE (7), in a 2550m Reims Class E 3 weeks ago. Sports a new configuration and can start to turn her form around

5. KELOWA STARDUST - Struggled when stepped up in class last season. Unraced since trotting 6th of 10 finishers in a 2150m Enghien Class D last October and can be passed over

6. KASSIOPEE NANIE - Lost her action, on comeback, in a 2550m Reims Class E 3 weeks ago. Will have come on for the run and can break into the frame if Jules Van Den Putte Jr. keeps her from breaking stride

7. KROKEUSE - Put on a surprisingly good performance to come 5th of 11 in a 2550m Reims Class E 3 weeks ago but she won't be tipped for a repeat

8. KABALA QUICK - Unraced since coming 2nd of 9 in a 2825m Chartres Class E early-December. Sanctioned as often as not but has bags of ability and, unshod-behind for return to competition, can make a big splash

9. KELISSA D'AVE - Disappointing this year, most recently finishing last of 10 in a 2150m Argentan Class E 10 days ago. Is significantly better than that though and racing unshod behind may well make all the difference

Summary: KALINE JAMINI (3) has a freshener under her belt following a lengthy break, races barefoot for the first time, and can get straight back down to business. She will nevertheless feel some heat from course-and-distance winner, KABALA QUICK (8), who has hind shoes off for her return to competition. KASSIOPEE NANIE (6) has demonstrated considerable aptitude and will have her chances if she can get off on the right foot. The good KELISSA D'AVE (9) has yet to get into her stride this term but the change of shoeing may be just what the doctor ordered.

SELECTIONS

KALINE JAMINI (3) - KABALA QUICK (8) - KASSIOPEE NANIE (6) - KELISSA D'AVE (9)

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C6 - PRIX DE CLAIREFONTAINE - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KUIZZ D'AGENVILLE** - Promising but tricky individual making his first appearance since being pulled-up in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E early-November and is sure to be race-rusty
- 2. KORLY MONTAVAL** - Sanctioned in all 5 starts this year, latterly a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche last Monday and can be confidently passed over
- 3. KILLER MELOC** - Sanctioned, for the 2nd time in as row, in the Reims race of reference. Just hind shoes off this time and others easier to trust
- 4. KYO FERFAY** - 7th to KLARCK (12) in a 2550m Reims Class E 3 weeks ago and little chance of making any progress
- 5. KYOSHIRO** - Reassured when 2nd of 9 in a 2700m Graignes Class F 3 weeks back. Goes barefoot again and is not incapable of making the frame
- 6. KHEOPS BOURBON** - Won at Argentan early-February before being sanctioned in the mid-March Reims race of reference but can play a prominent role if Frédéric Senet keeps him focused
- 7. KARTER LEWIS** - 4th, 2 places behind KLARCK (12), in a 2550m Reims Class E 3 weeks ago. Is no champion but consistently gives his best and will be competitive for a cheque
- 8. KAID FORTUNA** - Complicated but talented colt that was sanctioned, when full of running, in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche 2 weeks ago and, with stride in check this time, can set the record straight
- 9. KEEP CONTROL** - Sanctioned, on comeback, in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche 2 weeks ago. Won here last summer but still not an obvious choice
- 10. KALENCIO FLAC** - 7th of 16 in a 2450m Caen Class E on 11 March. Races shod this time and unlikely to cause an upset
- 11. KAROLUS FAIR** - Last of 7 finishers on re-entry in a 2150m Argentan Class E 10 days ago but plainly has potential and, barefoot for the first time, could ruffle a few feathers
- 12. KLARCK** - Defied his 47/1 price to come 2nd of 10 finishers in a 2550m Reims Class E 3 weeks ago but confirmation seems improbable
- 13. KANEM** - Makes first appearance since coming 3rd of 11 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E on 1 February. Unbeaten at the venue and could well return home with that fact still intact

Summary: KAID FORTUNA (8) may not be to everyone's taste but his potential is not in doubt and, after showing his condition at Le Croisé-Laroche, can win this if he stays trotting. Well-engaged here, KANEM (13) displayed a different side to himself last time out and looks the main threat. KHEOPS BOURBON (6) is not the easiest of horses to handle but his form is not in question and will be dangerous if applied. KYOSHIRO (5) appears to have found his métier racing barefoot and must be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

KAID FORTUNA (8) - KANEM (13) - KHEOPS BOURBON (6) - KYOSHIRO (5)

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C7 - PRIX DE MACQUIGNY - 2750m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. JAZZ DU CHATAULT** - Unthreatening 4th of 10 in a 2700m Le Croisé-Laroche Class F a fortnight ago and chances even more limited this time around
- 2. JASPE** - Pleased on re-entry at Mauquenchy before being sanctioned, with gas in the tank, in a 2875m Enghien Class E on 12 March. Shoes back on though and best to hold off
- 3. JACKSON HILL** - Tricky character that could manage only 9th of 11 in a 2150m Enghien Class E on 26 March and can expect to have little support
- 4. JEROM BUTTERFLY** - 2nd in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 4 March. Is dangerous with hind shoes off and, given his latest time of 1'14"0, will have his chances
- 5. JOKER DE VOUEDE** - Sanctioned on re-entry last weekend in a 2600m Nancy Class E. Has nothing to prove at this level and can win this if he stays in stride
- 6. JAGUAR DE LAUMAC** - Has hardly blotted his copy-book since last autumn, latterly winning a 2500m Reims Class F with ease on 21 March. In marginally better company but still looks a contender
- 7. JUST A MAN** - Has turned a corner of late, most recently coming 3rd of 8 finishers in a 2725m Graignes Class E, and on this trajectory can get his nose in front
- 8. JAPON YAMM** - Ended last season on a low note and picked up where he left off, coming last of 10 in a 2100m Vincennes Class E 2 months ago. Disregard
- 9. JEU DE MOTS** - Pleasant 5th of 11 in a 2150m Enghien Class E on 26 March. Front shoes off again and is capable of getting a look-in
- 10. JUSTIN DES MARAIS** - 10th of 12 on re-entry in a 2725m Lisieux Class E on 20 March. Shoes on again and will pose no danger
- 11. JARDIN D'ERABLE** - Caused quite the surprise when winning a 2600m Nancy Class E 8 days ago. Unlikely to repeat but, if still on the boil, can pick up a cheque
- 12. JACK DU BARBEY** - Has not been seen out since finishing last of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D late-January and will have little to offer
- 13. JUPITER MADRIK** - Undeniably capable but below-par before being sanctioned in a 2200m Caen Class E on 4 March. In this field though, with hind shoes off, can pick up a cheque if Jean-François Senet keeps him trotting

Summary: Although sanctioned on his seasonal comeback, there is no disputing the capacity of JOKER DE VOUEDE (5) in this category and even with shoes on, looks a major player. Didier Brohier will still be keeping a watchful eye on JUST A MAN (7) who has been going good-guns recently, and JAGUAR DE LAUMAC (6) who has been like a horse reborn over recent months. Excellent when racing unshod-behind, JEROM BUTTERFLY (4) must also be afforded respect.

SELECTIONS

JOKER DE VOUEDE (5) - JUST A MAN (7) - JAGUAR DE LAUMAC (6) - JEROM BUTTERFLY (4)

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C8 - PRIX DE ROCQUIGNY - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 25,000

- 1. GOWEN CHALEONNAIS** - Got back in the game last Monday when 4th of 10 in a 2800m Strasbourg Class G but a repeat appears highly unlikely
- 2. GAVROCHE D'IDEE** - Disappointing 8th of 15 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class G 3 weeks ago and, in this category, will struggle to make his presence felt
- 3. HELIUM VELCO** - Missed out by little in a 2500m Reims Class G on 21 March. Benefits from a superb entry, is clearly close to his race, and can be rewarded with success this time
- 4. HAPPY ATOUT** - Took no time getting in shape after the break, most recently winning a 2700m Le Croisé-Laroche Class G a month ago. Barefoot this time and, from the 4-spot, will be in a position to give HELIUM VELCO (3) a run for his money
- 5. GLOIRE DE LA BASLE** - 9th of 10 on comeback in a 2800m Strasbourg Class G early last week. Has respectable references in this configuration but insufficient to be considered a priority
- 6. HUGO D'HERTALS** - Serious trotter with a liking for La Capelle. Finished 3rd of 12 in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche 2 weeks ago and must be considered a major player
- 7. GINGIRELLA** - Last of 12, when being conditioned, in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche 2 weeks ago. Goes barefoot this time, has won twice over course and distance, and will garner support
- 8. GERONIMO STARDUST** - Modest individual that was sanctioned in a 3400m Orléans Class H last Monday. Fitted with 4 pads for the first time but still not easy to like
- 9. HORACE DU VIVIER** - Sanctioned in a 2700m Croisé-Laroche Class F late-February. Has been off the boil for some time and can be passed over
- 10. HELICIO BELLO** - 4th of 13 in a 2450m Caen Class E on 27 March. Seldom gets his nose in front but will be at peak fitness and is not to be underestimated
- 11. HORIZON D'EYMY** - Good consistent sort that won his 2nd of the year when imposing over 2300m at Kuurne on 26 March. Debuts at the venue in fine shape but may be biting off more than he can chew
- 12. HOUBLON BLEU** - Left a positive impression when 3rd of 11 finishers in a 2825m Class F at Le Croisé-Laroche 2 weeks ago. Is barefoot for first La Capelle objective and can make the first 5 if Loris Bizoux positions him early

Summary: In the frame in his last 4 starts, HELIUM VELCO (3) came agonisingly close at Reims, but has been handed a superb draw here and can finally get off the mark for 2024. Thibaut Dromigny can still expect to encounter resistance from HAPPY ATOUT (4) who returns to racing barefoot after imposing in good order a month back, and HUGO D'HERTALS (6) who excels at La Capelle. HELICIO BELLO (10) always acquits himself competitively when barefoot and looks the best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

HELIUM VELCO (3) - HAPPY ATOUT (4) - HUGO D'HERTALS (6) - HELICIO BELLO (10)