

R5 VIRE [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DES BENEVOLES - 2800m (a2m) - - Harness - EUR € 18,500

1. **LAZAAL** - Serious sort that was going well when disqualified in a Saint-Malo Class F 3 weeks ago. Is plainly better than most here and will have a lot to contribute
2. **LUTIN DU GUINOUX** - Imposed at Villedieu in early-July but has twice failed to confirm, most recently 8th in a Pornichet Class F 10 days ago, and can be passed over
3. **LADY DE NEUILLY** - Won a 2200m Class F at Agon 3 weeks ago. Is first time barefoot on a hard surface and can make this her own
4. **LYSANDRA** - Gave a good account on comeback when 5th in a Vibraye Class F 3 weeks ago. Will have come on for the run, is behind in earnings, and unlikely to let the side down
5. **LIBERAL BABY** - Moderate element that finished 4th in a Lisieux Class F last weekend but will have nothing to offer here
6. **LADY BECO** - Serious mare but has not been seen out since coming 2nd in a Class F at Caen over 2,450m on 30 March. Is barefoot for the occasion but is going to need the run
7. **LORD DU FAUCON** - Won a Class F Apprentices' race at Saint Malo over 2,950m on 15 August. Thoroughly earned the win and will be expected to give this a good go
8. **LORD BRIDGERTON** - 3rd in a 2600m Class F at Le Touquet a fortnight ago. Has been very hard to fault this summer and while not a priority should not be ruled out either
9. **LOGANE DU VIVIER** - Wonderfully consistent element that almost imposed on comeback, instead finishing second in a Durtal Class F on 20 July. Is not a priority at this level but should nevertheless hold her own
10. **LOUNABELLA** - Finished 3rd in a Class F Apprentices' race at Les Sables D'Olonne over 2,650m on 28 August. Showed that day that racing shod is not an issue and will justifiably garner support
11. **LONA DE CHAP** - Failed to confirm Le Touquet victory when 7th in a Class F at Saint-Malo 3 weeks ago. Has been re-shod but is still not a player
12. **LADY MORNING STAR** - Sprang something of a surprise when 3rd in a Mauquenchy Class F on 23 July but would be preferred barefoot
13. **LUCKY LOVE THANA** - Runner-up in a Class F at Saint Malo over 2,950m on 9 July. Enjoys a good entry and will be no pushover

Summary: Unbeaten in two starts barefoot on turf, LADY DE NEUILLY (3) can do just as well on her first attempt on the dirt. She is opposed primarily by the excellent LUCKY LOVE THANA (13). LAZAAL (1), who deserves another chance, and the consistent LOUNABELLA (10) also merit a mention.

SELECTIONS

LADY DE NEUILLY (3) - LUCKY LOVE THANA (13) - LAZAAL (1) - LOUNABELLA (10)

C2 - PRIX DE BEAUVOIR - 2800m (a2m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 20,000

1. **MELCHIOR PHIL** - Takes to the ridden code for the first time following 2 flops under harness and appears to have no possible chance
2. **MON ILOT** - Later developer that has shown little aptitude to date. Sports modified shoeing but others still preferred
3. **MARCO DU VERGER** - Was not disgraced when 5th in a Lisieux Class F last weekend, however a repeat seems unlikely
4. **MADILY LUDOISE** - Unremarkable filly that has yet to establish her credentials and can expect to have few friends
5. **MATUVU** - Showed marked improvement when 3rd in a Lisieux Class F last weekend. Is not about to get his nose in front but can still finish in the mix
6. **MAGNUM DU LEVANT** - Eliminated in both monte starts to date, most recently a Cabourg Class F last Tuesday. Damien Bonne gets the nod and has a reasonable chance of getting him back on track
7. **MILLE DOLLARS** - Is in the talented hands of the trainer's son for the first time. Has been knocking at the door lately and will have his chances if he stays in stride
8. **MON TWIST** - Has done nothing of note since winning a Graignes claimer under harness last June and is not about to create an upset
9. **MALAVISTA SOMOLLI** - Debuts in the discipline after having run 7th in a Cabourg Class E 12 days ago. Oscar Placier in the saddle and should not be discounted
10. **MANOUSCKA** - Opened her monte account when securing a Cabourg Class F late last month and will not be available at 36-1 this time
11. **MOLITA** - Made it 2 in a row when victorious in a Class F at Caen over 2,450m on 16 March. Comes here fresh, clearly with work under her belt, and can get straight down to business
12. **MAGIE DE FLEUR** - Third in a Class E at Caen over 2,450m on 15 June. Has not been seen since, and is shod for the occasion, but still represents a contender

Summary: MOLITA (11) is unbeaten in two starts in this discipline and, sporting a new configuration, will be well-backed to win on her first start following a five-month absence. Recent winner MANOUSCKA (10) and MILLE DOLLARS (7), partnered by Mathieu Mottier, will form the principal opposition. Shoes back on here, MAGIE DE FLEUR (12) is ideally-engaged and in present shape is easy to like for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

MOLITA (11) - MANOUSCKA (10) - MILLE DOLLARS (7) - MAGIE DE FLEUR (12)

C3 - PRIX DE PONTORSON - 2800m (a2m) - - Harness - EUR € 20,000

1. NINA DU BOCAGE - Placed twice in the provinces before finishing 7th in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 26 August. Will appreciate a return to these conditions and cannot be discounted

2. NALA DE MALIKEN - Quality element but has taken time to come to hand lately. Will be reined by a leading driver this time and expected to challenge for a place on the podium

3. NAVAJA DE CORDAY - Capable filly making first appearance since running 2nd in a Class E at Caen over 2,450m on 16 May and will not be given a hard race

4. NUANCE DE STAR - Not the most reliable of fillies, and was pulled up at Cabourg last time out, but drops back down the category-ladder and can begin to put things right

5. NICE GIRL CASTELLE - Has hardly put a foot wrong since debuting here in June. Has improved for every run and has a realistic chance of contesting the finish once more

6. NESTA DE VANDEL - Finished 3rd in a Class E at Argentan over 2,150m on 16 August, a fortnight after having opened her account on turf, and Alexis Collette can be justifiably confident of a big run

7. NIKITA DES MONTS - Finished 6th in a Class D at Marseille-Borely over 2,300m on 27 August. Is not entirely without merit but would be preferred at a lower level

8. NAGOYA DE LOU - Finished 11th in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,700m on 26 August, having got off the mark at Divonne a fortnight earlier. Is confirmed racing clockwise but others still easier to back

9. NEW STAR WIND - Got off the mark at Agon in mid-August, then ran 6th in a Vincennes Class D 10 days later. Has been fitted with 4 pads this time and will be no easy touch if she keeps her action together

10. NATURE VRIE - Unplaced in a Class D at Cabourg over 2,750m on 18 August, after having won a claimer there a week earlier. Has been reconfigured for the occasion and is not incapable of making first 5

Summary: Very hard to fault, NESTA DE VANDEL (6) is partnered by the in-form Alexis Collette this time and looks a solid proposition. NEW STAR WIND (9) was not disgraced at Vincennes and will sport 4 pads for the first time, while NICE GIRL CASTELLE (5) returns to the venue of her debut with a good hand to play. NALA DE MALIKEN (2), with Mathieu Mottier in the bike, is a potential spoiler.

SELECTIONS

NESTA DE VANDEL (6) - NEW STAR WIND (9) - NICE GIRL CASTELLE (5) - NALA DE MALIKEN (2)

C4 - PRIX DU MONT SAINT MICHEL - 2800m (a2m) - - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MAYA DE MAHEY** - Third in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,750m on 25 August 2026. Has made the frame in last two and, with form maintained, can again finish close
 - 2. MALAVITA ROSA** - Victorious in a Class F at Le Mont St Michel over 2,675m on 16 July 2026. Appears to have got her house in order and, with application, could yet repeat
 - 3. MONA PAGE** - Showed she was back at the top of her game when victorious in a Class E at Amiens over 2,400m on 8 June. Has not been seen since though and best to keep one's powder dry
 - 4. MALAGA DE MARZY** - Useful sort that will be reined by her trainer this time. He won with her the last time they were associated and must not be overlooked
 - 5. MONEY DU CHATELET** - Left quite the impression when 3rd in a Cabourg Class F on 28 August. Gets to race barefoot for the first time and, on good behaviour, can wrap this up
 - 6. MARMARA BLEUE** - Finished 5th in a Class D at Cabourg over 2,050m on 21 August. Consistently gives everything she has and enjoys a reasonable chance of picking up a cheque
 - 7. MENEUSE DE HOUELLE** - Finished 7th in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,750m on 14 July. Is some way off her spring form and will first need to reassure
 - 8. MELLYNKA** - Finished 7th in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,750m on 21 July. Has placed just once in 9 starts this year but with Mathieu Mottier in the bike should not be entirely ruled out
 - 9. MELODISYVA** - Put her July sanction behind her when 3rd in a Cabourg Class E on 14 August. Has already won for Franck Nivard this year and can be assured another competitive drive
 - 10. MERVEILLE DAB** - Produced some good efforts earlier in the summer but has since looked rather ordinary and is not a priority
 - 11. MOUFLETTE** - Lost her action in a Class E at Marseille-Borely 10 days ago and in current condition has no possible chance
- Summary:** Impressive at Cabourg, MONEY DU CHATELET (5) will race barefoot for the first time and can return to winning ways. The recently reinvigorated, and barefoot, MALAVITA ROSA (2), MAYA DE MAHEY (1), who has improved considerably, and the in-form MARMARA BLEUE (6), all have claims.

SELECTIONS

MONEY DU CHATELET (5) - MALAVITA ROSA (2) - MAYA DE MAHEY (1) - MARMARA BLEUE (6)

C5 - PRIX ENTREPRISE DELAROCHE DUBOIS - 2800m (a2m) - - Harness - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MASCARET DEFF** - Back under harness after being eliminated in a monte Class E at Argentan 3 weeks ago, but in this category will have little to bring to the party
- 2. MADE IN MOUROTOIS** - Ran 7th in a Class E at Amiens over 2,400m on 29 July, having reassured at Clairefontaine earlier in the month. Is barefoot this time but is still not a priority
- 3. MIRAGE DE BRAY** - Ran 7th in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,725m on 18 August, a fortnight after having encouraged at Mauquenchy, but others easier to trust
- 4. MOODY LOVE** - Was unable to secure the four-timer when eliminated in a Class E at Castera-Verduzan on 10 August. Has had ample time to shake that off and, with application, will be dangerous
- 5. MY NAME IS FLASH** - Is better than his last two results would suggest. Has form at this level and with François Lagadeuc in the bike is unlikely to be far from the action
- 6. MAGIC DE BELLA** - Sprang something of a surprise when successful in a Class E over 2475m at Royan La Palmyre a week ago. Races shod this time and is clearly being aimed too high
- 7. MAJOR SAUTONNE** - Finished 3rd in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,725m on 18 August but impressed nevertheless, and should have the measure of the field this time
- 8. MOZART LA LONDE** - Finished 3rd in a monte Class E at Argentan over 2,875m on 16 August but is not a priority this time around
- 9. MAGIC CASH QUICK** - Difficult colt but showed at 3 that he clearly had potential. Has been reconfigured for his Vire bow and is worth keeping an eye on
- 10. MIRAGE DU CAIEU** - Ran 3rd in a Class E at Argentan 3 weeks ago. Has never disappointed in his current configuration and will be competitive for a place in the frame
- 11. MATCHO MESLOIS** - Unplaced on comeback in a Class E at Pornichet over 2,650m on 20 August. Is not devoid of ability but patently needs another race
- 12. MIRABILIS VRIE** - Has shown marked improvement over recent weeks, lastly third in a Class E at Divonne-les-Bains 2.5 weeks ago. Takes on a better lot here but still has the wherewithal to make his presence felt
- 13. MEETING MESLOIS** - Finished 3rd in a Class E at Enghien over 2,150m on 13 August, making up for his Laval clinker. Is clearly close to his race and the fine entry stands him in good stead

Summary: The very consistent MAJOR SAUTONNE (7) and MEETING MESLOIS (13) will logically have their sights set on victory in this open contest. Preference goes to the former though, partnered by Alexis Collette. Things went badly for MIRAGE DU CAIEU (10) at Cabourg, but he showed his form all the same. It will probably be all or nothing for the in-form MOODY LOVE (4).

SELECTIONS

MAJOR SAUTONNE (7) - MEETING MESLOIS (13) - MIRAGE DU CAIEU (10) - MOODY LOVE (4)

C6 - PRIX DU COUESNON - 2800m (a2m) - - Mounted - EUR € 30,000

- 1. ROCKY OASIS** - Finished 12th in a Class D Apprentices' race at Vincennes over 2,700m on 31 August. Is clearly out of sorts and can be dismissed
- 2. LUCA BAROSSO** - Useful sort that lost his action on debut for Mathieu Mottier as trainer. Has already won when ridden by him and must not be underestimated
- 3. JUDGE DREDD SISU** - Pleased more than once during the spring but has looked very ordinary over recent weeks and is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 4. INSTANT DU BOIS** - Has ample ability but is never far from losing his action which he showed at Francheville 3 weeks ago, and others easier to trust
- 5. KENOBI D'HERFRAIE** - Complicated element that imposed under these conditions earlier in the year. Has just the one race under his belt but on good behaviour could pleasantly surprise
- 6. HORS CADRE** - Surprise winner at Le Mont-Saint-Michel in April but has been a complete write-off since and has no realistic chance
- 7. DAREIOS DI POGGIO** - Is like a horse reborn since switching codes and leaving Scandinavia. Returns to a hard surface and may well prove the main danger to JIZUKE JIEL (11)
- 8. KING OF JIEL** - Third in a Class F at Strasbourg over 2,800m on 27 August. Has not put a foot wrong since mid-July and the return of Adrien Lamy will do his prospects no disservice. Place chance
- 9. JUPITER PLANCHETTE** - Back in business over recent weeks, lastly 2nd in a Vibraye Class E on 15 August. Damien Bonne in the bike this time and will not be far off the mark if he manages to keep his charge focused
- 10. JIHERE DU PORET** - Gave a reassuringly good account when third in a Cabourg Class E on 21 August and, with application, can make first five
- 11. JIZUKE JIEL** - Made it two in a row when comfortably winning a Class F at Vichy over 2,950m on 25 August. Is new to the venue but in current form is easy to fancy for the three-timer

Summary: In excellent form, JIZUKE JIEL (11) is making the long journey to take advantage of this favourable engagement on a right-handed track that should suit him to a tee. DAREIOS DI POGGIO (7) has been encouraging under harness and could make his mark in this discipline. Stablemate to the selection, KING OF JIEL (8) has been excelling over recent weeks. JUPITER PLANCHETTE (9) has been knocking at the door.

SELECTIONS

JIZUKE JIEL (11) - DAREIOS DI POGGIO (7) - KING OF JIEL (8) - JUPITER PLANCHETTE (9)

C7 - PRIX DE LA SELUNE - 2800m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 30,000

1. **JUMBO JACK** - Unexceptional type that finished 6th in a Class F over course and distance last Monday. Reverts to an earlier formula but still has little to contribute
2. **JISA DES LOYAUX** - Finished 6th in a Class F Apprentices' race at Rochefort Sur Loire over 3,000m on 16 August 2026. Is in superior company here and will struggle to make any impact
3. **KARAMEL JOYEUX** - Imposed at Argentan 3 weeks ago before being kept on the boil at Ploermel last weekend. Has already won for Alexis Collette this summer and is unlikely to disappoint
4. **KAZAAL** - Ran 6th in a Class G at Laval over 2,650m on 23 August. Is no slouch on a good day but would have better prospects racing left-handed
5. **JAB KISS** - Got back in the game when 3rd in a Cabourg Class E on 14 August. Benefits from the services of another top driver and can confirm
6. **KASANGA** - Serious mare but is being prepared for a campaign in the other code and best to hold off
7. **KAMTCHATKA** - Ran 6th in a Class E at Cabourg over 2,750m on 25 August. Should not be too hastily-judged though and Franck Nivard will be keen to put things right. Place chance
8. **KHARA DRY** - Has come off the boil somewhat following a decent start to the summer. Has been entrusted to Aymeric Thomas this time though and can get a look in
9. **KAISER DE MORTREE** - Fifth in a Class F at Meslay-du-Maine over 2,875m on 15 August, his first start back. Is competitively-shod this time but others still preferred
10. **KINJAL DE BELLANDE** - Ran 2nd in a Class G at Laval over 2,650m on 23 August. Is as comfortable going right-handed as left- and looks a serious proposition. Chance
11. **KALITY D'ERABLE** - Runner-up in a Class F at Le Mont St Michel over 2,675m on 16 July. Is plainly close to her race and can impose
12. **JOYCE DE LA COUR** - Finished 9th in a Class G at Saint Malo over 2,950m on 15 August. Is not the most dependable of mares but she benefits from a terrific entry and Adrien Lamy will be keen to deliver
13. **JOMA OV** - Encouraged at Amiens in July but has twice failed to confirm. Has been re-shod and from the back row will have few takers
14. **IZIJAL** - Has not been seen out since finishing unplaced in a Class D at Vincennes over 2,850m on 29 May. Is clearly being conditioned and can be passed over
15. **GALAXIE DU HOME** - Failed to find her old form after missing all of 2024 and can be confidently disregarded

Summary: KALITY D'ERABLE (11), barefoot this time, and KINJAL DE BELLANDE (10) have been knocking at the door and there appears to be little to choose between them. KAMTCHATKA (7) is much better than her latest result would imply. JAB KISS (5) reassured last time out and will be reined by Mathieu Mottier on this occasion.

SELECTIONS

KALITY D'ERABLE (11) - KINJAL DE BELLANDE (10) - KAMTCHATKA (7) - JAB KISS (5)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
MAJOR SAUTONNE (507)

Outsider of the day

NUANCE DE STAR (304)

Reverse forecast

MALAVITA ROSA (402) - MONEY DU CHATELET (405)

Three pick of the day

NESTA DE VANDEL (306) - MONEY DU CHATELET (405) - MAJOR SAUTONNE (507)