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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DRACO - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 46.000

- 1. IBANQUE LEBEL** - Mixes the good with the less good but did place over track and trip during the autumn and should not be ignored
- 2. INFERNA DE HOUELLE** - As complicated as they come but is plainly in excellent shape. Very unlucky here 11 days ago but, with application, can more than make amends
- 3. ILE BOREALE** - Hardy mare with form in this category. Has 3 runs in her since the break and, unshod all 4 this time, can get straight down to business
- 4. INDULGENTE** - Showed a different side to herself with 2 straight wins before being put away. Returned victoriously late-September and, from the 4-spot, will be no pushover
- 5. ISIS DE LA FERME** - Capable sort that has been in decent shape all season. Has no love for the Vincennes main track though and, despite the draw, chances still appear slim
- 6. IDOLE ELDE** - Reliability not her strong suit but has evident talent. Already a winner under these conditions and, from the front line, can put on a good show
- 7. IMPERATRICE HEDEN** - Sprang something of a surprise here last month when barefoot for first time since last winter. Breaks in front but may well find the opposition somewhat tougher
- 8. IROMEE** - Moderate mare that looked to be coming good during the summer but has gone off the boil again and, even though barefoot this time, still looks to have too much to do
- 9. ICONE D'AVENIR** - Difficult type but is not devoid of talent. Solid in all 3 starts since the break and, racing barefoot with Eric Raffin reining, should not be underestimated
- 10. ISOTTA BAR** - Regularly the object of the stewards' attention but can trot. Bites off more than she can chew this time though and not an obvious choice
- 11. ILIADE MENCOURT** - Has not visited the winners' enclosure since June 2022 but regularly gives her best. Below-par last time out and, in this category, will struggle to make her mark
- 12. INTERACTIVE** - Seldom far from the action when focused. A place behind IDOLE ELDE (6) here recently and although better over a longer trip, she is fitted with 4 pads for the first time, and should be able to trot her way into the money
- 13. IPSIE DE LA LUNE** - Has never failed to deliver under these conditions and imposed in good order last month. In better company on this occasion though and chances limited
- 14. INFANTE DE TOUES** - Previously a good sort but seldom makes her presence felt these days and is not about to buck the trend
- 15. INSULA PERRINE** - Impressed more than once earlier in the year but has since lost her bearings and will have few takers

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Summary : Although not the most trustworthy of horses in the field, INFERNA DE HOUELLE (2) would have easily imposed here recently had she not faulted in the straight, but Yoann Lebourgeois is sure to be more vigilant this time and can set the record straight. INDULGENTE (4) is no fan of Vincennes but she returns after winning 3-in-a-row and is very hard to ignore. IDOLE ELDE (6) has started to show improvement over recent weeks and her recent performance did not go unnoticed. Proven under these conditions and barefoot for his first objective of the winter, ILE BOREALE (3) has a good spot behind the car and can figure prominently.

SELECTIONS

INFERNA DE HOUELLE (2) - INDULGENTE (4) - IDOLE ELDE (6) - ILE BOREALE (3)

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C2 - PRIX VESTA - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 40.000

- 1. JOKER GEMA** - Fine trotter that pulled off a hat-trick during the summer. Faulted on re-entry here 3 weeks ago however and appears to need another run
- 2. JUDOPOCK** - Got his career off to a flying start but has been nothing but a handful since and needs to shape up
- 3. JACK SURPRISE** - Competent colt with respectable Vincennes credentials but has yet to get into his stride this term and a minor place chance at best
- 4. JERZINO VICI** - Useful trotter that finished 2nd on his only appearance here. Prepped for this in the provinces and, unshod all 4 this time, can pick up some scraps
- 5. JOB DES MOLLES** - Colt with an abundance of talent but not always easy to handle. Is unbeaten under these conditions though and, with application, can go far
- 6. JAPPELOUP TURGOT** - Has disappointed just once in 5 outings when unshod all 4. Was full of running when sanctioned last time but will be dangerous if he stays in stride
- 7. JIGOVE** - Undeniably capable but is regularly plagued by stride woes. Will be fit though and, already a winner in this configuration, will have his supporters
- 8. JILORD VIVA** - Honest sort that has yet to disappoint over the main track, but finds himself in better company this time and not a priority
- 9. JOTUNN DU DOME** - Occasionally capricious but is otherwise at the top of his game and must be taken seriously. Place chance
- 10. JUSSEO** - 6 wins from 11 starts this year, but unplaced in 2 of last 3. Sports a new shoeing configuration for the occasion, is entrusted to JMB for the first time, and looks a possible spoiler
- 11. JAZZY FLIGNY** - Modest individual that has done little of note since mid-August and will not be troubling the judge
- 12. JOYEUX MESLOIS** - Unexceptional type that regularly bites off more than he can chew and, once again, this looks to be the case
- 13. JOEY DU NOYER** - Useful sort that consistently gives his best. Made up for his Laval blip with a good run here 10 days ago and will not be sent out at 45/1 this time around
- 14. JACK QUICK** - Showed considerable promise at 3 before losing his way. Has had ample time to get his house in order though and, competitively shod, looks a player
- 15. JACKSON D'ARC** - Good consistent servant that showed a liking for the main track 3 weeks ago and, while unlikely to have his way, should still give a competitive account
- 16. JACQUARD** - Never far from losing his action but is one of the best horses here and, unshod for his first seasonal goal, can make this his own

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Summary : Very hard to fault when barefoot at Vincennes, JACQUARD (16) benefits from a superb entry here and, barefoot for the occasion, can get straight down to business. He can nevertheless expect to encounter resistance from the progressive but delicate JAPPELOUP TURGOT (6) who won her only start at the venue. JOTUNN DU DOME (9) seldom disappoints when applied and his recent performance over shorter here stands him in good stead. JOB DES MOLLES (5) won over course and distance earlier in the year and, barefoot for the first time, will again figure prominently if Alexandre Abrivard can keep him trotting.

SELECTIONS

JACQUARD (16) - JAPPELOUP TURGOT (6) - JOTUNN DU DOME (9) - JOB DES MOLLES (5)

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**C3 - PRIX MELUSINA - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European - Harness - EUR €
46.000**

- 1. HIT DE JOBI** - Regularly a case of all-or-nothing for this character. Imposed over track and trip last time out and, even in this company, looks to have a reasonable chance of going close
- 2. HERMES D'ECROVILLE** - Useful sort that pleasantly surprised here recently but takes on better this time and is unlikely to influence the result
- 3. HASHTAG CHAMANT** - Dependable trotter that seldom puts a foot out of place, and is well-placed in front, but can nevertheless expect to find the going tough
- 4. BOCCADAMO** - Quality individual that has yet to disappoint at Vincennes. Showed his form at a better level last time out and, from the 4-spot, can bring home the bacon
- 5. TITAN YODA** - Serious nordic trotter making his Vincennes debut off the back of 2 good runs at home already this month. Well-placed behind the car and can apply significant pressure on BOCCADAMO (4)
- 6. HELLO PANAME** - Winless for past 20 months but has recently shown signs of improvement. Reverts to a proven configuration and will have his supporters
- 7. HUNT** - Rarely far from view when he can keep his action together. Set his personal best chrono at Mauquenchy last time, but a repeat seems improbable
- 8. HOOPER DES CHASSES** - Like a horse reborn after the summer. Returns to the capital with 2 straight wins behind her and looks a serious proposition once more
- 9. HAS DE COEUR** - Hardy element that would have finished in the money last time had he not faulted. Reverts to racing barefoot here but the draw does him no favours
- 10. HALO AM** - Good sort that made up for his Enghien sanction with success at Wolvega. Hind shoes off for the first time and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 11. G.K.JUSTUS** - Blows hot and cold, has no particular love for Vincennes, and looks to have his work cut out
- 12. HIGOR DAIRPET** - Useful individual that was not the most fortunate last time out. Consistently in the thick of things and, with more luck in running, can again make the first 5
- 13. HOTEL MYSTIC** - Capable type that reassured at La Capelle last month. Is confirmed over the long course but still not an obvious choice
- 14. FETLOCK JOINT** - Has ample ability but has not been at his sharpest lately. Takes a dip in category though and can make up for lost time
- 15. HEART OF GLASS** - Good class of trotter making his first public appearance for 10 months. Shoes on and no threat
- 16. TWIGS HONOR** - Good dual-discipline Scandinavian sort that has placed in 2 of 3 since coming south. Showed his condition under the saddle last time and, if form transitions, will not be far from the action

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Summary : A talented trotter that has travelled the length and breadth of the continent in search of just the right race; he drops marginally in category with every chance of imposing this time. Jean-François Senet will still want to be wary of the similarly well-positioned, and in-form, Scandinavian raider, TITAN YODA (5), who should take well to these conditions. In cracking shape for the past 3 months, HOOPER DES CHASSES (8) starts wide, but the hat-trick is not beyond his reach. HIGOR DAIRPET (12) has not got his nose in front for some time but is consistently thereabouts and, in spite of the draw, appears competitively well in.

SELECTIONS

BOCCADAMO (4) - TITAN YODA (5) - HOOPER DES CHASSES (8) - HIGOR DAIRPET (12)

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C4 - PRIX CERES - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 40.000

1. JURELLA DE PALM - Progressive sort that tends to prefer a flatter surface. Unraced since April and not a realistic proposition

2. JET SET - Quality element that struggled during the autumn but reassured with an excellent run here recently. Excels with Alexandre Abrivard reining and will justifiably garner support

3. JASMINE DU MAXFRAN - Useful sort making just her second start since returning from a lengthy layoff. Shoes on and best to wait

4. JUVENIA BELLA - Impressive here last winter meeting. Has yet to make her mark this term but is certainly fit by now and can figure prominently if Antoine Wiels keeps her trotting

5. JAMAICA BROWN - Never far from faulting but is otherwise an honest filly with considerable talent. Is barefoot for 2nd start since the break and is not incapable of getting straight back in the game

6. JODLEUSE MAG - Not the most attractive of formcards but can trot when focused. Unlikely to spring a surprise but should still give an honest account

7. JALAPA DU BUISSON - Competent filly with proven form in this category. Has yet to finish a race when barefoot but has a decent record with Raffin in the wagon and must be regarded a leading contender

8. JESTA BUISSONAY - Dynamic here at the turn of the year but has looked a shadow of her former self since late-spring and will have few friends

9. JOYCE DREAM - Mixes the good with the less good but tends to show more a level down. Reverts to an old configuration and can start to come good again

10. JUST LOVELY - Moderate type that went into her spell on a high note but disappointing in 2 since and, with shoes back on, is unlikely to shake things up

11. JALNA DU GERS - Serious trotter that has never disappointed when unshod. Is plainly close to her race and deserves to be rewarded with a win

Summary : Consistently in the thick of things when unshod, JALNA DU GERS (11) has twice gone close here lately and a repeat of her most recent performance would see her open her winter account. There are others well in here though, notably the good JAMAICA BROWN (5) who is barefoot for her return to the capital, and the revitalised JALAPA DU BUISSON (7) who has solid main-track references. JET SET (2) went close over course and distance recently and, even though stepping up in category, still looks a player.

SELECTIONS

JALNA DU GERS (11) - JAMAICA BROWN (5) - JALAPA DU BUISSON (7) - JET SET (2)

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C5 - PRIX ARSINOE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 35.000

1. **KING HAUFOR** - Got his career off to a positive start in the provinces. Struggled on re-entry at Angers but is fitted with pads this time around and expected to get back in the game
2. **KHEOPS BOURBON** - Unexceptional trotter that has made no impression since winning at Laon and can expect to have few friends
3. **KEMPEL DE GUEZ** - Has shown decent aptitude at a lower level, but disappointing at Nantes last time and has a lot more to find
4. **KAYCAT WARRIOR** - Blows hot and cold and is better in an inferior category, and can be confidently passed over
5. **KOLOSSE** - Made up for his debut sanction with 2 straight wins. In better company this time but is competitively shod and can make a big splash
6. **KAZAN DE VANDEL** - Capable colt but has yet to make his mark since returning from his break and is unlikely to influence the outcome
7. **KASHMIR JADOR** - Unremarkable sort that has yet to show any appreciation for the Vincennes profile and is not about to spring a surprise
8. **KEKOA** - Respectable sort that will do well at a lower level but, in this field, can expect to be outclassed
9. **KAPITEN DU MELEUC** - Still chasing that elusive first win but has done little to impress over recent weeks and can represent no more than a minor place prospect
10. **KERGOMAR SIBEY** - Clearly capable and has twice held his own here but the best is yet to come and should not be overlooked
11. **KAID DUCAL** - Has shown signs of potential in between his sanctions. Hind pads fitted this time and will be worth watching
12. **KASH PRIDE** - Difficult sort but has already won twice. Disappointing here last time though and must find more
13. **KSAR DU CORTA** - Sanctioned as often as not but has bags of ability. Is yet to prove himself left-handed but will have his chances if Mathieu Mottier can assure his initial strides
14. **KOPECK DE CHENU** - Close to his race more than once during the spring. Eased back in this term and the addition of pads will only work to his advantage
15. **KARAMBAR** - Has looked a serious future prospect since his successful debut last July. Sanctioned on comeback but the new shoeing configuration may be just what the doctor ordered

Summary : Put away for the autumn after winning his first 2 races, KARAMBAR (15) was a bit too spirited on re-entry at Saint-Brieuc, but sports front pads this time and, with application, will take all the beating. It is unlikely to be all plane sailing though if the good but difficult KSAR DU CORTA (13) stays in stride, and KOLOSSE (5) replicates either of his last two runs, this time with pads fitted. Eric Raffin stays true to KERGOMAR SIBEY (10) who will have come on for his main-track debut.

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KARAMBAR (15) - KSAR DU CORTA (13) - KOLOSSE (5) - KERGOMAR SIBEY (10)

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C6 - PRIX OTTILIA - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 35.000

1. **KOKO LABELLE** - Has shown decent capacity at a lower level but was forced to face reality last time out and can be confidently passed over
2. **KIARA BLUE** - Promising filly that is plainly close to her race. Takes a step up in category but is fitted with front pads and will generate some interest
3. **KAISERINE** - Tricky character that has just one decent result to her name, and latest Vincennes run did nothing to inspire confidence
4. **KELLY DES LOYAUX** - Blows hot and cold but showed improvement at Nantes last time out. With form maintained, she could yet get a look in
5. **KYRA GIO** - Competent filly that opened her monté account a month back. First time with pads on but others still preferred
6. **KIRMANE DE LAVAU** - Handy sort making her metropolitan debut on a hat-trick but takes on some better horses this time and a minor place chance at best
7. **KASTILLE HAUFOR** - Solid as a rock in her first 3 before disappointing on the inner track next time. Is considerably better than that and it would be no surprise to see her in the mix at the business end of the race
8. **KATINKA GEMA** - Useful type at a lower level but has shown the limit of her capacity is superior company and is unlikely to rock the boat
9. **KISS AND FORGET** - Won on debut before being put away. Scored again at Vire recently and looks the main danger to KETY DU GOUTIER (11)
10. **KARLITA MADRIK** - Undeniably capable but is sanctioned as often as not. Has 2 races in her since the layoff and, with application, can bounce back and trot her way into the money
11. **KETY DU GOUTIER** - Twice a winner in her first 4 starts. Was never taxed on re-entry but is in race-mode here and looks the one to beat
12. **KAPUSHA MIP** - Useful filly that did not enjoy the best of runs last time out but is hard to knock when she gets to the front early and is unlikely to be far off the mark
13. **KALINE DES RACQUES** - Quality trotter in the making. Can be excused her recent clinker but has odds stacked more in her favour this time and is unlikely to disappoint

Summary : Impressive on more than one occasion earlier in the year, KETY DU GOUTIER (11) was eased back in at Chartres last month and, fitted with 4 pads for the first time, can return to winning ways. Théo Duvaldestin will be keeping an eye on the progressive KISS AND FORGET (9) who took little time getting down to business after 6 months off. KALINE DES RACQUES (13) was never at her ease at Reims recently but sports 4 pads for the occasion and is entrusted to Eric Raffin. KAPUSHA MIP (12) is another nice trotter in the making and is sure to have come on for her re-entry run here mid-November.

SELECTIONS

KETY DU GOUTIER (11) - KISS AND FORGET (9) - KALINE DES RACQUES (13) - KAPUSHA MIP (12)

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C7 - PRIX DES RENCONTRES INTERNATIONALES - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 18.000

- 1. FAHRENHEIT FLOWER** - Has won at this level but has failed to make the frame in his last 5 claimers. Showed marked improvement at Cordemais recently though and is not incapable of setting the cat among the pigeons
- 2. FAKIR DE GESVRES** - Never the easiest of horses to gauge but was an impressive winner on the main track last time at this level. Has one race under his belt since the spell, benefits from a good spot behind the car, and looks a player
- 3. EIGHT** - Showed some improvement here last time out. Returns barefoot from a spell but still unlikely to spring any surprises
- 4. GASSMAN D'ESSA** - Fine servant that appears to have found his niche at this level. Beat much of this field with authority in early-October and is thoroughly capable of confirming from the 4-spot
- 5. FURIOSO BEACH** - Very disappointing on the whole for some time and did not do enough at Cordemais to be considered a priority
- 6. FRODON THONIC** - Here for a change of scenery after a lean streak under the saddle and has no realistic chance
- 7. EAULYMPIK CEHERE** - Was quite the revelation when winning smartly on his first attempt in the claiming category and will justifiably garner significantly more support this time around
- 8. FORSICA DU ROCHER** - As erratic as they get but does have form in the claiming category. Has a lot going for him here and must be afforded respect
- 9. FAN DE PHYT'S** - No champion but seldom goes home empty-handed in this category. Forced to start wide though and not a priority
- 10. FILS D'HAUFOR** - Modest type with little experience in the claiming category. Is not entirely without merit but, in this company, will have his work cut out
- 11. GANYMED DE CORBERY** - Has raced just twice in this category but has yet to disappoint. Has references over course and distance and dropping back down the class ladder will only enhance his prospects
- 12. FAKIR DES LANDES** - Capable when barefoot and focused. 3rd to GASSMAN D'ESSA (4) in the race of reference but still represents little more than a minor place prospect
- 13. EXOTIC JET** - Turned a corner during the summer with 2 consecutive claiming wins. Is confirmed over track and trip and, even though in better company this time, still looks competitive for a cheque
- 14. FLAMBEUR DU DIGEON** - Can trot but is a tricky individual and failed to make the grade at this level on his penultimate start
- 15. ESPOIR DU JOUR** - Unremarkable trotter that has been off the boil for past 3.5 months and can be confidently ruled out

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Summary : Recent course-and-distance winner GASSMAN D'ESSA (4) thrives, for the most part, over 2100m here and, dropping back to his category of preference, looks a marginally better choice than surprise claiming winner, EAULYMPIK CEHERE (7) who will not be available at 55/1 this time around. Not known for his reliability, FAKIR DE GESVRES (2) has yet to disappoint in the claiming division and, if fully fit, can play a leading role. FORSICA DU ROCHER (8) has not been in the best of places recently but she goes barefoot with Eric Raffin at the helm and should logically show a different side.

SELECTIONS

GASSMAN D'ESSA (4) - EAULYMPIK CEHERE (7) - FAKIR DE GESVRES (2) - FORSICA DU ROCHER (8)

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C8 - PRIX GIENAH - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 35.000

- 1. JOYEUSE SOMOLLI** - Left a good impression at Graignes 3 weeks ago on her monté debut but, considering the opposition, her chances are limited
- 2. JUNE DE RODREY** - Sanctioned as often as not but appears to have turned a corner recently. Takes on some better beasts this time but is still worth keeping an eye on
- 3. JOYABELLA** - Difficult sort at the best of times but has no shortage of talent. Front shoes off this time and, if applied, can make up for her recent sanction
- 4. JEALOUSY LOVE** - Erratic but not without merit. Finished a place behind JOLIE DES BAUX (7) at Caen and returns to the same configuration with a small chance of picking up a cheque
- 5. JUMACHA** - Has proven herself under the saddle this year. Belied her odds here mid-October and, barefoot again, deserves to be taken at face value
- 6. JUST IMAGINE** - By no means an easy horse to handle but pleased in her last 3 monté starts and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 7. JOLIE DES BAUX** - Has shown good aptitude for the discipline, notably when barefoot. Left a fine impression under these conditions 2 months back and the nature of her recent Caen effort bodes well for her prospects
- 8. JOYEUSE DE VOUEDE** - Has looked very ordinary all season and has yet to impress under the saddle. Barefoot this time but others still preferred
- 9. JABALLA** - Sanctioned on monté debut across town before imposing under harness next time. Different shoeing but still not a priority
- 10. JAMES BOND GIRL** - Capricious filly but has demonstrated excellent aptitude for her new vocation. First time in this configuration and has every chance of adding another notch to her monté belt
- 11. JUSTESS VIKING** - Flattered by the result of her recent monté initiation and has considerably more to find
- 12. JANE HUDSON** - Useful type with decent monté references. Pleased on the main track recently and will be in with a shout if she can replicate that performance

Summary : JAMES BOND GIRL (10) enjoyed something of a renaissance during the summer when returning to the monté code. She faces her first goal of the winter meeting and, with modified shoeing, can continue her victorious run. That being said, JANE HUDSON (12) has really started to come into herself, gets on well with the day's partner and, with hind shoes off this time, will be no soft touch. Faithful for the most part when she can keep her mind on the game, JOLIE DES BAUX (7) reassured at Caen last time and another big run is anticipated. JUST IMAGINE (6) has something of a temperament but has been making her presence felt lately and, just hind shoes on this time, can get in on the action.

SELECTIONS

JAMES BOND GIRL (10) - JANE HUDSON (12) - JOLIE DES BAUX (7) - JUST IMAGINE (6)