R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE LA CLAYETTE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - European - Mounted - EUR € 49.000

- 1. GAROU BEJI Acquits himself well for the most part but at this level of competition will have his work cut out
- 2. GRAVELLE PAGUERIE Has never shown any particular flair for the monté code and and can be confidently disregarded
- **3. GABEUR DAIRPET -** No slouch when applied but is presently going through a rough patch and must get his house in order
- **4. GINA COSTARDIERE -** Placed just once in 4 monté starts. Has looked decidedly ordinary since and can be ruled out
- **5. BEETHOVEN (SWE) -** Showed improvement at Reims after his modest debut. Returns to racing unshod behind and can get a look in if Damien Bonne keeps her trotting
- **6. GOUTIER CELESTE -** Difficult trotter but has talent to burn. Showed his form at Mauquenchy despite being sanctioned and, on better behaviour, could well win this
- **7. GUADALUPE -** Produced her career-best performance behind the good Herodo Bello at Bordeaux recently and will not be ignored in the markets this time
- **8. GOLIATH DE LAIR -** Not the most reliable of horses but is clearly in excellent form. Takes on some better horses this time but still looks competitively well in
- 9. GROUND ZERO Always gives her best in the discipline but has never finished closer than 4th in 7 career starts, which is unlikely to cut the mustard
- **10. SILVER BULLIT(SWE) -** Serious Swedish type that has acquitted himself well since coming south. Is close to winning another and is still very much in the picture
- **11. GALLAGHER WIND -** Classy individual that seldom lets the side down in this branch of the business. Enjoys a superb entry and can make this his own

Summary: As good in one code as he is in the other, GALLAGHER WIND (11) was very impressive in his last two outings under the saddle; he has a fine entry here and, in current condition, can wrap this up. There will still be resistance though from the complicated but talented GOUTIER CELESTE (6) who races barefoot after 2 straight sanctions, and the Swedish import, SILVER BULLIT(SWE) (10), who has taken well to French conditions. GOLIATH DE LAIR (8) takes a step back up in category after 2 solid claiming runs and will not be wide of the mark.

SELECTIONS

GALLAGHER WIND (11) - GOUTIER CELESTE (6) - SILVER BULLIT(SWE) (10) - GOLIATH DE LAIR (8)

C2 - PRIX DES DHALIAS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 43.000

- 1. LUSSABEAU Gave a good account of himself in qualification but lacklustre first time out and chances slim
- **2. LAPIS LAZULI -** Clearly capable but has been a handful lately. Showed his form here recently though and, if applied this time, will not be far off the mark
- **3. LOGAN JIEL -** Handy sort that has done almost everything asked of him. Most recently put in a good effort across town and merits attention
- **4. LAGNU MAG** Moderate type that has started to show improvement but is unlikely to be up to the task this time around
- **5. LOOPING DAY -** Looked smart on turf first time out before producing an excellent Enghien Performance and will be no easy touch if he can adapt to long course conditions
- **6. LUCIFERMORNINGSTAR -** Still after that elusive maiden win but has finished runner-up in 3 of last 4. Should appreciate the main track here and looks thoroughly capable of putting on a good show
- **7. LE GRAAL -** Won on debut before confirming in style on the short course, and can make it 3-on-the-trot is he takes to the main track profile
- **8. LEONARDO ROC -** Italian colt that imposed at Enghien on his first French start before disappointing next time out and needs to take his game to a better level
- **9. LE JIBAY -** Faithful colt whose form is heading in the right direction. Runner-up in a similar event last time out and is unlikely to go home empty-handed

10. LE CAP -

Summary: Thierry Duvaldestin looks to have the edge here with the unbeaten LE GRAAL (7) who met little opposition on his Vincennes debut during the autumn. That being said, LOOPING DAY (5) showed considerable progress at Enghien last time out and Eric Raffin has maintained faith. LAPIS LAZULI (2) beat him at Alençon that day, could well have won here last Tuesday had he not faulted, and JMB will be out to put matters straight. LUCIFERMORNINGSTAR (6) is quite clearly close to his race and switching tracks may be just the ticket.

SELECTIONS

LE GRAAL (7) - LOOPING DAY (5) - LAPIS LAZULI (2) - LUCIFERMORNINGSTAR (6)

C3 - PRIX D'ORAISON - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 35.000

- 1. JYTRACE DE HOUELLE Has not got his nose in front for last 16 months but most recently set his best chrono here and, in this company, looks a leading contender
- **2. JEWEL TOUCH -** Progressive type that has been on the boil for past 4 months. Took a liking to Vincennes conditions last time out and, from the 2-spot, will have his chances
- **3. JAPPELOU -** Mixes the good with the less good but pleased last time at the venue and subsequently confirmed at Amiens. Handed a fine spot behind the car and, more competitively-shod this time, can play a role
- **4. JOYEUX NONNA -** Complicated colt that is never easy to gauge. Sanctioned in last 2 and, with shoes back on, is not about to spring a surprise
- **5. JUPITER MADRIK -** Ran 2nd on her only outing over 2100m here. Has one race in him following the break and, with hind shoes off, should logically show improvement
- **6. JOVIAL HAUFOR -** Did not once disappoint on the main track last winter. Will be fit by now and has every chance of keeping his unbeaten barefoot record intact
- **7. JUNKO SEPT -** On a superb run of form since early-August and latterly picked up just his 2nd career success. In better company but appreciates a mobile start and is unlikely to disappoint
- **8. JET DE BUSSET -** Has demonstrated decent aptitude for the game but has not been seen out since July and will need the run
- **9. JEWEL CASH -** Never far from losing his action and has been handed a tough draw, but imposed under the saddle for Lebourgeois at Caen in the spring and, with focus, can make amends for his recent sanctions
- **10. JUPITER FRANCE -** Useful for the most part and made the frame last time over 2100m. Forced to start on the back row though and not an obvious choice
- 11. JUANITO GOBERNA A total disappointment for past 14 months and can be confidently ruled out
- **12. JUMBO JACK** Just the one win to his name but has turned a corner lately. Finished 2nd over course and distance last month and will not be available at 72/1 this time around
- **13. JOURNAIO DU ROI -** Showed early promise but has failed to come good since the spring and can expect to have few, if any, takers
- **14. JINGALO BABEL -** Has shown respectable ability for the sport but stays shod for re-entry and unlikely to shake things up
- **15. JACARANDO -** Progressive colt that has raced just the once since his spell. Risks still being race-rusty though and others preferred

Summary: Winner over course and distance before being put away earlier in the year, JOVIAL HAUFOR (6) goes barefoot for his first objective of the winter meeting and starting from the front row will do his prospects no disservice. The good JYTRACE DE HOUELLE (1) has done nothing but improve since returning to competition and is expected to show significant improvement on his recent effort here. Already 4 times a winner this season, JEWEL TOUCH (2) acquitted himself well on his recent debut here and must be considered one of the leading protagonists. JEWEL CASH (9) may be a difficult individual but he is a winner over track and trip and, with application, can go far.

SELECTIONS

JOVIAL HAUFOR (6) - JYTRACE DE HOUELLE (1) - JEWEL TOUCH (2) - JEWEL CASH (9)

C4 - PRIX DE SAINT-GEORGES DE DIDONNE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class -Harness - EUR € 63.000

- **1. HORTINO -** Useful sort that left a good impression here late last month but takes a notable hike in category and is unlikely to shake things up
- **2. HUNADORA -** Solid as a rock over past 3.5 months. Latterly won well here and, positioned on the front row, is unlikely to be far from the action
- **3. GUELIZ -** Unremarkable type with no place in this line-up. Is still being conditioned and can be disregarded
- **4. FRICHTI -** Seldom far from losing his action but is a decent trotter all the same. In present shape though, is unlikely to ruffle any feathers
- **5. HERMES SMART -** Delicate but highly-talented trotter that has won 13 of the 17 races he has finished. Has scored 5 times for Matthieu Abrivard and, with application, can add another trophy to his tally
- **6. HYMNE DU GERS -** Trotter of considerable ability with nothing to prove over track and trip. Imposed with consummate ease here recently and is not incapable of repeating
- **7. HEDIC GEMA -** Has not once been bested over the distance here. Has 3 return runs in him and, even from the back row, can play a prominent part
- **8. HURELLA -** Tough mare with a decent Vincennes record but was found wanting last time and will need to raise her game
- **9. HANNIBAL TUILERIE -** Superb campaigner that just keeps getting better. Has other priorities however and best to hold off
- **10. GUINESS D'HERFRAIE -** A tough nut to crack when unshod. Has previously won under these conditions and, if fully fit, can give this a good go
- **11. HERADAMES -** Good dual-discipline type returning to conditions he appreciates after a monté clinker. Boasts fine references under similar conditions and must be afforded respect
- **12. GHOSTBUSTER -** Quality element that has proved himself in better company. Has had time to freshen up and returns to a track he likes with legitimate ambition
- **13. HARIBO DU LOISIR** Honest sort that frequently bites off more than he can chew, but is in his category here and, barefoot for the occasion, should be able to make his presence felt
- **14. HAKIM DE CHENU -** Considerably better horse in the other branch of the business and will not be given a hard race
- **15. GAIA D'OCCAGNES -** Hardy mare that appreciates these longer trips but has not been firing on all cylinders lately and no more than a minor place prospect

Summary: Very hard to fault when he can keep his mind on the game, HERMES SMART (5) may have no references racing left-handed but he is seldom thwarted when focused and, from the front line, can make a big splash. He will still come under fire from second-line elements such as the highly-consistent HEDIC GEMA (7) who is unbeaten over course-and-distance, and HYMNE DU GERS (6) who won well under similar conditions just 9 days ago. In excellent form over recent months, HUNADORA (2) notched up her first winter win a month back and, with a 25m head-start, is not to be ignored.

SELECTIONS

HERMES SMART (5) - HEDIC GEMA (7) - HYMNE DU GERS (6) - HUNADORA (2)

C5 - PRIX DE MARENNES-OLERON - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 41.000

- **1. IBAN DE KARA -** Faithful servant making his Vincennes debut in excellent form but nevertheless faces a very stiff test
- **2. IDEAL MOSSA -** Useful sort that appears to have a new lease on life. Unplaced on his lone appearance here but has won both starts for his new handler and is not to be underestimated
- **3. INDIAN HORSE -** Enjoyed a very fruitful summer before failing to fire in last 3 and must get his house in order
- **4. IMOKO HAUFOR -** Reliability not his strong suit but is never far from springing a surprise. Has placed just once in 4 appearances on the main track though and others easier to back
- **5. INEDIT VERDERIE -** Good, consistent trotter that has hardly stepped a foot wrong since the spring. In significantly better company this time though and others preferred
- **6. ISABEY QUESNOT -** Handy for the most part and confirmed her credentials under these conditions on penultimate start. Very unlucky at Bordeaux last time and Nils Pacha will be out to set the record straight
- **7. IRINO DE GUERON -** Tricky type with better references under the saddle but is no shrinking violet under harness. Has already won over 2700m here and will not be far off the mark if Anthony Dollion can keep him trotting
- **8. IMPECC BLUE -** Charles-Antoine Mary appears to have found his key to success. Is unbeaten when unshod all 4 and has a realistic chance of maintaining that perfect status
- **9. INDICE D'ARGENT -** Justifiably well-regarded type that adores Vincennes. Has 2 races in him since the summer break and, first time barefoot, will be capable of challenging for the top step on the podium
- **10. INSOLENT SOMOLLI -** Competent sort that has begun to get back in the game. Shoes back on though and represents no more than a minor place chance
- **11. INEDIT DU PAVILLON -** Arguably better at a marginally lower level but always gives his best. Has previously won with Pierre-Yves Verva and will have his supporters
- **12. INCREDIBLE GO -** Has merit but tends to blow hot and cold these days and will not be troubling the judge
- **13. ICARE DU TRESOR -** Classy trotter in the other code and is clearly in top shape. Switches back to the harness game, barefoot for the first time, and looks a serious proposition
- **14. I LOVE IGNY -** Unexceptional type that has made little impact for the past year and can be confidently written off
- **15. ISEBERT DES ULMES -** Has been struggling to express himself since the spring but is still a quality individual and, with Eric Raffin reining this time, will be afforded every chance
- **16. IAGO VICTORY -** Sprang quite the surprise when winning twice during the summer but has been totally off the boil since and will have nothing to offer

Summary: Particularly impressive in the monté discipline, ICARE DU TRESOR (13) goes barefoot for the first time under harness and, if form transitions, could well wrap this up. INDICE D'ARGENT (9) thrives at Vincennes, has 2 return runs under his belt, and looks the main threat. Winless for his first 46 races, IMPECC BLUE (8) has since won 2 of his last 3 and will be no pushover if he takes to the Vincennes profile. In many respects quite similar, IDEAL MOSSA (2) returns to the capital on a hat-trick and, although unlikely to pull it off, can still apply the pressure.

SELECTIONS

ICARE DU TRESOR (13) - INDICE D'ARGENT (9) - IMPECC BLUE (8) - IDEAL MOSSA (2)

C6 - PRIX DE MIRAMBEAU - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 52.000

- **1. JEALOUSY QUEEN -** Impressed more than once here earlier in the year but unconvincing in either return run and will need to raise her game
- **2. JOLYSTAR GEDE -** Capable when focused but sanctioned 6 times in a row before the summer holiday and just has one run in her since
- **3. JAIN MAB -** Productive here last winter and appreciates 2700m. Showed her form at a lower level a fortnight ago and is sure to generate interest
- **4. JERVIS BAY -** Complicated sort but is not short of ability. Somewhat below-par here recently and others easier to back
- **5. JULIA QUICK -** Capable filly whose form is headed in the right direction. Shoes back on after imposing over the inner course though and best to hold off
- **6. JOLLY STAR JIEL -** Tough type making just her second appearance since the layoff. Shoes on again and no threat
- **7. JUNE -** Filly of considerable ability but has been a handful lately. Has never failed to deliver over this trip though and can make up for her recent sanctions
- **8. JONGLEUSE DE LUNE -** Quality filly that finished a place behind JEANNETTE PRIORY (10) in a Gr.2 earlier this term. Is barefoot after a much-needed leg-stretcher and is unlikely to disappoint
- **9. JEWELCANDLE FAC -** Multiple Vincennes winner and most recently with ease. In a tougher field this time and, although not expected to repeat, can still pick up a cheque
- **10. JEANNETTE PRIORY -** Complicated at the best of times but has raced and placed at Gr.2 level and the dip in class should be sufficient to see her win this
- **11. JARIDA GEMA -** Good future prospect that has taken to racing barefoot like a duck to water. Excels at Vincennes and appears to be in with a respectable shout
- **12. JEEP DU PONT -** Placed in a Gr.2 here last season but has not been quite as sharp since. Barefoot this time but unlikely to shake things up
- **13. JOYCE -** Useful sort that has returned to competition at her best. Impressive in last 2, latterly over the trip in question, and will be no easy touch

Summary: She may not boast the cleanest formcard here but she showed what she was capable of when 3rd in Gr.2 Prix G. de Wazières during the autumn and a repeat performance would surely see her win this time. Tony Le Beller will be legitimately wary of the tricky but well-conditioned JOYCE (13) who took no time getting back in shape following the break. JARIDA GEMA (11) is fearless when barefoot and recent form bodes well for her prospects here. Sanctioned in both return runs after having won here in September, it is only a matter of time before JUNE (7) comes good again.

SELECTIONS

JEANNETTE PRIORY (10) - JOYCE (13) - JARIDA GEMA (11) - JUNE (7)

C7 - PRIX RAOUL BALLIERE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Group 2 - Mounted - EUR € 120.000

- **1. KEPI DEL -** Takes his first competitive steps in the monté code after having proved her worth under harness. Is new to Vincennes, races shod this time, and will have other priorities
- **2. KAISARIA -** Has taken particularly well to her new vocation but, at this level of competition, risks being outclassed
- **3. KIRCIE DE GUEZ -** JMB made an excellent choice when switching her over to the monté discipline. Is unbeaten in 2 with Alexandre Abrivard in the irons and, even though stepping up in class, still looks competitive for a place on the podium
- **4. KOBALT DU VALLON -** Handy type but not the most dependable. Has references under these conditions but others still preferred
- **5. KARLA DE MAI -** Blows hot and cold but has ample ability. Failed to confirm her Louis Tillaye performance but is fitted with just front pads this time and can make amends
- **6. KALEDA GEMA -** Regularly in the thick of things in this class of event. Excellent at Caen before running out of gas here next time and represents no more than a minor place chance
- **7. KAPAULA DE L'EPINE -** Complicated filly but has talent in spades. Beat a decent field to land the Gr.2 Prix Louis Tillaye with ease last time out and will not be far from the action if she stays in stride
- **8. KELANIE LORRAINE -** Honest type that has raced and placed at Group-level but yet to impose. Little chance of winning this time but is in sufficiently decent form to give this a good go
- **9. KANDORA BELLA -** Serious filly that took advantage of the race-rustiness of KYT KAT (10). Secured the Gr.1 Saint-Léger des Trotteurs in fine fashion last time and returns to racing left-handed with a realistic chance of imposing
- **10. KYT KAT -** Magnificent under the saddle earlier in the year but fell victim to piroplasmosis. Is back on the right road though and is eminently capable of exacting revenge on KANDORA BELLA (9)

Summary: Leader of his generation earlier in the year, KYT KAT (10) was subsequently forced onto the sidelines through illness but has two races under his belt since the layoff and, even at 90%, should still be able to turn the tables on the fine KANDORA BELLA (9) who beat him in both of his last 2 starts. Highly-talented, but with a temperament to match, KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (7) landed the Gr.2 Prix Louis Tillaye a month back and, while unlikely to repeat, can still make the frame. KIRCIE DE GUEZ (3) has been something of a revelation since switching codes and, although in very good company this time should still hold her own.

SELECTIONS

KYT KAT (10) - KANDORA BELLA (9) - KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (7) - KIRCIE DE GUEZ (3)

C8 - PRIX DOYNEL DE SAINT-QUENTIN - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Internationale - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- 1. IBIKI DE HOUELLE Useful in both branches of the business but is still being conditioned and will have few takers
- 2. INSHORE Monté horse racing here for reasons of conditioning and will have nothing to give
- **3. INSTRUMENTALISTE** Not as sharp in 2023 as he was last season but can still trot and should be good enough to make the first 5
- **4. CASH BANK BIGI -** Capable mare that has not secured a Gr.2 race for 12 months but did beat INMAROSA (8) on that occasion and, if well-behaved, can challenge for a place in the frame
- **5. IMHATRA AM -** Swedish raider that failed to win a race here last winter but did trot 2nd to IDAO DE TILLARD (10) in the Critérium Continental . Has been acquitting herself well at home and is not to be underestimated

6. IDEAL DU POMMEAU -

- **7. IDEAL LIGNERIES -** Has been consistently-performant for much of the year and beat INMAROSA (8) during the spring. Is plainly in top shape and looks a decent place prospect once more
- **8. INMAROSA -** Fine mare with nothing to prove at this level. Came close in her last 2 starts here and must be considered the main danger to the favourite's supremacy
- **9. CAPITAL MAIL -** Hardy individual with 2 races under his belt since the spell but is significantly better over shorter and not a priority
- **10. IDAO DE TILLARD -** High-class trotter that tends to sweep all before him when focused. Won smartly on last month's re-entry and will again take all the beating

Summary: Quite simply one of the best trotters in the country, IDAO DE TILLARD (10) returns to Vincennes on a 5-timer and it would be no surprise if he pulled it off. Leading the opposition is INMAROSA (8) who ran him close in the Gr.1 Critérium des 5 Ans before repeating in the Gr.2 Prix Marcel Laurent early last month. IDEAL LIGNERIES (7) regularly finishes on their coat-tails and can again make the frame. CASH BANK BIGI (4) is never far from surprising and looks the best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

IDAO DE TILLARD (10) - INMAROSA (8) - IDEAL LIGNERIES (7) - CASH BANK BIGI (4)

C9 - PRIX DE LA BRESSE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 52.000

- **1. KILLER MESLOIS -** Imposed well over 2100m on the short course 2 months ago but well-beaten in next 2 over longer. Front pads fitted for the first time though and must be retained
- **2. KALINOU QUICK -** Competent type that has placed just once in 4 appearances on the main track. Showed improvement last time but still needs to find more
- **3. KATIM DU GOUTIER** Significantly better when fitted with pads. Reassured behind KIR NORMAND (14) at Laval but a repeat performance looks improbable
- **4. KINGSTON DE BLARY -** Has demonstrated decent aptitude for both codes but has raced just once since the summer break and is expected to need the outing
- **5. KOULOU GAGOU -** Showed considerable promise earlier in the year. Has progressed honourably since but will nonetheless need to be at his absolute best
- **6. KEOPS TILLAYE -** Versatile sort that was denied a run here 8 days ago and is expected to get back down to business
- **7. KRAK D'AZUR -** Serious future prospect that left a good impression on his Vincennes debut before losing his action early next time. Sanctioned on lone start beyond 2200m but is still sure to have his supporters
- **8. KATSUMOTO -** Blows hot and cold but has ample ability. Sports 4 pads for the first time and, while unlikely to have his day in the sun, is still worth watching
- **9. KIWI DE TREMONT -** Occasionally tricky but otherwise seldom fails to deliver when focused. Unlucky last time but will be expected to redeem himself
- **10. KEEP YOUR DREAMS -** Fine colt that appreciates Vincennes and keeps on improving. Drops marginally down the class ladder and a good run would take his win-rate to 50%
- **11. KOLBE DESBOIS -** Well-regarded colt that won here during the spring. Encouraged at Bordeaux last time but takes on some big beasts on this occasion and others preferred
- **12. KHAN D'HERIPRE -** Faithful element that returned to winning ways early last month. Yet to prove himself going left-handed but, in current form, is hard to ignore
- **13. KILLER QUICK -** Three wins in 5 starts with pads fitted. Tenacious here mid-November and can expect to garner significant support
- **14. KIR NORMAND -** Hardy colt with a good future. Has never disappointed when racing with pads and, in spite of a poor draw, still looks competitively well in
- **15. KIF DU BIEF -** Just once out of the frame in 7 career starts and sprang quite the surprise here last month. Goes well for Gelormini and, with form maintained, can get a look in

Summary: Like a horse transformed when fitted with pads, and recently successful over course and distance, KILLER QUICK (13) excels with Eric Raffin reining and again looks the one to beat. KIWI DE TREMONT (9), however, came into himself over the autumn and his recent performance was better than the result would imply. A model of consistency, KEEP YOUR DREAMS (10) drops back in category after a fine run in exalted company and deserves to be taken seriously, as does KEOPS TILLAYE (6) who will be more at home in this field.

SELECTIONS

KILLER QUICK (13) - KIWI DE TREMONT (9) - KEEP YOUR DREAMS (10) - KEOPS TILLAYE (6)