

**WEDNESDAY, 03/01/24**

**R1 VINCENNES [L-H]**

**C1 - PRIX DE POITIERS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €  
75.000**

**1. FETICHE ATOUT** - Has enjoyed a decent streak over past 2 months but has not been firing on all cylinders recently and must first reaffirm

**2. GIRL DE BASSIERE** - Faithful individual that was below-par, but not disgraced, behind GUIDE MOI FORGAN (7) mid-December. Has never disappointed for Paul Ploquin and will be afforded every chance

**3. GOLD DAIRPET** - Highly-consistent type that has been close to his race over recent months. Has nothing to prove under these conditions and looks a serious proposition

**4. GOUTTE DU HOULBET** - Capable mare that went into her spell on a decent note. Barefoot and entrusted to Eric Raffin for the occasion, but others still preferred

**5. GIBUS** - Quality element with fine aptitude for both codes. Made up for Soulac disappointment with an authoritative victory in the monté code and, similarly shod, can double up

**6. GHALIE DU GOUTIER** - Occasionally loses her action but is otherwise a very competent mare that pleasantly surprised when winning the race of reference and, while unlikely to repeat, should still acquit herself competitively

**7. GUIDE MOI FORGAN** - Not cut from the same cloth as some others here, but can trot. Showed a different side to himself mid-December, beating GOLD DAIRPET (3), and barefoot again, must not be underestimated

**8. GALBA RINGEAT** - Tends to be seen at a marginally lower level but consistently gives his best. Has references over track and trip and the drop in category will only work to his advantage

**9. ECLAIR GOLD** - No slouch on a good day but dependability not his strong suit, and recent efforts have done little to convince

**10. ESTEBAN JIEL** - Moderate trotter that showed signs of improvement in a similar event here recently but chances limited this time around

**11. FANATIC FLASH** - Tough sort that has not put a foot wrong since the summer. Unlucky here last time but, in current form, is hard to ignore

**12. GIMY DU POMMEREUX** - Briefly went through a rough patch during the autumn but is plainly back in business. Drops in category after a fine Gr.3 2nd at Cagnes and, although better over 2850m, he will still have his chances

**13. GIANT CHIEF** - Not the horse he once was but can still spring the occasional surprise. On this occasion however, he faces a much stiffer test

**14. ESPERANZO** - Not without merit, and has references here, but bites off more than he can chew this time

**15. FLAYA KALOUMA** - Has failed to make the frame since placing here 2 months back. Unlikely to shake things up but should still give an honourable account

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**16. GAUDEO** - Tough sort known more for his exploits on turf, but nevertheless trotted 3rd in better company over track and trip on penultimate start and, with some luck in running, can make up for his recent disappointment

**Summary** : A fine campaigner for the most part, GIBUS (5) was rather disappointing in the Prix de Soulac but more than made amends under the saddle last month and, 4 pads fitted for the first time under harness, he will be no soft touch. That being said, the ultra-consistent GOLD DAIRPET (3) finished runner-up in the race of reference and, after confirming mid-December, steps back up in class with a good hand to play. Fourth that day, FANATIC FLASH (11) has twice made the frame since and will be competitive for a spot in the frame, as will GUIDE MOI FORGAN (7) who imposed with authority here mid-December when first time barefoot.

### SELECTIONS

**GIBUS (5) - GOLD DAIRPET (3) - FANATIC FLASH (11) - GUIDE MOI FORGAN (7)**

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**C2 - PRIX DE NEUVILLE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Apprentices - Mounted - EUR  
€ 48.000**

**1. INDICE DELADOU** - Hardy element with fine monté references. Is clearly better on the short course but nevertheless faces a stiff test

**2. HOLESHOT** - Has not once finished out of the first 3 when barefoot under the saddle. Latterly won nicely over 2850m on the main track, won his only start over 2850m of the inner course, and will have his supporters

**3. ISOCRATE D'ELA** - Seldom seen in the discipline but raced respectably behind ILLENC DES BOSC (4) last time out. Will, however, need to find significantly more

**4. ILLENC DES BOSC** - Serious trotter with an enviable record under the saddle. Thrives at Vincennes, has nothing to prove under these conditions, and should be able to wrap this up

**5. IDAHO A LA BRUYERE** - Classy element but has yet to get into his stride this term and appears to need another race

**6. IVANOF** - Seldom far off the mark when he can keep trotting. Gave a reassuring performance behind ILLENC DES BOSC (4) last time out but still looks the bridesmaid

**7. GREYSON** - Had been struggling in both codes since the spring but is plainly back in business and legitimately bids for a 3rd success of the winter

**8. ILIADE MESLOISE** - Group-class mare but has failed to deliver in elite company recently. Drops back down the class ladder and, in this company, can make the frame

**9. HURRICANE WAY** - Sanctioned on his lone appearance over the inner track, but is quite evidently enjoying a productive run of form and, racing barefoot this time, must be afforded due respect

**Summary** : Absolutely superb in the monté code, ILLENC DES BOSC (4) has not once finished out of the first 2 in 8 starts under the saddle, has won 6 times at Vincennes, and is going to take some beating. IVANOF (6) trotted 3rd to him last time out and looks destined to play second-fiddle. ILIADE MESLOISE (8) has been biting off more than she can chew recently but returns to a more reasonable category and can start to make up for lost time. Returning to racing in his current configuration has been key to the rejuvenation of GREYSON (7) and, with form maintained, he can trot his way onto the podium.

## SELECTIONS

**ILLENC DES BOSC (4) - IVANOF (6) - ILIADE MESLOISE (8) - GREYSON (7)**

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## C3 - PRIX DE FLOGNY-LA-CHAPELLE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 35.000

1. **JUSTE SNOB** - Reliable sort that regularly gives his best. Shod differently this time but others still preferred
2. **JEUDI DES RACQUES** - Handy individual that has been in fine shape lately. Sanctioned on recent Vincennes debut but races shod this time and can start to make up for his fault
3. **JOSS AIMEF** - Has merit, and goes well when unshod, but is unlikely to reproduce his recent effort behind JOHORE (5)
4. **JACKSON HAUFOR** - Competent type but has done nothing of note since the break and, while expected to show improvement, is still not an obvious choice
5. **JOHORE** - Useful sort that caught the eye here last month. Has previously won at Vincennes when unshod behind and is not going to go down without a fight
6. **JANUS D'EM** - Undeniably capable trotter but has better references racing clockwise and chances limited on first start back
7. **JUEN EMONDEVILLE** - Won a similar event across town before flopping on his Vincennes debut, but sports modified shoeing, and the Raffin-factor must be taken into account
8. **JAGUAR DE BELFOND** - Impressed during the summer and autumn when similarly shod, but looked ordinary on his first left-handed start, and is unlikely to shake things up
9. **JAWAX DE KERYANN** - Faithful servant that came good during the summer. Has yet to make his mark here but has a prep race in him and, barefoot for the occasion, can get back in the game
10. **JET DE BUSSET** - Honest trotter with decent Vincennes credentials. Has 2 races under his belt and looks a more serious proposition this time around
11. **JOAL DU RIB** - Quality element that has won 3 of 4 when racing barefoot. Is confirmed over the main track and, unshod all 4, can get straight down to business
12. **JASMIN D'AVE** - Has twice come close to winning here, most recently on Christmas day, and is not incapable of getting a look in
13. **JIMINY CRICKET** - Late developer and behind in earnings. Is new to the venue, but form is not in question and can take his win-rate to 50%
14. **JOURNAIO DU ROI** - Regularly object of the stewards' scrutiny but caused quite the upset at Cabourg recently. Ideally-entered and, with form maintained, will not be far from the action

**Summary :** Solid as a rock since his victorious 2022 debut, JIMINY CRICKET (13) has returned to competition in excellent form and, with front pads fitted for the first time, looks marginally preferable to JOAL DU RIB (11) who has never disappointed when barefoot. JOHORE (5) has done nothing but improve since returning to competition, is back to racing unshod behind, and will again be competitive for a place in the frame. Delicate he might be but JOURNAIO DU ROI (14) benefits from a superb engagement and his recent Cabourg success augurs well for his chances.

### SELECTIONS

**JIMINY CRICKET (13) - JOAL DU RIB (11) - JOHORE (5) - JOURNAIO DU ROI (14)**

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**C4 - PRIX DE BUZANCAIS - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR €  
41.000**

**1. ISIDORE BONHEUR** - Unremarkable type whose recent return to the code was below-par and, considering the opposition, is unlikely to influence the result

**2. ICEMAN BLEU** - As capricious as they come but has buckets of ability in this category. Leading jockey in the irons this time and can give INDIEN DE FAEL (3) something to consider

**3. INDIEN DE FAEL** - Never the easiest to handle but his talent is not in question. Has previously won under these conditions and returning to racing shod may be just what the doctor ordered

**4. IRMA DU VIVIER** - Debuts in the discipline in decent shape. Quality jockey in the saddle and is not to be underestimated

**5. INDY DES PENDANTS** - Seldom disappoints in this branch of the business. Is plainly in fine shape and is not incapable of picking up some prizemoney

**6. IDA D'ARRY** - Competent mare for the most part but rather disappointing lately and needs to re-establish her credentials

**7. ILIEN DE VRIE** - Useful sort that lost his way in autumn 2022, but stamped his mark in no uncertain terms here last time out and, in similar shape, will not disappoint

**8. INTRIGANTE** - Mare of considerable ability but is never far from faulting. Has been showing her form recently and, with Mathieu Mottier on board, can make up for her recent sanction

**9. IRINUSHKA** - No slouch on a good day and always gives her best, but current harness form does little to inspire confidence

**10. IMAGINE GIRL** - Kicked the winter meeting off well under harness but latest monté effort lacklustre at best and, even with front shoes off, is still not an obvious choice

**Summary** : Very effective over these shorter distances, and confirmed over track and trip, INDIEN DE FAEL (3) races shod this time but can still bring home the bacon if Benjamin Chauve-Laffay gets him off on the right foot. He can still expect to encounter resistance from the even trickier, but no less performant, ICEMAN BLEU (2) who is reunited with Alexandre Abrivard. Sanctioned more often than not over the past 13 months, ILIEN DE VRIE (7) nevertheless stormed up here last time out and it will be interesting to see how he fares over 2175m. INTRIGANTE (8) may not be the most reliable but she is confirmed in this category and, with application, can again finish close.

## SELECTIONS

**INDIEN DE FAEL (3) - ICEMAN BLEU (2) - ILIEN DE VRIE (7) - INTRIGANTE (8)**

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## C5 - PRIX DE LIMEIL - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 41.000

1. **IMPALA PARK** - Just one victory in 34 starts but consistently gives everything he has. Is clearly in form but, in this company, will struggle to make his mark
2. **ICARE DE PHYT'S** - Flopped last winter on her first Vincennes appearance but has shown a different side recently and must be respected
3. **ILLICO PRESTO FAC** - Gives a good account for the most part when barefoot and focused. Yet to make his mark in the capital but, in current condition, is very easy to like
4. **ILIO MANNETOT** - Complicated but is no slouch when applied. Disappointing of late and, even with pads fitted, still appears to have too much to do
5. **IDEAL DU BISTON** - Difficult type that has done nothing noteworthy for some time and can be confidently disregarded
6. **IGLOO DU LEARD** - Considerably more performant racing clockwise but has never been in better shape and will not be far from the action if he turns
7. **ISCO DE CORDAY** - Capable under harness but has better credentials in the monté code. Has other priorities and can be passed over
8. **INEDIT VERDERIE** - Capable element that returns to Paris with revised shoeing but has not done enough lately to be considered a player
9. **INDUCTIF** - Honest type that returned from his break in excellent shape. Raffin has maintained faith and, considering his charge's liking for Vincennes, must be considered a candidate for success
10. **INSTINCT D'AUTHISE** - Has been at the top of his game since the summer, latterly finished a place behind ICARE DE PHYT'S (2) here and, sporting a new configuration, is unlikely to disappoint
11. **IDEAL MOSSA** - Has hardly put a foot wrong since the summer. Left a good impression here a month back and, fresh for the occasion, is unlikely to go home empty-handed
12. **INCA** - Versatile trotter that made short work of his Vincennes debut last spring. Will be fit by now, races unshod this time, and can open his winter account
13. **IRON BIRD DEVOL** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but has won 3 of his last 6. Debuts on the main track and, with application, can get a look in
14. **ITXASSOU** - Moderate sort that has been off the boil lately and chances of making an impact limited at best
15. **ISO DE KERYANN** - Has not got his nose in front for over 2 years but consistently gives his best. Dynamic on re-entry, will have come on for the outing and, barefoot this time, can give INCA (12) a run for his money
16. **IN YOU** - Hardy individual with ample ability, and has references at this level. Gave a reassuring account of himself at Meslay and, barefoot this time, should not be overlooked

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**Summary :** A useful type that won his only start over the Vincennes main track, INCA (12) now has 2 runs in him since the break, is shod to preference, and can get straight down to business. He is unlikely to have it all his own way though considering how well ISO DE KERYANN (15) acquitted himself on comeback and, barefoot this time, looks seriously competitive. Faithful for the most part, INDUCTIF (9) has taken no time getting back in shape and will not be far off the mark, and neither will ICARE DE PHYT'S (2) who has done nothing but improve recently.

## SELECTIONS

**INCA (12) - ISO DE KERYANN (15) - INDUCTIF (9) - ICARE DE PHYT'S (2)**

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## C6 - PRIX DE CROISSANVILLE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 62.000

1. **KIWI DE TREMONT** - Competent colt that has taken well to Vincennes conditions, most recently trotted 3rd to KINGSMAN D'EOLE (6), but a minor place chance at best
2. **KEYBOARD** - Unremarkable sort that has made no impact over recent months. Shoes on and no danger
3. **KHAL'S FELLA** - Serious future prospect with decent Vincennes references. Can be forgiven recent blunder and, reunited with Franck Nivard, can make up for lost time
4. **KAPTAIN DU LIAMONE** - Honest type that placed in a similar event earlier in the year. Lost his action early in a Gr.3 last time but is barefoot on this occasion and looks eminently capable of trotting his way into the money
5. **KEPI DU HOME** - Well-regarded trotter that has yet to find his feet this term. First time unshod behind but others still preferred
6. **KINGSMAN D'EOLE** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but is unbeaten in 2 starts at the venue, most recently in fine fashion. Steps up in category but still looks a decent proposition
7. **KENO PETTEVINIERE** - Placed in 2 of 4 starts at the venue and finished close to KID BELLAY (9) on penultimate outing. Shod differently on this occasion and can make up for his recent disappointment
8. **KEENAN DE JOUDES** - Had won 5 on the trot before coming 3rd in a similar event here next time. Will appreciate the longer trip and, just front shoes on, looks a leading candidate for success
9. **KID BELLAY** - Delicate colt but has nothing to prove in this category. Has shown a liking for 2700m here and can win this if Eric Raffin keeps him trotting
10. **KONCORD DELO** - Capable under harness but has better aptitude for the monté code and will have little to offer
11. **KOCKTAIL LOVE** - Never far from faulting but has an abundance of ability. Shod more competitively on this occasion and, on good behaviour, can make a big splash

**Summary** : Although a tricky character at the best of times, KID BELLAY (9) is brimming with ability and has solid references under these conditions. He has the chance to race in a different configuration this time and, if applied, can trot off with the silverware. Eric Raffin will still have to contend with the progressive KEENAN DE JOUDES (8) who has hind shoes off for the first time, and Philippe Allaire's complicated but capable KOCKTAIL LOVE (11) that would have finished in a Gr.3 frame recently had he not faulted. KHAL'S FELLA (3) was oddly out of sorts here last month but appreciates the venue, and is expected to set the record straight.

### SELECTIONS

KID BELLAY (9) - KEENAN DE JOUDES (8) - KOCKTAIL LOVE (11) - KHAL'S FELLA (3)



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**C7 - PRIX DE TENCE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Harness - EUR €  
53.000**

- 1. CHANTAL FB** - Competent Italian sort that gave a fine account here last September when barefoot for the first time. Shoes off again but may be stretching herself too far
- 2. ILIADE (SWE)** - Serious Swedish import that has taken well to French conditions. Has just one run under her belt, but sports a new configuration, and is unlikely to let the side down
- 3. IDAHI DE HOUELLE** - Can trot but is unexceptional in this category and will have too much to do
- 4. ISABELLE STORY** - Has enjoyed something of a renaissance since starting to race barefoot. Made short work of her first winter goal and must be taken seriously
- 5. ICONE** - Respectable most of the time but disappointing in the race of reference. Is barefoot for the first time though and will be one to monitor
- 6. FAEZA ZET** - Fine nordic mare making her first appearance south. Has never won beyond 2140m, but will get the trip, although in this company, may need to find more
- 7. CANADIAN KRONOS** - Serious trotter that goes over any trip. Barefoot for re-entry but may first need the race
- 8. IN ACTION** - Seldom disappointing these days when focused, and has solid references over 2700m here, notably beating IS MAGIC HAUFOR (16) late-November. Clearly close to her best and, with more luck in running, can finish close
- 9. IN LOVE WITH CHENU** - Blows hot and cold but pleasantly surprised behind IN ACTION (8) last time. Unlikely to repeat but can be trusted to give her best
- 10. ICONE D'AVENIR** - Versatile sort that has won 2 on the trot at a marginally lower level, but has earned the right to race here. Seldom disappoints for Eric Raffin and will justifiably garner support
- 11. ISEULT FLOWER** - A write-off since placing here last February and has no realistic chance
- 12. IMIKO JIEL** - Reliability not her strong suit but defied her odds behind IS MAGIC HAUFOR (16) recently and, with form maintained, can get in on the action
- 13. IVANJICA DE LOU** - Quality mare that did not disappoint behind IS MAGIC HAUFOR (16) on her first objective of the winter meeting. Will have progressed and can be expected to apply the pressure once more
- 14. IMAGE CHARENTAISE** - Good class of mare at this level. Bounced back from her defeat at the hands of IN ACTION (8) with success in a similar event a week later and again looks to be in with a realistic shout
- 15. IMPERATRICE D'ELLE** - Fine monté mare racing here for a change of scenery and will pose no danger
- 16. IS MAGIC HAUFOR** - Ideally-engaged and presently at his best. Beat a host of these over course and distance 11 days ago and appears eminently capable of repeating

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**Summary :** A veritable dynamo when barefoot and applied, IS MAGIC HAUFOR (16) won very smartly over course and distance late last month and, in similar form, can again keep the consistent IVANJICA DE LOU (13) at bay. IMAGE CHARENTEAISE (14) boasts a good record over 2700m here and her recent victory augurs well for her prospects. The generous IN ACTION (8) beat the favourite over track and trip before enduring some poor luck next time, and Matthieu Abrivard will be out to make amends.

## SELECTIONS

**IS MAGIC HAUFOR (16) - IVANJICA DE LOU (13) - IMAGE CHARENTEAISE (14) - IN ACTION (8)**

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**C8 - PRIX DE DAMVILLE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR €  
52.000**

**1. JEROCASH DE PHYT'S** - Set his personal best when winning over track and trip 6 months ago. Can lose focus but is otherwise in fine shape, and will not be far from the action if he stays in stride

**2. JIRI PACHA** - Wonderfully regular sort in the other discipline. Here for reasons of conditioning and poses no threat

**3. JIBI DU FRUITIER** - Good, consistent type with very good Vincennes references, but takes on a tougher bunch this time and chances limited

**4. JAMIN DE BRION** - Fine trotter that has been acquitting himself well here of late. Pleased behind JABALPUR (8) last time out, comes here fresh, and is not incapable of spoiling the party

**5. JIM PERRINE** - Has not got his nose in front for 20 months but showed his form here recently. Takes a hike in category but is still worth retaining

**6. JALISCO FLIGNY** - Decent type with better references under the saddle and is unlikely to spring a surprise

**7. JAZZ DE PERVENCHE** - Hardy dual-discipline sort that has been struggling lately but it is only a question of time before he comes good again

**8. JABALPUR** - A much sharper individual since starting to race barefoot. Has solid references over course and distance and, in current form, looks the main threat to JONGLEUSE DE LUNE (10)

**9. JIOSCO DE PHYT'S** - Serious trotter that has looked rather ordinary since winning a big event over 2700m here during the autumn. Returns barefoot and will be no pushover if Louis Baudouin keeps him trotting

**10. JONGLEUSE DE LUNE** - Excellent servant that beat a host of these here last month, has never failed to deliver over the trip, and can make it a 2nd success of the winter meeting

**11. JINGLE DU PONT** - Hardy individual that won a Gr.3 over course and distance a month back before trotting a good 4th in the race of reference, and can again finish in the mix

**Summary :** Very much an open affair this but it is still difficult to ignore the form JONGLEUSE DE LUNE (10) has been showing and who looks eminently capable of winning this time. The regular JABALPUR (8) finished a place behind him last time and will be no easy touch, and neither will JINGLE DU PONT (11) who trotted 4th that day. Very hard to fault for much of the year, JAMIN DE BRION (4) is close to his race and will be competitive for a step on the podium.

## SELECTIONS

**JONGLEUSE DE LUNE (10) - JABALPUR (8) - JINGLE DU PONT (11) - JAMIN DE BRION  
(4)**