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

1. I RUN DE JANEIRO - Has evident ability but reliability not his strong suit. Reassured for new trainer recently though and can again trot into the money

2. IDEFIX DU MANS - Quality element that placed in one of two starts here. Unshod all four on this occasion and must not be underestimated

3. ILLICO DES BAUX - As solid as a rock over recent weeks. Set his personal best over track and trip recently and again expected to figure prominently

4. ISSIA DE CHARLY - Regularly in the thick of things when behaved. Pleased behind I RUN DE JANEIRO (1) at Alencon but still not an obvious choice

5. IBIS QUICK - Somewhat erratic but left a fine impression behind ILLICO DES BAUX (3) here last time and from the 5-spot can put on another good show

6. IDEAL DE CASTELLE - Faithful for the most part when he can keep his action together. Shod when imposing here late February and the new shoeing formula could help to assure him a repeat

7. INDY DE JYR - Considerably better horse in the monté discipline and can be ruled out

8. IVON DE LA MONERIE - Previously a good sort but suffers from stride woes and will not be easy to trust

9. IMAGE D'ATALANTE - Has improved on each occasion this term. Encouraged behind IENA DODVILLE (10) last time but still no more than a minor place prospect

10. IENA DODVILLE - Capricious mare that sprang quite the surprise under these conditions last month and will not be sent out at 48/1 this time around

11. I LOVE YOU TEK - Placed just once in last six at the venue and even though having reassured at Enghien is unlikely to spring any surprises

12. IERMONT - Tricky type but did impose here last autumn and can play a role if gets off on the right foot

13. INSERT DU BAS BOSQ - Won over course and distance during the winter and recently repeated at Enghien. Just hind shoes off this time but the draw will do him no favours

Summary : A handful at times he may be but IDEAL DE CASTELLE (6) imposed over track and trip when shod last time here and with hind shoes off on this occasion can repeat. Gabriele Gelormini will nevertheless be heedful of the in-form ILLICO DES BAUX (3) and the revitalised IBIS QUICK (5) who finished respectively 2nd and 3rd over course and distance three weeks ago. IDEFIX DU MANS (2) races first-time barefoot and will have his chances if he shows his true colours.

SELECTIONS

IDEAL DE CASTELLE (6) - ILLICO DES BAUX (3) - IBIS QUICK (5) - IDEFIX DU MANS (2)

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**C2 - PRIX BELINDA - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
46.000**

1. HERA DE L'OUEST - Got back in the game in an amateur race on turf recently but in this class will have nothing to offer

2. HULTIMA - Not the most reliable but gave a good account last time here and should not be written off

3. HOTESSE D'HAUFOR - Occasionally a handful but otherwise a tough mare with solid references here and on good behaviour can play a prominent role

4. HELALI DE MONTCEAU - Has not been seen on the podium since January 2022. Disregard

5. HEXCELLENTE - Won over course and distance before the turn of the year. Will be fit by now and with pads fitted can get in on the action

6. HOPENESS - Solid in two of last three but better suited to a lower level of competition and chances limited

7. HISTOIRE THORIS - Just one win to her name in 46 starts and even going unshod this time will have her work cut out

8. HELITE ELEVEN - Never far from losing her action but can trot and with application can pick up some prizemoney

9. HYGIE HAUFOR - Blows hot and cold but is confirmed at a superior level and if race-fit will be no pushover

10. HEVALONE DE GUEZ - Not the most dependable but returned to winning ways at Reims late last month. Goes clockwise this time but still one to watch

11. HELEN DES OUBEAUX - Enjoyed a fruitful winter with 2 wins, one over the distance, and a 2nd place here. Returns fresh with front shoes off and can get straight down to business

12. HOSANNA DE CHENU - Gives a decent account for the most part when barefoot. Pleased at Châtelailon last time out and should be good enough to challenge for a place in the frame

Summary : HELEN DES OUBEAUX (11) has enjoyed something of a renaissance since last autumn and has been simply superb in her last three here. Confirmed under these conditions, she has not been seen out since late February but can nevertheless be expected to garner the lion's share of support. Christian Bigeon sends out the principal opposition in the form of the tough HYGIE HAUFOR (9) who prepped shod at Saint-Brieuc, and HOTESSE D'HAUFOR (3) who is rarely far off the mark when applied. HOSANNA DE CHENU (12) enjoys a good entry and going barefoot can confirm her recent provincial performance.

SELECTIONS

HELEN DES OUBEAUX (11) - HYGIE HAUFOR (9) - HOTESSE D'HAUFOR (3) - HOSANNA DE CHENU (12)

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C3 - PRIX BETTINA - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European-Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59.000

1. **HINDEN** - No champion but always gives his best . Drops marginally in category and can pick up some prizemoney
2. **GALON DE VIRE** - Serious type that won a Class C earlier in the year. Confirmed form at Laval recently and is suitably well-placed in front to make a big impact
3. **GHOSTBUSTER** - Gives a good account for the most part and appreciates Vincennes. Seldom seen over 2100m but has references and must be respected
4. **HERMINE GIRL** - Well-regarded at home but has struggled with form this year. Takes a dip in class though and from the 4-spot can get a look in
5. **ENDURO** - Undeniably capable and has solid course and distance credentials. Two runs under his belt this term and going barefoot this time could pleasantly surprise
6. **FUEGO DU MORTIER** - Has made no impact whatsoever since imposing at Le Mans late last year
7. **HARVEST DE BULIERE** - Not the horse he once was and no chance when shod on just second start back
8. **GAZOLINE DU SEUX** - Has not stepped a foot wrong at Vincennes this term. Thrives over this distance and can confirm her late-February victory
9. **SAHARA JAEBURN** - Useful sort but has not been seen out since November and will need the run
10. **GIBUS** - Excellent servant that returned from his winter break in cracking form. Shod this time but is nonetheless very hard to ignore
11. **GRANDE PRETRESSE** - Quality mare that flew up over course and distance a fortnight ago. In better company on this occasion but should still acquit herself well
12. **BABIRUSSA JET** - No slouch on a good day but latterly failed to confirm decent Croisé-Laroche run and not an obvious choice
13. **ZINKO TOP** - Decent Italian import with form at this level. Comes here fresh and will have his supporters
14. **DATS SO COOL** - Fine Swedish import with form at a better level. Not ideally positioned on second line but with application can secure a second victory of the season
15. **GILMOUR** - Sprang quite the surprise when winning over 2700m here last time out. Unlikely to repeat but in similar shape can again figure prominently
16. **HARMONIOUSLY** - Has looked decidedly ordinary for some time and chances slim at best

Summary : Already a winner since coming to France earlier in the year, DATS SO COOL (14) gave a fine account on his latest outing here and even though not ideally drawn this time, he still looks capable of dominating the Vincennes-loving GAZOLINE DU SEUX (8) who starts on the front line. Runner-up in both starts so far this term, GIBUS (10) is fully shod on this occasion but still has the class to turn the tables on GILMOUR (15) who had his measure early last month.

SELECTIONS

DATS SO COOL (14) - GAZOLINE DU SEUX (8) - GIBUS (10) - GILMOUR (15)

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C4 - PRIX ALTAIR - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40.000

- 1. JO LIGNERIES** - Occasionally loses his action but has evident talent and will not be far off the mark if he can stay in stride
- 2. JAZZY ABSOLUTE** - Back in the game recently since starting to race barefoot but in this category will have too much to do
- 3. JEU DE CARTE** - Unexceptional type that has placed just once in 6 this year and will have few takers
- 4. JUST D'HERIPRE** - Well-bred sort making first Vincennes appearance. Has just one race in him following a long absence and probably no more than a minor place prospect
- 5. JASMIN DU NORD** - Six starts this year and never worse than 2nd. Steps marginally up in class and expected to play a leading role
- 6. JIM KING** - Versatile type but has not been at his best this term. Sanctioned here last week and even though first time barefoot is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 7. JACKMAN** - Decent colt in the making but makes first appearance for 5 months and best to wait
- 8. JEDEO DES VAUX** - Capricious trotter that has found his calling in the other code and can be passed over
- 9. JET DE BUSSET** - Solid trotter with two wins under his belt this year. Takes on some very good horses this time but should still give an honest account
- 10. JUANITO GOBERNA** - Returns to the venue of his last success. Will be fresh and with Matthieu Abrivard in charge will be afforded every chance
- 11. JUPPY UP** - Showed potential last season before losing his way. Made an uninspiring re-entry and not an obvious choice this time either
- 12. JOS MAZA** - Good class of colt with references at a superior level. Keeps on improving and will take all the beating
- 13. JET DES BAUX** - Useful but not the most dependable. Has struggled since returning to competition and needs to reaffirm
- 14. JOCKSTRAP** - Has merit but sanctioned more often than not and latest efforts have done nothing to inspire confidence
- 15. JOOST D'OLERON** - Completed the hat-trick before being sent for a break. Shod for comeback but still has the class to give this a good go
- 16. JACAR DE LA DIVES** - Respectable sort that has started to come good again but at this level will struggle to make his mark

Summary : Just once out of the frame when racing in France, JOS MAZA (12) left quite the impression in a good event over 2100m here last time out and in similar form can get off the mark for 2023. He will, however, have to contend with the remarkably consistent JASMIN DU NORD (5) who has earned the right to race at this level. Already a winner at the venue, and unshod in front for the first time, JUANITO GOBERNA (10) looks competitive, as does the tough JOOST D'OLERON (15) even though unraced since late January.

SELECTIONS

JOS MAZA (12) - JASMIN DU NORD (5) - JUANITO GOBERNA (10) - JOOST D'OLERON (15)

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C5 - PRIX ALIOTH - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 40.000

- 1. JASMINE DE NEUVY** - Won in the discipline late march at the first time of asking. Has had time to freshen up and with hind shoes off this time must be respected
- 2. JEUNE ET JOLIE** - Erratic but imposed at Caen late March when barefoot for the first time. Shoes off again and could well repeat
- 3. JULIETTE** - Won two of three races she has finished. First time under the saddle and can make a big splash if form transitions
- 4. JOY DE CHOC** - 50% a winner when applied but debuts at Vincennes in a tougher category and not an obvious choice
- 5. JULY DE BREMONT** - Heavily-campaigned filly still chasing that elusive first win and it will not come on this occasion either
- 6. JORJA** - Showed early promise under harness before losing her way. Defied her odds on recent monté debut though and should not be entirely ruled out
- 7. JOY PERRINE** - Looked a different horse at Caen when first time unshod all four. Same status this time and could well open her monté account
- 8. JADE DU PARC** - Occasionally loses her action but otherwise useful under the saddle. Unlikely to win this but with application can go close
- 9. JIRELLITA** - Looked rather ordinary on ridden debut at Enghien a fortnight ago but in this field could get a look in
- 10. JASMINE WINNER** - Useful sort at a lower level under harness and while expected to give a decent account is unlikely to trouble the judge
- 11. JIMANY** - Has demonstrated respectable aptitude for the monté game but latest effort at this level did nothing to convince

Summary : Not the easiest of races to decipher this but a tentative nod goes to JOY PERRINE (7) who showed marked improvement under harness at Le Mans when barefoot for the first time. JULIETTE (3) debuts in the discipline after imposing smartly at Laval and must be taken seriously . JEUNE ET JOLIE (2) is by no means the most reliable horse in the field but she can figure prominently if she reproduces her Caen performance. JADE DU PARC (8) seldom disappoints when applied and while unlikely to get off the mark can still acquit herself competitively.

SELECTIONS

JOY PERRINE (7) - JULIETTE (3) - JEUNE ET JOLIE (2) - JADE DU PARC (8)

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**C6 - PRIX ARACHNE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - National - Class A - Harness -
EUR € 62.000**

- 1. KILLER QUEEN** - Decent type that has progressed nicely. New to the long course but looks eminently up to the task
- 2. KANDIE D'ORCO** - Faithful type that rarely lets the side down but in this category may be biting off more than she can chew
- 3. KACHA DE VANDEL** - Got her career off to a flying start but below-par in last two and must raise her game
- 4. KETTY ANGOT** - Showed a different side to herself over 2200m here last month. Faces a tougher test over the main track but should have the wherewithal to make her way onto the podium
- 5. KORINA BERRY** - Handy type that did not disappoint on her only appearance here. Takes on some decent fillies this time but still not to be entirely overlooked
- 6. KWINIE JIHAIME** - Occasionally shows signs of promise but very disappointing this year and can be ruled out
- 7. KILUCRUE** - In the thick of things for the most part. Solid on recent Vincennes debut and even though stepping up in class will generate some interest
- 8. KALIKA DU RIS** - Not entirely without merit but very hard to trust and will have few takers
- 9. KADIRA MESLOISE** - Quality filly that endured some tough luck here last time out but can get back to winning ways if she stays out of trouble
- 10. KESERASERA** - Twice a winner in last three starts. Debuts over the long course but will have her chances if she stays in stride
- 11. KINASSE DE VIVOIN** - Well-regarded sort that surprised when 4th in race of reference. Unlikely to repeat but can still play a small role
- 12. KININE DE MONTCEAU** - Moderate sort that failed recently to confirm her 3rd place here late March and can expect to garner little support
- 13. KHARA DRY** - Versatile filly that goes over any trip. New to Vincennes but could pleasantly surprise if she can reproduce her latest Cagnes effort
- 14. KALINE D'ATOUT** - Twice runner-up over course and distance, latterly at a superior level, and is not incapable of getting that maiden monkey off her back

Summary : Twice a winner in March before being denied a run in the Gr.3 Prix Aschera over course and distance a fortnight ago, KADIRA MESLOISE (9) should be able to make amends. That said, KALINE D'ATOUT (14) finished second that day and looks capable of challenging the favourite. KETTY ANGOT (4) recently imposed over the short course and debuts on the main track with front pads fitted. KESERASERA (10) has started to make good on her promise and will have her chances if she takes to the new track profile.

SELECTIONS

KADIRA MESLOISE (9) - KALINE D'ATOUT (14) - KETTY ANGOT (4) - KESERASERA (10)

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C7 - PRIX ASIA - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 40.000

- 1. KABELIA** - Fell foul of the stewards in both starts under the saddle. Comes here fresh and with pads fitted, but still hard to back
- 2. KANTHABELLA** - Well-regarded but sanctioned in all three starts to date and will not be easy to trust
- 3. KEVISE BECO** - Yet to show any aptitude for the harness game and will have few supporters as she embarks on a new path
- 4. KIARA D'ECOTAY** - Sanctioned on debut under harness. Gets Mathieu Mottier for her first appearance under the saddle but still not an obvious choice
- 5. KOMEME DE HOUELLE** - Yet to show any aptitude for the harness code and will have few takers first time in the monté discipline
- 6. KORFOU LEMAN** - Rather disappointing in both appearances so far and best to wait until she is race-fit
- 7. KORIA FLIGNY** - Delicate but not short of ability and can get a look in if she stays in stride from start to finish
- 8. KARLA D'AVENIR** - Has obvious ability but sanctioned in last two. Lebourgeois has maintained faith though and returning to a track she likes bodes well for her chances
- 9. KINTRA** - Has looked considerably better since switching codes. Unlikely to get off the mark but can nevertheless pick up a cheque
- 10. KEATANA DU METZ** - First time under the saddle but has shown enough under harness to be considered a decent place prospect
- 11. KALLAS IN SALLAZ** - Took no time losing her maiden tag. Pleased behind KATCHINA FOR CLARA (12) on her next start and is not incapable of turning the tables
- 12. KATCHINA FOR CLARA** - Quality element that caught the eye here last time out. First time over the main track but looks the sort that will thrive under these conditions

Summary : KATCHINA FOR CLARA (12) has looked a good prospect since her Caen debut in early March and given how well she finished here recently, a maiden victory may well be close. Winner first time out, KALLAS IN SALLAZ (11) finished a place behind her at Vincennes and again looks the principal threat. If applied, KARLA D'AVENIR (8) should not be far from the action, and neither should the useful KEATANA DU METZ (10) who debuts in the discipline.

SELECTIONS

KATCHINA FOR CLARA (12) - KALLAS IN SALLAZ (11) - KARLA D'AVENIR (8) - KEATANA DU METZ (10)