C1 - PRIX DE LA SOLOGNE - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 26.000

- 1. HORTENSIA MIKA Inconsistent but does tend to do well when applied, so is as hard to trust as he is to rule out. For lovers of outsiders
- **2. HUGO DU GASSEL -** Barefoot, well placed on the inside of the front line and is seldom far off the mark. Dangerous to dismiss
- **3. HISTOIRE DE LOISIR -** Versatile mare who has maintained consistency in both codes. Has the form and experience to be competitive here
- **4. HOLLYWOOD TORINO -** Had been out of sorts for some time prior to his time off the track, so is best watched for now on his reappearance. For another day
- **5. HOLD DREAM TURBO -** Tends to do well when not disqualified and has caught the eye in recent outings. Could surprise with all shoes off
- **6. HOUSTON TUILERIE -** Improving sort, winner of his last 2 outings and is reunited with Matthieu Abrivard who steered him to success at Vincennes in their only association
- **7. HAKA -** Reassuring 2nd in his last start and could get a look here if confirming that improvement. Lurker
- **8. HEROS D'YVEL -** Undeniably capable but has gone off the boil this year so will need to reaffirm. Best watched for now
- **9. HENGY DU POMMEREUX -** Unreliable but more than capable trotter. Won at this track 2 starts back and would have a say here on that form
- **10. HAITI LADY -** Consistent performer in this class and proven with this shoeing configuration. Should make her presence felt
- **11. HAMPTONS -** Highest earner in the race and has been carefully prepared for this commitment. Will be right in the firing line racing fully unshod

Summary: A competitive opener but the finish is more than likely to be fought out between HAMPTONS (11), who is taken to make amends after a last-start disqualification, and in-form hattrick seeking HOUSTON TUILERIE (6). Having won at this track two starts back, HENGY DU POMMEREUX (9) can get into the picture and make his presence felt. Versatile LEISURE HISTORY (3) and consistent HAITI LADY (10) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

HAMPTONS (11) - HOUSTON TUILERIE (6) - HENGY DU POMMEREUX (9) - HISTOIRE DE LOISIR (3)

C2 - PRIX VICHY CELESTINS - 3525m (a2 3/16m) - International - Class A - Harness - EUR € 57.000

- 1. CASH MAKER (ITY) Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level
- **2. IGUSKI SAUTONNE -** Improved to win his second start of the year last time out. Could have more to offer with this shoeing configuration
- **3. IVANKA DE JILME -** Tends to do well when not disqualified and seldom finishes far off the mark. Place chance only
- **4. ETOILE ROUGE -** Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period so can be ruled out. Others preferred
- **5. GAMIN JABA -** Consistent for the most part and tends to do well when applied. Will have a say if overcoming a recent fall
- **6. HORCHESTRO -** Ultra-consistent this year and is likely to play another active role in the outcome. Will be a factor
- **7. FEPSON -** Disqualified in his last 3 starts but has the means to stake a claim if applied. Question of wisdom
- **8. GENTLY DE MUZE -** Back in business with a reassuring 4th last time and did win this race last year. Will be involved
- **9. FAKIR DU LORAULT -** Out of sorts but is undeniably capable and has caught the eye recently. Could get a look in here
- **10. ECLAT DE GLOIRE -** Unsuccessful at Solvalla on his travels to Sweden recently but capable of better back on French soil. Dangerous to dismiss
- **11. ELIE DE BEAUFOUR -** Disappointed last time but is confirmed under these conditions and has a great opportunity to set the record straight. Worth another chance

Summary: Jean-Michel Bazire is strongly represented by a three-pronged attack, though ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (11) is preferred ahead of stablemates GENTLY DE MUZE (8), winner of this event last year, and GAMIN JABA (5). There are, however, other dangers with consistent HORCHESTRO (6) capable of spoiling the party. FEPSON (7) could be right in the firing line but is hard to trust after three consecutive disqualifications.

SELECTIONS

ELIE DE BEAUFOUR (11) - GENTLY DE MUZE (8) - HORCHESTRO (6) - GAMIN JABA (5)

C3 - PRIX DE DORNES - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 31.000

- **1. FEMINISTU MAG -** Showed signs of improvement last time and could get a look in if confirming from the inside of the front row with all shoes removed
- **2. FLEURON DU LINAIS -** Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge. Others are preferred
- 3. GYPSIE ROYALE Undeniably capable but has gone off the boil recently. Will need to reaffirm but could have a say
- **4. GUINNESS -** Has won her last start two starts at this track and is good value to complete the hat-trick. One to beat
- **5. FAKIR GEMA -** Versatile and consistent veteran in both codes. Has the form and experience to get involved here
- **6. GAMAY DES CROUAS -** Reassuring 5th in his last start and could make his presence felt if confirming that improvement
- **7. FELICITA D'ECOUVES -** Unreliable but is more than capable and should have a role to play in this grade/company. Must be respected
- **8. GITANE DU RIB -** Out of sorts this year but a capable mare on her day. Needs to reaffirm, so best watched for now
- **9. GRANITA BELLA -** Confirmed recent improvement by winning on the turf last time. Must confirm but is dangerous to dismiss
- **10. GOELAND GEMA -** Has struggled to regain any form/consistency for some time, so is unlikely to trouble the judge
- **11. GABY DES MOYEUX -** Unreliable but could get a look in here in a race of this nature. Hard to trust but hard to rule out
- **12. FLAMME NONANTAISE -** Inconsistent but does tend to pop up when applied. Unreliable and is probably for another day
- **13. GUELIZ -** Inconsistent of late but has the means to stake a claim here reunited with Anthony Barrier, with whom he has a victory and a 2nd from two associations
- **14. FIGARO DE BUSSET -** Sparked some improvement last time but needs to do more to warrant consideration. Overlook
- **15. GRANIT DU FRESNE -** Caught the eye when staying on well to finish 4th at this track last time out. Chance if confirming

Summary: GUINNESS (4) is undefeated in three outings on this track and, given the manner of her most recent win, is likely to preserve that 100% course record. FELICITA D'ECOUVES (7) is capable of giving cheek under these conditions with all four shoes removed, as is GUELIZ (13) who has formed a formidable partnership with Anthony Barrier. GRANIT DU FRESNE (15), who is consistent and has caught the eye in recent outings, as well as GYPSIE ROYALE (3) are likely to attract the interest of those who fancy outsiders. GAMAY DES CROUAS (6), after an improved last start, appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

GUINNESS (4) - FELICITA D'ECOUVES (7) - GUELIZ (13) - GRANIT DU FRESNE (15)

C4 - PRIX DE GROSBOIS - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - Autostart - Harness - EUR € 37.000

- 1. ENTRE AMIS Improved last start (3rd) and has run well at this track before. Could surprise from the front row
- **2. EQUEJUELO -** Strong frontrunner who consecutive starts before finishing 3rd in a good field at Vincennes. Can get back to winning ways
- **3. DONYX D'HAGUE -** Absent since March and has obtained his best titles in the mounted category. Makes very little appeal
- **4. FOSTER WOOD -** Runner-up twice to GINO TOSCA (8) before faulting in his last start. Confirmed on right-handed tracks so not discounted
- **5. GRANDE PRETRESSE -** Won in fine style at Vincennes in April and did not go unnoticed when only 7th last time after a troubled passage. Keep safe
- **6. FEELING DU NOYER -** Recently finished 3rd behind GINO TOSCA (8) and FOSTER WOOD (4) and did win his only outing on the Vichy track. Lurker
- **7. GALACTEE DE CHENU -** Produced a good finish when 4th at Laval last time and has solid form references on right-hand tracks. Not taken lightly
- **8. GINO TOSCA -** At the top of his game, having won 10 of his last 12 starts, and is likely to make his presence felt. Respect
- **9. FEMTO DE VAUVERT -** At fault on turf last time but did win 3 consecutive outings prior to that and is unshod behind on his return to Vichy, where he has already made a name for himself. Dark horse
- **10. EL PARDO -** Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited here. Can be ruled out
- **11. GENERAL DE LOIRON -** Out of sorts but is entrusted to David Békaert for this engagement. Could grab a small place but others are preferred
- **12. DEAR LOVER -** Has been struggling to distinguish himself for a while now so has to reassure him. Others preferred
- **13. EREGON DE JUPILLES -** Has finished 5th twice at Hyères recently and is presented without his irons here. Could ruffle a few feathers
- **14. GAZ D'OCCAGNES -** Reassuring 2nd in his last start and has 7 wins from 8 starts at this course. Will have a role to play

Summary: EQUEJUELO (2) is currently in full possession of his means and makes the most appeal in this competitive lineup. He is ideally positioned to get to the lead and will be difficult to peg back. Track-specialist GAZ D'OCCAGNES (14) and GINO TOSCA (8), who will be unshod behind, are the chief threats to the selection. GRANDE PRETRESSE (5) can also stake a claim if bouncing back the form of her Vincennes victory two starts back. Both GALACTEE DE CHENU (7) and FOSTER WOOD (4) are consistent and cannot be discounted either, which could also be said of capable duo ENTRE AMIS (1) and FEMTO DE VAUVERT (9). Good race!

SELECTIONS

EQUEJUELO (2) - GAZ D'OCCAGNES (14) - GINO TOSCA (8) - GRANDE PRETRESSE (5)

C5 - PRIX DU VIVARAIS - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 29.000

- **1. INES DES EPINES -** Winner of her last 2 starts so is in very good form, but has more to do in this grade/company. For lovers of outsiders
- **2. I AM PHYT'S -** Consistent and in good form but with this shoeing configuration has only a minor role to play in this grade/company
- **3. JAMIN DE BRION -** At the top of his game and once again barefoot, is good value to remain unbeaten at this course
- **4. JELENIA -** Consistent performer in this class and likely to improve after a good comeback outing recently. Contender
- **5. IERMES DE GUEZ -** Unshod on all four feet this time and ideally engaged under these conditions. Should play a role
- **6. ILIANO DES PLAINES -** Consistent for the most part and races fully unshod here but looks up against it in this grade. Outsider
- **7. IRIA DU POMMEREUX -** Barefoot after a reassuring 4th last time but will need to find further improvement to have a say
- **8. JOURNEE REVEE -** Tends to do well when not disqualified and has caught the eye in recent outings. Question of her wisdom
- **9. JUSTICIA SMART -** Missed the start last time but, without any incident, is quite capable of getting into the picture. Dark horse
- **10. JUBY DE BAILLY -** Does well when applied but is more effective under the saddle, so best watched for now. Others preferred
- **11. IRLANDE DU NORD -** Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so her chances are limited here. Overlooked
- **12. JOKER DE L'EPINE -** Runner-up to JAMIN DE BRION (3) last time so has obvious claims here. Not one to be taken lightly
- **13. JETPACK -** Tends to do very well when he isn't sanctioned, so hard to rule out. Question only of his wisdom

Summary: JAMIN DE BRION (3) has won 3 of his last 4 outings, including back-to-back recent starts at this track, so gets the nod ahead of JOURNEE REVEE (8) and JELENIA (4) who both have the means to pose a threat. IERMES DE GUEZ (5) is another capable of staking a claim, while JOKER DE L'EPINE (12) could also get into the picture if building on the improvement of his most recent outing.

SELECTIONS

JAMIN DE BRION (3) - JOURNEE REVEE (8) - JELENIA (4) - IERMES DE GUEZ (5)

C6 - PRIX DE BOURBON L'ARCHAMBAULT - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - National - Class D - Harness - EUR € 25.000

- **1. JESSY D'ARCY -** Seldom far off the mark but struggling to spark any improvement. Unlikely to trouble the judge
- **2. JUDYRA BOISSIERE -** Disqualified last time but is usually a consistent performer in this class. Can get into the picture
- **3. JAPPELOUP TURGOT -** Runner-up at this last time to a subsequent winner, so should play a leading role with a repeat of that performance
- **4. JOKER D'OCCAGNES -** Unreliable but more than capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Has a place chance
- **5. JEREMICE MERITE -** Consistent performer in this class, proven under the conditions and does well barefoot. Respect
- **6. JURAE VET -** Undeniably capable but too inconsistent, so is hard to trust but is as hard to rule out. Outsider
- 7. JEZABELLE BEZILLAT Tends to go well when not disqualified but needs to reaffirm, so best watched for now. Outsider
- **8. JOYAUX DES ILES -** Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge. Others preferred
- **9. JOMOLUNGMA -** Seldom far off the mark when applied but is complicated. Must reaffirm after three consecutive disqualifications
- **10. JUPITER MADRIK -** Reunited with David Békaert, who steered him to victory back in March, and barefoot for the first time. Danger
- **11. JOIA FEAT -** Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so her chances appear limited here. Overlook
- **12. JUST D'ERONVILLE -** Sanctioned last time when bidding to complete a hat-trick of wins. Capable of a lot better and is dangerous to dismiss
- **13. JADE VENESI -** Won her last completed start but has also been sanctioned in 3 of her last 4 outings. Question of her wisdom
- **14. JACK DES MALBERAUX -** Reassuring 3rd in his last start and should be competitive here if confirming that improvement
- **15. JAMES RULES -** Consistent performer in this class and proven under these conditions. Respected racing barefoot

Summary: A tricky contest in which a slight preference is given to JAPPELOUP TURGOT (3), following his recent 2nd, ahead of JUPITER MADRIK (10) who will be barefoot for the first time and likely to fight for victory. JUST D'ERONVILLE (12), despite his last-start disqualification, and JACK DES MALBERAUX (14) are, however, also capable of getting on the action. JAMES RULES (15) has the means to get involved too, while JEREMICE MERITE (5) is well placed is to make cause a stir.

SELECTIONS

JAPPELOUP TURGOT (3) - JUPITER MADRIK (10) - JUST D'ERONVILLE (12) - JACK DES MALBERAUX (14)

C7 - PRIX JEAN TORTEL - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - European - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 37.000

- **1. FINE DU COLOMBIER -** Unreliable mare but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature from a favourable starting spot. Respect
- **2. FLAMBEUR DU DIGEON -** Inconsistent in the harness discipline so is best watched for now switching to this code. Outsider
- **3. ZINCO JET -** Veteran trotter who has gone off the boil in both disciplines so must reaffirm. Can be ruled out
- **4. FREEDOM DU PARC -** Tends to do well when not disqualified and has caught the eye in recent outings. Could surprise
- 5. EXTRA BALL Consistent performer in this class but has only a minor role to play here. Place chance at best
- **6. GRINGO SAVA -** Reliable performer with solid form references. Runs well barefoot and should have a role to play
- **7. FALKIR BUIZARDERIE -** At the top of his game recently and is likely to give this another good go. Leading contender
- **8. GIPSY VENESI -** Excellent over recent weeks and in very good form after back-to-back wins. Will make a bold bid
- **9. ECKMUHL JACK -** Switches to this code having been out of sorts in the harness category recently. Others preferred
- **10. ESPOIR DU RAVARY -** Consistent veteran who is proven at this level and seldom far off the mark. Could have a say here
- 11. DIERLOV VOLO Last-start winner who gets on well with Florian Desmigneux. Chance if confirming his recent win

Summary: A mounted race in which the finish is likely to be fought out between GIPSY VENESI (8), who has won her last two and is bidding to complete a hat-trick, and ultra-consistent FALKIR BUIZARDERIE (7) despite his wide berth on the outside of the front row. DIERLOV VOLO (11) returned to winning ways last time and should be a factor, so cannot be discounted either. GRINGO SAVA (6) and ESPOIR DU RAVARY (10) are both capable of getting involved along with FINE DU COLOMBIER (1), who is positioned to possibly cause a stir.

SELECTIONS

GIPSY VENESI (8) - FALKIR BUIZARDERIE (7) - DIERLOV VOLO (11) - GRINGO SAVA (6)

C8 - PRIX DE ROMAGNAT - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class F - Harness - EUR € 19.500

- 1. KID SMILE Absent since his pleasant winning debut on December 11 at Reims, but will be one to follow on his return
- **2. KALANDA D'ELVIE -** Showed promise when winning before the winter break but has failed to confirm that in either outings this year
- **3. KALIPETTE JELOCA -** Winner on debut and was sanctioned next time out, so this is merely a question of her wisdom. Respected
- **4. KAROLYNE DE MALAC -** Improved to open her account on turf last time and could have more to offer. Not taken lightly
- **5. KISS BOY -** Has shown signs of improvement recently and could get a look in if making further progress. Place chance
- **6. KERNO -** Has done well when not disqualified and has also caught the eye on occasion. Could have a say
- 7. KAZAR Did not miss on debut on the grass of Evreux and can double the bet. Best followed until beaten
- **8. KLARCK DE VANDEL -** Debut winner on the turf and could be anything now switching to this surface. Warrants utmost respect
- **9. KRAKATOA BAR -** Talented but complicated in equal measure. Reassuring 2nd in his last start and will be a factor if confirming that improvement
- **10. KLARA THE BEST -** Modest 8th on debut and is open to improvement but is best watched for now. Others preferred
- **11. KANELLE LA RAVELLE -** Has experience but is too inconsistent to recommend in this grade/company. Others preferred
- **12. KARA MARIS -** Sanctioned in 2 of her 3 starts and finished 5th in the other outing. Better application required
- **13. KARMAGIRLS VISAIS -** Has shown little in 2 starts to warrant consideration here and can be ruled out. Needs to improve

Summary: After qualifying in a good time (1'15"6) at Caen in October, KAZAR (7) confirmed that promise by making a winning debut on the turf, and he does not need to improve a great deal to remain undefeated - it should pay to follow his progress. KID SMILE (1), himself a winner on debut back in December, must be respected on his reappearance and could well fight for victory, along with KLARCK DE VANDEL (8) who also won on debut and is probably better than his last start suggests. KALIPETTE JELOCA (3) and KRAKATOA BAR (9) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KAZAR (7) - KID SMILE (1) - KLARCK DE VANDEL (8) - KALIPETTE JELOCA (3)