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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE JUSSAC - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
35.000**

1. JAGUAR DE LAUMAC - Undeniably capable horse, and plainly in fine shape but, in this company, will have his work cut out

2. JULES ET JIM - Clearly talented but has a mercurial temperament. Lebourgeois given another crack at it but, even though fitted with pads this time, still looks something of an outsider

3. JEWEL DU VERNET - Struggled early last year before coming good in the latter half. Was not disgraced behind JAGUAR DE THABE (6) recently but still has more to find

4. JOUR ET NUIT - Useful sort that lost his maiden status in early December when unshod behind for the first time. Modified configuration this time and, with Raffin at the helm, is unlikely to disappoint

5. JORLANDO - By no means an easy horse to handle. Has struggled to confirm his Nantes victory and chances appear limited

6. JAGUAR DE THABE - Seen more often racing clockwise but nevertheless has solid left-handed credentials. Unlucky not to finish closer here 2 weeks ago but, with form maintained and a better run, can pleasantly surprise

7. JOISO POKER PRO - Unremarkable sort with just one run in him since the autumn break and is unlikely to trouble the judge

8. JO THUNDER - Competent type with decent references over the long course. Was put out of the race last weekend but backs up with a reasonable chance of putting things right

9. JOB DU PERSIL - Mixes the good with the less good but is not short of talent. Has done nothing but improve lately and is very easy to like

10. JOUVEUR D'AUGE - Blows hot and cold but returned to winning ways last month under harness. Races barefoot on this occasion and, while not the biggest fan of the main track, still looks competitive for a spot in the first 5

11. JOLDY LOVE - Not the easiest of horses to gauge but left a good impression over the short course recently and, with form maintained, is not without his chances of imposing

12. JOUR D'ERABLE - Occasionally loses stride but is otherwise an honest sort. Encouraged under these conditions late November, comes here fresh, and improvement is expected

13. JACK TEJY - Useful trotter that showed his form at Graignes 3 weeks ago. First-time barefoot and is expected to show a very different side. Claim

Summary : The wealthier elements appear to have the advantage here, with the in-form JACK TEJY (13) going barefoot for the first time and looking a more serious proposition on this occasion. Thomas Chalon can still expect to encounter resistance from JOLDY LOVE (11) who showed great tenacity here mid-December, and JOUR D'ERABLE (12) who is both confirmed over the main track and in excellent shape. At Nantes a month back, JOUR ET NUIT (4) finally got that maiden monkey off his back and has never disappointed with Eric Raffin reining.

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SELECTIONS

JACK TEJY (13) - JOLDY LOVE (11) - JOUR D'ERABLE (12) - JOUR ET NUIT (4)

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**C2 - PRIX DE SULLY - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - European - Mounted - EUR €
68.000**

- 1. HOPIUM** - Fine servant that has shown a particular flair for these conditions. Trounced the opposition last time here and, with Alexandre Abrivard on board, can confirm
- 2. HERODO BELLO** - Quite the revelation since switching codes. Has won 3 from 4 under the saddle, is unbeaten in his last 3 with Eric Raffin in the irons, and will be no pushover
- 3. FEVE DE BEYLEV** - Never easy to handle but has solid references here. Was found wanting behind DJESON D'ARIANE (8) recently though and will need to raise her game
- 4. GALACTIC** - Has made no impact on the track since imposing at Pontchâteau 12 months ago and can be confidently passed over
- 5. GINO VIVA** - Honest trotter making just his second appearance under the saddle but has other priorities and is unlikely to shake things up
- 6. GAIN ULTIME** - Previously a decent sort but has failed to make any impression yet this winter and poses no threat
- 7. GOUPIL D'ARDENNES** - Tough type that goes over any trip. Sanctioned last time under the saddle but has form here and, with stride in check, should not disappoint
- 8. DJESON D'ARIANE** - Blows hot and cold but left no doubt about her form here a fortnight ago and, shod to preference, steps marginally up in category with a decent hand to play
- 9. GAVROCHE BEST** - Handy sort that showed improvement behind FLEUR DU POLEA (11) mid-December. Unlikely to repeat but can still pick up some prizemoney
- 10. ALCIDE ROC** - Debuts in the monté code following some unremarkable performances in the other discipline and, racing shod, will have few friends
- 11. FLEUR DU POLEA** - Useful mare that thrives over the distance. Is clearly in excellent condition and will be competitive for a place on the podium
- 12. HAVE SEVEN** - Regularly a handful but seldom far from the action when unshod. Caught the eye here last time out and, with an 8kg allowance, is not to be underestimated

Summary : A very good campaigner in the monté code, HOPIUM (1) won smartly over course and distance last autumn, has raced well in the provinces since and, reunited with Alexandre Abrivard who won with him last time here, can double his money. It is by no means a given though considering how well HERODO BELLO (2) has taken to his new vocation, and the aptitude HAVE SEVEN (12) showed here early last month. FLEUR DU POLEA (11) has yet to win in this category but consistently finishes in the mix and has never disappointed over 2175m.

SELECTIONS

HOPIUM (1) - HERODO BELLO (2) - HAVE SEVEN (12) - FLEUR DU POLEA (11)

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**C3 - PRIX DE CLAMECY - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
35.000**

- 1. KENZA D'AMOUR** - Showed early promise but subsequently lost her way. Out of the picture in both since returning to competition and, even though sporting a new configuration, is not an obvious choice
- 2. KAHINA DE LATZ** - Not the most dependable but gave a fine account on Vincennes debut last autumn. Goes barefoot from the 2-spot but looks no more than minor place prospect this time
- 3. KISS ME DU LIVET** - Yet to get off the mark but has been acquitting herself well over recent months. Has freshness on her side, benefits from a fine draw and, unshod behind for the first time, merits considerable respect
- 4. KAPUSHA MIP** - Barring her comeback run, has been tough and consistent. Unshod all 4 after a convincing performance here early last month and is ideally-placed to make a big impact
- 5. KISS CARISAIE** - Regularly in the thick of things and latterly pleased on Vincennes debut. Switches to the main track but has hind shoes off the time and, from the 5-spot, will have her chances
- 6. KINJAL DE BELLANDE** - Decent type that has yet to shine here but showed improvement when fitted with pads. Gets to race barefoot on this occasion though and, dropping marginally in category, will be one to watch
- 7. KAPELLA VET** - Versatile filly that has not always been able to express herself, but races unshod for the first time and should be good enough to defy the draw and win this
- 8. KYRIELLE PRINCESSE** - Useful filly that has previously won for her driver. Forced to break wide but sports a new configuration and looks a player
- 9. KALINKA CASTELETS** - Capable sort but has yet to convince going left-handed. Accorded a tough draw, has not been seen out for over 2 months and, even though unshod behind, is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 10. KOPAZE DE HOUELLE** - Enjoyed early success but has been disappointing since and appears to have no realistic chance
- 11. KELLY PRINCESSE** - Won 2 of her first 3 but has found the going tough at Vincennes and, barefoot or not, will have too much to find
- 12. KAZA ROCK** - Complicated but has ability. Reassured over 2700m here last weekend but, from the back line, will struggle to repeat
- 13. KULTA** - Can trot but is still a maiden from 12. Races shod for just 2nd start back and can be passed over
- 14. KAGNOTTE D'AZIF** - Got her career off to a flying start before ending the season on a low note. Has just one race in her and has been handed a tough draw and, in spite of racing barefoot with Alexandre Abrivard reining, is unlikely to shake things up

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Summary : A useful filly, KAPELLA VET (7) left a very good impression on comeback here last month; she finally has the opportunity to race unshod and, even though breaking wide, she still looks to have the measure of most here. That being said, KISS CARISAIE (5) caught the eye here last time out, is better-placed behind the car and, with hind shoes off, can make a big splash. Starting on her inner, KAPUSHA MIP (4) has hardly stepped a foot out of line and, barefoot following a fine effort over 2175m, will be competitive for a spot on the podium, as will the unshod KYRIELLE PRINCESSE (8) if Eric Raffin successfully navigates the start.

SELECTIONS

KAPELLA VET (7) - KISS CARISAIE (5) - KAPUSHA MIP (4) - KYRIELLE PRINCESSE (8)

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C4 - PRIX DE VIC SUR CERE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Harness - EUR € 71.000

- 1. INDY DARK** - Capable sort that secured a Gr.3 early last month before trotting 4th to IBISCUS MAN (16) on Christmas day. Is unlikely to play a leading role but can still make his presence felt
- 2. JIMMY FERRO BR** - Eurotrotting type that has previously won over track and trip but will need to improve on his recent effort behind IBERICA (7)
- 3. BEAT GENERATION** - A winner in both codes over track and trip since leaving Scandinavia, but flopped last time and seems to need another run
- 4. IMPERIAL MABON** - Very well campaigned by his handler over past 3 seasons. Has won 6 times for his driver and, barefoot for the occasion, can get straight back in the game
- 5. COOL KRONOS** - Has taken particularly well to racing in France. Was rather lacklustre behind IBERICA (7) last time but JMB takes over the reins and must not be underestimated
- 6. GASOLIN** - Competent Swedish import that debuted well here during the autumn. Drops back to a more reasonable level and, even though barefoot this time, will still have too much to do
- 7. IBERICA** - Occasionally loses her action but is a very tough mare. Met no opposition over course and distance last time out and steps marginally up in class with a good hand to play
- 8. IPALIO** - Quality element that always gives his best but sanctioned in last 2 and supporting him would be a question of blind faith
- 9. INTELLO DE CHENU** - Not always the easiest to trust but has turned a corner lately. 2nd by the smallest of margins to IBISCUS MAN (16) 12 days ago and, with Franck Nivard at the helm this time, could pleasantly surprise
- 10. CANTO DEI VENTI** - Faithful for the most part and has references over 2850m on the main track, but failed to fire last time out and others preferred
- 11. INSHOT JOSSELYN** - Hardy individual with a decent record under these conditions. Has previously imposed when unshod behind but looks a minor place prospect at best this time
- 12. IBERIK DE MONGOCHY** - Considerably better horse in the other discipline and has no realistic chance
- 13. IES WE KAN** - Arguably better in the other code but can trot under harness. Set his personal best over 2100m last time out but has a tendency to lose focus and others easier to back
- 14. INDIGO DE FONTAINE** - Took no time getting back in shape, winning his last 2 with authority. Excels at Vincennes and, barring force majeure, should have this in the bag
- 15. CHARMY CHARLY AS** - Talented type that was very unlucky in his last 2. Has proven credentials under these conditions and will have a lot to offer if François Lagadeuc keeps him out of trouble
- 16. IBISCUS MAN** - Took some time to come to hand this term but set the record straight late last month and should again figure prominently

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Summary : Dynamic in both codes when unshod, INDIGO DE FONTAINE (14) returns barefoot to Vincennes on a hat-trick and, bearing in mind that he has won 7 from 9 over the main track, it is difficult to see him being beaten. Principal opposition will take the form of the somewhat tricky IBERICA (7) who beat a number of these with authority over track and trip last month, and the excellent CHARMY CHARLY AS (15) who has a solid defence for his recent clinkers. IBISCUS MAN (16) is similarly hard to fault when applied and his recent victory here stands him in good stead.

SELECTIONS

INDIGO DE FONTAINE (14) - IBERICA (7) - CHARMY CHARLY AS (15) - IBISCUS MAN (16)

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**C5 - PRIX LEON TACQUET - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Internationale - Mounted
- EUR € 80.000**

1. JUPITER DE PLAY - Fine servant in the discipline and adapts to any trip. Made up for his Gr.3 sanction with a decisive success over the short course and, even though stepping up in category, will still have his supporters

2. IRINA DE BAILLY - Has references at this level but has twice been caught short recently and others preferred

3. IVANKA DE JILME - Has yet to establish her credentials in the discipline but pleasantly surprised in the race of reference and will justifiably garner more support this time around

4. JAZZ IN MONTREUX - Classy trotter with nothing to prove either at this level and over the trip. Specifically prepared for this and has every chance of making it 5-on-the-trot

5. J'ADORE - Fine mare with superb monté credentials, but races shod this time and best to hold off

6. IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL - Barring one sanction, has been firing on all cylinders for the past 6 months. Defied his odds last time out and, in similar condition, will be no soft touch

7. INOUI DANICA - Regularly seen in group-class events but failed last time to confirm his Gr.2 Prix Joseph Lafosse performance and will have few takers

8. INES DES RIOULTS - Honest mare with the Cornulier clearly on her agenda. Faulted in the Prix Bilibili but is plainly in form and, with application, can finish in the mix

9. CHARMANT DE ZACK - Serious Italian type with excellent references over 2700m here. Makes his first public appearance under the saddle, with shoes off and Anthony Barrier in the saddle, and looks the main danger to JAZZ IN MONTREUX (4)

Summary : Quite something in this branch of the business, the resourceful JAZZ IN MONTREUX (4) returns to Vincennes on a monté 5-timer and, excellent when barefoot and impressive over this particular trip, he is going to take all the beating. Closest threat to his supremacy may well prove to be the fine CHARMANT DE ZACK (9) who has done enough under harness to be considered a player first time under the saddle. IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL (6) trotted 3rd in the Gr.1 Prix Bilibili last month and, barefoot again, can confirm. Sanctioned that day but dropping back to a more reasonable level this time, INES DES RIOULTS (8) will not be far off the mark if Florian Desmigneux can keep her trotting.

SELECTIONS

**JAZZ IN MONTREUX (4) - CHARMANT DE ZACK (9) - IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL (6) - INES
DES RIOULTS (8)**

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**C6 - PRIX DE CHATELGUYON - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR
€ 46.000**

- 1. INTUITION SOYER** - Went off the boil last year but has bounced back over recent months. Flew up here last time, thrives with Yoann Lebourgeois, and must be respected
- 2. INES DE LA ROUVRE** - Enjoyed a fruitful summer in the provinces but has twice failed to deliver since and others preferred
- 3. IDOLE DE RETZ** - Useful dual-discipline filly that rarely lets the side down when unshod. Has won under these conditions, thrives with Eric Raffin reining, and is not to be overlooked
- 4. IBERA** - Moderate sort that won well here in late-November. Failed to confirm behind ISIS D'HERFRAIE (11) next time though and others easier to back
- 5. IXORA** - Not entirely without merit but has done little of note since last winter and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
- 6. IDOLE ELDE** - Placed twice in recent weeks over the main track here. Reunited with Alexandre Abrivard and will have her supporters
- 7. ISIS D'ALESA** - Significantly better in the other branch of the business and appears to have no chance
- 8. IXELLE BLEUE** - Previously a good sort and has references over track and trip but, in this category, will need to be at her absolute best
- 9. ISTANIA DE VIETTE** - Is plainly competent but has a tendency to lose focus. Finished ahead of ISLAND LOVE (10) last time though and will not be sent out at 62/1 on this occasion
- 10. ISLAND LOVE** - Classy individual that showed significant improvement here 2 weeks back. Reverts to a previous configuration and, with stride in check, should finish in the frame this time
- 11. ISIS D'HERFRAIE** - Alternates decent performances with less good efforts, but nonetheless defied her odds here early last month and will not be available at 70/1 on this occasion. Claim
- 12. ICONE D'ERABLE** - Quality individual that has taken well to Vincennes conditions. Seldom disappoints when unshod all 4 and, clearly better than most here, can get 2024 off to a victorious start
- 13. ISLAND STAR** - Serious sort that has won 2 of 3 on the main course. Lost her action early on comeback but will not be far off the mark if she can stay in stride

Summary : Rarely far off the mark when barefoot and applied, ICONE D'ERABLE (12) was beaten only by a very good horse here last time out; she returns fresh and, even though untried over 2175m, still looks the pick of the bunch. She will still meet opposition from the useful but erratic ISIS D'HERFRAIE (11) who beat a number of these over 2100m last month. ISLAND LOVE (10) has talent in spades but struggled last season, however she made a good re-entry a fortnight back and, in similar form, can play a prominent role. Winner at this level before her autumn break, ISLAND STAR (13) was sanctioned early on re-entry but can redeem herself if Hugues Monthulé gets her off on the right foot.

SELECTIONS

ICONE D'ERABLE (12) - ISIS D'HERFRAIE (11) - ISLAND LOVE (10) - ISLAND STAR (13)

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C7 - PRIX MAURICE DE GHEEST - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Internationale - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- 1. LOVI CADENCE** - Honest individual that placed on his only start over track and trip but, in this class, can be comfortably ruled out
- 2. LAGNU MAG** - Respectable type that regularly gives his best, but returns to racing shod and not an obvious choice this time
- 3. LUCKY JACKSON** - 4th in the race of reference on his first start over the main track. Will appreciate the dip in category and will not be far from the action
- 4. LASH PERRINE** - Capable at a lower level, showed the limits of his capacity recently, and is unlikely to make much of an impact
- 5. LARGO DE CASTELLE** - Competent in the grand scheme of things. Unexceptional in the race of reference but hind pads fitted this time and should show some improvement
- 6. LOULOU DE MYE** - Has demonstrated very good aptitude for both the code and Vincennes. Gave a fine account behind LEMON TREE (9) mid-December and, although unlikely to create an upset, should still acquit himself honourably
- 7. LITTLE BROWN** - Fine future prospect that has yet to be bested over track and trip. Unraced since winning at Graignes mid-November and, now allowed to wear pads, he looks a possible spoiler
- 8. LUCIANO MENUET** - Got his career off to a flying start but sanctioned in last 2. Abrivard will be determined to put things right and is sure to garner support
- 9. LEMON TREE** - Progressive type that took his recent step up in class in his stride. Will have come on for the race and can give FELIPE ROC (10) a run for his money
- 10. FELIPE ROC** - Good class of colt that has progressed nicely since last summer's debut. Impressive in Naples last time and can open his French account if he takes to the Vincennes profile

Summary : Simply superb in his native Italy, FELIPE ROC (10) makes his Vincennes debut on the back of a maiden Group 1 success and, fitted with 4 pads for the first time, looks eminently capable of continuing his successful ways. He is still going to face some serious opposition from the similarly-shod LEMON TREE (9) who had the measure of much of this field in the Gr.2 Prix Emmanuel Margouty 3 weeks ago. Sanctioned that day while clearly in excellent shape, LUCIANO MENUET (8) can play a leading role if Alexandre Abrivard keeps him trotting. Winner of 4 from 5, including twice over course and distance, stablemate LITTLE BROWN (7) faces a stiffer challenge this time around but races with hind pads fitted and has the class to meet the challenge.

SELECTIONS

FELIPE ROC (10) - LEMON TREE (9) - LUCIANO MENUET (8) - LITTLE BROWN (7)

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**C8 - PRIX DE BRETEUIL - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
59.000**

- 1. FLEURON D'ACADIE** - Not the most reliable but has decent references at this level. Is clearly close to his race and is sufficiently well-positioned to give this a good go
- 2. GRANDE DE RANCHY** - Previously a good sort at this level but has made no impact for some time and, even with modified shoeing, is unlikely to surprise
- 3. FILHIO DE LOU** - Competent trotter that has previously won in this category but stays shod this time and best to hold off
- 4. GRANDE PRETRESSE** - Won over track and trip last April and again over 2150m at Enghien during the autumn. Is ideally-placed behind the car but will still need to improve on her latest effort behind FILARETE DU VERGER (6)
- 5. FORBACH** - Not the most dependable horse here but has been hard to knock over recent months when barefoot. Enjoys a good spot behind the car and, like stablemate FLEURON D'ACADIE (1), does not travel to Paris to see the sights
- 6. FILARETE DU VERGER** - Back at the top of her game over recent weeks, appreciates the distance, and most recently finished 3rd in a tough event over track and trip. Gets a front-line start and should not disappoint
- 7. EXTRA DU CHATAULT** - Useful on a good day but has not convinced in either return run here and, even with Björn Goop in the sulky, is unlikely to pull a rabbit out of his hat
- 8. GALANT GALAA** - Has gone from strength to strength since the autumn and most recently beat ENZO DU KLAU (9) at Pontchâteau. Similarly handed a poor draw but is obviously on the way back up and the Eric Raffin-factor cannot be ignored
- 9. ENZO DU KLAU** - Classy veteran with nothing to prove at this level. Is forced to start wide on the front line but will have come on for his good re-entry run and can open his 2024 account
- 10. EQUEJUELO** - Talented type that lost his way last summer but came good last time out, beating GAULTHERIA (15). A repeat, however, seems improbable
- 11. FURIEUSE PURPLE** - Took some time to come to hand last year but came good over the summer. Has just one race in her since and, although barefoot, still has little going for her on this occasion
- 12. GOLDORACK** - Has merit and appreciates these conditions. Reassured here last month but is not ideally-drawn and his capricious nature will do nothing to generate interest
- 13. GAMIN NORMAND** - Monté horse racing here for reasons of conditioning and will pose no danger
- 14. GLORIEUSE CARNOIS** - Serious mare in the other code. Has not been seen out since last May though and will have nothing to offer
- 15. GAULTHERIA** - One of the more consistent horses in the field. Has won just twice at Vincennes and, although in excellent condition, she has been given a bad draw and represents no more than a first-5 chance this time around

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16. GARANCE DU VIVIER - Very good campaigner that seldom fails to live up to expectations. Unfavourably drawn but won over track and trip in good order a month back and, if Lebourgeois works his magic, can give ENZO DU KLAU (9) something to think about

Summary : Remarkably consistent last year when racing barefoot, ENZO DU KLAU (9) gave a fine account on her winter debut 10 days ago and, despite being handed a rough draw, he can still win this if he takes to the main track profile. In a similar predicament, but on the back line, GARANCE DU VIVIER (16) has been hard to fault for some time and has a realistic chance of confirming her recent course-and-distance victory. FILARETE DU VERGER (6) has turned a corner lately and, from the front row, can again figure prominently. Back in the game after a tough start to the winter season, FLEURON D'ACADIE (1) is barefoot for just the 3rd time in her career and, from the inside line, can play a leading role.

SELECTIONS

ENZO DU KLAU (9) - GARANCE DU VIVIER (16) - FILARETE DU VERGER (6) - FLEURON D'ACADIE (1)

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**C9 - PRIX DE VIC-FEZENSAC - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR
€ 41.000**

- 1. HARDI CROWN** - Has improved markedly since returning to competition. Lost his action early last time but, on better behaviour, can get a look in
- 2. HERAKLION DESBOIS** - Looked to be getting back in shape during the autumn but subsequently went off the boil and can be passed over
- 3. HIGOR DAIRPET** - Seldom gets his nose in front but finished a place behind HORTINO (9) the last time they met. Well-positioned behind the car and must not be underestimated
- 4. HENRY DE TROUVILLE** - Has been enjoying a decent run of form over recent months. Held his own in a Class C a month back and takes a dip in category with a decent hand to play from the 4-spot
- 5. HANUGAN** - Handed an excellent draw but has done nothing noteworthy for some time and will have few takers
- 6. HOTEL MYSTIC** - Mixes the good with the less good but excels over 2100m here. Has a decent spot in front and, with form maintained, is unlikely to disappoint
- 7. HARCOUEL** - Not the easiest of horses to trust but has been showing form over recent months and can challenge for the win if he deigns to stay in stride from one end of the race to the other
- 8. HADDOCK DU CLOS** - Excellent campaigner that has won 3 of 5 at Vincennes. Breaks wide but will just need to replicate his latest performance to pull off the double
- 9. HORTINO** - Hardy trotter that has been going well since last summer. Left a good impression here last month and, despite the unfavourable draw, drops back to a more reasonable level with every chance of putting his latest effort behind him
- 10. HORSERIS** - Has acquitted himself honourably in both starts under these conditions. Can be forgiven recent sanction and should not be written off
- 11. HIDAO DE LA GOUTTE** - Useful sort in the provinces. Failed to deliver on lone appearance here and, with just one run in him since the break, is unlikely to shake things up
- 12. HIP HOP DE MADKER** - Seen more often in the provinces and has been in cracking form for months. Solid in good company here last time out and, even from the 2nd row, can put on a good show
- 13. HIVER D'AUTHISE** - Just 2 wins in 56 but consistently gives his best. Currently in excellent shape but starts on the back line and, in this company, will struggle to make his mark
- 14. HISTORICO D'ETANG** - Useful under harness but has demonstrated better aptitude for the other code and can be ruled out

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Summary : Lightly-campaigned but remarkably consistent when barefoot, HADDOCK DU CLOS (8) got straight down to business over 2700m here mid-December and, even though untried under these conditions, and drawn wide on the front row, still looks the one to beat. Mathieu Mottier will nevertheless be keeping one eye on the marginally better-positioned HARCOUEL (7) who is not exactly a model of consistency, but he showed his form here last time out and will be no pushover if Franck Nivard keeps him trotting. The reinvigorated HOTEL MYSTIC (6) gave an excellent account over track and trip last month and is better-placed this time around. HIP HOP DE MADKER (12) seldom disappoints for Eric Raffin and, despite the draw, recent form augurs well for his prospects.

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HADDOCK DU CLOS (8) - HARCOUEL (7) - HOTEL MYSTIC (6) - HIP HOP DE MADKER (12)