R5 VICHY [L-H]

- 1. HARMONIA THE BEST Faithful servant for the most part when unshod but still being conditioned and best to wait
- 2. HEOLA DU PILET Erratic but not one to be underestimated. Has just one race in him though since the break and will need the run
- **3. HARMONY LA NUIT -** Won the last two races in which she wasn't sanctioned, latterly in style. Is three times a winner at Vichy and with Bazire reining for the occasion, she can confirm her Caen victory
- **4. HEROINE DES LOUPS -** Sanctioned in last three but has ample talent. Is proven at the venue and with application can go close
- **5. GROUPIE -** Blows hot and cold but trounced in both after winning at Lyon-La Soie and must reaffirm
- **6. HARMONIE DE SOYORA -** Has been in cracking form over past 5 weeks. Won with ease last time out and making it two in a row is well within her capacity
- **7. HOUFFE DU FLINOIS -** Has done nothing but improve over recent weeks. Went close here early June before imposing at La Capelle and is guaranteed to be heavily supported

Summary: Although regularly the object of the stewards' focus, HARMONY LA NUIT (3) latterly won in a canter at Caen. She receives a JMB drive this time and from the 3-spot looks marginally better than recent La Capelle winner HOUFFE DU FLINOIS (7) who seldom lets the side down at Vichy. HARMONIE DE SOYORA (6) is back at the top of her game and is also in with a realistic shout. HEROINE DES LOUPS (4) is not out of the picture but just needs to get off on the right foot.

SELECTIONS

HARMONY LA NUIT (3) - HOUFFE DU FLINOIS (7) - HARMONIE DE SOYORA (6) - HEROINE DES LOUPS (4)

C2 - PRIX CENTRE FRANCE LA MONTAGNE - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 27.000

- **1. HADRIEN DU VIF -** Moderate sort that showed marked improvement at Saint-Galmier on Sunday but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 2. HELISIO Capricious sort with better references at a lower level and chances slim to none
- **3. GOLDEN MAJYC** Unexceptional trotter but is proven here. Lacklustre in last two and even with shoes off will have his work cut out
- 4. GRAND MASSIF Always gives what he can but this is seldom enough and can be ruled out
- **5. HORSE LOVE METIS -** Significantly better horse in the other branch of the business and will have little to offer
- **6. GRAND RESTAURANT -** Steps back up in class after some decent amateur performances. Shod competitively this time and should not be entirely ruled out
- **7. HATOUT DE CONNEE -** Trotted 2nd to HAKA (11) in Lyon three weeks ago. Benefits from another front line start and can confirm his form
- **8. HUGH DE BANVILLE -** Regularly struggles with stride issues but appears to be back on track. Showed a convincing return to form last time and will have his supporters
- **9. HURIEL LUDOIS -** Conditioned for this last Sunday on grass, he races unshod all four this time and with JMB in charge can get straight back to winning ways
- **10. HEROS D'YVEL -** Faithful servant dropping in category after finishing 5th in a good Class C and it would be strange if he didn't make the frame this time
- **11. HAKA -** Currently enjoying a fine run of form. Gets on well with Quentin Chauve-Laffay and complementing his Parilly victory is not beyond the realms of possibility

Summary: The key to this race appears to lay on the second line with HURIEL LUDOIS (9) looking particularly dangerous this time with shoes off for the occasion and Jean-Michel-Bazire in the hot seat. HAKA (11), however, has been in cracking form all season and is not incapable of repeating his recent Lyon-Parilly success. Very much at home at Vichy, HEROS D'YVEL (10) gave an excellent account of herself in much better company here recently and drops back in class with legitimate ambition. Runner-up to HAKA (11) mid-June, HATOUT DE CONNEE (7) is 25m better off and can again challenge for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

HURIEL LUDOIS (9) - HAKA (11) - HEROS D'YVEL (10) - HATOUT DE CONNEE (7)

C3 - PRIX DE FEURS - RAYMOND GOLEO - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 27.000

- 1. HOLY D'AIMTE Modest sort that seldom springs any surprises and is not about to buck the trend
- **2. HAGATTA DE CODIERE -** Dependability not her strong suit but did win over track and trip late May. Is in shape and going with front pads only this time should not be ruled out
- **3. GIRLY D'HUON -** Consistently gives everything she has but is out of her category here and no surprises anticipated
- **4. HAVA DE BEAUREGARD -** Versatile type that appears to be biting off more than she can chew this time and chances limited
- **5. HEDENE D'ERONVILLE -** Sanctioned here last time out but still put on a decent show. Is clearly in form and with application can make her presence felt
- **6. GRACE DE BRUZEAU -** Unexceptional mare that has placed just once in 9 starts this year and will have few takers
- **7. HAPPY END COSSE -** Can prove a handful but has otherwise been in decent shape lately. Backs up after just 5 days and with form maintained will have a lot to offer
- **8. GAIA D'URZY -** No champion but gave a respectable account here last time out. In this company though will have a lot to do
- **9. HAVANA BELLA -** Mixes the good with the less good but has found form lately. Appreciates Vichy and breaking in front with JMB at the helm will not be far from the action
- **10. GINZA HIGHLAND -** Unremarkable mare with nothing of note to her name for some time and not a realistic proposition
- **11. HELYSEE WILD -** Seldom far from losing her action but has bags of talent. Is confirmed at Vichy and with stride in check will be no pushover
- **12. GLOIRE DE LA BASLE -** Not the most attractive of formcards but she can trot when focused. On the second line but with her mind on the game should not be far off the mark
- **13. HEROINE DES LANDES -** Quality individual who is considerably better than recent her result would suggest. Only mares to contend with this time and in spite of the penalty still looks a leading contender

Summary: Winner over a similar distance in late May, HEROINE DES LANDES (13) should find Vichy to her liking and can put her recent Rambouillet clinker behind her. She will face opposition though from a reinvigorated HAVANA BELLA (9) who is 25m better off and has Jean-Michel Bazire in the sulky. The erratic but capable HELYSEE WILD (11) benefits from a fine entry on the front line and on good behaviour will have her chances. GLOIRE DE LA BASLE (12) returns fit from a stint under the saddle and despite the handicap is an interesting prospect.

SELECTIONS

HEROINE DES LANDES (13) - HAVANA BELLA (9) - HELYSEE WILD (11) - GLOIRE DE LA BASLE (12)

C4 - PRIX JEAN BOILLEREAU - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - National - Class C - Harness - EUR € 29.000

- **1. KENTUCKY PIYA -** Won his first three on the trot. Unlucky last time out but is fitted with four pads on this occasion and can set the record straight
- **2. KINNAIRD -** Produced a couple of decent efforts earlier in the year but disappointing since and others preferred
- **3. KING GATE -** No champion but has ample ability. Can make a big impact if he replicates his May performance here
- **4. KARLITO -** Sanctioned as often as not but is a colt for the future. Unseen since January but is by some margin the smartest horse in the field and can impose on comeback
- **5. KHAN D'HERIPRE -** Very hard to fault this year. Appreciates Vichy conditions and finishing in the first five would be no surprise
- **6. KAMIKAZE DU CAMPUS -** Quality colt that has been simply dynamic racing right-handed. Goes over any trip and confirming his Vichy victory is not off the cards
- 7. KALIKA DU RIS Delicate filly but not without merit. Unraced for two months though and best to hold off
- **8. KRAK DE BUSSIERES -** Faithful type that has just once finished out of the frame. Solid in last two over track and trip and is in with a shout of finishing in the frame

Summary: Trained, driven and well-regarded by Jean-Philippe Monclin, KARLITO (4) may not be easy to handle but he has talent to burn. Unraced for five months, he is nevertheless a classy individual that can get straight back in the game. That said, KENTUCKY PIYA (1) has won three from four and the addition of pads may prove key to his redemption. Winner of his last three going right-handed, KAMIKAZE DU CAMPUS (6) latterly won over shorter here and is expected to put on another good show. KING GATE (3) finished runner-up to him that day and should not be far from the action.

SELECTIONS

KARLITO (4) - KENTUCKY PIYA (1) - KAMIKAZE DU CAMPUS (6) - KING GATE (3)

C5 - PRIX DU CAVILAM - ALLIANCE FRANCAISE - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 19.500

- 1. JABES Modest sort that has failed to make any impact this term and needs to shape up
- 2. JAM DES LANDES Unexceptional type that was trounced last time out but benefits from a front-line start and is capable of getting a look in
- **3. JE SUIS SPECIAL -** Seldom far off the mark when applied. Breaks in front and while not an obvious choice, is still one to watch
- **4. JACKSON HIGHLAND -** 15 starts and yet to get off the mark. Always gives his best but is still unlikely to rock the boat
- **5. JIOSCO DE SAUZETTE -** Handy sort that trotted 4th in the race of reference. Failed to confirm at Cavaillon but can still get in on the action
- **6. JACKASS LATIN -** Never tested at this level but has been doing everything right and, racing unshod all four this time, will be no soft touch
- **7. JAZZ CAENNAIS -** Delicate but left a good impression here late May. With form maintained and stride in check, he should not be far off the mark
- **8. JUGURTHA POLKA -** Has looked very ordinary under harness over recent weeks and latest Vichy run did nothing to inspire confidence
- **9. JACK MATH -** Useful sort taking a dip in category after encouraging here recently. Goes barefoot again and should not be underestimated
- 10. JACK OAKS Showed early promise but has been off the boil all year and will have few takers
- **11. JACADI D'EVA -** Currently enjoying a fine run of form. Won his first of the season last month and with a top driver in the sulky can make it two on the trot
- **12. JOKAI -** Much better than recent results would imply. Drops down the class ladder and, with stride in check, can figure prominently

Summary: Clearly at the top of his game since starting to race unshod behind, JACADI D'EVA (11) opened his seasonal account last time out and, with JMB in the sulky, can straight away add another victory to his tally. Dropping back in category after a couple of decent efforts here, JACK MATH (9) should be good enough to challenge for the win this time. First time barefoot after a good run at Feurs last month, JACKASS LATIN (6) looks set to turn a corner. JOKAI (12) also takes a dip in class and should be decent enough to finish in the mix.

SELECTIONS

JACADI D'EVA (11) - JACK MATH (9) - JACKASS LATIN (6) - JOKAI (12)

C6 - PRIX SENIORS DES COURSES - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - Autostart - Class G - Harness - EUR € 18.000

- **1. JOLIE GUERCHAISE** Forced to start on the rail but showed improvement at Laval. Four shoes off this time and with JMB in charge will be an obvious contender
- **2. JOLYMOME D'EURVAD -** Produced her career-best performance just last Sunday but represents more a minor place prospect on this occasion
- **3. JUNGLE DU CAUX -** Clearly not without talent but too frequently loses her action to be considered a player
- **4. JUNGLE JULRY -** Has been knocking at the door since her first competitive steps. Superb on comeback and racing barefoot this time can finally get that maiden monkey off her back
- **5. JAYA STARDUST -** Sanctioned more often than not but has evident talent. Benefits from a good spot in front and with application can go far
- **6. JOCONDE DU CAUX -** Struggling with stride issues of late. Has been showing her form though and deserves to be retained
- **7. JASMINE DE TESS -** Has done nothing of note since winning a minor event 10 months ago and can expect to have few friends
- 8. JEDHA In better form this term but still plaqued by stride woes and can be passed over
- **9. JOCONDE FLIGNY -** Showed a different side to herself on Vichy debut recently. If she gets the trip, and is in similar form, she should be able to finish in the mix
- 10. JADOUNE Placed on debut but out of the picture in next four and has no realistic chance
- **11. JOCONDE DE JYR -** Yet to show any particular aptitude for the game and can be confidently disregarded
- **12. JYPSIE DU LOISIR** Placed just once in 11 career starts. Presently off the boil and from the 2nd line will have nothing to offer

Summary: As solid as a rock to date, JUNGLE JULRY (4) gave a fine account on her recent reentry and going barefoot from the 4-spot must be considered a leading prospect. JOLIE GUERCHAISE (1) similarly goes barefoot, and with Jean-Michel Bazire in the sulky will justifiably garner support. Not ideally drawn this time, JOCONDE FLIGNY (9) finished second over shorter here a week ago and backs up with legitimate ambition. JAYA STARDUST (5) may be as complicated as they come but she reassured at Nancy recently and with application can make the most of her good draw.

SELECTIONS

JUNGLE JULRY (4) - JOLIE GUERCHAISE (1) - JOCONDE FLIGNY (9) - JAYA STARDUST (5)

C7 - PRIX KRAFFT (PRIX DE CAGNES SUR MER) - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - Apprentices-Conditional - Claiming - Autostart - Class R - Harness - EUR € 12.000

- **1. DESTRIER D'OR -** Has done little of note under harness for some time and will struggle to make his mark
- 2. FANTOMAS TURGOT Last did something of note under harness 12 months ago and chances slim to none
- 3. EL POPOF Gave a fine account when 2nd to EL PACO (11) last time out. On 3-spot this time and could well turn the tables
- **4. ERWINN DE BEAUM -** Has form under harness but disappointing on the whole this term and must raise his game
- **5. EASY BLEU -** One of the better elements in the field. Won a 2150m claimer here three weeks ago before being sanctioned next time but is well-drawn and can more than make amends
- **6. DARWIN LOUKI -** Superb at this level earlier in the year but has since come off the boil and can be passed over
- **7. FALCO DE VANDEL -** Blows hot and cold but respectable at this level. Bizarrely out of the picture at Vincennes but is not incapable of setting the record straight
- **8. FARCEUR DE L'INAM -** By no means the worst horse here but failed to make the grade last time at this level. Barefoot this time but still not an obvious choice
- **9. FARO DU BONANT -** Decent sort at this level of competition. Made his mark at Enghien recently and on good behaviour can put on another good show
- **10. ELFIX DE NEEL -** Faithful servant with excellent amateur references. Pleased on lone start here and even though not ideally drawn, he is in fine form and must be retained
- **11. EL PACO -** Winless since securing a brace of amateur events earlier in the year, he won a provincial claimer 10 days ago and could well double his money
- **12. EXO NELGER -** Handy trotter that is proven in the claiming category. Less impressive here last time but is shod differently on this occasion and can get a look in

Summary: No longer the horse he once was, EL PACO (11) nevertheless opened his claiming account late last month and despite the draw still looks a serious proposition. Louis Goetz will still want to be wary of the better-positioned EASY BLEU (5) who flew up in a claimer over shorter here mid-June and who will logically generate interest. FARO DU BONANT (9) may not be the most dependable but he has solid claiming credentials and his recent Enghien performance augurs well for his chances here. EL POPOF (3) finished 2nd to the favourite last time out but has a better draw on this occasion and must not be afforded due respect.

SELECTIONS

EL PACO (11) - EASY BLEU (5) - FARO DU BONANT (9) - EL POPOF (3)

C8 - PRIX VENTE DE MAGNY-COURS - 2950m (a1 13/16m) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 19.500

- 1. KARIBELLE DE NUIT Racecourse debutante that qualified nicely and even though in good company first time out, is still one to monitor
- **2. KRYSTEL SEVEN -** Well-regarded filly making her first public start. From the JMB yard, she is sure not to be green and can impose at the first time of asking
- 3. KAVALE DE DAIDOU Made little impression in qualification and sanctioned first time out. Best to wait
- **4. KELLE BELLE JASMA -** Disappointing in both public appearances to date and will attract very little attention
- 5. KIZOMBA Trounced in both starts so far and can expect to stay friendless in the markets
- **6. KONQUERANTE -** Capricious filly that has yet to show any aptitude for the game and can be passed over
- 7. KUEEN OF CHENU Pleasant first time out but lost her action next time and others easier to back
- **8. KAURA DE LA VALLEE -** Impressed on debut but out of the picture in all four since and must get her house in order
- **9. KALISCA DE LA LEUE -** Sanctioned as often as not but reassured at Avranches. Debuts on sand but with Jean-Philippe Monclin in the wagon will be afforded a competitive drive
- **10. KLASS DE DOMPIERRE -** Gave a fine account of herself on debut here recently. Will appreciate the longer trip and could well lose her maiden tag
- **11. KABOTINE -** Started to come good here late May. Lost her action next time when clearly in form but has every chance of making amends
- **12. KEVIVE DE MAIL -** Improving filly that pleased in two of last three. Has no references going right-handed but in current condition is hard to ignore
- **13. KORDELIA -** Placed just once in four but was not disgraced here last month and will not be available at 75/1 this time around

Summary: Although untried to date, the Jean-Michel Bazire-trained KRYSTEL SEVEN (2) is guaranteed a significant amount of support, but it is no done deal though, considering how well KLASS DE DOMPIERRE (10) acquitted herself on debut here a fortnight ago. The tricky KABOTINE (11) showed her aptitude for the game here five weeks ago and with stride in check can again make the frame. KEVIVE DE MAIL (12) looked the part at Laval last time and is not one to be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

KRYSTEL SEVEN (2) - KLASS DE DOMPIERRE (10) - KABOTINE (11) - KEVIVE DE MAIL (12)