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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE GONTAUD - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
40.000**

- 1. KAZAN DE VANDEL** - An unreliable sort but is not incapable of getting a look in here in a race of this nature. Outsider
- 2. KANDEL DE BEYLEV** - Consistent and progressive colt with the undeniable means to play a leading role here. Will be a factor
- 3. KOOL DU PORHOET** - Usually does well when not disqualified and has caught the eye on occasion. Could get into the picture
- 4. KIWI JENILOU** - Undeniably capable but is rarely far from faulting and appears to have gone off the boil. Has to reaffirm
- 5. KALMIO DE LOU** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Others preferred
- 6. KATCHI QUICK** - Capable sort who most recent outing is better than his finishing position (6th) may suggest. Not taken lightly
- 7. KID PARKER** - Confirmed the improvement of his previous outing (2nd) by winning last time out and ought to acquit himself well here, even at this level on the big track
- 8. KONG** - Has improved to win three consecutive outings and is likely to continue that momentum, even at this level. Keep safe
- 9. KENOR DESBOIS** - Won well over this course and distance recently and is unlikely to stop there. Has a winning chance
- 10. KARNAK DAIRPET** - Tends to do well when avoiding disqualification so is not one to be underestimated. Can play a minor role
- 11. KENTUCKY SOMOLLI** - Consistent performer who, with Gabriele Gelormini in the sulky, ought to confirm th promise of his encouraging Parisian debut
- 12. KER DE TOUES** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive so isn't likely to trouble the judge
- 13. KATSUKI** - Has looked rather ordinary for some time now - often at fault - so his chances, even at this level, are limited. Ignore
- 14. KENDO JIEL** - Usually does well when not disqualified and has caught the eye on occasion. Could get into the picture
- 15. KAVAL BOURBON** - Consistent colt with sound references and solid form credentials. Could have even more to offer racing fully unshod for the first time

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Summary : KENOR DESBOIS (9) won well over the course and distance in his most recent outing and, on the evidence of that display, is good value to follow up here racing without his hind shoes. KONG (8) has been impressive in racking up a sequence of wins and is likely to fight for victory too. After finishing 3rd in a competitive race last month, KAVAL BOURBON (15) is another capable of playing a leading role in a race of this nature. KANDEL DE BEYLEV (2) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

KENOR DESBOIS (9) - KONG (8) - KAVAL BOURBON (15) - KANDEL DE BEYLEV (2)

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**C2 - PRIX DE LIGNIERES - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
40.000**

1. **JOADIE WIND** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Not taken lightly
2. **JOYCE DU VAL** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of her last two outings. Can be ruled out
3. **JOIE GIBUS** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so isn't likely to trouble the judge
4. **JEREMICE MERITE** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
5. **JALNA GIRL** - Non partante
6. **JADE D'ERABLE** - Bounced back to form by finishing 2nd over this course and distance in her most recent outing. Will be a factor
7. **JET SET** - Rarely far off the action and capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature, though has more of a place chance than a winning one
8. **JUNGLE GREEN** - Won consecutive outings before finishing an encouraging 4th on her reappearance. Has more to offer with improved fitness/condition on her side
9. **JOLIE CADENCE** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore
10. **JAYA DES BROUSSES** - Finished an encouraging 3rd over an inadequate trip last time and has regained freshness since. Should have a role to play
11. **JASMINE DE JYR** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of her recent displays. Can be ruled out
12. **JAKARTA DE CHENU** - Has regained momentum and represents the formidable Raffin-Baudouin combination. High on the shortlist
13. **JORIA MESLOISE** - Runner-up in a similar contest last time out and needs only to confirm that form/performance to go one better here
14. **JACKPOTINA** - Inconsistent but has already revealed the means to be competitive in a race of this nature. Keep safe
15. **JUSTICIA GLAM** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so isn't likely to trouble the judge
16. **JOY TO GIS** - Out of sorts recently but has been carefully prepared for this engagement. Has the means to get involved

Summary : A hard race to assess. JORIA MESLOISE (13) finished 2nd in a similar contest last month so is marginally preferred ahead of JAYA DES BROUSSES (10), who acquitted herself well over an inadequate trip last time and will find this distance more to her liking. JADE D'ERABLE (6) usually performs well racing without irons and also has the means to fight for victory. JAKARTA DE CHENU (12), backed by the confidence of her connections, will make her presence felt along with JOY TO GIS (16). Tricky!

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**JORIA MESLOISE (13) - JAYA DES BROUSSES (10) - JADE D'ERABLE (6) - JAKARTA
DE CHENU (12)**

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C3 - PRIX D'ENGHEN - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Mounted - EUR € 90.000

- 1. KEL AIR D'EOLE** - Consistent colt with sound references at a much lower level. Hard to make a case for him in this race/lineup
- 2. KELVALSE CASTELETS** - Has improved under the saddle recently but has a lot more on her plate here and is likely to find the going tough in a race of this nature
- 3. KINDY PERRINE** - Last-start winner with two victories from her last three starts. Will need to improve a great deal to have a say at this level
- 4. KAISARIA** - Consistent filly with sound references, albeit at a lower level. Unlikely to trouble the judge here in a race/lineup of this standard
- 5. KELLY DE BANVILLE** - Versatile but is inconsistent and, even without her irons, has no more than a place chance here. Outsider
- 6. KOBALT DU VALLON** - Delicate but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Has no more than a place chance, though
- 7. KADO SHINING** - A model of consistency in the mounted category and acquit himself well once more. Others are preferred, though
- 8. KONDOR** - At the top of his game recently, winning consecutive outings under the saddle. Deserves a shot at Group level
- 9. KINGDOM KAT** - Acquitted himself in the benchmark race last month and is unlikely to be far off the mark here. Dark horse
- 10. KAYA DREAM** - Unreliable but certainly not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references and with her hind shoes removed
- 11. KAPAULA DE L'EPINE** - A force to be reckoned with when applied and must not be written after her disqualification last time. Capable of redeeming herself
- 12. KYRIELLE DES VAUX** - Runner-up in a Group I race when last seen and ought to find this an easier task. Sets the standard
- 13. KANDORA BELLA** - Delicate but has undeniable means. Needs only to avoid disqualification to play a leading role here

Summary : Group I Prix de Vincennes runner-up KYRIELLE DES VAUX (12) should capitalise on this ease in grade by bouncing back to winning ways, but she won't have victory handed to her with KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (11), disqualified in the classic contest three weeks ago, and KANDORA BELLA (13) likely to pose a threat. KONDOR (8) arrives at the top of his game and is another who ought to be a factor in the finish.

SELECTIONS

KYRIELLE DES VAUX (12) - KAPAULA DE L'EPINE (11) - KANDORA BELLA (13) - KONDOR (8)

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C4 - PRIX DE LILLE - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European - Harness - EUR € 90.000

- 1. ALWAYS EK** - Held his own in good company in Italy at the end of last year. Warrants serious respect returning to Vincennes
- 2. BILO JEPSON** - Won the Group III Prix des Cévennes beating a quality field and has since confirmed that good form by finishing 3rd in the Prix Jean Boillereau. One to beat
- 3. ADMIRAL AS (ITY)** - Finished 2nd place in the coveted Group III Prix Jean Dumouch in his first start on French soil. Will be a factor
- 4. FACE TIME** - Has won three times during the winter meeting, setting excellent times in the process. Steps up significantly in class but can't be underestimated
- 5. SAYONARA (SWE)** - Finished a good 4th on her return to the Parisian cinder in a similar field. Well placed behind the car this time, she should take an active part
- 6. FINE PERLE OF LOVE** - Finished 4th in a Group II event under the saddle last summer and made a quiet comeback in a Quinté+ won by FACE TIME (4) in her last start. Hard to make a case for in this category/lineup
- 7. GEISHA SPEED** - Runner-up under the saddle last time in the Group II Prix Jules Lemonnier. Arrives in good form and physical condition but faces a tall order on her return to the harness category
- 8. IMHATRA AM** - Has acquitted herself well against the best of her generation. Was 2nd in the Group I Criterium Continental last winter, so has the means to play a leading role here
- 9. GOELAND D'HAUFOR** - Finished a good 4th in the Group III Prix Jean Dumouch, won by Hip Hop Haufor. Beat Group II winner Oracle Tile previously, so cannot be taken lightly here
- 10. HELIOT DE CAHOT** - Achieved a respectable 5th last time, albeit in a weaker race/field and has to start from the 2nd row this time. Has no more than a minor role here
- 11. ICELAND FALLS** - Put up some interesting performances against females only last winter and only managed a 7th on her return to Vincennes last time. Will appreciate the shorter distance but is only an outsider
- 12. BORDEAUX S.** - Won the Christmas Grand Prix at Cagnes-sur-Mer, proving once again his liking for the Riviera. Races shod on his return to Vincennes so is best watched - for another day
- 13. AL CAPONE STECCA** - Makes his first start for trainer Christoffer Eriksson. Has held his own at this level but is unlikely to challenge for victory
- 14. CASH BANK BIGI** - Not disgraced in Group II races recently, the Prix Marcel Laurent and Doynel de Saint-Quentin, but races shod on from the second row on this occasion, so is best watched for now. Overlook
- 15. COCCO BFC** - Won a Group I last year but is returning from a lengthy layoff and unfavorably positioned at the start. Faces older rivals for the first time and, despite his quality, is best watched for now

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Summary : BILO JEPSON (2) beat a quality field in the Prix des Cévennes, which included the likes of well-performed rivals Gu d'Heripre and Horsy Dream, back in November and has since confirmed his form and well-being with a good 3rd in the Prix Jean Boillereau over the course and distance of this race. On current form, he is likely to play a leading role here and could be worth siding with in a competitive Quinte+ event. ADMIRAL AS (3) made a good impression in his first start on French soil by finishing 2nd in the Group III Prix Jean Dumouch and ought to fight for victory on the evidence of that performance. FACE TIME (4), a winner of his last three starts, and ALWAYS EK (1) - whose form in competitive Italian events is proven - on his return to France, cannot be underestimated either. Both retain the means necessary to have a say in the finish, along with SAYONARA (5), who finished 4th in a similar event early in December. IMHATRA AM (8), GOELAND D'HAUFOR (9) and AL CAPONE STECCA (13) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

BILO JEPSON (2) - ADMIRAL AS (ITY) (3) - FACE TIME (4) - ALWAYS EK (1)

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C5 - PRIX CHARLES TIERCELIN - SWC 4 ANS Q4 - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Internationale - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- 1. RIKITA JP** - Capable last-start winner but more effective at a lower level and is likely to find this a tough task
- 2. KARLITO** - Has won consecutive outings recently and, given his current form, deserves a shot in this grade. Dark horse
- 3. KAPITANO DE SOURCE** - Delicate colt on a run of disqualifications. Has to improve his application to get a look in, so can be watched for now
- 4. KSAR** - Out of sorts and is not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his recent displays. For another day
- 5. KYRIELLE** - Versatile filly with sound references in the harness category, albeit at a lower level. Out of sorts at present and best watched for now
- 6. KATINKA DU MOUCHEL** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (victory) by finishing 2nd last time in a race against several re-opposing rivals. Respect
- 7. KABAKA DE GUEZ** - Lacks consistency but has references at the highest level. Out of sorts but not underestimated either
- 8. KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Unreliable but not devoid of resources, seldom finishing far off the mark. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 9. EDY GIRIFALCO GIO** - Capable colt with sound form credentials. Races barefoot in France for the first time and could have more to offer
- 10. KING OPERA** - Complicated but is undeniably capable of playing a leading role if avoiding disqualification. Not taken lightly
- 11. KRACK TIME ATOUT** - Inconsistent though not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 12. KANA DE BEYLEV** - Opened her account at the highest level with a brilliant maiden Group I success last time. Ought to fight for victory here on that form
- 13. KOCTEL DU DAIN** - Classy colt with serious means. Formidable in this shoe fitting and likely to fight for victory here

Summary : Consistent KOCTEL DU DAIN (13) will enjoy this sterner test of stamina and is open to improvement racing unshod on all four feet for the first time, so is taken to turn the tables on last-start conqueror KANA DE BEYLEV (12). Others with leading claims include KING OPERA (10), who is complicated but has proven his worth at this level, KATINKA DU MOUCHEL (6), runner-up at Group I level, as well as EDY GIRIFALCO GIO (9) who has improved in this shoeing configuration. KRACK TIME ATOUT (11) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KOCTEL DU DAIN (13) - KANA DE BEYLEV (12) - KING OPERA (10) - KATINKA DU MOUCHEL (6)

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**C6 - PRIX D'ETREPAGNY - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Harness - EUR
€ 46.000**

1. **SPARTAKUS** - Last run was in September and might need the run. Other runners are preferred
2. **DANUBIO (ITY)** - Remains barefoot. A bit in and out of form . Others are preferred in this lineup
3. **DESTINO D.J.** - Remains barefoot and has placed once at track in last four efforts.Place chance at best
4. **JOB DES MOLLES** - A runner up in penultimate at track that remains barefoot. Disqualified in latest and has place prospects at best
5. **DUBAI KRONOS** - Disqualified at track in last two attempts. Other runners are preferred in this lineup
6. **DENZEL WASHINGTON** - Disqualified in the latest and remains barefoot. Has won eleven so has ability and can make the frame
7. **JOUR DE FETE** - Remains barefoot.Penultimate run placed third at track and was disqualified in latest. Has sufficient means to fight for victory
8. **DRAGOWSKI** - Remains barefoot. A runner up in penultimate run at track and has the ability to make the frame
9. **DYLAN DOG FONT** - Reverts to barefoot. Placed fifth at track in latest and can get involved in the finish
10. **JILORD VIVA** - Remains barefoot and was a runner up at track in latest. Penultimate run was a winner at track and ought to be right there at the finish
11. **JEU COQUIN** - Remains barefoot and has had one run back from a break and could be fitter this time round
12. **JE REVE DU BOIS** - Ran eleven times last year and won four, two of them at this track. Should make a bold bid
13. **JOLI CHERI** - Remains barefoot. Has been on a short break and before the break in three attempts at track did not place
14. **JASMIN DU VALLON** - Unplaced in latest at track that tries barefoot. Needs to improve to feature
15. **WORKING CLASS HERO** - Reverts to barefoot. Is a ten time winner and has the potential to challenge for victory
16. **JEDI DES BROUETS** - A seven time winner who has been on a break and tries barefoot. Watch betting

Summary : JE REVE DU BOIS (12) clearly likes this track and should make a bold bid at winning. JILORD VIVA (10) has also been good at this course of late and should be a big threat. JOUR DE FETE (7) is better than the last start disqualification and run well before that so is not out of it. WORKING CLASS HERO (15) is barefoot and does deserve respect in this line-up.

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**JE REVE DU BOIS (12) - JILORD VIVA (10) - JOUR DE FETE (7) - WORKING CLASS
HERO (15)**

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C7 - PRIX DU CALVADOS - CORNULIER RACES Q3 - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Internationale - Mounted - EUR € 120.000

1. **HALFA** - Has won two in a row at track and remains barefoot. Not without a chance at three in a row
2. **GOLD VOICE** - Remains barefoot. Last won in March at track and was a runner up in latest. Should be fitter and can be involved
3. **INSHORE** - Improved in latest when fifth at track and has won eight times overall. Has sufficient means to fight for victory
4. **GEORGICA GEDE** - Poor form and remains barefoot. Other runners are preferred in this lineup
5. **DYNASTY PEJI** - Remains barefoot and in four runs back from a break has not placed. Has ability needs to bring it
6. **VAPRIO** - Reverts to barefoot. has had two runs back from a break and has won twenty seven events. Should be considered
7. **HAPPY AND LUCKY** - Remains barefoot and has been in good form. Two runner ups and a third from last three at track and can go close again
8. **HIRONDELLE DU RIB** - Last three at track and is seldom far off them and can get involved at the finish
9. **IDEALE DU CHENE** - Remains barefoot. A runner up at this track in latest and winner of the penultimate start. Very consistent and should go close to winning
10. **BLACKFLASH BAR** - Placed third in latest and reverts to barefoot. Has won thirteen times so clearly has ability and can go close

Summary : IDEALE DU CHENE (9) is very consistent and can go one better than the good last run run at this track. INSHORE (3) showed some improvement when fifth last time out and can do a lot better this time around. DYNASTY PEJI (5) has been disappointing of late but does have a winning chance on best form. HAPPY AND LUCKY (7) is in good form and all that is needed is a change in luck.

SELECTIONS

IDEALE DU CHENE (9) - INSHORE (3) - DYNASTY PEJI (5) - HAPPY AND LUCKY (7)

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**C8 - PRIX GELINOTTE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Internationale - Harness - EUR
€ 120.000**

- 1. FEDE AS** - Has not been further back than fourth in all starts and at best can place but others are preferred for win purposes
- 2. LIBERTINE ECAJEUL** - Consistent form and similar can be expected. More a place chance at best in this line-up
- 3. LA FEE DU NOYER** - A winner of latest at track but does face stronger. Improving and will need to lift again to make the frame
- 4. LEVRETTE** - A two time winner that was disqualified in latest. If not disqualified could play a minor role
- 5. LINADA BELLA** - Seldom far off them but must improve against winners to get involved. Others are preferred this time
- 6. LOUISIANE DE BOMO** - Placed fourth in latest at this track last time out and before that won three in a row so has ability. Not out of it
- 7. FOXYLADY** - A three time winner from four starts and has not been out of the top three in all starts. Place prospects
- 8. LILAS CASTELLE** - Consistently in the frame when not disqualified. Has sufficient means to fight for victory. Respect
- 9. LITTLE STRAWBERRY** - Yet to taste victory but has been a runner up at track three times in only six starts. Can earn some money
- 10. LOPIGNA** - A three time winner from five starts that has not run since November. If not needing the run can place
- 11. LET ME SHINE GIO** - Been in good form at track and she is clearly improving. Good last win and can score again
- 12. FILADONNA** - Has won three in a row and will be looking to make it four. Ought to be right there at the finish
- 13. LISTENTOTHEMUSIC** - Last five attempts at track has not been further back than third. In good form and can get involved with the finish once again

Summary : LET ME SHINE GIO (11) is improving and won a nice race at this course last time out. She could follow up in a stronger race. FILADONNA (12) has won her last three starts and cannot be ignored so deserves respect. LISTENTOTHEMUSIC (13) is consistent and proven at this course so will not go down without a fight. LOUISIANE DE BOMO (6) was not disgraced when fourth last time out and was in good form before that.

SELECTIONS

LET ME SHINE GIO (11) - FILADONNA (12) - LISTENTOTHEMUSIC (13) - LOUISIANE DE BOMO (6)

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**C9 - PRIX DE SALON DE PROVENCE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness
- EUR € 46.000**

1. **HALL BLACK MESS** - Tries barefoot and this might suit. Some improvement is needed to make the frame. Might play a minor role
2. **HELLENISTE** - Improved when fourth at this track in latest. Will need to confirm improvement to make the frame
3. **HIBISCUS DES BAUX** - Placed fourth in latest and will need to make improvement to make the frame
4. **HERMES HAUFOR** - Remains barefoot and is not without a chance at getting into the mix. Can earn some minor money
5. **HELITE ELEVEN** - Poor since returning from a break and tries barefoot which might suit. Could be the surprise package of the race
6. **HELMA DE BUSSET** - A track winner of latest and that was a fifth career win. Has disqualification issues but could make the frame if wise
7. **HASIR** - Reverts to barefoot. Should be fitter this being the third run back and could be ready for a decent performance
8. **HISTORY MAJYC** - Last three have been below par and remains barefoot. Others are preferred once again
9. **HIGH DREAM** - Has won at this track five times from six attempts last year. Fit and is distance suited so should make a bold attempt at winning again
10. **HASARD D'ERABLE** - Track winner of latest start and that was a tenth career win so has ability and can get involved. Might upset
11. **HOSTIA** - Placed fourth in latest at track and penultimate run was third. Similar can be expected. Might place
12. **HULYSSE DIGEO** - Been on a break since June and will probably need the run back. Others are preferred
13. **HIDDEN TEXAS** - Has disqualification issues and it is best to pass by until this changes so others are preferred
14. **HYMNE DU GERS** - Very consistent form and remains barefoot. Distance suited and should contest the finish
15. **HAPPY PACHA** - Has had one run back from a break and might need the run still. Has talent but does not always show it and could surprise

Summary : HIGH DREAM (9) is fit and he continues to hold a high winning strike rate so should have a big winning chance in the lucky last race. HYMNE DU GERS (14) is distance suited and has been very consistent of late so will be a threat once again. HAPPY PACHA (15) clearly needed the comeback run and could make vast improvement. HASIR (7) should be fitter this time and could be ready to strike.

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HIGH DREAM (9) - HYMNE DU GERS (14) - HAPPY PACHA (15) - HASIR (7)