R4 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE BIHOREL - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class C - Mounted - EUR € 46.000

- 1. KELLY D'ESSARTS Has yet to get off the mark but has demonstrated very good aptitude and will not be far from the action if she turns
- **2. KER ISA -** Serious future prospect from one of the best stables in the land. Very impressive in the final stages at Enghien last time and, on better behaviour, can make this her own
- **3. KISS ME JO DARLING -** Very hard to fault when fitted with 4 pads and latterly beat KER ISA (2). Races shod this time around but still looks to have the wherewithal to pick up another place cheque
- **4. KALIE WOOD -** Somewhat disappointing under harness lately but gave a good account in both ridden starts so far. Appreciates Vincennes and, if fully fit, can make a big impact
- **5. KAWASAKI ERA -** Quality filly that was impressive over course and distance before being sent for a break. Drops back in category for re-entry and deserves to be taken seriously
- **6. KATCHINA FOR CLARA -** Faithful servant when she can keep her action together, and 4th to KANDISSIME (7) last time out, but others preferred on this occasion
- **7. KANDISSIME** Sanctioned almost as often as not but has ability. Pleasantly surprised over shorter here last time but a repeat looks unlikely
- **8. KALLAS IN SALLAZ -** Twice a winner from three starts, but has not been seen out for 4 months and is expected to be race-rusty
- **9. KEATANA DU METZ -** Still chasing that elusive first win but is clearly capable. Showed improvement last time out and, although shod this time, will still have her supporters
- **10. KINTRA** Started to show improvement late-spring but has not been seen out since and will need the run

Summary: There is any number of horses vying for victory here, but the progressive KER ISA (2) recently left a fine account in good company across town and should be able to exact revenge on the handy KISS ME JO DARLING (3) who had her measure that day. That said, KALIE WOOD (4) pleased in both of her monté appearances here during the spring and may yet prove the principal danger to Allaire's filly. KELLY D'ESSARTS (1) is not spoiled for experience but she has a lot of promise and, even though untried racing left-handed, still looks competitively well in.

SELECTIONS

KER ISA (2) - KALIE WOOD (4) - KISS ME JO DARLING (3) - KELLY D'ESSARTS (1)

C2 - PRIX D'ISSIGEAC - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Apprentices - Conditional-Jockeys - European - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 42.000

- **1. HIGHLOVE TECH -** Not disgraced on monté debut during the winter in Sweden but can expect to find this a considerably tougher task
- **2. JACQUES VILLENEUVE -** Fine trotter with an excellent record in his native Germany. Debuts barefoot in the monté code but still risks finding this a stiff test
- **3. HANNIBAL MESANGE -** Has returned to his code of preference in excellent form but takes a hike in class and chances limited
- **4. INVADER AM -** Occasionally a handful but has shown significant promise under the saddle and his latest harness performance augurs well for his chances. New shoeing formula may be just what is required
- **5. HOMMAGE LUDOIS -** Serious operator that has been very hard to fault lately. Takes on some bigger guns this time but still looks competitive for a cheque
- **6. ICARE WILLIAMS -** Never far from losing his action but has bags of ability. Fitted with pads for the first time and can start to make amends for his recent sanctions
- **7. MISTER INVICTUS -** Not the easiest of horses to handle but is clearly capable in this branch of the game. Not at his ease last time out but has a realistic chance to redeem himself here
- **8. IN YOUR EYES -** Form has transitioned superbly since taking up his new vocation but at this level will have too much to do
- **9. IRON SPIRIT -** Barring the occasional sanction, has shown decent aptitude. Boasts solid Vincennes references and must be respected
- **10. FORTNITE** Serious nordic import that left quite the mark on his recent monté debut. Reverts to racing barefoot this time and looks the one to beat

Summary: The well-regarded FORTNITE (10) made an excellent monté debut at Enghien last month and, racing barefoot this time, should have the measure of the field. Wartel will nevertheless be keeping an eye on the good MISTER INVICTUS (7) who would have finished close that day had he stayed in stride. Winner over course and distance during the winter, INVADER AM (4) is not known for his calm temperament but showed his form under harness last time and, if it transitions, will have his chances. ICARE WILLIAMS (6) also came a cropper in the race of reference but is better than his formcard would suggest and, with pads fitted this time, could pleasantly surprise.

SELECTIONS

FORTNITE (10) - MISTER INVICTUS (7) - INVADER AM (4) - ICARE WILLIAMS (6)

C3 - PRIX DE BASTIA - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 35.000

- 1. JESSY LUCKY Has demonstrated decent aptitude since her first steps on the track. Tenacious at Cabourg last time and, with Eric Raffin reining, should not be too far from the action
- **2. JOUTE DE CAPONET -** Useful filly that has returned to racing in excellent shape. Steps up in category and unlikely to repeat her Graignes success, but from the 2-spot can nevertheless give this a good go
- **3. JOLIE TEJY -** Faithful type that has progressed well but bites off more than she can chew this time and can be ruled out
- **4. JADE DE TOUCHYVON -** Sanctioned almost as often as not but still has bags of ability. Unraced since mid-April but is barefoot for the occasion and, from the 4-spot, will be competitive for a place on the podium
- **5. JOUTE VINIERE -** Consistently gives what she can when focused. Prepped shod for this but shoes off this time and can pick up another cheque
- **6. JAIDA DE MAY -** Has looked rather ordinary since placing here earlier in the year. Modified shoeing this time but others still preferred
- **7. JIVA -** Quality individual that was oddly below-par here last week. JMB would not send her out again so soon were he not confident, and will unsurprisingly garner the lion's share of support
- **8. JAVA DU VERTAIN -** Useful sort that has started to progress nicely. Reassured at Mauquenchy last month and, with freshness on her side, makes her Vincennes debut with every chance of making the frame
- **9. JEALOUSY LOVE -** Excellent in four of her last five starts but is shod for comeback and best to hold off
- **10. JESSIE LAKE -** Yet to get off the mark but is not totally devoid of ability. In current condition though will have her work cut out
- **11. JEZILDA MAUVE -** Handy filly that has been acquitting herself well lately. A place behind JAVA DU VERTAIN (8) last time and should not be far off the mark
- **12. JOADIE WIND -** Blows hot and cold but left quite the impression on comeback at Le Touquet. In better company this time, and starts on the 2nd line, but still looks a player

Summary: A relatively open affair this, but it is still hard to ignore the potential of JMB's delicate JIVA (7). She was surprisingly one-paced here last Friday, but would not be here without her handler's confidence, and backs up with legitimate ambition. Fine winner on her re-entry at Le Touquet, JOADIE WIND (12) takes a step up in class and will be no soft touch if P-Y Verva can successfully navigate the start. The tricky JADE DE TOUCHYVON (4) has had time to develop following her winter campaign and, barefoot for her first start back, should not be underestimated. JAVA DU VERTAIN (8) came close at Mauquenchy to opening her 2023 account and, shod more competitively this time, must be afforded due respect.

SELECTIONS

JIVA (7) - JOADIE WIND (12) - JADE DE TOUCHYVON (4) - JAVA DU VERTAIN (8)

C4 - PRIX DE METZ - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class B - Harness - EUR € 43.000

- **1. LOURGA -** In the frame in two of three and most recently behind LISTENTOTHEMUSIC (2). Takes on better this time but can still challenge for a place in the frame
- **2. LISTENTOTHEMUSIC -** Third in the race of reference on debut before going closer next time. Pads fitted again and looks a major player once more
- **3. LOPIGNA -** Classy future prospect that beat a number of the day's opposition on debut late July, and in similar form, can wrap this up
- **4. LAURA DE MAI -** Still rather green but encouraged at Les Sables-d'Olonne early last month and, with application, can make the first five
- **5. LENNIE CADENCE -** Looked very ordinary in qualification and chances limited on debut in such company
- **6. LISSE D'ATOUT -** Unexceptional in qualification, sanctioned in both public appearances, and unlikely to shake things up
- **7. LINADA BELLA -** Runner-up to LOPIGNA (3) first time out. Would have finished closer next time here had she not faulted but, with more vigilance, can make amends

Summary: Superb winner first time out following a fine qualification at Grosbois, LOPIGNA (3) will be fresh for her Vincennes debut and looks eminently capable of achieving the double. Eric Raffin can nevertheless expect to encounter resistance from the progressive LINADA BELLA (7) who should not be too inconvenienced by the draw. Placed in both starts across town, LISTENTOTHEMUSIC (2) is a filly with considerable potential and will have her chances. LOURGA (1) finished a place behind her last time and looks set for another competitive run.

SELECTIONS

LOPIGNA (3) - LINADA BELLA (7) - LISTENTOTHEMUSIC (2) - LOURGA (1)

C5 - PRIX DE BEZIERS - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class E - Harness - EUR € 35.000

- **1. JOUTEUR D'AUGE -** Gave a good account at Vire mid-July when shod this way for the first time. Not a leading contender but one to watch all the same
- **2. JACO LE GRAND** Moderate colt that has placed just once this season and, despite the decent draw, can expect to have few friends
- **3. JUPITER FRANCE** Not entirely devoid of ability but has never made the grade on the main track here. Benefits from a good draw but still not an obvious choice
- **4. JACK HERER -** On a decent run of form this season. Finished a place behind JIDI DE LOU (5) at Châteaubriant and is perfectly placed to confirm
- **5. JIDI DE LOU -** Just once out of the picture since beginning to race unshod all four. Excellent in last two and is eminently capable of giving JOVIALINO (6) a run for his money
- **6. JOVIALINO -** Struggled at the start of the year but has since found his way. Steps up in class but has earned the right to race here and could well make it four on the trot
- **7. JOB DU PERSIL -** Appears to be back on track following a pair of mid-summer clinkers. On the front line and should not be overlooked
- **8. JOE LE VEINARD -** Seldom gets his nose in front but regularly in the thick of things. Acquitted himself well at Pornichet recently and, in spite of the draw, still looks a player
- **9. JACOBSON -** Has shown significant ability in both codes. Has two races under his belt this term and will be no pushover if Eric Raffin assures his initial strides
- **10. JUAN PERRINE -** Can still prove tricky but was beaten only by a good horse at Pornichet and will have his supporters
- 11. JEWEL D'AUCHY By some margin the least performant horse in the field and has no realistic chance
- **12. JUAN CARLOS GIFONT -** Has not looked very threatening since winning at Saint-Galmier earlier in the summer and can be passed over
- **13. JACKSON HILL -** 26 starts and still chasing that elusive first win. Springs the occasional surprise but others still preferred

Summary: Not the easiest of races to decipher but a marginal preference nevertheless goes to the reinvigorated JOVIALINO (6) who makes his Vincennes debut on a four-timer. Daniel Delaroche is still going to face considerable opposition from JIDI DE LOU (5) who has made leaps and bounds since starting to race barefoot. Ideally positioned in front, JIDI DE LOU (5) has hardly set a foot wrong this term and will be dangerous if he takes to the Vincennes profile. JOE LE VEINARD (8) is forced to start wide but has established credentials in this category and can again make the frame.

SELECTIONS

JOVIALINO (6) - JIDI DE LOU (5) - JACK HERER (4) - JOE LE VEINARD (8)

C6 - PRIX DE GIVORS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Claiming - Class R - Harness - EUR € 18.000

- **1. KARINA BECO -** Unexceptional filly that has yet to demonstrate any particular aptitude for the game and fitting pads is unlikely to be enough
- 2. KIRA DE CAHOT Placed on her second public start but very disappointing since and appears to have no realistic chance
- **3. KAMES -** Unremarkable sort that pleased on his only start wearing front pads. Unlikely to spring any surprises but should still acquit himself honourably
- **4. KETMIE PRINCESSE -** Capable on a good day but somewhat below-par since winning at Orléans earlier in the year and a minor place chance at best
- **5. KORR LEZ DU TRIEUX -** Late developer but has nonetheless shown decent aptitude for the game. Is confirmed in a similar category and could well make his claiming debut a winning one
- **6. KALINA BABY -** Confirmed at this level at Vincennes but has just one run under her belt this year and will need the outing
- **7. KOQUINE D'HERIPRE -** Showed promise during the spring but has since completely lost her compass and must get her house in order
- **8. KOCHANU MAG -** Went off the boil after winning at Parilly during the spring. Pulled up in the race of reference, has been forsaken by Raffin, and others preferred
- **9. KOBLENZA DAIRPET -** Reliability not his strong suit but can trot when focused. 4th to KAVALE DU CHOQUEL (11) at Enghien and, on good behaviour, can make the frame this time
- **10. KAZAR DE BLEHOU -** Fine servant in the claiming category and latterly showed her form. Takes on better this time but still looks competitively well in
- **11. KAVALE DU CHOQUEL -** Never far from losing her action but has nothing to prove in this class. Missed out by little at Enghien last month and, with form maintained and stride in check, can impose
- **12. KIWI DES MALBERAUX -** Disappointing in his last two claimers across town, but will have come on for his recent run and is expected to show significant improvement

Summary: Very useful in the claiming division, KAVALE DU CHOQUEL (11) most recently went close at Enghien and, in the absence of that day's winner, can have her moment in the sun. Benjamin Richard will still want to be wary of KAVALE DU CHOQUEL (11) who has already won at a similar level, and who will be fitted with hind pads for the first time. KOBLENZA DAIRPET (9) appears to have found her niche in this category and, with pads back on, can put on a good show. Four times a claiming winner, KAZAR DE BLEHOU (10) imposed at Saint-Galmier last time out and, even though in better company this time, should still not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

KAVALE DU CHOQUEL (11) - KORR LEZ DU TRIEUX (5) - KOBLENZA DAIRPET (9) - KAZAR DE BLEHOU (10)

C7 - PRIX DE DURTAL - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 35.000

- **1. JANICE DE GUEZ -** Unremarkable filly in both branches of the business, and even though barefoot for the occasion, still has limited chances
- **2. JERIKA DE KERYANN -** Can prove a handful but otherwise seldom fails to make the grade. Goes well left-handed and can impose if she takes to the Vincennes profile
- **3. JASMINE ELAX -** No champion but showed significant improvement at Cabourg mid-August, and with hind pads fitted again, should not be written off
- **4. JUST IMAGINE -** Never far from losing her action but has taken well to the monté game. Will appreciate the short course and, on good behaviour, should acquit herself competitively
- **5. JALNA DE CAREL -** Can trot and has references under the saddle, but at this level of competition will have too much to do
- **6. JOLIE DES BAUX -** Reliability not her strong suit but solid in last two when barefoot. Returns to the code with shoes off and looks the principal threat to JERIKA DE KERYANN (2)
- **7. JOYEUSE D'OCCAGNES -** Faithful filly that consistently gives her best under the saddle. Is evidently better racing right-handed but will still generate some interest
- **8. JAVA DE BRASSE -** In the frame in 3 of 4 starts under the saddle. Pleased in the other code last time and is not one to be underestimated
- **9. JAIKA NESLOISE -** Showed promise over the winter but has since totally lost her way and will have few friends in the markets
- **10. JADE DU PARC -** 17 runs and still maiden, but showed improvement last time out. Has Vincennes references, is first-time barefoot, and is certainly worth retaining
- 11. JAVA DU CHERISAY Not always the most dependable but appears to have turned a corner this summer. Has yet to leave Vincennes unscathed but on best behaviour can confirm her latest score

Summary: JERIKA DE KERYANN (2) may still be rather green but she opened her monté account at Graignes last month and can confirm if David Thomain keeps her trotting. He can still expect some resistance from the improving JOLIE DES BAUX (6) who made the frame in has last two when barefoot. JAVA DU CHERISAY (11) has shown improvement when unshod and will be no pushover if she can stay focused. JUST IMAGINE (4) has demonstrated decent aptitude for the ridden game and, if behaved, should not be far from the action.

SELECTIONS

JERIKA DE KERYANN (2) - JOLIE DES BAUX (6) - JAVA DU CHERISAY (11) - JUST IMAGINE (4)

C8 - PRIX DE SAINT-DIE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Amateurs - Class G - Harness - EUR € 12.000

- **1. HUGOLINO -** Respectable in both the amateur and professional ranks but current form insufficient to warrant much support
- **2. GAVROCHE BOCAIN -** Highly impressive at this level earlier in the summer. Unplaced in last three, but it is only a matter of time before he gets back in the game
- **3. HIBISCUS D'ANGELY -** Hardy element that has taken well to this level of competition. Breaks in front and, although in better company this time, should not be written off
- **4. FLASH DU CAIEU -** Tricky individual but has solid amateur references. Is barefoot on the first line and, with application, can pick up some prizemoney
- **5. GWENDOLYN MILLWOOD -** Kicked the year off decently but has since lost her way and will struggle to make any impact
- **6. FUSION -** Finished in the frame here on his penultimate amateur appearance. Benefits from a front-line start and, if focused, can get in on the action
- 7. EVER FAVORI Not entirely without merit but has been struggling of late and will have few friends
- **8. ECLAIR DU GOSIER -** Tricky character but has solid amateur credentials. Reassured at Langon recently and, on good behaviour, can again figure prominently
- **9. HANDY JET -** Quality trotter that was disqualified on his lone amateur appearance but reassured at Cagnes last time and has every chance of trotting his way onto the podium
- **10. EBENITO D'AURCY -** Has won 5 amateur events so far this term. Went close on his lone start at the venue and in present shape looks the main threat to HAPPY DANOVER (13)
- **11. FOLCO'S BLUES -** No slouch on a good day, which he displayed at Enghien. Unplaced next time but drops in class and can redeem himself
- **12. FLAMME NONANTAISE -** Previously a decent mare but has been off the boil for most of the season and can be passed over
- **13. HAPPY DANOVER -** Confirmed at this level and latterly a solid 5th in good company. Should appreciate the short course and, with form maintained, can impose

Summary: Although not the biggest fan of the Vincennes main track, HAPPY DANOVER (13) should be more suited to the less technical inner course and, in current form looks a serious proposition. It will be no easy task though given the presence of the ultra-consistent EBENITO D'AURCY (10) who thrives at this level of competition. An amateur winner earlier in the season, ECLAIR DU GOSIER (8) showed improvement in a Langon claimer last weekend and backs up with a decent chance of making the frame. HANDY JET (9) has done nothing but progress since his layoff and, even though shod, still looks a player.

SELECTIONS

HAPPY DANOVER (13) - EBENITO D'AURCY (10) - ECLAIR DU GOSIER (8) - HANDY JET (9)