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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE L'AVEYRON - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
59.000**

1. HANIKA DU LUPIN - The lowest stakes earner in the race but is on an upward trajectory, which her improved recent 3rd will attest to. And, with Yoann Lebourgeois engaged, is dangerous to discount

2. FERGIE HIGHLAND - Reassured with a last-start success in an amateur race over 2100m but steps up significantly in class. Has no more than a place chance

3. HOLLYWOOD NIGHT - Made two discreet comeback appearances during winter and has recently switched stables, joining trainer Benoît Blachet. For another day

4. FOLIE DARLING - Has raced three times in Belgium after a long layoff and appears to have gone off the boil. Soundly beaten on her return to Vincennes in an amateur event, so is hard to make a case for here

5. HARASSANTE - Has demonstrated commendable consistency and is likely to give another honest account of herself here, although does have little margin at this level. Place chance

6. HAIDA DU BELLAY - Got her current campaign off to a good start with 3 podium finishes from as many outings before a disappointing (excusable) last start on 30 December. Capable of better with Eric Raffin at the helm

7. FRANCEVILLE - Hard-knocking veteran mare absent since 2 October, when finishing 13th at Enghien. Races with her irons in her comeback so is best watched for now

8. GREAT TIGRESS - Capable on her day but is certainly no longer the force of old. Fully unshod for the occasion but has not been seen since November and is unlikely to trouble the judge on her reappearance

9. HURELLA - Placed three times and won once last year but remains complicated and is seldom far from a fault. Finished 7th in a much tougher race/field last time so has claims here facing her own sex - beware

10. HARMONISTA - Consistent mare with solid form references to her name, including a good 3rd in the reference race. Candidate for victory

11. HOTLINE DE CARSI - Runner-up in the Group III Prix V and B at Craon but has not failed to achieve the same success at the temple of trotting. Finished 8th in the benchmark race so is held by several rivals on that form

12. HISTOIRE D'UNA - Has regained a good level of form and consistency since making her comeback in October. Finished 2nd in the benchmark race and, on the evidence of that display, could reconnect with success here

13. GRINDELWALD - Won well over 2100m on the main track last month, despite a tricky No 9 starting berth behind the autostart. Confirmed her form and well-being with a good 4th in the reference race - leading light

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14. GLOIRE DU PERCHE - Capable veteran mare who finished 2nd against male rivals back in November before finishing 5th in the reference race. Not taken lightly

15. GAZOLINE DU SEUX - Could do no better than 9th on her return to Paris last time and has, in fact, been unable to shine at this venue since May 2021. Franck Ouvrie is engaged for the first time but has only a place chance

16. GUARDIA - Made an encouraging reappearance behind GRINDEWALD (13) but failed to confirm the form against male rivals last time. Undeniably capable of better in this event restricted to females, so keep safe

Summary : HISTOIRE D'UNA (12) has improved with each outing since her October comeback and, on the strength and consistency of her recent form, which includes a good 2nd in the benchmark race last time out - is good value here for a deserved victory. GRINDELWALD (13) won at this venue over 2100m before finishing 4th in the same reference as the selection so she ought to pose a threat on that form. HARMONISTA (10), who split those rivals last time (3rd), GUARDIA (16), whose recent failure against male opposition is best ignored, and HURELLA (9), dropping in class after finishing a respectable 7th in a stronger race, are all undeniably capable of playing a role in the finish too. GLOIRE DU PERCHE (14) left a good impression in a similar event back in November so cannot be discounted either.

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HISTOIRE D'UNA (12) - GRINDELWALD (13) - HARMONISTA (10) - GUARDIA (16)

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C2 - PRIX DE CHEVERNY - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 40.000

1. **KROKEUSE DE DIAM'S** - Has regained momentum recently, finishing an improved 3rd last time. Could have a say in the finish
2. **KOBANA DU CYGNE** - Seldom finishes far off the mark so could get a look in here, though has no more than a place chance
3. **KALY D'EOLE** - Out of sorts recently in the harness category but ought to fare better back under the saddle. Beware
4. **KADANSE DU CORTA** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture. Hard to trust but cannot be ruled out either
5. **KILIA PETTEVINIERE** - Won on the big track last month and isn't incapable of acquitting herself competitively here despite the rise in class. Dark horse
6. **KORINA BERRY** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore
7. **KALINE DE VIVOIN** - Has revealed the best potential of the 15 horses engaged in this race. Remains delicate and will need to prove herself in this test of speed, but has undeniable means and could well repay her followers
8. **KIFILE DANICA** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture. Hard to trust but cannot be ruled out either
9. **KASBAH PERRINE** - Has regained momentum recently in the harness category so has to be taken seriously on her return to the mounted category
10. **KISSABELLA** - Disqualified in both outings under the saddle but has not gone unnoticed on each occasion. Cannot be underestimated but has to remain wise
11. **KATCHINA FOR CLARA** - Has nothing noteworthy to her name for some time to warrant any consideration here and is easy to rule out. Overlook
12. **KELLE TOUCHE** - Undeniably capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
13. **KENA DE PADD** - Finished 3rd behind KALINE DE VIVOIN (7) before opening her account next/last time, without having to exert herself. Will be competitive
14. **KAWASAKI ERA** - Consistent filly with sound form references, including a course-and-distance victory three starts ago. Not taken lightly
15. **KALINKA DU BLEUET** - Caught the eye last time (3rd) on the big track in just her second outing under the saddle. Will have a role to play here if confirming that improvement

Summary : KALINE DE VIVOIN (7) certainly has the means to dominate a race/field of this nature, though she will need to prove her efficiency in this speed test. Her class could prevail so she's taken to gain compensation for a last-start disqualification. KENA DE PADD (13), whom she beat back on 27 November, has since opened her account over this course and distance, so is likely to emerge as the biggest danger. KISSABELLA (10), despite consecutive sanctions under the saddle, can't be written off just yet in this specialty, and completes the shortlist along with KAWASAKI ERA (14).

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KALINE DE VIVOIN (7) - KENA DE PADD (13) - KISSABELLA (10) - KAWASAKI ERA (14)

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C3 - PRIX DE MONTFORT - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 18.000

1. **KYARA** - Was a surprise winner of the benchmark race last month and need only confirm that improvement to fight for victory again
2. **KAZAR DE BLEHOU** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
3. **KARA DES BROUSSES** - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge
4. **KALINA BABY** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
5. **KENNEDY FRANCE** - Has already shown sufficient means to be competitive at this level and did not go unnoticed, despite his disqualification, in the reference race. Dark horse
6. **KOCKTAIL WOOD** - Seldom finished far off the mark and is certainly capable of getting a look in here, although probably no more than a place chance
7. **KIWI DES MALBERAUX** - Finished a good 3rd in the reference race and will be competitive with a repeat of that performance
8. **KORR LEZ DU TRIEUX** - Won back-to-back outings before finishing 4th in the reference race on 26 December, when starting as the warm-order favourite. Could make amends here
9. **KANGOUROU** - Out of sorts but is competing in his first claiming race and has already revealed the means necessary to be competitive at this level. Keep safe
10. **KRONOS DU GITE** - Seldom far off the mark and certainly not incapable of getting a look in here, although has more of a place chance than a winning one
11. **KUMBI DE PHYT'S** - Complicated sort who is hard to recommend given his run of disqualifications. Others are preferred
12. **KIWI DE LARRE** - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge
13. **KAJAGOOGOO** - Inconsistent but capable sort who finished with a strong late run to take 2nd in the benchmark race. Confirmation awaited

Summary : A large number of these renew their rivalry having clashed in the Prix de Rethondes contested from the 2850m mark on the small track. The switch to 2100m on the main track, though, could yield a different outcome. KAJAGOOGOO (13) is the highest earner in the race and is more reliable than KYARA (1), so is good value here to turn the tables on the latter. KORR LEZ DU TRIEUX (8) finished 4th on that occasion but was favourite for the race and remains capable of upstaging them both. KANGAROO (9) is a potential troublemaker.

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KAJAGOOGOO (13) - KYARA (1) - KORR LEZ DU TRIEUX (8) - KANGOUROU (9)

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C4 - PRIX DE SAINT-BRIEUC - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 12.000

1. **GALIANO DU BOCAGE** - Consistent sort with sound form references. Ought to make the most of an ideal starting spot behind the autostart - beware
2. **EAUBELINE DU HOME** - Has gone off the boil and her poor recent form in both codes doesn't augur well for her chances here
3. **GIAC JOLI** - Has finished 3rd in consecutive outings in the professional ranks so, with an accomplished amateur engaged, should fight for victory
4. **GENERAL DU PALAIS** - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge
5. **FORTUNA D'HUON** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (3rd) with a last-start success in a similar event. Capable of repeating that repeat here
6. **EXOTIC JET** - Unreliable but is certainly capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature judged on his best form references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
7. **HILDA DU THYRAL** - Was victorious in her last appearance at this level back in November. Finished a reassuring 2nd last time and is likely to play a leading role here
8. **ELMET BLUE** - Inconsistent but is seldom far off the mark on a going day. Has no more than a place chance, though
9. **GALON D'AMIRAL** - Has maintained a good level of form/consistency in recent weeks and ought to again acquit himself competitively
10. **HERMES DU LEARD** - Out of sorts and isn't likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
11. **FUSAIN DU RIB** - Proven in this category and finished an encouraging 4th last time on his return to Vincennes. Not to be taken lightly
12. **EDISON CEIJY** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
13. **HOLLYWOOD TORINO** - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge
14. **ENGOULVENT DU LYS** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for some time to warrant any consideration here, so is easy to rule out. Overlook
15. **GRANDISSIMA BLUE** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
16. **HIPSTER DE CAHOT** - Last-start winner of a similar event in mid-December, also from the second row. Ought to be a factor

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Summary : Cyril Baty is an accomplished amateur and partners GIAC JOLI (3) who, judged on the evidence of recent professional performances, seems more than capable of returning to winning ways. However, this is no foregone conclusion as both FORTUNA D'HUON (5) and HIPSTER DE CAHOT (16), winners at this level recently, are likely to pose a threat along with HILDA DU THYRAL (7), whose reassuring 2nd last time out proved her competitiveness in this category.

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GIAC JOLI (3) - FORTUNA D'HUON (5) - HIPSTER DE CAHOT (16) - HILDA DU THYRAL
(7)

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C5 - PRIX DE DOUAI - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 40.000

1. KUNZITE D'EM - At the top of her game after consecutive recent victories and could continue that momentum in this category. Dark horse

2. KAY LEE DU CAMPUS - Inconsistent but has the means to be competitive in a race/lineup of this nature. Was unlucky not to have finished closer last time and can't be taken lightly here

3. KATELINE DE BRY - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge

4. KAPPA - Out of sorts and hard to recommend on the evidence of her last three starts but is capable of better. Could get a look in here in a race of this nature

5. KARINA STEED - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore

6. KIM FOREVER - Was disappointing in her first Vincennes appearance but did show enough previously to be worthy of another chance, especially in a race of this ilk

7. KISS ME DU RUEL - Sanctioned in two of her last three starts, although those were in the mounted code. Finished 3rd in her latest outing in this category so could fare better reverting to a harness race

8. KAPELLA - Versatile filly with sound/consistent form references in both codes. Finished 2nd last time to KLASS HAUFOR (15) and should be a factor once more

9. KORONA DELADOU - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge

10. KLASSE DE BRUZEAU - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

11. KHALEESI SMART - Promising, lightly raced filly who has not finished worse than 3rd in four outings - winning twice. Has room for improvement too, so has a winning chance here

12. KALIKA DU RIS - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore

13. KALITA D'HENINEL - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

14. KALIDA MANIA - Has regained momentum recently, finishing 3rd before her last-start 2nd. Will play a leading role if as effective over this distance

15. KLASS HAUFOR - Made quite the impression when winning over the course and distance on Christmas Day, scoring a deserved reward for her consistency. One to beat

Summary : KLASS HAUFOR (15) was an impressive winner over the course and distance on Christmas Day and has the opportunity here to follow up with a repeat of that performance. Promising KHALEESI SMART (11) is, however, expected to fight her for victory. KALIDA MANIA (14), highly regarded by connections, and KAPELLA (8), runner-up to the selection last time, as well as KIM FOREVER (6) ought to be competitive for the places.

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KLASS HAUFOR (15) - KHALEESI SMART (11) - KALIDA MANIA (14) - KAPELLA (8)
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C6 - PRIX D'AUBERVILLIERS - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 41.000

- 1. HEROINE DES LANDES** - Reverting to her preferred specialty and has already won over this course and distance. Not taken lightly
- 2. HELALI DE MONTCEAU** - Struggles to remain consistent and is not likely to trouble the principals here. For lovers of outsiders
- 3. HARMONIE DE BREVOL** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (2nd) by winning last time and should have a say in the finish here racing fully unshod
- 4. HOTESSE D'HAUFOR** - Bounced back to form by finishing 2nd last time, displaying better application on 20 December. Must confirm that improvement to fight for victory
- 5. HELENA GIRL** - Has finished an encouraging 3rd in back-to-back recent outings at this venue recently. Has a role to play
- 6. HARENA DE MARZY** - She has shown better recently and Franck Nivard is once again in charge.
- 7. HELICIANE D'ERABLE** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 8. HISTOIREMIKA** - Has not finished worse than 4th in her last eight outings. Consistent sort with solid form references, keep safe
- 9. HAURORE** - Continues to blow hot and cold but did finish a reassuring 3rd last time and the booking of Yoann Lebourgeois bodes well for her chances here
- 10. HELSINKI GIRL** - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge
- 11. HISTOIRE DE L'ART** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
- 12. HEXCELLENTE** - Inconsistent but is not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has only a place chance, though
- 13. HYGIE HAUFOR** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
- 14. HASCHELEY BERRY** - Inconsistent but is capable of staking a claim. Caused quite a stir when winning over this course and distance at odds bigger than 100/1 in November
- 15. HALIZEE DES ISLES** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore
- 16. HOPE AND GLORY** - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge

Summary : This Pick5 support event promises to be closely fought out between HOTESSE D'HAUFOR (4), even though this starting procedure is not her cup of tea, HARMONIE DE BREVOL (3) who, on the other hand, will be in her element, and HELENA GIRL (5), after encouraging recent performances, as well as consistent HISTOIREMIKA (8), who will have her supporters. Several others have claims too in a wide-open contest.

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HOTESSE D'HAUFOR (4) - HARMONIE DE BREVOL (3) - HELENA GIRL (5) -
HISTOIREMIKA (8)

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C7 - PRIX CHRISTELLE ZIMMER - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Apprentices - Mounted - EUR € 70.000

1. HANNAH - The lowest stakes earner in the race but is not the least talented and could get into the picture. Place chance

2. EMENCOURT D'AZIF - Runner-up in a harness race last time but is unlikely to confirm that form/improvement back under the saddle

3. GABIANO - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

4. GIRLY BECO - Has two comeback races under the belt and should show improvement sooner rather than later

5. FAUBOURG - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge

6. ESPACE WINNER - Unlucky to only achieve 5th last time after finishing 2nd in consecutive previous outings. Destined to finish 2nd here

7. ECLAT DES NOIX - Inconsistent in the harness category of late so is best just to watch for now switching to the mounted code

8. HASTRONAUTE - Struggling to regain form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge

9. GO FOR THE GOLD - Has been impressive in winning back-to-back outings under the saddle and couldn't have asked for a better opportunity to win again

Summary : GO FOR THE GOLD (9) is in full bloom and, after consecutive victories under the saddle recently, has here a tailor-made engagement for him to complete the hat-trick. ESPACE WINNER (6) appears the only one capable of posing a threat. Of the remainder, GIRLY BECO (4) and HANNAH (1) make most appeal in a race lacking depth.

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GO FOR THE GOLD (9) - ESPACE WINNER (6) - GIRLY BECO (4) - HANNAH (1)

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C8 - PRIX DE RIBEAUVILLE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Harness - EUR € 46.000

1. **MISS JAJA** - Seldom finishes far off the mark so is not incapable of getting a look in, though has no more than a place chance
2. **JOLYSTAR GEDE** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore
3. **CARBONFIBER** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
4. **JAMAICA BROWN** - Sanctioned in two of her last three outings, although they were either side of a good 2nd two starts back. Must prove diligent to have a say in the finish
5. **JUSTICIA SMART** - Seldom finishes far off the mark so is not incapable of playing a minor role, but has no more than a place chance
6. **JOIE INTENSE** - Endured bad luck in the benchmark race on New Year's Day but retains the means to be competitive. Keep safe
7. **JACINTHE D'URFIST** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore
8. **JUNKIE (SWE)** - Proved her competitiveness last month and ought to acquit herself well here, even in this category
9. **JALOUZ D'OLIVERIE** - Has less margin now after consecutive victories but ought to remain competitive. Make her presence felt
10. **JAMAICA** - Tends to do well when not disqualified but is too unreliable to warrant inclusion/consideration here. Watch for now
11. **DUNA DI GIRIFALCO** - Proven Italian mare with sound references in competition mode and Eric Raffin engaged. Not taken lightly
12. **DIVINA TRIO** - Seldom finishes far off the mark so is not incapable of playing a minor role, but has no more than a place chance
13. **MAHALA** - Quality Swedish mare with means to hold her own in her first start on French soil. On the shortlist
14. **JALNA DE TOUCHYVON** - Has her trainer in the sulky now. This combination has been successful in the recent past, so is not to be underestimated
15. **JOUVENCE DE CAREL** - Consistent sort with sound references as well as the form and physical condition to stake a claim in a race of this nature
16. **JOLIE COKTAIL** - Has won three times in four outings with all four feet unshod. Another serious winning bid expected

Summary : There are numerous possibilities in this concluding contest. Thierry Duvaldestin has two strings to his bow with JOLIE COKTAIL (16) and JOUVENCE DE CAREL (15), who made up the winning couple in a similar contest on New Year's Day. However, MAHALA (13) and DUNA DI GIRIFALCO (11) are ambitious foreigners who could split the two aforementioned stablemates. INTENSE JOY (6) completes the shortlist.

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**JOLIE COKTAIL (16) - MAHALA (13) - DUNA DI GIRIFALCO (11) - JOUVENCE DE CAREL
(15)**