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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE PONTCHATEAU - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR
€ 46.000**

1. IRON DU GERS - Serious trotter that seldom lets the side down when barefoot. Excels under these conditions and, starting on the front row, should have this in the bag

2. INSTINCTIF - Useful sort that has climbed the class ladder in good order, and won over course and distance during the spring. Barefoot for his 2nd start back and, from the 2-spot, should not be overlooked

3. INSTINCT DE CLERCE - Faithful servant that goes over any trip. Left a good impression here mid-November and is well-placed to to put in another decent showing

4. IGGYPOP D'HERFRAIE - Fine trotter that has done everything asked of him this year. Has 2 races under his belt since the spell and, barefoot for the occasion, is not incapable of setting the cat among the pigeons

5. IMBROGLIU MAG - Good class of horse in the monté division. Here for reasons of conditioning and poses no danger

6. ICELANDER - Disappointing on the whole since winning over 2700m here during the spring and can expect to have few friends

7. IDEAL BOY - Hardy sort that has turned a corner since being reunited with Eric Raffin. Flew up over course and distance 9 days ago and, even though starting somewhat wide on the front line, still looks main threat to IRON DU GERS (1)

8. I RUN DE JANEIRO - Showed considerable promise at 3 but has not lived up to expectations and just the one return race is unlikely to be enough

9. INVICTUS DE HOERDT - Has evident ability but has not been firing on all cylinders recently and can be passed over

10. INTEGRE - Delicate but talented sort with references in superior company, but stays shod for comeback and best to hold off

11. IN LOVE DE JIEL - Enjoyed the best form of his life during the summer. Has not been seen out since August but is unshod all 4 and has solid 2100m credentials

12. I LOVE YOU TEK - Has yet to win a race this year but acquitted himself well on re-entry and, despite the second-row draw, still looks a player

13. INDICE DU CAIEU - Unremarkable type with arguably better aptitude for the other code and, even dropping back in category, will have too much to do

14. IBIS QUICK - Gives a good account for the most part when unshod but has just one race in him and the draw will do him no favours

15. IERMES DE GUEZ - Competent type that went into his break on a positive note but failed to convince in either return run. Shoes off this time but still no more than a minor place chance

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16. IRIS INTENSE - Not the most reliable horse here and has never delivered over 2100m, but is clearly in form and, with application, can get a look in

Summary : Very hard to fault when barefoot and focused, IRON DU GERS (1) has won 3 of 4 over track and trip and will again take all the beating. There will be opposition though from IDEAL BOY (7) who secured the double when imposing under these conditions late last month, and the ideally-placed IGGYPOP D'HERFRAIE (4) who has not put a foot wrong this year when barefoot. INSTINCT DE CLERCE (3) seldom gets his nose in front but has excellent references over 2100m here and is in with a realistic shout of making the frame.

SELECTIONS

IRON DU GERS (1) - IDEAL BOY (7) - IGGYPOP D'HERFRAIE (4) - INSTINCT DE CLERCE (3)

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C2 - PRIX DE DAMMARIE-LES-LYS - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 40.000

1. **KENDO JIEL** - Never far from losing his action but has nothing to prove at this level. Appreciates these conditions and, on good behaviour, can contend for the win
2. **KING GEORGES** - Another good youngster from the JMB stable. Authoritative here 10 days ago and, from the 2-spot, must be considered a leading proposition
3. **KARNAK DAIRPET** - Not the most dependable of trotters but is hard to fault when focused. Lacklustre last time but will appreciate the shorter trip and, from the 3-spot, can play a prominent part
4. **KRYSTAL DU RUEL** - Still chasing that elusive first win, but can trot. Finished 3rd last time over 2100m here and, can again figure prominently if David Thomain keeps him trotting
5. **KATSUKI** - Has evident ability, and is proven here, but below-par of late and chances appear slim
6. **KILLER FOR LOVA** - Capable in both codes but often aimed too high. Makes his first appearance since July and is sure to need the run
7. **KEPI DES MONTS** - Moderate colt that has completely failed to make any impression over recent months here and is unlikely to generate much interest
8. **KOELHO DE NAPPES** - Complicated individual that got off the mark at La Capelle 3 months ago before being put away. Is expected to need the run though and others easier to back
9. **KLASSIC DREAM** - Has not got his nose in front since late-June but always gives what he can. Starts wide on the front line but is still worth keeping an eye on
10. **KAVAL BOURBON** - Alternates the good with the less good but pleasantly surprised over track and trip last month. Front pads fitted again but a repeat seems improbable
11. **KENTUCKY SOMOLLI** - Fine servant with a promising future. Goes left-handed for the first time, and breaks at the back, but comes here fresh and will not be far from the action if he turns
12. **KUMBI DE PHYT'S** - Tricky type with respectable form at a lower level. Sanctioned in last 3 and, even with hind pads fitted, already looks an also-ran
13. **KAZACHOK** - Good, consistent colt that went into his break after 2 solid efforts over similar distance. Has shown that he goes well when fresh and will have his supporters
14. **KIWI JENILOU** - Quality individual that has already won over the inner track. Put away again after failing to impress on re-entry and, if fully fit this time, should be able to trot his way into the frame
15. **KAISER GIBUS** - Showed considerable ability at 2 but has totally failed to get in the game this year and must get his house in order
16. **KERMES** - Complicated type that reassured over longer here mid-November. Has no references over 2100m but is fitted with 4 pads again and, in spite of a tough draw, must not be underestimated

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Summary : Jean-Michel Bazire has a host of good runners at Vincennes today and KING GEORGES (2) is a case in point. He has done nothing but improve since returning to competition in late-October and the nature of his recent success augurs well for his chances of pulling off the double. KENDO JIEL (1) has, however, never failed to deliver over 2100m here and, sporting a revised configuration, will put up resistance. KRYSTAL DU RUEL (4) finished ahead of him here two months ago and, handed the plum spot in front, will not be far off the mark if applied. The complicated but impressive KIWI JENILOU (14) has raced just once since the spring, and has been handed a tough draw, but he is here on his merits and must be respected.

SELECTIONS

KING GEORGES (2) - KENDO JIEL (1) - KRYSTAL DU RUEL (4) - KIWI JENILOU (14)

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C3 - PRIX OCTAVE DOUESNEL - SWC 5 ANS Q1 - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Internationale - Harness - EUR € 120.000

1. **DUBAI KRONOS** - Well-regarded Swedish type that has twice disappointed since coming south. Takes a big hike in category and not an obvious choice
2. **DYLAN DOG FONT** - Useful Italian colt that was sanctioned on his lone appearance here and chances appear slim at best
3. **HARPY** - Well-regarded nordic type that was denied a path, when clearly full of running here recently, but with less misfortune, can make amends
4. **DARDO ZACK** - Has evident ability but not the easiest of horses to trust. Is still being conditioned and unlikely to shake things up
5. **DUNDEE AS** - Moderate trotter that imposed tenaciously here a fortnight ago. Nicolas Bazire in the hot seat this time but others still preferred
6. **DOLCE VIKY** - 3rd to DIMITRI FERM (18) in last year's Derby Italiano and latterly showed marked improvement at Modena. Barefoot for just 2nd time in his career but still faces a tough task
7. **JUST A MIDI** - Showed the limits of his capacity in the Critérium but reassured in a Gr.3 over course and distance next time and a similar effort would see him get a look in
8. **DESIDERIO D'ESI** - No slouch on a good day but has not done enough at home in Italy lately to be considered a priority
9. **DILUCA MO** - Serious Italian colt with a good Vincennes record. Returns fresh and barefoot and is good enough to make the first 5
10. **COQUAHOLY** - Decent Swedish import with form at the highest level. Has not been seen out for 3 months but goes without front shoes and is not to be underestimated
11. **DEUS ZACK** - Undeniably capable, and has won a Gr.2 under these conditions, but lost his action on comeback and may need another run
12. **JUSTIN BOLD** - Hardy colt that has continued his performant ways after having run 3rd in the Critérium. Appreciates the distance and must be afforded respect
13. **JAKARTAS DES PRES** - Competent sort with solid black-type form. Shod competitively for his first objective of the winter and will give another honest account
14. **JAG STRYCK** - Enjoyed a productive streak here last winter but somewhat disappointing since the summer. Imposed well at Laval 3 weeks ago but will face a much stiffer test this time around
15. **J'AIME LE FOOT** - Acquits himself well for the most part and ran 2nd to JUSHUA TREE (17) in the Gr.2 Prix Gaston Brunet during the autumn. Has one race under his belt since the spell and, unshod all 4, should logically finish in the mix
16. **JOSH POWER** - Fine sort that turned a corner here last winter. Ran 2nd to JUSHUA TREE (17) during the summer before securing his first Gr.1 and, after a much-needed freshener, will attempt to take the fight to JUSHUA TREE (17)

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17. JUSHUA TREE - Exceptional campaigner with an enviable strike-rate. Won 7 on the trot before being sidelined, but would not be here if JMB didn't think he could win

18. DIMITRI FERM - Italian Derby winner of 2022 that has already secured 2 black-type races this term. Is new to Vincennes but races with front pads for the first time and the engagement of Alexandre Abrivard will do his prospects no disservice

Summary : Unbeaten in three starts in this class, JUSHUA TREE (17) was given an easy comeback run a fortnight ago after having recovered from a hernia and, if fully fit, should be able to wrap this up. Critérium des 4 Ans winner JOSH POWER (16) finished a place in front of him that day and will be no soft touch. The tough J'AIME LE FOOT (15) raced shod on that occasion and acquitted himself well, but is barefoot this time around and will have his chances. JUSTIN BOLD (12) may not be cut from the same cloth as the favourite but consistently gives his best and will not be far from the action if he replicates his Critérium performance.

SELECTIONS

JUSHUA TREE (17) - JOSH POWER (16) - J'AIME LE FOOT (15) - JUSTIN BOLD (12)

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C4 - PRIX DE CASTILLONNES - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 68.000

1. FINGER DE RODREY - Has done nothing of note since winning over course and distance last spring and can be confidently disregarded

2. FASCINOSO DE LOU - Excellent servant in this branch of the business and thrives with Abrivard in the irons. Is Gr.2-placed over 2175m and must be afforded significant respect

3. GAZOLINE DU SEUX - Capable under harness and has decent references here, but made a hash of her monté debut at Caen and can be ruled out

4. GIANT MESLOIS - Very good servant that excels over this trip. Proved himself in better company last time out and will be no easy touch

5. GOLD VOICE - Showed marked improvement under harness here late last month. Debuts under the saddle with Mathieu Mottier on board and could pleasantly surprise

6. GANGSTER DAVANESS - Capable in both codes but has struggled of late. Shoes on once more and others preferred

7. GRETA - Can prove a handful but her talent is not in question. Somewhat disappointing behind GIANT MESLOIS (4) last time but drops in category and should prove more competitive

8. ESPOIR DU RAVARY - Consistently in the thick of things and has won at this level, but front shoes on again and a minor place chance at best

9. FLASH ROYAL - Serious trotter in both disciplines and was impressive here last winter. Will be fully fit by now and returning to the monté code may be just the ticket

10. GAIA D'OCCAGNES - Placed just once in 6 appearances in the discipline but is not devoid of ability and, sporting a modified configuration, could well pick up some crumbs

11. EAGLE EYES - Has not got his nose in front for some time but returns to a discipline he appreciates and, with stride in check, can finish in the mix

12. EOLIEN DE CHENU - No closer than 4th in 3 monté starts. Is not without ability but, in this company, can expect to be outclassed

13. GIBUS - Fine campaigner in both codes and imposed under these conditions last time under the saddle. Will be at peak fitness and, competitively shod, can trot all the way into the winners' enclosure

Summary : As good in one code as he is in the other, GIBUS (13) won a similar event last May, on his only appearance under the saddle this year. Winner of one of his 3 harness return runs, his form is not in doubt and, fitted with 4 pads for the first time, looks the one to beat. François Lagadeuc will still be keeping a watchful eye on the in-form and tenacious FASCINOSO DE LOU (2) who has impressed since moving to the Chenu yard and being reunited with Alexandre Abrivard. GIANT MESLOIS (4) has taken little time getting back in shape after the layoff and has never failed to deliver over 2175m. EAGLE EYES (11) has solid monté references and, with front pads fitted this time, can make up for his recent sanction.

SELECTIONS

GIBUS (13) - FASCINOSO DE LOU (2) - GIANT MESLOIS (4) - EAGLE EYES (11)

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C5 - PRIX NARQUOIS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Harness - EUR € 80.000

1. CONDOR BAR - Honest Italian sort that has placed just once in 17 starts here. Appears to be in shape but bites off more than he can chew

2. CROWN WISE AS - Won his first start for new yard but has struggled twice since. Returns to a similar distance for just the 2nd time and, with JMB back in the wagon, is unlikely to disappoint

3. CHERRY TOP - Useful type when unshod behind but has shoes on for his return to competition and best to wait

4. COOL KRONOS - Fine dual-discipline type but races shod this time around and will have other priorities

5. IBISCUS MAN - Fine servant for the most part but can prove a handful. Has solid references under these conditions and, while untried in this category, he could still get a look in if fully fit and applied

6. GASOLIN - Quality Scandinavian import that has made the transition to French racing in good order. Is barefoot this time around and, with Alexandre Abrivard maintaining faith, must be afforded respect

7. IRON MESLOIS - Moderate sort racing shod after flopping here recently and will have nothing to offer

8. KAGAN - Serious type that left a very good impression on his recent French debut. Will have come on for the run and is expected to confirm

9. INSTINCT D'AM - Can trot but is not as sharp as he once was. Disappointing in last 2 here and is unlikely to spring a surprise

10. INO DU LUPIN - Remarkable trotter that has never failed to deliver at Vincennes. Currently on track to enjoy another fruitful winter meeting and once again looks the pick of the field

11. IGREC DE CELLAND - Stepped up in class this season, he consistently holds his own. Has 2 runs in him and is not incapable of making the first 5

12. IBIKI DE HOUELLE - Fine sort in both codes and has previously won a Gr.3 over course and distance. Has 2 runs in him, is entrusted to Eric Raffin for the occasion, and looks competitive for a slice of the pie

13. INDY ROCK - Placed just once in 3 starts here last winter but is nevertheless a good class of trotter that returns to the venue on a hat-trick and, with Nivard in the sulky for the first time, will be assured a competent drive

14. INSHORE - No slouch under harness but is being prepared for a monté campaign and can be ruled out

Summary : Brimming with class, INO DU LUPIN (10) swept almost all before him here last winter. Winner of both his return runs, he races barefoot this time and it is hard to see him being beaten. Closest rivalry is expected to come from nordic raider KAGAN (8) who beat some fine horses to run 2nd in the Gr.3 Prix de Chenonceaux on his French debut, and CROWN WISE AS (2) who moves back up in distance in a legitimate attempt to get back in the game. GASOLIN (6) has taken well to Vincennes conditions and races barefoot this time with a realistic chance of finishing in the frame.

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INO DU LUPIN (10) - KAGAN (8) - CROWN WISE AS (2) - GASOLIN (6)

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C6 - PRIX D'HAUTEFORT - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European - Harness - EUR € 59.000

1. ETERNEL AMOUR - Highly-consistent type that won under these conditions during the spring. Has been showing his form and returns to racing left-handed with a lot to offer

2. ROCKY TILLY - Disappointing in France after the spring break. Returns from Sweden in fine condition but still looks to have his work cut out

3. GALANT GALAA - Has not imposed since the start of the year but showed marked improvement in a superior class recently and drops back in category with a realistic chance of finishing close

4. GYBOR WELL - Gave an excellent account, setting a personal best chrono, behind EROS ZOLA (11) here recently and again looks the main challenger to his supremacy

5. EXTRA DU CHATAULT - Has struggled somewhat lately but is very useful when focused. Is proven over the distance and, while unlikely to score, is well-placed in front and can play a small role

6. DREAM THE BEST - Previously a good sort but lost his way 13 months ago and looks set to remain friendless

7. GILMOUR - Useful type with form at this level and has good speed. Goes barefoot for the first time this term and has a good record with Alexandre Abrivard at the helm

8. EDELWEISS PAULCA - Hardy element being conditioned for a winter under the saddle and can be passed over

9. FILOU DE CHARDET - Is not short of ability but has been off the boil over recent months and can expect to have few takers

10. HURRICANE RIVER - Capable sort that finished 4th to EROS ZOLA (11) here last time out. Failed to confirm a fortnight later but is still capable of picking up a minor place cheque

11. EROS ZOLA - Has done nothing if not improve since coming to France. Could well have pulled off the 4-timer recently had he not faulted but, after a couple of modifications, JMB returns with a point to prove. Claim

12. VICKI LAKSMY - Competent Italian type with decent Vincennes references but stays shod for his return to the venue and best to hold off

13. M.T.OSCAR - Rarely far from the action when focused. Is barefoot for first appearance since February but is unlikely to shake things up

14. GLOBAL WARRIOR - Unexceptional sort making his first start back after a long layoff. Shoes on and no threat

Summary : One of the more consistent elements in his category at home in Scandinavia, EROS ZOLA (11) won his first 3 for JMB before losing his action last weekend. Handed a second-row draw here, and unshod behind this time, he nevertheless has every chance of putting things right. The well-positioned GYBOR WELL (4) finished runner-up to him here 3 weeks ago and again looks the principal threat, however GALANT GALAA (3) left a good impression in better company here recently and is sufficiently well-placed behind the car to confirm. GILMOUR (7) was not far off him that day and, racing barefoot this time, will be more competitive.

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SELECTIONS

EROS ZOLA (11) - GYBOR WELL (4) - GALANT GALAA (3) - GILMOUR (7)

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C7 - PRIX ARISTE HEMARD - SWC 5 ANS Q2 - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Internationale - Harness - EUR € 120.000

1. **DIVINA TRIO** - Excellent in Switzerland since the start of the year but, in this field, has no realistic chance
2. **DIVA DEL RONCO** - Capable on a good day but has no references at this level and will struggle to make her presence felt
3. **JONGLEUSE DE LUNE** - Hardy filly that has yet to win at this level but is always competitive and a repeat of her recent performance would see her finish in the mix
4. **JOYCE** - Like a horse reborn since the autumn. Is plainly in good shape but has never been tested in this class and looks no more than a minor place prospect
5. **JOUMBA DE GUEZ** - Seldom far from losing her action but has talent in spades. Beat JUST LOVE YOU (10) during the spring, is plainly in form and, on good behaviour, can repeat
6. **AURELIA EXPRESS** - Quality Swedish sort that is seldom seen over this distance but has won over 2640m at home. Is barefoot for Vincennes debut and should not be far from the action if she takes to the new profile
7. **GLOBAL DANCER** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but is not devoid of talent. Was by no means beaten when sanctioned here a fortnight ago but still has more to find
8. **BONNEVILLE W.I.** - Competent Swedish raider but has not done enough lately to be considered a priority
9. **JULIET PAPA BRAVO** - Tough filly with good credentials at the highest level. Is confirmed over 2700m here and, with application, can play a leading role
10. **JUST LOVE YOU** - Gr.1 winner over course and distance last winter. Kept up her successful ways over the summer and, prepared especially for this, can get straight down to business
11. **JAZZY PERRINE** - Good class of filly with serious speed and fine Vincennes references. Is barefoot for return to competition and, although not having won for Raffin since May 2022, she is still capable of making the first 5

Summary : Twice a Gr.2 winner over the summer, including over course and distance, before finishing 3rd in the Critérium des 4 ans, JUST LOVE YOU (10) is shod to preference after last month's re-entry run and looks marginally preferable to the complicated, but very talented, JOUMBA DE GUEZ (5) who is fitted with 4 pads for the first time following a fine monté performance last weekend. JULIET PAPA BRAVO (9) has nothing to prove at this level and, barefoot for her first objective of the winter, is unlikely to be far off the mark. Fourth to the favourite last time at this level, JONGLEUSE DE LUNE (3) confirmed her form here recently and steps back up in class with legitimate ambition.

SELECTIONS

JUST LOVE YOU (10) - JOUMBA DE GUEZ (5) - JULIET PAPA BRAVO (9) - JONGLEUSE DE LUNE (3)

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C8 - PRIX D'HIESVILLE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 40.000

1. JUSQUIAME - 22 starts and still a maiden. Always gives what he can but nevertheless faces a stiffer test this time around

2. JIKITA MELRIC - In the first 2 in 4 of 5 under the saddle. Arguably better racing clockwise but has left-handed harness references and, going barefoot for the first time in the monté code, should not be underestimated

3. JAVA DU CHERISAY - Has demonstrated good aptitude for the monté code and has won over the inner track. Has no particular liking for the main course but, if applied, can play a part

4. JADE DE CASTELLE - Yet to get off the mark but regularly gives her best. Races barefoot after 2 return runs and will generate some interest

5. JOLLITY GABY - Capable type but has merit. Beaten 3rd to JALNA ROBSONS (8) here on comeback and will need to find more

6. JOY FOR US - Pleased more than once here last winter but has shown something of a temperament recently. Won here on penultimate start only to lose it in the stewards' room and is not to be written off

7. JUBLA VIKING - As delicate as they come but has talent in spades. Sanctioned in all 3 this term and must get her house in order

8. JALNA ROBSONS - Has shown significant aptitude for the monté discipline. Got off the mark in fine fashion here recently and steps up in category with justified ambition

9. JODIE DU VIVIER - Complicated filly but has talent in abundance. Twice a winner here and has every chance of securing this if form transitions

10. JINKOUA D'IRATY - Placed just once in 3 appearances over course and distance. Returns to the code after prepping at Toulouse but is unlikely to spring a surprise

11. JUST ONE NIGHT - Capable filly that has already imposed under these conditions. Form heading in the right direction and her latest effort behind JASMINE DE FORGAN (12) stands her in good stead

12. JASMINE DE FORGAN - Already 4 times a winner in 2023, most recently over track and trip. Made a fine comeback and, with form maintained, will not be far from the action

13. JUVENTUS - Lightly-raced but has taken superbly to the monté code. Impressive on re-entry, will have come on for the run, and is not incapable of upstaging JODIE DU VIVIER (9)

Summary : Justifiably well-regarded at home, JODIE DU VIVIER (9) has demonstrated quite a flair for the monté code; he latterly flew up at Chartres under harness and, barefoot for the first time, can make it 2-on-the-trot. That being said, she will be forced to take on the progressive JUVENTUS (13) who won [by default] a similar event over shorter here on comeback last month, and JALNA ROBSONS (8) who stormed up over course and distance late November. JASMINE DE FORGAN (12) can lose focus but she has been in super form lately and is unlikely to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

JODIE DU VIVIER (9) - JUVENTUS (13) - JALNA ROBSONS (8) - JASMINE DE FORGAN

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C9 - PRIX DE LAON - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 41.000

1. **HENRIQUE** - Is never far from faulting but has considerable ability in this category. Eye-catching last time out and, if behaved, can set the record straight
2. **HIGHLANDER** - Capable when focused and is in decent shape but, at this level, looks to have his work cut out
3. **HANACK DE VIVOIN** - Just one blip on his card since starting to race in current configuration. Steps up in category after his Toulouse victory but benefits from a Benjamin Rochard drive and will have his supporters
4. **HERCULE DE BEA** - Reliability not his strong suit but does spring the occasional surprise. In this company though, chances appear limited
5. **HOLLYWOOD BOND** - Unseen here since placing over 2850m in June 2021. Form is not in doubt though and, from the front row, can give this a good go
6. **HAVE DREAM BEYLEV** - Seen more often than not racing clockwise, but is nevertheless a trotter of some ability. Barefoot for 2nd start back, breaks in front, has already won with Raffin, and must be respected
7. **HERMES DU DOMAINE** - Competent sort that pleases for the most part but is pitted against better this time. Unshod all 4 though and should not be entirely disregarded
8. **HERMES DE BELHEME** - Lost his way late last season and has picked up this term where he left off
9. **HEUREUX DE FLEUR** - Very hard to knock for past 6 months. Has been thriving in Paris and in current form is difficult to ignore. Claim
10. **HAS DE COEUR** - Twice a winner here and is proven under these conditions. Not the most fortunate here last time, has just hind shoes on this time and, with application, can make up for his recent error
11. **HIGH DREAM** - Serious trotter with nothing to prove in this category. Is clearly in form but races with shoes this time and represents no more than a minor place prospect
12. **HASARD D'ERABLE** - Classy individual that met no opposition last time here. Latterly produced an excellent effort at Graignes and, with shoes off for the occasion, can defy the penalty and get straight back to winning ways
13. **HOLD UP RANAIS** - Hardy sort that consistently gives his best. Is reunited with Franck Nivard after a good effort at Reims and, even with the handicap, looks a serious player

Summary : Winner of 4 from 5 before his summer break, HASARD D'ERABLE (12) has two return runs in him, is barefoot for the occasion and, even from the 2nd row, looks the pick of the field. Also incurring the penalty, HEUREUX DE FLEUR (9) is quite simply a model of consistency and represents the main danger. Hard to knock since returning to competition, HENRIQUE (1) was dynamic after being sanctioned at Ligni res and the 25m head-start will do his prospects no disservice. HOLD UP RANAIS (13) has hardly put a foot wrong since June and, a good third last time under these conditions, will not be far off the mark.

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HASARD D'ERABLE (12) - HEUREUX DE FLEUR (9) - HENRIQUE (1) - HOLD UP RANAIS

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