R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX D'ARPAJON - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European-Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 56.000

- 1. GERSHWIN DE CHENU Placed at Graignes earlier in the year but has been off the boil since and can be ruled out
- 2. GOLD D'ECROVILLE No slouch on a good day but has no particular love for Vincennes and others preferred
- **3. GYS -** Arguably better going clockwise but form is not in doubt. Handed the 3-spot and must not be overlooked
- **4. GALANTIS -** Smart winner over longer last time here. Handed the ideal draw and with JMB in charge should be in a position to capitalise
- **5. GIVE ME -** Hardy sort with solid references under these conditions. Will be fully fit by now and should be able to give GIPSY DU RIED (7) a run for her money
- **6. GLENAC DE L'ITON -** Erratic type that pleasantly surprised ahead of GRINDELWALD (8) a fortnight ago. Unlikely to repeat but should still acquit himself decently
- **7. GIPSY DU RIED -** Fine servant that has won two of last four. Raffin in the sulky this time and can return to winning ways
- **8. GRINDELWALD -** Serious sort that made the frame in last two at the venue. Would have gone closer last time had she been covered up but can make amends
- **9. GLOIRE DES LOYAUX -** Considerably better horse than recent results would suggest. Not ideally positioned on the outside but seldom disappoints when focused and must be respected
- **10. DIGITAL DOMINANCE -** Disappointing on the whole this year until surprising at Reims late last month but nevertheless still faces a stiff test
- **11. GAI MATIN -** Rarely far off the mark when focused. Currently at the top of his game but at this level will not find it an easy task
- **12. GAYLORD AM -** Quality mare that seldom disappoints. Boasts a decent turn of foot and should be good enough to defy the draw
- **13. JASON DRAGON -** Form has regressed somewhat since imposing in Germany but stays barefoot and can get a look in

Summary: As versatile as you can get, GIPSY DU RIED (7) was full of running when sanctioned last time here and even though drawn somewhat wide she still looks good enough to dominate the better-positioned GIVE ME (5) who is barefoot for his first objective of the season. A winner over 2700m last time at the venue, GALANTIS (4) returns fresh and from the 4-spot will have his chances. GAYLORD AM (12) has been handed a second-row draw but is in sufficiently good shape to put on a decent show.

SELECTIONS

GIPSY DU RIED (7) - GIVE ME (5) - GALANTIS (4) - GAYLORD AM (12)

C2 - PRIX DU MANS - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59.000

- 1. FAYETTE Unremarkable so far this season. Not disgraced here last time but still has more to find
- 2. FERLAINE Has placed just once in 7 starts this year and even with Lebourgeois in the wagon will have her work cut out
- **3. FERIA DU METZ -** Seldom seen going left-handed but has references under these conditions. Is clearly in form and sufficiently well-placed to make her presence felt
- **4. FEEL SMART -** Handy sort that with excellent credentials under these conditions. Unshod all four this time and is ideally placed to win this
- **5. FRANCE D'OCCAGNES -** Considerably better mare than recent results would suggest. Is barefoot for the occasion and from the 5-spot will have her chances
- **6. FIRST LADY BLEUE -** Unexceptional mare that seldom makes her presence felt and is unlikely to buck the trend
- **7. FILARETE DU VERGER -** Quality individual that goes over any trip. Unlikely to be race-rusty after 2 return runs and should not be far from the action
- **8. FLORE MERITE -** Put on quite the show to impose at Vichy late last month. JMB in charge this time and will not be available at 21/1 on this occasion
- **9. FORTUNA -** Gave a good account last time over track and trip but rarely disappoints when barefoot and even though drawn wide will have her supporters
- **10. FERVENTE -** Sprang a small surprise when winning with ease at Nantes last month. Raffin has maintained faith and even though not ideally drawn still looks a player
- 11. FELINE DE CALVI Showed signs of a return to form last month but has since lost her way and needs to reaffirm
- **12. FOUDRE DE BENGALE -** Rarely lets the side down when unshod all four but has not been seen out since March and will need the run

Summary: Although winless for the past 14 months, FEEL SMART (4) is no slouch on a good day and going barefoot from the 4-spot could find herself back in the winners' circle. FRANCE D'OCCAGNES (5) appreciates these shorter trips and is also well-positioned the car. Seldom far off the mark when fully fit, FILARETE DU VERGER (7) has two races under her belt following the break and should be able to give this a good go. Back in business with a facile victory at Nantes, FERVENTE (10) will be no pushover if in similar form.

SELECTIONS

FEEL SMART (4) - FRANCE D'OCCAGNES (5) - FILARETE DU VERGER (7) - FERVENTE (10)

C3 - PRIX DU QUERCY - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 75.000

- **1. HE AND ME -** Took some time getting back to form this term but reassured in good company here last time out and with form maintained can repeat
- **2. HAKIM DE CHENU -** Serious trotter in the other branch of the business. Here for a change of scenery and poses no threat
- **3. EPSON D'ARIANE -** Not the most dependable but has ability. Is confirmed in this category but takes on some big guns and a minor place chance at best
- **4. GAMIN JABA -** Temperamental type but has bags of ability. JMB takes over in the wagon after a disappointing effort at Vichy and with application will be no pushover
- **5. EOLIEN DE CHENU** Useful sort returning to the harness code after a brief sortie under the saddle and should not be far off the mark
- **6. GAMBLE RIVER -** Hardy trotter that was quickly sanctioned last time but nevertheless showed his form and on good behaviour will not be far from the action
- **7. GUIDE MOI FORGAN -** A better sort under the saddle but left a good impression on comeback at Caen last month and will generate some interest
- **8. EUSEBIO D'HERIPRE -** Quality element but has just one race in him after a long break and with shoes on will have little to offer
- **9. HELIOT DE CAHOT -** Occasionally a handful but has nothing to prove in this category. Sanctioned at Caen but thrives under these conditions and imposing is well within his capability
- **10. FELIX DU BOURG -** Blows hot and cold but gave a surprisingly good account in GNT recently and while unlikely to repeat should still acquit himself honourably
- **11. HALLIX -** High-class monté mare being conditioned for her code of preference but is being tested here and looks up to the task
- **12. FLASH DE VELY -** Erratic but reassured with a surprising 2700m victory here a fortnight ago. Unlikely to repeat but can still get a look in
- **13. FLOWER BY MAGALOU** Has been enjoying a decent run in both codes of late but is 25m worse off this time and will have her work cut out
- **14. DIGNE ET DROIT -** Disappointing on the whole for some time and the penalty just adds insult to injury
- 15. FRIC DU CHENE Never easy to judge but has ample talent. Gave a good account in GNT last time and even with an extra 25m to travel can pick up a cheque

Summary: Making progress after a lengthy hiatus, HALLIX (11) will have been specifically prepared for this; she goes first time barefoot under harness, and with Eric Raffin at the helm can open her 2023 account. It will not be all plane sailing though given the form of HELIOT DE CAHOT (9) who will be no pushover if he stays in stride. HE AND ME (1) finished 2nd in a Gr.3 here last time out and in similar form can again make the frame, as can the capricious but talented GAMIN JABA (4) who will be driven by his handler this time around.

SELECTIONS

HALLIX (11) - HELIOT DE CAHOT (9) - HE AND ME (1) - GAMIN JABA (4)

C4 - PRIX JEAN LE GONIDEC - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- **1. IGREC DE CELLAND -** Useful type but tends to show more at a lower level and represents no more than a minor place prospect
- 2. INVINCIBLE CASH Seldom far from the action when unshod. Pleased in last 2 races of reference and can again play a role
- **3. INFANT PERRINE** Showed early promise but failed to make his mark last season and chances slim on first appearance since the autumn
- **4. IT'S A DOLLARMAKER -** Serious type that was denied a run, with gas in the tank, in race of reference and with form maintained will be no easy touch
- **5. INSTRUMENTALISTE** Versatile trotter that goes over any trip but will appreciate returning to 2175m and can make amends for latest performances
- **6. IDEAL LIGNERIES -** Has done nothing but improve since returning from his spell. Beat a host of these in Gr.2 Prix Albert Demarcq and returns fresh and with a good hand to play
- **7. INMAROSA -** In the frame in last two at this level. Has never won over 2175m but in present form is hard to ignore
- 8. IDEALE DU CHENE Good class of mare in the other discipline but has nothing to offer here
- **9. IZOARD VEDAQUAIS -** Quality individual with an enviable strike-rate. Unraced since December but has front shoes off and can get in on the action
- **10. IDAO DE TILLARD -** Occasionally tricky but otherwise a high-class trotter. Impressive since his first steps on the track and if fully fit will be very hard to beat

Summary: Simply dynamic when applied, IDAO DE TILLARD (10) is back in his own age group after defeating his elders in a Gr.2 here a fortnight ago. Perfect in two starts over 2175m at Vincennes, he will again take all the beating. Principal opposition is likely to come from the improving IDEAL LIGNERIES (6) who won a Gr.2 over longer here early last month, and the serious IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (4) who was very unlucky on that occasion. INSTRUMENTALISTE (5) has nothing to prove in this category and with a change of tactics should logically improve markedly on his recent efforts.

SELECTIONS

IDAO DE TILLARD (10) - IDEAL LIGNERIES (6) - IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (4) - INSTRUMENTALISTE (5)

C5 - PRIX GUY LE GONIDEC - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- **1. JOUMBA DE GUEZ -** Clearly capable but sanctioned in last four. JMB in the hot seat this time and will be dangerous if she trots
- **2. JESSALYNE -** Serious filly but more effective at a much lower level and can expect to generate little interest
- **3. JONGLEUSE DE LUNE -** Quality element that has never been tested in this class and although clearly in form is unlikely to spring any surprises
- **4. JOLLY STAR JIEL -** Consistently gives a good account when focused but in this company will have too much to do
- **5. JIOVANNA -** Unbeaten in two this year. Is first time barefoot for first foray at this level and while not an obvious choice will nonetheless generate some interest
- **6. JAVA DU POMMEAU -** Moderate filly that seldom produces the goods and looks to have her work cut out
- **7. JOLIE SURPRISE -** Erratic but reassured in no uncertain terms over track and trip last month. Steps up in class but should still acquit herself honourably
- **8. JERUSALEM -** Handy element that placed at this level last season. Just one race under her belt this term but is shod for competition and could well get a look in
- **9. JAZZIE BELLE -** Has never delivered at this level but is in cracking form and has sufficiently matured to take on some of the big guns
- **10. JOYFUL DIVA -** Has not lived up to expectations this year but is no slouch on a good day and will have her supporters
- **11. JEEGHA PRIDE** Not the most reliable but has ample ability. Last outing can be ignored and can be backed with confidence this time around
- 12. JOYEUSE Fine campaigner in the other discipline and has little to offer here
- **13. JULIET PAPA BRAVO -** Excellent servant with fine credentials in this class. Was not overstretched at Caen and should be more competitive this time around
- **14. JUST LOVE YOU -** High-class filly competing in her first objective of the 2023 season and if fully fit should be able to dominate the opposition
- **15. JAZZY PERRINE** Fine servant returning to her track of preference after a dynamic performance in Sweden and can bring the game to JUST LOVE YOU (14)

Summary: The best 4 year-old fillies around line up here en route to greater glory later in the season, with Gr.1 Prix Ourasi winner JUST LOVE YOU (14) looking the pick once again. She has a race under her belt and, shod to preference, should be able to get the new season off to a successful start. That said, JAZZY PERRINE (15) returns to Vincennes off the back of a solid Gr.2 Solvalla victory in which she set her personal best. JULIET PAPA BRAVO (13) seldom lets the side down at this level and again looks competitively well in. JAZZIE BELLE (9) may not be known for her exploits in this class but in present form looks a major player.

SELECTIONS

JUST LOVE YOU (14) - JAZZY PERRINE (15) - JULIET PAPA BRAVO (13) - JAZZIE BELLE (9)

C6 - PRIX CHAMBON P - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - International - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- **1. GIBOULEE DE MARS -** Regularly gives everything she has but takes on some seriously classy horses here and has no realistic chance
- **2. HARLEM DE BUCY -** Quality element that trotted 2nd to AMPIA MEDE SM (9) to close out his winter. Has won just one from three since his return but can still trot his way onto the podium
- **3. FINE PERLE OF LOVE** Moderate mare that reassured at Enghien before being prepped in the provinces. Shoes off this time but still has a lot to find
- **4. HOKKAIDO JIEL -** Consistently gives everything he has. Went close in last four at a high level and looks the one to beat this time
- **5. GENTLY DE MUZE -** Hardy type that consistently gives his best. Clearly on the way back up and should logically finish in the mix
- **6. FAKIR DU LORAULT -** Well-regarded but has not been firing on all cylinders this season and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- **7. ELVIS DU VALLON -** Blows hot and cold but reassured behind HOKKAIDO JIEL (4) here late May and in similar form can again make the first five
- **8. DIABLE DE VAUVERT -** Good class of trotter with nothing to prove at this level. Barefoot for return to competition but will have been prepared for this and should not disappoint
- **9. AMPIA MEDE SM -** Remarkable mare from the Souloy stable whose last three runs were outstanding. Makes first appearance since the winter, is barefoot for the occasion, and is not incapable of imposing

Summary: On the cusp of winning in each of his last four starts, behind veritable champions, HOKKAIDO JIEL (4) appears to have the way clear this time and can finally have his day in the sun. David Thomain will nevertheless be wary of AMPIA MEDE SM (9) who goes barefoot but who has however not been seen out since winning the Gr.1 Prix de Paris last February. Runner-up to her that day, HARLEM DE BUCY (2) has not been quite as sharp since but is not one to be underestimated. DIABLE DE VAUVERT (8) is another making his racecourse return but has the class to overcome the absence.

SELECTIONS

HOKKAIDO JIEL (4) - AMPIA MEDE SM (9) - HARLEM DE BUCY (2) - DIABLE DE VAUVERT (8)

C7 - PRIX JULES THIBAULT - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- **1. JAGUAR DU GOUTIER -** Consistent trotter in both codes but significantly better in the other discipline and chances limited
- 2. JINGLE DELO Useful sort but has never delivered in this category and unlikely to spring any surprises
- **3. JOSH POWER -** Has made fine progress of late but has placed just once in this class and with shoes on has no realistic chance
- **4. JUSHUA TREE -** High-class sort that has yet to be tested at this level but has done everything right so far and is unlikely to disappoint
- **5. JAGUAR MARANCOURT -** Tends to show more a level down. Has 2 races under his belt though and can get a look in
- **6. JAGUAR GRIFF -** Just one win in 17 but consistently gives everything he has. Returns to racing left-handed and can make the first five this time
- 7. JEAN BALTHAZAR Gr.3 winner under harness but now on the path of a fabulous monté career and will not be taxed
- **8. JACK TONIC -** Occasionally a handful but otherwise a fine trotter with solid black-type credentials. Beat the favourite in Normandy but unlikely to have his measure on this occasion
- **9. J'AIME LE FOOT -** Has proved a better colt in the monté discipline. Stays shod for the occasion and poses no danger
- **10. JAKARTAS DES PRES -** Arguably better under the saddle but has won at this level under harness. Showed his form at Caen and must be respected
- **11. JAG STRYCK -** Faithful servant that always gives his best. Unraced since trotting 4th to JUST A GIGOLO (13) at Enghien and expected to give another competitive account
- **12. JUNINHO DRY -** Good class of colt returning to Vincennes after a short spell. Unlikely to get his nose in front but can still make amends for his poor luck at Enghien
- **13. JUST A GIGOLO -** Superb colt with nothing to prove at this level. Did nothing to disappoint at Caen and once again in his back yard will take all the beating

Summary: Leader of his generation, JUST A GIGOLO (13) returns to his track of preference after giving a decent account racing clockwise for the first time and should logically have this in the bag. The good JACK TONIC (8) beat him at Caen and should again put on a good show but may still have to defer to the remarkably consistent JUSHUA TREE (4) who has earned his place in this line-up. Unlucky at Enghien last time out, JUNINHO DRY (12) has had time to freshen up and is back at Vincennes with every chance of setting the record straight.

SELECTIONS

JUST A GIGOLO (13) - JUSHUA TREE (4) - JACK TONIC (8) - JUNINHO DRY (12)

C8 - PRIX DU DAUPHINE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 46.000

- **1. HED -** Got back in the game with a good effort at Laval recently. While a repeat looks unlikely, he gets a JMB drive this time and should not be ruled out
- **2. HIGOR DAIRPET -** Tricky character that has done nothing of note for some time and again appears to have his work cut out
- **3. HANNIBAL TUILERIE** Faithful servant with solid Vincennes credentials. Goes barefoot for her return to the capital and can again figure prominently
- **4. HERAKLION DESBOIS -** Acquitted himself well in last two here but otherwise disappointing and no more than a minor place chance
- **5. HERO SIBEY -** Superb campaigner that rarely disappoints when applied and unshod. Beat a number of these with shoes on last time and should be able to trot off with the silverware
- **6. HARCOUEL -** No slouch on a good day and is confirmed here. Reassured last time out but others still preferred
- **7. HASARD CERTAIN -** Hardy trotter that redeemed himself at Laval late last month. Is in his category here and should not go home unrewarded
- **8. HOVA DE BASSIERE -** Has taken no time getting back to her best following the break. Has fine Vincennes references and looks main threat to HERO SIBEY (5)
- **9. HARDY DES LANDES -** Has been in cracking form lately with three wins from last five. Takes a small step up in class but will still garner support
- **10. HAMADOR BUROIS -** Solid, dependable trotter that finished a place behind HERO SIBEY (5) here last month. Untried over 2175m but has no bad draw to contend with this time and will be competitive

Summary: Impressive over 2100m here last month with shoes on, the tough HERO SIBEY (5) is shod for competition this time and looks the pick of the field. Damien Bonne will still want to keep an eye on the speedy HOVA DE BASSIERE (8) who showed her form at Lisieux recently. Consistently in the thick of things these days, HANNIBAL TUILERIE (3) is barefoot for his return to the capital and if applied can play a leading role. HAMADOR BUROIS (10) is a model of consistency and Alexandre Abrivard will be out to turn the tables on the favourite.

SELECTIONS

HERO SIBEY (5) - HOVA DE BASSIERE (8) - HANNIBAL TUILERIE (3) - HAMADOR BUROIS (10)

C9 - PRIX DE VILLENEUVE-SUR-LOT - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40.000

- **1. HOLLY GO LIGHTLY -** Black-type winner at home in Sweden but has not been seen out for over 2.5 months and expected to need the run
- 2. DARTAGNAN OP Moderate transalpine sort taking on some big names here and has no realistic chance
- **3. JOKER STAR (SPA) -** Useful sort at home in Spain and winner of last three at Son Pardo but faces a very stiff test this time around
- **4. DECIMOMERIDIO GPD -** Decent colt making his first foray onto French soil but has not done enough lately to be considered dangerous
- **5. DISTILLATO** Well-regarded colt that appears to have found his form again. Stays shod for the occasion but still has a lot to offer
- **6. DUNA DI GIRIFALCO -** Quality filly that caught the eye here earlier in the year. Has been showing her form at home and appears main rival to DOCTOR CAF (10)
- **7. JAGUAR JENILOU -** Not the easiest to handle but has ample ability. Reassured connections at Enghien recently and with application will not be far off the mark
- **8. JOURNAIO DU ROI -** Reliability not his strong suit but did reassure here mid-April. Failed to confirm next time out though and can expect to garner little support
- 9. JOYEUX NONNA Hardy element making just his first start of the season and best to hold off
- **10. DOCTOR CAF -** Excellent Italian colt returning to Vincennes on a hat-trick. Is confirmed at the venue and looks the one to beat
- **11. JUANITO GOBERNA -** Blows hot and cold but always gives his best. Encouraged here mid-May and can again make the first five
- **12. JOB DES MOLLES -** Tricky sort that appears to have come good. Has never delivered at Vincennes but after striking twice at Vichy, he must be afforded significant respect
- **13. JET DES BAUX -** Has struggled with stride woes this term but ability is not in doubt and can play a role if he stays in stride
- **14. JET DE BUSSET -** Seldom disappoints when he can keep his action together. Left a good impression here last time and can again finish in the mix
- **15. JOCKSTRAP -** Has looked decidedly ordinary so far this year and will struggle to make his mark
- **16. JUPPY UP -** Solid more than once here last season but less effective this term and a minor place prospect at best

Summary: The Italians come in force for this race and Fausto Barelli's DOCTOR CAF (10) looks a serious proposition. Disqualified after a superb run on his only start at Vincennes, he returns to the capital in tremendous form and looks capable of beating compatriot DUNA DI GIRIFALCO (6) who showed a lot of promise here over the winter. JOB DES MOLLES (12) is back racing left-handed after two on the trot at Vichy and even though no fan of Vincennes, he is very hard to ignore. The tricky JAGUAR JENILOU (7) redeemed himself across town a fortnight ago and on good behaviour can get in on the action.

SELECTIONS

DOCTOR CAF (10) - DUNA DI GIRIFALCO (6) - JOB DES MOLLES (12) - JAGUAR JENILOU (7)