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## R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

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

**1. JABLO DU CHENE** - Arguably better racing clockwise but was not disgraced behind JET DES MALBERAUX (7) here last month. Still has more to find however

**2. JUS DE FRUIT** - Not once out of the first 2 when focused. Encouraged over 2700m here 3 weeks ago before missing out by little to JET MESLOIS (3) and should be able to exact revenge this time around

**3. JET MESLOIS** - Mixes the good with the less good but has turned a corner this year. Surprise winner on the inner track last time and will have his supporters

**4. JAMES OF CARLY** - Has been racing solidly at this level lately. Has never disappointed for Eric Raffin but he still looks to have too much to do

**5. JUPITER TURGOT** - As delicate as they come but has won 2 of 3 monté starts this season and, with application, can get back in the game

**6. JOKER DU HAMEL** - Useful at this level but has not be firing on all cylinders. Change of shoeing but others still easier to back

**7. JET DES MALBERAUX** - Undeniably difficult but has shown excellent flair for the monté game. Reassured with a courageous victory here last month and steps marginally up in category with a good hand to play

**8. JOKER DE FROULAY** - Decent element that returned to competition in excellent shape. Has yet to make his mark at Vincennes but, in present condition, is very hard to ignore

**9. JUNIOR BERDIERE** - Pleases for the most part and is confirmed at a superior level. Just front shoes off for comeback however and is expected to be race-rusty

**10. JACQUARD** - Justifiably well-regarded trotter under harness. Debuts in the discipline, his jockey getting an 8kg allowance, and can strike at the first time of asking

**11. JAZZY THOURJAN** - Handy sort in the monté code but can prove a handful. Gave a fine account in good company last time out though and drops back in category with a lot to offer

**Summary** : Very capable under harness, at ease at Vincennes, and dangerous when barefoot, JACQUARD (10) takes his first competitive steps under the saddle and already looks the one to beat. He will meet resistance though from the accomplished JET DES MALBERAUX (7) who recently imposed over course and distance, and the ideally-engaged and in-form JAZZY THOURJAN (11) who has never disappointed in his current configuration. Winner of 2 in a row during the summer, including under these conditions, JUPITER TURGOT (5) faulted here last time but Mathieu Mottier will not allow this to happen a second time.

### SELECTIONS

**JACQUARD (10) - JET DES MALBERAUX (7) - JAZZY THOURJAN (11) - JUPITER  
TURGOT (5)**

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## C2 - PRIX 20 MINUTES (PRIX DE FOURNELS) - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 35.000

- 1. JAKARTA** - Reliability not her thing but showed her form here last month after being disqualified. Is arguably better-positioned than JINA FOUTEAU (7) and, if applied, can open her winter account
- 2. JOYCE DE COSSE** - Makes her Vincennes debut off the back of a good Chartres performance but takes on better this time and others preferred
- 3. JUSTICE DE JOUDES** - Difficult but capable filly that imposed smartly at Amiens on comeback. Faulted here next time but Laurent has put shoes back on her and, from the 3-spot, looks a decent proposition
- 4. JUDICIOUS** - Sanctioned almost as often as not, and needs to reassure, but has been handed an excellent draw and with Lebourgeois reining will be afforded every chance
- 5. JAMINA DES CHASSES** - Winner over course and distance last season but has looked very ordinary since and can be passed over
- 6. JULIA QUESNOT** - No champion but is a competent trotter. No closer than 4th in 6 starts at the venue but goes first time barefoot and from the front row can give this a decent go
- 7. JINA FOUTEAU** - Honest filly that has not won for over a year but has been close to her race since the summer. Denied a run here recently but, with a better trip and the champion driver reining, can return to victorious ways
- 8. JOYEUSE DE VOUEDE** - Showed potential at 3 but has failed to make good on her promise and appears to have no realistic chance
- 9. JOCONDE DE RHEVE** - Can trot but has twice failed to make the grade here. Reassured behind JUDITH D'ARBAZ (12) recently though and with Gelormini in the sulky this time, should be able to get around unscathed
- 10. JESSIE RITAL** - 27 runs and yet to lose her maiden tag. Has better references at a lower level and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 11. JET SET ROC** - Modest filly that went into her layoff on a low note. Goes barefoot for her 2nd start back but still appears to have no realistic chance
- 12. JUDITH D'ARBAZ** - Tricky type but is never one to be underestimated when applied. Showed her form 2 weeks ago and will not be far from the action if Franck Ouvrie can negotiate the break
- 13. JAVA DE LANGERON** - Has ample ability and has placed already over track and trip this term, but 3 straight sanctions do little to inspire confidence
- 14. JOUEUSE MAJYC** - Started to come good this autumn after being fitted with pads. Sports a new configuration this time and, despite the 2nd line draw, will have her supporters
- 15. JUMEIGE DE GODREL** - Not the easiest of horses to trust and goes better right-handed. No threat

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**Summary :** Consistent all summer and autumn, JINA FOUTEAU (7) was somewhat unlucky here last time but has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the occasion and, from the front row, can set the record straight. JAKARTA (1) finished a place behind her that day before losing her action early next time, but will be no soft touch if Anthony Barrier gets her off on the right foot. JUSTICE DE JOUDES (3) also fell foul of the stewards that day but returns to racing shod and, with application, will have her chances. JUDITH D'ARBAZ (12) won tenaciously at Le Croisé-Laroche a fortnight ago and, although forced to break on the 2nd line here, she is shod as she was that day and must be respected.

## SELECTIONS

**JINA FOUTEAU (7) - JAKARTA (1) - JUSTICE DE JOUDES (3) - JUDITH D'ARBAZ (12)**

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## C3 - PRIX RMC (PRIX DE GRENOBLE) - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Mounted - EUR € 60.000

- 1. LOZANO (GER)** - Unexceptional type taking his first competitive steps under the saddle and already looks outclassed
- 2. DJANGO SILVER** - Debuted well in the discipline at home in Sweden but has yet to make his mark in France and must first establish his credentials
- 3. ICARE DU LEARD** - Useful sort that pleased, but was still found wanting, on comeback and will need to show another side in order to make his presence felt
- 4. MISTER INVICTUS** - Has taken particularly well to his new vocation. Gave a good account behind ILLENC DES BOSC (9) on re-entry, will have come on for the run, and should put on another good show
- 5. IMAGINE D'ATOUT** - Blows hot and cold but opened her winter account at the first time of asking. Has earned the right to step up in category and is expected to acquit herself competitively
- 6. IT'S MY DREAM** - Capable sort that bit off more than he could chew on re-entry before flopping in the race of reference and chances limited once again
- 7. ILTON ROYAL** - Competent and consistent type that finished ahead of MISTER INVICTUS (4) last time. Little chance of opening his 2023 account but can pick up a minor place cheque
- 8. INFINIMENT CITRON** - Very good servant in the harness division and recently showed his form here. Entrusted to David Thomain once again and could yet spoil the party
- 9. ILLENC DES BOSC** - Has not once finished out of the first 2 in this discipline. Boasts solid references over 2850m here and must be considered a leading contender
- 10. ISOCRATE D'ELA** - Has yet to show any particular flair for the discipline and, in this company, will have too much to do
- 11. IMPERATRICE D'ELLE** - Consistently in the thick of things when she can stay focused. Left a fine impression last time here and, barefoot again, is unlikely to be far from the action
- 12. IVANOF** - Barring late-October's sanction, has been hard to fault under the saddle this term. Eric Raffin back in the saddle and should prove the main threat to BEAT GENERATION (13)
- 13. BEAT GENERATION** - Classy Swedish import that has yet to be bested in the monté code. Returned victoriously to competition at home and comes back to Vincennes with every chance of maintaining his perfect status

**Summary** : Unbeaten in 3 starts under the saddle, including over course and distance mid-year, BEAT GENERATION (13) got straight down to business on his return to competition and, reunited with Alexandre Abrivard, can make this his own. That being said, IVANOF (12) won twice here during the autumn under Eric Raffin and goes barefoot for his first objective of the winter. A model of consistency in this branch of the game, ILLENC DES BOSC (9) could well have won here last month had he been launched sooner and Mathieu Mottier will not want to let this opportunity slip by. INFINIMENT CITRON (8) makes his monté debut in excellent shape and, sporting a modified configuration, is unlikely to disappoint.

### SELECTIONS

**BEAT GENERATION (13) - IVANOF (12) - ILLENC DES BOSC (9) - INFINIMENT CITRON**

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## C4 - PRIX DU BOURBONNAIS-AMERIQUE RACES PMU Q#2 - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Internationale - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- 1. GALILEO BELLO** - Plainly capable and in-form, but is out of his depth here and will have little to offer
- 2. EVALUATE** - Previously a Group-class individual but is no longer the horse he once was and can expect to remain friendless
- 3. ERIC THE EEL** - Tough individual that won the coveted Harpers Hanover earlier in the year. Recently made a victorious comeback over track and trip and will be competitive
- 4. GANAY DE BANVILLE** - Still a classy element despite almost 2 years off the track. Good 3rd in recent GNT final under similar conditions and, although not a priority, is unlikely to be an easy touch
- 5. HOKKAIDO JIEL** - Did not enjoy the best of runs here 3 weeks ago but still acquired his Prix d'Amérique ticket. Is not incapable of repeating but looks more a first-5 prospect this time around
- 6. HORSY DREAM** - Superb trotter that seldom disappoints when applied. Lost his action in the Bretagne but is clearly in form and can win this if Eric Raffin keeps him trotting
- 7. IZOARD VEDAQUAIS** - High-class trotter that has been showing his temperament this year but gave, late-September, a taste of what's to come and will not be far from the action if Benjamin Rochard keeps him out of trouble
- 8. HUSSARD DU LANDRET** - Sprang quite the surprise when winning the Prix de Bretagne, but won in such style that he is very hard to ignore
- 9. ELVIS DU VALLON** - Has not got his nose in front for 17 months but consistently gives his best. Barefoot this time after running 5th in the race of reference but still faces a stiff test
- 10. HANNA DES MOLLES** - A veritable metronome in the other code but is here for reasons of conditioning and can be passed over
- 11. GU D'HERIPRE** - Has done little of note since imposing here in June 2022 and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 12. SAN MOTEUR** - Exceptional Swedish import that endured a dramatic trip in the race of reference, but eye-catching in the stretch and can more than make amends
- 13. DIABLE DE VAUVERT** - Has bags of ability and held his own in Prix de Bretagne but has not been the most convincing this term and needs to shape up
- 14. AMPIA MEDE SM** - Highly-consistent mare with nothing to prove under these conditions. Left a fine impression on re-entry in the Bretagne and a bigger run anticipated this time around
- 15. HOOKER BERRY** - Won this in 2021 before going on to win the holy grail. Gave a surprisingly good account when 2nd to HUSSARD DU LANDRET (8) last time and has a reasonable chance of picking up some prizemoney
- 16. FLAMME DU GOUTIER** - Twice a winner of Prix du Cornulier but also has excellent harness credentials. Stays shod this time though and others preferred
- 17. HOHNECK** - Fine trotter making his first appearance since winning a Solvalla Gr.1 2 months ago. Fitted with just front pads for comeback though and best to keep one's powder dry

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**18. ETONNANT** - Winner of this race in 2021. Has raced just once since his Yonkers debacle but has front shoes off for the occasion and should not be too far off the mark

**Summary** : One of the best of his generation and already twice a Gr.1 winner, HORSY DREAM (6) was very unlucky in the Prix de Bretagne but he excels over 2850m and can set the record straight. Sixth that day despite running into all kinds of trouble, SAN MOTEUR (12) put in a sublime finish and, with more luck in running, is eminently capable of contending for the win. An excellent fourth in the Bretagne on her first appearance since June, AMPIA MEDE SM (14) left no-one in doubt about her capacity and must also be considered a leading proposition. Brimming with class, but also unfortunate on that occasion, IZOARD VEDAQUAIS (7) will be dangerous if he can replicate his penultimate performance.

## SELECTIONS

**HORSY DREAM (6) - SAN MOTEUR (12) - AMPIA MEDE SM (14) - IZOARD VEDAQUAIS (7)**

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**C5 - PX WTW HIPCOVER ASS. HIPPIE (PX DE LUXE) - 2700m (a1 11/16m) -  
Class - Harness - EUR € 46.000**

- 1. JONAGOLD** - Handy sort with references under these conditions. Returns to the capital after being sanctioned in the provinces but others still easier to back
- 2. JOUR DE FETE** - Colt with bags of talent, but also a temperament. Is hard to knock when unshod though and is unlikely to finish far from the action
- 3. JOUR DE GLOIRE** - Not without merit but has been below-par since winning over 2100m here 3 months ago and must first re-establish his credentials
- 4. JASMIN BLANC** - Yet to reproduce the results he secured last season. Form is heading in the right direction but others still preferred
- 5. JET JET JET** - Excellent type that has yet to be bested when unshod. Recently proved himself left-handed and, although in better company this time, still looks capable of trotting his way onto the podium
- 6. JOKER DES CHALIERS** - Tough trotter that has turned a corner since starting to race in current configuration. Has references over longer and, after setting his personal best chrono here last month, will not be easy game for JUST DE L'OISON (7)
- 7. JUST DE L'OISON** - Remarkable type that habitually sweeps all before him. Is clearly at the top of his game, has won at the venue, and will take some beating
- 8. JEDUISANT** - Quality individual that took his game to a new level earlier in the year. Is still being conditioned though and best to hold off
- 9. JUBY DE BAILLY** - Moderate trotter with better references in the monté code and can be confidently passed over
- 10. JASMIN DU VALLON** - Well-regarded colt making his first appearance for over a year. Re-qualified in a good time at Caen and, even if only at 80%, can still put on a good show
- 11. JIBI DU FRUITIER** - Very good servant benefitting from a superb entry at the limit of earnings. Won a similar event during the autumn and, barefoot again, looks a serious proposition

**Summary** : Eight times a winner in nine career starts, including over 2100m on the inner track here, JUST DE L'OISON (7) has since had time to freshen up, is shod more competitively, and will have this in the bag if he takes to the main track profile. Théo Duvaldestin will still want to be keeping an eye on the progressive JOKER DES CHALIERS (6) who steps back up in trip in a bid to pull off the hat-trick, and the in-form JIBI DU FRUITIER (11) who won over track and trip mid-October and who returns to racing unshod all 4. Like the favourite, JET JET JET (5) has won 8 of 9, and sports a new shoeing formula, but he faces a stiffer test on his Vincennes debut.

## SELECTIONS

**JUST DE L'OISON (7) - JOKER DES CHALIERS (6) - JIBI DU FRUITIER (11) - JET JET JET (5)**



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## C6 - PRIX READY CASH - SWC 4 ANS Q3 - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Internationale - Harness - EUR € 200.000

1. **KOCTEL DU DAIN** - Exceptionally-talented colt that made up for his Critérium disappointment with a professional Gr.2 Prix Pierre Plazen win here last month. Has the inside line and is expected to confirm
2. **FIFTYFOUR** - Quality Swedish import making his Vincennes debut fitted with pads for the first time. Arguably better over a mile but is well-placed here and should not disappoint
3. **EDY GIRIFALCO GIO** - Hardy Italian colt that showed his form last time out. Debuts at Vincennes with freshness on his side but is shod this time and best to hold off
4. **KANA DE BEYLEV** - Good, consistent filly that ran a close 2nd in the Gr.2 Prix Guy Deloison last month. Takes on the colts this time but is ideally-placed behind the car and must be competitive for a cheque
5. **EAST ASIA** - Serious Italian import that raced better last month than the result would suggest. Has a good spot behind the car and can figure prominently if she stays out of trouble
6. **KING OPERA** - Never far from faulting but has bags of ability. Somewhat unlucky last time out but has nothing to prove in this company and, with stride in check, can make a big splash
7. **KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Reliability not his strong suit but can trot. 6th in race of reference after having beaten KING OPERA (6) in Gr.2 Prix Victor Régis and is not one to be overlooked
8. **KABAKA DE GUEZ** - Fine filly that won the Gr.2 Prix Annick Dreux, at 23/1, during the autumn before running 2nd in Gr.2 Prix Uranie but, against the boys, will have too much to do
9. **KRACK TIME ATOUT** - Can prove a handful but has top-flight credentials. Third in the race of reference but has previously beaten KOCTEL DU DAIN (1) and KING OPERA (6) and will be no pushover, even drawn wide on the front line
10. **KATCHINA DE SIMM** - Has come close on numerous occasions to securing a first Gr.2. Did not do enough last time out though and, in this company, will struggle to make her mark
11. **KAPITANO DE SOURCE** - Dynamic earlier in the year, picking up a valuable Gr.3. Sanctioned in last 2 starts however and must shape up
12. **ENERGY KING GAR** - Well-regarded at home in Italy but has looked very ordinary over recent months and is not about to shake things up
13. **KARA POU RAFAL** - Has fine form in Spain but has yet to convince in 3 French starts and can be confidently ruled out
14. **KSAR** - Not as sharp as he was when 2nd to KOCTEL DU DAIN (1) in the Gr.2 Prix Jacques de Vaulogé in early-September but acquitted himself decently last time and, despite the draw, can again make the first 5
15. **KATINKA DU MOUCHEL** - Late developer that has climbed the class ladder in very good order. Surprise winner of Prix Guy Deloison but the draw will do her no favours this time
16. **KOBAYASHI** - Progressive colt that took his Gr.2 debut in his stride with a good 2nd to KOCTEL DU DAIN (1). Handed a tough draw here but, with Nivard at the helm, is guaranteed a competitive drive

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**Summary** : An absolute marvel since his first steps on the track, KOCTEL DU DAIN (1) takes on 2100m for the first time but is clearly in top form and has the class to win. David Thomain will still be wary of the complicated KING OPERA (6) who beat him in the Gr.1 Critérium des 3 ans during the autumn, and KRACK TIME ATOUT (9) who won that day and who most recently finished 3rd to Allaire's colt in the Gr.2 Prix Pierre Plazen. EAST ASIA (5) was denied a run that day on her first start for her new stable, and Alexandre Abrivard will be out to put things right.

## SELECTIONS

**KOCTEL DU DAIN (1) - KING OPERA (6) - KRACK TIME ATOUT (9) - EAST ASIA (5)**

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**C7 - PRIX DE BUSSIERES - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €  
46.000**

- 1. ISIS D'ALESA** - Has demonstrated better aptitude for the ridden code. Here for a change of scenery and poses no threat
- 2. IRINA DE MONTCEAU** - Previously a useful trotter but lost her way late last season and has picked up this term where she left off
- 3. IRMYLA DE SOMMAIRE** - Has ample ability in this category but has yet to get into her stride this term. Is barefoot again though, has a good spot behind the car and, can start to get back in the game
- 4. ISIS WILD** - Monté horse racing here for reasons of conditioning. Has the plum spot in front but chances still slim
- 5. IXELLE BLEUE** - No slouch on a good day and has won under similar conditions but stays shod for occasion and not an obvious choice
- 6. IDEALE DE BONNEFOI** - Winner over 2850m here 2 months ago. Has come close more than once over 2100m here and can bring home the bacon if she repeats her recent performance
- 7. ICONE D'AVENIR** - Appears to have come into herself this term. Secured her first win, 9 days ago ago, since February 2022 and, with shoes off again, is not incapable of doubling her money
- 8. INITIALE HERAULT** - Hardy mare that seldom disappoints at Vincennes. Put on a very good show here late last month and drops back in category with a good hand to play
- 9. ISLAND STAR** - Fine filly that has thrived since the start of the season. Put away for a spell after imposing over track and trip but is barefoot for return and can play a leading role if Hugues Monthulé successfully navigates the start
- 10. IDAHI DE HOUELLE** - Capable sort but not the most performant horse here. Did finish 2nd with Lebourgeois under these conditions earlier in the year and, if fully fit, will be able to get a look in
- 11. ISIS D'HERFRAIE** - Has ability but never the easiest of horses to gauge. Competitively shod for her return to competition but is expected to need the outing
- 12. IXORA** - Enjoyed a productive stint here last winter and appreciates 2100m. Should be fit by now, and goes first time barefoot, but others still preferred
- 13. IDOLE JALLERIE** - Complicated mare but rarely lets the side down when she can stay in stride. Not ideally-drawn but is confirmed under these conditions and must not be ignored
- 14. ISTANIA DE VIETTE** - Alternates the good with the less good but is plainly in fine condition. Tends to show more a level down though and, from spot 14, is unlikely to shake things up
- 15. I ALONE** - Got back in the game last month when winning a claimer over longer here but, in this company, will need to find considerably more
- 16. IBERA** - Took little time getting back in the winners' circle this term. Won smartly over 2700m a fortnight ago but steps up in category and the draw only compounds matters

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**Summary** : Regularly close to the action and confirmed under these conditions, IDEALE DE BONNEFOI (6) put in a good finish here late last month and, in similar form, can complement her October success. She will still face opposition from ICONE D'AVENIR (7) who won over course and distance recently when barefoot for the first time, and the widely-drawn but very useful ISLAND STAR (9) who has not been seen out since imposing under these conditions in late-September. INITIALE HERAULT (8) has never been tested over 2100m but she beat the favourite here 11 days ago and, even though starting wide, still looks competitively well in.

## SELECTIONS

**IDEALE DE BONNEFOI (6) - ICONE D'AVENIR (7) - ISLAND STAR (9) - INITIALE  
HERAULT (8)**

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**C8 - PRIX DE CRECY LA CHAPELLE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness -  
EUR € 72.000**

- 1. HUDO DU RUEL** - Superb earlier in the year but at a marginally lower level. Will be fit, is barefoot for the occasion, but takes on some very good horses and others preferred
- 2. HACKER LOVER** - Exceptional campaigner that lost nothing during his long layoff. Courageous winner last time out and, from the front row, has every chance of repeating
- 3. GOUROU** - No slouch on a good day but has yet to get into his stride this term and must quickly shape up
- 4. HELENCIO** - Honest sort that pleasantly surprised in good company before finishing a spot behind HOLD UP DES VENTES (5) next time and, from the first line, must be considered a player
- 5. HOLD UP DES VENTES** - Quality individual that put in quite the finish here last time out. In good company once again but still has the class to confirm
- 6. GUI D'ERABLE** - Not the most reliable horse here but flew up a month back and, with form maintained and stride in check, can again make his presence felt
- 7. HEDIC GEMA** - Serious trotter with nothing to prove under these conditions. Lost his action early last time but can more than make amends if Benjamin Rochard gets him off on the right foot
- 8. GOUT BAROQUE** - Group-class horse that has raced just once since January 2022. Still in conditioning-mode and can be written off
- 9. FLAYA KALOUMA** - Seen regularly in this category but has placed just once in last 12 and is unlikely to generate much interest
- 10. GIBOULEE DE MARS** - Has not won for the past 12 months but regularly gives her best. Encouraged here recently but is 25m worse off this time and not a priority
- 11. FAUBOURG** - Never far from springing a surprise but makes his first appearance of the winter and will need the run
- 12. GAMIN JABA** - Tough type with form at a superior level. JMB back in the sulky after his recent flop and, with a better run, can set the record straight

**Summary** : A veritable dynamo when racing unshod, HACKER LOVER (2) did everything asked of him on his first barefoot start back and, from the front line, looks a marginally better bet than 2nd-row starter GAMIN JABA (12) who drops back to a more reasonable level after his GNT Final drubbing. Exceptional over 2850m here, HEDIC GEMA (7) would have finished closer recently had he not lost his action, and Benjamin Rochard will be eager to put things right. As good in one code as the other, HOLD UP DES VENTES (5) took no time getting back in shape and should again figure prominently.

## SELECTIONS

**HACKER LOVER (2) - GAMIN JABA (12) - HEDIC GEMA (7) - HOLD UP DES VENTES (5)**

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

- 1. HERBES FOLLES** - Unremarkable type that pleased under these conditions earlier in the year before going off the boil. Just 2nd start back and not an obvious choice
- 2. HILKA DE BERTRANGE** - No champion but encouraged at Toulouse recently. Has no particular love for Vincennes though and others easier to back
- 3. HIMALAYA TONIQUE** - Very good servant that won well at Le Croisé-Laroche before encountering traffic problems here late last month. Is reunited with Verva who should be able to get her back on track
- 4. HEREDIA** - Showed improvement ahead of HILKA DE BERTRANGE (2) at Toulouse last month but a repeat seems decidedly improbable
- 5. HARMONIE PICARDE** - Winless for almost 12 months but encouraged behind HIMALAYA TONIQUE (3) at Le Croisé-Laroche. At this level though, will struggle to make her presence felt
- 6. HERCALINE** - Useful sort that has returned to competition in decent shape. Alexandre Abrivard in the wagon this time and, from the front row, will be no pushover
- 7. HAXELLITA** - Faithful servant that encouraged on her comeback 2 months ago. Has been conditioned further and returns to Paris with every chance of finishing in the mix at the business end of the race
- 8. HIGH TECH ROC** - Unexceptional mare with better references at a lower level and can be ruled out
- 9. HAPPIE DE FAVEROL** - Has started to come good again following a below-par summer. Beat HERCALINE (6) at Graignes last month and, while unlikely to repeat, should still give an honourable account
- 10. HOTESSE NAY** - Handy sort at a marginally lower level but is significantly better racing clockwise and is not expected to shake things up
- 11. HELMA DE BUSSET** - Regularly object of the stewards' focus but can trot when applied. Entrusted to Eric Raffin this time, is barefoot for the occasion, and can again finish in the mix
- 12. HERMOSA BELLA** - Seen more often in the provinces these days but has solid Vincennes references. Mathieu Mottier in the sulky this time but chances still rather limited
- 13. HYGIE HAUFOR** - Won twice here last winter but has not got her nose in front since. Put in a good finish here recently though and, with form maintained, and more luck in running, can trot her way onto the podium
- 14. HACIENDA** - Impressive last year but has placed just once in last 10 starts and latest effort did little to convince
- 15. HERAKLION** - Tough mare that did not enjoy the best of runs here a fortnight ago but has nothing to prove in this category and Jean-Michel Bazire maintaining faith speaks a thousand words
- 16. HOVA DE BASSIERE** - Regularly in the thick of things when focused and has won at the venue. Did not enjoy much luck here recently but, if afforded a run, is unlikely to disappoint

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**Summary :** Moved to the Varin yard after winning at Bréhal, HERAKLION (15) was denied a path here recently when full of running a fortnight ago. She will once again be reined by JMB and, despite starting on the back line, still looks the one to beat. The more dependable HOVA DE BASSIERE (16) finished ahead of her here that day and Yoann Lebourgeois has kept faith. HYGIE HAUFOR (13) is better than her recent numbers would imply and, even incurring the penalty still looks a player. HIMALAYA TONIQUE (3) is 25m better off and, with Pierre-Yves Verva reining, can put her recent disappointment behind her.

## SELECTIONS

**HERAKLION (15) - HOVA DE BASSIERE (16) - HYGIE HAUFOR (13) - HIMALAYA TONIQUE (3)**