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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX MASINA - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Group 2 - Harness - EUR €
120.000**

- 1. KAYA DREAM** - Has yet to show any aptitude for the harness game and can be ruled out
- 2. KETTY ANGOT** - Progressive filly that showed improvement in a Class A last time out. Eric Raffin in charge this time but still no more than a minor place chance
- 3. KITTY CALL** - Progressive sort that lost her action in the race of reference but with application should have the wherewithal to finish in the money
- 4. KLASSIC** - Handy type that has shown more over shorter and even with pads fitted appears to be facing a stiff test
- 5. KEA ISLAND** - Moderate type that showed a bit too much character last time out and will generate little interest
- 6. KARLOTTA DRY** - Always gives a good account of herself but at this level of competition will show her limits
- 7. KARLA DE MAI** - Has merit but not the most faithful of fillies. Looks to have a better future under the saddle and not an obvious choice this time
- 8. KALICIA JOSSELYN** - Sanctioned almost as often as not but has ability. Left a good impression behind KYRIELLE (12) on penultimate start and if applied can get a look in
- 9. KYRIELLE DES VAUX** - Serious filly in the other code. Here for a change of scenery and poses no danger
- 10. KABAKA DE GUEZ** - Not the most dependable but showed a different side last time out, setting her personal best, and with form maintained can again figure prominently
- 11. KATCHINA DE SIMM** - Improving filly that left a good impression on her re-entry last month. Will have come on for the run and can again make the frame
- 12. KYRIELLE** - Has yet to make the frame in this category but has been showing her form in both codes lately and will have her supporters
- 13. KALAMITY D'HERIPRE** - Twice a Gr.2 winner over the winter but has twice finished behind KANA DE BEYLEV (14) since and expected to play second fiddle once more
- 14. KANA DE BEYLEV** - Classy filly that won a tough Gr.2 before giving another solid effort at the highest level. Unseen since but expected to be at peak fitness and can have her way

Summary : A talented element since her first steps on the track, KANA DE BEYLEV (14) has not been seen out since her fine effort in the Gr.1 Prix Comte Pierre de Montesson but nevertheless has the class to get straight back down to business. Already with two Gr.2's to her name, KALAMITY D'HERIPRE (13) finished a place behind her that day and similarly returns to Vincennes with freshness on her side. KABAKA DE GUEZ (10) returned to winning ways in very good order three weeks ago and in similar form will have a part to play, as should KATCHINA DE SIMM (11) who trotted a good third to her on seasonal comeback.

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**KANA DE BEYLEV (14) - KALAMITY D'HERIPRE (13) - KABAKA DE GUEZ (10) -
KATCHINA DE SIMM (11)**

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C2 - PRIX REGULUS - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59.000

1. **FELICITA D'ECOUVES** - Decent type for the most part but failed to make the grade here a fortnight ago and will have few takers
2. **FLEUR DE LARRE** - Capable type that reassured at Graignes recently but in this company has no realistic chance
3. **GUECHA GIRL** - Useful but has never excelled over this distance. Is in form though and from the front line should not be written off
4. **GIPSY DE CHAMANT** - Has done nothing but improve since returning from her break. Takes on some big guns here however and even with the 25m head-start she will nonetheless need to be at her best
5. **GALIE DE CELINIERE** - Mixes the good with the less good but won a similar event earlier in the season. Reassured last time out and from the front line can make a big impact
6. **FLORE MERITE** - Has failed to make the frame in either code for 14 months and is not about to break the mould
7. **GUARDIA** - Highly consistent sort with good references under these conditions. At the top of her game and looks main threat to GHALIE DU GOUTIER (13)
8. **GLOIRE DU PERCHE** - Versatile type that goes over any trip. Twice a winner from 4 this year and with revised shoeing will be no soft touch
9. **FILLETTE DEL GREEN** - Got back in the game with a solid 2100m success here last time out but with shoes back on for return will struggle to make her mark
10. **ELENE BOURGEOISE** - Has not got her nose in front for some time but has been pleasing lately. Gave a good account behind DEESSE DE CORDAY (15) last time and will generate interest
11. **EGINE PRECIEUSE** - Serious mare with solid credentials in this category and over the distance. Has one race under her belt this term and if fully fit can play a role
12. **GRANDE DE RANCHY** - Quality element with form at this level. Just 2nd start back but is barefoot for the occasion and must not be overlooked
13. **GHALIE DU GOUTIER** - Fine mare with nothing to prove in this category. Boasts excellent track record over course and distance and can win this
14. **DOLCE D'EBANE** - Moderate mare with limited success in this class and after just one re-entry run is unlikely to shake things up
15. **DEESSE DE CORDAY** - Quality element enjoying a productive run of form. Better going clockwise but in current condition is very hard to ignore
16. **FEE LUCERNAISE** - No slouch on a good day but somewhat below-par this term. Reunited with Eric Raffin though and can start to make amends

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Summary : On an excellent run of form since the turn of the year, GHALIE DU GOUTIER (13) has already won under these conditions this term and returns fresh to Vincennes with a realistic chance of repeating. She will still encounter resistance from the remarkably consistent GUARDIA (7) who also scored over track and trip during the winter. GLOIRE DU PERCHE (8) seldom disappoints when applied and is confirmed at this level. Reliability may not be her strong suit but GALIE DE CELINIERE (5) is hard to fault when focused and the 25m head-start will do her chances no disservice.

SELECTIONS

GHALIE DU GOUTIER (13) - GUARDIA (7) - GLOIRE DU PERCHE (8) - GALIE DE CELINIERE (5)

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C3 - PRIX LEO - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59.000

1. **GAMIN DE MAHEY** - Productive for the most part when racing barefoot. Is confirmed over track and trip and from the front line should not be overlooked
2. **GUEPARD DE TILLARD** - Has been showing his form lately but has never imposed in 14 starts over the main track and is unlikely to change his ways
3. **ECLAT DE SUN** - Twice a winner already this season but better staying in the amateur category and will have few takers
4. **GIMS DU PLESSIS** - Very good servant when honed and barefoot. Will be at peak fitness and from the front row can open his seasonal account
5. **GARDE A VOUS** - Occasionally loses his action but has otherwise been on a fine run of form. Breaks in front and given his record over the distance should not be far from the action
6. **ELIXIR DE CRENNES** - Benefits from a very good entry but has been off the boil all season and chances limited
7. **FOSTER WOOD** - Back in business lately following a rough patch. Has no particular love for Vincennes but in present form is hard to ignore
8. **EMENCOURT D'AZIF** - Gave a surprisingly good account over course and distance earlier in the season but well-beaten next time and a minor place chance at best
9. **DISCO D'OCCAGNES** - Modest individual with just one race under his belt this term and will have nothing to offer
10. **GAELIC DU ROCHER** - Not as dependable this term as he was last season but has nothing to prove under these conditions and it is only a question of time before he gets back in the game
11. **FOXTROT NOBLESS** - No longer the horse he once was and no realistic chance on first start since December
12. **FILHIO DE LOU** - Won at a similar level earlier in the year but out of the picture in last two. Returns to racing left-handed though and will be worth monitoring
13. **FANATIC FLASH** - Good class of trotter that has won four of last five. Incurs the penalty but is at the top of his game and can apply the pressure on GIMS DU PLESSIS (4)
14. **GAMIN JABA** - Quality type but lost his way earlier in the year. Handler back in the sulky and can set the record straight
15. **FRESNEAUX** - Unexceptional type making first appearance of the year and unlikely to generate much interest

Summary : Prepared for his first big objective of the season, GIMS DU PLESSIS (4) goes barefoot for the occasion with Eric Raffin at the helm and with a 25m head-start may well be good enough to hold off FANATIC FLASH (13) who has been simply dynamic since last autumn. GAMIN JABA (14) will be reined by JMB this time following a number of disappointing runs and should logically show improvement. GARDE A VOUS (5) benefits from a front-line start and with application can again finish close.

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GIMS DU PLESSIS (4) - FANATIC FLASH (13) - GAMIN JABA (14) - GARDE A VOUS (5)

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C4 - PRIX PAUL KARLE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

1. KOOL DES CHAMPS - Yet to get off the mark but always in the thick of things when behaved. At this level though will have his work cut out

2. KRAFEN - Winner on his only start over the distance here. Fitted with pads again but at this level will struggle to make a big impact

3. KEPI DU HOME - Useful for the most part but trounced in race of reference and again unlikely to spring any surprises

4. KING OPERA - Good class of colt that lost his action in last two big events but is confirmed under these conditions and on good behaviour can figure prominently

5. KRACK TIME ATOUT - Appears to have left his stride woes behind since starting to race with pads. Four fitted this time and should give another honest account

6. KSAR - Serious colt that lost his action in the Pierre de Montesson but made amends with a Gr.3 win three weeks ago and must be afforded significant respect

7. KANADA - Good consistent colt that seldom disappoints. Regularly finishes close to the two favourites and looks next best once again

8. KAMEHAMEHA - Won the race of reference before being demoted to 2nd. Has not been seen out since but will have been prepared with care and with Eric Raffin in charge can come good again

9. KOCTEL DU DAIN - Winner of the Prix Comte Pierre de Montesson following a superb battle with KAMEHAMEHA (8). Front pads fitted again and looks a marginally better bet than his rival

Summary : The two leaders of their generation are set to square off here following their epic battle in the Gr.1 Prix Comte Pierre de Montesson. KAMEHAMEHA (8) came out on top against KOCTEL DU DAIN (9) but was subsequently demoted to second after having been found guilty of interference. This is a new day and a new race, and Eric Raffin will be out to make amends for Björn Goop's blunder, but a marginal preference must go to Philippe Allaire's colt. Third on that occasion after having trotted second in the Gr.2 Prix Paul Viel, KANADA (7) looks a solid podium prospect once more, with the progressive KSAR (6) also expected to garner significant support.

SELECTIONS

KOCTEL DU DAIN (9) - KAMEHAMEHA (8) - KANADA (7) - KSAR (6)

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C5 - PRIX JEAN GAUVREAU - ETRIER 5 ANS Q2 - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Group 2 - Mounted - EUR € 120.000

1. IQUITA VILI - Back at the top of her game following a tough start to the season but in this company will have too much to do

2. INBREED - Undeniably capable under the saddle but has never excelled in this class and unlikely to shake things up

3. IDEA DES VALLONS - Disappointing in all three after ending last season with course-and-distance victory and will have few friends

4. ILIADE MESLOISE - Showed her capacity under these conditions over the winter. Has not been seen out since January but will be well-honed for first objective of the new season and with application should not disappoint

5. I CAN DREAM - Progressive mare with an enviable win-rate. In cracking form since the spell and although unproven over 2175m, she has earned her place in this line-up and must be taken seriously

6. IRINA DE BAILLY - Gives a good account for the most part at this level and with application can make the first five

7. INA DU RIB - Mare of considerable class that has already established herself over track and trip at this level. Showed her form a fortnight ago and looks the logical choice

8. INTUITION - Fine mare that already boasts a Gr.1 win to her name. Would normally be preferred to INA DU RIB (7) but is unraced since January and may have to settle for 2nd choice

Summary : As versatile as they come, INA DU RIB (7) secured her lone Gr.2 over course and distance and after showing her form in the recent Gr.2 Prix Louis Forcinal, looks set to bag her second big race of the season. Jean-Loïc Claude Dersoir will still be keeping a watchful eye on Gr.1 course-and-distance winner INTUITION (8) who is shod for competition on her seasonal bow. Something of a revelation since embarking on her new career, I CAN DREAM (5) takes a hike in class but is in sufficiently good shape to play a prominent role. Always in the thick of things when applied, ILIADE MESLOISE (4) looks next best.

SELECTIONS

INA DU RIB (7) - INTUITION (8) - I CAN DREAM (5) - ILIADE MESLOISE (4)

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C6 - PRIX DIPHDA - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Class D - Harness - EUR € 46.000

1. **ILIADE (SWE)** - Good dual-purpose mare that pleased in a similar event last time out. Up against better horses this time though and not an obvious choice
2. **OBLIVION** - Decent type but has never made the grade at Vincennes and chances limited
3. **CANTAB AS** - Handy sort that tends to go well at a lower level. Trounced last time out and unlikely to spring any surprises
4. **INVADER AM** - Decent type in both disciplines. Is fresh and barefoot and can get a look in
5. **CARLO FERM** - Very effective at home in Italy at a much lower level. Thrashed on French debut and can be confidently passed over
6. **CABASSE** - Well-regarded Swedish import returning to the harness code after a respectable effort under the saddle. Hind shoes off and is worth monitoring
7. **CRISTOPHER PAR** - Imposed over track and trip on first French appearance. Rested for past two months but trainer has not hidden his confidence and a big run anticipated
8. **CARLOFORTE FONT** - Serious trotter that seldom fails to make the first three. Yet to disappoint in Paris and with freshness on her side will be dangerous
9. **CINDERELLA JET** - Winner of the last five races in which she was not sanctioned. JMB takes over in the sulky and can win this if she gets off on the right foot
10. **ISTAR DES RACQUES** - Has been on a cracking run of form since the winter. Gave a good account in both starts at the venue and latest effort bodes well for his prospects
11. **ICELANDER** - Can trot and is improving, but has not placed in 5 starts this year and needs to raise his game
12. **IERMONT** - Delicate but no slouch on a good day. Yet to get into his stride this term but it is only a question of time. Attention
13. **CELESTE BREED** - Previously a good sort but lost her way last summer and no sign of an imminent return to form
14. **CHEMAR** - Serious Italian raider that has shown a liking for Vincennes. Unshod all four this time and in present shape can again finish in the mix
15. **ILLUSION D'AMOUR** - Useful sort that gave a fine account on re-entry last month. Goes barefoot again and should not be underestimated
16. **IN EN VRIE** - Undeniably useful but went off the boil earlier in the season and needs to get his house in order

Summary : Although it is regularly a question of all-or-nothing for CINDERELLA JET (9), she is clearly in form. She will benefit from being reined by her handler this time and can set the record straight. JMB can nevertheless expect to meet opposition from the fresh CARLOFORTE FONT (8) who has already imposed at the venue. Winner over course and distance to get the year off to a positive start, CRISTOPHER PAR (7) has also benefitted from a short spell and returns to Vincennes with a realistic chance of confirming. Solid in three of his four appearances at the venue, the Italian CHEMAR (14) returns to the capital in top form and is barefoot for the occasion.

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CINDERELLA JET (9) - CARLOFORTE FONT (8) - CRISTOPHER PAR (7) - CHEMAR (14)

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C7 - PRIX EUGENIA - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40.000

1. **JEANNE DELO** - Has demonstrated good consistency over recent months and appreciates a good pace. Tricky draw on the inside but can still give JASMINE DE VAU (8) a run for her money
2. **JAVA DES AUGERIES** - Showed early promise but disappointing for some time and can be passed over
3. **JOIE TOTALE** - Quality filly that lost her way last season. Should be fit by now though and with a leading driver at the helm this time can get back in the game
4. **JALAPA DU BUISSON** - Sanctioned on lone start when unshod all four but otherwise at the top of her game and is ideally-positioned to make a big impact
5. **JYLVIE DE GUEUDE** - Has decent credentials over the distance but lacklustre in last three and must raise her game
6. **JICKY GIRL** - Drops marginally in category for her return to competition but stays shod and will not be given a hard race
7. **JASMINE D'OUILLY** - In the frame in two of last three but has never excelled over 2100m and not an obvious choice this time
8. **JASMINE DE VAU** - Made recent Vincennes debut a winning one. Running over modified course this time and drawn wide but still has the class to double her money
9. **JOYCE DREAM** - Gives a solid account for the most part and has already been successful over a similar trip. Handed a tough draw but still good enough to challenge for a place in the frame
10. **JEMILLIA BELLA** - Solid sort that has returned to competition in good shape. Finished close to JALAPA DU BUISSON (4) last time but the draw will limit her chances somewhat
11. **JALNA DE TOUCHYVON** - Delicate but otherwise seldom fails to fire. Expected to be fully fit and with application can get a look in
12. **JOY DU CHERISAY** - Won over the distance on the main track to kick the year off but just hind shoes off following a spell and a minor place prospect at best
13. **JAVA DE RETZ** - Opened her account on turf earlier in the month and goes barefoot for the first time but drawn poorly and in this company will need to be at her best
14. **JOMA OV** - Won over the distance on the main track to kick the year off but less effective since and unlikely to trouble the opposition
15. **JAPONICA** - Alternates the good and the less good but is confirmed under these conditions. The draw however will do her no favours
16. **JOLLY LADY** - Very disappointing since winning across town earlier this term and needs to reassure

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Summary : Following a tough start to the season, JASMINE DE VAU (8) got back in the game with victory over 2700m here last month when unshod behind for the first time. She is forced to start wide on this occasion but still looks good enough to hold off the consistent JEANNE DELO (1) who is better positioned on the inside. In excellent shape all season, JALAPA DU BUISSON (4) gave a solid account on the main track 10 days ago and from the 4-spot is well-placed to give this a good go. JOYCE DREAM (9) has a decent record over these shorter trips and even though not ideally placed can still get in on the action.

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JASMINE DE VAU (8) - JEANNE DELO (1) - JALAPA DU BUISSON (4) - JOYCE DREAM (9)