R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DU GATINAIS - 2850m (a2m) - Class A Race - Harness - EUR € 90,000

- **1. FASHION TOUCH -** Reassuring 3rd of 14, at 52/1, in a 2150m Enghien Class C on 20 April but a repeat seems unlikely
- **2. DEGANAWIDAH -** Has done nothing of note this term, most recently last of 15 in a 2450m Caen Class B on Saturday, and backs up with slim prospects
- **3. HIDALGO DES NOES -** Failed to confirm his good April performance when last but one in a 2100m Class B here 11 days ago. Has merit but appears to be facing a stiff test
- 4. EQUINOXE JIEL Disappointing 10th of 14 in 4 May race of reference and can be passed over
- **5. EBERTON -** Well-campaigned veteran that finished 5th, a place behind BORDEAUX S. (6), in a 2100m Class B here early this month, but will have his work cut out this time
- **6. BORDEAUX S. -** 4th of 14 in a 2100m Vincennes Class B 11 days ago, on first start for new trainer, and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- **7. GENDREEN -** Returns to racing with front pads fitted after finishing 6th behind HE AND ME (9) in a similar event here on 19 April. Trainer back in the sulky but others still preferred
- 8. EVEIL DU CHATELET Last of 15 in a 2800m Gr.3 at Cordemais 3 weeks ago. Has other priorities and can be ruled out
- **9. HE AND ME -** Tough campaigner that trotted 3rd in a similar event here a month ago, on just 2nd start back, and looks the one to beat this time
- **10. FAKIR DE MAHEY -** 3rd of 11 in a 2650m Bordeaux Gr.3 late-April. Has nothing to prove under these conditions and must be considered a contender
- **11. GOELAND D'HAUFOR -** Was not out of the picture when sanctioned behind GRACE DU DIGEON (13) in a 3100m Angers Gr.3 early last month. Comes here fresh but represents no more than a minor place prospect
- **12. BILO JEPSON -** Speedy individual that pleasantly surprised when 4th in 2700m Gr.2 Prix Kerjacques here in early-April. Just front shoes off this time but still looks competitively well-in
- **13. GRACE DU DIGEON -** Lost her action, when full of running, in a 2650m Bordeaux Gr.3 late last month. Is clearly in excellent shape, receives a Franck Nivard drive for the occasion, and will be no pushover. Chance
- **14. FAKIR MERITE -** Yet to convince this term, latterly 6th, behind FAKIR DE MAHEY (10) in a 2650m Bordeaux Gr.3 on 29 April and, even racing barefoot, is unlikely to shake things up
- **15. FERRARI SISU -** Useful Swedish raider returning to France after trotting 8th over 2140m at Jägersro on 20 April. Sanctioned in both Vincennes starts but, with application, has the wherewithal to get in on the action

16. EPSOM D'HERFRAIE - 8th of 11, when being conditioned, in a 3200m Fougères Class A on 28 April. Already twice a winner this term and, barefoot for the occasion, can play a leading role

Summary: A competitive affair this, with a number in contention, but preference nevertheless goes to the hardy HE AND ME (9) who produced a very good effort under these conditions last month, and who is clearly close to his race. Julien Dubois nevertheless faces stiff opposition from recent Angers winner, GRACE DU DIGEON (13) who should logically bounce back from her recent Bordeaux blunder, and the well-engaged EPSOM D'HERFRAIE (16) who is barefoot for his return to the capital. BILO JEPSON (12) drops back in class following a surprisingly good performance in last month's Gr.2 Prix Kerjacques, and even though shod differently, should still figure prominently.

SELECTIONS

HE AND ME (9) - GRACE DU DIGEON (13) - EPSOM D'HERFRAIE (16) - BILO JEPSON (12)

C2 - PRIX JACQUES DE SAINT SAUVEUR - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 59,000

- FINOU DU LUOT Sanctioned in last 3, most recently a 2875m Loudéac claimer on 27 April, and will have few, if any, friends
- **2. FLAMBOYANT DU RIB -** 10th of 15 in a 2650m Bordeaux Class E late-April and, even from the 2-spot, has no realistic chance
- **3. FRANKLIN DE MESLAY -** Surprising 5th of 11 in a 2850m Laval Class D 2 weeks ago. Drawn well, and sports modified shoeing, but seldom gets his nose in front and is not about to change his ways
- **4. FIRST DES CHARRONS -** Valiant 2nd in a 2800m Cholet Class E on 1 April. Is plainly close to his race and is ideally-positioned to win this
- **5. FELICITA D'ECOUVES -** Reassuring 2nd of 15 in a 2850m Class D here on 4 January. Gets on well with Alexis Collette and, with form maintained, will be dangerous
- **6. FOGO PICO -** Sanctioned in a 2825m Lignières Class E a month back. Benefits from a good entry though, has been entrusted to Mathieu Mottier, and can begin to redeem himself
- **7. FEU DE REVOLTE -** Makes first appearance since being sanctioned in a 2700m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche on 1 April. Pads fitted and François Lagadeuc reining, but still not an obvious choice
- **8. EXPEDITIOUS -** Takes a marked rise in class after finishing 12th of 15 in a 2700m claimer here a fortnight ago. Is forced to start wide and chances limited
- **9. FUTE BUROIS -** 10th of 12, on first start since the break, in a 2850m Loudéac Class E on Saturday. Races barefoot this time, with David Thomain reining, and will have his supporters
- **10. FALCON JET -** Impressive winner of a 2750m Class F at La Capelle 10 days ago and, even from the 2nd row, looks a major player
- **11. FILOU DE L'ELLE -** Denied a run, finishing 7th behind FELICITA D'ECOUVES (5) in a 2850m Class D here earlier in the month, and can make amends if Benjamin Rochard keeps him out of trouble
- **12. FERIA DE LIGNY -** 4th of 17 in a 2950m Class F at Le Mans a week ago. On the right path for new trainer and, despite the draw, still looks a player
- **13. EMIR DU PRESSOIR -** Modest individual that came 11th in claiming race of reference and, barefoot or not, can be written off
- **14. FAKIR DE GESVRES -** Regressive profile, latterly 8th behind EXPEDITIOUS (8) in a 2850m claimer here 3 weeks ago, and has little going for him
- **15. DANTE TURGOT -** Drops back in category after trotting 8th of 11 in a 2650m Bordeaux Gr.3 on 29 April. Pleased here earlier this term but still not a priority
- **16. FAUCON DE L'ALBA -** Faulted, when still in the running, in a 2750m Class F at La Capelle 10 days ago but the draw will do him no favours

Summary: Wonderfully-consistent and clearly in fine form, FIRST DES CHARRONS (4) pleased on his lone appearance here and, from the 4-spot, looks eminently capable of opening his Vincennes account. That said, FELICITA D'ECOUVES (5) reassured over longer here recently and will not be available at 20/1 this time around. FALCON JET (10) if forced to break from the back line but won so well at La Capelle that he is very hard to ignore. Reinvigorated since winning a claimer over course and distance last month, FERIA DE LIGNY (12) is also a back-row starter but still merits respect.

SELECTIONS

FIRST DES CHARRONS (4) - FELICITA D'ECOUVES (5) - FALCON JET (10) - FERIA DE LIGNY (12)

C3 - PRIX DE L'AUBE - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 40,000

- **1. L'AS TEJY -** Made little impression when posting 1'20"9 in qualification last summer but is so well-related that it is hard to ignore his presence in this field. Claim
- **2. LADAKH DE KEMP -** Qualified respectably under the saddle at Grosbois early-March but faces a stiff test first time out and best to wait
- **3. LATSBY DE GUEZ -** Sanctioned in both starts to date, most recently a 2700m Class D here late last month, and will generate little interest
- **4. LASER DE JOUDES -** Makes monté debut following 3 harness flops, latterly a 2675m Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne Class F on 1 May, and is not easy to like
- **5. LUCKY DES SOURCES -** Sanctioned in a 2850m Laon Class F a fortnight back but nevertheless looked in decent shape and can make the first 5 if Alexis Collette manages to keep him focused
- **6. LITTLE DRAGON -** Debuts under the saddle after coming 3rd of 8 finishers in a 2000m Rambouillet Class F 2 weeks ago. Padded, with Anthony Barrier in the irons, and should be good enough to apply the pressure on L'AS TEJY (1)
- **7. LOVE D'AUTHISE -** 5th of 6 finishers, on monté debut, in a 2700m Class D here late last month. Fitted with pads this time, with Benjamin Rochard in the saddle, and will be worth monitoring
- **8. LUIGI D'ISIGNY -** Started to make good on his promise when 3rd of 9 in a 2450m Caen Class E 10 days back. Comes here with form intact and must be afforded respect
- **9. LITTLEBOY DE PLANY -** Encouraging 2nd of 11 in a 2850m Laon Class F a fortnight ago. 4 pads fitted this time and must be considered a solid place prospect

Summary: Half-brother to Gr.1 Prix d'Essai winner, L'AS TEJY (1) set off few fireworks in his harness qualification last year, but is bred for this discipline and can get off the mark at the first time of asking. LITTLE DRAGON (6) demonstrated considerable improvement, and progress, under harness last time and will be no soft touch if form transitions. LITTLEBOY DE PLANY (9) showed a different side to himself last time out, and reverting to 4 pads should only work in his favour. LUIGI D'ISIGNY (8) left a good impression on his Caen re-entry and is eminently capable of repeating.

SELECTIONS

L'AS TEJY (1) - LITTLE DRAGON (6) - LITTLEBOY DE PLANY (9) - LUIGI D'ISIGNY (8)

C4 - PRIX DE MONT-DE-MARSAN - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- **1. KALINKA MOYA -** Pleasant 5th of 12 in a 2500m Reims Class F late-April. Steps up in category though and no more than a minor place prospect
- **2. KALINE D'ERABLE -** Unlucky not to finish closer than 4th in a 2200m Caen Class E late-April. Form is not in question and will figure prominently if she keeps trotting
- **3. KELLY PRINCESSE -** Sanctioned in 5 of 6 this year, most recently a 2450m Caen Class E mid-March, and is not about to spring any surprises
- **4. KOMEDIE SOMOLLI -** Races barefoot this time after coming 6th, behind KISS ME DAIDOU (8), in a 2825m Chartres Class E late last month. In the frame in 2 of last 4 over the main track and will be dangerous if she stays in stride
- **5. KYRA D'ESSARTS -** Bids for 3-in-a-row after winning a 2725m Graignes Class E in good order 12 days ago and looks thoroughly capable of pulling off the hat-trick
- **6. KARIMA DU PARC -** Debuts left-handed after coming 2nd of 10 in a 2150m Toulouse Class E on 12 April. Front shoes off for the first time and will not be far off the mark if she turns
- **7. KIVA DU LOISIR** Disappointing of late, latterly sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class E mid-April, but has untapped potential, sports a new configuration and, with application, can make her presence felt
- **8. KISS ME DAIDOU -** Consistent sort that missed out by little for 2nd in a 2825m Chartres Class E on 28 April. Has the profile to do well at Vincennes and is very hard to ignore
- **9. KARMEN DE MONTCEAU -** 8th of 10 finishers in a 2175m Class D here 8 days ago and can be confidently passed over
- **10. KENZA SUPREME -** Debuts in the capital after winning 3 of last 4, comfortably securing a 2875m Argentan Class E a month ago, and looks principal threat to KENZA SUPREME (10)
- **11. KOMMUNES DE PLAY -** Decent 5th over 2700m here before coming last of 12 when prepping, shod, in a 2800m Bernay Class E 3 days ago. Unsod-all-4 this time but, in this company, will have her work cut out
- **12. KUBITSA -** Makes first appearance since finishing last of 9 in a 2600m Saint-Galmier Class B on 19 February and is unlikely to cause an upset

Summary: A revelation since starting to race barefoot, KYRA D'ESSARTS (5) makes her metropolitan debut in cracking form and can wrap this up if she takes to these eclectic conditions. She will however still feel the heat from the revitalised, and barefoot, KENZA SUPREME (10) who is very much in the mix here, and the talented but erratic KOMEDIE SOMOLLI (4) who is barefoot following her Chartres prep. KISS ME DAIDOU (8) is behind in earnings, has bags of ability, and makes her Vincennes bow with justified ambition.

SELECTIONS

KYRA D'ESSARTS (5) - KENZA SUPREME (10) - KOMEDIE SOMOLLI (4) - KISS ME DAIDOU (8)

C5 - PRIX DE FECAMP - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 52,000

- 1. EMY STECCA Faulted early in a 2850m Class A here early last month and looks out of her depth here
- **2. ELOISE GAR -** Looked ordinary when 8th to NIAGARA RIVER (5) in a 2850m Class A, on French debut, here early last month and can be ruled out
- 3. EL CHAPO STECCA 5th of 11 in a 2850m Class A here on 6 April. Stays shod though and best to hold off
- **4. EVERY TIME WINNER -** Pleased here earlier in the year before coming 9th of 10 over 2060m at Turin last month, but at this level, will struggle to make his mark
- **5. NIAGARA RIVER -** 3rd of 11, at 58/1, over 2850m here before scoring over 2100m at home in Wolvega 11 days ago and returns to Paris with a decent chance of making the frame once more
- **6. KEPI DEL -** Won, particularly well, a 2550m Beaumont-de-Lomagne Class C on 1 April. Sports same configuration and the double is not out of the question
- **7. EDGAR SABA -** Steps back up in category after missing out by little in a 2850m Class B here late-February. Barefoot for re-entry though and is not to be underestimated
- **8. KEVIN PRINCE -** Made up for his Caen blip with 2nd to a good horse in a 2500m Reims Class D a month ago, and looks a respectable first-5 chance this time around
- **9. KALAO DU VIVIER -** Reliability not his strong suit but came a reassuring 2nd of 9 in a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class C last week. Has references under these conditions and will generate some interest
- **10. ERICA JET -** Won over 2850m here before coming 5th of 10 in a Class A over course and distance late-March. Comes here fresh but takes on the boys and chances limited
- **11. KYOTO DIGEO -** Would have finished 7th in a Class A over course and distance on 26 April had he not faulted and, barefoot this time, can get a look-in if he stays in stride
- **12. KALINOU QUICK -** Oddly-below-par when 7th of 11 in a Class B over course and distance last week, but won superbly the time before and has a realistic chance of setting the record straight
- **13. KRISTO BOURBON -** Quality individual but sanctioned on re-entry in a 2875m Enghien Gr.2 on 20 April. Sports a new configuration but may still be a race shy
- **14. KIWI DE TREMONT -** Front pads fitted for first start since coming 4th in a Class A over track and trip late-January, and Anthony Barrier will be loathe to pass up on such a good opportunity. Chance

Summary: Tenacious winner over 2100m here before failing to fire over course and distance a week ago, but is unlikely to be here so soon were he incapable of making amends. Romain Derieux will still be keeping an eye on the well-engaged KIWI DE TREMONT (14) who is competitively-shod for his first start since the layoff, and the serious NIAGARA RIVER (5) who is back barefoot after winning at Wolvega earlier in the month. The pendulum swung for KEPI DEL (6) at Beaumont-de-Lomagne last month and, shod similarly, can play an important part.

SELECTIONS

KALINOU QUICK (12) - KIWI DE TREMONT (14) - NIAGARA RIVER (5) - KEPI DEL (6)

C6 - PRIX DE NICE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 41,000

- **1. DADA DEL RONCO -** Races barefoot this time after coming last of 8 in a 2875m Enghien Class B 2 weeks ago but is unlikely to rock the status quo
- 2. JULY DU GUESNE 5th of 10 in a 2150m Enghien claimer a fortnight back. Nicely-positioned in front but still looks outclassed
- **3. RIVERDALE Z. -** Good Swedish campaigner making Vincennes debut after trotting 3rd of 10 over 2140m at Solvalla 3 weeks ago and, with front shoes off for just 2nd time, is unlikely to disappoint
- **4. JAVA DE CASTELLE -** Pleasant 6th of 9, despite some traffic problems, in a 2700m Class E here on 4 April and, with more luck in running, can get a look-in
- **5. JALNA DU BUISSON -** Scored, for the first time in almost a year, a tenacious 2725m Class E victory at Graignes 12 days ago and while unlikely to repeat, can still finish in the mix
- **6. JAVERNE -** Has transitioned from Turin to Vincennes with ease. Sent for a spell after coming last but one, when shod, in a 2150m Enghien Class D mid-March and barefoot this time, can return to winning ways
- **7. JULIA D'AMOUR -** Blows hot and cold but only 8th of 11 finishers in a 2450m Caen Class E late last month but, has a top spot behind the car, and will not be far from the action if she deigns to keep trotting
- **8. JET SET DU BELLAY -** Produced a good effort at Enghien before just running out of puff, when 8th of 9 in a 2700m Class E here 11 days ago. Well-suited to this trip though and can make the frame
- **9. MISS JAJA -** Out of the picture in all 3 this year, most recently last of 14 in a 2700m Class D here last Friday, and the draw only compounds matters
- **10. POWER BRIGADOON -** Last of 6 over 2840m at Mons a month ago. Gabriele Gelormini reining this time but still not an obvious choice
- **11. DEDE DELL'OLMO -** Makes Vincennes debut on a hat-trick after securing the double over 1650m in Milan on 19 April. Unlikely to pull it off but can make her presence felt if she takes to the new profile

Summary: Excellent in both Vincennes appearances, continuing her remarkable run of form, JAVERNE (6) goes barefoot for her re-entry and, from the front line, will take all the beating. New to the venue after a brace of good return runs at home in Sweden, and with front shoes off for the occasion, the well-positioned RIVERDALE Z. (3) looks the main threat, although JULIA D'AMOUR (7) will be no easy touch if Benjamin Rochard gets her off on the right foot. JET SET DU BELLAY (8) raced better here earlier in the month than the result would suggest and, despite a wide draw, still looks a player.

SELECTIONS

JAVERNE (6) - RIVERDALE Z. (3) - JULIA D'AMOUR (7) - JET SET DU BELLAY (8)

C7 - PRIX D'AIRE SUR L'ADOUR - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 53,000

- **1. IGUANE DE CAPONET -** Excellent 3rd, a place behind IN LOVE MESLOIS (7), in a 2850m Class E on comeback here 10 days ago. Boasts good main-track references and has already won 4 times for his driver. Chance
- **2. ISERIA GRIFF -** Serious sort that held off GONNABE SHADOW (13) for victory in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 18 April. Has never disappointed under these conditions, is well-placed behind the car, but others still easier to back
- **3. INVISIBLE SAM -** Thriving this year, most recently 4th of 9 finishers in a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class E 9 days ago, but, at this level, will struggle to make his mark
- **4. NINEPOINTS LASSE -** Raced well before faulting in a Class E under these conditions late last month. Franck Nivard reining this time, is ideally-placed in front, and can play a small role if he stays in stride
- **5. IDEAL GREEN -** 3rd of 17, when being conditioned, in a 2875m Argentan Class F mid-April. Below-par this term but has solid course-and-distance credentials and, barefoot this time looks a serious proposition
- **6. LUCKY GUY BOKO -** Consistently in the thick of things, most recently 4th over course and distance late last month. Better-positioned this time and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- **7. IN LOVE MESLOIS -** 5th of 11 in a 3175m Saint-Omer Class F a fortnight ago. Tends to be seen over longer but reverts to a previous configuration and looks a respectable first-5 prospect
- **8. ODANA VRIJTHOUT -** Sanctioned in last 2, most recently when full of running in a 2500m Reims Class F on 17 April. Barefoot this time and on better behaviour, can eke out a cheque
- **9. COBRA KILLER GAR -** Won over course and distance early-April before completing the hattrick in a 2700m Class D here a fortnight later and despite an unfavourable draw, can make it 4-on-the-trot
- **10. OSCAR VAN HALBEEK -** Sanctioned in late-April race of reference, when preparing for this. Barefoot for the occasion though and should not be too far from the action if Franck Ouvrie keeps him trotting
- **11. CAMPIONE RAL -** Useful at home in Italy, however last but one in a 2800m Cholet Class F on 29 April, and will have nothing to offer
- **12. ONE LOVE BIANCA -** Faithful servant that won over 2300m at Mons last week. Gave a good account here early last month and, although starting on the back row, still looks competitively well-in
- **13. GONNABE SHADOW -** Bridesmaid in 2 before coming 6th of 12 in a Class E over track and trip late-April and will need to raise her game
- **14. CRALGIDO SM -** Sent for a break after being sanctioned in 4 straight, last time in a 2875m Enghien Class B early-October, and will need the run
- **15. DJANGO SILVER -** Has struggled in both codes since coming south, latterly 10th of 12 behind ONE LOVE BIANCA (12) over course and distance late-April, and is not about to spring a surprise

Summary: Winner of three of his last 4, including over 2100m on the main track, COBRA KILLER GAR (9) has been handed a wide draw on the front line but still looks a better bet than the well-positioned IDEAL GREEN (5) who has never disappointed under these conditions. Younn Lebourgeois would have hoped for a better draw for IGUANE DE CAPONET (1) but he left a very good impression on last month's re-entry and will have come on for the run. LUCKY GUY BOKO (6) is a model of consistency, is plainly close to his race, and deserves to be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

COBRA KILLER GAR (9) - IDEAL GREEN (5) - IGUANE DE CAPONET (1) - LUCKY GUY BOKO (6)

C8 - PRIX DU PERREUX - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 90,000

- **1. JEROBOAM D'ERABLE -** Serious horse that won a 2850m monté Gr.2 here on 26 April but has other priorities and can be ruled out
- **2. I.D. EXCEPTIONAL -** Unseen since coming 8th of 12 in a Class E over course and distance 4 months ago. Debuts for new trainer and will need the run
- **3. HNOKKI SPEED -** Hardy Danish sort that faulted on French debut in a 2875m Enghien Class A on 20 April but can figure prominently if Franck Nivard manages to keep him trotting
- **4. DIAMOND FRANCIS -** 7th of 10, behind JANGO VICI (6), in a 2875m Enghien Class A on 20 April. Front shoes off but still not easy to trust
- **5. ISTER MAN -** Serious trotter that won a 2100m Class D, from pillar to post, here on 19 April. Takes a hike in category but still looks up to the task of making the frame
- **6. JANGO VICI -** Drops back in class after a surprising 5th of 10 in a 2850m Gr.2 here earlier this month. Barefoot for the occasion and, with form maintained, will take some beating
- **7. IPALIO -** Goes barefoot this time after coming 9th in race of reference following a 2-months' spell. Will have progressed but others still easier to back
- **8. JAGUAR GRIFF -** Has not been seen out since faulting in a 2100m Class A here last September. Hind shoes off for comeback and, although not a priority, can still make the first 5
- **9. INFANT PERRINE -** Got back on track when 3rd of 14 in a 2100m Class D here on 3 May. Seldom gets his nose in front but can still finish in the mix
- **10. IRON MESLOIS -** Knocking at the door all year, most recently 3rd of 8 in a 2850m Lyon-Parilly Class D on 31 March. Shoes back on though and best to hold off
- **11. CHARMY CHARLY AS -** Plainly back at the top of his game after dominating a Class C over track and trip a month ago. Boasts a superb record over 2700m here and looks a serious proposition
- **12. COQUAHOLY -** Quality Swedish trotter making first appearance since coming 2nd of 9 finishers in a Gr.3 over course and distance on 21 January. Is clearly in 'race' mode and the Gelormini-factor must be taken into account

Summary: JANGO VICI (6) takes on a good, but less-exalted, bunch after his fine Gr.2 performance earlier in the month and, already 3 times a winner for Benjamin Rochard, looks the pick of the field. CHARMY CHARLY AS (11) showed her form in a Class C over course and distance a month back and confirmation is not beyond his reach. Very hard to knock this year, ISTER MAN (5) made short work of a 2100m Class D here last time out and deserves to take his chances. Confirmed under these conditions and barefoot for re-entry, COQUAHOLY (12) is not to be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

JANGO VICI (6) - CHARMY CHARLY AS (11) - ISTER MAN (5) - COQUAHOLY (12)