

FRIDAY, 15/12/23

R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DES GIROFLEES - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
38.000**

- 1. LOUNA D'OR** - The lone debutante in the field. Made little impact in qualification during the summer and others easier to back
- 2. LAURENE DE BAILLY** - Decent filly that left a good impression on debut here last week. Pads fitted this time and is unlikely to disappoint
- 3. LA JOIE DE VIVRE** - Has bags of potential but her temperament regularly gets in the way. Showed her form here 3 weeks ago though and will not be far off the mark if she stays in stride
- 4. LIPIKA JOSSELYN** - Well-regarded at home but has yet to show her true colours. JMB reining this time around and can put things right. Claim
- 5. LAIKA DES MARES** - Left a good impression on debut here 9 days ago. Will have come on for the run and is worth worth keeping an eye on
- 6. LILI DE POMMERAYE** - Gave a decent account of herself on debut in the provinces last month. Is unlikely to spring a surprise but should still acquit herself competitively
- 7. LARA CROFT** - Sanctioned in first 2 before imposing at Nantes last month. Has had time to freshen up and, on good behaviour, can repeat
- 8. LILYDALE** - Unremarkable so far but can trot when applied. In this company though, will have too much to do
- 9. LADY POP** - Yet to get off the mark but has demonstrated good consistency. Yet to be tested beyond 2175m but is in such good form that she is hard to ignore
- 10. LALYLY BEY** - Promising sort that proved herself over course and distance last month. Sanctioned next time but will be dangerous if applied
- 11. LEMONADE FIZZ** - Has done everything asked of her to date, and most recently opened her account. Steps up in category though and a minor place chance at best

Summary : Not the easiest of horses to handle, LIPIKA JOSSELYN (4) is nevertheless a beautifully-bred filly with considerable potential. The boss takes over in the sulky for the first time and should be able to win this if she can keep her action together. That said, LAURENE DE BAILLY (2) trotted 1'15"3 on her recent debut here and, fitted with front pads this time, is expected to show a completely different side. After a brace of sanctions, LARA CROFT (7) set the record straight at Nantes and will again figure prominently if Tony Le Beller keeps her trotting. LALYLY BEY (10) has twice come close to opening her account, including over track and trip, and Alexandre Abrivard is unlikely to let the opportunity pass him by this time around.

SELECTIONS

LIPIKA JOSSELYN (4) - LAURENE DE BAILLY (2) - LARA CROFT (7) - LALYLY BEY (10)

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C2 - PRIX DE QUISSAC - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
35.000

- 1. JOSY EXPRESS** - Consistently in the thick of things since the summer. Thrives with Clarisse Lelièvre at the helm and looks a player on her Vincennes debut
- 2. JUDICIOUS** - Heavily campaigned sort that springs the occasional surprise. Would have finished in the mix last time had she kept her action together and should not be underestimated
- 3. JUSTICE SECRETE** - Moderate type that seldom disappoints when barefoot. Yet to establish her credentials on the inner course but still looks capable of getting in on the action
- 4. JULOHA STAR ELGE** - Totally lost her way after scoring at Caen last March. Competitively shod for 2nd start back but others still preferred
- 5. JEZABEL DU BISTON** - Has ability but mixes the good with the less good. Twice out of the picture after imposing at Mauquenchy and, after a further 6 weeks off, is unlikely to shake things up
- 6. JADE PAROYO** - Pleased for the most part here last winter but has yet to convince since returning to competition and, even racing barefoot, looks an outsider
- 7. JALOUSIE MAZA** - Yet to be bested in current configuration. Has climbed the class ladder in good order and looks set to take her game to a new level
- 8. JOKE DE CHENU** - Useful sort that was oddly out of sorts here on Tuesday. Eric Raffin reining this time and backs up with a lot to offer
- 9. JANE CASH** - Good class of filly with an enviable strike-rate. Proved herself going left-handed at Mauquenchy and, shod competitively this time, looks a serious proposition
- 10. JALBA DU FER** - Sanctioned on lone appearance here but is an honest trotter. Looked very ordinary last time out though and will need to raise her game
- 11. JOYCE CAUVELLIERE** - Not the most reliable of trotters but is confirmed over course and distance. Below-par here last month but has had time to freshen up and can get back in the game

Summary : A veritable metronome in the provinces, JALOUSIE MAZA (7) makes her Vincennes debut on a 6-timer, has previously won over 2200m, and once again looks the pick of the field. She is still expected to encounter resistance from the tough and in-form JANE CASH (9) who sports a new configuration for her metropolitan inauguration, and JOKE DE CHENU (8) who is significantly better than her formcard would suggest. JOSY EXPRESS (1) has turned a corner since starting to race barefoot and, in current form, is very easy to like.

SELECTIONS

JALOUSIE MAZA (7) - JANE CASH (9) - JOKE DE CHENU (8) - JOSY EXPRESS (1)

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**C3 - PRIX DE DIVONNE-LES-BAINS - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness -
EUR € 40.000**

- 1. JACKAO DE GUEZ** - Not the most reliable but is no slouch when unshod. Unexceptional 3rd to JUAN PERRINE (7) 3 weeks ago but must still be retained
- 2. JACKPOT D'ORGUEIL** - Progressive sort that imposed well on re-entry, to pull off the 3-timer. Is proven at the venue and, pads fitted for the occasion, can continue his victorious ways
- 3. JAGUAR D'OBRET** - No star but dependable for the most part. Entrusted to Eric Raffin after flopping here last month and, hind shoes off for the first time, should not be written off
- 4. JEWEL TOUCH** - Quality type whose form is on the way up. Gets on famously with Franck Nivard and will be competitive for a place on the podium
- 5. JOKER DU PONT** - Mixes the good with the less good but has form over the long course. Will have come on for his recent, good re-entry run and should not be far off the mark
- 6. JOVIAL HAUFOR** - Fine trotter that has shown a liking for Vincennes. Is unbeaten in 2 starts when barefoot and, proven under these conditions, looks a major player
- 7. JUAN PERRINE** - Twice failed to impress at this level during the autumn but has since made amends. Tenacious winner here last time and is not incapable of repeating
- 8. JAGUAR DU LOISIR** - Enjoyed a respectable run of form during the summer but has since lost his way. Returns barefoot to the harness code but others still easier to support
- 9. JICOMTE** - Consistently acquits himself well when barefoot, boasts decent Vincennes credentials and, while not a priority, will be worth monitoring
- 10. JOCKSTRAP** - Not everyone's cup of tea but is confirmed in this category. Reverts to previous configuration and can play a small role if he stays in stride
- 11. JOYAU DE MORTREE** - Not without merit but is never easy to trust and, even going barefoot, still appears to have his work cut out
- 12. JAZZY FLIGNY** - Won over track and trip, under the saddle, last winter but is not the most performant of horses here and can be passed over
- 13. JILORD VIVA** - Useful sort that has yet to win here but regularly finishes in the mix. In tough company this time though and others preferred
- 14. JOLI MANNEQUIN** - Faithful servant that has taken well to Vincennes conditions. Reunited with Alexandre Abrivard who has already won with him, and is competitive for a place in the frame

Summary : After having come into himself during the spring with 2 wins in succession, JACKPOT D'ORGUEIL (2) returned from his break to complete the hat-trick. With front pads fitted, as he had here earlier in the year, he looks just a marginally better bet than JOVIAL HAUFOR (6) who boasts an excellent record over the main track. Twice a winner in 3 starts over the long course, JUAN PERRINE (7) should thrive over this distance and will be no soft touch. JEWEL TOUCH (4) has done nothing but progress since the summer and will not be far from the action.

SELECTIONS

JACKPOT D'ORGUEIL (2) - JOVIAL HAUFOR (6) - JUAN PERRINE (7) - JEWEL TOUCH

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**C4 - PRIX DE CAMPBON - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
40.000**

- 1. KAROLUS FAIR** - Useful sort that has turned a corner since being fitted with pads. Takes on a better bunch this time around though and not a priority
- 2. KADEO JOSSELYN** - Complicated colt but has talent in spades. Unlucky not to finish close here 10 days ago but these conditions should suit him to a tee. Claim
- 3. KAISER CHANCE** - Has ample ability but sanctioned as often as not and is unlikely to surprise on his first appearance over the main track
- 4. KRACUS DE GUEZ** - Sanctioned almost as often as not but has been in excellent shape over last 2 months. Should appreciate 2175m and his latest effort behind KANGOUROU (8) bodes well for his place prospects
- 5. KILIMANDJARO** - Moderate colt with better references racing clockwise and, in this category, is unlikely to make his presence felt
- 6. KADEHO DE FRAMIST** - No slouch on a good day, and has decent references racing left-handed, but still appears to have his work cut out
- 7. KHARNAS** - Won 2 of his first 3 but below-par since returning from the autumn break and has a lot more to find
- 8. KANGOUROU** - Neither an easy horse to handle nor gauge, but his ability is not in question. Sanctioned last time but nevertheless showed his form and, on good behaviour, can finish in the mix
- 9. KERRO DE HOUELLE** - Decent colt that won over 2700m here last month before losing his action early next time, but will be a contender if Loïc Guinoiseau gets him off on the right foot
- 10. KAZAN DE VANDEL** - It took a while but he made good on his promise over track and trip earlier this month when associated with Matthieu Abrivard for the first time and again looks competitively well in
- 11. KOOL DU PORHOET** - It took 9.5 months but he lost his maiden tag at Le Croisé-Laroche late last month. A repeat, however, looks highly unlikely
- 12. KAID MARTIN** - Got his career off to a flying start but has been temperamental lately. Put in a fine effort after being sanctioned here recently and, with Franck Nivard back in the wagon, will be afforded every chance
- 13. KOALA BLUE** - Yet to show his full potential but is clearly on the right road. Denied a gap here last time out but, with more luck in running, can take the fight to KADEO JOSSELYN (2)
- 14. KAISER DES GRANGES** - Still chasing that elusive first win but form is heading in the right direction. Has references under these conditions but still represents no more than a minor place chance
- 15. KALMIO DE LOU** - Has evident ability but yet to get into his stride this term. Has 2 runs in him though and can get a look in if he takes to the long course profile

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Summary : KADEO JOSSELYN (2) may have been sanctioned more often than not but his ability is not in question. Had he not faulted with 80m to run last time, he would have finished 2nd, and JMB will be out to set the record straight. It will not be all plane sailing though given how well KOALA BLUE (13) has been acquitting himself recently and is reunited with Alexandre Abrivard who won with him last month. KAZAN DE VANDEL (10) showed excellent progress to impose over course and distance a fortnight ago and confirmation is anticipated. Not once out of the frame when applied, KERRO DE HOUELLE (9) imposed at the first time of asking here and the drop in trip may be just what the doctor ordered.

SELECTIONS

KADEO JOSSELYN (2) - KOALA BLUE (13) - KAZAN DE VANDEL (10) - KERRO DE HOUELLE (9)

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**C5 - PRIX DE MORTEMART - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR
€ 53.000**

- 1. HANIELLE CREPIN** - Previously a good sort but has been struggling for past 5 months and even the Eric Raffin-factor will not be enough to rehabilitate her
- 2. HOCKFELER DU MESLE** - Never far from losing his action but has ability in abundance. Clearly firing on all cylinders and can win this if he stays in stride
- 3. HESCORT LOVE** - Tough individual that has won 3 of last 7 under harness. Is new to the monté code but is reunited with David Thomain who won with him in the other discipline. On this occasion though, he looks more a minor place prospect
- 4. HARLEY CHARENNAISE** - Hardy mare with references at a superior level. Showed on Tuesday that she was clearly back in business and backs up with a decent chance of trotting in for a cheque
- 5. HUGO OCCAGNES** - Fine trotter that seldom puts a foot out of line. Currently in cracking form and is in with a realistic shout of complementing October's course-and-distance victory
- 6. GAVROCHE D'OMBLAIS** - Remarkably consistent sort that cannot be faulted at present. Seldom seen at the venue but pleased last time under these conditions and looks competitive for a slice of the pie
- 7. GIBALDI DE HOUELLE** - Faithful trotter in both codes but has shown excellent aptitude lately and is not incapable of repeating his recent short-course score
- 8. GRAND ROI KALOUMA** - Fine harness type making his monté debut in fine condition. Goes barefoot for the occasion and will be dangerous if form transitions
- 9. HIPPOMENE QUESNOT** - Has decent references under the saddle but sanctioned in last 3 and must get his house in order
- 10. HERMES ANGEL** - Has never finished worse than 5th in 9 starts under the saddle. Pleased on his lone appearance over the main track and can play a small part if he replicates his penultimate performance

Summary : Hardly out of the frame here since the spring, HUGO OCCAGNES (5) blitzed the opposition over course and distance 2 months ago before just missing out at Mauquenchy and, with Alexandre Abrivard back in the saddle, can win this. HOCKFELER DU MESLE (2) is difficult at the best of times but has been superb in the discipline lately and will be no pushover if Tom Debost gets him off on the right foot. GRAND ROI KALOUMA (8) takes his first competitive steps under the saddle after having shown considerable ability in the other code and will garner support. Back at the top of his game since returning to the monté discipline, GIBALDI DE HOUELLE (7) must be considered a player.

SELECTIONS

**HUGO OCCAGNES (5) - HOCKFELER DU MESLE (2) - GRAND ROI KALOUMA (8) -
GIBALDI DE HOUELLE (7)**

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**C6 - PRIX DE CANCALE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
52.000**

1. **KOUBA D'OURVILLE** - Significantly better horse in the other code and is here for reasons of conditioning
2. **KHARA DRY** - Seldom far from the action when applied. Entrusted to Eric Raffin for the occasion but still not an obvious choice
3. **KEMIA DU CHENE** - Competent trotter that beat the excellent Kool Des Champs here last time out and is clearly close to her race. Franck Nivard back in the sulky and will be competitive for a spot on the podium
4. **KIM DE BEAUM** - Useful sort that opened her winter account over 2700m early last month. Comes here fresh but finds herself in more exalted company and chances limited
5. **KOH SAMUI** - Talented filly that met her first winter objective in style. Pads fitted again and looks thoroughly capable of confirming
6. **KOUVOLA** - Went from strength to strength during the spring and won a monté event under these conditions. Looked rather ordinary on comeback though and appears to need another race
7. **KARAKA WOOD** - Fine campaigner that met no opposition on re-entry 6 weeks ago. Mathieu Mottier in the wagon this time and will be assured a competitive drive
8. **KANAILLE DES ECUS** - Quality type with form at a superior level. Will have come on for her re-entry run and, pads back on, looks the main threat to KOH SAMUI (5)
9. **KANDIE D'ORCO** - Honest trotter that seldom goes home empty-handed. Has yet to make her mark in the capital but, in current form, can get a look in
10. **KLASSIC WAY** - Blows hot and cold but was highly impressive here last month. Not disgraced, when unlucky, next time and is not incapable of setting a cat among the pigeons
11. **KAGUYA JIEL** - Justifiably well-regarded filly that should be at peak fitness by now. 4 pads fitted for the first time and has every chance of getting straight back in the game
12. **KELLY DE BANVILLE** - Dynamic in the monté discipline. Will be race-rusty and poses no danger
13. **KEEN OF THE NIGHT** - Has twice come close to losing her maiden status this term. Failed to impress on sole appearance over 2175m but is still worth retaining

Summary : Plainly capable but not the most reliable, KOH SAMUI (5) stormed up over the inner track when fitted with pads for the first time and, similarly shod, can double her money. Principal opposition will take the form of the talented KANAILLE DES ECUS (8) who also sports pads after a very good comeback here earlier in the month, and the progressive KEMIA DU CHENE (3) who has never disappointed under these conditions. Dependability may not be her strong suit but KLASSIC WAY (10) is better than her recent result would suggest and must be respected.

SELECTIONS

KOH SAMUI (5) - KANAILLE DES ECUS (8) - KEMIA DU CHENE (3) - KLASSIC WAY (10)

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**C7 - PRIX DE GRIMAULT - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR €
35.000**

- 1. KEEN TO TROT** - Ironically-named filly that has yet to show any desire to trot and can be confidently disregarded
- 2. KLASS PARISIENNE** - Complicated filly that has managed to finish just one of 7 starts and, even racing with hind pads this time, is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 3. KADANSE DU CORTA** - Has little experience but has nonetheless taken well to her vocation. Pleased on comeback and should prove considerably more competitive this time around
- 4. KANTIQUE DELO** - Sanctioned as often as not but has significant talent. Fell foul of the stewards when well-backed recently but can make amends if François Lagadeuc keeps her trotting
- 5. KRYPEL SEVEN** - Not an easy horse to handle but has bags of ability in this category. Returns to racing with 4 pads fitted and, with application, can trot off with the silverware
- 6. KEVA MADRIK** - Tricky character that is never easy to gauge and will need to show marked improvement on her recent Vincennes performance
- 7. KANGAE DE GUEZ** - Capable but not particularly dependable. Switches to the monté code in search of redemption and has a reasonable chance of making the first 5
- 8. KROKEUSE DE DIAM'S** - Can lose focus but has evident ability. Recent runs though have left a lot to be desired
- 9. KINA DU RIB** - Has shown considerably better aptitude since switching codes. Opened her account at Cabourg last time and, in similar shape, will be competitive for the win

Summary : KRYPEL SEVEN (5) may still be somewhat green but she has nevertheless demonstrated very good aptitude for the monté code. She prepped for this last week and is fitted with pads for the occasion, and can have her way if David Thomain keeps her trotting. Another promising filly, KANTIQUE DELO (4) has shown good versatility and can challenge for the win if she maintains stride. KINA DU RIB (9) truly came into herself during the autumn and, fresh for her return to racing, is unlikely to disappoint. Lightly-raced but clearly competent, KADANSE DU CORTA (3) will have come on for her recent re-entry and will be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

KRYPEL SEVEN (5) - KANTIQUE DELO (4) - KINA DU RIB (9) - KADANSE DU CORTA (3)

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**C8 - PRIX DE TOURCOING - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
59.000**

- 1. EMIR SPEEDHYCAT** - Modest individual that has never delivered in this category and is not about to buck the trend
- 2. FRICHTI** - Reliability not his strong suit but pleasantly surprised behind GHOSTBUSTER (15) recently. A repeat does look improbable though
- 3. GEDEON DAIRPET** - Seldom gets his nose in front these days, but always gives his best. Not the biggest fan of Vincennes though and others preferred
- 4. GOSPEL VET** - Capable on a good day and latterly beat GAMIN DU GAULTIER (5) at Angers but, in this company, faces a stiff test
- 5. GAMIN DU GAULTIER** - Ultra-consistent trotter making his Vincennes debut in good shape. Breaks in front, is barefoot for the occasion, but may be biting off more than he can chew
- 6. ESPOIR DU JOUR** - Disappointing on the whole for some time and has no realistic chance
- 7. FLASH DE VOUEDE** - By no means the worst horse here but has not been firing on all cylinders recently either. Benefits from a front-row start but still has more to find
- 8. FETICHE ATOUT** - Has started to get back in the game following a brief lean patch during the summer, but will still need to show improvement on his recent effort
- 9. GAZ D'OCCAGNES** - Tough element that finished 2nd over track and trip during the autumn. Has excelled since and, even going left-handed this time, is very hard to ignore
- 10. GIRL DE BASSIERE** - Fine mare that has never failed to deliver over 2850m on the main track. Is plainly in excellent shape and can again make the frame
- 11. FANTASIA DE LIGNY** - Blows hot and cold but has solid references at this level. Flopped under these conditions late last month but has otherwise been in fine form and is sure to generate interest
- 12. ESPOIR DU NOYER** - Got 2023 off to a fine start but has looked very ordinary since and must get his house in order
- 13. GOLD DAIRPET** - Remarkably consistent type with an enviable strike-rate. Has hardly stepped a foot out of line this year and, given his liking for 2850m on the main track, will be no pushover
- 14. GUIDE MOI FORGAN** - Not the horse he was earlier in his career but can still trot, and recently went close over track and trip. In better company this time but can still make the first 5
- 15. GHOSTBUSTER** - Highly-impressive winner over track and trip earlier this month and, with form maintained, can double his money
- 16. GAELIC DU ROCHER** - Quality individual that held his own at Gr.3 level on numerous occasions this season. Drops back down to a more competitive category and, with Eric Raffin reining, should not be far off the mark

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Summary : The big guns are on the second row here with recent, and dynamic, course-and-distance winner GHOSTBUSTER (15) leading the charge. Yoann Lebourgeois will still want to be wary of the hardy GAELIC DU ROCHER (16) who has acquitted himself well in the GNT series over recent months, and the superbly-consistent GOLD DAIRPET (13) who has nothing to prove under these conditions. GIRL DE BASSIERE (10) finished just behind the latter here last month, has been entrusted to Franck Nivard for the occasion, and will be expected to put on another good show.

SELECTIONS

GHOSTBUSTER (15) - GAELIC DU ROCHER (16) - GOLD DAIRPET (13) - GIRL DE BASSIERE (10)