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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX ASTEROPE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
52,000**

- 1. ODANA VRIJTHOUT** - Moderate individual returning to France after a freshener in Victoria Park 2 weeks ago. Has no particular liking for Vincennes though and is unlikely to create an upset
- 2. HANACK DE VIVOIN** - Unremarkable type with just the one run under his belt since the break, and has no realistic chance
- 3. IDAO NAY** - Took little time getting back to his best following the winter break. Has won 2 of 3 over the main course and could well add another to his tally
- 4. IXEL DE L'AUMOY** - Kicked the year off nicely but form has subsequently regressed and will need to get his house in order
- 5. RED HOT ROADSTER** - Well-campaigned Swedish import taking first steps south of the nordics. Gave a good account at home last time out, and with Mathieu Mottier reining is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 6. ROSSI GARLINE** - Has done nothing but improve lately, most recently 4th in an Amiens Class E in early-March. Has ground to make up though and even though barefoot, others are easier to back
- 7. IROISE DE MADKER** - Quality mare taking her first Vincennes steps at 8 years of age. Has the benefit of 2 runs under her belt and will have her chances if she takes to the new profile
- 8. ISOLEE DU BOUILLON** - Previously a good trotter but lost her way last autumn and has shown no signs of a return to form
- 9. INEDIT DU PAVILLON** - Has not got his nose in front for some time but has otherwise been acquitting himself competitively, and in current condition should have the wherewithal to finish in the mix
- 10. INSTALL D'ALOUETTE** - Useful for the most part, and winner on his only start at the venue. Has a pair of fresheners in him and should be fit enough to get a look in this time
- 11. SILVER BULLIT(SWE)** - Has done nothing of note in France this year and, barefoot or not, is unlikely to begin now
- 12. HORACE D'ARTHENAY** - Has looked rather ordinary since the turn of the year and latest run did nothing to convince
- 13. GENERAL D'AMOUR** - Nicely-engaged here and is currently in excellent shape, but in this company will have too much to do
- 14. ADAMO DIPA** - Gave a fine account on comeback at Mauquenchy a month ago. Will be reunited with Alexandre Abrivard who can be forgiven for feeling bullish
- 15. SANGRIA PELLINI** - Hardy German mare that seldom disappoints when focused. Presents fine Vincennes credentials and, considering the entry, can get straight back in the game

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16. ICARE DUNGY - Has not once finished out of the first 3 since last November. Benefits from a fine entry and is in with a realistic chance of opening his Vincennes account

Summary: Terrifically-engaged at the limit of earnings, and presently firing on all cylinders, ICARE DUNGY (16) has twice come close here this term and will be rewarded with victory one of these days. Winner at Châtelailon-La Rochelle earlier this month, IDAO NAY (3) is clearly back at his best, and even though shod this time still looks dangerous. One of the toughest horses here, IROISE DE MADKER (7) will be fit by now and will be configured as she was when successful at Cabourg last season. Sent for a rest after coming close here on Boxing Day, SANGRIA PELLINI (15) is barefoot for her re-entry and must be taken seriously.

SELECTIONS

ICARE DUNGY (16) - IDAO NAY (3) - IROISE DE MADKER (7) - SANGRIA PELLINI (15)

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C2 - PRIX THEOPHILE LALLOUET - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 - Mounted - EUR € 120,000

- 1. INSHORE** - Previously a good sort but has done nothing noteworthy since summer 2024 and is not about to change his ways
- 2. HEDEN CRUZ** - Faithful servant that consistently gives his best. Is no star but on determination alone can pick up some prizemoney
- 3. HEURISTIQUE** - Showed considerable improvement a fortnight ago when beaten only by a very good horse in a Gr.3 here. Tends to go well for Jean-Yann Ricart and will be justifiably well-supported
- 4. EROS ZOLA** - Simply superb in both codes here during the winter. Has a harness conditioner under his belt and with shoes off should logically play a leading role
- 5. FILOU D'ANJOU** - Picked up a Gr.2 here in January, at 90-1. Followed that up when 2nd to IMPALA DE VAL (9) in a 2175m Gr.3 the following month. Has since been prepared under harness and returns to the code shod to preference and with a good hand to play
- 6. HALFA** - Last seen under the saddle when 4th behind IDEALE DU CHENE (12) in Gr.1 Prix Henri Desmontils in late-February. Is barefoot following her Angers prep and, 3rd in this race last year, will have her supporters
- 7. KAPULA DE L'EPINE** - Very hard to knock when she can keep her action together. Is plainly at the top of her game and will be dangerous if focused
- 8. KYT KAT** - Has been totally off the boil since winning a Gr.2 over course and distance last October and is not a concern
- 9. IMPALA DE VAL** - Terrific campaigner that excels under these conditions. Won this race 12 months ago and has a realistic chance of keeping the title. Claim
- 10. FILWELL** - Returns to the discipline after having been prepped under harness at Caen in early-March. Is barefoot for the occasion but looks a minor place chance at best
- 11. FULTON** - Completely out of the picture in both codes since running 2nd in Gr.2 Prix Jules Lemonnier over shorter here in December. Is barefoot for the occasion though and cannot be completely written off
- 12. IDEALE DU CHENE** - Finished close 2nd in Gr.1 Prix Henri Desmontils here last time under the saddle. Will have been specifically prepared for this and looks the main threat to IMPALA DE VAL (9)

Summary: An absolute treasure in this branch of the game, IMPALA DE VAL (9) runs barefoot for his return to the capital and looks set to take all the beating. Benjamin Rochard can nonetheless expect to encounter resistance from a similarly barefoot IDEALE DU CHENE (12) who also got some work into him at Angers, and the barefoot EROS ZOLA (4) who will be barefoot for his first objective of the spring. KAPULA DE L'EPINE (7) was eliminated in the Gr.1 Prix des Centaures, when assured 2nd, after having won the Gr.1 Prix de l'Ile-de-France in early-February, and with application will be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

IMPALA DE VAL (9) - IDEALE DU CHENE (12) - EROS ZOLA (4) - KAPULA DE L'EPINE

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C3 - PRIX MARTHA - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. JULIEN SENSEI** - Won a Class E over track and trip 2 months back but has twice failed to deliver since. On good behaviour though, can again go close
- 2. ROCKY MOM** - Back in France after having defeated a good field in Mons. Ran 2nd on sole Vincennes start and in current condition is very easy to like for a place on the podium
- 3. MERCEDES STAR** - Has not been seen out since coming 5th over a mile in Victoria Park on 28 February, and in this company will struggle to make his mark
- 4. PURE STEEL** - Never far from faulting but has otherwise been hard to knock, and with stride in check can contest the finish
- 5. KRUNCHY** - Able type but makes first start for over 2 months and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 6. PURE ATLAS** - Opened his French account in January but has failed to confirm in 2 starts since. Barefoot this time but still not an obvious choice
- 7. JUBII VANG** - Showed improvement 3 weeks ago when 4th behind PURE STEEL (4) in a 2850m Class C, but appears to be taking on too much this time
- 8. EL DORADO BAR** - 3 times a winner in 5 starts over course and distance. Is patently in rude health and can wrap this up if Alexandre Abrivard keeps him focused
- 9. EMINENT KRONOS** - Quality Swedish import coming to France on a 4-timer. Is barefoot for the occasion but is unlikely to upset the status quo
- 10. KALINOU QUICK** - Very unlucky in a Laval Class D 3 weeks ago. Form is not in question and there will be a cheque in it for him if Anthony Barrier keeps him out of trouble
- 11. FUSION EAGRA** - Reassured at Vire before running 6th behind PURE STEEL (4) in a 2850m Class C 3 weeks ago. Will need to find more but cannot be discounted
- 12. KRAK D'AZUR** - No longer the horse he once was. Is barefoot for just 2nd time in his career, but still has no possible chance
- 13. KOVES DU PONT** - Has buckets of ability but also has a temperament. Showed his form after being eliminated at Laval 3 weeks ago, and has the capability to get in on the action
- 14. EBANO D'ARC** - Capable on a good day but has never excelled at Vincennes and is unlikely to create an upset
- 15. KOQUERY DU BUISSON** - Made up for Enghien blip when 3rd in a 2100m Class E here on 20 March. Benefits from a good entry and with Eric Raffin reining will be competitive when it matters
- 16. KRIS MARTIN** - Modest element that frequently bites off more than he can chew. Eliminated in last 3 and is not about to spice things up

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Summary: Course-and-distance winner in February before repeating a month back, EL DORADO BAR (8) could well have pulled off the hat-trick had he stayed in stride, and Alexandre Abrivard will be determined to put things right. Runner-up that day before coming 3rd in a Class C a fortnight ago, PURE STEEL (4) should again figure prominently, but may first have to defer to the indefatigable, and barefoot, ROCKY MOM (2), and JULIEN SENSEI (1) who imposed here in February at the first time of asking.

SELECTIONS

EL DORADO BAR (8) - ROCKY MOM (2) - JULIEN SENSEI (1) - PURE STEEL (4)

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C4 - PRIX ALETHEIA - 2850m (a2m) - Class A - Harness - EUR € 90,000

1. **ISIS D'HERFRAIE** - Put away after running 4th in a Class C over course and distance on New Year's Day. Is in conditioning-mode for return and will have little to offer
2. **ILAYA** - Sent for a break after disappointing here on New Year's Eve. Is barefoot for the occasion but still not an obvious choice
3. **KAMEHAMEHA** - Starts for the first time since failing to deliver in a Gr.3 here on 25 January. Shoes off but still not a concern
4. **IN RED** - Excellent servant that goes over any trip. Would be preferred more competitively-shod for re-entry but can still finish in the mix
5. **HEADSCOTT** - Faces first target of the season after last month's Laval re-entry. Front pads fitted this time and with Eric Raffin in the bike will be afforded every chance
6. **KARAMBAR** - Serious element that will take his win-rate to 50 percent if he imposes, and the likelihood of that appears to be much greater than 50 percent
7. **JE REVE DU BOIS** - Ran 2nd to KARAMBAR (6) in a Class B on 21 March before being eliminated in a Gr.3 monte prep over track and trip a fortnight back. Is clearly enjoying a productive run of form and has every chance of making the frame
8. **HURRICANE CARTER** - Useful type with solid references under these conditions. Is fitted with 4 pads for comeback but is not incapable of getting in on the action. Attention
9. **KOBAYASHI** - Won Gr.1 Prix des Centaures under the saddle before running 2nd to the good Ino Du Lupin in a Gr.3 under these conditions on 21 March. Has nothing to prove at this level and will be no shrinking violet
10. **INVICTUS MADIBA** - Makes first appearance since running surprise 4th in a Cagnes Gr.3 on 20 February and is unlikely to shake things up
11. **GOAL STAR** - Pleasantly surprised at Caen last month when 5th in a 2200m Class D. A repeat, however, seems improbable
12. **HEDIC GEMA** - Should not be too hastily-condemned for coming 6th at Lyon-Parilly last week, having imposed on the Riviera on first start back. Faces a different test this time, thrives under these conditions, and must be respected

Summary: A wonderful campaigner that dutifully secured his last 2 Vincennes starts, KARAMBAR (6) can boast excellent course-and-distance credentials and will not be easy to oppose. The opposition will likely be led by the good dual-discipline JE REVE DU BOIS (7) who has solid form in the day's configuration, and KOBAYASHI (9) who has been excelling in both codes. Winner of a Cagnes-sur-Mer Class B in February, HEDIC GEMA (12) was not disgraced in a GNT Gr.3 in Lyon next time, but benefits from a superb engagement and Alan Gendrot will be keen to take advantage of the opportunity.

SELECTIONS

KARAMBAR (6) - JE REVE DU BOIS (7) - KOBAYASHI (9) - HEDIC GEMA (12)

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C5 - PRIX LUMEN - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 35,000

- 1. MALANDRINO** - Sprang a 22-1 surprise when victorious in a Saint-Malo Class F a fortnight ago. Faces a tougher lot this time though and chances appear limited
- 2. MILORD DU LORULT** - Has not put a foot wrong since the start of the year, most recently 3rd, a place behind MYSTERE CERIZE (7), in a Class E at Le Croise-Laroche 3.5 weeks ago. Is barefoot this time but is still taking on too much
- 3. MAJOR DU RUISSEAU** - Has shown promise but not the most reliable. Eliminated on comeback a month ago and will first need to re-establish his credentials
- 4. MAGNUS TOR** - Sent for a rest following 3 straight eliminations. Is shod for return and can be confidently dismissed
- 5. MANY DREAMS** - Picked up at Laval on 11 March where he left off last November. Will have come on for the race and, competitively-shod for the first time, will be expected to hold his own
- 6. MEPHISTONS DIDJEAP** - Pleased on re-entry at Cordemais on 8 March, then beat MARBRE D'ERABLE (12) in a 2850m Laval Class E 3 weeks later. Is not about to repeat but can nevertheless finish in first 5
- 7. MYSTERE CERIZE** - Denied a run, coming 6th, in a 2100m Class D here a week back, and Matthieu Abrivard will be keen to set the record straight. Chance
- 8. MONEY DU CORTA** - Excellent when he can keep his action together. Imposed with ease in Cherbourg early this month and, if applied, will be expected to confirm
- 9. MISTER CHARM** - Faces first real objective of the season after being conditioned in the provinces. Is clearly in competition-mode and if applied will be competitive for a place in the frame
- 10. MAFIOSO DREAM** - Showed improvement in a Caen Class E on 25 March. Goes barefoot this time and although not a priority, is still worth keeping an eye on
- 11. MEC D'ERCOURT** - Kicked the season off victoriously but eliminated in last 2. Has yet to deliver at Vincennes and others easier to support
- 12. MARBRE D'ERABLE** - Turned a corner last month with 2 excellent performances. Gets to race barefoot this time and David Thomain will be mindful to keep him trotting
- 13. MIGHTY DREAM** - Honest individual that made a good impression on comeback at Caen early last month. Has been afforded time to progress, races unshod-behind for the first time, and is unlikely to let the side down
- 14. ME AND YOU** - Took little time returning to victorious ways, most recently securing a Reims Class E mid-March. Is similarly-configured but needs to climb a mountain this time
- 15. MURPHY DU PONCELET** - Nicely-entered here and sports pads for the first time, but has yet to convince this term and is not about to set off any fireworks

Summary: He may still be a little green but there is no question surrounding the form that MONEY DU CORTA (8) brings to Paris for his first start over the main track. Sporting a new configuration, he looks a marginally better prospect than MYSTERE CERIZE (7) who was most unlucky here a week ago. Already a winner for Eric Raffin, MISTER CHARM (9) sports a new configuration and, with application, will be no pushover. MARBRE D'ERABLE (12) goes barefoot for the first time and in his current rejuvenated state is easy to recommend.

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SELECTIONS

**MONEY DU CORTA (8) - MYSTERE CERIZE (7) - MISTER CHARM (9) - MARBRE
D'ERABLE (12)**

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C6 - PRIX ASCHERA - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR € 70,000

- 1. NO ONE** - Got off the mark in a 2850m Class D over the inner course on 20 March. At this level, however, will struggle to make her presence felt
- 2. NIKITA** - Takes first foray into this category after failing to fire in 27 March race of reference, and can expect to have few friends
- 3. NALA DE SMARVES** - Good, consistent filly that ran 3rd to NONEKA (7) in a Class B over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Will not be sent out at 78-1 this time but will not be as competitive either
- 4. NAFI DE REVE D'OR** - Tasted genuine defeat for the first time when close 2nd to NONEKA (7) in a Class B over course and distance 3 weeks ago and Gabriele Gelormini will be out to redeem his filly's honour
- 5. NOIRE INTENSE** - Starts for the first time since winning a 2700m Class A here on 7 February. Stays shod for re-entry but is still unlikely to return home empty-handed
- 6. NACRE DU MOUTHIEUX** - Would have finished 2nd in a 2700m Gr.3 here on 21 March had she stayed in stride, but can make amends if she keeps trotting from one end of the race to the other. Chance
- 7. NONEKA** - Has won 4 of the 5 races she has run, most recently heading NAFI DE REVE D'OR (4) in a Class B over course and distance late last month, and has a reasonable chance of repeating
- 8. NOVA TIM** - Moderate filly still chasing that elusive first win. Always gives her best but is still not easy to recommend
- 9. NOUBA DU BAS BOSQ** - Useful sort but has not been seen out since mid-December and is not about to take Vincennes by storm
- 10. NORD AMERICAINE** - Has just the one win to her name but has demonstrated significant class. Appears to be better than most here and over 2175m should prove a tough nut to crack
- 11. NYMPHE D'ELLE** - 3rd, a place behind NORD AMERICAINE (10), in Gr.2 Prix Roquepine before showing her limits in Gr.1 Prix Comte Pierre de Montesson in mid-February. Sports 4 pads this time, will be fresh, and should have the wherewithal to finish in the money

Summary: Runner-up in the Gr.2 Prix Roquépine before coming 4th in the Gr.1 Prix Comte Pierre de Montesson in mid-February, NORD AMERICAINE (10) has bags of untapped potential and the shorter trip should suit her to a tee. NACRE DU MOUTHIEUX (6) showed her form here last month despite losing her action and it will be up to Clement Duvaldestin this time to set the record straight. NAFI DE REVE D'OR (4) has been climbing the category-ladder in good order and may just be a better bet than the progressive NONEKA (7) who had her measure here 3 weeks ago.

SELECTIONS

NORD AMERICAINE (10) - NACRE DU MOUTHIEUX (6) - NAFI DE REVE D'OR (4) - NONEKA (7)

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C7 - PRIX ATLAS - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR € 70,000

1. NATURALE MAG - Unremarkable colt that has not made his presence felt for some time and is unlikely to start now

2. N'OUBLIE JAMAIS - Opened his 2026 account with ease in a 2700m Class C here 2.5 weeks ago. Has earned the right to race at this level and, in similar form, can pick up some prizemoney

3. NOTABLE - Serious future prospect whose recent re-entry can be seen as just that. Is head-and-shoulders better than the field and can wrap this up

4. NELSON DE BUSSET - Drops back to a more realistic level, and returns from his break, but is shod for the occasion and best to keep one's powder dry

5. NOT THIS TIME - Won Gr.3 Prix Leopold Verroken over course and distance but eliminated in last 2, most recently 27 March race of reference, and will first need to re-establish his credentials

6. NET MONEY - Has ability but has shown the limits of his capacity over recent months, and will need to show improvement on Prix Penthesilea performance

7. NOVECENTO - Reassuring, although surprising, 2nd to NICE SPEED (10) in 2700m Gr.3 Prix Penthesilea 3 weeks ago. Will not be sent out as generously-priced this time and Paul Ploquin will be legitimately confident of making first 5

8. NOE DES BAUX - Has taken his game up a notch this term, latterly 3rd to NICE SPEED (10) in 2700m Gr.3 Prix Penthesilea 3 weeks ago. Is unlikely to win this but that will not stop Mathieu Mottier from giving it a go. Place prospect

9. NAT KING COLE - Ran 2nd in Gr.3 Prix Leopold Verroken over course and distance in early-February, before enduring traffic problems in 27 march race of reference. Given the chance though, he will be no easy touch

10. NICE SPEED - Remarkably performant since the turn of the year, most recently staying on well to secure 2700m Gr.3 Prix Penthesilea 3 weeks ago, and a similar effort would see him competitive for the win

Summary: Winner of 4 on the trot before being given a short rest, NOTABLE (3) was never at his ease in the Gr.3 Prix Penthesilea here late last month, but is the classiest individual in the field and should be able to turn the tables on NICE SPEED (10) who got his nose in front that day, and NAT KING COLE (9) who is better than his 4th place would suggest. Third in the race of reference after having dominated a Class A here, NOE DES BAUX (8) must also be taken into consideration.

SELECTIONS

NOTABLE (3) - NICE SPEED (10) - NAT KING COLE (9) - NOE DES BAUX (8)

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C8 - PRIX NEPTUNA - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59,000

- 1. KENTUCKY IDEAL** - Reassuring 6th, a place behind KNOCKONWOOD (3), in a Rambouillet freshener late last month. Is clearly in race-mode and is unlikely to disappoint if he stays in stride
- 2. KANO** - Gr.2 winner in the other code, but most impressive in Bordeaux on 7 March and with Eric Raffin back in the bike is easy to fancy for the win
- 3. KNOCKONWOOD** - Modest individual that ran a surprisingly good 5th in a Rambouillet Class E late last month, however a repeat seems improbable
- 4. JETIDA** - In the frame in 2 of last 3 but is better racing right-handed and is unlikely to shake things up
- 5. HIPPARIS** - Has been knocking at the door in the provinces recently but seldom makes the grade at Vincennes and others preferred
- 6. IDREAMIS** - Returned to winning ways at Le Croise-Laroche in early-March before being conditioned next time. Is barefoot on this occasion but may just be taking on too much
- 7. JOVIAL HAUFOR** - Has hardly put a foot wrong for some time. Dominated a 2100m Class E here 3 weeks ago and, with form maintained, can again finish close
- 8. JOY JENILOU** - Ran 2nd in a Laval Quinte before coming 4th in a monte Class D here on 31 March. Sports pads again and others preferred
- 9. IMAGE D'ATALANTE** - Always gives everything she has but in this category has no possible chance
- 10. IRRESISTIBLE PAJ** - Left a good impression on comeback earlier in the month when 3rd in an Ecommoy Class E, but will struggle to repeat
- 11. KRYSTAL PIYA** - Gr.3 winner that made short work of his Enghien comeback, winning a Class E in good order early last month. Takes on a better lot this time but should still be competitive for a spot in the picture
- 12. JALOUZ D'OLIVERIE** - Put in a good performance to run 4th to JOVIAL HAUFOR (7) in a 2100m Class E here 3 weeks ago. Is easy to like when barefoot and focused and should figure prominently at the business end of the race
- 13. KERALDO** - Useful element making first appearance since early-February. Has raced and placed under these conditions and, in this category, should prove competitive for a first-5 payout
- 14. KEY LADY** - Serious mare starting for first time since early-February and will be shod for the occasion. Disregard
- 15. KIPHYLE DESBOIS** - Not an obvious choice on paper, but has a pair of runs under her belt, is confirmed at a superior level, and cannot be ruled out
- 16. KATCHI QUICK** - Has been handed a shocking draw but has yet to be bested in the day's configuration and enjoys a realistic chance of securing the 3-timer

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Summary: Sent for a spell after imposing here in mid-January, KATCHI QUICK (16) met little opposition on his return to competition at Vire and, despite the draw, will be well-backed to win this. But so too will the better-placed KANO (2) who stormed up in Bordeaux early last month. KRYSTAL PIYA (11) got straight down to business on last month's Enghien re-entry run and is not incapable of doubling his money. KENTUCKY IDEAL (1) kicked the year off nicely before suffering a string of eliminations, but will be barefoot this time and should be taken seriously. JALOUZ D'OLIVERIE (12) may not be the most dependable of horses but she made a good impression here recently and is certainly worth retaining.

SELECTIONS

KATCHI QUICK (16) - KANO (2) - KRYSTAL PIYA (11) - KENTUCKY IDEAL (1)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

**Horse of the day
IMPALA DE VAL (209)**

**Outsider of the day
KOQUERY DU BUISSON (315)**

**Reverse forecast
IDAO NAY (103) - ICARE DUNGY (116)**

**Three pick of the day
ICARE DUNGY (116) - IMPALA DE VAL (209) - KARAMBAR (406)**