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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX RMC (PRIX DE DORMANS) - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class D -
Mounted - EUR € 46.000**

- 1. JAMAICA D'AURCY** - Talented filly in the harness code but is most effective when racing unshod so is hard to make a case for under the saddle with this shoeing configuration
- 2. JACKPOT DU CHOQUEL** - Maintaining a respectable level of form and consistency, though will need to improve to have a say here
- 3. JUDY BLUE EYES** - Delicate but is entirely incapable of getting into the picture judged on what she has done best so has a place chance
- 4. ILLICO DE LOU** - Has found the right settings recently and lines up here in good form and physical condition. Can have a say on his return
- 5. JALEA JIEL** - Finished unplaced (9th) last time but that was at Group II level, so should have more to offer in this grade
- 6. IMPERIEUSE STEED** - A reasonably consistent performer in the harness category but is probably best watched for now switching to this code
- 7. JUST FOR BACK** - Returns to his preferred specialty with great ambitions after two prep outings in the harness category. Keep safe
- 8. JUST TO BE STRYCK** - Won his last three outings in this code and has been carefully prepared for this engagement, so ought to play a leading role

Summary : A competitive opener with little to choose between the top two. JUST TO BE STRYCK (8) is marginally preferred having taken a big step forward over the spring to win his last three starts under the saddle. JUST FOR BACK (7) is also likely to fight for victory reverting to this code, after finishing 2nd when last racing in this discipline, with his hind shoes removed. ILLICO DE LOU (4) returns from a break but has the means to have a say in the finish, as does JALEA JIEL (5) who has her sights lowered at this level.

SELECTIONS

JUST TO BE STRYCK (8) - JUST FOR BACK (7) - ILLICO DE LOU (4) - JALEA JIEL (5)

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C2 - PX PASSERELLE RACE AND CARE (PX AVALLON) - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European-Autostart - Class B - Harness - EUR € 60.000

- 1. ISABELLA FERM** - Out of sorts but is undeniably capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature judged on her best references. Respect
- 2. BAHIA DEL CIRCEO** - Consistent mare who acquitted herself well (5th) in a good field last time and will be unshod in front this time
- 3. HAITIAN FIGHT SONG** - Has shown signs of improvement recently and is worth considering after finishing 2nd in her last start. Outsider
- 4. HAVANA PARIS** - Unreliable mare racing unshod in front. Seldom far off the mark when applied but is as hard to trust but as she is to rule out
- 5. ISEULT FLOWER** - Has been struggling to regain any form or consistency for some time, so is unlikely to trouble the judge
- 6. KIMBERLY'S WISH** - Consistent and speedy mare with solid form references. Will find this shorter distance more to her liking
- 7. IDYLLE EXPRESS** - Usually a formidable performer in this type of event and ought to be competitive for victory. High on the shortlist
- 8. INIDILLE** - Versatile sort who has been in good form under the saddle recently but has already proven her competitiveness in this category. Keep safe
- 9. CATHRINELLE** - Consistent last-start winner who seldom disappoints when racing barefoot, so can't be taken lightly
- 10. HEMERA TURGOT** - Ultra-consistent mare with solid form credentials, especially when racing full unshod. Cannot be taken lightly
- 11. CALA MAYOR DE B.** - Consistent filly with sound form references and is more than capable of playing a leading role in the finish. Beware
- 12. BRINA CAF** - Well-performed ultra-consistent mare but at a lower level, so has a lot more on her plate now. Others preferred
- 13. NOUBA MOM** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 14. ODANA VRIJTHOUT** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
- 15. CANADIAN KRONOS** - Displayed better application when bouncing back to winning ways at Argentan last time. Has the means to play a role if negotiating her starting berth on the second line
- 16. INDIA SONG** - Delicate but is not entirely devoid of ability. Has lost her way recently so will need to reaffirm trying this shoeing configuration for the first time

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Summary : IDYLLE EXPRESS (7) faces only opposition of her own sex this time around and is capable of capitalising on that by reconnecting with success. She is, however, likely to be tested by BAHIA DEL CIRCEO (2) who ought to put up a fight from the front line. KIMBERLY'S WISH (6) has the means to race on or near the speed and can sustain that tempo, so is capable of playing a leading role too. ISABELLA FERM (1), although out of form, has the resources to resurface in a race of this nature with a favourable entry on the front line. INIDILLE (8) has been prolific in the mounted code recently but is not incapable of staking a claim in this code either. Good race!

SELECTIONS

IDYLLE EXPRESS (7) - BAHIA DEL CIRCEO (2) - KIMBERLY'S WISH (6) - ISABELLA FERM (1)

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C3 - PRIX FED. FRANCAISE DE LA RECONVERSION - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59.000

- 1. ETAT CIVIL** - Has looked rather ordinary for some time and his chances here are very limited. Others make more appeal
- 2. FRANCE D'OCCAGNES** - Unreliable veteran mare but is not entirely incapable of getting a look in here in a race of this nature. Outsider
- 3. ECLAIR DE KEROSAY** - Ideally positioned in front and races unshod on all four feet with Matthieu Abrivard engaged. Will be a factor
- 4. FRANKLIN DE MESLAY** - Seldom far off the mark and is capable of getting into the picture but has no more than a place chance
- 5. FILOU SMILING** - Consistent performer well positioned behind the autostart and is expected to acquit himself competitively once more
- 6. FEU DE REVOLTE** - Has been struggling to regain any form or consistency for some time so is not likely to trouble the judge
- 7. DOMINO D'AUVRECY** - Capable but inconsistent last-start winning veteran. Has a lot more on his plate now but could get a look in
- 8. FONZY D'HERIPRE** - Finished a disappointing 8th last time but could well make amends if reproducing the form of his prior outing, when winning at this track
- 9. GINO VIVA** - Returns from a break here plated in front but does boast sound references with this shoeing configuration. Not taken lightly
- 10. FOR LOVING YOU** - Consistent last-start winner who only has against her a second-row starting berth. Certainly has the means to have a say in the finish
- 11. EMIR DU PRESOIR** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for some time now to warrant any consideration, so can be ruled out. Overlook
- 12. GEOFFREY D'AM** - Has regained his best level recently and confirmed as much by finishing 2nd last time. Will be suited by this and Björn Goop is reunited
- 13. FORSICA DU ROCHER** - Arrives with recent poor form in both codes and that does not augur well for his chances here. Overlook

Summary : FONZY D'HERIPRE (8) is capable of a lot better than his latest outing (8th) suggests. He was an easy winner here on 1 September and needs only to produce a similar performance on his return to Vincennes to reconnect with success. The list of potential dangers is long although headed by consistent FILOU SMILING (5), with ECLAIR DE KEROSAY (3), entrusted to Matthieu Abrivard, and last-start winner FOR LOVING YOU (10) others who could pose a threat. GEOFFREY D'AM (12) performs well racing on or near speed and is good form so also warrants respect.

SELECTIONS

FONZY D'HERIPRE (8) - FILOU SMILING (5) - ECLAIR DE KEROSAY (3) - FOR LOVING YOU (10)

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**C4 - CRITERIUM DES 4 ANS - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Group 1 - Harness - EUR
€ 300.000**

- 1. JEANNETTE PRIORY** - Has enough potential to compete with the best fillies, as her recent 3rd confirms, but she remains very delicate, especially in the initial phase. Hard to trust and hard to rule out
- 2. JANGO VICI** - Left a rather favorable impression in both of his last two starts, despite racing shod, and could have even more to offer here presented barefoot. Has a few questions to answer at this level
- 3. JAGUAR DU GOUTIER** - Convincing in the first half of 2023 and has the 'engine' to compete in this grade/company, though remains delicate especially in the initial phase. For lovers of outsiders
- 4. JERUSALEM** - More comfortable/effective over short distances. Was unable to confirm the improvement of her previous outing in the Group II Prix Paul Leguerney last time so is hard to make a case for
- 5. JUST FOR LOVA** - Has competed in Group races at astronomical odds, owing to his inconsistency that has been off-putting. Soundly beaten in the Group II Prix Gaston Brunet and unlikely to play a role here
- 6. JUST A MIDI** - Has looked better for the change to this shoeing configuration. Steps up in class but deserves a shot at this level after three consecutive victories with his limits still not yet known
- 7. JAGUAR GRIFF** - Runner-up at Group I level last year but has had difficulty performing to that level this year. Has not been doing well lately and is best watched for now
- 8. JOSH POWER** - Has not won since June 2022 but has regularly finished on the podium in quality/competitive events. Will need cover, which carries risks, but is certainly capable of staking a claim
- 9. JUSTIN BOLD** - Proved his competitiveness by finishing 4th in a Group I event earlier this year and confirmed his form by finishing 4th recently with shoes on. Dark horse racing unshod behind
- 10. JAKARTA DES PRES** - Produced a good final burst in the Group III Prix Gaston Brunet (Gr.3) but does not have much room for maneuver in this grade/company. A hot tempo will make him dangerous to discount
- 11. JAG STRYCK** - Unreliable but not devoid of any means. Has been disappointing in two of his last three starts but will be sharper this time around and, if the pace is strong, could spring a surprise here
- 12. J'AIME LE FOOT** - Acquired for €700,000 early this year and has improved significantly racing unshod. Finished 2nd in the Group II Prix Gaston Brunet last time and is one of the main candidates for success
- 13. JULIET PAPA BRAVO** - Has shown commendable consistency and often leaves a good impression, even against male rivals. Ought to be competitive
- 14. JUST LOVE YOU** - Group I winner last year and has won back-to-back outings recently, confirming her form and well-being. Should be a factor here

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15. JUNINHO DRY - Denied 2nd in the Group I Critérium des 3 Ans after investigation but is a high-class performer capable of shining at this level. Races completely unshod for the first time so do not discount

16. JAZZY PERRINE - Was unable to benefit from favorable circumstances last time but should not be judged on that evidence. Most effective against females alone but has references against males

17. JUST A GIGOLO - A four-time Group I winner with undeniable means, though has been quite disappointing this summer. Will be completely unshod for the first time in his career, so cannot be written off

Summary : A typically quality renewal of this Group I event. crossing the desert, I LOVE FOOT (12) regained his full strength. Capable of leading the debates at a sustained pace, he could cover himself with glory in the absence of the phenomenal Joshua Tree, who has just beaten him in the Prix Gaston Brunet (Gr.2). Winner of Group 1 last winter, JUST LOVE YOU (14) is clearly the best filly in her promotion. Brilliant winner in her last two attempts, this protégé of the Abrivard family promises to be formidable. JULIET PAPA BRAVO (13), with a good final rush, JUST A GIGOLO (17), long considered the leader of his generation, and JUSTIN BOLD (9), particularly tenacious in wrestling, are all great possibilities for the podium. JUST A MIDI (6) has continued to impress since performing without his four irons and should be watched from his debut at Group level. JOSH POWER (8) and JUNINHO DRY (15) have a formidable burst of final speed and will be greatly advantaged by the likely sustained pace. Therefore, it would be unwise to ignore them when choosing.

SELECTIONS

J'AIME LE FOOT (12) - JUST LOVE YOU (14) - JULIET PAPA BRAVO (13) - JUST A GIGOLO (17)

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C5 - PX PARISTURF PARTENAIRE OFFICIEL CRITER. - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class B - Harness - EUR € 75.000

1. **ZANTE LASER** - Has been struggling to regain any form or consistency for some time so is unlikely to trouble the judge
2. **FLAYA KALOUMA** - Capable but is often a question of all or nothing. Out of sorts recently so is probably best just to watch for now
3. **FEE DE RANCHVAL** - Consistent veteran mare with sound references. Arrives in good form and physical condition so don't discount her chances
4. **GALILEO BELLO** - At the top of his game recently, winning two of his last three starts including his most recent outing. Ought to remain competitive
5. **GEISHA SPEED** - Versatile and consistent mare with sound references. Capable of getting into the picture back in the harness code
6. **FAUBOURG** - Seldom far off the mark when remaining wise but with this shoeing configuration is unlikely to have a say
7. **GAMIN JABA** - A regular performer in this category and runner-up in two of his last starts, including his most recent outing. Dark horse
8. **GRACE DU DIGEON** - Last-start winner who has been simply sublime racing fully unshod. Barefoot again, she is the logical favourite
9. **EBERTON** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
10. **FILOU D'ANJOU** - Has won in both codes recently and finished 3rd under the saddle last time. Not taken lightly back in this category
11. **AL CAPONE STECCA** - Consistent performer with sound form references and lines up here in good shape. Has a place chance
12. **GASPAR DE BRION** - Out of sorts but will be barefoot for the occasion and still has the means to make a name for himself at this level. Beware
13. **EDY DU POMMEREUX** - Struggling to regain his form or spark the necessary improvement, so is unlikely to trouble the judge
14. **FAKIR DE MAHEY** - Delicate but has sufficient means to be competitive in this grade/company. Should be a factor if remaining wise
15. **GITANO** - Model of consistency likely to take advantage of his good form and this favourable entry to play a leading role

Summary : At her best without her irons, last-start winner GRACE DU DIGEON (8) will, and with good reason, prove popular here but needs to be on her A-game to thwart the likely challenge of consistent GITANO (15), who ought to fight for victory given this favourable entry at the ceiling of earnings. GASPAR DE BRION (12) appears to have lost his way recently but is not incapable of resurfacing in a race of this nature with all four shoes removed - which also applies to GALILEO BELLO (4) who arrives in very good shape. FAKIR DE MAHEY (14) is delicate but not without a chance either.

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SELECTIONS

GRACE DU DIGEON (8) - GITANO (15) - GASPAR DE BRION (12) - GALILEO BELLO (4)

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**C6 - CRITERIUM DES 3 ANS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Group 1 - Harness -
EUR € 300.000**

1. **KALMIA PERRINE** - Faulted at the start of her latest outing but had previously done well, including in a Group II event. Dark horse
2. **KAISER RIVER** - Has maintained a respectable level of form and consistency but has no more than a place chance. Outsider
3. **KEEP GOING** - Consistent colt with respectable form figures/references but will need to improve markedly to have a say here
4. **KONFINEE** - Unreliable though seldom far off the mark on a going day. Has only a minor role to play here and no more than a place chance
5. **KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Has improved in recent outings and finished 2nd last time, his second runner-up finish in his last three starts. More to do
6. **KSAR** - Runner-up to KOCTEL DU DAIN (15) in a Group II recently and looks the likely danger here on that evidence
7. **KATCHINA DE SIMM** - Delicate but has serious means and recently recaptured her best level by finishing 2nd in consecutive starts. Beware
8. **KRACK TIME ATOUT** - Tends to do well when not disqualified and has caught the eye on occasion, so must not be taken lightly
9. **KABAKA DE GUEZ** - Last-start winner who had been inconsistent prior to that recent victory. Needs to improve to feature
10. **KING OPERA** - Capable colt but has looked complicated recently, with two sanctions in his last three starts. Can boast a victory over KOCTEL DU DAIN (15)
11. **KANADA** - Consistent and reliable Duvaldestin colt with sufficient means to have a say in the finish. Keep safe
12. **KAMEHAMEHA** - Delicate but has shown sufficient means and did display better application when finishing 3rd last time. More needed
13. **KALAMITY D'HERIPRE** - Talented filly with sound references and good form credentials. Can get into the picture if not disqualified
14. **KANA DE BEYLEV** - Consistent filly undone in a tactical race last time but is better than that 5th indicates. Will be a factor
15. **KOCTEL DU DAIN** - The undisputed leader of his generation and last-start winner of a Group II event. Will be hard to beat

Summary : The leader of his generation, KOCTEL DU DAIN (15) seems more than capable of preserving his unbeaten record when racing with this shoeing configuration. Runner-up to the selection in a recent Group II, KSAR (6) is likely to pose a threat once more. William Bigeon relies on KANA DE BEYLEV (14), who should appreciate a generous and sustained pace, and the very delicate KING OPERA (10), both of whom are capable of making their presence felt. KANADA (11) is consistent and competitive for the places too, as is KATCHINA DE SIMM (7) back to best recently with runner-up finishes in her last two starts.

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SELECTIONS

KOCTEL DU DAIN (15) - KSAR (6) - KANA DE BEYLEV (14) - KING OPERA (10)

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**C7 - CRITERIUM DES 5 ANS - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - Group 1 - Harness - EUR
€ 300.000**

1. **IPALIO** - Honest and consistent performer but at a significantly lower level, so has it all to do in this grade/company
2. **IROISE DE LA NOE** - Acquitted himself very well (3rd) in the Group II Prix Jockey and could have more to offer with his shoes removed this time
3. **IGREC DE CELLAND** - Consistent performer with sound references. Has the form and experience to get a look in but no more than a place chance
4. **IBIKI DE HOUELLE** - Versatile but unreliable sort who is not entirely incapable of getting into the picture, even in a race of this nature
5. **IT'S A DOLLARMAKER** - Improving with maturity and finished runner-up behind IDAO DE TILLARD (13) last time. Will be a factor
6. **INSTRUMENTALISTE** - Finished a reassuring 2nd and somewhat set the record straight with Benjamin Rochard last time. Confirmation required
7. **IMPRESSIONIST** - Bounced back to form by winning last time but faces an enormous task confirming that form at this level
8. **IDEAL DU POMMEAU** - Better was expected of him last time (5th) and Sébastien Guarato had put everything in place for him to redeem himself. Beware
9. **INMAROSA** - Runner-up five starts back but has struggled in each of his four subsequent outings, so can be ruled out even if racing unshod
10. **IDEAL LIGNERIES** - Usually does well when avoiding disqualification, often playing a role in the finish. Not taken lightly
11. **INOUBLIABLE** - Struggling to regain his form or spark the necessary improvement, so is not likely to trouble the judge
12. **IZOARD VEDAQUAIS** - Lines up here after disqualifications in his last two starts but did not go unnoticed in his latest outing. Can redeem himself
13. **IDAO DE TILLARD** - The class act in this lineup and will be very difficult to beat on the evidence of his recent Group II success

Summary : On the evidence of his Group II Prix Jockey victory, prolific IDAO DE TILLARD (13) is hard to oppose here, despite racing to the right for the first time. IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (5) delivered a first-class performance to finish 2nd to that rival last time and ought to pose more of a threat given his better starting berth. IZOARD VEDAQUAIS (12), who left Alexandre Abrivard with regrets when disqualified last time, has the means to redeem himself but must remain wise to do so, while IROISE DE LA NOE (2) is consistent and also dangerous to discount.

SELECTIONS

IDAO DE TILLARD (13) - IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (5) - IZOARD VEDAQUAIS (12) - IROISE DE LA NOE (2)

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C8 - PRIX DE LA GARENNE COLOMBES - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class C - Harness - EUR € 46.000

- 1. JOUR DE FETE** - Much improved last run when runner-up but is returning from a break and may need this comeback run
- 2. JE REVE DU BOIS** - Very consistent this year and has won three times. Good last win at this track and deserves the utmost respect
- 3. JONAGOLD** - Only win was nearly a year ago but he is in good form at the moment and can contest the finish once again
- 4. JUST A BOY D'ALESA** - In good form and was runner-up last time out at this course. Barefoot for the very first time and should fight out the finish
- 5. JAZZ UP** - Disappointing last two runs but has a good record at this course and should make a bold bid at winning
- 6. JOURNEY OF DREAM** - Remains barefoot. In good form of late but has tended to struggle at this course and is probably best watched this time
- 7. JOLI CHERI** - Mostly disappointing this year. Did better last year and has run well at this course. Capable of an upset
- 8. JOCDOR** - Has yet to win a race after 24 starts and is unreliable. Unlikely to win but could play a minor role
- 9. JASON** - Disappointing last run when sixth. Won twice at this course before that and can bounce back to score
- 10. JEU COQUIN** - Remains barefoot. Clearly more lethal over a shorter distance but is capable of earning some minor money
- 11. JINGLE DU PONT** - Lethal over the shorter distance but has won over a similar distance but is returning from a break. Might place
- 12. JIM PERRINE** - Remains barefoot. Both wins were last year but he has been consistent of late and is not out of it
- 13. JAZZY DANCER** - On a long losing streak but showed improvement when fourth last time out and is barefoot and ready to shine

Summary : JAZZ UP (5) is at his best on this course and, despite his two disappointing recent displays, could well be worth siding with here. JUST A BOY D'ALESA (4) is barefoot for the first time in his career so could improve to go one better after a good 2nd last time at this track. JE REVE DU BOIS (2) is very consistent and won well at this course recently, so ought to have a say in the finish with a repeat of that performance. JONAGOLD (3) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

JAZZ UP (5) - JUST A BOY D'ALESA (4) - JE REVE DU BOIS (2) - JONAGOLD (3)

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**C9 - PRIX KOZYR - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Class D - Mounted -
EUR € 59.000**

1. HURRICANE WAY - On a very long losing streak but he is knocking hard at the door with two recent runner-up runs. Not out of it

2. HAWAI RIVER - Disqualified last time out but has a good record with this shoeing arrangement and can bounce back to score

3. FISH DE HOUELLE - Remains barefoot. On a long losing streak and finds it hard to win but is capable of earning some more money

4. BANGLA D'ESI - Disappointing form of late and he still has to prove himself in Mounted race. Might play a minor role

5. DOLLAR DOC - Very consistent of late and won a Mounted race in July. Looks the one to beat on that win. Big chance

6. HIS DREAM DE CAHOT - Ignore last run. Better in Mounted races and has been in good form of late. Deserves respect

7. CHANDELLES - Remains barefoot. On a long losing streak and is coming off a disqualification. Probably best watched this time

8. DEVS DEFINITIF - Remains barefoot. Fit and in good form and won over a similar distance last time out. Has a winning chance

9. DJESON D'ARIANE - Unreliable this year and is battling to regain his best form. Probably best watched this time

10. HOLLYWOOD DU BOIS - A bit of a disappointment when only fifth last time out. He has won two Mounted races this year and is barefoot and ready to strike

11. FIONA DE COQUERIE - Unreliable since winning in March and she has disqualification issues. Needs to do more to win this race

12. FIROS - Ignore last two runs. Better in Mounted races and will be barefoot and ready to contest the finish

13. HEROS DE BEYLEV - Remains barefoot but has disqualification issues and he has struggled all year. Others are preferred

Summary : DOLLAR DOC (5) is in good form and won the last mounted race he contested, so looks the right one for the job in this 'lucky last' race. HOLLYWOOD DU BOIS (10) is barefoot for the occasion and his disappointing last start is best ignored, so could fight for victory. HIS DREAM DE CAHOT (6) is better in this category so has obvious claims too. HURRICANE WAY (1) wouldn't be winning out of turn win after finishing 2nd in consecutive recent starts but has proved hard to win with.

SELECTIONS

**DOLLAR DOC (5) - HOLLYWOOD DU BOIS (10) - HIS DREAM DE CAHOT (6) -
HURRICANE WAY (1)**