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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX D'ERBRAY - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European - Harness - EUR €
59.000**

- 1. FOSSOYEUR** - Capable sort that appreciates these shorter trips, will be fully fit by now, and racing unshod all 4 is unlikely to be far off the mark.
- 2. FARANDOLE DI PALBA** - Useful in both codes and, while arguably better under the saddle, she is in cracking condition and, from the 2-spot, can prove something of a spoiler
- 3. DETROIT ACE** - Ideally-positioned behind the car but has just one race in him since the long layoff and will have nothing to offer
- 4. FLAMME JULRY** - Had been on a fine run of form before biting off more than she could chew here earlier in the month, but takes a dip in class and is ideally-placed to give this a good go
- 5. FOREVER JIEL** - Versatile type taking a drop in category after a decent effort at a higher level. Is unlikely to impose but has a good spot behind the car and can pick up a cheque
- 6. DAHLIA DU PONT** - Excellent servant in the other branch of the business and, even with pads fitted this time, still looks an outsider
- 7. FUSEE DES VAUX** - No slouch on a good day but has ample ability. Denied a gap last time over track and trip but, with more luck in running, can make her presence felt
- 8. ZIGULI DEI GREPPI** - Decent Italian raider with evident ability from a mile to 2000m. Is unlikely to be inconvenienced by the trip, but starts wide, and is expected to face a stiff test
- 9. DOMINO D'AUVRECY** - Reliable veteran that has won 2 of his last 3 starts but has never shown any liking for the Vincennes main track and others preferred
- 10. LAST WINNER (BEL)** - Regular sort that confirmed her form over longer here late last month, thrives over these shorter trips and, in spite of a second row draw, can still trot her way into the money
- 11. ELIXIR D'ANAMA** - Moderate type that has failed to make the grade here for some time and current form does little to inspire confidence
- 12. ECUME DE FURETAIS** - Quality mare that left quite the impression here on last month's re-entry. Has good references over the distance and, with form maintained, can defy the draw and win this
- 13. HURRICANE RIVER** - Generally thereabouts at this level of competition. Comes here fresh following a fine performance last month and returns to the capital with a good hand to play
- 14. FIDELE MADRIK** - Useful sort that gave an excellent account on last weekend's monté debut here. Handed a tough draw but can get a look in if form transitions
- 15. EDITEUR LA RAVELLE** - Not the most dependable horse in the field but pulled off quite the coup at Cagnes 10 days ago. Will not be available at 103/1 this time, but a repeat nevertheless seems improbable

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16. ZINKO TOP - Hardy trotter that appreciates 2100m. Is confirmed in better company and, despite the shocking draw, is in sufficiently good form to make the frame

Summary : Very effective over 2100m on the main track, ECUME DE FURETAIS (12) is forced to break from the second line but, given the nature of last month's comeback performance, it would be no surprise to see her get her nose in front. That being said, HURRICANE RIVER (13) has twice acquitted himself well over track and trip and, even from the back row, still looks a decent prospect. ZINKO TOP (16) is not quite the model of consistency but he has form at a superior level and will be no easy touch if Gabriele Gelormini successfully navigates the start. Barefoot for the first time since last summer, FOSSOYEUR (1) faces his first real objective of the new year and, from the front line, can make a good go of this.

SELECTIONS

ECUME DE FURETAIS (12) - HURRICANE RIVER (13) - ZINKO TOP (16) - FOSSOYEUR (1)

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**C2 - PRIX DE BIARRITZ - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
40.000**

- 1. KING PAPY JOE** - Moderate type that has placed in 2 of last 3, latterly over the short course. Finds himself in a tougher field this time though and can be passed over
- 2. KHARNAS** - Kicked his career off with 2 wins in 3 starts but rather disappointing since. Goes barefoot for the first time though and the Eric Raffin-factor cannot be ignored
- 3. KAZAN DE VANDEL** - Has ability but is not the easiest of horses to gauge. Is reunited with Matthieu Abrivard who won with him in early-December and, first-time unshod behind, can play a small role
- 4. KEITHOS DU RHIN** - Has come into himself since starting to race with pads fitted. Very impressive over track and trip on Christmas Eve and, unshod all 4 this time, can bring the fight to KAPITANO DE LOU (15)
- 5. KADEO JOSSELYN** - Sanctioned more often than not but has evident ability, which he proved here a fortnight ago. Nicolas Bazire back in the sulky and, if behaved, should be good enough to finish close
- 6. KERALDO** - Yet to get off the mark but has talent in abundance. Impressed ahead of KADEO JOSSELYN (5) recently and, in similar shape, should not disappoint
- 7. KASH MADRIK** - Is confirmed over the main track but never far from faulting. Hind shoes off for first start since August though and unlikely to make much of an impact
- 8. KOOL DU PORHOET** - Unexceptional trotter that has yet to show much liking for the Vincennes profile. Modified shoeing but still an outsider
- 9. KAMIKAZE DU CAMPUS** - Has merit but frequently breaks stride. Unshod behind for the first time but chances slim on first appearance since last September
- 10. KILLER FOR LOVA** - Impressive during the spring before losing his way. Has 2 runs under his belt since the break though and, first-time barefoot, will be one to keep an eye on
- 11. KARNAK DAIRPET** - Has three times failed to confirm his November course-and-distance success but drops back down the class ladder and should prove considerably more competitive this time around
- 12. KIKI AND CO** - Useful sort with better references in the other code and can be confidently ruled out
- 13. KER DE TOUES** - Moderate sort with little chance of imposing here but races unshod behind with Franck Nivard reining, and should not be underestimated
- 14. KATSUKI** - Undeniably capable and is confirmed here, but latest results do nothing to inspire confidence
- 15. KAPITANO DE LOU** - Fine future prospect that has hardly put a foot wrong since returning to competition. Unshod for the first time and looks the pick of the field

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Summary : A fine servant with a superb entry, KAPITANO DE LOU (15) has transitioned well to Vincennes conditions, will not be inconvenienced by the shorter trip and, sporting a new configuration, can get 2024 off to a victorious start. The delicate KADEO JOSSELYN (5) was unplaced that day but reassured 2 weeks ago and will be no pushover, however he may first have to defer to the progressive and in-form KEITHOS DU RHIN (4) who races barefoot for the first time. KERALDO (6) showed a different side to himself when beating KADEO JOSSELYN (5) recently and looks similarly competitive.

SELECTIONS

KAPITANO DE LOU (15) - KEITHOS DU RHIN (4) - KADEO JOSSELYN (5) - KERALDO (6)

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C3 - PRIX DE JUVISY - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 33.000

- 1. LOLO DU GARDEN** - Untried sort that qualified well under harness mid-December, but takes on some serious colts this time and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 2. LOUSTIC DES MACE** - Looked very ordinary in harness qualification and is not about to set the world alight on career debut
- 3. LE CADOR DE SIMM** - Sanctioned first time out when moderately-supported. Gets another crack at it but is still not a priority
- 4. LE ROI SOLEIL** - Unfortunate to lose his action first time out. Should take well to the new profile though and, a new rider in the saddle, can put things right
- 5. LUCKY CRISTAL** - Lacklustre under harness and sanctioned on lone start under the saddle. Disregard
- 6. LYPHARD DELF** - Like the favourite, was sanctioned on debut but nevertheless showed significant potential and, on better behaviour, will be competitive for victory
- 7. LOOP JANEIRO** - Struggled in his first 3 but encouraged behind LOTUS ZEN (10) last time out, and has a decent chance of making the first 5 once more
- 8. LUCAS** - Sanctioned on harness debut but has twice since made the frame under the saddle. Is clearly close to his race and has every chance of continuing his productive streak
- 9. LUSSABEAU** - Yet to get off the mark but has shown potential in this branch of the game. That said, he faces a much stiffer test this time around
- 10. LOTUS ZEN** - Debuted nicely under harness before confirming good aptitude for the monté discipline under these conditions earlier in the month, and in similar form, can again make the frame

Summary : Clearly a colt of some potential, LE ROI SOLEIL (4) lost his action on debut over the main track last week, but will appreciate the more even surface and, with Eric Raffin in the irons this time, can set the record straight. LYPHARD DELF (6) suffered a similar fate over course and distance the same day but, with his mind on the game, can give this a good go. Solid in both codes, and latterly 2nd over track and trip under the saddle, LOTUS ZEN (10) should have a good hand to play, as should the in-form LUCAS (8) who has taken well to his new vocation.

SELECTIONS

LE ROI SOLEIL (4) - LYPHARD DELF (6) - LOTUS ZEN (10) - LUCAS (8)

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**C4 - PRIX LOUIS CUSSINET - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
33.000**

- 1. LOOK MESLOIS** - Tricky character that pleased on debut but has been sanctioned twice since and is unlikely to garner much support
- 2. LIGHTNING JIEL** - Gave a fine account of himself at Argentan first time out. Goes left-handed on this occasion but will have a lot to offer if he turns
- 3. LEO DES MALBERAUX** - Encouraged in 2 of his 4 starts to date, but finds himself in better company this time and others preferred
- 4. LEOLIO** - Promising colt that has taken respectably to Vincennes conditions. Returns to the main track with a decent hand to play
- 5. LOVER JULMA** - Left a good impression first time out over the short course, but Raffin has opted for LORD DAIRPET (6) on this occasion, and cannot be considered a player
- 6. LORD DAIRPET** - Qualified in 1'17"0 before making short work of the opposition on debut at Cordemais last autumn. Unseen since but Eric Raffin back in the wagon and is unlikely to be a soft touch
- 7. L'AMOUR SUPREME** - Simply dynamic at Bordeaux first time out, confirming his potential. In better company this time but will be a tough nut to crack if he takes to the Vincennes main-track profile
- 8. LUDIVER DES VAUX** - Heavily-campaigned colt that has shown the limits of his capacity. Front pads fitted again but still appears to have a mountain to climb
- 9. LOMAC GEDE** - Tricky sort but has nonetheless started to come good. Little chance of winning this but, if focused, can finish in the mix

Summary : Held back for some time after qualifying nicely in late-spring, L'AMOUR SUPREME (7) romped to victory first time out and, hind pads fitted for the occasion, can maintain his unbeaten status. It is not going to be all plane sailing though considering how well LORD DAIRPET (6) confirmed his excellent qualification, and the potential LIGHTNING JIEL (2) showed on his recent Argentan debut. LEOLIO (4) may not be cut from the same cloth but he has promise and, with some luck in running, can trot his way onto the podium.

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L'AMOUR SUPREME (7) - LORD DAIRPET (6) - LIGHTNING JIEL (2) - LEOLIO (4)

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C5 - PRIX DE LA FERTE BERNARD - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Apprentices - Mounted - EUR € 50.000

- 1. HEDEN CRUZ** - Capable trotter in both codes, and is clearly in decent shape. Barefoot for main track debut, but is unlikely to shake things up
- 2. HOUARNEAU** - Flexible type that rarely lets the side down in the monté discipline. Has previously won for Lilian Bertin and, even though stepping up in category, should still acquit himself competitively
- 3. GALLAGHER WIND** - Reliable servant that rarely puts a foot wrong in this branch of the game but, in this company, will struggle to make his mark
- 4. GUIDO JOSSELYN** - Debuts in the discipline after some unexceptional performances under harness here. Shod to preference this time but still not an obvious choice
- 5. HOTKATISSIME** - Faithful campaigner that won 6 of 10 monté starts last year. Somewhat below-par in the race of reference but is not incapable of getting a look in
- 6. HARVEST** - Acquits himself well for the most part but did not enjoy the best of fortunes here last time out. Makes his first appearance for 2 months, but is shod to preference, and is sure to generate interest
- 7. GYPSIE ROYALE** - Returned moderately well to the monté code last autumn and latterly pleased over 2850m, but still represents no more than an outside chance
- 8. HOLESHOT** - In the frame in last 6 starts under the saddle. Gets a new driver for the occasion but, in present condition, is very hard to ignore
- 9. HORSY ROYAL** - Superb last summer with 5 straight wins. Just one blip on her formcard since, but sports a new configuration, and should not be underestimated
- 10. HILYROSE D'ICELEA** - Has not won for over 2 years but seldom disappoints when barefoot and applied and, once again, looks competitively well in
- 11. HOCKFELER DU MESLE** - Never far from losing his action but is very hard to knock when applied and a repeat of his latest effort here could see him impose
- 12. FAKIR STARDUST** - Previously a decent sort but has been off the boil for some time and will have nothing to offer
- 13. FASCINANT** - Has ample ability but has never excelled over the long course and is not about to break the mould
- 14. HYPOTHESE MADRIK** - Has been in cracking shape since the autumn. Beat HOCKFELER DU MESLE (11) and HOLESHOT (8) here in late-November and is not incapable of repeating

Summary : A complicated trotter at the best of times, HOCKFELER DU MESLE (11) nonetheless possesses very good credentials under the saddle and his recent performance behind the good Handsome Boy augurs well for his prospects. Ideally-engaged, HYPOTHESE MADRIK (14) seldom puts a foot wrong when barefoot, won over course and distance on her penultimate start, and must be taken seriously. HOLESHOT (8) has been flying over recent months, was 3rd in the race of reference and, in similar form, can trot his way onto the podium. Justifiably well-regarded, and with black-type to her name, HILYROSE D'ICELEA (10) is barefoot following her re-entry and, if race-fit, will not be far from the action.

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**HOCKFELER DU MESLE (11) - HYPOTHESE MADRIK (14) - HOLESHOT (8) - HILYROSE
D'ICELEA (10)**

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C6 - PRIX DE BERNAY - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 53.000

- 1. IRRESISTIBLE PAJ** - Looked decidedly ordinary in 2023 and will need to find a lot more in order to compete in this category
- 2. IVALO DU BOCAGE** - Dependability not his strong suit but can trot when focused, and is proven over track and trip. Won under these conditions 3 weeks ago and, although in better company this time, must still be respected
- 3. IKURO JIEL** - Capable in both codes and is plainly in form, but takes on better horses this time and chances limited
- 4. IN LOVE DE JIEL** - Excellent last summer before being sent for his autumn break. Took little time getting in shape and steps back up in category with a decent hand to play
- 5. IF YOU CAN** - Has merit but regularly bites off more than he can chew. Reassured at Mauquenchy last time and, hind shoes off for the occasion, can play a small part
- 6. IRON DU GERS** - Good class of horse with a remarkable record when barefoot. Is confirmed under these conditions and looks the main threat to IRIS DES ROSEAUX (7)
- 7. IRIS DES ROSEAUX** - Not always the most reliable of horses but boasts an enviable strike-rate. Won here before the spell and, barefoot for his first objective of the year, can trot away with the silverware
- 8. IN LOVE MESLOIS** - Useful sort with solid main track references but disappointed last time here and, shod for re-entry, can be ruled out
- 9. IBIS PETTEVINIERE** - Has been in cracking shape, in both codes, for the past 1.5 months. Missed out by little here last week and backs up with justified ambition
- 10. IQUEM** - Has been in fine form over recent months but has been plagued by stride woes and is not expected to spring a surprise
- 11. ILLICO DES BAUX** - Honest trotter that showed improvement behind INSTANT D'HAUFOR (13) here in late-December. Has more to find but can still get in on the action
- 12. IACYNTHE DIDJEAP** - Reliable campaigner for the most part. Surprisingly not up to scratch here last time but can make amends
- 13. INSTANT D'HAUFOR** - Difficult trotter but has been showing his form since returning to his preferred configuration. Has nothing to prove at this level and must be afforded significant respect
- 14. INSTINCTIF** - Justifiably well-regarded servant that has done nothing but improve since returning to competition. Facile winner last time out and, in present form, is not going to be far from the action

Summary : A tough individual that won 2 on the trot before prepping here late last month, IRIS DES ROSEAUX (7) returns to racing barefoot and has every chance of trotting his way into the winners' enclosure. Théo Duvaldestin will still be keeping a keen eye on IRON DU GERS (6) who boasts a superb record when unshod, and sharing a similar profile, INSTINCTIF (14) will be competitive for a place on the podium. INSTANT D'HAUFOR (13) beat a number of these over 2700m last time out and will not be going home empty-handed.

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IRIS DES ROSEAUX (7) - IRON DU GERS (6) - INSTINCTIF (14) - INSTANT D'HAUFOR (13)

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**C7 - PRIX DE CANTIN - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European - Harness - EUR €
41.000**

1. IN RACE LORRAINE - Undeniably in decent shape and a winner under these conditions last winter. Is barefoot with the inside line and, Nivard drafted in for the occasion, looks a decent place prospect

2. IRMA DU VIVIER - Is better than her formcard would suggest. Excels over 2100m here and, well-placed in front, can make up for a long time away from the winners' circle

3. CUBA DEL DUOMO - Acquitted herself respectably in both main track starts to date, is plainly enjoying a fine run of form and, from the 3-spot, will be no pushover

4. IBIZA DU CHERISAY - Handed the ideal spot behind the car but has been disappointing since the spring and has no realistic chance

5. COCO CHANEL EFFE - Excellent earlier in her career in Italy but has made little impact since travelling north. Barefoot this time though and will be worth keeping an eye on

6. INDIANAPOLIS - Unexceptional mare that encouraged at Enghien last October but has done nothing of note since, and others preferred

7. IDEALE D'ABBEVILLE - Faithful servant for the most part. Looked to need the run last time out but gets another crack at it and, from the front line, can make her presence felt

8. CHEYENNE SELVA - Tricky mare but has no shortage of ability over this trip. Has delivered just once from 3 here but has freshness on her side and, front pads fitted for the occasion, can defy the draw and get straight down to business

9. IMAGE DE FLAM - Won 4 times last season before coming off the boil. Has one race in her, sports a new configuration, but the draw will do her no favours

10. CHANTAL FB - Italian mare with good references at home. Failed to fire a fortnight ago but is confirmed here and, despite a 2nd row draw, can put on a good show

11. IDEALE D'ARCEY - Has been very disappointing for some time and even with Benjamin Rochard reining is unlikely to surprise

12. IRMA BABEL - Delicate sort that appears to have found her mark in the claiming division and is unlikely to generate much interest

13. ISTA FREDANO - Mixes the good with the less good but form is heading in the right direction. Steps up in category after winning at Châteaubriant and, with Matthieu Abrivard in the sulky, will be afforded every chance

Summary : Not the easiest of races to decipher, but a tentative nod nevertheless goes to the well-positioned, and padded, IRMA DU VIVIER (2) who can make a big splash if she reproduces her last course-and-distance performance. Italian import, CHEYENNE SELVA (8) has already won for her new trainer and, even though drawn wide and unseen since October, she can still apply pressure on Eric Raffin's charge. IN RACE LORRAINE (1) is associated with Franck Nivard this time and will be expected to show significant improvement. The consistent transalpine visitor, CUBA DEL DUOMO (3) seldom lets the side down and, even though shod for her return to France, can play a prominent role.

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**IRMA DU VIVIER (2) - CHEYENNE SELVA (8) - IN RACE LORRAINE (1) - CUBA DEL
DUOMO (3)**

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**C8 - PRIX JEAN-PIERRE REYNALDO - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class -
Harness - EUR € 52.000**

- 1. JOUR DE FETE** - Capricious type but has bags of ability. Form is not in doubt and will not be far from the action if Nicolas Bazire can keep him trotting
- 2. JASMIN DU VALLON** - Never far from faulting but has references at a superior level. Unlucky here last time, but is plainly in shape and, if applied, can trot his way onto the podium
- 3. JEDI DES BROUETS** - Alternates between the good and the less good but struggled in last 2 and can expect to have few takers
- 4. JEROCASH DE PHYT'S** - Very good servant when he can stay in stride. Goes particularly well for Eric Raffin and, on better behaviour, can get in on the action
- 5. JOOST D'OLERON** - Back at the top of his game over recent months. Goes over any distance and, although not a leading contender, should still not be written off
- 6. JASMIN MERITE** - Gives a good account for the most part when applied. Would have finished 6th in the race of reference had he stayed trotting, but others still preferred
- 7. JEWEL DE LA COTE** - Has references in better company and, even though form is on the right trajectory, he still faces a stiff test
- 8. JIBI DU FRUITIER** - Reliable trotter with solid credentials under these conditions. Races barefoot after his prep race earlier in the month and, while not a priority, will still have his supporters
- 9. JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL** - Hardy sort that has taken well to his new configuration. Very impressive last time out and, with freshness on his side, can challenge for a place in the frame
- 10. JIMAKO VERDERIE** - Fine trotter that won here [by default] late last month but returns to racing with pads and best to hold off
- 11. JIM PERRINE** - Excellent last summer but has placed just once in 4 starts since. Left a good impression behind JUST DE L'OISON (15) last month though and is not to be overlooked
- 12. JALISCO FLIGNY** - Kicked his career off superbly but has not been as sharp since. Well-beaten here a fortnight ago and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 13. JAMIN DE BRION** - Arguably better racing right-handed but has nevertheless taken well to Vincennes conditions. Unlikely to return to winning ways but can still make his presence felt
- 14. JIGSAW PUZZLE** - Clearly has ample ability but disappointing in a Gr.3 last month and others easier to back
- 15. JUST DE L'OISON** - A veritable steamroller that seldom encounters much resistance. Is unbeaten in 2 starts over the main track and will again take all the beating

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Summary : There is no shortage of quality in Thierry Duvaldestin's stable and JUST DE L'OISON (15) is a case in point. Winner of 10 from 11 starts, he steps marginally up in category, but his limits are unknown and he should be able to wrap this up. Main opposition should logically take the form of the tricky but talented JASMIN DU VALLON (2) who would have finished close here recently had he not lost his action, but the new shoeing formula may be just the ticket. JOUR DE FETE (1) does not always manage to express himself but is a trotter of some potential and, with application, can set the record straight. Erno Szirmay appears to have found the key to JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (9) who most recently finished 2nd in a Gr.3 here and who is unlikely to go down without a fight.

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**JUST DE L'OISON (15) - JASMIN DU VALLON (2) - JOUR DE FETE (1) - JAZZMAN
DEBAILLEUL (9)**