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R4 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE DINARD - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
49.000**

1. GRACE DES RIOULTS - Modest mare that has not made the frame for the past 12 months and will have few takers

2. HISTOIRE THORIS - No star but always gives her best. Tends to appreciate the trip here and can finish in the mix

3. HOLLY SHINE - Sprang something of a surprise at Vittel last month. Unlikely to repeat but can still make her presence felt

4. HAZILYS - Highly consistent sort that has been at the top of her game for some time. Seldom seen at Vincennes but in present condition is a leading candidate for success

5. GRAHIKA - Serious type that seldom disappoints when barefoot and focused. Debuts at the venue but will be dangerous if she can replicate her Mauquenchy performance

6. HUELVA DUPEROUZEL - Not as sharp as she was earlier in the season but showed improvement behind HAZILYS (4) across town recently and is expected to confirm

7. FOLETTE DU MANS - Not the most dependable but capable on a good day. Below-par at Graignes though and others easier to support

8. HARASSANTE - Has not got her nose in front for some time but always gives her best. Stable currently in flying form and she is not here to see the sights

9. HOSANNA DE CHENU - Quality mare that imposed over track and trip late-spring. Got back in the game late last month and will be competitive for the title

10. HIAHIASART - Decent trotter with respectable Vincennes references. Has not been seen out since March but is she competitively shod and will be one to monitor

11. GALAXIE DU HOME - Hardy element with decent references when barefoot. Is clearly in form and, while not an obvious choice, should not be ignored with Franck Nivard in the sulky

Summary : Remarkably consistent, and as versatile as they come, HAZILYS (4) was beaten only by a very good horse at Enghien and looks eminently capable of imposing this time. She will still face opposition from HOSANNA DE CHENU (9) who won under these conditions earlier in the year. Already twice a winner this term, GRAHIKA (5) went close at Mauquenchy and is expected to give another competitive account. Regularly in the thick of things, HISTOIRE THORIS (2) pleased last time under these conditions and should not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

HAZILYS (4) - HOSANNA DE CHENU (9) - GRAHIKA (5) - HISTOIRE THORIS (2)

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**C2 - PRIX DE MOLAY - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
49.000**

- 1. GEORGIO HAUFOR** - Tricky type that has made no impact for some time and recent form does little to convince
- 2. HOUSTON TUILERIE** - Trotter with a fine strike-rate and presently in top shape. Has won over course and distance and, with application, will have this in the bag
- 3. FRICHTI** - Not as sharp since winning at La Capelle 2 months ago and will need to be at his best to trot his way into the money
- 4. FAREMEL DE JADE** - Undeniably capable but tends to show more a level down and others preferred
- 5. HORATIUS D'ELA** - Very hard to knock when focused. Gave a good account in an Enghien Class D last time out and can again figure prominently
- 6. HONEY KING** - Useful sort that tends to be seen at a marginally lower level, but is confirmed under these conditions and will not be far from the action
- 7. HOMMAGE DE LARRE** - Respectable sort that finished a place behind HORATIUS D'ELA (5) at Enghien last time out. Unlikely to repeat but can still get a look in
- 8. FABULEUX D'ECHAL** - Hardy trotter that thrives with Eric Raffin. Unlikely to have his way but can still challenge for a place in the frame
- 9. GALION** - Occasionally loses his action but otherwise a tough element, and will not be far off the mark if he can keep his action together
- 10. GUELIZ** - Not the most reliable but always gives what he can. Currently in decent shape but still no more than a minor place prospect

Summary : Although never far from losing his action, HOUSTON TUILERIE (2) is exceptional when focused and, going barefoot for just the first time, can trot off with the spoils. David Thomain can still expect to feel some heat from HORATIUS D'ELA (5) who was tenacious at Enghien a fortnight ago, and HONEY KING (6) who is barefoot again after winning two on the trot. FABULEUX D'ECHAL (8) has hardly set a foot out of line since the spring and will be no easy touch.

SELECTIONS

HOUSTON TUILERIE (2) - HORATIUS D'ELA (5) - HONEY KING (6) - FABULEUX D'ECHAL (8)

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**C3 - PRIX LEGOUX-LONGPRE - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Group 3 - Mounted -
EUR € 85.000**

- 1. JALISCO FLIGNY** - Showed significant promise last season. Has just one race in him since the layoff, but is barefoot for the occasion, and will be one to keep an eye on
- 2. JAZZ IN MONTREUX** - Regularly in the thick of things when he can stay in stride. Won an Enguien Class C in good order last time and, while a repeat looks improbable, he could still pick up some prizemoney
- 3. IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL** - Respectable 5th on his lone appearance in this category, but appears to have turned a corner since and, with shoes off for the first time, looks a major player
- 4. ILIADE MESLOISE** - Disappointing since imposing over track an trip last December and can be confidently ruled out
- 5. INBREED** - Has progressed nicely since returning to racing with pads fitted. Will have come on for his Vichy run and must be afforded respect
- 6. IRINA DE BAILLY** - Has undeniable ability but lost her way during the spring and no sign of an imminent return to form
- 7. J'ADORE** - Quality mare that thrives over 2175m here. Little chance of winning but can still finish in the mix
- 8. IES WE KAN** - Blows hot and cold but has already secured a Gr.2 here this season. Impressed under harness at Cagnes and, if form transitions, can give JEAN BALTHAZAR (10) a run for his money
- 9. IBERIK DE MONGOCHY** - Has not won for some time but always gives his best in this branch of the business and, even though in better company this time, should still acquit himself competitively
- 10. JEAN BALTHAZAR** - Fine trotter that has made considerable waves since switching codes. Entrusted to Alexandre Abrivad for the occasion and will take all the beating
- 11. INTUITION** - Has proved something of a handful this term but has ability in abundance and, on good behaviour, will have her chances

Summary : A Gr.2 winner during the spring, and latterly a facile 3rd at the highest level, JEAN BALTHAZAR (10) returns fresh and, with front pads fitted this time, looks the one to beat. Alexandre Abrivad will still want to be wary of the erratic, but highly talented IES WE KAN (8), who successfully prepped under harness a fortnight ago. Winner of his last two, IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL (3) races first-time barefoot and a big run is anticipated. INTUITION (11) already has two Gr.1s under her belt and can make a big impact if she stays in stride.

SELECTIONS

JEAN BALTHAZAR (10) - IES WE KAN (8) - IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL (3) - INTUITION (11)

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C4 - PRIX REINE DU CORTA-CRITERIUM 3 ANS Q1 - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

1. **KLASSICA DESBOIS** - Respectable trotter in her own category but such a hike in class is unlikely to realise any results
2. **KERRY LOVE** - Never far from faulting but has merit. Bites off more than she can chew on this occasion though and can be passed over
3. **KETTY ANGOT** - Moderate type that failed to impress in the Prix Ozo, and even with front pads back on, still looks an outsider
4. **KACHA DE VANDEL** - Has never been tested at this level but is currently enjoying a good run of form. Gelormini at the helm this time but still faces a stiff test
5. **KALMIA PERRINE** - Late starter that has shown considerable class since her January debut. Winner of three from four since returning to competition and, with pads fitted for the first time, should not disappoint
6. **KILLER QUEEN** - Honest sort that seldom lets the side down, but in this company looks to have her work cut out
7. **KARLA DE MAI** - Disappointing on the whole in both codes for some time and will have few takers
8. **KONFINEE** - Useful type that has climbed the class ladder well. Oddly out of sorts last time but is well-regarded at home and is in here on her merits
9. **KATCHINA DE SIMM** - Clearly talented but has proved very temperamental this season. Pads back on and will be no soft touch if Thomain can keep her trotting
10. **KESERASERA** - Sanctioned as often as not but has talent in abundance. Front pads fitted this time and, on good behaviour, can make a big impact
11. **KABAKA DE GUEZ** - Handy filly that regularly gives her best. Not disgraced in the race of reference and, with pads back on, can pick up another cheque
12. **KYRIELLE** - Quality filly that has come on nicely this year. Ran 3rd to KANA DE BEYLEV (14) in the Prix Ozo before the break and, with one race under her belt since, should be able to give this a good go
13. **KALAMITY D'HERIPRE** - Good, consistent sort that has won three Gr.2s at the venue. Latterly 4th in the Prix Albert Viel but may yet again have to play second fiddle to KANA DE BEYLEV (14)
14. **KANA DE BEYLEV** - Currently one of the leaders of her generation. Went close at the highest level last time out, comes here fresh, and is expected to garner the lion's share of support

Summary : Both high-class fillies, and regular adversaries, KANA DE BEYLEV (14) and KALAMITY D'HERIPRE (13) have been fighting it out since early in their careers and Franck Nivard will be out to exact revenge for his Gr.1 Prix Albert Viel defeat. Considerably less experienced, KALMIA PERRINE (5) is nevertheless a progressive filly with a good future, and makes her Group debut with justified ambition. KYRIELLE (12) has shown significant improvement this season and once again looks a decent podium prospect.

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KANA DE BEYLEV (14) - KALAMITY D'HERIPRE (13) - KALMIA PERRINE (5) - KYRIELLE
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C5 - PRIX PAUL LEGUERNEY-CRITERIUM 4 ANS Q2 - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

1. **JUSTICIA SMART** - Can prove a handful but has merit. Better at a lower level though and unlikely to spring any surprises
2. **JERVIS BAY** - Tricky character that has shown a different side since starting to race barefoot but, in this company, is expected to show the limits of her capacity
3. **JONGLEUSE DE LUNE** - Sanctioned on her only start in this category but otherwise as consistent as they come. Takes a leap in class and, while not an obvious choice, will be worth keeping an eye on
4. **JEANNETTE PRIORY** - Yet to make her mark in this class of race but seldom disappoints when focused. Showed her form at Enghien, in spite of the sanction, and with application can pick up some prizemoney
5. **JEEP DU PONT** - Previously a good sort but has been off the boil for some time and must first reestablish her credentials
6. **JERUSALEM** - Has ability and was close to JUST LOVE YOU (13) in the race of reference. Has not been seen out for almost two months and represents no more than a minor place chance
7. **JOLIE SURPRISE** - Delicate individual but has progressed well and is presently at the top of her game. Twice a winner at the venue and looks competitively well in
8. **JUNON** - Decent dual-discipline filly racing barefoot under harness for the first time. Gelormini in the sulky for the occasion and will be afforded every chance
9. **JAZZIE BELLE** - Progressive sort that acquitted herself well in a Gr.2 earlier in the summer. Has not been taxed since and, with shoes off for the occasion, can again make the frame
10. **JEEGHA PRIDE** - A Gr.3 winner but has not raced for over 2 months and with shoes on will have little to offer
11. **JOYEUSE** - Significantly better horse in the other discipline and is just here for reasons of conditioning
12. **JULIET PAPA BRAVO** - Good class of filly with nothing to prove in this category. Showed her form at Enghien recently and has every chance of imposing
13. **JUST LOVE YOU** - Somewhat erratic but has talent in spades. Prepped with shoes on at Enghien, but is shod for competition this time and looks a serious proposition
14. **JAZZY PERRINE** -

Summary : An open affair in prospect this, notably after the scratching of JAZZY PERRINE (14), but a preference still goes to the classy JULIET PAPA BRAVO (12) who has two races in her since the spell, and who will be barefoot for the occasion. Clément Duvaldestin will nevertheless be keeping a watchful eye on Gr.1-winning JUST LOVE YOU (13) who will be dangerous if she can keep her action together. JAZZIE BELLE (9) gave a fine account on her only appearance at this level and, unshod all four, will have her chances. JOLIE SURPRISE (7) may not be the most reliable horse here but she was won two of her last three and must be taken seriously.

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JULIET PAPA BRAVO (12) - JUST LOVE YOU (13) - JAZZIE BELLE (9) - JOLIE SURPRISE
(7)

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**C6 - PRIX ABEL BASSIGNY-CRITERIUM 3 ANS Q2 - 2175m (a1 5/16m) -
Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000**

- 1. KRONOS DU KLAU** - Unexceptional colt with no place in this field and has no realistic chance
- 2. KYOTO DIGEO** - Takes his chances at a superior level after winning two on the trot, but chances appear limited
- 3. KAISER RIVER** - Not cut from the same cloth as others here but can trot. Will appreciate the return to a shorter trip and should not be far off the mark
- 4. KIMBO BERRY** - Fine colt in the other branch of the business. Not expected to be over-taxed and can be passed over
- 5. KNOCKONWOOD** - Rarely far from the action when focused. Not as good as his stablemate but can nevertheless be assured a competitive drive
- 6. KOMPOSTEL** - Has pleased in both since trotting third to KOCTEL DU DAIN (9) in the Prix Albert Viel and, while unlikely to repeat, can still play a role
- 7. KING OPERA** - Classy sort making his first appearance for almost 2 months. Will be fresh and, with Eric Raffin in charge this time, can make up for his colt's Albert Viel sanction
- 8. KANADA** - Seldom far off the mark at this level of competition. Would have finished close last time only for driver error, but young Duvaldestin will be out to redeem himself
- 9. KOCTEL DU DAIN** - Outstanding colt that has twice won at the highest level. Stays shod for the occasion but will still take some beating

Summary : Impressive since his first steps on the track, KOCTEL DU DAIN (9) already has two Gr.1s to his name and, after a much-needed lung-opener at Enghien recently, returns to conditions he appreciates and is unlikely to be bested. That said, the somewhat trickier KING OPERA (7) had his measure during the spring and will accordingly be afforded respect. Fourth that day, before being demoted in the Prix Albert Viel, KANADA (8) can make amends with a more competent drive. KAISER RIVER (3) has only once been seen at this level but, with four pads fitted this time, should attract more support.

SELECTIONS

KOCTEL DU DAIN (9) - KING OPERA (7) - KANADA (8) - KAISER RIVER (3)

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C7 - PRIX LOUIS JARIEL-CRITERIUM 5 ANS Q1 - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- 1. IGREC DE CELLAND** - In the first five in both starts in this category, including 5th in the race of reference. Showed his form at Cabourg recently and will be competitive for another cheque
- 2. INVINCIBLE CASH** - Has never failed to fire in Gr.2 class when unshod. Disappointing since trotting 4th in Prix Jean le Gonidec but the shoeing change may prove just the ticket
- 3. INFANT PERRINE** - Previously a good sort but has not been competitive in this class for some time and chances limited
- 4. IBIKI DE HOUELLE** - Faithful servant for the most part but stays shod for return from a short break and best to hold off
- 5. INSTRUMENTALISTE** - Often in the thick of things at this level but somewhat below-par lately. Unshod all four this time and will be competitive for a place on the podium
- 6. IDEAL DU POMMEAU** - Gr.1-winning trotter that was highly impressive on comeback. Has never raced over 2175m here but nonetheless looks a serious proposition
- 7. INMAROSA** - Justifiably well-regarded mare with form at this level. Out of the picture in last two, but shoes off this time and should not be entirely ruled out
- 8. IDEAL LIGNERIES** - Has been very hard to fault since the start of the year. Unseen since trotting 2nd to IDAO DE TILLARD (10) over 2 months ago but is shod competitively and will have his chances
- 9. INOUBLIABLE** - Has looked very ordinary since placing in a Gr.2 here last January and is unlikely to shake things up
- 10. IDAO DE TILLARD** - Remarkable sort with nothing to prove at this level. Sanctioned when competitive in the final stages of a Gr.1 last time, but should have this in the bag if Duvaldestin can keep him trotting
- 11. ITALIANO VERO** - Quality individual with form under these conditions. Has just one race in her since the layoff, and shoes on, but can still get in on the action

Summary : A superb trotter, but sanctioned in the Gr.1 Prix René Ballière, IDAO DE TILLARD (10) is head-and-shoulders above the opposition here and, with application, can make this his own. He still faces a threat from the excellent IDEAL DU POMMEAU (6) who gave a superb account in a Vichy Gr.2 on re-entry last month, and the fresh IDEAL LIGNERIES (8) who finished 2nd to the favourite before being sent for a spell. Lacklustre 6th that day, INSTRUMENTALISTE (5) is sent out barefoot this time around and is expected to show improvement.

SELECTIONS

**IDAO DE TILLARD (10) - IDEAL DU POMMEAU (6) - IDEAL LIGNERIES (8) -
INSTRUMENTALISTE (5)**

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C8 - PRIX PHAETON-CRITERIUM 4 ANS Q1 - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Group 2 - Harness - EUR € 120.000

- 1. JAMAIS** - Moderate colt with no references in this category and looks just to be making up the numbers
- 2. JANGO VICI** - Competitive at a lower level and currently in form, but at this level will have his work cut out
- 3. JAGUAR DU GOUTIER** - Well-regarded but failed to make the grade in the race of reference and others easier to back
- 4. JUST FOR LOVA** - Totally out of the picture since surprising in an Enghien Gr.2 last April and has no realistic chance
- 5. JOSH POWER** - Has won just twice in 29 starts but consistently gives everything he has. Is clearly at his best and can again trot his way onto the podium
- 6. JUSTIN BOLD** - Useful sort that beat JOSH POWER (5) and JUNINHO DRY (10) in an Enghien Gr.3 last time out and once again looks competitive for a place in the frame
- 7. JUSHUA TREE** - By some margin the best horse in the race. Has met no opposition lately and, with stride in check, can make it 6 on the trot
- 8. JAKARTA DES PRES** - Handy sort in both codes but arguably better under the saddle. Will however be competitive if he replicates his Prix Jules Thibault performance
- 9. JACK TONIC** - Quality element that finished runner-up to JUSHUA TREE (7) in his last two. Looks set for another big run but nevertheless expected to have to bow to the favourite
- 10. JUNINHO DRY** - Has taken some time to reproduce his winter form but appears close to his best and is sure to garner support
- 11. JUST A GIGOLO** - Four times a Gr.1 winner at 2. Less performant lately but returns to racing with four pads fitted and must not be underestimated

Summary : Winner of the Prix Phaeton just the once, with Royal Lover in 2009, Jean-Michel Bazire looks set to double his tally with the highly-impressive JUSHUA TREE (7) who simply keeps going from strength to strength. JACK TONIC (9) finished a valiant second to him in the Gr.2 Prix Jules Thibault before repeating in a Gr.3 a fortnight later, and again looks second-best. JOSH POWER (5) has since made up for his Thibault flop and steps back up in class with justified ambition. JUSTIN BOLD (6) won a competitive Gr.3 at Enghien recently and, with form maintained, will not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

JUSHUA TREE (7) - JACK TONIC (9) - JOSH POWER (5) - JUSTIN BOLD (6)