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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE SAINT-CALAIS - 2850m (a2m) - Class G Amateur Drivers -
Harness - EUR € 12,000**

- 1. JUSTINE DU MESNIL** - Has returned to productive ways since starting to race at this level. In the frame in last 3 but in this company will have her work cut out
- 2. JULIANA SPIRIT** - Returned to winning ways on 11 January when securing a 2700m Graignes Class F. Is in superior company this time however, and cannot be considered a contender
- 3. JUDIE DE TOUCHYVON** - Useful mare that has made a name for herself in the amateur category. Is a tough nut to crack when barefoot and from the front row can give this a good go
- 4. IN THE SUMMERTIME** - Close, but convincing, winner of a Mauquenchy amateurs Class G on 12 January before running 4th in a Bordeaux Class F earlier this month. Starts on front row again and has a realistic chance of making the frame this time
- 5. IT'S ME DIESCHOOT** - Honest element with solid amateur references. Returns to France after imposing in Victoria Park a fortnight ago and looks good enough to pick up some prizemoney
- 6. JORGIO DE VANDEL** - Has been a write-off for over 2.5 years and is not about to create an upset
- 7. ISIS D'ERAH** - Won at Saint-Malo last summer but has made absolutely no impact since and is not about to begin now
- 8. JULES DES CHAMPS** - Returns to the amateur division following a pair of respectable efforts in the pro ranks. Benefits from a fine entry on the front line but still represents no more than a minor place chance
- 9. INDUCTIF** - Made up for a pair of eliminations when 2nd in a 2700m claimer here a month ago. Sports 4 pads again and, with application, is unlikely to disappoint. First 5
- 10. HORACE DU VIVIER** - Solid in all 3 starts here last month. Has demonstrated a particular fondness for these conditions and despite the extra 25m to travel, still looks a major player
- 11. JEEP DES CHARRONS** - Eliminated under these conditions during the autumn but has made amends more than once since and, in present shape, can contest the finish
- 12. JALNA GIRL** - Takes to the inner course for the first time but has been showing her form since returning to racing barefoot, and even though incurring the handicap still looks the one to beat
- 13. GO FAST DE VAINS** - Reassured at Cordemais in early-January but failed to confirm at Vire 2.5 weeks ago, and is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 14. HISTOIRE DE LIERRE** - Previously a good sort, and has references at this level, but has been out of sorts for some time and will have few friends

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Summary: JALNA GIRL (12) takes to the amateur division for the first time, clearly in excellent condition, and with a talented young driver reining, and a fresh configuration, can get straight down to business. Arthur Raffin will still be mindful of JEEP DES CHARRONS (11) who has been knocking at the door this winter, and HORACE DU VIVIER (10) who would have made the frame at Mauquenchy recently had he not lost his action. IN THE SUMMERTIME (4) kicked the year off successfully before pleasing in the professional ranks at Bordeaux earlier in the month, and with application and a 25m head-start will be no pushover.

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JALNA GIRL (12) - JEEP DES CHARRONS (11) - HORACE DU VIVIER (10) - IN THE SUMMERTIME (4)

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C2 - PRIX DE PLESTIN-LES-GREVES - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class R Claiming - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- 1. NON STOP MESLOIS** - Produced best Vincennes performance when 3rd in a Class C under these conditions on 17 December. In considerably less-exalted company this time and the engagement of Alexandre Abrivard speaks volumes. Chance
- 2. NATIF DU MANOLET** - Unexceptional gelding returning to racing shod after flopping at Mauquenchy 2.5 weeks ago and has no possible chance
- 3. NINO TOSCA** - Failed to make good on his promise before the turn of the year. Is well-drawn though and, in this category, looks a player
- 4. NEPITA** - Has yet to deliver under these conditions but comes here fresh, sporting 4pads, and from the 4-spot should not be too far off the mark
- 5. NOGHERA COUNTESS** - Unthreatening 4th in a 2050m Agen Class E last Saturday. Matthieu Abrivard in the bike this time and has every chance of picking up a minor place cheque
- 6. NEXT DANCE KALOUUMA** - Modest individual that has yet to show any flair for either code. Sports pads, with Gabriele Gelormini at the helm, but still not a concern
- 7. NITRO DEUGE** - Eliminated on 1 February first time out, but ran courageous 5th in an Argentan Class F 5 days later. Is not about to set off any fireworks but can still play a small part
- 8. NOUMBA AS** - Returns to the harness code after losing her action in a monte Class A here late last month and, with 4 pads fitted this time, should be competitive enough to make first 5
- 9. NITESCO DE SIMM** - Not ideally-entered and has not been seen out since October, but is a serious colt that should still be able to wrap this up
- 10. NOTRE DE MEMARTIN** - Modest element starting for first time since 22 November. Has little going for him here and can be disregarded
- 11. NORTHWEST MONTVASON** - Has not been seen out since being eliminated on debut in a Reims claimer in early-December and can be confidently passed over

Summary: Winner of 3 in a row last summer before being eliminated in his 4th start, NITESCO DE SIMM (9) may not have been seen out since but will not need to be at peak fitness to win a race of this nature. That being said, NON STOP MESLOIS (1) produced a good performance under these conditions before his break and, padded with Alexandre Abrivard in the bike, looks the principal danger. Similarly sporting pads for the first time, NEPITA (4) is better-positioned behind the car and Franck Ouvrie can be quietly confident. NINO TOSCA (3) takes a notable dip in category and the draw will only work to his advantage.

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NITESCO DE SIMM (9) - NON STOP MESLOIS (1) - NEPITA (4) - NINO TOSCA (3)

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C3 - PRIX DE PONT-L'EVÊQUE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. LAY UP** - Not the most convincing in a 2700m Class D here 2.5 weeks ago, but presents solid course-and-distance credentials, and if applied can make first 5
- 2. LORD FROMENTRO** - Tricky sort but has talent in spades. Sports 4 pads as he did when imposing under these conditions last March, but would still be preferred barefoot
- 3. LE TOUQUET** - Talented but capricious sort that has won 3 of 5 barefoot starts. Will be fully-fit by now and with stride in check can make a big impact
- 4. LADY PRINCESS** - Respectable mare making first appearance since being eliminated here on 13 December and is going to need the run
- 5. LADY DES ARRIS** - Undeniably useful but has struggled over recent weeks. Is well-placed though, with Yoann Lebourgeois reining, and is not incapable of playing a small part
- 6. LAKOS DE BERLES** - Serious type that made up for December elimination when unlucky 2nd in a Class D over track and trip on 25 January. Is well in on the front line and can bring the fight to LETIKALIN (7)
- 7. LETIKALIN** - Twice showed a more serious side to himself in December. Has a conditioner under his belt and, shod to preference this time, is very easy to like for the win
- 8. LYNX DU SAPTEL** - Honest trotter that has never failed to fire when barefoot. 5th in 25 January race of reference before running 4th at Cagnes and, sporting a new configuration, is worth keeping an eye on
- 9. LACIENDA FLASH** - Back under harness after running 3rd in a monte Class D here earlier in the month and, with Anthony Barrier reining, can defy the draw and finish in the money
- 10. LA LUNA STAR** - Unremarkable mare that has endured an interrupted career. Is barefoot for Vincennes bow but still looks out of her depth
- 11. LOVE D'AUTHISE** - Trotter with better references in the other discipline and has nothing to offer on seasonal comeback
- 12. LILYROSE WIND** - Has just the one race in her since the returning from her break. Is one of the weaker links in this field and can be ruled out
- 13. LOVINA PERRINE** - Moderate mare that has looked rather ordinary over recent months. Handed a tough draw and is not an obvious choice
- 14. L'AMOUR D'ETANG** - Has hardly put a foot out of line this winter, most recently close 3rd behind LAKOS DE BERLES (6) here on 25 January. Is not ideally-drawn but with David Thomain in the bike will be afforded every chance. Place prospect

Summary: A talented trotter that ended 2025 on a high note, LETIKALIN (7) will be shod as he was when imposing over course and distance that day, and from the front row will be expected to confirm. He will still come under pressure from LAKOS DE BERLES (6) who ran 2nd here late last month despite suffering traffic problems, and the less favourably-drawn L'AMOUR D'ETANG (14) who finished just behind him that day. LE TOUQUET (3), on the other hand, has been handed an excellent number and will have his chances if Theo Duvaldestin keeps him trotting.

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LETIKALIN (7) - LAKOS DE BERLES (6) - L'AMOUR D'ETANG (14) - LE TOUQUET (3)

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C4 - PRIX PATRICK MOTTIER - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C Amateur Riders - Mounted - EUR € 61,000

- 1. HOUARNEAU** - Disqualified twice in a row, the latest at this track on 1 February. Not easy to trust and others are preferred
- 2. HERMES EXPRESS** - Modest form of late and finished 6th in a Class C mounted race over this course and distance on 25 January. More is needed to beat these rivals
- 3. HELLO JADE RUSH** - Not reliable but was fourth in a Class C mounted race over this course and distance on 25 January. Might earn some more minor money
- 4. HOLD UP DES VENTES** - Only modest of late and was 7th in a Class D harness race at this track over 2850m on 8 February. Should do a lot better under the saddle and is not out of it
- 5. IKURO JIEL** - Unreliable but was victorious in a Class C mounted race over this track and trip on 25 January. Can follow up
- 6. GLADIATOR BOY** - Has improved of late and finished third in a Class C mounted race over this course and distance on 25 January. Has a place chance
- 7. JOUR DE FETE** - Not reliable but did bounce back to form with a victory in a Class C mounted race at this course over 2175m on 18 January. Just as good this distance and can double up
- 8. INDICE DELADOU** - Returned to form and was runner-up in a Class C mounted race over this track and trip on 25 January. Can go one place better
- 9. HADDOCK DU CLOS** - Knocking hard at the door and was runner-up in a Class C mounted race at this course over 2175m on 18 January. Can be competitive again
- 10. GUAPO MARBOULA** - Off form and finished 11th in a Class B mounted race over this course and distance on 3 December. Returns from a break and others are preferred
- 11. IGO CLEA** - Not disgraced when 5th in a Class C mounted race over this course and distance on 25 January. Might play a minor role at very best
- 12. IMPERIAL COGLAIS** - Disqualified last time out at this track over 2175m on 15 February. Not easy to trust but could earn some money
- 13. FLASH DU BIWETZ** - Battling to find best form and finished 11th in a Class B mounted race at this track over 2850m on 14 January. Needs to find a few lengths to score
- 14. HISTOIRE PHILS** - Unreliable but was victorious last time out in a Class C harness race at this course over 2850m on 17 December. Could need this run returning from a short break
- 15. IMAGINE D'ATOUT** - Has struggled a bit of late and was 6th in a Class B mounted race at this track over 2850m on 17 December. Might needs to do more to beat score

Summary: A very open-looking race. JOUR DE FETE (7) bounced back with a good win at this track and is capable of doubling up, but he is not one to rely on. The same can also be said of rival IKURO JIEL (5), who beat many of these last month over this course and distance. HOLD UP DES VENTES (4) will like it back in a mounted race and should be a threat. INDICE DELADOU (8) only found one better on the day last time out and is a possible winner.

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JOUR DE FETE (7) - IKURO JIEL (5) - HOLD UP DES VENTES (4) - INDICE DELADOU (8)

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**C5 - PRIX DE GUERANDE - 2850m (a2m) - Class C - Harness - EUR €
46,000**

- 1. LOUVE DE BAIS** - Has a good record when racing without shoes and was runner-up in Class D at this course over 2100m on 25 January. Remains barefoot and is not out of it
- 2. LADY HAUFOR** - Has some fair form and ran well when third in Class D at this track over 2100m on 25 January. Could earn some more money
- 3. LADY BIRD JENILAT** - Disqualified last time out over this course and distance on 30 December. Battling to find best form and others are preferred
- 4. LUTELLIA MONNERIE** - Finished 5th in Class D over this course and distance on 4 December. Could need this run returning from a short break
- 5. LA MITIDJA** - Showed improvement when barefoot and runner-up in Class D at this track over 2700m on 10 February. Races without shoes and could make the frame
- 6. LEA D'ATOUT** - Not reliable and was tenth in Class C at this track over 2100m on 5 February. Did win when barefoot before that and races without shoes. Can upset
- 7. LYANA D'ARC** - Only modest of late and finished 8th in Class D at this track over 2700m on 24 January. Has a place chance in this line-up
- 8. LITTLETON LANDING** - Returned to form with a Class D win over this course and distance on 19 January. Remains barefoot and can double up
- 9. LOUNA DU LOCHEUR** - In good form and was barefoot and runner-up in Class D at this course over 2100m on 13 January. Should be right there at the finish
- 10. LA VISTA HAUFOR** - Remains in good shape and finished third in Class D at this course over 2700m on 24 January. Can be competitive once again
- 11. LAURELINA** - Yet to win a race and finished tenth in Class E at Maure-de-Bretagne over 2850m on 8 February. Needs major improvement to win
- 12. LOU DU DONJON** - A winner of her last two starts, the latest in Class D at this track over 2100m on 25 January. Just as good this distance and can complete the hat-trick
- 13. LIBERTY PAT** - Not reliable and finished 8th in Class C at this course over 2100m on 5 February. Needs to do more to score
- 14. LILY MARGOT** - Disqualified in her last two starts, the latest in Class C at this track over 2700m on 31 December. Others make more appeal
- 15. LOLA DU CAMPUS** - Unreliable and was 5th in Class C at this track over 2100m on 5 February. Not easy to trust and others make more appeal

Summary: A very open-looking race. JOUR DE FETE (7) bounced back with a good win at this track and is capable of doubling up, but he is not one to rely on. The same can also be said of rival IKURO JIEL (5), who beat many of these last month over this course and distance. HOLD UP DES VENTES (4) will like it back in a mounted race and should be a threat. INDICE DELADOU (8) only found one better on the day last time out and is a possible winner.

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**LOU DU DONJON (12) - LITTLETON LANDING (8) - LOUNA DU LOCHEUR (9) - LA VISTA
HAUFOR (10)**

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**C6 - PRIX DE L'AUTHIE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class B - Harness - EUR €
52,000**

- 1. MICHEL MARTIN** - Not disgraced when third in Class D at this course over 2100m on 6 February. Barefoot this time and has a place chance
- 2. MILAN DU BOSQUET** - Bounced back to best when a barefoot winner in class D over this course and distance on 31 January. Not easy trust but remains barefoot and can follow up
- 3. MANNINEN SEVEN** - Unreliable and was disqualified in Class B at this course over 2175m on 15 February. In good form before that and can be a threat if smart
- 4. MOURILLON** - Disqualified twice in his last three starts, including last time out when barefoot at this track. Remains without shoes and can challenge for top honours
- 5. MARQUIS DU CHENE** - Remains in good shape and was fourth in Class C at this track over 2175m on 8 February. Can get involved with the finish again
- 6. MILLE SABORDS DIVO** - Did not show his best when 7th in Class C at this track over 2175m on 8 February. Capable of making the frame
- 7. MACINAGGIO** - Needed his last run when 8th in a Class C harness race at this track over 2175m on 8 February. Fitter this time and could bounce back to score
- 8. MALABAR MAGO** - In good form and was third in Class C at this track over 2175m on 8 February. Can be competitive once again
- 9. MEYOU DU CAMPUS** - Did not show his best when 9th in Class B at this course over 2100m on 18 January. Better this distance and is capable of an upset

Summary: It is hard to rule any of them out from winning this race. MACINAGGIO (7) clearly needed his comeback run and is highly regarded, so can score this time. MOURILLON (4) does have disqualification issues but races without shoes again and did win his penultimate start when barefoot. MARQUIS DU CHENE (5) is in good form and quite capable of scoring. MALABAR MAGO (8) is threatening a winning turn and must be respected for that.

SELECTIONS

MACINAGGIO (7) - MOURILLON (4) - MARQUIS DU CHENE (5) - MALABAR MAGO (8)

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C7 - PRIX SALAM - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class A - Mounted - EUR € 71,000

- 1. LE PRIEURE** - Disqualified last time out at this course over 2175m on 1 February. Not easy to trust but could earn some minor money
- 2. KILOU D'YMER** - In good form and finished third in a Class C mounted race over this track and trip on 27 January. Might play a minor role
- 3. KENYAN BLUES** - In good form and finished third in a Class F mounted race at Angers over 3125m on 28 January. Tougher task in this line-up
- 4. KIKI AND CO** - Disqualified four times in a row, the latest at this track over 2175m on 1 February. Hard to trust but is capable of scoring
- 5. KELLY JANE** - Holding form and finished fourth in a Class E harness race over this course and distance on 3 February. Tries a mounted race and is not out of it
- 6. KATCHINA FOR CLARA** - Showed some improvement when third in a Class A mounted race at this track over 2175m on 1 February. Can be competitive once again
- 7. LYZIA DES AGETS** - Disqualified last time out over this course and distance on 13 February. Consistent before that and can make the frame
- 8. LOTUS ZEN** - In good shape and was runner-up in a Class A mounted race at this track over 2175m on 1 February. Can go one place better
- 9. KENTUCKY IDEAL** - Disqualified last time out at this course over 2175m on 7 January. Capable of an upset on his best form
- 10. LASKO DES BROUSSES** - Fluffed his lines with a disqualification at this track over 2175m on 1 February. Very consistent before that and has claims at scoring
- 11. LAKANA DE FELLIERE** - Not disgraced when 5th in a Group 2 mounted race over this course and distance on 13 February. Big chance in this line-up

Summary: A very interesting race. LAKANA DE FELLIERE (11) was not disgraced in a Group race over this track and trip just last week. She should make a bold bid at beating these rivals. KIKI AND CO (4) has a string of disqualifications behind him but can be a threat if he stays on the trot this time around. KELLY JANE (5) has some good form and can be a lively danger trying a mounted race. LASKO DES BROUSSES (10) is usually very consistent and perhaps his last-start disqualification is best ignored.

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LAKANA DE FELLIERE (11) - KIKI AND CO (4) - KELLY JANE (5) - LASKO DES BROUSSES (10)

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C8 - PRIX DE SAINT-PIERRE LA COUR - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 49,000

- 1. IVARUN** - Eliminated in 2 of last 3 but is clearly in fine condition. Eric Raffin back in the bike and, if he keeps his charge focused, could trot his way into the frame
- 2. IMPACT SPORT** - No slouch on a good day but has placed just once in 4 Vincennes appearances and even though well-placed in front, still looks an outsider
- 3. HUGH DE BANVILLE** - Gives a good account for the most part and has been acquitting himself respectably, but has no references under these conditions and will have nothing to offer
- 4. IMAKO VERDERIE** - Won at Mauquenchy, then courageously confirmed over 2175m here in late-December. Was beaten into 4th at Nantes by JAZZ DE PADD (9), but with 4 pads fitted and Mathieu Mottier reining this time, must be taken more seriously
- 5. JINA FOUTEAU** - Hardy mare that seldom disappoints under these conditions. Goes barefoot following her Saint-Brieuc conditioner and from the 5-spot can get in on the action
- 6. ICARE DUNGY** - Has been a model of consistency in the south this winter, latterly 3rd in a Marseille-Vivoux Class F on 13 January. Franck Nivard at the helm this time and has a reasonable chance of getting a look in
- 7. HOLLY GREEN** - Sprang a 78-1 surprise when victorious in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class F earlier in the month. Is unlikely to repeat but will generate more interest at least
- 8. JOKER D'OLAINE** - One of the younger horses here and showed his form at Mauquenchy 2.5 weeks ago. Starts wide on front line and with Yoann Lebourgeois reining is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 9. JAZZ DE PADD** - Won a 3000m Nantes Class D mid-January prior to running 3rd to a pair of 6yo's 9 days later. Is useful under these conditions, enjoys a terrific entry, and with his trainer back in the bike can impose
- 10. JOPLIN DES CROUAS** - Won under these conditions early last season but has done little of note at Vincennes since and cannot be considered a priority
- 11. HEOLA DU PILET** - Unexceptional mare that has done little of note for some time and is not about to change her ways
- 12. JUMBY BAY** - Ran 4th behind JAZZ D'OURVILLE (13) in a 2700m Class E here 9 days ago. Boasts excellent references under these conditions and, despite a tough draw, and with shoes fitted, still looks competitively well in
- 13. JAZZ D'OURVILLE** - Produced at 16-1 surprise when 2nd to a very good horse in a 2700m Class E here on 11 February. Will have been kept on the boil and looks main threat to stable companion JAZZ DE PADD (9)
- 14. JOB DU PERSIL** - Made modest return to competition when 7th to HOLLY GREEN (7) at Mauquenchy 2.5 weeks ago. Would be preferred on a more even track and can be passed over

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Summary: Very hard to fault at Vincennes when barefoot, JAZZ DE PADD (9) returns to the capital after a pair of fine runs at Nantes last month. He has only his elders to contend with this time and, despite a wide draw, is still easy to like for the win. Matthieu Abrivard will nevertheless be keeping a watchful eye on 2nd row starter, and stablemate, JAZZ D'OURVILLE (13) who showed a different side to himself here last week, and the better-positioned IMAKO VERDERIE (4) who won a Class D in this configuration on 29 December. Eliminated in 2 of his last 3, IVARUN (1) will be reunited with Eric Raffin for the occasion and returns to racing left-handed with a lot to contribute. JUMBY BAY (12) races shod this time but is plainly in fine shape and has a particular liking for 2100m of the main track.

SELECTIONS

JAZZ DE PADD (9) - JAZZ D'OURVILLE (13) - IMAKO VERDERIE (4) - IVARUN (1)