

# FRIDAY, 22/12/23

## R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE MIREVAL - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Apprentices - Mounted - EUR  
€ 54.000**

- 1. FISH DE HOUELLE** - Useful sort in the provinces but looked very ordinary here last weekend and has a lot more to find
- 2. FRODON THONIC** - Has bags of ability but lost his way during the autumn. Returns barefoot to the monté discipline but others still preferred
- 3. GAGNANT GEMA** - Quality element that has not won since the summer but has come close on 3 occasions since. Left a good impression on recent inner-course debut and, over this shorter trip, looks a major player
- 4. GLOSSY THOURJAN** - Sprang something of a surprise at Enghien during the autumn but has been completely off the boil since and is unlikely to shake things up
- 5. GOLD DU VAL** - Fine trotter but was oddly lacklustre behind FORAIN JENILOU (8) last time out. Has had time to freshen up, is confirmed under these conditions, and can again make the frame
- 6. GLADIATOR BOY** - Mixes the good with the less good but has already won here this term. Appreciates the inner course and can make a big splash
- 7. FILLE VAULOGER** - Unexceptional mare that has been struggling since the spring and, even going barefoot, is not an obvious choice
- 8. FORAIN JENILOU** - Complicated at the best of times but stormed up here last time out. Has won over 2200m here and, with form maintained, will take some beating
- 9. FEEL SMART** - Modest type that was thoroughly beaten on recent monté debut and can be ruled out
- 10. FRANKLIN DE MESLAY** - Little experience under the saddle but has merit nonetheless. Just one run in him since the spell though and others easier to back
- 11. DIEGO DECOULGENS** - Can trot but reliability not his strong suit. Front shoes off but still a rank outsider
- 12. FEVE DE BEYLEV** - Rarely far from faulting but has bags of ability. Won his only start over track and trip and, if race-fit, can figure prominently
- 13. GALACTIC** - Occasionally loses his action but otherwise has good aptitude for the game. Has never disappointed over 2200m here and, front shoes off for the occasion, can pick up a cheque
- 14. DJESON D'ARIANE** - Tough individual with solid monté credentials and has never disappointed over the short course. Shod for competition this time and is sure to have his supporters

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**Summary :** FORAIN JENILOU (8) may not be the most dependable horse in the field but he won so well on the main track here last month [at 54/1] that he must be considered a serious proposition once again. The more reliable GOLD DU VAL (5) finished 6th that day but should still be more competitive this time around, although GAGNANT GEMA (3) gave a fine account on his short-course debut and looks a marginally better choice. FEVE DE BEYLEV (12) has nothing to prove under these conditions, won his only start over 2200m here and, barefoot for the occasion, is not going to be far from the action.

## SELECTIONS

**FORAIN JENILOU (8) - GAGNANT GEMA (3) - GOLD DU VAL (5) - FEVE DE BEYLEV (12)**

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**C2 - PRIX DE LUYNES - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €  
46.000**

- 1. JALDO D'OCQUE** - Pleased on Vincennes debut during the autumn but was trounced last time out and will need to raise his game
- 2. JAMBIER D'OURVILLE** - Has ample ability but lost his way last season. Has not been seen out since March and is sure to be race-rusty
- 3. JAZZ DE PADD** - Showed considerable promise earlier in the year but has struggled since the break and must get his house in order
- 4. JOCDOR** - Monté horse making his return to competition with shoes on and can be confidently ignored
- 5. JEU COQUIN** - Decent trotter that won over track and trip 6 months ago. Is barefoot for his return to competition but may still need the run
- 6. JOOST D'OLERON** - Fine trotter that rarely disappoints when barefoot. Won at this level over longer last time and drops back in distance with a good hand to play
- 7. JUST DE L'OISON** - Remarkable trotter with a 90% win-rate. Goes over any trip, is unbeaten at Vincennes, and can make this his own
- 8. JEWEL DE LA COTE** - Impressed here earlier in the year and should be fit by now following a brace of comeback runs. Has never been tested over 2175m but has the quality to acquit himself competitively
- 9. JIM PERRINE** - Tough individual with solid Vincennes credentials. Has 2 races under his belt and, if fully fit, can get in on the action
- 10. JIBI DU FRUITIER** - Hardy sort that excels with Eric Raffin in the sulky. Impressive behind the favourite last time out and, barefoot again, will be no soft touch
- 11. JASMIN MERITE** - Colt with an abundance of ability but can lose focus. Has been showing progress of late though and will not be far off the mark if he can replicate his latest performance
- 12. JUST A BOY D'ALESA** - Occasionally a handful but has buckets of talent. Would have finished close here 3 weeks ago had he not faulted but, on better behaviour, can set the record straight
- 13. JAB DE MYE** - Not without merit but is not the biggest fan of the Vincennes long course and is unlikely to shake things up
- 14. JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL** - Like a horse reborn since starting to race in current configuration. Impressed in very good company earlier this month and looks the main danger to JUST DE L'OISON (7)
- 15. JALISCO FLIGNY** - Good class of colt in the other discipline. Pleasantly surprised under harness in the race of reference but is not expected to repeat

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**Summary** : Winner 9 times in 10 public appearances, JUST DE L'OISON (7) imposed with authority over 2700m here recently and is unlikely to be inconvenienced by the drop in trip. Opposition is likely to take the shape of the revitalised JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (14) who finished close in a Gr.3 here earlier in the month. JIBI DU FRUITIER (10) trotted 2nd to the favourite last time out and will again be competitive, but he may first have to defer to the versatile JOOST D'OLERON (6) who has secured 2 of his last 3 races.

## SELECTIONS

**JUST DE L'OISON (7) - JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL (14) - JOOST D'OLERON (6) - JIBI DU FRUITIER (10)**

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**C3 - PRIX DE CHALAIS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €  
53.000**

- 1. IVORINO D'ECHAL** - Undeniably capable but has been plagued by stride woes over recent months. Sanctioned in last 2, with Raffin reining, and others easier to back
- 2. INTERIM BOY** - Faithful campaigner that has returned to Vincennes in excellent shape. Won here late last month and, even though in better company this time, still looks a major player
- 3. IN EN VRIE** - Blows hot and cold but has references here and is in form. Arguably better over shorter but appreciates Vincennes and is still worth retaining
- 4. IRIS INTENSE** - Not the most dependable but can trot and won over track and trip last month. Has twice failed to confirm since but returns to conditions he appreciates and can play a small part
- 5. INVICTUS DE HOERDT** - Previously a good sort and has fine references under these conditions, but current form does nothing to inspire confidence
- 6. IMPACT CASTELETS** - Much better servant in the claiming division. Here for a change of scenery and can be ruled out
- 7. IRON DE GINAI** - Unremarkable sort that reassured at Mauquenchy last time out, but a repeat seems rather improbable
- 8. I AM DES MOTTES** - Sanctioned in 2 of 3 appearances here but has hardly stepped a foot wrong since summer 2022 and must be afforded respect
- 9. IDEAL DE CASTELLE** - Occasionally a handful but can trot when applied. Has been acquitting himself well here this term and, on good behaviour, can play a prominent role
- 10. INEDIT DU GADE** - Has merit and has placed twice in last 4, but is unlikely to repeat his latest effort behind IGGY POP DE CHENU (16)
- 11. INSTINCTIF** - Quality individual in this category. Took little time getting back in shape following the break and, already a winner over course and distance this year, steps back up in category with legitimate ambition
- 12. ITRO** - Monté horse making his first start since the summer. Here for reasons of conditioning and poses no threat
- 13. IN RED** - Rather erratic but showed his form here before the spell. Reverts to a configuration that works for him and, while in better company this time, should still hold his own
- 14. IF YOU CAN** - Capable on a good day but has struggled somewhat since imposing at Enghien during the summer and cannot be considered a priority
- 15. INDIEN DE FONTAINE** - Has placed just once in 7 starts at the venue and, even with Mathieu Mottier reining, is unlikely to spring a surprise
- 16. IGGY POP DE CHENU** - Tough, consistent servant that thrives over 2700m here. Currently at the top of his game and, in this company, looks the pick of the field

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**Summary** : Much improved since starting to race barefoot, IGGY POP DE CHENU (16) is very much at ease under these conditions and is clearly close to his race. He will still face opposition from the in-form INSTINCTIF (11) who has similarly taken his game to a new level, and the trickier IDEAL DE CASTELLE (9) who sports a revised configuration this time. I AM DES MOTTES (8) has been excelling at home and would not make the long trip to the capital were his trainer were not convinced of his chances.

## SELECTIONS

**IGGY POP DE CHENU (16) - INSTINCTIF (11) - IDEAL DE CASTELLE (9) - I AM DES MOTTES (8)**

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**C4 - PRIX DE LANNILIS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR €  
35.000**

- 1. JUPITER DE MEAUCE** - One of the most complicated and least-performant horses here and can be passed over
- 2. JACADI DE RANCHVAL** - Unremarkable sort that has made no impact for some time and is not about to change his ways
- 3. JEFES DES CHAMPS** - Fine servant that was surprisingly pipped by JAVRILLON (6) over course and distance last week, but barefoot this time, can exact revenge
- 4. JUST BE GOOD** - Can prove tricky but has nevertheless demonstrated very good aptitude for the monté code. Scored his 2nd success at Reims last month and, with a top jockey in the saddle, looks a serious proposition
- 5. JIHERE DU PORET** - Tricky character that is still chasing that elusive first win. Was not disgraced behind JOUR DE VICTOIRE (8) recently but still has more to find
- 6. JAVRILLON** - Capable sort that sprang quite the surprise here recently. Is unlikely to be as fortunate this time around but can still challenge for a place on the podium
- 7. JARDIN D'ERABLE** - Seen frequently in the claiming division but gave a good account to impose at Reims. Sanctioned when full of running on recent monté debut and, with stride in check this time, can put on a good show
- 8. JOUR DE VICTOIRE** - Clearly capable and has shown improvement since switching disciplines. Encouraged on 2nd start back and, barefoot for the first time, is not to be underestimated
- 9. JOE LE TAXI** - Hardy element that has climbed the class ladder in good order. Reassured here mid-November and, in similar shape, can again make his presence felt
- 10. JACK IS HAUFOR** - Can lose focus but otherwise has solid ability under the saddle. Goes left-handed after opening his monté account at Cabourg and, with form maintained, will have his chances
- 11. JAZZ PASSION** - Never far from losing his action but seldom disappoints when focused. Prepped for this under harness and, with his mind on the game, could pleasantly surprise
- 12. JACARANDA** - Delicate but nevertheless pleased here last winter. A write-off however this season and must shape up
- 13. JOUE PAS AVEC MOI** - More dependable since starting to race barefoot but latest form does little to inspire confidence
- 14. JAG MAHCATH** - Honest sort that always gives what he can. Unlikely to lose his maiden status but drops in category and will be one to monitor
- 15. JAMY** - Got his career off to a flying start but has been a handful since. Raced better recently than the result would suggest and it is only a matter of time before he gets it right

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**Summary** : A very good servant in this branch of the business, JEFS DES CHAMPS (3) has surprisingly imposed just the once, but he has been excelling of late and, barefoot this time, has every chance of turning the tables on the capable JAVRILLON (6) who beat him by the smallest of margins over track and trip 8 days ago. JACK IS HAUFOR (10) came good at Cabourg a fortnight ago, on just his second appearance under the saddle, and will be dangerous if Paul Ploquin can keep him trotting. JUST BE GOOD (4) has taken particularly well to his new vocation and, with Eric Raffin in the irons this time, is eminently capable of doubling up.

## SELECTIONS

**JEFS DES CHAMPS (3) - JAVRILLON (6) - JACK IS HAUFOR (10) - JUST BE GOOD (4)**



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**C5 - PRIX D'AMBOISE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Harness - EUR € 59.000**

- 1. LA SASSICAIA** - Competent Swedish raider taking her first steps beyond 2140m. Is here on her merits though and can get a look in if she takes to Vincennes conditions
- 2. MARION FOUTY BON** - Remarkably consistent Swedish import that has not been seen out for 14 months. Is barefoot for the occasion and certainly merits respect
- 3. HOSTIA** - Tough mare that excels when unshod all 4. Trotted 3rd to BAHIA DEL CIRCEO (5) last time out and should again acquit herself competitively
- 4. GALANTE HAUFOR** - Never the easiest of horses to gauge but has bags of ability. Sanctioned in both comeback runs but, if applied, is unlikely to go home empty-handed
- 5. BAHIA DEL CIRCEO** - Serious sort that thrives at Vincennes. Arguably better over 2100m but is in the form of her life and looks a serious proposition
- 6. A WONDER BI** - Returned to competition in decent shape but unplaced in last 2 and will need to raise her game
- 7. FULMIDA** - Not the most attractive of profiles on paper but has been prepared specifically for this and, reunited with Eric Raffin, will be afforded every chance
- 8. FRANCE D'OCCAGNES** - Erratic but can trot when focused. Belied her odds here earlier in the month before disappointing at this level, and others easier to back
- 9. EENYMEENYMINYMOE** - Fine nordic import debuting for her new stable. Hind shoes off and, if fully fit, should not be far off the mark
- 10. HISA DU MARGAS** - Competent sort that has not won here for some time but is regularly in the thick of things when applied and can improve on her recent performance behind HARLEY GEMA (12)
- 11. GLOIRE DU LUPIN** - Handy sort that enjoyed a productive summer before the break. Has 2 races under her belt, and is barefoot for the occasion, but others still preferred
- 12. HARLEY GEMA** - Fine mare that has climbed the class ladder in fine fashion. Won well here last time out and, over this distance, looks just as competitive. Claim
- 13. BABIRUSSA JET** - Has ability but has not been seen out since the spring and, even racing barefoot, will need the run

**Summary :** Superbly consistent when she can stay focused, HARLEY GEMA (12) won smartly at a similar level here a fortnight ago and, given her record over 2700m, must be considered a leading candidate. It is unlikely to go all her own way though considering how well BAHIA DEL CIRCEO (5) has been acquitting herself here recently. HISA DU MARGAS (10) raced better behind the favourite last time than the result would imply and looks good enough to make the frame this time, as does HOSTIA (3) who encouraged behind Franck Nivard's horse last time out.

## SELECTIONS

**HARLEY GEMA (12) - BAHIA DEL CIRCEO (5) - HISA DU MARGAS (10) - HOSTIA (3)**

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**C6 - PRIX DE MACHILLY - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR €  
35.000**

- 1. KHAN D'ENFER** - Debuts in the discipline after 2 poor efforts in the other code and is unlikely to generate much interest
- 2. KIERO DE LA VALLEE** - Disappointing on the whole so far and needs to show another side in order to compete in this company
- 3. KOROMIR** - Yet to show any particular flair for either code and, even with Paul Ploquin in the irons, is not an obvious choice
- 4. KARTING BOY** - Debuts in the discipline after having demonstrated good aptitude in the other code. Entrusted to Eric Raffin for the occasion and must be considered a leading contender
- 5. KAIROUAN GLAM** - Sanctioned more often than not but is arguably the most talented horse here and, on good behaviour, can open his metropolitan account
- 6. KAISER DE LARRE** - Finished a clear 2nd on his monté debut at Cabourg during the autumn and returns to the code, with Mathieu Mottier in the irons, with legitimate ambition
- 7. KLAIRON DE TILLARD** - Evidently capable but has been off the boil under harness recently. Sanctioned on lone appearance under the saddle and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 8. KOPERNIK DE GODREL** - Showed decent aptitude under harness before debuting smartly under the saddle here late last month. Will have progressed for the run and can again make the frame
- 9. KENTUCKY DU CAIEU** - Still somewhat delicate but has taken well to his new vocation. Goes left-handed after winning at Bordeaux last time and will be dangerous if he turns

**Summary** : Not the easiest of races to decipher this, with 9 relatively green individuals taking to the more undulating main track, but a tentative nod still goes the way of the complicated but capable KAIROUAN GLAM (5) who pleased under these conditions during the autumn. If he manages to stay in stride, he should be a marginally better bet than monté debutant KARTING BOY (4) who receives an Eric Raffin ride for the occasion. KENTUCKY DU CAIEU (9) has started to come into himself since switching codes and, while unconfirmed racing left-handed, he will be no pushover if Mathilde Collet keeps him trotting. KOPERNIK DE GODREL (8) left a good impression on his recent ridden debut and will have come on for the run.

## SELECTIONS

**KAIROUAN GLAM (5) - KARTING BOY (4) - KENTUCKY DU CAIEU (9) - KOPERNIK DE  
GODREL (8)**

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**C7 - PRIX DE GANNAT - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €  
35.000**

- 1. JAGUAR DE THABE** - Capable type but has not won for 14 months. Stays shod once more and others preferred
- 2. JASON DU PERRON** - Useful sort with a brace of runs in him since the summer break. Boasts a good record when unshod and, from the 2-spot, must be afforded respect
- 3. JERICHO D'ORGERES** - One of the trickier elements here but is not without merit. Reunited with Eric Raffin but still appears to be facing a stiff test
- 4. JET DU CAIEU** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but has ability and is confirmed under these conditions. Will have come on for his good re-entry run and, considering his place behind the car, looks the pick of the bunch
- 5. JAG HAUFOR** - Dependability not his thing but can trot when applied. In marginally less-exalted company this time and can get back in the game
- 6. JET SPE** - Blows hot and cold but seldom disappoints when unshod behind. Starts in front and is not to be ignored
- 7. JUST FOR EVER** - Erratic type with a wide number but left a good impression here recently and, in similar form, can challenge for the win
- 8. JUDICIOUS DAYDREAM** - Delicate but has been showing his form over recent months. Takes a leap in class though and not a priority this time around
- 9. JACKPOT DU LOT** - Gives a good account of himself for the most part. Was by no means disgraced in the race of reference and, despite the draw, still looks capable of making the first 5
- 10. JOYEUX WELL** - Impressive earlier in the season but has come completely off the boil since and must get his house in order
- 11. JEFFERSON MELOC** - Turned a corner since starting to race unshod all 4, but shoes back on and will have other priorities
- 12. JEWEL DU VERNET** - Has never been seen at this level but is an honest trotter that has yet to disappoint when barefoot. Steps up in class but can still hold his own
- 13. JAGUAR DE ROZEVIC** - Has begun to come good since starting to race unshod behind. Steps up in class, is not ideally-drawn, but is in the form of his life and the new configuration will only enhance his prospects
- 14. JO BLACK** - Capable type and goes well when barefoot, but in this category will have his work cut out

**Summary** : Author of a good comeback at Laval earlier in the month, JET DU CAIEU (4) has solid references over the distance and, from the 4-spot, can trot off with the silverware. Franck Nivard will still want to be wary of the wider-drawn JUST FOR EVER (7) who showed a different side to himself over course and distance a fortnight ago, and the difficult but, clearly capable, JAG HAUFOR (5) who is better-positioned behind the car. A model of consistency lately, JAGUAR DE ROZEVIC (13) is forced to start on the second line, but is in cracking form and sports new shoeing as he steps up in class with legitimate ambition.

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**JET DU CAIEU (4) - JUST FOR EVER (7) - JAG HAUFOR (5) - JAGUAR DE ROZEVIC (13)**

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**C8 - PRIX DE PLESSE - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €  
56.000**

**1. GRAND SOURIRE** - Seldom gets his nose in front these days but consistently gives his best. Has nothing to prove under these conditions and, if afforded the chance, can set the cat among the pigeons

**2. GUIGNOL DE CHARDET** - Back at the top of his game this month. Seldom seen going left-handed, but is confirmed. Well-placed in front but, in this company, may struggle to leave his mark

**3. GENET DE BOITRON** - Has been particularly consistent since the end of the summer. Unseen on the main track since 2020 but is confirmed. At this level of competition though is not a priority

**4. GRANITA DE VIETTE** - Somewhat erratic but is not without merit. Is confirmed over 2100m here, has won 4 times in this configuration, and is ideally-positioned behind the car. Attention

**5. GRAND CANYON** - Fine servant when he can stay in stride. Has won just once at the venue but, in current form, is hard to ignore from the 5-spot. Claim

**6. GUEPARD DE TILLARD** - Has not been firing on all cylinders recently but has a stack of ability and excellent speed. Decently-positioned on the front line and must be considered a player

**7. GAMIN D'ALJY** - Competent type that returned to winning ways at Vire earlier in the month. Reunited with Raffin for whom he went close on sole association, but others still preferred

**8. GRAZY** - Capable on a good day and goes over any trip. Has references under these conditions but still looks no more than a minor place prospect

**9. GOLDWYN DU CAUX** - Has not been handed a good draw but is a mare blessed with talent and can make amends for her recent blip if her driver positions her early

**10. GREZ** - Useful for the most part and appears to be in decent shape, but takes on some very good horses this time and chances limited

**11. GREAT ROCK** - Tough individual that has hardly put a foot wrong since the summer. First time in this configuration and has never disappointed for Lebourgeois. Player

**12. GUIDO JOSSELYN** - Faithful for the most part but well beaten in last 2 and the draw only compounds matters

**13. GOUROU** - Serious trotter that has yet to get into his stride this term but has previously won over track and trip. Drops back in category and has every chance at redemption

**14. GRAZIELA D'EL** - Has not won for 17 months but has started to show some form lately and, despite the tough draw, must not be ruled out

**Summary** : Although a difficult horse to handle, GRAND CANYON (5) is still one of the classiest elements in the field. He may never have delivered over 2100m here but he returns to the capital on a hat-trick and is well placed to pull it off. Matthieu Abrivard can still expect to encounter resistance from the versatile GOLDWYN DU CAUX (9) who will be dangerous if Verva successfully navigates the start, and GUEPARD DE TILLARD (6) who has a superb turn of foot. GREAT ROCK (11) appears to be back at his best and, fitted with 4 pads for the first time, is unlikely to disappoint.

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**GRAND CANYON (5) - GOLDWYN DU CAUX (9) - GUEPARD DE TILLARD (6) - GREAT  
ROCK (11)**