

VINCENNES [L-H] - 25 December

Race 1 - PRIX DE CONCHES - 2200m WALK-UP E18 Harness. Purse EUR €29,000.

1. **ISBET SANT** - 3L second at Nantes two starts ago but DQ since. Threat to all on best form.
2. **IS A PEARL** - Beaten just 1.75L second on first run at this track. Can progress again so keep safe.
3. **IGORINE** - Consistent sort but winless after fifteen starts and a place may prove best once more.
4. **IRIS COURTOISE** - Ended last campaign with a win and reappearance fourth beaten 3L was another good effort. Big chance.
5. **ILLUSION DU RUEL** - 6L sixth at this track last week. Progressing steadily this campaign. Holds each way claims.
6. **ICONE D'AVENIR** - 8L fourth on reappearance. Beaten favourite that day but better expected now. Keep safe.
7. **INDIANAPOLIS** - Placed on last three starts and looks overdue a victory. Should be primed and is easy to fancy.
8. **IVORY MOON** - Not improved upon winning reappearance. More required in this grade.
9. **IVAJALE** - 6.75L third at Chartres. That was a good effort but this is tougher again. Place may prove best.
10. **ISN'T IT DU WISON** - Is progressing steadily. Placed here last time and a similar showing is anticipated now.

Summary: ICONE D'AVENIR (6) won two of three starts and remains a smart prospect. Could prove hard to beat in this field. INDIANAPOLIS (7) looks overdue a victory based on recent form figures. Keep safe. IS A PEARL (2) surprised the market when missing by just 1.75L here attempting latest. Can build on that and is easy to fancy. IRIS COURTOISE (4) shaped well when just missing the frame on reappearance. Each way chance with likely progression.

Selections

ICONE D'AVENIR (6) - INDIANAPOLIS (7) - IS A PEARL (2) - IRIS COURTOISE (4)

Race 2 - PRIX DE TARBES - 2850m WALK-UP E41 Harness. Purse EUR €29,000.

1. **HIBIKI DE HOUELLE** - Mid-field in similar contest last time and more is required to factor.
2. **HAMILTON ATOUT** - 1.25L third at this track on only previous run in this country. Can improve further and looks an each way player.
3. **HERCULE VIF** - Modest reappearance effort and needs to improve sharply.
4. **HARLEYZON** - Game 1L winner at Reims two starts ago but struggled subsequently.
5. **HACKER MESLOIS** - Disappointed last time but running consistently well before. Each way claims if bouncing back.
6. **HENZO DE CARSI** - 3.75L fifth at Le Mans on Monday. Upped in level now and needs more.
7. **HARPAGOS RULES** - 1L winner at Le Croise-Laroche was second win in last four starts. Thriving at present and should give another bold showing.
8. **HEIKO VANCEEN** - Uninspiring recent form figures and happy to oppose.
9. **HYDE PARK** - Nose second here latest but generally been running extremely well. Can improve further.
10. **HERCULE MADRIK** - Stayed on well for a nose victory in a similar contest here last time. Expect another bold showing.

Summary: HARPAGOS RULES (7) gamely held rivals last time to deliver a second win in the past four starts. The one to beat. Just a nose separated HERCULE MADRIK (10) and HYDE PARK (9) in latest. Clearly little between them and both can be expected to go close once more. HAMILTON ATOUT (2) placed last start and looks an each way chance.

Selections

HARPAGOS RULES (7) - HERCULE MADRIK (10) - HYDE PARK (9) - HAMILTON ATOUT (2)
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Race 3 - PRIX DE LECTOURE - 2850m WALK-UP D175 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €37,000.

1. **FRISKY BLACK** - Nose winner at Chateaubriant two starts ago but well beaten here since. Course record is a concern and may prove best watched.
2. **ECU DE MIELOUI** - 2.25L third at Cherbourg on reappearance. Can improve upon that and looks a threat to all.
3. **FAVICI PASMARICK** - 1.75L winner at this venue two weeks ago. Sets the form standard. Top chance barefoot.
4. **EXPLOIT GEDE** - DQ in modest contest last time and happy to oppose following that.
5. **FORREST D'ARC** - Won five starts ago and run creditably well since. Each way chance.
6. **FIFTY WINNER** - Uninspiring recent form figures and prefer to watch.
7. **FALCO FLEURI** - Finished amongst the first two on last four starts. Goes particularly well for this driver and is easy to fancy.
8. **FESTIVAL D'ORIENT** - Game 0.5L winner at Le Mans. In a higher grade now but not entirely ruled out.
9. **FANATIC FLASH** - Disappointing effort last time but in better form before. Each way chance running barefoot.
10. **FRISSON D'AMOUR** - Disappointing run latest is best excused. In much better form previously and hard to rule out.
11. **EOLE DU PRIEURE** - No better than mid-field recently. Prefer to watch.
12. **ENZO SLIPPER** - Won four starts ago but nowhere near that level since. Happy to oppose.
13. **FARRELL SEVEN** - Honest gelding. 2.75L winner in this grade two starts ago and rates highly on that form.
14. **FALKANO DE HOUELLE** - Down the field in a strong contest last time. Will find this more suitable and has a good record for this driver.

Summary: FAVICI PASMARICK (3) impressed when delivering a 1.75L course and distance victory last time. Leading contender on that form. FALCO FLEURI (7) finished in the top two the past four starts. Keep safe once more. FARRELL SEVEN (13) is both talented and consistent. Could give another bold showing. ECU DE MIELOUI (2) placed on reappearance. Holds each way claims if progressing from that. FORREST D'ARC (5) is not dismissed.

Selections

**FAVICI PASMARICK (3) - FALCO FLEURI (7) - FARRELL SEVEN (13) - ECU DE MIELOUI (2) -
FORREST D'ARC (5)**

Race 4 - PRIX DE CHATEL-CENSOIR - 2700m WALK-UP D82 Harness. Purse EUR €37,000.

1. **GUECHA GIRL** - 1.75L fourth at this track latest. A long time since last win but a place would not surprise.
2. **GIRL HAUFOR** - 1.75L sixth at this track eleven days ago. In better race now but not entirely ruled out.
3. **GLOIRE ROYALE** - Much better effort when beaten just 0.5L second here latest. Good driver booked. Claims.
4. **GYPSIE ROYALE** - Modest reappearance and prefer to watch following that.
5. **GAZETTA DE LOU** - 1L winner over track and trip latest. Upped in grade but looks a threat to all.
6. **GLAMINA** - Likeable mare. Won on reappearance and placed second up. Can progress further. Contender.
7. **GARINCHA SPORT** - Struggling this campaign and happy to just watch.
8. **GIGA DES PLAINES** - Uninspiring recent form figures and easily opposed.
9. **GAMISAKA** - 3L third at this track and trip two starts ago but disappointed since. Worth another chance.
10. **GOMORRA QUICK** - Placed on last two starts. Beaten just 1.75L third at this journey latest and easy to fancy on that form.

Summary: GLAMINA (6) made a winning reappearance then placed next time. Clearly thriving at present and could prove hard to beat. GAZETTA DE LOU (5) gamely held rivals for a 1L victory here. Though attempting a better race is easy to fancy. GOMORRA QUICK (10) placed the past two outings. Solid each way choice. GLOIRE ROYALE (3) was beaten just 0.5L in latest. That form reads well and is a threat to all with a good driver booked. GUECHA GIRL (1) may place.

Selections

GLAMINA (6) - GAZETTA DE LOU (5) - GOMORRA QUICK (10) - GLOIRE ROYALE (3) - GUECHA GIRL (1)

Race 5 - PRIX EMMANUEL MARGOUTY - 2175m WALK-UP RST Harness. Purse EUR €100,000.

1. **JABALPUR** - Broke through with a first success in a weaker course and distance walk up two starts ago. This demands significant improvement.
2. **JAZZY DANCER** - Held sixth in the G3 Prix Timoko earlier this month. Others have shown more but place claims.
3. **JAG STRYCK** - Fourth in the G3 Prix Timoko earlier in the month. Could place.
4. **JOURDAM SEVEN** - Shown distinct ability prior to a pair of DQ. Dangerous to dismiss for a top trainer.
5. **JUMANJI SIBEY** - Got off the mark in an easier course autostart. This demands more.
6. **JAGUAR WIT** - Three victories before a fine third behind two of these in the G3 Prix Timoko. Player with front pads on for the first time.
7. **JASMIN MERITE** - Completed a course double in easier walk up company fifteen days ago. One to note up in grade.
8. **JOYNER SPORT** - Unbeaten in two course starts before a DQ in the G3 Prix Timoko. Major appeal on earlier form.
9. **JUNINHO DRY** - Scored at a big price in the G3 Prix Timoko. Top chance to confirm form with many of these.
10. **JUST A GIGOLO** - Lost his unbeaten record with a 0.75L runner-up effort in the G3 Prix Timoko behind Juninho Dry. Serious claims.

Summary: JUNINHO DRY (9) was a big-priced winner of the G3 Prix Timoko but there looked to be no fluke about the result in defeating the unbeaten JUST A GIGOLO (10). Major claims to confirm form. The latter is four victories from five outings and rates highly if maintaining his excellent run. JOYNER SPORT (8) scored in two course runs before a DQ in the aforementioned Group Three. Dangerous to dismiss. JOURDAM SEVEN (4) could improve for his leading trainer.

Selections

JUNINHO DRY (9) - JUST A GIGOLO (10) - JOYNER SPORT (8) - JOURDAM SEVEN (4)

Race 6 - PRIX DE STRASBOURG - 2700m WALK-UP A465 Harness. Purse EUR €80,000.

1. **DREAMER DE CHENU** - 1.75L fourth in this class here two starts ago. Among the frame chances.
2. **DOUCEUR DU CHENE** - Improved fifth in an easier walk up thirteen days ago. Place claims.
3. **DOMINGO D'ELA** - Ignore a mounted DQ earlier this month. Notable runner who is four from five over track and trip.
4. **CE RETOUR D'OSCAR** - Sixth in previous pair of walk ups including at this level. More needed.
5. **CRESCENDIS** - Improved winner in a weaker walk up at Lyon-Parilly earlier in the month. Keep safe.
6. **CRACK MONEY** - Down the field in the G2 Finale du Gnt 20 days ago. Suitable target.
7. **BARON DAIDOU** - Four-time winner at this trip in addition too a second here last month. Contender barefoot.
8. **DECOLORATION** - Good 3L winner in an easier course walk up ten days ago. Key player barefoot.
9. **CYRIEL D'ATOM** - One placing from seven course and distance outings. Step forward required.
10. **CARNAVAL DU VIVIER** - Fifth behind a subsequent winner over track and trip last month. Each-way claims.
11. **DEXTER CHATHO** - Dramatic improvement to land a course and journey walk up at this standard last month. Leading hope without shoes.
12. **DELFINO** - Third behind Dexter Chatho over course and distance last month. Obvious appeal barefoot.

Summary: DEXTER CHATHO (11) improved dramatically to win over course and distance in this company last month. He ran ahead of DELFINO (12) and is expected to confirm form. The latter is a key player with consistent efforts at this venue. One to note is DECOLORATION (8) who arrives after scoring an easier walk up. Can continue to progress. DOMINGO D'ELA (3) and BARON DAIDOU (7) offer place chances. Include in multiples.

Selections

DEXTER CHATHO (11) - DELFINO (12) - DECOLORATION (8) - DOMINGO D'ELA (3) - BARON DAIDOU (7)

Race 7 - PRIX JOSEPH LAFOSSE - 2700m WALK-UP I Monte. Purse EUR €100,000.

1. **GO GO GIGI** - Placed in two of previous three easier mounted affairs. Career best required.
2. **GEORGICA GEDE** - Ultra consistent mounted performer this campaign. Expected to measure up after second in the G3 Prix Sans Dire Oui.
3. **GLORIA BERRY** - Three places from six mounted starts but not shown enough at this lofty standard.
4. **GLORIA DU GERS** - Fourth in the G2 Prix Edmond Henry two starts ago. Place hope racing barefoot.
5. **GOOD LUCK QUICK** - Consistent this term with a couple of midfield runs in Group One and Two mounted contests. Keep safe.
6. **GRANVILLAISE BLEUE** - Consistent mounted runner who improved to win the G2 Prix Edmond Henry. Top chance barefoot.
7. **GLADYS DES PLAINES** - Outstanding mare who won the G1 Etrier 5 Ans Finale - Prix de Normandie before a forgivable eighth in a driven event first up. The one to beat.

Summary: A small but select field for this quality Group Two mounted race. GLADYS DES PLAINES (7) is an outstanding mare who won the G1 Etrier 5 Ans Finale - Prix de Normandie before a forgivable eighth in a driven event first up. The one to beat. GRANVILLAISE BLEUE (6) won the G2 Prix Edmond Henry. Notable runner with consistent mounted form. GEORGICA GEDE (2) was runner-up in the G3 Prix Sans Dire Oui. Hard to knock out of the places. GOOD LUCK QUICK (5) could place if delivering best.

Selections

GLADYS DES PLAINES (7) - GRANVILLAISE BLEUE (6) - GEORGICA GEDE (2) - GOOD LUCK QUICK (5)