R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE SILLE LE GUILLAUME - 2850m (a2m) - - Harness - EUR € 68,000

1. OSCAR VAN HALBEEK - Finished 3rd at Mons over 2,300m on 3 November. Ran second over course and distance two months ago, and if behaved, can again finish in the mix

2. HARPY - Quality Swedish element that ran second in a 2100m Class D here on 16 November. Has earned the right to step up in category and should prove the main threat to READY STAR (8)

3. RUGER - Unplaced, under awful conditions, in a Class D at Strasbourg over 2,800m on 23 October. Has otherwise been firing on all cylinders and, despite the hike in category, cannot be discounted

4. JUSSEO - Disqualified in a Class D over 2,100m here on 5 November. Has struggled since returning to competition to reach the level he was once at, but with Eric Raffin back in the bike, should not be overlooked

5. MATEO DI QUATTRO - Endured a difficult trip but finished full of running when 10th in a 2100m Class D here three weeks ago. Is never easy to gauge, but races barefoot and is worth keeping an eye on

6. DIVA DEL RONCO - Drops back in class after being well beaten in a Group 3 over course and distance mid-month. Is in conditioning mode this time and best to hold off

7. LAREDO BOKO - Never pressed when 9th in a 2100m Class C here last Sunday. Is clearly in race-mode this time and must be considered a player

8. READY STAR - Serious Scandinavian import that made short work of a 2,100m Class D here three weeks ago and once again looks set to take all the beating

9. DIABEL - Finished 7th in a Class B over 2,700m here on 2 October. Finds herself in less-exalted company this time and can challenge for a place in the picture

10. HALL BLACK MESS - Finished 4th in a Class C at Beaumont-De-Lomagne over 2,400m on 15 November. A repeat, however, seems most improbable

11. JACK DES ASS - Ran 2nd in a Class C at Caen over 2,200m on 18 October only to be subsequently disqualified for interference. Is plainly at the top of his game though and can figure prominently if Théo Duvaldestin keeps him out of trouble

12. IBIS PETTEVINIERE - Finished 3rd in a Class C at Beaumont-De-Lomagne over 2,400m on 15 November. Has turned a corner over recent weeks, but at this level, will struggle to make his mark

13. HONEY KING - Ran 7th in a Class D Apprentices' race over course and distance on 2 November and appears to have no possible chance

14. IRISH NICE ELGE - Finished 5th in a Class C over 2,700m here on 29 October. Goes barefoot this time, has form under these conditions, and won here in September for Mathieu Abrivard. Attention

15. COOL KRONOS - Finished 6th in a Class B over 2,700m here on 2 October. Has not been seen out since and is unlikely to create an upset

16. GREG DE NIRO - Surprise fourth in a Class B at Marseille-Borély over 3,000m on 16 October but chances of a repeat seem limited

Summary: Consistently performant at home in Sweden, READY STAR (8) routed the opposition on his Vincennes debut and, even over this longer trip, will be very hard to beat. Compatriot HARPY (2) gave an excellent account here 10 days ago and looks the main threat. JACK DES ASS (11) is in cracking form and, while not a great fan of Vincennes, still looks dangerous. DIABEL (9) is better than her latest run would suggest and will be fresh for her return. Second of Robert Bergh's runners, LAREDO BOKO (7) will be reined by Gabriele Gelormini and must be taken more seriously this time.

SELECTIONS

READY STAR (8) - HARPY (2) - JACK DES ASS (11) - DIABEL (9)

C2 - PRIX DE GEMOZAC - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

1. MY SHOT JOSSELYN - Fourth in a Class G at Graignes over 2,700m on 11 November. Has evident aptitude, but at this level appears to be taking on too much

2. MICHIGAN - Fifth in a Class E over 2,700m here on 13 November. Is not the most reliable of horses, but is not the worst horse here either and will have his supporters

3. MIRAGE BOY - Showed considerable improvement when 3rd in a Class E over 2,700m here on 13 November. Is shod, as he was that day, and on good behaviour can finish close

4. MONTANA MONNERIE - Disqualified in a Class D at Enghien over 2,875m on 12 October. Left a good impression on monté debut 9 days earlier and could well finish closer this time

5. MAJOR DES ROSEAUX - Successful in a Class F at Lyon-Parilly over 2,850m on 13 November, confirming his Lignières performance. Will appreciate the flat surface and can give this a good go

6. MELKIOR DE BAILLY - Disqualified in a Class D over 2,700m here on 17 November. Form has done nothing but regress since the summer and has no realistic chance

7. MUNCH CLUB - Disqualified in a Class F Apprentices' race at Reims over 2,550m on 10 November. Form is not in question, but would still be preferred at a lower level

8. MAXOU DIGEO - Finished 10th in a Class D over 2,700m here on 27 October, a month after having run third in an Enghien Class D. Is not a priority, but is not incapable of getting a look in either

9. MATISSE DU PONT - Unplaced in a Group III over 2,700m here on 23 October, but has never failed to deliver under these conditions and will be well-backed to impose

10. MID DANCER - Has been disqualified in 6 consecutive starts, the latest a Class D over 2,700m here on 17 November. Returns to racing barefoot, but others still easier to trust

11. MATHUSALEM PIYA - Opened his monté account when dominating a Class E over 2,700m here on 13 November and could well repeat if Mathieu Mottier manages to keep him trotting

12. MALO RENKA - Pleasant fifth, on monte début, in a 2700m Class D here a month ago. Will have progressed for the race and should be good enough to pick up a first-five payout

Summary: MATISSE DU PONT (9), who finished respectively second and first in his two starts under the saddle, will be barefoot for the occasion and is in with a realistic shout of making a successful return to the discipline. MATHUSALEM PIYA (11), convincing winner last time but not always the most reliable, heads the opposition alongside the capable MONTANA MONNERIE (4), who looks a decent monté prospect, and MAJOR DES ROSEAUX (5), who makes his Vincennes bow on a hat-trick.

SELECTIONS

MATISSE DU PONT (9) - MATHUSALEM PIYA (11) - MONTANA MONNERIE (4) - MAJOR DES ROSEAUX (5)

C3 - PRIX DE NIMES - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 35,000

1. NUAGE DE JAFRAN - Disqualified when one-paced in a Class E over 2,100m on 27 October. Is not without merit, but would have better prospects in a lower category

2. NENO KUNJI WIND - Disqualified in a Class E over 2,700m here on 16 November, a week after having lost his maiden tag at Caen. Has been fitted with pads this time, but will still need to pull out all the stops

3. NONAME DE CHENU - Useful sort, but disqualified in last two starts, the latest a Class A at Nantes over 3,000m on 16 November. Returns to racing shod, but must first reaffirm

4. NINJA LANDIA - Disqualified in a Class E at Lyon-Parilly over 2,600m on 13 November, 12 days after having imposed at Lyon-Parilly, but may be biting off more than he can chew this time

5. NOW WITH US - Endured all sorts of woes when fourth in a Class F at Graignes over 2,700m on 19 November but can more than make amends if Théo Duvaldestin gets him off on the right foot and keeps him out of harm's way

6. NIGHT KNIGHT - Finished 3rd in a Class E at Laval over 2,850m on 7 November, a fortnight after having got off the mark at Châteaubriant. Can prove a handful but is clearly in rude health and should not be overlooked

7. NELSON DES DAMES - Finished 3rd in a Class F at Saint Brieuc over 2,575m on 15 November. Has yet to lose his maiden status, and is unlikely to on this occasion either, but sports four pads for the first time and is worth monitoring

8. NIRVANA DU PONT - Disqualified in a Class E over 2,700m here on 16 November. Has buckets of ability, though, and under JMB's guidance is not incapable of getting off the mark

9. NOTCH UP - Successful in a Class F at Châteaubriant over 2,400m on 11 November. Steps up in category but has been fitted with pads for the first time and with Benjamin Rochard reining, is unlikely to let the side down

10. NON STOP BOY - Successful in a Class F at Nuillé-Sur-Vicoin over 2,850m on 12 October. Has been learning his trade in good order, comes here fresh, and should have a lot to offer. Chance

11. NOTORIOUS JIEL - Won a Laval Class F in September before confirming late last month in a Class F at Châteaubriant over 3,000m. Has considerable untapped potential and has every chance of securing a first three-timer

12. NECTAR DE MONTCEAU - Got back in the game when second in a Class E at Reims over 2,550m on 10 November. Antonin André keeps the drive and cannot be discounted

Summary: NOTORIOUS JIEL (11), bidding for a third consecutive victory, NOW WITH US (5), unlucky at Graignes recently, NIRVANA DU PONT (8), reunited with JMB, and NON STOP BOY (10), entrusted to Eric Raffin for his public debut on a hard surface, all look likely protagonists.

SELECTIONS

NOTORIOUS JIEL (11) - NOW WITH US (5) - NIRVANA DU PONT (8) - NON STOP BOY (10)

C4 - PRIX RAOUL BALLIERE - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Gr2 - Mounted - EUR € 120,000

1. NOVA ISTORIA CHOC - Finished 4th in a Class A over 2,700m here on 14 November. Has demonstrated decent aptitude for the discipline but may find the distance a bit too snappy

2. NEMESIS DU METZ - Finished 3rd in a Class A over 2,700m here on 14 November. Has earned the right to race at this level and could pleasantly surprise

3. NANIKA DU PONT - Unplaced in a Class A over 2,700m here on 14 November. Is out of her league in this company and can be disregarded

4. NEUILLY DE PLAY - Disqualified in a Class A over 2,700m here on 14 November. Has nothing to offer in this category and can be confidently ruled out

5. NOVA JENILOU - Disqualified, on comeback, in a Class A over 2,700m here on 14 November. Has been re-shod for the occasion, but others still easier to trust

6. NOCARIO JEEP - Disqualified in a Group II over 2,700m here on 2 November. Should not be too hastily judged, though, and with application, can finish in the mix

7. NEW MONEY - Finished 6th in a Group III over 2,700m here on 12 November. Has ample ability, races with four pads for the first time, and should show some improvement

8. NYX DE VAL - Finished 7th in a Group II over 2,700m here on 2 November, just over 3 weeks after having run fourth in Group 1 Saint-Léger des Trotteurs, but would have better prospects at a marginally lower level

9. NIKITA DES CHARMES - Showed she was back at the top of her game when dominating a Group II over 2,700m here on 2 November and has a decent chance of repeating

10. NUEVO CASH - Impressive second to NIKITA DES CHARMES (9) in a Group II over 2,700m here on 2 November, despite a troubled start. Already has a monté Group 1 to his name and Victor Saussaye will expect to turn the tables

11. NINJA DE L'ENVOL - Finished 3rd to NIKITA DES CHARMES (9) in a Group II over 2,700m here on 2 November. Has been a model of consistency, reverts to racing with four pads, and is unlikely to disappoint

Summary: NUEVO CASH (10), who made a remarkable comeback in the Gr.2 Prix Louis Tillaye after galloping early, NIKITA DES CHARMES (9), impressive winner that day, and the consistent and re-shod NINJA DE L'ENVOL (11), look the principal contenders. Winner here during the spring when sporting four pads, NOCARIO JEEP (6) can get in on the action if focused.

SELECTIONS

NUEVO CASH (10) - NIKITA DES CHARMES (9) - NINJA DE L'ENVOL (11) - NOCARIO JEEP (6)

C5 - PRIX DE ROZAY EN BRIE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - - Harness - EUR € 46,000

1. LADIVINA - Second in a Class D at Graignes over 2,725m on 29 October. Appears to be back at her best and has a reasonable chance of getting a look in

2. LUNA DE JOUDES - Disqualified in a monté Class D over 2,700m here on 16 November and will have other priorities

3. LUCRECE DE CORDAY - Third in a Class E over 2,700m here on 6 November. Takes on a marginally better bunch this time, but is well positioned behind the car and looks capable of making the frame

4. LAIKA DES MARES - Unplaced in a Claimer over 2,850m here on 10 November. Has a particular liking for these conditions, however, and should not be ignored

5. LAST QUEEN - Finished 12th, on re-entry, in a Class D at Enghien over 2,875m on 25 October. Goes over any distance and, in the hands of Alexis Collette, will be no pushover

6. LUCIOLA DE LOU - Runner-up in a monté Class E at Laval over 2,850m on 7 November. Has no shortage of ability under harness either and is unlikely to be going home empty-handed

7. LA VISTA HAUFOR - Was going good-guns when disqualified in a Class E over 2,700m here on 6 November. Steps up in category but has form at this level and, with application, can win this from the front row

8. LUXUEUSE DANICA - Finished 13th in a Class E over 2,700m here on 6 November. Is barefoot for her first target of the winter, but is going to need the race

9. LOUVE DE BAIS - Finished 7th in a Class E over 2,700m here on 6 November. Reliability not her strong suit, and others easier to back

10. LOUISIANE GIRL - Facile winner of a Class F under these conditions on 3 November. Excels when barefoot, excels with Eric Raffin, and once again looks a serious proposition

11. LARA MAKS - Failed to confirm her Cabourg performance when 9th in a Class D at Graignes over 2,725m on 29 October, and can be passed over

12. L'HAVANA D'ELMA - Unplaced on comeback in a 2625m Cherbourg class F mid-month. Stays shod and can be ruled out

13. LASSIE - Disqualified in a Class E over 2,700m here on 6 November. Will be reined by Mathieu Mottier who was not disgraced with her at Enghien last month, but still looks a minor place chance at best

Summary: LA VISTA HAUFOR (7), reunited with David Thomain for whom she has never disappointed, recent course-and-distance winner LOUISIANE GIRL (10), despite a tough draw, LUCRECE DE CORDAY (3), reassuring here three weeks ago, and LAST QUEEN (5), who is shod to preference for her first objective of the winter, are all capable of playing leading roles here.

SELECTIONS

LA VISTA HAUFOR (7) - LOUISIANE GIRL (10) - LUCRECE DE CORDAY (3) - LAST QUEEN (5)

C6 - PRIX DE PICARDIE - 2850m (a2m) - - Harness - EUR € 62,000

1. BARKLEY - Made amends for Jägersro disqualification when fifth over 2140m at Solvalla early this month, and can get a look in if he takes to the Vincennes profile

2. GANGSTER VENDIL - Makes French debut after having finished 9th over 2,140m at Solvalla on 1 November and appears to have nothing to offer

3. GUARDAMI - Disqualified on re-entry in a 2700m monté Class B here in early-October. Won twice under these conditions last winter, clearly means business, and is unlikely to disappoint

4. MOHAWK - Was unable to pull off the hat-trick when fifth in a Class B over 2,700m here on 5 November. Should not be too hastily condemned, however, and can be brought back into the fold. Chance

5. MYSTERY QUEEN - Finished 4th in a Class B over 2,700m here on 5 November. Takes a notable hike in category though and is not an obvious choice

6. MILTON DU NOYER - Finished 10th in Group I Criterium des 4 Ans over course and distance on 12 September. Will need a freshener, though, and best to keep one's powder dry

7. MANASLU - Fourth in a monté Class B over 2,700m here on 2 October. Has been reconfigured but will most likely have other priorities

8. MOSTRA DE BANVILLE - Made it two straight disqualifications when faulting in Group I Grand Prix de l'UET at Vinovo over 2,100m on 11 October. Has bags of ability, though, and will not be far from the action if Théo Duvaldestin can keep her focused

9. GOGGIA - Returns to France after winning over 1,660m at Bologna on 20 September. Is shod to preference, with Paul Ploquin in the bike, and will be no soft touch

10. MISTRAL DU GOUTIER - Ran 6th in Group I Criterium des 4 Ans over course and distance on 12 September. Has not raced since but takes on a less-exalted lot this time and has a reasonable chance of making the first five

11. GEILES LEBEN HOME - Good, consistent Eurotrotter returning to Vincennes after winning over 1,640m at Jägersro on 10 November. Faces a stiffer test here, but always gives her best, and should be able to hold her own

12. MELLOW SPEED - Runner-up in a Class A at Laval over 2,850m on 15 November. Has proven form at a superior level, will be reunited with Jean-Michel Bazire, and can expect the lions' share of support

13. MADEMOISELLE JANE - Ran 6th in monté Group I Prix du Président de la République over 2,850m here on 21 June. Is here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out

Summary: MELLOW SPEED (12), who showed marked improvement under these conditions mid-month, is likely to attract the bulk of support. MOHAWK (4) endured a tough trip last time and Eric Raffin will be determined to set the record straight. Winner over course and distance in June, GOGGIA (9) is shod to preference for her return to France. GUARDAMI (3), barefoot for the first time, will have a lot to contribute if sufficiently fit.

SELECTIONS

MELLOW SPEED (12) - MOHAWK (4) - GOGGIA (9) - GUARDAMI (3)

C7 - PRIX DE LA CAMARGUE - 2850m (a2m) - - Harness - EUR € 53,000

1. I CAN WIN GARDENIA - Unplaced in a Class C over 2,100m here on 13 November. Is better than the result would imply, but is still out of his depth

2. RED D'OVER - Victorious at Mons over 2,840m on 17 November. Takes on a better bunch this time but has form at the venue and, competitively-shod with David Thomain in the bike, can play a small role

3. INDY BOY (DEN) - Quality Danish individual that was disqualified on French debut after faulting in a 2500m Reims Class E late last month. Will be more comfortable racing left-handed, but is still not a priority

4. JUBII VANG - Trounced in a 2100m Class C here a fortnight ago and can expect to have few takers

5. KOOL AND THE GANG - Finished last of 16, on comeback, in a Class C over 2,100m here on 13 November. Is still in conditioning-mode and best to wait

6. EL DORADO BAR - Ran third behind KHEO VIVANCIERE (7) in a Class C over 2,100m on 27 October. Has not put a foot wrong since the spring and is not incapable of turning the tables

7. KHEO VIVANCIERE - Fourth behind KOVES DU PONT (9) in a Class C over 2,100m on 27 October. Simply excels with the day's driver though and will be expected to turn the tables. Claim

8. KANAKA DE BUSSET - Finished 14th in a Class D over 2,700m here on 14 November, her first start back. Has been fitted with four pads this time, but others still preferred

9. KOVES DU PONT - Runner-up in a Class C over 2,100m on 27 October. Is plainly close to his race but may once again have to settle for a place payout

10. KALITA D'HENINEL - Finished 8th in a Class D over 2,700m here on 14 November. Is reunited with Benjamin Rochard, who knows her well, and cannot be discounted

11. JUST A LADY (DEN) - Disqualified in a Class D at Caen over 2,450m on 15 June. Has not been seen out since, but is barefoot for comeback and, with application, will be no soft touch

12. EXPRESS D'ARC - Finished 4th in a Class C Apprentices' race at Enghien over 2,875m on 25 October. Is nicely entered here, and with Eric Raffin reining will be afforded every chance. Attention

13. KEROSEN DU GERS - Victorious in a Class C at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2,650m on 9 November. Is a tough nut to crack under these conditions and, sporting a new shoeing profile, could pleasantly surprise

Summary: The race should play out among KHEO VIVANCIERE (7), who has formed a formidable partnership with Mathieu Mottier, EL DORADO BAR (6), who cannot be faulted at present, the wonderfully-engaged and reconfigured, KEROSEN DU GERS (13), and KOVES DU PONT (9), a model of consistency at this level.

SELECTIONS

KHEO VIVANCIERE (7) - EL DORADO BAR (6) - KEROSEN DU GERS (13) - KOVES DU PONT (9)

C8 - PRIX DE L'ILE DE RE - 2850m (a2m) - - Mounted - EUR € 75,000

1. KENYAN BLUES - Convincing winner of a Class D at Mauquenchy over 2,850m on 18 November. Eric Raffin boasts an excellent record with him and can confirm

2. COMPETIVO - Left a good impression when third in a 2100m harness Class D here on 5 November. Presents excellent monté credentials and has every chance of opening his winter account

3. KATCHINA FOR CLARA - Disqualified in a Class C Apprentices' race over 2,700m here on 3 November. Is difficult to knock when focused, though, and with Mathieu Mottier back in the saddle, can put things right

4. HOLD THE LINE - Third in a Class D at Nantes over 3,000m on 4 November. Has been re-shod for his return to the capital, but still has the wherewithal to make the first five

5. ISOCRATE D'ELA - Finished 7th in a Class D at Nantes over 3,000m on 4 November. Ran third last time under these conditions and, while not a priority, will still have his supporters

6. HEVA BLONDE - Disqualified in three of the last four starts, the latest a Group III over course and distance on 19 November. Is not about to spice things up, but on good behaviour, can play a small part

7. DAYAK (ITY) - Won a Class A at Argentan over 2,875m on 31 October. Sports a fresh configuration, will be reunited with Paul Ploquin and, comfortable under these conditions, must be considered a serious player

8. HISTORIC DAY - Placed in 2 before being pulled-up in a harness 2400m Class C at Beaumont-de-Lomagne mid-month. Has little experience in this branch of the game though and can be passed over

9. GOOD GIRL MARCEAUX - Finished 7th in a Group III over a track and trip on 9 October. Has done nothing of note in either code for some time and is unlikely to start now

10. GO OR NOT - Starts for the first time since finishing unplaced in a harness Class A at Aix Les Bains over 2,700m on 26 July. Is barefoot for comeback, but still not a concern

11. INSHORE - Disqualified in a harness Class A at Laval over 2,850m on 1 November. Has been re-shod but will have few, if any, takers

12. INDIGO DE FONTAINE - Finished 7th to DAYAK (ITY) (7) in a Class A at Argentan over 2,875m on 31 October. Blew up that day, but should not be too hastily condemned and, reconfigured, can be backed with confidence this time

Summary: COMPETIVO (2), runner-up in all three of his starts under the saddle, made a notable return to France under harness here three weeks ago and is just preferred to KENYAN BLUES (1), winner of two of his last three, and a reconfigured DAYAK (ITY) (7), who makes his monté debut in excellent form. INDIGO DE FONTAINE (12), who will have to concede 25m, won under these conditions during the summer and will not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

COMPETIVO (2) - KENYAN BLUES (1) - DAYAK (ITY) (7) - INDIGO DE FONTAINE (12)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
MELLOW SPEED (612)

Outsider of the day
KALITA D'HENINEL (710)

Reverse forecast
KENYAN BLUES (801) - COMPETIVO (802)

Three pick of the day

LA VISTA HAUFOR (507) - MELLOW SPEED (612) - COMPETIVO (802)