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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - COUPE INTERCONTINENTALE DES AMATEURS - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class E Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 15,000

1. **FURIOSO BEACH** - 9th of 13 in a Vincennes claimer over 2850m here 10 days ago. Drier conditions will help but still not an obvious choice
2. **GLOIRE DE FLEURY** - Shaped up with a decent 5th place in a Toulouse Class F over 2750m on 9 January. Barefoot from the 2-spot and will have claims on a place in the frame
3. **GLORIOSO BELLO** - Respectable 5th in a Cabourg Class E over 2725m last July. Unseen in competition since and will need the run
4. **FRISE PONT VAUTIER** - Reassuringly good 3rd in an amateur contest over 2850m here 10 days ago. Ideally-drawn and expected to give HANUGAN (5) a run for his money
5. **HANUGAN** - Fine 2nd in a Mauquenchy Class E on 10 January. Drops back in category, with a good place behind the car and, barefoot again, can score for the first time since last May
6. **EMIR SPEEDHYCAT** - Sanctioned, at 74/1, behind FRISE PONT VAUTIER (4) 10 days ago and, with shoes on, has no realistic chance
7. **FIGARO GEMA** - Last of 13 when heavily-backed in a claimer over 2850m here 10 days ago but has nothing to prove at this level and can make the first 5 this time
8. **HAPPY DANOVER** - Moderate 7th in a similar event over a sloppy 2850m here 10 days ago but is a tough individual and will be expected to make amends, despite the draw, and be competitive for a place in the frame
9. **FERGIE HIGHLAND** - Bit off more than she could chew when 10th of 14 in a Vincennes Class D over 2850m 3 weeks ago, after having won over track and trip 10 days earlier. Not a priority but still one to keep an eye on
10. **EXOTIC JET** - Courageous 6th in a similar event here 3 weeks ago but breaks from the back line this time and will struggle to make his mark
11. **ELMET BLUE** - Pleasantly surprised ahead of EXOTIC JET (10) here 3 weeks ago but a repeat seems particularly unlikely
12. **EXPERT D'ERPION** - Has not been seen out since finishing 5th of 6 behind EXOTIC JET (10) at Lyon-Parilly last September. Hind shoes off but others still preferred
13. **GUYLAIN DE MAI** - Courageous 4th in a Vincennes claimer over 2700m on Tuesday. On the back row but is plainly in form and unlikely to disappoint

Summary: Seldom disappointing when unshod all 4, HANUGAN (5) gave a fine account of himself at Mauquenchy earlier this month and, at this level from the 5-spot, can finally trot his way back into the winners' enclosure. That being said, the ideally-placed FRISE PONT VAUTIER (4) reassured over 2850m last time and will not go down easily. Better over these longer trips, GLOIRE DE FLEURY (2) reassured in Toulouse last time out and racing barefoot will only enhance her prospects. HAPPY DANOVER (8) has respectable amateur credentials and can be excused his recent performance.

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SELECTIONS

HANUGAN (5) - FRISE PONT VAUTIER (4) - GLOIRE DE FLEURY (2) - HAPPY DANOVER
(8)

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**C2 - PRIX DES ANDELYS - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR €
35,000**

- 1. JUPITER DE VAL** - Trotted courageously to take 5th in a Class F over course and distance late last month. Raffin in the irons for the first time but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 2. JUPITER CAPTAIN** - Pleasantly surprised when 2nd in a Vincennes Class F over 2700m in late-December. Repeat unlikely but will not be available at 102/1 either this time
- 3. GOLD EAGLE (SWE)** - Swedish type making first appearance since trotting last of 11 in a mile race at Tingsryd last June and can be confidently passed over
- 4. JUPITER DU PERCHE** - Trotted 4th to JIPEBE (7) in a Mauquenchy Class E over 2850m mid-month. Is better than that though and has the capacity to make the first 5
- 5. JAVRILLON** - Pleasant 5th in a Bordeaux 2650m Class E despite numerous faults. Has previously won over track and trip and racing barefoot for the occasion will only work in his favour
- 6. JOMIZIO** - 2nd in a Lyon-La Soie Class F over 2700m on January 9. Reunited with Benjamin Chauve-Laffay for metropolitan debut and once again looks competitively well in
- 7. JIPEBE** - Returns to Vincennes after imposing well in a Mauquenchy Class E over 2850m on 15 January and, shod more competitively, is not to be underestimated
- 8. JIROBELLO** - 8th in a Class E under harness over 2700m here on Christmas Day. Makes first appearance in the monté code for new trainer and has every chance of imposing
- 9. JAMY** - Sanctioned under awful conditions in a Class D over course and distance 10 days ago but goes barefoot this time and can put things right. Claim
- 10. JEDEO DES VAUX** - Sanctioned In a Vincennes Class E over 2200m on 4 December. Unraced since but has references under these conditions and will generate interest

Summary: Recently-arrived in his new yard, Mathieu Mottier has been quick to re-direct JIROBELLO (8) under the saddle and, with the maestro himself onboard, can get straight down to business. He will still be vigilant of the difficult JAMY (9) who, barefoot this time, will be dangerous if applied, and JIPEBE (7) who sports a new configuration after having won 2 of his last 4. JOMIZIO (6) has excelled since switching codes and debuts in the capital with a decent chance of picking up a place-cheque.

SELECTIONS

JIROBELLO (8) - JAMY (9) - JIPEBE (7) - JOMIZIO (6)

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C3 - PRIX DE CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. KULTA** - Disappointing 6th of 7 finishers in a Vincennes Class E over 2700m last weekend and will again struggle to leave her mark
- 2. KIARA DE JADE** - Unremarkable 5th in a monté Class D over track and trip last Monday. Raffin reining this time but others still preferred
- 3. KYRIA BELLA** - Solidly won a Le Mans Class E over 2200m on 18 December. Steps up in distance and debuts in the capital, but still looks a respectable place prospect
- 4. KAGNOTTE D'AZIF** - Modest 8th of 13 in a Class E over 2100m here 3 weeks ago when first-time barefoot and is unlikely to shake things up
- 5. ELI JET** - 2nd in a conditioning race over 1650m at home in Milan on 3 January. Goes barefoot for the occasion and can play a small role if she gets the trip
- 6. KINSHASA DE CHENU** - Lacklustre 9th in a course and distance Class D on Christmas Day and, shod this time, can expect to have few takers
- 7. ROZENN D'ERQUY** - Unseen since winning for the 4th time at Mons last September but is proven when fresh and unlikely to be far from the action
- 8. KAROLENE D'ETANG** - Got that maiden monkey off her back in a Class E over 2850m on the inner course on 12 January and debuts over the main track with a good hand to play
- 9. EEVA'S HOPE** - Won in Bologna over 1660m 3 weeks ago. Takes on better horses on this occasion but can still get a look in
- 10. RAGAZZA DU CHENE** - 5th in a Vincennes Gr.3 over 2100m on 17 December. Comes here fresh, hind shoes off for the first time and, with form maintained, can play a leading role
- 11. KALINE DU RIB** - Gave a good account to trot 4th in a Class D over course and distance on Christmas Day. Front pads fitted this time and, with application, can figure prominently
- 12. EXTRA WIND** - Won smartly over 1650m in Milan on 20 December. Hind shoes off for Paris debut and will be dangerous if she takes to the main track profile
- 13. KAYA DU SAPTEL** - Pushed KAROLENE D'ETANG (8) hard in a Class E over 2850m on the inner course on 12 January. Unlikely to repeat but will not be sent out at 31/1 either

Summary: Justifiably well-regarded at home, RAGAZZA DU CHENE (10) caught the eye in the Gr.3 Prix Albert Rayon last month and, with hind shoes off for the first time, can finally open her French account. Paul Ploquin can still expect to feel the heat from KAROLENE D'ETANG (8) who got off the mark in good order over the inner course recently, and who debuts in France off the back of a solid Milan success. KYRIA BELLA (3) has hardly put a foot wrong since last summer's victorious debut and legitimately bids to confirm her Le Mans success.

SELECTIONS

RAGAZZA DU CHENE (10) - KAROLENE D'ETANG (8) - EXTRA WIND (12) - KYRIA BELLA (3)

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C4 - PRIX DU LUXEMBOURG - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR € 100,000

- 1. IDEAL LIGNERIES** - One-paced 10th in Prix de Belgique over 2850m mid-month. Not ideally-drawn but has nothing to prove under these conditions and can figure more prominently
- 2. JAZZY PERRINE** - Below-par 12th of 17 in Gr.1 Critérium Continental on Christmas Eve. Is barefoot for return, has a decent place on the front line, but still no more than a minor place chance
- 3. HAPPY VALLEY** - Decent 5th to GASPARD DE BRION (6) in a 2700m Gr.3 here a fortnight ago. More expected on that occasion though and others preferred
- 4. GASPARD D'ANGIS** - Unseen since winning the Gr.2 Finale du Grand National du Trot over 2850m early last month. Perfectly-positioned behind the car and can win this
- 5. DEAR FRIEND (SWE)** - 5th in a conditioning race over 2140m at home in Solvalla on 26 January. Surprise runner-up in this race last year but, even racing barefoot, a repeat seems improbable
- 6. GASPARD DE BRION** - Won a Gr.3 over 2700m here a fortnight ago with great panache. Takes on some better horses this time but starts in front and is not incapable of doubling up
- 7. GANAY DE BANVILLE** - 5th in Prix de Belgique earlier this month. Has not raced over 2100m since 2021 but has fine credentials over the trip and looks a major player
- 8. GREAT SKILLS** - Last of 15 finishers in a Gr.2 over 2850m here a fortnight ago. Will, oddly, be suited by the draw and can win this if she gets off on the right foot
- 9. MISSILE HILL** - Unseen since finishing 2nd to DEAR FRIEND (SWE) (5) at Bjerke in early-November. Barefoot for return but the draw will do him no favours
- 10. SAYONARA (SWE)** - Pleasantly surprised when 9th of 15 in the race of reference mid-month. Goes barefoot this time and, in similar form, can pick up a cheque
- 11. HELIADE DU GOUTIER** - Looked ordinary when 8th of 10 in a Gr.3 over 2850m here on January 17 and appears to be totally outclassed
- 12. BILO JEPSON** - 3rd to FACE TIME (16) under these conditions 3 weeks ago. Faces a stiffer test this time but thrives over 2100m and must not be underestimated
- 13. HIP HOP HAUFOR** - Trotted 5th behind HAPPY VALLEY (3) in a Vincennes Class A over 2850m in late-December after having won a Gr.3 a fortnight earlier and, despite the draw, should not be overlooked
- 14. ELITE DE JIEL** - Raced respectably to finish 7th to GASPARD DE BRION (6) in a 2700m Gr.3 here 2 weeks ago. Sanctioned in the 2023 edition and again unlikely to influence the outcome
- 15. FULTON** - 4th in a Vincennes monté Gr.3 over 2700m mid-month. Here for reasons of conditioning and can be ruled out
- 16. FACE TIME** - Made it 4-on-the-trot when winning a Class A over track and trip 3 weeks ago. Handed a tough draw but still looks competitively well in

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Summary: A host of contenders here but a tentative nod nevertheless goes to GREAT SKILLS (8) who finished 2nd in the Prix Jean Boillereau before trotting 4th in the prestigious Prix Ténor de Baune. Quickly sanctioned last time out, he will be expected to bounce back, but Daniel Wäjersten will still be justifiably wary of the better-positioned GASPAR D'ANGIS (4) who was an absolute revelation in 2023, and GANAY DE BANVILLE (7) who has been competing decently at a superior level over recent months. Prix Marcel Laurent 3rd, IDEAL LIGNERIES (1) must also be respected.

SELECTIONS

GREAT SKILLS (8) - GASPAR D'ANGIS (4) - GANAY DE BANVILLE (7) - IDEAL LIGNERIES (1)

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C5 - PRIX ROQUEPINE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Gr2 - Harness - EUR € 150,000

- 1. LIBEREE DELIVREE** - Surprise 2nd in a Class B over track and trip a fortnight ago but a repeat looks distinctly unlikely
- 2. LITTLE STAR FLEURY** - Unlucky to be sanctioned in a Class A behind LAKARA (3) here last weekend but still has a mountain to climb
- 3. LAKARA** - Encouraging 5th in a Vincennes Class A over 2175m last weekend. Not cut from same cloth as others here but is fitted with pads this time and will have her supporters
- 4. LAYLA** - 4th [ahead of LAKARA (3)] in a Vincennes Class A over 2175m last Saturday. Has little going for her this time though and can be passed over
- 5. LIZY JOSSELYN** - Never threatening 6th behind LET ME SHINE GIO (13) in Gr.2 over course and distance on 17 December. 4 pads fitted this time but others still easier to back
- 6. LOTTA BOURBON** - Authoritative winner of a 2850m Class A on the inner track here on 28 January. Has earned the right to step up and, with hind pads fitted, can make up for last month's main-track sanction
- 7. LITTLE STRAWBERRY** - Faulted early but still managed to finish 5th to LOUISIANE DE BOMO (11) here earlier this month but on this occasion is unlikely to influence the result
- 8. FOXYLADY** - Fast-finishing 3rd to LOUISIANE DE BOMO (11) in the race of reference on first French start in the Allaire colours and will not be available at 19/1 this time around
- 9. LILAS CASTELLE** - Fine runner-up to LOUISIANE DE BOMO (11) in the race of reference. Is plainly on the way up and, although unlikely to win, can still make the frame
- 10. LOPIGNA** - Unlucky 4th in the race of reference. Raffin maintains faith and can figure more prominently if he keeps her out of trouble
- 11. LOUISIANE DE BOMO** - Courageous winner of Gr.2 Prix Gélinotte over 2175m here earlier this month. Pads fitted once more and can repeat
- 12. FILADONNA** - Sanctioned early on French debut in a Vincennes Gr.2 over 2175m 3 weeks ago. Will not be inconvenienced by the hike in trip and, if focused, can have her day in the sun
- 13. LET ME SHINE GIO** - Unplaced 6th of 9 finishers behind LOUISIANE DE BOMO (11) in a Gr.2 over 2175m here 3 weeks ago. Returns to a distance she prefers and can play a more important role
- 14. LISTENTOTHEMUSIC** - Lacklustre 7th in Prix Gélinotte over 2175m here 3 weeks ago. Considerably better than that though and David Thomain will be out to make amends

Summary: Exceptional in her native Italy, FILADONNA (12) failed to stay in stride on her first start for Philippe Allaire, but is fitted with hind pads for the occasion and can get straight back in the game. Gabriele Gelormini will nonetheless be keeping a keen eye on the excellent LOUISIANE DE BOMO (11) who won the Gr.2 Prix Gélinotte by a small margin from LILAS CASTELLE (9) who, with application, will again figure prominently. LET ME SHINE GIO (13) was unplaced on that occasion but has already won a Gr.2 over course and distance and will be no pushover.

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FILADONNA (12) - LOUISIANE DE BOMO (11) - LILAS CASTELLE (9) - LET ME SHINE
GIO (13)

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C6 - PRIX OURASI - SWC 4 ANS FINALE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Gr1 - Harness - EUR € 300,000

- 1. KARLITO** - Sanctioned in a Vincennes Gr.2 over track and trip 3 weeks ago. Showed his form but, at this level, is unlikely to spring a surprise
- 2. KOOL DES CHAMPS** - 2nd to KARLITO (1) in a Gr.3 over track and trip late December. Unlucky not to win that day but prospects nevertheless slim on this occasion
- 3. KALIF LANDIA** - Unraced since winning a monté Gr.1 over track and trip in mid-December. Hind shoes off but has other priorities and will not be given a hard race
- 4. KOBAYASHI** - 3rd to, but well-beaten by, KARLITO (1) in the Gr.3 Prix de Château-Chinon over course and distance in late-December. Sports a new shoeing formula but others still preferred
- 5. KSAR** - Sanctioned in the race of reference when clearly out of his depth and is unlikely to shake things up
- 6. KAPITANO DE SOURCE** - Surprise 3rd in the Charles Tiercelin here earlier this month but took advantage of a situation that day which is unlikely to arise again
- 7. KATINKA DU MOUCHEL** - Sanctioned in the early-January race of reference when clearly full of running. Has turned a corner this winter and must be afforded respect
- 8. KABAKA DE GUEZ** - Encouraging 5th to KYRIELLE (9) here last time out. Will be better supported on this occasion but prospects still limited
- 9. KYRIELLE** - Surprise winner of the Gr.2 Prix Charles Tiercelin over course and distance 3 weeks ago and will not be sent out at 41/1 on this occasion
- 10. KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Thoroughly-beaten 8th of 8 in the race of reference. Has previously beaten KING OPERA (12) and even though sporting a new configuration, still looks a more modest proposition this time around
- 11. EDY GIRIFALCO GIO** - Courageous 6th to KYRIELLE (9) earlier this month. Little chance of opening his French account but should still give an honest account
- 12. KING OPERA** - Sanctioned for a 3rd time in succession in the race of reference but is a quality colt and, with stride in check, can apply the pressure on KOCTEL DU DAIN (15)
- 13. KRACK TIME ATOUT** - 7th of 8 finishers in race of reference. Won Gr.1 Critérium des 3 ans last autumn and although less effective lately, is not one to be ignored
- 14. KANA DE BEYLEV** - Close 4th to KOCTEL DU DAIN (15) in the race of reference after having won a Gr.1 on her previous start and, with shoes off this time, will be competitive for a place on the podium
- 15. KOCTEL DU DAIN** - 2nd in Gr.2 Prix Charles Tiercelin over track and trip on 7 January. Should have won but can make amends if David Thomain keeps him trotting

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Summary: Forced to settle for 2nd place after faulting in the straight, KOCTEL DU DAIN (15) would otherwise have won the Gr.2 Prix Charles Tiercelin, but David Thomain is unlikely to allow the same thing to happen twice. Principal opposition will take the form of the delicate but classy KING OPERA (12) who will be more amenable with hind shoes off, and barefoot Gr.1 Prix Ready Cash winner KANA DE BEYLEV (14) who was by no means disgraced here earlier in the month. KYRIELLE (9) was the surprise winner that day when first-time barefoot and will garner more support this time around.

SELECTIONS

KOCTEL DU DAIN (15) - KING OPERA (12) - KANA DE BEYLEV (14) - KYRIELLE (9)

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C7 - PRIX PAUL VIEL - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Gr2 - Harness - EUR € 150,000

- 1. FRANK GIO** - Takes a huge step up in class after trotting 3rd in an inferior event over 1650m in Milan late last month and, even with pads fitted, can expect to find this a stiff test
- 2. LOMBOK JIEL** - Won a Class B over course and distance with consummate ease a fortnight ago. Has earned the right to race here and appears to be in with a realistic shout
- 3. LEARN TO FLY** - Flattering 3rd behind LAPIS LAZULI (4) in a Class A over 2850m here late December but is unlikely to influence the result on this occasion
- 4. LAPIS LAZULI** - Authoritative winner of a Class A over 2850m of the inner course on Boxing Day. Has previously won under these conditions and can give LUCIANO MENUET (12) something to think about
- 5. LARGO DE CASTELLE** - Quickly sanctioned in the early-January race of reference when unsupported and is not about to generate interest this time around
- 6. LOULOU DE MYE** - Decent 5th in the race of reference despite some misfortune. Not easy to repeat but, with hind pads fitted, could pleasantly surprise
- 7. LITTLE BROWN** - Appeared to bite off more than he could chew when 6th of 7 finishers in the Gr.2 Prix Maurice de Gheest over 2175m here 3 weeks ago. Gets another crack at it but others still easier to back
- 8. LOVINO BELLO** - Unraced since winning the Gr.2 Prix Emmanuel Margouty over course and distance mid-December. Has freshness on his side and a place in the frame is not out of the question
- 9. FIL EK** - 2nd to compatriot FELIPE ROC (10) in a black-type event over 2100m in Naples on 10 December and, if still on the boil, can get in on the action
- 10. FELIPE ROC** - 4th to LUCIANO MENUET (12) in the race of reference after having beaten FIL EK (9) in Naples. Has ground to make up but can still play a small part
- 11. LEMON TREE** - Good 3rd to LUCIANO MENUET (12) in the Gr.2 Prix Maurice de Gheest over 2175m here 3 weeks ago. Has just once failed to make the frame and is unlikely to disappoint
- 12. LUCIANO MENUET** - Fantastic winner of the Gr.2 Prix Maurice de Gheest over 2175m here 3 weeks ago. Sanctioned on lone appearance over 2700m but, in present form, will be hard to beat

Summary: Barring a brace of sanctions, LUCIANO MENUET (12) has done nothing but progress since his first competitive steps and a repeat of his recent Gr.2 Prix Maurice de Gheest romp would see him double his money. He won't have it all his own way though given the progress LAPIS LAZULI (4) has made since starting to race with pads. LOMBOK JIEL (2) was simply magnificent here mid-month and steps up in class with legitimate ambition. Confirmed at this level and most recently 3rd to the favourite here, LEMON TREE (11) can again finish close.

SELECTIONS

LUCIANO MENUET (12) - LAPIS LAZULI (4) - LOMBOK JIEL (2) - LEMON TREE (11)

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C8 - PRIX BOLD EAGLE - SWC 5 ANS FINALE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Gr1 - Harness - EUR € 300,000

- 1. DIVA DEL RONCO** - Respectable but unexpected 9th in recent Prix de Croix but has no realistic prospect of picking up any prizemoney
- 2. JINGLE DELO** - Modest 7th in a Vincennes Class B over 2850m a fortnight ago and has no realistic chance
- 3. DEMON** - Runner-up to the good High On Pepper in the valuable Sylvesterloppet in late-December. Barefoot for Vincennes debut but gets a Benjamin Rochard drive and should not be written off
- 4. DESIDERIO D'ESI** - 3rd to JUSHUA TREE (13) in the Gr.2 Prix de Croix over 2850m here a fortnight back. Unproven over 2700m here but, in current condition, is hard to ignore
- 5. BENGAN** - Acquitted himself well to trot 5th in Prix de Croix. Repeat unlikely but can nevertheless get a look in
- 6. DEUS ZACK** - 8th of 14 finishers in recent Prix de Croix. Gave a surprisingly good account that day but is unlikely to confirm
- 7. JUSTIN BOLD** - Tenacious 4th in the Prix de Croix here recently over 2850m. Is confirmed over 2700m, shod as he was mid-month, and can again make the first 5
- 8. JAKARTA DES PRES** - Sanctioned in mid-month's race of reference after looking rather ordinary and again appears to have too much to do
- 9. JAG STRYCK** - Gave a fine account to trot 7th, a place behind JUST A GIGOLO (15), in the Prix de Croix a fortnight ago but looks properly outclassed this time around
- 10. J'AIME LE FOOT** - Sanctioned in Gr.2 Prix de Croix over 2850m here a fortnight ago when plainly in good shape. New shoeing formula and, with application, will not be far off the mark
- 11. DAUGHTER AS** - Trotted 2nd in a competitive event in Milan over a mile on January 10. Unseen since and even though barefoot for her return to Vincennes, still looks an outsider
- 12. JOSH POWER** - Close 2nd to JUSHUA TREE (13) in Gr.1 Critérium Continental over 2100m here on December 24. Blessed with speed and will be no soft touch
- 13. JUSHUA TREE** - Facile winner of the Gr.2 Prix de Croix over 2850m here 2 weeks ago after having lifted the Critérium Continental and is eminently capable of wrapping this up
- 14. DIMITRI FERM** - 7th in the December race of reference after being denied a run but is proven over course and distance and can make the frame this time
- 15. JUST A GIGOLO** - 6th in recent race of reference but still looked to need the run. Appears to be some way off top form but can still pick up a cheque

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Summary: A veritable metronome that secured his berth in the Prix d'Amérique when winning the Gr.1 Critérium Continental, JUSHUA TREE (13) has instead had this race on his agenda for some time and will take all the beating. Fine runner-up to him in the Critérium on Christmas Eve, JOSH POWER (12) has been given time to freshen up and again looks the principal threat. Second to the favourite in the Gr.2 Prix Octave Douesnel after some misfortune in the big race, DIMITRI FERM (14) will not be far off the mark if Matthieu Abrivard keeps him out of trouble. Despite being sanctioned a fortnight ago, J'AIME LE FOOT (10) nevertheless showed his form that day and the new configuration may be just the ticket.

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JUSHUA TREE (13) - JOSH POWER (12) - DIMITRI FERM (14) - J'AIME LE FOOT (10)

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C9 - PRIX VARENNE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. JADE DE CASTELLE** - Pleasant 3rd in a Vincennes monté Class D over 2700 on Christmas Eve. Has other priorities and can be ruled out
- 2. JOCIE DU VILLARD** - Reassuring 2nd in a Vincennes claimer over 2175m on Boxing Day. Sports a new configuration but steps back up in category and will have limited chances
- 3. JOYCE BEGONIA** - Acquitted herself honourably in the race of reference but has not done enough to be considered a player
- 4. JOLIKOVA D'ARIANE** - Unraced since trotting a fine 3rd in a Class D over 2175m here 11 days ago. Shoes off again and looks main danger to JUVENIA BELLA (13)
- 5. JESTA BUISSONAY** - Sanctioned early in the mid-January race of reference. Is twice a winner over course and distance but others still easier to trust
- 6. JALAPA DU BUISSON** - Played no role when 2nd from last in the race of reference. Has good references over 2700m though and will generate some interest
- 7. JUJUBEE** - Modest 9th in the race of reference. Has no particular love for Vincennes and will have few takers
- 8. JUSTICIA SMART** - Disappointing last of 12 finishers behind JUVENIA BELLA (13) in the race of reference but sports a new configuration, with Eric Raffin reining, and should logically show improvement
- 9. JESSY DES PISTES** - Unthreatening but good 4th to JUVENIA BELLA (13) here mid-month after having won over track and trip. Not a priority but still merits respect
- 10. JOIE TOTALE** - Has not been seen out since finishing 10th of 12 in a Vincennes Class C over 2700m last September and, with shoes on, will have little to offer
- 11. JOLIE STAR** - Sanctioned for the 2nd successive time here mid-December. Comes here fresh though, with hind shoes off and, on good behaviour, can trot her way onto the podium
- 12. JIRELLITA** - Sanctioned, but unlucky, in a Vincennes Class C over 2700m on 1 January. JMB in the hot seat though and will have his chances if he can keep her trotting
- 13. JUVENIA BELLA** - Fast 2nd in a Class D over 2100m here on 16 January. Will appreciate the longer trip and must be considered a leading prospect
- 14. JEALOUS GIRL** - Unraced since trotting last of 12 in a Vincennes Class C over 2700m last September. Barefoot for the first time but others still preferred
- 15. JOY JENILOU** - Oddly lacklustre 9th of 12 in a Class C over 2700m here earlier this month but is significantly better than that and can make amends

Summary: Back at the top of her game this winter, JUVENIA BELLA (13) beat a host of these here 11 days ago, all the while setting her best chrono and, in similar form, can impose. She will still face resistance from the dogged JOLIKOVA D'ARIANE (4) who has yet to disappoint when barefoot, and the complicated but, unshod behind, JOLIE STAR (11), who will be no easy touch if she stays in stride. JIRELLITA (12) is not exactly a model of consistency but she has bags of ability and will not be far from the action if applied.

SATURDAY, 27/01/24

SELECTIONS

JUVENIA BELLA (13) - JOLIKOVA D'ARIANE (4) - JOLIE STAR (11) - JIRELLITA (12)