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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX ELLA - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 46.000

1. **ISARD DE PLAY** - Modest individual that has done nothing noteworthy for some time and can be ruled out
2. **IALKO VASANI** - Erratic but has shown considerable improvement lately. Won by a wide margin last time out and the front-line start will do his chances no disservice
3. **ISIMONEY DU CHENE** - Not entirely without merit but disappointing in last two and will have few takers
4. **ILLUSTRE MAN** - Very useful when barefoot these days but in this company has no realistic chance
5. **INCREDIBLE CHARM** - Useful sort in the provinces and is well-positioned in front, but the step up in class appears a step too far
6. **ILLICO PRESTO FAC** - In the frame in 4 of his last 5 starts. Is as good left-handed as right-and, from the first row, can play a leading role
7. **IKURO JIEL** - Mixes the good with the less good but showed great tenacity behind ITALIANO DI PAO (8) here last time and, even from the 2nd row, will have his supporters
8. **ITALIANO DI PAO** - Faithful servant that has made the frame in last two starts over the main track. Is unlikely to win but can still trot his way onto the podium
9. **INVISIBLE SAM** - Useful sort that left a positive impression here 10 days ago and, while unlikely to make the frame, can still get a look in
10. **IRON DU GERS** - Classy trotter making his first appearance of the season. Stays shod and will be race-rusty
11. **IRIS DES ROSEAUX** - Tough type that has been acquitting himself well in decent company lately and, barefoot for his Vincennes debut, will be no soft touch
12. **ISSU DE CORTEM** - Honest type that regularly gives his best, but is going to need to show significant improvement this time around
13. **IDEAL DE RIVRAY** - Very hard to knock when race-fit and barefoot. Has 3 runs under his belt and, with stride in check, will have his chances
14. **IDEFIX DHELPA** - Regularly in the thick of things when unshod. Form is on the right trajectory but the extra 25m looks too much
15. **IN RED** - Can prove a handful but is not one to be underestimated when focused and can play a role if Gelormini keeps him trotting
16. **INDIAN FIGHTER** - Ultra-regular trotter in the provinces. Untried in Paris but is confirmed left-handed and, with Matthieu Abrivard in the sulky again, can confirm his recent Angers victory

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Summary : Remarkably consistent and at the top of his game since the spring, INDIAN FIGHTER (16) makes his metropolitan debut left-handed but is in such good form that he still looks the one to beat. IRIS DES ROSEAUX (11) hails from a yard in form and looks to have done enough lately to be considered a serious proposition. Solid over recent months, ILLICO PRESTO FAC (6) takes a step up in class but benefits from a 25m head-start and should not disappoint. ITALIANO DI PAO (8) is forced to break from the 2nd line but his latest Vincennes performances bode well for his prospects.

SELECTIONS

INDIAN FIGHTER (16) - IRIS DES ROSEAUX (11) - ILLICO PRESTO FAC (6) - ITALIANO DI PAO (8)

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**C2 - PRIX GAURICUS - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - Class C - Mounted - EUR €
53.000**

- 1. IRVING HEROLD** - Made no impact on recent monté debut and, even shod more competitively this time, still looks an outsider
- 2. HEROS DE MARZY** - Has been enjoying a fruitful run of form over recent weeks. Is untried at Vincennes though and others preferred
- 3. IMPERIAL COGLAIS** - Not easy to knock when focused and unshod. Recent Laval run can be forgotten and is worth considering a decent place prospect on this occasion
- 4. IVANA DE BERTRANGE** - Dependable mare that has been very hard to fault lately. Unlikely to spring any surprises but should still give an honourable account
- 5. IMPERIEUSE STEED** - Moderate type that was thoroughly trounced here 12 days ago and has no realistic chance
- 6. HUKKA DU VIVIER** - Back in business after a slow start to the season. Hind shoes off again and, given her liking for 2175m here, should not disappoint
- 7. IDOLA PHEDO** - Good consistent mare in this branch of the business. Has shown solid improvement lately and should not be far off the mark
- 8. ILONA DES MOYEUX** - Tough type that is suffering from a case of 'seconditis'. In marginally better company this time but still looks a serious candidate
- 9. INDIA SONG** - Temperamental sort but is not devoid of ability. Is shod to preference this time and can get in on the action if she stays in stride
- 10. IGO CLEA** - Faithful servant that was not the luckiest here last time out. Showed his form though and can more than make amends
- 11. IVANOF** - Quality trotter with a good record at the venue. Pleased on re-entry and returns to Vincennes under ideal conditions. Claim

Summary : A winner here earlier in the season, IVANOF (11) has one race in him since the spell, is barefoot for the occasion and, with Eric Raffin reining, will not be easily bested. IGO CLEA (10) raced better here last time than the result would imply and, with more luck in running, can set the record straight. IMPERIAL COGLAIS (3) was surprisingly out of sorts at Laval but has previously won under these conditions and must be respected. Runner-up on 4 successive occasions this term, ILONA DES MOYEUX (8) steps up in category, is just unshod in front this time, but is tenacious enough to finish in the mix.

SELECTIONS

IVANOF (11) - IGO CLEA (10) - IMPERIAL COGLAIS (3) - ILONA DES MOYEUX (8)

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C3 - PRIX AUSTRIA - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 52.000

- 1. GENIALISSIME** - Hardy element that lacks no courage but is somewhat short on talent for this level of race and can be ruled out
- 2. HURON** - Useful sort that has looked rather ordinary lately, but goes first time barefoot and, with a front line break, can get a look in
- 3. HASIR** - Has bags of ability but is never far from faulting. Got back in the game at Feurs and, from the front line, can again go close
- 4. FALCO DE BELLANDE** - Decent trotter that seldom puts a foot wrong but, in this category of event, will have his work cut out
- 5. GALANT DE BRUYERE** - Has been in top shape since the start of the summer. Sanctioned last time but Raffin will not allow it to happen twice and can start to redeem himself
- 6. HUMOUR FESTIF** - Blows hot and cold but appears to be back at his best. Steps up in class after winning two at Divonne and, although not a priority, should still not be overlooked
- 7. FRENCHY BERRY** - Not the most performant but always gives what he has to give. Not disgraced behind GADSEM (8) last time but others still preferred
- 8. GADSEM** - Clearly capable and most recently acquitted himself respectably at Pornichet but still has more to find
- 9. HOUSTON TUILERIE** - Fine campaigner that has won 2 from 4 here, latterly in good order last month, and 4-in-a-row looks a distinct possibility
- 10. ELVIS MADJI** - Good class of monté horse making his first appearance of the season and will pose no danger
- 11. HANNIBAL TUILERIE** - Excellent servant that impressed in a similar event at a higher level last month. Incurs the penalty this time but still looks a serious proposition
- 12. HOVE PONT VAUTIER** - Seldom gets his nose in front these days but seldom disappoints either. Has references at this level and, if applied, can figure prominently
- 13. HAUTAIN** - Turned a corner early June and has not looked back. Comes here looking for 4-in-a-row but, from the 2nd line, may have to settle for a place cheque this time around

Summary : He may never be far from losing his action but HOUSTON TUILERIE (9) is a veritable dynamo when focused; impressive in his last three, he returns to Vincennes with a realistic chance of pulling off the 4-timer. He will nevertheless face stiff opposition from the ultra-consistent, and recent Class D course-and-distance winner, HANNIBAL TUILERIE (11) who looks good enough to overcome the 25m handicap. The temperamental HASIR (3) returned to winning ways earlier in the month, is well-entered, and is not here for reasons of tourism. HAUTAIN (13) is also at the top of his game and, while unlikely to make it 4 on the trot, should still acquit himself competitively.

SELECTIONS

HOUSTON TUILERIE (9) - HANNIBAL TUILERIE (11) - HASIR (3) - HAUTAIN (13)

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C4 - PRIX TIMOCHARIS - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - National - Group 3 - Harness - EUR € 70.000

- 1. KLEMPERER** - Modest individual that seldom makes his presence felt and is not about to buck the trend
- 2. KEPI DU HOME** - Faithful for the most part but has never delivered at this level. Is plainly in form but others still preferred
- 3. KIARA DE VANDEL** - Blows hot and cold but has merit. Surprise 4th in the race of reference but a repeat looks improbable
- 4. KOCKTAIL LOVE** - Has ability but difficult to gauge at present and others easier to trust
- 5. KEEP GOING** - Useful sort that held his own in the Gr.1 Critérium des 3 ans. Pads fitted again and will not be sent out at 149/1 on this occasion
- 6. KNOCKONWOOD** - Good class of colt with solid black-type references. Can prove a handful at the start but, on good behaviour, can also play a leading role
- 7. KOMPOSTEL** - Quality element that did not enjoy the best of luck here last time out. Has had time to freshen up though and, with fewer traffic problems, can make amends
- 8. KAPITANO DE SOURCE** - Superb colt that just keeps on getting better. Won with brio over course and distance last time out and looks set to double up
- 9. KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Never far from losing his action but has an abundance of ability. Pleasant 2nd to the favourite last time out and a repeat looks likely

Summary : Something out of the ordinary, KAPITANO DE SOURCE (8) took quite the leap in class here late last month to impose with authority, and is guaranteed to attract the lion's share of support. The well-regarded, but capricious, KRISTAL JOSSELYN (9), ran a respectable 2nd to him in the Gr.3 Yearling Cup and is again expected to form the backbone of the opposition. KNOCKONWOOD (6) has climbed the class ladder in good order and will be dangerous if Franck Nivard assures his initial strides. KOMPOSTEL (7) is confirmed at a superior level and could well bounce back from his recent Gr.2 disappointment.

SELECTIONS

**KAPITANO DE SOURCE (8) - KRISTAL JOSSELYN (9) - KNOCKONWOOD (6) -
KOMPOSTEL (7)**

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C5 - GRAND PRIX DE L'U.E.T. - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European-Autostart - Class A - Harness - EUR € 60.000

- 1. GERICAULT** - Has looked decidedly ordinary since returning to competition this season. Goes barefoot this time but still looks an outsider
- 2. JUNINHO DRY** - Has not won for almost a year but is always in the thick of things. Left a good impression in the race of reference and, with modified shoeing, can go closer this time
- 3. JOYNER SPORT** - Good class of colt with nothing to prove at this level. Blows like the wind but will have his chances if he maintains stride
- 4. JEEGHA PRIDE** - Has been thoroughly outclassed since being stepped up in category and, in this company, has no chance
- 5. JAGUAR GRIFF** - Considerably better at 3 but is still a quality colt and, with some luck in running, can pick up a cheque
- 6. JUSTIN BOLD** - Quality element that acquitted himself well behind the favourite here 12 days ago and looks the principal danger this time
- 7. JUST A GIGOLO** - High-class colt with excellent references at the highest level. Impressive in Critérium des 4 Ans and will be a tough nut to crack
- 8. JOLIE POUPEE** - Moderate filly that is out of her depth here and latest sanctions do nothing to inspire confidence

Summary : After a brief interruption to his normal productive routine, JUST A GIGOLO (7) came good in the Critérium des 4 Ans and, barefoot again, can impose this time. Closest rival looks to be JUSTIN BOLD (6) who finished 4th that day and, with 4 pads fitted this time, will be competitive. 6th on that occasion, JUNINHO DRY (2) takes a big dip in category and, shod to preference this time, should not be far from the action. He will start upsides JOYNER SPORT (3) who is a possible spoiler if David Thomain keeps him trotting.

SELECTIONS

JUST A GIGOLO (7) - JUSTIN BOLD (6) - JUNINHO DRY (2) - JOYNER SPORT (3)

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**C6 - PRIX ALEXANDRA - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
40.000**

- 1. JET SET** - Rarely far off the mark when applied and unshod. Disappointing when stepped up in class here last time however and others preferred
- 2. JENNY BEACH** - Just one win to her name in 21 starts. Has decent references under these conditions though and will have her supporters
- 3. JUNGLE YORK** - Sanctioned almost as often as not but has merit. Has little love for Vincennes though and not an obvious choice
- 4. JOUVENCE D'AVRIL** - Delicate but promising sort that was by no means disgraced here 3 weeks ago and is expected to figure more prominently this time around
- 5. JOUTE VINIERE** - Seldom far from the action when she can stay in stride. Opened her seasonal account earlier in the month and must be taken seriously
- 6. JOIE GIBUS** - Showed excellent consistency all summer. Impressive winner at Cabourg when first time barefoot and should be able to give JOY DU RIF (15) something to consider
- 7. JOMOLUNGMA** - Modest individual that has made no impact for some time and is not about to change her ways
- 8. JADE HERINIERE** - Has shown a different side to herself since mid-June. Is new to Vincennes but has no issues racing left-handed and must be respected
- 9. JUST GLORY** - Never the easiest of horses to handle but showed her form here mid-month and, on better behaviour, can set the record straight
- 10. JENY DE GOUYE** - Occasionally loses her action but is otherwise very hard to knock. Steps up in category but is plainly in form and should not be far from the action
- 11. JAHINA VITA** - Faithful filly for the most part. Put in a good finish behind JOY DU RIF (15) at Les Sables-d'Olonne and will garner support
- 12. JADE D'AMOUR** - Not without merit under harness but better in the other code and poses no threat
- 13. JOYCE DES GRANGES** - Considerably better filly than her formcard would suggest. Is confirmed over track and trip and, returning to racing barefoot, can start to get back in the game
- 14. JALISKA DE LA NADE** - Can trot but has been off the boil lately. Barefoot this time but others still preferred
- 15. JOY DU RIF** - Quality filly that has turned a corner lately. Superior last time out and, with champion driver in the sulky, can pull off the 3-timer
- 16. JISMIE GRIFF** - Reliability not her strong suit but made the frame in 2 of last 3. Matthieu Abrivard in charge this time and will be competitive for some prizemoney

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Summary : Something of a revelation since returning to racing barefoot, JOY DU RIF (15) has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the occasion and can make it three wins on the trot. JOIE GIBUS (6) is no slouch either and will be able to apply the pressure if she reproduces her Cabourg performance. The talented but delicate JUST GLORY (9) would have finished close last time had she not faulted, but can make amends if Yoann Lebourgeois manages to keep her trotting. JOUTE VINIERE (5) made her mark here three weeks ago and will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

JOY DU RIF (15) - JOIE GIBUS (6) - JUST GLORY (9) - JOUTE VINIERE (5)

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C7 - PRIX BYBLIS - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - Class D - Mounted - EUR € 40.000

- 1. KROSKOF DE GUEZ** - Has started to come into himself following a difficult start. Is in considerably better company this time though and chances limited
- 2. KILT** - Has looked a different horse since switching codes. Goes over the short course this time and, in current form, can bring the fight to KONTIO DE LOU (11)
- 3. KENINO DE CHENOU** - Yet to win under the saddle but form is headed in the right direction. In this category though, will have too much to do
- 4. KETMAL** - Showed early promise but has not quite lived up to expectations. Not a priority but one to monitor all the same
- 5. KRACK DESBOIS** - Went into his break on a high note. Has one race in him since and, with the cobwebs blown away, will be no easy touch
- 6. KENJI D'AUBERVILLE** - Acquits himself well for the most part but will need to improve on his recent effort here
- 7. KAPITANO VALOU** - Has taken well to the monté code. Should have little issue with the inner course and can again figure prominently
- 8. KAISER CHANCE** - Took some time to come to hand but has improved since being fitted with pads. Hind shoes on this time but is still expected to give a competitive account on his monté debut
- 9. KYO FERFAY** - Moderate type that has not made the grade for some time and will need to raise his game significantly
- 10. KFIR DEL PHEDO** - Yet to lose his maiden tag but is regularly in the thick of things. Encouraged across town and, with front pads fitted for the first time, can again play a role
- 11. KONTIO DE LOU** - Struggled earlier in the year but has started to come good. Solid winner last time out and, with Alexandre Abrivard in the saddle, can make it two on the trot

Summary : After a tough start to his career, KONTIO DE LOU (11) appears to have got his house in order and, with form maintained, can confirm his Sables-d'Olonne victory. Eric Raffin has opted for KILT (2) who is like a horse reborn since leaving the harness code behind. KRACK DESBOIS (5) has shown promise and, if fully fit following the layoff, can trot his way onto the podium. KAPITANO VALOU (7) has done everything right since his sanctioned debut and looks thoroughly capable of challenging for a place in the frame.

SELECTIONS

KONTIO DE LOU (11) - KILT (2) - KRACK DESBOIS (5) - KAPITANO VALOU (7)