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R3 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX JEAN TYSSANDIER - 2850m (a2m) - Class F Amateur Drivers - Harness - EUR € 12,000

- 1. JULIANA SPIRIT** - Returns to racing shod after winning a Graignes Class F in the professional ranks earlier in the month, and faces a much stiffer test this time around
- 2. INCANTATOR** - 6th of 15 behind INSERT BOY (8) in an amateurs Class E here on 24 December. Seldom disappoints in this division, but takes on a good bunch and represents a minor place chance at best
- 3. IX THE BEST** - Eliminated in 6 straight before finishing 9th in 14 January race of reference, and has no realistic chance
- 4. JOHN ANGOT** - Eliminated in last 3 amateur starts but comfortably won a Nantes Class F recently and, barefoot this time, can figure prominently if focused
- 5. HOELA LESMELCHEN** - Back in the amateur division after some modest runs in both codes recently. Has raced just the once here, to no effect. Disregard
- 6. GOLD DE LA COUDRE** - 8th behind ITEM BUISSONAY (7) in a similar event here on 14 January, his first start for 3 months. Will have progressed for the run but would have better prospects at a marginally lower level
- 7. ITEM BUISSONAY** - Ran 5th here on Christmas Eve prior to coming 4th in a similar event under these conditions here 2.5 weeks ago. Is confirmed with his driver and is unlikely to let the side down
- 8. INSERT BOY** - Won 2 in the provinces before running 2nd in an amateurs Class E on 24 December. Comes here fresh and, from the front line, can impose this time
- 9. JAGUAR'S EYES** - Useful sort that goes as well in the professional category as he does in the amateur. Raced better in Lyon last time than the result would suggest, and breaking in front will do his chances no disservice
- 10. JOLIE FLEUR OR** - Useful mare with form in both amateur and professional ranks, but has not been seen out since early-November and with shoes on is unlikely to cause an upset
- 11. JALAYA DES BROUETS** - Capable on a good day but has not been seen out since September. Shoes fitted and no threat
- 12. ICONE PLANCHETTE** - Oddly out of shape here late last month but has had time to recalibrate. Has no references over 2850m on the main track but seldom disappoints with her driver and, with application, can finish in the mix
- 13. HYPER HAUFOR** - A stalwart in this category but uneasy of late. Showed his form here 2.5 weeks ago though and will not be far off the mark if he stays in stride
- 14. JIMBA BERRY** - Has raced and placed just once in the amateur category. Is plainly on a fine run of form but will be shod this time and best to hold off

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15. JAMAICA BROWN - Won over track and trip on amateur debut a month ago. Will be shod as he was that day and, considering the entry, must be regarded a priority

Summary: Superb in both the professional and amateur ranks recently, INSERT BOY (8) just missed out on the hat-trick here on Christmas Eve but is clearly at the top of his game and the young Arthur Raffin will be eager to set the record straight. The main opposition is stationed 25m behind and it is hard to ignore the nicely-engaged JAMAICA BROWN (15) who won over course and distance, shod, in this category late last month. Although eliminated in his last 2, HYPER HAUFOR (13) is clearly in rude health and will have his chances if Christophe Bache keeps him focused. Already an amateur winner here this winter, ICONE PLANCHETTE (12) is reunited with Pauline Cavanie who imposed with her that day and must be considered a player.

SELECTIONS

INSERT BOY (8) - JAMAICA BROWN (15) - HYPER HAUFOR (13) - ICONE PLANCHETTE (12)

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C2 - PRIX D'AUCH - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class C - Mounted - EUR € 38,000

- 1. NICE DREAM MESLOIS** - Lost his action early on monte debut here on Boxing Day. Takes to the main track this time, ridden by a leading jockey, and with application will have his chances
- 2. NORTON KADESH** - Takes to the ridden code for the first time after being twice eliminated under harness. Mathieu Mottier in the irons on this occasion and is unlikely to be far off the mark if his colt stays in stride
- 3. NILO BRAZIL** - Last of 4 behind NOSTRA VERO (6) in an Argentan Class F 2 weeks ago and can expect to have few friends
- 4. NEW LOOK BERRY** - 5th in 15 January race of reference before being eliminated in a Class B under these conditions a week later, and is unlikely to shake things up
- 5. NEW YORK D'OYSE** - Switches code for first time after being trounced in a claimer here 11 days ago, and appears to have no realistic chance
- 6. NOSTRA VERO** - Held his own on debut 2 weeks ago when 2nd in an Argentan Class F. Will have progressed for the run and will be expected to bring the fight to NORGUSSON ATALANTE (8)
- 7. NECTAR DE LA FYE** - Ran 3rd at Vire before finishing a never-dangerous 4th behind NORGUSSON ATALANTE (8) here mid-month. In this small field though can pick up another first-5 cheque
- 8. NORGUSSON ATALANTE** - Gave a fine account of himself over 2200m here mid-month when beaten only by a very good colt, and debuts over the main track with a realistic chance of imposing

Summary: Somewhat circumspect on his monte debut in early-December, NORGUSSON ATALANTE (8) responded to a more aggressive ride over the inner course mid-month and can lose his maiden status if he takes to the main-track profile. Florian Desmigneux will still be mindful of Philippe Allaire's NOSTRA VERO (6) who did everything right at Argentan recently, first time out. NICE DREAM MESLOIS (1) has yet to get around a track unscathed but is clearly a promising colt and will be no soft touch if Alexandre Abrivard keeps him trotting.

SELECTIONS

NORGUSSON ATALANTE (8) - NOSTRA VERO (6) - NICE DREAM MESLOIS (1) -
NORTON KADESH (2)

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**C3 - PRIX DE FIGEAC - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class R Claiming - Harness -
EUR € 18,000**

- 1. LORD DE BANVILLE** - Debuts in the claiming division following some lacklustre performances here this winter. Starts on the rail but at this level should find himself competitive
- 2. LANNISTER D'AVRIL** - Not the most reliable of horses but gave a reassuringly good account when 2nd in a claimer over course and distance on 14 January. Starts in front and, with form maintained, can compete for place on the podium
- 3. LEADER DE JOUDES** - By some margin the richest horse here, and for good reason. Eliminated in 14 January race of reference but is superior to most here and, on good behaviour, can make this his own
- 4. L'ARC** - Returns to the claiming category following a streak of below-par efforts over recent months and is unlikely to influence the result
- 5. LUNE DU DOUET** - Imposed at Agen in November but has 6 times failed to confirm since. Never dangerous here mid-month but has been reconfigured and, with Alexandre Abrivard in the bike, could yet show improvement
- 6. LINDSTEDT** - Eliminated in 4 of last 5 but showed mid-month that he is plainly in shape and, with application, can play a prominent part
- 7. LOUPIAC DE GODREL** - Disappointing on the whole this winter. Is confirmed in the claiming category but current condition does little to inspire confidence
- 8. LA PERLA DE LOU** - Gave a fine account on claiming debut, running 3rd, a place behind LANNISTER D'AVRIL (2), in 14 January race of reference. Sports a new formula and Eric Raffin stays faithful. First 5
- 9. LARIFLETTE** - In her element in the claiming category. Is considerably better than latest result would suggest and could even win this if Matthias Legros successfully navigates the start
- 10. LOVE ME HAUFOR** - Moderate trotter making first appearance since last August and is going to need the race
- 11. LEONARDO TURGOT** - Has done nothing noteworthy since returning to competition last September. Is barefoot with Mathieu Mottier reining but the draw will do him no favours

Summary: A claiming winner here in early-December, LEADER DE JOUDES (3) was going good-guns when eliminated next time, but can make amends if Franck Ouvrie keeps him trotting. Odds-defying runner-up that day, LANNISTER D'AVRIL (2) will have his chances if still on the boil, but may first have to see off 5th-placed, but superior, LARIFLETTE (9) who is forced to start wide. LINDSTEDT (6) ran 3rd that day before being subsequently eliminated, however the change of shoeing should help to steady the ship.

SELECTIONS

LEADER DE JOUDES (3) - LARIFLETTE (9) - LANNISTER D'AVRIL (2) - LINDSTEDT (6)

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C4 - PRIX DE CHATELAILLON-LA-ROCHELLE - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class E
- Mounted - EUR € 35,000

- 1. LATINA DE TILOU** - Capricious but useful mare that pleasantly surprised on comeback here early last month. Has had time to progress for the race and, with application, can again figure prominently
- 2. LAZIE PONT VAUTIER** - 43 races and yet to get off the mark in either code. Encouraged at Reims in early-December, and has been reconfigured, but still not a concern
- 3. LOLITA DU MIREL** - 4th of 12, at 118-1, in a 3125m Angers harness Class F on 11 January. Placed just once in 3 monte starts but others still easier to support
- 4. LA MAGIE DU PERSIL** - Races under the saddle, for just 2nd time, after 2 lacklustre harness return runs. Front pads fitted this time and is going to need the race
- 5. LEDORIKA** - Has excelled since moving stables and most recently romped at Lyon-La Soie last weekend. Barefoot for just 2nd attempt over the main track and winning this would be no surprise
- 6. LISON DES GLENAN** - Has taken superbly to her new vocation, running 2nd in both starts last month. Faces a tougher test this time but still looks eminently up to the task. Chance
- 7. LIOUBA JAMES** - Switches code for first time after losing her action over course and distance early this month. Alexandre Abrivard in the saddle and will be no easy touch if he keeps her focused
- 8. LOU DE LANGE** - Showed improvement in a Mauquenchy Class E on 12 January. Has been entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time and should not be underestimated
- 9. LILA D'OCTAV** - Made the frame in 2 straight before being eliminated at Angers last week. Is nicely-entered here and can again finish close if she stays in stride

Summary: Like a horse reborn since moving to Antonin Andre's yard, LEDORIKA (5) returns to Vincennes at the top of her game and looks thoroughly capable of complementing her Lyon success. LISON DES GLENAN (6) has found her mark with front pads fitted and is quite obviously close to her race. Third over longer here late last month, LILA D'OCTAV (9) then lost her action at Angers, but sports a fresh formula and Guillaume Martin can be justifiably confident of a big run. LOU DE LANGE (8) ran a nice race at Mauquenchy earlier in the month, has been reconfigured, and Eric Raffin gets the nod this time.

SELECTIONS

LEDORIKA (5) - LISON DES GLENAN (6) - LILA D'OCTAV (9) - LOU DE LANGE (8)

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C5 - PRIX DE COULOMMIERS - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Harness - EUR
€ 35,000

- 1. MANCHESTER** - Returns to France after getting off the mark in Mons 3.5 weeks ago. Is barefoot again but is still taking on too much
- 2. MY TOP GIFT** - Has done nothing of note since opening his account last March. Is reconfigured this time but still has no possible chance
- 3. MILZANO DU BOSSU** - Got back in the game at Nantes 2 weeks ago when 2nd in a Class F. Was subsequently disqualified but form is not in question and can play a part if applied from one end of the race to the other
- 4. MINIMUM** - Missed out by little in an Angers Class F on 11 January. Has shown another side since starting to race in the day's configuration and a place on the podium is well within his reach
- 5. MAGNUM DE RATILLY** - Steps up in category after 2 moderate claiming performances and can expect to have too much to do
- 6. MUST DE LOU** - Debuts in the capital with a top pilot in the bike. Seldom lets the side down when focused and the new formula could just make all the difference
- 7. MYSTIC HAUFOR** - Eliminated in last 3, all of them here, but could well have imposed over course and distance mid-month had he kept his action together. Shoes back on and could well impose if kept focused
- 8. MISTRAL DE JAUNOUX** - Failed to confirm Argentan success when eliminated in a Mauquenchy Class F on 21 January. Returns to racing unshod-behind though and Alexis Collette will be eager to set the record straight
- 9. MAGIC JOHN** - As complicated as they come but has evident ability. Has struggled to make any impression at Vincennes however and others easier to back
- 10. MALANDRINO** - Complicated but talented element that lost his maiden status in style at Angers on 21 January. Will be competitively-shod for the first time and can wrap this up if he stays in stride
- 11. MEGAFLO BELLO** - Returned to competition in fine shape, claiming 2nd place in a Nantes Class F after the disqualification of MILZANO DU BOSSU (3). Hind shoes off this time and while not a priority, is still worth monitoring

Summary: With just under half of the field sporting a fresh formula, this should prove a very interesting affair. A case in point, MALANDRINO (10) takes to the main track for the first time, after having imposed at Angers last week and, unshod behind, can double his money. Julien Dubois will be legitimately wary though of the more complicated, and reconfigured, MYSTIC HAUFOR (7) who was not beaten when eliminated here mid-month, and the promising MUST DE LOU (6) who will be both unshod-behind and entrusted to Alexandre Abrivard for the first time. MINIMUM (4) showed marked improvement earlier in the month and must be afforded respect.

SELECTIONS

MALANDRINO (10) - MYSTIC HAUFOR (7) - MUST DE LOU (6) - MINIMUM (4)

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C6 - PRIX DE BRIEY - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class E - Mounted - EUR € 35,000

- 1. MAGIC DIGEO** - Takes to monte code for first time, having run 3rd in a Nantes Class G in early-December. Top jockey in the irons and must be taken seriously
- 2. MARANELLO** - Has yet to demonstrate any particular flair for either discipline and can be confidently ruled out
- 3. MID DANCER** - 4th under these conditions early last month but eliminated in next 3. Races first-time barefoot though and Mathieu Mottier will be keen to get him back on track
- 4. MILORD DES ARRIS** - Produced quite the performance on debut at Cabourg on 16 December, missing out by little for the win. Has been afforded ample time to return to his best and it is only a question of WHEN he will get off the mark
- 5. MY LOVE D'AR** - Unraced since dominating a 2450m Caen Class E on 17 September. Is reunited with Mathis Champenois who partnered him that day and can get straight back down to business
- 6. MONTANA BLUE** - Looked rather ordinary when last of 5 finishers in a 2700m Class D here 10 days ago and will need to show a different side
- 7. MARCHAND DE REVE** - Debuts under the saddle after a pair of modest harness conditioners. Races shod this time but others easier to trust
- 8. MISTER DU LOISIR** - Was given a tremendous ride to secure a Class E over track and trip early this month. Shoes off again, with Alexis Collette in the saddle, and looks a contender once more
- 9. MILORD DAIRPET** - Has ample ability but often held back by his temperament. Sports front pads after being twice disqualified early when barefoot, and will not be far from the action if Clement Frecelle manages to keep him fixed on the task at hand

Summary: Although complicated, MISTER DU LOISIR (8) showed considerable promise under the saddle last season and finally came good on New Year's Day with a tenacious performance under Alexis Collette. Barefoot again, he has a reasonable chance of repeating, but will be up against the lightly-raced MILORD DES ARRIS (4) whose monte debut was particularly eye-catching. MY LOVE D'AR (5) is not the easiest to use either, and has not been seen out since imposing at Caen in September, but will have been prepared for this and looks competitive. MAGIC DIGEO (1) will be partnered by Eric Raffin for his ridden bow and is unlikely to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

MISTER DU LOISIR (8) - MILORD DES ARRIS (4) - MY LOVE D'AR (5) - MAGIC DIGEO (1)

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**C7 - PRIX D'ECOUCHE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
35,000**

- 1. MELVIANA** - Took little time getting down to business following the break, making short work of a 3000m Nantes Class F on 12 January, and Eric Raffin will be out to keep their unbeaten record intact
- 2. MANHATTAN JENILOU** - Put away after getting some valuable race experience under her belt last summer. Hind shoes off for re-entry though and, while not a priority, should not be discounted
- 3. MANZANA** - Takes a notable hike in category after running 3rd in a main-track claimer 11 days ago. Is similarly confirmed over course and distance, but is nevertheless taking on too much
- 4. MOLLY WHITE** - Honest filly that has shown considerable potential. Is first-time barefoot with Alexandre Abrivard back in the bike and will be expected to compete for a place in the picture
- 5. MA LADY DU GARDEN** - Unplaced on comeback in Bordeaux on 22 December. Is no slouch on a good day but appears to need the race
- 6. MAMZELLE CARLESS** - Blows hot and cold but has evident ability. Makes the long trip to the capital, with hind shoes off for first time, and although not a contender, can still pick up some prizemoney
- 7. MARVELOUS PIYA** - Good future prospect making just 2nd start of the winter. Is competitively-shod for the first time and will be no pushover if Mathieu Mottier keeps her mind on the game
- 8. MINNEAPOLIS** - Eliminated when prepping for this in a monte Class E early last month. Front pads fitted this time but still not an obvious choice
- 9. MISS IS DU CANET** - No champion but clearly has potential and has previously placed over the inner course. Has waited some time to race barefoot though and Antoine Voisin will be eager to make hay

Summary: Comfortable winner at Nantes earlier in the month on her first association with Eric Raffin, MELVIANA (1) will be unshod-behind for her Vincennes bow and should be good enough to win a race of this nature. She will be opposed though by the justifiably well-regarded MARVELOUS PIYA (7) who will run in a similar configuration. MOLLY WHITE (4) has not been seen out since early-November but will be first-time barefoot and clearly means business. MISS IS DU CANET (9) may have just the one race in her since the autumn break, and starts alone on the back row, but with shoes off for the first time should not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

MELVIANA (1) - MARVELOUS PIYA (7) - MOLLY WHITE (4) - MISS IS DU CANET (9)

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C8 - PRIX DE LANNEMEZAN - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D - Mounted - EUR
€ 59,000

- 1. JESOLO** - Has been on a fine run of form since the autumn, most recently winning over 2175m here a month ago. Imposed last time under these conditions and can do so again
- 2. HAVRE DE PAIX** - Respectable but unthreatening 5th in a 2175m Class D here 3 weeks ago. Takes on an exalted bunch this time and will struggle to make his presence felt
- 3. HIRIUS DE GUEZ** - Produced a 137-1 surprise when victorious in a 3125m Angers harness Class F a fortnight ago. Is no slouch in the ridden discipline but sports 4 pads this time and others preferred
- 4. JUPITER DU CORTA** - Barring a September elimination has been excelling under the saddle. Beaten only by a very good horse here on 21 December and looks a player once again
- 5. JOKER DU HAMEL** - Honest type that lost his action at Saint-Galmier last weekend. Has ability but is being aimed too high this time
- 6. HOLLYWOOD GIRL** - Consistently performant mare that imposed last time over the inner course. Form is not in question but faces some better younger horses and a minor place chance at best
- 7. JOKER DE FROULAY** - Has started to come good again lately, latterly 4th in a Cordemais Class E mid-month. Goes barefoot this time though and has a reasonable chance of making first 5
- 8. JACQUARD** - Has won all 6 of the monte races he has finished. Is new to the inner course but has nothing to prove in this grade of race and has every chance of securing the hat-trick
- 9. JOUVENCE DE CAREL** - Has little monte experience but has shown significant potential. Is patently in excellent shape and returns to the discipline with a decent chance of trotting her way onto the podium

Summary: It may have taken until late last month to open his 2025 account but JESOLO (1) did it in good order over the main track. He has never disappointed over course and distance and will be expected to contest the finish once more. It will not be all plain sailing though after JACQUARD (8) imposed under harness over the main track before repeating with authority under the saddle at Nantes on Sunday. Wonderfully performant when applied, JUPITER DU CORTA (4) has been knocking at the door this winter and it will not be long before he gets his nose back in front. JOUVENCE DE CAREL (9) was not disgraced behind him here last month and has twice since placed under harness.

SELECTIONS

JESOLO (1) - JACQUARD (8) - JUPITER DU CORTA (4) - JOUVENCE DE CAREL (9)