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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE BOURIGNY - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European - Harness - EUR
€ 71.000**

- 1. CHARMY CHARLY AS** - Excellent campaigner that picked up recently where he left off before the spell. On the inside line but is in such good form that François Lagadeuc is unlikely to be inconvenienced. Claim
- 2. INTOUCHABLE** - No slouch on a good day but been struggling of late and most recent effort here did nothing to inspire confidence
- 3. KARAT RIVER** - Remarkably consistent Swedish raider with form in better company. Will be fresh, has shoes off for the occasion, and is ideally-placed to give this a good go
- 4. IES WE KAN** - Group-class winner in the other code. Has respectable harness references but, at this level, will have his work cut out
- 5. IRON MESLOIS** - Has not got his nose in front for some time but has merit. Tends to go well when barefoot and applied, and can pick up a cheque if Alexis Collette keeps him trotting
- 6. INSHOT JOSSELYN** - Hardy type that finished a good 3rd to CHARMY CHARLY AS (1) last time out. Faces a marginally stiffer test this time but still looks competitive for some prizemoney
- 7. CASTOR THE STAR** - Classy Swedish import with nothing to prove at this level. Is barefoot on the front line and can make his French debut a winning one
- 8. JAGUAR MARANCOURT** - Useful sort that won a Gr.3 here last season but has not been seen out since the summer and best to hold off
- 9. ILLUSION JIPAD** - Alternates the good with the less good but pleasantly surprised here 3 weeks ago. Raffin reining once again but is drawn wide and others preferred this time
- 10. IGUSKI SAUTONNE** - Never far from losing his action but has bags of ability. Is in decent shape and can get a look in if Matthieu Abrivard gets him off on the right foot
- 11. IPALIO** - Honest trotter with fine Vincennes references, and pleased here earlier in the month, but the step up in category may be a step too far
- 12. JADRIUS DE GUEZ** - Quality dual-discipline trotter returning to the harness code after an admirable monté performance, but stays shod and not a priority
- 13. IBISCUS MAN** - Rarely far from the action when he can stay in stride but sanctioned on recent comeback and will need another run
- 14. GERICAULT** - Serious colt that showed his worth here last winter. Left a good impression on his recent return to Vincennes and will not be far off the mark if Christophe Martens successfully navigates the start
- 15. INSTRUCTOR** - Faithful servant that has yet to get into full swing since the summer break. Encouraged in the race of reference but still has more to find
- 16. CANTO DEI VENTI** - Quality trotter with decent references in this class. 4th to CHARMY CHARLY AS (1) in recent Gr.3 and, despite the draw, is still expected to confirm

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Summary : Well-regarded by his handler Jörgen Westholm, CASTOR THE STAR (7) is confirmed in good company at home in Scandinavia and, even though starting relatively wide, he is still good enough to win a race of this nature. It will be no easy task though considering how well CHARMY CHARLY AS (1) won the Gr.3 Prix 20 Minutes on his return to competition 11 days ago. Another newcomer to Vincennes, KARAT RIVER (3) is ideally-placed on the front row and barefoot for the occasion, looks a player. CANTO DEI VENTI (16), on the other hand, has been handed a terrible draw, but is in form and unlikely to be far from the action.

SELECTIONS

CASTOR THE STAR (7) - CHARMY CHARLY AS (1) - KARAT RIVER (3) - CANTO DEI VENTI (16)

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**C2 - PRIX DE VILLEFRANCHE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Mounted -
EUR € 46.000**

- 1. INTRIGANTE** - Unremarkable trotter that is as unpredictable as the wind and, in this company, has no realistic chance
- 2. ICAMORA DE HOUELLE** - Has demonstrated decent aptitude for the code but, at this level of competition, will have her work cut out
- 3. IMAGINE D'ATOUT** - Never far from faulting but has solid monté form. Should be fit by now and, with application, can play a leading role
- 4. IDYLLE COPAISE** - Not easy to knock when focused and latterly showed tenacity to win here mid-month. Unlikely to repeat but should still give another honest account
- 5. ILVICA DE HOUELLE** - Competent sort that pleased on her recent re-entry here but faces a much more accomplished bunch this time and is unlikely to shake things up
- 6. IQUITA VILI** - Regularly in the mix when she can maintain stride. Is barefoot for just 2nd start back but Mathieu Mottier on board and will have her supporters
- 7. IN LOVE DE BLARY** - Occasionally a handful but take nothing away from her ability. Won in style here last time out and securing the double is well within her capacity
- 8. IRESINE DU LUPIN** - Thoroughly professional mare with fine barefoot credentials, and will be no easy touch if she can keep her action together
- 9. ISIS D'ALESA** - Consistently gives a good account of herself and latterly finished a (beaten) second to IN LOVE DE BLARY (7) and, with form maintained, should not disappoint
- 10. INITIALE LILA** - Handy sort that has won 3 of her last 5. Made little impact here 3 weeks ago though and will need to find more
- 11. ISIS DE PARADIS** - Very good servant in this branch of the business. Showed her form at Chartres last time and returns to a track she likes with a realistic chance of confirming her harness success

Summary : Very hard to knock in the monté game, ISIS DE PARADIS (11) returns barefoot to her code of preference and looks a marginally better choice than the good IN LOVE DE BLARY (7) who has won three times in six starts over the main track. Useful here last winter, IMAGINE D'ATOUT (3) has a couple of races under his belt since the long layoff and looks a player on his first objective of the Meeting. IRESINE DU LUPIN (8) can boast a decent record when barefoot and legitimately bids to confirm last month's Enghien success.

SELECTIONS

ISIS DE PARADIS (11) - IN LOVE DE BLARY (7) - IMAGINE D'ATOUT (3) - IRESINE DU LUPIN (8)

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**C3 - PRIX D'AVRANCHES - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
35.000**

- 1. KOPAZE DE HOUELLE** - Tricky character but can trot. Faulted early here last week and cannot expect to generate much interest
- 2. KOH LANTA** - Showed ample ability in the provinces before being trounced at Enghien last month. Stays shod this time and others preferred
- 3. KELLY PRINCESSE** - Twice a winner early-summer before showing the limits of her capacity. 2nd start back but still no threat
- 4. KORALIA DE CROUAY** - Smart filly that got straight back in the game following the break. Will face stiffer opposition this time though and represents no more than a minor place chance
- 5. KULTA** - Yet to lose her maiden status but is an honest filly. Appreciates a flat surface but still appears to have her work cut out
- 6. KAHIA DE LA CROIX** - Complicated sort that pleased on re-entry at Mauquenchy recently but, in this category, will struggle to make her mark
- 7. KAKUETA VEDAQUAISE** - Showed early promise but has been off the boil in 2023 and is unlikely to influence the result
- 8. KETMIE PRINCESSE** - Not the sharpest tool in the box but reassured somewhat here earlier in the month and, with form maintained, can play a small role
- 9. KYRIELLE PRINCESSE** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but is proven in both codes. Barefoot with Eric Raffin reining this time and is not one to be underestimated
- 10. KINJAL DE BELLANDE** - Reliability not her strong suit but is plainly capable. Oddly out of sorts at Enghien last time but has had time to get back in shape and, entrusted to Yoann Lebourgeois, will be afforded every chance
- 11. KETTY WINNER AS** - Useful sort that showed marked improvement here 9 days ago and will not be far off the mark if Matthieu Abrivard keeps her trotting
- 12. KAROLINE CALINE** - Progressive sort that went into her layoff on a good note and, if race-fit, can make a big splash on her Vincennes debut
- 13. KALISKA DE FORGAN** - Undeniably capable but has been biting off more than she can chew lately. Drops back in category and the modified shoeing could make all the difference
- 14. KALINA PRINCESS** - Good class of filly with a superb entry here. Will have come on for her comeback run and, competitively-shod this time, looks a serious proposition

Summary : A very open affair this but it is hard to ignore the progress KALINA PRINCESS (14) has made since her successful debut. She has one race under her belt, is fitted with front pads for the first time and, if fully-fit, can open her winter account. Mathieu Mottier will still be wary of the improving KAROLINE CALINE (12) who returns fresh from a break, and KALISKA DE FORGAN (13) who drops to a more reasonable level and sports front pads for the occasion. KETTY WINNER AS (11) reassured here recently despite being sanctioned and, on better behaviour, can challenge for a place in the frame.

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**KALINA PRINCESS (14) - KAROLINE CALINE (12) - KALISKA DE FORGAN (13) - KETTY
WINNER AS (11)**

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**C4 - PRIX DE GENSAC - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR €
46.000**

- 1. KEL AIR D'EOLE** - Has evident ability but takes on some tougher horses this time and can expect to have too much to do
- 2. KING STALLION** - Opened his account here last winter but has been plagued by stride issues since and will have few takers
- 3. KORRIGAN OLIVERIE** - Capable colt that has already notched up a brace of victories this year. Is clearly in good condition but whether he can play in this class or not remains to be seen
- 4. KAPELLO DE LOIRON** - Went close on 3 occasions during the summer before coming off the boil. Just front pads fitted this time but others still preferred
- 5. KALIF LANDIA** - Still somewhat green but has done sufficiently well under harness to be considered a serious player on monté debut
- 6. KOPRIORO** - Took some time to come to hand but has shown promise. Has previously won for David Thomain and will have no problem getting the trip. Place chance
- 7. KENJI D'AUBERVILLE** - Faithful type that seldom disappoints. Still searching for that elusive first win and, while unlikely to find it here, can still trot his way into the money
- 8. KILOU D'YMER** - Progressive type with superb monté references. Form is not in doubt and the race is his if Nathalie Henry can keep him trotting from one end of the track to the other
- 9. KONDOR** - Has taken very well to the monté code and proved himself in a Class B here before the break. Should be fit by now and is expected to make amends for his recent Laval disappointment
- 10. KASH DE TILLARD** - Demonstrated very good aptitude earlier in the year before being afflicted by stride woes. Front pads fitted this time around and, with application, will not be far off the mark
- 11. KARLSON PASS** - Capable sort with references at a superior level, but has just one run under his belt and, in this field, will need to be at his absolute best
- 12. KOKO MARBOULA** - Just one victory to his name but finished ahead of KENJI D'AUBERVILLE (7) here last time and, with Eric Raffin reining, will generate some interest

Summary : Rather impressive in this branch of the business, KILOU D'YMER (8) confirmed his Enghien success here recently only to lose it in the stewards' room but, with stride in check, can set the record straight. That being said, the tricky but talented KALIF LANDIA (5) takes his first competitive steps under the saddle and, entrusted to Paul Ploquin for the occasion, will be afforded every chance. KONDOR (9) has shown considerable aptitude for the discipline and, with stride in check, will be no soft touch. KENJI D'AUBERVILLE (7) has yet to get off the mark but is consistently in the thick of things must be considered a respectable place prospect.

SELECTIONS

KILOU D'YMER (8) - KALIF LANDIA (5) - KONDOR (9) - KENJI D'AUBERVILLE (7)

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**C5 - PRIX DE MAINTENON - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR €
52.000**

1. **JOUR DE FETE** - Dynamic when unshod and latterly went close here, but shoes back on and will have other priorities
2. **JAZZ DE PADD** - Good future prospect with proven form over the main track, but stays shod and best to hold off
3. **JAZZY DANCER** - Modest trotter that has done little of note for some time and is not about to change his ways
4. **JASMIN MERITE** - No slouch on a good day but has had few of those recently and will need to improve on his latest performance here
5. **JEROCASH DE PHYT'S** - Tough type that seldom finishes out of the frame when racing unshod all 4. Finished a place behind JAMIN DE BRION (12) recently and will not be going home empty-handed this time either
6. **JEWEL DE LA COTE** - Hardy sort with good references in the category. Sanctioned on recent comeback but was nevertheless found wanting and appears to need another run
7. **JANZIBAR** - Is proven under harness but considerably better in the monté code. Is barefoot for the occasion and, while not a priority, is still worth monitoring
8. **JIM PERRINE** - One of the more consistent colts in the field. Makes just 2nd start since the break but is barefoot for the occasion and is not to be underestimated
9. **JABALPUR** - Has not once failed to fire when barefoot at Vincennes. Made up for his Enghien disqualification (after having won) and should prove even more competitive this time around
10. **JUST A BOY D'ALESA** - Justifiably well-regarded colt that has never disappointed when barefoot and, considering his appreciation for these conditions, should be in a position to apply the pressure on JASON (13)
11. **JAB DE MYE** - Mixes the good with the less good but latterly finished a solid 4th in the race of reference and must be considered a respectable minor place prospect
12. **JAMIN DE BRION** - Serious colt that has just once failed to impress when unshod. Reassured here recently and is unlikely to disappoint
13. **JASON** - Fine sort that has won both his starts under these conditions. Returned from his break in cracking form and can expect to garner the lion's share of support
14. **JALISCO FLIGNY** - Fine monté horse racing here for a change of scenery and can be confidently passed over
15. **JALIMEDE** - Is not short of ability but can prove a handful. Has been on a respectable run of form lately though and could yet make the first 5

Summary : Although already a quality colt when shod, JASON (13) has excelled when fitted with pads and, going barefoot for the first time, should be able to maintain his unbeaten record over course-and-distance. Opposition is expected to take the form of JUST A BOY D'ALESA (10) who has hardly put a foot wrong this year, and JABALPUR (9) who finished a close 4th to him here mid-month. JAMIN DE BRION (12) is known more for his exploits racing clockwise but impressed here ten days ago and must be retained.

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JASON (13) - JUST A BOY D'ALESA (10) - JABALPUR (9) - JAMIN DE BRION (12)

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C6 - PRIX PAUL BUQUET - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Internationale - Mounted - EUR € 120.000

- 1. CHANDELLES** - Good dual-discipline mare but shoes on this time around and not an obvious choice
- 2. HOMER DE FROMENTEL** - One of the most consistently performant horses in the field. Sanctioned first time back though and is expected to need another outing
- 3. GRANIT MESLOIS** - Remarkably tough element that has swept away almost all before him for the past 4 months. Stylish winner last time out and has every chance of repeating
- 4. HIP HOP HAUFOR** - None other than 2023 Prix d'Amérique 4th place. Takes his first competitive steps in the monté discipline and, with David Thomain reining, will be afforded every chance
- 5. DYNASTY PEJI** - Exceptional mare that is still very much in the game. Faulted last time out but she did win this 12 months ago and, on good behaviour, can play an important role
- 6. FIGARO DE LARRE** - Blows hot and cold but has nothing to prove in this class. Barefoot this time around and, if applied, can play a small role
- 7. ECHO DE CHANLECY** - Has merit but is no longer as effective at this level as she once was and can be ruled out
- 8. HAPPY AND LUCKY** - Never far from losing her action these days but is class-embodied nevertheless. Reassured earlier this month and can legitimately challenge for the win
- 9. HIRONDELLE DU RIB** - Considerably better horse than her formcard would suggest. Yet to demonstrate the form she showed in 2022 but has been prepared especially for this and, front shoes off, is expected to oblige
- 10. FIRE CRACKER** - Previously a good sort but has looked very ordinary this year and will have few friends
- 11. ELIE DE BEAUFOR** - Fine trotter with excellent references in the other code. Debuts in the discipline, aged 9, with Alexandre Abrivard in the irons, and is not to be underestimated
- 12. GRANVILLAISE BLEUE** - High-class mare that finished a close 2nd here in 2022. Is clearly still being conditioned and probably best to hold off

Summary : A fine race in prospect this with GRANIT MESLOIS (3) looking the pick of the bunch, considering how well he has been acquitting himself over recent months. He outclassed the opposition in the Gr.3 Prix de l'Île d'Oléron a fortnight ago and steps back up in class with a realistic chance of defeating HIRONDELLE DU RIB (9) who is a tough nut to crack when focused. The somewhat complicated HAPPY AND LUCKY (8) reassured when 2nd in the Gr.2 Prix Reynolds earlier in the month and, in similar form, will have her chances. DYNASTY PEJI (5) should be fit by now, has talent in spades, and will be no pushover if Damien Bonne can keep her trotting.

SELECTIONS

GRANIT MESLOIS (3) - HIRONDELLE DU RIB (9) - HAPPY AND LUCKY (8) - DYNASTY PEJI (5)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE ROYAN - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 46.000

- 1. IMOKO MADRIK** - Tough element that rarely disappoints and has been enjoying a decent run lately. In less-exalted company this time and has a realistic chance of finally opening his 2023 account
- 2. INCOGNITO DE LOU** - Faithful servant for the most part when barefoot. Has one run in him and, if race-fit, can take advantage of the 2-spot and get in on the action
- 3. IOUP LA BOUM** - 64 starts and just the one win to his name. Is not entirely without merit, but even racing unshod in front this time, still appears to have too much to do
- 4. IBERIO** - Thierry Duvaldestin appears to have found the key to this tricky soul. Enjoys a superb entry, is shod as he was at Enghien last month, and looks the principal threat to IMOKO MADRIK (1)
- 5. IDEAL BOY** - Honest trotter that has won 2 of his last 4 in the provinces. 3rd in both appearances over track and trip and, from the 5-spot, must not be ignored
- 6. IXTREM D'OURVILLE** - Useful but never far from faulting. Showed his form last month but others still preferred
- 7. I KEEP CALM** - Useful type that came unstuck during the autumn but appears to be back in shape and can more than make amends if Alexandre Abrivard keeps him trotting
- 8. IN EN VRIE** - Made his mark at Vincennes last season but has struggled to make the grade recently and is unlikely to surprise
- 9. IQUITO PLANCHETTE** - Useful sort but is significantly more performant racing right-handed and is unlikely to shake things up
- 10. ISOFOU DU CHENE** - Trotter with ample talent that appears to be back at his best. Had the measure of IMOKO MADRIK (1) 3 weeks ago and is sure to be better-supported this time around
- 11. IATHUS DANICA** - Regularly in the thick of things but has no particular love for Vincennes and, in this company, will have little to offer
- 12. IRRESISTIBLE PAJ** - Moderate sort that recently made a respectable re-entry following a lengthy layoff, but stays shod and not an obvious choice this time
- 13. INCONTOURNABLE** - Rather disappointing since imposing at Vichy during the spring and has little going for him
- 14. INCISIF VAUCEEN** - Not the most dependable horse here but is never far from springing a surprise. Pleased on his only start over a similar trip and will not be far off the mark if Olivier can negotiate the draw
- 15. INSIDE MAN** - Highly impressive throughout the year before flopping at Le Croisé-Laroche 3 weeks ago. Has had time to freshen up and, even though poorly-drawn, is still worth watching

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Summary : No obvious standout, with a quartet of horses in with a realistic shout here, however a tentative nod still goes to IMOKO MADRIK (1) who has twice acquitted himself well since the break and looks to be nearing his race. Benjamin Rochard will still not be keeping his eyes off the ideally-positioned IBERIO (4) who won a similar event at Enghien when similarly-shod last month, and I KEEP CALM (7) who, despite losing his action recently, is still capable of putting on a good show. As competent over one distance as another, ISOFOU DU CHENE (10) steps marginally up in category but still looks major player.

SELECTIONS

IMOKO MADRIK (1) - IBERIO (4) - I KEEP CALM (7) - ISOFOU DU CHENE (10)

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C8 - PRIX DU SAP - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - European - Harness - EUR €
68.000

1. **FUNKY D'ALB** - Has climbed nicely back up the class ladder this term and has every chance of making up for his recent Auch clinker
2. **FAITHFUL** - Moderate trotter at a lower level of competition and can expect to find himself outclassed
3. **EOLIEN DE CHENU** - Has struggled all year to recapture previous form and is unlikely to rock the boat
4. **EXAUCE NOUS** - Returns to the mainland after an excellent streak of success in Corsica. Seldom seen at the venue but has the tenacity to do well here
5. **FLASH DE VELY** - Trotter of considerable ability and good credentials under these conditions. Goes barefoot for the occasion and is eminently capable of wrapping this up
6. **FANTASIA DE LIGNY** - Springs the occasional surprise, which she did at Auch, but will need to improve on latest effort here
7. **ESPOIR DU NOYER** - Very impressive here last winter meeting before subsequently going off the boil. Reassured earlier in the month but still has a mountain to climb
8. **SELF EXPLOSIVE** - Seen more often than not under the saddle but has nothing to prove under harness. Rochard in charge again and, if form transitions, will have his chances
9. **EVITA PERON** - By no means devoid of talent but has not been firing on all cylinders for some time and can be passed over
10. **DREAM THE BEST** - Unexceptional veteran whose racing career has already seen its highlights and can be confidently ruled out
11. **FETICHE ATOUT** - Back in shape after reverting to a previous shoeing formula. Encouraged behind FONZY D'HERIPRE (15) here last week and, after proving himself over the trip during the summer, must be afforded respect
12. **ZINKO TOP** - Blows hot and cold but is confirmed at this level. Takes on a less intimidating bunch this time and is not going to be far from the action
13. **FEE LUCERNAISE** - Was on a good run of form before she dropped the ball during the summer and will need to show another side
14. **FALCO DES ROCHERS** - Occasionally a handful but otherwise a decent trotter that has only got better over recent weeks. With shoes on, going left-handed in this company, chances appear limited
15. **FONZY D'HERIPRE** - Just once out of the first 2 in last 8 starts. Clearly appreciates Vincennes and will be the principal danger to FLASH DE VELY (5) if Alexandre Abrivard manages to negate the draw
16. **FANFARONNEUR** - Useful type that will be fit after a brace of lung-openers. Stays shod though and not a priority

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Summary : FLASH DE VELY (5) may not boast the most attractive of formcards but she won at this level during the spring, has decent references over 2100m here, is unshod all four on the front line and can make this his own. Irrespective of the draw, there will still be resistance from FONZY D'HERIPRE (15) who has been excelling since the summer, and the widely-drawn SELF EXPLOSIVE (8) who returns to the harness code at the top of his game. FETICHE ATOUT (11) has returned to form since being shod differently and, although unlikely to win, can still finish in the mix.

SELECTIONS

FLASH DE VELY (5) - FONZY D'HERIPRE (15) - SELF EXPLOSIVE (8) - FETICHE ATOUT (11)