R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE PAVILLY - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - European - Mounted - EUR € 52.000

- 1. ROCKY OASIS Capable Belgian colt taking his first competitive steps under the saddle but already looks outclassed
- 2. KILOU D'YMER Barring a sanction here last month, has been in fine shape since returning to the discipline and, pads fitted again, is not expected to return home empty-handed
- **3. KOKO MARBOULA -** Good, consistent type that pleased on his lone appearance over 2175m but faces a much tougher task this time around
- **4. KHEOPS DE FREDLAU -** Has come close to losing his maiden tag on numerous occasions this term and, although unlikely to lose it here, should still acquit himself competitively.
- **5. KOLONEL -** Just the one monté win to his name but has ability. Flattered by his recent result though and looks a minor place chance at best
- **6. KILT -** Quality element in this branch of the game. Winner of his last 2, latterly over track and trip, and can expect to garner the lion's share of support
- **7. KONDOR -** Capable colt with form at this level. Highly-impressive here recently and the drop in trip is unlikely to prove an inconvenience. Claim

Summary: Smallest field of the day but the result is not a given. The progressive KILT (6) has been a revelation since starting to race with 4 pads fitted and Eric Raffin in the irons. Facile winner of his last two, most recently over course and distance, he is an easy choice, although KONDOR (7) flew up over longer here 10 days ago and looks the principal threat. Like the first two, KILOU D'YMER (2) has taken well to racing with pads, and has earned the right to compete in this company.

SELECTIONS

KILT (6) - KONDOR (7) - KILOU D'YMER (2) - KHEOPS DE FREDLAU (4)

C2 - PRIX DE BRIVE LA GAILLARDE - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 35.000

- **1. JEU DE CARTE -** Has done nothing noteworthy since placing over course and distance last winter and will have few takers
- **2. JARDIN D'ERABLE -** Regularly in the mix when focused but has so far failed to take to Vincennes conditions and others easier to back
- **3. JAMSHIR -** Not the most faithful trotter here but appreciates 2100m on the main track. Left a fine impression here earlier in the month and, in similar form, can repeat
- **4. JERICHO D'ORGERES -** Mixes the good with the less good and is confirmed under these conditions. Set his personal best here 8 days ago and Raffin maintaining faith is a telling sign
- **5. JUST FOR EVER -** Dependable would not be an appropriate adjective but he can trot when focused. Pleased behind JAMSHIR (3) on penultimate outing, before losing his action next time but, from the 5-spot can put things right
- **6. JUST A MAN -** Left a good impression on his recent Mauquenchy re-entry. Will have come on for the run, sports just hind shoes for the first time, and will have his supporters
- **7. JO THUNDER -** Lightly-raced sort that showed significant promise last season. Goes first-time barefoot, with Nivard handing the reins over to Alexandre Abrivard, and could finally get that maiden monkey off his back
- **8. JOY EASTER -** Regularly thereabouts when he can keep his action together. Appreciates these shorter trips, is barefoot for the first time this winter and, with application can put on a decent show
- **9. JACK IS HAUFOR -** Has shown decent aptitude for both codes and is currently in fine fettle. Modified shoeing for his return to the harness code and, despite the draw, will be no soft touch if David Thomain can keep him trotting
- **10. JEFFERSON MELOC** Tends to give a good account when barefoot. Not disgraced here recently but will still need to find more
- **11. JEWEL MESLOIS -** Moderate colt that made the frame on his only appearance under these conditions. Has taken time to come to hand this term but reassured at Le Mans and should not be entirely written off
- **12. JUNIOR STEED -** Decent sort in the making but has not been seen out since April and will be race-rusty

Summary: The field is not brimming with quality but it still looks a combative affair between the reinvigorated JAMSHIR (3) who put on a good show under these conditions 3 weeks ago, JERICHO D'ORGERES (4), who was sanctioned that day but who has since reassured, and the more widely-drawn JO THUNDER (7) who is barefoot with Alexandre Abrivard reining for the first time. JUST FOR EVER (5) is no champion but will not be far from the action if he can replicate his penultimate performance.

SELECTIONS

JAMSHIR (3) - JERICHO D'ORGERES (4) - JO THUNDER (7) - JUST FOR EVER (5)

C3 - PRIX DE BAR-LE-DUC - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Harness - EUR € 90.000

- **1. HERADAMES -** Decent dual-discipline trotter that rarely lets the side down. Showed his form over track and trip earlier in the month and, even though stepping up in category, should not be ruled out
- 2. PINTO BOB Decent nordic visitor that has previously won at the venue but has not been seen out for 2 months and best to wait
- **3. IBIKI DE HOUELLE -** Serious type that set his personal best of 1'11"4 when winning under these conditions 3 weeks ago. Unplaced next time but drops back in category and, with a 25m head-start, can give HIP HOP HAUFOR (11) a run for his money
- **4. FANFARONNEUR -** Seldom seen at this level but left quite the impression here earlier in the month and will be no pushover if Mathieu Mottier keeps him trotting
- **5. SAHARA JAEBURN -** Trotter of considerable ability but has a temperament. Did not enjoy the best of runs last time here but Dominik Locqueneux is unlikely to allow that to happen a second time, and the front-row break will only work in his favour
- **6. FANTASIA DE LIGNY -** Has been offering connections a mixed bag of results lately and, although not a priority, can still get a look in
- **7. FLOREAL -** Like a horse reborn under harness over recent months. Left a good impression a category down recently but, in this company, is unlikely to shake things up
- **8. ICELAND FALLS -** Classy Swedish mare that left a favourable impression here last winter. Has good speed and is barefoot for comeback, but is still expected to need the run
- **9. KENNEDY -** Trotter of considerable ability but has just one race under his belt since the break and, even though barefoot, he incurs the penalty and chances appear limited
- **10. FARAH DES CAUX -** Finished close to HAPPY VALLEY (13) last month but has not confirmed. Encouraged last time in Prix Jean Dumouch but still represents no more than a minor place prospect
- **11. HIP HOP HAUFOR -** Trotter of the highest order but cannot be considered reliable. Highly impressive here recently though and, with form maintained, can defy the handicap and double his money
- **12. ELITE DE JIEL -** Not as sharp as she was last winter but is certainly on the right road, and it is only a matter of time before she comes good again
- **13. HAPPY VALLEY -** Faithful mare with nothing to prove in this class. Trotted 3rd to ERIC THE EEL (14) here last month and has the capacity to make up for her subsequent GNT Final disappointment
- **14. ERIC THE EEL -** High-quality horse that got straight down to business over track and trip on comeback. Was not disgraced in Gr.2 Prix Bourbonnais next time, but drops back to a more reasonable level and, even from the back row, can figure prominently
- **15. INA DU RIB -** High-class monté mare preparing for next month's Cornulier and is not going to be over-taxed

Summary: Nothing short of imperious in the Gr.3 Prix Jean Dumouch over course and distance a fortnight ago, HIP HOP HAUFOR (11) will be a tough nut to crack if still in similar shape. He can still expect to encounter resistance from front-line starter IBIKI DE HOUELLE (3) who won the Gr.3 Prix Narquois in style before biting off more than he could chew in the Gr.1 Prix Ténor Baune, and ERIC THE EEL (14) who also secured a Gr.3 over track and trip last month. SAHARA JAEBURN (5) is never an easy horse to gauge but has raced better of late than results would suggest and should not be discounted.

SELECTIONS

HIP HOP HAUFOR (11) - IBIKI DE HOUELLE (3) - ERIC THE EEL (14) - SAHARA JAEBURN (5)

C4 - PRIX DU MELE SUR SARTHE - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 40.000

- **1. KALMIO DE LOU -** Excellent during the summer but has yet to impress this term. Surprised somewhat in the race of reference but a repeat seems improbable
- **2. KILLER FOR LOVA -** Moderate colt with a good spot behind the car but has just one race in him since the break and has never shown any liking for the main track
- **3. KAN DURAN -** Faithful colt that has hardly put a foot wrong recently. Has taken well to Vincennes conditions and, from the 3-spot, will not be far from the action
- **4. KELMEC -** Justifiably well-regarded type that gave a fine account on recent Vincennes debut. Moves to the long course this time and will be in with a shout if he takes to the new profile
- **5. KER DE TOUES -** Unexceptional trotter that has placed just once in 4 starts over the main track and is not about to spring a surprise
- **6. KAISER DES GRANGES -** Yet to get off the mark but consistently gives his best. Finished a place behind KELMEC (4) before beating a number of these 10 days later and is sufficiently well-placed in front to get in on the action
- **7. KENDO JIEL -** Tricky character but is not without merit. Still chasing that first win but seldom disappoints when applied and can pick up a cheque
- **8. KATCHI QUICK -** Very hard to fault when focused. Unlucky here last month before reassuring in the provinces and, with stride in check, can make a big splash
- **9. KAVAL BOURBON -** Reliability not his strong suit but is not without ability. Has however shown the limits of his capacity in this category and others preferred
- **10. KANGOUROU** Springs the occasional surprise at a lower level but, in this company, will have his work cut out
- **11. KRACUS DE GUEZ -** Has ability and is confirmed over the long course but will need to show marked improvement on latest effort
- **12. KENTUCKY PIYA** Got his career off to a flying start but has since failed to shine and chances limited on first run back
- **13. KOOL DU PORHOET -** Hardy colt that opened his account at Le Croisé before finishing close to KAISER DES GRANGES (6) next time, but appears to have little going his way on this occasion
- **14. KIWI JENILOU -** Good future prospect that was not disgraced on first start back. Will have come on for the run and, pads fitted this time, looks a major player
- **15. KHARNAS -** Showed promise during the summer but has since lost his way and, even with 4 pads fitted, is unlikely to shake things up
- **16. KARAMBAR -** Fine servant that has won 3 of 4, most recently over track and trip. Moves up in category, and has been handed a shocking draw, but in Alexandre Abrivard's hands, still looks a serious proposition

Summary: KATCHI QUICK (8) might still be a bit green but his ability is not in question. Never at his ease here last month, he should however take well to the main track and, despite the wide draw, is expected to confirm his Mauquenchy victory. That said, he will still face resistance from the better-positioned and improving KELMEC (4), and KARAMBAR (16) who will have to defy the draw in order to replicate his recent course-and-distance success. KIWI JENILOU (14) is not the best-placed either but he has bags of ability and is fitted with hind pads for the first time.

SELECTIONS

KATCHI QUICK (8) - KELMEC (4) - KARAMBAR (16) - KIWI JENILOU (14)

C5 - PRIX DE NOZAY - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Harness - EUR € 59.000

- MADAME AF DJUPMYRA Swedish import that has placed just twice in 7 starts since coming south and recent sanctions do nothing to inspire confidence
- 2. **MELLBY GUARD** Showed considerable form over the summer but has been rather disappointing since. Has no love for Vincennes and, even going barefoot, can be ruled out
- 3. FILOPOTO PENA Handy in both codes but went off the boil over the summer and no sign of an imminent return to form
- **4. STARO MOJITO -** Can lose focus but is otherwise a tough individual with nothing to prove at this level. Full of running when sanctioned last time and can play a leading role if Matthieu Abrivard keeps him trotting
- **5. FAKIR DE VILLODON -** Unexceptional sort that has never made any impact at this level and is not about to break the mould
- 6. FELICITA D'ECOUVES Enjoyed fine form in early-summer but has struggled since returning from her break and must get her house in order
- **7. FLOCON DIGEO -** Has been enjoying a fine run of form over recent weeks. In better company this time and unlikely to shake things up, but should still acquit himself honourably
- 8. FLORE MERITE Everyday mare that went into her layoff on a low note and, shod for return, has no realistic chance
- **9. DANTE TURGOT** Still going strong aged 10. Gave an excellent account on his only appearance on the main track and does not make the long trip to Paris for reasons of tourism
- **10. FAKIR DE L'AULNE -** Mixes the good with the less good but can trot. Reassured at Cordemais a fortnight ago and, with Eric Raffin reining, is not to be underestimated
- **11. FILOU DE L'ELLE -** Not the most reliable of horses but impressed more than once here during the autumn. Not as sharp since, but has enjoyed a change of scenery, and returns to his code of preference with a decent hand to play
- **12. EDI JOSSELYN -** Has not won since the spring but is a courageous type that has made the first 5 in his last 2 starts here and has every chance of trotting into the money
- **13. EASY BLEU -** Quality trotter that can be considered unlucky here last weekend. More established driver takes over in the hot-seat though and can wrap this up
- **14. LAST WINNER (BEL) -** Has not won a race for 15 months but always gives her best. Better at a lower level however and others preferred
- **15. FIDELE MADRIK -** Revitalised over recent weeks with 2 solid efforts over shorter here. Prepped for this in the provinces, shoes are off this time, and is very hard to ignore
- **16. FILOU DE LARRE -** Useful trotter but not the most dependable. Benefits from a good entry though and the change of driver may well be his ticket to redemption

Summary: Not the easiest of races to decipher this but the nod nevertheless goes to EASY BLEU (13) who would have won a similar event here last weekend had he maintained stride in the final stages but, with modified shoeing and David Thomain in the sulky, can set the record straight. There will still be opposition from the capable STARO MOJITO (4) who is clearly back at his best, and the reinvigorated FIDELE MADRIK (15) who returns to racing barefoot. FILOU DE LARRE (16) can prove a handful but he has references under these conditions and, with Alexandre Abrivard reining, will be afforded every chance.

SELECTIONS

EASY BLEU (13) - STARO MOJITO (4) - FIDELE MADRIK (15) - FILOU DE LARRE (16)

C6 - PRIX YVONNICK BODIN - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Apprentices - Mounted - EUR € 90.000

- 1. DICK DES MALBERAUX Competent in both codes but has no place in this field and can be confidently disregarded
- 2. GIANT MESLOIS Consistently in the thick of things when focused. Currently enjoying a decent streak and, even though in a higher category this time, still looks capable of getting a look in
- **3. DUC DU LUPIN -** Capable veteran in this branch of the game but has not done enough lately to be considered a player
- **4. GALET STED -** Has demonstrated quite the flair for the ridden code. Faces a tougher test this time around but looks thoroughly up to the task. Claim
- **5. FILOU D'ANJOU -** Useful type in both branches of the business, and has fine Vincennes credentials, but the step up in class may be a step too far
- **6. EDITION GEMA -** No slouch on a good day but has not delivered at this level for some time and others preferred
- **7. FAKIR DE L'ECLUSE -** Good class of trotter that will be fit by now. Races barefoot for his first objective of the winter and, with application, can make his presence felt
- **8. EPSOM D'HERFRAIE -** Has not been at his best for some time but defied his odds here last weekend and backs up with legitimate ambition
- **9. GRANIT MESLOIS -** Remarkable servant that has not been bested in his last 4 barefoot starts. Has solid references over 2700m here and looks set to pull off the hat-trick
- **10. ESPERANZA IDOLE -** One of the most consistent monté horses in the field. Beat a shod GRANIT MESLOIS (9) on penultimate start before confirming next time. Comes her fresh and has every chance of making the frame once again
- **11. FULTON** Serious trotter with references at a higher level. Won a Gr.3 before losing his action in the Gr.2 Prix Jules Lemonnier but, with stride in check, can give this a good go
- **12. DJANGO DU BOCAGE -** Won a similar event across town during the summer but has since come off the boil and is unlikely to shake things up
- **13. DIMO D'OCCAGNES -** Multiple Group-winner in the monté code but is a shadow of his former self and must get his house in order

Summary: There are a few in contention for this competitive event but it is still hard to ignore GRANIT MESLOIS (9) who has won his last 4 races when barefoot and, while arguably better over 2850m, he still looks the pick of the bunch. Tom Debost will nevertheless be keeping a keen eye on GALET STED (4) who has done nothing but improve since embarking on his new vocation, and ESPERANZA IDOLE (10) who beat a host of these late last month. A difficult horse to handle, EPSOM D'HERFRAIE (8) missed out by little last time out under harness and, twice a winner over course and distance, is unlikely to disappoint.

SELECTIONS

GRANIT MESLOIS (9) - GALET STED (4) - ESPERANZA IDOLE (10) - EPSOM

D'HERFRAIE (8)

C7 - PRIX DE CHARLEVILLE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Harness - EUR € 46.000

- **1. HELVAMOSA -** Decent sort in the provinces and most recently retuned to winning ways, but flopped in a similar event last month and is not going to generate much interest
- **2. MAGGIORE (SWE) -** Won 4 from 5 in Switzerland before being trounced on her Vincennes debut and chances once again appear limited
- **3. HYGIE HAUFOR -** Previously a good sort but has not got her nose in front for 2 years and is not about to buck the trend
- **4. CALA MAYOR DE B. -** Seldom seen over these longer trips but is confirmed. Reassured connections here earlier in the month but will still need to find more
- **5. NOUBA MOM -** Plainly talented and has references in this class, but has been off the boil since the summer. Makes debut for new trainer though and is not to be underestimated
- **6. HAIDA SAUTONNE -** Quality individual that went off the boil last season but showed considerable promise on her recent effort here and, unshod all 4, can apply the pressure on HOLLY D'ECHAL (13)
- **7. KIMBERLY'S WISH -** Regular for the most part but was trounced last time here and, even though having reassured at home, still faces a stiff test
- **8. HAIDA DU BELLAY -** Did not enjoy the best of streaks earlier in the year but is obviously back at her best and, in this category, looks a solid place prospect
- **9. MARION FOUTY BON -** Classy Swedish import that just recently returned from a year-long layoff and is going to need another race
- **10. HANANE MONTAVAL** Has endured all sorts of mishaps since the summer but returns to a track she appreciates and, while not a priority, can make her presence felt if applied
- **11. HILYROSE D'ICELEA -** Considerably better horse under the saddle. Here for reasons of conditioning and poses no threat
- **12. HAITIAN FIGHT SONG -** Competent sort that failed to fire last time here but races shod on this occasion, is in form, and will be fresh for her return to the capital
- **13. HOLLY D'ECHAL** Struggled during the autumn but is plainly back on track. Excels with Eric Raffin reining and, with form maintained, can open her winter account
- **14. BANGLA D'ESI** Never far from losing her action but is proven at a superior level, reassured here earlier in the month and, on good behaviour, can play a leading role
- **15. HOVA DE BASSIERE -** Dependable mare with respectable main track references. Showed improvement last time out and, on this occasion, can make the frame
- **16. HUNE LOVE -** Springs the occasional surprise and won over the main track during the summer, but in tough company this time and can be ruled out

Summary: You never know what you are going to get with HOLLY D'ECHAL (13) but her recent course-and-distance performance left no doubt about her condition and she looks the one to beat this time. 5th that day, on her first appearance for 2 months, HAIDA SAUTONNE (6) races barefoot on this occasion and seems the principal danger, although it is hard to knock HOVA DE BASSIERE (15) who is clearly close to her race. There is no question about the shape HAIDA DU BELLAY (8) is in and she has every chance of trotting her way onto the podium.

SELECTIONS

HOLLY D'ECHAL (13) - HAIDA SAUTONNE (6) - HOVA DE BASSIERE (15) - HAIDA DU BELLAY (8)

C8 - PRIX DE LIMERMONT - 2175m (a1 5/16m) - European - Mounted - EUR € 52.000

- **1. JAZZ DU GOUTIER -** Showed some promise last season but has looked ordinary this year and Monday's performance left a lot to be desired
- **2. JEROBOAM D'ERABLE -** Not the easiest horse to trust but ability is not in question. Returns to racing with front pads but others still preferred
- 3. JAZZY THOURJAN Acquits himself decently for the most part and is confirmed at this level, but has never delivered when barefoot and not an obvious choice
- **4. JASON DU CONROY -** Useful trotter that took little time getting back to doing what he does best. Is confirmed at a superior level and, in current form, will be no easy touch
- **5. JIL -** Tricky filly but has talent to burn. Sanctioned when prohibitively-backed last month but has had time to freshen up, sports modified shoeing, and can set the record straight
- **6. JACKPOT DU CHOQUEL -** Still chasing that elusive first win but is not devoid of talent. Little chance of springing a surprise but still has the wherewithal to get a look in
- **7. JUBY DE BAILLY -** Very good servant in the code and over the distance. Benefits from a decent turn of foot and is unlikely to be far from the action
- **8. JIMAKO VERDERIE -** Consistently gives his best but can prove a bit of a handful. Races barefoot for the occasion, thrives over the trip and, with application, will not be far off the mark
- **9. JUST PERFECT SISU -** Hardy nordic import taking his first competitive steps in France. Hind shoes off, has good speed, and can pick up a cheque if he takes to the new conditions
- **10. JANZIBAR -** Tough type that is unbeaten in current configuration, and over the distance. Back under the saddle and will not go down without a fight
- **11. JALISCO FLIGNY -** Excellent under the saddle last season but has yet to convince this year and can be passed over

Summary: Already 4 times a winner under the saddle, JANZIBAR (10) won with authority over course and distance last time under the saddle and, shod to preference this time, may just be that bit more competitive than the delicate but talented JIL (5) who needs to make amends for her recent sanction. JUBY DE BAILLY (7) trotted 3rd to the favourite during the autumn and, specifically prepared for this, is unlikely to disappoint. Plainly back in shape, JASON DU CONROY (4) steps up in category but appreciates 2175m here and looks a decent candidate for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

JANZIBAR (10) - JIL (5) - JUBY DE BAILLY (7) - JASON DU CONROY (4)

C9 - PRIX DE SAINT-GERMAIN - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 12.000

- **1. GLOIRE DE FLEURY -** Moderate sort that has previously won under these conditions. Goes barefoot for the first time this winter and is not to be overlooked
- **2. GRAFFITI BOND -** Just 1 win in 62 starts but is an honest servant. Has no particular love for Vincennes though and chances limited
- **3. FAUX DOLLARS -** Wonderfully consistent type that imposed smartly in the professional ranks last time out. Won his only start under these conditions, boasts and excellent amateur record, and will take some beating
- **4. FUNKY BERRY -** Simply superb in this class of race. Has won 2 of 3 at the venue and, ideally-positioned in front, will be no pushover
- **5. HERMOSO -** Faithful servant for the most part and has been going well in the professional ranks recently. Yet to disappoint in this category and, from the 5-spot, can give this a good go
- **6. HAPPY DE LA COTE -** Never far from faulting but has talent in abundance. Rarely fails to fire over 2100m on the main track and, from the front row, is capable of making a big impact
- **7. EASY MARCEAUX -** Unexceptional trotter that has done nothing of note in France for some time and will have few takers
- **8. GERGOVIA THUYAS -** Respectable mare that has started to come good again but is forced to break wide and not an obvious choice
- **9. FIRST DE ROUGEMONT -** Enjoyed a relatively fruitful summer under the saddle before form began to regress. Here for a change of scenery and unlikely to spring a surprise
- **10. EXO DES LOUANGES -** Trotted 4th to FAUX DOLLARS (3) over track and trip during the autumn but five times failed to confirm and can be disregarded
- 11. GASTON CABS Significantly better beast in the other code and is still in conditioning-mode
- **12. HOLSTER -** Fine servant with solid references in the amateur category. Plainly in form and, although drawn on the 2nd row, he still looks a player
- **13. HELICIANE D'ERABLE -** Considerably better mare than her recent form would suggest. Must be forgiven her monté sanction and, on good behaviour, can influence the outcome
- **14. FERGIE HIGHLAND -** Looked to be getting back on track last month but has twice disappointed since. Handed a tough draw and others preferred
- **15. FOR NO ONE -** Previously a decent trotter but has been off the boil for past year and will struggle to make any impact
- **16. HENZO DE MOUTIERS -** Honest trotter that has never failed to deliver in the amateur division. Trotted 4th on the inner track last time but is unlikely to improve on that

Summary: Winner over course and distance during the autumn, FAUX DOLLARS (3) has since gone on to win a Le Mans Class E and, well-placed behind the car, can confirm. Opposition is likely to take the form of FUNKY BERRY (4) who excels in this category, and the tricky but talented HAPPY DE LA COTE (6) who looks a major player on his amateur debut. Winner of 3 from 4 in this division, HOLSTER (12) is in fine condition and will be no easy touch if his driver can successfully navigate the start.

SELECTIONS

FAUX DOLLARS (3) - FUNKY BERRY (4) - HAPPY DE LA COTE (6) - HOLSTER (12)