

FRIDAY, 02/06/23

C1 - PRIX KISSA - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59.000

1. **GRAAL DU TRESOR** - Remarkably consistent, and Vincennes-loving, sort that seldom disappoints when barefoot. Latterly won a Class C with ease and can repeat
2. **EGINE PRECIEUSE** - Moderate mare that has yet to get into her stride. Is confirmed under these conditions though and should not be entirely ruled out
3. **GOLD MENCOURT** - Made progress on just his second start back in good company but still not an obvious choice
4. **GLOIRE DU PERCHE** - Hardy mare that has never been better. Won her last two in good order, latterly with authority here, and can give GRAAL DU TRESOR (1) a run for his money
5. **GIPSON CREEK** - Tends to go better at home in his native Switzerland and will have nothing to offer here
6. **DISCO D'OCCAGNES** - Dependability never his strong suit and has been found wanting in both outings this term
7. **GAELIC DU ROCHER** - Got the year off to a good start but disappointing since returning from a spell and must first reaffirm
8. **EMENCOURT D'AZIF** - Blows hot and cold but reassured here somewhat three weeks ago and is not incapable of trotting into the money
9. **GREAT OF MADRIK** - Has not been as sharp this season since being stepped up in class but comes here fresh and will be dangerous if he finds his true form
10. **DOLCE D'EBANE** - Erratic mare that sprang quite the surprise behind GLOIRE DU PERCHE (4) here last month but a repeat looks decidedly unlikely
11. **FALCO DES ROCHERS** - Has hardly put a step wrong this season. Arguably better going clockwise but in current shape is hard to ignore
12. **GHOSTBUSTER** - Just one victory to his name this year but currently in excellent shape. Drops back in class and can make the frame this time
13. **ERASME WILLIAMS** - Moderate sort that has not been seen out since last July and will need the run
14. **FOXTROT NOBLESS** - Useful on a good day and most recently encouraged in the provinces but in this company will need to be at his best
15. **FANATIC FLASH** - Serious trotter that adores Vincennes. Incurs no penalty this time around and should not be far off the mark
16. **EMENCOURT BLEQUIN** - Unexceptional type that recently reassured in a claiming race over track and trip. Normally at this level he would have his work cut out but Raffin has accepted the drive and will be one to watch

Summary : Although the least wealthy horse in the race, GRAAL DU TRESOR (1) has been a veritable dynamo at Vincennes. Although untried over 2700m here, he still looks a marginally better prospect than GLOIRE DU PERCHE (4) who returns to the capital on a hat-trick. GHOSTBUSTER (12) backs up a week after acquitting himself well in better company under similar conditions and looks competitive once again, as does FANATIC FLASH (15) who should logically make up for his latest effort.

SELECTIONS

GRAAL DU TRESOR (1) - GLOIRE DU PERCHE (4) - GHOSTBUSTER (12) - FANATIC FLASH (15)

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C2 - PRIX LAVATER - ETRIER 4 ANS Q3 - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Group 2 - Mounted - EUR € 120.000

- 1. JAVANETTE** - Unexceptional filly that regularly bites off more than she can chew and this is one of this times
- 2. JUST LOVELY** - Delicate but has bags of ability. Yet to be tested at this level but has done everything asked of her so far and debuts in this class with justified ambition
- 3. JADE DU CEDRE** - Always acquits herself well and is currently in form. Untried in this category but is first time barefoot and will have her supporters
- 4. JEUNE DEMOISELLE** - Not short of ability but sanctioned in last four and not the easiest to trust
- 5. JASPER DES CHARMES** - Temperamental colt but has buckets of ability. Second in Gr.2 Prix Henri Ballière last time and in the absence of the winner, he should be able to have his way this time
- 6. J'ADORE** - Just one success in 26 starts but is not without merit and can play a leading role if she reproduces her winter form
- 7. JUNON DU LEARD** - Quality filly that left a good impression last time here. Sanctioned in Prix Henri Ballière but with application can more than make amends
- 8. JELYSO** - Can prove tricky but boasts a good record over this trip. Winner of Prix d'Essai last season and should not be underestimated

Summary : In the absence of Jean Balthazar who dominated him at Caen three weeks ago, JASPER DES CHARMES (5) looks the horse to beat on this occasion. With Paul Ploquin in the saddle, JUNON DU LEARD (7) has never finished worse than 2nd and is expected to improve on her Gr.2 René Palyart third. JUST LOVELY (2) has consistently imposed by a considerable margin when under the saddle and deserves to take her chances here. JELYSO (8) has already won at this level and with application should not be far from the action.

SELECTIONS

JASPER DES CHARMES (5) - JUNON DU LEARD (7) - JUST LOVELY (2) - JELYSO (8)

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**C3 - PRIX PYTHIA - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class B - Harness - EUR
€ 75.000**

- 1. FRAGONARD DELO** - Not the worst horse here but has not been seen out since January and is expected to be race-rusty
- 2. BILO JEPSON** - Tough campaigner that most recently trotted 5th in a Swedish Gr.1. Thrives at Vincennes and once again expected to play a leading role
- 3. FALCO BERRY** - Gave a decent account at Borély on first start for new handler. Will struggle to repeat in this company but worth monitoring all the same
- 4. GIRLY BECO** - Significantly better horse in the other code and has no chance
- 5. EZALYO SMART** - Good type that always gives his best but unraced for almost three months and expected to require the run
- 6. EBERTON** - Impressive at Cagnes over the winter but appears to have lost his way and must begin to reassure
- 7. GRAND ART** - Not without merit but no longer the horse he once was and will have few friends
- 8. AL CAPONE STECCA** - Has not seen the winners' circle for some time but always acquits himself competitively and dropping in class will only work in his favour
- 9. FULTON** - Monté horse here for a change of scenery and can be disregarded
- 10. KENNEDY** - Quality trotter with nothing to prove at this level. Set his personal best last month on just second start back and looks an even more serious proposition this time around
- 11. EQUINOXE JIEL** - Decent type that has 2 races in him following an enforced layoff. Gave a decent account in a Gr.3 last time and while unlikely to surprise should nonetheless show improvement
- 12. ORACLE TILE** - Simply superb since leaving the nordics. Goes over any trip and the return to Vincennes looks just the ticket to redeem himself
- 13. EDY DU POMMEREUX** - Quality element but yet to get into his stride this year. Benefits from a good entry though and will not be far from the action if he can show even part of his true form
- 14. GASPARD DE BRION** - One of the most consistent horses in the field. Went close in better company last time out and may prove the main threat to ORACLE TILE (12)

Summary : Since leaving Scandinavia, ORACLE TILE (12) has not ceased to impress, amassing over €200,000 in prizemoney and winning 50% of the time. Sanctioned last time out, he returns to his track of preference and should logically set the record straight. Théo Duvaldestin will still be keeping a close eye on GASPARD DE BRION (14) who came 2nd in a good Class A mid-May, and the classy BILO JEPSON (2) who returns from a brief stint in Sweden. The well-regarded KENNEDY (10) has taken little time getting back in shape and will be no soft touch.

SELECTIONS

ORACLE TILE (12) - GASPARD DE BRION (14) - BILO JEPSON (2) - KENNEDY (10)

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C4 - PRIX VICTOR CAVEY - ETRIER 5 ANS Q3 - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - Group 2 - Mounted - EUR € 120.000

- 1. IMAM FLASH** - Has taken well to his new vocation. Untried in this class though and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 2. IVRIG VIKING** - Consistently in the thick of things and presently in excellent shape. Can pick up a cheque but victory out of the question
- 3. IDEA DES VALLONS** - Useful mare but could manage only 5th to INTUITION (11) last time and will have too much to do
- 4. INBREED** - Showed a marked return to form when a place behind INTUITION (11) last month. Raffin no longer in the saddle though and not an obvious choice this time
- 5. ILIADE MESLOISE** - Quality element but has just one race in her this term and expected to need the outing
- 6. IRINA DE BAILLY** - Not without merit but sanctioned in last three under the saddle and will not be easy to trust
- 7. IES WE KAN** - Impressive winner of Gr.2 Prix Louis Forcinal last time out, confirming the regard he is held in at home, but shod differently this time and may have to settle for a place on this occasion
- 8. INA DU RIB** - Useful mare that gave a fine account in last two Gr.2 events in question. Unlikely to get her nose in front but can compete for a spot on the podium
- 9. INSHORE** - Serious type with a host of black-type wins to his name. Second to IES WE KAN (7) last time but is well-placed to turn the tables
- 10. INES DES RIOULTS** - Consistently gives an honourable account at this level of competition. Has twice imposed in this class but more a minor place prospect this time around
- 11. INTUITION** - High-class mare with nothing to prove at this level. Showed a satisfying return to form last time out and can challenge for victory

Summary : Runner-up in the Gr.2 Prix Louis Forcinal, three-times Gr.2 winner INSHORE (9) is as tough as they come and can impose this time. He will still be up against INTUITION (11), absent that day, but 2nd in the Gr.2 Jean Gauvreau a fortnight later. It must also be borne in mind that she already counts a pair of Gr.1s to her name. Winner of the Forcinal on just his third appearance under the saddle, IES WE KAN (7) could repeat but is just fitted with front pads on this occasion. INA DU RIB (8) seldom goes down without a fight and again looks a respectable place prospect.

SELECTIONS

INSHORE (9) - INTUITION (11) - IES WE KAN (7) - INA DU RIB (8)

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

- 1. JAFAR CHARENCEY** - Always gives an honest account and pleased on recent comeback but stays shod and others preferred this time
- 2. JEMISSORA** - Enjoyed a relatively fruitful 2022 but below par this year and not an obvious choice
- 3. JASPER PIYA** - Clearly in excellent form. Was unlucky last time out but on good behaviour will have his chances
- 4. JABALPUR** - Seldom finds herself in the winners' enclosure but showed her form behind JUST A MIDI (13) last time and is sure to generate interest
- 5. JACK BARROW** - Boasts a decent record under these conditions but has just one race under his belt since the layoff and best to hold off
- 6. JALOUSIE DE L'ISLE** - Has merit but yet to lose her maiden tag in 20 starts and in this company will have her work cut out
- 7. JOUMBA DE GUEZ** - Filly with talent to burn. Sanctioned in all three since the break but JMB employs new shoeing formula which could well see her back on track. Attention
- 8. JONGLEUSE DE LUNE** - Filly with an enviable strike-rate. Winner of both since the break and even taking on the colts this time still looks a serious proposition
- 9. JESSALYNE** - Winner of 4 on the trot before disappointing somewhat in a similar event last month. Has had time to freshen up and must be worth retaining
- 10. JUST FOR BACK** - Considerably better horse in the other branch of the business and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 11. JAB DE MYE** - Seen more often than not under the saddle but encouraged early last month in race of reference. If behaved, and in similar form, there could be a cheque in it for him
- 12. JEDUISANT** - Fine colt that has won his last two over track and trip. Limits are unknown and looks set to maintain his victorious ways
- 13. JUST A MIDI** - Quality element that seldom disappoints when applied. Currently at the top of his game and winning this is not beyond his capability
- 14. JINA DE L'ORMERIE** - Can occasionally prove a handful but is not short of ability. Made a solid re-entry at La Rochelle and going first time barefoot is not one to be ignored

Summary : Like a horse reborn since starting to race unshod all four, JEDUISANT (12) comes here on a four-timer and in current condition looks set to pull it off. Also in excellent shape, JUST A MIDI (13) finished a valiant runner-up to him mid-April and again looks marginally second-best. On course to win last time out, JASPER PIYA (3) faulted but with application can redeem himself. The temperamental JOUMBA DE GUEZ (7) has talent in spades and, shod differently this time, can get back in the game.

SELECTIONS

JEDUISANT (12) - JUST A MIDI (13) - JASPER PIYA (3) - JOUMBA DE GUEZ (7)

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C6 - PRIX KLOTHO - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - European - Class C - Harness - EUR € 53.000

1. **BALDUR** - Showed marked improvement at Caen last time out but has no love for Vincennes and can be passed over
2. **CERVANTONPRIDEGAR** - Modest transalpine raider that needs to show considerable improvement to make any impact at this level
3. **CROIZEROSS** - Well-regarded Italian type making first appearance in France but takes on better horses here and unlikely to spring any surprises
4. **IDEFIX DE CENTULE** - Handy sort that did not displease on first start back. Will have come on for the run and should not be entirely ruled out
5. **ILLICO DES BAUX** - Serious sort that has turned a corner this year. Returns to a trip he appreciates and with Raffin in charge will be afforded every chance
6. **BONETTO STAR** - Kicked the French season off nicely but was thrashed in last two and unlikely to shake things up
7. **IQUEM** - Previously a good sort but has done nothing noteworthy for some time and can be ruled out
8. **CHARMY CHARLY AS** - Useful horse that finished 5th in race of reference. Unlikely to threaten the leaders but can still pick up a cheque
9. **BAYARD (GER)** - Decent German type making his French debut. Races first time barefoot and can play a role if he takes to the Vincennes profile
10. **CANTO DEI VENTI** - Capable Italian trotter that left a very good impression in a Class B here last week and will not be available at 28/1 this time around
11. **IRON JET** - Moderate trotter that went into his spell on a victorious note but unlikely to repeat on first start back
12. **HARRY COHIAIS** - Imposed over track and trip last month. Ouvrie has opted for CHERRY TOP (16) this time but Mottier a more than capable replacement. Place chance
13. **IBERICA** - Good mare that won at Enghien before being sent for a break. Shod for return though and best to hold off
14. **INTELLO DE CHENU** - Tough type with solid Vincennes references but unraced since December and will need the outing
15. **IMOKO JIBELAU** - Very hard to fault when he can keep his action together. Boasts a good record here and with application can make a big splash
16. **CHERRY TOP** - Quality trotter that took little time getting back to his best. Superb so far this season and looks set to notch up a 3rd victory of 2023

Summary : Twice a winner already this season and superb 3rd in a Class B here mid-April, CHERRY TOP (16) prepped here last week and with hind shoes off this time looks very hard to beat. Franck Ouvrie will nevertheless be wary of the tough IMOKO JIBELAU (15) who set a personal best at Vincennes on his penultimate start. At the top of his game and climbing the class ladder in good order, ILLICO DES BAUX (5) thrives with Eric Raffin at the helm and again looks to be in with a solid shout. HARRY COHIAIS (12) returned to winning ways over course and distance a month back and is assured significant support.

SELECTIONS

CHERRY TOP (16) - IMOKO JIBELAU (15) - ILLICO DES BAUX (5) - HARRY COHIAIS (12)

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C7 - PRIX DE CLAIREFONTAINE - 2850m (a1 3/4m) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 59.000

1. **ESPERANCE GIRL** - Temperamental mare that tends to go better in the amateur division but benefits from an Eric Raffin drive this time and is sure to generate interest
2. **FILS D'HAUFOR** - Seldom gets his nose in front these days but can trot. Pleased in last two but in this company will need to be at his best
3. **ESPOIR DU JOUR** - Out of the picture in last six starts and even with Gelormini in the wagon will have his work cut out
4. **FAN DE VINCENNES** - Decent on a good day but a far cry from his true form and can be ruled out
5. **FELINE DE CALVI** - Pleasant mare with decent provincial form but has failed to make the grade at Vincennes for some time and will have few friends
6. **DESTRIER D'OR** - Has looked decidedly ordinary this season and can be confidently disregarded
7. **ETERNEL AMOUR** - Won at this level earlier in the year. Has not been as sharp since but appears to be making progress and should be retained
8. **FINGER DES BORDES** - Regularly the focus of the stewards' attention but has been acquitting himself decently of late and is not incapable of picking up a cheque
9. **FARANDOLE DI PALBA** - Quality element that gave a fine account on recent return after her break. Has had time to freshen up and on good behaviour can open her seasonal account
10. **EASY DES FLICS** - Has done nothing but improve since returning to competition. Excellent over 2100m last time and will appreciate the longer trip
11. **DIWI D'OCCAGNES** - Not the most reliable but finished ahead of EASY DES FLICS (10) here last time out and with application can give this another good go
12. **FALCO FLEURI** - Impressive late last season but has struggled to regain that form and must first reaffirm
13. **FOLLOW DREAM** - At the top of his game for past 2.5 months. Has nothing to prove at this level and will be main threat to FARANDOLE DI PALBA (9)
14. **EDEN DE L'ITON** - Blows hot and cold but solid in two of last three. Drops back in category and will be more competitive than he was two weeks ago
15. **EDITEUR LA RAVELLE** - Blows hot and cold but has been specifically prepared for this and racing unshod all four must be taken seriously

Summary : Not the easiest of races to handicap this but a tentative nod nevertheless goes to the delicate FARANDOLE DI PALBA (9) who showed form under the saddle at Laval on her return to competition and who could well win this if she stays in stride. That said, FOLLOW DREAM (13) has been a veritable metronome over recent months and can finally put that string of second places to bed. Capricious he might be but EASY DES FLICS (10) reassured over shorter here last time out and with form maintained will have his chances. Conditioned shod at Laval twice last month, EDITEUR LA RAVELLE (15) returns barefoot to Paris and should not be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

FARANDOLE DI PALBA (9) - FOLLOW DREAM (13) - EASY DES FLICS (10) - EDITEUR LA RAVELLE (15)