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C1 - PRIX JACQUES ORLIAGUET - 2850m (a2m) - Class R Claiming Amateur Riders - Harness - EUR € 18,000

1. **KUMBI DE PHYT'S** - 10th in the race of reference. Has been a total write-off for some time and can be confidently disregarded
2. **KRONOS DU GITE** - 3rd in a 2175m Vincennes monté Class E last week. Not without merit at this level but faces a stiffer test on this occasion
3. **JIPSY ROYALE** - 10th of 12 in a 2700m Lyon-la Soie Class D last week. Has yet to make her mark in the claiming division and is unlikely to influence the result
4. **KALINKA DU BLEUET** - Honest filly that left a good impression when 5th to KALIKA DU RIS (9) late last month and, although not a priority, she races on level terms this time and can finish in the mix
5. **JORLANDO** - 3rd to JAHA MAN DU PONT (12) in a 2100m claimer here last Saturday. Is clearly back in business since taking a dip in category and has a reasonable chance of making the frame
6. **JOULYO VITA** - Unraced since losing his action in a 2725m Cabourg Class E on 21 December. Would have gone close that day though and must be afforded respect
7. **KIWI DES MALBERAUX** - Finished a one-paced 8th of 10 finishers in the race of reference. Placed over track and trip at the turn of the year though and should not be written off
8. **JACOVIA MADRIK** - Last of 7 in a 2700m Vincennes monté Class E a fortnight ago and returns to the harness code with little to offer
9. **KALIKA DU RIS** - Put on quite the show to trot 2nd in the late-January race of reference and once again looks a major player
10. **JUNKO SEPT** - 4th in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie Class D on 1 February after having encouraged over 2175m here on Boxing Day and is not incapable of making the frame this time
11. **JULY DU GUESNE** - Returns to the category after trotting a distant 5th in a 2725m Graignes Class E on Monday, and needs to find significantly more
12. **JAHA MAN DU PONT** - Opened his claiming account at the first time of asking over 2100m here last weekend and could well double his money if he stays focused
13. **KOCKTAIL WOOD** - Surprisingly sanctioned in a Vincennes claimer over 2875m on 22 January when sent out clear favourite. On better behaviour though, can redeem himself and win this

Summary: Bruno Bourgoïn looks well-armed here with KOCKTAIL WOOD (13) who must be forgiven his recent sanction; he showed his form over the inner course a fortnight earlier and can set the record straight. And stablemate KALIKA DU RIS (9) finished a close 2nd that day on her first appearance in the claiming category and, with form maintained, could well trot off with the silverware. JAHA MAN DU PONT (12) went one better on his claiming debut and, even in the absence of JMB, still looks to have a respectable claim. JUNKO SEPT (10) showed improvement in better company last week and drops back in class with legitimate ambition.

SELECTIONS

KOCKTAIL WOOD (13) - KALIKA DU RIS (9) - JAHA MAN DU PONT (12) - JUNKO SEPT (10)

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C2 - PRIX GERARD BRAMI - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - - Mounted - EUR € 46,000

1. ICEMAN BLEU - Tenacious, but beaten, 5th to ISLAMORADA (13) in a Class D over course and distance late last month. Won barefoot here last month however and, while not a priority, should nevertheless give an honest account

2. IRINA DU RIS - Non partante

3. ILVICA DE HOUELLE - Never dangerous when 7th behind IKURO JIEL (10) in a Class C under these conditions 10 days ago and, in current condition, appears to have no chance

4. IN LOVE DE BLARY - Prepped for this when last of 9 in a Pontchâteau harness Class E over 2800m on 5 January. Won at the start of the winter meeting and can get a look-in if François Lagadeuc keeps her trotting

5. IMBRIN BUROIS - 8th of 9 behind IL TROTTE JARL (9) in a course-and-distance Class E on Christmas Eve after having won a level down 11 days earlier. In this company though, is unlikely to spring any surprises

6. ILIEN DE VRIE - Runner-up to ISLAMORADA (13) in the late-January race of reference. Like a horse reborn lately and it will not be long before he gets back in the winners' circle

7. ILLICO DE LOU - Showed marked improvement when 3rd in a 2825m Cordemais Class E just over 3 weeks ago and, in similar form, can make the first five

8. IRIS INTENSE - Lost his action in a 2350m Angers Class D under harness a month back. Yet to make his mark in this code but has the capacity and, with David Thomain onboard, can be assured a competitive ride

9. IL TROTTE JARL - Courageous 4th [to ILLICO DE LOU (7)] in a 2825m Cordemais Class E on 17 January. Is plainly in decent shape, has previously beaten others here, but will need to bring more than his A-game this time

10. IKURO JIEL - Unexceptional but decent 5th in a Class C over track and trip on 30 January. Always gives his best but appears to be facing a stiffer test this time around

11. IMPERIAL COGLAIS - Sanctioned early in a Class C under these conditions 10 days ago after having won 3 weeks earlier at Lyon-La Soie. Races first-time barefoot but still looks to have his work cut out

12. IQUITA VILI - Last of 9 after faulting at the start of a Class C over track and trip 10 days ago. Has lost her way after having kicked the winter off well and must get her house in order

13. ISLAMORADA - Impressive course-and-distance winner on 22 January, making it 3 on the trot. Just keeps getting better and looks set to confirm

14. ISLAND LOVE - Left a good impression when 4th in a 2850m Vincennes harness Class C 3 weeks ago. Seldom seen under the saddle but form is not in doubt and, With Eric Raffin in the saddle, will be no pushover

15. IDOLA PHEDO - 4th [just headed by IQUITA VILI (12)] in a Class D over course and distance on 23 December but a repeat looks highly improbable

16. IRESINE DU LUPIN - Unthreatening 4th in a 3125m Angers Class F a month ago. Has excellent barefoot references though and is not to be underestimated

17. IT'S MY DREAM - Sanctioned when being conditioned in a 2850m Mauquenchy harness Class E late last month. Has bags of ability but appears to have come off the boil

18. ILONA DES MOYEUX - 10th of 11 finishers in a 2850m Vincennes harness Class C on comeback 3 weeks ago. Is no easy touch when unshod but has just one race in him and risks being rusty

Summary: A number of horses in contention here but given how well ISLAMORADA (13) has been performing lately under these conditions, it is hard to rule out the winter hat-trick. That said, IRINA DU RIS (2) is no slouch when focused and can give her a run for her money if Mathieu Mottier gets her off on the right foot. Runner-up to the favourite here last time out, ILIEN DE VRIE (6) is capable of making the frame once more, as does the in-form ISLAND LOVE (14) who drops in category for her first appearance under the saddle since June 2022.

SELECTIONS

ISLAMORADA (13) - ILIEN DE VRIE (6) - ISLAND LOVE (14) - IRIS INTENSE (8)

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C3 - PRIX MAURICE ET JEROME BERNARDET - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class E - Harness - EUR € 35,000

1. JIMOKA - Serious mare that set her personal best chrono with victory in a 2175m Class E here a week ago. Has the inside line and is still very much in the picture

2. JUSQUINE FOUTEAU - Pleased twice over course and distance this winter but will need to improve on her 7th of 10 in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 22 January

3. JET SOCIETY - Lost her action in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 22 January but showed her form 6 days earlier and, on good behaviour, can make amends and finish close

4. JAFLOSA GIRL - Takes a drop in class after finishing a well-beaten 6th of 7 in a 2700m Class B here 3 weeks ago. Is well-placed behind the car but others still preferred

5. JULOHA STAR ELGE - Showed improvement when 2nd in a 2750m Cabourg Class E early last month but has placed just once in 5 over the main track and appears to have too much to do

6. JANIS SHOW - Bounced back from her course-and-distance 5th with facile success in a 2700m Class E here on 23 January. Takes on some better elements this time but still looks a player

7. JALNA GIRL - Unraced since being sanctioned in a 2700m Vincennes Class D in early-December. Reunited with Eric Raffin, with whom she excels, and returns to competition with a good hand to play

8. JOHANNA ELEVEN - Last of 10 on comeback in a 2700m Vincennes Class D on 22 January. Shoes on and best to hold off

9. JUPANQUIE TONIQUE - Commanding winner of a Class E over course and distance on 29 December. Simply excellent when barefoot and, despite the draw, can confirm

10. JUST IN CADENCE - Back in the harness code after being sanctioned in a Vincennes monté Class E over 2700m 2 weeks ago and, in present shape, can be disregarded

11. JEUNE IMPERATRICE - Won a 2425m Angers Class E late last month after having pleasantly surprised over track and trip. Not about to shake things up but can still pick up a cheque

Summary: A tight affair in prospect here with a number in the running. Even though drawn wide on the outside, a tentative nod nevertheless goes to JUPANQUIE TONIQUE (9) who won a similar event in good order last time out. She will be opposed by the marginally better-positioned JALNA GIRL (7) who won over track and trip last November. JET SOCIETY (3) has shown improvement since finishing 5th that day and can take advantage of the good entry if Yoann Lebourgeois keeps her trotting. JIMOKA (1) opened her Vincennes account just last Friday and again looks competitively well in.

SELECTIONS

JUPANQUIE TONIQUE (9) - JALNA GIRL (7) - JET SOCIETY (3) - JIMOKA (1)

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C4 - PRIX DOMINIQUE SAVARY - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - - Mounted - EUR € 56,000

1. **GABEUR DAIRPET** - 3rd in a 2750 Cabourg Class E on 5 January. Has shown great consistency lately and, although unlikely to win this, should still give a competitive account
2. **GOLD DE JADE** - Sanctioned in a 3000m Nantes harness Class E on his first start since November 2021. If race-fit and focused, he will be no pushover
3. **GROUND ZERO** - Failed to confirm his good Croisé-Laroche performance when 7th of 10 finishers in a 2175m Class E here on New Year's Eve. Has never delivered when unshod behind and is not about to change his ways
4. **GALLAGHER WIND** - Returns to the monté discipline after finishing last of 12 in a 2750m Toulouse harness Class E and is unlikely to spring any surprises
5. **GACHETTE MONTAVAL** - 5th of 14 in a 3000m Châteaubriant Class F on 21 January. Has demonstrated very good aptitude for the code recently and the revised configuration may well do just the trick. First 5 prospect
6. **GRAND TRIO LUDOIS** - 6th, when shod and being conditioned, in a 3125m Angers Class F 9 days ago. Faces first objective of the new season and, barefoot this time, will be worth keeping an eye on
7. **GANYMED DE CORBERY** - 9th in a Vincennes harness claimer over 2100m here 10 days ago. Is plainly off the boil and has no realistic chance
8. **GYPSE ROYALE** - Pleasantly surprised when 5th of 8 in a Class D over course and distance 3 weeks ago but a repeat seems improbable
9. **FASCINANT** - Drops marginally in category after coming in 8th of 9 in a Class D over 2850m here in late December and, even racing barefoot, will need to pull off a miracle
10. **GERONIMO FUEGO** - 6th of 15 in a 2825m Cordemais Class F on 17 January shortly after having shown promise on monté debut. Returns to a proven configuration, has never disappointed for Eric Raffin, and can again figure prominently
11. **FASHION MAKER** - Settled for 3rd after a superb effort in a 2175m Class D here mid-January. Has taken well to racing in this configuration and should be competitive for victory
12. **FAN DE PHYT'S** - 3rd in a 2850m harness claimer here on 17 January and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
13. **FAUST DE BEYLEV** - Courageously impressive winner of a 2175m Vincennes Class D mid-December. Obviously back at the top of his game and, shoes off this time, will be expected to double up

Summary: Benefitting from an excellent entry here and simply superb last time out, FAUST DE BEYLEV (13) races barefoot on this occasion and can get straight down to business. Third to him that day before confirming last month, FASHION MAKER (11) is plainly close to his race and looks the principal challenger. GERONIMO FUEGO (10) acquitted himself well on last month's monté debut and, more competitively-shod this time, will legitimately garner support. Oozing quality and quite plainly talented in this code, GOLD DE JADE (2) makes his first appearance under the saddle since an extended layoff and, first-time barefoot, must be respected.

SELECTIONS

FAUST DE BEYLEV (13) - FASHION MAKER (11) - GERONIMO FUEGO (10) - GOLD DE JADE (2)

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C5 - PRIX JEAN-PAUL BERTRAND - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40,000

1. KARNAK DAIRPET - Looked very ordinary when 7th of 15 in a 2850m Class D here 10 days ago and will need to show a different side

2. KER DE TOUES - Lost his action in a 2175m Vincennes Class D 3 weeks ago. Shoes back on and poses no danger

3. KEEP TIME - 11th of 15 in a 2850m Vincennes Class D when being conditioned, shod, late last month. Barefoot this time and, from the 3-spot, can open his 2024 account

4. KOPECK DE CHENU - Got off the mark with authority in a 2625m Agen-Le Passage Class C late last month. Takes on better this time but races first-time barefoot and from the 4-spot can play a role

5. KAMIL VAN HALBEEK - Left a fine impression on Vincennes debut in a Class D over course and distance. Ideally-engaged this time and can return to winning ways

6. KAN DURAN - Sanctioned when not at his ease in a Class D over track and trip on 30 December. Races first-time barefoot and, with application, will be no soft touch

7. KANKAN - Showed tenacity to trot 3rd in a 2550m Bordeaux Class D 11 days ago but takes on better horses this time and looks no more than a minor place prospect

8. KADO DES MOLLES - Capable type that trotted 4th in a 2625m Saint-Galmier Class D a fortnight back. Is considerably better racing clockwise however and others preferred

9. KADOR JOSSELYN - Stylish winner of a 2700m Vincennes Class E on 17 January. Steps up in category but still looks a serious proposition despite the tough draw

10. KADEO JOSSELYN - Sanctioned in a 2700m monté Class D here on 23 January. Reunited with Eric Raffin who finished 3rd over track and trip with him last month and is not to be underestimated

11. KID SMILE - Not taxed when 10th of 11 finishers in a Class D over 2700m here on Boxing Day. Still being conditioned and best to hold off

12. KEMPEL DE GUEZ - Honest type that trotted 4th in a 2700m Class D here last weekend. Starts on 2nd row but can still be regarded a first-5 chance

13. KAI DUCAL - 6th of 8 finishers in a Vincennes Class D over 2700m last weekend. Not ideally-drawn and others preferred

14. KIWI JENILOU - Lost his action in a 2700m Class D here early last month. Has talent to burn though and it is only a matter of time before he comes good again

Summary: Not the easiest of races to decipher, with the principal protagonists on the front row, but it is hard to ignore the progress KAMIL VAN HALBEEK (5) has made since his May debut. Good second over track and trip on re-entry, he races shod this time and looks a marginally better choice than the improving KEEP TIME (3) who is barefoot for the occasion. A quality colt in the making, KAN DURAN (6) lost his action last time out but races first-time unshod all 4 and can set the record straight. KADOR JOSSELYN (9) is forced to start wide but recently opened his Vincennes account and is not without a chance of doubling up.

SELECTIONS

KAMIL VAN HALBEEK (5) - KEEP TIME (3) - KAN DURAN (6) - KADOR JOSSELYN (9)

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C6 - PRIX DE JUVIGNY - 2850m (a2m) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 52,000

1. **GLOBAL DUTY** - Debuts at the venue after winning an important 2140m Customserie event at Solvalla on Boxing Day. Hind shoes off but best to wait
2. **DEXTER ORS** - Moderate 7th of 12 in a 2100m Class D here on 28 December. Has yet to take to Vincennes conditions and will have few friends
3. **DENZEL WASHINGTON** - Had to settle for close 2nd in a Class C over 2700m here on 7 January. Rochard takes over from Raffin but still looks to be competitively well in
4. **JEDI DES BROUETS** - Put in a good effort to finish 3rd in the race of reference. Just front shoes off this time and, if behaved, can put on another good show
5. **JOOST D'OLERON** - 4th to JUST DE L'OISON (16) in a Class B over course and distance on 18 January. Endured misfortune that day and, with a better trip, can make amends
6. **JANZIBAR** - 4th in a monté Class C over track and trip 3 weeks ago. Here for a change of scenery and no threat
7. **JIBI DU FRUITIER** - Lost his action when on the way to finishing a place behind JUST DE L'OISON (16) in the race of reference. Reunited with Eric Raffin who boasts a good record with him and can set matters straight
8. **JE REVE DU BOIS** - Returned to winning ways in a Vincennes monté Class C over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Switches back to the harness game and can play a role if form transitions
9. **YAHOO DIAMANT** - Second in a 2850m Vincennes Class B on 12 January on maiden appearance at the venue. Shoes back on but still looks the main threat to JUST DE L'OISON (16)
10. **JIM PERRINE** - 7th in the race of reference despite not being at his ease in the straight. Will not be available at 43/1 this time but is still not a priority
11. **JABALPUR** - 6th in a Class B over track and trip early last month after having placed twice in similar events over previous weeks and is not to be overlooked
12. **JALIMEDE** - Drops back in category after finishing 6th in a 2700m Gr.3 here 3 weeks ago but still looks to have too much to do
13. **JAZZ DE PERVENCHE** - Showed improvement when 4th in a 2850m Vincennes Class B in early-January but not enough to be considered a priority
14. **DUBHE PRAV** - Group-placed type making his first appearance since being sanctioned here last May. Barefoot for the occasion but likely to be race-rusty
15. **JEWEL DE BANVILLE** - 9th of 12 in a 2700m Gr.3 here late last month and has no realistic chance
16. **JUST DE L'OISON** - Runner-up in a Class B over course and distance on 18 January, tasting defeat for just the 2nd time. Is head-and-shoulders better than the field and will be expected to get back to winning ways

Summary: A veritable dynamo, JUST DE L'OISON (16) was surprisingly beaten over 2700m here three weeks ago but Clément Duvaldestin is not about to let the same thing happen twice. He will nonetheless be keeping a watchful eye on the good YAHOO DIAMANT (9) even though he races shod this time, and JIBI DU FRUITIER (7) who would have finished 3rd to the favourite had he not faulted here recently. Unlucky that day when briefly denied a run, JOOST D'OLERON (5) can go closer this time if François Lagadeuc keeps him out of trouble.

SELECTIONS

JUST DE L'OISON (16) - YAHOO DIAMANT (9) - JIBI DU FRUITIER (7) - JOOST D'OLERON (5)

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C7 - PRIX ANDRE THERON - 2175m (a1m 1/4) - Class C - Mounted - EUR € 46,000

1. KROKEUSE DE DIAM'S - Made it 2 sanctions in a row when losing her action in a 2700m Class C here on 22 January and others easier to trust

2. KATINKA AIMEF - Lost her action early in a 2700m Vincennes harness Class C last weekend. Is considerably more tractable, and certainly more performant, than she used to be and will be no soft touch if Raffin can assure her initial strides

3. KEVA MADRIK - Finished [4th] a place behind KAWASAKI ERA (6) in a 2700m Vincennes Class D late last month but still has a lot more to find

4. KADIMA ERA - Authoritative Class E winner over track and trip 10 days ago. Adrien Lamy takes over in the irons and looks to have a live chance on his hands

5. KIBBLE - Took advantage of numerous disqualifications to finish a flattering 4th in a Class C over 2700m here on 14 January and others preferred

6. KAWASAKI ERA - Consistent type that finished a pleasant 3rd in a 2700m Vincennes Class D late last month and represents a decent first-5 chance

7. KOUBA D'OURVILLE - Showed promise last season but has strung 4 straight sanctions together this term, most recently in a 2700m Class C here mid-January, and can expect to have few takers

8. KENA DE PADD - Missed out by little when 2nd in a Class D over 2200m on the short course on 8 January. Has started to make good on her promise and can lay claim to a place on the podium

9. KENIDILLE - Talented filly that got back in the game when 2nd in a Class D over 2700m on 19 December. Has twice delivered in 2 starts for Benjamin Rochard and must be considered a leading candidate for success

10. KANTHABELLA - Difficult filly but not devoid of ability. Lost her action early in a 2700m Class C here mid-January but can get a look-in if Florian Desmigneux gets her off on the right foot

Summary: Unbeaten in two public appearances in this branch of the business, latterly in style over course and distance, KADIMA ERA (4) steps up in category but still looks the pick of the field. She will nevertheless encounter resistance from the complicated but reinvigorated KENIDILLE (9) who reassured over longer here last time out. Like a horse reborn this winter, KENA DE PADD (8) came close to winning over the inner course last month and, barefoot again, is not about to let the side down. Winner for Eric Raffin mid-January, KATINKA AIMEF (2) broke into a canter next time but can figure prominently if she gets off on the right foot.

SELECTIONS

KADIMA ERA (4) - KENIDILLE (9) - KENA DE PADD (8) - KATINKA AIMEF (2)

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C8 - PRIX GUY LUX ET LEON ZITRONE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - Class B - Harness - EUR € 75,000

1. **BAHIA DEL CIRCEO** - Not entirely at her ease when sanctioned in the late-January race of reference. Already twice winner here this winter but is unlikely to spring any surprises
2. **HAPPY DANICA** - 8th to GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE (9) in a Class C under these conditions 3 weeks ago. Has been bested just once in 7 barefoot starts and will dearly defend her status
3. **BALSAMINE FONT** - Respectable 4th in a Class A over track and trip early last month. Not to everyone's liking but, in present shape, will have her supporters
4. **FIESTA DU BELVER** - 7th to GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE (9) in a Class C over course and distance 3 weeks ago after having finished runner-up to her in December. Is not out of the picture but is not a priority either
5. **HURELLA** - 3rd in a Vincennes 2850m Class B last week. Currently at the top of her game in both codes, goes barefoot for the occasion, and is very easy to like
6. **GRINDELWALD** - Unthreatening, but good, 5th in a 2100m Gr.3 here late last month. Goes over any trip, has won 2 of last 4 here and the drop in category will only work in her favour
7. **HALICIA BELLA** - Unraced since trotting 9th, when shod, in a 2850m Gr.3 here in mid-November. Shoes on for re-entry and can be ruled out
8. **FEE LUCERNAISE** - Put in a fine finish to come 5th in a 2925m Cagnes Gr.3 9 days ago. Is confirmed here but a repeat looks decidedly unlikely
9. **GUINNESS D'HERFRAIE** - Solid 2nd in a Class C over course and distance 3 weeks ago after having imposed over 2850m a month earlier. Not a leading contender this time but still merits respect
10. **GIRL DE BASSIERE** - Very unlucky 8th [behind GRINDELWALD (6)] in the late-January race of reference when clearly full of running. With a trouble-free trip though, can trot her way back into the winners' enclosure
11. **FASHION TOUCH** - Last of 16 in a 2100m Class B here mid-January and looks properly outclassed
12. **GOUTTE DU HOULBET** - Sanctioned early in a 2625m Cordemais Class B on 22 January. Has references at a superior level but recent form does little to inspire confidence
13. **ICELAND FALLS** - Beaten 10th in a 2100m Vincennes Gr.3 12 days ago when not afforded the best of runs, but will not be far off the mark if she replicates her penultimate performance
14. **GOLD VOICE** - Returns from a stint in the monté code, latterly 15th of 16 Cornulier finishers on 21 January. Is no slouch under harness though and must be considered a decent place prospect

Summary: A good class of mare with fine credentials under these conditions, GIRL DE BASSIERE (10) encountered all sorts of woes here last time out but her form is not in question and, with a better trip, can impose. That being said, HAPPY DANICA (2) is a veritable steamroller when barefoot and will not go down without a fight. Enjoying something of a renaissance this year, HURELLA (5) is barefoot for the occasion and is unlikely to disappoint. Seen more often under the saddle this winter, GOLD VOICE (14) can nevertheless boast excellent Vincennes references and the change of discipline may be just what the doctor ordered.

SELECTIONS

GIRL DE BASSIERE (10) - HAPPY DANICA (2) - HURELLA (5) - GOLD VOICE (14)