R4 VICHY [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DE ROYAT - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. JIRELLA DU LOISIR - Consistent performer this year in the South West and shouldn't be hastily condemned for her failure at Beaumont on 9 June. Makes the trip with legitimate ambitions, even more so racing barefoot for the first time in her career

2. JESSY LUCKY - Revealed considerable early promise (last year) but has finished unplaced in all 6 comeback outings this term, the latest (8th) over 2100m at Vincennes on 8 June. For another day

3. JAVA DES AUGERIES - Unplaced in 2 completed races (4 starts) this year, disqualified in her other 2 appearances - including her latest at Laon on 26 May. Others preferred

4. JULIE DU PERCHE - Honest mare rewarded for her consistency with a last-start success over 2950m at this venue on 12 June. Ought to remain competitive over this shorter distance

5. JIVA - Lightly raced mare who is undeniably better than her record/stakes earnings suggest. Has good form and physical condition on her side - finished 3rd over 2200m (barefoot) at Caen on 20 June - so is a candidate for success here

6. JOVIALE PRIOR - Has achieved her best references in this shoe-fitting (unshod behind) so could fare better here after a last-start 10th (shod) over 2875m at Meslay on 19 March. Outsider

7. JACKIE IS BACK - Confirmed under these conditions, especially in this barefoot configuration. Returned to form racing without her irons to finish 3rd over 2625m at Paray-le-Monial on 9 June and the booking of Matthieu Abrivard is encouraging

8. JETSET MOKO - Reliable performer whose aptitude/efficiency for the Vichy layout and this (unshod) shoeing configuration is sure. Runner-up (barefoot) over track and trip on 27 May and finished 3rd (unshod in front) here over 2950m on 12 June

9. JICKY DE L'ITON - Most effective on a right-handed track and seldom finishes far off the mark - didn't go unnoticed when 6th over 2625m at Paray-le-Monial on 9 June. Dark horse

10. JUST DO IT FOR ME - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references, though is most effective without her irons. Races shod on this occasion after finishing 4th over 2225m at Feurs on 22 June

11. JOY DE PENGUEN - Sanctioned in 4 consecutive recent outings, twice each in both trotting disciplines - the latest at Castillonnès in a mounted race on 23 June. Hard to recommend

Summary: Jean-Michel Bazire's charge JIVA (5) has regained momentum after a much-needed comeback outing and seems good value to return to winning ways in this opening event. JIRELLA DU LOISIR (1) travels from the South-West with legitimate ambitions and is, even after her recent failure (disqualification), more than capable of posing a threat - she shouldn't be hastily condemned. JULIE DU PERCHE (4), a winner last time out, and consistent JETSET MOKO (8) have the means to make their presence felt - they're closely matched on form. JACKIE IS BACK (7) and JICKY DE L'ITON (9) aren't underestimated and will appeal to lovers of outsiders.

SELECTIONS

JIVA (5) - JIRELLA DU LOISIR (1) - JULIE DU PERCHE (4) - JETSET MOKO (8)

C2 - PRIX A.E.T.C.E. (PRIX ULYSSE) - 2800m (a2m) - Class D Race -Harness - EUR € 25,000

1. KING D'HERMES - A tricky customer but has won 2 of his last 4 starts, including his latest over 2150m at Enghien on 25 May. Could have more to offer racing barefoot for the first time

2. KALISKO - Lightly raced trotter who has resumed after a lengthy absence in good order - confirmed as much by finishing a good 2nd over 2950m at this venue on 18 May. Dark horse

3. KRONOS D'ERPION - Consistent trotter with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th (unshod) in a competitive 2450m contest at Caen on 24 June. Not taken lightly

4. KRACH NONANTAIS - Delicate and seldom far from a fault but has the undeniable means to make his presence felt if remaining wise. Not hastily condemned despite his recent disqualification at Feurs on 14 June

5. KOOL DE LA GRAVE - Proven right-hander with solid references/credentials (10 times in the first four from 13 starts), albeit without a victory. Showed his form and well-being with an encouraging 3rd over 2575m at Agen on 22 June

6. KONOR HIGHLAND - Has made encouraging improvement recently racing unshod on all 4 feet - confirmed as much with a last-start 3rd over 2950m at this venue on 20 June. Candidate for success

7. KIWI DU LOISIR - Complicated sort disqualified (10 times) more often than not, including his last 3 appearances - the latest over 2950m at this venue on 3 June. Need only remain wise to have a say in the outcome

8. KRISTAL DREAM - Returned to form with an encouraging 4th (shod) over 2650m at Marseille-Vivaux on 8 June. Could confirm that improvement racing without his irons now

9. KANSAS DE CASTELLE - Delicate in his early days (disqualified in 4 of his first 5 starts) but has hit straps recently, winning 3 consecutive outings before a recent 3rd over 2550m at Reims on 2 June. Has another winning chance

10. KARAMEL TENDRE - Has made no impression in any of his 6 comeback outings this year, the latest at Lisieux on 7 June. Overlook

11. KHEOPS DU PERSIL - Disqualified in both barefoot appearances recently, the latest over 2950m at this venue on 17 June. Fitted with a new shoeing configuration

12. KERIDO D'ALOUETTE - Has performed impeccably since his introduction and is a proven right-hander. Unbeaten in this shoe-fitting and showed his form/well-being recently by finishing 2nd over 2150m at this venue on 12 June - keep safe

Summary: Having won 3 and placed in another 3 of his last 6 starts, KANSAS DE CASTELLE (9) retains the full confidence of those around him, so it could pay to follow his progress. KONOR HIGHLAND (6) has improved recently racing without his irons at this venue, so should make life difficult for the selection. KOOL DE LA GRAVE (5), a specialist right-hand track performer, and KRONOS D'ERPION (3), who is proven in this category, also have the means to pose a threat. KING D'HERMES (1) and KERIDO D'ALOUETTE (12) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

KANSAS DE CASTELLE (9) - KONOR HIGHLAND (6) - KOOL DE LA GRAVE (5) -

KRONOS D'ERPION (3)

C3 - PRIX DE CUSSET - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

1. JUST DE LA MORTRIE - Consistent trotter with sound references/form credentials, albeit in several other shoeing configurations. Presented for the first time in this hoe-fitting after a creditable 6th over 2350m at Angers on 11 June - keep safe

2. JAOUEN - Long-time maiden (36 starts) whose form suggests he has lost his way - unplaced in 6 consecutive outings, the latest (10th) in this shoe-fitting over 2350m at Angers on 11 June

3. JACK DU CEBE - Consistent trotter with sound references/form credentials, including a laststart 4th (unshod) in a competitive 2200m contest at Caen on 29 May. Dark horse

4. JACOBIN DU GOUTIER - Delicate in his early days (disqualified in 4 of his first 8 outings) but possesses undeniable ability and confirmed as much with a last-start victory over 2625m at Paray-le-Monial on 9 June. Respected despite jumping in class

5. JOGGER KILY - Unreliable of late but is most effective in this (barefoot) configuration and boasts sound references at this level. Only 8th over 2350m at Angers on 11 June but has the means to fare better under these conditions

6. JACKPOT DE VIETTE - Honest hard-knocker who is seldom far off the mark but rarely wins his races (just 1 victory from 26 starts). Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2500m at Reims in this shoeing configuration on 2 June

7. JIVAGO BLEU - Has performed consistently/competitively in 5 starts this year - won once and finished 2nd and 3rd twice each. Showed his form and well-being by finishing 3rd over 2950m at this venue on 1 June - candidate for success

8. JOKER DU CHOQUEL - Returned to form with an encouraging 3rd in this (barefoot) configuration at Meslay over 2875m on 30 May. Will be a factor

9. JACK MATH - Capable, lightly raced trotter but appears to have lost his way recently - unplaced in his last 3 starts, the latest (9th) over 2950m at this venue on 17 June. Best watched for now

10. JASMIN DU PERRE - Tricky customer but has sufficient means/sound references, especially with Matthieu Abrivard at the helm. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over 2600m at Meslay on 16 May - not taken lightly

11. JOYEUX DES VAUX - A 30-start maiden who got his career back on track with a muchimproved 3rd over 2475m at Niort on 23 June in this (barefoot) shoeing configuration. Must confirm

Summary: Several in the lineup with a legitimate chance, though preference is for in-form JIVAGO BLEU (7) who sets a good standard on the strength and consistency of his recent form. He is also ideally engaged at the ceiling of earnings. JOKER DU CHOQUEL (8) and JUST DE LA MORTRIE (1) have the means to fight for victory, especially with the shoeing configuration in which they're engaged. JOGGER KILY (5), JASMIN DU PERRE (10) and JACOBIN DU GOUTIER (4) are contenders for the minors.

SELECTIONS

JIVAGO BLEU (7) - JOKER DU CHOQUEL (8) - JUST DE LA MORTRIE (1) - JOGGER KILY

(5)

C4 - PRIX DP NUTRITION (PRIX DU NIVERNAIS) - 2950m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 20,000

1. KASH D'URZY - Made a winning reappearance at Challans in February but has failed to build on that form/improvement in four subsequent outings - the latest (disqualified) at Ecommoy over 2750m on 23 June

2. KILLER DE MILLAC - A 16-start maiden with sound references, albeit without success - seldom far off the mark. Could do better than his disappointing last-start 9th over 3125m at Questembert on 26 May

3. KOKTAIL LUDOIS - Won his first start in this barefoot configuration at Cholet in April but has failed to confirm that improvement in 4 subsequent outings - the latest shod (6th) at Segré over 2700m on 15 June

4. KING DU CHENE - Finished 2nd on his reappearance at Le Croisé-Laroche in April but hasn't confirmed that form/improvement in 3 subsequent outings - the latest (7th) over 2825m at Le Croisé-Laroche on 17 June

5. KOOL LUDOIS - Acquitted himself competitively in all 3 barefoot appearances and didn't go unnoticed when 5th (plated) over 3125m at Questembert on 26 May. Unshod for this engagement

6. KAMARO DE JOUDES - A 14-start maiden with sound references - seldom finished far off the mark. Confirmed as much by finishing 6th over 2850m at Feurs on 22 June. Could do better with Laurent Lamazière in the sulky

7. KITO DU BOUILLON - Finished a reassuring 2nd over 2800m at Bernay on 23 June. Needs only to confirm that improvement to have a say

8. KARAMEL DU PIC - Complicated sort disqualified in 10 of 20 starts but didn't go unnoticed when finishing an encouraging 5th over 2950m at this venue on 20 June. Confirmation required

9. KIMCOERE LE FOL - Capable trotter, especially on this shoeing configuration, but has gone off the boil recently - finished 9th over 2850m at Feurs on 14 June

10. KING DE CHAMPIGNY - Consistent performer with sound references at this venue (3rd, 4th and 5th in 3 appearances here) and didn't go unnoticed when finishing a creditable 5th over 2750m at Ecommoy on 23 June - candidate for success

11. KILLER DE BEAULIEU - Out of sorts but has never been seen in this barefoot configuration, so could improve on his modest last-start 10th over track and trip on 20 June

12. KABIR BEDI - Last-start wide-margin winner of a stronger race over 2850m at Feurs on 14 June. Good value to follow up

13. KALADO DE HOUELLE - A great traveler who continues to perform well in this barefoot configuration, finishing 2nd in each of his last 3 starts - the latest at Bordeaux on 19 June. High on the shortlist

Summary: KABIR BEDI (12) was an authoritative winner of a Class D race at Feurs last month and, judged on that evidence, will prove hard to beat with a repeat of that performance. KALADO DE HOUELLE (13), with David Békaert at the helm, wouldnt be winning out of turn having finished 2nd in 3 consecutive outings. KING DE CHAMPIGNY (10), who appreciates this Vichy layout, has sound references to his name and ought to make his presence felt, too. KOOL LUDOIS (5) and KITO DU BOUILLON (7) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

KABIR BEDI (12) - KALADO DE HOUELLE (13) - KING DE CHAMPIGNY (10) - KOOL LUDOIS (5)

C5 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DU TROTTEUR FRANCAIS - 2950m (a2m) -Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 19,500

1. KAYENNE DE MAKA - Disqualified on debut at Gémozac on 9 June. Needs major improvement to win this race

2. KAHILL DE JOUDES - Has disqualification issues and was disqualified last time out at Montluçon on 2 June. Best watched for now

3. KENOR DE LA VALLEE - A runner-up on his debut in Class F at Feurs over 2850m on 22 June. Can go one better this time

4. KADINE THE BEST - Has some fair form and was 5th last time out in Class F at Feurs over 2850m on 22 June. More is needed to win

5. KEBIR JOLI - Yet to win a race but was third last time out at Jullianges over 2425m on 23 June. Might play a minor role

6. KISS ME DOLUCIO - Has shown promise and was a winner last time out in Class F at Mondoublea over 2800m on 16 June. Can double up

7. KLASSICAL WAY ACE - Has major disqualification issues and was disqualified last time out at Montluçon on 2 June. Hard to trust and others are preferred

8. KANDJAR RANAIS - Showed improvement when third last time out in Class F at Niort over 2475m on 23 June. Capable of making the frame

9. KEMER SI - Showed what he is capable of when scoring in Class F at Craon over 2775m on 23 June. Can follow up if in the same mood

10. KIZOMBA - Not disgraced when a runner-up last time out in Class F at Saint-Galmier over 2650m on 21 April. Not out of it

11. KEROS DE BEAULIEU - Battling to regain best form and was 7th last time out in Class F at Amiens over 2400m on 13 June. Needs to do more to win this race

12. KEEPYOURSELFALIVE - Has improved since going barefoot and was a winner last time out in Class F at Erbray over 2675m on 9 June, Deserves respect in this line-up

13. KOCHISE GRIFF - Disappointing form of late and was disqualified last time out at Niort on 23 June. Best watched for now

14. KARINE DU RIL - Yet to win but was barefoot and 5th last time out in Class F at Mondoubleau over 2800m on 16 June. Remains barefoot and could contest the finish

Summary: KENOR DE LA VALLEE (3) caught the eye on debut at Feurs last month, producing a good final effort to finish 2nd. With the benefit of that experience and Matthieu Abrivard at the helm, it should pay to follow his progress. He will, however, need to be wary of the challenges posed by KARINE DU RIL (14) and KISS ME DOLUCIO (6) who have the form and experience to make life difficult for him. KEMER SI (9) and KEEPYOURSELFALIVE (12) acquitted themselves well on turf recently, so they cannot be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

KENOR DE LA VALLEE (3) - KARINE DU RIL (14) - KISS ME DOLUCIO (6) - KEMER SI (9)

C6 - PRIX DE MEAULNE - 2950m (a2m) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 19,500

1. L'ARTISTE DE BOMO - Unreaced Timoko colt from a formidable stable. Revealed promise by qualifying in 1'19"0 at Meslay in August last year

2. LUCKY CHARM - Gelded son of Dragon Des Racques making his debut for owner-trainer Laurent Laudren, who will also be in the sulky

3. LUCKY D'HERMES - Grégory Thorel-trained Scipion Du Goutier gelding entrusted to Paul Philippe Ploquin for his debut. Caught the eye by qualifying in 1'18"0 on 19 June at Meslay-du-Maine

4. LARIMAR DES FORGES - Disqualified in both outings, the latest at Jullianges on 23 June but is held in high regard by his trainer who has engaged David Békaert. Keep safe

5. LARSON DU MARNIS - Disqualified in both outings, the latest over track and trip on 17 June, so is hard to make a case for. Others are preferred

6. LITTLE PLAYER - Finished a pleasing 5th on debut at Argentan in February but has been disqualified in both subsequent outings at Cherbourg, the latest on 3 March. One to watch on his reappearance

7. LAPON DE BERTRANGE - Disqualified in 3 consecutive outings before finishing 3rd at Parayle-Monial in May. Failed to confirm that form and improvement when only 7th over 2300m at Montluçon on 16 June

8. LEADER DANE - Disqualified in 3 of his 6 appearances but not beaten far in the 3 completed races, the latest (6th) over 2225m at Feurs on 22 June. Dark horse

9. LOUSTIC DE CHENU - Caught the eye when 3rd on debut at Neuillé-Pont-Pierre in April but has finished unplaced in both subsequent outings, although far from disgraced in either appearance, the latest (5th) over 2000m at Rambouillet (16 June)

10. L'ECLAIR DE PLAY - Disqualified on debut and in his most recent outing at Caen on 24 June but caught the eye when finishing 2nd over 2825m at Mondoubleau last month (16 June). Need only produce a similar performance to fight for victory

11. LET IT BE PIPOL - Runner-up on debut at Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne in March but disqualified in both subsequent starts, the latest at Lyon-PArilly on 15 April

12. LORENZO BERRY - Has shown undeniable means by finishing 4th in each of his 3 appearances, the latest over 2275m at Nantes on 27 February. Trainer-driver Jean-Michel Bazire presents his charge plated on his return - has a winning chance

Summary: LORENZO BERRY (12), by finishing 4th in each of his 3 starts, has shown enough to win a race of this nature with that experience to count on. Newcomer L'ARTISTE DE BOMO (1), who represents the formidable Alain Chavatte stable, caught the eye in qualifying for his competitive debut, so shouldn't be underestimated. L'ECLAIR DE PLAY (10) need only avoid disqualification to join the fight for victory. LARIMAR DES FORGES (4) and LUCKY D'HERMES (3), another newcomer whose qualification was encouraging, aren't taken lightly either.

SELECTIONS

LORENZO BERRY (12) - L'ARTISTE DE BOMO (1) - L'ECLAIR DE PLAY (10) - LARIMAR

DES FORGES (4)

C7 - PRIX PETIT ANGE CLARA (PX DE LA CLAYETTE) - 2200m (a1m1/2) -Class E Race - Mounted - EUR € 22,000

1. LASCO D'URZY - Unplaced in all 3 appearances in the mounted category but not far off the mark on each occasion. Switching to this category after finishing a career-best 4th in a harness race over 2700m on 10 June

2. LA NOTE - Finished a promising 3rd on debut in a similar contest over this course and distance on 27 May. Improvement expected

3. LOLLIPOP D'UNEVIE - Has placed just once in 8 outings in the harness category - finished 5th over 2675m at Erbray on 9 June. Watch for now

4. LORENZO DU SERAN - Won a 2700m harness race at Cluny in May but has failed to build on that form/improvement in 2 subsequent outings - the latest (8th) over 2650m at Avignon on 16 June. Others preferred

5. LOUNA CHIC - Consistent performer in the harness category, seldom far off the mark. Switching to the mounted code after a recent 6th over track and trip on 21 May

6. LOLLIPOP CHANLECY - Disqualified in all 3 harness appearances but finished 2nd and 3rd in 2 outings under the saddle. Was 2nd over track and trip on 27 May - winning chance

7. LOLA DU VAL - Won her first start under the saddle at Lyon-Parilly over 2100m in March. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th at this venue over track and trip on 27 May - dark horse

8. LAFOLLY DELO - Confirmed the promise of 2 harness races by winning at her first attempt under the saddle at Alencon (2 June) over 2650m on turf. Confirmation expected

9. LOVER DU GRENY - Consistent performer in the harness category and switched to the mounted code after an encouraging 4th over 2150m at this venue on 20 June. Not taken lightly

10. LEADER DES RIOULTS - Has a win and a 3rd in 2 appearances under the saddle. Worth another chance returned to this category after a recent disqualification in a 2850m harness race at Feurs on 14 June

11. LAUREL - Revealed promise in the harness code but, being by the stallion Booster Winner, may have more to offer under the saddle. Not hastily condemned despite a recent disqualification at Nort-sur-Erdre on 8 June

Summary: Victory in this mounted race seems likely to be fought out by LOLLIPOP CHANLECY (6) and LAFOLLY DELO (8) who have shown their quality under the saddle. LA NOTE (2) caught the eye when finishing 3rd on debut recently and, with improvement expected given the benefit of that experience, could join that fight. LAUREL (11), LEADER DES RIOULTS (10) and LOVER DU GRENY (9) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LOLLIPOP CHANLECY (6) - LAFOLLY DELO (8) - LA NOTE (2) - LAUREL (11)

C8 - PRIX PHILIPPE MULLER - 2950m (a2m) - Class G Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 8,000

1. INDIGO BUROIS - Finished 4th in a similar contest over 2800m at this venue in May but disappointed in both subsequent outings. Capable of better and not hastily condemned for his last-start disqualification at Montluçon on 16 June

2. INFINI LE FOL - Battling, long-time maiden (41 starts) who finished a well-beaten 14th over 3025m at Montluçon on 16 June

3. INCA DES CHAMPS - Only narrowly in an amateur race over 2800m at Bollène on 23 June in this shoeing (barefoot) configuration. Candidate for success

4. ISAAC DE CONDE - Honest hard-knocker seldom far off the mark at a higher level - finished 8th in a 2725m mounted race at Lisieux on 7 June. Should fare better in the amateur ranks

5. ITON DES LANDES - Returned to form with an encouraging 4th over 2775m at Craon against the 'pros' on 23 June. Will be a factor

6. HARDIE DE BUSSIERE - Experienced in the amateur ranks but unlikely to trouble the judge having finished unplaced 8 of 9 outings this year, the latest (8th) at Feurs over 2850m on 22 June

7. GEORGIO DU DERBY - Unreliable trotter, soundly beaten in both comeback outings this year and isn't likely to make his presence felt here after a modest 10th over 3025m at Montluçon on 16 June

8. HASTON ATOUT - Consistent performer who has acquitted himself well in 3 consecutive recent appearances in amateur races, the latest (4th) over 2850m at Feurs on 22 June. Keep safe

9. GODZILLA VICI - Veteran mare whose recent form inspires little confidence - unplaced (7th) in this shoeing configuration at this venue over track and trip on 17 June

10. HESTIA DU COMTAL - Tricky customer, disqualified in consecutive outings before finishing 9th over track and trip in the 'pros' earlier this month (17 June). Not taken lightly at this level

Summary: INCA DES CHAMPS (3) has, arguably, the best winning chance in this amateur event. ITON DES LANDES (5) and INDIGO BUROIS (1), however, have the means to fight for victory, too. HASTON ATOUT (8), HESTIA DU COMTAL (10) and ISAAC DE CONDE (4) are others capable of getting involved.

SELECTIONS

INCA DES CHAMPS (3) - ITON DES LANDES (5) - INDIGO BUROIS (1) - HASTON ATOUT (8)