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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DEIMOS - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR €
40,000**

- 1. KARLA D'AVENIR** - 5th of 10 finishers in a 2450m Caen Class F 9 days ago but, in this company, will have too much to do
- 2. KANDICE DU LOISIR** - Returns to the monté code after finishing 8th to KALINE DJOB (11) in a 2100m Lisieux harness Class E, on comeback, a fortnight ago. Faces a stiff test this time and chances limited
- 3. KRISTALE D'ERABLE** - Has turned a corner since starting to race in current configuration, latterly imposing over 2450m in a Caen Class E on 18 March. Not the easiest to handle but, with application, can get a look-in
- 4. KALINE DES RIOULTS** - Changes discipline after coming 9th of 10 in a 2875m Enghien harness Class D on 12 March. 2nd on lone monté appearance and, barefoot this time, will be one to watch
- 5. KERNEZIA DU CORTA** - Back at the top of her game, most recently missing out by little in a 2450m Caen Class E 3 weeks ago. Is new to Vincennes, but her jockey isn't, and looks a decent place prospect
- 6. KALY D'EOLE** - Looked rather ordinary when 6th to KROKEUSE DE DIAM'S (12) in a 2875m Enghien Class D late last month and will need to raise her game considerably
- 7. KALINKA CASTELETS** - 4th of 8 finishers in a 2100m harness Class D here after having shown serious potential under the saddle 3 weeks earlier and can make a big splash if Florian Desmigneux keeps her trotting
- 8. KAGNOTTE D'AZIF** - Winner of her only start under the saddle, she returns to the code after finishing 8th of 12 in a 2875m Enghien harness Class D and, with Paul Ploquin in the irons, will not go down without a fight
- 9. KADANSE DU CORTA** - Left a good impression, coming 2nd in a 2700m Class D here on 19 February. Has had ample time to recuperate and looks the main danger to KELLY D'ESSARTS (10)
- 10. KELLY D'ESSARTS** - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2725m Lisieux harness Class D a fortnight ago. Consistently goes close under the saddle and, racing barefoot this time, can finally get that maiden monkey off her back
- 11. KALINE DJOB** - Unseen under the saddle since being sanctioned almost 13 months ago but reassured when winning a 2100m Lisieux harness Class E 2 weeks ago and should not be entirely ruled out
- 12. KROKEUSE DE DIAM'S** - Can prove tricky but reassured in a 2875m Enghien Class D 10 days ago. Has ground to make up on many here but can play a role if she keeps her action together

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Summary: A number in contention here but a small preference must still go to the promising KELLY D'ESSARTS (10) who races first-time barefoot following a much-needed freshener. François Lagadeuc can still expect to meet opposition from KADANSE DU CORTA (9) who pleased over course and distance before going closer on the main track last time out, and KALINKA CASTELETS (7) who showed promise on her monté debut late-January. KERNEZIA DU CORTA (5) is enjoying something of a resurgence and makes her Vincennes bow with legitimate ambition.

SELECTIONS

**KELLY D'ESSARTS (10) - KADANSE DU CORTA (9) - KALINKA CASTELETS (7) -
KERNEZIA DU CORTA (5)**

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C2 - PRIX DE SURESNES - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class R Claiming - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- 1. KIWI DE LARRE** - Faulted in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 25 March but is clearly in top shape and, on good behaviour, can play a leading role
- 2. KAISER DES CHAMPS** - Easily secured victory in a 2900m Enghien claimer on 12 March. Shod similarly this time and, from the 2-spot, has a realistic chance of repeating
- 3. KAMOVA DU RILER** - Showed a different side to herself when 3rd to KAISER DES CHAMPS (2) in a 2900m Enghien claimer on 12 March. Goes barefoot again and the draw will do her prospects no disservice
- 4. KANGOUROU** - Returns to the claiming category after being sanctioned in a 2875m Enghien monté Class D 10 days ago. Has decent references at this level here and merits considerable respect
- 5. KYARA** - Back in the claiming division after finishing 8th of 9 in a 2100m Class D here mid-February. Has already won at this level, is first time barefoot and, from the 5-spot, can play a part
- 6. KIWI DES MALBERAUX** - Always gives his best but will need to show marked improvement on his 5th place in a 2875m Enghien claimer on 19 March
- 7. KANSAS DE LA COUR** - Makes first appearance since coming 2nd in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class A late-November. Has twice the earnings of his closest rivals and barefoot for the first time, should logically take all the beating
- 8. KRONOS DU GITE** - Sanctioned early in a 2875m Enghien monté Class D 10 days ago and switches back to the monté code with little to offer
- 9. KARA DES BROUSSES** - Has not been seen out since trotting 6th to KANGOUROU (4) in a 2875m claimer here on 22 January. Sports a new configuration but the wide draw will do her no favours
- 10. KALINE DE DUSSAC** - Racing here for a change of scenery after faulting in a 2450m Caen monté Class F late last month and will have few takers
- 11. KALLAGAN** - Got the year off to a decent start but was quickly sanctioned in a 2150m Argentan Class E last week and others easier to back
- 12. KOQUINE D'HERIPRE** - Modest individual that finished last of 11 in a 2550m Reims Class E on comeback 3 weeks ago and can be confidently passed over
- 13. KHALEESI DE MALAC** - Unremarkable filly that could manage no better than 6th of 10 in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie Class F last week and already looks out of her depth

Summary: Not easy to knock when focused, KANSAS DE LA COUR (7) races first-time barefoot on her return to both competition and the capital, and if race-fit, can trot off with the silverware. Eric Raffin will still be keeping a watchful eye on the better-positioned pair of KAISER DES CHAMPS (2) who won an Enghien claimer last month, and KANGOUROU (4) who has already established his credentials in this category. In form over recent weeks, KIWI DE LARRE (1) trotted 2nd to François Lagadeuc's charge before faulting at Le Croisé-Laroche but has hind shoes off and can make amends if Jean-François Senet keeps him in stride.

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**KANSAS DE LA COUR (7) - KAISER DES CHAMPS (2) - KANGOUROU (4) - KIWI DE
LARRE (1)**

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**C3 - PRIX LIBRA - 2200m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR €
46,000**

- 1. JASMIN DANOVER** - Won over the main track 2 months ago before being sanctioned a fortnight later in a 2625m Cherbourg Class E. Form is not in doubt though and, barefoot this time, can make amends
- 2. JEAN DES GLENAN** - Has looked ordinary this year, latterly coming last of 7 in a 2875m Enghien Class D 3 weeks ago, and can be confidently ruled out
- 3. JOCIE DU VILLARD** - Debuts under the saddle after coming 8th of 11, at 101/1, in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 19 March and can expect to remain friendless in the markets
- 4. JAFF DE MESLAY** - Placed in 3 of 4 monté starts this year, most recently a 2875m Enghien Class D 3 weeks ago and will not be available at 58/1 this time around
- 5. JAMES OF CARLY** - Sanctioned, after getting off to a poor start, in a 2875m Enghien Class D 10 days ago. Has otherwise been in fine form and a place in the frame is well within his capacity
- 6. JUDY BLUE EYES** - Quickly lost her action in a 2875m Argentan Class D last week and chances of influencing the result limited at best
- 7. JAVA DAIRPET** - Undeniably capable but sanctioned in last 3, most recently a 2850m Class C here on 22 February, and others easier to trust
- 8. JUNIOR BERDIERE** - Produced quite the surprise when 2nd, at 54/1, in a 2875m Enghien Class D 10 days ago. Unlikely to repeat but still worth keeping an eye on
- 9. JUST A WINNER** - Quickly lost his action, on re-entry, in a 2150m Enghien harness Class C mid-March. Has never finished out of the first 5 in this branch of the business and will be eyeing a 2nd monté success
- 10. JUST BIRD** - Facile winner of a 2700m Class D here on 2 February. Unraced since but is barefoot for the occasion and a repeat of that performance would see him double his money
- 11. JUST ONE NIGHT** - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2150m Enghien harness Class C 3 weeks ago, preparing for a return to the discipline. Has won twice at the venue and can make it 3 if Florian Desmigneux keeps her trotting
- 12. JALOUSIE DE L'ISLE** - Enjoys a fine entry here but continued her poor run of form when 8th of 10 in a 2700m harness Class C here mid-February, and can expect to have few takers

Summary: Justifiably well-regarded at home, JUST ONE NIGHT (11) won over the main track before Christmas and with a harness freshener under her belt, returns to her code of preference with a realistic chance of imposing. Winner over the long course last time out, JUST BIRD (10) returns from a spell but will be no soft touch if still on the boil. JUST A WINNER (9) appreciates these shorter trips, has previously imposed over course and distance, and if race-fit, can challenge for victory. JAMES OF CARLY (5) may not be the most dependable of horses but he has decent Vincennes credentials, sports modified shoeing, and will have a lot to offer if Eric Raffin can get him to stay focused on the job at hand.

SELECTIONS

JUST ONE NIGHT (11) - JUST BIRD (10) - JUST A WINNER (9) - JAMES OF CARLY (5)

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C4 - PRIX APPOLONIA - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. JOUR JOYEUX** - Capable on a good day but will need to improve on latest 7th behind JUSTE SNOB (4) at Laval
- 2. JUST FOR FUN** - Warranted favouritism when winning a 2875m Class F at Meslay-du-Maine on 19 March. Has no Vincennes references but with Mathieu Mottier reining, will be afforded every chance
- 3. JARDYLAND** - Failed to live up to expectations when 5th of 16 in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 8 March. Has previously won over track and trip and must be taken seriously
- 4. JUSTE SNOB** - Came 3rd of 16 in a 2850m Laval Class E on 13 March, having won over course and distance earlier in the year. Competitively-shod this time but still not an obvious choice
- 5. JUAN CARLOS GIFONT** - 4th, a place behind JUSTE SNOB (4), in a 2850m Laval Class E mid-March. Raffin in the hot seat again but no fireworks anticipated
- 6. JOSS CAPELLO** - Complicated sort that flew up in a 2875m Enghien Class E on 12 March. Leading driver at the helm this time and unshod-all-4, can double up
- 7. JABADAO** - 10th of 13 on re-entry in a 2450m Caen Class D a fortnight ago. Is better in the claiming division and is not about to influence the outcome
- 8. J'ENVISAGE DUBRIO** - Back at the top of his game since the turn of the year, most recently trotting 3rd of 12 in a 3150m Saint-Brieuc Class E. In better company this time but will still be expected to give a competitive account. First-5 chance
- 9. JASMIN D'AVE** - Faulted when going well in a similar event here 2 weeks ago but, in this company, is unlikely to shake things up
- 10. JOPH DE VANDEL** - Sanctioned on comeback in a Class D under these conditions a fortnight back. Regularly a question of all-or-nothing and others easier to back
- 11. JASPE DU DOLLAR** - Never far from faulting but received a thumbs-up for winning a 2875m Argentan Class E 8 days ago. Has placed twice from 3 under these conditions and, on good behaviour, can make the first 5
- 12. JACOMO DES BOTS** - 3rd of 15 in a 2450m Caen Class D a month ago. Has been knocking at the door and although not the biggest fan of the main track, his form is very hard to ignore
- 13. JOYAU JICEE** - Sanctioned in a Class D over course and distance a fortnight ago. Won here earlier in the winter and will not be far from the action if Anthony Dollion can keep him trotting
- 14. JACKSON D'ARC** - Went off the boil over the winter but came in a pleasant 4th of 13 in a 2100m Class D here on 23 February. Has been afforded time to recuperate and looks competitive for a place on the podium
- 15. JOJO TOONS** - Useful individual that reassured 2 weeks ago when 3rd of 16 over track and trip. Gets on well with David Thomain and, in similar shape, can figure prominently

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Summary: A tricky character he may be but JOSS CAPELLO (6) made short work of the opposition across town last month and, barefoot and entrusted to Yoann Lebourgeois on this occasion, looks a tough nut to crack. After briefly losing his way in Paris over the winter, JOSS CAPELLO (6) reassured in a similar event last month and, with form maintained, can apply the pressure. Proven under these conditions and reassuringly solid last time out, JACKSON D'ARC (14) should have an important role to play here, as should JACOMO DES BOTS (12) who is reunited with Benjamin Rochard who ran him close at Angers late-January.

SELECTIONS

JOSS CAPELLO (6) - JOJO TOONS (15) - JACKSON D'ARC (14) - JACOMO DES BOTS (12)

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**C5 - PRIX ISOLDA - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR €
40,000**

- 1. KENDO JIEL** - Sanctioned when never dangerous in a 2100m Class C here a month back and can be confidently ruled out
- 2. KIPLING IRON** - Tricky but talented colt that faulted, on re-entry, in the race of reference. Is still being conditioned and best to keep one's powder dry
- 3. KINGSTON DE BLARY** - Showed improvement when 4th of 12 in a Class D under these conditions on 18 February. Has a lot of ground to make up though and others preferred
- 4. KOULOU GAGOU** - Sanctioned when clearly on the way to picking up a cheque in a 2650m Bordeaux Class B on 9 March. Has placed just once on the main track but sports a new configuration and the Eric Raffin-effect must be taken into account
- 5. KRONO DU TRIO** - 8th, at 138/1, behind KOPECK DE CHENU (11) here late last month. Entrusted to Benjamin Rochard this time but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 6. KAPORAL VISAIS** - Gave a fine account on re-entry when 3rd of 8 in a 2650m Bordeaux Class B on 9 March. Is barefoot this time, with Mathieu Mottier reining, and is not to be ignored
- 7. KHEO VIVANCIERE** - Progressive sort that won a Class D over track and trip in good order on 20 February. Has had time to freshen up and justifiably bids for the double
- 8. KEROSEN DU GERS** - Winner of a 2875m Enghien Class D on 8 March, making it two on the trot. Is unbeaten with Franck Nivard and deserves to be taken seriously
- 9. KAID MARTIN** - Tricky sort that would have finished in the money in a 2100m Class C here a fortnight ago had he not faulted. Sports a new configuration and will have his supporters
- 10. KAISER DES GRANGES** - Unlucky 6th to KING DE L'OUEST (13) late-February before again being denied a run when 10th of 11 finishers in a 2100m Class C here 2 weeks ago. Lebourgeois reining this time and will be expected to show marked improvement
- 11. KOPECK DE CHENU** - Gave a good account to finish 4th of 16 in a 2100m Class C here a fortnight ago. Will struggle to repeat but should nevertheless give an honourable account
- 12. KEOPS TILLAYE** - Did not enjoy the best of runs when sanctioned in the late-March race of reference. Competitively-shod for the first time and, reunited with Matthieu Abrivard, will be worth monitoring
- 13. KING DE L'OUEST** - Faithful element that came closest to the winner in a Class B over course and distance on 23 February. Is here on his merits and, barefoot again, can finally get back in the winners' enclosure
- 14. KID PARKER** - 5th in the race of reference before smartly winning a 2725m Lisieux Class D on 20 March. Switches back to racing with front pads, the configuration in which he won here last December. First-5 prospect
- 15. KAN DURAN** - In the frame in 4 of 5 here, latterly 3rd to KING DE L'OUEST (13) in the late-February race of reference, and looks thoroughly capable of confirming

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Summary: Twice runner-up over course and distance this year, KING DE L'OUEST (13) beat a number of these in late-February and barefoot again, with freshness on his side, may well prove the one to beat this time. He will still face resistance from the faithful KHEO VIVANCIERE (7) who opened his Vincennes account 3 days earlier, and KAN DURAN (15) who finished a place behind the favourite last time out. KEROSEN DU GERS (8) won 2 in the space of a week last month and while yet to show a liking for Vincennes, he has ability and it is just a question of time.

SELECTIONS

KING DE L'OUEST (13) - KHEO VIVANCIERE (7) - KAN DURAN (15) - KEROSEN DU GERS (8)

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**C6 - PRIX CEPHENS - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR €
49,000**

- 1. IN VIVO** - No slouch on a good day but just 8th of 17 on comeback in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class D and will need another run
- 2. ILTON DE BELLANDE** - 9th of 16 in a 2700m Lyon-La Soie Class E late-February. Comes here fresh, is confirmed here, and goes barefoot with Matthieu Abrivard reining. Attention
- 3. ICARE DE PHYT'S** - Races barefoot for just the 2nd time in his career after faulting in a 2875m Enghien monté Class D 10 days ago, but still not expected to wow the crowds
- 4. ICARE DU DOLLAR** - Has hardly stepped a foot out of line all year, latterly coming 4th of 11 in a 2875m Enghien Class E 3 weeks ago, and the 25m head-start can only work to his advantage
- 5. GITAN DE TOUCHYVON** - Capable sort making his first appearance since flopping in a 2825m Lignières Class F late-November. Entrusted to Mathieu Mottier this time but will still have his work cut out
- 6. HECTOR DU MINON** - Pleasantly surprised when 4th of 14 in a 2500m Reims Class G a fortnight ago. Gets an Eric Raffin drive this time but others still easier to support
- 7. IVALO DU BOCAGE** - Sanctioned in all 4 this year, latterly a 2100m Vincennes Class D. Won over course and distance late-December and can get a look-in if he deigns to stay in stride
- 8. INVICTUS MADRIK** - Unremarkable 8th behind IN LOVE MESLOIS (9) in a Class C over course and distance a week ago. Nivard reining this time but others still preferred
- 9. IN LOVE MESLOIS** - Showed improvement when 5th of 16 in a Class C over track and trip. Is 25m worse off this time, but drops in category, sports a different configuration, and should not be far from the action
- 10. IGUANE DE CAPONET** - Has not been seen out since coming 5th of 11 in a 2700m Class C here early-December. Hind shoes off for re-entry and, if fully-fit, can set the cat among the pigeons
- 11. GOGO DES MALBERAUX** - Hardy sort that finished a well-beaten 7th of 15 in a 2675m Lisieux Class E on re--entry on 20 March. Has previously won here in this configuration but the extra 25m will do him no favours
- 12. ILLICO DES BAUX** - Ran 2nd over track and trip early last month before failing to fire in a 2700m Class C here 3 weeks later, but drops in category and, if focused, will be dangerous
- 13. IRIS DES ROSEAUX** - Produced an excellent effort to trot 3rd of 16 in a competitive 2450m Caen Class D a month ago and victory looks to be well within his grasp

Summary: A superb campaigner that seldom lets the side down, IRIS DES ROSEAUX (13) starts on the back line but his recent Caen performance augurs particularly well for his chances. Théo Duvaldestin would still be wise to be wary of ILLICO DES BAUX (12) who impressed over course and distance early last month, and front-row starter, ICARE DU DOLLAR (4), who has gone from strength to strength this term. IGUANE DE CAPONET (10) has been smartly campaigned, has decent Vincennes credentials, and has already won 4 times for Yoann Lebourgeois.

SELECTIONS

IRIS DES ROSEAUX (13) - ILLICO DES BAUX (12) - ICARE DU DOLLAR (4) - IGUANE DE

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CAPONET (10)

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**C7 - PRIX AQUILA - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR €
40,000**

- 1. KULTA** - Back in business when 2nd of 8 finishers in a 2700m Class E at Le Croisé-Laroche on 25 March. Cannot be considered a priority but will still be competitive for a minor-place cheque
- 2. KINDNESS LIAMONE** - 9th of 10 in a 2625m Agen-Le passage Class E a month back when prepping for this. Barefoot for the occasion and has a realistic chance of finishing in the first 3
- 3. KALAMITY DE CHENU** - 4th over track and trip before an unlucky 5th of 12 in a 2875m Meslay-du-Maine Class E on 19 March. Nivard at the helm and will have his chances if he can keep her out of trouble
- 4. KOSANOSTRA** - 4th of 11 finishers in a 2100m Lisieux Class E on 20 March. Shoes off for the first time and is ideally-placed to open her 2024 account
- 5. KEATANA DU METZ** - Sanctioned, on comeback, in a 2725m Lisieux Class D on 20 March. Races first time barefoot and from the 5-spot will be no easy touch
- 6. KENZA SPORT** - Improving sort that won her 2nd of the year 8 days ago, securing a 2150m Argentan Class E with ease. Untried here but is confirmed going left-handed and is sufficiently well-positioned to challenge for the win
- 7. KIVA DU LOISIR** - 3rd, at 16/1, in a 2875m Enghien Class E 10 days ago when barefoot for the first time. Steps up in category but will be afforded every chance
- 8. KATE** - One-paced 9th of 15 in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 19 March. Otherwise boasts a good record when barefoot and, with application, can get a look-in
- 9. KALIE WOOD** - Has not been seen out since coming 4th of 12 in a 3000m Nantes Class B 5 months ago. Is drawn wide on the front line but is barefoot for the occasion and will generate some interest
- 10. KISSABELLA** - Sanctioned on return to competition in a 2100m Lisieux Class E on 20 March. Has ability but not easy to trust and others preferred
- 11. KARMEN DE MONTCEAU** - 5th, 2 places behind KIVA DU LOISIR (7), in a 2875m Enghien Class E 10 days ago but a repeat seems most improbable
- 12. KEYPTOWN** - 10th of 11 finishers, on re-entry, in a 2100m Lisieux Class E late last month. Hind shoes off for the first time but still not easy to make a case
- 13. KATANA** - Pleasant but beaten 5th of 10 in a 2450m Caen Class E 3 weeks ago and in this company will struggle to make any impact
- 14. KWINIE JIHAIME** - Modest individual that was pulled-up on comeback (due to a broken wheel) in a 2875m Enghien Class E 10 days ago but can still be written off
- 15. KOH SAMUI BOND** - 9th of 10 finishers, behind KIVA DU LOISIR (7), in a 2875m Enghien Class E 10 days ago. Is behind in earnings, races first-time barefoot, and despite the tough draw, should not be overlooked
- 16. KANELLE DU VAL** - 7th in the Lisieux race of reference, having made little impression, and is not about to change her ways

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Summary: With talent in spades and two races under her belt, KOSANOSTRA (4) races barefoot for the first time and, with Eric Raffin reining, will be in a position to wrap this up. On the front line, and progressing with every run, KENZA SPORT (6) makes her Vincennes debut with legitimate ambition, while a barefoot KEATANA DU METZ (5) will be dangerous if Yoann Lebourgeois can keep her trotting. KINDNESS LIAMONE (2) returns to racing barefoot following her Agen freshener and, from the 2-spot, will have her chances.

SELECTIONS

**KOSANOSTRA (4) - KENZA SPORT (6) - KEATANA DU METZ (5) - KINDNESS LIAMONE
(2)**

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C8 - PRIX GRATIA - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 59,000

- 1. HORTINO** - Won 2 on the trot before finishing 6th to HOLD UP RANAIS (6) in a 2100m Vincennes Class E on 29 March and other considerations are preferred
- 2. GOLDEN GRACE** - Pulled-up in a 2700m Machecoul Class E last Monday. Has references here but, over 2700m, is not about to spring any surprises
- 3. GIANT MADRIK** - Smart winner of a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E on 27 February. Comes here fresh and looks thoroughly capable of confirming
- 4. DANTE TURGOT** - Surprise 3rd, behind FILOU DE LARRE (12), in a 2850m Class D here on 22 February but a repeat is highly improbable
- 5. GO AWAY BIRD** - 7th, 2 places behind GYS (16), in a 2100m Class D here early last month. Showed his form in the other code late-February and should not be overlooked
- 6. HOLD UP RANAIS** - Honest sort that showed considerable class to win a 2100m Class E here a week ago. Takes on some better horses this time though and looks more a minor place prospect at best
- 7. GALANTE HAUFOR** - Has not been seen out for 2 months since faulting, for a 5th straight time, in a 2100m Class D here on 8 February. Has buckets of talent but never easy to trust
- 8. HERALDIQUE** - Quality individual that missed out by little in a 2825m Vire Class E a month back. Is clearly close to his race and deserves to be rewarded with victory one of these days
- 9. HARMONIOUSLY** - Unraced since coming 7th of 9 in a 2850m Class C here late-November. Barefoot for re-entry but still no threat
- 10. GAMIN NORMAND** - Looked very ordinary when sanctioned in a 2875m Enghien Class D 3 weeks ago and will have few friends once more
- 11. HAITIAN FIGHT SONG** - Courageous 2nd of 14 in a 2875m Enghien Class D 3 weeks ago. Is very hard to knock when unshod behind and must be respected
- 12. FILOU DE LARRE** - 12th of 13 in a 2825m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche on 9 March. Races barefoot this time and will not be far off the mark if he can reproduce his penultimate performance
- 13. HIDDEN TEXAS** - Drops back in category after faulting in a Class B over course a distance mid-February. Has had time to get his house in order and can play a role if Mathieu Mottier manages to keep him trotting
- 14. GUERRIER CASTELETS** - Good 3rd in a tough 2850m Class D here fortnight ago. Has never delivered over 2700m at Vincennes but, in current form, is hard to ignore
- 15. GOLD D'ECROVILLE** - Sanctioned when never threatening in a 2925m Cagnes Class E on 23 February and can be confidently passed over
- 16. GYS** - Raced better in a 2100m Class D here on 2 March than his 5th place would suggest. Could not have asked for a better entry and, already a winner for Eric Raffin, will be no pushover

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Summary: One of the most dependable horses in the category, GIANT MADRIK (3) produced quite the performance at Mauquenchy late-February and is in with a realistic shout of doubling his money. GYS (16) had his measure earlier in the year and should again figure prominently, but may first have to give way to HERALDIQUE (8) who, despite not having any valid Vincennes credentials, is in the form of his life. GUERRIER CASTELETS (14) thrives at Vincennes and will be competitive for a slice of the pie.

SELECTIONS

GIANT MADRIK (3) - HERALDIQUE (8) - GYS (16) - GUERRIER CASTELETS (14)