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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA DORDOGNE - 2850m (a2m) - Class A Race - Harness -
EUR € 62,000**

- 1. NIKITA R** - Takes a hike in class after winning over 2100m on re-entry at Wolvega a fortnight ago. Faces a stiffer test this time though and not an obvious choice
- 2. EMY STECCA** - Respectable 4th of 7 finishers in a 2100m Vincennes Class D late-February on first start for new yard. Will have come on for the run but is still being conditioned and best to wait
- 3. ELOISE GAR** - Has not been seen out since coming 2nd over a mile in Naples last October. Entrusted to Eric Raffin for French debut but no fireworks anticipated on first start back
- 4. NIAGARA RIVER** - Handy Dutch filly that still had a lot to give when sanctioned in a 2100m Class C here on 2 March. In even better company this time though and others preferred
- 5. RAGAZZA DU CHENE** - Lost her action in a 2850m Vincennes Class B on 2 March. Is undeniably useful but in this category will have too much to do
- 6. KARA POU RAFAL** - Failed to confirm her early-February success when surprisingly lacklustre last of 10 finishers in the race of reference. Is back just 2 weeks on though and, hind shoes off, will be out for redemption
- 7. KIPHYLE DESBOIS** - Serious filly that has been knocking at the door for some time, latterly trotting 2nd to KEEN WINNER (12) in a 2700m Class A here 2 weeks ago. Deserves to be rewarded with success and will have her chances
- 8. KISS ME HONEY** - Quality individual that faulted in the race of reference. Has an excellent record at the venue though and will be expected to put things right. Claim
- 9. KRACOVIA** - Disappointing 9th to KEEN WINNER (12) a fortnight ago but will be at peak fitness by now and, racing first-time barefoot, will be no pushover
- 10. KELLE BEAUTE** - Made up for her Bordeaux sanction when 4th in the race of reference. Is proven in this category and is not incapable of getting a look-in
- 11. KONFINEE** - Gave an unexpectedly good account to come 3rd to KEEN WINNER (12) in a 2700m Class A here 2 weeks ago, when reined by Lebourgeois for the first time, and must be retained
- 12. KEEN WINNER** - Twice a winner from 3 barefoot starts, most recently beating a number of these with ease in a 2700m Class A here a fortnight ago. Entrusted to Anthony Barrier for the first time and looks a serious proposition
- 13. RIKITA JP** - 9th of 15 in a 2850m Gr.3 here, having lost here action early, on 18 February. Has form at a superior level though and, on good behaviour, can start to set the record straight
- 14. KIARA DE VANDEL** - Given almost 2 months off after being denied a run (before being sanctioned) in 2100m Gr.2 Ephrem Houel here on 10 February. Has had time to get her house in order and, with application, can apply the pressure on KISS ME HONEY (8)

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Summary: After winning three in a row here before being sent for a spell, KISS ME HONEY (8) can be excused her comeback sanction and is unlikely to be bested if she stays in stride. Principal opposition will take the form of KIARA DE VANDEL (14) who was very unlucky last time out, and KEEN WINNER (12) who never missed a beat on her return to competition. KIPHYLE DESBOIS (7) is a model of consistency and should again figure prominently.

SELECTIONS

KISS ME HONEY (8) - KIARA DE VANDEL (14) - KEEN WINNER (12) - KIPHYLE DESBOIS (7)

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C2 - PRIX DE DORCEAU - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class B Race - Mounted - EUR € 52,000

1. KEY BISCAYNE - Useful colt that finished a beaten 3rd to KATINKA AIMEF (6) in a 2875m Enghien Class C 3 weeks ago. Always gives his best but has yet to establish his credentials over the main track

2. KALLAS IN SALLAZ - Quickly broke into a gallop in Gr.1 Prix des Centaures over 2200m here on 2 March. Drops back to a more reasonable category and is unlikely to return home empty-handed

3. KAPELLA - Opened her monté account, in style, on 19 February in a 2700m Class D here. Has been given time to freshen up, goes barefoot again, and is not out of the running for victory

4. KANTHABELLA - Takes a big drop in class after coming a well-beaten 6th of 10 finishers in Gr.1 Prix des Centaures over 2200m here on 2 March, but still looks out of her depth

5. KID DES MOLLES - Last of 14 when prepping for this in a 2450m Caen harness Class D a month back. Excellent in this branch of the business, boasting an 80% win-rate, and barefoot for the occasion, can strike again

6. KATINKA AIMEF - Tricky character that has excelled with Raffin in the irons, securing a 2875m Enghien Class C 3 weeks ago, and has every chance of continuing her successful run

7. KADO SHINING - Sanctioned when prepping for this in a 2700m harness Class A here 2 weeks ago. Drops in category, goes barefoot this time and, with application, could pleasantly surprise

Summary: Some promising trotters here, with KATINKA AIMEF (6) looking a particularly appealing proposition after 3 solid monté wins, all under Eric Raffin, and a 4th looks to be on the cards. They will still encounter resistance from the progressive KID DES MOLLES (5) who is barefoot for a return to his code of preference, and KAPELLA (3) who confirmed her monté potential when trouncing a decent field here last time out.

SELECTIONS

KATINKA AIMEF (6) - KID DES MOLLES (5) - KAPELLA (3) - KADO SHINING (7)

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C3 - PRIX DE BAPAUME - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 53,000

- 1. JOLIE COKTAIL** - Going well when sanctioned in a 2450m Caen Class B on 11 March. Gets another crack at it, at a track she appreciates, and even from the inside line, can make a big splash
- 2. JOCONDE TURGOT** - Good consistent mare that finished 4th in a 2925m Cagnes Class A on 10 March. Won her only Vincennes start and, first time barefoot, does not make the long trip only to return home empty-handed
- 3. JULIA QUICK** - Considerably better than recent results would imply. Would have picked up a cheque in a 2450m Caen Class B on 11 March had she not faulted and returning to racing left-handed looks just the ticket. Chance
- 4. JEZABEL JENILOU** - Has done nothing but improve of late, latterly 2nd in a 2150m Enghien Class C 3 weeks ago. Has the plum spot in front but still no more than a minor place prospect
- 5. IMAGE D'HERFRAIE** - Back at the top of her game lately, most recently 2nd to a good horse in a 2675m Lisieux Class F 3 weeks ago. Takes on better this time but is well-placed behind the car and will have her chances
- 6. JOLIGIRL BEAUFOUR** - Comfortably won a 2850m Vincennes Class C on 23 February and should be able to notch up another victory provided she can stay in stride
- 7. ODANA VRIJTHOUT** - Returns to racing with front pads off after a convincing 2nd in a 2700m Vincennes Class F a fortnight ago. Faces a stiffer test this time but will still generate interest
- 8. JOIA DU CITRUS** - Sent for a spell after 2 straight sanctions, latterly a 2850m Class B here on 10 February. Returns fresh and, even though drawn wide, still looks a player
- 9. JOLLY STAR JIEL** - Looked very ordinary on re-entry when 9th of 12 finishers in a 2450m Caen Class B on 11 March, and the wide draw only complicates the issue
- 10. INES DE LA ROUVRE** - 4th over course and distance 2 months ago before faulting in a 2675m Lisieux Class F mid-March. On 2nd line and in this company will have no realistic chance
- 11. LOOK OF LOVE** - 3rd of 7 over 2840m at home in Mons on 21 March. Goes barefoot for return to Paris but will have her work cut out
- 12. CHANTAL FB** - Faulted early, when unsupported, in a 2700m Class C here a fortnight ago and, front shoes on or off, will have nothing to offer
- 13. DENIA** - Returns, barefoot, to the harness code after trotting 4th in a 2850m monté Class D here 8 days ago. Handed a tough draw though and chances limited
- 14. JUNKIE (SWE)** - Has not been seen out since finishing 7th of 16 in a 2850m Class B here on 10 February. Appreciates a mobile start and even though not ideally-drawn, is unlikely to be far from the action
- 15. DADA DEL RONCO** - Showed improvement when 5th of 16 in a 2150m Enghien Class D on 12 March. Has no love for Vincennes though and can be ruled out
- 16. CINDERELLA JET** - Failed to fire when last of 13 in a 2700m Class C here 2 weeks ago. Has won just once since leaving the Bazire yard and the draw only compounds matters

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Summary: An absolute dynamo this winter, winning 4 of her last 5 starts, JOLIGIRL BEAUFOUR (6) will have this in the bag if Nicolas Bazire can keep her trotting. JULIA QUICK (3) produced a fast time here 2 months ago, latterly showed her form at Caen and, barefoot for the occasion, will be no soft touch. Stablemate JOLIE COKTAIL (1) is no shrinking violet when focused and, with Franck Nivard at the helm, will be afforded every chance. JOIA DU CITRUS (8) had had time to get her house in order and will have a say in the outcome if David Thomain can keep her focused.

SELECTIONS

JOLIGIRL BEAUFOUR (6) - JULIA QUICK (3) - JOLIE COKTAIL (1) - JOIA DU CITRUS (8)

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C4 - PRIX KERJACQUES - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR € 120,000

- 1. FASHION TOUCH** - Unremarkable mare taking a leap in category after trotting 5th to GAMAY DE L'ITON (6) in a 2825m Class D at Le Croisé-Laroche on 9 March. Shoes on and no threat
- 2. HE AND ME** - Faithful servant making his first start since coming 2nd of 15 in a 2850m Class B here just over 2 months ago. Shod this time, will acquit himself honourably, but still not a priority
- 3. EVEIL DU CHATELET** - Stays shod for his first appearance since coming 2nd in a 2850m Vincennes Class A last June and will need the outing
- 4. HADES DE VANDEL** - Capable sort that won his prep over 2100m at Wolvega 2 weeks ago but appears to be biting off more than he can chew this time
- 5. BILO JEPSON** - Last of 11 when prepping shod for this in a Gr.3 over course and distance early-March. Came 5th in 2023, is barefoot for the occasion, but others still easier to back
- 6. GAMAY DE L'ITON** - Held on well to come 4th in 2850m Gr.3 Prix du Bois de Vincennes here 2 weeks ago. Sights set higher this time though and no more than a minor place chance
- 7. USAIN TOLL** - Finished 3rd in 2850m Gr.3 Prix du Bois de Vincennes here a fortnight back, just as he did 12 months ago before trotting 3rd in this event. Form is not in doubt and deserves to be taken seriously
- 8. INMAROSA** - Runner-up to HUSSARD DU LANDRET (13) in the Prix de Paris before coming 4th in 1609m Critérium de Vitesse at Cagnes on 10 March. Has nothing to prove over 2700m here and must not be underestimated
- 9. ELVIS DU VALLON** - 2nd in the mid-March Caen race of reference, putting in a good time, when prepping for this. Always gives his best but, in this company, will struggle to make his mark
- 10. HANNA DES MOLLES** - 3rd, a place behind ELVIS DU VALLON (9), in a 2200m Caen Class D 3 weeks ago. Is a multiple Gr.1-winning mare under the saddle and has the class to do well here
- 11. ECLAT DE GLOIRE** - Left a good impression before being disqualified in a 2200m Caen Class D mid-March. Has references at this level but is in Gr.1-class this time and chances limited
- 12. HOKKAIDO JIEL** - Did not enjoy the best of runs when 7th in the Prix de Paris late-February. Is back over his preferred trip, sports modified shoeing, finished 3rd in last year's edition, and is in with a realistic shout
- 13. HUSSARD DU LANDRET** - Majestic winner of the Gr.1 Prix de Paris over 4150m here on 25 February and in similar form can put last year's 9th place firmly in the past. Claim
- 14. ELIE DE BEAUFOUR** - 12th of 18, when still being conditioned, in a 2200m Caen Class D 3 weeks ago. Is barefoot this time, entrusted to Eric Raffin, and should logically finish considerably closer than his 8th place in 2023
- 15. HOOKER BERRY** - Respectable 6th, behind INMAROSA (8), in Gr.1 Critérium de Vitesse over 1609m at Cagnes on 10 March, after having come 3rd in Gr.1 Prix de Paris. Will have freshened up since moving stables and can play a leading role

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Summary: A thrilling edition of the Prix Kerjacques in prospect with HUSSARD DU LANDRET (13) legitimately bidding to secure a 2nd straight, having run away with the Gr.1 Prix de Paris last time out. Third that day before coming 6th in the Gr.1 Critérium de Vitesse, HOOKER BERRY (15) has returned to Franck Leblanc's yard and will appreciate a return to his preferred 2700m. HOKKAIDO JIEL (12) similarly excels over the trip and can make amends for his unfortunate Prix de Paris run. HANNA DES MOLLES (10) is an interesting addition to the field and is eminently capable of spicing things up.

SELECTIONS

**HUSSARD DU LANDRET (13) - HOOKER BERRY (15) - HOKKAIDO JIEL (12) - HANNA
DES MOLLES (10)**

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**C5 - PRIX DU GERS - 2850m (a2m) - Class A Race - Harness - EUR €
62,000**

- 1. EL CHAPO STECCA** - Prepped for this when 6th in the race of reference. Stays shod but entrusted to Eric Raffin for the first time and will be worth monitoring
- 2. MACK LOVE** - Quality Swedish raider that trotted 8th to KHAL'S FELLA (14), on return to competition, here late last month. Front pads on again and best to hold off
- 3. KING GEORGES** - Progressive sort making his first appearance since securing the double early-December in a 2100m Class D here. Unlikely to be taxed and others preferred
- 4. KASH MADRIK** - Opened his Vincennes account late-February before faulting, when assured a place cheque, in a 2100m Class C here a fortnight back. In more exalted company this time around though and unlikely to spring a surprise
- 5. KYOTO DIGEO** - Faulted in 23 March race of reference a month after having trotted 3rd to KATAKI DE WALLIS (6) over 2100m. Not devoid of ability but has a mountain to climb on this occasion
- 6. KATAKI DE WALLIS** - Tricky type that won 2 on the trot here before being sanctioned in the race of reference. Entrusted to Lebourgeois this time and, shod to preference, can secure a 3rd victory of the year
- 7. KRAFEN** - 8th of 11 finishers behind KAVIARISSIME (15) in Gr.3 Prix Franck Anne early last month. Will be fully-fit by now but others still easier to back
- 8. BROTHERS IN ARMS** - Oddly below-par when last of 13 behind EXECUTIV EK (9) in Gr.3 Prix d'Orthez on 18 February, but has had time to get his act together and will be expected to make amends
- 9. EXECUTIV EK** - Has done nothing but improve since returning to France, winning Gr.3 Prix d'Orthez over course and distance, with authority, on 18 February and, in similar form, can give David Thomain something to think about
- 10. EBANO D'ARC** - Showed marked improvement when 4th to KHAL'S FELLA (14) in 23 March race of reference. Dependability not his strong suit but should still not be ruled out
- 11. ELTON WISE** - Tough colt with a good record at the venue, most recently coming 3rd to EXECUTIV EK (9) in Gr.3 Prix d'Orthez over course and distance on 18 February. Not about to win this but, with application, can finish in the mix
- 12. KEYNOTE** - Trotted 3rd to KAVIARISSIME (15) early last month before coming a valiant 2nd to KHAL'S FELLA (14) in a 2700m Vincennes Class A 2 weeks ago, and another place in the frame is well within his capacity
- 13. KNOCKONWOOD** - Has not been seen out since faulting in a 2700m Gr.3 here on 28 December. Hind shoes off for the first time but is unlikely to be given a hard race
- 14. KHAL'S FELLA** - Beat a number of these when winning a 2700m Vincennes Class A in good order a fortnight ago. Is unlikely to contain KAVIARISSIME (15) but may well be the next-best choice
- 15. KAVIARISSIME** - Won Gr.3 Prix Franck Anne, in style, over 2700m here on 2 March and can make this his own if Philippe Allaire has kept him on the boil

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16. ENCIERRO (ITY) - Returns to Paris after finishing 2nd of 3 finishers over a mile at Le Capannelle 3 weeks ago. Hind shoes off for the occasion, enjoys an entry-made-in-heaven, but still no more than a minor place chance

Summary: Brimming with talent but not always the easiest of horses to handle, KAVIARISSIME (15) made short work of the Gr.3 Prix Franck Anne early last month and, in similar form, will take some beating. 5th that day before beating a host of these 3 weeks later, KHAL'S FELLA (14) will not go down without a scrap, and neither will EXECUTIV EK (9) who has progressed superbly since returning to France. Twice a winner here in February, KATAKI DE WALLIS (6) has just front pads fitted this time and will have claims on the prize if Yoann Lebourgeois keeps him trotting.

SELECTIONS

KAVIARISSIME (15) - KHAL'S FELLA (14) - EXECUTIV EK (9) - KATAKI DE WALLIS (6)

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C6 - PRIX CORNELIA - 2850m (a2m) - Gr3 Race - Mounted - EUR € 90,000

- 1. IN LOVE DU CHOQUEL** - Gr.1-placed element that encountered no opposition, when shod, in a 2875m Enghien Class C on 8 March. Would have better prospects barefoot but is still in with a shout of picking up a cheque
- 2. INOUI DANICA** - Reassured when 3rd in a 2875m Enghien Class C on 19 March but can expect to find this a much stiffer test
- 3. GALA D'URFIST** - Produced his career-best performance on 25 February, demolishing the opposition in a 2700m Class A here. Is a steamroller when applied and will take all the beating
- 4. ESPACE WINNER** - Disappointing 8th, behind GALET STED (6), in a Class B over track and trip on 10 February and will need to find significantly more
- 5. DUC DU LUPIN** - 4th to GALA D'URFIST (3) late-February before finishing unplaced in a 2200m Caen harness Class D on 14 March. Sights set a bit too high this time and chances slim
- 6. GALET STED** - 8th in a 2900m Amiens harness Gr.3 a month ago. Boasts a fine record under the saddle and should not be far off the mark at the business end of the race
- 7. FOUQUE DU DOLLAR** - Last of 14, on just 2nd start back, in harness Gr.3 over course and distance 2 weeks ago. Is barefoot for her first objective since the Cornulier and, in this company, should be good enough to make the first 5
- 8. FIFTY FIVE BOND** - Unseen since faulting in a harness Class B over course and distance on 1 February. Is not without merit and, even sporting modified shoeing, has nothing to offer here
- 9. INES DES RIOULTS** - Caught the eye in final stages of Gr.1 Prix Henri Desmontils, when 6th over 3000m here on 2 March. Still has ground to make up but can nevertheless expect some support
- 10. GIGOLO LOVER** - Classy but capricious sort that prepped for this in a 2850m Laval harness Class A on 13 March, finishing down the field. Races barefoot, with Eric Raffin back onboard though, and will be no soft touch
- 11. FULTON** - Made return to competition last weekend, coming 11th of 14 in a 2750m Ecommoy harness Class A. Has nothing to prove under these conditions and, with application, can figure prominently
- 12. GEISHA SPEED** - Gr.1-winning mare that made her comeback, shod, in a 2850m Laval harness Class A on 13 March. Shoes off for the occasion and looks the closest threat to GALA D'URFIST (3)
- 13. FIGARO DE LARRE** - 13th of 14 when prepping for this in harness Gr.3 over course and distance a fortnight ago. Not as sharp as he once was but sports a new configuration and, while not a priority, will still be worth watching

Summary: Winner of his last 5 starts, when he has deigned to stay in stride, GALA D'URFIST (3) was simply magnificent last time out and, if applied, is unlikely to be bested. Leading the charge behind him is the eminently-capable, and barefoot, GEISHA SPEED (12) who won the Gr.1 Prix de l'Ile-de-France 2 months ago, and a similarly-unshod FULTON (11) who beat her in the Gr.3 Prix du Pontavice de Heussey earlier in the year. Third that day, GIGOLO LOVER (10) seldom disappoints when focused and will be reunited with Eric Raffin.

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SELECTIONS

GALA D'URFIST (3) - GEISHA SPEED (12) - FULTON (11) - GIGOLO LOVER (10)

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C7 - PRIX DE LOUDEAC - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 53,000

- 1. COEUR JOYEUSE** - Remarkably-consistent sort making his first appearance since trotting 3rd over 2060m in Turin last November. Is barefoot with an inside draw and looks an interesting outside chance
- 2. JOLI MANNEQUIN** - Valiant 4th in a 2450m Caen Class B on 11 March. Is clearly in excellent shape and, from the 2-spot, looks every part the place prospect
- 3. JEU COQUIN** - Pleasantly surprised when 3rd in a Class C here mid-February before being sanctioned in a 2450m Class B at Caen on 11 March, and is unlikely to shake things up
- 4. MULBERRY (SWE)** - 3rd to COBRA KILLER GAR (5) on Vincennes debut before winning a 2900m Amiens monté Class F in style a month ago. Is barefoot this time and the draw will only work to his advantage
- 5. COBRA KILLER GAR** - Somewhat erratic but reassured with success in a 2700m Class D here on 25 February. Has had time to freshen up and, from the 5-spot, can make it 2 on the trot
- 6. JUBY DE BAILLY** - Unraced since trotting 4th of 5 in a 2175m monté Class B here late-December. Has other priorities and can be disregarded
- 7. INDIO** - Thoroughly-beaten 9th of 16 in a 2850m Class C here on 29 March and is once again out of his league
- 8. JAZZ D'OURVILLE** - Consistently in the thick of things when barefoot, most recently victorious in a 2700m Vincennes Class D 8 days ago. Starts wide but, with form maintained, can double his money
- 9. JOB DES MOLLES** - Impressive winner of a 2450m Caen Class D on 21 March after having missed out by little to JOLI MANNEQUIN (2) late-February and will have his chances if Mathieu Mottier successfully navigates the start
- 10. DIAPASON (ITY)** - Well-regarded trotter making his first start since coming 9th in a valuable event over 2140m at Solvalla early-November. Is confirmed here, and races barefoot for comeback, but others easier to support this time
- 11. ONE LOVE BIANCA** - Came in a beaten 5th to COBRA KILLER GAR (5) before winning over 2300m at Kuurne, but starts on the 2nd line and will struggle to leave his mark
- 12. DENZEL WASHINGTON** - 8th of 14, when prepping shod for this, in a Class B over course and distance on 20 February. Drops in class, is barefoot for the occasion, and has been entrusted to David Thomain. First-5 chance
- 13. CIEL JOYEUSE** - Debuts at Vincennes after coming 2nd over 2060m in Turin on 20 March but, in this category, can expect to find himself friendless in the markets
- 14. DRAGOWSKI** - Unraced since being sanctioned in a Class B over course and distance late-February and appears to have nothing going for him this time either
- 15. DEXTER ORS** - Returned to winning ways a month ago, securing a 2150m Enghien Class D, at 98/1. Nivard has maintained faith despite the unfavourable draw and will be worth keeping an eye on

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16. LEE HARVEY BROS - Disappointing of late, most recently coming 9th to DEXTER ORS (15) in a 2150m Enghien Class D a month back, and can be confidently passed over

Summary: Prudently-campaigned over the winter, JAZZ D'OURVILLE (8) was rewarded with success over longer here recently and backs up with every chance of defying the draw and confirming. He will still be pitted against the better-placed COBRA KILLER GAR (5) who also returns to the venue on a double. JOLI MANNEQUIN (2) has been enjoying something of a resurgence and the draw will do his prospects no disservice. JOB DES MOLLES (9) has a tougher job ahead of him but his latest performances augur well for his chances.

SELECTIONS

JAZZ D'OURVILLE (8) - COBRA KILLER GAR (5) - JOLI MANNEQUIN (2) - JOB DES MOLLES (9)

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C8 - PRIX D'AUBUSSON - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class C Race - Harness - EUR € 68,000

- 1. GRANDE PRETRESSE** - Honest mare that finished 7th, a place behind LAST WINNER (BEL) (15), in a 2150m Enghien Class C 3 weeks ago. Is not a priority but should nevertheless hold her own
- 2. DOMINO D'AUVRECY** - Quality element but out of the picture in last 3, most recently 8th of 16 in a 2700m Vincennes Class C 8 days ago, and must first reaffirm his credentials
- 3. ZIGULI DEI GREPPI** - Hardy Italian mare returning to Paris off the back of a good Padua win 3 weeks ago. Well-placed on the first row and, with front shoes off, looks a decent contender for the spoils
- 4. ZINKO TOP** - Unlucky 11th of 16 in a 2150m Enghien Class C mid-March. Has bags of ability, is ideally-placed behind the car, and will be dangerous if Eric Raffin keeps him out of trouble
- 5. BOLERO GAR** - In-form Italian sort returning to Vincennes where he has been sanctioned in last 5 outings and, even though nicely-drawn, he still appears to have his work cut out
- 6. GILMOUR** - Gave a good account of himself when 7th in 2900m Gr.3 GNT stage at Amiens early last month. Will find this company more to his liking and looks a solid first-5 prospect
- 7. HOVE PONT VAUTIER** - Finished 7th in a 2850m Vincennes Class D a fortnight ago before being sanctioned, but is brimming with class and can win this if David Thomain keeps him focused
- 8. EXTRA DU CHATELET** - 12th of 18 when prepping for this in a 2850m Laval Class D last weekend. Races barefoot this time, with Matthieu Abrivard at the helm, and is not to be written off
- 9. ETERNEL AMOUR** - Showed he was back on the right road when 5th of 18, at 69/1, in a 2850m Laval Class D last weekend. Has never disappointed under these conditions and despite the wide draw, should still be retained
- 10. BAHIA DEL CIRCEO** - Not short of ability but disappointing of late, most recently 10th of 16 in a 2150m Enghien Class C 3 weeks ago. Forced to start on the second row but, with some luck in running, can get a look-in
- 11. HELP ME WIN** - Missed out by little for 2nd in a 2850m Class D here a fortnight ago but a repeat seems improbable
- 12. HACKER BOY** - Unraced since coming 2nd in a 2175m Vincennes monté Class D last May and can be confidently ruled out
- 13. CHARMY CHARLY AS** - Quality element that came 4th of 16 in 2700m Gr.3 here on 25 February. Has previously won under these conditions and, even though breaking on the 2nd row, will still have his chances
- 14. CANTO DEI VENTI** - Boasts a good record over course and distance but will need to improve on latest 8th place behind CHARMY CHARLY AS (13) in a 2700m Gr.3 here late-February
- 15. LAST WINNER (BEL)** - Regularly gives everything she has but last month's 6th in a 2150m Enghien Class C, and a poor draw, will not cut the mustard this time
- 16. FRODO S** - Showed improvement when 4th of 16 in a 2150m Mauquenchy Class D on 18 March but faces a significantly more difficult task this time around

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Summary: An open affair this with preference going to the Souloy-trained pair of HOVE PONT VAUTIER (7), who is shod for the occasion and whose return to form is just a question of time, and the better-positioned ZINKO TOP (4) who will be reined by Eric Raffin. Good second last time here, the Italian ZIGULI DEI GREPPI (3) is plainly in form, goes unshod behind, and looks competitively well-in. CHARMY CHARLY AS (13) has been less-fortunate with the draw but he drops in class and will be no easy touch if Paul Ploquin positions him early.

SELECTIONS

HOVE PONT VAUTIER (7) - ZINKO TOP (4) - ZIGULI DEI GREPPI (3) - CHARMY CHARLY AS (13)

SATURDAY, 06/04/24

C9 - PRIX DE SAINTES - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. JUMBY BAY** - Faulted, when heavily-backed, in a 2850m Mauquenchy Class E 3 weeks ago. Has solid references over the main track though and will not be far from the action if Franck Nivard can keep her trotting
- 2. JOLLY CHIC** - Races first-time barefoot for Vincennes debut, having finished 4th in a 2625m Cherbourg Class E last Monday. Is plainly close to her best and is a potential spoiler
- 3. JADE D'ERABLE** - Opened her 2024 account with a courageous Class E win over 2200m at Caen a month back. Will have come on for the run and can play a leading role
- 4. JODLEUSE MAG** - Has struggled for some time, latterly sanctioned early in a monté Class E over track and trip on 1 March. Disregard
- 5. JOCELYNE** - Returns to Paris after having come 3rd of 15 in a 2875m Argentan Class E 9 days ago. Takes on a tougher bunch this time but should nevertheless give an honest account
- 6. JAMAIQUE PAJELO** - Back under harness after a disappointing 6th of 8 in a 2875m Class D at Meslay-du-Maine on 19 March. Here for a change of scenery and poses no danger
- 7. JUNGLE GREEN** - Honest mare that finished 3rd to JODANNE DIESCHOOT (10) in a 2850m Laval Class E last Saturday. Returns to racing unshod-all-4 and Matthieu Abrivard will be out to turn the tables
- 8. JORIA MESLOISE** - Sanctioned, at 40/1, in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 19 March. Barefoot this time but still not easy to make a case
- 9. JAFLOSA GIRL** - Won over shorter here before being sanctioned in a 2100m Class D here on 23 February. Yet to prove herself at this level but is clearly on the right road and will have her supporters
- 10. JODANNE DIESCHOOT** - Returned to the winner's circle after securing a 2850m Laval Class E last weekend, defying her odds of 20/1. Eric Raffin reining this time and has every chance of bringing home the bacon
- 11. JALNA DU GERS** - Unraced since coming 4th of 11 in a Class D over course and distance 4 months ago. Shoes on for comeback and will have nothing to offer
- 12. JALIA D'AZERAY** - Makes her first appearance since finishing 6th of 7 in a monté Class B over track and trip early-October and can be confidently ruled out
- 13. JOYCE DREAM** - Made little impression when 9th of 11 finishers in a 2875m Enghien Class D on 19 March. Goes barefoot this time but others still preferred
- 14. JOLYSTAR GEDE** - Complicated character returning to the harness code after 2 straight sanctions, latterly in a Class E over course and distance, and is unlikely to generate much interest

Summary: JODANNE DIESCHOOT (10) put on quite the show to win at Laval last weekend and a repeat of that performance would see her double her money. Third to her that day, the consistent JUNGLE GREEN (7) races barefoot this time and will be no pushover. JADE D'ERABLE (3) got straight down to business on re-entry at Caen a month ago and is not incapable of confirming. JOLLY CHIC (2) goes unshod-all-4 on her Vincennes bow and backs up with legitimate ambition.

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