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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE DAMMARIE-LES-LYS - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

1. LORD DU BASSIN - Tenacious winner over 2100m on the inner track before coming 4th of 11, despite being denied a run, in a 2700m Class D here on 14 November. Starts in front and will be expected to make amends. Claim

2. LOOKING D'AURCY - Easy winner of a 2850m Class E on the short course 10 days ago. Handed a respectable draw and even though stepping up in category, will be dangerous if focused

3. LE GRAND FLAC - Good 3rd of 11 in a 2825m Chartres Class E on re-entry early last month. Hind pads fitted for Paris debut and warrants respect

4. LOUSTIC DE SALOMAX - Placed over the main track a month ago before faulting in a 3000m Nantes Class A 8 days later. Enjoys a good draw but still not an obvious choice

5. LOVELY TRIP - Showed his form despite being sanctioned early in a 2700m Class D here, on comeback, mid-November. Well-placed behind the car and can play an active role if he gets off on the right foot

6. LED ZEP VET - Placed 3rd at Enghien before running good 2nd of 12 in a 2175m Class D here on 9 November. Well-positioned on the front line and even though deserted by Eric Raffin, still looks competitively well-in

7. LINDSTEDT - 3rd of 9 finishers behind LINDSTEDT (7) in a 2850m Class D over the short course 12 days ago, but a repeat seems improbable

8. LOCKI DU FER - Useful colt that ran 3rd of 8 in a 2825m Class A at Le Croise-Laroche a month ago, but has little to contribute in this category

9. LEBOSS D'HAVAROCHE - Got off the mark early last month before running 4th of 9 finishers behind LINDSTEDT (7) in a 2850m Class D over the short course 12 days ago. Was not the luckiest that day and can play a role if he defies the draw

10. LATINO PURA VIDA - Sanctioned in a 2700m monté Class C here 9 days ago and in current form will have nothing to offer

11. LUGANO - Makes main-track bow after coming 5th of 9 finishers behind LINDSTEDT (7) in a 2850m Class D over the short course 12 days ago. Has ample ability but others still easier to trust

12. LINARO - Close 2nd of 11 in a 2100mm Class E over the inner course 2.5 weeks ago. Has never failed to deliver in the day's configuration and in spite of an unfavourable draw, should still not be discounted

13. LEZZO FIGHTER - Opened Vincennes account 3.5 weeks ago, at first time of asking, smartly winning a 2700m Class E. On 2nd line but still has the wherewithal to mix it up. First 5

14. LITTLE TWO - Has not been seen out since coming 3rd of 11 in a 2875m Enghien Class D late-September and will need the run

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Summary: Thoroughly professional since his first steps on the track, LORD DU BASSIN (1) is forced to start on the rail but has shown a liking for the distance and can score his second of the meeting. LOOKING D'AURCY (2) has more nervous disposition but he imposed with ease over the inner track recently and, with hind pads fitted this time, can repeat. Beaten only by a very good horse here a month back, LED ZEP VET (6) is plainly close to getting losing his maiden tag but he may have to settle for a place cheque this time. The capricious LOVELY TRIP (5) put in a decent effort on re-entry, despite being sanctioned, and Julien Dubois will be eager to make good on the draw.

SELECTIONS

LORD DU BASSIN (1) - LOOKING D'AURCY (2) - LED ZEP VET (6) - LOVELY TRIP (5)

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**C2 - PRIX DE LAON - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR €
41,000**

- 1. INTEMPOREL** - 2nd of 12 in a 2600m Nancy Class G a week ago and will have nothing to contribute at this level
- 2. INDIGO DU PERCHE** - Made short work of a 2700m Class F at Le Croise-Laroche a month back but is taking on too much this time
- 3. IBRAHISCO** - Imposed at Alencon before finishing 9th of 16 to IQUEM D'AMER (13) in a 3000m Nantes Class F a month ago. Hind shoes off this time and, even from front row, cannot be considered a player
- 4. IN AMERICA** - Left a good impression before being disqualified in a 2500m Reims Class E on 20 October but, barefoot or not, is still not up to the task
- 5. IVORINO D'ECHAL** - Reassuring 3rd of 14 in a 2100m Class E here on 18 November but in this company will have too much to do
- 6. IGGY POP DE CHENU** - Unremarkable 9th of 13 in a 3300m Chartres Class F 3 weeks ago and even with Yoann Lebourgeois in the bike is unlikely to cause an upset
- 7. IOUPY TOLLEVILLE** - 8th of 13 when preparing for this in a 3300m Chartres Class F 3 weeks ago. Second to INHERIT (9) under these conditions during the autumn and, barefoot this time, will have a small band of supporters
- 8. IQUEM** - Sprang quite the surprise when 3rd of 14 to INSTANT D'HAUFOR (14) in a 2700m Class D here a fortnight ago, but a repeat seems improbable
- 9. INHERIT** - Secured a 3-timer before encountering all kinds of trouble when 11th of 14 to INSTANT D'HAUFOR (14) in a 2700m Class D here a fortnight ago. Is plainly in rude health and Pierre-Yves Verva will be keen to set the record straight
- 10. INDOCILE** - Last but one, on return to competition, in a 2100m Class C here 3 weeks ago. Is no slouch when focused, has nothing to prove in this category and, if fit, can challenge for a place in the frame
- 11. I STILL LOVING YOU** - Not the horse he was before the extended absence, most recently sanctioned in 22 November race of reference, and can be passed over
- 12. INSTINCTIF** - Game type that ran 4th of 14 to INSTANT D'HAUFOR (14) in a 2700m Class D here a fortnight ago. Has yet to deliver over 2850m here but latest performance bodes well for his chances
- 13. IQUEM D'AMER** - Pulled off the hat-trick when 9th of 16 in a 3000m Nantes Class F a month ago. Has won just twice over main track but in current condition is easy to recommend for a spot in first 5
- 14. INSTANT D'HAUFOR** - Dominated a 2700m Class D here a fortnight ago. Boasts fine credentials during the winter meeting and is thoroughly capable of repeating
- 15. IBIS PETTEVINIERE** - Imposed at La Capelle before finishing close 3rd of 16, a place behind INDIAN PACIFIC (16), in a Class D over track and trip on 5 November, and must be taken more seriously this time. Place chance

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16. INDIAN PACIFIC - Solid as a rock lately, most recently 2nd of 16 in a Class D over track and trip on 5 November. Is clearly close to winning another and can bring the fight to INSTANT D'HAUFOR (14)

Summary: INSTANT D'HAUFOR (14) may not always be the easiest of horses to gauge but he trounced the opposition here late last month and in similar form should have the edge over the superbly-engaged INDIAN PACIFIC (16) who has been a model of consistency over recent months. Runner-up to him at 69/1 last time out, IBIS PETTEVINIERE (15) is clearly back at his best and Damien Bonne will be hopeful of another big run. Winner of his only start under these conditions, INDOCILE (10) is barefoot following his mid-November conditioner and must not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

INSTANT D'HAUFOR (14) - INDIAN PACIFIC (16) - IBIS PETTEVINIERE (15) - INDOCILE (10)

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C3 - PRIX D'HIESVILLE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Mounted - EUR € 40,000

- 1. KROKEUSE DE DIAM'S** - Reassuring 4th of 10 in a Class E under these conditions on 18 November but others still easier to trust
- 2. KHITARA** - Switches code for first time after running 6th of 12 in a 2100m harness Class E here 2 weeks ago and looks out of her depth
- 3. KELLY D'ESSARTS** - Reassuring 4th of 11 behind KALINE DE VIVOIN (10) in a Class D over track and trip on 25 November. Will not be springing any surprises but will not be going home empty-handed either
- 4. KINDY PERRINE** - Sanctioned when being conditioned in a 2850m Laval harness Class A 3 weeks ago. Will be fully fit and returns to her code of preference with a good hand to play
- 5. KALINA PRINCESS** - Makes first appearance since running 4th of 14 behind KNITULIA (9) in a 2100m harness Class D here on 13 September. Will have been specifically prepared for this and can impose at first time of asking
- 6. KALINE DU RIB** - Unexceptional 6th of 11 behind KALINE DE VIVOIN (10) in a Class D over track and trip on 25 November and others easier to back
- 7. KALLAS IN SALLAZ** - Has not been seen out since faulting in a 2150m Vichy harness Class D in June, and will have nothing to contribute
- 8. KAMILLE D'AUTHISE** - Back under the saddle and shod to preference after being sanctioned in a 2700m harness Class C conditioner on 18 October. Comes here fresh but may just be a race shy
- 9. KNITULIA** - Takes first competitive steps in the discipline after coming a very unlucky 7th of 15 behind KANELLE DE TILLARD (13) in a 2100m harness Class D mid-November. Confirmed in the category and can run into first 3
- 10. KALINE DE VIVOIN** - Made up for early-November sanction when 2nd of 11 in a Class D over course and distance 3 weeks later and with application will be no soft touch
- 11. KIMIKO DU DOUBS** - Debuts under the saddle after finishing 11th of 15 behind KANELLE DE TILLARD (13) in a 2100m harness Class D mid-November. Has bags of ability and the change of code may be just her ticket to redemption
- 12. KANDISSIME** - Quality filly that was sanctioned when never dangerous in a 2175m Class D here on 5 November and appears to need another outing
- 13. KANELLE DE TILLARD** - 3rd on monté debut early-November before running 4th of 15 in a 2100m harness Class D here 10 days later. Plainly in excellent condition and even in the absence of Eric Raffin, can play a leading role

Summary: KALINA PRINCESS (5) has already established her credentials in the other code, sports a new formula, and given her pedigree should be able to win a race of this nature. The main threat is expected to come from the tricky, but reconfigured, KALINE DE VIVOIN (10) who put in an excellent effort here late last month, and the nicely-engaged KANELLE DE TILLARD (13) who reverts to a successful formula for the occasion. KIMIKO DU DOUBS (11) may have lost her way with the bike but she takes her chances under the saddle with a decent chance of finishing in the thick of things.

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**KALINA PRINCESS (5) - KALINE DE VIVOIN (10) - KANELLE DE TILLARD (13) - KIMI KO
DU DOUBS (11)**

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

- 1. FRANK S.H.** - Takes first competitive steps outside of Scandinavia after running 2nd of 10 over 2140m in Bergsåker 2.5 weeks ago. Hind pads fitted, with JMB in the bike, but may first need some orientation
- 2. BARON TILLY** - Pleased in a competitive Breeders Crown semi-final in Stockholm before faulting in the Final over 2140m at Eskilstuna 3 weeks ago. Has won over 2609m and will be worth watching
- 3. KOBAYASHI** - Disappointing 11th of 12 to JAZZMAN (GER) (6) in a 2850m Class A over the short track here on 22 November. Barefoot this time but can still be passed over
- 4. KANTO AVIS** - Pleasant 3rd of 9, a place behind KARLITO, in a 2850m Laval Class A 3 weeks ago. Has ground to make up but is reconfigured and should be able to hold his own
- 5. IMMORTAL DOC** - 10th of 13, on Vincennes debut, in a 2100m Class A 9 days ago. Has ample aptitude but will nevertheless need to show marked improvement
- 6. JAZZMAN (GER)** - Held on well to win a 2850m Class A over the short track here on 22 November. Appears to be back on track and, similarly-configured, should have a lot to contribute
- 7. KAVIARISSIME** - Unlucky to be sanctioned in Gr.1 Grand Prix de l'UET before running 3rd of 12 to JAZZMAN (GER) (6) over the inner track a fortnight ago. Unlikely to cause an upset but can still get in on the action
- 8. KEENAN DE JOUDES** - 7th of 15, when being prepped, in a 3000m Nantes Class B a month back. Has never failed to deliver over course and distance and, competitively-shod, can bring home the bacon
- 9. KAMEHAMEHA** - 5th of 10 in a Gr.3 over course and distance 2 weeks ago. Has ability but is clearly not up to the task
- 10. KHAL'S FELLA** - Comfortably won a 2100m Gr.3 here 3 weeks ago. Has yet to win in this class but is still progressing and legitimately bids for a first-5 payout
- 11. KARLITO** - Missed out by little in a 2850m Laval Class A 3 weeks ago. Has placed at the highest level under these conditions and his recent effort bodes well for his prospects
- 12. KANADA** - Quickly excluded in a 2100m Gr.3 here 3 weeks ago. Has solid references at this level, races barefoot for the first time, and could well set the cat among the pigeons
- 13. KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Last but one behind KAMEHAMEHA (9) in a Gr.3 over course and distance a fortnight ago, and will again have little to offer
- 14. KSAR** - Sanctioned when preparing for this in a Gr.3 over course and distance a fortnight ago. Just front pads fitted this time but should still have the wherewithal to finish in the mix
- 15. KEEP GOING** - Won Critérium des 4 Ans then unlucky 7th of 12 in 2100m Gr.2 Prix Marcel Laurent a month ago. Stays shod this time and best to keep one's powder dry
- 16. KILMISTER** - Serious Swedish-trained American import making Vincennes debut after running 6th of 11 over 2140m in Bergsåker a month ago. Is being aimed at Critérium Continental and must not be overlooked

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17. KOCTEL DU DAIN - Unraced since finishing 7th of 8 when being conditioned in a 2100m Gr.1 almost 2 months ago. Excels over 2700m on the main track and has every chance of imposing

Summary: Not once out of the frame in three appearances at this level, KEENAN DE JOUDES (8) has a conditioner under his belt, sports a fresh configuration on his first mission of the season, and may just be the one to beat. That said, KOCTEL DU DAIN (17) has had ample time to recalibrate after his Grand Prix de l'UET conditioner and, in competition-mode this time, can win his first since May. JAZZMAN (GER) (6) took little time getting back down to business following the summer break, will have come on for the run, and must be taken seriously. KARLITO (11) may not be the most dependable but he has talent in spades and, barefoot following a convincing Laval performance, must be considered a contender.

SELECTIONS

KEENAN DE JOUDES (8) - KOCTEL DU DAIN (17) - JAZZMAN (GER) (6) - KARLITO (11)

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C5 - PRIX D'HAUTEFORT - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 59,000

- 1. GAI MATIN** - Raced considerably better in a 2875m Argentan Class A early-October than his 8th of 16 would suggest. Not ideally-drawn but form is sure and will not be far off the mark if David Békaert assures his initial strides
- 2. HELLO PANAME** - Highly-consistent trotter that ran 7th of 13 behind HABIT DE SOIREE (6) in a 2700m Class C at Le Croise-Laroche on 25 November. Enjoys a better draw here and should not be overlooked
- 3. FLYING BRICKELL** - Unraced since running 6th of 14 in a 2850m Class C here late-August. Shoes on and no danger
- 4. HASUR DAIRPET** - Good 3rd in a Laval Class A before coming 4th of 14, a place behind HOCHE (7), in a 2700m Class C here 12 days ago. Enjoys a better draw and is not incapable of turning the tables
- 5. GREZ** - Did not enjoy the best of runs when 6th of 14 behind HOCHE (7) in a 2700m Class C here 12 days ago. Handed a good draw, went close last time over course and distance, and will legitimately garner support
- 6. HABIT DE SOIREE** - Blows hot and cold but reassuring 3rd of 13 in a 2700m Class C at Le Croise-Laroche on 25 November and, in this company, can get in on the action
- 7. HOCHE** - Serious sort that ran 3rd of 14, on first start since the spell, in a 2700m Class C here 12 days ago. Will have progressed from the run and has a realistic chance of imposing
- 8. HANDY BOURBON** - Last of 13 behind HABIT DE SOIREE (6) in a 2700m Class C at Le Croise-Laroche on 25 November and recent numbers do nothing to inspire confidence
- 9. GYS** - Encouraging 4th of 8 in a 2750m Toulouse Class C 2 weeks ago but still has more to find
- 10. FOGO PICO** - Disappointing on re-entry then sanctioned in a 2700m Class D here 2 weeks ago and will have few friends
- 11. HELIOS SOMOLLI** - Runner-up in 2 before being rewarded with success in a 3000m Nantes Class E 3 weeks ago. Would have hoped for a better draw but in present shape is very easy to like
- 12. BEHIND BARS** - Decisive winner, on return from a break, in a 2200m Class D at Salon-de-Provence a fortnight ago. Will have progressed for the run but the draw will do him no favours
- 13. GOLDEN VISAIS** - Returns to racing barefoot after finishing 7th of 13 in a 2700m Class D here 2 weeks ago, but still appears to be biting off too much
- 14. ASTRONASCENTE ZAC** - Won 3 from 4 then ran 5th of 7 over 2300m at Mons 2.5 weeks ago. Races barefoot this time and is reunited with Eric Raffin who won with him here late-September. Handed a tough draw but can still pick up some prizemoney
- 15. HOVE PONT VAUTIER** - 7th of 14 behind HOCHE (7) in a 2700m Class C here 12 days ago, on first start since June. Has bags of ability and although poorly-drawn, can still make first 5

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Summary: Hard to fault when focused and barefoot, HOCHÉ (7) left a very good impression on his recent return run here, is confirmed under these conditions, and from the front line can win this. Handed a good spot behind the car, HASUR DAIRPET (4) finished runner-up to him that day, and given his record over 2100m here, will be no pushover. Excellent during the autumn and recently successful at Nantes, HELIOS SOMOLLI (11) cannot be discounted, despite the draw. GREZ (5) enjoys a better place on the front line, put in a good finish last time out, and warrants respect.

SELECTIONS

HOCHÉ (7) - HASUR DAIRPET (4) - HELIOS SOMOLLI (11) - GREZ (5)

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C6 - PRIX NARQUOIS - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 80,000

- 1. JAGUAR DU GOUTIER** - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2175m monte Gr.2 on 25 October. Barefoot this time but will have other priorities
- 2. JOLIE SURPRISE** - Pleasant here early-November before finishing 11th of 13, behind JOCONDE SIBEY (6), in a 2100m Class A here late last month, but is out of her depth
- 3. HNOKKI SPEED** - 8th of 13, behind JOCONDE SIBEY (6), in a 2100m Class A here late last month and latest numbers do not make for comfortable reading
- 4. JONGLEUSE DE LUNE** - Has hardly put a foot wrong lately, most recently 2nd of 11 in a 2850m Parilly Class B last Sunday, but still has more to find
- 5. JABALPUR** - Met no opposition en route to victory in a Class B over course and distance a month back and is in with a realistic chance of doubling up
- 6. JOCONDE SIBEY** - Reunited with Eric Raffin after coming 2nd of 13 in a 2100m Class A here 9 days ago. Won on lone appearance with her driver, the same driver who has won last 2 editions and who will be eyeing a 3rd
- 7. GLOBAL DUBHE** - Makes French debut after running 2nd of 9 over 2100m in Wolvega a month ago. Is confirmed in good company but is unlikely to shake things up
- 8. DEMON** - 5th in a San Siro Gr.1 before finishing unlucky 9th of 13 behind JEWELCANDLE FAC (10) in 2100m Gr.3 Prix de Boissy-Saint-Léger here 3 weeks ago. Alexandre Abrivard in the bike and is not to be underestimated
- 9. JUST A MIDI** - Showed marked improvement when 6th of 13 behind JEWELCANDLE FAC (10) in 2100m Gr.3 Prix de Boissy-Saint-Léger here 3 weeks ago. Similarly-shod, with Paul Ploquin reining, and cannot be discounted
- 10. JEWELCANDLE FAC** - Close 2nd of 13 in 2100m Gr.3 Prix de Boissy-Saint-Léger here 3 weeks ago. Won a Gr.2 last time over 2700m here and will not be easy prey if still in similar condition
- 11. GERICAULT** - Looked in form on re-entry 3 weeks ago despite being sanctioned in 17 November race of reference. Reconfigured this time, will have come on for the run, and will have his supporters
- 12. JOSCO DE PHYT'S** - 11th of 13 when being conditioned in a 3000m Nantes Class A 3 weeks ago. Has made his mark in more elevated company and will have a claim on the big prize

Summary: JABALPUR (5) may not be the most reliable of horses but he stormed up here a month ago and if still on the boil can repeat. JEWELCANDLE FAC (10) came close to pulling off her first goal of the winter when tight 2nd in a Gr.3 over shorter here last month and, as good in one code as the other, has a realistic chance of giving the favourite a run for his money. JOCONDE SIBEY (6) put in a fine Class A performance here recently and Eric Raffin has been engaged for the occasion. JOSCO DE PHYT'S (12) has 3 runs in him and, barefoot under conditions he appreciates, is unlikely to let the side down.

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JABALPUR (5) - JEWELCANDLE FAC (10) - JOCONDE SIBEY (6) - JOSCO DE PHYT'S

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C7 - PRIX DE CASTILLONNES - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class C Race - Mounted - EUR € 68,000

- 1. GALLAGHER WIND** - Sanctioned, on first start back, in a 2850m Laval harness Class E 3 weeks ago. Stays shod and no threat
- 2. HORIZON CARISAIE** - Back under his preferred conditions after coming 7th of 10 in a 2875m Class C here late-September. Returns fresh and looks closest threat to GAZELLE DE VAL (10)
- 3. FEVE DE BEYLEV** - Encouraging 3rd of 12 in a 2875m Enghien Class D mid-October. Sports a new formula but still seems to be taking on too much
- 4. HERMES ANGEL** - Back under the saddle after running 8th of 14 in a 2700m harness Class C here on 25 November, but others easier to support
- 5. GUAPO MARBOULA** - Sanctioned in last 2, latterly a 2700m harness Class C here late last month, and is not about to make many friends
- 6. FOREVER JIEL** - Sprang quite the surprise when 2nd of 8 in a 2700m Class C here a month ago. Will not be available at 90/1 this time but is unlikely to be as competitive either
- 7. FASCINOSO DE LOU** - Faithful element that ran 4th of 9 in a 3000m Nantes Class D a month ago. Takes on a better bunch here but still has a small part to play
- 8. HOPIUM** - Generous trotter that ran 4th of 8 finishers behind FOREVER JIEL (6) in a 2700m Class C here a month back. Boasts solid references over course and distance and can again make the frame
- 9. GIANT MESLOIS** - 12th of 14, on 2nd start back, in a 2850m Gr.3 here mid-November and must first re-establish his credentials
- 10. GAZELLE DE VAL** - Comfortable winner of a 2850m Class B here 12 days ago. Has yet to be bested in the discipline and is unlikely to taste defeat this time either
- 11. GINKO DU ROUSSOIR** - Back on track following some physical issues, latterly 5th of 10 in a 2100m harness Class C late last month, and debuts in the code with a good hand to play
- 12. HANNAH** - 3rd of 13, at 79/1, in a 2850m harness Class D here last Saturday. Has no references over 2175m but is a Gr.2 winner under the saddle and must be taken seriously
- 13. FLUO MESLOIS** - 5th of 8 in 8 November race of reference and, in this field, will have nothing to contribute
- 14. FALCON D'ESPACE** - Unable to confirm Caen performance when 7th of 8 finishers behind FOREVER JIEL (6) in a 2700m Class C here a month back. Benefits from Agathe Poulain's allowance though and can put on a decent show. First 5

Summary: Simply dynamic in this branch of the business, winning all five starts, including over course and distance 2 months ago, GAZELLE DE VAL (10) is unlikely to have her winning streak interrupted. Leading the challenge is HORIZON CARISAIE (2) who simply excels over 2175m here, and HOPIUM (8) whose latest run here did not go unnoticed. Difficult to knock when unshod, HANNAH (12) defied her odds under harness here last weekend and has been entrusted to Eric Raffin.

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GAZELLE DE VAL (10) - HORIZON CARISAIE (2) - HOPIUM (8) - HANNAH (12)

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C8 - PRIX ARISTE HEMARD - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR € 120,000

- 1. ERICA JET** - 6th of 12 behind KOKOTE (8) in a 2850m Class A here a fortnight back but has not done enough to be considered a priority
- 2. ELISE ANA** - 8th of 9 in a 2175m monté Gr.2 here last Sunday. Has evident ability, races first-time barefoot, and the JMB-factor must be taken into account. Spoiler?
- 3. NAOMI BROS** - 5th in Breeders' Crown semi-final before running last of 13 in a 2140m Eskilstuna conditioner 3 weeks ago, and will need to raise her game
- 4. RIKITA JP** - Last of 12, on first start since the break, in a 2850m Class A here on 22 November. Looked ordinary earlier in the year and is not about to perform an about-turn
- 5. KILLER QUEEN** - 5th of 12 behind KOKOTE (8) in a Class B over track and trip a month ago. Has raced and placed in this class but will need to be at her best
- 6. KEMIA DU CHENE** - Pleasant 8th of 13, a place behind KELLE BEAUTE (9), in a 2100m Gr.3 here 3 weeks ago. Always gives wheat she can but latest performances have seen her come up short
- 7. KARAKA WOOD** - Won 2 of last 3, latterly a 3000m Borely Class A 3 weeks ago. Takes a distinct step up in category and is unlikely to influence the result
- 8. KOKOTE** - 3rd over track and trip before running close 2nd of 12 in a 2850m Class A here a fortnight ago. Has merit but has yet to produce the goods at this level and more a minor place chance this time
- 9. KELLE BEAUTE** - 7th of 13 in a 2100m Gr.3 here 3 weeks ago. Has twice imposed under these conditions, ran 2nd to KANA DE BEYLEV (17) during the summer, and if applied will be no easy touch
- 10. KARLA DE MAI** - Has struggled in both codes, latterly sanctioned in a Gr.2 over course and distance 3.5 weeks ago, and has no possible chance
- 11. NORTOLANDA** - Won 4 on the trot, including German 4yo Derby, before coming 2nd of 9 over 1900m at Berlin-Mariendorf on 20 October. Boasts an extraordinary record with hind shoes off and while not a priority still warrants respect
- 12. KEEN WINNER** - Unremarkable 10th of 13 behind KELLE BEAUTE (9) in a 2100m Gr.3 here 3 weeks ago. Boasts fine barefoot references and over this trip, must be afforded respect
- 13. KATINKA DU MOUCHEL** - Pleasant 4th of 16 in a 2875m Argentan Class A on 3 November. Has form at the highest level, has previously beaten KANA DE BEYLEV (17), and is not without a chance of doing so again
- 14. KIARA DE VANDEL** - Never taxed when 7th of 10 in a Gr.3 over track and trip 2 weeks ago. Not always the most faithful but a repeat of her Grand Prix de l'UET performance would see her shake things up
- 15. KYRIELLE** - Last of 9 when being conditioned in a 2850m Laval Class A mid-November. Regularly in the mix when barefoot and while unlikely to win this, can still get in on the action

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16. NINETTA BOKO - Pulled-up in Breeders' Crown semifinal before coming 3rd of 7 over 1609m at Wolvega a month back. Is barefoot for Vincennes debut, however others still easier to back

17. KANA DE BEYLEV - Last but one, on return from her spell, in a Gr.2 over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Has class to burn and can make this her own if she stays in stride

Summary: The wealthiest horse here for a reason, KANA DE BEYLEV (17) was conditioned against older horses in the Prix de Bretagne, is barefoot for her first winter objective, and will be expected to get straight down to business. Benjamin Rochard will still be wary of the tricky but classy KATINKA DU MOUCHEL (13) who is barefoot for just the 2nd time, and KELLE BEAUTE (9) who is similarly barefoot for a return to a distance she appreciates. Also relieved of her shoes, KEEN WINNER (12) is unlikely to win this but can still finish close.

SELECTIONS

KANA DE BEYLEV (17) - KATINKA DU MOUCHEL (13) - KELLE BEAUTE (9) - KEEN WINNER (12)

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C9 - PRIX DE BUSSIERES - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. JULIA QUESNOT** - 10th of 11 behind JASMINE DE JYR (15) in a Class C over track and trip 2 weeks ago. Forced to start on the inside and although confirmed over course and distance, may still need to find more
- 2. JOMA OV** - Reassuring 2nd of 10 in a 2875m Argentan Class A early-November. Capable on a good day, is plainly in form, but is being aimed too high
- 3. JUSQUINE FOUTEAU** - In the frame in last 3, most recently 2nd of 9 in a Class D over course and distance 10 days ago. Takes on a better lot this time but has been handed a good draw and Anthony Barrier will be keep to capitalise
- 4. JOYCE DES GRANGES** - Drops down the category-ladder after coming 6th of 15 in a 2700m Class C here on 5 November. Seldom gets her nose in front but always gives her best, and the draw will do her chances no disservice
- 5. JALMAROSA** - Races barefoot after finishing last of 9 when being conditioned in a 2700m Class C here 8 days ago. Excellent in 2 of 3 under these conditions and has a reasonable chance of getting a look-in
- 6. JUJUBEE** - 9th of 11 behind JASMINE DE JYR (15) in a Class C over track and trip 2 weeks ago. Barefoot this time but will still need the run
- 7. JAMAICA BROWN** - Just pipped in a 2700m Class D here on 18 November. Is a tough nut to crack when barefoot and focused, and securing this is well within her capacity
- 8. JEEDAYA DU VIVIER** - Missed out by the smallest of margins when 3rd of 13, a place behind JAMAICA BROWN (7), in a 2700m Class D here on 18 November. Starts wide on front line but has a decent chance of turning the tables
- 9. JAYA DES BROUSSES** - Held on well to win a 2700m Class E here a month ago. Ran 3rd on only appearance over track and trip but has little going for her this time
- 10. JUBLA VIKING** - Starts for first time since being sanctioned in a 3000m monté Gr.1 here last June. Disregard
- 11. JORIA MESLOISE** - Reverts to a previously unsuccessful formula after finishing 6th of 13 behind JAMAICA BROWN (7) in a 2700m Class D here on 18 November, and can be ruled out
- 12. JUST PRINCESS** - Fine class of mare that won a 2700m Class E here in good order a fortnight ago. Has never disappointed when barefoot and is not about to start. Chance
- 13. JALOUZ D'OLIVERIE** - Ran a decent 4th of 13 behind JAMAICA BROWN (7) in a 2700m Class D here on 18 November. Returns to her distance of preference and even though starting from behind, looks a serious proposition
- 14. JAVA DE CASTELLE** - 8th of 10 when being conditioned for this in a 2825m Class E at Le Croise-Laroche 12 days ago. Not blessed with the draw and others easier to back
- 15. JASMINE DE JYR** - Ran JAYA DES BROUSSES (9) close a month back, then not at her ease when 6th of 11 in a Class C over course and distance 2 weeks ago. Has merit and will not be far from the action if Benjamin Rochard positions her early

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Summary: A very open affair this with the line of last month's Prix de Paimpol the one to follow. The consistent JEEDAYA DU VIVIER (8) ran a very good 3rd that day and given her liking for the main track can impose this time. A serious sort, JAMAICA BROWN (7) just pipped her that day and can again figure prominently, but may first have to see off 2nd-line starters, JUST PRINCESS (12) who won well here late last month, and JALOUZ D'OLIVERIE (13) who ran 5th in the race of reference.

SELECTIONS

JEEDAYA DU VIVIER (8) - JUST PRINCESS (12) - JALOUZ D'OLIVERIE (13) - JAMAICA BROWN (7)