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R1 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DU DAUPHINE - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 46,000

- 1. IDYLLE PIYA** - Unreliable and was 6th last time out in class D at Laval over 2850m on 23 May. Track-suited and can play a role barefoot this time
- 2. HARPIE DE JED** - Fourth last time out in class E at Saint-Omer over 2625m on 2 June. Remains barefoot and is seldom far off them
- 3. HELECHO** - Disqualified last time out in class D at this track over 2700m on 17 May. Needs to be wise and others are preferred
- 4. HADES JULRY** - In good form of late and was third in class F at Marseille-Borely over 2300m on 17 May. A winner of the previous two and deserves to be respected
- 5. ISSU DE CORTEM** - Not disgraced when 5th last time out in class D at Laval over 2850m on 23 May. He remains barefoot and has a chance to make the frame
- 6. HELIUM VELCO** - Fourth last time out in class F at Vichy over 2150m on 12 May. Remains barefoot and is in good form. Might place
- 7. INVINCIBLE DE BRY** - Finished tenth last time out in class D at Laval over 2850m on 23 May. Reverts to barefoot and does perform better in this arrangement. Can upset
- 8. HOTESSE D'HAUFOR** - Disqualified last time out in class D at Enghien over 2875m on 25 May. Major disqualification issues and best watched for now
- 9. IERMES DE GUEZ** - Disqualified in the last three starts, with the latest in class D at Durtal over 2825m on 20 May. If wise can be competitive
- 10. IZIA DE MONGIVAL** - A runner-up last time out in class D at Laval over 2850m on 23 May. She is in form and is track and distance-suited. Can go one better
- 11. INSTINCT DE CLERCE** - Disappointing 9th in a class E at Graignes over 2725m on 24 May. Reverts to barefoot. He is a speedy sort and can be involved in the finish
- 12. IMPULSE JULRY** - In a purple patch of form having won four of the last five, the latest in a class D at Marseille-Borely over 2300m on 17 May. She will have many supporters again
- 13. ILLUSION D'AMOUR** - Disappointing last run when 7th in class D at Enghien over 2875m on 25 May. Capable of making the frame if wise
- 14. IMHOTEP FROMENTRO** - Third in class D at Laval over 2850m on 23 May. The last two victories were at this track and he should fight out the finish
- 15. HASCHELEY BERRY** - A runner-up last time out in class F at Le Croise-Laroche over 2825m on 4 March. If wise can be involved in the finish

Summary: IMPULSE JULRY (12) has won four of her last five starts and is the one to be with this time again. INSTINCT DE CLERCE (11) is speedy and being barefoot he can bounce back to be a lively danger. IMHOTEP FROMENTRO (14) likes this track and should be right there at the finish once again. IZIA DE MONGIVAL (10) is also in very good form and has to be respected.

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**IMPULSE JULRY (12) - INSTINCT DE CLERCE (11) - IMHOTEP FROMENTRO (14) - IZIA
DE MONGIVAL (10)**

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**C2 - PRIX DU MANS - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR €
41,000**

- 1. JUST PRINCESS** - A runner-up last time out in class E at Meslay-du-Maine over 2875m on 30 May. She remains barefoot and has twice been a runner-up at this track. Respect
- 2. JAZZ MELODY** - Third last time out in class E at Saint-Malo over 2950m on 19 May. She remains barefoot and needs to be wise. Might play a minor role
- 3. JALNA DU PALAIS** - A runner-up last time out in a Mounted class D at Toulouse over 2325m on 31 May. Barefoot again and has a chance at victory
- 4. JADE DE NAVARY** - Third last time out in class E at Reims over 2500m on 2 June. She has not won for some time and has disqualification issues so others are preferred
- 5. JELENIA BELLA** - She fluffed her lines when disqualified last time out in class D at Châtelailon-La Rochelle over 2625m on 20 May. Capable of being a threat if wise
- 6. JIMOKA** - Disappointing last effort when 9th in class D at Châtelailon-La Rochelle over 2625m on 20 May. Reverts to barefoot and has sufficient means to fight for victory
- 7. JIFF LINE** - Fourth last time out in class E at Ecommoy over 2750m on 18 May. Has not won for some time but can play a minor role
- 8. JALISCA D'AMOUR** - Disappointing last run when unplaced in class F at Durtal over 2825m on 20 May. She remains barefoot and is unreliable. Place chance at best
- 9. JAKIRA** - Disqualified last time out in class E at Saint-Malo over 2950m on 19 May. Unreliable and best watched for now
- 10. JILIKA DU MESLE** - Disqualified last time out in class E at Graignes over 2700m on 24 May. Remains barefoot and is capable of better. Can upset
- 11. JESSY LUCKY** - Well beaten last time out in class F at Tours over 2800m on 12 May. Poor form and is an unlikely winner
- 12. JOYCE D'AVEZE** - Finished 5th last time out in class E at Meslay-du-Maine over 2875m on 30 May. Others are preferred in this line-up
- 13. JOY DE PHYT'S** - Third last time out in class E at Meslay-du-Maine over 2875m on 30 May. In fair form and tries the Paris track. Can contest the finish

Summary: JIMOKA (6) is barefoot this time so she could bounce back to score in a wide-open-looking field. JALNA DU PALAIS (3) was runner-up last time out under the saddle but is just as good in harnesses races and would not be a surprise winner. JELENIA BELLA (5) is not easy to trust but is capable of winning when in the mood. JOY DE PHYT'S (13) is in fair form and is one of many more in with a winning chance.

SELECTIONS

JIMOKA (6) - JALNA DU PALAIS (3) - JELENIA BELLA (5) - JOY DE PHYT'S (13)

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C3 - PRIX D'ARPAJON - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 56,000

- 1. BITCOIND'ARC** - Runner-up last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2700m on 17 May when barefoot. Very consistent and will be right there at the finish once again
- 2. HYDROMEL** - Disqualified last time out in class D at Vichy over 2800m on 27 May. Inconsistent as of late and others are preferred
- 3. HAMIRAL NELSON** - Much improved last run when fourth in class D at Agen-Le Passage over 2625m on 5 April. Barefoot this time and can earn some more money
- 4. KIMI DI QUATTRO** - Showed improvement when fourth last time out in class G at Solvalla over 2640m on 20 March. Barefoot this time and can fight out the finish
- 5. GARTH VADER** - Finished 10th last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2700m on 17 May. Unreliable of late and others are preferred
- 6. HORTINO** - Not disgraced wne fourth last time out in class D at Châteaubriant over 2400m on 19 May. In good form of late and is capable of making the frame
- 7. HIGOR DAIRPET** - In good form and was third last time out in class G at Graignes over 2725m on 30 May. Remains barefoot and is not out of it
- 8. HOLKA DU LYS** - Finished 11th last time out in Class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 24 May. Has room to improve but others are preferred
- 9. HARIA DU BELLAY** - Finished a runner-up last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 4 May. Won over this distance in December and can contest the finish
- 10. HOLD UP MESLOIS** - Disqualified last time out in class G at Le Neubourg over 3000m on 19 May. Has disqualification issues and is best watched for now

Summary: KIMI DI QUATTRO (4) is speedy and is in good form. Barefoot this time could get here home this time around. BITCOIND'ARC (1) is very consistent and should be right there at the finish once again. HARIA DU BELLAY (9) is distance-suited and deserves respect in this line-up. HIGOR DAIRPET (7) is also in good form and is quite of winning this race.

SELECTIONS

KIMI DI QUATTRO (4) - BITCOIND'ARC (1) - HARIA DU BELLAY (9) - HIGOR DAIRPET (7)

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C4 - PRIX JEAN LE GONIDEC - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR € 120,000

- 1. JOLIE STAR** - Disqualified last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 24 May when barefoot. Has major disqualification issues and others are much preferred
- 2. JOLIE POUPEE** - Won well last time out in class G at Enghien over 2875m on 2 May when barefoot. May upset if in the mood
- 3. JAMIN DE BRION** - Victorious last time out in Class D at Vichy over 2150m on 13 May. Remains barefoot and could make the frame
- 4. JET EXPRESS** - Victorious last time out in Class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 24 May. In good form and has a winning chance
- 5. JUST A MIDI** - Disqualified last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2100m on 1 January when barefoot. Not unshod this time and is unreliable so others are preferred
- 6. JOCONDE SIBEY** - Holding form well and was fourth last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 4 May when barefoot. Runner up in the previous attempt and can get involved with the finish
- 7. JAGUAR MARANCOURT** - Has been disappointing this year and was 7th last time out in class G at Le-Croise-Laroche over 2825m on 22 May. Has major disqualification issues and others are preferred
- 8. JASON** - Did not run badly when 6th last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 4 May. Remains barefoot and ran well in the penultimate start. Can contest the finish
- 9. JANGO VICI** - Returned to form with a good runner-up performance last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2700m on 15 May when barefoot. Not unshod this time but can still earn some money
- 10. JOSCO DE PHYT'S** - Unreliable but did run well last time out when runner-up in class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 4 May when barefoot. Distance-suited and can fight out the finish
- 11. JASPER DES CHARMES** - Disqualified last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 24 May. Barefoot this time so can show improvement but others are preferred
- 12. JAKARTA DES PRES** - Showed improvement when fourth last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2175m on 10 May. Needs to do more to win this race
- 13. JACK TONIC** - Disqualified last time out in class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 4 May. Victorious in the previous start and returns barefoot. Respect
- 14. JUST LOVE YOU** - Capable of better than a 10th-place finish last time in class G at Vincennes over 2850m on 4 May. Shaky start to the year but is capable of winning when in the mood
- 15. JUST A GIGOLO** - Disappointing last run when 8th in class G at Solvalla over 1640m on 25 May. Capable of better and is not out of it

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Summary: JUST LOVE YOU (14) is clearly better than what has been shown from him this year so far. He can bounce back to score in a very competitive race. JOSCO DE PHYT'S (10) is distance-suited and can go one better on his good recent performance at this course. JASON (8) was not disgraced last time out and is capable of doing better this time around. JUST A GIGOLO (15) did not show his best last time out at in Sweden but could score if at best.

SELECTIONS

JUST LOVE YOU (14) - JOSCO DE PHYT'S (10) - JASON (8) - JUST A GIGOLO (15)

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C5 - PRIX CHAMBON P - 2850m (a2m) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR €
120,000

1. EBERTON - Has made no impression in any of his last six starts and is again shod, having finished 9th with his irons fitted in a Quinte+ over 2825m at Le Croise-Laroch on 22 May. Overlook

2. IT'S A DOLLARMAKER - Consistent hard-knocker who would've benefitted from a much-needed comeback outing over 2825m at Le Croise-Laroch on 22 May. Not taken lightly

3. FAKIR DE MAHEY - Well-performed veteran and last-start winner of a Quinte+ race over track and trip on 15 May. Shod for this occasion so is best watched for now - most effective barefoot

4. ERIC THE EEL - Runner-up in a course-and-distance Group III on 24 May. Should again play a leading role under similar conditions

5. GANAY DE BANVILLE - Bounced back to his best with victory in a course-and-distance Group III on 24 May. Will be a factor

6. ELVIS DU VALLON - Consistent performer whose competitiveness under these conditions (course, distance, shoeing configuration) is beyond doubt. Showed his form/well-being with a good 3rd in a Group III over track and trip on 24 May

7. HOKKAIDO JIEL - High-class trotter who, given this ease in grade, has an ideal opportunity to reconnect with success. Finished a creditable 5th in the Group II Prix des Ducs de Normandie over 2450m at Caen on 11 May

8. ELIE DE BEAUFOUR - Has made no impression in each of his 7 comeback outings this year, the latest (12th) over course and distance on 24 May

9. HOOKER BERRY - Consistent veteran trotter with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 7th in a strong Group II Quinte+ race over 2450m at Caen on 11 May. Not taken lightly

Summary: In this Group II event, it could pay to side with HOKKAIDO JIEL (7) who, on the strength and consistency of his recent form, has the means to claim the prize. Barring any incident, and if not trapped in a tactical race, he ought to have the measure of last-start winner GANAY DE BANVILLE (5) and IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (2), who would've needed his comeback outing at Le Croisé-Laroch where the quick sectionals exposed his lack of fitness in the finish. ERIC THE EEL (4) is a possibility for the podium after an improved/encouraging last start.

SELECTIONS

HOKKAIDO JIEL (7) - GANAY DE BANVILLE (5) - IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (2) - ERIC THE
EEL (4)

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C6 - PRIX DU QUERCY - 2850m (a2m) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 75,000

- 1. IPALIO** - Didn't go unnoticed when 5th of 15 over 2150m in a competitive race at Enghien on 25 May but is most effective without his irons
- 2. INFANT PERRINE** - Delicate but has the undeniable means to make his presence felt in a race of this nature. Must redeem himself after his latest failure (disqualification) over 2150m at Enghien on 25 May
- 3. HORATIUS D'ELA** - Ultra-consistent performer whose competitiveness/efficiency under these conditions (course, distance, shoeing configuration) is beyond doubt. Showed his form and well-being by finishing 2nd over 2700m at this venue on 31 May
- 4. ESPOIR DES CHAMPS** - Has made no impression in either comeback outing this year, the latest (disqualified) at Vichy on 6 May over 2950m. For another day
- 5. HEDE DARLING** - Well-traveled veteran who looked back to his best when finishing 2nd over 2700m at this venue on 24 May when racing barefoot for the first time. Need only confirm that form/improvement to play a role
- 6. DASSERO** - Has finished 5th in back-to-back recent outings in this shoeing configuration, the latest over 2450m at Caen on 11 May. Place chance
- 7. GOAL STAR** - Hard-knocking veteran whose consistent recent form and favourable starting position give him a good winning chance, especially on the evidence of his encouraging 3rd over 2700m at this venue on 24 May
- 8. FUEGO DU MORTIER** - Caught the eye when finishing 3rd over 2850m at Lyon-Parilly on 25 May and the presence of Éric Raffin in the sulky will earn him supporters. Dark horse
- 9. GINKO DU ROUSSOIR** - Has made no impression in any of his five comeback outings this year, the latest (disqualified) over 2825m at Le Croise-Laroche on 22 May
- 10. INDIGO DE FONTAINE** - Prolific performer with 7 wins from his last 9 starts, including his last five consecutive outings, albeit in a different shoeing configuration. Absent since winning over 2700m at this venue on 25 February and is shod on his return, so is best watched for now
- 11. FOUGUE DU DOLLAR** - Soundly beaten in all six appearances this year, the latest (shod) over 2625m at Alençon on 2 June, and is unlikely to trouble the judge with her shoes fitted again. Others preferred
- 12. GENDREEN** - Consistent veteran trotter with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 7th in a strong Quinte+ race over track and trip on 15 May. Not taken lightly
- 13. FIFTY FIVE BOND** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th in a Quinte+ event track and trip on his return to the Parisian ash on 24 May. Attractive outsider
- 14. INO DU LUPIN** - Prolific trotter with 19 wins from 23 completed outings (26 starts). Lost his unbeaten record this year (after 6 consecutive wins) when finishing 2nd in a 2825m Quinte+ at Le Croise-Laroche on 22 May

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Summary: INO DU LUPIN (14) lost his unbeaten record this year, after six consecutive previous victories, when 2nd in a Quinte+ race last time but has an ideal opportunity to reconnect with success. He will, however, have to make up the ground on GOAL STAR (7), whose prowess from the front is undeniable. HORATIUS OF ELA (3) and HEDE DARLING (5) are others capable of making their presence felt, along with GENDREEN (12) who completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

INO DU LUPIN (14) - GOAL STAR (7) - HORATIUS D'ELA (3) - HEDE DARLING (5)

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C7 - PRIX GUY LE GONIDEC - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr2 Race - Harness - EUR € 120,000

- 1. KIM FOREVER** - Consistent filly with sound form references. Seldom finishes far off the mark and confirmed as much by finishing 2nd over track and trip on 17 May when fully unshod - races with her irons refitted, outsider
- 2. KASH LADY** - Revealed considerable early potential but has failed to build on that promise in 3 comeback races this year, all with this shoeing configuration - the latest (disqualified) over track and trip on 4 May
- 3. KEMIA DU CHENE** - Consistent filly, seldom wins her races (just 1 victory from 15 starts) but rarely finishes far off the mark, confirmed as much by finishing 4th in a good race over track and trip on 4 May
- 4. KOKOTE** - Progressive filly, especially in this barefoot configuration. Earned her shot at Group/pattern races after winning over track and trip on 4 May
- 5. KISS ME HONEY** - Refined her condition with a preparation race (shod) in the Group III Prix Caecilia, in which she finished 12th, over track and trip on 24 May. Races unshod on this occasion and ought to make her presence felt
- 6. KRACOVIA** - Was fighting for victory at the time of her fault in the Group III Prix Caecilia over track and trip recently (on 24 May). Has the means to make amends
- 7. KELLE BEAUTE** - Inconsistent filly but retains the means to make her presence felt at this level. Didn't go unnoticed when 7th in the Group III Prix Caecilia over track and trip on 24 May. Place chance
- 8. KAYA DREAM** - Delicate and is seldom far from a fault. Disqualified in 2 of her 4 appearances this year, including her latest in the Group II Prix Lavater mounted race over track and trip on 31 May
- 9. KIARA DE VANDEL** - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th in the Group III Prix Caecilia over track and trip on 24 May. Dark horse
- 10. KALMIA QUICK** - Caught the eye with an improved/encouraging 3rd in the Group III Prix Caecilia over track and trip on 24 May. Keep safe
- 11. KARLA DE MAI** - Disqualified in the Group II Prix Lavater mounted race over track and trip on 31 May. Has better references under the saddle
- 12. KABAKA DE GUEZ** - Inconsistent, versatile filly with the undeniable means to stake a claim in a race of this nature. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th in a course-and-distance Group II mounted race on 31 May. Upset chance
- 13. KYRIELLE** - Has taken her game/form to new heights racing unshod and confirmed as much by finishing 3rd in a 2200m Group I at this venue on 2 March. Has a serious winning claims on her reappearance
- 14. KANA DE BEYLEV** - Absent since finishing 2nd in a 2200m Group I contest at this venue on 2 March. She is expected to fight for victory on her return

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Summary: William Bigeon is doubly represented and his charges, KANA DE BEYLEV (14) and KYRIELLE (13), are likely to dominate the outcome. Both race barefoot on their reappearances after placing at Group I level when last seen on 2 March at this venue. KRACOVIA (6) need only avoid disqualification to pose a threat, while KISS ME HONEY (5) and KOKOTE (4) are newcomers to this level of competition but shouldn't be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

KANA DE BEYLEV (14) - KYRIELLE (13) - KRACOVIA (6) - KISS ME HONEY (5)

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

- 1. KRONO DU TRIO** - Consistent colt who showed his form and well-being with an improved/encouraging 2nd over track and trip on 21 May in the same shoeing configuration. More needed
- 2. KILLER MESLOIS** - Last-start winner at this venue over 2100m in his first barefoot appearance on 14 May, so configuration alteration is bizarre. Best watched for now
- 3. KEYNOTE** - Talented colt with undeniable means but remains a tricky customer. Disqualified in back-to-back starts at this venue, the latest over track and trip in a Group III event on 24 May - needs to reaffirm
- 4. KAPORAL DES FORGES** - Acquitted himself (6th Of 12 finishers) in the Group III Prix Caecilia over track and trip on 24 May. Place chance
- 5. KHAL'S FELLA** - Last-start winner of the 2700m Group III Prix du Vaucluse over this course and distance on 4 May. Could have a role to play at long odds
- 6. KEEP GOING** - Consistent colt with sound references/form credentials, which include finishing 4th and, more recently, 6th in consecutive Group III events - the latest over 2450m at Caen on 11 May
- 7. KAPITANO DE SOURCE** - Delicate but has undeniable ability/quality, didn't go unnoticed when 7th in the 2450m Group III Prix Guillaume le Conquérant at Caen on 11 May
- 8. KEENAN DE JOUDES** - Prolific colt whose competitiveness at Group level/in pattern races is beyond doubt - and confirmed as much by finishing 2nd in the Group III Prix Guillaume le Conquérant over 2450m at Caen on 11 May
- 9. KALIF LANDIA** - Carefully prepared for this race and is most effective with this shoe fitting - was 3rd in a 2200m Group I and 5th in a 2875m Group II. Finished 8th (shod) in a 2450m Group III at Caen on 11 May - keep safe
- 10. KRISTAL JOSSELYN** - Returned to form with an encouraging 3rd in the Group III benchmark race over 2450m (Prix Guillaume le Conquérant) at Caen on 11 May. Dark horse
- 11. KSAR** - High-class performer with serious references, even with his shoes/irons on. Sanctioned in consecutive recent outings, the latest over 2450m in a Group III race at Caen on 11 May - not taken lightly
- 12. KING OPERA** - Reassured with an encouraging 4th in the Group III reference race (Prix Guillaume le Conquérant) over 2450m at Caen on 11 May. Delicate but has undeniable means
- 13. KRACK TIME ATOUT** - Returned from a three-month absence to finish a close-up 2nd behind KOCTEL DU DAIN (14) in a 2875m Group II at Enghien on 20 April. Will have a role to play
- 14. KOCTEL DU DAIN** - High-class performer who won back-to-back Group II events before completing a pattern race hat-trick by taking out the Group III Prix Guillaume le Conquérant over 2450m at Caen on 11 May. One to beat

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Summary: KOCTEL DU DAIN (14) has been in imperious form recently, reeling off a hat-trick of Group-race success, and returns to the Parisian ash with legitimate claims of extending his winning sequence. KRACK TIME ATOUT (13), who finished 2nd behind the selection in an April Group II, has regained freshness and will pose a threat once more. KEENAN DE JOUDES (6) proved his competitiveness at this level on several occasions already and should make his presence felt too. KING OPERA (12) and KALIF LANDIA (9) complete the shortlist. Good race!

SELECTIONS

KOCTEL DU DAIN (14) - KRACK TIME ATOUT (13) - KEENAN DE JOUDES (8) - KING OPERA (12)

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C9 - PRIX DE VILLENEUVE-SUR-LOT - 2850m (a2m) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

1. **ETRANGER JOYEUSE** - Unexposed Italian trotter with undeniable means, having won 5 of his 8 completed outings (9 starts). Runner-up over 1600m at Turin on 7 April
2. **EMPIRE AS** - Lightly raced, talented colt - won the lucrative Jsm Gruppen-Euro Classic Trot at Halmstad in July 2023 in his only appearance in this shoeing configuration. A shadow of his former self in 3 comeback outings this year but remains open to improvement
3. **EL DORADO BREED** - Last-start winner of a 200m speed race in Naples, Italy on 30 April. Finished 3rd over 2060m in his only barefoot appearance
4. **EAGLE PRAV** - Italian trotter with sound references and who seldom finishes far off the mark when not disqualified. Finished 6th over 1650m at Milan on 25 April but ought to fare better racing unshod in front
5. **KATSUKI** - Unplaced in four of six appearances this year and disqualified on the two occasions, including his latest over 2700m at this venue on 31 May. New shoeing configuration fitted
6. **EXPRESS D'ARC** - Has taken his game/form to new heights racing unshod - won 3 of 5 completed outings (7 starts) in this configuration since the turn of the year. Showed his form and well-being with a good 3rd at Turin in the Gran Premio Citta' Di Torino on 14 April
7. **KILIMANDJARO** - Seldom far off the mark when avoiding disqualification and confirmed as much by finishing 4th at this venue over 2700m on 31 May. For lovers of outsiders
8. **KARNAC WOOD** - Classy colt with untapped potential - yet to finish worse than 3rd in 5 races, won his first 3 starts before finishing 3rd at Pornichet. Absent since finishing 2nd at Le Mont-Saint Michel over 2675m in September
9. **KOBALT** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd over 2175m at this venue on 10 May. Dark horse
10. **KADOR DU MONT** - Consistent colt with sound references/form credentials, even with his irons. Confirmed as much with a good 2nd over 2700m at this venue on 17 May. Attractive outsider
11. **EL DORADO BAR** - Has revealed considerable ability/quality in Italy, winning 5 of his 7 appearances this year including consecutive recent outings at Naples - the latest over 1600m on 23 April. Not taken lightly
12. **KAMIKAZE DU CAMPUS** - Seldom far off the mark when avoiding disqualification and didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 2700m at this venue when last seen on 29 March
13. **KERNO** - Consistent performer (albeit in the provinces) whose two barefoot appearances have yielded a 2nd and a 3rd. Not to be overlooked despite his last-start disqualification at Marseille-Borely on 6 May
14. **RED D'OVER** - Talented Belgian trotter with sound references at Vincennes, having finished 2nd in both outings at this venue earlier in the year before his last-start success at Waregem over 2400m on 26 May. Leading light
15. **NEVADA LOBELL** - Seriously talented Scandinavian colt with 4 wins from 7 completed outings (10 starts). Made a winning reappearance over 2000m at Gelsenkirchen on 28 May

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16. ELAND - Delicate but undeniably capable trotter ideally engaged under these conditions (at the earnings limit). Won over 2080m at Trieste on 24 March - shouldn't be underestimated on his return to French soil

Summary: Hard race to assess and a case can be made for most. RED D'OVER (14) finished 2nd in both of his Vincennes appearances during the winter and lines up here in winning form after a recent Waregem victory. He gets the nod ahead of highly rated NEVADA LOBELL (15) who will fight for victory if building on an encouraging comeback success in Germany. The returning well-bred KARNAC WOOD (8) is likely to have been wound up sufficiently to acquit himself well on his reappearance, while ELAND (16), who was at fault in his only start at Vincennes, shouldn't be underestimated on his return to French soil.

SELECTIONS

RED D'OVER (14) - NEVADA LOBELL (15) - KARNAC WOOD (8) - ELAND (16)