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R1 ENGHEN [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE LA PORTE DIDOT - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class D - Harness - EUR € 40.000

- 1. JITANA WILD** - Consistently in the thick of things when focused. Not ideally drawn but is currently in fine shape and should not be overlooked
- 2. JENY DE GOUYE** - Hardy filly that has climbed the class ladder well. Has never disappointed, when applied, going left-handed and will have her supporters
- 3. JOIE D'AMOUR** - Quality filly that has turned a corner since starting to race unshod all four. Has everything going for her here and the hat-trick looks a distinct possibility
- 4. JOLIE ORIGINE** - Just one win in 25 but has merit. Reassured here three weeks ago and will not be available at 60/1 this time around
- 5. JENUFA** - Back in business since beginning to race unshod. Well-placed on the front line and returning to 2150m looks a serious proposition
- 6. JEREMICE MERITE** - Seldom seen racing anti-clockwise but gave a fine account at Vincennes last month. Went close at Lisieux and once again looks a leading player
- 7. JUSTINE FACE** - Filly of considerable ability but has struggled with stride issues lately. Maintains current shoeing formula but with stride in check will not be far off the mark
- 8. JAVA DE RETZ** - Not the easiest to handle but showed her form at Caen last time out. Breaks wide but will have her chances if Mathieu Mottier can keep her trotting
- 9. JET GIRL** - Has done nothing noteworthy since winning over track and trip last autumn and must get her house in order
- 10. JUNON DE LOU** - Starts on the second line but is in fine form and, in slightly less exalted company this time, can figure prominently
- 11. JADE DE CASTELLE** - Monté horse making her first appearance since the spring and will have few takers
- 12. JAGAWA MATCH** - Still chasing that elusive first win but is no slouch on a good day. Steps up in class and unlikely to impose, but with Eric Raffin in charge will be afforded every chance
- 13. JAVA DE CORDAY** - Tricky type with better credentials in the other code and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 14. JAVA DE CASTELLE** - No slouch on a good day and presently going well but takes on some very good horses here and chances limited
- 15. JAMAICA BROWN** - Honest type that regularly gives her best but frequently sanctioned and at this level will have her work cut out
- 16. JESSY DES PISTES** - Erratic sort that has placed just once in four starts here and the draw will do her no favours

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Summary : Unbeaten in two starts this year when barefoot, JOIE D'AMOUR (3) returns to racing left-handed but is ideally positioned behind the car and can pull off the three-timer. JUNON DE LOU (10) has not been handed the best of draws but is in cracking form, and in this company can make up for her recent fault. JENUFA (5) is back at the top of her game and from the 5-spot is competitively well in. JEREMICE MERITE (6) has been knocking at the door lately and last month reassured going left-handed at Vincennes.

SELECTIONS

JOIE D'AMOUR (3) - JUNON DE LOU (10) - JENUFA (5) - JEREMICE MERITE (6)

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**C2 - PRIX DE CRESPIERES - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart - Class D -
Harness - EUR € 46.000**

- 1. INFANTE DE TOUES** - Reliability not her strong suit but pleased in two of last three. No surprises anticipated but should still give an honest account
- 2. IBIZA DU CHERISAY** - Yet to win here but has twice made the first 5 from 3 starts here. Not badly drawn, has shoes off for the occasion, and must be worth monitoring
- 3. IVANA DE BERTRANGE** - Handy dual-purpose trotter with reasonable Enghien references but current harness form does nothing to inspire confidence
- 4. IN ACTION** - Hardy element that has done nothing but improve this term. Went close at Vichy three weeks ago and with a plum spot behind the car can impose this time
- 5. IRINUSHKA** - Unexceptional mare that has not made the frame all year and, despite a good draw, will have little to offer
- 6. INFANTE DU BUISSON** - Blows hot and cold but has bags of ability. Is a good finisher and from the front row can make up for her recent Amiens disappointment
- 7. ICONE DE L'ITON** - Mixes the good with the less good these days but gets on like wildfire with Lebourgeois and will justifiably generate a lot of interest
- 8. INA DU PONT** - Seen more often than not in the provinces but has won twice in the last month and, even though drawn wide, deserves to take her chances in the capital
- 9. IRMA DU VIVIER** - Useful mare that can be considered unlucky last time out. Appreciates Enghien and with Raffin reining can make up for lost time
- 10. INDIANAPOLIS** - Enjoyed a decent 2022 but has looked very ordinary this season and can be passed over
- 11. IMPERIA SPORT** - Useful sort with two races under her belt this term. Is forced to start on the second row but in this company looks good enough to pick up a cheque

Summary : Always game and already a winner at the venue, IRMA DU VIVIER (9) showed her form at Châteaubriant earlier in the month. She is barefoot this time and with stride in check can defy the draw and open her 2023 account. IN ACTION (4) is considerably better placed on the front line and her recent Vichy performance bodes well for her chances. Twice a winner in three starts with Yoann Lebourgeois, ICONE DE L'ITON (7) must be considered a player, as should the versatile, but widely-drawn, INA DU PONT (8) who has won two of her last three.

SELECTIONS

IRMA DU VIVIER (9) - IN ACTION (4) - ICONE DE L'ITON (7) - INA DU PONT (8)

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**C3 - PRIX DE LA HAUTE-MARNE - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - Class E - Harness -
EUR € 52.000**

- 1. HESCORT LOVE** - Excellent servant when racing barefoot. Won over 2150m here recently and pulling off the three-timer is well within his capacity
- 2. GRAND CANYON** - Never far from faulting but otherwise a classy individual in excellent shape and with application can again go close
- 3. HOLLY D'ECHAL** - Subject to stride woes this term but has otherwise been in cracking form. Returned to winning ways at Pornichet and although unlikely to confirm can still go close
- 4. HYPER FAST** - Has been a model of consistency over recent months. Already twice a winner here and in current form is hard to ignore
- 5. FALCO DU HAMEL** - Previously a good sort but has been disappointing for some time and again looks a rank outsider
- 6. HELENCIO** - Hardy trotter that regularly gives his best. Is barefoot for his return to France and, considering his appreciation of Enghien, should not be overlooked
- 7. HASARD** - One of the most consistent horses in the field and presently in flying form. Is shod for competition, should appreciate the Enghien profile, and can wrap this up
- 8. HISTOIRE PHILS** - Already five times a winner this season. Is new to Enghien, and steps up in category, but should still give an honest account
- 9. HISA DU MARGAS** - Serious mare that has produced the goods here. Got back in the game at Cabourg last time and with form maintained will be dangerous

Summary : Bags of quality in this field with no obvious standout, but it would be no surprise to see another big performance from Enghien debutant HASARD (7) who seldom lets the side down when applied, and who is shod competitively this time around. Wiels will still want to be wary of the reinvigorated HESCORT LOVE (1) who has won his last two, including over shorter here, and HISA DU MARGAS (9) who returned to the winners' enclosure at Cabourg earlier in the month. Rarely out of the picture when behaved, GRAND CANYON (2) is both confirmed here and in excellent form.

SELECTIONS

HASARD (7) - HESCORT LOVE (1) - HISA DU MARGAS (9) - GRAND CANYON (2)

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**C4 - PRIX DU MEDOC - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - European - Class C - Harness -
EUR € 68.000**

- 1. ALL OF HOST** - Respectable mare but has failed to shine since leaving Italy and is unlikely to influence the result
- 2. GALANTIS** - Won at Vincennes straight after leaving Scandinavia but has not been as sharp since. Reassured somewhat last time out though and from the front row can give this a good go
- 3. GLOIRE DES LOYAUX** - Disappointing on the whole for past five months and in current form will have little to offer
- 4. HURRICANE RIVER** - Good, consistent campaigner that seldom disappoints when focused. Comes here fresh, starts in front, and on good behaviour should not be far from the action
- 5. ZANTE LASER** - Clearly capable but has failed to make the grade lately. Benefits from an excellent entry though and could well make the first five this time
- 6. FLYING BRICKELL** - Handy trotter that appreciates Enghien and goes over any trip. Reassured last time out, comes here fresh, and from the front line can play a leading role
- 7. DOLCE D'EBANE** - Modest type that has made no impact all year and is not about to spring any surprises
- 8. ZELOV** - Previously a good sort but lost his way last season. Unseen since November and will need the run
- 9. GAMIN JABA** - Quality element with nothing to prove at this level. Lost his action in the race of reference but can win this if Congard can keep him trotting
- 10. FEE DE RANCHVAL** - Useful mare that was not entirely at her ease here recently but is reunited with Eric Raffin and looks to have a solid chance of getting her nose in front
- 11. GIGOLO LOVER** - A winner at this level across town earlier in the year. Fifth in the race of reference and with form maintained can challenge for a spot on the podium
- 12. EZALYO SMART** - Confirmed at this level but below-par since returning after the break and from the second line will have his work cut out
- 13. FAUBOURG** - Blows hot and cold but has solid references at the venue. Gave an excellent account here recently and in similar form can again make the frame

Summary : Most of the big guns are situated on the back line here, with FEE DE RANCHVAL (10) an obvious choice given how well she has been acquitting herself here lately. The good FAUBOURG (13) had her measure here mid-month and should again figure prominently, but may first have to defer to the temperamental but talented GAMIN JABA (9) who will have his chances if he gets off on the right foot. The versatile FLYING BRICKELL (6) has excellent Enghien credentials and the 25m head-start will do his prospects no disservice.

SELECTIONS

FEE DE RANCHVAL (10) - GAMIN JABA (9) - FAUBOURG (13) - FLYING BRICKELL (6)

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**C5 - PRIX DE MARMAGNE - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - European-Autostart -
Class E - Harness - EUR € 41.000**

- 1. BOMBER DI NO** - Hardy sort that won over track and trip last time here. Not the easiest to keep trotting but on good behaviour can start to set the record straight
- 2. SILVER BULLIT(SWE)** - Never far from losing his action but form is not in doubt. Gets a Raffin drive this time and is sufficiently well-positioned to give this a good go
- 3. HOTEL MYSTIC** - Blows hot and cold but thrives in these events. Did not have his mind on the game last time but from the 3-spot has every chance at redemption
- 4. G.K.JUSTUS** - Serious Scandinavian import that struggled somewhat at Vincennes but will appreciate Enghien's flatter profile and with application will be no pushover
- 5. BECKHAM** - Benefits from a decent spot in front but has not made much impact this term and is not about to break the mould
- 6. HERAKLION DESBOIS** - Modest individual that has done nothing noteworthy for some time and can be passed over
- 7. BLUE EYES BAR** - Not the easiest of horses to handle but has bags of ability. Already a winner under these conditions and in present form can make a big splash
- 8. HOLLYWOOD TORINO** - Not an obvious choice on paper but left a good impression here mid-month and even though starting wide can get in on the action
- 9. BENJAMIN (ITY)** - Useful sort that pleased on French debut late last month but has little going for him here and unlikely to shake things up
- 10. HAPPY FEW (SWE)** - Boasts a fine record in his native Sweden but yet to make his mark in France and must first establish his mark
- 11. BARBARIGO** - Regular Italian type that please in one of two starts across town. Should take better to Enghien conditions though and, while unlikely to spring a major surprise, should still give an honest account
- 12. FETLOCK JOINT** - Has ability but is no champion and has no particular love for Enghien. Disregard
- 13. BEETHOVEN (SWE)** - Useful Swedish import that won on French debut. Not as sharp since, and not ideally drawn, but can get a look in if applied
- 14. HEROS DHELPA** - Quality element that would have finished close here recently had he not faulted, and even though badly drawn, can make amends
- 15. JACK IS BACK** - Has some decent form abroad but below-par this term. Makes first appearance for new stable but the draw will do him no favours

Summary : Oddly out of sorts here mid-month, HOTEL MYSTIC (3) is nevertheless very hard to fault over these shorter trips and is ideally-placed to make up for his recent course-and-distance flop. Matthieu Abrivard will still feel some heat from Swedish import SILVER BULLIT(SWE) (2) who will be dangerous if he replicates his recent Vichy run. HEROS DHELPA (14) has been accorded a tough draw but has been showing his form and must not be underestimated. A winner under these conditions last season, the tricky BLUE EYES BAR (7) reassured in his native Italy a fortnight ago and the Alexandre Abrivard factor cannot be ignored.

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**HOTEL MYSTIC (3) - SILVER BULLIT(SWE) (2) - HEROS DHELPA (14) - BLUE EYES BAR
(7)**

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C6 - PRIX DE PICPUS - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - Class C - Harness - EUR €
46.000

- 1. JOKER MADRIK** - Like a horse reborn over recent weeks. Returns to the venue of his penultimate score and can pull off the hat-trick
- 2. JOUR DE GLOIRE** - Faithful servant that always gives his best but in current form represents no more than a minor place prospect
- 3. JAZZMAN DEBAILLEUL** - Already a winner this year but below par in both since the break and even with front pads fitted will have his work cut out
- 4. JUNIOR ANGELE** - Quality gelding that was denied a run across town late last month. Has had time to freshen up and is expected to set the record straight
- 5. JET EXPRESS** - Remarkably consistent colt that has been knocking at the door recently and over this trip looks competitively well in
- 6. JUBY DE BAILLY** - Not without merit but form regressing and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 7. JULEJACQ** - Useful sort when focused. Drops back in category and should logically improve on his latest Vincennes performance
- 8. JACADI BROUETS** - Serious type that showed his form at the highest level under the saddle last time out. Is proven when barefoot under harness and has every chance of complementing his lone win to date
- 9. JACK BARROW** - Justifiably well-regarded colt that showed marked improvement at Vincennes last time out and at peak fitness can give JACADI BROUETS (8) a run for his money

Summary : Well-regarded in both disciplines, JACADI BROUETS (8) has been showing his form and his latest harness effort augurs well for his chances. Benjamin Rochard will nevertheless be keeping an eye on the versatile JACK BARROW (9) who has three races in him since the break. A winner over 2150m here before confirming in Finland nine days ago, JOKER MADRIK (1) has hind shoes off for his return to France and will be no soft touch. JUNIOR ANGELE (4) is unbeaten in two appearances here and can more than make amends for some poor luck he endured at Vincennes last time out.

SELECTIONS

JACADI BROUETS (8) - JACK BARROW (9) - JOKER MADRIK (1) - JUNIOR ANGELE (4)

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**C7 - PRIX DE CLIGNANCOURT - 2875m (a1 3/4m) - Class C - Harness -
EUR € 46.000**

1. **KID DE GRATTIERES** - Unremarkable sort in both branches of the business and can expect to generate very little interest
2. **KADOR JOSSELYN** - Has looked a good prospect in the making since his May debut. Makes first appearance in the capital but has earned his place here and should have a lot to offer
3. **KASH DES RIOULTS** - Useful sort that has won two of four. Goes left-handed for the first time and can again challenge for a place on the podium if he turns
4. **KEROS DES BAUX** - Still rather green but has talent in spades. Missed out by little here two weeks ago and can apply the pressure on KALEO DU BELLAY (8)
5. **KLIF DU DEZERT** - Consistently in the thick of things but has not been as performant since being stepped up in class and others preferred
6. **KEPI DES MONTS** - Produced a pair of good efforts before being trounced here after taking the final corner badly last time out. Can make amends but in this company still has more to find
7. **KADEAU DE L'AVRE** - Yet to get off the mark but has been acquitting himself well since the spring and, with pads fitted again, can get in on the action
8. **KALEO DU BELLAY** - Has come into himself this season. Won two of three and can add another to his tally if he gets off on the right foot
9. **KUMBI DE PHYT'S** - Moderate colt that tends to show more at a lower level and unlikely to shake things up
10. **KALMIO DE LOU** - Has started to come good again following a troubling spring period. Is in his category here and should not be far off the mark
11. **KAPELLO DE LOIRON** - Has not stepped a foot wrong since early June. Is close to his race and must be afforded due respect

Summary : After a relatively unpromising start to his career, KALEO DU BELLAY (8) returned to the track this season a horse transformed, winning his first two. Sanctioned early next time, he could nevertheless win this if Franck Nivard can keep him trotting. That said, KEROS DES BAUX (4) showed his form over shorter here a fortnight ago and, with just hind pads fitted, looks a serious proposition. Second here earlier in the month, KAPELLO DE LOIRON (11) will not be playing bridesmaid for much longer and should again acquit himself competitively. The lightly-campaigned KADOR JOSSELYN (2) has done everything right to date and steps up in category with justified ambition.

SELECTIONS

**KALEO DU BELLAY (8) - KEROS DES BAUX (4) - KAPELLO DE LOIRON (11) - KADOR
JOSSELYN (2)**

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**C8 - PRIX DE LA PORTE DE CHOISY - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Autostart -
Class D - Harness - EUR € 33.000**

- 1. LITTLE MARCEAUX** - Produced quite the performance when qualifying in 1'17"8 last month at Caen and, if as good in competition, will have his chances
- 2. LUCKY DE MAC** - Left a very good impression in qualification at Laval mid-May. Would generate more interest in less-exalted company but should still not be written off
- 3. LASH PERRINE** - Well-regarded colt from a yard in good form. Eric Raffin reining on racecourse debut and could well lose his maiden tag
- 4. LAGNU MAG** - Untried element that qualified decently. Hails from a stable with solid 2yo form and must be respected
- 5. L'AMERICAIN** - Qualified decently at Grosbois before giving a solid account on debut 12 days ago. Will have come on for the run but risks encountering much tougher opposition this time around
- 6. LUCIANO MENUET** - Qualified respectably but is a colt from one of the best juvenile powerhouses and will justifiably garner significant support

Summary : Just one of these has tasted competition but newcomers nevertheless appear to have the advantage this time. LASH PERRINE (3) set off no fireworks in qualification but he is out of a very good mare, and with Eric Raffin in the wagon, can get straight down to business. That said, a Philippe Allaire-trained youngster should never be underestimated and this is why LUCIANO MENUET (6) will be well-supported. LITTLE MARCEAUX (1) qualified in very good order and, considering the condition of Fabrice Souloy's horses, should put on a good show.

SELECTIONS

LASH PERRINE (3) - LUCIANO MENUET (6) - LITTLE MARCEAUX (1) - LAGNU MAG (4)