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C1 - PRIX ROBERT LAVALLEE - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **MASAIYA** - Finished 10th over 1600m at Leopardstown on the 21st of October 2023. Follow the market on local debut

2. **MIYALAA** - Finished 2nd over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in a maiden on the 17th of November 2023. Winning claims

3. **AMOR A MANI** - Finished 7th over 2200m at Lyon Parilly in a maiden on the 17th of April 2024. Open to further improvement

4. **SAHARA GOLD** - Not completely disgraced in 7th spot over 1800m in a maiden at Le Croise-Laroche on the 20th of April 2024. Should have more to offer

5. **MAY DAY SPIRIT** - No show in 14th spot over 1950m at Chateaubriant in a maiden on the 27th of April 2024. Would be a shock winner

6. **SAHIRAH** - Comfortably beaten in 6th spot over 2000m at Le Lion D'angers in a maiden on the 7th of April 2024. Easy to look elsewhere

7. **HURRANELLA** - Finished 9th over 2350m at Machecoul in a maiden on the 1st of April 2024. Unlikely to feature

8. **L AMICALEMENT** - Finished in 6th over 2000m at Le Lion D'angers in a Class 2 on the 7th of April 2024. Would be a shock winner

9. **CATY FISH** - Finished 9th over 2100m at Parislongchamp in a maiden on the 7th of April 2024. Others make more appeal

10. **RED IRIS** - Well held in 3rd position on local debut over 2000m at Le Lion D'angers on the 7th of April 2024. More needed to feature

11. **DONA PEJITA** - Finished 6th over 2300m at Le Mans in a maiden on the 23rd of April 2024. Open to improvement

12. **PRINCESSE BORA** - Dam won twice over 1600m and 2300m. This filly is likely to need the experience on debut. Others preferred

13. **RAISON GARDEE** - Dam won four times over 1600m and 2400m. This filly could be ideally placed to put up a solid effort. Include in the play

Summary: MIYALAA (2) was clear second best last time out but on her reappearance she can take a significant step forward in her claim to get her maiden win out the way. AMOR A MANI (3) produced a fair effort on debut and should have come on quite a bit so could be a threat. SAHARA GOLD (4) showed some promise on debut and is likely to get involved. RAISON GARDEE (13) needs to be followed carefully and wouldn't need to be anything special to challenge.

SELECTIONS

MIYALAA (2) - AMOR A MANI (3) - SAHARA GOLD (4) - RAISON GARDEE (13)

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C2 - PRIX DE CHATEAUBRIANT - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. VIRTUOSE** - Finished 7th over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 3 course qualifier on the 10th of April 2024. Place claims
- 2. KALEONA** - Finished 4th over 2600m at Morlaix in a Class 4 on the 24th of March 2024. Top 3 chance
- 3. RUE JONAS** - Not at best in 9th spot over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 24th of November 2023. Drops in class and can be effective
- 4. YOR** - Average performance in 9th spot over at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 12th of April 2024. One to pass by
- 5. BARTABELLO** - Runner up over 2850m at Loudeac in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 21st of April 2024. Upset potential
- 6. DRIP** - Narrowly beaten in 3rd position over 2400m at Nantes in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 18th of April 2024. Should go close
- 7. SHATTERHAND** - Finished 13th over 2400m at Nantes in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 18th of April 2024. Easy to look elsewhere
- 8. EQUILLY** - No show in 10th over 2500m at Argentan in a Class 4 event on the 11th of April 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 9. GRAND LEON** - Held in 8th position over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 26th of January 2024. Others make more appeal
- 10. SPATIAL MERIT** - Far from disgraced in 6th spot over 2400m at Nantes in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 18th of April 2024. Include in the play
- 11. COEUR DAVIER** - Moderate effort in 8th position over 2400m at Nantes in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 18th of April 2024. More to do
- 12. KAPTAIN NORDIK** - Finished 7th over 2400m at Pornichet in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 2nd of March 2024. Outside place chance
- 13. PHILOSOPHY** - Finished 12th over 2400m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 5th of April 2024. Would be a shock winner

Summary: DRIP (6) was a touch unlucky last time out and looks set to run another big race. He looks to be well placed over a suitable trip. RUE JONAS (3) returns off a layoff but will appreciate taking on slightly weaker which could see her go well. KALEONA (2) has few miles on the clock and can still show improvement. VIRTUOSE (1) isn't the most consistent but is very capable.

SELECTIONS

DRIP (6) - RUE JONAS (3) - KALEONA (2) - VIRTUOSE (1)

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**C3 - PRIX IMPRIMERIE BLIN - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat
- EUR € 21,000**

- 1. DSCHINGIS DREAM** - Finished 3rd over 2250m at Fontainebleau in a maiden on the 13th of April 2024. Place chance
- 2. L'EPALE DE TUNIS** - Beaten out of sight in 9th over 2000m in a maiden at Le Lion-D'angers on the 7th of April 2024. Unlikely winner
- 3. RAIMONDIN** - Finished 2nd over 1900m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat in a maiden on the 6th of April 2024. Big player
- 4. MANY DREAMS** - No show in 12th spot on debut over 2350m at Machecoul on the 25th of February 2024. Others make more appeal
- 5. O'WOOD** - Runner up over 2000m in a maiden at Le Lion-D'angers on the 7th of April 2024. Capable of winning
- 6. DADDY JOY** - Finished 6th over 2500m at Argentan in a maiden on the 11th of April 2024. Place chance at best
- 7. HONEY BADGER** - Finished 5th over 2000m in a maiden at Le Lion-D'angers on the 7th of April 2024. Winning chance
- 8. TRIP TO DEAUVILLE** - Poor performance in 11th over 2000m at Nancy on the 29th of October 2023. Others make more appeal
- 9. SI PASSIONE** - Finished 8th over 2000m in a maiden at Le Lion-D'angers on the 7th of April 2024. Unlikely to threaten
- 10. HUDSON** - Finished 5th over 1900m at Deauville in a maiden on the 29th of December 2023. Should mount a challenge
- 11. WHITE RIVER** - Dam won three times from 1600m - 2200m and this runner could be in need of the outing. Follow the market

Summary: HONEY BADGER (7) steps up in trip which should be right up his alley and he has strong claims of getting the job done. HUDSON (10) returns after a layoff and is likely to play a part in the finish with two solid efforts behind him. RAIMONDIN (3) caught the eye on debut and if not finding the trip too far too soon, he will go close. DSCHINGIS DREAM (1) has seldom been far off them in his three efforts to date and he can earn.

SELECTIONS

HONEY BADGER (7) - HUDSON (10) - RAIMONDIN (3) - DSCHINGIS DREAM (1)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA SERENITE - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 13,000

- 1. GRAND CHARLES** - Finished 9th over 2600m at Morlaix in a Class 4 on the 24th of March 2024. Hard to fancy
- 2. MY HARLEY** - Held in 5th spot over 2100m at Senonnes-Pouance in a maiden on the 14th of April 2024. More needed
- 3. SINGEL MALT** - Very weak performance in 14th spot over 2200m at La Teste in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 25th of April 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 4. KARAKOY** - Weak performance in 12th spot over 2400m at Nantes in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 5th of October 2023. Would be a surprise winner
- 5. QUEST FOR LOVE** - Finished 4th over 2000m at Fontainebleau in a maiden on the 13th of April 2024. Include in the play
- 6. KHANWEILER** - Not beaten far in 10th position over 2000m at Fontainebleau on the 13th of April 2024. Upset type
- 7. FAIRY BLACK KING** - Finished 3rd over 2400m at Toulouse on the 3rd of June 2022. Returns of a long rest and is likely to need it. One to pass by
- 8. JUNGLE DE FONTAINE** - Finished 4th over 2100m at Senonnes-Pouance in a maiden on the 14th of April 2024. Place chance
- 9. FOLLOW TO FOLLOW** - No show in 11th position over 3200m in a maiden at Le Mans on the 23rd of April 2024. Easy to pass by
- 10. RUE D'ALBRET** - Far from disgraced on debut in 7th position over 2000m in a maiden at Fontainebleau on the 13th of April 2024.
- 11. THANKYOU** - Finished 4th over 2400m at Moulins in a maiden on the 14th of April 2024. Should be a factor
- 12. FULL COLOUR** - Finished a fair 6th over 2000m at Fontainebleau on the 13th of April 2024. Place chance
- 13. JEEJEEBHOY** - Dam was unraced and this gelding is likely to need a few runs before showing something useful. Follow the market nonetheless
- 14. SIRIUS RED** - Dam won twice over 1600m. This colt doesn't hail from a yard that are known for first time winners. Follow the market

Summary: RUE D'ALBRET (10) gets the services of a claiming apprentice and following a useful introduction run, she can take a significant step forward. THANKYOU (11) ran a solid race on her return and she looks to be a lively contender. QUEST FOR LOVE (5) put up a fair effort last time out and should get involved. FULL COLOUR (12) is a well tried maiden that will always keep one interested but has been costly to follow.

SELECTIONS

RUE D'ALBRET (10) - THANKYOU (11) - QUEST FOR LOVE (5) - FULL COLOUR (12)

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C5 - PRIX DE VICHY - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

1. ALLURES DE REINE - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th over 2400m at Lignières on 31 March under a 1,5kg penalty after winning on the PSF at Pornichet before that. Not taken lightly

2. DRAPEAU BLANC - Improving, lightly raced mare with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd in a conditions race over 3100m at La Roche-sur-Yon on 14 April. Has legitimate claims on handicap debut

3. LIBERTE CHERIE - Proved her competitiveness off this mark (under a 2kg penalty) by finishing 2nd in her penultimate start, so should not be hastily condemned following a disappointing 9th over 2400m at Nantes on 18 April. Keep safe

4. GRAND COURGEON - Soundly beaten in all 3 appearances this year in PSF handicaps at Pau, the latest (14th) over 2000m on 18 February. Has better references on turf so could do better here

5. LADY STRAIGHT - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper who performed consistently at this level last year. Hasn't been seen since finishing a lackluster 14th over 2400m at Craon on 3 December

6. STYLE FLIGHT - Lightly raced four-year-old gelding who finished 3rd in two of four starts last year. Absent since the latest of those at Machecoul over 2950m on 22 October

7. ROCHEUX - Was supplemented for this race after staying on well to finish an encouraging 5th at Evreux over 1800m on 24 April and has already proven his competitiveness in handicaps off his current mark. Winning chance

8. STORMY FLOO - Unreliable mare though seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Absent since finishing 6th over 2350m at Machecoul on 11 November

9. SPINNING MIST - Consistent for the most part but is held on recent form by ROCHEUX (7), having finished 7th over 1800m at Evreux recently (24 April). Place chance

10. LA PALOMBIERE - Unplaced in all 8 outings but seldom far off the mark, including both handicap appearances last month finished 7th over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers and 6th over 2400m at Nantes on 18 April. For lovers of outsiders

11. PENNYWELL - Yet to find the frame in 12 appearances and finished a well-beaten 7th of 11 in a 2400m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 12 April. Others preferred

12. SOTCHI - A battling maiden with nothing to show from 37 outings - unplaced and soundly beaten in all seven starts this year. Finished a well-beaten 10th in a 1950m handicap at Châteaubriant on 27 April

Summary: ROCHEUX (7) stayed on well from the rear of the field to finish 5th over 1800m Evreux recently and should, especially on the evidence of that performance, relish a return to this distance over which he has already proved his effectiveness. Trainer Axel Baron rides consistent filly DRAPEAU BLANC (2) who boasts the form and experience to acquit herself competitively in her first handicap appearance. LIBERTE CHERIE (3) fluffed her lines at Nantes last time but is undeniably capable of a better showing here, so cannot be discounted. SPINNING MIST (9) has won at Angers and can get into the picture too.

SELECTIONS

ROCHEUX (7) - DRAPEAU BLANC (2) - LIBERTE CHERIE (3) - SPINNING MIST (9)

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C6 - PRIX PLANTAGENET - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. ORION ROCK - Consistent colt boasting strong references/form credentials, including a 2400m Quinté+ victory last November. Caught the eye on his reappearance with an encouraging 4th over 3100m at Nantes on 6 April - sets the standard

2. LAUGHINGOF FEAR - Returned to form with an encouraging 4th over 2400m in a stronger race/field at Lyon-Parilly on 20 April - in just his second outing on French soil. Keep safe

3. JUST LIGHT - Consistent veteran handicapper with consistent/competitive recent references in Quinté+ events on PSF, the latest (5th) over 1900m at Deauville on 9 April. Won his last two starts on turf in September and October - not taken lightly

4. PHILIPPO - Has confirmed the promise he showed in Spain as a young horse in all four starts on French soil, including his latest (4th) on his reappearance at Le Lion-d'Angers over 2000m on 31 March. Dark horse

5. AMTIYAZ - Versatile well-traveled veteran who showed his class on the PSF in England and maintained his form/consistency on turf. Has performed inconsistently in Spain and was only 7th on his reappearance (Madrid) over 2800m on 14 April

6. VAZIRPOUR - Lightly raced four-year-old gelding who has never finished worse than 5th (three times) in six outings, five on turf. Absent since finishing 5th over 1900m in his first start on PSF at Deauville on 15 November

7. THE TOP GATSBY - Consistent and versatile filly beaten only by Deputy Ruler (who since finished 3rd in a Quinté+) on her reappearance at La Teste over 2400m on 10 April. The booking of Maxime Guyon bodes well for her chances here

8. HANDHY - Lightly raced mare who found the frame in five of seven outings last year, the latest (4th) over 1900m on the PSF at Deauville on 28 December. Outsider

9. EUBOA - Improving, lightly raced filly with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th on heavy ground in a 2000m Listed race at Chantilly on 27 October. Respected on her return

Summary: Consistent ORION ROCK (1) ought to build on an encouraging reappearance and is unlikely to be bothered by the drying ground or this shorter distance. He gets the nod ahead of THE TOP GATSBY (7) whose form and consistency, especially after an eye-catching comeback 2nd, will stand her in good stead. LAUGHINGOF FEAR (2) finished a reassuring 4th recently at Lyon-Parilly and could make his presence felt, along with honest veteran JUST LIGHT (3) who also has earning potential.

SELECTIONS

ORION ROCK (1) - THE TOP GATSBY (7) - LAUGHINGOF FEAR (2) - JUST LIGHT (3)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA POTARDIERE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. RAIKU** - Won a 1400m claimer at Saint-Cloud on 16 March and followed up with another success in Madrid over 1400m last time out (31 March). Another bold showing expected
- 2. PACO** - A winner at this level in January. Was outclassed (11th) in a 1900m Bordeaux Quinté+ on 22 April but will appreciate reverting to his preferred distance
- 3. STRAKO** - Caught the eye when staying on late in the day to finish 6th in a 1600m handicap at Le Mans on 23 April. Confirmed at this level, he will fight for victory
- 4. STAR RUN** - Soundly beaten (15th) on debut at Deauville in December 2022 and has finished 9th in both comeback outings this year, the latest at Fontainebleau over 1800m on 2 April. Hard to recommend
- 5. AROWN** - Already a winner at this level and scored over this course and distance on his only visit to this track. Was outclassed (16th) in a 1900m Bordeaux Quinté+ on 22 April but should fare better in this grade
- 6. OXALIS** - Has achieved three of his nine career wins at this level, albeit on the PSF. Unplaced in all five appearances this year, the latest (9th) in a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux on 22 April
- 7. LAURENT** - Inconsistent performer but is capable of getting into the picture - won a 2000m claimer on debut in October 2021. Returns to this category after finishing 11th in a Quinte+ over 1800m at Compiègne on 19 March
- 8. POWER PAPERS** - Returned to form with an improved/encouraging 2nd in a 1500m claimer at Cagnes on 18 January. Not taken lightly
- 9. WHITE GLORY** - Won over 2500m on the PSF at Deauville in his only appearance at this level on 22 August and won his next start in a 2400m handicap at Compiègne. Absent since finishing 12th in a 2500m PSF handicap at Deauville on 16 November
- 10. SIXTUS** - Consistent for the most part but has yet to win a race (from 20 starts). Debuts in the claiming category after finishing 7th in a 1200m turf handicap at Chantilly on 15 April
- 11. OUI JE L ADORE** - Achieved her only career success at this level and has finished 3rd twice in three claiming appearances. Will need to improve to have a say after finishing 8th in a 1400m handicap on heavy ground at Le Lion-d'Angers on 31 March
- 12. ALATHEA** - Won a Quinte+ at Compiègne over this distance last year and has acquitted herself well under a resultant penalty in subsequent handicaps. Absent since finishing 6th in a 1600m handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 9 November - keep safe

Summary: STRAKO (3) ran on well to finish just out of the money in a handicap at Le Mans recently but that would've teed him up nicely ahead of this return to the claiming category, in which he has won and finished 2nd from as many outings on the PSF. PACO (2) is drawn wide but is efficient over the mile and has won under Maryline Eon, so could pose a threat along with RAIKU (1) who has won three of his last four starts. Enigmatic AROWN (5) is the highest-rated runner and has won on this track, so can't be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

STRAKO (3) - PACO (2) - RAIKU (1) - AROWN (5)

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**C8 - PRIX OXYGENE RADIO - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 20,000**

1. HIMYAN - Ran on from last to make a winning reappearance over 1700m at La-Roche-sur-Yon on 14 April and, on the evidence of that victory, could be even better over this extended distance. Candidate for success

2. TEARDROP EXPLODES - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, albeit without success. Finished 3rd and 2nd in two outings at this venue and was 3rd recently in a 1900m claimer at Bordeaux on 1 April. Keep safe

3. CYNIC - Posted a career-best when finishing 2nd in a 2100m handicap at Senonnes on 14 April, proving his competitiveness off this mark. Not taken lightly

4. RUE CUSTINE - Was 2nd in an 1800m claimer at Compiègne before finishing 6th in a 2000m Class 3 conditions race at Saint-Cloud on heavy ground on 12 April. Has a winning chance here on her handicap debut

5. ROUDOUDOU - Has achieved his best references (only placed effort) on the PSF. Made no impression on his handicap debut (7th) at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1800m on 20 April

6. TENYEARSATER - Unplaced in all three outings but hasn't finished far off the mark on each occasion, the latest (6th) at Saint-Cloud on heavy ground in a 1500m claimer on 12 April. Makes his handicap debut

7. BRAMANS - Has improved with each handicap appearance and confirmed as much by finishing 4th over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly on 17 April. Dangerous to discount his chances

8. SEABISCUIT DU RHEU - Showed signs of improvement when finishing 5th on his reappearance over 2000m at Durtal on 21 April. Could have more to offer pitched into a handicap for the first time

Summary: RUE CUSTINE (4) is by no means a model of consistency but, against this opposition, seems ideally placed to make a winning handicap debut. Improving HIMYAN (1) made a winning reappearance and should have more to offer given a step up to this distance, so will fight for victory. CYNIC (3), who finished 2nd in a handicap last time, need only confirm the improvement of that performance to trouble that pair, while consistent TEARDROP EXPLODES (2) has never disappointed on this track and should again acquit herself competitively.

SELECTIONS

RUE CUSTINE (4) - HIMYAN (1) - CYNIC (3) - TEARDROP EXPLODES (2)