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R1 AUTEUIL [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX GIROFLA - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Listed Race - Hurdles - EUR €
88,000**

1. OLYMPIC STORY - Won by 3L on the sole run to date over 3000m at this track on March 31st. Looks promising and can feature

2. SOBRIQUETTE - Won by 2.5L on the sole run to date at this track over 3000m on March 17th. In the mix

3. LADY CAFEINE - Won last time at Compiegne on April 3rd over 3200m in a claimer. Others look more likely

4. SHIKA DU BERLAIS - 3rd at this track on the sole run so far on March 17th over 3000m. Has work to do to feature

5. MANIYSA BLEUE - Nice 2nd at this track over 3000m on the only run behind OLYMPIC STORY (1) on March 31st. Consider

6. DIAMOND DU BERLAIS - Nice 2nd in a Class 1 hurdle last time over 3000m at this track on April 6th. Live contender

Summary: OLYMPIC STORY (1) looked like a smart recruit when scoring by three lengths on her sole start at this track late last month. She can improve for that outing and gets the vote ahead of DIAMOND DU BERLAIS (6) who will make her work hard after a solid second in a Class 1 race at this track 21 days ago. MANIYSA BLEUE (5) was second to the selection on her debut and is one to consider with progress highly likely. SOBRIQUETTE (2) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

**OLYMPIC STORY (1) - DIAMOND DU BERLAIS (6) - MANIYSA BLEUE (5) - SOBRIQUETTE
(2)**

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**C2 - PRIX GO AHEAD - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Listed Race - Hurdles - EUR
€ 88,000**

- 1. NIETZSCHE HAS** - Won on the sole run so far at this track over 3000m on March 17th. Can improve from that and holds a leading chance
- 2. WILLY DE HOUELLE** - Nice win on the only start over 3200m at Compiegne on March 5th. Among the leading chances
- 3. SONY BILL** - Has won both runs so far, the latest in a Class 2 hurdle at Compiegne over 3200m on April 3rd. Live chance
- 4. MESSY** - 3rd last time at Compiegne behind SONY BILL (3) in a Class 2 hurdle over 3200m on April 3rd. More needed but warrants respect
- 5. LUCKI BLUE** - Unplaced on the sole run over hurdles at Moulins on April 7th in a Class 4 race. Hardly inspiring
- 6. LEGACY LINK** - Unplaced on the sole hurdle race run at Moulins in a Class 4 event on April 7th. Moderate flat form and looks of limited ability
- 7. MAMBONUMBERFIVE** - Fair 3rd at Auteuil over 3000m on March 17th on the only run. Should improve from that although others preferred
- 8. ROOSTER CROWING** - 3rd last time over 3000m at Auteuil on April 6th in a Class 1 hurdle. Outside place chance

Summary: A few unbeaten horses line up in this Listed hurdle, with the last month's winner at this track NIETZSCHE HAS (1) getting the marginal vote after a pleasing debut success. He can edge this from the improving SONY BILL (3) who is on the upgrade after two wins so far. WILLY DE HOUELLE (2) did what was expected when scoring on debut and ought to be involved at the business end. MESSY (4) could be the best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

NIETZSCHE HAS (1) - SONY BILL (3) - WILLY DE HOUELLE (2) - MESSY (4)

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C3 - GRANDE COURSE DE HAIES DE PRINTEMPS - (GROUPE III) - 4300m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 174,000

- 1. IRISH VOCATION** - Nice form of late, 3rd on the last start in a Grade 3 hurdle at Auteuil over 3900m on March 24th. Leading chance
- 2. HAUT LES COEURS** - 2nd in a Class 1 hurdle at Compiègne over 3800m on March 25th when last appearing. Needs a few to falter
- 3. LA MANIGANCE** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that in a Grade 3 chase at this track over 4400m on October 14th. Among the leading chances
- 4. ALENTEJO** - 2nd last time in a Listed race over 3900m at this track on April 11th and a win before that in a Class 1 handicap. Ought to be thereabouts
- 5. HO LA LA FOREZ** - Ran well when 4th in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil over 3900m last time on April 6th. Can be competitive
- 6. AIR COMMODORE** - Unplaced last time, 2nd over 3800m before that at Angers in a Class 3 hurdle on March 23rd. Consider
- 7. SIX ONE** - Won a Listed hurdle last time over 3900m on April 11th at this track. Can not be overlooked
- 8. SAINT LOUIS BLUES** - Decent 2nd last time at this track over 3900m in a Listed hurdle on April 6th, and won a Listed hurdle before that at this track. Player
- 9. VISION DU RHEU** - Unplaced on the last two runs, the latter at this track on April 11th over 3900m behind a few of today's rivals. Unlikely
- 10. LOU FAST** - 5th in a Listed hurdle last time at this track on April 6th over 3900m. Outside place chance
- 11. ILTONE** - Unplaced last time, won before that over hurdles at Fontainebleau on December 12th over 3800m in a handicap. Others make more sense
- 12. JASMINE DE CORTON** - Unplaced on the last two runs, won before that at this track over 3600m in a Listed hurdle on October 24th. Uninspiring
- 13. LE ROI DAVID** - Won last time on the flat over 2600m on April 2nd. Unplaced over hurdles at this track on March 3rd in a Class 1 handicap on last run over obstacles. Opposable
- 14. GIACOSA** - 4th in a Listed hurdle over 3900m last time at this track on April 11th. Others rate higher
- 15. FIRST DREAM** - 2nd two runs ago over fences at Nancy in a Class 4 event on March 24th. Looks out of his depth
- 16. MAMIX'S PASSION** - Nice 3rd at this track in a Listed hurdle over 3900m last time on April 11th. Bold run expected
- 17. ONE STORY** - 5th in a Listed hurdle last time at this track over 3900m on April 11th. Looks vulnerable
- 18. REVE DE PRINCE** - Won last time over this track in a Class 2 handicap hurdle on March 17th over 3900m. More needed in a better race

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Summary: IRISH VOCATION (1) could be the answer to this competitive handicap despite being burdened with top weight. His main threat could be HO LA FOREZ (5) who ran a good race when fourth in a Listed hurdle at this track earlier this month. LA MANIGANCE (3) could be a nice each-way option on the return to hurdles having raced in Graded races over fences of late. SAINT LOUIS BLUES (8) has a nice racing weight and was a pleasing second in a good race last time and is sure to be on the premises.

SELECTIONS

IRISH VOCATION (1) - HO LA LA FOREZ (5) - LA MANIGANCE (3) - SAINT LOUIS BLUES
(8)

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C4 - GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE MASTERS - PRIX INGRE - 4400m (a3m) - TURF - Gr2 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 235,000

- 1. IN LOVE** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that in a Grade 3 chase on February 24th at this track over 4400m. Others rate higher
- 2. AMY DU KIFF** - 4th last time, won before that in the Prix Maurice-Gillois Chase (Grade 1) on November 12th at this track. Player
- 3. TOSCANA DU BERLAIS** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that in a Grade 3 chase at this track on February 24th over 4400m. Needs a few to falter
- 4. GARDONS LE SOURIRE** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 4300m in a Listed hurdle at this track on March 9th. Opposable
- 5. SEL JEM** - Should be fitter for a recent 3rd over hurdles on April 8th, won before that the Grand Steeple Chase De Paris (Grade 1) in 2022 at this track. Sets the standard
- 6. GENERAL EN CHEF** - Nice win in a Class 2 chase at this track last time on April 11th over 4400m. Improving and can have a say
- 7. GRAND ONCLE** - 4th last time in a Grade 3 chase on March 17th over 4400m at this track. Ought to be in the shake-up

Summary: SEL JEM (5) will be fitter for a nice run over hurdles last time and can get back in the winner's enclosure having won the Grade 1 Grand Steeple Chase De Paris last May. GENERAL EN CHEF (6) is improving and scored nicely in a Grade 2 chase last time and could give the selection most to do. AMY DU KIFF (2) can not be ruled out having won the Prix Maurice Gillois (Grade 1) in early November two runs back. GRAND ONCLE (7) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

SEL JEM (5) - GENERAL EN CHEF (6) - AMY DU KIFF (2) - GRAND ONCLE (7)

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C5 - PRIX DES CHARENTES - 3600m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 64,000

- 1. KLAM CHOWDER** - Won well at this track last time over 3500m in a Class 2 hurdle on March 9th. Can improve more and rates highly
- 2. FICTION DU BERLAIS** - Fair 3rd last time in a Class 1 handicap hurdle at this track on April 6th over 3600m. Warrants respect
- 3. JALILA MORIVIERE** - Won a Class 1 hurdle on her first attempt over hurdles at this track over 3600m on March 24th. Hard to ignore
- 4. JEWEL DE KERZA** - Nice 2nd last time at this track in a Class 1 handicap hurdle on April 6th. Can not be ruled out
- 5. JALDA DES OBEAUX** - Unplaced on the last four runs, won before that in a Class 2 hurdle at this track on April 13th, 2023. Respect if back to best form
- 6. ROSEFILLY HAS** - Nice 2nd at this track in a Class 2 hurdle over 3600m on February 24th last time. Can be on the premises
- 7. LADY COEUR** - Unplaced last time over 3900m on April 10th in a Class 3 handicap hurdle at La Teste. Hard to recommend
- 8. OCRE** - Won a Class 2 handicap hurdle at this track on March 24th last time over 3600m. Place chance
- 9. ISOLA DI CAPRI** - Won last time over 3500m at Toulouse in a Class 3 handicap hurdle on April 8th. Outside place chance
- 10. CELTY DU KALON** - Nice 3rd in a Class 2 hurdle over 3500m at this track on March 31st when last seen. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 11. IRMINA** - 4th last time, won before that at Vichy in a Class 3 hurdle on May 5th, 2023. Not seen since September and will be better for this run

Summary: KLAM CHOWDER (1) is improving with race experience and won nicely in a Class 2 hurdle at this track last time. She can score from her likely main threat ROSEFILLY HAS (6) who is also getting better with experience and will make her rivals work hard for success. JALILA MORIVIERE (3) won her last two races, the latest was on her debut over hurdles in a Class 1 race and she has a leading chance again. CELTY DU KALON (10) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KLAM CHOWDER (1) - ROSEFILLY HAS (6) - JALILA MORIVIERE (3) - CELTY DU KALON (10)

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C6 - PRIX AMADOU - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Gr2 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 174,000

1. LEON DU BERLAIS - Won nicely over 3600m in the Prix D'Indy (Grade 3) hurdle last time at this track on March 17th. Key player

2. BON GARCON - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that behind LEON DU BERLAIS (1) in a Grade 3 hurdle race on March 17th at this track. Place chance

3. KING CONTI - Won a Listed hurdle at this track last time over 3600m on March 31st. Can step forward from that and be competitive

4. KIBBOUTZ - Good 2nd last time when narrowly beaten by KING CONTI (3) on March 31st over 3600m in a Listed hurdle at this venue. In the mix

5. SAN GUIDO - Won last time at Limerick (IRL) over 3200m on March 10th. Tough ask on first run on French soil

6. TERRA BELLA - Three unplaced runs of late, the latter over 3600m in a Listed hurdle at this track 6 days ago. Hard to fancy

Summary: LEON DU BERLAIS (1) was a cosy winner by 5.5L of the Prix D'Indy (Grade 3) when last seen in mid-March at this track and will be hard to beat in this competitive event. KING CONTI (3) and KIBBOUTZ (4) fought out the finish at this track when last seen with the former getting a narrow success. They are both promising and will try to make life difficult for the selection. BON GARCON (2) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

LEON DU BERLAIS (1) - KING CONTI (3) - KIBBOUTZ (4) - BON GARCON (2)

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C7 - PRIX ROGER DUCHENE - GRAND PRIX DES JEUNES JOCKEYS - 3600m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 62,000

- 1. SPANO STAR** - Unplaced last time, decent 2nd in a Listed hurdle at this track before that on June 3rd, 2023 over 3600m. Can be fitter for a recent outing
- 2. TRANSATLANTIC** - 2nd last time in a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau on April 17th over 3800m. Will not lack fitness although others rate higher
- 3. INDULGENTE** - 2nd last time, won before that in a Class 4 chase on January 13th 2023 over 3400m. Might need this outing
- 4. HELSINKI NOLIMIT** - Good 3rd two runs ago in a Listed hurdle at this track over 3900m on March 17th. Live player
- 5. JOCATA** - 2nd over fences last time in a Class 3 race on April 4th at Le Lion D'Angers. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 6. HAYAO** - Unplaced last time over 3800m at Pau on March 10th in a Class 2 race. Won on November 19th over 3700m. Outside place chance
- 7. KING OF RUN** - Unplaced last time, fair 4th before that in a Listed hurdle at this track on March 17th over 3900m. Merits consideration
- 8. JEYWELL** - Fair 3rd over fences in a Class 3 race last time at Fontainebleau on March 29th. Can make the top four
- 9. DIABLE D'AUTEUIL** - 4th last time over hurdles at this track in a Class 2 handicap hurdle on April 11th. Among the leading place chances
- 10. BURGANDY** - Fair 3rd at Compiègne in a Class 3 handicap hurdle last time on April 3rd over 3800m. Hard to leave out
- 11. VOILA POURQUOI** - Has been on the flat of late, the last run was when unplaced over 3000m at Saint-Cloud on March 26th in a Class 3 handicap. Won a Class 1 hurdle in 2022. Opposable
- 12. PIRIAC** - Last run over hurdles was on October 26th when 3rd at Fontainebleau in a claiming race, won a claimer on the PSF on the flat on December 8th. Needs a few to falter
- 13. MATNIGHT** - 2nd two starts ago over 3600m in a claiming hurdle at this track on March 31st. Needs to be more consistent
- 14. NIPPER** - Four unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that in a claiming hurdle on January 3rd over 3500m. Needs to get back on track
- 15. BURROWS DIANE** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that at this track in a Class 3 handicap hurdle over 3600m on February 24th. Looks vulnerable
- 16. JUFULL DU SEUIL** - 3rd last time over 3800m in a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau on April 17th. Hard to recommend
- 17. ABSOLUTE YES** - 4th last time in a claiming hurdle over 3800m on April 17th at Fontainebleau. Has yet to win and may have to wait a while

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Summary: HELSINKI NOLIMIT (4) has decent placed form at this track of late and is the tentative selection to score ahead of the top weight ISPANO STAR (1) who was a pleasing second in a Listed hurdle at this track two runs ago in June last year and will strip fitter for a run late last month. JOCATA (5) could be the one to include in all of the place bet permutations. JEYWELL (8) warrants respect and ought to be in the shake-up.

SELECTIONS

HELSINKI NOLIMIT (4) - ISPANO STAR (1) - JOCATA (5) - JEYWELL (8)

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C8 - PRIX MAGUELONNE - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 63,000

- 1. EARL OF SHANNON** - Unplaced last time, won before that over 3700m at Angers on February 17th in a Class 2 chase. If in the mod can be involved
- 2. CASONA** - Unplaced last time, won before that in a Class 2 handicap chase over 3450m at Compiegne on April 3rd. Place chance
- 3. KAKO** - 4th two runs ago at Compiegne in a Class 3 chase on March 25th over 3450m. Others make more sense
- 4. KLOVIS DES MOTTES** - Won over 3550m in a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau on February 26th when last seen. In the mix
- 5. POLIRIKITO** - Nice 3rd last time on April 3rd over 3850m in a Class 2 handicap chase at Compiegne. Leading contender
- 6. KEEP CALM DARIYAN** - Unplaced last time, won before that at Angers over 3700m in a Class 2 chase on February 28th. Opposable
- 7. MASK D'AMOUR** - Credible 4th last time in a Class 2 chase at this track on December 2nd. One to keep safe
- 8. ANGEL CARO** - Won over 3800m in a Class 3 chase at Nimes last time on March 24th. Ought to be thereabouts
- 9. SAINT CRUSH** - Won a Class 2 handicap chase last time at Le Lion D'Angers over 3400m on April 7th. More required in a better race
- 10. ADVICE** - Fair 4th at this track in a Class 4 chase last time over 3500m on March 17th. Among the leading place chances
- 11. SUNNY SWING** - Fair 2nd in a Class 2 handicap chase at Compiegne on April 3rd over 3850m when last seen. Contender
- 12. ROYAL KING** - Nice 2nd last time over 3400m in a Class 4 chase on April 14th last time. Can not be ruled out

Summary: This could be decided between POLIRIKITO (5) who was third and SUNNY SWING (11) who was second at Compiegne on April 3rd, both ran cracking races when split by the narrowest of margins on April 3rd. They meet on similar terms and are hard to split with a marginal preference for the former. ANGEL CARO (8) will be full of confidence after a win at Nimes in late March and can have a say at the business end. ROYAL KING (12) is one for the each-way backers to take seriously.

SELECTIONS

POLIRIKITO (5) - SUNNY SWING (11) - ANGEL CARO (8) - ROYAL KING (12)