R2 MACHECOUL(Chaumes) [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DES GRANDES ECURIES - 1650m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 9,500

- **1. ZEYZOUN -** Third in a Claimer at Toulouse over 1600m on 1 December. A consistent sort who deserves to be respected in this line-up
- **2. TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL -** Finished 6th in a Handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 1700m on 7 January. Probably better suited to the grass and can earn
- 3. ALPHA SPIRIT Finished 6th in a Claimer at Pornichet-La Baule over 2100m on 7 January. Seldom far off them and can play a minor role
- **4. SURREY NOIR -** Finished 7th in a Handicap at Deauville over 1400m on 10 January. Capable of making the frame
- **5. MR CASSIOPE -** Finished 7th in a Handicap at Pau over 2000m on 21 January. Hold decent credentials in this division and has a leading chance
- **6. HYPNOTIZED -** Unplaced in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 11 January. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- **7. BABY GEORGE -** Fifth in a Handicap at Pau over 2000m on 21 January. Improved latest effort and has claims if he can build on that
- **8. BOZA -** Fifth in a Handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 1600m on 11 February last year. A long break and might need the run
- **9. PIERRE PREMIER -** Finished 7th in a Handicap at Deauville over 1300m on 6 January last year. Can be competitive if not too much in need of fitness
- **10. PRINCESSE VERA -** Well beaten 8th in a Handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 28 December. Others are preferred in this line-up

Summary: MR CASSIOPE (5) is a useful horse in this division and seems well entered in this line-up. He gets a tentative vote in this opener ahead of ZEYZOUN (1) who is a fairly consistent performer but has to carry a lot of weight today. BABY GEORGE (7) is also in his league here but has a bit to prove on the testing ground. SURREY NOIR (4) takes a slight rise in trip and is worth a look in.

SELECTIONS

MR CASSIOPE (5) - ZEYZOUN (1) - BABY GEORGE (7) - SURREY NOIR (4)

C2 - PRIX DU ROND SAINTE-HELENE - 1650m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 9,000

- **1. GALIMATIA -** Unplaced in a Handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 23 January. Others are preferred in this line up
- **2. FALCON SPIRIT -** Finished 7th in a Claimer at Pornichet-La Baule over 1700m on 29 December. Has what it takes to grab a place on the podium
- **3. REDPEARL -** Finished 8th at Deauville over 1300m on 4 January. Track and trip suited. Capable of contesting the finish
- **4. NAXOS -** Unplaced in a Conditions race at Deauville over 1400m on 9 November. Unlikely to be involved in the finish
- **5. PRINCESSE BOBBY -** Finished 9th in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1600m on 11 January. Has sufficient means to fight for a place on the podium
- **6. FRIENDS DREAM -** Finished 8th in a Conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 1700m on 22 December. Better than the latest and can improve
- **7. YSOIE -** Finished 7th in a Conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 2100m on 5 January. Better suited to the turf and can earn
- **8. LA QUINTA -** Finished 10th in a Handicap at Pau over 2400m on 29 December. This will be his third run back and improvement can be expected
- **9. NEW TOWN -** Unplaced in a Claimer at this track over 2350m on 3 November. Poor last two efforts after returning from a break
- **10. GARMI -** Fourth in a Claimer at Mont-de-Marsan over 1600m on 16 November. Poor penultimate start on this track

Summary: REDPEARL (3) did not really turn up at Deauville last time and is better than his placing suggests. He is worth another chance back on the turf and can be slightly preferred to LA QUINTA (8), who ran some decent races in this division last season. FALCON SPIRIT (2) was far from disgraced in a claimer at Pornichet last time out and has an each-way chance. YSOIE (7) is possibly more effective on the turf too and can stake a claim.

SELECTIONS

REDPEARL (3) - LA QUINTA (8) - FALCON SPIRIT (2) - YSOIE (7)

C3 - PRIX ARMAND PAPON - 2950m (a2m) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 9,500

- **1. ESPERANCE CHAUFOUR -** Third in a Conditions race at Craon over 2400m on 1 December. A consistent sort who will have supporters
- **2. BORGHAL -** Well beaten 9th in a Claimer at Durtal over 2500m on 19 December. Poor last three attempts and needs to find a few lengths
- **3. SAMOA -** Finished 8th in a Claimer at Pornichet-La Baule over 2400m on 29 December. Stepping up in the distance and if suited is not out of it
- **4. GOOD TIME ROLL -** Fourth in a Conditions race at Nancy over 2500m on 17 November. Seldom far off them and can be competitive again
- **5. ALI PACHA -** A 4-year-old gelding by Hunter's Light out of My Pretty Girl who makes his debut. Any betting support deserves to be taken note of
- **6. MAGIC THEYSS -** Fifth in a Hurdle Claimer at Pau over 3300m on 31 December. Returning to the flat can improve
- **7. ROSA RUGOSA -** Unplaced in a Conditions Steeple-Chase at Durtal over 3600m on 26 January. Debuts on the flat can surprise
- **8. PRECIOUS STAR -** A 4-year-old filly by Cloth Of Stars out of Preciously who makes her debut. Watch the betting as a guide
- **9. JACKPOTE D'ANJOU -** A 4-year-old filly by Storm The Stars out of Rousselière who makes her debut. Watch the betting
- **10. MICCOSUKEE -** Finished 7th in a Hurdle Claimer at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 3400m on 24 December. Others are preferred in this line-up

Summary: GOOD TIME ROLL (4) is not star but she has shown enough thus far to win a race of this nature. She is entrusted to the experienced Fabrice Veron and should not miss this great opportunity to score. ESPERANCE CHAUFOUR (1) ended 2024 on a positive note and looks the main threat to the selection. ALI PACHA (5) and PRECIOUS STAR (8) are two newcomers from a top National Hunt yard who should not be overlooked.

SELECTIONS

GOOD TIME ROLL (4) - ESPERANCE CHAUFOUR (1) - ALI PACHA (5) - PRECIOUS STAR (8)

C4 - PRIX GILLES DUFOY (CHMPT PARIS TURF DES APP. & J. JOCK.) - 2950m (a2m) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 9,500

- **1. ORION ROCK -** Fifth in a Claimer at Deauville over 2500m on 23 January. Seldom far off them recently and can go close to winning
- **2. LOU MARINA -** Fourth in a Conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 3100m on 5 January. A consistent sort who will have supporters
- **3. FIRST CREATION** A runner-up in the last two, the latest in a Conditions race at Durtal over 2900m on 15 December. Prefers the soft ground and can be competitive
- **4. ESPOIR DE LA MONE -** Finished 7th in a Handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 3100m on 7 January. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- **5. SUDDEN DEATH -** Third in a Handicap at Clairefontaine-Deauville over 2900m on 25 October. In fair form and can earn
- **6. MANSSOURIO -** Unplaced in a Handicap at Deauville over 3400m on 14 December. Yet to taste victory but can play a minor role at best
- **7. SHOLOKJACK -** Finished 10th in a Conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 3100m on 5 January. Others are preferred in this line-up
- **8. GALWAY CITY -** Finished 10th in a Handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 3100m on 28 January. Poor form and is unlikely to be involved in the finish
- **9. JUAN DU LEMO -** Unplaced in a Steeple-Chase at Auteuil over 4400m on 17 November. Has won on the flat and can make the frame
- **10. ROCK OF YOU -** Unplaced in a Hurdle Handicap at Pau over 3500m on 17 December. Performs well in both disciplines and is not out of it
- **11. BLUE SWAN -** Finished 8th in a Claimer at Deauville over 2500m on 23 January. Will be fitter and can be competitive
- **12. CHICATCHI -** Third in a Handicap at Mont-de-Marsan over 3000m on 5 July. Last seen in 2023 and might need the run

Summary: ORION ROCK (1) stands out in the rating and is entrusted to 2023 Champion apprentice Dorian Provost. He has every chance of resuming winning ways against this modest bunch of opponents. His main rival could be BLUE SWAN (11) who has had a couple of comeback runs after a long break and should be fitter now. ROCK OF YOU (10) is an intriguing candidate back on the flat. JUAN DU LEMO (9) is a smart jump horse but also won on the flat before so is best to keep on the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ORION ROCK (1) - BLUE SWAN (11) - ROCK OF YOU (10) - JUAN DU LEMO (9)

C5 - PRIX PRINCE D'AVRIL - 2950m (a2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 10,500

- **1. LE VOILA -** Fifth on debut in a Conditions race at Saint-Jean-de-Monts over 2650m on 25 August.
- **2. LINDJIM -** Third on debut in a Conditions race at Craon over 2400m on 1 December. A good debut with natural improvement can go close to winning
- **3. LUTECIA DE THAIX -** Third on debut in a Conditions race at Durtal over 2900m on 15 December. Good first effort and deserves to be respected
- **4. LOMBO SACRE -** A 4-year-old gelding by Ivanhowe out of Aventure Sacrée who makes his debut. Can make a competitive debut. Watch the betting
- **5. LES VALLONS -** A 4-year-old gelding by Walzertakt out of Raise who makes his debut. Watch the betting
- **6. LYS DE THAIX -** A 4-year-old gelding by Pour Moi out of Soie de Thaix who makes his debut. A well-bred sort and any betting support deserves to be respected
- **7. LAVIE ENROSE ATHON -** A 4-year-old filly by Doctor Dino out of Bella Dona d'Aton who makes her debut. Working well and any betting support deserves to be respected
- **8. LOVELY JAP -** A 4-year-old filly by Beaumec de Houelle out of Beaba Jap who makes her debut. Watch the betting
- **9. LATRACTION -** Finished 6th on debut in a Conditions race at Durtal over 2900m on 15 December. Moderate debut effort and can improve
- **10. LOUVETANZA -** A 4-year-old filly by Ivanhowe out of Nota Bene who makes her debut. A trainer in form and can make the frame

Summary: LINDJIM (2) posted a promising first run at Craon two months ago and comes from a yard that often performs well with the AQPS horses. LUTECIA DE THAIX (3) was also a promising debutant at Durtal mid-December and looks a big player with improvement likely. The well-related newcomer LOMBO SACRE (4) is from a top National Hunt yard and could be one to keep on the radar. LAVIE ENROSE ATHON (7) is a well spoken newcomer that could be worth a look in the betting.

SELECTIONS

LINDJIM (2) - LUTECIA DE THAIX (3) - LOMBO SACRE (4) - LAVIE ENROSE ATHON (7)

C6 - PRIX MACHECOULAIS II (PX. CHRISTIAN GUILON) - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 23,000

- **1. LUTTEUR DE MAZEROY -** Finished 7th on debut in a Conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 2400m on 8 December. Debuts over Hurdles
- **2. DON CESAR -** A 4-year-old gelding by Silverwave out of Vahiné du Berlais who makes his debut. Watch the betting and any support deserves respect
- **3. FERRUM** A 4-year-old gelding by Exaltation out of Fangoria who makes her debut. Started his career in Poland and can improve on our soil. First time over obstacles
- **4. MONT VIREEN -** Finished 7th on debut in a Conditions Hurdle race at Auteuil over 3500m on 30 November. Should improve for the run and can go close
- **5. ASTEROIDE DREAM -** Unplaced in a Handicap at Deauville over 2500m on 3 January. Needs to find a few lengths
- **6. ESKITME -** Unplaced in a Conditions Hurdle at Angers over 3400m on 7 December. Others are preferred in this line up
- **7. TROPHY GIRL -** Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Saint-Jean-de-Monts over 2150m on 25 August. Debuts in a Hurdle race
- 8. LALOI A 4-year-old filly by Karaktar out of Capri who makes her debut. Watch the betting
- **9. NITINHA HAS -** Finished 7th on debut in a Conditions Hurdle race at Pau over 3500m on 4 January. Can get closer with natural improvement
- **10. QUEDLA GAGNE -** A 4-year-old filly by Gémix out of Quedla Chance who makes her debut. Watch the betting
- **11. L'ETOILE DU MATIN -** Fifth in a Claimer Hurdle at Pau over 3300m on 23 January. Needs to find a few lengths
- **12. EUFRASIA -** A 4-year-old filly by Clovis du Berlais out of Eufrasie who makes her debut. Watch the betting
- **13. LOIN DU LARGE -** Finished 7th on debut in a Conditions Hurdle race at Moulins over 3500m on 14 December. Place prospects in this line-up
- **14. LUEUR DU LARGE -** A 4-year-old filly by No Risk At All out of Danse du Large who makes her debut. Watch the betting

Summary: MONT VIREEN (4) ran with credit first time out at Auteuil last back end and is sure to improve for the race. He faces a much easier task here and could be ready to score. FERRUM (3) ran some decent races on the flat in Poland and is an interesting newcomer over hurdles for a top yard. DON CESAR (2) is also from a top stable and can make an impact on his racecourse debut. NITINHA HAS (9) is expected to improve after a very discreet first run at Pau early January.

SELECTIONS

MONT VIREEN (4) - FERRUM (3) - DON CESAR (2) - NITINHA HAS (9)

C7 - PRIX FERNAND REAUD - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 26,000

- **1. JOYEUSE ALLEN -** Finished 6th in a Steeple-Chase at Auteuil over 4400m on 30 November. Has sufficient means to fight for a place on the podium
- **2. BEAU DINO -** Well beaten 9th in a Conditions Steeple-Chase at Pau over 3400m on 17 December. Poor form and is unlikely to be involved in the finish
- **3. HOURVARI SARAMOUR -** A winner in a Conditions Hurdle race at this track over 3900m on 11 November. Runs well fresh and is not out of it
- **4. MISSAMERICAN -** Finished 6th in a Claimer Hurdle at Pau over 3800m on 21 December. Needs to find a few lengths
- **5. MISTER SECRET -** Well beaten 8th in a Handicap Hurdle race at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 4000m on 7 January. Needs to find a few lengths
- **6. EL PEDRO -** Fourth in a Conditions Hurdle race at Moulins over 3500m on 7 April. Making a comeback and can shine if not needing it
- **7. MERKO -** Finished 7th on debut in a Conditions Hurdle race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 3300m on 18 September. Can improve on debut effort
- **8. KARA DE MEE -** Third in a Conditions Hurdle race at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 3500m on 1 January. Could be ready to strike and will have supporters
- **9. MONACOVILLE -** Unplaced in a Handicap Hurdle at Angers over 3900m on 25 November. Runs well when fresh and can surprise
- **10. JESPOIR -** Finished 6th on debut in a Conditions Hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m on 27 June. Place prospects with natural improvement
- **11. ISILANE** A runner-up in a Conditions Hurdle race at Chateaubriant over 3800m on 16 August. Capable of contesting the finish. Runs well when returning
- **12. HIGHBOURNE VELVET -** Finished 7th in a Conditions Hurdle race at Pau over 3500m on 25 December.
- **13. JAZZY BAIE -** Unplaced in a Claimer Hurdle at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 3500m on 5 January. Others are preferred in this line-up
- **14. THE KING LEAR -** Finished 6th in a Handicap Hurdle race at Angers over 3800m on 7 December. Others are preferred in this line-up

Summary: KARA DE MEE (8) ran some good races this winter at Cagnes sur Mer and could take home this contest. EL PEDRO (6) had shown some promise in his early days and must have a chance despite returning from a lengthy break. JOYEUSE ALLEN (1) has to carry a lot of weight but she is a very game mare and is a solid contender on her best form. A couse & distance winner last November, HOURVARI SARAMOUR (3) always runs well fresh and is another one who would not be a surprise winner.

SELECTIONS

KARA DE MEE (8) - EL PEDRO (6) - JOYEUSE ALLEN (1) - HOURVARI SARAMOUR (3)