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C1 - PRIX DE MONTAUT - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race -Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. MARQUES - Three good runs, 3rd on all three of them. Her latest was over 1200m at Toulouse on November 17th. Back over 1600m today she can get a deserved success

2. MAKE IT RIGHT - 5th on her latest run over 1600m at this track on December 5th. Can be on the premises

3. KIMBIA - Fair effort when she was 3rd over course and distance on December 5th in a maiden race. In the mix

4. MARMARA - Good debut when 2nd over track and trip in a maiden on December 5th. Can only improve and play a lead role

5. MISS ALWAYS - 7th on the sole run at Pau over 1600m on November 29th. Needs vast improvement to be involved

6. TURTI CHOPE - Unplaced on the sole run over 1500m at Tarbes on October 12th in a maiden race. Has work to do

7. DABAL'I - Two unplaced runs so far, the latter at this track on November 13th over 2000m. Unlikely to be threat

Summary: MARQUES (1) has shown talent in all three of her starts. She has been third on all three of them over various trips. Her best run was probably when she raced over this trip of 1600m on her second start in October. She can score from MARMARA (4) who looks like the main danger. She was a pleasing second on her sole start-over track and trip early last month. KIMBIA (3) is also worth considering and can have a say in proceedings. MAKE IT RIGHT (2) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

MARQUES (1) - MARMARA (4) - KIMBIA (3) - MAKE IT RIGHT (2)

C2 - PRIX D'OSSAU - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Claiming - Steeple Chase -EUR € 20,000

1. GUSTAPOF - Decent 4th at this track in a Class 1 chase over 3900m on December 17th. Down in class and can score

2. BAR TENDER - Ran well to be 4th on the one run over 3400m in a Class 4 chase at La-Roche-Posay on July 21st. Place claims

3. LAIC - Fell last time, 5th in a Class 3 chase before that on November 10th at Mont-De-Marsan over 4200m. Can play a lead role

4. CALA SAONA - 5th on his most recent effort over 3400m at this track over fences on December 11th. Can make the frame

5. STYLE DE BATHY - 4th on her latest start over 3800m in a claiming chase at Angers on November 24th. Might find a few of these too smart

6. TARA KIND - 5th on her sole start over 3500m at this track over hurdles on December 11th. Tries fences and is best watched for now

Summary: GUSTAPOF (1) was a decent fourth in a Class 1 chase at this track in mid-December when last seen and if emulating that performance he should be able to land this claimer. His main threat could be LAIC (3) who came to grief on his latest start but if non the worse he is capable of being involved at the business end. BAR TENDER (2) lacks experience but showed he has the ability when he was fourth on his debut in late July. He has been given some time and warrants respect.

SELECTIONS

GUSTAPOF (1) - LAIC (3) - BAR TENDER (2) - CALA SAONA (4)

C3 - PRIX D'IROULEGUY - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race -Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. LACHOP - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1400m at La Teste on July 3rd in a maiden race. In the mix

2. BURNING HEART - There have been four unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 2000m at this track on December 15th. Opposable

3. O MEIGO - Best run so far was when he was 4th at Toulouse in a handicap over 1600m on November 24th on his last start. One to keep safe

4. BOUDAY SERERE - 3rd on his latest outing over 2000m in a claimer at Toulouse on December 1st. Unlikely to trouble some of these

5. MAYISKI - Promise on both of his two runs, the latter when he was 2nd at this track over 1600m in a maiden on December 5th. Live chance

6. GUSTAN - Nice debut 5th at this track over 2000m on December 15th in a maiden on his only run so far. He will be wiser for that run and can feature

7. ELUFAN - Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 1400m at Saint-Cloud on June 17th in a maiden race. Others make more appeal

8. WARD KING - Two unplaced efforts at this track so far, the latest over 2000m on December 15th in a maiden race. Can be overlooked

9. CLARUSFONTANEL - Unraced by Gutaifan, the dam won 9 races on the flat. One to watch in the betting for any support

Summary: MAYISKI (5) has shown more than enough ability in his two runs to take this race. His most recent effort was over track and trip when he was beaten in a photo finish on December 5th. He should get off the mark from the likely main threat in GUSTAN (6) who ran well when he was fifth at this track over 2000m in mid-December. He will improve from that experience. LACHOP (1) has shown talent and can make the frame. O MEIGO (3) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MAYISKI (5) - GUSTAN (6) - LACHOP (1) - O MEIGO (3)

C4 - PRIX EQUIDIA (PRIX PIERRE ESTREM REY) - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 110,000

1. SUPER QUARTZ - He has dropped a few kilos of late after a few unplaced runs, the latter over 3600m in a handicap hurdle at Auteuil on November 30th. He won in May at Auteuil in a Class 1 handicap. Capable of a return to form

2. MARCHE - There are three placed runs this year, the latest when he was 2nd over 3500m at Auteuil in a Class 3 chase on November 24th. Lacks a bit of experience and others make more appeal

3. FOLLY FOOT - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 3900m in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil on October 19th. Looks vulnerable

4. FAN D'APPLE'S - Two unplaced runs since a 2nd over 4400m in a Class 3 chase on October 14th. He won in July at Pompadour over 4200m in a chase and has outside place claims

5. NEW PRESIDENT - Nice run when he was 2nd on his only appearance this year over 3800m in a handicap hurdle at Pau on December 15th. Can go one better this time

6. CHORAIL DEBELAIR - He has been placed on his last two starts, the latter when he was 3rd over 3800m at Fontainebleau on December 10th in a handicap hurdle. One to keep safe

7. HOOKER DE BRENUS - Two unplaced runs of late, a win before that in a Class 4 hurdle at Saint-Brieuc on October 27th. Can make the frame

8. JUST IN TIME BLUE - Fair 3rd in a handicap hurdle over 3800m at this track on December 15th and two placed efforts before that. Player

9. PANAREA - Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 3600m in a handicap hurdle at Compiegne on November 2nd. Place chance

10. JEUNE SOLDAT - Unplaced on the one run this year at Auteuil in a handicap hurdle on November 30th. He will be fitter for that run and can make the top-four

11. HAPPY HARRY - Credible 4th on his last run over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at Lyon Parilly on November 23rd. Capable of being involved

12. NEVER RISK - Won on his last start over 3800m at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 15th. This will be more difficult

13. DIAMANTAIRE - He has two 4th-placed efforts of late, the most recent over 3600m in a handicap hurdle at Auteuil on November 30th. Needs a few to falter

14. FREE LORD D'ANJOU - 4th on his latest start over 3800m in a Class 3 hurdle on December 3rd at Fontainebleau. Makes limited appeal as he is unreliable

15. GENERAL DESJY - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 4200m at Fontainebleau on October 28th in a handicap hurdle. Opposable

16. RAFFLES LIAISON - Three runs this year so far, 4th at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 15th over 3800m when last racing. Seems to prefer fences these days

Summary: NEW PRESIDENT (5) was beaten less than a length on his only run this year when he was second at this track in mid-December in a well-contested handicap hurdle. He is a previous course winner and will be expected to go one better today. JUST IN TIME BLUE (8) can make the selection work hard and was third in the same race last time. HOOKER DE BRENUS (7) looks like the one to include in all of the place bet permutations. HAPPY HARRY (11) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

NEW PRESIDENT (5) - JUST IN TIME BLUE (8) - HOOKER DE BRENUS (7) - HAPPY HARRY (11)

C5 - PRIX PAUL LARREGAIN - 4100m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 Race -Cross - EUR € 35,000

1. KATELL DES BLINS - Won over 4100m at this track on December 15th in a Class 2 crosscountry race. Can once again give a good account of herself

2. MAITRE D'HOTEL - Nice 2nd over 4100m at this track on December 15th in a Class 2 crosscountry race. Can improve from that as it was his debut in this new code

3. ENCORE UNE BELLE - 4th on her latest start over 3900m at Complegne on November 29th in a Class 2 chase. Tries a new code and is one to keep safe

4. EVER FASTER - 5th last time, 2nd before that over 4250m in a Class 3 cross-country at Durtal on November 10th. Needs a few to misfire

5. KOUROUKOU - Unplaced last time over 4400m in a Class 2 chase at Auteuil on November 16th. Cross country debut and is best watched for now

6. ANGEL FIRST - There are four unplaced runs this year, the latest over 4100m at this track in a Class 2 cross-country race on December 15th. Can be passed over

7. NICAR DEL AVIGNON - Two good runs of late, 2nd last time, and a win before that over 4250m in a Class 3 cross-country race on November 10th. Can not be ruled out

8. KARAMBA DE GUYE - Fair effort when 3rd behind KATELL DES BLINS (1) on December 15th in a Class 2 cross-country race at Pau. Competitive run can be expected

9. KASH BAIE - 3rd on the most recent start over 4250m at Durtal in a Class 3 cross-country on December 15th. Has work to do

10. COURTOISY - 3rd on her most recent outing over 4500m at Paray-Le-Monial in a Class 4 cross-country race on November 10th. Might find a few of these too smart

11. JOLY GIRL - Unplaced last time out, 4th before that over 4250m in a Class 3 chase at Rostrenen on May 19th. Unlikely to feature

12. KANELLE COLLONGES - Credible 4th behind KATELL DES BLINS (1) on December 15th in a Class 2 cross-country race at Pau when last seen. In the mix

13. KARMINA LADY - 4th on her penultimate start at Le Pertre in a Class 3 cross-country race on October 26th. Has yet to win a race and others make more appeal

Summary: MAITRE D'HOTEL (2) was a good second at this track on his cross-country debut last month when beaten narrowly and he can go one better this time. KATELL DES BLINS (1) beat the main selection that day and meets again on the same terms. It should be between the two of them at the business end. KARAMBA DE GUYE (8) was third that day and has less than a length to find with her two old rivals. KANELLE COLLONGES (12) was fourth in the same race and warrants respect.

SELECTIONS

MAITRE D'HOTEL (2) - KATELL DES BLINS (1) - KARAMBA DE GUYE (8) - KANELLE COLLONGES (12)

C6 - PRIX ALFRED TORRANCE - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Condition Race - Hurdles - EUR € 37,000

1. LAUREAT D ' ATHOU - Unraced by Doctor Dino, the dam was unraced. Stable runners warrant respect and any market support should be noted

2. LAVEZZI - Unraced gelding by Nirvana Du Berlais, the dam was placed over hurdles and fences. Stable runners are well prepared and any market support will be informative

3. LANDEGAVUM - Unraced gelding by Bande, the dam ran twice. Trained by a shrewd handler who knows how to ready one on debut. Watch the betting for clues

4. LOVELY GINO - Newcomer by It's Gino, the dam won twice on the flat. Looks good on paper and is one to keep a close eye on in the betting exchanges

5. LE CHOREGRAPHE - 5th on the last run over 2400m at Granville on June 23rd in a conditions race. Unlikely to be a threat

6. LE SEMNOZ - Won on his last run over 2300m at Ploermel on September 8th. That was his second start in public and with progress expected, he can be involved at the business end

7. LEHO - Won on the only run so far over 2900m at Durtal on December 15th. Can improve from that and be competitive

8. LEK WILL - Nice effort when 3rd at Lyon Parilly in a Group 3 AQ race on September 29th over 2400m and a win before that at Vichy in July. Leading chance

9. LE COUP D'ENVOI - An unraced gelding by Bathyrhon, stable runners warrant respect. Any market interest should be noted

10. LEGEND DU LEMO - Unraced by Clovis Du Berlais, stable runners are well-prepared and should be monitored in the betting for any support

11. LIRAK - Unraced by Buck's Boum, this gelding will likely need this run for experience. Watch the betting patterns for clues

Summary: LEK WILL (8) has shaped well on all three of his runs. The latest was over 2400m in a Group 3 AQ race on September 29th. He has the best form on offer and should be able to score from LEHO (7) who won on his only start at Durtal in mid-December and will step forward from that success. LE SEMNOZ (6) could be the best option for the each-way backers to latch on too. LAVEZZI (2) warrants respect and should be involved in the shake-up.

SELECTIONS

LEK WILL (8) - LEHO (7) - LE SEMNOZ (6) - LAVEZZI (2)

C7 - PRIX EL TRIUNFO - 4700m (a3m) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 37,000

1. TENNESEE BASC - Unplaced last time, he won before that over 4000m at Durtal in a Class 3 chase on November 1st. He has place claims

2. L'ARRABIATO - Two unplaced runs since a 3rd in a Listed chase at Craon over 4200m on September 22nd. Can make the frame at nice odds

3. KENZORIKO - Three unplaced recent runs, 4th before that over 3900m in a Class 2 handicap on March 25th Compiegne. Hard to fancy

4. PARI BREST - His last four runs have all been at this track, a win in December last year and three runs this year, the most recent when he was 4th in a Class 3 chase on December 15th over 4000m. One to consider

5. RAF TAVEL - Two unplaced runs of late, won before that over 4700m in a Class 3 chase on January 16th. One to pay attention too

6. JASMINE LA NOVERIE - Unplaced recently in a Class 2 chase on November 29th, she won before that over 4300m in a Class 4 chase on November 1st at Pontchateau. Might find a few of these too smart

7. ISA DE BERSY - Won on her last start over 4200m on November 17th at Meslay-Du-Maine in a Class 4 chase. This will be much harder

8. IMPERIAL MAG - Fair 3rd at Auteuil over 3500m in a Class 3 chase on November 24th. Ought to be in the shake-up

9. ATHENA DU LUY - Nice 3rd on her latest start over 3600m in a Grade 3 hurdle at Auteuil on December 8th and several placed efforts before that in good races. Leading chance

Summary: ATHENA DU LUY (9) could be the best option in this event. She was a good third in a Grade 3 hurdle on her latest run at Auteuil last month and if emulating that she can get back in the winner's circle. IMPERIAL MAG (8) will do his best to overturn the selection and is a smart operator on his day. RAF TAVEL (5) is also worth considering and can not be ruled out of the frame. PARI BREST (4) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ATHENA DU LUY (9) - IMPERIAL MAG (8) - RAF TAVEL (5) - PARI BREST (4)

C8 - PRIX JOSEPH BARRON - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 62,000

1. GOOD SAULAIE - Fair 3rd on his latest run on December 9th, 2023 over 3800m in a Class 2 chase at Angers. Return run will likely bring him forward and others seem more likely

2. JADE DES PLACES - Five unplaced runs of late, the latter over 3800m at Angers over 3800m in a Class 3 chase on December 7th. Out of form

3. JORIS - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3800m at Angers in a Class 2 hurdle on November 11th. Others make more appeal

4. GIPSY DE CHOISEL - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 4100m at Lyon Parilly on April 20th in a Class 3 chase. Needs to get back on track

5. HARRY CONTI - Fair 4th over 4400m in a handicap chase at Auteuil on June 25th on his latest outing. Fitness taken on trust and warrants respect

6. FURIOSO - He won at this track on his latest run over 3800m in a claiming hurdle on December 21st. Up in class and has outside place claims

7. MILORD DU LEMO - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3800m at Angers in a Class 3 handicap hurdle on June 20th. Can make the frame at big odds

8. TWINMONA - Two unplaced runs recently, 2nd before that over 3400m at Lyon Parilly on October 31st in a Class 3 hurdle. Has yet to win a race but can feature

9. LORDRECORD - Credible 3rd at Mont-De-Marsan on December 8th over 3650m in a handicap hurdle. Ought to be thereabouts

10. MARTY MCFLY - Ran well when 4th on his sole run so far this year at Angers over 3800m in a handicap hurdle on December 7th, when he was returning from a 31-month absence. Can be competitive

11. POULORIUS - Has been in good form recently, with two wins in October, and his latest 3rd at this track over 4000m in a handicap chase was a pleasing effort on December 17th. Player

12. ILIVA DES OBEAUX - Three good runs recently, 4th at Auteuil in a handicap hurdle over 3600m on November 30th. Can play a lead roe

13. JAMES - Two unplaced runs since a 2nd over 3900m in a handicap hurdle on November 5th at Bordeaux Le Bouscat. Others make more appeal

14. KING OF RUN - Five unplaced efforts of late, 3rd before that over 3900m in a handicap hurdle at Auteuil on May 19th. Unlikely to feature

15. WEST MARTIN - A win on the flat on his last start over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 4 race on December 19th. Back over hurdles and cab be opposed

16. FLEURIEU - Unplaced on the most recent two starts, 4th before that over 3900m in a claiming chase on October 3rd. Pass over

17. BURROWS DIANE - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3900m at Auteuil in a handicap hurdle on October 19th. Opposable

18. JESPER - Several placed runs of late, the most recent when he was 2nd at Mont-De-Marsan over 3650m in a handicap hurdle on December 8th. Among the leading each-way chances

Summary: POULORIUS (11) has been in top form recently with two wins in October and he has been placed twice since then, the latest when third over 4000m in a handicap chase at this track on December 17th. He is preferred to the mare ILIVA DES OBEAUX (12) who is an honest performer and can once again give a good account of herself. MARTY MCFLY (10) looks like a good option for the each-way backers. TWINMONA (8) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

POULORIUS (11) - ILIVA DES OBEAUX (12) - MARTY MCFLY (10) - TWINMONA (8)