R3 VICHY [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE MAULMONT - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Handicap Claiming - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 12.000

- **1. HYBRID -** Struggling to regain his best level but, if this race is run fast enough for him, he is ought to play a leading role. Keep safe
- **2. ARCO GRANDE -** Out of sorts recently but is confirmed in this category, so ought to be competitive. Should be a factor
- **3. THE MANAGER -** Continues to blow hot and cold but seems well placed here to stake a claim. Warrants the utmost respect
- **4. MUGUETTE GIRL** Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Can be ruled out
- **5. SAKHARAH** Has been out of sorts recently but, judged on his best references, is capable of a lot better at this level. Outsider
- **6. COIMBRA -** Inconsistent though remains capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Could get into the picture
- **7. ULTIMATE FIGHT -** Has shown signs of improvement at a lower level recently so must raise his game to get a look in here
- **8. SIBUYU -** Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- **9. LAWRENCE -** Consistent veteran with solid form references in this grade. Offers the most guarantees in this field
- **10. ENZO -** Unreliable but is seldom far off the mark, so dangerous to dismiss with Eddy Hardouin at the helm. Beware

Summary: Veteran LAWRENCE (9) has been in good form recently and, at this level with just 51,5kg on his back, is well placed to fight for victory in the opener. HYBRID (1) appreciates racing at this track and is certainly capable of posing a threat. ARCO GRANDE (2) is out of sorts but has sufficient references to be competitive in this grade/company. THE MANAGER (3) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LAWRENCE (9) - HYBRID (1) - ARCO GRANDE (2) - THE MANAGER (3)

C2 - PRIX DE DIVONNE-LES-BAINS - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- **1. FOU FURIEUX -** Has the form and experience to play a leading role. Finished a pleasing 2nd here last time and ought to fight for victory
- **2. SAN REMO -** Open to improvement after a modest debut (7th) and should have more to offer. Could get into the picture
- **3. GOWAY -** Has been irreproachable to this point, including a good recent effort at this track. Ought to be competitive
- **4. FRIST GLORY -** Improved with the benefit of experience to finish 3rd last time but needs to raise his game again to have a say here
- **5. KIND OF STAR -** Has not gone unnoticed in either outing, finishing 6th in both occasions and this step up in distance will serve his interests. Keep safe
- **6. LOYAL PRINCE -** Consistent sort with solid references and that experience will stand him in good stead. Has claims here
- **7. TREMAINE -** Well-bred newcomer who, on pedigree alone, could well be capable of doing well from the outset. On the shortlist
- **8. EPIC -** Seahenge colt on debut for trainer Manon Scandella-Lacaille, who has engaged Guillaume Millet to ride. Outsider
- **9. TIMBER LIGHT -** Hunter's Light newcomer to be ridden by Luka Rousseau for trainer Henri-Alex Pantall who also owns. Watch

Summary: Newcomer TREMAINE (7) could, on pedigree alone, have sufficient means to fight for victory here with FOU FURIEUX (1), who has already revealed quality and has the benefit of experience. The same, however, could be said of GOWAY (3) whose experience should stand him in good stead too. LOYAL PRINCE (6) also has the means to stake a claim in the finish.

SELECTIONS

TREMAINE (7) - FOU FURIEUX (1) - GOWAY (3) - LOYAL PRINCE (6)

C3 - PRIX OMBRETTE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- **1. CUNCERTA -** Has shown enough to warrant inclusion here and could find this step up in distance to her liking. Keep safe
- **2. BETANYX -** Did not go unnoticed when finishing 5th at this venue last time. Could get into the picture with a repeat of that performance
- **3. LAFAYETTE -** Was slightly disappointing when only 7th on debut, but would've gained plenty from that experience. Dark horse
- **4. BREIZHY GIRL -** Finished a well-beaten 7th on debut and, while likely to improve, is probably best watched for now
- **5. LIANE** Has made slight improvement with each outing but needs to do a lot more to get a look in here. Outsider
- **6. FLOWERSPRING -** Last-start winner over a shorter trip and could well have more to offer stepping up to this distance. One to beat
- **7. MARADREAM -** Dream Ahead debutante to be ridden by Sylvain Ruis for trainer Nicolas Perret. Not one to be taken lightly
- **8. MOONLIGHT SQUEEZE -** Well-bred debutante representing a very skilled training outfit and is likely to go well here given the booking of Eddy Hardouin. Respect
- **9. MEISHO VELITE -** Satoshi Kobayashi-trained Intello newcomer to be ridden by Laura Grosso who has a 1,5kg allowance. Beware
- **10. ALIMAYA -** Henri-Alex Pantall's City Light newcomer to be partnered by Luka Rousseau. Has claims on debut despite a wide draw
- **11. QUEEN LIZZIE** Guillaume Millet rides this City Light filly on debut for trainer Manon Scandella-Lacaille. One to note
- **12. QUEEN SINGER -** Rachel Philippon-trained Ivawood debutante who will be ridden on debut by Guillaume Guedj-Gay. Watch for now

Summary: It's not easy to choose between FLOWERSPRING (6), who will tackle this distance for the first time in her career, the neophyte MOONLIGHT SQUEEZE (8), presented by an entourage who knows how to make 2-year-olds shine from the start, and CUNCERTA (1), which will try to make its experience prevail. For a surprise, watch out for the debutante ALIMAYA (10), labeled "Pantall".

SELECTIONS

FLOWERSPRING (6) - MOONLIGHT SQUEEZE (8) - CUNCERTA (1) - ALIMAYA (10)

C4 - PRIX DE DURTOL - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000

- **1. KYNADA** At the top of her game at present after three consecutive wins and will remain competitive despite moving up in category
- **2. AUCOEURDELANUIT -** Has shown signs of improvement in his last two starts so cannot be underestimated. Has a place chance
- **3. TOOGOODFORSCHOOL -** Consistent filly with solid form references. Arrives in good order and physical condition, so should fight for victory
- **4. DIVINE CHRISNAT -** Inconsistent but remains more than capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Has to be respected
- **5. FLEXIBILITY -** Was a winner three starts back but has struggled in both starts since. Undeniably capable but is probably for another day
- **6. BALSAMAND -** Consistent performer in this class and has not been far off the mark in recent outings. Has a role to play
- **7. CELTIC ARYAAN -** Has struggled to regain form or any consistency for some time now, so unlikely to trouble the judge. Can be ruled out
- **8. SPIRIT GREY -** Has maintained a good level of form and consistency recently, and in current shape ought to be competitive. Keep safe
- **9. MAGIC TUNIS -** Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- **10. RAJMAMAILLE -** Lightly raced filly with scope to improve. Will need to do so though to make her presence felt here
- **Summary**: TOOGOODFORSCHOOL (3) has proven her worth at this level and that competitiveness at this value ought to see the resurgent filly fight for victory and her consistency could be rewarded. KYNADA (1) has continued to shine in claiming events and could pose the biggest threat in spite of the step up in class to this category. Of the remainder, BALSAMAND (6) and SPIRIT GREY (8) make most appeal.

SELECTIONS

TOOGOODFORSCHOOL (3) - KYNADA (1) - BALSAMAND (6) - SPIRIT GREY (8)

C5 - PRIX LOUIS CAMBRELENG - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 17.000

- **1. NOVE SU NOVE -** Has shown enough to be competitive here and ought to take advantage of his experience to stake a claim
- **2. DREAM SOLITAIRE -** Has finished 5th in both outings and with any improvement, given that experience, could get a look in
- **3. ODEMAR -** Makes his reappearance but has shown enough to this point to warrant respect, so cannot be discounted. Keep safe
- **4. RED NUREYEV -** Open to improvement after a pleasing debut 4th and would've gained plenty from that experience. Beware
- **5. SAADIYAT -** Improving filly who has both the form and erxperience to make her presence felt here. Not taken lightly
- **6. STORY TO TELL -** Showed encouraging promise on debut and with any improvement is likely to fight for victory. One to beat
- **7. SVENYA -** Has finished 4th in both outings but will need to raise her game a great deal to have a say here. Others preferred
- **8. INTEMPORELLE -** Al Wukair newcomer to be ridden by Thomas Trullier for trainer Julien Phelippon. For the lovers of outsiders
- **9. HYGROVE MAID -** Well-bred newcomer who is presented by an in-form stable usually formidable in these kinds of events. Respected
- **10. GATSBY GIRL -** Werner Glanz-trained debutante who will be partnered by Guillaume Guedj-Gay. Best just to watch for now

Summary: After a promising 3rd on her introduction at Clairefontaine, STORY TO TELL (6) is ought to open her account here with any improvement. She will, however, have to thwart the likely challenge of well-bred newcomer HYGROVE MAID (9) who hails from a stable that is usually formidable in these kinds of events. The returning ODEMAR (3) and experienced NOVE SU NOVE (1) have a say too.

SELECTIONS

STORY TO TELL (6) - HYGROVE MAID (9) - ODEMAR (3) - NOVE SU NOVE (1)

C6 - PRIX ANTOINE NUCERA - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000

- **1. LIXI -** Has been consistent and in very good form recently, so ought to play another leading role. Keep safe
- 2. WILLY WINNER Has struggled for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge here, so can be ruled out. Outsider
- **3. UNION SQUARE -** Consistent performer in claiming races but should remain competitive here pitched into a handicap. Respect
- **4. OHIME -** Not disgraced last time (5th) over this course and distance, and on that form ought to have a say here. Beware
- **5. EVOLVING -** Improving last-start winner who looks more than capable of making a winning start at this level. Follow
- **6. ALLEZ LULU -** Seldom finishes far off the mark and is open to improvement. Hard to trust but cannot be ruled out
- **7. MITUMBA -** Has been struggling for form or consistency for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge
- **8. DSCHINGIS VOYAGE -** Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil recently, so will need to reaffirm to get a look in here
- **9. TWIN SCAT -** Finished 3rd in his first of the season but regressed in both subsequent outings. Others are preferred
- **10. DOCTEUR TOURNESOL -** In good form at a lower level but has a lot more on his plate in this grade/company, so best watched for now
- **11. PAPYRUS ROAD -** Well placed at the bottom of the weights and more than likely to continue his momentum. Not taken lightly
- **12. ROYAL POST OFFICE -** Irreproachable at the moment and moves up to this category with legitimate ambitions. Dangerous to dismiss
- **13. ZAHRA -** Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

Summary: EVOLVING (5) opened her account in a good style at Senonnes last time and, with improvement likely, looks capable of following up on her handicap debut. Her opposition is likely to be led by UNION SQUARE (3), who has been irreproachable in recent weeks, and LIXI (1) as well as OHIME (4), who is not to be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

EVOLVING (5) - UNION SQUARE (3) - LIXI (1) - OHIME (4)

C7 - PRIX DE LA PETITE BORDE - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000

- **1. AKHATIYI -** Has maintained consistency in recent weeks and on that form ought to play a leading role here. Keep safe
- **2. STADE VELODROME -** Capable but has struggled to regain any consistency for some time now. Hard to trust but not ruled out
- **3. CATALINA** Finished a reassuring 2nd last time and could get a look in if confirming that improvement here. Dark horse
- **4. FORCE TRANQUILLE -** Inconsistent but represents a formidable training outfit and promises to be competitive. Respected
- **5. TENNESSEE JOHN -** Has been in good form recently and, on the evidence of his last-start victory, looks capable of following up
- **6. MARITOT -** Last-start winner penalised just 1kg for her recent success, so should remain competitive. Has claims
- **7. HIGHEST MOUNTAIN -** Currently in good shape and represents the formidable Franck Forési stable. Will make his presence felt
- **8. TRUST ON ME -** Has shown little to this point but her connections make an ambitious trip from Germany. Dangerous to dismiss
- **9. AGDUNE -** Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- **10. BECH RIVER -** Showed signs of improvement last time and could get a look in here if confirming that form. Place chance
- **11. PEDRO DEL RIO** Undeniably capable at this value but appears to have gone been off the boil and will need to reaffirm. Watch for now
- **12. QUEENLY -** Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so her chances are limited even at this level. Ignore

Summary: Winner in style on this track on his last attempt, TENNESSEE JOHN (5) can, despite the five-pound penalty, double the lead. Back in good shape, AKHATIYI (1) is the most successful of the event and will have many supporters. HIGHEST MOUNTAIN (7) and FORCE TRANQUILLE (4) are not out of the running for the podium.

SELECTIONS

TENNESSEE JOHN (5) - AKHATIYI (1) - HIGHEST MOUNTAIN (7) - FORCE TRANQUILLE (4)

C8 - PRIX DE LA GRANDE BORDE - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 20.000

- **1. ZAUR -** At the top of his game at present, winning all three starts this year. Rider's 2,5kg allowance aids his cause
- **2. DUKE OF CONKER -** Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- **3. ZILYA -** Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing by winning last time but has more on her plate now. Outsider
- **4. BLANC BLEU -** Has improved this year and recently finished a reassuring 4th. Will play a leading role here if confirming that improvement
- **5. LIVING NELSON -** Bounced back to form with victory last time and is likely to remain competitive moving up to this category. Respect
- **6. KALAOS -** Consistent for the most part, maintaining a fair level of form and consistency recently. Has a place chance
- **7. INTERIEUR -** Inconsistent though not incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Dangerous to dismiss
- **8. TAHLA -** Consistent performer who is competitive at this value, so ought to be competitive. High on the shortlist
- **9. KILIA -** Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil recently so will need to reaffirm. Watch for now
- **10. LA SAUZEE -** Not the most reliable but not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Dark horse
- **11. MANDLEFT** Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge here so can be ruled out. Overlook
- **12. APOLLON -** Has looked rather limited to this point but is open to improvement. May have more to give but is best watched for now

Summary: BLANC BLEU (4) caught the eye when sparking improvement last time (4th) and is likely to play a prominent role in the finish with a repeat of that performance. TAHLA (8) has maintained good form and consistency in her three starts this year and ought to be competitive here on that evidence. Recent scorers LIVING NELSON (5) and ZAUR (1) are capable of fighting for victory and complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

BLANC BLEU (4) - TAHLA (8) - LIVING NELSON (5) - ZAUR (1)