R2 LE MANS [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE TRANGE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- **1. LEWIS GREY -** Unplaced in 2 starts (finished 6th on both occasions) but not beaten far in either, the latest over 1400m at Chantilly on 26 June. Dark horse
- **2. RIGOLETTOS -** Showed promise on debut at Cholet, finishing 3rd on heavy ground over 1350m on 7 October. Would've gained from that experience
- **3. LES PRESLES -** Unplaced (7th) on debut at Chantilly over 1100m on heavy ground on 17 October. Will know more about it but is best watched for now
- **4. PETITFLEURDECHAMPS -** Runner-up on debut (1950m) at this venue in September and acquitted herself well in defeat when 5th over 2000m at Angers on 27 October. Candidate for success
- **5. SISSY DU GROHO -** Belied her inexperience to finish a promising 2nd on debut over 1500m at Tarbes on 12 October. Should improve to fight for victory
- **6. SCHUMAN -** Florent Monnier-trained Zelzal colt on debut with Léo Roussel engaged to ride. One to keep an eye on
- **7. LEONA REGINA** Elarqam debutante from the formidable stable of Henri-Alex Pantall. Not taken lightly, especially given Maxence Marquette's 2kg allowance

Summary: SISSI DU GROHO (5) justified market interest to finish a promising 2nd on debut and, with that experience to count on, she needn't improve a great deal to go one better and open her account. PETITFLEURDECHAMPS (4) ran better than her finishing position (5th) at Angers last time and she showed enough on debut to challenge the selection. RIGOLETTOS (2) fits a similar profile and will make his presence felt if building on the encouragement of his debut 3rd. Stablemate LEONA REGINA (7) is a newcomer of particular interest and shouldn't be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

SISSY DU GROHO (5) - PETITFLEURDECHAMPS (4) - RIGOLETTOS (2) - LEONA REGINA (7)

C2 - PRIX DU CREDIT AGRICOLE (PRIX D'ARNAGE) - 3200m (a2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 16,500

- **1. LEIKA -** Confirmed the promise of her debut 3rd over 2500m by finishing 2nd over 2300m at Angers on 30 September. Has undeniable means and could have more to offer over this extended trip
- **2. LUIGI DE LAFAYETTE -** Improved for the step up to 2500m to finish 3rd at Nancy on 29 September. Could confirm/build on that progress over this longer distance
- **3. LUCKYDENUO -** Belied her inexperience to finish an encouraging 2nd on debut over 2300m at Corlay on 30 June. Not taken lightly on her reappearance
- **4. LUDMIKO -** Yannick Fouin-trained gelding. Hugo Lebouc rides this son of Kingfisher must be monitored in the betting exchanges
- **5. LORIKO -** Well-related Cokoriko gelding from the stable of Anne-Sophie Pacault. Shouldnt be taken lightly with Laura Poggionovo taking 1kg off the back of this newcomer
- **6. LE BON SAMARITAIN -** Karaktar gelding closely related to well-performed Tir au But and Haut les Coeurs. Respected on debut with Augustin Madamet engaged for trainer Nicolas de Lageneste

Summary: LEIKA (1) finished on the podium in both outings and, with this extended trip expected to unlock further progress, she is good value to open her account here. LUCKYDENUO (3) will fight for victory if building on the promise of her debut 2nd. Newcomers LE BON SAMARITAIN (6) and LORIKO (5) aren't taken lightly and could make their presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

LEIKA (1) - LUCKYDENUO (3) - LE BON SAMARITAIN (6) - LORIKO (5)

C3 - PRIX DE SARGE-LES-LE-MANS - 1950m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

- 1. SADAK Has the form/experience to acquit himself competitively in a race of this nature but must bounce back from finishing a well-beaten 16th in a 1900m PSF Quinte+ at Chantilly on 15 October
- **2. ZORLO FAL -** Consistent colt with sound references/form credentials on the flat. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th in a 3400m hurdles race at Cholet on 7 October not taken lightly on his return to this sphere
- **3. NEVER GIVE IN -** Improving last-start winner over 2100m at Strasbourg on 6 October. Up in class but remains open to further progress
- **4. GALINETTE -** City Light debutante from the stable of Corine Barande Barbe who has engaged Frida Valle Skar to ride this filly. Dark horse
- **5. ZVALIKOVA -** Experienced filly with solid form references/credentials, including a last-start 2nd at Saint-Cloud on heavy ground in a Quinte+ handicap on 10 October. Sets the standard
- **6. MAIA STAR -** Far from disgraced, despite finishing unplaced (8th of 12), in a 2000m Listed race at Compiegne on 11 October. Wasn't beaten far that day and should fare better in these calmer waters
- **7. ETERNEL'S BEAUTE -** Revealed considerable means/ability last year, the latest (4th) in a lucrative 1600m Arqana sales race at ParisLongchamp on 30 September 2023. Respected on her belated reappearance

Summary: Recent Quinte+ runner-up ZVALIKOVA (5) has an ideal opportunity to reconnect with success and need only repeat her latest performance to recapture the winning thread. MAIA STAR (6) poses more of a threat at this level and ought to be competitive here than she was in a Listed race last time. ETERNEL'S BEAUTE (7), back from a lengthy layoff, has undeniable ability so shouldn't be underestimated on her reappearance. NEVER GIVE IN (3) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ZVALIKOVA (5) - MAIA STAR (6) - ETERNEL'S BEAUTE (7) - NEVER GIVE IN (3)

C4 - GRAND PRIX JEAN DE NICOLAY - 1950m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- **1. AROWN -** Consistent colt in good form and physical condition boasts sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd in a course-and-distance handicap on 16 October. Winning chance
- **2. LA PELEMOISE -** Consistent hard-knocker with sound handicap references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th in a course-and-distance handicap on 16 October. Not taken lightly
- **3. DRIMYS -** Returned to winning ways (after back-to-back 2nds) in a 2100m Class 3 conditions race on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud on 14 October. Form of that victory has worked out well not taken lightly
- **4. LUNATICOS -** Reassured with a last-start victory over 2400m on very heavy ground at Nantes on 19 October and a resultant 1kg penalty isn't likely to prevent another competitive showing. Keep safe
- **5. KER WELEN -** Honest hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd over track and trip in a handicap on 16 October. Candidate for success
- **6. DSCHINGIS GALI -** Finished a well-beaten 15th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 21 October but ought to fare better back on turf
- **7. JOLI COUP -** Competitive off his current mark and has regained form/momentum recently. Confirmed as much with an encouraging last-start 3rd over 2100m in a Strasbourg handicap on 6 October
- **8. ANOBE -** Soundly beaten in consecutive recent appearances, the latest (9th) in a course-and-distance handicap on 16 October. Others preferred

Summary: Having finished 2nd in a recent course-and-distance handicap, AROWN (1) makes the most appeal. KER WELEN (5), who was 3rd in the benchmark event a fortnight ago, seems best equipped to challenge for race honours. Last-start winners DRIMYS (3) and LUNATICOS (4) are competitive for the leading places and have legitimate winning claims. Small field but cases can be made for most!

SELECTIONS

AROWN (1) - KER WELEN (5) - DRIMYS (3) - LUNATICOS (4)

C5 - PRIX DE PARISLONGCHAMP - 3200m (a2m) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- **1. ILLUSION MACHINE -** Third in a Conditions race at Haras du Pin over 2200m on 13 October. Two consistent efforts and should contest the finish again
- **2. ALASKANE -** Unplaced in a Conditions race at Cholet over 2100m on 7 October. Poor debut effort and others are preferred in this line-up
- **3. DSCHINGIS GOLD -** A runner-up in a Conditions race at this track over 320m on 16 October. Third run back and should make a bold bid for victory
- **4. ANDOUINS -** Third in a Conditions race at this track over 3200m on 16 October. Seldom far off them and deserves to be respected. Has track and trip experience
- **5. LORD BLAGNY -** Fourth in a Conditions race at this track over 3200m on 16 October. A model of consistency and should be involved once again
- **6. HUCHENANE** Finished 8th in a Conditions race at Cholet over 2100m on 7 October. Probably needed the latest effort and can improve further
- **7. SEABAZZ -** Fifth on debut in a Conditions race at Le Pin Au Haras over 2200m on 13 October. Open to natural improvement and can contest the finish
- **8. CANTSBEE -** Fourth on debut in a Conditions race at Dieppe over 3200m on 2 May. Might need the run. Can improve on the debut effort
- **9. POUPEM -** A 3-year-old gelding by Whipper out of Gold and Grace who makes his debut. Watch the betting as a guide
- **10. LE ROI LOTH -** A 3-year-old gelding by Nirvana du Berlais out of La Bilbaude who makes his debut. Watch the betting as a guide
- **11. KAUTO OF NAVAN -** A 3-year-old gelding by Robin of Navan out of Kauto Tireless who makes his debut. Watch the betting as a guide

Summary: DSCHINGIS GOLD (3) ran a good race when finishing 2nd over the track and trip on 16 October and is taken to go one better. He gets the vote ahead of ILLUSION MACHINE (1) who showed some nice progress in his last run in the provinces. Third to the selection last time out at the venue, ANDOUINS (4) is expected to go close once again. LORD BLAGNY (5) was behind the latter in 4th place that day and can get involved too.

SELECTIONS

DSCHINGIS GOLD (3) - ILLUSION MACHINE (1) - ANDOUINS (4) - LORD BLAGNY (5)

C6 - PRIX DE SAINT-GEORGES-DU-BOIS - 3200m (a2m) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- **1. MOUDA -** Finished 6th on debut in a Conditions race at Compiegne over 2800m on 11 October. A fair debut effort and can get involved in the finish
- **2. LEONIE BANBOU -** Finished 7th in a Conditions race at Les Sables-d'Olonne over 2700m on 12 October. Capable of improving on the debut effort and trying the extra ground
- **3. LEITIGIM** Well beaten 8th in a Conditions race at Niort over 2250m on 20 October. Needs major improvement to feature
- **4. TESUMI -** Fourth in a Conditions race at Vitteaux over 2600m on 22 September. Some improvement in the latest but remains unreliable
- **5. FILLE A PAPA -** Third on debut in a Conditions race at Haras du Pin over 2200m on 13 October. A good debut and with natural improvement can even get closer to winning
- **6. CLOTH OF SEA -** Third on debut in a Conditions race at Les Sables-d'Olonne over 2700m on 12 October. The step up in trip should suit and he can contest the finish
- **7. GOOD TIME ROLL -** Finished 6th in a Hurdle Conditions race at Auteuil over 3500m on 2 October. Returning to the flat and has shown some ability. Capable of making the frame
- **8. SPICCHI -** Unplaced in a Hurdle Conditions race at Auteuil over 3600m on 19 October. Returning to the flat and needs to find a few lengths
- **9. EMBIEZ -** Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Haras du Pin over 220m on 13 October. Stepping up in trip but other's are preferred in this line-up
- **10. LEGENDE D'AINAY -** A 3-year-old filly by Doctor Dino out of Etoile d'Ainay who makes her debut. Watch the betting as a guide
- **11. NATURAL SPIRIT -** A 3-year-old filly by Savoir Vivre out of Nadessa who makes her debut. A well-bred filly who deserves to be respected. Watch the betting
- **12. FAMILY SPEED -** A 3-year-old filly by Prince Gibraltar out of Speedy Speed who makes her debut. Watch the betting as a guide
- **13. MISS CHANA -** A 3-year-old filly by Spanish Moon out of Spring Risk who makes her debut. Watch the betting as a guide

Summary: FILLE A PAPA (5) finished a promising 3rd behind two useful fillies first time out. She is sure to come on for the run and can get off the mark. CLOTH OF SEA (6) is another one who made a pleasing debut at Les Sables D'Olonne. She stays all day and seems ideally suited by the conditions. The well-related LEONIE BANBOU (2) caused a disappointment last time but can be given another chance. MOUDA (1) takes a step down in grade and is another one that must be monitored.

SELECTIONS

FILLE A PAPA (5) - CLOTH OF SEA (6) - LEONIE BANBOU (2) - MOUDA (1)

C7 - PRIX BERNARD DE WILDENBERG - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- **1. VENTURA VISION -** Finished 7th in a Handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 12 October. Unplaced this year and is unlikely to be involved in the finish
- **2. IANOVKA -** A winner in a Conditions race at Niort over 1400m on 20 October. An easy winner of the latest and can double up
- **3. MEHANYDREAM -** Finished 7th in a Handicap at Le Croise-Laroche over 1100m on 18 October. Unreliable and is best watched for now
- **4. ACHKI -** Third in a Handicap at Clairefontaine-Deauville over 1800m on 25 October. Seldom far off them and deserves to be respected
- **5. SHAMASUN -** Fifth in a Handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 23 October. Proven at this track and should make the frame again
- **6. RED THE WEST -** Finished 7th in a Conditions race at Niort over 1400m on 20 October. Unreliable but has won at Handicap level this year
- **7. VALDIKHOVA -** Well beaten 8th in a Conditions race at Niort over 1400m on 20 October. Unplaced this year and is an unlikely winner
- **8. CELTIC STONE HENGE -** A runner-up in a Handicap at this track over 1600m on 16 October. Has confidence and track experience. Can go close to winning
- **9. GIN GEMBRE -** Fourth in a Handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 23 October. Improving and is well drawn. Can have a say in the finish
- **10. STRANGER -** A runner-up in a Conditions race at Niort over 1400m on 20 October. Improved effort in the latest and must confirm that
- **11. STANTO -** Fifth in a Conditions race at Niort over 1400m on 20 October. Can play a minor role at best
- **12. LASCAUX DU NINIAN -** Well beaten 10th in a Conditions race at Niort over 1400m on 20 October. Poor form and others are preferred in this line-up
- **13. OCTOBER CHOPE -** Unplaced in a Handicap at Clairefontaine-Deauville over 1800m on 25 October. Poor latest effort and is capable of bouncing back
- **14. CALY ROSAY -** Third in a Handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 23 October. Not well drawn but can be involved in the finish
- **15. REDRUNNER -** Finished 6th in a Handicap at Compiegne over 1400m on 11 October. Needs to find a few lengths to be competitive

Summary: CELTIC STONE HENGE (8) fought hard but was recently beaten at this track in a handicap. She can go one better this time. ACHKI (4) has been in good form of late and should fight out the finish once again. IANOVKA (2) was an easy winner last time out and has a winning chance. CALY ROSAY (14) is not well drawn this time but is coming off a good run at Deauville and is not out of it.

CELTIC STONE HENGE (8) - ACHKI (4) - IANOVKA (2) - CALY ROSAY (14)

C8 - PRIX DU MESNIL - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- **1. KIM KARALA -** Unplaced in a Handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 23 October. Probably needed the latest and might still need it
- **2. SHADE -** Third in a Conditions race at Les Sables-d'Olonne over 1200m on 12 October. Holding form and is track-suited. Capable of contesting the finish
- **3. SYMBOLE -** Well beaten 8th in a Conditions race at Landivisiau over 2150m on 13 October. Poor form and others are preferred
- **4. BLACK CESS -** A runner-up in a Conditions race at Les Sables-d'Olonne over 1200m on 12 October. Consistent last two efforts and can go one better
- **5. HARMATTAN -** Finished 10th in a Handicap at this track over 1600m on 16 October. Needs to improve to feature here
- **6. UN PLUS UNE -** A runner-up in a Handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 23 October. Narrowly beaten in the latest and can go one better
- **7. RED NUDE ROUGE -** Finished 7th in a Handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 23 October. Can play a minor role
- **8. GALIK -** Fifth in a Handicap at Deauville over 1200m on 21 October. Others are preferred in this line-up
- **9. LAGOA SANTA -** Fifth in a Handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 23 October. Unplaced since winning at this level in August
- **10. CAP SKIRRING -** Finished 8th in a Handicap at this track over 1600m on 16 October. Might be better suited to this distance and can have a say in the finish
- **11. MINO PICO** A winner in a Handicap at Angers over 1350m on 30 September. In good form and is capable of making the frame again despite the penalty
- **12. CLOSE TO YOU -** A winner in a Handicap at this track over 1600m on 16 October. In form and is not out of it
- **13. JUMANO -** Finished 6th in a Handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 23 October. Needs to find a few lengths to be competitive
- **14. FASTER -** Third in a Handicap at Compiegne over 1400m on 11 October. A consistent sort who deserves to be respected
- **15. TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL** Third in a Handicap at this track over 1600m on 16 October. Track suited and is capable of making the frame again

Summary: BLACK CESS (4) is in good form and has a decent shot at taking out this competitive looking lucky last race. SHADE (2) has run well at this track before and can fight out the finish again. FASTER (14) is consistent and would not be a surprise winner. UN PLUS UNE (6) was narrowly beaten recently and is capable of getting into the mix of things yet again.

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BLACK CESS (4) - SHADE (2) - FASTER (14) - UN PLUS UNE (6)