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R4 ARGENTAN [R-H]

C1 - PRIX SUBOTICA - 1300m (a6f1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 14,000

- 1. ROXY MUSIC** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th over 1600m in a PSF handicap at Chantilly on 17 May. Not taken lightly
- 2. TWIN BOY** - Won a 1400m Le Lion-d'Angers handicap two starts back and is confirmed at this level. Ought to do better than his latest 8th in a 1300m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 25 May
- 3. VEGA DREAM** - Honest veteran with sound references in handicaps although has gone off the boil recently - only 8th in a 1300m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 25 May
- 4. SHAMASUN** - Runner-up in a 1400m Saint-Cloud handicap in April but yet to confirm that form/improvement in two subsequent outings. Could only finish 10th in a 1300m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 25 May
- 5. IRISHKAMAYA** - Unreliable filly soundly beaten in her last 2 starts - the latest (10th) over 1400m at ParisLongchamp on 16 May but has dropped considerably in the weights/ratings to her career-low current mark
- 6. DANDY COOL** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials in handicaps, including a recent 7th over 1300m at Saint-Cloud on 25 May. Keep safe
- 7. DORIANELLO** - Consistent performer with solid references/credentials, having finished in the first four in 4 of his 6 appearances this year. Caught the eye when 5th over 1950m in a similar contest at Châteaubriant on 12 May
- 8. SPACE FORCE** - Well-beaten 9th in a 1400m PSF handicap at Pau on 12 January. Best watched for now on his reappearance
- 9. SALSA CHIC** - Sparked improvement when 3rd in a 1400m ParisLongchamp handicap in April - failed to confirm that form/improvement in both subsequent starts. Only 13th in 1300m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 25 May
- 10. AZUR AS WELL** - Unlucky not to have achieved a better finishing position in a 1600m Toulouse handicap on 21 May, so shouldn't be hastily condemned for that effort (8th). Has the means to play a leading role
- 11. LA FLACA** - Unplaced in all 4 outings this year, the latest (7th) over 1200m at Evreux on 22 May. Dropped 1kg in the weights/ratings
- 12. CAP SKIRRING** - Returned to form with an encouraging 3rd over 1400m in a conditions race at Niort on 26 May. Confirmation required
- 13. SILVER SEA** - Yet to find the frame in 9 appearances and is not likely to trouble the judge after finishing 9th in a minor 2200m conditions race Rostrenen on 19 May
- 14. KAMETA** - A 10-start maiden yet to find the frame but has dropped considerably in the weights/ratings to her career-low current mark, so could do better than her recent 7th over 1600m at Vichy on 15 May

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Summary: Competitive opening event in which it could pay to side with TWIN BOY (2), despite a disappointing last start. He will, however, need to bounce back to the form of his previous outing (victory) to thwart the challenge of DORIANELLO (7) who arrives in good form and physical condition. IRISHKAMAYA (5) and AZUR AS WELL (10) are out of sorts but retain the means to make their presence felt in a race of this ilk. DANDY COOL (6) and ROXY MUSIC (1) are place prospects.

SELECTIONS

TWIN BOY (2) - DORIANELLO (7) - IRISHKAMAYA (5) - AZUR AS WELL (10)

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C2 - PRIX DE NONANT-LE-PIN - 1300m (a6f1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. LAFAYETTE** - Consistent filly in good form and physical condition - confirmed as much with an encouraging 4th in a claimer over 1800m at Evreux on 22 May. Keep safe
- 2. TEMPLETON** - Has made marked improvement with this headgear fitted - finished in the top 3 in her 4 starts with this equipment added. Finished 2nd over 1400m at MNoulins on 14 April - candidate for success
- 3. REDPEARL** - Runner-up in consecutive starts, including on his handicap debut, before finishing 5th over a mile in a handicap at Le Mans on 15 May. This shorter distance will be more to his liking
- 4. RUN FOR HOME** - Last-start winner of a 1200m conditions race at Le Lion-d'Angers on 23 May. Reverts to handicaps under a 3,5kg penalty
- 5. SOVEREIGN** - Finished an encouraging 5th over 1200m on her handicap debut at Marseille-Borely on 27 May. Can get into the picture
- 6. GRAND ANGEL** - Has run well in both handicap appearances - finished 3rd on PSF over 1400m and 2nd over 1850m on turf. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 1800m at ParisLongchamp on 5 May - will be a factor
- 7. STORMYGO** - A 10-start maiden who has placed just once (2nd on debut in May last year). Didn't go unnoticed on his reappearance (5th) over 1200m at Le Lion-d'Angers on 23 May - dark horse
- 8. COMMEAUX** - Soundly beaten in both outings last year and finished a well-beaten 8th on the PSF over 1900m on his reappearance at Deauville on 3 February. Best watched for now on his handicap debut
- 9. SCAN FOR CHAMPAGNE** - Unplaced (7th) in his only handicap appearance and has achieved his best references (2nd and 3rd) in the claiming category. Finished 12th over 1100m at Le Croisé-Laroche on 19 May - best ignored
- 10. CHUNKA WAKAN** - Bounced back to form with an encouraging 3rd over 1200m at Le Lion-d'Angers on 23 May. Will play a leading role if confirming that improvement
- 11. GOLDEN GLOBE** - Hasn't been beaten far in each handicap appearance - the latest (6th) at Chantilly over 1400m on 15 April off a 1kg higher mark. Place chance
- 12. LEYLA CHOPE** - Unplaced in all 3 starts, including her only appearance in the claiming category. Well-beaten 9th at Nancy over 2000m on 22 May - others preferred on her handicap debut
- 13. AMOUREUSE** - Unplaced in all 7 appearances this year, including four consecutive recent outings on turf. Hard to recommend after finishing 8th in a 1400m handicap at Chantilly on 17 May
- 14. BELLAMORE** - Yet to find the frame in 7 outings and is again unlikely to trouble the judge after finishing 10th in a 1400m handicap at Chantilly on 17 May

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Summary: TEMPLETON (2) has strung together a series of good performances and will be rewarded for her consistency sooner rather than later. She finished 2nd (the third in her last four starts) last time and should fight for victory with a similar display in this handicap. CHUNKA WAKAN (10) caught the eye with an improved recent outing (3rd) and needs only to confirm that form/progress to pose a threat. Consistent GRAND ANGEL and last-start winner (6) REDPEARL (3) are also likely to play leading roles. LAFAYETTE (1), SOVEREIGN (5) and STORMYGO (7) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

TEMPLETON (2) - CHUNKA WAKAN (10) - GRAND ANGEL (6) - REDPEARL (3)

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**C3 - PRIX BON MOT - 1300m (a6f1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR €
15,000**

- 1. ZOUZAL** - Wasn't disgraced in finishing 8th on debut over 1200m at Chantilly in a stronger race than this. Will have more to offer at this level with that run under his belt
- 2. MARVIN OF SUCCESS** - Has shown enough in two outings at a higher level to win a race of this nature. Finished 5th in both outings, the latest over 1200m at Marseille-Borely on 10 May
- 3. DUFY** - Unplaced in his two racecourse appearances, both in claimers - the latest (5th) over 1200m at Evreux on 22 May. Improvement needed
- 4. MIA WAVE** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th on debut but was slightly disappointing when only 6th in a 1300m claimer at Saint-Cloud on 14 May. Shouldn't be hastily condemned
- 5. SAHARIENNE** - Jean Baudron-trained Zarak debutante owned by Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois. Not underestimated with Enzo Crublet engaged to ride
- 6. KISS ME CHOP** - Finished 7th on debut over 1200m at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat on 16 May. Would've benefitted from that experience
- 7. NEW WAY BABY** - Confirmed the promise of her debut 4th by winning a 1200m claimer at Evreux on 22 May. Will have a role to play
- 8. MOON OF THE NIGHT** - Unplaced in both outings, the latest (9th) over 1100m on 15 May in a Le Mans conditions race much stronger than the one she lines up in here. Keep safe
- 9. EXPLOSIVE ACTION** - Unplaced in her two outings, both in the claiming category - the latest (9th) over 1200m on 3 May at Marseille-Borely. Improvement needed
- 10. FARFA** - Davide Satalia-trained Kodi Bear filly to be ridden on debut by Axelle Nicco whose 1,5kg allowance should aid the cause of this newcomer

Summary: MARVIN OF SUCCESS (2) has his sights lowered for this two-year-old claimer so seems a serious contender for victory. ZOUZAL (1), for whom this also represents a drop in grade, is also likely to improve with the benefit of an introductory outing and, as such, could pose a threat. Improving last-start winner NEW WAY BABY (7) has shown enough to suggest she can join the fight for victory. MIA WAVE (4), MOON OF THE NIGHT (8) and SAHARIENNE (5) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MARVIN OF SUCCESS (2) - ZOUZAL (1) - NEW WAY BABY (7) - MIA WAVE (4)

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C4 - PRIX DE CLAIREFEUILLE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 14,000

- 1. INCA MAN** - Battling to regain winning form and was 5th last time out in a Conditions race at Le Pin au Haras over 2200m on 8 May. Might play a minor role
- 2. MISSRIYA** - Has won twice this year, including last time out in a handicap at Châteaubriant over 1950m on 27 April. Not out of it
- 3. BONNIE HOPPS** - Holding her form well and was third last time out in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over this distance on 26 May. Be right there at the finish
- 4. LANCEUR D'ALERTE** - Just over a year since last win and was 12th last time out in a handicap at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1900m on 16 May. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 5. LEPTI PRINSADI** - Unreliable but did break a long losing run when picking up a Conditions race at Orléans over 2700m on 20 May. Could follow up
- 6. DOUBLE EFFECT** - Yet to win a race and was 11th last time out in a handicap at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 1 May. Capable of better but others are preferred
- 7. JUNGLE DE FONTAINE** - Unreliable so far and was 7th last time out in a Conditions race at Angers over 2300m on 4 May. Capable of earning money
- 8. AFGHANY** - Unreliable but did run well when third last time out in a Conditions race at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1800m on 19 May. Can contest the finish
- 9. SPATIAL MERIT** - Has only been moderate in handicaps this year and was 6th last time out at Angers over 2300m on 21 May. Others are preferred
- 10. BLACK MORNING** - Unreliable but did run well when third last time out in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 2400m on 20 May. Place chance in this line-up
- 11. LA BLUE QUARTZ** - Yet to win a race and was fourth last time out in a claimer at Nort-sur-Erdre over 1800m on 20 May. Needs to do more to win this race
- 12. CISKY** - Disappointing form this year and was 8th last time out in a handicap at Fontainebleau over 1800m on 3 May. Capable of better but does seem to prefer the PSF
- 13. REBEL REBEL** - Showed improvement when third last time out in a Conditions race at Châteaubriant over 1950m on 12 May. Capable of making the frame
- 14. GORMLAITH** - Ended off 2023 in good form and clearly needed the only run of this year when 7th in a handicap at Le Mans over 1950m on 15 May. Fitter now and should be a threat

Summary: A very open-looking race. BONNIE HOPPS (3) is in good form and gets the vote to score. LEPTI PRINSADI (5) won nicely last time out over further but is not out of it in this line-up. GORMLAITH (14) needed the last run and was in good form late last year so would not be a surprise winner. MISSRIYA (2) has already won twice this year and will have her supporters.

SELECTIONS

BONNIE HOPPS (3) - LEPTI PRINSADI (5) - GORMLAITH (14) - MISSRIYA (2)

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C5 - PRIX DES TERRES D'ARGENTAN (PRIX DE FONTENAI) - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. SNATCHER** - Unreliable and was 6th last time out in a handicap at La Teste-de-Buch over 2000m on 17 May. Tries further and is not out of it
- 2. VINO** - Improving and was runner-up last time out in a handicap at Nancy over this distance on 22 May. Can go one better this time
- 3. DSCHINGIS TOKEN** - Unreliable and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Dieppe over 3000m on 13 May. First time in a handicap and has a place chance
- 4. TWENTY SEVEN JET** - Has only been modest in three starts and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Chateaubriant over 1950m on 12 May. Can improve first time in a handicap
- 5. L'INITIE** - Has improved with each run and was fourth last time out in a Conditions race at Chateaubriant over 2650m on 12 May. Can contest the finish
- 6. ROSE BAY** - Has not shown much in three starts and was 11th last time out in a Conditions race at Châteaubriant over 1950m on 27 April. First time in a handicap
- 7. BELHAD JELOIS** - Fit and showed improvement when third last time out in a handicap at Nancy over this distance on 22 May. Not out of it
- 8. JULIE ANAIS** - Much improved of late with two runner-up performances in claimers, with the latest being at Saint-Cloud over 2100m on 14 May. Place chance
- 9. SAUVIAC** - Unreliable and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Châteaubriant over 2650m on 12 May. More is needed to win but could play a minor role
- 10. ORFEO** - Has not shown much so far and was 7th last time out in a Claimer at Saint-Cloud over 2100m on 14 May. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 11. CITY SKY** - Struggling of late and was 9th last time out in a Claimer at Evreux over 1800m on 22 May. Needs major improvement to win
- 12. KENPIC** - Has not shown much so far and was 6th last time out in a handicap at Le Lion-d'Angers over 2000m on 23 May. Could play a minor role

Summary: VINO (2) only found one better last time out over this distance and should make a bold bid in this line-up. BELHAD JELOIS (7) is fit and ready to be competitive once again. L'INITIE (5) is improving and is distance suited so clearly not out of it. DSCHINGIS TOKEN (3) is unreliable but could show improvement first time in a handicap.

SELECTIONS

VINO (2) - BELHAD JELOIS (7) - L'INITIE (5) - DSCHINGIS TOKEN (3)

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**C6 - PRIX BAGO - 2900m (a2m) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat
- EUR € 13,000**

1. LIGHT UP THE MOON - Showed what he is capable of winning a handicap last time out at Dieppe over 2400m on 29 May. Could follow up supplemented for this race

2. VOILA POURQUOI - On a very long losing run and was 6th last time out in a handicap at Saint-Cloud over 3000m on 26 March. Capable of contesting the finish

3. GRUSHENKA - Kept to the PSF of late and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 3100m on 16 February. Yet to win a race but could improve dropped to a claimer

4. DALAKHOV - Yet to win a race and was 11th last time out in a Claimer hurdle over 3600m on 13 May. Others are preferred back on the flat

5. NABUNGA - Knows how to win and was third last time out in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 2400m on 10 May. Big chance in this line-up

6. AUENWOLF - On a very long losing run and was 6th last time out in a Claimer at Dieppe over 2200m on 13 May. Can make the frame

7. PAIDEIA - Showed some improvement when fourth last time out in a Conditions race at Salon-de-Provence over 2400m on 20 May. Drops to a claimer and can contest the finish

8. GUITRY - Disappointing form this year and was 7th last time out in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 2400m on 20 May. Did better last year and has a place chance

Summary: The supplemented LIGHT UP THE MOON (1) showed improvement when winning last time out and could be even better trying further this time. PAIDEIA (7) showed improvement when fourth last time out and can go close to winning dropped to a claimer. NABUNGA (5) is proven in this division and is sure to be right there at the finish once again. AUENWOLF (6) is capable of earning some money.

SELECTIONS

LIGHT UP THE MOON (1) - PAIDEIA (7) - NABUNGA (5) - AUENWOLF (6)

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C7 - PRIX EDOUARD POURET - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. BALERION** - Fair form of late and was 5th last time out in a handicap at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1800m on 19 May. Distance-suited and could earn some more money
- 2. ZHANNA** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when runner-up last time out in a Conditions race at Wissembourg over 2150m on 20 May. More is needed to beat these rivals
- 3. TENYEARSATER** - Disappointing last run when 7th in a handicap at Le Lion-d'Angers over 2000m on 23 May. Capable of earning some money
- 4. YOUSFIYA** - Showed some improvement when fourth second time around in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1600m on 17 May. Be right there at the finish
- 5. RIMJA** - Showed improvement when third last time out in a Conditions race at Evreux over 1800m on 22 May. Should fight out the finish
- 6. BABETTE** - Won on debut last year but has been disappointing this year and was 7th last time out in Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 26 March. Capable of better and is not out of it
- 7. MIWA** - Showed promise on debut last year when third but has not been as good this year and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race at ParisLongchamp over 2000m on 18 April. Has a winning chance

Summary: An interesting lucky last race. MIWA (7) is one the best according to the ratings but she has not been at her best this year but can bounce back to score. YOUSFIYA (4) showed good improvement last time out and should fight out the finish. RIMJA (5) is also improving and deserves respect in this line-up. TENYEARSATER (3) seems capable of better than the last run in a handicap.

SELECTIONS

MIWA (7) - YOUSFIYA (4) - RIMJA (5) - TENYEARSATER (3)