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R5 MONT DE MARSAN [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX FRANCE BLEU GASCOGNE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4
Claiming - Flat - EUR € 16,000**

- 1. DAZZLE AT DAWN** - Unreliable but boasts sound references at this level - won his last appearance in a claimer and finished 2nd in both previous outings in this grade. Finished an encouraging 4th over 2000m in Milan on 23 May - chief threat
- 2. KEY TO SUCCESS** - Has resumed in good order this year and showed his form/well-being by finishing 2nd in a Class 4 conditions race over 1850m at Agen on 9 May. Keep safe
- 3. PIANO MAN** - Lost form recently in handicaps - the latest (15th) at La Teste over 1600m on 3 June - but has sound references in the claiming category. Not taken lightly
- 4. ALCEDIMZOE** - Has regained momentum with each comeback outing this year - confirmed as much by finishing 4th at Dax in a 2100m claimer on 10 June. Winning chance
- 5. JUBILE** - Won a 2100m Tarbes handicap in February but has performed erratically since - only 9th in a 2100m claimer at Dax on 10 June
- 6. GO WITH THE WIND** - Ran on well to win a 2300m claimer at Dax on 20 May. Has regained freshness since - remains competitive
- 7. FLY D'ASPE** - Hard-knocking veteran, seldom far off the mark - didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th in a handicap over 1800m at La Teste on 27 June
- 8. DRACARYS** - Unplaced (7th) on debut over 1525m at Montauban on 16 June. Could improve but is best watched for now
- 9. EL INGRATO** - Has lost his way this term - soundly beaten in all four 2024 appearances, the latest (17th) in 1900m handicap at La Teste on 3 June
- 10. SAVE YOUR BREATH** - Out of sorts and unplaced in all 4 appearances this year, the latest (8th) over 1800m at Madrid on 9 June
- 11. SENS** - Unplaced in all 4 outings last year and soundly beaten (10th) on his reappearance in a 2300m claimer at Dax on 20 May
- 12. FAL DARA** - Showed little in Spain (unplaced in 8 starts) and hasn't sparked any improvement on French soil either - only 10th in a 2300m claimer at Dax on 20 May
- 13. CADE'S** - Inconsistent but usually performs well in claiming events, finished 2nd over 2300m in a claimer at Dax in May. Attractive outsider

Summary: ALCEDIMZOE (4) has improved with each outing this year and finished an eye-catching 4th on his return to French soil in a better race last time, so is good value to reconnect with success in this opening event. DAZZLE AT DAWN (1) enjoyed a productive 2023 and, having shown his form/well-being in Italy recently, is likely to fight for victory. KEY TO SUCCESS (2) finished a reassuring 2nd in his last outing and need only confirm that improvement to pose a threat, especially at this level. The shortlist is completed by last-start scorer GO WITH THE WIND (6) who ought to remain competitive.

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SELECTIONS

**ALCEDIMZOE (4) - DAZZLE AT DAWN (1) - KEY TO SUCCESS (2) - GO WITH THE WIND
(6)**

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C2 - PRIX MICHEL CHARBON - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. KASPIA TRIP** - Supplemented after a winning handicap debut over 1600m at Toulouse on 19 June. Remains competitive despite a 3kg penalty
- 2. DONALYA** - Caught the eye when 3rd on handicap debut at Bordeaux in May but shouldn't be hastily condemned after a disappointing last start (9th) in a 1600m handicap at Toulouse on 19 June
- 3. UPSIDE DOWN** - Improving sort who disappointed (8th) on his handicap debut over 2100m at Dax on 10 June. Will appreciate this shorter distance, so shouldn't be underestimated
- 4. WATHAB** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, albeit without success. Didn't go unnoticed when 3rd in a 1400m conditions race at Dax on 23 June
- 5. DAKOVKA** - Has achieved her best references in the claiming category, including a last-start 2nd over 1800m at Langon on 9 June. Dark horse
- 6. TIERCEVILLE** - Progressive sort with back-to-back wins in the claiming category to her name, the latest at Montauban over 1525m on 16 June. Not taken lightly on handicap debut
- 7. LUNDO** - Last-start winner of a Class 3 conditions race over 1800m at Langon on 9 June. Open to further progress
- 8. LA VALE** - Has improved with each outing and confirmed as much by finishing 3rd in a 1525m claimer at Montauban on 16 June. Outsider
- 9. MERCURIUS** - Capable gelding with sound references, though will need to improve after a disappointing 8th on handicap debut over 1600m at Toulouse on 19 June. For another day
- 10. MAHA DIVA** - Has finished 7th in both appearances this year, the latest in a 1600m PSF claimer at Pau on 2 February. Watch for now
- 11. VLASIKHOVA** - Returned from a 3-month absence to finish 6th in consecutive starts, the latest in a 1500m conditions race at Tarbes on 11 May. Watch for now
- 12. CORDIALE** - Made no impression in her only outing this year, finishing 9th over 1600m on PSF at Pau on 8 January. Hard to recommend

Summary: DONALYA (2) never landed a blow in an unfavorably run race at Toulouse last time but she is much better than that performance suggests and is good value to redeem herself. KASPIA TRIP (1) led from start to finish that day and remains competitive under a 3kg penalty, though her rivals are unlikely to allow her an easy time in front. UPSIDE DOWN (3) disappointed on handicap debut but shouldn't be hastily condemned, especially off a reduced mark. Consistent WATHAB (4) shouldn't be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

DONALYA (2) - KASPIA TRIP (1) - UPSIDE DOWN (3) - WATHAB (4)

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C3 - PRIX DE LANGALERIE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. DABIRADJA** - Capable filly with sound references, although needs to improve to stake a claim here after her disappointing 6th over 1525m at Montauban on 16 June. For another day
- 2. LOUIS SKI** - Confirmed the improvement of his previous outing (3rd) at Toulouse by finishing 2nd in the 1500m reference race (handicap) at Tarbes on 5 June - candidate for success
- 3. LADY LUNE** - Last-start winner of her first turf handicap over 1500m at Tarbes on 5 June. With scope to improve, she could defy the 2,5kg penalty
- 4. HONG KONG STAR** - Won a 1400m handicap at La Teste in March and has maintained her form/consistency despite a 2kg penalty. Confirmed as much by finishing 5th in a 1500m Tarbes handicap on 5 June
- 5. ROCKENVOY** - Has maintained his form and consistency under a 3kg penalty for winning a handicap at Dax in May. Didn't go unnoticed when 4th over 1500m in a Tarbes handicap on 5 June
- 6. OLIVA** - Unplaced in 4 of 5 appearances this year and not likely to trouble the judge after finishing 8th in a handicap at Marseille-Borely on 21 June. Others preferred
- 7. AZUR AS WELL** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (4th) by finishing 2nd in a 1200m Toulouse handicap on 19 June. Need only confirm that form/progress to play a leading role
- 8. LADY PINK** - Unreliable and is most effective on PSF. Hasn't been since finishing 8th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 23 February
- 9. JORDAN BAKER** - Capable hard-knocker with sound references in handicaps off a higher mark. Out of recently, finishing 8th in consecutive outings, the latest in a 1600m handicap at ParisLongchamp on 20 June - needs to reaffirm
- 10. ADELA** - Has made no impression in each of 4 appearances this year, the latest (10th) over 1400m at Niort on 26 May. Hard to recommend
- 11. CHIEF RED CLOUD** - Inconsistent but has sound handicap references off a higher mark so shouldn't be underestimated, despite a disappointing 10th over 1600m in ParisLongchamp handicap on 20 June
- 12. POLIVATE** - In her 2 associations with Valentin Séguy, she has a win and a 2nd. That victory was in her last start at Tarbes in a 1500m handicap on 5 June - remains competitive under a 2kg penalty
- 13. YSSINGEAUX** - Inconsistent but isn't incapable of making his presence felt in a race of this nature off his current mark. Unplaced (9th) over 1500m in a handicap at Tarbes on 5 June
- 14. BRIDGE WATER** - Soundly beaten in both 2024 outings, the latest (13th) in a 1400m handicap at Dax on 1 May. For another day
- 15. O GRE DES SAISONS** - Has rediscovered his form/consistency recently and shouldn't be underestimated after an encouraging 3rd in an 1100m Tarnes handicap on 13 April
- 16. BEYOND MY DREAMS** -

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Summary: On the evidence of her winning reappearance in the benchmark race, LADY LUNE (3) has the means to follow up under a penalty. However, LOUIS SKI (2) didn't enjoy a favorable run of the race that day and ought to pose more of a threat on the revised terms. In-form last-start winner POLIVATE (12) rarely disappoints in this category and is likely to play a leading role, too, despite her 2kg penalty. AZUR AS WELL (7), who runs well for Mickaël Forest, completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LADY LUNE (3) - LOUIS SKI (2) - POLIVATE (12) - AZUR AS WELL (7)

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C4 - PRIX LANDIMAT - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. AS A CHARM** - Bounced back to form with an encouraging 5th in a 1200m handicap at Toulouse on 19 June. His last success (and most recent outing) came under Ioritz Mendizabal - winning chance
- 2. REPEL GHOSTS** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th in a 1500m Tarbes handicap on 5 June. Could get into the picture
- 3. BUTI** - Went off the boil last year and was soundly beaten (10th) on his 2024 reappearance over 1200m at Toulouse on 19 June. Watch for now
- 4. TERANGA** - Won a 1400m PSF handicap at Pau in January but has lost her way since - unplaced in all 7 subsequent starts, the latest (13th) in a 1900m handicap at La Teste on 25 April
- 5. RICHMOND** - Sparked improvement to finish 4th in an 1800m Langon claimer on 9 June. Further progress needed here
- 6. GENNY DANCE** - Returned to form with an encouraging 3rd in a 1400m Niort handicap on 9 June. Needs only to confirm that improvement to play a leading role
- 7. FORCE CAT** - Unplaced in all 4 appearances this year but hasn't gone unnoticed in each of his last 3 starts, the latest (8th) in a 1200m handicap at Toulouse on 19 June. Dangerous off a reduced mark
- 8. VERDINA** - Has won 2 of 3 outings this year so is dangerous to discount, despite a disappointing 8th in an 1800m claimer at Langon on 9 June
- 9. GOOD VICTORY** - Rediscovered his form/consistency recently, confirming the improvement of his 5th in an 1800m claimer at Langon by finishing 4th over 1525m at Montauban on 16 June. Not taken lightly
- 10. WYSPER** - Back on track after 2 encouraging recent outings, the latest (3rd) in a 1500m Tarbes handicap on 5 June. Finished 2nd in his only appearance under Hugo Mouesan - candidate for success
- 11. MANA SIS** - Improved to finish 4th in a 1500m Tarbes handicap on 5 June but failed to confirm that form/progress when only 8th in a 1600m ParisLongchamp handicap on 20 June. Unreliable but does pop up on occasion
- 12. ODIN** - Failed to confirm that form/improvement of his 1600m Carcassonne success in May by only finishing 13th in a 1500m handicap at Tarbes on 5 June. Watch for now
- 13. CAPELENA** - Unplaced in all 4 outings this year, the latest (11th) in a 1200m handicap at Toulouse on 19 June. For another day
- 14. VENETICO** - Has regained momentum recently, finishing 5th in a Toulouse handicap on 21 May and 4th in a claimer over 1525m at Montauban on 16 June. Not taken lightly
- 15. IMAGINE CHOP** - Failed to confirm that form/improvement of his 2nd in a 1400m Niort handicap when only 13th in a 1350m handicap at Angers on 20 June. Best watched for now
- 16. WINO** - Unplaced in all 3 outings this year and made no impression (8th) in a minor conditions race over 2400m at Pompadour on 26 May. Others preferred

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Summary: Tricky little handicap. AS A CHARM (1) sparked signs of a return to form when an encouraging 5th in a stronger race last time and need only confirm that improvement to fight for victory. WYSPER (10) acquitted himself well (3rd) in a similar contest recently, so should play a leading role if repeating that performance. GENNY DANCE (6) has dropped to a competitive mark and confirmed as much with a reassuring 3rd last time. She, too, has legitimate ambitions. FORCE CAT (7) fits a similar profile and he shouldn't be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

AS A CHARM (1) - WYSPER (10) - GENNY DANCE (6) - FORCE CAT (7)

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C5 - PRIX SOAL RACING - 2450m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. POKER** - Well beaten 8th on debut in a Conditions race at Dax over 2300m on 10 June. Others are preferred in this line-up
- 2. BERKELEY** - A moderate 7th on debut in a Conditions race at Compiègne over 2000m on 12 June. Can improve second time at the races
- 3. XILOFONO** - A consistent sort who was third on debut in France in a Conditions race at Dax over 2300m on 10 June. He was just behind PRETTY STORM (9) and deserves to be respected
- 4. RIVOLI** - Fourth in a Conditions race at Royan La Palmyre over 2900m on 2 June. Improved latest effort and has sufficient means to make the frame
- 5. LEGENDS BERE** - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Langon over 2500m on 9 June. Yet to make the frame in nine career starts
- 6. ALMANSUR** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Tarbes over 2100m on 13 April. Moderate this year and tries further. Might suit
- 7. MELVILLE** - He disappointed when 7th in a Conditions race at Dax over 2300m on 10 June. Capable of bouncing back
- 8. FEDYANE** - She has not run badly and has two fifth places, the latest in a Conditions race at Toulouse over 2000m on 19 June. She has proven that she does stay and is distance-suited
- 9. PRETTY STORM** - A runner-up on debut in a Conditions race at Dax over 2300m on 10 June. Can go one better with natural improvement
- 10. ESPERANCE CHAUFOUR** - A runner-up in a Conditions race at Langon over 2500m on 9 June. She has been knocking in the last two and can make the frame
- 11. TOUPYNAYA** - Well beaten in all three starts, the latest was 7th in a Conditions race at Montauban over 2250m on 19 May. Others are preferred in this line-up

Summary: A good debut by PRETTY STORM (9) and he can open his account here. Improvement is virtually guaranteed. FEDYANE (8) is distance-suited, has scope to improve further, and can be competitive. XILOFONO (3) was not far behind PRETTY STORM (9) on debut on French soil and should be involved in the finish. MELVILLE (7) is capable if in the mood of making the frame.

SELECTIONS

PRETTY STORM (9) - FEDYANE (8) - XILOFONO (3) - MELVILLE (7)

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C6 - PRIX KAMANI SPA (CRITERIUM D'ETE DES 12.5%) - 2150m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 36,000

- 1. NAXOS AA** - He has won twice in three attempts, the latest in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2100m on 5 June. Well drawn and will have his supporters
- 2. FOREST DU PECOS AA** - A runner-up on debut in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 23 June. With natural improvement should be involved in the finish again
- 3. FLAMBOYANTE AA** - Yet to miss the top three in three starts, the latest was a runner-up in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2100m on 5 June. She beat NAXOS (1) on the 1 May at Dax and deserves to be respected
- 4. MOSSARY AA** - Knocking hard she has been a runner-up in three career starts, the latest in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 20 May. Can go one better
- 5. SAINTE LUCIOLE AA** - Moderate 5th in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 2 June. Needs to find a few lengths
- 6. LADY CASTEL AA** - Victorious in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 20 May. Won well and was ahead of MOSSARY (4) in the latest. Can follow up
- 7. ROSE DE FRANCE AA** - She improved the second time at the track when fourth in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 2 June. Has room to improve
- 8. SISTERLANDE AA** - Well beaten 9th in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 23 June. Others are preferred
- 9. LEMINGTON AA** - Unplaced on debut in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 23 June. More is needed and best watched for now
- 10. LEON DA CLODIA AA** - Unplaced in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 20 May. Has not shown much to date
- 11. FIRST LILY PECOS AA** - She has won two in a row, the latest in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 23 June. Has shown sufficient means to fight for victory again
- 12. LOUPITA D'OC AA** - Fourth in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 23 June. Seldom far off them and can play a minor role

Summary: NAXOS (1) is in fine form, having won two from three starts and should make a bold bid again. MOSSARY (4) is still a maiden but has shown plenty and should break the maiden soon. LADY CASTEL (6) was in front of MOSSARY (4) in the last start and should be competitive. FLAMBOYANTE (3) is also in fine form and has yet to miss the top three so can contest the finish

SELECTIONS

NAXOS AA (1) - MOSSARY AA (4) - LADY CASTEL AA (6) - FLAMBOYANTE AA (3)

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C7 - PRIX THALIAN (CRITERIUM D'ETE DES 37,5 %) - 2150m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 36,000

- 1. LINGOT D'ARGENT AA** - After winning was third in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2100m on 5 June. A consistent sort that tries blinkers for the first time
- 2. SISLEY DE L'ABBAYE AA** - Fifth in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2100m on 5 June. A fair latest effort after winning and can play a minor role
- 3. LOUP DE TANUES AA** - Third in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 20 May. Seldom far off them and can be placed again
- 4. FIRST COLOR AA** - She has been victorious in both starts, the latest in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2100m on 5 June. Should make a bold bid
- 5. HARNAGA AA** - A winner on debut in a Conditions race at Royan La Palmyre over 2300m on 2 June. She showed ability on debut and can make the frame
- 6. ASLAN AA** - Has been knocking hard a runner-up in both starts, the latest in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2100m on 5 June. Was just behind FIRST COLOR (4) and can be competitive again
- 7. MY DARLING AA** - Fourth in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2100m on 5 June. Capable of popping up in a place
- 8. LAOS PONTADOUR AA** - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2100m on 5 June. Others are preferred in this line-up
- 9. EDELWEIS DU CARNOT AA** - A runner-up in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 20 May. Holding form well and has sufficient means to fight for victory

Summary: FIRST COLOR (4) is undefeated in two starts and will enjoy soft ground. Can complete the hat trick. ASLAN (6) should be the main rival and they renew their rivalry. LINGOT D'ARGENT (1) is consistent and is equipped with blinkers for today which could be suitable. EDELWEIS DU CARNOT (9) is holding form and is another that deserves some respect in this line-up

SELECTIONS

**FIRST COLOR AA (4) - ASLAN AA (6) - LINGOT D'ARGENT AA (1) - EDELWEIS DU
CARNOT AA (9)**

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C8 - PRIX ALFRED DABE - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

- 1. KERDINA** - Fourth in a Handicap at Dax over 3000m on 10 June. The penultimate start was a winner over today's trip. Distance suited
- 2. BERTIZ** - Consistent this year and was third in a Handicap at Toulouse over 3000m on 21 April. On handicap debut was a good third and can go close again
- 3. MAD RIVER** - A winner in a Conditions race at Langon over 2500m on 9 June. In fair form and is consistent in this class
- 4. PLATEADO** - A fair fifth in a Handicap at Dax over 2300m on 23 June. The penultimate start was a winner of a Handicap over today's trip
- 5. NATHAN** - Unplaced at Dos Hermanas over 1800m on 18 February. Poor form and best watched for now
- 6. WATCH IT** - Finished 8th in a Claimer at Dax over 2300m on 20 May. Capable of popping up in a previous place
- 7. MONT STEELE** - A winner in a Handicap at Dax over 2300m on 23 June. Heavily raced this year but deserves respect for the latest victory
- 8. DOWN TOWN** - Well beaten 9th in a Handicap at Marseille-Borely over 2600m on 14 June. She has lost her way this year and others are preferred
- 9. LUCIO VERO** - A runner-up in a Handicap at Compiègne over 2800m on 22 June. Well weighted and is consistent in Handicaps
- 10. SCHWANENSEE** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Dax over 2300m on 23 June. Unlikely to be the winner

Summary: BERTIZ (2) has been consistent this year and deserves his day which could be today. KERDINA (1) is well suited to today's trip and she can go close to winning. PLATEADO (4) will appreciate the step up in distance and can be involved in the finish. MONT STEELE (7) bounced back to best when winning the latest and can be concerned in the finish.

SELECTIONS

BERTIZ (2) - KERDINA (1) - PLATEADO (4) - MONT STEELE (7)