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R1 Longchamp [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DES FORTIFICATIONS - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4
Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000**

- 1. LET THERE BE ROCK** - Holding form, won penultimate, finished 4th over 2000m at Nancy on the 22nd of last month in a Handicap. Big runner
- 2. AGOUREIL** - Ignore last run, finished 3rd over 2000m before that at Lyon Parilly and can place again. Chance
- 3. SIYOUCHKA** - Won well in penultimate and followed up with an encouraging 4th over 2150m at Lyon La Soie. Include in all bets. Strong each way chance
- 4. PICNIC ROYAL** - Won three back, finished 4th over 2600m at Marseille Borely on the 31st of last month in a competitive Handicap. Strong first suggestion
- 5. FREE BREATH** - Will need to do more than latest 9th over 1800m at Chantilly and far prefer others here. Happy to ignore
- 6. BASELITZ** - Races fresh off a victory on the 28th of April over 2650m and would be no shock if following up. Chance
- 7. REVENTADOR** - Ignore last run when letting the team down finishing 9th at Compiegne over 2000m in a claiming race. Expect better and has a value place chance
- 8. HERMEVILLE** - Lightly raced, showing little, need to do plenty more than recent 6th at Compiegne over 2000m. Pass by
- 9. PRINCESS ZIZOU** - Current form has been on the decline over various distances and is therefore hard to assess and hard to fancy. Pass by
- 10. MELBORA** - Will need progression on latest 10th at Parislongchamp over 1850m in a Handicap to feature here. Prefer others
- 11. IN PARADISE** - Would be a shock winner based on last two efforts and others are far preferred. Ignore form all equations
- 12. RAMREE** - Finished only 15th over 1600m at Compiegne on the 24th of last month and is hard to make a case for. No

Summary: PICNIC ROYAL (4) has had plenty racing, knows about what it takes to win and is in mustard form currently. He is the warm first choice. LET THERE BE ROCK (1) ran an absolute cracker in a Handicap at Nancy just the others day and based on that alone, should go close. SIYOUCHKA (3) is holding form and has a very strong place chance. REVENTADOR (7) can be forgiven for the last effort and included, based on consistent earlier form.

SELECTIONS

PICNIC ROYAL (4) - LET THERE BE ROCK (1) - SIYOUCHKA (3) - REVENTADOR (7)

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C2 - PRIX DE PASSY - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MARA WOOD** - Won three starts back over 2100m at Pornichet and reeled off two 5th's thereafter. Prefer others
- 2. QUEEN SINGER** - Won a tad cozily over 1600m at this track on the 26th of last month in a competitive Handicap and can follow up. Respect
- 3. TANTOMILE** - Solid form, ran 2nd over 1600m at this track on the 23rd of May and can go one more. Bright win chance
- 4. ANGEL IN THE SKY** - Will have a small place chance based on penultimate 3rd over 1800m at Chantilly on the 14th of November last year. Small place chance
- 5. MONTE SANCHA** - Three average runs thus far and will need two build on last run when 7th over 1600m at Chantilly. Prefer others for the win
- 6. RUE BLEUE** - Improving quickly and is a huge runner. Finished 2nd over 1600m at Loudeac on the 11th of May and can go close. Outsider with strong place claims
- 7. GRAND WHISPER** - Ignore last run but do prefer others for the shortlist. Include in larger quartet permutations
- 8. WAY TO MARBELLA** - Placed five from seven and should win soon. Good last run when 3rd over 1600m at this track. Big danger
- 9. RADHARANI** - Placed 5th over 1400m at Limoges on the 5th of May and could improve to get closer. Outside place chance
- 10. SOUPLESSE** - Lightly raced, might still have more to offer and can build on recent 6th over 1400m at Fontainebleau on the 3rd of May. Good chance
- 11. RED IN SIGHT** - Only had three starts and is not showing tons. Finished 6th over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on the 20th of last month. Hard to fancy
- 12. FALBALA** - Has shown glimpses of ability and can build open recent 5th over 1600m at this track. Include in the quartet

Summary: TANTOMILE (3) is boasting some useful form and showing that she has some ability. Her last run at this track when second was exciting and she is the pick to win. SOUPLESSE (10) is lightly tried and more than likely has some more to offer. She does need to build on her last effort when only sixth though. Strong place chance and should win soon. WAY TO MARBELLA (8) has placed five times from seven starts and is a must for all best. Strong place claims again. Last start winner QUEEN SINGER (2) is a must for the quartet.

SELECTIONS

TANTOMILE (3) - SOUPLESSE (10) - WAY TO MARBELLA (8) - QUEEN SINGER (2)

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C3 - PRIX DU PONT DE SULLY - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 40,000

- 1. STANGHELI** - Finished 5th over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on the 20th of May and can be expected to be very competitive. Good chance
- 2. ALFRED** - Can build on latest 5th over 1600m, won penultimate and is one for the shortlist. Quartet inclusion
- 3. PRINCE A RIO** - Finished 6th over 1900m in a Handicap at Chantilly and has a serious chance. First four possibility
- 4. INDIE BRIGHT** - Ran a huge race last time when 2nd over 1900m in Handicap class at Chantilly on the 7th of May. Good chance
- 5. LOVERS DAY** - Was a winner three races back but has been moderate thereafter and in turn is difficult to fancy. Unlikely. No
- 6. LORD OF WAR** - Posted a fair 4th over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on the 1st of May and is one for the shortlist. Chance
- 7. ROLLERCOASTER** - Finished 4th at this course on the 26th of last month over 2000m. More needed for the win and far prefer others
- 8. ZUNA** - Lightly raced, good form, has ability and can build on recent 5th over 2100m in a Listed race at Toulouse. Big win chance
- 9. PRINCE OF CLOUDS** - Ignore recent run when 10th, judge on penultimate when winning at this track over 1600m. Respect and include
- 10. SADAK** - Ignore last start in a Handicap at Saint-Cloud, won before that over 2000m on the 12th of April. Strong each way
- 11. TASHANKA** - Caught the eye when 3rd over 1900m in a Handicap at Chantilly last time and should be right there again. Strong place chance

Summary: SADAK (10) was a maiden winner in his penultimate and followed up with an eye catching Handicap run over 1600m at Saint-Cloud. He has a bright win chance. ZUNA (8) is lightly raced and performed very encouragingly in two features thus far. She is a huge runner and a must for all bets. STANGHELI (1) is never far adrift the winners and has a bright place chance. INDIE BRIGHT (4) can make her presence felt to finish in the first four.

SELECTIONS

SADAK (10) - ZUNA (8) - STANGHELI (1) - INDIE BRIGHT (4)

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C4 - PRIX DE SOLFERINO - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. BURGUNDY REGAL** - Was a winner of a weak claiming race over 1600m at Saint-Cloud last time and despite a likely outsider, can follow up. Do not ignore
- 2. AL DAAYEN** - Caught the eye when a good 2nd at this track on the 9th of May over 2000m and is confidently selected to go one better. Win
- 3. TEARDROP EXPLODES** - In hot form currently, finished 3rd at Lion D'Angers over 2000m last time and is the firm exacta choice. Big runner
- 4. GATTOPARDO** - Lightly raced, could still have more to offer but others preferred for the win. Outside, small place chance
- 5. CLOUD** - Good last run when 2nd over 1700m at Pornichet in a Handicap on the 7th of January. Probably will need the run
- 6. GLANCE OF STARS** - Only showed some ability in second run, finished 5th over 1600m last time and more is required for the win. Outsider that might earn
- 7. NOBLEMAN** - Lightly raced, progressive and finished 3rd over 2000m at Strasbourg in April. Huge runner with strong each way claims
- 8. LALA LIGHT** - Needs to build on latest 6th over 2100m at this track in May and can. Can improve to find a place. Place claims
- 9. LOVE RUSH** - Improving and quickly. Great 2nd over 1400m at Le Mans on the 15th of last month. Must be taken seriously. Bright chance
- 10. EMPRESS STAR** - Won at Evreux over 1800m on the 22nd of May and can follow up at long odds
- 11. SAHARA GOLD** - Will need to progress on recent 5th at Angers but can. Include in quartet permutations
- 12. PATRICIA** - Hard to fancy on current form. Placed 9th over 1600m at Chantilly last time and would be a surprise winner

Summary: AL DAAYEN (2) boasts tremendous form from as little as only five starts. He clearly is a quality colt in the making and must be followed. TEARDROP EXPLODES (3) does not know how to run a bad race and will always be in the shake up. His last run when 3rd at Lion D'Angers was encouraging. LALA LIGHT (8) will need to progress on recent efforts and can. Value place suggestion. NOBLEMAN (7) is lightly raced, showing promise and should not be a maiden for too much longer.

SELECTIONS

AL DAAYEN (2) - TEARDROP EXPLODES (3) - LALA LIGHT (8) - NOBLEMAN (7)

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C5 - PRIX DE LA PORTE DES LIONS - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. CHELSEA DU NINIAN** - Returned to form with an improved 3rd in a Quinté+ handicap at Angers on 21 May. Should have a role to play
- 2. PENTAOUR** - Last-start winner of a 2200m conditions race at Dieppe on 29 May. Ought to remain competitive under a 1kg penalty
- 3. RODAINAH** - Improved with the benefit of a comeback run under her belt to finish a reassuring 4th in a 2500m PSF conditions race at Deauville on 10 April. High on the shortlist in her peak outing
- 4. SIGRUNE** - Hard-knocking handicapper with sound references. Reverts to the handicaps after finishing 4th in a 2500m conditions race at Nancy on 22 May
- 5. MORANDI FIRST** - Won a 2400m handicap at Toulouse in May 2023 and made a winning reappearance off this mark after a year's absence in a 2500m conditions race at Agen on 9 May under a 2,5kg penalty. Not taken lightly
- 6. VEGA OF SAINTS** - Won a 2150m handicap at this venue in late April and confirmed that form/improvement with a good 4th (under a penalty) in a 2300m Quinté+ handicap at Angers on 21 May
- 7. AHA** - Hard-knocking handicapper competitive in handicaps off her current mark. Finished a well-beaten 11th in a Quinté+ handicap over track and trip on 16 May but is likely to fare better at this level
- 8. SCREEN SHOT** - Efficient/Proven performer on this track with sound references in handicaps on both surfaces. Should not be hastily condemned after a disappointing 8th over 2000m at Lyon_aprilly on 9 May - dark horse
- 9. SAAM** - Unplaced in all 3 starts this year, the latest (14th) in a 2300m Quinté+ handicap at ANgers on 21 May
- 10. SITUMELEDEMANDAIS** - Soundly beaten in each of his last 3 appearances - the latest (16th) when resuming after a 3-month absence in a 2400m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 16 March
- 11. PANJAMAN** - Has regained momentum with each comeback run in handicaps this year and confirmed as much by finishing 3rd over 2500m in a handicap at Saint-Cloud on 6 May. Keep safe
- 12. CHAMP DE MARS** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th on his seasonal reappearance over 2000m at Fontainebleau on 13 April
- 13. VASIGREEN** - Finished an eye-catching 2nd in a course-and-distance handicap on 16 May. Needonly confirm that form/improvement to fight for victory
- 14. BLACK HAWK** - Versatile hard-knocker in good form and physical condition, which he confirmed with a respectable 5th in a 2400m conditions race at Saint-Cloud on 20 May. Not taken lightly
- 15. BARC** - Hard-knocking handicapper with sound references at this level. Back in a handicap after finishing 6th in a 2400m conditions race at Saint-Cloud on 20 May

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Summary: VASIGREEN (13) bounced back to form with an encouraging 2nd over this track and trip behind consistent hard-knocker Morisot and need only confirm that form/improvement to reconnect with success. However, she will have to thwart the expected challenges of last-start winner PENTAOUR (2) and RODAINAH (3), who got back on track and with a reassuring last start. VEGA OF SAINTS (6) and CHELSEA DU NINIAN (1), who were 4th and 3rd respectively in a recent Quinte+ race at Angers, complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

VASIGREEN (13) - PENTAOUR (2) - RODAINAH (3) - VEGA OF SAINTS (6)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA COUR CARREE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000

- 1. DEVIL IN THE SKY** - Finished 4th in the Group III Prix du Lys last year but has been somewhat disappointing since - unplaced in all 5 subsequent starts, the latest (11th) over 2400m in a lucrative 2400m handicap at Chantilly (2 June)
- 2. LILI BLUE** - Unplaced in all 3 starts/provincial handicaps this year, the latest (8th) in a 2400m handicap at Bordeaux on 16 May. For another day
- 3. ROBINIE** - Made a winning seasonal reappearance at Chantilly in April but failed to confirm that form/improvement when only 12th in a 2400m at this venue on 16 May. Capable of better
- 4. EQUINOXE** - Finished 4th and 3rd in two comeback appearances this year but fluffed his lines when only 11th in a 2400m conditions race at Chantilly on 26 April. Best watched for now
- 5. CORTEZ BANK** - Consistent hard-knocker with references at this level, including a creditable last-start 6th in a 2000m Quinte+ handicap at Marseille-Borély on 27 May. Can get into the picture
- 6. ONLY THE BRAVE** - Well-performed veteran who has looked a shadow of his former self in 2 starts this year - the latest (4th) in a 2500m claimer at Saint-Cloud on 10 May. Others preferred
- 7. KATHINA** - Revealed considerable means as a three-year-old in 2023 (never worse than 3rd in 5 starts, winning once) and confirmed that promise when 6th on her reappearance, behind subsequent Group II winner The Good Man, over 3000m at Angers on 21 May. Could pay to follow
- 8. GET SET** - Soundly beaten in three appearances this year, all in Quinte+ races - the latest (11th) at this venue over 2000m on 12 May. Continues to drop in the weights/ratings
- 9. HAVOC** - Returned to winning ways with an authoritative claiming race success over 2500m at Saint-Cloud last month (10 May) and has already proved competitive at this level off his current mark. Not taken lightly
- 10. PALAIMON** - Made a winning seasonal reappearance at Deauville in April before finishing 5th in a 2400m conditions race won by ROBINIE (3) at Chantilly on 26 April. Meets that rival on 5kg better terms
- 11. KAHRAMAN** - Deemed worthy of participating in the Group II Prix Chaudenay last season but has disappointed since, notably at Meydan. Well-beaten 9th on her return to France in 2400m Chantilly conditions race on 11 May
- 12. HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS** - Finished 2nd in a Quinté+ off a slightly higher mark at Deauville during the winter. Won at Saint-Cloud over 2400m on 1 May and didn't go unnoticed when 7th in a 2000m Quinte+ at this venue on 12 May
- 13. CANOUANN** - Proved his efficiency/competitiveness at this level by finishing 5th in consecutive Quinté+ handicaps over 3000m before disappointing (12th) at Angers in a 2300m Quinte+ on 21 May. Not hastily condemned
- 14. MYKISS** - Unplaced in consecutive Quinté+ outings at Fontainebleau (30 April) and Strasbourg (29 May) over 3000m after finishing 4th in a 2400m Quinte+ at Chantilly on 4 April. Not taken lightly

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15. LE BUGISTE - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th in his only handicap/Quinte+ appearance and confirmed his good disposition by finishing 2nd over 2400m before winning over 3100m at Saint-Cloud on 14 May. Keep safe

16. CHEEK TO CHEEK - Has proven her competitiveness at this level by finishing 3rd in consecutive Quinte+ handicaps at this venue, the latest over 2400m on 16 May. Candidate for success

Summary: KATHINA (7) was never worse than 3rd as a three-year-old and confirmed that promise with an encouraging comeback 6th behind subsequent Group II Prix Maurice de Nieuil winner The Good Man, so it could pay to follow her progress on handicap debut. CHEEK TO CHEEK (16) proved her competitiveness at this level off her current mark by finishing 3rd in consecutive Quinte+ handicaps at this venue recently and is likely to play another leading role with Maxime Guyon aboard. Progressive last-start winner LE BUGISTE (15), enigmatic HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS (12), judged on her penultimate outing, and HAVOC (9), who brilliantly returned to winning ways in a claimer last time, are also competitive for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

KATHINA (7) - CHEEK TO CHEEK (16) - LE BUGISTE (15) - HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS (12)

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C7 - PRIX DE L'ECOLE MILITAIRE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. ALTHURAYA - Confirmed the form/improvement of 2100m claiming success at Saint-Cloud with a commendable 2nd in a 2200m conditions race at Dieppe on 29 May. More needed

2. NATURAL GIFT - Consistent performer at this level with sound references/form credentials. Not taken lightly, despite finishing a well-beaten 12th on handicap debut in a Quinte+ race over 2100m at this venue on 23 May

3. MAY IT BE - Debut winner at Le Mans in March and has confirmed that promise in both subsequent 2000m outings at Le Lion-d'Angers, the latest (4th) in a Class 1 conditions race on 9 May. Sets the standard

4. ELIANTE - Has improved with each start - confirmed as much by winning over 2500m at Nort-sur-Erdre on 20 May. Not taken lightly

5. MIYALAA - Consistent performer at this level with sound references/form credentials, which include finishing 2nd in consecutive outings before her last-start 4th over 2100m at Angers on 21 May. Candidate for success

6. ORLHENA - Finished 2nd in both starts last year and would've benefitted from a much-needed comeback run (6th) in a 1600m conditions race at Chantilly on 17 May. Open to improvement

7. ATRANI - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials at this level and in recent handicaps, the latest (3rd) over 2700m at this venue on 23 May. Keep safe

Summary: Debut winner MAY IT BE (3) caught the eye when staying on to finish 4th in a Class 1 conditions race last month and should, on that evidence, have more to offer over this extended trip with Christophe Soumillon in the irons. MIYALAA (5) boasts both the form and experience to pose a threat, while supplemented ATRANI (7) ran well enough in a handicap at this venue last time to make her presence felt, too. NATURAL GIFT (2) should not be hastily condemned for her recent failure in a Quinté+.

SELECTIONS

MAY IT BE (3) - MIYALAA (5) - ATRANI (7) - NATURAL GIFT (2)

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C8 - PRIX DES AMAZONES - TROPHÉE STUDIO HARCOURT - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 18,000

1. QAISER - Lightly raced six-year-old at the top of his game - has won twice and finished 2nd three times in his last 5 starts. Made a winning reappearance over 2100m at Dax on 2 June after a year's absence - the one to beat

2. LETTY'S MARVEL - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper with solid recent form references/credentials in Quinte+ handicaps, albeit on PSF. Absent since finishing 10th in a 1900m Quinte+ on PSF at Deauville on 12 January

3. ZACAPO - Consistent German performer with sound references, including a creditable 5th at Aix-Les-Bains in his only appearance on French soil. Finished 5th on his seasonal comeback over 2200m at Berlin on 28 April

4. JARRY LORD - Has finished 2nd in both starts this year, albeit in conditions races at a lower level - the latest over 1800m on 20 May at Nort-sur-Erdre. Place chance

5. MATAURI GOLD - Hard-knocking handicapper who has confirmed the form/improvement of her comeback 2nd by finishing 6th in consecutive Quinte+ handicaps, the latest at this venue over 2400m on 16 May

6. ROMANTIC SCENE - Showed promise in 5 starts last year and won over 2000m on her handicap debut at Vichy in July 2023. Absent since finishing 8th in a 1900m conditions race at La Teste on 8 August

7. EUBOA - Has run 2 encouraging comeback races this year, confirming the promise of her reappearance (4th) with a creditable 5th in a 2000m conditions event at Saint-Cloud on 25 May. Will be a factor

Summary: Lightly raced QAISER (1) looked better than ever when scoring on his reappearance and, on the evidence of that Dax victory, is good value to follow up with improved fitness on his side and scope for further progress. EUBOA (7), who receives 2,5kg from that rival, and MATAURI GOLD (5), after two creditable recent Quinte+ performances, are those best equipped to pose a threat, with the shortlist completed by ROMANTIC SCENE (6).

SELECTIONS

QAISER (1) - EUBOA (7) - MATAURI GOLD (5) - ROMANTIC SCENE (6)