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R4 SAINT-CLOUD [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DES TROIS ROSES D'ARGENT - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Class 2
Race - Flat - EUR € 34,000**

1. REUX - Consistent colt with sound references/form credentials including a creditable last-start 4th in a Class 2 conditions race over 1200m at Deauville on 1 August

2. BLAZING STAR - Exciting prospect unbeaten in 2 starts - won 1400m Dieppe debut and followed up over 1200m at Deauville on 22 August. Seems capable of preserving her 100% record

3. BURHAN - Confirmed the promise of his debut 4th in a newcomers' race over 1500m with a last-start 1200m victory at Deauville on 20 August. Will be a factor

4. LADY OF ANDROS - Debut winner at Le Lion-d'Angers in July and has acquitted herself well in defeat in back-to-back Listed races - finished 5th of 10 over 1000m at Deauville and 6th of 13 over 1000m at Newbury on 16 August

5. UNE POINTURE - Winner over 1200m on the Chantilly straight and confirmed that form/improvement by finishing 4th in the lucrative Arqana Series sale race over 1300m at Deauville on 15 August. Keep safe

6. HONEY STAR - Opened her account when winning on her handicap debut over 1300m at Deauville on 3 August. Penalised 2,5kg

7. PLACE PRINCIPALE - Put an underwhelming debut 9th behind her with a last-start victory over 1000m at Marseille-Borely when last seen on 24 April. Not taken lightly on her reappearance

Summary: Undefeated BLAZING STAR (2) is hard to oppose and will likely start favourite but she won't have things her own way, as André Fabre-trained last-start winner BURHAN (3) and stablemate LADY OF ANDROS (4), who didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a Listed race at Newbury last month, have shown enough to threaten the selection's 100% record. UNE POINTURE (5) has the form and experience to make his presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

BLAZING STAR (2) - BURHAN (3) - LADY OF ANDROS (4) - UNE POINTURE (5)

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**C2 - PRIX SANCTUS - 3100m (a2m) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR €
27,000**

1. BEL ET BIEN - In 4 starts this year, he has won once and finished 2nd in 3 consecutive starts including back-to-back Listed races over 3000m, the latest at Deauville on 28 July. Candidate for success

2. GALEGO STAR - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials at a higher level, which include finishing 5th in 3 consecutive outings, in back-to-back Listed races and a 3000m conditions race at Dieppe on 23 July

3. RUE BOISSONADE - Lightly raced high-class performer and winner of the 2023 Group II Prix de Malleret over 2400m. Hasnt been seen since finishing 3rd in a 2400m Listed race at ParisLongchamp on 14 April - favorably treated on return

4. THIRSTY - Regained momentum with 3 comeback outings in the provinces, winning twice. Unplaced (8th) in a 3000m handicap at Vichy on 7 August but was supplemented for this engagement

5. MARYIANNE KA - Debut winner of a 2900m Class 4 conditions race at Guerlesquin on 29 July. Will this find tougher but has scope to improve

Summary: Group II winner RUE BOISSONADE (3) has bigger fish to fry this autumn but is favorably engaged on her return and good value to make a winning comeback in this Class 2 event. Progressive BEL ET BIEN (1) has the advantage of superior race fitness so he will make life difficult for the top-rated selection. GALEGO STAR (2) represents a stable in good form and is a legitimate podium contender, especially as a former course-and-distance winner. THIRSTY (4) could have a say if bouncing back from a below-par performance in a Vichy handicap.

SELECTIONS

RUE BOISSONADE (3) - BEL ET BIEN (1) - GALEGO STAR (2) - THIRSTY (4)

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C3 - PRIX BILL WILLIAMSON (CHMPT PARIS TURF DES APPRENTIS & JEUNES JOCKEYS) - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. BALI - Made a winning handicap debut over 1800m at Dieppe in July and wasn't seen to best effect when only 9th in a 1600m Quinte+ on 29 August at ParisLongchamp. High on the shortlist

2. KING ZARAK - Maturing stayer whose best references (wins) have been achieved over further (won a 2600m handicap and 2400m claimer). Unplaced in consecutive recent starts - latest (6th) over 2900m at Clairefontaine 24 August

3. MISTER PRESIDENT - Opened his account over 2100m at Toulouse on 8 April and hasn't been seen since finishing 5th at La Teste over 2400m on 25 April

4. LUNA ROCK - Won once and finished 3rd four times in 5 starts at this level before being outclassed in back-to-back Listed races, the latest (11th) over 2800m at ParisLongchamp on 1 September. Not taken lightly

5. PORTUCALE - Improving last-start winner on her handicap debut over 2400m at Vichy on 19 August. Remains competitive under 3kg penalty

6. XYLOPHONE - Improving, consistent gelding with sound references/form credentials including a last-start 5th in a 2900m Argentan handicap on 26 August. Dark horse

7. EDESTRIAV - Wasn't winning out of turn, having finished 2nd in consecutive starts, when opening his account last time at Sillé-le-Guillaume over 2300m on 10 August. Improving colt with legitimate winning aspirations

8. CASH COLLECTOR - Unplaced in 3 appearances, the latest (5th) over 2000m at Vichy on 19 August. Best watched for now

9. HASTA LA VISTA - Opened his account with a last-start victory at Divonne-les-Bains over 2000m on 1 September. Can get into the picture

10. SHALOHA - Debut winner over 2000m at Cagnes and has confirmed that promise in both subsequent starts by finishing 3rd at that venue over 2000m and 4th over 2150m at Lyon-La Soie on 24 March (all 3 starts on PSF). Respect

Summary: EDESTRIAV (7) deservedly opened his account with a hard-fought victory at Sillé-le-Guillaume last month and this shorter trip should serve his interests. As such, he is taken to follow up at the expense of BALI (1) who shouldn't be hastily condemned for his Quinte+ performance at ParisLongchamp. SHALOHA (10) has already proven her competitiveness in this category, albeit on PSF and she shouldn't be underestimated on her reappearance in her first start on turf. Last-start winner PORTUCALE (5) ought to remain competitive too.

SELECTIONS

EDESTRIAV (7) - BALI (1) - SHALOHA (10) - PORTUCALE (5)

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**C4 - PRIX KASTEEL - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR €
22,000**

- 1. DARABUKKAH** - Well-related Zarak gelding 3rd over this course and distance on 4 June, confirming the promise of his debut 4th on this course over 2400m. Candidate for success
- 2. JESS LIVERMORE** - Found wanting in consecutive handicap appearances, finished 12th in both - the latest over 1900m on PSF at Deauville on 17 August. Needs a few to falter
- 3. AL MUZAFFAR** - Unplaced in 6 appearances, 3 with headgear fitted (removed for this commitment). Finished a well-beaten 11th over 2400m at Vichy on 31 July
- 4. SPINELLO** - Confirmed his undeniable ability by finishing 5th in 2200m Quinté+ at ParisLongchamp in June. Runner-up in 4 of his 6 appearances, including consecutive recent starts - the latest over 3000m at Dieppe on 21 August
- 5. BAAL HOWARD** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 2nd over 2900m at Cavallon on 25 August. Confirmation required
- 6. ECCLOR** - Finished unplaced (8th) on debut over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains on 1 September. Needs to show more
- 7. PUBLIC ENEMY** - Gavin Hernon-trained Magna Grecia gelding from a good Argentinian female line. Corentin Bergé takes 2,5kg off the back

Summary: Having finished 2nd in 4 of his 6 starts, SPINELLO (4) has a magnificent opportunity to open his account. He has already proven his efficiency/competitiveness over this distance and on this course. Unexposed DARABUKKAH (1) has sufficient means to pose a threat although newcomer PUBLIC ENEMY (7) could also be a factor. JESS LIVERMORE (2) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

SPINELLO (4) - DARABUKKAH (1) - PUBLIC ENEMY (7) - JESS LIVERMORE (2)

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**C5 - PRIX FITERARI - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR €
40,000**

1. INDIE BRIGHT - Runner-up in consecutive handicaps (1900m PSF at Chantilly and over 1800m at ParisLongchamp) before a disappointing 6th in first-time headgear at Deauville over a mile on 17 August. Headgear removed - respect

2. MAIA STAR - Well-related Cloth Of Stars filly with undeniable means and untapped potential (won 2 of 3 starts, the latest over 1950m at Châteaubriant on 27 April). Open to improvement on her reappearance/handicap debut

3. MOOR MALPIC - Won 3 of 4 starts, including the Western Derby at Nantes in July, but blotted her copybook when unplaced (8th) in a 3000m Listed race at Deauville on 3 August. Shouldn't be hastily condemned

4. MENDRISIO - Unplaced (7th of 10) in a 2000m Class 2 conditions race at Deauville on 6 August. Makes his handicap debut off an unchanged mark - best watched for now

5. FASHION GREY - Proved his competitiveness in this category in Quinte+ handicaps, winning over 2100m at ParisLongchamp in May. Absent since finishing 4th in a conditions race over 2000m at Toulouse on 19 June - not taken lightly

6. MIA MAN - Unplaced once in 4 handicap appearances (over 2700m, a distance too far). Won a 2000m ParisLongchamp handicap in July and showed his form/well-being with a good 3rd at Deauville over 2000m on 6 August

7. BAD BOY - Consistent, experienced hard-knocker with sound references in handicaps at this level including a last-start 4th in a similar contest over 2000m at ParisLongchamp on 4 July. Attractive outsider

8. THE WHITE LADY - Debut winner over 1900m on PSF at Chantilly on 15 February. Runner-up on handicap debut over 2000m at ParisLongchamp in July - supplemented to run here after her Deauville 2nd over 1900m (PSF) on 4 August

Summary: Supplemented THE WHITE LADY (8) hit the woodwork in her only handicap appearance and she is well placed to go one better getting weight from all her rivals. MOOR MALPIC (3) fluffed her lines in a Listed race over 3000m but should acquit herself more competitively at this level. Consistent top-weights INDIE BRIGHT (1) and MAIA STAR (2) have legitimate podium aspirations.

SELECTIONS

THE WHITE LADY (8) - MOOR MALPIC (3) - INDIE BRIGHT (1) - MAIA STAR (2)

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C6 - PRIX SOYA - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. OLYA** - Has revealed considerable means in 3 starts in well-composed fields. Her opening handicap is high enough but she should be competitive on the evidence of her Clairefontaine 4th over 1600m on 16 August
- 2. LAITH** - A talented colt and first-four finisher in each of his 3 starts, the latest (3rd) over 1800m at Clairefontaine on 9 August. He ought to establish himself in the handicaps
- 3. TELCHERBOLINE** - Consistent filly with solid form references/credentials in 4 starts, finishing 2nd once and 3rd on the other 3 occasions including her latest appearance over 1650m at Craon on 31 August. Candidate for success
- 4. YOUNG AND PROUD** - Runner-up (albeit a well-beaten 2nd) to highly regarded Maranoa Charlie over 1600m on turf at Chantilly on 7 September. Has the form and experience to make his presence felt
- 5. KENMADA** - Improving last-start winner of a 1600m Rochefort-sur-Loire maiden on 4 August. Makes his handicap debut under a 1kg penalty
- 6. ARYAN DODVILLE** - Unplaced in 3 appearances, the latest (6th) in a 1400m PSF claimer Deauville on 8 August. For another day
- 7. SISSI IMPERATRICE** - Finished 3rd in a 1400m handicap at Vichy in June but unplaced in both subsequent starts, the latest (6th) in a 1400m claimer at ParisLongchamp on 29 August. Dropped 0,5kg on her return to the handicaps
- 8. BOHEMOS** - Runner-up in consecutive outings over 1600m in July (in a Clairefontaine claimer and a conditions race at Vittel). Didn't go unnoticed when 4th at Vittel over a mile on 18 August
- 9. FRUITION** - Finished 2nd in a 1200m claimer at Dax in July and confirmed that form/improvement by winning a 1200m maiden at Pompadour on 3 August. Up 1kg on her handicap debut
- 10. FISFUL OF LOVE** - Experienced filly in the claiming category. Finished 4th in a course-and-distance claimer on 6 September

Summary: TELCHERBOLINE (3), one of many in the race on handicap debut, has shown enough to suggest that she can open her account here at the primary expense of LAITH (2) who fits a similar profile but concedes 1,5kg to the selection. OLYA (1) gives weight to all in her first handicap appearance but shouldn't be underestimated. YOUNG AND PROUD (4) has the form and experience to make his presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

TELCHERBOLINE (3) - LAITH (2) - OLYA (1) - YOUNG AND PROUD (4)

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C7 - PRIX DES TOURELLES - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Listed Race - Flat - EUR € 52,000

- 1. DSCHINGIS STAR** - Placed in a Group III race last year and Listed event at ParisLongchamp in May but finished unplaced (6th) in a 2400m Listed contest at Clairefontaine on 27 July
- 2. VILLAGE VOICE** - Winner of the 2100m Group III Prix de Flore on this course in October last year. Unplaced in the Group II Prix Corrida on this course over 2100m on 20 May but shouldn't be hastily condemned - candidate for success
- 3. LEGEND** - Consistent mare with sound references on this course and whose competitiveness at this level is assured. Absent since finishing 2nd in a 2100m Listed race at ParisLongchamp on 7 April
- 4. YOROKOBI** - Placed in Listed and Group II races last year but hasn't fulfilled that promise in 3 starts this term, the latest (7th) in a 2400m Listed race at Clairefontaine on 27 July
- 5. GLOBAL QUEEN** - Inconsistent though isn't entirely incapable of getting a look in judged on her best references. Runner-up at Merano over 2200m on 15 August
- 6. LYDIA** - Consistent mare, albeit in conditions/handicap races at a lower level. Finished 7th of 10 at Hanovre over 2400m on 18 August
- 7. GAMBIA SUN** - Has achieved her best references in conditions/handicap races at a lower level. Back on French soil after finishing 9th of 10 over 2400m at Hanovre on 18 August
- 8. MELO MELO** - A Group II winner with form references/credentials at the highest level. Disappointing 7th of 8 over 2800m at Goodwood in Group II Lillie Langtry Stakes on 3 August but could make amends in first-time headgear
- 9. PANTHERA** - Authoritative winner of a 2400m Clairefontaine maiden at the beginning of August and didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a 2800m Listed race against older rivals at ParisLongchamp on 1 September

Summary: MELO MELO (8) blotted her copybook in a 2800m Group II at Goodwood last month but looks good value to make amends on a track she particularly appreciates. VILLAGE VOICE (2) has also been successful at this venue, winning a Group III here last fall. She has the means to fight for victory along with LEGEND (3) who isn't to be taken lightly on her reappearance. PANTHERA (9) is dangerous to discount under bottom weight.

SELECTIONS

MELO MELO (8) - VILLAGE VOICE (2) - LEGEND (3) - PANTHERA (9)

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C8 - PRIX DE L'ETANG DE SAINT-CUCUFA - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 19,000

- 1. LONDON ROYAL** - Absent since finishing 3rd in a 2000m Quinté+ handicap at ParisLongchamp on 9 June but runs well fresh. Serious candidate for success
- 2. PANGAEA** - Winner of a Quinté+ at Parislongchamp in early May but has blown hot and cold in 4 subsequent starts off his current mark (under a 3kg penalty). Unplaced (7th) in 1900m PSF conditions race at Deauville 3 August
- 3. NASOMO** - Sparked signs of improvement/return to form with a reassuring 5th in a 1900m PSF Quinté+ handicap at Deauville on 17 August. Not taken lightly
- 4. DRIMYS** - Consistent, lightly raced last-start winner who opened his account in a Saint-Malo handicap over 1800m on 8 August. Not taken lightly despite a 3kg penalty
- 5. MORSAN** - Capable veteran with references in Quinte+ handicaps but went off the boil earlier this year - unplaced in 4 consecutive appearances, the latest (8th) after a 3-month layoff in a conditions race at Dieppe on 27 August
- 6. JACKSUN** - Consistent performer in Germany - finished 4th on a 2200m handicap at Baden-Baden - but has struggled this year in handicaps on French soil. For lovers of outsiders
- 7. LETTY'S MARVEL** - Caught the eye when 4th in a 1900m PSF Quinté+ handicap on 28 July but failed to confirm that form when a well-beaten 15th in that category over the same track and trip at Deauville on 17 August. Can do better
- 8. MAX VERST** - Consistent hard-knocker and first-four finisher in 4 consecutive recent outings, the latest (4th) in a 1600m handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 4 September. Candidate for success
- 9. VAZIR** - Versatile hard-knocker with sound references at this level on both surfaces. Absent since finishing 4th over 1900m on PSF in a claimer at Chantilly on 23 February
- 10. ALPAGE** - Consistent, versatile performer 3rd behind MAX VERST (8) in a similar contest over 1600m at Chantilly at the end of June. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a 1900m 1900m PSF conditions race at Deauville on 3 August
- 11. STORMY NIGHT** - Absent since finishing 16th in a 2150m ParisLongchamp handicap on 25 April. Won a course-and-distance handicap in November last year
- 12. TIMETOSHINE** - Unplaced in all 5 appearances this year, the latest (9th) in an 1800m conditions race at Dieppe on 27 August

Summary: Lightly raced LONDON ROYAL (1) has finished in the first four in 8 successive appearances. He returns fresh following his 3rd in a Quinté+ handicap in June and seems ideally engaged under these conditions to make a winning comeback. Consistent rivals MAX VERST (8), whose 4th at Lyon-Parilly last time was encouraging, and NASOMO (3), equally adept on turf as on PSF, are best equipped to challenge the selection. LETTY'S MARVEL (7) and ALPAGE (10) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

LONDON ROYAL (1) - MAX VERST (8) - NASOMO (3) - LETTY'S MARVEL (7)

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C9 - PRIX DU VERT CLOS - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. LORNE - Acquitted herself competitively in Quinté+ handicaps, winning and finishing 4th in back-to-back outings at that level before her underwhelming 9th in a 2400m Quinté+ at Clairefontaine on 24 August. Can do better

2. ZAHYANA - Improved in first-time headgear to open her account Clairefontaine in a 2400m handicap on 24 August. Remains competitive for the leading places despite a 2kg penalty

3. VASIGREEN - Last-start winner of a 2400m Vittel handicap on 12 August. Remains competitive for victory despite a 2,5kg penalty

4. TCHAKOVA - Versatile in-form mare whose competitiveness at this level off her current mark is beyond doubt. Finished 2nd in a 2400m handicap at La Teste on 10 July and should make her presence felt once more

5. MISURINA - Improved in first-time headgear to finish 3rd in a 2200m handicap Dieppe in July but finished a well-beaten 10th in a 2400m handicap at Clairefontaine on 24 August. Needs to reaffirm

6. LIXI - Won a course-and-distance handicap in May and maintained her form/consistency in 3 subsequent outings before finishing unplaced (9th) in a 3000m Vichy handicap on 7 August. Shouldn't be hastily condemned

7. ZELINA - Narrowly beaten when runner-up in a 2200m Dieppe handicap in July and wasn't seen to best effect when only 6th in a handicap over 1800m at Clairefontaine on 12 August. Will appreciate the extended distance

8. VARENNA - Has won and finished 3rd in 2 turf handicaps. Unplaced (7th) in a conditions race over 1800m at Saint-Malo on 22 August on her return from an 11-month absence, so is best watched for now

9. VENTOSILLA - Consistent, lightly raced filly whose 3 handicap appearances have yielded a 3rd and two 6th-placed finishes including her most recent start on PSF over 2500m at Deauville on 18 August. Player with Mickaël Barzalona

10. KOURAL - Won a 2500m handicap on this course in March but has finished unplaced in both subsequent outings, the latest (13th) in a 2400m handicap at Compiègne on 9 July. For another day

11. AHA - Unplaced in all 5 appearances this year, albeit at a higher level - the latest over 2400m at Clairefontaine on 24 August. Has dropped to dangerous mark

12. MADAME DE SAXE - Has finished 4th in back-to-back recent outings, the latest a 2400m handicap at Clairefontaine on 24 August

Summary: ZELINA (7) was a fast-finishing close-up 2nd over 2200m at Dieppe in July and probably found 1800m a touch on the sharp side when 6th at Clairefontaine last time. With conditions more to her liking here, she could fight for victory with last-start winners VASIGREEN (3) and ZAHYANA (2), who remain competitive under resultant penalties. LORNE (1) isn't taken lightly and ought to fare better at this level, with the shortlist completed by consistent TCHAKOVA (4).

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ZELINA (7) - VASIGREEN (3) - ZAHYANA (2) - LORNE (1)