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## R4 LE CROISE-LAROCHE [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA BRIQUETERIE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Handicap - Flat  
- EUR € 17,000**

- 1. TAHINI** - Won a 1400m Chantilly handicap in mid-May but finished unplaced in all 4 subsequent outings - soundly beaten in his last 3 starts, the latest (11th) on this course over 1100m on 18 October
- 2. BAHIA BLANCA** - Experienced filly with sound/consistent references at a lower level, including a last-start 6th in a claimer over 1300m at Le Touquet on 1 July. Unplaced (11th) in her only handicap appearance - watch for now
- 3. READY KING** - Finished a reassuring 3rd behind MALTOCK D'ORGERES (6) in a 1650m Amiens claimer on 6 November. Keep safe
- 4. FANTASTIC DEAL** - Improving with each start, the latest (2nd) over 2000m at ParisLongchamp on 30 May. Taken seriously on his reappearance off a reduced mark
- 5. MY DESERT QUEEN** - Inconsistent and soundly beaten in her last 2 handicap appearances, the latest (12th) at Fontainebleau on 4 November, but has dropped to a career-low mark. Has the means to make her presence felt
- 6. MALTOCK D'ORGERES** - Unplaced in 3 handicap appearances but improved in first-time blinkers to finish a reassuring 2nd in a 1650m Amiens claimer on 6 November. Not taken lightly with that headgear retained
- 7. BELHAD JELOIS** - Finished 2nd in a 1650m Amiens handicap on 29 September. Failed to confirm that form/improvement when only 9th in a 2000m handicap at Nancy on 22 October
- 8. BREAWNA** - Runner-up in 2 of her last 3 starts, both on PSF - the latest over 2100m at Mons on 5 November. Soundly beaten in both turf appearances, including a 2500m claimer on this course (8th) last month
- 9. PROUD LUCY** - Finished 4th in consecutive recent outings/handicaps, the latest over 2200m on heavy ground at Amiens on 6 November. Candidate for success
- 10. WIN ALONE** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th in a 1400m Nancy handicap on 22 October off her current mark. Not taken lightly
- 11. SUMMER FLIRT** - An 8-start maiden soundly beaten in each appearance, including 3 consecutive handicaps recently - the latest (11th) over 1800m at Chantilly on 1 October
- 12. LAMAJESTIK** - Experienced in handicaps and has references on this track, including two 3rds in course-and-distance claimers. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a 2200m Amiens handicap on 6 November
- 13. ASKAYA** - Soundly beaten in all 3 handicap appearances on the flat and made no impression in a 3000m claiming hurdle at Auteuil on 24 September. Others preferred
- 14. ESHBELIA** - Experienced 17-start maiden unlikely to trouble the judge. Finished 8th in first-time blinkers over 1650m at Machecoul 3 November

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**Summary:** PROUD LUCY (9) finished 4th in her first start for Mickaël Séror and confirmed the form/improvement of that stable debut by finishing 4th again at Amiens last time, and she needn't improve a great deal to win this opening event. FANTASTIC DEAL (4) is on the up and remains open to improvement on his reappearance. He hasn't been seen since finishing a career-best 2nd at ParisLongchamp in May. MY DESERT QUEEN (5) has dropped to a dangerous mark and isn't taken lightly. MALTOCK D'ORGERES (6) completes the shortlist.

## SELECTIONS

**PROUD LUCY (9) - FANTASTIC DEAL (4) - MY DESERT QUEEN (5) - MALTOCK  
D'ORGERES (6)**

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## C2 - PRIX DU CROISE-LAROCHE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

**1. AIGUIERE D'ARGENT** - Unplaced in back-to-back Quinte+ handicaps before bouncing back to form with a creditable 5th off his current mark over in an 1800m Clairefontaine handicap on 25 October. Unbeaten in 2 starts at this track

**2. DRUIDE** - Consistent performer whose references include finishing in the Top 5 in 12 of his 14 appearances. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 4th in a 1950m Le Mans handicap on 16 October - keep safe

**3. PORTRERO** - Won consecutive course-and-distance handicaps last month and confirmed his competitiveness under a penalty (current mark) by finishing 4th in a 2000m Fontainebleau handicap on 4 November. Contender

**4. MARKSWOMAN** - Experienced filly with references in handicaps, including a 1300m Craon win (September 2023). Placed in 1 of 5 starts this year but soundly beaten (14th) in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 29 October

**5. MI C'INFILLO** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd over 1650m in a claimer at Amiens on 6 November. Changed hands since but should go well again for new connections

**6. JACK OF TRADES** - Experienced hard-knocker with sound references, including a course-and-distance claiming victory in mid-May. Finished 3rd in a 1650m Amiens claimer on 6 November and isn't taken lightly dropped 1kg

**7. COEUR DE ROUME** - Returned to winning ways with a last-start success in a 1600m Lignières handicap on 1 November. Ought to remain competitive under a 2,5kg penalty

**8. RAINIER** - Caught the eye with an improved/encouraging 4th on very heavy ground at Clairefontaine on handicap debut over 1800m on 25 October. Dark horse

**9. ANTE POST** - Soundly beaten in consecutive handicap appearances/comeback outings recently, the latest (15th) over 1900m on PSF at Chantilly on 12 November. Others preferred

**10. PREMIERE ETOILE** - Won a 1900m La Test in late July but finished unplaced (8th) off a 0,5kg lower mark in her subsequent start at Vichy in a 2000m handicap on 14 August. For another day

**11. PUERTA DEL SOL** - Well-beaten 11th in a course-and-distance handicap in mid-September and unplaced (11th) in a 1900m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 1 October. Best watched for now

**Summary:** After back-to-back failures at Quinte+ level, AIGUIERE D'ARGENT (1) bounced back with a reassuring 5th in a Clairefontaine handicap recently and a repeat of that performance could suffice in his bid to preserve a 100% Le Croise-Laroche record. PORTRERO (3) is also somewhat of a course specialist and seems best equipped to threaten the selection's unblemished record at this venue. DRUIDE (2), competitive at this level off his current mark, last-start winner COEUR DE ROUME (7), even under a 2,5kg penalty, and MI C'INFILLO (5), who races for new connections, appeal most of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**AIGUIERE D'ARGENT (1) - PORTRERO (3) - DRUIDE (2) - COEUR DE ROUME (7)**

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## C3 - GRAND PRIX DE MARCQ-EN-BAROEUL - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Flat - EUR € 38,000

**1. PIENSA EN MI** - Runner-up in a 1700m Class 2 conditions race behind classy Cambronne at Marseille-Borély last month (22 October). Makes the long trip to this venue with legitimate ambitions

**2. CLIMATE CHANGE** - Runner-up in a 1600m ParisLongchamp Quinté+ on 5 October and confirmed that form/improvement by winning a 1400m Class 2 conditions race at Bordeaux on 26 October. Contender under a 1,5kg penalty

**3. DOURIANN** - Listed winner in July 2023. Regaining momentum after a 9-month absence and shouldn't be condemned for finishing 13th in a 1600m Quinté+ at ParisLongchamp on 5 October - retains the means to do better

**4. LIGHT WAKEUP** - Last-start winner on heavy ground of a 1600m Nantes handicap on 1 November. Has more to do at this level under a 3kg penalty

**5. ROUGEGARDE** - Lightly raced hard-knocker with sound references in the handicap and claiming categories. Finished 5th on heavy ground in a 1600m Nantes handicap on 1 November when resuming after a 7-month absence

**6. MANSOUR** - Ideally engaged under the conditions as the highest-rated runner in the race. Finished 4th in a 2000m Group II at ParisLongchamp in April but hasn't been seen since finishing 6th at Compiègne on 12 July

**Summary:** CLIMATE CHANGE (2) has done little wrong this year and is undefeated in 2 starts over this distance. He proved his form and well-being by winning last time and this is a good opportunity for him to add to his tally. Runner-up at Marseille-Borely last time in her first start since joining Nicolas Perret, PIENSA EN MI (1) also boasts a 100% record over 1800m and should fight for victory. Top-rated MANSOUR (6) is ideally engaged under these conditions so should make his presence felt. DOURIANN (3) has enjoyed success at this venue and retains the means to challenge for a spot on the podium.

### SELECTIONS

**CLIMATE CHANGE (2) - PIENSA EN MI (1) - MANSOUR (6) - DOURIANN (3)**

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## C4 - PRIX DE CLOTURE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. MASCALINO** - Unreliable and soundly beaten in 3 consecutive starts at this level, the latest (12th) in a 1400m handicap at Compiègne on 25 September. Best watched for now
- 2. TWIN BOY** - Experienced handicapper competitive at this level off his current mark with sound references, including a last-start 5th at Fontainebleau in a 2000m handicap on 4 November. Dark horse
- 3. DANSEUSE CELEBRE** - Sparked improvement dropped in the weights/ratings to finish a reassuring 4th in a 1650m handicap at Amiens on 6 November. Dark horse
- 4. JOAO** - Unreliable but capable hard-knocker whose last start (9th) in a 1650m Amiens handicap is best ignored. Seldom far off the mark and shouldn't be taken lightly, especially with Marie Vélon's weight allowance
- 5. TOP GLORY** - Refitted with headgear (retained here) when finishing a reassuring 3rd at Amiens in a 1650m handicap on 6 November. Attractive outsider
- 6. NOBLE ANGEL** - Unlucky when finishing unplaced (10th) in a 2100m Argentan handicap on 9 October. Didn't secure clear passage and is capable of better
- 7. THAT'S MY POWER** - Unreliable performer in handicaps - soundly beaten in 3 consecutive appearances at this level recently, the latest (13th) on PSF over 3200m at Chantilly on 28 October. Watch for now
- 8. BOW LANE** - Experienced hard-knocker with sound references, including a 2nd in a course-and-distance handicap on 19 September. Reverts to the turf after finishing 7th in a 2100m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 12 October
- 9. NOT SO SILLY** - Won a 2000m Vichy handicap in July but finished unplaced in both subsequent appearances, the latest (10th) in a course-and-distance handicap on 18 October. For another day
- 10. PRINCEDESCHAMPS** - Unreliable but capable hard-knocker who blew his chances at the start when finishing 13th over 2000m in a handicap at Fontainebleau on 4 November. Shouldn't be hastily condemned
- 11. CROCUS BORGET** - Regained form/momentum recently in 2 appearances off his current mark - finished 3rd in both starts, the latest over 2000m in a handicap at Fontainebleau on 4 November. Keep safe
- 12. BELLA CIAO** - In good form and physical condition, and should go well again. Won an 1800m Clairefontaine handicap last month and proved her competitiveness under a resultant 2,5kg penalty (current mark) with a good 2nd in a 1900m Bordeaux handicap on 5 November
- 13. OCTOBER CHOPE** - Experienced handicapper with sound references at this level off her current mark, including a recent 6th over 1400m at Le Mans on 2 November. Headgear worn that day dispensed with but isn't taken lightly
- 14. GOJI BERRY** - Experienced veteran with sound references at this level off higher marks. Unplaced in 2 comeback races recently after a 6-month absence, the latest (12th) over 2000m at Fontainebleau on 4 November

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**15. WHAT DO YOU SAY** - Unplaced in all 8 appearances this year and soundly beaten in back-to-back handicaps recently (11th in both) - the latest over 1600m on PSF at Chantilly on 29 October. Others preferred

**Summary:** BELLA CIAO (12) opened her account in a Clairefontaine handicap late last month and proved she remains competitive off her current mark (under a 2,5kg penalty) by finishing 2nd at Bordeaux in early November. She is ideally placed to reconnect with success and gets the nod ahead of CROCUS BORGET (11) whose recent performances augur well for his chances here. BOW LANE (8) will find this distance and the return to turf more to his liking, so he shouldn't be taken lightly. Both JOAO (4) and PRINCEDESCHAMPS (10) are excused for disappointing recent efforts and retain the means to make their presence felt.

## SELECTIONS

**BELLA CIAO (12) - CROCUS BORGET (11) - BOW LANE (8) - JOAO (4)**

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## C5 - PRIX DU CENTRE EQUESTRE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12,500

- 1. APRIL FLOWER** - Finished 4th over 1900m at Argentan in a claimer on the 9th of October 2024. Conditions suit so should run well
- 2. MOSTRANDO** - Finished 3rd over 1600m at Lignieres En Berry in a claimer on the 1st of November 2024. Can feature in the play
- 3. DEEP LOVE** - Finished 7th over 1750m in Germany on the 18th of August 2024. Could be anything on French debut
- 4. DIEGO D'ARTOIS** - Unraced son of Silverware that is likely to need a few educational runs. Makes no appeal
- 5. DUESSELDORFER** - Dam won once over 2600m and this newcomer could just need the outing. Follow the market
- 6. LAHOMI** - No show in 10th spot over 1900m at Deauville in a claimer on the 8th of November 2024. Can earn on best form
- 7. MAGIC ALYSIA** - Winner over 1700m at Castera-Verduza in a maiden event on the 22nd of September 2024. Can go back to back
- 8. LOS SUENOS** - Dam won once over 1950m and this newcomer doesn't make much appeal on paper. One to pass by
- 9. HISTOIRE D'ARTOIS** - Finished 9th over 2000m at Lyon Parilly in a maiden on the 31st of October 2024. Needs to show huge improvement
- 10. LADY LUCK** - Poor showing in 7th position over 1500m at Deauville in a claimer on the 9th of November 2024. Unlikely to threaten
- 11. SHIVA'S LEGACY** - Beaten in 5th over 1700m at Saint-Brieuc in a maiden on the 27th of October 2024. Can show improvement
- 12. MADE IN PEPPER** - Finished 11th over 1400m at Compiègne in a claimer on the 17th of October 2024. Easy to pass by
- 13. SALT 'N PEPPER** - Dam raced twice without doing anything and this newcomer doesn't seem to a forward type. Others preferred

**Summary:** MAGIC ALYSIA (7) showed her worth when winning nicely last time out and with her confidence up, she could have more to offer. MOSTRANDO (2) ran a cracker on debut and can only build on that performance. He should be in the firing line. APRIL FLOWER (1) has produced two solid efforts in claiming races and should be right in the mix. LAHOMI (6) has had her fair share of chances but does enough to keep one interested for the minor positions.

### SELECTIONS

**MAGIC ALYSIA (7) - MOSTRANDO (2) - APRIL FLOWER (1) - LAHOMI (6)**

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## C6 - PRIX GUY LECLERCQ - FINALE HANDICAP CHALLENGE - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 14,000

- 1. LA YOMOGUINESS** - Not entirely disgraced in 8th spot over 2500m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 27th of October 2024. Place chance
- 2. CANIAR DE LUXE** - Ran a fair race in 4th spot over 2400m at Lyon Parilly in a Class 3 handicap on the 8th of November 2024. Can run into the money
- 3. KING MOTIF** - Runner up over 2950m at Cholet in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 3rd of November 2024. Big player
- 4. EASTERN STAR** - Finished 7th over 1800m at Clairefontaine in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 25th of October 2024. Runs well over track/trip
- 5. L'ENFANT TERRIBLE** - No show in 12th over 2000m at Amiens in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 29th of September 2024. One to pass by
- 6. CIRCO MASSIMO** -
- 7. CUSTARD TARTE** - Poor effort in 11th spot over 3000m at Nancy in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 27th of October 2024. Easy to look elsewhere
- 8. ANNA CARIBEA** - Not performing at her best in 10th spot at Deauville over 2500m in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 2nd of November 2024. Can challenge on best form
- 9. CREME CHANTILLY** - Finished 6th over 1900m at Cholet in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 3rd of November 2024. Needs to show more
- 10. SUNNY STAR** - Dismal performance in 16th over 1900m at Chantilly in a Class 3 claimer on the 28th of October 2024. Would be a surprise winner

**Summary:** KING MOTIF (3) has been knocking on the door for that next win and looks to be well placed here to go one better. EASTERN STAR (4) is a previous winner here and drops in class for this assignment which brings him right into contention. CANIAR DE LUXE (2) is seldom far off the action and should be in the firing line. LA YOMOGUINESS (1) gets weight off the back and can run a place.

### SELECTIONS

**KING MOTIF (3) - EASTERN STAR (4) - CANIAR DE LUXE (2) - LA YOMOGUINESS (1)**



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## C7 - PRIX DES ROUGES BARRES - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,000

- 1. KOUTSOUNAKOS** - Winner over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 7th of October 2024. Should be in the firing line
- 2. CALIFORNIAGOLDRUSH** - Winner over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 18th of October 2024. Include in the play
- 3. TWO TWO TWO** - Finished 9th over 1200m at Fontainebleau in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 4th of November 2024. Can feature in this company
- 4. UN PLUS UNE** - Finished 6th over 1400m at Le Mans in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 2nd of November 2024. Minor money chance at best
- 5. TERRATINO FIRE** - Finished 5th over track/trip in a maiden on the 18th of October 2024. Others preferred
- 6. SIXTUS** - No show in 10th over 1200m at Fontainebleau in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 4th of November 2024. Place chance in this class
- 7. RUN FOR HOME** - Not seen to best effect when finishing 16th over 1300m at Deauville in a divided handicap on the 24th of October 2024. Can show a return to form
- 8. SAPIENS** - Finished 6th over 1200m in Belgium on the 26th of August 2024. Unlikely to feature
- 9. THE TIME** - Weak showing in 9th spot over 1400m at Compiegne in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 11th of October 2024. Battling to find form
- 10. MILL LANE** - No show in 10th over 1500m in Belgium on the 22nd of October 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 11. EL MANSOUR** - Dismal run in 17th position over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 29th of Chantilly 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 12. BREATHE ON** - Finished 4th over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche in a maiden on the 18th of October 2024. Can make her presence felt

**Summary:** KOUTSOUNAKOS (1) has won his last two starts and looks to be loving life as a 9yo. He goes for a hat-trick here which could well be within his grasp. RUN FOR HOME (7) isn't the most reliable sort but has put together some solid efforts and on best form, he will be a factor. BREATHE ON (12) slots in with bottom weight and should be on the premises. CALIFORNIAGOLDRUSH (2) showed a return to winning ways last time out and with her confidence restored, she could follow up.

### SELECTIONS

**KOUTSOUNAKOS (1) - RUN FOR HOME (7) - BREATHE ON (12) -  
CALIFORNIAGOLDRUSH (2)**

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## C8 - PRIX DE LA RUE FOUQUET LELONG - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,000

- 1. TALLINSKI** - Not seen to best effect in 10th spot over 1100m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 3rd of October 2024. Can bounce back
- 2. BIG FREEZE** - Narrowly touched off in 2nd spot over 1000m at Fontainebleau in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 22nd of September 2024. Should go close
- 3. REGALIEN** - No type of run in 11th position over 1200m at Fontainebleau in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 4th of November 2024. Others inspire more confidence
- 4. MAGIC SWORD** - No show in 12th position over 1100m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 3rd of October 2024. One to pass by
- 5. BLUE DREAM** - Finished 8th over 1200m at Fontainebleau in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 4th of November 2024. Place chance on best form
- 6. VALENTINO** - Average effort in 8th position over 1400m at Compiègne in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 11th of October 2024. Capable of better
- 7. INVOLABLE SPIRIT** - Runner up over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 18th of October 2024. Big runner
- 8. MADDOX** - Finished 6th over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 18th of October 2024. Well tried maiden
- 9. GLICOURT** - Finished 5th behind a couple of these over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 18th of October 2024. Place chance
- 10. COOLMEEN ROYAL** - Finished 6th over 1350m at Angers in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 30th of September 2024. Outside place claims
- 11. ULTIMATE FIGHT** - Poor display in 9th spot over 1500m at Deauville in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 23rd of October 2024. One to pass by
- 12. TROIS POINT HUIT** - Soundly beaten in 5th over 1650m at Amiens in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 6th of November 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 13. ABRASSO** - Finished 3rd behind a reopposing sort over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 18th of October 2024. Include in all bets
- 14. PELUSIVE** - Finished 4th over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 18th of October 2024. Form line is under the spotlight here
- 15. ALBEDO** - Poor effort in 12th over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 18th of October 2024. Battling to regain form

**Summary:** BIG FREEZE (2) just found one to good last time out and despite having to deal with a deep draw, he could be the one to beat on overall form. INVOLABLE SPIRIT (7) has been a model of consistency and is knocking on the door for that next career victory which seems to be imminent. ABRASSO (13) finished just behind Inviolable Spirit last time out and should have a chance to reverse the form so is one that needs to be included. TALLINSKI (1) is yet to win this calendar year but is seldom far off the action and can feature.

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**SELECTIONS**

**BIG FREEZE (2) - INVIOLEABLE SPIRIT (7) - ABRASSO (13) - TALLINSKI (1)**