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R3 VITTEL [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX MINNIE DE BEAUVAU CRAON - 1300m (a6f1/2) - TURF - Class 3
Race - Flat - EUR € 12,000**

1. HAPPY AGAIN - Can build on latest 8th over 1800m in a Handicap at Clairefontaine. Should be in the money. Include

2. SCAN FOR CHAMPAGNE - Is difficult to make a case for on latest form and would be a shock winner. Pass by

3. BAKHILOVA - Placed 8th over 1400m in a Handicap last time and can get much closer this time. Strong each way chance

4. FLOWERSPRING - Finished 4th three runs back but form since then has been on the decline and is difficult to fancy. Pass by

5. RUMPLETEAZER - Finished 7th over 1200m in a Handicap at Chantilly on the 14th of this month and can be expected to get much closer. Big chance

6. SOVEREIGN - Finished 8th in a Handicap at Clairefontaine on the 28th of June and has plenty to find off that. No

7. BLACK MAMBA - Finished way back in 16th place last time over 1400m in a Handicap and is hard to like on that alone. Pass by

8. NORONHA - Will need to progress on recent 7th over 1200m at Strasbourg to win this. Prefer others

Summary: RUMPLETEAZER (5) is never too far adrift the winners and can be expected to be very competitive in this. Strong each way chance. BAKHILOVA (3) has been racing in Handicaps in her last two and should be able to finish in the money. Bright chance. HAPPY AGAIN (1) has shown very little in five starts but surely has more to offer. Place chance. NORONHA (8) is a must for the quartet.

SELECTIONS

RUMPLETEAZER (5) - BAKHILOVA (3) - HAPPY AGAIN (1) - NORONHA (8)

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C2 - PRIX MARECHAL LYAUTEY - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 27,000

1. PRINCE EXPRESS - Has won twice this year and also ran well when runner-up last time out in a handicap hurdle at Aix-les-Bains over 3800m on 14 July. Has a winning chance

2. JAIPALETEMPS - Unreliable this year and dislodged the jockey last time out in a handicap hurdle race at Dieppe over 3800m on 13 July. Has won twice this year and could bounce back to score

3. IN MY MIND - Holding her form well and was fourth last time out in a handicap hurdle at Strasbourg over this distance on 8 July. Should be right there at the finish once again

4. FABULOUS PRETENDER - Disappointing last run when unplaced last time out in a handicap hurdle at Strasbourg over this distance on 8 July. Capable of better but others are preferred

5. HAVANIA - Unreliable but did score a claiming victory last time out at Castéra-Verduzan over this distance on 14 July. Could play a minor role

6. INFANTE DE SOMOZA - Unreliable but did run well when third last time out in a handicap hurdle at Strasbourg over this distance on 8 July. Can contest the finish again

7. ANDOINS - Disappointing of late and was 9th last time out in a handicap hurdle at Strasbourg over this distance on 8 July. Capable of better and could be the surprise package of the race

8. VOIXDEGINO - Has struggled of late and was 8th last time out in a handicap hurdle at Strasbourg over this distance on 8 July. Others are preferred

Summary: JAIPALETEMPS (2) raced prominently and looked likely to play a leading role at Dieppe last time but dislodged his rider down the back straight. He is, however, probably worth another chance on the form/evidence of his previous start (2nd) in a similar contest at Angers last month. INFANTE DE SOMOZA (6) returned to form with a reassuring 3rd at Strasbourg recently and could fight for victory if confirming/building on that improvement. She finished ahead of IN MY MIND (3) on that occasion and should confirm her superiority on these weight terms. Top-weight PRINCE EXPRESS (1) ought to give another honest and competitive account of himself too.

SELECTIONS

JAIPALETEMPS (2) - INFANTE DE SOMOZA (6) - IN MY MIND (3) - PRINCE EXPRESS (1)

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C3 - PRIX BERNARD CHABOT -GRAND CRITERIUM DES 2 ANS DE VITTEL (NORROY/VAIR) - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 12,500

- 1. ZOUZAL** - Will need to progress on latest 8th over 1400m at La Teste but others are far preferred for the win. Place chance
- 2. OUTRENOIR** - Has shown absolutely zero in both runs to date and we can only hope and wait for improvement. Pass by
- 3. TARMAK** - Will need to do much more than debut 12th before being considered for any bets. No
- 4. FUJI HANA** - Improved to run 4th over 1350m last time and surely has plenty more to offer. Strong each way chance
- 5. BOHEMOS** - Improving, finished 2nd over 1600m in a claiming race at Clairefontaine on the 11th of this month. Serious chance
- 6. SAWAF** - A son of Jimmy Two Times that could need a few runs to tighten up and can therefore be passed by on debut. Prefer others
- 7. BALIROS** - Is by Chachnak out of a Dansili mare that is selected to make a winning debut. Well related and should go close
- 8. MATHEO BELLO** - Son of Threat out of a mare that only won one race. Could be able to make his presence felt first time at school. Chance
- 9. DIAMONDS** - She could make a sparkling debut but it is advisable to watch the betting trends closer to race time. Daughter of Madhmoon
- 10. MEYUDINE'K** - A daughter of Kendargent out of a Samum mare that more than likely will need the first up run. Pass by
- 11. MAJESTIC HILL** - Daughter of Pour Moi out of a Le Havre mare. Prefer others on debut for the shortlist. Ignore
- 12. MIAIMAOU** - Makes her debut and is by Master's Spirit. She could place but it is advisable to watch the betting trends

Summary: BALIROS (7) is a son of Chachnak out of a Dansili mare that could be above average. Watch the betting. BOHEMOS (5) is improving, ran a good race last time finishing second and can go one more. MIAIMAOU (12) is a daughter of Master's Spirit that could be absolutely anything and make her presence felt, big time, on debut. FUJI HANA (4) improved at the second time of asking and can surely improve again. Bright chance.

SELECTIONS

BALIROS (7) - BOHEMOS (5) - MIAIMAOU (12) - FUJI HANA (4)

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C4 - PRIX GENERAL CHRISTIAN D'ARBONNEAU - 4200m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 29,000

1. JOLLY MAG - Disappointing last run when tenth last time out in a Conditions chase at Auteuil over 3500m on 15 June. Has done better all year and can bounce back to score

2. VOLKOV JELOIS - Very consistent of late and was runner-up for the third time this year last time out in a handicap chase at Strasbourg over 4200m on 13 June. Be right there at the finish once again

3. FONTANNES - His last win was back in 2021 but was not disgraced when third last time out in a handicap chase at Lyon-Parilly over 4100m on 23 June, Can contest the finish once again

4. IDYLLE FLEURIE - Did not show her best when 6th last time out in a handicap chase at Clairefontaine-Deauville over 3900m on 1 July. In very good form before that and has a winning chance

5. VINYANN ST LAURENT - Yet to win and was a faller last time out in a handicap chase at Strasbourg on 8 July. Others are preferred

6. SWEET CESARIA - Much improved of late and she has won her last two starts, with the latest being a handicap hurdle race at Aix-les-Bains over 3800m on 27 June. Not out of it

7. ISOHA DE VAUT - Has only been modest of late and was 6th last time out in a Conditions chase over this track and trip on 21 July. Needs to do more to beat these rivals

8. TY ZUMS - On a very long losing run and was 6th last time out in a handicap hurdle at Aix-les-Bains over 3800m on 2 June. Did better in a chase before that and could play a minor role

Summary: JOLLY MAG (1) blotted her copybook when only 10th at Auteuil last time but, judging on the strength and consistency of her earlier form, seems good value to make amends here and open her account over obstacles. She is, however, likely to be challenged by VOLKOV JELOIS (2) who wouldn't be winning out of turn either, having finished 2nd in three of her last four starts including her latest over fences at Strasbourg. The selection's stablemate FONTANNES (3) has both the form and experience in this category to also play a leading role. Versatile SWEET CESARIA (6) isn't taken lightly on her return to this sphere in a bid to complete the hat-trick.

SELECTIONS

JOLLY MAG (1) - VOLKOV JELOIS (2) - FONTANNES (3) - SWEET CESARIA (6)

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**C5 - PRIX JEANNE D'ARC - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 17,000**

- 1. WINDERMERE** - Was a winner at his last run which was at Strasbourg over 2100m in a Handicap. He must be taken seriously. Good chance
- 2. ALGOT** - Won last two well, most recent victory was over 2400m at Chantilly on the 29th of last month. Can be expected to reel off the hat trick. Strong win
- 3. LIYA CHOPE** - She finished 8th over 2400m last time but won her penultimate start over 2500m at Nancy. Capable but a tad erratic. Chance
- 4. CANDYMAN** - Current form has been on the decline over various distances and others are far preferred. Outsider. No
- 5. KITO** - Finished 10th over 2700m last time and would be a shock winner. Others are preferred for the shortlist. Pass by
- 6. FEE DU VIVIEN** - Ignore recent 6th, finished 2nd at penultimate start and has each way claims
- 7. BELHAD JELOIS** - Placed 6th over 2100m at Strasbourg on the 8th of this month in a Handicap and will need to progress on that to feature
- 8. LIANE** - She was a winner the last time at the races and can follow up. The victory came over 2350m on the 8th of July. Include
- 9. CARDINALE** - Caught the eye when 2nd over 2350m at Strasbourg on the 8th of this month and should be very competitive again
- 10. PASSAGE MESLAY** - Placed 5th over 2400m at Wissembourg on the 8th of June. Include in larger quartet perms only
- 11. COLT PILOT** - Managed 9th place over 2100m last time and plenty more is needed than that to threaten here. No

Summary: ALGOT (2) boasts some tremendous form having run 8 times for 3 wins and 3 places. His last victory at Chantilly was good and he is confidently selected to follow up and reel off the hat trick. WINDERMERE (1) is lightly raced, won early which was at his last start and can go on to win more. Strong claims. FEE DU VIVIEN (6) can be forgiven for her last run when 6th and judged for today, on the penultimate, attractive second. A must for all bets. LIANE (8) is one for the shortlist and a must for the quartet. Solid last win.

SELECTIONS

ALGOT (2) - WINDERMERE (1) - FEE DU VIVIEN (6) - LIANE (8)

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C6 - PRIX GENERAL LASALLE - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 30,000

- 1. MONEY MONEY** - Holding his form and was fourth last time out in a Conditions chase at Strasbourg over 3500m on 8 July. Has a place chance
- 2. TOP DAAY** - Improving and was a winner of a handicap hurdle at Aix-les-Bains over this distance on 27 June. Tougher task this time but could make the frame
- 3. POMPANO** - Much improved of late and was runner-up last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Senonnes-Pouancé over 3600m on 6 July, Should contest the finish again
- 4. IRMINA** - Unreliable and was a faller last time out at Clairefontaine-Deauville on 1 July. Capable of better but is hard to trust
- 5. KALEOTIC** - Has been a disappointment this year and was 7th last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Clairefontaine-Deauville over 3400m on 1 July. Might play a minor role
- 6. NUAGE BLEU** - Returned from a break in fine form and was runner-up in a Conditions hurdle at Strasbourg over 3800m on 8 July. Can go one better this time
- 7. FLORA QUEEN** - Very consistent and was runner-up last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Clairefontaine-Deauville over 3900m on 18 June. Be right there at the finish once again
- 8. KELONIA** - Has not shown much so far and was 9th last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3550m on 20 November. Capable of improvement but is likely to need this run
- 9. GABSTONE** - A four-year-old gelding by Victory Song out of Pierre Rouse who is making his debut. Watch the betting
- 10. MIAMI SKY** - Unreliable but was fourth last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Strasbourg over 3800m on 8 July. Could play a minor role
- 11. CASTELLA BELLO** - Did not show much when 9th on debut in a Conditions hurdle at Pau over 3500m on 25 December. Likely to need this run returning from a break
- 12. KAFRI DES EPEIRES** - Dislodged her rider last time out in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 14 July. Others are preferred
- 13. GRANDE JULIA** - Showed some improvement when fourth last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Aix-les-Bains over 3400m on 4 July. Might play a minor role
- 14. AMILY** - Yet to win a race and was 6th last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Strasbourg over 3800m on 8 July. Needs to do more to win

Summary: FLORA QUEEN (7) showed promise on the flat last year but has taken her game to another level over hurdles this season. She backed up an encouraging hurdling debut (4th) by winning at the second attempt over obstacles before confirming that form/improvement with a game-in-defeat 2nd at Clairefontaine last month and a repeat of that performance ought to see her resume her winning ways. NUAGE BLEU (6), however, fits a similar profile and seems best equipped to pose a threat. She has finished 2nd in 2 of her 3 appearances and remains unexposed with scope to improve, so could fight for victory. POMPANO (3), stable companion of the selection, arrives in good order and should acquit herself competitively. TOP DAAY (2) and KELONIA (8) complete the shortlist.

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SELECTIONS

FLORA QUEEN (7) - NUAGE BLEU (6) - POMPANO (3) - TOP DAAY (2)

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C7 - PRIX MARIE MARVINGT - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,000

- 1. LORD SPIRIT** - Only managed 6th over 2700m in a Handicap at Le Touquet last time but was a winner three races back. More needed now for the win. Prefer others
- 2. HAYAMI** - Placed 7th over 2000m at Strasbourg last time and much more is required for the win. Unlikely winner
- 3. TRUST ON ME** - Would be a huge result if winning when looking at latest form when closer to last that first in many recent outings. No
- 4. SPIRITATO** - Has had ten runs for not a place. Finished 6th over 2600m at Vitteaux but cannot be fancied. No
- 5. RIVER LILLY** - Holding form, finished 4th over 2100m at Saint-Cloud on the 21st of June and can win. Good chance
- 6. STELLAR JAY** - Needs serious improvement on overall form. Placed 9th over 1900m in Handicap class last time. Pass by
- 7. CALAS QUEEN** - Finished 4th over 1900m at Deauville in a Handicap on the 6th of this month. Bright win chance
- 8. TRIPTAJIKA** - Will need to build on latest 7th placing at Vichy over 2000m to feature here and far prefer others. Small win chance, big place chance
- 9. BLEUSKY** - Encouraging 3rd over 2250m last time and will be competitive if that effort was not a flash in the pan. Chance
- 10. MONTASIA** - Current form has been on the decline. Finished 10th at Parislongchamp over 1800m last time. Pass by
- 11. IVISHAK RIVER** - Running well, finished 4th over 2250m at Parislongchamp on the 4th of July and is a must for all bets. Good chance
- 12. CORAL SLIPPER** - Finished 4th over 2000m in Handicap class at Strasbourg on the 8th of this month. Could be the quartet value
- 13. SCHERWOOD** - Never too far off the action, placed 3rd over 2350m at Strasbourg in a Handicap on the 8th of this month. Good chance
- 14. FILZMOOSERIN** - Taking forever to win the maiden and seems like she might not. Needs serious improvement on form and cannot be fancied. No
- 15. STAMP THE GROUND** - Last run a worry when way back in the field. Placed 2nd in penultimate over 2150m at Wissembourg on the 8th of last month. Bright place chance
- 16. ACATANA** - Managed 7th over 2350m at Strasbourg last time but plenty more is needed than that to feature here. Pass by

Summary: CALAS QUEEN (7) is taking time to record her next victory but is fairly consistent and should get it all right soon. Her last run when 4th at Deauville was encouraging that the next win is near. RIVER LILLY (5) boasts consistent and good form. She notched up back-to-back victories not long ago and has since then been in mustard form. Strong each way chance. BLEUSKY (9) has a place chance. TRIPTAJIKA (8) is a must for the quartet.

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SELECTIONS

CALAS QUEEN (7) - RIVER LILLY (5) - BLEUSKY (9) - TRIPTAJIKA (8)

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C8 - PRIX DU GOLF DE L'ERMITAGE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. RONCHEROLLES** - Unreliable but did show her best when winning a handicap at Châteaubriant over 1950m on 16 July. Carries a 2kg penalty for the win but deserves respect
- 2. SCORPIO** - Ended off the 2023 campaign with some disappointing runs and was 8th last time out in a Conditions race at Nancy over 2000m on 24 September. Likely to need this run
- 3. SEKKU** - Has struggled of late and was 8th last time out in a handicap at Aix-les-Bains over 2500n on 14 July. Others are much preferred
- 4. ROCH** - Yet to win a race and was well beaten last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 2800m on 22 June. Might play a minor role at best
- 5. LIPS LEO** - Battling to regain best form and was 9th last time out in a handicap at Strasbourg over 2000m on 13 June. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 6. CREME CHANTILLY** - Yet to win a race and was 8th last time out in a Claimer at Le Touquet over 2700m on 1 July. Needs major improvement to win
- 7. VESINABA** - Unreliable and was 6th last time out in a handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 6 July. Better on the PSF but is capable of winning this race
- 8. LONDON WAY** - Unreliable but was a runner-up last time out in a Conditions race at Vitteaux over 2000m on 7 July. Has a place chance
- 9. ELEGANTIA** - Has shown little in four starts and was tenth last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 1600m on 12 July. Others are preferred
- 10. RONALDO** - Disappointing form of late and was 11th last time out in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2250m on 4 July. Capable of an upset on best form
- 11. CULTURE** - In good form this year and was third last time out in a handicap at Marseille-Borély over 2000m on 15 June. Be right there at the finish once again
- 12. WINELATO LAUJAC** - Yet to win a race after 22 attempts and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Wissembourg over 2400m on 14 April. Could need this run returning from a break
- 13. SILVER MAGIC** - In good form and was the winner of a handicap last time out at Strasbourg over 2350m on 8 July. Can follow up carrying a 2kg penalty
- 14. MURMILLO** - Has not shown much yet and was tenth last time out in a Conditions race at Nancy over 2500m on 26 March. Needs major improvement to win
- 15. WONDER HOPE** - Unreliable and was fourth last time out in a handicap at Strasbourg over 2350m on 8 July. Can make the frame
- 16. LUCKY YOU** - Disappointing of late and was tenth last time out in a handicap at Vichy over 2000m on 15 July. Capable of earning some money

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Summary: A weak race and it is not with much confidence that VESINABA (7) is offered up as the selection. He has been best on the PSF of late but did finish off his race nicely last time out and can score this longer distance on the grass, CULTURE (11) is in good form and should be right there at the finish. RONCHEROLLES (1) won last time out and could follow up but is not reliable. SILVER MAGIC (13) is in good form but runs under a penalty for the last win.

SELECTIONS

VESINABA (7) - CULTURE (11) - RONCHEROLLES (1) - SILVER MAGIC (13)

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C9 - PRIX DE LA LUTHERIE DE MIRECOURT - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. ASGARD** - Well beaten 9th in a Handicap at Aix-les-Bains over 2000m on 4 July. Sparingly raced this year with two below-par efforts
- 2. BONNIE HOPPS** - Ran well when fourth in a Handicap at Vichy over 2000m on 15 July. She improved in the latest and has sufficient means to fight for victory
- 3. LOVELY TESS** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Compiegne over 2000m on 9 July. Others are preferred in this line-up
- 4. RIO GRANDE** - A winner in a Conditions race Aix-les-Bains over 2500m on 9 July. Penalised for the victory but is still capable of contesting the finish
- 5. LODOVICO** - Ran third in a Conditions race at Vitteaux over 2000m on 7 July. A vast improvement in the latest and must confirm
- 6. KING'S CROWN** - Finished 6th in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2000m on 8 May. The last two efforts have been better and could pop up in a place
- 7. BOLT OF THUNDER** - Disappointing 15th in a Handicap at Compiegne over 2000m on 9 July. He is better than his form indicates and can bounce back
- 8. VITTVITT** - Disappointing 10th in a Handicap at Compiegne over 2000m on 9 July. Antonio Orani will be in the saddle and can make the frame
- 9. BREMONTIER** - A winner in a Handicap at Aix-les-Bains over 2000m on 4 July. Received a 2kg penalty for the victory and can be involved in the finish
- 10. DAFNE** - She finished 8th in a Handicap at Clairefontaine-Deauville over 1800m on 28 June. She is not showing her best recently but is capable of bouncing back
- 11. MARGUNS** - Finished 6th in a Handicap at Aix-les-Bains over 2000m on 4 July. She has won twice this year and is capable of popping up in a place
- 12. COMTESSE VERA** - Finished 10th in a Handicap at La Teste-du-Buch over 1800m on 27 June. A surprise penultimate start winner that was disappointing in the latest
- 13. VIZINDI** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 3000m on 29 May. Disappointing latest effort and is best watched for now
- 14. MAYDANA** - Fourth in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2350m on 8 July. There is some improvement in the latest and will be fitter this time
- 15. AS DE JUILLEY** - Well beaten 8th in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2350m on 8 July. Unplaced since winning in April and others are preferred
- 16. MANDOKI** - Finished 7th in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2350m on 8 July. Only one placed effort from six starts this year

Summary: BONNIE HOPPS (2) showed some improvement last time out and could do better and win this lucky last race. DAFNE (10) seems capable of better than what has been shown of late and could be a threat this time around. RIO GRANDE (4) carries a penalty for the last victory but would not be a surprise winner. VITTVITT (8) flopped last time out but could bounce back and contest the finish.

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SELECTIONS

BONNIE HOPPS (2) - DAFNE (10) - RIO GRANDE (4) - VITTVITT (8)