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## R4 CLAIREFONTAINE [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX LOISIRS NORMANDIE (PRIX DE LA CROIX FERRET) - 2200m  
(a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000**

- 1. KOWALSKI** - Regained form/momentum with a reassuring last-start 2nd over 2200m at Hars du Pin on 13 October. Confirmation awaited
- 2. GARD FOREST** - Unplaced in both starts, the latest (well-beaten 10th) over 1950m at Le Mans on 16 October. Overlook
- 3. SOBEST** - Soundly beaten (13th) in a 1950m ParisLongchamp handicap on 20 October. Others more persuasive
- 4. JANNAH PEARL** - Placed in all 3 appearances, twice 2nd. Runner-up over 2800m at Compiègne on 11 October and looks ready to open her account
- 5. WALKABOVE** - Twice 3rd in 3 starts, including over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 20 September in a well-composed field. Candidate for success
- 6. PRINCESS LILY** - Hunter's Light debutante trained and owned by Markus Nigge who has engaged Hugo Journiac to ride this filly
- 7. GANAVA** - Alexis Pouchin rides this Gavin Hernon-trained debutante who, as a daughter of Galiway, shouldn't be inconvenienced by deep/heavy ground. Keep safe

**Summary:** JANNAH PEARL (4), runner-up in 2 of 3 appearances, has already shown her aptitude/efficiency on heavy ground and she is ideally placed to open her account. WALKABOVE (5), whose last-start 3rd at Saint-Cloud was encouraging, is the biggest threat to the selection, though supplemented newcomer GANAVA (7) shouldn't be underestimated, given her pedigree to excel on deep/heavy ground. KOWALSKI (1) completes the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**JANNAH PEARL (4) - WALKABOVE (5) - GANAVA (7) - KOWALSKI (1)**

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## C2 - PRIX LE PUR SANG DEAUVILLE (PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME FLEURI) - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

**1. ACQUASPARTA** - Soundly beaten (11th) on debut over 1800m on this course when last seen on 28 June. Watch for now

**2. SALVA MEA** - Consistent and experienced filly with sound form references at a higher level in better company/fields. Acquitted herself well in defeat when 6th in a 1500m PSF Quinte+ handicap at Deauville on 13 August

**3. MISS OXFORD** - Unplaced in 3 starts across the Channel but made an encouraging reappearance/debut on French soil when 3rd over 1600m at Chantilly on 26 September. Keep safe

**4. SIYOUNI FLASH** - Regally bred late-starter who caught the eye when a promising debut 2nd over 1600m at Chantilly on 26 September. Should have more to offer

**5. OASINA** - Experienced 9-start maiden with sound references/form credentials, albeit without a victory. Finished 3rd over 1650m at Amiens on 29 September - not taken lightly

**6. THEOTOKOS** - Donjuan Triumphant filly owned and trained by Walter Delalande who has engaged Hugo Journiac to ride this newcomer

**7. LOVE HER** - This Fabrice Chappet-trained Meshaheer newcomer is one to note on debut with Tony Piccone booked to ride

**Summary:** SIYOUNI FLASH (4) caught the eye when finishing 2nd on her belated debut at Chantilly over 1600m and needn't improve a great deal to go one better with that experience to count on. SALVA MEA (2) has flattered to deceive but boasts the form and experience to pose a threat. MISS OXFORD (3) made an encouraging start on French soil and, with any improvement, should play a leading role in a field of this ilk. Consistent OASINA (5) is another with legitimate podium aspirations.

### SELECTIONS

**SIYOUNI FLASH (4) - SALVA MEA (2) - MISS OXFORD (3) - OASINA (5)**

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## C3 - PRIX IN EXTENSO (PRIX CHARLIE ELLIOTT) - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. ROSE ACADEMY** - Soundly beaten in consecutive handicaps - the latest (15th) over 1400m at Compiègne last month, on 17 September
- 2. SHOWPOWER** - Supplemented for this race after finishing 2nd in first-time blinkers over 1600m in a Toulouse claimer on 25 September. Keep safe b
- 3. MOUNT VERNON** - Has regained form and momentum in 2 comeback outings after a lengthy layoff. Won a 1300m claimer at Saint-Cloud on 9 September
- 4. LA BELLE POETE** - Won a 1200m Class 1 conditions race on heavy ground early this year and added to her tally in a 1200m claimer at Mont-de-Marsan on 14 September. Not hastily condemned for her Chantilly 7th on 1 October
- 5. KALEOCREEK** - Soundly beaten in back-to-back recent handicaps, finished 13th on both occasions - the latest over 1200m at Fontainebleau on 8 October
- 6. ATLANTIC WAYS** - Consistent filly with sound references in handicaps, albeit without a victory (9 starts). Finished 2nd in back-to-back Deauville races before a last-start 8th in a 1400m Compiègne handicap on 17 September
- 7. GAZARIA** - Unplaced in both starts, the latest (6th) in a 1600m maiden at Lyon-Parilly on 11 September. Overlook
- 8. RUMPLETEAZER** - Experienced 21-start maiden with sound references/form credentials, albeit without a victory. Finished 2nd on heavy ground in a 1400m claimer at Saint-Cloud on 14 October

**Summary:** MOUNT VERNON (3) returned to winning in a similar contest at Saint-Cloud last month and is good value to follow up here at the expense of ATLANTIC WAYS (6) who has proven herself in handicaps and ought to fare better at this lower level. SHOWPOWER (2), after a reassuring 2nd at Toulouse in first-time headgear (retained here) and LA BELLE POETE (4) appeal most of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**MOUNT VERNON (3) - ATLANTIC WAYS (6) - SHOWPOWER (2) - LA BELLE POETE (4)**

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## C4 - PRIX MAB EXPERIENCE (PRIX DES BALSAMINES) - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 3 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,000

**1. CREW DRAGON** - A model of consistency in good form and physical condition - never finished worse than 4th with Pierre Remoué aboard (won twice). Runner-up over 1300m at Craon on 23 September

**2. NOLITO** - Won a 1600m Fontainebleau claimer last month and confirmed that form/improvement by finishing 2nd in a 1400m conditions race at Saint-Cloud on 10 October. Candidate for success

**3. LOVELY ANGEL** - Experienced hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials in handicaps. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th in a 1400n conditions race at Saint-Cloud on 10 October

**4. KILFRUSH MEMORIES** - Has been waited with for deep/heavy ground on which he thrives - won consecutive starts on heavy ground in March. Not hastily condemned for finishing 10th on PSF over 150m at Deauville on 8 August

**5. SAGA TIMGAD** - Unreliable veteran who continues to blow hot and cold - won 2 handicaps this year but rarely runs two consecutive races the same. Finished 9th in a 1400m PSF conditions race at Chantilly on 21 September

**6. SLEEPY SUZY** - Won a 1600m ParisLongchamp claimer last month before finishing a well-beaten 11th in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 29 September. Will appreciate the return to this category

**7. ADEVA** - Showed early promise (in 2022) but lost her way/form last year and was underwhelming on her return (9th) in a 1900m conditions race on heavy ground at Argentan on 9 October

**8. SHAMSOUN** - Long-time maiden (61 starts) unlikely to make any impression on the evidence of his last-start 10th in a 1500m conditions race at Vannes on 21 September

**Summary:** CREW DRAGON (1) has enjoyed a fruitful campaign and should continue that momentum, having already proven himself on deep/heavy and over this distance. NOLITO (2), returned to the handicaps with legitimate ambitions, is best equipped to challenge the selection for race honours. KILFRUSH MEMORIES (4), with Maxime Guyon aboard, isn't taken lightly on his reappearance. LOVELY ANGEL (3) appeals most of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**CREW DRAGON (1) - NOLITO (2) - KILFRUSH MEMORIES (4) - LOVELY ANGEL (3)**

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## C5 - PRIX VILLE BONNEBOSQ (PRIX DE LA MARE A TOUQUES) - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

**1. A LIGHT MIST** - Unplaced (7th) on debut over 1600m at Argentan on 30 September. Open to improvement but best just to watch for now

**2. SOME SKYE** - Consistent filly with references at a higher level (Listed and Group races), albeit without success. Drops back into calmer waters after finishing 9th in a 2100m Listed race at ParisLongchamp on 1 September

**3. MY DESERT QUEEN** - Yet to find the frame in 7 (unplaced) appearances and unlikely to trouble the judge here after finishing 14th in a 1600m turf handicap at Deauville on 6 August

**4. KAMAKURA ONE** - Showed early promise last year, finishing 2nd three times and 3rd twice in her first 5 starts. Hasnt been since finishing 9th over 2000m at Toulouse on 19 June

**5. WINDBURN** - Honest filly with the form and experience to play a leading role, especially on evidence of her last-start 4th over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 20 September

**6. LORIA** - Acquitted herself well in defeat on debut, finishing 3rd over 1600m at Chantilly in an interesting field on 3 October. Would've gained from that experience

**7. IMPERA** - Vaclav Luka-trained Holy Roman Emperor filly on debut with Antoine Subias booked to ride. Keep safe

**8. SAVE THE SEA** - Gavin Hernon-trained Cloth Of Stars debutante out of a Whipper mare - pedigree suggests she'll have no issues with deep/heavy ground. Alexis Pouchin is a notable jockey engagement

**Summary:** SOME SKYE (2) sets the standard and has already proven herself on deep/heavy ground. She ought to take advantage of this drop in class by belatedly opening her account in these calmer waters. WINDBURN (5) has the form and experience to pose a threat, while LORIA (6) would've gained plenty from her pleasing introduction and she should improve to make her presence felt too. Newcomer SAVE THE SEA (8) isn't taken lightly.

### SELECTIONS

**SOME SKYE (2) - WINDBURN (5) - LORIA (6) - SAVE THE SEA (8)**

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## C6 - PRIX SCULPTURE DE CITROUILLES & CONCOURS DE DEGUISEMENT (PX DU BOTTEY) - 2900m (a2m) - TURF - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

- 1. MONSIEUR GEORGE** - Capable veteran handicapper but out of sorts. Well-beaten 10th in a 2800m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 4 October
- 2. CANIAR DE LUXE** - Confirmed the form/improvement of his previous start (3rd) in a handicap by finishing 4th in a claimer at Aix-les-Bains over 2500m on 9 July. Respected on his reappearance
- 3. GARDE COTE** - Absent since finishing an improved/reassuring 4th in a 2400m Saint-Cloud handicap on 5 October. Not taken lightly
- 4. CLICCLIC PANPANPAN** - Courageously opened her account with a last-start win in a 2800m Saint-Cloud handicap on 4 October. A 2,5kg penalty is unlikely to prevent another bold bid
- 5. AMANTA COVE** - Sparingly raced mare with scope for improvement after a pleasing handicap debut (2nd) at Les Sables over 3400m on 12 October. Candidate for success
- 6. WHISPERING OCEAN** - Unreliable veteran but an experienced handicapper with sound references. Hasn't been seen since his disappointing 10th in a 2250m conditions race at Niort on 26 May but shouldn't be underestimated
- 7. TIGRE ROUGE** - Lightly raced, in-form handicapper who added to his tally with a last-start success in a 2400m Toulouse handicap on 2 October. Remains competitive under a 2,5kg penalty
- 8. MORNING FIVE** - Honest hard-knocker with sound references (seldom far off the mark). Dropped 1,5kg after a last-start 8th in a 2400m Craon handicap on 6 October - attractive outsider
- 9. MER NOIR** - Consistent filly whose competitiveness at this level and efficiency on heavy ground is beyond doubt. Acquitted herself well in defeat (5th) in a 2400m Toulouse handicap on 2 October
- 10. ARMORIGENE** - Capable veteran handicapper with references in this category off higher marks, though out of sorts at present. Well-beaten 10th in a 1950m handicap at Le Mans on 16 October
- 11. FRENCH DIVA** - Regaining momentum with each drop in the weights/ratings and didn't go unnoticed when 5th off this mark in a 2800m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 4 October. Not taken lightly
- 12. SUDDEN DEATH** - Caught the eye on his return from a 10-month layoff with an encouraging 3rd in a 3400m handicap at Les Sables on 12 October. Need only repeat that performance to fight for victory
- 13. POWERKISS D'OROUX** - Yet to establish himself in the handicaps on either surface and the blinkers worn in his last 3 (unplaced) starts are dispensed with. Finished 6th in a 3700m hurdles race when last seen on 5 May
- 14. ELEGANTIA** - Posted a career-best 3rd off this mark in a minor Class 4 conditions race over 3100m at Saint-Brieuc on 6 October. More needed back in a handicap

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**15. DANCE THE BLUES** - Soundly beaten in both recent comeback appearances following an 8-month absence. Unplaced (9th) in a 3100m Saint-Cloud handicap on 9 September

**16. PRINCESSE SCARLET** - Experienced veteran mare with references over this distance and in handicaps off her current mark. Unplaced (7th) over 2850m at Sablé-sur-Sarthe in conditions race on 15 September

**17. LOUNA CHOPE** - Sparked improvement dropped to this mark by finishing 4th in a minor 2350m conditions race at Haras du Pin on 13 October. More needed

**Summary:** SUDDEN DEATH (12) finished an eye-catching 3rd on his return from a lengthy layoff at Le Mans a fortnight ago and won't need to improve a great deal, with superior fitness on his side, to get the better of AMANTA COVE (5) whose candidacy for success isn't in question, especially with Florent Guy engaged. Last-start winner CLICCLIC PANPANPAN (4) and consistent MER BLACK (9) are also competitive for the podium positions.

## SELECTIONS

**SUDDEN DEATH (12) - AMANTA COVE (5) - CLICCLIC PANPANPAN (4) - MER NOIR (9)**

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## C7 - PRIX HAYAUD (PRIX DE FLEURIGNY) - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. MEARAS STYLE** - Honest veteran mare with sound references at this level (seldom far off the mark on a going day). Only 8th in a Le Croisé-Laroche handicap over 1800m on 7 October so needs to reaffirm - watch for now
- 2. ACHKI** - Veteran handicapper whose continued zest for racing and competitiveness at this level is beyond doubt. Jerome Moutard has 6 Top 3 finishes in 9 associations, including 1 win. Showed his form and well-being by finishing 3rd in a 1400m Compiègne handicap (heavy ground) on 11 October
- 3. HYGROVE BEC** - Last-start winner of a 1600m handicap at Le Mans on 16 October - penalised 2,5kg for that victory. She remains competitive off her revised mark, especially with Mickaël Barzalona engaged
- 4. GOJI BERRY** - Proven 'mudlark' with sound references in handicap under these/similar conditions, including a good last-start 4th on very heavy ground in a 1600m Chantilly handicap on 4 April. Respected on his return
- 5. OCTOBER CHOPE** - A model of consistency in handicaps recently, albeit off a slightly lower mark. Runner-up at Compiègne over in a 1400m handicap on heavy ground earlier this month (11 October)
- 6. LE GITAN** - Runner-up in consecutive recent outings, the latest in a 1950m Les Sables handicap on 12 October. Dark horse
- 7. JOLITA DE VIETTE** - An 11-start maiden who didn't go unnoticed when 3rd in a 2950m Cholet handicap on 7 October. Could have a say here if confirming/building on that improvement
- 8. LA PALOMBIERE** - Didn't go unnoticed when 5th in a 1950m Les Sables handicap on 2 July. Can be forgiven her excusable return at Machecoul on 20 October
- 9. PRINCESS LAURA** - Confirmed the form/improvement of her previous start (4th) at La Roche-Posay by finishing a good 2nd in a 1600m handicap at Le Mans on 16 October. Respected with blinkers worn in those races retained
- 10. BOKRA FIL MISHMISH** - Sparked improvement dropped to this mark when runner-up in a minor 2150m Class 4 conditions race at Landivisiau on 13 October. More needed
- 11. GOFAST** - Battling 21-start maiden soundly beaten in 4 consecutive recent outings, the latest (14th) in an 1800m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 26 Spetember
- 12. BELLA CIAO** - Has dropped to a competitive mark and confirmed as much by finishing 3rd in an 1800m conditions race on heavy ground at Argentan on 9 October. Dangerous under a 55kg with Maxime Guyon aboard

**Summary:** ACHKI (2) acquitted himself well in defeat last time but will be an entirely different proposition on ground he appreciates. As such, he is taken to avenge that recent defeat to last-start conqueror OCTOBER CHOPE (5), with BELLA CIAO (12) likely to play a leading role too off an attractive (lower) handicap mark. HYGROVE BEC (3), a winner at Le Mans recently, also has legitimate aspirations with the shortlist completed by PRINCESS LAURA (9).

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**ACHKI (2) - OCTOBER CHOPE (5) - BELLA CIAO (12) - HYGROVE BEC (3)**

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## C8 - PRIX GENYBET SUPER TOP 5 (PRIX DU LIEU BILL) - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 30,000

**1. TOLLEVAST** - A specialist on deep/heavy ground and confirmed as much with a resounding wide-margin last-start victory in a 2000m claimer at Saint-Cloud on 14 October. May well follow up off an unchanged mark

**2. BOZZO** - Remarkably consistent handicapper who wasn't winning out of turn when scoring on heavy ground in a 1600m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 14 October. Candidate for success despite 2,5kg penalty

**3. PREWITT** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start victory over 1800m at Dieppe on 27 August. Respected on his reappearance under a mere 0,5kg penalty

**4. LAURENT** - Won a Quinté+ handicap over this distance last year and shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 12th last time in a 1600m Quinte+ handicap on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud on 14 October. Respected

**5. AIGUIERE D'ARGENT** - Soundly beaten in back-to-back Quinte handicaps recently, the latest (11th) over 1600m at Chantilly on 3 September. Drop in class and booking of Alexis Pouchin should yield a more competitive showing

**6. SONEMOS** - Placed in all 3 comeback outings on French soil, the latest (3rd) in a well-composed Class 3 conditions race at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1800m on 7 October. Keep safe

**7. BALAKOVNA** - Progressive last-start winner on heavy ground of a 2000m Saint-Cloud handicap on 27 September. Will remain competitive under a 3,5kg penalty

**8. AQUILON** - Last-start winner on soft ground of a 2000m Vichy handicap on 23 September. Not taken lightly despite a 2kg penalty

**9. INCLINATION** - Inconsistent handicapper although not entirely incapable of getting into the picture, especially on the evidence of her reassuring last-start 3rd in a Compiègne handicap over 1800m on 17 September

**10. KIMINA** - Runner-up on heavy ground in a 2100m Saint-Cloud Quinte+ on 21 March but has lost her way since. Unplaced in consecutive conditions races, latest (8th) over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 25 May - not now

**11. STAR PLATINUM** - Consistent maiden with sound form references, though hasn't been seen since finishing 7th at La Teste over 1800m on 1 September 2023. Best watched for now

**12. ARCUBIATU** - Unreliable but undeniably capable of making his presence felt in a race like this on a going day, having finished a reassuring 4th last time in a 2100m Marseille-Borely handicap on 28 September. Dark horse

**Summary:** TOLLEVAST (1) runs for new connections and could showcase his aptitude/efficiency for heavy ground by following up his Saint-Cloud success with another victory here. He will, however, have to thwart the likely challenge of fast-finisher BOZZO (2), who also returned to winning ways last time out, and consistent PREWITT (3). After a much-needed comeback outing in a Quinté+ handicap, LAURENT (4) should fare better in these calmer waters.

SELECTIONS

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TOLLEVAST (1) - BOZZO (2) - PREWITT (3) - LAURENT (4)

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## C9 - PRIX CLOTURE DU MEETING "CLAIREFONTAINE 2024" (PRIX DU LIEU GAMARD) - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

**1. RISING BLAST** - Regained form and momentum in 2 starts off his current mark, finishing 4th over 2000m and 2nd over 1600m in Saint-Cloud handicaps on heavy ground - the mile latest on 14 October. Will go close again

**2. EASTERN STAR** - Dropped to a competitive mark (after a long losing run) and confirmed as much with a reassuring 2nd on heavy ground in a 2000m Saint-Cloud handicap on 27 September. Candidate for success

**3. HEY MAN** - Winner of back-to-back 1950m handicaps, the latest at Les Sables on 12 October. Carries another 3kg penalty for that recent success but ought to remain competitive

**4. RAINIER** - Unplaced and soundly beaten in all 3 appearances, the latest (9th) with headgear fitted in a 1600m PSF Class 2 conditions race at Chantilly on 12 October. Makes handicap debut

**5. TREVOR SENORA** - Consistent handicapper whose return to winning ways isn't too far away. Finished an encouraging 5th in a 2000m Saint-Cloud handicap on 27 September - not taken lightly

**6. MINOTAUROS** - Hard-knocking handicapper with sufficient means to play a role in a race of this nature. Dropped 0,5kg after finishing 7th in a 1600m Le Mans handicap on 16 October - rider's weight allowance will help

**7. SHANNA ROSE** - Convincing last-start winner of a Le Crosie handicap over 1800m on 19 September. Mickaël Barzalona retains the ride despite the 2,5kg penalty

**8. MAKENO** - Won a 1500m handicap on heavy ground at Cagnes in February but has struggled since. Finished 11th in an 1800m Le Croisé-Laroche handicap on 18 October

**9. ASLAN SENORA** - Won a 2100m ParisLongchamp handicap in May and commendably maintained his form/consistency since. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th in a 2100m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 12 October

**10. INTEMPORELLE** - Unplaced and soundly beaten in each of her last 3 starts, which include finishing 16th in back-to-back handicaps. Absent since the latest of those over 1900m on PSF at Deauville on 6 July - others preferred

**11. TRIPTAJIKA** - Won a 2000m Strasbourg handicap last month and wasn't disgraced under a penalty (current mark) when 5th on a 2100m handicap at that venue on 6 October. Watch for now

**Summary:** RISING BLAST (1) ran on from last to finish 2nd at Saint-Cloud last time and need only be positioned nearer the pace to go one better off an unchanged mark. EASTERN STAR (2), another to have regained form/momentum dropped to his current mark, heads the list of potential dangers which includes SHANNA ROSE (7), an easy last-start winner at Le Croisé-Laroche. TREVOR SENORA (5) isn't underestimated and will be competitive for the places.

### SELECTIONS

**RISING BLAST (1) - EASTERN STAR (2) - SHANNA ROSE (7) - TREVOR SENORA (5)**