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R3 MOULINS [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX BOURBON-BUSSET ET PIERRE DE ROUGE - 1400m (a7f) -
TURF - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,000**

1. TRUE ROMANCE - Won at Vittel over 1300m in a Class 4 race 7 days ago and was 2nd before that at the start of this month at the same track. Player

2. WHEEL OF CHANCE - Won his first race at Vittel over 1400m in a Class 4 race 11 days ago. Ought to be on the premises

3. PIERREFITTE - Two good placed runs recently, the latest at Les Sables over 1200m in a Class 3 race on July 20th. Can get a deserved success

4. VALDIKHOVA - 4th last time over 1400m at Dieppe in a Class 4 race on August 5th. Uninspiring form before that better effort

5. SUNSHINEFLED - Has four unplaced runs this year, the latter over 1400m in a Class 4 race at Deauville on August 3rd. Out of form and best to look elsewhere

Summary: PIERREFITTE (3) has consistent form and has run well on both her starts this year, she was a decent third at Les Sables in late July when last appearing. She is marginally preferred to TRUE ROMANCE (1) who won at Vittel on his latest run 7 days ago and is an honest performer. WHEEL OF CHANCE (2) got his head in front for the first time at Vittel 11 days ago and is expected to be involved at the business end.

SELECTIONS

PIERREFITTE (3) - TRUE ROMANCE (1) - WHEEL OF CHANCE (2) - VALDIKHOVA (4)

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**C2 - PRIX LA FORTAGNE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR
€ 17,000**

- 1. WASSERFARBE** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 1700m at Pornichet on March 27th in a maiden. Might find a few of these too smart
- 2. RECONSTRUCTED** - Unplaced on his sole start over 1400m at Vichy on July 18th. Needs to improve to be on the premises
- 3. ELUSIVE GLORY** - 6th on his latest run over 1400m at Vichy in a maiden on July 18th. Not beaten far recently and looks a progressive type
- 4. KUDAFUSHI** - 4th on the latest run over 1800m at Bratislava (SVK) on August 11th. Looks safely held
- 5. RED ROSE** - 6th on her sole start over 1800m at Dieppe on July 29th. Should improve for that debut run and make the frame
- 6. SAGANNE** - Unplaced last time, ran a good race on her debut at Saint-Cloud when 2nd on May 6th over 1800m. Can make her rivals work hard
- 7. SPRING BEAUTY** - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1400m at Dax in a maiden on June 23rd. Place chance
- 8. DAME DARCEY** - Newcomer by Kodiak, the dam won one race. Should improve for this run, she is from a respected stable that will have her well-prepared. The betting can be the best guide
- 9. BACK TO THE WELL** - 5th on debut, failed to fire at Clairefontaine over 1400m on her most recent start on August 2nd. Can show better form this time
- 10. CHIVERE** - Has been placed on all five of starts, the latest was a good 3rd at Clairefontaine over 1400m in a Class 3 race on August 9th. Live chance
- 11. LULILUCIOLE BLOU** - Unraced filly by Herald The Dawn, the dam won one race. Will likely need this debut run and is one to watch in the betting for any support

Summary: CHIVERE (10) has been a model of consistency having made the frame on all five of her runs so far this season. She can get a deserved win at the expense of her possible main threat ELUSIVE GLORY (3) who was not beaten far at Vichy in mid-July on his second start in what looked a competitive maiden. RED ROSE (5) ran with promise on her sole start late last month and can only improve from that experience. BACK TO THE WELL (9) was below par last time but is better than that effort.

SELECTIONS

CHIVERE (10) - ELUSIVE GLORY (3) - RED ROSE (5) - BACK TO THE WELL (9)

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C3 - PRIX VIDEO ROCK - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 16,500

- 1. LUDIVINE** - 4th on her third run over 2400m at Vittel on August 15th and placed 2nd on both runs before that. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 2. LORD ST GEORGES** - Decent 2nd on his sole run over 2500m at Saint-Malo on August 8th. He can only improve and be in the shake-up
- 3. LILIDA** - Good effort when 2nd at Vittel over 2400m on August 15th when last seen. She looks to be getting better with race experience
- 4. LORD MALTHAIX** - 5th last time on May 9th at Saint-Brieuc over 2400m. Needs to step forward from that run to be on the premises
- 5. LIBERTINA** - Unplaced on both of her runs, the latter over 2400m at Vittel on August 15th. Might find a few of these too smart
- 6. LARZAND** - Newcomer by Harzand, the dam won over hurdles and fences, including a Listed cross-country race. From a good stable who will have this gelding well prepared
- 7. L'ALHAMBRA** - Unraced by Ivanhoe, the dam won on the flat and over hurdles and fences. Should be on the premises on his debut. The betting can be informative
- 8. LUIGI DE LAFAYETTE** - Newcomer by Honolulu, the dam ran twice. Highly likely to need this race and can be monitored in the betting for any support
- 9. LEELOU BAIE** - Newcomer by Tiger Groom, the dam never ran. Stable runners tend to improve for a run or two. The betting can be the best guide

Summary: LILIDA (3) looks as though she is improving with race experience and has leading claims of getting the job done here. LORD ST GEORGES (2) can be a threat after a pleasing debut second at Saint-Malo earlier this month on his only run. He will strip fitter from that run. LUDIVINE (1) has shown ability in her three runs so far. She was a good second last time and is hard to discount. LARZAND (6) warrants respect and can not be overlooked.

SELECTIONS

LILIDA (3) - LORD ST GEORGES (2) - LUDIVINE (1) - LARZAND (6)

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**C4 - PRIX DES ERABLES - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR
€ 23,000**

1. JAWWAL - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 1200m at Chantilly on July 2nd. Can not be overlooked

2. ZAGOR -

3. SPIRIT D'OR - Nice 4th on his latest outing over 1000m in a Listed at Deauville on August 3rd. Player

4. SPICHOPE - Improved run when 2nd at Vichy on her second start on August 7th over 1000m. Ought to be in the shake-up

5. PAMPELONNE - 3rd on her latest start over 1000m at Vichy on August 7th. More is required in a competitive race

6. L'EQUITE - Newcomer by Dandy Man, stable runners warrant respect on their debut. Monitor the betting for clues

7. DRUMROY GIRL - Newcomer by Wooded, the dam won one race. Should know her job and will be nicely tuned. The betting can be the best guide

Summary: SPIRIT D'OR (3) showed decent progress when fourth in a Listed race at Deauville earlier this month and can get off the mark in calmer waters this time. Her biggest rival could be JAWWAL (1) who did not fire last time but was narrowly beaten over 1200m at Chantilly at the start of July, and if emulating that effort he has leading claims. DRUMROY GIRL (7) has a taking profile and is one to watch on her debut, especially if she is supported in the betting. SPICHOPE (4) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

SPIRIT D'OR (3) - JAWWAL (1) - DRUMROY GIRL (7) - SPICHOPE (4)

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C5 - PRIX DE L'ALLIER - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR €
17,000

- 1. SENZA TE** - 6th on her latest run at Vichy over 1000m in a handicap on August 7th. Won three races earlier in the Spring. Merits consideration
- 2. LOYAL PRINCE** - 5th last time over 1000m at Vichy on August 7th in a handicap. Ought to be involved at the business end
- 3. STORMYGO** - Has been in good form this season and was a good 2nd at Deauville on August 8th over 1300m in a handicap. Has a leading chance
- 4. RUN FOR HOME** - Won two runs ago over 1200m at Strasbourg on July 8th in a handicap. Poor latest run at Deauville 18 days ago. Others look more likely
- 5. XAARINE** - Nice 4th over 1000m in a handicap at Vichy on her last outing on August 7th, and a good second before that in July at Strasbourg. Hard to dismiss
- 6. BOTTOMS UP** - 5th last time at Vittel was only 8 days ago over 1300m in a handicap. Has yet to win in 19 attempts
- 7. HIGHFIELD MYSTERY** - Three unplaced runs so far, the latest over 1600m at Vichy on July 24th. Handicap debut and others are preferred

Summary: STORMYGO (3) has been in top shape this season so far, he won two runs ago at Chantilly and followed that with a good second on the same track earlier this month. He gets the verdict ahead of XAARINE (5) who has a couple of pleasing runs of late, the most recent at Vichy when fourth 19 days ago. LOYAL PRINCE (2) can blow hot and cold but is capable and can not be ruled out. SENZA TE (1) was in decent form in the Spring with three wins and looks the best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

STORMYGO (3) - XAARINE (5) - LOYAL PRINCE (2) - SENZA TE (1)

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**C6 - PRIX DES FRESNES - 2800m (a2m) - TURF - Class 4 Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 17,000**

- 1. FREE BREATH** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 2000m at Vichy in a Class 4 race on July 17th. Needs a few of these to falter
- 2. KATE DADDY** - Won on her latest run over 2400m at Clairefontaine on August 9th in a Class 3 handicap. Honest filly who can make presence felt
- 3. SEMILLANTE** - Below par last time, 5th before that over 2500m at Aix-Les-Bains on June 27th in a Class 4 handicap before that. The 2800m trip should pose no issues and she can feature
- 4. JARDIN BLEU** - Has four unplaced efforts since a win over 2400m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on April 14th. Has won over this far and can not be overlooked each-way
- 5. BONNIE HOPPS** - Nice 4th at Deauville over 2500m in a Class 3 handicap on the PSF on her latest outing. Solid each-way angle
- 6. KING MOTIF** - Unplaced on his last two runs, 3rd before that over 2700m at Le Touquet in a Class 4 handicap on July 1st. Won in May over 2650m at Chateaubriant. Hard to dismiss
- 7. MEHGAWAY** - Won last time over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 4 handicap on July 6th on the PSF. Effective on turf and is one to consider
- 8. LOVING STAR** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 2400m at Vichy on July 20th in a Class 4 race. Looks unreliable
- 9. MAYDANA** - Unplaced recently, 4th before that over 2350m at Strasbourg on July 8th in a Class 4 handicap. Hardly inspiring

Summary: KING MOTIF (6) can bounce back to form after a couple of unplaced runs. He should appreciate the step back up in trip today. SEMILLANTE (3) could be the main danger despite a tame effort last time. She is better judged on her win in April at Lyon Parilly. BONNIE HOPPS (5) ran a solid race on the PSF last time when she was fourth and looks a good option each way. MEHGAWAY (7) scored on the PSF recently but is effective on grass.

SELECTIONS

KING MOTIF (6) - SEMILLANTE (3) - BONNIE HOPPS (5) - MEHGAWAY (7)

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C7 - PRIX DE PARAY LE MONIAL - 2200m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. WILLY BOY** - Two unplaced runs this year, the most recent at Vichy in a Class 4 handicap over 2400m on August 15th. Needs to get back on track
- 2. CIVNYAN** - Has five unplaced runs recently. the latest over 2200m in a Class 4 handicap on August 16th. Capable of making the top four
- 3. LUCKY YOU** - 5th last time, won before that over 2100m at Vittel on July 25th in a Class 4 handicap. Knows how to win and can be a threat
- 4. PEPINA** - Not seen since October 27th, 2021 when unplaced over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 3 handicap. Will need this return run
- 5. WONDER HOPE** - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 2350m at Strasbourg on July 8th. Makes limited appeal
- 6. WINGS OF FIRE** - Two 3rd placed runs of late, the latest over 2200m at Clairefontaine on August 16th in a Class 4 handicap. In the mix
- 7. DREAM ANGEL** - 4th on the latest run over 2300m at Pompadour on July 20th in a Class 4 handicap. Looks vulnerable
- 8. LAGOONE CHOPE** - Has been 2nd on her last three runs, the most recent over 2400m at Vichy in a Class 4 handicap on August 15th. Leading contender
- 9. KISS QUEEN** - Three unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 2000m at Lyon Parilly in a Class 4 handicap on June 8th. Others preferred
- 10. AFTERGLOW** - 4th on her latest outing over 2100m at Vittel in a Class 4 handicap on August 18th. Can make the frame

Summary: LAGOONE CHOPE (8) could be the answer to this divided handicap. She has been knocking at the door on her last three runs when finishing second on each of them. She deserves to get her head in front. WINGS OF FIRE (6) has also been running well and can make the selection work hard for success. AFTERGLOW (10) is racing from the foot of the handicap and has solid claims of being involved at the business end. LUCKY YOU (3) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

LAGOONE CHOPE (8) - WINGS OF FIRE (6) - AFTERGLOW (10) - LUCKY YOU (3)

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C8 - PRIX DE LIGNIERES - 2200m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. KINGDOM** - Not beaten far when unplaced last time at Deauville on August 1st in a Class 3 handicap over 2500m. Won last year over 2000m and has a good chance to get back on track
- 2. MISSRIYA** - Good win at Clairefontaine 26 days ago in a Class 3 handicap over 2400m. Sure to give a good account of herself
- 3. SOLIMAN** - Has five unplaced runs since a decent 2nd placed effort over 2400m in a Class 3 handicap at Lyon Parilly on May 8th. Others look better equipped
- 4. BRAVE SHIINA** - Has several unplaced runs of late, the latter over 1600m at Vittel in a Class 4 race on August 2nd. Has dropped to a good handicap mark and can not be ruled out
- 5. SUNLIKE** - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1400m at Deauville on April 10th in a Class 3 handicap. Has place claims
- 6. SCAT LADY** - 6th last time, won before that over 2200m at Dieppe in a Class 3 handicap on July 23rd. Can make the top three
- 7. ZILYA** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 2600m at Nimes on April 28th in a Class 3 race. Makes limited appeal
- 8. PEGASUS** - Three unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 1800m at Compiègne on March 19th in a Class 3 handicap. Needs to get back to form
- 9. WHIP DRALLIV** - Unplaced in a Class 4 handicap at Vichy over 2000m on August 14th when last seen. Best watched for now
- 10. THANKYOU** - Three unplaced runs recently, 4th before that at this track on April 14th over 2400m. Hard to recommend

Summary: KINGDOM (1) was only eighth at Deauville but was not beaten far from the winner that day and he is the selection to get back in the winner's circle. MISSRIYA (2) will be in a good frame of mind after a recent win on her latest start 26 days at Clairefontaine. She can make things interesting. SCAT LADY (6) won two starts ago at Dieppe and ran a credible race on her most recent start. She can be in the mix. SUNLIKE (5) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KINGDOM (1) - MISSRIYA (2) - SCAT LADY (6) - SUNLIKE (5)