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R5 LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX HELLENIQUA - UNIKALO LA TESTE - 1200m (a6f) - TURF -
Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 27,000**

1. SWEET CHOP - Debut winner at this venue over 1000m in March and has confirmed that promise by running well in defeat in both subsequent starts, the latest (4th) over 1200m at Saint-Cloud on 25 May

2. KEANU - Runner-up on debut at Tarbes over 1100m and confirmed that promise by winning over track and trip at his next/last start on 3 June. Could pay to follow his progress

3. THE BLACK SKY - Made a winning debut at Bordeaux over 1200m on 16 May beating a subsequent winner from the stable of Jean-Claude Rouget. Not taken lightly

4. SAM PRESSAO - Finished a well-beaten 9th on debut at Chantilly over 1100m on 2 June. Would have improved with that experience but is best watched for now

5. VIF DE BOISTRON - Revealed promise in both outings at this venue over 1000m (4th and 2nd) before a disappointing 9th over 1200m at Dax on 20 May

6. BLUE HUNT - Improving last-start winner over track and trip on 3 June, and should continue his momentum. Not taken lightly

7. HELLO JEEBY - Has confirmed the promise of his debut 4th by finishing 2nd to undefeated Fraise des Bois in both subsequent outings over 1100m at Tarbes, the latest on 5 June. Has obvious claims

Summary: KEANU (2) confirmed the promise of his debut 2nd by opening his account over track and trip earlier this month. He ought to continue his momentum and is likely to fight for victory. Promising first-start scorer THE BLACK SKY (3) is open to any amount of improvement and is expected to pose a threat. HELLO JEEBY (7), after finishing 2nd in back-to-back recent outings, and SWEET CHOP (1), a winner on this course already, have the means to make their presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

KEANU (2) - THE BLACK SKY (3) - HELLO JEEBY (7) - SWEET CHOP (1)

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C2 - PRIX BLEU LIBELLULE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. VIOU** - Finished 4th in both previous visits to La Teste and didn't go unnoticed when 7th over 1200m at Chantilly on 2 June
- 2. JONH SIX** - Lightly raced performer with sound references/form credentials, including a victory at this venue over 1600m. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 1525m at Montauban on 16 June - keep safe
- 3. SEGERA** - Won at this venue over 1100m last month and was not seen to best effect when only 9th in a 1200m handicap at Chantilly on 2 June. Can make amends
- 4. DANCE AHEAD** - Won a 1400m Dax handicap last year off a higher mark. Returns to French soil after finishing 9th over 1500m in a handicap at San Sebastian on 12 April
- 5. ATLANTIGO** - Returned to form with an improved/encouraging very well in a 1400m handicap at Compiègne on 31 May. Not taken lightly
- 6. CALYPSO** - Returned from a 3-month absence to finish an encouraging 5th over 1600m in handicap at Angers on 21 May. Would've come on since
- 7. PAINT IT BLACK** - Versatile hard-knocker with references on both surfaces and off a higher mark. Unplaced in both comeback outings this year, the latest (10th) at ParisLongchamp over 1300m on 6 June, but is capable of doing better
- 8. MYBOYFRIEND** - Won a 1200m PSF handicap at Pau in February but has struggled (finished unplaced) in all 5 starts since - the latest (7th) over 1600m at Nantes on 18 June
- 9. RAPIDO PRESTO** - Consistent hard-knocker whose form/consistency and competitiveness at this level off his current mark is beyond doubt. Finished 4th over 1200m in a handicap at Toulouse on 19 June
- 10. KATALINA** - Won a 1600m handicap at Toulouse in May but struggled (finished 13th) under a penalty over 1500m in a handicap at Saint-Cloud on 11 June. Outsider
- 11. NATURAL PATH** - Capable veteran with sound references but appears to have gone off the boil this year - only 9th in a 1200m handicap at Toulouse on 19 June
- 12. MONTIGNY** - Out of sorts recently off a slightly higher mark but isn't incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references over this distance, including a 4th at this venue in March and at ParisLongchamp on 28 April

Summary: SEGERA (3) was unlucky when finishing unplaced in a Chantilly sprint last time and she shouldn't be hastily condemned for that performance (9th), having already won over this extended distance. CALYPSO (6) ought to have improved after an encouraging comeback outing over 1600m so could play a leading role, too. ATLANTIGO (5), runner-up in a recent handicap at Compiègne, and resurgent JONH SIX (2), off a reduced mark, appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

SEGERA (3) - CALYPSO (6) - ATLANTIGO (5) - JONH SIX (2)

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C3 - PRIX MAISON CELINNI DIAMANT - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

- 1. PASSEPARTOUT** - Consistent colt with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th over 1600m at Bordeaux on 16 May. Keep safe
- 2. DENISJONH** - Has won twice and finished 2nd three times in 6 starts, with his only failure in a Listed race at Toulouse in April. Reassured with a good 2nd over 1600m at Bordeaux on 16 May
- 3. KIARO** - Debut winner at Saint-Cloud and has confirmed his obvious ability by maintaining his form and consistency since - finished 4th over 1600m at Lyon on 8 May. Winning chance
- 4. PRINCIPITO** - Last-start winner over 1500m at Tarbes on 5 June. Ought to remain competitive under a 2,5kg penalty
- 5. PALAZZO** - Disappointed, although not disgraced, when only 6th over 1600m on heavy ground at Bordeaux on 16 May. Capable of better
- 6. CABERNET FRANC** - Deemed worthy of being entered in the Group I Prix du Jockey-Club but was disappointing (7th) recently over 1400m at ParisLongchamp on 6 June. Needs to redeem himself
- 7. BEAU LINGE** - Debut winner at Agen over 1200m in March and finished 4th over 1200m at Marseille-Borely on 31 May. Dark horse
- 8. ISFALIA** - Won on debut over 2000m on PSF at Pau in January and has made 2 encouraging comeback appearances, the latest (5th) over 1600m at Bordeaux on 16 May. Attractive outsider
- 9. XANDRA** - Unplaced in all 4 appearances, the latest (5th) over 2100m at Madrid on 2 May. Others are preferred
- 10. ON THE CLOUDS** - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing (12th) her belt to win over 1700m at Granville on 19 May. Has scope for further improvement
- 11. GUALDA** - Revealed considerable early promise and has maintained form/consistency throughout her 6-start career. Didn't go unnoticed when 4th over 1600m at Madrid on 5 May
- 12. MAYWE** - Smart two-year-old filly and confirmed that promise by making a winning reappearance at ParisLongchamp over 1600m on 12 May. Has more to offer

Summary: KIARO (3) has remained consistent since his debut success at Saint-Cloud in March and boasts the joint-highest rating in this conditions race, along with DENISJONH (2) who was deemed worthy of being entered in the Group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains. They are likely to find themselves fighting for victory but will have to be wary of the threat likely to be posed by last-start winner MAYWE (12). The shortlist is completed by PASSEPARTOUT (1) and PALAZZO (5) who have the form and experience to make their presence felt.

SELECTIONS

KIARO (3) - DENISJONH (2) - MAYWE (12) - PASSEPARTOUT (1)

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**C4 - OMNIUM ANGLO-ARABES A 12,5% - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - - Flat -
EUR € 42,000**

- 1. DUC D'ALIENOR AA** - Unplaced in all 3 outings but not beaten in each of those appearances - the latest (5th) at Gabarret on 13 May over 2550m
- 2. ZAZU AA** - Consistent for the most part but could only finish 9th in the reference over 2400m at Bordeaux on 25 May. Others preferred
- 3. HALDAWYSSA AA** - Only 10th in the 2400m reference race at Bordeaux on 25 May but is capable of better than that performance suggests. Shouldn't be hastily condemned
- 4. MADAOUA AA** - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 7th in the reference race over 2400m at Bordeaux on 25 May. Dark horse
- 5. MINNIE DE VERGNE AA** - Finished 3rd in the fight with KAPRISKA (6) at Gabarret last month but hasn't confirmed that form and improvement in either subsequent outing - the latest (4th) over 2900m at Royan on 2 June
- 6. KAPRISKA AA** - Finished 2nd second at Gabarret before opening her account at Royan over 2900m on 2 June. Still improving
- 7. MOMBASA AA** - Disappointing 4th in the reference on heavy ground at Bordeaux on 25 May but had won 4 consecutive previous outings. Can set the record straight
- 8. ELECTRIK JIM AA** - Won the 25 May Bordeaux benchmark race on his reappearance and should play another leading role. Keep safe
- 9. ZIGOTTO AA** - Didn't go unnoticed (5th) in the 2400m reference race at Bordeaux on 25 May. Can get into the picture
- 10. DIAMANTINE AA** - Absent since finishing an improved/encouraging 3rd over 2500m at Agen on 25 March. Attractive outsider
- 11. FIORENZA DU PECOS AA** - Unplaced in all 4 appearances and could only finish 7th over 2900m at Royan on 2 June. Needs to improve
- 12. KATAHNAA AA** - Yet to find the frame in 4 appearances but wasn't disgraced when finishing 6th in the 2400m reference race at Bordeaux on 25 May
- 13. KALIS DE LA BRUNIE AA** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 3rd in the reference race at Bordeaux on 25 May and should have a role to play once more. Not taken lightly
- 14. KHEOPS DE BUJ AA** - Runner-up to ELECTRIK JIM (8) in the key reference at Bordeaux on 25 May. Has the form and experience to make her presence felt once more
- 15. FURIEUSE AA** - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, including a respectable 8th in the reference race over 2400m at Bordeaux on 25 May. Outsider
- 16. KAPLA D'OC AA** - Last-start winner over 2900m at Royan on 2 June after finishing 2nd in both/back-to-back previous outings. More to do

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Summary: MOMBASA (7) has won 6 of 8 starts but disappointed somewhat when only 4th in the Bordeaux reference race on 25 May. She is, however, good value to redeem herself and reconnect with success on dry ground which will serve her interests. ELECTRIK JIM (8), the winner of the benchmark event, ought to continue his momentum and is likely to fight for victory once more. KHEOPS DE BUJ (14) and KALIS DE LA BRUNIE (13), who were 2nd and 3rd respectively that day, remain competitive for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

MOMBASA AA (7) - ELECTRIK JIM AA (8) - KHEOPS DE BUJ AA (14) - KALIS DE LA BRUNIE AA (13)

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C5 - PRIX FOX TEN LOGISTIQUE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. BLOU LAGOON** - Debut winner at Bordeaux over 1900m and has remained consistent/competitive in 3 subsequent outings, the latest (3rd) over 2300m at Tarbes on 5 June
- 2. RAYO DE LUZ** - Won a Tarbes handicap in mid-April and has maintained her form/consistency and competitiveness under a 2kg penalty - confirmed as much with a good 3rd over 2100m in a Dax handicap on 10 June
- 3. EAGLE MOUNT** - Won a 1900m Bordeaux handicap in March but has finished unplaced in both subsequent starts - the latest (9th) over 2700m at ParisLongchamp on 23 May. Outsider
- 4. RAMSES CHOP** - Consistent handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd over 2400m at Nantes on 30 May. Winning chance
- 5. BASHEER** - Consistent colt with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th over 2600m on 31 May at Marseille-Borely. Not taken lightly
- 6. AL AAMRIYA** - Improving filly and confirmed as much with a career-best 2nd over 1900m at Bordeaux on her reappearance on 25 May. Candidate for success
- 7. ES XARCU** - Changed hands after a disappointing last start (7th) in a 2300m claimer at Dax on 10 June. Capable of better
- 8. KING OF THE WORLD** - Improved with first-time headgear to win over 1850m at Agen on 9 May. Could confirm that improvement
- 9. LUNA LUPA** - Has improved with each outing and confirmed as much with a career-best 4th over 2100m at Dax on 1 May. Dark horse
- 10. MADAME LYDIA** - Returned to form with an improved 3rd over 2250m at Niort on 9 June. Needs to confirm that progress
- 11. BEAUTIFULL RISK** - Caught the eye when running on well to finish 2nd in a 2300m claimer at Dax on 10 June. On the shortlist

Summary: RAMSES CHOP (4) is nearing a return to winning ways and confirmed as much with a last-start 2nd in a 2400m Nantes handicap last month. He should again find himself in the fight for success, along with RAYO DE LUZ (2) whose consistency is also likely to be rewarded sooner rather than later. AL AAMRIYA (6) made an encouraging comeback and debuts in the handicaps with legitimate ambitions. BLOU LAGOON (1), 3rd recently at Tarbes, and BEAUTIFULL RISK (11) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

RAMSES CHOP (4) - RAYO DE LUZ (2) - AL AAMRIYA (6) - BLOU LAGOON (1)

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C6 - PRIX ROBERT CHIBRACQ - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Claiming - Hurdles - EUR € 20,000

1. MANAVA - A three-year-old filly by Castle du Berlais out of Scarla who is making her debut. Watch the betting

2. VOLIKA JELOIS - Holding form well and was third last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Dax over 3500m on 10 June. Be right there at the finish once again

3. FABALTARD - Did not run badly on hurdle debut, when third in a claimer at Sablé-sur-Sarthe over 3700m on 9 June. Can do a lot better this time

4. SHALEZ - Has won on the flat and was not disgraced when fourth last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Nantes over 3500m on 18 June. Place chance

5. TORONADO BELLO - Holding form and was fourth last time out in a Conditiond hurdle over this track and trip on 3 June, Should contest the finish

6. LEFKI LISES - Has only been fair so far and was 5th last time out in a Conditions hurdle race at Niort over 3500m on 9 June. Might earn some minor money

Summary: FABALTARD (3) finished 3rd recently after a mistake over the last hurdle at Sablé-sur-Sarthe but remains a candidate for success in this claimer. VOLIKA JELOIS (2) finished 4th at this level in her first start over obstacles at Auteuil and, with the benefit of that experience, could improve to pose a threat. With Australian blinders fitted for the first time, TORONADO BELLO (5) is another not to be underestimated at this level. Newcomer MANAVA (1) isn't taken lightly either.

SELECTIONS

FABALTARD (3) - VOLIKA JELOIS (2) - TORONADO BELLO (5) - MANAVA (1)

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**C7 - OMNIUM DES ANGLO-ARABES A 37,5% - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - -
Flat - EUR € 42,000**

- 1. HARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA** - Holding his form well and was third last time out in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 25 May. Can get involved with the finish once again
- 2. JAFAR D'ESCAR AA** - In very good form and is hat-trick-seeking after some nice wins, with the latest in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 25 May. Can win again
- 3. VERTIGO POMPADOUR AA** - Has disappointed in two starts this year and was 7th last time out in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 25 May. Capable of making the frame
- 4. EMERYS DE LARACHI AA** - Only fair of late and was 5th last time out in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 25 May. More is needed to win
- 5. HINDLYLA AA** - Has struggled in both her starts this year and was tenth last time out in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 25 May. Others are preferred
- 6. HALANDJILA AA** - Did not show here best when 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 25 May, Others are preferred
- 7. INCROYABLE D'OC AA** - Did not show her best when 9th last time out in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 25 May. Capable of better and is not out of it
- 8. ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE AA** - Runner-up to JAFAR D'ESCAR (2) at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 25 May. Has not won since 2022 but can contest the finish again
- 9. KIRIE AA** - Returned from a break to win again, in a Conditions race at Dax over 2300m on 2 June. Deserves respect

Summary: JAFAR D'ESCAR (2) finished well to win the key reference race at Bordeaux last month and, on that evidence, seems capable of confirming his superiority over runner-up ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE (8) who has a weight advantage this time round. HARRY DE LA BRUNIE (1) won this race last year and ought to acquit himself competitively in defence of his title. Inexperienced KIRIE (9) and VERTIGO POMPADOUR AA (3) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

**JAFAR D'ESCAR AA (2) - ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE AA (8) - HARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA (1)
- KIRIE AA (9)**

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C8 - PRIX MISTER BOUM - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 26,000

- 1. PETITEJACQ AA** - Always in the top three during her last five outings, including when third last time out in a flat race at Royan La Palmyre over 2900m on 2 June. Big chance
- 2. PALOMA DE CANDALE AA** - Disappointing last run when 6th last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Dax over 3500m on 20 May. Can contest the finish
- 3. VOLKOPOUR AA** - Battling to win a race but was not disgraced when fourth last time out in a Conditions chase at Dax over 3500m on 20 May. Not out of it
- 4. WINNX AA** - Holding form well and was fourth last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Dax over 3500m on 20 May. Be right there at the finish
- 5. CHOUBIDOU DU PECOS AA** - Yet to show much and was 8th last time out in a Conditions race at Pau over 3500m on 8 February. Could need this run returning from a break
- 6. KISSME DE LA BRUNIE AA** - Has not shown much in three starts and was unplaced last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Dax over 3500m on 20 May. Needs major improvement to win
- 7. DREAM ON POMPADOUR AA** - Has only been fair on the flat and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Royan La Palmyre over 2900m on 2 June. Can improve trying a hurdle race
- 8. LOKNESS DE CANDALE AA** - Well beaten in both starts on the flat, the latest being in a Conditions race at Dax over 2100m on 4 June. Others are preferred

Summary: PETITEJACQ (1) recently showed her form on the flat at Royan and has an ideal opportunity to open her account over hurdles. She will, however have to fear WINNX (4), who finished 4th recently at Dax. PALOMA DE CANDALE (2) has already run well over hurdles and should make her presence felt too, with the shortlist completed by VOLKOPOUR (3) and KISSME DE LA BRUNIE (6).

SELECTIONS

PETITEJACQ AA (1) - WINNX AA (4) - PALOMA DE CANDALE AA (2) - VOLKOPOUR AA
(3)