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R4 DEAUVILLE [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DE MORTAGNE-AU-PERCHE - 2500m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 19,000

1. **BLACK HAWK** - Unreliable and was 7th in a handicap at Chantilly over 3200m on 12 December. Can be very competitive this track and trip

2. **HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS** - Did not show his best when 9th in a handicap over this track and trip on 23 December. Capable of much better and can bounce back to score

3. **LISEO** - Finished 7th last time out in a handicap at Newcastle over 2040m on 15 October. Capable of improvement but others are preferred

4. **KINGDOM** - Only modest of late and was 7th in a handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 18 November. Needs to find a few lengths to win

5. **OROFINA** - A winner of a claimer over this distance at Saint-Cloud on 15 November. Might play a minor role

6. **FIRSTMAN** - Has shown improvement of late and was runner-up in a handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 2400m on 8 December. Not out of it

7. **SORAYA MAXIMA** - Disappointing last run when 13th at Mons over 2100m on 20 December. Others are much preferred

8. **LORENZO DE MEDICI** - On a very long losing run and was 6th last time out in a handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 6 December. Has a winning chance in this line-up

9. **PANGAEA** - Did not show his best when 6th in a handicap over this course and distance on 19 December. Could play a minor role

10. **HONGUEMARE** - On a very long losing run and was 6th in a handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 18 November. More is needed to beat these rivals

11. **COSTA EDITA** - In good form and was runner-up last time out in a claimer at this track over 1900m on 27 November. Should contest the finish

12. **SOLFERINA** - Has not shown much so far and was tenth in a Conditions race at Durtal over 2900m on 1 November. Needs major improvement to win

Summary: LORENZO DE MEDICI (8) acquitted himself well in defeat when 6th at Lyon-La Soie in his first start since joining Adrien Fouassier. While this distance is at the bottom-end of his range, he needn't improve much on what he showed last time to play a leading role. Another legitimate candidate for success is COSTA EDITA (11) who's last-start 2nd in a competitive claimer should stand her in good stead here. Supplemented HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS (2) and recent Pornichet runner-up FIRSTMAN (6) have podium prospects.

SELECTIONS

LORENZO DE MEDICI (8) - COSTA EDITA (11) - HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS (2) - FIRSTMAN (6)

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C2 - PRIX D'EPREVILLE -A - 1900m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 30,000

- 1. MISSION D'ESPOIR** - Well beaten on her debut in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 3 December. Likely to improve but others make more appeal
- 2. SANDY EAGLE** - Finished 9th on her debut in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1800m on 23 November. Capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 3. ANCOLIE** - Finished 7th on debut in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 3 December. Can improve and is not out of it
- 4. ASCOT IN** - Finished 12th on debut in a Conditions race at Durtal over 2000m on 15 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 5. WALMA** - Did not show much on her debut when 8th in a Conditions race at Durtal over 2000m on 15 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 6. WASSAIL** - Not disgraced on her debut when 5th in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1800m on 23 November. Will improve and should fight out the finish
- 7. SELMA DE VARY** - A two-year-old filly by Zarak out of Alliance a Vary who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 8. DREAM WEAVER** - A two-year-old filly by Hunter's Light out of Dakara who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 9. PORTE MOLITOR** - A two-year-old filly by Taj Mahal out of See You Always who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 10. AMBRA ANTICA** - A two-year-old filly by Waldgeist out of Bayargal who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 11. KEETA** - A two-year-old filly by Persian King out of Pale Pearl who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 12. GIDLEIGH** - A two-year-old filly by Frankel out of Gingham who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 13. SPECIALISSIMA** - A two-year-old filly by Taj Mahal out of Speculante who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 14. STRUNG AHEAD** - A two-year-old filly by Dream Ahead out of High Strung who is making her debut. Watch the betting

Summary: WASSAIL (6) wasn't knocked about on debut (5th) at Chantilly and she should improve with that experience to count on. With natural progress on the cards, it could pay to side with her ahead of well-bred newcomer MOLITOR DOOR (9), and ANCOLIE (3) who performed better on debut than her finishing position (7th) suggests. Persian King filly KEETA (11) and Frankel debutante GIDLEIGH (12) are also worth a mention on their first day at school.

SELECTIONS

WASSAIL (6) - PORTE MOLITOR (9) - ANCOLIE (3) - KEETA (11)

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C3 - PRIX D'EPREVILLE -B - 1900m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 30,000

- 1. LEONA REGINA** - Showed some improvement when third in a claimer over this course and distance on 18 December. Has a place chance
- 2. PRETTYLADY** - Was not disgraced on debut when 5th in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1900m on 12 November. Should improve and contest the finish
- 3. MADIBA** - Has been fair so far and was fourth last time out in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 29 November. Not out of it
- 4. SCENT OF A WOMAN** - Did not show her best when 6th in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1900m on 7 December. Big chance in this line-up
- 5. DEFULLY** - Not disgraced when fourth on debut in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 3 December. Should fight out the finish
- 6. PARLEMENTIA** - A two-year-old filly by Galiway out of Plegastell who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 7. RUE POUSSIN** - A two-year-old filly by It's Gino out of Sainte Honorine who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 8. LA CEIBA** - A two-year-old filly by Make Believe out of Octavine who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 9. RAOULE** - A two-year-old filly by Holy Roman Emperor out of Diabliesse who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 10. CODICE** - A two-year-old filly by Almanzor out of Profiteroles who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 11. BANDALIGHT** - A two-year-old filly by City Light out of Bandaneira who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 12. ROSA WILDER** - A two-year-old filly by Harry Angel out of Thurgovia who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 13. HELP DAVIER** - A two-year-old filly by Anodin out of Double Mix who is making her debut. Watch the betting

Summary: Better was expected of SCENT OF A WOMAN (4) on her PSF debut earlier this month but she wasn't disgraced in a well-composed field of fillies. She is worth another chance here and is preferred to PRETTYLADY (2) who was a game-in-defeat 5th at Chantilly last month. DEFULLY (5) should have more to offer with the experience of an encouraging course-and-distance debut under her belt, so shouldn't be underestimated. Newcomer RAOULE (9) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

SCENT OF A WOMAN (4) - PRETTYLADY (2) - DEFULLY (5) - RAOULE (9)

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C4 - PRIX DU MANOIR DES EVEQUES - 1900m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,000

- 1. KER WELEN** - Very consistent and was third in a handicap over this course and distance on 3 December. Be right there at the finish yet again
- 2. MELBORA** - Knocking hard at the door and was runner-up last time out in a handicap over this track and trip on 3 December. Can go one better this time
- 3. BALAKOVNA** - Disappointing last run when 13th in a handicap over this track and trip on 3 December. Others are preferred
- 4. TREVANION** - Unreliable and was 7th in a handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 2100m on 15 December. Can surprise
- 5. EDEN** - Disappointing of late and was 11th in a handicap over this course and distance on 3 December. Capable of an upset on best form
- 6. WALLEM** - Has struggled of late and was 8th at Baden-Baden over 1600m on 18 October. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 7. KELPIE** - Did not show her best when 7th in a handicap at Chantilly over 2700m on 21 November. Can earn some money this distance
- 8. MAGIC TUNIS** - Did not show his best when 12th in a handicap over this track and trip on 3 December. In good form before that and has a winning chance
- 9. CHUBASCO** - Unreliable but was third in a handicap over this track and trip on 27 November. Has a winning chance
- 10. SIETE MISTERIOS** - did not show his best when 10th in a handicap over this course and distance on 18 December. Capable of better but others are preferred
- 11. GREAT CHARLIE** - Has struggled on the PSF of late and was 8th in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 18 December. Others are preferred
- 12. COGNAC** - Disappointing recent form and was tenth last time out in a handicap at Chantilly over 2100m on 12 December. Others are preferred
- 13. EVER MUCHACHA** - Battling to regain best form and was 14th in a handicap at Chantilly over 2100m on 12 December. Makes little appeal
- 14. THE CHOSEN ONE** - Unreliable and was tenth in a handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 2 December. More is needed to win
- 15. STEELHAMMER** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when 5th in a Conditions race at Lyon-La Soie over 2400m on 6 December. Can make the frame
- 16. LEJENDARIO** - Picked up a handicap win last time out over this track and trip on 4 December. Consistent and has a place chance

Summary: Supplemented MELBORA (2) finished 2nd in a course-and-distance handicap earlier this month and a repeat of that performance may suffice. She is taken to go one better at the expense of CHUBASCO (9) and consistent top-weight KER WELEN (1). Off his current mark, STEELHAMMER (15) will appeal to lovers of outsiders, and he completes the shortlist along with MAGIC TUNIS (8).

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SELECTIONS

MELBORA (2) - CHUBASCO (9) - KER WELEN (1) - STEELHAMMER (15)

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C5 - PRIX DU MANOIR DE PRETOT - 1900m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. KETAMINE BAILLY** - Unplaced recently, 3rd before that over track and trip on November 8th in a Class 3 handicap. One to consider each-way
- 2. ATLANTICA** - Credible 4th over course and distance in a Class 4 handicap on December 4th when last appearing, A previous course and distance winner in August off a lower handicap rating
- 3. WAITARA** - 3rd two runs back over 2000m at Lignieres on December 12th in a Class 4 handicap. Unlikely to be a threat
- 4. LIDISBARN** - Fair 4th over course and distance on November 12th when last racing in a Class 3 handicap. He has place claims
- 5. PIANTARELLA** - Unplaced on the last two outings, she got off the mark before that over 1650m at Amiens in a maiden race on November 6th. In the mix
- 6. PERROU** - Nice 2nd over course and distance on December 4th in a Class 4 handicap when last seen. Hard to overlook as he is usually on the premises
- 7. COLD PLAY** - Three unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 1300m at Saint-Cloud on May 25th in a Class 3 handicap. Recent track form has been poor
- 8. KOULIKOFF** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1950m at Le Mans on September 28th in a Class 4 handicap. Can make the frame
- 9. MARCAN** - There have been several unplaced runs of late, the most recent over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on November 8th. Out of form and is best watched for now
- 10. TWIN SCAT** - 3rd over 1800m at Chantilly on December 20th in a Class 3 handicap recently. Not the most reliable and others look better equipped
- 11. KENITZA** - Nice 2nd at Pornichet over 1700m in a Class 4 handicap on December 15th. Can be competitive
- 12. L'HIPPOCAMPE** - Fair effort when 3rd over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on December 4th. Well handicapped at the moment and warrants respect
- 13. KENNY** - Several unplaced runs of late, the latter when 5th over track and trip on December 4th in a Class 4 handicap. Needs to get back on track
- 14. MADRAS** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1700m at Pornichet in a Class 4 handicap on November 23rd. Pass over
- 15. DAYSANIYA** - Placed on her last three runs, the most recent when 2nd over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on December 4th. Can make the frame at nice odds
- 16. GREEN CURRY** - Four unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 1800m in a Class 3 handicap on September 26th at Chantilly. Might find a few of these too smart

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Summary: KENITZA (11) showed a return to her better form when she was second at Pornichet recently and has leading claims to go one better this time. L'HIPPOCAMPE (12) could be the main threat. He ran a pleasing race when he was third over course and distance earlier this month and is well handicapped at the moment. ATLANTICA (2) could be the best option for the each-way backers to be with. She scored off a higher rating in August on this track. PIANTARELLA (5) is also worth considering.

SELECTIONS

KENITZA (11) - L'HIPPOCAMPE (12) - ATLANTICA (2) - PIANTARELLA (5)

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C6 - PRIX DE MARTAINVILLE - 1900m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 30,000

- 1. INNAMORATO** - Has only been modest so far and was 8th in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1800m on 12 October. Capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 2. KENCHAK** - Has been fair so far and was not disgraced when 5th in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 15 November. Tries the PSF and is not out of it
- 3. MODERN SPIRIT** - Finished ninth on his debut in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 3 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 4. OVER THE CLOUDS** - Showed some improvement when winning a claimer over this track and trip on 18 December. Tougher task in this line-up
- 5. SAMWEST** - Not disgraced when 6th over this course and distance in a Conditions race on 3 December. Capable of improvement and has a place chance
- 6. BOGDANN** - Produced a fair debut but has not improved since then and was 6th in a Conditions race at Chantilly over this distance on 7 December. Might play a minor role
- 7. MY SECRET LIGHT** - Showed improvement second time out when a runner-up in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1900m on 7 December. Big chance
- 8. DREAM INDEX** - Has been fair in both starts so far and was 5th in his latest, which was a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1600m on 19 November. Supplemented for this race and can strike
- 9. SIRIUS BROWN** - Finished 8th on his debut in a Conditions race at Angers over 2000m on 18 November. Capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 10. JUSTIFY TWIN CEN** - Not disgraced when 6th on debut in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1600m on 12 December. Should improve and can contest the finish

Summary: DREAM INDEX (8) has not run badly in both starts. He has been supplemented for this race and that could be the sign he is ready to strike. KENCHAK (2) ran well at Saint-Cloud last month and can be a threat trying the PSF this time. JUSTIFY TWIN CEN (10) produced a fair debut and should improve and contest the finish this time around. MY SECRET LIGHT (7) showed improvement in his second start and would not be a surprise winner.

SELECTIONS

DREAM INDEX (8) - KENCHAK (2) - JUSTIFY TWIN CEN (10) - MY SECRET LIGHT (7)

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C7 - PRIX DU MANOIR DU LIEU CALICE - 1900m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. FRAICHE** - She has lost her form, well beaten over 1800m in a Class 3 handicap when last seen on December 20th. Hard to recommend
- 2. PENNY DE CERISY** - Unplaced recently, 3rd before that over 1800m at Compiègne on June 7th in a Class 3 handicap. Should not be overlooked
- 3. VENICE** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 1500m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on November 20th. Can be on the premises
- 4. YOUM IN LOVE** - Nice 2nd over 1800m at Chantilly on December 20th in a Class 4 handicap on his last run. Live chance
- 5. TERTULIANE BLOOM** - 5th on the last run over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on December 4th. One to pay attention too
- 6. FIRST DREM** - Two recent unplaced runs, 3rd before that over 1700m at Pornichet on November 23rd in a Class 4 handicap. Consider for a place
- 7. COMTESSE VERA** - Unplaced several times of late, well beaten at Pau in a Class 4 handicap on December 21st over 2000m on her last run. Can be overlooked
- 8. NOBLE ANGEL** - 5th on the most recent outing over 1800m in a Class 4 handicap at Le Croise-Laroche on November 16th. Opposable
- 9. CASLANA** - 6th on her last start over 2100m at Limoges in a Class 4 race on November 30th. Looks out of her depth
- 10. KATHALINA** - Four unplaced runs since a 2nd at Tarbes over 1500m in a Class 4 handicap on June 5th. Unlikely to be a threat
- 11. PRINCESSE BLONDE** - Three unplaced runs this year, the most recent being over 1700m at Pornichet in a Class 4 handicap on December 15th. Look elsewhere
- 12. PRINCEDESCHAMPS** - Won over a higher handicap rating back in February over course and distance and ran a credible race when last seen on December 12th at Chantilly in a Class 4 handicap. Player
- 13. PRINCESSE VERA** - Two recent unplaced runs, 3rd before that over 1600m at Toulouse in a Class 4 race on October 31st. Others make more appeal
- 14. ZYGFRYD** - Has been out of form with four unplaced runs of late, the latest over 1800m at Chantilly on December 20th in a Class 4 race. Makes limited appeal
- 15. YAVAIIKA** - Two unplaced runs recently, 3rd before that over 2150m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 4 handicap on October 25th. Consider
- 16. BELLA CIAO** - 6th last time over 2000m at Lignieres on November 30th in a Class 4 handicap. Has place claims at big odds

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Summary: YOUM IN LOVE (4) was an encouraging second at Chantilly on his latest run and could be the answer to this open handicap. PRINCEDESCHAMPS (12) won off a higher handicap rating back in February and there was encouragement when last seen at Chantilly when sixth earlier this month and is capable of being a live threat. VENICE (3) is one to side with each way. PENNY DE CERISY (2) looks the best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

YOUM IN LOVE (4) - PRINCEDESCHAMPS (12) - VENICE (3) - PENNY DE CERISY (2)

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C8 - PRIX DES BELLOQUOIS - 3400m (a2m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 25,000

- 1. ROUDOUDOU** - Won by 2L at Pornichet over 3100m on December 8th in a handicap and is capable of following up
- 2. NASDAQ** - Placed on his last three runs, 4th on the most recent over 3200m in a Class 3 handicap on December 12th and can be competitive
- 3. ILLUSION MACHINE** - 5th on the last two runs, the most recent over 2400m at Craon on December 1st in a maiden. Can make the frame
- 4. L'AGORA GAME** - Ran well when 2nd behind ROUDOUDOU (1) at Pornichet on December 8th over 3100m in a handicap and can be involved again
- 5. AVENTURA** - Unplaced last time, got off the mark before that over 2500m in a claimer at Nancy on November 17th. Has to prove she has the stamina and will stay this trip
- 6. GENERAL JONES** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that at Mont-De-Marsan on November 16th in a Class 3 race over 3000m. Place chance
- 7. DSCHINGIS GOLD** - Unplaced recently, 4th before that over 3200m at Le Mans on November 2nd in a maiden race. Others make more appeal
- 8. ANDOUINS** - Placed on his last five runs, the latest when 2nd over 3100m at Pornichet in a maiden on November 30th. One to keep safe
- 9. HANSOTTOGRUBER** - His best run so far was when he was 3rd at Lyon La Soie over 2400m on December 6th in a handicap. Lightly raced and has a bit more to come
- 10. ROCKMOONLADY** - Fair 3rd last time over 3100m at Pornichet in a handicap on December 8th. Has work to do to beat a few of these

Summary: NASDAQ (2) has been running well and was a pleasing fourth at Chantilly earlier this month when beaten around one length that day. He acts on most surfaces and is marginally preferred to ROUDOUDOU (1) who won by two lengths at Pornichet on his latest run and will be full of confidence after that success. L'AGORA GAME (4) was second in the same race and can be on the premises again. HANSOTTOGRUBER (9) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

NASDAQ (2) - ROUDOUDOU (1) - L'AGORA GAME (4) - HANSOTTOGRUBER (9)

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C9 - PRIX DE L'ANCIENNE MAISON DU FERMIER - 1900m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,000

- 1. DIWAN SENORA** - Four unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 1800m in a Class 4 handicap on June 7th at Compiègne. Capable of making the top three
- 2. RED CRAZY** - He has dropped to a nice handicap mark and was 5th on the last run over 1800m at Chantilly in a Class 4 handicap on December 20th. Course winner twice earlier this year. Can be competitive
- 3. ANONYME** - Credible 4th at Chantilly 8 days ago in a Class 4 handicap. Course and distance winner in 2022 and can be in the shake-up
- 4. CASH RULER** - Five unplaced runs this year, the latter over 1800m in a class 4 handicap on the PSF on December 9th. Hard to fancy
- 5. PARISIAN BELLE** - Ran well when she was 2nd over 1500m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on November 20th. Can have a say
- 6. SECRET GLORY** - Fair effort when 3rd at Chantilly over 1800m in a Class 4 handicap on December 20th when finishing ahead of RED CRAZY (2). Should not be ignored
- 7. RIP** - 6th on his latest run over 2100m at Chantilly on October 12th in a Class 4 handicap when last seen. Among the leading place chances
- 8. ONCLE FERNAND** - Several unplaced runs of late, the most recent over 1700m at Pornichet on December 15th in a Class 4 race. Pass over
- 9. IGGY CHOP** - Not seen since an unplaced effort over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on October 19th, 2023. Will need this return run
- 10. PRETTY WARRIOR** - 4th over 1800m in a Class 4 handicap at Lyon La Soie on December 9th. Merits consideration
- 11. WALDENON** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 1900m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on November 8th. Others make more appeal
- 12. WHAT DO YOU SAY** - Several unplaced runs of late, 7th over 1500m in a Class 4 handicap on November 20th. Opposable
- 13. COL NEM** - Has not shown much form of late, unplaced on the last run at Chantilly over 2100m in a Class 4 handicap on December 12th. Looks unreliable
- 14. COCO LIGHT** - Unplaced when last seen over 1300m at Argentan in a Class 4 race on October 17th, 2023. Will need this run after a long absence
- 15. EXPLORE THE SHORE** - 5th on the latest run over 2500m at this track in a conditions race on November 20th. Has work to do

Summary: RED CRAZY (2) looked like he was returning to his better form when he was fifth at Chantilly 8 days ago and will be ready to go in this handicap. He is a course winner over this trip and over 1500m at the start of this year- off a higher rating. SECRET GLORY (6) was around a length ahead of the main selection when they met at Chantilly recently and looks like the main threat. ANONYME (3) is one to include in all of the place bet permutations. RIP (7) is also worth considering.

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RED CRAZY (2) - SECRET GLORY (6) - ANONYME (3) - RIP (7)