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R1 Longchamp [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE MALMAISON - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat -
EUR € 30,000**

- 1. CLOSE COMBAT** - Won a 1200m claimer at Marseille-Borely last month and confirmed that form/improvement by finishing 2nd over 1100m at Senonnes on 20 May. Not taken lightly
- 2. FAR BEYOND** - Finished 7th on debut over 1000m at Chantilly on 26 April. Should improve with the benefit of that introductory outing
- 3. SOLAS** - Finished 6th on debut behind DALENDIA (4) and FICTION (7) at Le Mans on 15 May over 1100m and would've improved with the benefit of that outing/experience
- 4. DALENDIA** - Won an 1100m claimer at Nantes before finishing 2nd over 1100m at Le Mans on 15 May. Will be a factor
- 5. LA SAMANA** - Finished an encouraging 4th on debut over 1200m on heavy ground at Chantilly on 2 May. Should have more to offer
- 6. PAMPELONNE** - Authoritative debut winner of a 900m claimer at Saint-Cloud before finishing 6th over 1000m at Chantilly on 26 April. Has scope to improve so could redeem herself
- 7. FICTION** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th on debut behind DALENDIA (4) over 1100m at Le Mans on 15 May. Ought to improve with that experience under the belt
- 8. NIIA** - Gianluca Bietolini-trained Romanised debutante to be ridden by Coralie Pacaut. Best just to watch for now

Summary: LA SAMANA (5) acquitted herself competitively on debut over 1000m and, with the benefit of that experience, is expected to confirm the promise of that introduction with improvement likely over this shorter trip. DALENDIA (4) and PAMPELONNE (6) have the form and experience to pose a threat to the unexposed selection. FICTION (7) is another likely to improve after a pleasing first-up outing.

SELECTIONS

LA SAMANA (5) - DALENDIA (4) - PAMPELONNE (6) - FICTION (7)

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**C2 - PRIX DE RIVOLI - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR
€ 17,000**

1. LADYSHOW - Consistent 19-start maiden whose experience will stand her in good stead - finished 4th over 2500m at Le Croise-Laroche on 19 May. Benefits from Laura Poggionovo's 1,5kg allowance

2. FANTASTIC DEAL - Improving with each start and confirmed as much with a career-best 4th on handicap debut over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 10 May - finished behind IRINKA (10) at Compiègne on 16 April

3. AL MUZAFFAR - Didn't go unnoticed when improving to finish 5th over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly on 9 May. Could get into the picture

4. TOTE BAG - Unplaced in all 3 appearances and could only finish 9th in his last two starts - the latest over 2000m at Fontainebleau on 30 April. Wears first-time blinkers with Maxime Guyon engaged

5. MEASTER OWEN - Has improved in consecutive recent outings equipped with Australian blinkers - confirmed as much by finishing 2nd over 1850m in his first outing on turf at Vichy on 15 May. One to beat

6. TEA LEAF - Improved to finish 2nd in a 2000m Saint-Cloud handicap on 10 May. Will play a leading role in the finish with a similar/repeat of that performance

7. CARNIVAL QUEEN - Unplaced in all 3 outings but not beaten far when finishing 5th at Nort-sur-Erde over 1800m on 20 May. Outsider

8. HEAREN - Improved in first-time blinkers to finish 2nd over 2500m at Le Croise-Laroche on 19 May. Will be a factor

9. DAROMY - A 17-start maiden with the experience and sound form references to make her presence felt, including a respectable 5th over 1850m at Vichy on 15 May. Place chance

10. IRINKA - Changed hands after finishing a career-best 3rd in a 2000m Compiègne claimer on 16 April. Not taken lightly

Summary: MEASTER OWEN (5) has improved in two recent outings with this headgear fitted and need only continue that momentum to open his account. Both TEA LEAF (6) and HEAREN (8) filled the runners-up berth last time, so are likely to fight for victory. IRINKA (10) changed hands after an improved last start (3rd) in a Compiègne claimer and should make her presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

MEASTER OWEN (5) - TEA LEAF (6) - HEAREN (8) - IRINKA (10)

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**C3 - PRIX D'ESCOVILLE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Flat - EUR
€ 35,000**

1. ELBAZ - Debut winner over 1500m at Deauville last year and finished 3rd in a 1600m Bordeaux Listed race in October. Would've come on appreciably after a pleasing comeback 5th over track and trip on 18 April

2. SHADIZI - Progressive Siyouni colt. Improved with each start last year to open his account over 1400m at Saint-Cloud before showing his form and well-being with a last-start PSF handicap success over 1400m at Chantilly on 26 April

3. MAGIC MIKE - Finished a tailed-off last of 6 on debut over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly on 18 May. Best watched for now

4. ALFRED - Built on the promise of his encouraging start (4th) on French soil to win a Class 2 conditions race over 1600m at Chantilly on 29 April. Could have more to offer

5. SUCHET - Caught the eye when a fast-finishing 3rd in a similar contest over this course and distance on 18 April in his first turf appearance. Winning chance

6. GEORGES VILLE - Progressive colt who made a winning handicap debut in a 1600m Quinte+ at Saint-Cloud on 1 May. Not taken lightly

7. PLATINE - Soundly beaten (unplaced) in all 3 appearances, the latest (11th) over 1600m at Chantilly on 17 May. Can be ruled out

Summary: Highly regarded SUCHET (5) won't be taking his place in the Group I Prix du Jockey-Club on Sunday but should gain compensation by winning this race. SHADIZI (2) has won three of his seven starts, including an impressive PSF success at Chantilly last time out, and ought to challenge for race honours. ELBAZ (1) would've improved after a much-needed comeback outing and has the means to make his presence felt, while GEORGES VILLE (6) shouldn't be underestimated either after a last-start Quinte+ victory. Good race!

SELECTIONS

SUCHET (5) - SHADIZI (2) - ELBAZ (1) - GEORGES VILLE (6)

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C4 - PRIX DE COURS-LA-REINE - 1850m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. BRANDYWINE** - Lines up here in good form and physical condition after an encouraging 2nd over 1900m on PSF at Chantilly on 26 April. Has references on turf and should have a role to play
- 2. SEA BREAKER** - Failed to find a clear passage (running room) in the concluding stages of a 2000m Quinté+ at this venue on 12 May - so, was unlucky to finish 8th. Can set the record straight
- 3. HANDHY** - Made a winning reappearance over 2300m at Angers on 4 May. Ought to remain competitive under a 2kg penalty
- 4. BUMBLE BEE** - Has regained momentum recently and confirmed as much by finishing 4th over 1900m on PSF at Chantilly on 26 April - not far behind BRANDYWINE (1) that day. Not taken lightly
- 5. OFFRANVILLE** - Has acquitted herself competitively/consistently in conditions races at a lower level this year, the latest (4th) over 2500m at Hyères on 13 April
- 6. JAGDA** - Won a 2150m PSF conditions race at Lyon-La Soie in early April but proved her unreliability by finishing 8th when reverting to the turf at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m on 27 April. Outsider
- 7. FAYONA** - Soundly beaten (unplaced) in her last 4 appearances, including both comeback outings this year - the latest (11th) over 2000m at this venue on 12 May. Can be ruled out
- 8. MELBORA** - Unplaced in all 4 comeback outings but has dropped in the weights/ratings to a competitive mark. Wears Australian blinders for the first time after finishing 8th in a 2100m Quinté+ here on 5 May
- 9. ANOLINE** - Returned to form with an improved/encouraging 4th over 2150m at this venue on 25 April. Didn't finish a long way adrift of JOYEUSE SAGE (11) that day
- 10. IN PARADISE** - Versatile mare with a victory on both surfaces but remains unreliable and is best watched for now after finishing 14th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 2 May
- 11. JOYEUSE SAGE** - Has regained a competitive level of form and fitness and confirmed as much with a last-start 2nd in a 2000m handicap at this venue on 12 May. Dark horse
- 12. MY FLINDERS** - Won back-to-back handicaps last month but has struggled (finished unplaced) in both starts since under resultant penalties. Best just to watch after finishing 15th in a 1400m handicap at this venue on 12 May
- 13. BURWASH** - Returned to form with an improved/encouraging 3rd in a 2100m handicap at this venue on 16 May. Place chance
- 14. ZELZALITA** - Hard-knocking handicapper with sound references/form credentials at this level, including a last-start 5th over 1800m in a handicap at Fontainebleau on 3 May. Won't be far off the action

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Summary: SEA BREAKER (2) was unlucky not to have achieved a better result/finishing position in the Quinté+ on 12 May and needs only to overcome her tricky starting berth to fight for victory at this level. BRANDYWINE (1) also has an unfavorable starting position to negotiate but is another candidate for success, judged on the strength and consistency of her recent form. BUMBLE BEE (4) finished an improved/encouraging 4th on the PSF last time out and has the means to play a leading role too. HANDHY (3), who won on her reappearance at Angers, shouldn't be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

SEA BREAKER (2) - BRANDYWINE (1) - BUMBLE BEE (4) - HANDHY (3)

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C5 - PRIX DU CHATELET - 1950m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. MANDARB - Made a winning reappearance/turf debut over 1950m on heavy ground at Le Mans in March. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th on handicap debut over 2400m at Chantilly on 2 May

2. DRUMARD - Improving last-start winner of his first outing on turf over 1950m at Châteaubriant on 27 April and remains open to further progress. Will be a factor

3. SKY GOLD - Improving, consistent colt with sound references/form credentials. Made a winning handicap debut over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly in March and finished a creditable 3rd in a 2000m handicap at that venue on 8 May

4. ZARINA - Won back-to-back PSF claimers and completed the hat-trick in a conditions race over 2000m on the all-weather. Proved her versatility/efficiency on turf with a last-start handicap victory over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly on 8 May (carries a 3kg penalty)

5. SHIRBAWI - Showed promise in 3 appearances last year but fluffed his lines on his 14 May reappearance when only 7th over 2400m at Saint-Cloud. Improvement needed

6. HUMAN EVOLUTION - Failed to confirm the form/improvement of his comeback 3rd in a handicap at Compiègne on 29 March by only finishing 4th over 2100m at Le Pin au Haras on 21 April. Headgear is refitted

7. MEAUTIS - Runner-up in three consecutive outings before finishing a creditable 5th on handicap debut in a 2000m Quinte+ at Chantilly on 29 April. High on the shortlist

8. TROPHANE - Ultra-consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, which include a debut 2nd last year. Has finished 3rd in all 3 subsequent outings, the latest over 1950m at Châteaubriant on 27 April

9. GOOSEBUMPY - Revealed considerable means in 3 starts last year but was disappointing on her reappearance at Chantilly on 26 April when finishing 7th over 1600m. Best watched for now

Summary: MEAUTIS (7) is becoming costly to follow but wouldn't be winning out of turn after several near misses (2nd in 3 of his last 4 starts). He is the joint top-rated runner in the race and should again fight for victory under these conditions. DRUMARD (2) made a winning turf introduction last time and will improve to play another leading role. High-flying ZARINA (4) has won four of her last five outings, including her latest under Marie Vélon, and is also a candidate for success. Consistent TROPHANE (8) has the form to make her presence felt too, especially with the aid of Coralie Pacaut's 1,5kg allowance.

SELECTIONS

MEAUTIS (7) - DRUMARD (2) - ZARINA (4) - TROPHANE (8)

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C6 - PRIX DU PALAIS DES GLACES - 1850m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000

- 1. PANDIA SELENE** - Progressive last-start winner of a recent Quinté+ over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on 14 May - beat male opposition that day. Carries a 3kg penalty but is likely to fight for victory once more
- 2. ALLURRE** - A model of consistency in good form and physical condition. She confirmed as much with a 1900m PSF handicap success at Deauville on 9 April - remains competitive under 3kg penalty
- 3. LOOKING AT ME** - Has established herself in the handicaps and won a 2150m Quinté+ at this venue on 25 April. Undefeated this year and likely to make her presence felt again under a 3kg penalty
- 4. INKIOSTRO** - Soundly beaten in both Quinte+ appearances recently, one on either surface - only managed to finish 15th over 2150m at this venue on 25 April. Others preferred
- 5. DRUMMIN LIFE** - This resident of Edouard Monfort distinguished himself at Compiègne and Machecoul at the start of the year before performing honorably in a Listed race at Lion d'Angers. For her first attempt in a French handicap, she is taken at 37.5 and could well stand out from the start.
- 6. JOH SPIRIT** - Improved for the fitting of Australian blinders to win a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 20 April. Dangerous to discount, even under a 2kg penalty
- 7. LUCKY EYE** - Made a winning reappearance at Fontainebleau and acquitted herself well enough (8th) in a Class 2 conditions race at this venue over 1600m on 25 April to suggest that she could succeed at this level
- 8. PINGO** - Won a 2000m conditions race at Saint-Cloud last month and didn't go unnoticed when 7th in a 2150m Quinte+ at this venue on 25 April. Place chance
- 9. VILLA DARYA** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th in a 2000m Quinté+ on her reappearance in March and built on that encouraging comeback to win over 2000m at this venue on 7 April. Respect
- 10. DEEP SEA** - Won a PSF handicap in November and finished an encouraging 4th in a similar contest over 2100m on her reappearance in March. Fluffed her lines when only 10th in a 2150m Quinte+ at this venue on 25 April
- 11. LEANDRA** - Unplaced in both comeback outings this year, dropped 1kg in the weights/ratings as a result. Needs to improve to be competitive after finishing 6th over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 5 April
- 12. SAKURA GLITTERS** - Made a winning handicap debut on PSF at Chantilly in February and followed up on turf over 1800m in a conditions race at Le Croise-Laroche in March. Soundly beaten (8th) in a handicap on turf over 1600m at Le Mans on 23 April - others preferred
- 13. ALATHEA** - Winner of a Quinté+ last summer while competing with Mikel Delzangles, this mare now trained by Philippe Decouz was unable to shine in a test to be claimed for her return. Without being prohibited, we prefer other candidates.
- 14. HONGUEMARE** - Likely to improve after finishing 3rd on her reappearance in a Le Pin au Haras conditions race on 8 May. Dark horse

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15. LINFASOMMER - Won a PSF handicap at Cagnesin February but has finished unplaced in all four subsequent outings, the latest (6th) in a 1900m PSF claimer at Chantilly on 7 May. Hard to make a case for

16. BEAUTIFUL ASPEN - Versatile mare with sound references/form credentials on both surfaces, including a last-start PSF victory over 1900m at Chantilly on 26 April. Dangerous off an unchanged mark

Summary: LUCKY EYE (7) confirmed the promise she showed last year by winning on her reappearance. Despite finishing unplaced in a competitive event last time, she acquitted herself well enough to suggest that she could succeed at this level. She could be worth siding with on her handicap debut and gets the nod ahead of PANDIA SELENE (1) and ALLURRE (2), both of whom are last-start handicap winners against male opposition. BEAUTIFUL ASPEN (16) is another last-start scorer who should remain competitive for the leading place despite a penalty, with the shortlist completed by LOOKING AT ME (3), undefeated this year, and DRUMMIN LIFE (5).

SELECTIONS

LUCKY EYE (7) - PANDIA SELENE (1) - ALLURRE (2) - BEAUTIFUL ASPEN (16)

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C7 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE LONGCHAMP - 3100m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 30,000

1. PARTNUN - Rewarded for her consistency with a first career success on her handicap debut at Strasbourg on 8 May when a wide-margin winner over 3000m. Booking of Cristian Demuro bodes well

2. TREATWOOD - Consistent performer throughout 2023 and returned to form after a much-needed comeback outing to finish an encouraging 3rd in a 2400m Quinté+ at Lyon-Parilly on 8 May - chief threat

3. QUEST FOR LOVE - Improving last-start winner who relished the step up to 2300m to open his account on 4 May at Angers. Could have more to offer over this extended distance on his handicap debut

4. HERMANO - Consistent, proven stayer with sound references/form credentials. Caught the eye when 3rd in a 2100m Quinté+ at this venue on 5 May - sets the standard

5. ANAGALLIS - Consistent performer with sound references in conditions races over staying distances - won over 3000m at Saint-Cloud on 12 March. Absent since finishing 11th in a 3000m Quinte+ there on 26 March

6. WONDER OF YOU - Inconsistent stayer whose only career win was achieved at a lower level over 1700m in April last year at La Roche-sur-Yon. Didn't go unnoticed when 3rd over 2600m at Nîmes on 28 April

7. GREASE - Capable stayer with better references (both career wins) on the PSF - confirmed as much by finishing 8th in a 3000m turf handicap at Fontainebleau on 30 April

8. VRAIE STORM - Failed to build on the encouragement of her 18 April Nantes comeback (6th) by finishing a well-beaten 13th over 2400m at Saint-Cloud on 10 May. Others preferred

9. STYLE D'EMIRS - Seldom far off the mark and boasts sound/consistent references, albeit without a victory. Finished an unlucky 5th behind HERMANO (4) in a 2100m Quinté+ at this venue on 5 May

Summary: HERMANO (4) has finished in the first four in his three outings over 3000m or more. He confirmed his form and well-being with an eye-catching 3rd in a 2100m on this track earlier this month and could prove hard to beat if in similar order over this extended trip. TREATWOOD (2) is also likely to appreciate the step up to this distance after an encouraging 3rd in a 2400m Quinte+ so will make life difficult for the selection. STYLE D'EMIRS (9) was an unlucky 5th behind the selection last time and could pose more of a threat if improving in his first go at this trip. PARTNUN (1) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

HERMANO (4) - TREATWOOD (2) - STYLE D'EMIRS (9) - PARTNUN (1)

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C8 - PRIX LE FIGARO (PRIX DE LA CROIX DES VENEURS) - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. TIGRR - Won back-to-back claiming races in March and April before finishing a respectable 3rd (under a 1,5kg penalty) over 1600m in the reference race at Saint-Cloud on 1 May. Not taken lightly

2. ROYAL SAXO - Caught the eye with a fast-finishing 2nd in a 1600m Class 3 conditions race at Saint-Cloud on 1 May. Finished ahead of TIGRR (1) and ANTHARIS (5) that day, so has a good winning chance

3. LE FREINAY - Capable but inconsistent colt. Has made no impression in either comeback outing/Quinte+ appearance this year (both on PSF) - the latest (10th) over 1600m at Chantilly on 5 March

4. BIG LOG - Has achieved his best references (both career wins) on the PSF and reverts to the turf after a run of 9 consecutive Quinte+ appearances (7 on PSF). Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 1600m on the all-weather at Chantilly on 2 May

5. ANTHARIS - Stayed on from the rear of the field to finish 5th on his reappearance at Saint-Cloud on 1 May over 1600m. Improvement expected

6. VICTORY SALUTE - Sparingly raced four-year-old gelding who revealed considerable early promise (won 3 of his first 4 starts). Finished 3rd on his reappearance but has failed to establish himself in 2 outings at handicap (Quinte+) level, the latest (15th) over 1200m at Chantilly on 7 May

7. DOM BERTRAND - Won 3 times and finished 2nd in another 3 appearances during a promising 7-start campaign as a three-year-old (in 2022). Sidelined for all of 2023 and blotted his copybook when 12th on his reappearance over this track and trip on 25 April - best watched for now

8. SHANNKIYR - Consistent, hard-knocking veteran who didn't go unnoticed when 6th on his reappearance in the reference race over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on 1 May. Would've tightened up since

9. ZVAROSHKA - Has made no impression in either comeback outing/Quinte+ appearance this year, the latest (15th) over 1400m at Saint-Cloud on 20 May. Improvement needed

Summary: ROYAL SAXO (2) is a model of consistency who confirmed his form and well-being with a fast-finishing 2nd over a mile at Saint-Cloud last time out. He had several re-opposing rivals finish behind him that day so a repeat of that performance should result in a winning ParisLongchamp debut. ANTHARIS (5), who was 5th in that race on his reappearance, and top-weight TIGRR (1), whose hat-trick bid yielded a 3rd in the benchmark race, are likely to give cheek. BIG LOG (4) and VICTORY SALUTE (6) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

ROYAL SAXO (2) - ANTHARIS (5) - TIGRR (1) - BIG LOG (4)