C1 - PRIX REGIS BERTIN (PRIX DE LA VENDEE) - 4200m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 66,000

- 1. IAMASTAR Nice 4th recently at this track in a Class 4 chase over 3800m on December 12th. He won at Nimes in mid-November over hurdles. Player
- 2. GRAND DE THAIX Two 3rd placed efforts of late, the latter over 3800m at this track on December 12th in a Class 4 chase. One to keep safe
- 3. VEZZANA Unplaced recently on December 9th, he won before that on December 2nd over 3800m in a handicap chase. Capable of making an impact
- **4. AFFORTUNATO -** Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 4200m in a handicap hurdle on October 28th at Fontainebleau. Ought to be thereabouts
- 5. JANGO D'AIRY 4th last time, he won before that over 4200m at this track in a claiming chase on December 6th. More required to win
- 6. INSTAR DE REVE Five unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 3800m in a Listed hurdle at Compiegne on May 13th. In the mix
- **7. GOLDEN PARK -** Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3800m in a Class 1 chase at this track on December 6th. She won a Listed chase over 4200m at this track in December 2023. Others make more appeal
- 8. JOLYMIN Two unplaced runs recently, won before that over 4200m at Nancy on October 27th in a Class 4 chase. Needs to be more reliable
- 9. YOU FOR ME -
- **10. SPES ENERGICALL** 4th over 4200m in a handicap chase at this track on her latest start on December 9th. She can return to her best form and play a lead role on a track she likes

Summary: SPES ENERGICALL (10) is a previous course and distance winner last year and ran well at this track when fourth on December 9th. She can edge this over AFFORTUNATO (4) who is also a course and distance winner and should appreciate the return to fences after racing over hurdles and fences of late. GRAND DE THAIX (2) is one to include in all of the place bet permutations. IAMASTAR (1) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

SPES ENERGICALL (10) - AFFORTUNATO (4) - GRAND DE THAIX (2) - IAMASTAR (1)

C2 - PRIX DE GLASGOW - 3700m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Claiming - Steeple Chase - EUR € 20,000

- 1. SAIL ON Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3800m in a Class 1 chase on December 16th at this track. Can be involved in a drop in class
- 2. TORONADO BELLO Unplaced over hurdles 6 days ago at this track, 2nd before that in a claiming hurdle on December 6th over 3400m at this venue. Chase debut
- **3. MESSY** 6th last time over 3700m at this track in a Class 3 chase on December 24th. He needs to jump better as he is prone to errors but is capable of doing so
- 4. LUCKY D'AINAY Fair 4th at this track over 3400m in a claiming hurdle on December 6th. He makes his chase debut and drops in class
- 5. TWICKENHAM PARK Unplaced five times since a win over 3400m in a Class 4 chase at Nimes on October 6th. Needs to get back to form
- 6. ORATORIO DE L AUBE Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3700m in a claiming chase at this track on December 4th. One to consider
- 7. RUE SURCOUF Three unplaced runs recently, 4th before that over 3800m in a Class 4 chase at Angouleme on October 20th.
- 8. LADY DU SAPHIR Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3700m in a claiming chase at this track on December 4th. Can be on the premises
- **9. MELODY NELSON -** Three unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that on her debut over 3000m in a hurdle race at Fontainebleau on March 12th. On her second try over fences, she failed to complete the course last time on December 4th

Summary: SAIL ON (1) is more than capable of taking this claiming chase. He was fourth in a Class 1 chase on his penultimate start at this track just over two weeks ago and is preferred to MESSY (3) who has ability but is prone to jumping errors. If he puts in a better round of jumping he can be competitive. TORONADO BELLO (2) is worth considering on his chase debut and can make the frame. LUCKY D'AINAY (4) is also on his chase debut and looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

SAIL ON (1) - MESSY (3) - TORONADO BELLO (2) - LUCKY D'AINAY (4)

C3 - PRIX DE LA PICARDIE - 4000m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 110,000

- 1. LOU FAST 3rd last time, won before that over 3600m at Auteuil on November 30th in a handicap hurdle. Can be competitive despite top weight
- 2. GURZUF Fair 4th recently at this track on December 9th over 4000m in a handicap hurdle. Capable of being competitive
- 3. BROOKS Credible 3rd over 3500m at this track last time on December 16th in a handicap hurdle. He can make the top three
- **4. STERNKRANZ -** Won last time over 3800m in a Class 3 race over fences at this track on December 4th. He seems to like this racecourse and is capable of making the frame
- 5. ANGE PITOU Nice 2nd over 4000m in a Class 1 hurdle at this track on December 16th on his latest run. A course winner over hurdles and fences, he can not be overlooked
- 6. HALITE Unplaced recently, 4th before that over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 4th. Needs a few to falter
- 7. KANGO Two good runs at this track this month, a win in a Class 2 race two starts ago, and a 2nd placed effort on December 16th in a handicap hurdle on the last outing. Player
- **8. LE LION D'ANJOU -** He has acquitted himself well recently, 4th over 3500m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 16th on his most recent start. Others make more appeal
- 9. KHAL TYRON 5th on his latest start over 3500m at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 16th. He has place claims
- 10. TONERRE DU TEMPS Credible 2nd at this track over 4000m in a handicap hurdle on December 9th on her latest start. Has place claims at nice odds
- 11. FIRST DREAM Nice win over 4000m in a handicap hurdle on December 9th when last racing. Penalised for that success but warrants respect
- 12. KRISTAL DU SEUIL Unplaced last time on December 16th over hurdles, she won before that over 3800m in a Class 2 chase at this track on December 6th. One to consider
- 13. IGLOO IGLOO He has won his last two starts, the latter over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 9th. More needed in a better race
- 14. JOUVANCELLE Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 4400m at Auteuil in a Class 3 chase on October 2nd. Needs to bounce back to form
- **15. FOR FRIENDSHIP -** Several unplaced runs of late, the latter over 3500m at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 16th. Hardly inspiring
- **16. GENTLEMAN VALLEY -** Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3550m in a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau on November 20th. Pass over

Summary: ANGE PITOU (5) has been second on his last two starts, the latter of those at this track in mid-December in a Class 1 hurdle. He is a course winner over hurdles and fences and he will be expected to give a good account of himself. LOU FAST (1) could be the main danger despite having to concede weight to his rivals. GURZUF (2) was a nose behind LOU FAST (1) when they were third and fourth over track and trip on December 9th and is one to keep safe. KANGO (7) also warrants respect.

SELECTIONS

ANGE PITOU (5) - LOU FAST (1) - GURZUF (2) - KANGO (7)

C4 - PRIX GOODEA - 3300m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 35,000

- 1. SAN REMO Won 6 days ago over 3400m at this track in a claiming hurdle on his third try over jumps. He can keep improving and be involved
- 2. ANATOLE Fair 4th at this track over 3400m on December 24th behind San Remo when last racing.
- 3. IT'S A GOOD DAY 3rd over 3400m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 6th when last racing. Needs a few to misfire
- 4. LAUTREC BLAGNY Good 3rd over 3300m in a Class 4 hurdle at this track on December 9th. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 5. OCEANO NOX Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3300m at this track on December 2nd over hurdles. Others make more appeal
- 6. LOULOU BERE Nice 3rd over 3300m at this track on the latest outing in a Class 3 hurdle on December 12th. Player
- 7. AMAZING CONTROL Ran well when 4th over 3550m at Fontainebleau on October 28th in a Class 3 hurdle. Can make the top three
- **8. LE ROI LOTH -** Two unplaced runs so far, the latter over 3300m at this track on his hurdles debut on December 2nd. Needs vast progress to make the frame
- 9. FUNAQOOS Failed to finish on the one run over 3500m in a Class 3 hurdle at Moulins on December 14th. Can be avoided
- **10. SUNBURN FORLONGE -** Four unplaced runs so far, the latest over 3400m at this track in a claiming hurdle on December 24th. Hard to be enthusiastic about
- 11. NOUS Failed to finish when last seen over hurdles, 6th before that at this track over 3400m in a Class 4 hurdle on December 4th. Place chance
- 12. ELTON Unplaced on the last run, 3rd before that over 2400m on the PSF in a handicap on November 18th. Hurdles debut and warrants respect

Summary: LOULOU BERE (6) showed nice promise on the flat and was a decent third on his second try over hurdles at this track on December 12th. He is lightly raced and has a lot more to come. SAN REMO (1) won on his third start over hurdles 6 days ago at this track in a claiming event and could be the main danger. NOUS (11) is one to be with each way. He has shown ability over hurdles on his four runs over timber. LAUTREC BLAGNY (4) is also worth consideration.

SELECTIONS

LOULOU BERE (6) - SAN REMO (1) - NOUS (11) - LAUTREC BLAGNY (4)

C5 - PRIX DU PAYS DE LOIRE - 4000m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Hurdles - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MOHICAN Won on his penultimate start over 4000m at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 4th and can be forgiven a below-par effort recently two weeks ago. Live chance down in class
- 2. UNIVERSAL WIND Unplaced on the last four starts, 2nd before that over 3600m in a Class 4 chase at Fontainebleau on February 20th. Needs to be respected in a drop into a claimer
- 3. SOPRAN LEGER Nice run when 2nd at this track over 3400m in a claiming hurdle on December 9th on his last start. Can be competitive
- 4. LUCIANO MONTORIO 5th last time, won before that over 3550m in a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau on December 3rd. In the mix
- 5. KASBAH ROYALE Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that on her debut at Auteuil on September 19th over 3600m. Capable of making an impact
- 6. CATCHING STARS Three unplaced runs so far, the latter over 3400m at this track in a Class 3 hurdle on December 6th. Hard to fancy
- 7. MANDEGA Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3200m at Worcester(GBR) over hurdles on July 18th. Has place claims
- 8. NOUR AYA Three unplaced runs over hurdles of late, the latter over 3400m in a Class 3 race at this track on December 24th. Looks vulnerable
- 9. KING DES GENIEVRES Five unplaced runs this year, failed to finish at this track over 3400m in a Class 3 hurdle on December 24th on the most recent outing. Looks safely held
- 10. OKAPINA'S LIGHT Three unplaced runs this year, the latter over 3400m at this track on December 24th in a Class 3 hurdle. One to keep safe
- 11. PHIL THE FLUTER Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3550m at Fontainebleau in a claiming hurdle on December 3rd. Unlikely to be a threat
- 12. PACIFIQUE WAVE Three below-par runs of late, 3rd before that over 3800m at Nimes in a Class 4 chase on November 11th. Opposable
- 13. MISTER SECRET Three unplaced runs since a win on his debut over 3600m in a Class 4 hurdle at Argentan on March 2nd. Needs to bounce back to form
- 14. BATTLE CONNEXION Three unplaced runs since a win over 3400m at Nimes in a claiming hurdle on November 17th. Look elsewhere

Summary: MOHICAN (1) won two starts ago at this track over 4000m in a stronger race than this and is best judged on that performance, rather than a tame effort 14 days ago. The drop in class is a positive. SOPRAN LEGER (3) arrives after a good effort in a claiming hurdle at this track when he was second on December 9th. LUCIANO MONTORIO (4) won at Fontainebleau two starts ago in a claiming hurdle and is hard to rule out. KASBAH ROYALE (5) has the ability and can be on the premises.

SELECTIONS

MOHICAN (1) - SOPRAN LEGER (3) - LUCIANO MONTORIO (4) - KASBAH ROYALE (5)

C6 - PRIX HENRI VERAN - 4000m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 42,000

- 1. FORZA Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 3600m at Auteuil on June 8th in a handicap hurdle. Others seem better equipped
- 2. NIBLA LOVE She has placed in her last three starts, the latest being 4th at this track on December 16th over 3500m in a handicap hurdle. One to consider
- 3. INSOLENTE DE THAIX 5th last time, 2nd before that over 3800m on November 25th at Angers in a handicap hurdle. Can be competitive
- 4. JANE CALAMITY Two unplaced runs this year, the most recent at this track on December 12th over 3400m in a Class 3 hurdle. Opposable
- 5. BEST BOWL Two recent 2nd placed efforts, the most recent over 4000m at this track on December 9th. Looks ready to get that first success
- 6. CLAY 5th on his last run over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 2nd. Can make the top four
- 7. JUNGLE SEA Decent 2nd at this track on December 12th over 4000m in a claiming hurdle on his latest start. Place chance
- 8. NILE PARIS Unplaced last time over 4000m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 12th. He has dropped in the ratings and is hard to fancy
- 9. JAMMING Three unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 4000m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 12th. Handicap debut and has work to do
- 10. APAULSTAR Several unplaced runs recently, the latter over 4000m at this track in a claiming hurdle on December 6th. Has work to do
- 11. LOUP ROYANS Failed to complete the course on the one run this year over 4000m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 12th. Unlikely to be a threat
- 12. ESCORT'JET 5th last time, 3rd before that over 4000m at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 2nd. One to side with each-way
- 13. KOMTESA Credible 3rd over 3500m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 16th when last racing. Ought to be in the shake-up
- **14. GRAZANO -** Three unplaced runs of late, the latest over 4000m at this track when 10th in a handicap hurdle on December 9th. Looks vulnerable
- 15. ZANHOWE Good 2nd at this track over 3500m in a handicap hurdle on December 16th on his latest start. Hard to ignore
- **16. BLACK TRACK -** He has several unplaced runs on the flat and over hurdles recently, the latest at this track over 4000m in a handicap hurdle on December 9th. Out of form at the moment

Summary: BEST BOWL (5) has been frustrating as he has been second on his last two starts, both have been over course and distance. He is still seeking his first success and has a good chance to get off the mark. INSOLENTE DE THAIX (3) could be the one that gives him the most to think about. She is also looking for her first taste of victory and has three second-placed runs out of her last four starts. ESCORT'JET (12) is one for the each-way players. ZANHOWE (15) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

BEST BOWL (5) - INSOLENTE DE THAIX (3) - ESCORT'JET (12) - ZANHOWE (15)

C7 - PRIX DE LA BOURGOGNE - 4000m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 62,000

- 1. VOLKOV JELOIS 5th on his last start in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 9th. He is versatile as he won over fences at Vittel in late July three runs back. Live chance
- 2. BE A NICE GIRL Two unplaced runs of late, won before that over 4400m at Auteuil on October 13th in a handicap chase. Needs a few to falter
- 3. JUST A GIGOLO 6th on his latest start over 4000m at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 9th. Merits consideration
- 4. CELEB Two unplaced efforts recently, 3rd before that at Auteuil over 3600m in a handicap hurdle on October 30th. Capable of making the frame
- 5. KADIJA A decent fourth in a handicap hurdle over 3500m at this track on December 16th and a win on December 9th before that. Ought to be thereabouts
- **6. MESSI BLUE -** He was going to win easily and clear when the race was void at this track last week and he won before that in a claiming hurdle over 4000m on December 12th. Loves this track and has a leading chance
- 7. IMPERIUM 5th last time, 2nd before that over 3800m at Nancy in a handicap hurdle on October 22nd. Place chance at nice odds
- 8. LILLOU 4th on the last start over 3400m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 9th. Others make more appeal
- 9. MON EMPEROR Two unplaced efforts of late, 3rd before that over 3600m at Clairefontaine on August 19th in a handicap hurdle. Needs a few to falter
- 10. ROYAL MOON Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 3550m in a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau on November 20th. Opposable
- 11. KIMBALA DE COTTE There have been three unplaced runs of late, the most recent over 3500m at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 2nd. Unlikely to trouble some of these
- 12. DINAN Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 3800m at Angers on November 25th in a handicap hurdle. One to overlook
- 13. A CHOEUR JOIE Four unplaced runs since a 4th at this track over 3800m in a Class 4 chase at this track on January 3rd. Pass over
- **14. ALGAJUST -** Won over 3500m in a handicap hurdle at this track when last seen on December 16th. Acts well at this track and can be competitive
- 15. ZINOA Fair 3rd last time over 4000m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 12th. Place angle
- 16. JEYWELL Has been out of form, unplaced last time over 3600m in a Class 2 chase at Fontainebleau on December 3rd. Hard to recommend

Summary: VOLKOV JELOIS (1) shaped well enough when he was fifth in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 9th. He is versatile as he won over fences at Vittel three starts ago in July. His main threat could come from ALGAJUST (14) who scored over 3500m in a handicap hurdle at this track in mid-December when last racing. MESSI BLUE (6) was a clear leader last week in a race that was made void at this track, he would have won that day and has to be kept safe. KADIJA (5) heads the rest.

SELECTIONS

VOLKOV JELOIS (1) - ALGAJUST (14) - MESSI BLUE (6) - KADIJA (5)