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C1 - PRIX MICHEL LINARES - 4200m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 37,000

1. NORMANDE - Two 3rd placed runs recently, the latter over 4000m in a Class 4 hurdle on December 4th. She won over fences in September at Strasbourg. Can be involved

2. HELLENA - 4th on her latest start over 4000m in a Class 4 hurdle at this track on December 24th. She has placed form over fences but others make more appeal

3. KAPTEEN - Unplaced on his last start, 2nd before that over 3600m in a claiming hurdle at Auteuil on November 6th. Consider

4. PRINCE CHOP - Won well over 3500m in a Class 4 hurdle at this track on December 4th when last seen. He is a course winner over fences and should be too good for his rivals

5. JOHNNYSAID - 5th on his latest start over 4000m in a Class 4 hurdle at this track, he won over hurdles at Nancy in October. Makes his chase debut and warrants respect

Summary: PRINCE CHOP (4) won by two lengths on his latest start at this track in early December on his return from a seven-month absence. He was a previous winner over fences at this track in a Class 1 race in December 2022 and should be too smart for his rivals. JOHNNYSAID (5) is trying fences for the first time and could be the one that gives the selection the most to do. NORMANDE (1) looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

PRINCE CHOP (4) - JOHNNYSAID (5) - NORMANDE (1) - KAPTEEN (3)

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**C2 - PRIX STODOUN - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Hurdles -
EUR € 40,000**

- 1. CARGO DE NUIT** - Placed on his last two runs, the latter over 3400m at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 24th. Ought to be thereabouts
- 2. ERABLE** - 5th on the last run, 4th before that over 3300m in a Class 3 hurdle on December 24th. Others rate higher
- 3. CITY OF GOLD** - Ran well when 2nd at this track over 3300m in a Class 3 hurdle on December 12th. Looks ready to win
- 4. PORZMAN** - Unplaced on his last run, 4th before that over 3400m at this track in a Class 4 hurdle on December 4th. Unlikely to be a threat
- 5. VITUS BERING** - Fair 2nd at this track over 3300m in a Class 4 hurdle on December 9th on his latest start. Can be on the premises
- 6. KENZO DU LUY** - 5th on his hurdling debut over 3400m at this track on December 4th and a win before that on the flat over 2600m in late October at Angouleme. Best watched for now
- 7. NOUS** - Unplaced last time at this track over 3300m in a Class 4 hurdle when he failed to finish on December 9th. Has shown ability and can make the frame

Summary: CITY OF GOLD (3) has run well on both of his starts at this track over hurdles. His latest effort was in mid-December over 3300m when he was second. He can edge this over VITUS BERING (5) who was also second on his latest start at this track over hurdles in December. CARGO DE NUIT (1) failed to finish on his latest run at this track but he has shown ability and is worth considering for a place. NOUS (7) is also worth mentioning.

SELECTIONS

CITY OF GOLD (3) - VITUS BERING (5) - CARGO DE NUIT (1) - NOUS (7)

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C3 - PRIX DES ILES D'OR - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Steeple Chase - EUR € 20,000

- 1. JAIPALETEMPS** - Won a claiming chase at this track over 3800m on December 16th on his last outing. Expected to follow up
- 2. BOB MORANE** - Two recent unplaced efforts, 3rd before that over 4000m in a handicap hurdle on December 2nd. Placed on his only try over fences before. In the mix
- 3. BONHEUR DU SUD** - He has several unplaced runs of late over hurdles and fences, the latter over 3800m in a handicap hurdle at Angers on November 25th. Out of form and best avoided
- 4. YOU FOR ME** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 4100m at Angers on November 24th in a claiming hurdle. Merits consideration
- 5. MAGNETO** - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 4000m in a Grade 1 hurdle at Pise (ITA) on February 11th. Needs to be more reliable
- 6. JOLIFOU DE GUYE** - Credible 3rd behind JAIPALETEMPS (1) over 3800m at this track on December 16th when last racing. Can be competitive
- 7. FOU DU BRESIL** - He has been placed on his last three outings, the latter when 4th over 3800m in a claiming chase at Nimes on November 17th. Others make more appeal
- 8. JOLY DE CIERGUES** - Seems to be out of form. She was well beaten in a claiming chase over 3800m at this track on December 16th on her latest start. Look for an alternative
- 9. GREAT PARADE** - Fair 5th at this track in a claiming chase on December 16th behind JAIPALETEMPS (1) on his latest run. Capable of being involved
- 10. PRINCE D'ORAGE** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 4000m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 6th. Place chance
- 11. AIMANT** - He has three unplaced runs since a 2nd over 3800m at Angouleme in a claiming chase on October 20th. Hard to recommend

Summary: JAIPALETEMPS (1) only won narrowly on his latest outing at this track in a claiming chase on December 16th and is expected to follow up on that success. Back in third that day was JOLIFOU DE GUYE (6) who has a few lengths to find but will be 2kg better off at the weights this time. GREAT PARADE (9) was fifth in the same race and is one for the each-way backers to look at. PRINCE D'ORAGE (10) heads the rest.

SELECTIONS

JAIPALETEMPS (1) - JOLIFOU DE GUYE (6) - GREAT PARADE (9) - PRINCE D'ORAGE (10)

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C4 - PRIX DE L'ARTOIS - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 37,000

- 1. KAWARETH** - Ran well to be 2nd over 3400m at this track in a Class 3 hurdle on her latest run on December 6th. She won before that on November 20th at this track over hurdles. Player
- 2. BLEKOLINA** - She has been 5th on her last three runs, the most recent over 4200m at this track on December 9th in a handicap hurdle. Capable of making the top three
- 3. FRAGMENTS OF TIME** - Decent 4th in a Class 1 hurdle at this track over 4000m on December 16th on her last start. Has plenty of experience and will be hard to beat
- 4. LILLA** - Credible 2nd over 3800m in a claiming chase at this track on December 16th on the most recent outing. This is a stronger race and others make more appeal
- 5. ZOYA** - Nice 4th over 3400m in a Class 3 hurdle at this track on December 12th on her latest outing. One to pay attention too
- 6. BELABRA** - Two recent 4th placed efforts, the latter over 3800m in a handicap over fences at this track on December 12th. She has still to get off the mark and others look better options
- 7. KARA DE MEE** - Two unplaced efforts of late, 3rd before that over 3500m in a Class 3 chase at Meslay-Du-Maine on November 17th. Might find a few of these too smart

Summary: FRAGMENTS OF TIME (3) has plenty of experience over hurdles and fences and was a pleasing fourth in a much better race than this on her latest run in mid-December. She will prove hard to beat. KAWARETH (1) looks promising over hurdles but does lack the experience of the main selection. She does however look like the main danger. ZOYA (5) has shown promise over hurdles and could be the each- way must. BLEKOLINA (2) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

FRAGMENTS OF TIME (3) - KAWARETH (1) - ZOYA (5) - BLEKOLINA (2)

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C5 - PRIX DE VILLENEUVE LOUBET - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Claiming - Hurdles - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MARIE KATARINA** - Consistent so far and was fourth in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 6 December. Drops to a claimer and should fight out the finish
- 2. MISSBASILE** - Showed vast improvement when third in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3300m on 12 December. Has a winning chance
- 3. LIGHT OF STAR** - Disappointing form of late and was 7th in a Conditions chase at this course over 3700m on 12 December. Can surprise back in a hurdle race
- 4. LA LOUISIANE** - Yet to win a race but has been consistent at this level and was third over this track and trip on 24 December. Can contest the finish
- 5. LADY CIERGUES** - Has not shown much in her three starts, including when 8th last time out in a Claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3550m on 10 December. Others are much preferred
- 6. LYS D'OR** - Has won at this level but was only 5th in a course and distance claiming hurdle on 24 December. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 7. ARISTOCRATIE** - Has struggled in both starts, including when 11th in a claiming hurdle over this track and trip on 24 December. Others make more appeal
- 8. MICCOSUKEE** - Only modest form shown so far and was 7th in a claiming hurdle over this course and distance on 24 December. More is needed to win this race
- 9. LISZTOMANIA** - Has lost her way of late and was unplaced last time out in a claiming hurdle over this track and trip on 24 December. Needs major improvement to win
- 10. SPRING WAY** - Yet to win a race but has improved of late and was fourth in a handicap hurdle over this course and distance on 24 December. Can contest the finish
- 11. KISSY** - Has won in this division and was fourth last time out in claiming hurdle over this track and trip on 9 December. Not out of it

Summary: SPRING WAY (10) has improved of late and ran well over this track and trip last month. She can get a deserved first win. MISSBASILE (2) showed good improvement last time out and can win with more to offer likely. LA LOUISIANE (4) is consistent and can get into the thick of things yet again. MARIE KATARINA (1) drops in division and also has a winning chance.

SELECTIONS

SPRING WAY (10) - MISSBASILE (2) - LA LOUISIANE (4) - MARIE KATARINA (1)

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C6 - PRIX DE L'AUVERGNE - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Steeple Chase - EUR € 20,000

- 1. KAMARAD DE SIVOLA** - Disappointing recent form and was 7th in a handicap hurdle over 3500m on 16 December. Has done better in claimers and has a place chance
- 2. KILOMETRE ZERO** - Did not show his best when 8th in a Conditions chase over this track and trip on 24 December. Consistent in this division and can score again
- 3. NIKA NOWER** - Has yet to show much and dislodged his rider in a chase claimer last time out over this course and distance on 9 December. Others are much preferred
- 4. KATHLEEN** - Holding her form and was runner-up last time out in a handicap hurdle at this track over 3500m on 24 December. Be right there at the finish
- 5. SLINKY MALINKI** - Did not show her best when 7th in a Conditions chase over this course and distance on 24 December. Did better before that and is not out of it
- 6. I WALK THE LINE** - Disappointing form this year and was 9th in a handicap hurdle at this track over 3500m on 16 December. Could play a minor role back over fences
- 7. LIVERPOOL PARK** - Yet to win a race and was 8th in a handicap hurdle at this track over 3500m on 16 December. Could surprise dropped in division
- 8. CYANE** - Only modest of late and was 5th in claiming hurdles at this track over 3400m on 9 December. Others are preferred
- 9. KA FEE INN** - Has not won for some time now and was 8th last time out in a handicap hurdle at this track over 3500m on 16 December. Better over the larger obstacles and has a winning chance

Summary: KILOMETRE ZERO (2) has already won twice at this course in claimers and can bounce back to score after a modest last effort. KA FEE INN (9) is better chasing so the last run is best ignored but she is on a long losing streak. KATHLEEN (4) is usually competitive and would not be a surprise winner. SLINKY MALINKI (5) is better than her last run would suggest and she has a winning chance in this line-up.

SELECTIONS

KILOMETRE ZERO (2) - KA FEE INN (9) - KATHLEEN (4) - SLINKY MALINKI (5)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA BRETAGNE - 3300m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 35,000

- 1. LA CLOCHARDE** - Very consistent and was third last time out in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 4 December. Big chance
- 2. LOUDAYA** - Not disgraced when fourth on her debut in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 4 December. Be right there at the finish
- 3. LOGUIVY DE LA MER** - Showed improvement in her second start when fourth in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 12 December. Has a winning chance
- 4. EXOCET FORLONGE** - Showed some improvement when third in a Conditions hurdle at Moulins over 3500m on 14 December. Has a place chance
- 5. BRISE D'ETEL** - Finished unplaced on debut in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3400m on 6 December. Capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 6. MISS RAFALE** - Has lost her way falling twice in a row, with the latest being over this course and distance on 16 December. Can surprise if finding her debut performance
- 7. CATELLE ROSE** - Has not shown much so far and was a faller last time out in claiming hurdle at this track over 3400m on 24 December. Others make more appeal
- 8. ROCK GINA** - Has struggled in both her starts and was unplaced last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Nancy over 3400m on 17 November. Others are much preferred
- 9. POCKET DREAM** - A three-year-old filly by Dream Ahead out of Bird Cage who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 10. LARWA** - A three-year-old filly by Order of St George out of Ou Rose who is making her debut. Watch the betting
- 11. HEAREN** - Has won twice on the flat and was runner-up last time out in a claimer at Lyon-La Soie over 2400m on 9 December. Be right there at the finish

Summary: LA CLOCHARDE (1) has been very consistent and appears to set the standard in this lucky last race. LOUDAYA (2) showed promise on debut and should be a serious threat with improvement likely. HEAREN (11) has won a couple of times on the flat and deserves the utmost respect on jumps debut. LOGUIVY DE LA MER (3) showed improvement last month and is another to consider.

SELECTIONS

LA CLOCHARDE (1) - LOUDAYA (2) - HEAREN (11) - LOGUIVY DE LA MER (3)