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C1 - PRIX ISABELLE TASIMOVICZ (PRIX DES PAQUERETTES) - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. VOILA POURQUOI - Veteran stayer who finished 3rd in this (claiming) category over 2900m at Argentan in June but unplaced in his 3 subsequent outings, all in handicaps - the latest (12th) over 2400m at Vichy. Others preferred

2. BARBATE - Course-and-distance winner on 30 June 2023 in first-time headgear (retained here). Unplaced in back-to-back 2800m Quinte+ handicaps recently (10th in both) off a higher mark, the latest at Vichy on 18 July. Should make the most of this drop in class

3. L'INDOMPTABLE - Veteran mare with a good course-and-distance record, and is proven/confirmed in this category. Finished 5th in back-to-back claimers on this course last month, the latest over 2200m on 31 July - candidate for success

4. GAIDAR - Sparked signs of improvement/return to form in 2 recent outings at this level - finished 5th at ParisLongchamp over 2100m in June and 6th at Le Touquet over 2700m on 1 July. Dropped another 1,5kg and should have a say

5. LAOS - Honest hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials at a higher level, including Quinte+ handicaps. Would've tightened up with the benefit of a comeback outing (8th) over 2000m at Vichy on 29 July - keep safe

6. LALOU - Consistent for the most part but not as effective, albeit in better/stronger races, off a higher mark. Unplaced in 2 comeback outings recently, the latest (12th) in a handicap over 2200m at Dieppe on 23 July. Should do better

Summary: BARBATE (2) revealed considerable means last year (course-and-distance winner last June) but has disappointed this term, failing to build on that promise. This, however, represents a significant drop in class and is an ideal opportunity to get his career back on track with a morale-boosting return to winning ways. Consistent veteran mare L'INDOMPTABLE (3) ticks lots of boxes, too, being a course-and-distance specialist with proven references/form credentials in this category. GAIDAR (4) and LAOS (5) are competitive for a podium berth.

SELECTIONS

BARBATE (2) - L'INDOMPTABLE (3) - GAIDAR (4) - LAOS (5)

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C2 - PRIX ROUEN TATTOO FESTIVAL (PRIX KENMARE) - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 28,000

1. BRIO - Revealed considerable means last year and confirmed that promise in both 1600m Saint-Cloud comeback runs in May and June. Blotted his copybook (12th) on handicap debut in a ParisLongchamp Quinte+ on 4 July

2. ROSHVAR - Highly thought of Siyouni colt, deemed worthy of contesting the Group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains (10th). Has since finished a creditable 5th in a 1400m Group III (9 June) and 2nd over 1300m at PairsLongchamp on 13 July

3. THOR LIGHTNING - Consistent, versatile performer with sound references/form credentials on both turf and PSF at this level and in handicaps. Showed his form and well-being with a good 2nd in a similar contest (1600m) at Vichy on 18 July

4. EVERGREEN - Progressive last-start winner over 1600m at Vichy on 24 July - has looked more effective in 2 recent comeback outings on good/firmer ground. Big player with Maxime Guyon in the irons

5. GALAXIE VEGA - Has already proven her competitiveness in this grade, finishing 2nd in 2 of 4 appearances including her latest at Compiegne over 1600m on 22 July. Not taken lightly

6. SCHIKERIA - Debut winner over 1600m and confirmed that promise with a good 2nd in her next start (both at Saint-Cloud). Fluffed lines when only 10th in a 1400m Listed race at Deauville on 7 July - shouldn't be hastily condemned

7. SERINES - Finished a well-beaten last of 9 over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers on 11 July and is best watched for now

Summary: ROSHVAR (2) hasn't quite fulfilled expectations, albeit in stronger/Group races, but remains undeniably capable of winning a race like this (Class 2). He will, however, have to thwart the likely challenge of improving last-start scorer EVERGREEN (4) who won with a bit in hand at Vichy. SCHIKERIA (6) blotted her copybook in a 1400m Listed race but shouldn't be underestimated. She will enjoy reverting to 1600m and is open to improvement in just her fourth outing. GALAXIE VEGA (5) is still a maiden but ought to make her presence felt in receipt of weight from those rivals.

SELECTIONS

ROSHVAR (2) - EVERGREEN (4) - SCHIKERIA (6) - GALAXIE VEGA (5)

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C3 - PRIX KWADRON (PRIX DES BUVEURS D'AIR) - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 25,000

- 1. KALEO JIM** - Last-start winner of a 2400m Group III at Vichy on 17 July. Finished on the podium in all 5 appearances under Laura Poggionovo, winning twice - sets the standard
- 2. JESUBA** - Authoritative last-start winner over 2700m at Les Sables on 20 July and, on the evidence of that success, ought to remain competitive for victory. Keep safe
- 3. JIMFA** - Consistent, lightly raced five-year-old mare with solid form references/credentials. Absent since finishing 5th at Saint-Cloud over 2500m on 19 April, so is best watched for now
- 4. JAKARTA DE FROM** - Lightly raced mare with proven form references/credentials at this level, including a last-start 4th in a Group III over 2400m at Vichy on 17 July. Will be a factor
- 5. JOAQUINA DICI** - Opened her account at the 12th attempt with a confidence-boosting first career win over 3100m at Granville in June and followed up next/last time over 2400m at Vitel on 14 July. More needed
- 6. KISS ME SONNE** - Consistent filly (8-start maiden) with references at a higher level, including a commendable 4th in the Group I Prix Jacques de Vienne in November last year. Didn't go unnoticed (5th) over 2700m at Les Sables on 20 July
- 7. KREEDENCE** - Lightly raced four-year-old filly with form/references at a lower level, including a last-start 2nd over 2900m at Royan last week (4 August). This is tougher

Summary: The condition of the track (going) could determine the outcome of this contest, in which several runners renew rivalry/are closely matched on recent form. Last-start winner KALEO JIM (1) is most effective on good/firm ground and, with the benefit of his rider's 1,5kg allowance, is good value to land the spoils and follow up. JAKARTA DE FROM (4), JESUBA (2), as well as bottom-weight KISS ME SONNE (6), aren't taken lightly on the strength and consistency of their form.

SELECTIONS

KALEO JIM (1) - JAKARTA DE FROM (4) - JESUBA (2) - KISS ME SONNE (6)

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C4 - PRIX SINGAPORE INK SHOW (PRIX DU TORQUESNE) - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Divided
Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MON SIOUX** - Runner-up in a course-and-distance handicap on 28 June, so shouldn't be hastily condemned for an excusable last start (7th) in a 1600m handicap at Compiègne on 12 July. Candidate for success
- 2. MINOTAUROS** - Won a 1600m Nantes handicap early last month but seemed to struggle under a 2,5kg penalty (current mark) when only 11th in a handicap on this course over 1600m on 31 July. For lovers of outsiders
- 3. INTRIGUATOR** - Finished 2nd on handicap debut over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in September 2023 but has failed to confirm/build on that encouragement - unplaced in 4 subsequent starts/handicaps, the latest (10th) over 1600m on 31 July
- 4. KOULIKOFF** - Inconsistent performer but has undeniable means and sound references/form credentials in handicaps at this level. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over in a 1950m handicap at Châteaubriant on 16 July
- 5. REBEL REBEL** - Caught the eye when finishing 4th on her handicap debut over this course and distance on 28 June. Failed to confirm/build on that performance last time, when only 13th in a 1950m handicap at Châteaubriant on 16 July
- 6. SEA URCHIN** - Unplaced in 3 comeback appearances last month after a 6-month absence. Finished a well-beaten 11th on this course over 1600m on 31 July but could spark improvement with first-time headgear fitted
- 7. ASLAN SENORA** - Enjoying a good spell of form and consistency, proving his competitiveness under a 2kg penalty with two good subsequent performances at this level - finished 4th over track and trip on 2 August. Candidate for success
- 8. ATLANTICA** - Won a handicap over this distance and Compiègne in June and has proven her competitiveness (despite a 2kg penalty) off her current mark, finishing 2nd in consecutive recent starts - latest over track and trip on 2 August
- 9. WHATEVER IT COSTS** - Sparked signs of improvement to finish 6th off a slightly higher mark in a 2100m ParisLongchamp handicap on 26 May. Not taken lightly
- 10. TRIPTAJIKA** - Returned to form with a reassuring 3rd in a course-and-distance handicap on 2 August. Will have a role to play
- 11. DIWAN SENORA** - Bounced back to form when finishing an improved/encouraging 3rd off his current mark in an 1800m handicap at Compiègne on 7 June. Dark horse
- 12. MEARAS STYLE** - Ultra-consistent handicapper with solid form credentials (has won, been 2nd and finished 3rd five times in her 7 starts this year). Maintained her form/consistency with a good 3rd over 1600m at Vichy on 7 August - respect
- 13. KHARKIV** - Long-time maiden (32 starts) who has struggled to make his mark in the handicaps, albeit off a higher mark. Improved last-start 4th was in a minor/weaker 1600m contest at Rochefort-sur-Loire on 4 August - more to do
- 14. TREIZE CHOPE** - Soundly beaten (unplaced) in her last 3 appearances, her latest (16th) on this course over 2400m on 31 July on her return from a 3-month absence. Others preferred

Summary: On his return to this course, which he particularly enjoys, MON SIOUX (1) represents an attractive betting proposition. He is better than his last start suggests and is good value to redeem himself - Mickael Barzalona is an encouraging jockey engagement. ASLAN SENORA (7), who showed last time (4th) that this distance holds no fears, and ATLANTICA (8), a model of consistency at this level, seem best equipped to fight for victory. TRIPTAJIKA (10) and MEARAS STYLE (12) have upset potential.

SELECTIONS

MON SIOUX (1) - ASLAN SENORA (7) - ATLANTICA (8) - TRIPTAJIKA (10)

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C5 - PRIX FORMYBIOTATTOO (PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME FLEURI) - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 28,000

1. NICASTRO - Penalised 5,5kg for winning back-to-back 2000m handicaps at Saint-Cloud (April) and Nancy (May) and didn't go unnoticed off this mark when 4th in a 2400m handicap at Dieppe on 23 July. Attractive outsider

2. PROBABLY ME - Ultra-consistent handicapper with solid form credentials, which include finishing 4th in consecutive handicaps at ParisLongchamp (May and June) and a last-start 2nd at that venue over 2000m on 13 July - winning chance

3. REVALITE - Has won 2 of 3 appearances this year, including her latest in a 2500m handicap at Saint-Malo on 15 July. Will be a factor once more, even under a resultant 2,5kg penalty

4. MIYALAA - Consistent filly expected to play a leading role on handicap debut, judging by her form references/credentials (albeit without a victory), which include finishing 2nd in 3 and 4th in 2 of 7 starts. Runner-up at Saint-Malo over 2500m on 24 July

5. QUEENFLEUR - Unplaced in all 5 appearances but seldom far off the mark, finishing 5th in 3 starts, including her latest on this course over 2200m on 11 July. Will tempt lovers of outsiders on her handicap debut

6. MAGIC DYA - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, including at this/handicap level (albeit without success). Acquitted himself well in both recent comeback outings - 4th over 2100m at Senonnes on 3 August

7. DSCHINGIS TOKEN - Made a winning handicap debut over 2500m at Argentan (5 June) and proved his competitiveness under a 3kg penalty (current mark) by finishing 2nd over 2300m at Senonnes on 6 July. Ought to remain competitive

8. LIKING - Honest hard-knocker whose best references have been achieved in claiming races (has won and finished 2nd in 3 of his last 4 starts at that level). Only 8th in a 2400m handicap at Dieppe on 23 July but not underestimated

9. HEAREN - Has improved with each handicap appearance and confirmed as much with a last-start success (career first) on this course in a 2200m handicap on 31 July. Ought to remain competitive under a 3,5kg penalty

10. HAUTEVILLE - Has failed to build on the promise of her 2400m Saint-Cloud debut (4th), finishing unplaced in 2 subsequent starts - the latest (11th) on this course over 2200m on 11 July. Best watched for now on her handicap debut

Summary: MIYALAA (4) is overdue a first career success and worth chancing here to make a winning handicap debut off an attractive opening mark. PROBABLY ME (2) has caught the eye recently, running on well at the finish over shorter distances, so this extended distance could be more to his liking. He could make life difficult for the selection, along with thriving REVALITE (3) who was a wide-margin winner at Saint-Malo last time out. HEAREN (9), who won a handicap on this course recently, and DSCHINGIS TOKEN (7) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MIYALAA (4) - PROBABLY ME (2) - REVALITE (3) - HEAREN (9)

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C6 - PRIX DEVILISH TATTOO (PRIX DES VILLAS) - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. TESTIPEDRO - Last-start winner (of 3400m handicap at Les Sablers 20 July) who has forged a potent partnership with Maxime Guyon. Should remain competitive for victory, despite a resultant 3,5kg penalty

2. LEXINGTON GOLD - Has won 3 of his last 4 starts - twice in Germany (both in May) - including his latest over 2700m in a handicap at Le Touquet on 1 July. More to do under a 2,5kg penalty

3. LOU MARINA - Overdue a first career success - has finished 2nd twice, 4th twice, and 3rd three times in 8 starts - and wouldn't be winning out of turn. Runner-up in a 3400m handicap at Les Sables on 20 July

4. CARTER AND GO - Lacks references (moderate performer) in turf handicaps - more effective on PSF - and is unlikely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his last-start 9th in a 2300m handicap at Dax on 26 July

5. RED JOY - Reverted to the flat after a 9-month absence and showed enough in her 2 encouraging comeback outings last month (finished 5th in both starts on this course, the latest over 2400m on 31 July) to fight for victory. Follow

6. KEEP CALM DARIYAN - Made his last appearance on the flat at Le Mans in May 2023 (has alternated between steeplechase and hurdles since). Runs here for conditioning purposes - absent since a 3500m steeplechase at Auteuil on 27 April

7. SAINT LANGIS - Capable sort with references under these conditions (in handicaps at this level/off this mark) but is out of sorts so best watched for now - finished 11th in back-to-back recent handicaps, the latest at Vichy on 18 July

8. IMAGINE D'ALENE - Consistent 16-start maiden mare with sufficient means to play a leading role, if judged on her form/references (albeit without success) which include a creditable last-start 5th on handicap debut over 3400m at Les Sables on 20 July

9. MOKO - Inconsistent veteran mare with proven staying power (stamina) and references in handicaps of this nature. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over in a 3000m handicap at Dieppe on 29 July

10. JEWEL DE CERISY - Hard-knocking veteran with sound references in handicaps off a higher mark, though has finished unplaced in his last 3 appearances in this category - the latest (10th) on this course over 2900m on 11 July. Outside chance

11. REBEL D'ANS - Won a Marseille-Borély handicap in February but has made no impression/soundly beaten in his 4 subsequent starts, the latest (10th) in a 2500m PSF handicap at Deauville on 8 August. Others preferred

12. MONJARAZ - Lines up in good form and physical condition after finishing 2nd in consecutive recent handicaps, the latest on this course over 2400m on 31 July. Not taken lightly

Summary: RED JOY (5) made two encouraging comeback appearances on this course last month after a lengthy 9-month layoff and her stamina is assured, so it could pay to side with her at the expense of LOU MARINA (3) who should remain competitive but has found victory elusive. TESTIPEDRO (1) carries another penalty but he ought to make his presence felt in his hat-trick bid. IMAGINE D'ALENE (8) is competitive for the places, along with MONJARAZ (12).

SELECTIONS

RED JOY (5) - LOU MARINA (3) - TESTIPEDRO (1) - IMAGINE D'ALENE (8)

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**C7 - PRIX DEAUVILLE TATTOO FESTIVAL (PRIX DE LA COTE FLEURIE) - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Divided
Handicap - Flat - EUR € 55,000**

- 1. LA HARENGERE** - Won a maiden at Pin au Haras and a handicap at Nantes during May and confirmed her form/progress (2nd) on her Quinte+ debut in the reference race over 2400m at Vichy on 17 July. Keep safe
- 2. TUPPES** - Opened his account in a weak Wissembourg maiden and has been found wanting in both subsequent outings, the latest (7th) over 2200m at Hamburg on 7 July. For another day
- 3. NEWLOOK** - Lightly raced maiden with undeniable means/sound references - has finished 2nd once and 3rd in 3 of 4 starts, including his latest over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly. Makes his handicap debut with legitimate ambitions
- 4. QUASAR** - Joined Xavier Blanchet's stable after winning a claiming race at ParisLongchamp in June but has been unable to leave his mark in either outing/conditions race since - only 5th over 2000m at Vichy on 20 July
- 5. JANASHA** - Former inmate of Jean-Claude Rouget's stable. Opened her account in her first start for Henri-Alex Pantall and finished an encouraging 4th on handicap debut over 2200m at La Test on 22 July. Dark horse
- 6. RAYBIYA** - Rewarded for her consistency (3rd in 3 consecutive starts) with a last-start victory, the first of her career, at Vichy over 2000m on 15 July. Dark horse
- 7. SKY GOLD** -
- 8. DAY TRADER** - Has demonstrated commendable consistency in handicaps and proven his competitiveness at this level too, finishing 4th at ParisLongchamp in June and 5th in the reference race at Vichy over 17 July - not taken lightly
- 9. RAGNAR CITY** - Wide-margin last-start winner at Châteaubriant over 2650m on 16 July. Progressive colt whose chances cannot be underestimated
- 10. CHESS** - Made a winning handicap debut, beating subsequent winner VILLA DES ARTS (14), and confirmed his progress by finishing 3rd in the benchmark event/Quinté+ over 2400m at Vichy on 17 July. The one to beat
- 11. WIT PERD** - Caught the eye in the 2400m reference race/Quinté+ on 17 July at Vichy, finishing 4th behind LA HARENGERE (1) and CHESS (10). Dangerous to discount
- 12. JEAN PIC** - Improving last-start winner who opened his account over 3000m at Dieppe on 13 May. Has scope for further progress
- 13. DSCHINGIS RANGER** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th in the 2400m benchmark race at Vichy on 17 July in his first appearance in this/Quinté+ category. Place chance
- 14. VILLA DES ARTS** - Finished 2nd behind CHESS (10) over 2200m on 20 June before showing her form and well-being by winning at that venue over 2000m on 13 July. Remains competitive under a 2,5kg penalty
- 15. SILLABUB** - Never finished worse than 3rd in 5 handicap appearances, demonstrating commendable consistency - albeit in weaker races/at a lower level. Won her last start over 2300m at Senonnes on 6 July and carries a 2,5kg penalty

Summary: CHESS (10) made a winning handicap at ParisLongchamp in June, beating VILLA DES ARTS (14) who has subsequently franked the form by winning since. The former, who proved his competitiveness at this level by finishing 3rd in a Vichy Quinté+ next/last time, is open to further improvement and it should pay to follow his progress. NEWLOOK (3), although still a maiden, has shown enough to acquit himself competitively on handicap debut. LA HARENGERE (1), whose good form and condition should stand him in good stead, and RAGNAR CITY (9), who was impressive when winning at Châteaubriant recently, arent underestimated either in their first appearances in this category.

SELECTIONS

CHESS (10) - VILLA DES ARTS (14) - NEWLOOK (3) - LA HARENGERE (1)

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C8 - PRIX DYNAMIC COLORS (PRIX DE RICARVILLE) - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. **ZELINA** - Has finished on the podium in each of her four starts over 1800m and showed her form/well-being recently by finishing 2nd in a 2200m handicap at Dieppe on 23 July
2. **EDEN** - Didnt go unnoticed when finishing 7th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 28 July. Has a place chance
3. **GRECIAN STAR** - Consistent, versatile and in good form/physical condition after finishing 2nd in back-to-back recent handicaps, the latest over 1900m on PSF at Deauville on 4 August
4. **ARCUBIATU** - Soundly beaten (unplaced) in consecutive recent handicap appearances, the latest (14th) on this course over 1600m on 31 July - best watched for now
5. **TWILIGHT** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references, including a respectable last-start 6th in an 1800m handicap at this venue on 28 June. Shouldnt be underestimated with blinkers on for the first time
6. **BALAKOVNA** - Has won and finished 3rd in her 2 appearances on this course. Opened her account with a last-start success at this venue over 1600m on 31 July
7. **BLACK WALL** - A model of consistency in handicaps with sound references/form credentials on both surfaces, including a 5th at Vichy over 2000m on 19 July. Dark horse
8. **COGOLIN** - Last-start winner of a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 4 August. Has more to do now under a 2,5kg penalty and back on the turf
9. **GO LOVE** - Didnt go unnoticed when 6th in a 1400m PSF handicap at Deauville on 30 July. Will tempt lovers of outsiders
10. **HAPPY HUNTER** - Enigmatic performer who needs the race run to suit but remains undeniably capable of winning a handicap of this ilk, despite finishing a disappointing 9th on this course over 1600m on 31 July. Can make amends
11. **L'HIPPOCAMPE** - Inconsistent in 4 starts since winning a PSF handicap at Chantilly in April but has dropped to his last-winning mark, and he didn't go unnoticed either when finishing 6th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 30 July
12. **SIR WALTER** - A 13-start maiden unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of his last start (8th) in a 2000m Vichy handicap on 31 July
13. **AIGRETTE** - Soundly beaten (15th) in a 1400m handicap at Le Lion-d'Angers on 26 July. Hard to make a case for - overlook
14. **PIANTARELLA** - Didnt act on the PSF last time, finishing unplaced (11th) in her first handicap appearance on 4 August. Capable of better back on the turf
15. **PORTRERO** - Has demonstrated commendable consistency in handicaps and proven his competitiveness at this level too, finishing 4th in a 2000m handicap at Compiègne on 9 July. Not taken lightly

Summary: Enigmatic HAPPY HUNTER (10) possesses a potent turn of foot and it wouldn't come as a surprise were he to bounce back from a disappointing last start to fight for victory, especially if Maxime Guyon can get a tune out of him. GRECIAN STAR (3), after finishing 2nd in consecutive recent outings, wouldn't be winning out of turn and is likely to mount another serious challenge. PIANTARELLA (14), who didnt act on the PSF last time, deserves another chance. TWILIGHT (5) and L'HIPPOCAMPE (11) should also compete for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

HAPPY HUNTER (10) - GRECIAN STAR (3) - PIANTARELLA (14) - TWILIGHT (5)