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C1 - PRIX DE LONGUEIL-ANNEL - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. DELIRE - Returned from a 4-month absence to finish an encouraging 4th in a 1300m Saint-Cloud maiden on 27 September. Would've tightened up since and should have more to offer

2. SPRING HEART - Unplaced (9th) in a course-and-distance handicap on 17 September but finished on the podium in consecutive 1400m maidens before that, so shouldn't be hastily condemned

3. VEGA - Absent since finishing 4th in an 1800m maiden at Le Croise-Laroche on 20 April. Not taken lightly on her reappearance with the scope for further improvement

4. SHA TIN - Runner-up in a 1600m maiden at Lyon-Parilly on 11 September in her second start on French soil. Could have more to offer over this shorter distance

5. CHIVERE - Consistent filly overdue a maiden win, having finished 3rd in 3 starts and 2nd on 4 other occasions including consecutive recent outings - the latest over 1300m at Saint-Cloud on 27 September

6. AMABATI - Sommerabend debutante trained by Jean-Marie Beguigne and to be ridden by Malone Favriaux whose 2,5kg allowance will come in handy

Summary: CHIVERE (5) has been hard to win with and become costly to follow but she only narrowly missed out last time on victory last time, so she is given another chance to belatedly open her account. She will, however, have to be wary of DELIRE (1), who acquitted himself well on his reappearance and should improve to play a leading role. SHA TIN (4) and experienced SPRING HEART (2) have also revealed sufficient means to fight for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

CHIVERE (5) - DELIRE (1) - SHA TIN (4) - SPRING HEART (2)

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C2 - PRIX DES TAMBOURAINES - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

- 1. GAMESTARS** - Makes a belated reappearance after an eye-catching debut 2nd over 1800m at ParisLongchamp on 16 October. Open to improvement on his return as a gelding
- 2. GANT** - Runner-up on debut last year over 1200m but unplaced in 3 starts this term, the latest (5th) over 2000m at Varsovie in Poland on 17 August. Debuting on French soil for Henri-Alex Pantall
- 3. JUNE BERRY** - Placed (3rd) in a 1900m Listed race on her French/stable debut at La Teste in August and didn't go unnoticed when 4th in a 1600m turf maiden at Chantilly on 26 September. Keep safe
- 4. ARGENCES** - Well-beaten 6th of 14 on debut in a strung-out field on this course over 1600m on 17 September. Ought to have gained from that experience
- 5. TOPY'SIM** - Failed to build on the promise of her debut 4th at Dieppe when only 5th although not disgraced in a 1600m turf maiden at Chantilly on 26 September. Can do better
- 6. QUEEN OF NIGHT** - Returned from a year's absence when 12th in a 2000m Saint-Cloud maiden on 20 September. Would've tightened up with the benefit of that comeback run and remains open to improvement
- 7. SKY THE STARS** - Placed twice in 4 appearances in Poland but finished unplaced (6th) in both starts on French soil, the latest in a 2000m Saint-Cloud maiden on 9 September
- 8. LADYHILL** - Didn't go unnoticed when 6th on debut at Lyon-Parilly over 1350m last month but she made no impression when 10th of 11 in a 1600m maiden at Chantilly on 26 September. Needs to improve
- 9. REKHALE** - Cloth Of Stars gelding from the stable of Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti. Giovanni Sias takes a handy 3,5kg off
- 10. ENNAMORATA** - Machucambo debutante trained by Jean-Marie Beguigne and to be ridden by Marie Velon, who takes 1,5kg off the back

Summary: Absent since his eye-catching debut in a very strong field in October last year, GAMESTARS (1) is of particular interest on his much-anticipated reappearance. Listed-placed maiden JUNE BERRY (3) has the form and experience to challenge the selection, as does TOPY'SIM (5) who didn't finish a long way adrift of that rival last time. GANT (2) appeals most of the remainder in his first outing on French soil.

SELECTIONS

GAMESTARS (1) - JUNE BERRY (3) - TOPY'SIM (5) - GANT (2)

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**C3 - PRIX DU VERMANDOIS - 2800m (a2m) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat -
EUR € 28,000**

1. CATCH FIRE - Improving last-start winner of a minor 2400m maiden at Beaupréau on 24 August. Faces a sterner test of his mettle but has scope for further progress

2. KING ZARAK - Experienced colt with references/victories in the handicap and claiming categories. Needs to reaffirm after back-to-back unplaced efforts, the latest (8th) over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 13 September

3. TIC TAC - Debut winner of a 2400m Saint-Cloud claimer on 6 September. Up in class but is open to any amount of improvement

4. DEMPY - Capable performer who usually acquits himself well and seldom finishes far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2900m at Clairefontaine on 5 July - not taken lightly on his reappearance

5. YOOX - This well-bred colt (grandson of champion Solémia) is the top-rated runner in the lineup. Boasts solid form references, including a 1800m Listed 4th and last-start 3rd at Vichy over 1850m on 23 September

6. SIR SILJAN - Game-in-defeat 2nd on debut over 2400m at Vichy on 24 September and is open to improvement with that experience to count on

7. LA GUERCHE - Debut winner at Sablé-sur-Sarthe in April and maintains good form and consistency. Acquitted herself well (6th) on handicap debut in a 2000m Quinte+ event at ParisLongchamp on 12 September - respect

Summary: Well-bred YOOX (5) ventures into the unknown over this marathon distance for the first time but does so with legitimate ambitions. He gets the nod ahead of SIR SILJAN (6), after an encouraging debut on French soil, and improving last-start winner CATCH FIRE (1) who steps up in class but is open to further progress. LA GUERCHE (7) ran well enough in a recent Quinté+ to suggest that she is competitive for a podium berth in a race of this nature.

SELECTIONS

YOOX (5) - SIR SILJAN (6) - CATCH FIRE (1) - LA GUERCHE (7)

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C4 - PRIX DE JONQUIERES - 2800m (a2m) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

- 1. BRAVE EVAN** - Improved after a modest (10th) debut to finish 6th on this course over 2400m on 25 September. More needed
- 2. THE DUBLINER** - Soundly beaten in both appearances last year, once on either surface - the latest (8th) in an 1800m PSF maiden at Chantilly on 9 December. Others preferred
- 3. WINTERVOGEL** - The subject of betting support on debut and acquitted himself well in finishing 4th on this course over 2400m on 25 September. Would've gained from that experience
- 4. SIR GARSING** - Improved in 2 starts after a debut 7th, finishing 3rd at Marseille-Morely in June and 4th over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly on 17 September. Attractive outsider
- 5. HANSOTTOGRUBER** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th on debut over 2050m at Magdeburg on 13 July and is open to any amount of improvement on his reappearance. Dark horse
- 6. BAAL HOWARD** - Unreliable though has sparked improvement to finish 2nd in consecutive recent starts, the latest over 3000m at Saint-Cloud on 13 September. Shouldn't be underestimated
- 7. ESTONIA MOON** - Revealed early promise (finished 5th in 3 consecutive outings) but lost his way/form after a 6-month layoff. Unplaced in 4 subsequent starts, the latest (8th) over 2200m at Fontainebleau on 22 September
- 8. PUBLIC ENEMY** - He showed himself courageous in Saint-Cloud and this time will be associated with Mickaël Barzalona.
- 9. JANNAH PEARL** - Confirmed the promise of her debut 2nd over 2100m by finishing a game-in-defeat 3rd over 2000m at Chantilly on 11 May. Open to improvement on her reappearance over this extended trip
- 10. L'AMIE LARISSA** - Caught the eye on debut when staying on to finish 3rd over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly on 17 September. Will be wiser to the task
- 11. ANODYMUS** - Anodin gelding trained and owned by Jean-Christophe Bertin who has engaged Pierre Bazire to ride this newcomer. Best watched for now
- 12. BRADSHAW** - David Menuisier-trained Dubawi gelding out of champion stayer Molly Malone. Regally bred 3-year-old to be ridden by Christophe Soumillon - can make a winning start to his career
- 13. MOUDA** - François Monfort-trained daughter of Donjuan Triumphant to be ridden on debut by Antoine Subias. Not taken lightly

Summary: Well-bred Dubawi gelding, out of Group I Prix du Cadran winner Molly Malone, BRADSHAW (12) will be all the rage on his racecourse debut and, on pedigree alone, is worth chancing to get off to a winning start. JANNAH PEARL (9) has the form and experience to expose any chinks in that rival's armor. WINTERVOGEL (3) and L'AMIE LARISSA (10) made encouraging introductions and would've come on with that experience, so they shouldn't be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

BRADSHAW (12) - JANNAH PEARL (9) - WINTERVOGEL (3) - L'AMIE LARISSA (10)

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C5 - PRIX CHARLES LAFFITTE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Listed Race - Flat - EUR € 55,000

- 1. SELEMAH** - Progressive filly who wasn't winning out of turn when opening her account over 2000m at Deauville in August. Raised her game when finishing 2nd in a 2100m ParisLongchamp Listed race on 1 September
- 2. PARTIR** - Consistent filly with sound references on rain-affected ground. Showed her form and well-being with a good 4th on a 1900m Listed race at La Teste on 30 August
- 3. MAIA STAR** - Won 2 of 3 starts earlier this year but finished a well-beaten 7th over 2100m at Saint-Cloud last month (13 September) on her return from a 5-month absence. For another day
- 4. GALAXIE VEGA** - Belatedly opened her account with a wide-margin 1600m success on this course on 17 September. Unknown quantity over this distance
- 5. WINTER SNOWFALL** - Capitalised on a significant drop in class when bouncing back to winning ways over 2400m at Craon on 23 September. Has more to do back in this grade/company
- 6. SHIFFRIN** - Experienced at this level with references in Group races, including a Group III victory as a 2-year-old. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th in a 2100m Listed race ParisLongchamp on 1 September
- 7. ZORA** - Ultra-consistent performer with sound references and form credentials, including a last-start 3rd in a 2100m Listed race at Strasbourg on 15 September. Attractive outsider
- 8. HAPPY SAXON** - Won on her seasonal reappearance at Chantilly in May and finished 2nd in a 2000m ParisLongchamp Listed race in June. Didn't go unnoticed (6th) in a 2100m Listed race at that venue on 1 September
- 9. WITH STARS** - Consistent performer with sound references in conditions races but showed limitations at this level when unplaced (8th) in a 2100m Listed race ParisLongchamp on 1 September. Headgear removed
- 10. XIOMARA** - Consistent, distance-suited filly whose only career victory came on French soil - at Dieppe over 2200m on 21 August. Subsequently finished a good 3rd in a 2400m handicap at Doncaster on 12 September
- 11. ULURU** - Well-performed filly with solid form references/credentials at a higher level, including Group III 2nd at Deauville over 2000m on 28 July. Compiègne's track layout/profile should serve her interests
- 12. JULICA** - Talented filly with references at this level and in a higher grade, including a 3rd over 1600m (21 July) and last-start 5th over 1900m (on 30 August) in back-to-back Listed races at La Teste. Keep safe
- 13. MIWA** - Improved in first-time headgear to open her account over 1800m at Clairefontaine on 16 August. Open to further progress

Summary: Group III Prix de Psyché runner-up ULURU (11) sets the standard and is the horse to beat. However, SELEMAH (1) is on a steep upward trajectory and could pose a threat with further improvement expected of her. JULICA (12), disappointing at La Teste during the summer, retains sufficient means to make her presence felt in a race of this nature, so shouldn't be discounted. GALAXY VEGA (4) completes the shortlist although several others are capable of getting into the picture.

SELECTIONS

ULURU (11) - SELEMAH (1) - JULICA (12) - GALAXIE VEGA (4)

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C6 - PRIX ANNIE DONGUY - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. SIM CARD - Consistent hard-knocker rejuvenated by the fitting of blinkers - finished 3rd before back-to-back wins, the latest in a claimer over 1800m at Chantilly on 3 October. Looks capable of completing the hat-trick

2. REVENTADOR - Proven at this level and dangerous back over the distance of his latest success - at ParisLongchamp in this category on 13 June. Held his own (5th) in a 2500m ParisLongchamp handicap on 12 September

3. BLACK WALL - Last-start winner of an 1800m handicap at Salon-de-Provence on 9 September. Carries a 3,5kg penalty returning to the claiming category

4. RIYAK - Won an 1800m handicap, beating SIM CARD (1), at Clairefontaine in August and has run well in defeat at this level in both subsequent starts - the latest (3rd) over 1800m at Chantilly on 3 October. Respect

5. MORCOTE - Honest hard-knocking veteran who achieved his latest success in this category - at Vittel over 2100m. Unplaced (8th) in a 2150m PSF handicap at Lyon-La Soie on 4 October - capable of better at this level

6. YELLOW LION - Improved in first-time headgear to win a 2200m Class 2 conditions race at Vannes on 21 September. Attractive outsider with that equipment retained

7. SWISS MONEY - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 2nd off his current mark in a 2100m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 27 September. Candidate for success

8. VARENNA - Unplaced in all 3 starts this year, the latest (6th) in a 2100m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 27 September. Has won 3 times in the claiming category and the latest of those victories was off a higher mark - joker

9. GAME ON - Soundly beaten in his last 7 appearances, the latest (14th) in a 1900m claimer on PSF at Chantilly on 21 September

Summary: Thriving SIM CARD (1) is at the top of his game and seems capable of completing his hat-trick. He will, however, have to thwart the likely challenges of Nicolas Caullery's runners SWISS MONEY (7) and RIYAK (4), both of whom have shown their form and well-being recently. REVENTADOR (2), who caught the eye at ParisLongchamp last time out, isn't incapable of making his felt either.

SELECTIONS

SIM CARD (1) - SWISS MONEY (7) - RIYAK (4) - REVENTADOR (2)

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C7 - PRIX CARREFOUR DU FRANCPORT - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. LE KAKOU** - Lost his way/form after winning a course-and-distance handicap in March. Unplaced (8th) over track and trip on 25 September but has dropped below his last-winning mark
- 2. WEEKEND WARRIOR** - Soundly beaten in consecutive handicap appearances recently, the latest (13th) over this track and trip on 25 September. Best watched for now
- 3. NOUR AYA** - Took advantage of a drop in the weights/ratings to finish 2nd in a minor 1500m Class 4 conditions race at Vannes on 21 September with this headgear refitted. Must build on that improvement to have a say
- 4. SINSINSIN** - Consistent performer in his native Belgium but has struggled in France. Returns for another crack on French soil after a reassuring 2nd in a 1500m PSF handicap at Mons on 10 September - unlikely
- 5. SABLE DU PYLA** - Unplaced in 7 appearances, the latest (11th) in a 1600m handicap at ParisLongchamp on 9 September. Others preferred
- 6. ACHKI** - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper seldom far off the mark, despite growing long in the tooth. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th in the reference race over track and trip on 25 September
- 7. ABRASSO** - Course-and-distance winner of a similar contest in June and has maintained form/consistency under a penalty (this mark) in 4 subsequent starts - the latest (4th) in an 1100m claimer on 19 September
- 8. GRACEHILL** - Unreliable handicapper (21-start maiden) seldom far off the mark on a going day. Unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of her last-start 8th in an 1800m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 26 September
- 9. KAVAKNEY** - Rejuvenated veteran handicapper in good form and physical condition. Finished 2nd in 4 consecutive starts before winning a 1400m handicap at Le Mans last month and followed up with a good 2nd over track and trip (under a penalty/off this mark) in the benchmark event on 25 September
- 10. OCTOBER CHOPE** - Consistent handicapper with sound references/form credentials. Fluffed her lines in the benchmark event (9th) over course and distance on 25 September but shouldn't be hastily condemned - keep safe
- 11. REDRUNNER** - A long-time maiden (22 starts) with sound references and sufficient means to fight for victory, having finished 4th in the course-and-distance benchmark event on 25 September. Marie Velon's claim helps

Summary: KAVAKNEY (9) is a model of consistency and constitutes a solid base of support in this handicap. REDRUNNER (11), in this field of few starters, seems best equipped to challenge the selection for race honors. OCTOBER CHOPE (10), ABRASSO (7) and ACHKI (6) have the form and experience at this level to also play leading roles, so they shouldn't be taken lightly. LE KAKOU (1) is dangerous off current mark.

SELECTIONS

KAVAKNEY (9) - REDRUNNER (11) - OCTOBER CHOPE (10) - ABRASSO (7)

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**C8 - PRIX CARREFOUR DU FOND PERNANT - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat
- EUR € 20,000**

1. ROYALTIES - Soundly beaten in 3 consecutive recent appearances, the latest (8th) in an 1100m Le Croise-Laroche claimer on 19 September. Dropped to a competitive mark in the ratings - could well redeem himself

2. ATSANA - Soundly beaten in her 2 most recent appearances, the latest (15th) in a 1900m Deauville PSF handicap on 12 January. Best watched for now

3. CHALDERO - Unplaced in all 8 appearances, the latest (10th) in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 22 August. The return to turf and booking of Mickaël Barzalona catches the eye

4. HURRICANE LIGHT - Lost his way/form recently racing without blinkers (4 starts) after winning a track-and-trip handicap in May - unplaced (7th) in a 2000m Vichy handicap on 23 September. Headgear refitted and back on his last-winning mark

5. FASTER - In good form and physical condition, having finished 3rd in 3 consecutive recent appearances - twice in handicaps over this course and distance, the latest on 25 September. Candidate for success

6. GOLDEN BEACH - Inconsistent but undeniably capable hard-knocking handicapper. Blotted his copybook when 11th in a course-and-distance handicap on 25 September but shouldn't be hastily condemned - dark horse

7. TOPINAMBUR - Unreliable but capable handicapper who seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Finished 3rd in a 1600m Layon-Parilly handicap on 17 September but headgear worn that day is dispensed with

8. LES TROIS VALLEES - Consistent and versatile handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a good 3rd in an 1100m Chantilly handicap on 3 October. Equally effective over this trip - not taken lightly

9. ZENIGATA - Soundly beaten in consecutive recent handicap appearances, the latest (11th) in a handicap over this course and distance on 25 September. Eased in the ratings and is fitted with headgear now - beware

10. FECAMP - Inconsistent but undeniably capable hard-knocking handicapper. Took advantage of a rating drop to finish a reassuring 4th in a 1400m Le Mans handicap on 13 September

11. VALENT0 - Winner of back-to-back course-and-distance handicaps recently, the latest on 25 September. Ought to remain competitive under a 4kg penalty

12. SAKHARAH - Has lost his way/form after winning a 1400m Saint-Cloud handicap in April. Unplaced (10th) over track and trip in a handicap on 25 September but races now off his last-winning mark

Summary: FASTER (5) will find conditions to suit, with the rain-affected ground likely to serve her interests and her consistency will be rewarded sooner rather than later. ROYALTIES (1), after 2 much-needed comeback outings, and VALENT0 (11), whose good form and light weight are advantageous, seem best equipped to trouble the selection. LES TROIS VALLEES (8) has regained momentum recently and should acquit himself competitively too. CHALDERO (3) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

FASTER (5) - ROYALTIES (1) - VALENT0 (11) - LES TROIS VALLEES (8)

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C9 - PRIX CARREFOUR DU MONT DU TREMBLE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,000

- 1. IRBIS** - Dominant course-and-distance winner under Mickaël Barzalona on 25 September. Continues to raise his game so a 4kg penalty may not be enough to prevent him from winning again
- 2. J'AURAI DU** - Former Quinté+ winner who has dropped to a career-low mark. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th in a course-and-distance handicap on 25 September
- 3. SADALBARI** - A 13-start maiden with sound references and sufficient means to make his presence felt, after a good 4th in a 1500m PSF handicap at Deauville on 25 August. Alexis Pouchin retains confidence in him
- 4. NOBLE AMBER** - Honest hard-knocker and last-start winner of a course-and-distance handicap on 25 September. Remains competitive for victory under a 3kg penalty
- 5. THE TIME** - Has made no impression in back-to-back handicap appearances recently, the latest (11th) over course and distance on 25 September. Others preferred
- 6. MY FLINDERS** - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper seldom far off the mark, despite growing long in the tooth. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th in over 1800m in handicap at Le Croise-Laroche on 19 September
- 7. UN PLUS UNE** - Won a course-and-distance handicap in August and proved his competitiveness off this mark (under a penalty) in 2 subsequent starts - finished 5th on both occasions, the latest in a 1350m Angers handicap on 30 September
- 8. BLACK LIVES MATTER** - Unreliable but capable handicapper who seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Finished 4th in an 1800m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 26 September and could get a look in here on that form
- 9. HEATHERWOOD** - Landed a 1600m handicap at Clairefontaine in July and finished 5th under a penalty (current mark) in both subsequent outings over this course and distance, the latest on 25 September. Keep safe
- 10. SANKA CHOP** - Won a course-and-distance handicap in April but finished unplaced/soundly beaten in 5 consecutive appearances, the latest (11th) in a 1700m handicap at Marseille-Borley on 28 September. Overlooked
- 11. AUTUMN TWILIGHT** - Inconsistent but undeniably capable hard-knocking handicapper. Blotted his copybook when only 7th in a course-and-distance handicap on 25 September but shouldn't be hastily condemned
- 12. MAPLE GIRL** - Won a 1600m Vichy handicap in May but struggled (finished unplaced/soundly beaten) in consecutive starts, the latest (10th) in a mile handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 17 September. For another day

Summary: IRBIS (1) and NOBLE AMBER (4) return to the scene of recent course-and-distance victories and could find themselves in the fight for victory, despite resultant penalties. J'AURAI DU (2), though out of sorts, is dangerous off a career-low mark and shouldn't be underestimated. Game frontrunner HEATHERWOOD (9), course-and-distance winner UN PLUS UNE (7), and SADALBARI (3), even as a maiden, have shown enough to be competitive for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

IRBIS (1) - NOBLE AMBER (4) - J'AURAI DU (2) - HEATHERWOOD (9)