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C1 - PRIX DE BELLEVILLE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Newcomers Race - Flat - EUR € 50,000

1. BATAL YOUMZAIN - Andreas Schutz-trained Hello Youmzain colt out of a Group III winner over this distance. Makes plenty appeal on paper and with Cristian Demuro booked to ride

2. AZIMPOUR - Well-bred Dubawi colt closely related to Listed winner Azada, who scored on her two-year-old debut in Ireland. A likely type on paper and with Mickaël Barzalona engaged for trainer Francis-Henri Graffard

3. SAKHALINE - Van Beethoven newcomer from the stable of Ludovic Gadbin, who has engaged Alexis Pouchin to ride this gelding. Not taken lightly

4. NUBUCK - Godolphin-owned and André Fabre-trained Camelot newcomer. This well-bred colt will benefit from the weight allowance of Malone Favriaux

5. ZARAKCHIC - Jérôme Reynier-trained newcomer who, being a son of Zarak, should be effective on heavy ground. Respected on debut with Christophe Soumillon aboard

6. RAFALE DESIGN - Starspangledbanner colt trained by Yann Barberot. An interesting newcomer with Maxime Guyon in the irons

7. LE ROI LEON - Mikel Delzangles-trained newcomer. David Breux rides this Mr Owen gelding on debut - one to keep an eye on

Summary: AZIMPOUR (2) hails from a good Aga Khan dam line and is worth siding with in this newcomers' race. He gets the nod ahead of Godolphin's well-bred Camelot colt NUBUCK (4), whose pedigree suggests he'll have no issues coping with soft/heavy ground. BATAL YOUMZAIN (1) and ZARAKCHIC (5) are others with attractive pedigrees so shouldn't be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

AZIMPOUR (2) - NUBUCK (4) - BATAL YOUMZAIN (1) - ZARAKCHIC (5)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA CHAPELLE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Newcomers Race - Flat - EUR € 50,000

- 1. ASHIKIDAH** - Belardo filly whose dam's first three foals are winners. Likely favourite under Mickaël Barzalona for trainer Francis-Henri Graffard
- 2. POKER STAR** - Aurélien Lemaitre is a notable jockey booking aboard this Lucie Pontoir-trained Prince Gibraltar debutante
- 3. WEDDING MOOD** - Wootton Bassett filly with an attractive profile/pedigree. One of the more likely types with Alexis Pouchin engaged to ride this debutante for trainer Pascal Bary
- 4. FORNALI** - Christophe Soumillon is an eye-catching engagement aboard this Victoria Head-trained Zarak debutante. Not taken lightly
- 5. LADY ZAZA** - This Mathieu Brasme-trained Zarak filly is the full-sister to Group III winner National Service. Keep safe
- 6. FAITHFUL FRIEND** - Nicolas Clément-trained filly from the first crop of the exciting stallion Ghaiyyath. Respected with Stéphane Pasquier in the irons
- 7. MADIBA** - Persian King filly to be ridden on debut by Thomas Trullier for trainer Julien Phelippon. Probable outsider
- 8. MEDUSA MERGER** - Kendargent newcomer trained by Mauricio Delcher-Sanchez, who has booked Glen Meury to ride this filly
- 9. SAFIA** - Cristian Demuro rides this Sottsass filly on debut for trainer Fabrice Chappet. Heavy ground shouldn't be an issue given her pedigree
- 10. KADA LATROBE** - Florian Bellemere-trained filly by Irish Derby winner Latrobe. Benjamin Marie rides this debutante who is best watched for now

Summary: As a daughter of Belardo, whose progeny have proven to be effective on rain-softened ground, ASHIKIDAH (1) is the one to side with in this newcomers' event. Well-bred WEDDING MOOD (3) will have many supporters too, as will Fabrice Chappet's runner SAFIA (9), given her trainer's skills with young horses. FAITHFUL FRIEND (6) isn't taken lightly and could have a role to play, too.

SELECTIONS

ASHIKIDAH (1) - WEDDING MOOD (3) - SAFIA (9) - FAITHFUL FRIEND (6)

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C3 - PRIX DU CONSEIL DE PARIS - 2200m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Gr2 Race - Flat - EUR € 130,000

1. GOLIATH - He easily dominated Bluestocking (winner of the 2024 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe) in July at Ascot over 2400m on 27 July. Big chance in this line-up

2. ZARAKEM - Courageous in the "Arc", when 6th at ParisLongchamp over 2400m on 6 October. Unreliable but clearly not out of it

3. MARQUISAT - Second in this event last year, he was also runner-up last time out in a Group 2 at Chantilly over 2400m on 2 June. Can contest the finish again

4. HAMISH - Second in Group 1 in June, he has already run well on heavy ground but was only 5th last time out at Kempton Park on 7 September. Can make the frame

5. MONTY - Always gives of his best and was third in a Listed race last time out at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1900m on 1 October. More is needed to beat some of these rivals

6. MANIATIC - Has improved of late and was a winner last time out in a Listed race at Craon over 2400m on 31 August. Has ability but this is a tougher test

Summary: High-class performer GOLIATH (1) hasn't been seen since his scintillating King George success at Ascot in July but is capable of giving weight and a beating to these rivals on his reappearance. Sparingly raced MARQUISAT (3) seems best equipped to pose a threat although ZARAKEM (2), who was far from disgraced in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, also has the means to stake a claim. HAMISH (4) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

GOLIATH (1) - MARQUISAT (3) - ZARAKEM (2) - HAMISH (4)

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C4 - PRIX RIEUSSEC - 3100m (a2m) - TURF - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000

1. PAPER TROPHY - Won a Quinté+ on heavy ground earlier this year beating TURANIA (7) and MOONWALK STEP (8) and sparked improvement when finishing 5th off his current mark in a 3200m Quinté+ at Deauville on 20 August. Beware

2. QUEST FOR LOVE - Distinguished himself in the handicaps (2 wins, three times 2nd and once 3rd in 6 starts in this category) before finishing last of 7 in a 2800m Listed race at Saint-Cloud on 4 October. Respected back in a handicap

3. MYKISS - Won a 2400m Quinté+ on this track in the spring and finished 4th in another 2400m Quinté+ here last month. Blotted his copybook when a well-beaten 15th in the 26 September 3000m Quinté+ at Chantilly

4. SUPER ALEX - Versatile veteran with references over obstacles and sound credentials on the flat, including consecutive 2nd-place finishes in Quinté+ events - the latest over 3000m at Chantilly on 26 September. On the shortlist

5. UTAMARO - Honest hard-knocker whose competitiveness in the Quinté+ category is beyond doubt. Finished 3rd at this level over 2800m at Chantilly in June and 2nd on this course over 2400m on 1 September - keep safe

6. JAZZMEN - Inconsistent but undeniably capable handicapper with sound references in the Quinté+ category but out of sorts recently. Unplaced in his last 2 starts, the latest (13th) in a 2100m Strasbourg handicap on 6 October

7. TURANIA - Caught the eye on his reappearance in a 3000m Quinté+ at Chantilly on 26 September, finishing 5th on his return from a 5-month absence. Efficient on heavy ground and will strip fitter so cannot be underestimated

8. MOONWALK STEP - Out of sorts at present but thrives on deep/heavy ground so he could fare better under these conditions off a reduced mark - after finishing 8th in a 2500m Saint-Cloud handicap on 10 October. Best watched for now

9. MAHOMES - Maturing, unexposed gelding with undeniable means - won impressively over 2900m at Clairefontaine in August and finished 2nd on his handicap debut over 3000m at Saint-Cloud on 27 September. Will be a factor

10. ILUMINE PRECIEUSE - Soundly beaten in both Quinté+ appearances (once over hurdles, once on the flat) but returned to form with a last-start handicap success over 3000m at Chantilly on 26 September. More to do under a 3kg penalty

11. ANAGALLIS - Consistent filly and hard-knocking handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a decent last-start 7th in a 3000m Quinté+ at Chantilly on 26 September. Attractive outsider

12. KALEO CAESAR - Late-starter (as a 4-year-old in July 2023) with undeniable means - quickly making up for lost time, winning 4 times and finishing 2nd twice in 6 starts - and remains open to improvement, despite a 2kg penalty for his last-start victory over 3000m at Craon on 23 September. Dark horse

13. LUCIO VERO - Winner of 3 handicaps on French soil this year, resulting in a big jump in the weights/ratings. Significantly up in class for his Quinté+ debut after back-to-back recent successes, the latest over 2800m at Saint-Cloud on 4 October - for another day, perhaps

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14. KALEONA - Won a Saint-Malo handicap this summer and confirmed her competitiveness off this mark in 2 subsequent appearances. Faces a tougher task here than she did when finishing 4th over 3000m in a Chantilly handicap on 26 September

Summary: MAHOMES (9) is going from strength to strength and, with further improvement expected after an encouraging last-start 2nd, is good value for a forward showing on his Quinté+ debut, even against older rivals. SUPER ALEX (4), whose competitiveness at this level is beyond doubt, leads the opposition in the company of UTAMARO (5), who will appreciate the step up to this longer trip. Both TURANIA (7) and QUEST FOR LOVE (2) have shown enough (form and experience) to play leading roles, while PAPER TROPHY (1), a winner at this level earlier in the year, isn't discounted either.

SELECTIONS

MAHOMES (9) - SUPER ALEX (4) - UTAMARO (5) - TURANIA (7)

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C5 - PRIX CASIMIR DELAMARRE - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Listed Race - Flat - EUR € 52,000

- 1. AL ANOUD** - Did not show her best when 8th in a Listed race at Yarmouth over 2020m on 18 September. Capable of better and has a place chance
- 2. MISS CANTIK** - Has lost her way a bit of late and was 6th last time out in a Group 3 in Germany over 1700m on 29 September. Can bounce back to be a threat
- 3. ZARABANDA** - Broke a long losing run when picking up a handicap win at Hamilton over 1830m on 30 September. More is needed to beat these rivals
- 4. SECRETIVE** - Unreliable this year but was fourth last time out in a Group 3 at Chantilly over 1800m on 21 September. Has a winning chance
- 5. ROSE PRICK** - Usually not too far behind and was 5th last time out in a Listed race at Deauville over 1600m on 7 July. Can earn some minor money
- 6. NOIR** - Picked up a first victory when winning a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2000m on 15 September. Takes a leap in class and is best watched for now
- 7. TAREEFA** - A winner of two of her four starts and was not disgraced when runner-up at Ascot over 1600m on 4 October. Be right there at the finish
- 8. MOLTEN ROCK** - Won on debut last year but has yet to win this year and was fourth last time out in a Listed race at Yarmouth over 2025m on 18 September. Should contest the finish again
- 9. ZUNA** - Has not always shown her best but she was runner-up last time out in a Listed race at La Teste-de-Buch over 1900m on 30 August. Not out of it

Summary: TAREEFA (7) finished an eye-catching 2nd on her reappearance at Ascot earlier this month and travels to France with legitimate winning aspirations. MOLTEN ROCK (8), 4th in the Group III Prix Vanteaux on heavy ground at the beginning of the year, has the means to expose any chinks in the selection's armour and should fight for victory. SECRETIVE (4) is also undeniably capable of making her presence felt but isn't the most reliable. She is competitive for the places, as is ZUNA (9) after a reassuring last start.

SELECTIONS

TAREEFA (7) - MOLTEN ROCK (8) - SECRETIVE (4) - ZUNA (9)

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C6 - PRIX DE SAINT-CYR - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Listed Race - Flat - EUR € 55,000

1. LA ROCHETTE - Made a promising start to the year, winning consecutive races (including handicap debut) on heavy ground but has been found wanting at this level. Unplaced (13th) in a 1200m Listed race at Deauville back on 6 July

2. BEAU LINGE - Confirmed promise of Agen debut win (25 March) by maintaining form/consistency in 8 subsequent outings, albeit without adding to her tally. Runner-up in 4 consecutive starts, the latest a 1600m Toulouse handicap on 2 October - has more on her plate here

3. RUN AWAY - Promising, unexposed filly with undeniable ability. Finished an encouraging 4th in her first outing on French soil in a 1400m Listed race at Saint-Cloud on 4 October

4. TIFFANYLI - Consistent hard-knocker rewarded for her efforts with a deserved last-start success in a 1400m Quinte+ at Compiègne on 17 September. Not taken lightly

5. TEERAN - Revealed considerable promise earlier this year and acquitted herself well in defeat in back-to-back Listed races over 1600m, finishing 6th at Chantilly and 5th when last seen at Lyon-Parilly on 21 July. Dont discount

6. AYADA - Placed twice in as many appearances in Listed races in her native Germany, the latest (3rd) over 1600m at Dusseldorf on 18 August. Not taken lightly stepping onto French soil

7. LA MANDALA - Consistent, lightly raced filly with sound references in conditions races and handicaps, including a last-start 5th in a Class 1 conditions race over 1100m at Chantilly on 16 September. Remains open to improvement

8. KINDEST NATION - Progressive and consistent performer across the Channel. Took her game up a notch when a career-best 4th in a 1400m Listed race at Redcar on 5 October

9. ABSTRACT - Highly thought of as a youngster after a winning PSF debut at Deauville in December last year. Returned to winning ways at Lyon-Parilly over 1350m on 17 September and remains open to further improvement

10. MELON TWIST - Improved with each of 4 starts across the Channel, opening her account over 1200m at Yarmouth earlier this month (7 October). Has significantly more to do in this grade/company

11. SUNNY ANGEL - Consistent filly whose experience will serve her well. Boasts sound form references/credentials, including a last-start 3rd in a Class 2 conditions race on heavy ground over at Saint-Cloud over 1200m on 27 September

12. FAIR POINT - Ultra-consistent versatile filly with a legitimate winning chance given her solid form references/credentials, including a last-start 2nd in a 1600m Listed race on heavy ground at Newmarket on 27 September. Keep safe

13. CETERA - Runner-up in the Group II Prix de Sandringham at Chantilly on 2 June. Unplaced in both comeback outings at Group III level, the latest (8th) at Chantilly over 1800m on 21 September but ought to redeem herself here

Summary: CETERA (13) has disappointed recently, albeit at a higher level in Group III races, but deserves another chance and she ought to set the record straight in these calmer waters. Consistent FAIR POINT (12) will keep her honest and should play another leading role, while German visitor AYADA (6) shouldn't be underestimated either in her first start on French soil. RUN AWAY (3), far from disgraced against male opposition at Saint-Cloud last time, and TEERAN (5), a winner on very heavy ground earlier this year, appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

CETERA (13) - FAIR POINT (12) - AYADA (6) - RUN AWAY (3)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA CHAUSSEE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. THIENE - Much improved of late and was a winner last time out in a handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 13 August. Carries a 2,50kg penalty but is not out of it

2. MISS MAI TAI - In good form and was third last time out in a handicap at Craon over 1300m on 23 September. Capable of making the frame

3. MANAROLA - Disappointing form of late and was 7th last time out in a handicap at Marseille-Vivieux over 1500m on 9 October. More is needed to beat these rivals

4. BASSETT BELLE - Yet to win a race but was not disgraced when 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 1300m on 27 September. could be a threat on handicap debut.

5. SULTANE - Yet to win a race but was fourth last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 1400m on 25 September. Could play a minor role

6. NICE DREAM - Knocking hard at the door and was runner-up last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 1400m on 25 September. Can go one better this time

7. WAZIERS - Usually gives of her best and was 5th last time out in a handicap at Marseille-Vivieux over 1500m on 9 October. Better on the turf and can contest the finish

8. KENOSHA - Unreliable and was 11th last time out in a handicap at Clairefontaine-Deauville over 1600m on 5 July. Others are preferred

9. ROMANCE MARINE - Only modest of late and was 7th last time out in a handicap at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 10 October. Capable of better and is not out of it

Summary: NICE DREAM (6) deserves a reward for her consistency and, after finishing 2nd at Compiègne last time, is taken to go one better with the benefit of starting along the rail. She will, however, have to thwart the expected challenges of BASSETT BELLE (4), with her rider's weight allowance a useful advantage, and WAZIERS (7) who is a model of consistency in this category and efficient on rain-affected ground. ROMANCE MARINE (9) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

NICE DREAM (6) - BASSETT BELLE (4) - WAZIERS (7) - ROMANCE MARINE (9)

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C8 - PRIX DES HAUDRIETTES - 1950m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **ESKANDANI** - Caught the eye on debut at Pornichet in March when 2nd on PSF over 2400m but failed to confirm that promise in either subsequent outing, the latest (8th) over 2500m at Argentan on 11 April. Watch for now
2. **EL KALBITO** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials in Spain and in handicaps on French soil, including a last-start 4th over 2400m at Salon-de-Provence on 25 June. One to note on his reappearance
3. **INTELLITA** - Runner-up in both associations with Thomas Blanchouin, the most recent of those 2nd-place finishes in a 1950m Châteaubriant handicap on 16 August. Keep safe
4. **SALMA** - Experienced and versatile filly with sound references on both surfaces in handicaps and claiming races. Finished 4th in consecutive recent claimers, the latest over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly on 29 September
5. **SANTO** - Honest performer and hard-knocking handicapper whose efficiency/competitiveness on heavy ground isn't in question. Ran well in defeat when 4th in an 1800m Le Croise-Laroche handicap on 19 September
6. **ANIELSKA** - Consistent performer with solid form references/credentials although hard to win with (just 1 victory in 16 starts). Finished a good 4th in a handicap at a higher over 1800m at Chantilly on 1 October - should go close
7. **NICE PAULI** - Hard-knocking handicapper with sound references at this level - seldom far off the mark with headgear fitted. Respectable 6th in a 1600m Saint-Cloud handicap on 10 October but is drawn wide here in No 14
8. **SEABISCUIT DU RHEU** - Proved his form/well-being and competitiveness off this mark when 2nd in a 1950m Le Mans handicap on 28 September. Will make his presence felt with a repeat of that performance
9. **SPEEDY RECORD** - Experienced but most effective/competitive at a lower level (claimers and conditions races). Yet to make his mark in the handicaps and finished unplaced (8th) in a 2200m Cazaubon claimer on 30 September
10. **LUCY GALESTE** - Has found her way in the handicaps at this value (rating) with a 2nd, a 3rd and a 4th in 3 appearances off her current mark. Ran well in defeat (4th) in a 2400m Compiègne handicap on 25 September - keep safe
11. **STRANGELOVE** - Unplaced in all 5 starts, including 3 consecutive claims races - the latest (6th) at Le Croise=Laroche over 2500m on 7 October. Outside chance on handicap debut
12. **TWIN DREAM** - Made no impression (16th) in her only handicap appearance. Finished 3rd in back-to-back recent starts in minor Class 3 conditions races, the latest over 1700m at Saint-Brieuc on 6 October
13. **LOVELY MARIE** - Unplaced in all 3 handicap appearances but hasn't gone unnoticed in the last two off, both off a higher mark. Dropped another 1,5kg after finishing 6th over 2200m at Fontainebleau on 8 October - dark horse
14. **FALABELLA** - An 8-start maiden yet to find the frame (place), though didn't go unnoticed when 5th in a handicap over 2200m at Fontainebleau on 8 October. Attractive outsider
15. **SOBEST** - Handicap newcomer and 6-start maiden whose career-best 3rd was in a minor 2400m Class 3 conditions race at La Roche-Posay in May. Unplaced twice since, the latest (7th) at Vichy on 15 August - little chance

Summary: Hédi Ghabri is strongly represented in this handicap and the vote is given to his ANIELSKA (6) who has dropped to an attractive mark. However, LUCY GALESTE (10) will be better served over this shorter distance and possesses the means to fight for victory. SANTO (5), maiden INTELLITA (3) and NICE PAULI (7) have legitimate podium aspirations.

SELECTIONS

ANIELSKA (6) - LUCY GALESTE (10) - SANTO (5) - INTELLITA (3)

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C9 - PRIX DES ERABLES - 3100m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

1. ODIN NORMANDY - Has found his way in the handicaps recently off this mark, finishing 4th at Saint-Cloud over this distance last month and 3rd at Chantilly over 3000m on 26 September. Candidate for success

2. YORK TOWN - Rejuvenated by a drop in the weights/ratings, finishing on the podium in 2 recent starts off this mark - the latest (3rd) over 2800m in a Saint-Cloud handicap on 4 October. Will be a factor

3. BARBADIN - Honest hard-knocker with sound references in handicaps over marathon distances, including a respectable course-and-distance 5th on 9 September. Not taken lightly

4. SITJAR - Consistent, lightly raced gelding with scope to improve after finishing 3rd in each of his 4 appearances, the latest on this course over 2800m on his handicap debut on 6 June. Respected on his reappearance

5. SAINT LANGIS - Rediscovered form/momentum recently, confirming the improvement of his Clairefontaine 4th by finishing 3rd over 3000m at Vichy on 24 September. Dark horse

6. NIGHTDANCE MAN - Hard-knocking veteran with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd at Saint-Cloud in a 2800m handicap on 4 October. Keep safe

7. NO BARRIER - Has lost his way recently, despite dropping in the weights/ratings. Not likely to trouble the judge on the evidence of his last-start 6th on a 2500m claimer at Nancy on 29 September

8. MAC LA TAMBOUILLE - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 2nd off this mark when refitted with headgear in a 3000m handicap at Nancy on 29 September

9. KARMA DU GRENAT - Unplaced in all 4 appearances, the latest (7th) in a handicap over 2800m at Saint-Cloud on 4 October

Summary: ODIN NORMANDY (1) has quickly found his way in the handicaps and should soon reconnect with success - this looks an ideal opportunity for him to recapture the winning thread. SITJAR (4) hasn't been seen since June but remains open to improvement on his reappearance, so is another with legitimate claims. NIGHTDANCE MAN (6), YORK TOWN (2) and BARBADIN (3) are others with podium prospects.

SELECTIONS

ODIN NORMANDY (1) - SITJAR (4) - NIGHTDANCE MAN (6) - YORK TOWN (2)