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C1 - PRIX CHARLES DAGUILHON-PUJOL - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Newcomers Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 40,000

1. DACARIO - Two unplaced runs so far, the latter over 3400m in a maiden hurdle on December 7th at Angers. Unlikely to be a threat

2. MUSIQUE MAESTRO - Unplaced in the Prix Cambaceres hurdle Grade 1 last time, he won both runs before that, the latter over 3500m at Auteuil in a Class 2 hurdle on October 8th. Sets the standard

3. ROSA RUGOSA - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 3500m at Nantes in a claiming hurdle on November 14th. Has work to do

4. ASTORIUS - Fell last time over 3500m at Pau on December 17th, but she won before that on July 13th at Dieppe over 3400m in a Class 4 hurdle. Can be competitive

5. WALKIRIE DES LOUPS - Unraced by Walzertakt, the dam was placed over fences. Will improve for this debut run and is best watched in the betting market

6. CALEDONIENNE - Unplaced in a Grade 2 hurdle on November 16th recently, she scored before that at Fontainebleau on October 14th over 3550m in a Class 3 hurdle. One to keep safe

7. BELIZE - Three unplaced runs over hurdles, she won before that on the flat over 2500m in a Class 3 race on June 9th. Has ability and can make the frame

Summary: MUSIQUE MAESTRO (2) was fancied when not quite up to the class of Grade 1 when he finished seventh in the Prix Cambaceres hurdle in mid-November. But he won both of his other races over hurdles and can get back on track in calmer waters today. ASTORIUS (4) is probably the main threat. He blew out last time when failing to finish but won before that at Dieppe in July. CALEDONIENNE (6) won two starts ago at Fontainebleau in October and warrants respect. BELIZE (7) heads the rest.

SELECTIONS

MUSIQUE MAESTRO (2) - ASTORIUS (4) - CALEDONIENNE (6) - BELIZE (7)

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C2 - PRIX PIERRE ET MICHEL RIVIERE D'ARC - 4100m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Condition Race - Cross - EUR € 40,000

- 1. DOMINO DU RAYNAL AA** - He has won his last two races, both over 4100m at this track, the latest in a Class 3 cross-country on March 10th. He loves this track and should be involved again
- 2. CHUCK BERRY AA** - Won over 4650m in a Class 3 cross-country when last seen at Mont-De-Marsan on December 8th. Looks like the one to beat
- 3. LE FRANCE AA** - 5th last time, 2nd before that over 4200m in a cross-country on December 8th. Unlikely to trouble some of these
- 4. JAZZ DE CANDALE AA** - Credible 2nd over 4650m in a Class 3 cross-country on December 8th at Mont-De-Marsan. One to pay attention too
- 5. NIKOS DE CANDALE AA** - Fair 3rd over 4650m in a Class 3 cross-country at Mont-De-Marsan on December 8th when last racing. One to consider
- 6. KAPPA GREEN AA** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 4200m in a cross-country on November 10th at Mont-De-Marsan. Opposable
- 7. LOUIS MALPIC AA** - Unplaced 21 days ago when needing the run, 2nd before that in a cross-country at this track over 4700m on January 19th. Will strip fitter after that recent outing and can be a threat
- 8. GRIS MINOIS AA** - 5th last time, 3rd before that at Pau in a Class 3 cross-country on February 14th over 4100m. Place chance
- 9. GALYLEO DE PALMAS AA** - 4th over 4650m in a Class 3 cross-country chase on December 8th on his most recent outing at Mont-De-Marsan. Looks hard to recommend
- 10. GARRIGOL AA** - Two 5th placed runs this year, the latter over 3650m over hurdles at Mont-De-Marsan on December 8th. He tries a new code for the first time and is best watched

Summary: CHUCK BERRY AA (2) won by 4L when last seen at Mont-De-Marsan earlier this month and will be expected to follow up. LOUIS MALPIC AA (7) will strip fitter for a recent run 21 days ago when he needed the race and is best judged on his second-placed effort in January at this track in a cross-country race. DOMINO DU RAYNAL AA (1) has won twice at this racecourse recently and can be competitive on a track he thrives at. JAZZ DE CANDALE AA (4) looks best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

**CHUCK BERRY AA (2) - LOUIS MALPIC AA (7) - DOMINO DU RAYNAL AA (1) - JAZZ DE
CANDALE AA (4)**

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C3 - PRIX JEAN MICHEL HECHES (PRIX D'ARTIGUELOUVE) - 3300m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Claiming - Hurdles - EUR € 20,000

- 1. XCEPTION** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 3000m at Auteuil in a claiming hurdle on September 24th. Can make the top three
- 2. KAPRHINANTE** - 6th over 3400m at Angers in a maiden hurdle on December 7th when last seen. Drops in class and has place claims
- 3. LES FLOTS BLEUS** - 5th in a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3550m on December 10th when last seen. She won at Compiègne in late October in a claiming hurdle. Respect and can be on the premises
- 4. REVIVANCE** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 2350m on the flat in a Class 3 race on November 11th at Machecoul. Needs a few to falter
- 5. LIBERTY DU BREUIL** - Unraced by Silverware, the stable runners tend to need a run or two for experience. Watch the betting for clues
- 6. SUBLIME CHOPE** - Good effort when she was 2nd at Fontainebleau in a claiming hurdle over 3550m on December 10th. Competitive run expected
- 7. LIDOCAINE DE COTTE** - Unplaced last time, won before that over 3600m at Saint-Brieuc in a Class 4 hurdle on November 11th. Down in grade and is a player
- 8. LAYDIVA** - Unplaced on her hurdles debut at Angers over 3400m on December 7th. She has placed form on the flat and can not be discounted with improvement anticipated
- 9. LADY ANGE WIN** - Four unplaced runs so far, the latter when 7th at Fontainebleau over 3550m in a claiming hurdle on December 10th. Consider
- 10. PAROLE D'AMIS** - Three poor runs, failed to complete the course over 3450m at Mont-De-Marsan on December 8th in a Class 3 hurdle and looks of limited ability
- 11. BIENBATHY** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3400m at Nîmes in a claiming hurdle on November 17th. Others make more sense
- 12. LA KARITA SPIGAO** - Five unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 3550m in a claiming hurdle on December 10th at Fontainebleau. Look for an alternative
- 13. HOPEFULLY** - 3rd on the most recent outing over 3600m in a Class 4 hurdle debut at Agen on November 25th. Should improve and has placed form on the flat
- 14. CLARKIA** - Three unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 3450m in a Class 3 hurdle on November 10th. Hard to fancy

Summary: LIDOCAINE DE COTTE (7) got off the mark two starts ago at Saint-Brieuc in early November and is more than capable of winning this claiming event. SUBLIME CHOPE (6) will do all she can to beat the selection and arrives after a solid second-placed effort at Fontainebleau on December 10th. XCEPTION (1) is one to include in all of the place bet permutations. LES FLOTS BLEUS (3) won three starts ago at Compiègne in October and can be on the premises.

SELECTIONS

LIDOCAINE DE COTTE (7) - SUBLIME CHOPE (6) - XCEPTION (1) - LES FLOTS BLEUS (3)

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C4 - PRIX DE BAUDREIX - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Claiming - Hurdles - EUR € 20,000

- 1. TI'PUNCH DES ILES** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 4450m in a Class 4 chase at Mont-De-Marsan on November 16th. Capable of playing a lead role
- 2. KING OF LIFE** - Unplaced on the last two runs, won before that on his debut at Sable-Sur-Sarthe over 3700m in a Class 5 hurdle on May 26th. He drops in class and is one to watch in the betting for clues
- 3. MOLLY WEASLEY** - 6th last time in a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3550m on December 3rd. Warrants respect and can be involved
- 4. KING THOU LEZ** - Two unplaced runs of late, the latter over 3500m at Pau in a Class 2 hurdle on December 11th. Unlikely to be involved
- 5. KLOE DE LAPRELLE** - 6th over 3650m at Mont-De-Marsan in a Class 3 hurdle on December 8th on her last run. She won over this track in January in a claiming hurdle over 3300m. Needs to be more reliable
- 6. LE HEDAS** - Fair 3rd on the last run over 3800m at Angers in a claiming hurdle on December 7th. Holds outside place claims
- 7. SUMMER SMILE** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3550m in a Class 3 hurdle on November 20th at Fontainebleau. Live contender
- 8. JARDIN D'EOLE** - Unplaced twice recently, 2nd before that over 3400m in a handicap hurdle on September 22nd at Craon. In the mix
- 9. POLARKLY** - Two 3rd placed runs of late, the latter over 3500m at Moulins in a claiming hurdle on December 14th. Can make the frame
- 10. KALIUM BIC** - Two unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 3400m at Angers in a Class 4 hurdle on February 17th. Can be overlooked
- 11. KRACK DU BONHEUR** - Five unplaced runs, the latter over 3500m at Pau in a Class 4 hurdle on December 21st. He would be a shock winner
- 12. BUCK'STAR** - Four unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3800m at Angers in a Class 3 handicap hurdle on June 20th. Capable of making the frame
- 13. KINDLY** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 4100m at Blain in a Class 4 chase on August 31st. Opposable
- 14. KANDY DE THAIX** - Four unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 3500m in a Class 3 claiming hurdle at Moulins on December 14th when failing to finish. Pass over
- 15. KANSAS DU SEUIL** - Several unplaced runs recently, the latest over 3500m in a Class 3 claiming hurdle on December 14th at Moulins. Hard to fancy
- 16. MANDY** - 5th last time, 3rd before that over 3800m at Castera-Verduza in a claiming hurdle on October 14th. Hard to be enthusiastic about
- 17. MALINALAND** - Unplaced on the one run over 3600m at Argentan on March 2nd in a Class 4 hurdle. Needs vast improvement to make the frame

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Summary: TI'PUNCH DES ILES (1) could be the answer in this open claiming hurdle. He has been racing over fences of late and was a decent third in a Class 4 chase on his penultimate start in November. SUMMER SMILE (7) was not up to Class 2 last time but was a pleasing third before that in a Class 3 hurdle in late November at Fontainebleau and has a leading chance in this type of race. POLARKLY (9) is one to go with each way. JARDIN D'EOLE (8) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

TI'PUNCH DES ILES (1) - SUMMER SMILE (7) - POLARKLY (9) - JARDIN D'EOLE (8)

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C5 - PRIX DU MUSEE BERNADOTTE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. NORDESTE** - Three unplaced runs recently, 2nd before that over 1400m at Mont-De-Marsan in a Class 3 handicap on September 14th. Place chance
- 2. LUNATICOS** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 2000m at Toulouse on November 17th in a Class 3 handicap. Capable but might need to drop in the handicap a few kilos
- 3. SWISS BANK** - Fair 5th at this track over 2000m on November 13th in a Class 2 race on his latest run. Capable of being competitive
- 4. ZOFFWALTZ** - 6th on her last start, 2nd before that over 2000m at this track in a Class 2 race on November 13th. Ought to make her presence felt
- 5. BELLE ANSE** - She has eased in the handicap and her last run was at this track when 10th in a handicap over 1600m on December 5th. Capable if in the right frame of mind
- 6. MEXICAN DREAM** - 5th on her last start, 3rd before that over 2400m at Toulouse on November 11th in a Class 2 handicap. Among the leading each-way options
- 7. VA S'Y MIX** - 3rd last time over 2000m at Toulouse in a Class 3 handicap on November 17th. Hard to recommend
- 8. OXALIS** - Better run when 2nd on his last start over 1900m in a Class 3 handicap at Deauville on December 3rd. One to keep safe
- 9. DAZZLE AT DAWN** - 5th on the last two runs, the latter over 2400m at Lyon Parilly in a Class 3 handicap on November 8th. Pass over
- 10. TZARINSKA** - Two unplaced runs this year, the latter over 2000m at Pau in a Class 2 race on December 5th. Makes no appeal
- 11. BELINSKOV** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1900m at Chantilly in a Class 3 handicap on October 1st. Can play a lead role
- 12. GERMINAL** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 2000m at Mont-De-Marsan in a Class 4 race on November 10th. He looks unreliable
- 13. ATLANTIGO** - Two unplaced runs since a win over 1900m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat over 1900m in a Class 4 handicap on November 5th. He has talent but needs to be more consistent
- 14. PUERTO MADERO** - Four unplaced runs recently, well beaten over 1300m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 handicap on June 6th. Could improve for this after an absence
- 15. PAS RADINE** - Unplaced recently, 2nd before that over 1600m at Pau on November 13th in a Class 3 handicap. More needed to score
- 16. MASSA CHOP** - 4th on the one run this year over 1900m at Nimes on December 1st in a Class 4 race. Others look better equipped

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Summary: BELINSKOV (11) is the tentative selection in this open handicap. He fluffed his lines on his latest run but had three good-placed runs before that on the PSF at Chantilly and Deauville. OXALIS (8) made a pleasing effort when he was second at Deauville at the start of this month and could be the main threat to the selection. SWISS BANK (3) is a previous course and distance winner and ran well when he was fifth at this track on November 13th. ZOFFWALTZ (4) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

BELINSKOV (11) - OXALIS (8) - SWISS BANK (3) - ZOFFWALTZ (4)

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C6 - PRIX D'ASSAT - 3700m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Claiming - Steeple Chase - EUR € 20,000

- 1. KALIFA DE BALME** - Two 2nd placed runs of late, the latter over 3600m in a claiming chase at Fontainebleau on December 3rd. Place chance
- 2. STYLE DE WAY** - Credible 3rd at Mont-De-Marsan over 4200m in a claiming chase on December 8th when last seen. He won over hurdles in late October in a handicap at Toulouse and is capable of being involved
- 3. ULCY'S DREAM** - His best run was when he was 3rd at Fontainebleau on his latest outing on December 3rd over 3600m in a claiming chase. More is required to make the frame
- 4. DEMON VERT** - Fair 3rd over 3600m at Fontainebleau on November 20th in a Class 3 chase when last racing. Hard to overlook
- 5. SECERT DEFENSE** - 4th last time over 3500m in a Class 3 claiming hurdle at Moulins on December 14th. Others make more appeal
- 6. SHINCO DU FICHEAU** - Several unplaced runs so far, the latter over 3900m at Auteuil in a handicap hurdle on November 24th. Unlikely to be involved
- 7. ROSE MELIMELO** - Fair 5th over 3900m in a handicap chase at Pau on December 11th when last seen. She can get back in the winners circle
- 8. VALSE DU NORD** - Decent 2nd at Angers over 3800m in a claiming hurdle on December 7th on her latest outing. She has placed form over fences and is one to pay attention too
- 9. KALINKA DE KERSER** - Three unplaced runs so far, the latter over 4200m at Fougères in a Class 5 chase on May 8th. Hard to recommend
- 10. KEEP YOUR HEAD UP** - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that on the flat in late April over 2850m. Faces a stiff task on his chase debut
- 11. SAINT CRUSH** - Four unplaced efforts of late, he won before that in a Class 2 handicap chase on April 7th at Le Lion D'Angers. Down in class and has each-way claims
- 12. THE GOOD GIRL** - Two unplaced efforts of late, 4th before that over 3400m at Lyon Parilly on October 20th in a Class 3 chase at Lyon Parilly. Ought to be thereabouts
- 13. STATE OF MIND** - Four unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 3500m in a Class 3 chase at Toulouse on March 11th. Needs to get back on track
- 14. KIMBORAZA** - 4th over 3400m in a Class 4 chase at Pontchâteau on November 1st on her latest outing. Needs a few to misfire

Summary: ROSE MELIMELO (7) was a credible fifth in a stronger non-claiming chase last time and is the main selection here. VALSE DU NORD (8) was a decent second in a claiming hurdle at Angers earlier this month and could be the main danger. She has been placed over fences before. SAINT CRUSH (11) can play a leading role if emulating his win in a Class 2 chase in the Spring at Le Lion D'Angers. THE GOOD GIRL (12) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

ROSE MELIMELO (7) - VALSE DU NORD (8) - SAINT CRUSH (11) - THE GOOD GIRL (12)

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C7 - PRIX D'OLORON - 2400m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. UNIGENA** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 1600m at Toulouse on June 19th in a handicap. Others make more appeal
- 2. KIND OF STAR** - Unplaced recently, 4th before that over 2000m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a handicap on December 10th. Among the leading each-way chances
- 3. ZINGARELLE** - Three unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 2000m at Toulouse in a handicap on September 25th. Needs to get back on track
- 4. SHERKANE** - Unplaced last time, he won before that over 2100m at Tarbes in a maiden on October 12th. In the mix
- 5. PRETTY STORM** - Honest filly who won twice in the Autumn and was a good 3rd over 2400m at this track in a handicap on November 29th when last appearing. She is the one to beat
- 6. LA CUESTIONADA** - There have been three unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 2400m at Madrid (ESP) on August 1st. Can place at nice odds
- 7. EXACTAMUNDO** - Got her second success at this track over 2400m in a handicap on November 29th on her track debut. Penalised for that win but can not be ruled out
- 8. RAYO DE LUZ** - 6th on her latest run at Deauville over 2500m in a claimer on December 19th. Place claims
- 9. BASHEER** - 5th on his last start over 2400m at Toulouse in a claimer on November 17th. Hardly inspiring
- 10. EL KALBITO** - Several unplaced runs of late, the latest over 2400m at Pau in a handicap on November 29th. Can be avoided
- 11. SNATCHER** - Three unplaced runs of late, the most recent at Toulouse over 2000m in a handicap on December 1st. One to steer clear of
- 12. LA QUINTA** - Two unplaced efforts recently, 2nd before that over 2250m at Niort on June 9th in a Class 3 race. Looks vulnerable
- 13. MADAME LYDIA** - 4th on her last run over 1900m at Seville (ESP) on December 15th. Unlikely to trouble some of these
- 14. DENIZ** - 4th on her last run over 2650m in a maiden on September 8th at Auch. Tries a handicap and could be well treated
- 15. LOPPORTUNISTE** - Credible 6th at Deauville in a handicap last time over 2500m on December 14th and 4th before that at this track in late November. Player

Summary: PRETTY STORM (5) is an honest performer and has been running well all year. She shaped well on her last run when she was third over course and distance in late November and is sure to give a good account of herself. LOPPORTUNISTE (15) gets in at the foot of the weights and could be well handicapped. EXACTAMUNDO (7) likes this track and should not be overlooked. RAYO DE LUZ (8) is another that needs to be considered.

SELECTIONS

PRETTY STORM (5) - LOPPORTUNISTE (15) - EXACTAMUNDO (7) - RAYO DE LUZ (8)

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C8 - PRIX ALFONSO DE PORTAGO - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 37,000

1. ISSU DES PLANCHES - Unplaced last time, won before that over 4000m at Pau in a handicap chase on February 14th. Has work to do

2. INVITE DE MARQUE - Credible 5th over 4000m at this track in a Class 3 chase on December 15th. One to consider

3. JERIKO BOULOISE - He was a decent 4th at Auteuil over 4400m in a Class 2 chase on November 24th and placed before that in a cross-country on November 1st over 4800m. One to keep safe

4. I RISK - Unplaced last time, won before that over 4000m at Durtal on November 10th in a handicap chase. In the mix

5. HEDENN BIHOUE - 5th last time, 3rd before that over 3900m at Auteuil on October 19th in a handicap hurdle. Can make the top three

6. JOYVOL - He won on his penultimate run over 4300m in a Class 3 chase at Nantes on May 30th. Not seen since July when failing to finish. Others seem more likely

7. ITIEPY - 6th last time, 2nd before that over 4400m at Auteuil in a Class 2 chase on November 24th. Opposable

8. JADE DE LA ROQUE - 3rd on her last start over 3900m at Compiègne on November 11th in a Class 2 chase. Might find this difficult

9. INDIGO DES ISSARDS - Not seen since an unplaced run in April 2023, he won before that at Angers on March 25th, 2023 in a Class 3 chase over 3800m. He will be better for this run after a long absence

10. HARDI LES GARS - Unplaced in a Listed chase when last seen at Craon in a Listed chase on September 24th, 2023. Fitness is a slight worry but he is talented

11. IMAGOT - Unplaced on the one run over 3800m at Angers in a handicap hurdle this year on December 7th. Best watched for now

12. ICONE JOLIE - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3600m in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil on November 17th and a win before that at Royan in October. Live contender

Summary: ICONE JOLIE (12) fluffed her lines in a Grade 3 hurdle when last seen at Auteuil on December 8th. She is best judged on her third on her penultimate start when she was third at Auteuil in a Listed hurdle on November 17th. Her main danger could be JERIKO BOULOISE (3) who has been competing over fences with credit on his last two runs. HEDENN BIHOUE (5) and HARDI LES GARS (10) can fight it out for minor honours.

SELECTIONS

ICONE JOLIE (12) - JERIKO BOULOISE (3) - HEDENN BIHOUE (5) - HARDI LES GARS (10)