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C1 - PRIX JEAN PAUL HUGONNET - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 54,000

1. UN CHIC CHEVAL - Fair 3rd over 3450m in a Listed chase at Compiegne on November 29th when last racing. Ought to be thereabouts

2. GARLIAT MUE - Won on his chase debut at Pau over 3400m on December 11th on his second start. Looks a promising type and capable of following up

3. LE RIVAGE - Failed to finish last time in a Class 1 chase in mid-December at this track. Good run on his penultimate start when he was fourth in a Class 2 chase at Auteuil over 3500m on November 30th. Can be competitive

4. CANTSBEE - Credible 2nd over 3900m in a Class 1 chase at Pau on December 17th when last seen. Can play a lead role

5. CORAIL NOIR - 4th on the most recent run over 3500m at Pau in a Class 1 hurdle on December 21st. Might find a few of these too smart

6. SPIDER BLACK - 5th over 3700m at Angers in a Class 3 chase when last seen on December 7th. Unlikely to be a threat

7. SANTOLINA - Credible effort to be 2nd at Landivisiau on September 15th over 3900m in a Class 4 chase when last seen. She is lightly raced but others make more appeal

Summary: GARLIAT MUE (2) won nicely on his first try over fences at this track in December on only his second run over obstacles. He should be able to follow up at the expense of LE RIVAGE (3) who looks like the main danger. He failed to finish in a Class 1 chase last time but was a pleasing fourth at Auteuil in a Class 2 chase in late November and that form is a positive. CANTSBEE (4) ran well in a Class 1 chase when second recently and warrants respect. UN CHIC CHEVAL (1) is also one to consider.

SELECTIONS

GARLIAT MUE (2) - LE RIVAGE (3) - CANTSBEE (4) - UN CHIC CHEVAL (1)

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C2 - PRIX JOSEPH D'ARISTE - 4100m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Cross - EUR € 35,000

1. GO'N WIN - Three unplaced runs of late, the latest over 5200m in a Class 2 cross-country on November 23rd at Lyon Parilly. Can be overlooked

2. ILLICO - Unplaced over hurdles last time. He will be more at home in this race as he won in January 2024 over course and distance in a Class 3 cross-country race. Player

3. HELLO DE SIVOLA - Credible 4th over 5600m at this track on December 21st in a Class 1 cross-country. Can not be overlooked

4. ISAGIRL - Good win over 4100m in a Class 2 cross-country on December 17th at this track on her last start. She can follow up

5. FREE LANO - 4th over 4600m in a Class 3 cross-country on December 10th on his last start. Needs to be more reliable

6. ISOLINE D'ALENE - She has been 2nd three times and also got a win in her last five starts, the most recent 2nd was on December 8th in a Class 3 cross-country over 4200m. She needs a few to misfire

7. THEQUIETMAN - Four unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 4700m at Pau over fences in a Class 1 race on February 18th. Second try in this type of race

8. SOLINGEN - Fair 3rd over track and trip in a Class 2 cross-country on December 17th when last racing. Top three chance

9. BOLID DU MATHAN - Not seen since a 6th in a Listed cross-country race at Craon on September 3rd, 2023. Will likely need this run after a long absence

Summary: ISAGIRL (4) won narrowly in a Class 2 cross-country race on her latest start at this track in mid-December and looks like the safest option. ILLICO (2) is a course winner over hurdles, and also in this discipline in January 2024 over 4100m. He can give the selection the most to do. HELLO DE SIVOLA (3) is the one for the each-way backers to be with. SOLINGEN (8) can also have a say at the business end.

SELECTIONS

ISAGIRL (4) - ILLICO (2) - HELLO DE SIVOLA (3) - SOLINGEN (8)

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C3 - PRIX DU CERCLE ANGLAIS - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 40,000

- 1. LYLIAN** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3550m at Fontainebleau on December 3rd in a class 3 hurdle. Others make more appeal
- 2. LUDICROUS** - Unplaced on the one flat run over 2600m at Pompadour on September 1st. Hard task ahead
- 3. LIEGE ARDENT** - Credible 6t at Pau in a hurdle race over 3500m on December 15th behind a few of today's rivals. In the mix
- 4. SAINT CRYSTAL** - Failed to complete the course on his debut over 3500m at Pau in a hurdle race on December 15th. Opposable
- 5. LARZAND** - Unplaced last time over hurdles at Auteuil on October 8th. Placed 2nd on his only other start on the flat in August at Moulins. Might improve for this outing
- 6. FLORENTIN** - Ran well when 5th at Pau over 3500m on his sole run over hurdles on December 15th. He will strip fitter this time and can play a lead role
- 7. SOME OF THEM** - Did well to be 4th over 3500m at Pau in a hurdle race on December 15th on his only start. One to pay attention too
- 8. POKER WAY** - An unraced gelding by Galiway, the stable runners tend to improve for a run or two. Watch the betting patterns
- 9. NITINHA HAS** - Unraced filly by Cokoriko, the dam ran twice over hurdles. Stable runners warrant respect on debut. Any market support should be noted

Summary: FLORENTIN (6) showed nice promise on his hurdling debut at this track on December 15th when he was a close fifth of the 13 runners. He will know what is required this time and is preferred to SOME OF THEM (7) who was fourth in the same race, and can also progress and give a good account of himself. LIEGE ARDENT (3) was back in sixth in the same race and warrants respect. NITINHA HAS (9) is another to keep an eye on.

SELECTIONS

FLORENTIN (6) - SOME OF THEM (7) - LIEGE ARDENT (3) - NITINHA HAS (9)

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C4 - PRIX D'OLORON - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Condition Race - Hurdles - EUR € 37,000

- 1. LA QUEEN DU SEUIL** - Unraced filly by Al Wukair, the dam won four races on the flat. Stable runners are well respected on their debut. Monitor the betting for any support
- 2. L'UNIQUE APPLE'S** - Two placed runs on the flat, the latter over 2400m at Lignieres on November 30th in a maiden. One to keep safe
- 3. LEIKA** - Placed on all three of her runs on the flat, the latter over 3200m at Le Mans on November 2nd. Can feature on her first try over hurdles
- 4. L'AMAZONE** - Three runs on the flat, the most recent when 5th at Lignieres over 2400m on November 30th. Others rate higher
- 5. L'ARME FATALE** - Unraced filly by Masked Marvel, the dam won three races, one on the flat and two over jumps. Watch the betting patterns for clues
- 6. LA P'TITE HUGUETTE** - She showed ability when she was 4th at Le Mans on her start over 2300m on the flat on September 13th. One to consider each way on hurdling bow
- 7. LOLITA DU BREUIL** - Unplaced last time, won before that over 2400m at Pau on November 29th. Hurdles debut and has work to do
- 8. LA VILLA D'ESTE** - She has won twice from three runs, the latter over 2400m at Pornichet on the PSF on December 8th. Can score on her hurdling debut
- 9. LOLIROCK** - Nice 2nd over 2400m at Moulins on September 21st on her last run. She can make the top three on her hurdling debut
- 10. LEHAHIAH** - She ran well when 2nd on her debut at Granville over 2400m on June 23rd. She has been given time from that and has outside place claims with progress expected
- 11. LEADING RAFFLES** - Unraced by Beaumec De Houelle, the dam won twice over hurdles. From a decent stable who can ready a newcomer to strike on debut. Watch the betting for clues

Summary: LA VILLA D'ESTE (8) looks to be the answer on her first run over hurdles. She has won twice on the flat and is from a leading stable that knows the time of day. LEIKA (3) has shown talent on the flat and if taking to hurdles she could be the main threat to the selection. L'UNIQUE APPLE'S (2) is one for the each-way backers to latch on to. LA QUEEN DU SEUIL (1) has a taking profile. She should be monitored in the betting exchanges for clues.

SELECTIONS

LA VILLA D'ESTE (8) - LEIKA (3) - L'UNIQUE APPLE'S (2) - LA QUEEN DU SEUIL (1)

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C5 - PRIX HARAS DE GELOS - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. JINDOR DE BOZOULS** - Fair 2nd over 1500m at Mons-Ghlin (BEL) on September 8th when last seen. Place chance
- 2. FARIDA P** - She won last time over 1500m at Mons-Ghlin (BEL) on December 20th. This will be more difficult
- 3. ARE'EJ** - Two good wins of late, the latest over 2000m in a Group 1 PA race at Parislongchamp on October 5th. She can get her hat-trick
- 4. VICA GRINE** - 2nd over 2100m in a Group 2 PA race at Casablanca (MAR) on November 17th on his last start. Unlikely to trouble a few of these
- 5. IVOIRE ET OR** - Placed on her last two runs, the most recent when 4th at Pau over 2400m on December 21st in a conditions race. Others seem better equipped
- 6. TALA'A** - Won over 2100m at Toulouse on her last start on October 11th. This will be more challenging in a better race
- 7. THAYIR** - 4th on the most recent outing over 2000m at Toulouse in a Listed PA race on November 24th. Looks vulnerable
- 8. HM AL ZALMAA** - Unbeaten in two races, the most recent success was over 2000m in a Group 1 PA at Saint-Cloud on October 4th. Leading contender
- 9. LACARO DU CROATE** - She has been placed on all three of her runs so far, the latest over 2000m at Saint-Cloud when she was 3rd behind HM AL ZALMAA (8) on October 4th. She has not got much ground to make up

Summary: ARE'EJ (3) has been in top shape of late with two wins. The most recent was over 2000m in October in a Group 1 PA at Parislongchamp. Her main threat is HM AL ZALMAA (8) who is currently unbeaten in her two starts. The most recent was in a Group 1 PA race at Saint-Cloud in early October. The race should develop between the two of them. LACARO DU CROATE (9) and JINDOR DE BOZOULS (1) are both expected to have a say in the proceedings.

SELECTIONS

ARE'EJ (3) - HM AL ZALMAA (8) - LACARO DU CROATE (9) - JINDOR DE BOZOULS (1)

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C6 - PRIX JEAN LANTA - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 37,000

- 1. VISION DU RHEU** - Nice 2nd recently over 4000m in a Class 3 chase at Pau on December 15th. Capable performer who will be hard to beat
- 2. JAZZ FESTIVAL** - Credible 4th on his last start over 3850m in a handicap chase on December 1st at Craon. Can not be ruled out
- 3. KALOUKA** - Recent win over 3800m at Fontainebleau in a Class 3 hurdle on December 10th. One to pay attention to back over fences
- 4. JONY BE GOOD** - Won on his only start in 2024 over 4200m in a Class 3 chase at Guingamp on September 8th. In the mix
- 5. JARATATA DU DORAT** - Several unplaced runs of late, the latter over 3800m in a claiming hurdle on December 21st at Pau. Out of form at the moment
- 6. JOKER DU LYS** - 5th on the last two runs, the most recent over 4200m in a Class 4 chase on November 3rd. He has yet to win and is one to treat with caution
- 7. GAME OPAL** - Unplaced on the most recent runover 3800m at Angers in a Class 3 chase on December 7th. Place chance
- 8. ALERIC** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 3800m at Angers in a Class 2 hurdle on November 11th. Chase debut and others make more appeal
- 9. JEU D'ENFANT** - Failed to finish on his last start at Auteuil in a Class 2 hurdle in November but was a good winner at Auteuil in June over hurdles and has a live chance on his chase debut
- 10. JOLIEDEXE** - Has failed to finish on her last two runs over fences, the most recent over 4000m at Pau in a Class 3 race on December 15th. Hard to fancy
- 11. JOLIE MOIRETTE** - Unplaced on her latest run over hurdles at Fontainebleau on December 10th in a Class 3 race. Flat winner three times and is best watched on her chase debut

Summary: VISION DU RHEU (1) was a pleasing second on his last run at this track in mid-December and could be the one to beat. KALOUKA (3) won on his latest run at Fontainebleau over hurdles in December and has been placed over fences before that at this venue. He can give a good account of himself. JEU D'ENFANT (9) fluffed his lines at Auteuil in November when last seen, but won before that over hurdles at the same track and can be competitive on his chase debut. JONY BE GOOD (4) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

VISION DU RHEU (1) - KALOUKA (3) - JEU D'ENFANT (9) - JONY BE GOOD (4)

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C7 - PRIX DE BALEIX - 1200m (a6f) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. RISHATUTO** - He has run four times and has yet to feature, his last effort was when well beaten at Pau over 1600m on December 5th. Opposable
- 2. VIF DE BOISTRON** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 1000m at La Teste in a Class 3 race on April 10th. Place contender
- 3. KHELONYX** - Promise on his debut when he was 8th at Chantilly in a 1600m conditions race on December 12th. Can improve and is one to consider
- 4. VERMEER** - Pleasing debut 3rd over 1600m at Pau on November 29th on her only run. She will know more from that experience and be competitive
- 5. VARENNE** - He has three placed runs so far, the latter over 1800m at Lyon La Soie in a maiden on December 2nd. Capable of a bold show
- 6. FOLKENE** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1500m at Tarbes on her debut on October 12th. Others make more sense
- 7. DYNA CHOPE** - Three unplaced runs so far, the latter over 1200m at Toulouse on November 17th. Look for an alternative
- 8. BOMBE LA VIE** - She has four unplaced runs so far, the latest over 1400m in a handicap at Deauville on December 13th. Pass over
- 9. JEALOUS SKY** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1200m at Toulouse on November 17th in a maiden race. Ought to be thereabouts
- 10. RAFALE DE NUIT** - Unraced filly by Advertise, stable runners are respected on debut and any market support should be noted

Summary: VARENNE (5) has shown plenty of talent on his three runs and is the tentative selection for this conditions race. His main threat could be VERMEER (4) who was a pleasing third on his sole run over 1600m at the end of November at this track. He will improve a good deal for that experience. JEALOUS SKY (9) looks like one for the each-way backers to take seriously. VIF DE BOISTRON (2) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

VARENNE (5) - VERMEER (4) - JEALOUS SKY (9) - VIF DE BOISTRON (2)

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C8 - PRIX D'HASTINGUES - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 36,000

- 1. KAMELIA DE CORTON** - Unplaced recently over fences, 4th before that over 3400m at Angers on November 11th in a Class 4 hurdle. Consider
- 2. KOOL CAJOU** - Three unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 3500m in a Class 4 hurdle race on December 21st. Can be overlooked
- 3. PERLE DE L'OCEAN** - She has been placed on both of her runs on the flat, the latter over 2400m at Limoges on November 30th in a Class 4 race. Place chance
- 4. KOLA D'OUDAIRIES** - Unplaced on her one run over hurdles at Compiegne on November 29th. She won on the flat twice in 2024 but is best watched for now
- 5. KIMFLY** - Won on the flat three runs back in November and was a pleasing 4th on her hurdling debut at Pau over 3500m in a Class 4 race on December 21st. Live chance
- 6. KEROSENE** - 6th on her last start over 3500m at Pau in a Class 4 hurdle on December 21st. She can improve and could be in the shake-up
- 7. KERALA** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3800m at Saint-Brieuc on November 11th in a Class 4 race. Others rate higher
- 8. PURE AND SIMPLE** - 4th on both of her runs so far, the latter over 3400m at Nimes on October 14th in a claiming hurdle. Might find this difficult
- 9. PRINCESSE DU LYS** - Two unplaced runs in 2024, the latter over 2900m at Durtal on the flat on December 15th. Hurdle debut and makes limited appeal
- 10. POMME ROSE** - Unplaced on the one the latest run over hurdles on December 14th at Moulins. Flat winner in September. Has outside place claims with a clear round of jumping
- 11. KINCSEM DES PLACES** - Unraced by Cokoriko, the dam won four races over jumps, including a Listed hurdle and she was placed in Grade 1 chases. From a leading trainer who can ready one for a bold show
- 12. KISSROCKROCHELAISE** - Failed to complete the course over 3500m at Pau on February 14th on her one run to date. Needs vast improvement to figure
- 13. KERALA BLUE** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 3100m at Saint-Brieuc in a Class 4 flat race on October 6th. Can make the frame

Summary: Flat winner KIMFLY (5) made a pleasing start to her hurdle race career when she was fourth over track and trip in a Class 4 race in mid-December. She is marginally preferred to KINCSEM DES PLACES (11) who is making her debut and has a taking profile. She will know her job. KERALA BLUE (13) is one to include in all of the place bet permutations. PERLE DE L'OCEAN (3) has shown ability on the flat and is one to watch on her hurdles debut.

SELECTIONS

KIMFLY (5) - KINCSEM DES PLACES (11) - KERALA BLUE (13) - PERLE DE L'OCEAN (3)