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C1 - PRIX DE NOEL - 1700m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. CITYDOR** - Unplaced in all 8 appearances, including consecutive recent outings on this surface - soundly beaten (10th) over 1400m in a Deauville handicap on 13 December. Hard to recommend
- 2. WATHAB** - Experienced 17-start maiden with sound references/form credentials, albeit without success. Unplaced (12th) in a 1600m PSF handicap at Pau on 5 December but shouldn't be written off - remains capable of better
- 3. ROYAL CADEAU** - Finished last of 7 on debut in a well-composed (stronger) field at ParisLongchamp on heavy ground over 2100m in early April. Open to improvement on his reappearance so shouldn't be underestimated
- 4. SOBEST** - Placed once (3rd on turf at La Roche-Posay over 2400m on 1 May) in 11 starts and isn't likely to trouble the judge on the evidence of his latest performance (13th) in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 18 December
- 5. KENPIC** - Modest colt/maiden yet to find the frame in 14 appearances, the latest (8th) in a 1400m PSF handicap at Deauville on 13 December. Others preferred
- 6. KEW BRIDGE** - Placed in both starts under Antoine Subias, including a course-and-distance 3rd on debut in late March. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing unplaced (9th) over 1400m at Chantilly on 10 December - can redeem herself
- 7. O DIRLADA** - Well-beaten 12th of 15 over 1400m at Deauville on 8 November when resuming after a 7-month absence. Needs to improve
- 8. FRIENDS DREAM** - Hasn't gone unnoticed in recent PSF appearances - finished 6th on both occasions, the latest on this course over 2100m in a handicap on 13 November. Career-low mark could spark improvement
- 9. ALMALY** - Built on the promise of a pleasing debut 5th (on 28 March) to finish an eye-catching 2nd in a course-and-distance event on 13 November. Needs only to repeat that performance to open her account
- 10. MARILLAWOOD** - Maturing, lightly raced filly with sound references/form credentials and scope for improvement. Acquitted herself well in (6th) on her handicap debut over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers on 11 July. Respected on her reappearance
- 11. MISS ASCOT** - Unplaced in 6 starts, all on turf - the latest (7th) over 2200m at Vannes on 21 September. Shown enough to suggest that she could get into the picture if taking to/effective on the PSF
- 12. ALLEE DE LA PLAGE** - Lightly raced filly with scope for improvement and sufficient means (has the form and experience to acquit herself competitively). Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 4th over 1400m at Niort on 20 October - not taken lightly
- 13. FURTIVE DIVINE** - Unplaced in both PSF appearances, the latest (9th) in a 2400m Lyon-La Soie handicap on 18 November. Should do better over this shorter trip off a reduced mark - attractive outsider

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14. ZOE - Experienced filly with the undeniable means to play a leading role in a race of this ilk. Unplaced (8th) in a 1400m Bordeaux handicap on 5 November but shouldn't be hastily condemned - keep safe, especially on the PSF

15. OKAPI - Belardo debutante who benefits from Facundo Emmanuel Roldan's 2,5kg allowance. Jose Luis Gomez Martinez owns and trains this filly

Summary: ALMALY (9) was returning from a break when finishing 2nd in a similar course-and-distance event last month and, while she is likely to improve with that comeback run under her belt, a repeat of that performance should suffice in this opening event. KEW BRIDGE (6) is the biggest danger, given her references in stronger races/fields. WATHAB (2) and ZOE (14) have the form and experience to make their presence felt too, with the shortlist completed by MARILLAWOOD (10) and ROYAL CADEAU (3).

SELECTIONS

ALMALY (9) - KEW BRIDGE (6) - WATHAB (2) - ZOE (14)

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C2 - PRIX NOUNOU ADOM (PRIX DES LUTINS) - 3100m (a2m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. SIXUNION** - Inconsistent but has sufficient means - boasts sound references/form credentials at this level off his current mark. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 10th in a 2100m handicap on this course on 30 November - respect
- 2. PLATEADO** - Placed once in 7 starts since winning a 3000m Dax handicap in late July (finished 8th in a 3200m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 12 December) but has dropped in the weights/ratings to his last-winning mark. Not taken lightly
- 3. FATALISME** - Sparingly raced versatile 9-year-old veteran who has lost little - if any - zest for racing. Showed his form/well-being by finishing 4th in a course-and-distance handicap on 23 November. Sets the standard
- 4. PLUMBAGO** - Lightly raced 4-year-old gelding with scope for improvement and sound references (form and experience), which include a last-start 6th on this course in a 2100m handicap on 30 November. On the shortlist
- 5. ESCAPADE NOCTURNE** - Versatile veteran handicapper with sound references/form credentials at this level on both surfaces, including a close-up 7th in a 2700m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 7 December. Dark horse
- 6. GREASE** - Capitalised on a drop in the weights/ratings to finish a reassuring 3rd on this course in a handicap over 2400m on 8 December. Will be competitive if confirming that form/improvement
- 7. KIROZ** - Hard-knocking veteran with sound references/form credentials, albeit without a victory since November last year. Back on the flat after an unsuccessful go over hurdles in a 3650m Mont-de-Marsan handicap on 8 December
- 8. MYSTIC** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 3rd at Loudéac in a 2850m claimer on 21 April. Absent since but shouldn't be underestimated on his reappearance
- 9. KHAZAR LISES** - Finished 10th in a course-and-distance handicap on 23 November back on the flat after 2 pleasing performances (3 starts) over hurdles. Best watched for now
- 10. SPIRIT OF DANCE** - Thrived back on the PSF, winning consecutive handicaps on this course - the latest over 2400m on 8 December under a 3kg penalty. Has more to do bumped up another 4kg
- 11. BAILEYS ECLAIR** - Took advantage of a career-low rating to finish an improved/encouraging 3rd on this course in a 2100m handicap on 30 November. Confirmation is expected off an unchanged mark
- 12. KAPTAIN NORDIK** - Sparked improvement off this mark to finish a reassuring 5th on this course in a 2400m handicap on 8 December. Place chance
- 13. CONCERTO** - A shadow of his former self - soundly beaten in 3 recent comeback appearances after a year's absence, the latest (10th) on this course in a 2100m handicap on 30 November. Others preferred
- 14. MONTE CINTO** - Has dropped to a competitive mark in the weights/ratings, and confirmed as much with an encouraging last-start 2nd in a course-and-distance handicap on 23 November. Should have a role to play

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15. GARRY D'AZE - Lightly raced 8-year-old rarely seen on PSF. Acquitted himself well in 3 recent turf handicaps on heavy ground, the latest (6th) over 2400m at Craon on 1 December, so shouldn't be taken lightly back on the PSF

16. MONT STEELE - Soundly beaten in 3 consecutive PSF appearances recently, the latest (11th) in a Deauville handicap over 2700m on 7 December. Can be ignored

Summary: Sparingly raced FATALISM (3) continues to display commendable resilience despite soundness issues that have plagued his career. He lines up here in good form and physical condition, and with legitimate winning ambitions. PLUMBAGO (4) tries his luck over a staying distance but has shown enough to acquit himself competitively. MONTE CINTO (14) bounced back to form last time and needs only to confirm that form/improvement (repeat that performance) to have a say in the outcome, while PLATEADO (2) could likewise off of his current (last-winning) mark.

SELECTIONS

FATALISME (3) - PLUMBAGO (4) - MONTE CINTO (14) - PLATEADO (2)

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C3 - PRIX DE L'OUTIL EN MAIN (PRIX DES GUIRLANDES DE NOEL) - 1700m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. CRYSTAL SKY** - Soundly beaten 8th of 13 on debut at Lignières over 1600m on 30 November. Entitled to improve with that outing under her belt but is best watched for now
- 2. RUE ERNESTINE** - Progresses with each start and needn't improve much after an encouraging course-and-distance 2nd last month (30 November) to go one better. Candidate for success
- 3. ROSALITA** - Unplaced in both starts over 1600m at Chantilly, once on either surface - the latest (8th) on PSF on 19 November. Improvement needed
- 4. POMME SURETTE** - Promising and unexposed filly with sound references/form credentials - including a last-start 6th at Deauville on PSF over 1300m on 27 November - and scope for improvement. On the shortlist
- 5. DA TEMPO DEA** - Well-beaten 8th of 10 on debut in a course-and-distance maiden on 30 November. Improvement needed
- 6. ESTAFETTE** - Caught the eye when 3rd at Machecoul on debut over 1650m. Unplaced (9th) in a 1500m PSF maiden at Deauville on 3 December but shouldn't be hastily condemned
- 7. AMAZORE** - Awkwardly positioned in stall No 13 but showed considerable ability/promise on debut at Le Mans, finishing 3rd over 1600m on 16 October. The horse to beat
- 8. COUNT ON ME** - Improved with every outing and will be competitive if building on an encouraging career-best 2nd in her last start at Limoges over 1400m on 30 November. Dark horse
- 9. HONNEUR'S ORACLE** - Yann Barberot-trained Birchwood debutante who is bred to be effective on this surface. Respected first-up with Louis Nomis in the irons
- 10. FIRST LADYKIN** - Facundo Emmanuel Roldan's 2,5kg allowance will help this Presidency debutante trained and owned by Jose Luis Gomez Martinez. Watch for now
- 11. DUCHESS HILL** - Well-bred Goken debutante trained by Henri-Alex Pantall who has booked Maxence Marquette to ride the filly with the benefit of a 2,5kg allowance. Keep safe
- 12. GOLDEN VALE** - Mathieu Brasme-trained Mehmas filly debuting with Glen Meury in the saddle. A watching brief is advised
- 13. KUBRYCKA** - Luka Rousseau rides this Van Beethoven filly on debut for the Etienne & Grégoire Leenders stable. One to watch

Summary: AMAZORE (7) finished an encouraging 3rd on debut at Le Mans in October and would've come on with the benefit of that experience. She needn't improve much on her reappearance to open her account, even from a tricky starting berth. Improving RUE ERNESTINE (2) and unexposed POMME SURETTE (4) are best equipped to challenge the selection for race honours. Newcomer HONOR'S ORACLE (9) isn't taken lightly on debut.

SELECTIONS

AMAZORE (7) - RUE ERNESTINE (2) - POMME SURETTE (4) - HONNEUR'S ORACLE (9)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA FROMAGERIE DE SAINTE-MARGUERITE (PX DES MARCHES DE NOEL) - 1700m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. **TOOGOODTOBEROOD** - Improved in 2 starts in the claiming category - placed on both occasions, the latest (3rd) in a course-and-distance claimer on 15 December. Place chance

2. **GABYLOU** - Well-beaten 7th of 8 on debut in a course-and-distance maiden on 30 November. Entitled to improve with that run under the belt

3. **CHAISSAC** - Finished downfield (12th of 14) on debut in a 1500m newcomers' race on PSF at Deauville on 29 November. Would have benefitted from that experience and will be sharpened up with headgear fitted

4. **MOON NIGHT** - Unplaced in 2 appearances, both on turf - the latest (10th) over 2000m at Angers on 18 November. Has to improve

5. **RIGOLETTOS** - Eye-catching 3rd on debut at Cholet in October but hasn't confirmed/built on that promise in either subsequent outing, the latest (8th) on PSF over 1500m at Deauville on 3 December. Not taken lightly with Tony Piccone aboard

6. **ALASTOR MAUGREY** - Unplaced in both starts on turf but didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th over 2000m at Angers on 18 November. Dark horse on PSF

7. **LAVIS** - Improved to finish a career-best 2nd in a course-and-distance maiden on 30 November. Needs only to repeat that performance to play another leading role

8. **WHIZALIO** - Whipper colt debuting for trainer Stéphanie Jaffrelot-Bedon with Maximilien Justum in the saddle. Watch for now

9. **KIMITOMO** - Well-bred Yann Barberot-trained Kameko colt whose dam was a Group III runner-up at Deauville as a 2-year-old. A likely type on paper

Summary: Attractively bred KIMITOMO (9) has a precocious profile/pedigree so it could pay to take a chance on him making a winning debut for Yann Barberot. LAVIS (7), runner-up in a course-and-distance event last month. and RIGOLETTOS (5), who is best judged on his debut performance at Cholet, have the benefit of experience, so they could make life difficult for that newcomer. CHAISSAC (3) fits a similar profile and shouldn't be underestimated with an introductory outing under his belt.

SELECTIONS

KIMITOMO (9) - LAVIS (7) - RIGOLETTOS (5) - CHAISSAC (3)

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C5 - PRIX HORSE NUTRITION PROJECT (PRIX DU SAPIN DE NOEL) - 3100m (a2m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. CHONBURI** - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 2400m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 handicap on September 20th. In the mix
- 2. HARLEY DREAM** - Fair 5th over 3100m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on November 23rd when last seen. One to side with each-way
- 3. PONTD'YEU** - Nice placed form on the last three runs, the latest when 3rd at this track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on November 23rd. Lightly raced and has more to come
- 4. KONIG CHOUCHE** - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3000m at Le Lion D'Angers in a Class 4 handicap on August 4th. One to keep safe
- 5. MY DARLING** - Solid and consistent performer. She won three starts ago at Chantilly in late October over 3200m in a Class 3 handicap. Player
- 6. KELDOZ D HUMOUR** - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that at Nantes over 2400m in a Class 4 handicap. Can make the top four
- 7. KEEN LAND** - Two unplaced runs recently, 3rd before that over 2400m at Fougères on May 1st. Others rate higher
- 8. LA BAROCHE** - Four unplaced runs over hurdles this year, the most recent in a claiming race on December 12th at Cagnes-Sur-Mer. Looks safely held
- 9. MURANO** - Several unplaced runs recently, the latest over 2400m at Pornichet in a Class 4 handicap on December 8th. Hard to fancy
- 10. JOLEK LISES** - Four unplaced runs since a 3rd at Plouescat on August 16th in a Class 4 race over 2600m. Makes little appeal
- 11. MAGIC CUP** - Five unplaced runs of late, the latest on the flat was two runs back when well beaten over 2600m in a Class 4 race on April 14th. Hard to make a case for her
- 12. UN SOIR D'ORAGE** - No form of late, 12th at this track last time in a Class 4 handicap on December 8th over 2400m. Avoidable
- 13. FIVE BY FIVE** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 2400m at Nantes on November 1st in a Class 4 handicap. Place chance
- 14. PIPER'S HILL** - 2nd over hurdles two starts ago at Machecoul in a claiming race on November 11th. Won in July on the flat at Corlay. Needs to be watched for now
- 15. SOTCHI** - Has shown no relevant form of late, the latest run was when 8th at Angers in a Class 3 handicap on November 18th. Opposable
- 16. HEART BRAKER** - Has shown poor form of late, well behind at Chantilly over 2700m in a Class 4 handicap on December 7th. Pass over

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Summary: PONTD'YEU (3) has run well when placed on his last three starts. His latest effort was over course and distance in November when he was third. He is lightly raced and has more progress to come. MY DARLING (5) can keep him honest and looks like the main threat, she has been second on seven of her last eight starts and won on the other at Chantilly three runs back in late October. HARLEY DREAM (2) looks like a good option each way. KONIG CHOUCHE (4) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

PONTD'YEU (3) - MY DARLING (5) - HARLEY DREAM (2) - KONIG CHOUCHE (4)

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C6 - PRIX FRANCE SIRE (PRIX DE LA CALECHE DU PERE NOEL) - 2100m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. HADEWIN** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 1900m at Deauville in a Class 3 handicap on November 8th. One to keep safe
- 2. FORZA SEDACA** - Two unplaced recent runs, 4th before that over 2000m at Toulouse on September 25th in a Class 3 handicap. Unlikely to threaten
- 3. KING OF MEADOWS** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that at Toulouse in a Class 3 handicap on November 11th. Has work to do
- 4. KUMRAN** - Won at Limoges over 2100m on November 30th in a Class 4 race when last seen. Course and distance winner in January. In the mix
- 5. ANGEL CHARLY** - Won at Deauville over 1900m in a Class 4 race on November 27th. Likes the PSF and can be involved
- 6. SCAT LADY** - Fair 3rd at this track and trip last time in a Class 4 handicap on November 30th. Among the leading chances
- 7. SAMBA** - Decent 2nd at this track over 1700m in a Class 3 race on December 8th. Infrequent winner and others preferred
- 8. SOGYNT** - Two good runs of late, a win at this track two runs back over course and distance in a Class 4 handicap on November 30th and a December 2nd at Chantilly 10 days ago. Player
- 9. RAJMAMAILLE** - 5th over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on November 30th. Previous course and distance winner in December 2023. Live chance
- 10. FLAMBOYANTE** - Two unplaced efforts recently, 2nd before that over 1950m at Le Mans in a Class 4 handicap on September 28th. Hard to fancy
- 11. DRIP** - Credible 4th over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on November 30th last time. One to consider
- 12. RUE D'ALBRET** - Nice 2nd over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on November 30th. Still a maiden but has several placed efforts and is at the right end of the handicap
- 13. DAILY QUEST** - 4th on the only run this year over 2350m at Machecoul in a Class 4 race on November 3rd. Opposable
- 14. LUCAS TREZY** - Won last time over 2400m at Nantes in a Class 4 handicap on April 18th. Has an absence to deal with

Summary: RUE D'ALBRET (12) can get off the mark after a good effort over track and trip in late November when she was second in a Class 4 handicap. Her main threat could be SCAT LADY (6) who was third in the same race and has a couple of lengths to find. SOGYNT (8) has shaped well on his last few runs which includes a win at this track and trip two starts ago in late November. HADEWIN (1) warrants respect and looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

RUE D'ALBRET (12) - SCAT LADY (6) - SOGYNT (8) - HADEWIN (1)

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C7 - PRIX DES RENNES - 2100m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. SPRINGBOKS** - Not seen since a 2nd placed run over track and trip on December 8th, 2023 in a Class 3 handicap. Fitness is a concern
- 2. LA MOMY** - Ran a nice 3rd at Chantilly in a Class 4 handicap over 2100m on December 12th. Will not lack for fitness
- 3. GOLDEN RIVER** - Several unplaced runs of late, the latter over 1700m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on December 15th. Hard to fancy
- 4. TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL** - Three unplaced efforts of late, 2nd before that over 1400m at Le Mans on November 2nd in a Class 4 handicap. Not reliable
- 5. ODIN** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 1400m at Pau in a Class 4 handicap on October 19th. Makes no appeal
- 6. RECOLEROS** - Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 2100m at Pornichet on November 13th in a Class 4 handicap. Place chance
- 7. OUI JE L ADORE** - Has several unplaced runs of late, the latter when 7th at this track over 1700m in a Class 4 handicap on November 23rd. Course winner last year. Can make the frame
- 8. KIM DE GAUDEL** - Won two runs back over 2100m in a Class 4 race on July 14th. She has placed form over track and trip last year. Needs to be more reliable
- 9. IN THE ARMY NOW** - 4th last time over 2100m at Limoges in a Class 4 race on November 30th. Track debut and others seem better equipped
- 10. ALPHA SPIRIT** - Credible 3rd at Saint-Brieuc over 1700m on November 11th in a Class 4 race and should improve for the step up in distance this time
- 11. MEARAS STYLE** - 5th last time over 2100m at Chantilly on December 12th in a Class 4 handicap. Each way angle
- 12. KAHOUNA** - Two 4th placed runs of late, the latest of them at Lignieres over 2000m in a Class 4 handicap on November 30th. Looks for an alternative
- 13. ECLAIR DE VATI** - Fair 4th over 2400m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on December 8th when last seen. Ought to be thereabouts
- 14. PENNLE** - Credible 4th recently, won before that over course and distance on November 13th in a Class 4 handicap. Hard to ignore

Summary: LA MOMY (2) ran a good race 10 days ago at Chantilly over this trip of 2100m and will not lack for match fitness. She is preferred to ALPHA SPIRIT (10) who was third at Saint-Brieuc in mid-November over 1700m and should appreciate the step up in distance today. MEARAS STYLE (11) is one for the each-way backers to take seriously. She has had nice track form recently. ECLAIR DE VATI (13) looks best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

LA MOMY (2) - ALPHA SPIRIT (10) - MEARAS STYLE (11) - ECLAIR DE VATI (13)

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C8 - PRIX DE L'HIVER - 2100m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,000

- 1. RIVER DAVEN** - Won last time at this track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on November 30th. A bit more is needed with a weight rise but can be competitive
- 2. LLOYD** - Has been unplaced on the last four runs, 4th before that over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap at Nantes on July 3rd. Unlikely to feature
- 3. DEPENDE** - Credible 3rd over 2400m at this track on December 8th in a Class 4 handicap. Needs more consistency
- 4. MONDAINAI** - Nice 2nd over 2400m in a Class 4 handicap on December 8th on her last run at this track. Each way angle
- 5. SEMEUR** - Seems to like this track and trip. Nice 2nd two runs back on November 30th in a Class 4 handicap. Player
- 6. PEYTON PLACE** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 1700m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on November 23rd. Consider
- 7. ROCK OF SPIRIT** - Two 4th placed runs of late, both at this track, with the latter over 2400m in a Class 4 handicap on December 8th. In the mix
- 8. VENT DU REVE** - Four unplaced runs recently, 4th before that over 2000m at Auch on September 8th in a Class 4 handicap. Has work to do
- 9. PRINCESS LAURA** - Nice placed efforts of late, 2nd at Chantilly over 2100m last time on December 12th in a Class 4 handicap. Sets the standard
- 10. BAILEYS SANS DOUTE** - Out of form, unplaced last time over 2100m at Chantilly in a class 4 handicap on December 12th. Hard to fancy
- 11. FALCAIME** - Five unplaced runs of late, the latter over 2400m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on December 8th. Off form and others preferred
- 12. JULDIKO** - Has several unplaced runs recently, the most recent over 2100m at this track on November 30th in a Class 4 handicap. Looks of limited ability
- 13. BOUM DU NINIAN** - She has not shown any form of late, well beaten over 1700m at this track in a Class 4 race on December 15th. Pass over

Summary: PRINCESS LAURA (9) can be rewarded after some consistent efforts. She was a pleasing second at Chantilly 10 days ago when beaten less than a length. She can get a deserved success. SEMEUR (5) could be the one that makes the selection work hard. She seems to like this track and trip and was a decent second two starts ago on November 30th when beaten by RIVER DAVEN (1) that day who is penalised for that and will find it more difficult but can not be ignored. MONDAINAI (4) heads the rest.

SELECTIONS

PRINCESS LAURA (9) - SEMEUR (5) - RIVER DAVEN (1) - MONDAINAI (4)