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C1 - PRIX RENE CATUSSE - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. FUSEE DE PORCHE - Battle-hardened colt whose experience and form over this distance on turf stands him in good stead. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing unplaced (10th) on PSF at Pau over 1400m on 19 October - not taken lightly

2. PIC PEN - Experienced colt with consistent references/form credentials, especially on turf. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th on PSF over 1400m at Pau on 19 October but should fare better on this surface

3. FRENCH CHUNKY - Capable colt whose last start (7th) on 19 October over 1400m at Pau in his first outing on PSF isn't an accurate reflection of his ability. Has the form and experience to make his presence felt back on the turf - keep safe

4. MARQUES - Promising filly with untapped potential and scope for improvement. Has acquitted herself well in two starts in well-composed fields, finishing 3rd on both occasions - the latest over 1600m at Clairefontaine on 22 October

5. DJOAHNA - Finished a career-best 3rd in first-time headgear (retained here) on heavy ground over 1400m at Haras du Pin on 27 October. Needs to confirm that improvement

6. VALMACCA - Unexposed filly with undeniable means and solid form references, albeit over further. Finished a good 3rd over 1700m at Marseille-Borely on 28 September

7. SHUTTERWOOD - Made no impression on debut at Tarbes (9th) and finished unplaced (8th) over 1200m at Dax on 6 October. Others preferred

8. DYNA CHOPE - Unplaced in both starts, the latest (8th) with blinkers fitted over 1000m at La Teste on 10 April. Races without headgear on her reappearance and is best watched for now

9. ARTICHOPE - Improved in 2 starts recent outings with headgear fitted (retained) and didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 1200m at Dax on 6 October. More needed

10. BUFFALO WOMAN - Consistent, lightly raced filly with room for improvement and sound references/form credentials. Showed her form and well-being when finishing a good 4th over 1200m at Dax on 26 July - respected on her reappearance

11. JEALOUS SKY - Experienced filly with sound references but has proven most effective/competitive in the claiming category. Finished unplaced (9th) over 1400m on PSF at Pau on 19 October - improvement needed back on turf

Summary: MARQUES (4) has finished 3rd in both starts and needn't improve much over this shorter trip to open her account. VALMACCA (6) fits a similar profile and will be competitive for the leading places. Consistent BUFFALO WOMAN (10) has the means to join that fight for victory and isn't taken lightly on her reappearance. FUSEE DE PORCHE (1), who will appreciate the return to 1200m, has podium ambitions.

SELECTIONS

MARQUES (4) - VALMACCA (6) - BUFFALO WOMAN (10) - FUSEE DE PORCHE (1)

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C2 - PRIX JEAN ET ANDREE LE MAIRE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. NICE SPIRIT - Caught the eye with an improved and fast-finishing 3rd off her current mark in a course-and-distance handicap on 23 October. Should have a role to play in the outcome

2. KAMAKURA ONE - Experienced filly with sound/consistent form references, including a good 4th in her only handicap appearance. Caught the eye when finishing 3rd on very heavy ground over 1800m at Clairefontaine on 25 October - respect

3. LOST IN MUSIC - Confirmed the form/improvement of his comeback 5th at Tarbes with a last-start victory in a 1400m Bordeaux handicap on 5 November. Remains competitive under a 2,5kg penalty

4. BLOOD DIAMOND - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 4th off this mark in a course-and-distance handicap on 23 October. Confirmation required

5. ROSADORA - Won a 1700m Divonne claimer in September and confirmed that form/improvement in 2 subsequent handicap appearances, the latest (4th) over 1600m on very ground at Nantes on 19 October. Not taken lightly

6. MACANELLA - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, including a course-and-distance victory in September and last-start 4th in a 1400m Bordeaux handicap on 5 November. Keep safe

7. WATHAB - Dangerous frontrunner, especially if allowed an uncontested lead. Finished a good 4th in a course-and-distance maiden on 25 September - back in a handicap off a mark 2kg lower than his only appearance in this category

8. HER MAJESTY - Improving filly with scope for further progress. Makes her handicap debut after finishing 2nd at Lignières over 1600m on 1 November - not taken lightly

9. SASKATOON - Made an encouraging start on French soil earlier this year - won a 1600m Vichy handicap in July off his current mark. Unplaced in 4 subsequent starts, the latest (16th) an 1800m PSF handicap at Lyon-La Soie on 25 October.

10. PADME - Placed once in 4 starts on French soil, the latest (9th) over 1200m at Dax in late July. Returns to France after her latest failure (9th) over 1600m at Madrid on 20 October

Summary: LOST IN MUSIC (3) has been rejuvenated by the change of stable and is good value to defy a 2,5kg penalty for his last-start victory by following up here at the expense of NICE SPIRIT (1), who should play a leading role if building on an improved/encouraging last start. KAMAKURA ONE (2) has dropped to a competitive mark and shouldn't be underestimated on her return to this category, while handicap newcomer HER MAJESTY (8) isn't discounted either off her opening mark.

SELECTIONS

LOST IN MUSIC (3) - NICE SPIRIT (1) - KAMAKURA ONE (2) - HER MAJESTY (8)

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C3 - PRIX DU COMTE DE CAMPAIGNO - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. EL BOSNIA** - Unbeaten in 2 starts on French soil, both at this level in competitive claimers - the latest at ParisLongchamp on 29 August over 1400m. Hard to oppose on his reappearance
- 2. JONH SIX** - Last-start winner of a course-and-distance handicap on 11 October. Penalised 3kg but should be competitive at this level
- 3. PIANINO** - Regaining momentum and proven at this level - finished 4th in his last 2 appearances in the claiming category, the latest over 1700m at Marseille-Borely on 10 November. Dropped 1,5kg and shouldn't be underestimated
- 4. MAIMOUNA** - Improved recently in 2 starts off his current - finished 2nd in a claimer at Agen over 1850m last month and 5th in a 1900m claimer at Bordeaux on 5 November. Not taken lightly
- 5. ZEYZOUN** - Honest veteran with sound references at this level. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for a last-start failure (8th) in a 1400m Saint-Cloud claimer on 27 September
- 6. LAUPER** - Experienced mare with proven references/form credentials in the claiming category, including a last-start 4th in a course-and-distance claimer on 31 October. Place chance
- 7. LADIES LAW** - Unplaced in back-to-back recent outings, the latest (9th) over 1200m at Agen on 27 October, but won a 1600m claimer at Royan La Palmyre in September off a higher mark. Dark horse
- 8. PRINCESSE VERA** - Has shown improvement in 2 starts off her current and confirmed as much by finishing 3rd in a claimer over the same course and distance on 31 October. Confirmation required

Summary: EL BOSNIA (1) has won back-to-back claimers recently in well-composed fields and he seems likely to preserve his unbeaten record on French soil by completing the hat-trick. Last-start handicap winner JOHN SIX (2), MAIMOUNA (4), ideally engaged with the aid of her rider's weight allowance, and PIANINO (3), who has references at a higher level, are best equipped to threaten the selection's unblemished record in France.

SELECTIONS

EL BOSNIA (1) - JONH SIX (2) - MAIMOUNA (4) - PIANINO (3)

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C4 - PRIX ETIENNE CAMENTRON - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. DAHMAN AL SHAHANIA** - Finished 4th - clear of SHAAKIR (6) - on debut over the same course and distance on 11 October. Will be a factor with a repeat of that performance, though should improve with the benefit of that experience - the one to beat
- 2. MAC'ZOOM AL SHAHANIA** - Course-and-distance 4th on debut last month (11 October) and needn't improve a great deal to play a leading role. Candidate for success
- 3. AL NATIBIS UP** - Improved with the benefit of a 'discreet' (11th) debut to finish 6th over 2500m at Agen on 3 November. Open to further progress
- 4. DARCKNESS AL ASHAI** - Unplaced in all 5 starts and soundly beaten (13th of 16) over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan on 14 September. Hard to recommend
- 5. FARRAJ** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th of 14 over 2500m at Agen on 3 November. Would've benefitted from that experience so shouldn't be underestimated
- 6. SHAAKIR** - Finished an encouraging 5th over course and distance on 11 October. Will be competitive with improvement on the cards
- 7. SPERANZA AL ASHAI** - Wasn't disgraced and not beaten far when finishing 8th of 14 over 2500m at Agen on 3 November. Would have gained from that experience
- 8. ALEXANDRINE DE GHAZAL** - Finished a close-up 6th of 11 on debut on this course over 2000m on 28 May. Hasn't been seen since but is open to any amount of improvement on her reappearance
- 9. ZARAM** - Improved to finish 6th over 1700m at Castéra-Verduzan on 22 September. Further progress required to stake a claim here
- 10. SAM'LAT AL SHAHANIA** - Well-bred Gazwan debutante trained by Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte who has booked Anaëlle Mekouche to ride this filly. Not taken lightly under bottom-weight 51,5kg
- 11. BRIDGET POMPADOUR** - Valentin Seguy rides this Christelle Courtade-trained Alsaker debutante who is best watched for now

Summary: DAHMAN AL SHAHANIA (1) and MAC'ZOOM AL SHAHANIA (2) made encouraging introductions over this course and distance recently and both would've benefitted from that experience, so they could improve to fight out the finish. ALEXANDRINE DE GHAZAL (8), who also made a promising debut at this venue, and well-bred newcomer SAM'LAT AL SHAHANIA (10), especially under a light weight, appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

**DAHMAN AL SHAHANIA (1) - MAC'ZOOM AL SHAHANIA (2) - ALEXANDRINE DE
GHAZAL (8) - SAM'LAT AL SHAHANIA (10)**

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**C5 - PRIX DE NEXON - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 20,000**

1. NIGHTS ON BROADWAY - Consistent performer with references at a higher level as well as a course-and-distance victory on his last visit to this venue (29 September). Back on French soil after finishing 5th in a Listed race at Madrid on 20 October

2. LUNATICOS - Rejuvenated 6-year-old gelding bidding to complete a hat-trick after wins at Nantes last month and at Le Mans in a 1950m handicap on 2 November. Candidate for success despite a 3,5kg penalty

3. VA S'Y MIX - Experienced veteran handicapper with sound references/form credentials at this level, which include finishing 6th in consecutive recent handicap appearances - the latest over 1900m at Bordeaux on 26 October. Outsider

4. AFRICAN GREY - Inconsistent veteran who sparked improvement dropped to his current mark when 2nd in a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux on 26 October. Confirmation required

5. PIANO MAN - Experienced handicapper with sound references/form credentials at this level, especially on this course. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his failure (13th) on PSF in a 1900m Deauville handicap on 21 October

6. MOON DREAM - Last-start winner of an Agen claimer over 1850m on 27 October. Back in a handicap off an unchanged mark

7. NOVA SCOTIA - Won a 2000m Le Lion-d'Angers handicap in August before proving his competitiveness under a 2kg penalty/this mark by finishing 4th in both subsequent starts, the latest in a 2000m Saint-Cloud claimer on 14 October. Has a winning chance under bottomweight

8. PLATEADO - Has gone off the boil and finished unplaced in 3 consecutive recent outings, the latest (13th) at Bordeaux in a 1900m handicap on 5 November. Others preferred

Summary: NOVA SCOTIA (7) returns to the handicaps at an attractive mark so he can strike a big blow. He gets the nod ahead of rejuvenated LUNATICOS (2), who is bidding to complete a hat-trick under a 3,5kg penalty, and NIGHTS ON BROADWAY (1) who beat PIANO MAN (5) on this course a few weeks ago. AFRICAN GREY (4) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

NOVA SCOTIA (7) - LUNATICOS (2) - NIGHTS ON BROADWAY (1) - PIANO MAN (5)

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C6 - GRAND NATIONAL DES ANGLO-ARABES A 37.5% - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 47,000

1. HARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA - Experienced hard-knocker with consistent references/form credentials at this level, including a last-start 2nd at Tarbes over 2300m on 20 October. Will be a factor, despite conceding weight

2. JAFAR D'ESCAR AA - Won a similar contest over the same distance at La Teste in August and finished an encouraging 4th over 2300m at Tarbes on 20 October after a 2-month break. Will appeal to lovers of outsiders

3. VERTIGO POMPADOUR AA - Debut winner on this course over 2000m in March 2023. Showed his form and well-being when finishing 3rd at Tarbes over 2300m in the key reference race on 20 October - keep safe

4. INCROYABLE D'OC AA - Ultra-consistent performer whose references include winning this race last year. Regained momentum recently and confirmed as much by finishing a respectable 5th over 2300m at Tarbes on 20 October

5. EMERYS DE LARACHI AA - Consistent hard-knocker whose form and experience at this level augurs well for his chances here. Ran well in defeat when finishing 6th over 2300m at Tarbes on 20 October after a 2-month break

6. SYBILLINE AA - Resumed after a 5-month absence to finish an encouraging 2nd over 2300m at Dax on 6 October. Ought to have benefitted from that comeback outing - an attractive outsider

7. HALANDJILA AA - Consistent, lightly raced mare with sound references/form credentials, especially in 3 starts with headgear (3rd in each outing, the latest over this course and distance on 18 September). Interesting that headgear is removed

8. JAKARTA TROIS AA - Thriving mare with 3 wins and a 2nd from 4 starts this year. Proved her form and well-being by winning the key benchmark event over 2300m at Tarbes on 20 October - sets the standard

9. JOBURG PONTADOUR AA - Honest hard-knocker with sound references, including a course-and-distance victory in mid-September. Needs to bounce back from a disappointing last start (7th) over 2300m at Tarbes on 20 October

10. FIRST COLOR AA - Last-start winner over 2300m at Tarbes on 20 October - bounced back from her only defeat (3rd at La Teste over 2200m in August) in 5 appearances. Candidate for success

Summary: JAKARTA THREE AA (8) is at the top of her game so she edges the vote in a competitive contest. INCROYABLE D'OC AA (4) won this race last year and should mount a serious defence of her title, even under a big weight. Runner-up 12 months ago, HARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) has his sights set on going one better. FIRST COLOR AA (10), who takes on older rivals for the first time, is another with legitimate winning credentials in receipt of weight.

SELECTIONS

JAKARTA TROIS AA (8) - INCROYABLE D'OC AA (4) - HARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) - FIRST COLOR AA (10)

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C7 - PRIX JEAN-JACQUES PIQUET - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12,000

1. XILOFONO - Won consecutive 2400m races at La Teste in July and August, the latest on handicap debut, before finishing 6th in a 1900m PSF claimer at Deauville on 24 October. Will appreciate the return to turf and should fight for victory

2. LOUP DU PYLA - Yet to find the frame in 6 appearances and failed to improve in first-time headgear when only 8th over 2500m at Agen on 27 October. Best watched for now

3. BASHEER - Runner-up in a course-and-distance claimer on heavy ground in December 2023. Inconsistent in 3 appearances in handicaps recently, the latest (15th) on PSF at Pau over 2000m on 19 October - should fare better at this level

4. DAYAL - Lightly raced gelding with scope to improve on his reappearance, especially in his first start at this level. Absent since finishing 8th in a 2200m La Teste handicap on 22 July

5. PAPA AU RHUM - Finished 3rd on debut over 2100m on this course in March but has failed to confirm/build on that promise in 6 subsequent outings, the latest (11th) over 2500m at Agen on 27 October. For another day

6. ES XARCU - Soundly beaten (14th) in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 3 November so unlikely to trouble the judge

7. MADGIC'M - Unbeaten in 3 starts at this level after wins in back-to-back recent claimers, the latest at Machecoul over 2350m on 3 November. Candidate for success

8. SOMMERDANCE - Has gone off the boil and finished unplaced in 4 consecutive recent outings, the latest (11th) on PSF in a 2000m Pau handicap on 19 October. Others preferred

Summary: XILOFONO (1) is the highest-rated runner in the race and ideally engaged under the conditions against opposition of this ilk. MADGIC'M (7), unbeaten at this level and at the top of her game recently, DAYAL (4), a newcomer to this category, and BASHEER (3), who ran well on heavy ground at this venue early in his career, seem best equipped to challenge the selection.

SELECTIONS

XILOFONO (1) - MADGIC'M (7) - DAYAL (4) - BASHEER (3)

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**C8 - PRIX CAID - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR €
20,000**

1. LINDOR DE BOZOULS - Course-and-distance 4th on debut in early September but only 6th over 1600m at this venue on 31 October. Remains open to improvement so is worth another chance

2. DA'AWI - Soundly beaten in both starts and again unlikely to trouble the judge after finishing 10th at Mont-de-Marsan on 1 August over 2150m. Others preferred

3. ZALLAL AL SHAHANIA - Consistent filly whose form and superior experience will stand her in good stead against this opposition. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 4th over 1400m at La Teste on 13 August - a winning chance on her reappearance

4. ZAKYNA AL ZARAYAN - Finished 3rd over this course and distance on 5 September but failed to confirm that form/improvement when only 8th over 1600m at this venue on 31 October. Shouldn't be written off, especially in first-time headgear

5. HUALA - Supplemented for this race after a pleasing introduction over 2000m at La Teste on 30 August - finished 8th but would've come on appreciably for that experience. Keep safe

6. THE'EBA - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th on debut over 1700m at Castéra-Verduzan on 22 September. Would've gained from that experience

7. ALKASSOUA DELA GLOIRE - Valentin Seguy rides this Lwsail filly on debut for trainer Jean-François Bernard. Best watched for now

8. MALLATH - David Morisson-trained Tahar de Candelon newcomer. Not taken lightly on debut with Hugo Mouesan engaged to ride

Summary: ZALLAL AL SHAHANIA (3) has benefitted from cutting back in distance and she seems close to success. LINDOR DE BOZOULS (1), with first-time headgear fitted, and ZAKYNA AL ZARAYAN (4), in cheekpieces for the first time, aren't incapable of fighting for victory if bouncing back from disappointing recent performances. Supplemented HUALA (5) also a say on her reappearance.

SELECTIONS

**ZALLAL AL SHAHANIA (3) - LINDOR DE BOZOULS (1) - ZAKYNA AL ZARAYAN (4) -
HUALA (5)**