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R1 SAINT-CLOUD [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX ROYAL HAMPTON - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat -
EUR € 30,000**

1. PRINCE AUBOIS - Is not fashionably bred, but in saying that, his mare, Dax Otea did win two races. Watch the betting

2. MADERO - A son of Lope De Vega out of a Galileo mare that was a one time winner. Could be anything and must be included in all bets

3. DAKOTA SKY - Will need to improve on debut 7th over 1000m at Chantilly and can. She ran on the 4th of April. Outside place chance

4. WICKBURY - Attracted the attention on debut when 2nd over 1100m at Lion D'Angers and can go one better. Good chance

5. GRISELDA - Is out of a mare that never raced here in France. She is by City Light and can make her presence felt first time out

6. SPIRITUALISM - A daughter of Invincible Spirit out of a Dawn Approach mare that can make a winning debut. Watch the betting as race time looms

7. RETT ANGEL - Is by Recorder out of a Famous Name mare that might need a run or two to learn about racing. Prefer others

8. MOON OF THE NIGHT - A daughter of Gutaifan out of a Diamond Green mare that might need this run. Watch the betting trends as race time nears

Summary: SPIRITUALISM (6) is a debutante by Invincible Spirit that could be anything. She is selected to make a winning first up run. MADERO (2) is out of a Galileo mare that won one race. Maxime Guyon gets the ride. He should go close to getting it all right. GRISELDA (5) is a daughter of City Lights out of a Maxios mare that should make her presence felt. Respect and include. WICKBURY (4) ran an absolute cracker on debut and can go one better.

SELECTIONS

SPIRITUALISM (6) - MADERO (2) - GRISELDA (5) - WICKBURY (4)

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**C2 - PRIX PAUL-NOEL DELAHOUTRE - TROPHEE STUDIO HARCOURT -
2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 18,000**

- 1. KAR VERT** - Last run was disappointing when 14th at Lyon Parilly in a Handicap. Will need to progress a lot from that to feature
- 2. ALMIRO** - Solid form, finished 2nd over 2100m at Saint-Cloud on the 12th of March and could be difficult to oppose. Strong win suggestion
- 3. EYVANN** - Placed 4th at Deauville on the 8th of August last year and has not been seen since. Big runner if fit and well
- 4. BARON PALATCHI** - Won penultimate, placed 6th at Dieppe thereafter and will need to build on that to feature. Happy to ignore
- 5. EXCELSIOR** - Featured well in a Listed race on the 25th of June last year when 4th and will be a huge runner if not too much in need of this race. Good chance
- 6. THUNDERSPEED** - Made a smart winning comeback last time over 2500m at Hyeres and can follow up. One for the shortlist
- 7. WIESENTAU** - Ignore penultimate in a feature, finished 2nd over 2200m at Clairefontaine late last year. Can run fresh and has a chance
- 8. HAVOC** - Running well, placed 3rd at Montlucon over 2300m on the 1st of this month. Outside place chance
- 9. NAPOLITANO** - Fair 5th at Clairefontaine in Listed company last year but will more than likely need this run. Happy to ignore

Summary: ALMIRO (2) boasts stunning form, is clearly itching to win again soon and his last run at Saint-Cloud was good. He could be difficult to beat. EYVANN (3) is showing ability for the Aga Khan and is a must for all bets. EXCELSIOR (5) finished fourth in a Listed race at Lyon Parilly last time and based on that, should go close, despite the lengthy absence. WIESENTAU (7) never shone in a feature race at penultimate run, but ran well last time. Big danger and a must for the quartet.

SELECTIONS

ALMIRO (2) - EYVANN (3) - EXCELSIOR (5) - WIESENTAU (7)

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C3 - PRIX DE FOUILLEUSE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 55,000

- 1. LORD OF WAR** - Has been running in strong Listed races and takes a drop in grade. Expect him to be very competitive. Quartet must
- 2. JOJO JUNIOR** - Placed 6th over 1300m at Parislongchamp on the 18th of April and needs serious improvement to feature. Pass by
- 3. SADAK** - Fresh off a victory at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on the 12th of this month and could follow up. Place chance
- 4. GET TOGETHER** - Encouraging 2nd at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on the 26th of March and can go one better. Strong each way chance
- 5. GEORGES VILLE** - Won on debut, two good runs thereafter, placed 4th over 1600m at Saint-Cloud last time. Big danger to the first choice
- 6. AMORCITA** - Running well, finished 3rd at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on the 26th of last month and should be right there. Strong place chance
- 7. MA MOME** - Knows how to win races but is a tad off form currently. Finished 13th last time and needs to build on that. Happy to ignore
- 8. EVERSTAR** - Holding form, placed 4th over 1900m at Chantilly on the 28th of March in Handicap class and is a serious contender
- 9. HAMLET'S NIGHT** - Improving with racing, finished 2nd over 1400m at Compiegne and despite being a maiden, include.
- 10. ZVIKOVA** - Finished 5th over 2100m at Saint-Cloud last time and can get closer now. A must for the quartet
- 11. L'ARDECHOISE** - Finished 4th in Handicap class over 1300m at Parislongchamp on the 18th of this month and is the one to beat
- 12. LAST STAND** - Still a maiden but is improving with racing. Finished 3rd over 2000m at Lion D'Angers and could be the value for the minor places
- 13. CHAMBERI** - Will need serious improvement on form seen thus far to warrant inclusion in any bets. Unlikely
- 14. MAGIC PERSEVERANCE** - Ignore dismal last run when 10th, previously finished 3rd at Chantilly over 1300m in a Handicap. Expect plenty more

Summary: L'ARDECHOISE (11) has placed in all five of her races to date and also been competitive in strong Handicaps. She is the firm first choice. GEORGES VILLE (5) won on debut and has acquitted himself with aplomb since. He is a big danger to the first choice. GET TOGETHER (4) boasts solid and consistent form and can never be dismissed from any bets. Strong each way claims. AMORCITA (6) was last seen at Saint-Cloud over 1600m in 3rd position, she knows how to win and can finish in the first four.

SELECTIONS

L'ARDECHOISE (11) - GEORGES VILLE (5) - GET TOGETHER (4) - AMORCITA (6)

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C4 - PRIX ALBANILLA - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. **TIGRR** - Has won last two in good fashion, most recent was at Fontainebleau over 1600m in a weak claiming race. Each way chance
2. **ROYAL SAXO** - Can build on recent 4th over 1400m at Chantilly on the 1st of March. Good chance
3. **KLEORA** - Ignore latest 6th, judge on overall form and penultimate 2nd over 1600m at Compiègne on the 10th of last month. Big runner
4. **ANTHARIS** - Running well, finished 4th at this course over 1600m in a Handicap but in November last year. Chance if near fit
5. **ELAMAZ** - A seemingly talented horse, fresh off a win at Saint-Cloud over 1600m and is confidently selected to follow up. Win choice
6. **WE RIDE THE WORLD** - Ran 7th in a Handicap at Parislongchamp over 1400m last time and can be expected to do way better here. Big place chance
7. **CIRCEO** - Can build on latest 5th over 2000m at Deauville on the 8th of August last year if not in too much need of this comeback run
8. **SIMPLY STRIKING** - Would be a surprise winner based on current form. Finished way downfield last time when 14th at Parislongchamp. Unlikely victor
9. **SAMAPY** - Only managed 7th placing over 1400m at Lion D'Angers and needs to serve up more than that to feature here. Pass by
10. **SHANNKIYR** - Finished 6th over 2000m at Deauville last year and will need to do a lot to win this. Unlikely
11. **RESHABAR** - Needs to do a lot more than what recent form shows to feature and can be passed by for now. Only managed 6th position last time
12. **MIAMI VOICE** - Ignore last run, won penultimate over 1350m at Parislongchamp and is a must for all bets. Can finish in the first four
13. **LEV** - Needs to do a tad more for the win but is never too far adrift the winners and can earn. Include in quartet permutations
14. **AGAPI MIA** - Won at Saint-Cloud over 1500m in Handicap Class on the 6th of June last year. Will more than likely need this outing

Summary: ELAMAZ (5) is lightly raced, fresh off a victory at Saint-Cloud and clearly very progressive. He is selected to go back-to-back. KLEORA (3) is a useful filly in the making and can do way better than her last 6th placing. She can be expected to be right there at the finish. ROYAL SAXO (2) has only run one below par race in his career thus far and has been ultra consistent in all the others. He has the usual, obvious each way chance. WE RIDE THE WORLD (6) can finish in the first four.

SELECTIONS

ELAMAZ (5) - KLEORA (3) - ROYAL SAXO (2) - WE RIDE THE WORLD (6)

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**C5 - PRIX DU MUGUET - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Gr2 Race - Flat - EUR €
130,000**

1. MARHABA YA SANAFI - Group I winner as a three-year-old in 2023 and runner-up to TRIBALIST (3) in a recent Group III over track and trip (Prix Edmond Blanc) on 1 April. Will be a factor

2. DOLAYLI - Undefeated in three outings on PSF this season, the latest over 1900m at Chantilly on 8 March. Proved his efficiency/competitiveness on turf last year - keep safe

3. TRIBALIST - Won this race last year after a winning reappearance in the Group III Prix Edmond Blanc over this course and distance. Scored on his return in the latter event on 1 April and can repeat his 2023 heroics here too

4. ANTHORUS - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials and ought to improve after a much-needed comeback outing (7th) in an 1850m Listed race at ParisLongchamp on 14 April. Best watched for now

5. SKALLETI - High-class veteran with 12 Group successes. Caught the eye on his reappearance with a fast-finishing 2nd in a Listed race over 1850m at ParisLongchamp on 14 April - not taken lightly

Summary: Already a winner six times at Saint-Cloud, TRIBALIST (3) is good value to make a successful defence of this Group II title after winning a course-and-distance Group III contest on his reappearance. The runner-up that day MARHABA YA SANAFI (1), last season's Group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner, and fellow top-level scorer SKALLETI (5) have the means to fight for victory. DOLAYLI (2), undefeated in three PSF outings this year, also ambitious back on the turf.

SELECTIONS

TRIBALIST (3) - MARHABA YA SANAFI (1) - SKALLETI (5) - DOLAYLI (2)

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C6 - PRIX DU PARC DE BECON - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. **FLEUR DE SEL** - In good form and was third last time out in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 12 April. Can contest the finish
2. **SURPRIZE ME** - Unreliable and was 5th last time out in a Claimer at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 12 April. Capable of earning some money
3. **AMERICAN HOPE** - Has lost his way this year and was well beaten last time out in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over this distance on 14 April. Others are much preferred
4. **KASSAR SAID** - A bit of a disappointment when 6th last time out in a conditions race over this course and distance on 12 April. Won a handicap before that and is not out of it
5. **MARLOWE** - His only win was on the PSF but he was fourth last time out in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over this distance on 14 April. Not out of it
6. **ELEGATO** - Yet to win after 16 attempts and was 11th last time out in a handicap at Deauville over 1400m on 10 April. Might play a minor role
7. **PAVLOVA SWEETS** - Did not show much when 8th last time out in a Claimer at Argentan over 2500m on 11 April. Better this distance but others are preferred
8. **CARRY BAY** - Disappointed twice on the PSF this year and was 12th last time out in a handicap at Deauville over 1400m on 10 April. Did better on the turf last year and could surprise
9. **MYTHICONOR** - Not disgraced when 5th last time out in a Conditions race at Fontainebleau over 1800m on 2 April. Could need it a bit further than this distance
10. **BOLT OF THUNDER** - On a long losing run and was 5th last time out in a Claimer at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 5 April. More is needed to win this race
11. **MERCURISSIME** - A disappointing last three runs and was tenth last time out in a handicap at Deauville over 1400m on 10 April. Capable of better bit others are preferred
12. **MONTGAUDRY** - Yet to win a race but did show improvement in his only start of the year when runner-up in a handicap at Compiègne over 1800m on 29 March. Can go one better
13. **CELTIC ARYAAN** - Yet to win a race and was only 5th last time out in a handicap at Nantes over this distance on 18 April. Can play a minor role
14. **CITY OF HOPE** - Very consistent of late and was runner-up last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 1400m on 16 April. Be right there at the finish once again
15. **DEAU COEUR** - Battling to regain winning form and was 6th last time out in a handicap at Nantes over this distance on 18 April. Others are preferred
16. **LOUGHCREW** - Has struggled on the PSF this year and was 12th last time out in a handicap at Deauville over 1400m on 1 April. Could improve back on the grass
17. **CUSTARD TARTE** - Fair form this year and was 5th last time out in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 12 April. Capable of making the frame

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Summary: CITY OF HOPE (14) arrives in good form and physical condition, so has a genuine winning chance here. Runner-up on his reappearance at Compiègne, MONTGAUDRY (12) also has the means to fight for victory along with FLEUR DE SEL (1), whose recent performances have been encouraging. MARLOWE (5), CELTIC ARYAAN (13) and MERCURISSIME (11) are competitive for the remaining spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

CITY OF HOPE (14) - MONTGAUDRY (12) - FLEUR DE SEL (1) - MARLOWE (5)

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C7 - PRIX DU PAVILLON DES INDES - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. LE CORSAIRE** - A bit of a disappointment on handicap debut when 8th last time out at La Teste-de-Buch over this distance on 10 April. Capable of better and is not out of it
- 2. JIEPIES MELODY** - Has lost her way of late and was 12th last time out in a handicap at Chantilly over 1600m on 4 April. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 3. BRABUSACH** - Yet to win a race and was 8th last time out in a Claimer at Pornichet-La Baule over 1700m on 18 January. Others are much preferred
- 4. HAPPY HUNTER** - Has yet to win a race but was runner-up last time out in a handicap at Chantilly over 1600m on 3 March. Can go one better
- 5. DOUBLE EFFECT** - Has struggled in handicaps but did do better last time out when 5th in a Conditions race at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1800m on 20 April. Others are preferred
- 6. CLEMENZA** - Very unreliable but did show her best side when scoring a Conditions race win at Châtillon-sur-Chalarnonne over 1600m on 22 April. Tougher task this time
- 7. PEANUT ROYALE** - In fair form of late and was 5th last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 1400m on 16 April. Needs to do a bit more to win this race
- 8. CLOSE TO YOU** - Very unreliable but was victorious in a handicap at Nantes over this distance on 18 April. Carries a 2,50kg penalty but could follow up
- 9. MALLORCA SUN** - Yet to win a race but is knocking hard on the door and was runner-up last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 1400m on 16 April. Be right there in the mix of tings again
- 10. CAREGIVER** - Probably at best over further but was not disgraced when 5th last time out in a handicap at Chantilly over this distance on 4 April. Not out of it
- 11. PEARL HARBOUR** - Disappointing last run when 9th in a handicap at Deauville over 1400m on 10 April. Better on the turf of late and has a place chance
- 12. ZELZEFYR** - Showed some improvement when third last time out in a Conditions race at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1800m on 20 April. Might play a minor role
- 13. WEEKEND WARRIOR** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when third in a handicap at Compiègne over 1400m on 16 April. Yet to win a race but could earn some more money
- 14. PALANZANO** - Yet to win a race and was 7th last time out in a Conditions race at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1800m on 20 April. Others are preferred
- 15. EL PROFESSOR CHOP** - in fair form this year and was 5th last time out in a handicap at Wissembourg over 1350m on 14 April. Consistent and has a place chance
- 16. TOUQUES** - Yet to win but was fourth last time out in a handicap at Saint-Cloud over 2400m on 12 April. Better over further and others are preferred

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Summary: HAPPY HUNTER (4) finished in splendid style when runner-up last time out on the PSF and could go one better on the turf this time. Also noticed during its last outing, LE CORSAIRE (1) had bad luck that day so a much-improved run is likely this time. MALLORCA SUN (9) has been knocking hard on the door in his last two starts and deserves the utmost respect. CAREGIVER (10), probably needs a bit further but can contest the finish.

SELECTIONS

HAPPY HUNTER (4) - LE CORSAIRE (1) - MALLORCA SUN (9) - CAREGIVER (10)

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C8 - PRIX DU HARAS DE LA CELLE-SAINT-CLOUD - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 28,000

- 1. BEJAR** - Has won consecutive races in the claiming category, the latest over 1500m at this venue on 12 April. Should remain competitive under a 1kg penalty
- 2. FAMILIAR** - Consistent, lightly raced performer whose sound references/form credentials include a last-start 3rd behind BEJAR (1) in a 1500m claimer at this venue on 12 April. Dark horse
- 3. LIKING** - Finished 3rd in a 2000m handicap at this venue on 5 April in his first outing for new connections/trainer. Keep safe
- 4. SESTO ELEMENTO** - Runner-up to BEJAR (1) in his first start on turf in a 1500m claimer at this venue on 12 April. Improving sort not to be underestimated
- 5. TRUE VALUE** - Won consecutive handicaps (one on either surface) before showing her limitations off this mark by finishing 11th in a 1300m handicap at this venue on 18 April. Needs to reaffirm
- 6. TANTOMILE** - Made an encouraging reappearance (3rd) in a handicap over 1800m at Fontainebleau on 25 March. Should improve for that outing
- 7. ARPENTEUR** - Has established himself in the handicaps by finishing 2nd in both appearances at this level, including his latest over track and trip on 7 March. Deserves to open his account
- 8. THIENE** - Inconsistent filly whose best references have been achieved in the claiming category. Finished unplaced (7th) in her handicap debut over 1400m on the PSF at Chantilly on 18 March - unknown quantity (first start) on the turf

Summary: Runner-up in both handicap appearances, ARPENTEUR (7) should be rewarded for his consistency with a breakthrough first career win. He is, however, likely to be challenged by handicap debutante BEJAR (1) who has won back-to-back claimers, including her latest over 1500m on this course. LIKING (3) has maintained/proved his competitiveness in handicaps off higher marks so could also pose a threat. Improving SESTO ELEMENTO (4) isn't without a chance either.

SELECTIONS

ARPENTEUR (7) - BEJAR (1) - LIKING (3) - SESTO ELEMENTO (4)

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C9 - PRIX BIRIBI - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 19,000

- 1. MORSAN** - Consistent for the most part but disappointed when only 14th over 1900m in a handicap at Bordeaux on 22 April. Blinkers worn that day are dispensed with here
- 2. HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS** - Consistent handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a respectable 7th in a 2500m Quinté+ at Chantilly on 4 April. Should have a role to play
- 3. KARAKORUM** - Hard-knocking veteran with sound references and solid form credentials. Caught the eye when finishing a good 3rd in a 2000m Quinté+ at Saint-Cloud on 1 April. Not taken lightly
- 4. WEMATCH** - Bounced back to form after a disappointing Quinte+ showing with a fast-finishing 2nd on the PSF at Chantilly over 1400m on 10 April. Winning chance for a stable in good form
- 5. PENTAOUR** - Reliable performer who seldom finishes far off the mark, though has proven hard to win with (just 1 victory from 20 starts). Only 7th over 2000m at Fontainebleau on 13 April but is capable of better - outsider
- 6. PRINCE OF DAWN** - Lightly raced individual absent since 9 November when finishing 6th on heavy ground over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly. Stable is currently enjoying exceptional success - keep safe
- 7. LE BUGISTE** - Consistent, lightly raced sort whose sound references/form credentials include a commendable 6th in the Quinté+ of 4 April over 2400m at Chantilly on 4 April. Will be a factor
- 8. STALLONE** - Runner-up in a 2500m claimer at Argentan on 11 April. Must confirm/build on that improvement to have a say here
- 9. CHELSEA DU NINIAN** - Consistent handicapper with sound references/form credentials in handicaps at this level, including two comeback races this year - the latest (6th) over 2300m at Le Mans on 23 April. Dark horse
- 10. SWEET FORTUNE** - Consistent for the most part and didn't go unnoticed when finishing 8th in a Quinté+ over 2400m at Chantilly on 4 April. Ought to have improved since

Summary: Adrien Fouassier-trained WEMATCH (4) showed his form and well-being by finishing a reassuring 2nd on PSF at Deauville recently and, with the benefit of Pierre Remoué's weight allowance, is good value to go one better here. He will have most to fear from LE BUGISTE (7) who is probably more comfortable/effective on drying ground. HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS (2) should also acquit himself competitively, while PRINCE OF DAWN (6) isn't without a chance either.

SELECTIONS

WEMATCH (4) - LE BUGISTE (7) - HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS (2) - PRINCE OF DAWN (6)