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C1 - PRIX D'ORTHEZ - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 23.000

1. ZWEIG - Acquired for €110,000 during the summer of 2022, this Churchill colt is a candidate for success. Keep safe

2. GARCILASO - Well-bred Lope De Vega colt, closely related to Group III winner Zorna. Another candidate for success here

3. TESTIMONIO - Seahenge colt on debut for trainer and owner Ion Elarre Alvarez, who has engaged Anthony Crastus to ride. Outsider

4. TIMMY TRUMPET - A gelded son of Whipper making his debut for trainer and owner Jean-Luc Pelletan, who has engaged Emilien Révolte to ride. Outsider

5. BOJANGLES - Oasis Dream colt to be ridden on debut by Mickaël Forest for trainer Simone Brogi. Not taken lightly

6. ECLAT DES FLEURS - Well-bred François Rohaut-trained Dabirsim filly with an attractive pedigree. Not taken lightly with Valentin Seguy engaged to ride

7. TAROB - Shalaa debutante from the stable of François Rohaut, who has engaged Matthias Lauron to ride. One to note

8. AYALA - This Advertise debutante is the foal of Group III winner Ilanga. Bought for €75,000 as a yearling and is likely to go well on debut

9. SEE THE DREAM - Well-bred De Treville filly related to Grand Prix de Paris runner-up Slalom. Makes plenty appeal on paper

10. ES XARCU - Well-bred Toronado filly related to Group III winner Xanadou. One of three from the stable of Jean-Claude Rouget

11. ONE EYED PRINCESS - Enrique Léon Penate-trained Due Diligence filly to be ridden on debut by Marlène Meyer, who has a 1,5kg allowance

Summary : An opening event for unraced two-year-olds in which Jean-Claude Rouget is strongly represented with 3 runners and likely to dominate, with ZWEIG (1) slightly preferred ahead of stable companion GARCILASO (2), who is well bred. AYALA (8) is also likely to go well on debut in the colors of the Pilarski family. The third string to the Rouget bow, ES XARCU (10), should not be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

ZWEIG (1) - GARCILASO (2) - AYALA (8) - ES XARCU (10)

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C2 - PRIX DE BERNADETS - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. ANTARES** - Has improved with each outing and finished 3rd at this venue in her latest start last month. Not taken lightly
- 2. LINA** - Only narrowly beaten by a good filly when finishing 2nd at Toulouse 1st time out. Repeat of that performance here will make her hard to beat
- 3. MADAME LYDIA** - Has not shown anything to get excited about in her three outings, finishing unplaced on each occasion. Others preferred
- 4. PRINCESS OF HEART** - Would have gained plenty from the experience of her debut (8th) but is best watched for now. Others preferred
- 5. JUBBAH** - Inconsistent and was disappointing recently at Pornichet, having finished 4th here in her prior outing. Outsider
- 6. ESPERANCE CHAUFOUR** - Showed some signs of improvement last time (5th) after a modest debut 7th. More needed, so best watched for now
- 7. PAGANY** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 8. LADY OF NABEUL** - Changed hands after winning a claiming race at Clairefontaine this summer and finished 5th at Le Mans in her first start for new connections. Has leading claims here
- 9. SOLENA** - Finished an encouraging 4th on debut at Tarbes and would have improved with the benefit of that experience. Keep safe
- 10. SILPENY** - Well-related Penny's Picnic debutante related to Son Césio, a three-time Group winner. One to note on debut
- 11. ANGEL OF MUSIC** - Alexandre Lartigau-trained Toronado filly to be ridden on debut by Maxime Foulon. Best just to watch for now

Summary : LINA (2) improved to be only narrowly beaten at Toulouse in October and will be difficult to beat if reproducing that performance here. LADY OF NABEUL (8) has the form and experience to pose a threat, so warrants respect. SOLENA (9) finished an encouraging 4th on debut and is likely to improve with the benefit of that outing, so also has legitimate claims for a spot on the podium. ANTARES (1) and SILPENY (10) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LINA (2) - LADY OF NABEUL (8) - SOLENA (9) - ANTARES (1)

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C3 - PRIX DE BIZANOS - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14.000

1. **CHIEF'S APP** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
2. **MONA LISA** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
3. **BLACK GAIA** - Finished 4th here two starts back and on that form could have a role to play, despite starting from the widest stall
4. **JUSTE BERE** - Finished 2nd and 3rd in two previous outings before fluffing his lines over 1600m last time. Ought to do better stretching back out to this distance
5. **VERDINA** - Inconsistent but did finish 2nd three starts back and was a winner four outings ago. Unreliable but not incapable of having a say
6. **GOLONDRINA** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
7. **LA CAPELLA** - Seldom far off the mark and finished 5th over 1600m last time. Can get into the picture going 2000m now
8. **CAFE SAIGON** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
9. **LIEBE KINDER** - Lines up here in good form and physical condition. Capable of recapturing the winning thread from a favourable starting stall
10. **LEVANT** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
11. **DIRTY DOZEN** - Inconsistent but did finish 2nd here last year, so is not incapable of getting into the picture. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
12. **LA FILLE DE BERLIN** - Winner four starts back but has struggled since, finishing unplaced in 3 consecutive outings. Needs to reaffirm
13. **CAVANI KAIZEN** - Has been holding form at a lower level but faces a tougher task now, so others are preferred. Watch for now
14. **PEDROZIO** - Has maintained a good level of form and consistency for new connections, never finishing out of the first four since joining Frédéric Sanchez. Keep safe
15. **BILWAUKEE** - Unreliable but has won twice at this course, so is not incapable of staking a claim here judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
16. **WINO** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so her chances are limited even at this level. Ignore

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Summary : LIEBE KINDER (9) has finished 2nd in three of his last five outings, including in two consecutive starts recently, so wouldn't be winning out of turn and he is good value to reconnect with success here. JUSTE BERE (4) let the side down over 1600m last time but is better than that effort suggests and, on the strength of his earlier form, should bounce back over this distance to pose a threat. BLACK GAIA (3) is drawn widest of all but has the means to stake a claim too. PEDROZIO (14) and LA CATELLA (7) are also capable of getting involved.

SELECTIONS

LIEBE KINDER (9) - JUSTE BERE (4) - BLACK GAIA (3) - PEDROZIO (14)

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C4 - PRIX DE MONT-DE-MARSAN - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000

- 1. THE TOP GATSBY** - Consistent filly with sound form references, including a handicap victory before finishing 3rd in a conditions race last time. Will be factor
- 2. ZOKOA** - Beaten for the first time in three starts at this track when 6th over 2000m recently. Could have a say over this trip
- 3. SANBER** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 4. MY HOPE** - Consistent for the most part and is competitive at this handicap value. Will make her presence felt
- 5. SPANISH LIGHT** - Runner-up on his handicap debut over 2000m from an outside stall gate. Can open his account if as effective over this trip
- 6. KADANCE DE BOZOULS** - Out of sorts but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Has only a place chance here in a race of this nature
- 7. SWEET WISH** - Has maintained a respectable level of form and consistency in minor events on the turf but has shown her limits on the PSF. Outsider
- 8. LANCEUR D'ALERTE** - Capable sort who, judged on his 3rd over this course and distance two starts back, should have a role to play. Respected
- 9. ROI MERCURE** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 10. GRAND COURGEON** - Finished 3rd at Bordeaux over 2400m recently and remains unexposed on this surface - his one run on PSF yielded a 6th. Not taken lightly
- 11. EVAMIS** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited, even at this level. Ignore
- 12. COCOON QUATRE** - Inconsistent, more effective in claiming races and has no references on this surface. Best just to watch for now
- 13. OAK WOOD** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

Summary : In his last five starts, SPANISH LIGHT (5) has been 4th and 3rd twice before finishing 2nd in consecutive outings. He wouldn't be winning out of turn and is good value to open his account stretching out to this distance for this handicap. He will, however, have to thwart the likely challenge of top-weight THE TOP GATSBY (1), who will enjoy the benefit of Marlène Meyer's 1,5kg allowance, as well as LANCEUR D'ALERTE (8) who finished 3rd here 2 starts back and is better than his most recent outing suggests. MY HOPE (4) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

SPANISH LIGHT (5) - THE TOP GATSBY (1) - LANCEUR D'ALERTE (8) - MY HOPE (4)

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C5 - PRIX DE BUROS - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. RAMSES CHOP** - Failed to confirm the improvement of his previous outing (4th) when only 5th last time but did not enjoy the run of the race on that occasion. Capable of better
- 2. DADAS BOY** - Placed over 1200m in the United Kingdom so is dangerous to dismiss stretching out to this trip now. Beware
- 3. AGOSTINO MASUCCI** - Showed enough to work with when finishing 4th on debut and would have gained plenty from that experience. Dark horse
- 4. NOSS DEMRAUD** - Hard to make a case for having finished unplaced in both outings, so is best watched for now. Others preferred
- 5. EL KALBITO** - Finished a much-improved 2nd at this venue last time after four modest outings. Should make his presence felt if confirming that progress
- 6. DELIRIUM TREMENS** - Changed hands after improving to finish an encouraging 3rd at Deauville last time. Could have more to give
- 7. LE PHOCEA** - Showed some improvement by finishing 6th last time after a modest 9th on debut. Can get into the picture if making further progress
- 8. LOUSTIC BERE** - Caught the eye with a fast-finishing 2nd after a tardy start on debut at Bordeaux. Should have more to offer
- 9. MOTADARREK** - Did not go unnoticed when finishing 6th debut and the form of that race has held up well. Will be wiser to the task
- 10. O PATRAO** - Showed something to work with when finishing 5th on debut and would've come on with the benefit of that experience. Dark horse
- 11. SNATCHER** - Failed to confirm the promise of his debut 4th when only finishing 6th here last time over track and trip. Has scope to do better
- 12. NASHVILLE** - Philippe Sogorb-trained Kheleyf gelding to note on debut with Anthony Crastus booked to ride. Not taken lightly
- 13. IAMICHOP** - Alexandre Gavilan rides this Panis gelding on debut for trainer Didier Guillemin. Best watched for now
- 14. ULTRATREIZE** - Simone Brogi-trained Ultra colt making his debut with Anaëlle Mekouche engaged to ride, with the 2,5kg allowance a help. Watch for now

Summary : LOUSTIC BERE (8) overcame a tardy start by running on to take a fast-finishing 2nd on debut at Bordeaux and will need only to jump on terms here to fight for success. MOTADARREK (9) is also likely to improve following a decent introduction in which he finished an encouraging 6th, so could pose a threat. EL KALBITO (5) improved in his last start to finish 2nd at this venue and ought to make his presence felt if building on that progress, while DELIRIUM TREMENS (6) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

LOUSTIC BERE (8) - MOTADARREK (9) - EL KALBITO (5) - DELIRIUM TREMENS (6)

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C6 - PRIX DE L'ASSOCIATION DES PROPRIETAIRES DU SUD-OUEST - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 17.000

- 1. BARBAGGIO** - Likely to improve with the benefit of an introductory outing (6th) but is best watched for now. Others preferred
- 2. LE CORSAIRE** - Caught the eye by running on to finish 3rd on debut and ought to have gained plenty from that experience. Should have more to offer
- 3. ESPINACO** - Has looked rather ordinary to this point so his chances are limited, even at this level. Ignore
- 4. SANSKRIT** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 5. GOLDENSIM** - Consistent sort with sound form credentials, having never finished worse than 4th at Pau. Will be a factor
- 6. WILD HAWK** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and is not incapable of getting into the picture, though has no more than a place chance
- 7. GRIS DE PERLES** - Absent since last April having finished 5th in both outings. Has scope to improve with freshness on his side, so could well surprise
- 8. SNOBBISH** - Runner-up on debut in Madrid, Spain and is likely to improve on his first start on French soil. Respected
- 9. SAFO DE MITILENE** - Showed signs of improvement when finishing 4th last time but will need to raise her game to get a look in here
- 10. LA MAZEL** - Fetched €60,000 this summer having started her career in the United States. Finished 2nd last time before being disqualified and is good value to make amends here
- 11. NICOLASA** - Has looked rather ordinary in her two appearances this year, finishing 7th on both occasions. Best watched for now
- 12. LUXU** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here so isn't likely to trouble the judge
- 13. FULL COLOUR** - Boasts the joint highest rating of the runners engaged in this race and has finished 2nd in two of her last three starts, including her most recent outing. Winning chance
- 14. VERSION COX** - Consistent filly with sound form references on the turf. Not one to be underestimated stepping onto PSF for the first time
- 15. WIRI WIRI** - Has shown signs of improvement in minor events recently so will need to raise her game even further to get a look in here
- 16. VALDIPAUL** - Margot Romary, with the benefit of a 2,5kg allowance, rides this Battle of Marengo gelding on debut for owner and trainer Marion Fabre

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Summary : LA MAZEL (10) started her career encouragingly on American racetracks and was disqualified after finishing 2nd in her first start on French soil. She needn't improve a great deal to open her account here and is taken to get the better of FULL COLOR (13), who has the form and form and experience to fight for victory. GOLDENSIM (5) would not be winning out of turn either and has the means to pose a threat too, which also applies to LE CORSAIRE (2) who finished 3rd on debut and should improve with the benefit of that experience.

SELECTIONS

LA MAZEL (10) - FULL COLOUR (13) - GOLDENSIM (5) - LE CORSAIRE (2)

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C7 - PRIX DE LIMENDOUS - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16.000

1. **VALINA** - Inconsistent of late and has to concede weight to all but is well drawn and has sufficient means to play a role in the finish. Respect
2. **BATTLE OF THE NILE** - Continues to blow hot and cold but is not devoid of resources. Not taken lightly in his first start at this venue
3. **LEXINGTON FORCE** - Disappointed last time over 1600m but will appreciate this sterner test of stamina and ought to fare better for it. Keep safe
4. **IS SUR TILLE** - Honest veteran who returned from a break when registering a fourth success at this venue last month. Will be even better suited to this distance
5. **BALEGRIO** - Bounced back to form with a good 2nd at this course last month and should play a leading role here if confirming that improvement
6. **GRISGRISES** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
7. **MA NOSTALGIE** - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time when dropped back in distance to 2000m. Has to overcome a wide starting berth to have a say, but is capable of doing so
8. **LE RAFALE** - Capable veteran. Not at his best recently but has sufficient means to make his presence felt in a race of this nature
9. **TROVATORE** - Inconsistent although not incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
10. **PERROU** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here so isn't likely to trouble the judge
11. **BECQUANON** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and is not incapable of getting into the picture, though has no more than a place chance
12. **KARKHOV** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now so his chances are limited, even at this level. Ignore
13. **MOREA** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
14. **SHANGRI LA** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
15. **L'ARCHET** - Out of sorts recently but did run well at this earlier in the year and does get along well with his rider Anthony Crastus. Not taken lightly
16. **TITE NANA** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here so isn't likely to trouble the judge

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Summary : Veteran IS SUR TILLE (4) has lost little zest for racing and is a specialist on this surface. He made a winning return over 1600m last time out and is good value to defy a 2,5kg penalty by following up here over a distance he'll find more to his liking. BALEGRIO (5) and MA NOSTALGIE (7), despite starting from the widest barrier gate, are capable of posing a threat if confirming the improvement of their most recent outings. L'ARCHET (15) also has the means to have a say in the finish.

SELECTIONS

IS SUR TILLE (4) - BALEGRIO (5) - MA NOSTALGIE (7) - L'ARCHET (15)

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C8 - PRIX DE BARZUN - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000

- 1. PRINCE ANODIN** - Consistent for the most part and boasts, by far, the highest rating of the runners engaged here. Will benefit from his rider's 2,5kg allowance and is well drawn in stall No 1, so not taken lightly
- 2. OXALIS** - Unreliable though seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but isn't easily ruled out either
- 3. SWISS BANK** - Has won twice at Pau and recently bounced back to form with a last-start 2nd. Ought to have a role to play
- 4. ASCOT ANGEL** - Honest and consistent veteran who was held up for a run before finishing an unlucky 3rd in the reference race won VALLEE D'ENFER (5). Has a winning chance
- 5. VALLEE D'ENFER** - Won easily, beating both SWISS BANK (3) and ASCOT ANGEL (4), recently and is likely to play a leading role once more despite carrying a penalty
- 6. MEXICAN DREAM** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Not easy to discount
- 7. JUREER** - Unreliable though seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but isn't easily ruled out either
- 8. TASHAAR** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Has only a place chance though
- 9. FORZA SEDACA** - Maintained a respectable level of form and consistency before finishing unplaced last time out. Seldom finishes far off the mark, so could get a look in here
- 10. LOUIS SKI** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 11. NIGHTS ON BROADWAY** - Finished 7th after consecutive victories before bouncing back to form with a good 3rd on this surface at Deauville last month. Candidate for success on that form in his first start at Pau
- 12. GUERREIRA** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 13. EL INGRATO** - Was a winner three starts back but has struggled to make an impression in his two starts since, finishing unplaced on both occasions. Others make more appeal
- 14. THECLIMB** - Finished a creditable 5th at Toulouse last month and has well at this venue too, albeit without success. Dark horse
- 15. XARUN** - Inconsistent last-start winner who, with a repeat of that performance, will remain competitive despite a 3kg penalty. Confirmation expected
- 16. MONTIGNY** - Turned his fortunes around by winning a minor event off this mark last time, though is unlikely to repeat that feat here. Place chance only

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Summary : ASCOT ANGEL (4), a three-time Quinte+ winner, finished an unlucky 3rd in the references race last month, having been held up for a run until too late. He's good value to turn the tables on VALLEE D'ENFER (5), who has a penalty to carry (2,5kg) but should remain competitive. NIGHTS ON BROADWAY (11) showed his form and well-being with a good 3rd at Deauville last time and should have a say here with a repeat of that performance. SWISS BANK (3) is also likely to make his presence felt. XARUN (15) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

ASCOT ANGEL (4) - VALLEE D'ENFER (5) - NIGHTS ON BROADWAY (11) - SWISS BANK (3)