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**C1 - PRIX DE THOIRY - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR €
23.000**

1. RISING UP - Highest-rated runner in the race and drops into a claiming race for the first time under a rider who takes off 1,5kg. Can play a role here

2. IRISHKAMAYA - Non partante

3. HOTENTICA - Won on debut but finished a well-beaten 5th of 5 last time. Open to improvement so could do better here

4. KAMINO - Not at his best recently but is capable of better, especially at this level after finishing 2nd in his only start in this grade. Ought to have a say with 1,5kg off the back

5. BO LYWOOD - Unreliable sort but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race like this. Can get into the picture

6. BLACK PAWS - Versatile sort, consistent for the most part but is probably better suited to this distance and on the turf. One to beat at this level

Summary : BLACK PAWS (6) has not been at his best in a Listed race on the PSF and over 1200m on the turf recently but, on the evidence of his most recent outing, could bounce back to winning ways here with this step up in trip and drop in grade likely to suit. KAMINO (4) finished 2nd in his only start at this level and should fare better here after a couple of indifferent recent efforts. RISING UP (1) is the highest-rated runner in the race and will benefit from his rider's 1,5kg claim, so ought to be competitive in his first outing at this level. BO LYWOOD (5) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

BLACK PAWS (6) - KAMINO (4) - RISING UP (1) - BO LYWOOD (5)

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**C2 - PRIX ALEC CARTER - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR
€ 19.000**

- 1. LEWIS CHOP** - Has looked distinctly ordinary in each of his 3 starts and will need to improve even at this to get a look in
- 2. KANZA** - Made no impression in a handicap last time but did show early promise so ought to bounce back in this grade. One to beat
- 3. LIDISBARN** - Consistent performer in this class on both the PSF and on the turf so should be competitive. Has a role to play
- 4. MORE MAGIC** - Unplaced in both starts but is open to improvement in a claiming race for the first time. Outsider
- 5. KLINGELPUETZ** - Makes his first start on French soil and in a claiming race with legitimate ambitions. Can have a say
- 6. QUEEN REGINE** - Has been struggling for some time but could show more at this level. Look for improvement
- 7. BULSARA** - Mathieu Boutin-trained Sommerabend debutante to be ridden by Camille Laude who takes 3,5kg off
- 8. DREAM WUKAIR** - Showed signs of a return to form in this grade last time and has dropped 1kg in the weights, so can get into the picture here
- 9. SPIRIT CUTTER** - Poor recent form on both surfaces at this level and in handicaps which does not augur well for her chances here. Overlook

Summary : KANZA (2) was found wanting in a handicap last time but should have the measure of these rivals on the promise she showed in all 3 of her previous outings. KLINGELPUETZ (5) has hinted at ability in 3 starts across the Rhine and could give cheek to the selection, along with DREAM WUKAIR (8) and LIDISBARN (4) who have the form and experience to make their presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

KANZA (2) - KLINGELPUETZ (5) - DREAM WUKAIR (8) - LIDISBARN (3)

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C3 - PRIX NASRULLAH - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 28.000

- 1. CAWDOR** - Convincing winner on debut, beating a subsequent next-start scorer. Looks the horse to beat with improvement expected
- 2. IFACH** - Finished 2nd on debut then won his next 2 starts during a promising two-year-old campaign. Was 4th on the PSF on his return and could have more to offer
- 3. MR MOLIERE** - Winner on debut and 4th in a Listed race on the PSF before finishing unplaced on the turf last time. Capable of better
- 4. GRAND TRAVERSE** - Debut winner who held his own in good company when finishing 3rd last time. Should have a role to play
- 5. ENDS OF THE EARTH** - Made a winning debut on the PSF last year but has failed to build on that promise in 2 starts this season. Must reaffirm
- 6. KIEVSKY** - Won on the PSF in his second start and finished an encouraging 3rd on his reappearance last month. Ought to improve
- 7. SOSINO** - Showed promise last season and has built on that in 2 starts this term. Has solid form references, should have a role to play here

Summary : CAWDOR (1) was an impressive winner on debut and had that form franked by the runner-up who next time out, so is likely to remain unbeaten with any improvement. GRAND TRAVERSE (4) made a winning debut too before following up with a good 3rd at Saint-Cloud last time, and on that form should fight for victory. SOSINO (7) is a promising colt in his own right and has both the form and experience to get involved. MR MOLIERE (3) has run his best races on the fibresand but could get into the picture nonetheless.

SELECTIONS

CAWDOR (1) - GRAND TRAVERSE (4) - SOSINO (7) - MR MOLIERE (3)

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C4 - PRIX DU VESINET - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Claiming - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 19.000

1. ROYAUMONT - Enjoying a new lease on life at this level recently and arrives here following a last-start victory in this grade at Chantilly. Has a role to play with 3,5kg off the back

2. HAVOC - Bounced back to winning ways last time and could follow up with a resultant 2,5kg penalty offset by his rider's 2,5kg claim. One to beat

3. NOT SO SILLY - Unreliable sort but is quite capable of staking a claim here on these revised weight terms. Dark horse

4. HUNTBA - Has won twice and finished 2nd twice in his last 4 starts at this level. Reassuring 2nd last time and in similar form could get into the picture

5. BOOGIE - Has struggled for form and consistency on both the flat and over hurdles. Could do better dropped in class

6. NORTH HUNTER - Well-traveled, consistent veteran who is proven in this class. Has dropped slightly in the weights so ought to be competitive

7. GIANNIS UGO - Georgios Alimpinisis-trained Tattheer colt who will be ridden on by Benjamin Marie. Watch for now

8. ENISSEY - Consistent German veteran who has been absent since December but runs well fresh. Could surprise

Summary : Several chances here but it could pay to follow last-start winner HAVOC (2) whose 2,5kg penalty is negated by his rider's 2,5kg claim. Veteran NORTH HUNTER (6) has not won on French soil since 2019 but arrives with good recent form at this level to his name, so should take an active part at the finish. NOT SO SILLY (3) was beaten by in-form ROYAUMONT (1) in a similar contest last time but is weighted to turn the tables on 6kg better terms. Both can make their presence felt here along with returning ENISSEY (8) and HUNTBA (4) after an improved last start.

SELECTIONS

HAVOC (2) - NORTH HUNTER (6) - NOT SO SILLY (3) - ROYAUMONT (1)

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C5 - PRIX NOIR ET OR - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27.000

- 1. UNDER THE OPEN SKY** - Has only run on the PSF and was a disappointing 10th last time but is open to improvement on the turf. Not discounted
- 2. DARIYM** - Finished 6th on his reappearance after a promising 3rd on debut last year and should have more to offer. Follow
- 3. CELTIC ARYAAN** - Showed signs of improvement in his last start at Nantes and will need to confirm to play a role here
- 4. NAVAL ACADEMY** - Runner-up on his seasonal comeback and should have a role to play if confirming that improvement. Include
- 5. ALIJAN MOON** - Showed signs of improvement in his last start after a modest comeback and could get a look in here if making further progress
- 6. LE FREINAY** - Finished a modest 8th on debut over 1800m last season. Ought to have improved over the winter but will need to do so get involved on his return
- 7. KIZMAMBO** - Showed a fair degree of ability and consistency prior to his last start, so remains capable of better. Worth another chance
- 8. LEMON ZEST** - Open to improvement after finishing a well-beaten 5th of 6 on debut over this trip. Watch for now
- 9. CASE MONEY** - Cristian Demuro rides this Showcasing colt on debut for Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti. One to note

Summary : DARIYM (2) looked a winner in waiting after a promising debut 3rd on the PSF last year. He finished 6th on that surface in his comeback outing but could have more to offer on the turf with improved fitness on his side. NAVAL ACADEMY (4) was 2nd on his reappearance and ought to get involved again with KIZMAMBO (7) who has the form and experience to play a leading role too. Don't discount UNDER THE OPEN SKY (1) who could also have more to give in his first run on turf.

SELECTIONS

DARIYM (2) - NAVAL ACADEMY (4) - KIZMAMBO (7) - UNDER THE OPEN SKY (1)

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C6 - PRIX LUTH ENCHANTEE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27.000

- 1. KAKHOVKA** - Built on the promise of her debut 4th with an improved 2nd on the PSF last year. Another open to improvement on her return
- 2. ZINDERELLA** - Finished a pleasing 4th on debut and would've strengthened/improved over the winter. Can have a say on her reappearance
- 3. BEAUTIFUL ERA** - Disappointing last start after an encouraging debut 3rd. Has scope to do better so cannot be written off just yet
- 4. CACIOTTA** - Finished a pleasing 4th on debut and is open to improvement with the benefit of that outing. Place chance
- 5. BUTTE ROUGE** - Not disgraced on debut when 8th of 13 against more experienced rivals and is likely to have gained plenty from experience. Value play
- 6. BEHATI** - Encouraging 2nd on her reappearance and would've tightened up for that comeback outing. Could have a role to play
- 7. NIGHTCALL** - Improved with the benefit of experience to finish 3rd last time out. Open to further progress on her return
- 8. PERCUSSION** - Made good improvement from start 1 to start 2 and with further progress could get into the picture
- 9. HEY CHARLIE** - Made no impression when unplaced on debut and will need a big step forward on that run to have a say here. Watch for now
- 10. SUNY** - Unplaced in both outings over sprint distances so will need to improve stepping in trip to get a look in here. Watch for now
- 11. JIEPIES MELODY** - Finished an improved 2nd in her last start at Nantes and will need to confirm at that improvement to play a role in this
- 12. NOUR AYA** - Newcomer to make note of, this filly by Raven's Pass debutante will be ridden by Ludovic Boisseau
- 13. PIERREFITTE** - Philippe Decouz-trained Dariyan debutante to be ridden by Ronan Thomas. Worth a second look
- 14. LEVANTE BREEZE** - Siyouni newcomer trained by Francis-Henri Graffard who has booked Tony Piccone for the ride, Not discounted

Summary : BUTTE ROUGE (5) acquitted herself well when 8th of 13 on debut against more experienced rivals and would've come on for that experience, so it could pay to follow her progress here. BEHATI (6) improved with the benefit of experience to finish 2nd on her reappearance and ought to fight for victory with further progress. NIGHTCALL (7) finished 3rd last time and could have more to offer on her return so warrants respect, as does ZINDERELLA (2) who caught the eye on debut last year and is open to improvement on her reappearance.

SELECTIONS

BUTTE ROUGE (5) - BEHATI (6) - NIGHTCALL (7) - ZINDERELLA (2)

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C7 - PRIX DE VILLIERS SAINT-FREDERIC - 1500m (a7 1/2f) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 19.000

1. **HEY MAN** - Bounced back to winning ways last time and ought to be competitive again under a 2kg penalty. Keep safe
2. **MONTASIA** - Showed signs of improvement in a claiming race at Machecoul in November but has been absent since. Watch for now
3. **THE TIME** - An inconsistent sort who pops up on occasion but inspires little confidence. For lovers of outsiders
4. **RUBIS GOLD** - Unreliable sort but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race like this with Théo Bachelot engaged. Include
5. **BAYLAGAN** - Unreliable sort but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature, so is not taken lightly
6. **AZABA** - Only finished 9th on her reappearance but ought to do better with improved fitness on her side. Outsider
7. **DANCE COLONY** - Winner 4 starts back but has struggled in 3 subsequent outings, so needs to reaffirm. Watch for now
8. **SALSA CHIC** - Up 2,5kg for her last-start victory and is drawn widest of all but remains capable of having a say. Dark horse
9. **LA FIBRE** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. For another day
10. **BLOOD CHOPE** - Consistent performer at this level and is likely to acquit herself competitively once more. Respected
11. **MOASA** - Has shown improvement in recent outings and could play a leading role with further improvement. One for the shortlist
12. **MAKSEN SENORA** - Has been struggling for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Others are preferred
13. **ANGEL DUST** - Undeniably capable but off the boil this year. Could reaffirm after 3 much-needed comeback runs
14. **KAVAKNEY** - An inconsistent sort who pops up on occasion but inspires little betting confidence. For lovers of the outsiders
15. **ECCELSO** - Battling, long-time maiden who has poor recent form on both surfaces. Unlikely to have any say
16. **SORRENZA** - Has looked rather ordinary for some time, so is hard to make a case for and can be ruled out here
17. **EXCLUSIVE BEAUTY** - Has nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Overlook
18. **STAR DAYS** - Has been struggling for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Others are preferred

Summary : MOASA (11) could be worth a punt at long odds here after improved recent outings. RUBIS GOLD (4) ran better in his last start than his finishing position (8th) may suggest and could get into the play along with inconsistent last-start winner HEY MAN (1), in spite of a 2kg penalty. BLOOD CHOPE (10) is consistent so cannot be discounted either. ANGEL DUST (13), AZABA (6) and SALSA CHIC (8) are other possibilities in a trappy contest.

SELECTIONS

MOASA (11) - RUBIS GOLD (4) - HEY MAN (1) - BLOOD CHOPE (10)

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C8 - PRIX DE SAINT-GERMAIN-DE-LA-GRANGE - 1500m (a7 1/2f) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. **OLAF THE BIG ONE** - Long-time maiden who has finished 3rd and 5th in two starts at this course. Unlikely to win but has a place chance
2. **GIN GEMBRE** - Unreliable but quite capable sort who struggled under a penalty last time after winning his previous start. For another day
3. **ROSIERES** - Seldom far off the mark but rarely wins her races. Blinkers have sparked improvement recently, so could get into the picture
4. **LE KAKOU** - Unreliable but quite capable veteran who has struggled under a penalty since winning 4 starts back. For another day
5. **VIOU** - Consistent performer in this class and seldom far off the mark. Should have a role to play again
6. **POWER PAPERS** - Has run well in both starts this year since resuming and should give this a good go if running to that level of form. One to beat
7. **RIYAK** - Inconsistent gelding who is drawn wide. Continues to blow and cold, so is as hard to trust as he is to rule out
8. **TALISMAN TOUCH** - Unreliable sort who is drawn wide but quite capable of staking a claim in a race like this. Respect
9. **MAFALDA STORY** - In good form of late, winning 2 starts back and finishing 2nd last time under a penalty. Ought to be involved again
10. **MI C'INFILLO** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period so can be ruled out. Others preferred
11. **ALBEDO** - Arrives in good form after winning 2 of his last 3 starts but is most effective on the fibreglass, so only an outside chance here
12. **TORIANO** - Has been struggling for some time now so unlikely to trouble the judge here. Can be ruled out
13. **LOVELY ANGEL** - Inconsistent mare who continues to blow hot and cold. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
14. **KING HARTWOOD** - Has improved in recent starts with runners-up finishes from his last 2 outings. Will have a say again
15. **OYAPOCK** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level
16. **ACREGATE** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level
17. **DELACHANCE** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period so can be ruled out. Others preferred
18. **SKADE** - At the top of her game in recent starts, winning twice and finishing 3rd twice in her last 4 starts. Can get into the picture

Summary : POWER PAPERS (6) deserves to open his account and is taken to do here after 2 pleasing recent outings. Runner-up last time under a 2kg penalty, MAFALDA STORY (9) proved that she is capable of doing well at this level off her current mark, so could fight for victory with the booking of Maxime Guyon a boost to her chances. Both VIOU (5) and KING HARTWOOD (14) are consistent in this grade and likely to make their presence felt too. TALISMAN TOUCH (8), LOVELY ANGEL (13) and SKADE (18) can also get involved.

SELECTIONS

POWER PAPERS (6) - MAFALDA STORY (9) - VIOU (5) - KING HARTWOOD (14)

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C9 - PRIX DE L'ARMORIQUE - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000

1. INVIOLEABLE SPIRIT - Consistent veteran, supplemented to participate in this event. Will be right in the fight for victory

2. GORL PIT - Has nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Overlook

3. BARBUDA - Unreliable filly but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Can have a say here

4. ACHKI - Runner-up in consecutive starts recently, he has proven that he has what it takes to win again here. One to beat

5. BLUE DREAM - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Overlook

6. COLD PLAY - Reassured with an improved 4th last time and should be competitive with a repeat of that effort here

7. FRENCH BERE - Reassured with an improved 4th on his reappearance. Could get a look in if building on that effort

8. ASTURIAS ROAD - Has looked ready to win again with 3 consecutive 2nd-place finishes. Likely to be involved again

9. FELI CHOP - An all-or-nothing" type who returns to the track of his last podium finish. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out

10. TENORIO - Inconsistent veteran of more than 100 starts and continues to blow hot and cold. For another day

11. PIKATSU - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level

12. MEHANYDREAM - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level

13. PREMIER DIVISION - Another who has been struggling for some time now so unlikely to trouble the judge. Overlook

Summary : ACHKI (4) has been threatening to add to his tally recently and will, after consecutive 2nd-place finishes, logically start as the favourite. COLD PLAY (6), who caught the eye with an improved 4th last time, and consistent INVIOLEABLE SPIRIT (1) are his main dangers along with resurgent veteran ASTURIAS ROAD (8) who has been 2nd in his last 3 starts. Of the remainder, BARBUDA (3) makes most appeal.

SELECTIONS

ACHKI (4) - COLD PLAY (6) - INVIOLEABLE SPIRIT (1) - ASTURIAS ROAD (8)