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R1 DEAUVILLE [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU BOURG-SAINT-LEONARD - 1100m (a5 1/2f) - TURF -
Claiming - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 19.000**

1. LIVE - Has performed at a better level than this so ought to fight for victory in his first start in a claiming race with the ground likely to suit

2. COASE - Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge returning from a layoff. Overlook

3. TILL WE DIE - Has finished 2nd in three of her last four starts, winning the other. Proven in this category and has run well on this course too, so has obvious claims

4. BIG FREEZE - Unreliable but seldom far off the mark. Hard to trust but cannot be ruled out given rider's 3,5kg allowance

5. TRUE ROMANCE - Confirmed the improvement of his previous start by winning last time and should remain competitive given his record on heavy ground

6. DROIT DE PAROLE - Last-start winner of a similar race, continuing his very good form. Has never run on heavy ground but warrants respect

7. MONSIEURVALCHOP - Has struggled to regain his form or spark improvement in his last three starts but remains capable of better. Outsider

Summary : Although well-beaten in a Quinte+ last time, LIVE (1) has the best form references of these runners and has already proven himself on heavy ground so is taken to bounce back by returning to winning ways in his first start in a claiming race. Christophe Escuder has two strings to his bow here with both DROIT DE PAROLE (6) and TILL WE DIE (3) capable of having a say in the finish. TRUE ROMANCE (5) will be suited by the conditions and can get into the picture too.

SELECTIONS

LIVE (1) - DROIT DE PAROLE (6) - TILL WE DIE (3) - TRUE ROMANCE (5)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE D'AUGE - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Flat - EUR € 60.000

- 1. WORLD OF DARCY** - British colt with solid form references, including a 2nd to Group III Prix de Cabourg winner Elite Status. One to beat
- 2. FASTER THAN LIFE** - Unexposed Kodiak colt from who has run twice in Germany, finishing 3rd on debut before improving to win last time. More to do
- 3. ROCAMBOLESQUE** - Confirmed the promise of his debut 4th by opening his account at Chantilly last time out. Will have more to offer even over this shorter trip
- 4. GRACEFUL THUNDER** - Battle-hardened British filly who bounced back to winning ways last time and ought to be competitive once more. Respect
- 5. BAILEYS POLKA DOT** - Unbeaten in two outings, the latest of which came on heavy ground, and her limits remain unknown. Not taken lightly
- 6. TANGLED UP IN BLUE** - Has the benefit of experience, which should stand her in good stead, but will need to raise her game to get a look in here
- 7. GAENARI** - Finished 2nd before only managing to cross the line in 6th last time, although that was at Group II level. Dark horse
- 8. DAIQUIBERRY** - Speedy last-start winner whose experience will stand her in good stead here as she steps up in class. Keep safe
- 9. GODAKA** - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing (8th) to finish 3rd last time but needs to do even more here. Watch for now
- 10. XAARINE** - Has improved with every outing and ought to be winning sooner rather than later, having finished 2nd last time. Place chance

Summary : WORLD OF DARCY (1) has already revealed serious means and is worth giving another chance to, despite his failure in a Group II at Royal Ascot last time, where he was popular in the market but unfavourably drawn in the starting stalls. He is capable of making amends and is taken to get the better of experienced last-start winner DAIQUIBERRY (8) and improving recent scorer ROCAMBOLESQUE (3) who is unexposed. GRACEFUL THUNDER (4) and unbeaten BAILEYS POLKA DOT (5) have claims too.

SELECTIONS

WORLD OF DARCY (1) - DAIQUIBERRY (8) - ROCAMBOLESQUE (3) - GRACEFUL THUNDER (4)

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C3 - PRIX DU CHAMP DURAND - SAUTERNE'S CUP - 1300m (a6 1/2f) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 55.000

- 1. HAYEJOHN** - From a stable (Christophe Escuder) in form and has revealed serious means. Returns fresh after a break and ought to be competitive in a handicap off his current mark. Heavy ground will not be to his liking
- 2. OUJDA** - Easily won a Class 2 race at Lion-d'Angers in her first start with Australian blinkers fitted. Goes on heavy ground but it remains to be seen if she is capable at this inflated value
- 3. BOOK OF LIFE** - Godolphin colt who has been relatively disappointing given a flawless start to his career. Has no leeway at this value (41), on the form of his 5th two starts back, but does sport blinkers for the first time. Watch
- 4. LADY FRASQUITA** - Has run only over 1600m and further this year, though did perform well over this distance at the start of her career. Debuts in a handicap at a workable mark and will be aided by Christophe Soumillon. Joker
- 5. VINTAGE KOD** - A winner of two handicaps in his career but needs to eke out some improvement to remain competitive off his current mark (39.5) and would've preferred a longer trip, though a heavy track will suit. Beware
- 6. APAX** - Moved from Henri-Alex Pantall to Markus Nigge after his last start and has regained freshness since. Has never finished out of the top four and his aptitude on heavy ground is certain. Dangerous to dismiss
- 7. FRENCH DEFENSE** - A model of consistency and has held his own in good company, albeit without success. Is proven racing on a straight track and confirmed off his current mark, so has a lot going for him here - on the shortlist
- 8. CAMELOT SONG** - Progressive filly who opened her account last time and should continue improving, with the shortening of the distance likely to suit her well. Remains competitive under penalty
- 9. NOLITO** - Irreproachable since the turn of the year and has proven himself on rain-affected ground and off of his current mark/value. Ought to have a say in the finish
- 10. BEHATI** - Debuted in a handicap at Saint-Cloud and more than held her own (2nd). Considering her pedigree, the deep ground is unlikely to trouble her, quite the contrary. Not taken lightly
- 11. DROLE DE DAME** - Showed clear progress last time after a much-needed comeback outing and a reduced handicap value gives her some sort of chance here, but the state of the track raises doubts
- 12. FURIOSO** - One of three Henri-Alex Pantall runners in the race. Unlucky not to have finished closer in the reference race last month but, given his effectiveness on straight tracks, should be a factor here at attractive odds
- 13. WRONG COLOUR** - Caught the eye when producing a good finish last time (5th) and has references (win) on heavy ground. Gets on well with her rider Thomas Trullier, so is dangerous to dismiss
- 14. LE FREINAY** - Has run better than his rankings indicate in his last two outings but is lightly raced so could improve. Will need to do so to get a look in here

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15. EXUBERANCE - Made no impression on handicap debut after an encouraging start to her career and has also never run on a heavy track. Other preferred

16. HARILA - After a half-hearted start to her career, has "triggered" improvement equipped with blinders. Penalized 7kg for winning her last two races and takes on much stronger rivals now. More will be required of her

Summary : Having caught the eye in a benchmark race at Chantilly last month, and given his experience of the straight course with the heavy ground also unlikely to put him off, FURIOSO (12) is the one to side with at attractive odds. Stablemate NOLITO (9) has displayed splendid regularity so, theoretically, has a winning chance too. FRENCH DEFENSE (7) and APAX (6) have never finished further than 4th in their careers so will, logically, win the votes of many. VINTAGE KOD (5) is better than his last start may suggest and should not be condemned hastily, especially with the energetic Théo Bachelot booked to ride. WRONG COLOR (13), who finished well last time out, heavy ground specialist BEHATI (10), and BOOK OF LIFE (3), with headgear fitted for the first time, complete the shortlist in this typically competitive Quinte+.

SELECTIONS

FURIOSO (12) - NOLITO (9) - FRENCH DEFENSE (7) - APAX (6)

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**C4 - PRIX MICHEL HOUYVET - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - TURF - Condition Race -
Listed - Flat - EUR € 55.000**

1. DSCHINGIS KING - Has constantly pushed his limits, reeling off a hat-trick of wins recently, and could well take his game to another level. Respect

2. PAYAM -

3. BACK TO BLACK - Consistent for the most part and has good form credentials. Needs to raise his game to be competitive but is not ruled out

4. HARRY WAY - Talented colt who must not be condemned for his recent failure, which was against older rivals at Vichy. Redemption awaits

5. LAND LEGEND - Unplaced in his last two outings but is undeniably capable of better than that form suggests. Not one to be taken lightly

6. KLONDIKE - Arrives from England having revealed a great deal of potential and will be entrusted to Christophe Soumillon. Keep safe

7. SEVENNA'S KNIGHT - Last-start winner who took another step forward in his development to score Compiègne last time. Will have more to offer

8. DOUBLE MAJOR - Has maintained a good level of form and consistency to this point. Lost nothing in defeat when finishing 2nd to smart Zarakem at Vichy last time

9. SHEMBALA - Progressive last-start winner who will need to eke out a little more improvement to stake a claim in this grade/company. Dark horse

Summary : HARRY WAY (4) was disappointing last time but is the highest-rated runner in the field and, having run well at Group level, is more than capable of making amends in this Listed event. KLONDIKE (6), who arrives from England with an interesting background, DOUBLE MAJOR (8), delicate but gaining in his momentum, and even André Fabre's SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (7), are also potential winners.

SELECTIONS

HARRY WAY (4) - KLONDIKE (6) - DOUBLE MAJOR (8) - SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (7)

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**C5 - PRIX DE LA CAUVINIÈRE - 1300m (a6 1/2f) - TURF - Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 32.000**

1. KALEOCREEK - Ultra-consistent colt who has finished 2nd in three of his last four starts. Carries joint top-weight 59kg but has claims nonetheless

2. ANTIFONA - Was only narrowly beaten when finishing 2nd at Dieppe last time by a filly runs in a Listed race. Sets the standard

3. MARY GOLD - Lost nothing in defeat when finishing 2nd at Vichy behind a filly who will line up in a Listed race. Makes obvious appeal

4. GOTTA SKEDADDLE - Undeniably capable but has been inconsistent of late so will need to reaffirm to play a role in the finish

5. BAHIA BLANCA - Talented filly who has maintained a good level of form and consistency. Has three lengths to find on the selection on the form of their Dieppe meeting

6. SABROSO - Continues to beat around the bush and makes his handicap debut here off an attractive mark. Respect

7. STARZO FAL - She is chasing after a first victory, which is worth her an

8. SENZA TE - Inconsistent although not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Place chance

9. TANIS - Consistent filly with the experience and solid form references to make her presence felt. Dark horse

10. IHOA - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is not easy to rule out

11. BAWE ISLAND - Rewarded for consistency with a last-start victory but will need to raise improve to be competitive here. Outsider

12. SKIMBLESHANKS - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time but needs to build on that improvement to stake a claim in a race of this nature

Summary : In this handicap for 2 years, we will timidly trust ANTIFONA (2), which has the best references. But SABROSO (6), which has interesting lines, MARY GOLD (3), on the rise, or even KALEOCREEK (1), very regular, will be serious customers. BAHIA BLANCA (5) and STARZO FAL (7) also look competitive.

SELECTIONS

ANTIFONA (2) - SABROSO (6) - MARY GOLD (3) - KALEOCREEK (1)

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C6 - PRIX DES HAUTES MOTTES - 1300m (a6 1/2f) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 28.000

- 1. MAAYAFUSHI** - Disappointed last time (6th) but has shown enough form and ability to warrant consideration/inclusion in a race of this nature. Dark horse
- 2. FUSIBLE** - Finished an encouraging 3rd in his only start this year and is likely to be a factor here too if adapting to the straight course. Keep safe
- 3. BLUFF** - Has won twice from four starts and represents the respected Jérôme Reynier outfit. Will have more to offer with improvement expected. Follow
- 4. PURPLE RAIN** - Has taken a step forward racing with Australian blinkers fitted and could get into the picture if building on that progress
- 5. SUNSHINEFLED** - Struggling to regain her form or spark improvement for some time now so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 6. MAZIWA** - Was disappointing last time but had shown enough prior to that to warrant consideration here. Capable of better
- 7. GALALITHE** - Has gone the wrong way in two subsequent outings after her victory three starts back. Needs to reaffirm
- 8. GAILLARD** - Has been shrewdly programmed for an assault on the handicaps and is likely to make his presence felt here. Respect
- 9. THREE DREAMS** - Consistent at a lower level so needs to find improvement to be competitive at this level and in this grade/company
- 10. ELEGATO** - Has been in great shape for several weeks now, maintaining his consistency at this level. Caught the eye behind BLUFF (3) last month
- 11. IDEE DE CHEVAL** - Speedy sort who has maintained a good level of form and consistency. Will be prominent from the jump and cannot be taken lightly
- 12. ROYALTIES** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 13. LES TROIS VALLEES** - Spark major improvement by finishing 4th in a Quinté+ last month and should have a say if confirming that form
- 14. BIG DRIFT** - Has appeared limited to this point so his chances are limited even at this level. Others are preferred
- 15. NO LIMIT DREAM** - Consistent performer at a lower level so will need to raise his game to have a say in this grade/company
- 16. VALDIKHOVA** - Capable of sneaking into the picture judged on her best form but has been inconsistent of late so needs to reaffirm. Watch for now
- 17. ROYALWOOD** - Showed signs of improvement last time (2nd) but will need to confirm that form to stake a claim here
- 18. CHANEL GOLD** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature, especially under bottom weight 54kg

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Summary : BLUFF (3) has been well placed here by trainer Jérôme Reynier who has brought his charge along masterfully. With more to come from his talented colt, a winning handicap debut looks on the cards. FUSIBLE (2) made a promising reappearance and is likely to pose a threat with improved fitness on his side. LES TROIS VALLEES (13), noted at Chantilly last time, is also capable of fighting for victory. GAILLARD (8) and PURPLE RAIN (4) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

BLUFF (3) - FUSIBLE (2) - LES TROIS VALLEES (13) - GAILLARD (8)

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**C7 - PRIX DE REUX - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - TURF - Group 3 - Group - Flat -
EUR € 80.000**

1. BIG CALL - Finished 11th in a Group 1 contest at Ascot last time out and he is no doubt better than that. Expect him to bounce back now down in trip. Go close

2. TRUE TESTAMENT - Finished 3rd in his last two starts both being in Group 2 contests. Trip will suit and he shouldn't be discounted. Include

3. ALESSIO - Won over 2000m at Saint Cloud at his last start but will need to step up considerably on that form to have a say here. Others preferred

4. MACHETE - Ran 4th in his penultimate start at Group 3 level but was disappointing last time out when dropped in class. More required to feature

5. HAVE DANCER - Won a Listed race at Vichy over 2400m and now steps up in class so will have his work cut out. More needed to feature

6. JUNKO - Ran 3rd last time at Saint Cloud in a Group 1 behind a very smart sort in the form of Westover and he sets the standard in this contest. One to beat

7. LASTOTCHKA - Ran 3rd in a Group 3 out at Chantilly at her last start and brings very nice form into this. Place chance

Summary : JUNKO (6) was far from disgraced in a much stronger race last time out and looks to be the right horse in this Group 3 contest. BIG CALL (1) will find this slightly easier and can run a huge race. He looks to be the one to challenge the favorite. TRUE TESTAMENT (2) is a very capable sort that has run some good races off late and can definitely get involved. LASTOTCHKA (7) takes on the boys which won't be easy especially at this level but can equip herself well.

SELECTIONS

JUNKO (6) - BIG CALL (1) - TRUE TESTAMENT (2) - LASTOTCHKA (7)

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**C8 - 68E PRIX GEORGES COURTOIS - TROPHEE STUDIO HARCOURT -
1900m (a1 3/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race Qualifier - Class 3 -
Flat - EUR € 23.000**

- 1. KER WELEN** - Seems to be in a good space at the moment given his recent performances and another honest effort is on the cards. Place claims
- 2. RIDWAAN** - Ran a very disappointing race when finishing 8th at Vichy at his last start and if able to bounce back could be the dark horse here. One for the shortlist
- 3. GRAND TATAKAN** - Will need to improve on his recent performances in order to get a blow in here. Others preferred
- 4. LEPARD** - Won over 1600m at Chantilly last time out and still remains with scope for improvement. Should go close
- 5. BY THE WAY** - 5th at his most recent outing and looks to be the type that is more than capable of winning a race of this nature. Include
- 6. CILANTRO** - Ignore his last run when 12th out at Vichy and on his previous form he could be in shake up. Place chance
- 7. RACING GLORY** - Last won a race in 2020 but recent form does suggest that he could be closing in on a win. Should run well
- 8. HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS** - Ran 4th last time out over 2500m and now reverting back to what looks to be his favored trip, it won't be a surprise to see him involved. Each way chance
- 9. PANNETONE** - Fair sort that has found one too good in her last two outings. Down in trip and from a good draw should challenge. Leading claims
- 10. ORIENTAL DIAMOND** - Remains a maiden but her four outings and has scope for improvement but this is a tougher ask. More needed
- 11. LADY PINK** - Not in great form off late and huge improvement is required to see this one run a competitive race. Would be a shock winner

Summary : PANNETONE (9) is running well and knocking loudly on the door for that victory which could potentially come against this lot. LEPARD (4) is an improving sort that has already won twice and seems on be quite upwardly mobile so should go well. RACING GLORY (7) is a runner that is low on confidence but is getting closer to another win with each run. HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS (8) is back to 1900m and he should make his presence felt.

SELECTIONS

PANNETONE (9) - LEPARD (4) - RACING GLORY (7) - HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS (8)

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C9 - PRIX DU COCHET - 1900m (a1 3/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race Qualifier - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 23.000

1. **PANGAEA** - Remains a maiden from six career outings but was very close up when running 6th in his most recent performance. Will be involved
2. **BLINDMAN** - Not at his best at this point in time and it's hard seeing this individual challenging strongly. Hard to fancy
3. **NO CURE NO PAY** - Held by Inclination on their last meeting but could easily turn the form around if he puts his best foot forward. Each way claims
4. **UNDER THE OPEN SKY** - Not in form at the moment and hasn't showed any signs that improvement is near. Makes no appeal
5. **INCLINATION** - Not disgraced when beaten into 4th last time out and has scope for improvement. Each way chance
6. **KADANCE DE BOZOULS** - Winner of her last start over 2100m over at Dax and could be on the up but will need to build on that win to get involved. Place chance
7. **FULL COLOUR** - Has had 17 attempts at getting it right but hasn't managed to do so and should be held by a few here. Outside place chance
8. **MONTGAUDRY** - Well held in most of his starts so far and needs to show more to inspire confidence. Others preferred
9. **TATOO** - Has shown very little to write home about in his three starts to date. Would be a surprise winner
10. **KARMINA BELLA** - Was not too far behind No Cure No Pay last time out and could run a nice run here. Can get involved
11. **ABELIA** - 5th at her most recent appearance over 1600m and could be one to have a say at decent odds. Don't discount
12. **DRUM ROLL** - Finished 3rd at Parislongchamp over 1800m last time out and looks to be heading in the right direction. Should run well
13. **SHIRIN** - Ran 3rd over 2200m last time out but will need to make significant improve to have a say. Others preferred

Summary : DRUM ROLL (12) is the tentative first choice on the back of her 3rd last time out and looks to have more improvement to come. PANGAEA (1) wasn't too far off the action at his most recent outing and makes some appeal. INCLINATION (5) ran a nice race last time out and could be heading in the right direction with further improvement on the cards. NO CURE NO PAY (6) should have every opportunity to get involved especially after being close up off late.

SELECTIONS

DRUM ROLL (12) - PANGAEA (1) - INCLINATION (5) - NO CURE NO PAY (3)