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R4 LYON LA SOIE [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA FEYSSINE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4
Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000**

- 1. KING'S CROWN** - Lost his form in four starts under a penalty for winning at Vittel in July last year and only finished 12th on his reappearance over 1400m on heavy ground at Strasbourg on 22 March
- 2. PREMIERE D'ESTEJO** - Last-start winner of a 1600m PSF handicap at Pau on 10 March. Ought to remain competitive despite a 3kg penalty
- 3. LIVING NELSON** - Resurfaced, after five poor (unplaced) performances, to finish 5th over 2150m on this course on 24 March
- 4. SUNRAY** - Inconsistent mare who continues to blow hot and cold, although did finish 2nd over track and trip in her only outing at this venue. Disappointing 7th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 14 March
- 5. MALLEOLUS** - An inconsistent 14-start maiden who failed to confirm the improvement of his previous start (2nd) when finishing 13th in a 2000m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 23 March
- 6. EDITED** - Got the better of AERION (13) when winning a course-and-distance handicap on 15 March, for which he incurred a 2kg penalty. Ought to remain competitive
- 7. LONDON WAY** - A 9-start maiden whose only placed finish (3rd) was achieved in a 1600m handicap on heavy ground in October 2022. Unplaced in both comeback outings (was 9th over 1600m at Fontainebleau on 2 March)
- 8. GREAT CHARLIE** - Maintained his form and consistency in five 1900m PSF handicaps at Deauville off his current mark after winning on turf over 2100m at Saint-Cloud six starts back. Absent since 12 January - finished 6th that day
- 9. BLACK WALL** - Consistent handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd in a 1900m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 28 March
- 10. KARRY BRADSHAW** - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper with a good record on this course, although was only 9th in a 2150m handicap here on 24 March. Capable of better
- 11. GREYWAY** - Well-performed veteran handicapper with 11 wins from 88 appearances. Didn't go unnoticed when 8th in a course-and-distance handicap on 15 March
- 12. SA SAL** - Has dropped in the weights/ratings to his last winning mark and confirmed his competitiveness with an improved 5th in a course-and-distance handicap on 15 March. Keep safe
- 13. AERION** - Returned to form when finishing 2nd in a handicap over course and distance on 15 March. Has a winning chance
- 14. MARGUNS** - Reliable, hard-knocking handicapper with sound references - has 10 podium finishes on this course. Ran with merit when finishing 4th in a handicap over 2150m on 24 March

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Summary: Veteran AERION (13) bounced back to form with an encouraging 2nd over track and trip last month and, on the evidence of that performance, is a genuine candidate for success in this opening event. However, the same can be said of BLACK WALL (9) whose consistency, including a last-start 2nd, deserves to be rewarded. SA SAL (12) showed signs of a return to form last time and is likely to make his presence felt if building on that progress. Despite penalties for recent success, both last-start winners PREMIERE D'ESTEJO (2) and EDITED (6) ought to remain competitive.

SELECTIONS

AERION (13) - BLACK WALL (9) - SA SAL (12) - PREMIERE D'ESTEJO (2)

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C2 - PRIX DU GRAND LARGE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. ROYAL POST OFFICE** - Has finished 3rd in both visits to this track, including over the same track and trip in a handicap back on 7 November. Can do better reverting to PSF after finishing 13th in a 2100m turf handicap on 23 March
- 2. LORLISALSA** - Lost her way/form in consecutive turf handicaps back in October and could only finish 9th in a handicap over course and distance on her reappearance on 15 March. Continues to drop in the weights/ratings
- 3. POLDI'S LIEBLING** - Course-and-distance winner in December 2020. Was soundly beaten (10th) in a 2150m handicap on this course when returning from a four-month absence on 24 March
- 4. SISTER JADE** - Lightly raced filly unplaced in all four appearances, the latest (12th) on handicap debut in a 2400m PSF handicap on this course (her first start on this surface). Others preferred
- 5. HARRISON POINT** - Well-traveled veteran gelding with PSF references in conditions races on French soil off a higher mark. Eased another 1,5kg after finishing 8th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 5 March - could improve
- 6. UNION SQUARE** - Remains a maiden but has performed consistently/competitively in handicaps at this level, including all 3 starts on this course last month. Finished over 2150m here on 24 March
- 7. KISS QUEEN** - Achieved her only career victory on this course in the claiming category. Finished a well-beaten 11th in a course-and-distance handicap on 15 March
- 8. VENETICO** - Out of sorts and unlikely to trouble the judge here either having been soundly beaten in both starts this year. Made no impression (15th) in a 1400m handicap on heavy ground at Bordeaux on 22 February
- 9. NAJEM SHALGHODA** - Showed signs of improvement, albeit at a lower level, in consecutive Munich handicaps in November. Absent since finishing 4th over 1600m on heavy ground at that venue on 25 November - watch for now
- 10. SILVER MAGIC** - Consistent for the most part and seldom finishes far off. Dropped in the weights to a mark below his last winning rating and didn't go unnoticed when 8th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 24 February
- 11. CALAS QUEEN** - Hard-knocking veteran mare with sound references in handicaps on this course, including a last-start 6th here over 2150m on 24 March
- 12. CAPCHOP** - Well-performed veteran handicapper with 9 wins from 94 appearances. Dropped in the weights/ratings (1kg) after finishing 9th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 5 March
- 13. TICKLISH** - Has regained momentum with each of her four comeback outings this year. Reassured with an improved 3rd over track and trip on 15 March
- 14. LIGHT THE FUSE** - Finished 6th in each of his last three appearances, all in handicaps including two on this course either side of a turf outing at Nancy. Absent since 19 November 2022 so is best watched for now on his return

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Summary: UNION SQUARE (6) is still pursuing a first career success but her consistency can finally be rewarded in a race of this nature, having proven her aptitude/efficiency on this racecourse several times already - including in all 3 starts here last month. TICKLISH (13), after an encouraging (3rd) last start, is likely to pose a threat with the aid of Marie Vélon's 1,5kg allowance. SILVER MAGIC (10) has dropped a competitive mark so isn't underestimated either after a much-needed comeback outing. ROYAL POST OFFICE (1) and CALAS QUEEN (11) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

UNION SQUARE (6) - TICKLISH (13) - SILVER MAGIC (10) - ROYAL POST OFFICE (1)

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C3 - PRIX DE CROIX-LUIZET - 3200m (a2m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

1. **NABUNGA** - Consistent veteran performer formidable in the claiming category with sound references in handicaps, including a Chantilly victory off a higher mark. Runner-up over 2100m at Pornichet on 27 March
2. **BRAMESHOT** - Capable and versatile performer with better references on PSF, so shouldn't be hastily condemned after a recent failure (10th) in a 2500m handicap on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud on 21 March
3. **POET'S BLACK** - Won a 3000m Strasbourg handicap off this mark in May last year but has lost his way recently. Finished a well-beaten 11th in a 2400m handicap on this course on 15 March
4. **GARIGLIANO** - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper with sound references in handicaps over track and trip, including a last-start 4th on 24 January. Keep safe
5. **ANALEON** - Ultra-consistent veteran handicapper with sound references/form credentials over this track and trip. Finished 3rd over 2400m in a handicap on this course on 15 March
6. **ZABIR** - Consistent for the most part and was far from disgraced when finishing 5th under a 2kg penalty (current mark) in a handicap over track and trip on 3 January. Has regained freshness since
7. **DELSHEER** - Honest veteran handicapper with sound references and consistent/competitive form in PSF handicaps. Not written off just yet despite his recent failure (11th) in a 2600m handicap at Fontainebleau (25 March)
8. **ROCKABILLY** - More effective in conditions races at a lower level, confirmed as much by finishing unplaced in both his handicap appearances - the latest (8th) over 2600m on the PSF at Marseille-Vivau on 14 March
9. **EXHIT** - Has shown signs of a return to form recently having dropped in the weights/ratings. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th in a 3000m claimer on turf at Nancy on 24 March
10. **PASIPHAE** - Wide-margin winner of her last start in a 2400m PSF handicap on this course on 15 March and, on that evidence, a resultant 2,5kg penalty is unlikely to prevent her from winning again. One to beat
11. **FEEDSREVES** - Unplaced in consecutive PSF handicaps - over 2700m at Chantilly in January (13th) and in a 2400m race on this course last time (9th) on 15 March - having finished 2nd over track and trip before that. Beware
12. **JANAJKA** - Won a 3000m Craon handicap off a 6,5kg higher mark in June last year but has become very unreliable since. Failed to confirm the improvement of her previous start (3rd) when 12th in a 3000m handicap at Pornichet on 22 February
13. **MOODY CHOP** - A 23-start maiden whose form is poor - finished 11th in a 2500m claimer at Le Croise-Laroche when last seen on 6 November

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Summary: Finally, PASIPHAE (10) imposed itself with great authority. Very efficient on this track, she seems capable of repeating despite the five pounds of overload. ANALEON (5) has been impeccable for several months and should once again take an active part in the finish. Still confident at 12 years old, NABUNGA (1) returns to handicaps with great ambitions. GARIGLIANO (4), regular, EXHIT (9) and FEEDESREVES (11), capable of resurfacing in such a company, are potential entrants.

SELECTIONS

PASIPHAE (10) - ANALEON (5) - NABUNGA (1) - GARIGLIANO (4)

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C4 - GRAND PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME DE LYON-LA-SOIE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 1 Race - Flat - EUR € 38,000

1. BREIZH EAGLE - Versatile performer with sound references on both surfaces - includes having never finished worse than 3rd on PSF. Reverts to this surface after finishing 7th in a 1600m Listed race at Saint-Cloud on 7 March

2. RUSSIPANT FAL - Talented but sparingly raced five-year-old with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th in a 1600m Listed race on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud on 7 March

3. WALLY - His trainer Jean-Claude Rouget has won the last two renewals of this race and can complete a hat-trick with this ultra-consistent veteran performer runner-up over 1600m at Chantilly on 8 March. One to beat

4. CAMELITO - Caught the eye when finishing 2nd on his reappearance over 1600m on the PSF at Chantilly in February. Refitted with headgear for this engagement

5. PERLE ROUGE - Runner-up to WALLY (3) over 1600m on the PSF at Cagnes on 21 January. Reverts to this surface having finished 7th in a 2000m conditions race on turf at La Teste-de-Buch on 23 March

6. OLYMPIC MESSAGE - Progressive colt with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start victory over 2000m on the PSF at Cagnes in a Quinte+ handicap on 17 February

7. MON BEL CANTO - Has displayed commendable consistency, albeit at a lower level, in conditions races on both surfaces. Runner-up in his last 3 starts, including on his reappearance over 2000m on turf at Toulouse on 4 March

8. LE SAGE - Progressive, lightly raced colt who remains relatively unexposed. Finished a creditable 4th in a 2000m Quinte+ on the PSF at Cagnes on 17 February

9. SECRETIVE - Won consecutive starts on the PSF in November 2022 and March 2023. Finished 8th over 1900m when reverting to this surface at Deauville on 21 December

10. LINFASOMMER - Consistent filly, albeit at a lower level in handicaps and claiming races. Best watched for now after finishing 8th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 8 March

11. SACAYA - Lacks references on the PSF - finished 7th over 1900m on this surface at Chantilly on 31 October. Watch for now

Summary: Jean-Claude Rouget won this race with Alessandro in 2022 and Glaer in 2023 and seems likely to retain his crown with the consistent WALLY (3). Joël Boisnard, however, could spoil the party with BREIZH EAGLE (1), who will appreciate reverting to the PSF, or RUSSIPANT FAL (2) whose reappearance was very encouraging. PERLE ROUGE (5), runner-up to WALLY (3) in a Class 1 this winter, and CAMELITO (4) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

WALLY (3) - BREIZH EAGLE (1) - RUSSIPANT FAL (2) - PERLE ROUGE (5)

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C5 - PRIX CEREALISTE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 15,000

1. RECREATE - Showed signs of a return to form with blinkers fitted to finish 5th over 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux on PSF on 14 March

2. DALKAVA - Won over track and trip last month and proved her competitiveness under a 0,5kg penalty by finishing 3rd over 2000m on the PSF at Marseille-Vivaux on 23 March

3. VIADEIPISPINI - Consistent gelding whose reassuring last-start 4th over 1800m on this course was encouraging. Respect

4. L'ELU DE SADDLE - Finished 3rd in a claimer on debut at Vichy but has lost his way in four (unplaced) starts since. Finished 5th in a minor 1700m event at Montluçon - Nérès-les-Bains on 1 April

5. LIBRE SAONOIS - Finished a career-best 3rd over track and trip in a similar contest on 15 March. Confirmation required

6. WHAT ELSE - Improving 6-start maiden who finished a career-best 2nd over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on 16 March. Chief threat

7. MEASTER OWEN - Unplaced in all 3 outings and could only finish 6th over 2400m on this course on 3 March. Improvement needed

8. ROCKET SCIENCE - Inconsistent filly whose only appearance on PSF resulted in a creditable 3rd over track and trip in a claimer on 30 November. Finished 8th in a 3000m hurdles race at Fontainebleau on her return 12 March

9. LADY OF NABEUL - Consistent, lightly raced filly with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd on heavy ground over 2000m at Compiègne on 10 March. One to beat

Summary: LADY OF NABEUL (9) finished a pleasing 4th in her last appearance on the PSF in a stronger race/field. She has proven her form and well-being at Compiègne since, so is worth siding with here. WHAT ELSE (6) is likely to lead the opposition ahead of VIADEIPISPINI (3), confirmed on this layout/track, and DALKAVA (2) on her return to the scene of her only career success.

SELECTIONS

LADY OF NABEUL (9) - WHAT ELSE (6) - VIADEIPISPINI (3) - DALKAVA (2)

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C6 - PRIX GUILLERMAIN - 2150m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. PANGAEA** - Holding form well and was third last time out in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 15 March. Not out of it
- 2. BOLTES FAL** - Only fair form of late and was 5th last time out in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 15 March. Might play a minor role
- 3. L'IBANETA** - Unreliable but did run well last time out when third in a Conditions race at this course over 2400m on 3 March. Place chance
- 4. SUPER STAR** - Has lost her way of late and was 8th last time out in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 15 March. Others are preferred
- 5. SIYOUCHKA** - Holding form well and was a winner last time out in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 15 March. Can follow up carrying a penalty
- 6. TIMBALLINA** - Very consistent and was runner-up last time out in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 15 March. Go close to winning
- 7. SEE THE LIGHT** - Unreliable of late but did run well when fourth last time out in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 2100m on 5 March. Has leading claims in this line-up
- 8. TAYBET** - May have needed the last run when 7th in a Conditions race at Fontainebleau over 2200m on 15 March. Can improve and play a minor role
- 9. MONA TREZY** - Yet to win a race and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 15 March. More is needed to win this race
- 10. JAGDA** - Battling to regain best form but was not disgraced when 6th last time out in a handicap at this course over 1800m on 24 March, Can contest the finish on best form
- 11. MISS SUPERNOVA** - Yet to win and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Deauville over 1900m on 28 December. Capable of improvement and could earn some money
- 12. AVANTI'S DREAM** - Yet to win and was third last time out in a Conditions race at Cavaillon over 2900m on 24 September. Tackles stronger and is likely to need this run returning from a break
- 13. SURPRIZE ME** - Only fair form of late and was 5th last time out in a handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 14 March. More is needed to win this race

Summary: Although disappointing in recent weeks, SEE THE LIGHT (7) could bounce back to score at the course of his only success. JAGDA (10) was unlucky in the penultimate run and was not disgraced last time out so could be a threat this time around. TIMBALLINA (6), has been consistent so far and deserves respect. SIYOUCHKA (5) won over this track and distance last time out and is capable of following up.

SELECTIONS

SEE THE LIGHT (7) - JAGDA (10) - TIMBALLINA (6) - SIYOUCHKA (5)

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C7 - PRIX HUTTON - 2150m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. MIA MAN** - Unreliable but did run well when third last time out in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 15 March. Can make the frame again
- 2. SHARDANA** - Finished 7th on debut in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 7 March. Can improve trying this longer distance. Place chance
- 3. RIGHT ON FIRE** - Needed the experience when 9th on debut in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1600m on 5 March. Likely to improve this longer distance
- 4. SHOOTFORTHESTARS** - Did not show much when 9th on debut in a Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 17 March. Needs to do more to win this race
- 5. TUPPES** - Has only been fair in Germany so far and was 5th last time out in a Conditions race at München-Riem over 1600m on 5 November. Capable of improvement this distance
- 6. FLORAISON** - Ran well when 5th on debut in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1900m on 23 February. Likely to fight out the finish with improvement expected
- 7. AGORIA** - Showed promise on debut but did not repeat it when 9th last time out in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1900m on 18 March. Can bounce back to score
- 8. UNDERPROMISE** - Modest first two runs and was 7th last time out in a Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 17 March. Capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 9. PAY TO LEARN** - A three-year-old colt by Kingman out of Falling Leaves who is making his debut. Watch the betting
- 10. BUSTOPHER JONES** - A three-year-old colt by Outstrip out of Positive Spin who is making his debut. Watch the betting
- 11. ANDIN** - A three-year-old gelding by Robin du Nord out of Andalouse Eria who is making his debut. Watch the betting
- 12. TOILE DE MAI** - A three-year-old filly by Cloth of Stars out of Goldamai who is making her debut. Watch the betting

Summary: FLORAISON (6) was not disgraced on debut and with improvement likely could be the one to beat in a competitive race. PAY TO LEARN (9) catches the eye on breeding and could be a serious threat on debut. AGORIA (7) ran well on debut but failed to repeat it last time out but would not be a surprise winner. RIGHT ON FIRE (3) is one of many in this race that can improve off their debut.

SELECTIONS

FLORAISON (6) - PAY TO LEARN (9) - AGORIA (7) - RIGHT ON FIRE (3)

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**C8 - PRIX AMMONIUS - 2400m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat
- EUR € 20,000**

1. BRIONA - Consistent at this course and was not disgraced when runner-up last time out in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2200m on 17 March. Not out of it

2. TERRE BLANCHE - Not disgraced when fourth in a handicap last time out at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 14 March. Has won at this course and should fight out the finish

3. AL HABISSET - Improving and was a winner last time out of a Conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 2400m on 2 March. Can follow up

4. DIAMOND STAR - Improving and was runner-up last time out in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 3 March. Be right there at the finish once again

5. KITO - Yet to win a race but was not disgraced when fourth last time out in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 3 March. Place chance

6. JULIE ANAIS - Disappointing last run when 7th in a handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 18 October. Could need this run returning from a break

7. SKADOOSH - Disappointing of late and was 6th last time out in a Conditions race at this course over 1800m on 15 March. Capable of better this distance and could upset

8. LEPANTO - Has not shown much so far and was 9th in a handicap last time out at Fontainebleau over 1800m on 15 March. Unlikely to win

Summary: AL HABISSET (3) is improving and was a winner over this distance last time out. It is her first crack at a handicap but she can win this lucky last race. DIAMOND STAR (4) showed good improvement when only finding one better on the day last time out and looks a contender for top honours. BRIONA (1), whose Australian blinkers were beneficial last time, and TERRE BLANCHE (2), are two others that would not be surprise winners.

SELECTIONS

AL HABISSET (3) - DIAMOND STAR (4) - BRIONA (1) - TERRE BLANCHE (2)