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R3 LYON-PARILLY [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU MONT THOU - 4100m (a2 9/16m) - TURF - Condition Race -
Class 3 - Steeple Chase - EUR € 26.000**

1. HISTORIEN - Sets the standard in this opening event, boasting the strongest form credentials. Every chance he'll reconnect with success here

2. FEUX DE BOIS - Made a winning return to French soil and could have more to offer with improved fitness on his side. Keep safe

3. LOVELY KAP - Consistent mare in good form and physical condition. Finished 2nd last time after winning her previous start, so has solid claims

4. TCHEQUE KING - Closed 2022 with a hurdles victory and made a winning start this year over fences. Finished 4th last time and ought to be competitive again

5. CELESTIN MERCURY - Undeniably capable but has been off the boil for some time now and will need to reaffirm. Best watched for now

6. MOUJIK - Has shown sufficient means over hurdles to warrant respect on his chasing debut. Could pose a threat

7. HALF DOZEN - Lightly raced hurdler who has finished 4th in consecutive outings since arriving from the UK. Has a place chance

Summary : After finishing 3rd in a Listed race here on 25 June, having finished 2nd at Le Lion-d'Angers in his previous outing, HISTORIEN (1) sets a good standard and ought to resume winning ways. MOUJIK (6) is a fairly useful hurdler but is likely to pose a threat if taking the larger obstacles. Consistent LOVELY KAP (3) and last-start winner FEUX DE BOIS (2) are capable chasers and should be competitive too.

SELECTIONS

HISTORIEN (1) - MOUJIK (6) - LOVELY KAP (3) - FEUX DE BOIS (2)

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C2 - PRIX DE FROMAINVILLE - 3400m (a2 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 3 - Hurdles - EUR € 26.000

- 1. DALAKHOV** - Showed early promise in this sphere but needs to reaffirm after finishing unplaced in his latest hurdles outing and on the flat last time. Capable of better
- 2. KRAKAN** - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd when improving to finish 2nd next/last time and that experience will stand him in good stead. Keep safe
- 3. PARAY** - Useful on the flat year and is making his hurdling debut here on his seasonal reappearance. Not taken lightly
- 4. KOM MARTIN DE RE** - Finished 4th in both starts on the flat and remains open to improvement making his hurdles debut. Beware
- 5. POLIRIKITO** - Non-Runner
- 6. KARMA D'OLIVATE** - Showed little in two unplaced outings on the flat, finishing 9th on debut and 6th last time out. Making her hurdling debut here

Summary : As a full brother to Group I winner Polirico, who won the 2019 Prix Alain du Breil, it could pay to follow newcomer POLIRIKITO (5) from the outset. He will, however, need to be above average to get the better of KRAKAN (2) who has the benefit of experience and is likely to open his account sooner rather than later. DALAKHOV (1) has blotted his copybook in consecutive outings but did show sufficient means in previous starts to be competitive in a race of this nature. Both PARAY (3) and KOM MARTIN DE RE (4) are not out of the reckoning on their hurdling debuts.

SELECTIONS

KRAKAN (2) - DALAKHOV (1) - PARAY (3) - KOM MARTIN DE RE (4)

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**C3 - PRIX DU MONT CINDRE - 3400m (a2 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race -
Class 3 - Hurdles - EUR € 26.000**

1. SPEED EMILE - Group III winner over fences but is just as effective over hurdles, winning all three outings over these smaller obstacles. Hard to beat

2. JASEUR DE GUYE - Inconsistent on the flat but did register his only career win in this category. Respected returning to hurdles

3. LE VOYAGE - Runner-up over hurdles in his last start of 2022 but has shown little in either outing this year to have any more than a place chance

4. MYSTIC CHOP - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing over hurdles to finish 2nd last time. Needs to confirm

5. JUST NELSA - Versatile filly with solid form references in both spheres, most recently in steeplechase races. Has shown sufficient means over hurdles

Summary : Being a winner of the steeplechase Group III Prix La Périchole, SPEED EMILE (1) will be all the rage on his return to hurdling, having won all three outings in this sphere. Consistent JUST NELSA (5), back from a break, and JASEUR DE GUYE (2), inconsistent on the flat but a winner in this category, are likely to pose the biggest threat in what is a tailor-made commitment for the selection.

SELECTIONS

SPEED EMILE (1) - JUST NELSA (5) - JASEUR DE GUYE (2) - LE VOYAGE (3)

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**C4 - PRIX GERARD LIARTE - 1350m (a7f) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR €
15.000**

- 1. MARKSWOMAN** - Inconsistent and did finish unplaced last time but has performed very well at this level. Should do better back in this grade
- 2. BELL SONG** - Acquitted herself well in her first start on French soil, finishing 3rd in a Class 1 event, and needs only to perform at that level again to fight for victory
- 3. MAMAMOUCI** - Consistent for the most part and, although a disappointing 7th last time, should be competitive here on her earlier form. Ought to redeem herself
- 4. IDEE DE CHEVAL** - Consistent sort with sound form references. Makes obvious appeal in his first start at this level on current form and with his rider's 2,5kg allowance
- 5. DODOMA** - Finished a reassuring 2nd in a similar contest on PSF last time and has since changed hands. Makes his first start with Christophe Escuder and could well please his new connections
- 6. CAMPBELL** - Undeniably capable but needs to reaffirm after finishing unplaced in consecutive outings. Best watched for now
- 7. BURWASH** - Has made encouraging improvement in her last two starts and could get into the picture here on that evidence
- 8. GO JOHNNY GO GO GO** - Inconsistent but is not entirely incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 9. WILD WEST** - He is competitive for his first attempt in this category.
- 10. COLBY CHOP** - Unplaced in a handicap on PSF last time having won at this level on the same surface three starts back. Upset potential
- 11. POUP'S** - Finished 3rd in a handicap on PSF in January but has gone off the boil since so can be ruled out here. Others preferred
- 12. ANDELUNA** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark, so is hard to trust but is as hard to rule out. Dark horse

Summary : Jérôme Reynier holds a strong hand in this event with a formidable coupling, headed by BELL SONG (2) who ran well in a Class 1 race at Le Lion-d'Angers in her first start on French soil. Stablemate MAMAMOUCI (3) could only manage to finish 7th last time but did win her previous start having maintained a good level of form/consistency prior to that, and she ought to fare better back in this grade. MARKSWOMAN (1) fits a similar profile and should be competitive at this level, along with consistent IDEE DE CHEVAL (4) in his first start in a claiming race. The shortlist is completed by DODOMA (5).

SELECTIONS

BELL SONG (2) - MAMAMOUCI (3) - MARKSWOMAN (1) - IDEE DE CHEVAL (4)

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C5 - PRIX DES BRUYERES - 1350m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. RETORT** - Well-related colt, full brother to Obligate who finished 3rd in the Group I Prix Rothschild, who is likely to fight for victory given his form and experience
- 2. DORAM** - Finished 2nd on debut for Czech trainer Dalibor Torok. Not one to take lightly with Bauyrzhan Murzabayev engaged to ride
- 3. BRISKY SPARK** - Finished unplaced on debut but would have gained plenty from that experience so should have more to offer
- 4. PRINCESSE BOBBY** - Wouldn't be winning out of turn having finished 2nd in both starts. Should play another leading role
- 5. FAST FLOWING** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 4th on debut and ought to improve with the benefit of that experience. Respect
- 6. LIBERTE** - Made an encouraging start to her career at Deauville and will open her account soon if building on that promise
- 7. QUEEN SINGER** - Has shown little in her two starts, finishing 7th on both occasions, so is hard to make a case for. Others preferred
- 8. RIBALTAGAIA** - Gianluca Bietolini-trained daughter of Blame making her debut in competition with Christophe Soumillon an eye-catching engagement
- 9. MALYA** - Emilien Puillet-Roda (1,5kg allowance) rides this Seabhac filly on debut for owner and trainer Rachel Philippon

Summary : LIBERTE (6) made an encouraging debut (3rd) on the Deauville straight and with any improvement ought to open her account here. RETORT (1), who has revealed quality and consistency, and PRINCESSE BOBBY (4), runner-up in both starts, have sufficient means to pose a threat and their greater experience should stand them in good stead. FAST FLOWING (5) is also likely to improve after a pleasing introduction (4th) and should have a role to play too.

SELECTIONS

LIBERTE (6) - RETORT (1) - PRINCESSE BOBBY (4) - FAST FLOWING (5)

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C6 - PRIX ROBERT DE GRANDRY - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. VOTE FOR PEDRO - Failed in his hat-trick bid when finishing unplaced in a Quinté+ at Dieppe last time but remains capable of winning a race of this nature

2. ALCANOR - Seldom far off the mark at a higher level and ought to fare better here. Only managed to finish 8th last time but remains capable of doing better

3. TRUE TO FORM - Confirmed the promise of his debut win by finishing 3rd in his next start. Blotted his copybook in a Group III event last time but should pose more of a threat in this grade/company

4. EL MEASTRO - Last-start winner who has improved this year having finished 4th on debut on the PSF last year. Not taken lightly

5. EVERYTHING COUNTS - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to cannot be ruled out

6. RED CHARM - Was raised 6kg for winning consecutive handicaps before finishing unplaced in a Quinté+ event last time off her current mark. Must raise her game to win this but does have a place chance

7. HOXTON - Consistent for the most part and has finished 2nd in three of her last five starts. Will have a role to play

8. GLITTERING LIGHTS - Has maintained a good level of form and consistency. Finished 2nd in her last start and did run well at this course back in June

Summary : A tough call to be made here with all of VOTE FOR PEDRO (1), unplaced in a Quinté+ last time having won two in a row, HOXTON (7), runner-up in consecutive outings, and GLITTERING LIGHTS (8), who finished 2nd last time and is in good form, capable of landing the spoils. TRUE TO FORM (3) drops in class and has a lot of scope to improve, so should also be competitive. ALCANOR (2) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

VOTE FOR PEDRO (1) - HOXTON (7) - GLITTERING LIGHTS (8) - TRUE TO FORM (3)

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C7 - PRIX DES ECURIES - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000

- 1. DON FALCO** - Terribly out of sorts but has dropped significantly in the weights. One of three in the lineup with the joint highest handicap value and could resurface off this reduced mark
- 2. BEST SIXTEEN** - Undeniably capable but has been off the boil for some time now so needs to reaffirm to play a role here. Watch for now
- 3. HOOLONG** - Was not beaten far when finishing 5th at Vichy last time and could have a role to play with a repeat of that performance
- 4. SAINT FIACRE** - Has not been disgraced in stronger races recently and is back at the course of his last career success. Worth chancing here
- 5. PINK GOLD** - Won three starts back and proved her form, well-being and competitiveness up 3kg when 2nd at her next start. Better was expected of her last time (9th) and she remains capable of bouncing back
- 6. NOBLE AMBER** - Returned to form with a close-up 2nd at Vichy recently and should once again play a leading role. Keep safe
- 7. TURTLE CHOPE** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 8. TO BE QUEEN** - Last-start winner who has not been seen since her victory at Marseille-Borély on 28 June. Raised 2kg for that win but should remain competitive
- 9. NAVALIS** - Inconsistent veteran who is not entirely incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Outsider
- 10. LADY VALOU** - Undeniably capable but has been off the boil for some time now so needs to reaffirm to play a role here. Watch for now
- 11. CHEEKY TRAOU LAND** - Showed signs of improvement last time and could get a look in here if confirming. Has only a place chance though

Summary : It could pay to side with SAINT FIACRE (4) who, although inconsistent of late, returns to the course of his last career win with legitimate ambitions of reconnecting with success. PINK GOLD (5), despite her recent failure (9th), and runner-up last time NOBLE AMBER (6) are also likely to fight for victory. TO BE QUEEN (8) was rewarded for consistency with a win last time and should be competitive too. DON FALCO (1), in search of rehabilitation off a reduced mark, and HOOLONG (3) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

SAINT FIACRE (4) - PINK GOLD (5) - NOBLE AMBER (6) - TO BE QUEEN (8)

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**C8 - PRIX DU PESAGE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3
- Flat - EUR € 19.000**

- 1. HEYTESBURY LANE** - Capable of better than her most recent performances indicate. Out of sorts but must be respected on her best references
- 2. ASHIKTASH** - Acquitted himself well last time in a handicap at Deauville and is more than capable of pleasing new connections
- 3. LARNO** - Arrives in good form and physical condition, and has struck up a formidable partnership with Frida Valle Skar. Leading contender
- 4. MANAROLA** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 5. MYSTERY** - Won well two starts back and, on that evidence, is surely better than his recent failure suggests. Keep safe
- 6. SOLID SPIRIT** - Inconsistent but has a great opportunity here to redeem himself at this value. Dangerous to dismiss
- 7. OLAF THE BIG ONE** - Undeniably capable but has gone off the boil in consecutive outings after winning three starts back. Outsider
- 8. ITHAQUE** - A newcomer to Henk Grewe's stable and, although inconsistent, remains capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature
- 9. FRENCH PEGASUS** - Consistent sort with sound form references, including consecutive seconds in claiming races. Could get into the picture
- 10. ZANTARIO** - Capable veteran who was disappointing last time at Vittel but should not be condemned too hastily. Can make amends
- 11. FEEL EMOTION** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

Summary : ZANTARIO (10) has struck up a potent partnership with Tony Piccone and, despite his recent failure, is good value to set the record straight. He will, however, have to be wary of the in-form LARNO (3) and MYSTERY (5), who is also capable of better than his last start (8th) suggests. HEYTESBURY LANE (1) is out of sorts but has been eased 1kg better and could do better as a result, particularly if judged on his best references. SOLID SPIRIT (6), with Maxime Guyon engaged, and ASHIKTASH (2), new to the stable of Yoann Bonnefoy, can get into the picture too.

SELECTIONS

ZANTARIO (10) - LARNO (3) - MYSTERY (5) - HEYTESBURY LANE (1)