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**C1 - PRIX DE BALEIX - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat -
EUR € 19,200**

1. KOMET CHOP - An excellent 3rd in an event for unraced horses over 1600m at La Teste on 3 August. He finished behind two useful colts and despite the layoff, looks the runner to beat

2. SPIRIT BOY - A moderate 7th in a Maiden over 1400m at this course on 26 December. Did not show on debut and will need to make massive improvement to feature

3. COUNSELOR - Disappointing 7th in an event for unraced horses over this course and distance on 28 November. He is better than that run and should improve with the experience under his belt

4. NENA - Finished 8th in a Maiden over 1200m at Mont-De-Marsan on 16 July. Only beat one runner home in that debut effort and now comes back from a break trying further

5. DAMABIAH ANGEL - An excellent comeback when 3rd in a Maiden over 2000m at this track on 26 December. That was her first run after a near 5-month break and she should be even better over this distance

6. AMUSANTE - A promising 6th in a Maiden over 1600m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on 4 November. That was a promising debut in which she finished just behind JOYPHORIA (7) who ran well in her next start

7. JOYPHORIA - A close-up 4th in a Maiden over 1600m at Chantilly on 19 December. Showed vast progress on her debut run and is expected to have a say in the finish

8. LA ALMADIA - A well-beaten 8th in a Maiden over 2000m at this course on 13 December. Has run well over this distance so that could help her chances

9. WHAKA - Not in contention when 8th in a Maiden over 2000m at this course on 26 December. Looks well held by DAMABIAH ANGEL (5) on that run

Summary: This looks a competitive event but there was a lot to like about the debut run of KOMET CHOP (1) who looked threatening before finishing 3rd behind two useful colts. Comes back from a break and should have strengthened up. DAMABIAH ANGEL (5) looked dangerous in the run for home before fading late. Will benefit from the drop in trip. JOYPHORIA (7) showed up well in her last start and will race in blinkers again. AMUSANTE (6) made an encouraging debut and should show further progress.

SELECTIONS

KOMET CHOP (1) - DAMABIAH ANGEL (5) - JOYPHORIA (7) - AMUSANTE (6)

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C2 - PRIX TEKIDE (PRIX PIERRE ESTREM REY) - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 83,000

- 1. VISION DU RHEU** - Recent success over the track and trip in a handicap hurdle on December 16th. One to pay close attention to
- 2. NEVER RISK** - Three unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 3600m at Clairefontaine on August 11th in a Listed hurdle. In the mix
- 3. EADREAM** - Unplaced last time, 3rd at Waregem (BEL) over 3600m in a hurdle race on September 2nd. Could find this difficult
- 4. FUNWAY** - Two unplaced runs since a win over 3800m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on October 21st in a Class 3 chase. Warrants respect
- 5. JONCOURT** - Three solid runs of late, 3rd at Angers on December 6th in a Class 2 hurdle. Honest performer who should not be ruled out
- 6. APANIWA** - Two unplaced runs since a 4th at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on December 3rd in a handicap hurdle. Merits consideration
- 7. PABLO** - Finished 3rd at this track over 3800m in a Class 1 handicap hurdle on December 10th. Hard to discount
- 8. DESERT STORM** - Unplaced last time, 4th at Dieppe over 3900m in a Class 3 chase on June 4th. He lacks consistency, and others preferred
- 9. JOUVANCELLE** - Two unplaced runs since a win over 3800m at Fontainebleau on December 2nd in a Class 3 hurdle. Others seem in better shape
- 10. BOOPER DU POUHEY** - Three solid efforts of late, 4th on the most recent over 3800m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 16th. Might find a few too smart
- 11. ANTAIOS** - Has won his last two races, the latter over 3650m at Mont-De-Marsan in a handicap hurdle on December 7th. Unlikely to trouble some of these
- 12. KOP DE BOULOGNE** - Two placed runs of late, 3rd on the most recent over 3800m at Fontainebleau on December 2nd in a Class 3 hurdle. Look elsewhere
- 13. KIDNAPPEUR** - Won on the last start over 4400m on November 5th in a Class 2 chase. Might not be as effective back over hurdles
- 14. FURIOSO** - Fair 5th over 4200m in a handicap chase at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on December 11th, a Class 2 handicap hurdle winner at Auteuil in February. Player
- 15. KIMFLY** - Placed 3rd last time over the track and trip in a handicap hurdle on December 16th. Can make the frame
- 16. LE LASCAR** - Unplaced on the one run in 2025 over 3800m at this track in a handicap hurdle on December 16th. Hard to recommend

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Summary: FURIOSO (14) could be the best option in a competitive handicap hurdle. He won a Class 2 handicap hurdle in February and is racing off an attractive handicap rating. VISION DU RHEU (1) can make the selection work for success despite having to concede weight to all of his rivals. NEVER RISK (2) is lofty in the weights but is capable of having a say in the finish. KIMFLY (15) ran well at the track when third last time and should not be overlooked. PABLO (7) looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

FURIOSO (14) - VISION DU RHEU (1) - NEVER RISK (2) - KIMFLY (15)

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**C3 - PRIX DE MORLAAS - 3300m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles -
EUR € 45,000**

1. SAINT GENY - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd previously over 3600m in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil on November 15th. Capable of making the frame

2. BOYSTONE - Three placed runs over hurdles since a win on the flat on debut. His 3rd over 3500m in a Class 1 hurdle at this track on December 14th was a solid effort. Looks like the one to beat

3. HASPARREN - Placed 4th on the last two starts, the latter over 3500m in a Class 1 hurdle at this track on December 14th. Player

4. ROMAN SKIES - Unplaced last time, a win before that over 3500m at Auteuil on November 29th in a claiming hurdle. He might find a few too smart

5. PASSIONATA - Placed on the last two starts, 2nd on the most recent over 3400m at Angers on December 6th in a maiden hurdle. Ought to be thereabouts

6. GOUVERNE - Unplaced last time, a win before that over 3450m at Mont-De-Marsan on December 7th in a Class 3 hurdle. This will be more challenging

7. MINUIT DU SEUIL - Finished 4th at this track in a Class 2 hurdle over 3500m on December 31st, and a win over 3300m in a claiming hurdle at Pau on December 20th. In the mix

8. PATHOGNOMONIQUE - Placed 3rd on January 3rd in a claiming hurdle at this track over 3300m. Lacks consistency and looks safely held

Summary: BOYSTONE (2) has performed well in his three starts over hurdles since winning on his flat debut at Royan in September. His third place in a Class 1 hurdle at this track in December was a solid effort, and he can confirm that form with HASPARREN (3), who finished fourth in the same race and looks the main danger. PASSIONATA (5) is still seeking her first success but is capable of featuring prominently. MINUIT DU SEUIL (7) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

BOYSTONE (2) - HASPARREN (3) - PASSIONATA (5) - MINUIT DU SEUIL (7)

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C4 - PRIX EL TRIUNFO - 4700m (a3m) - TURF - Class 3 - Steeple Chase - EUR € 34,000

- 1. JERIKO BOULOISE** - Fair 5th at Auteuil over 4400m in a Class 2 chase on November 23rd. Down in class and can not be overlooked
- 2. KOKOCHAGA** - Two good wins of late, the latter over 4000m at this track in a Class 3 chase on December 14th. Improving and can play a lead role
- 3. KIROGA** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd previously over 3900m in a Class 2 chase at Dieppe on June 4th. Can make the top three
- 4. MAGIC MARVEL** - Showed improved form when scoring at this track over 4000m in a Class 3 chase on December 16th. Former Listed winner over hurdles at Auteuil in 2024. Key chance
- 5. JOLIVENT** - Failed to complete the course at this track over 3900m in a Class 3 chase on December 24th. Not the most reliable and is best avoided
- 6. KING TO BE** - Unplaced on the one start in 2025 over 4000m at Lyon Parilly on November 22nd in a handicap hurdle. Class 1 chase winner in 2024, but has to get back on track
- 7. INFRA ROUGE** - Finished 5th on December 24th over 3900m in a Class 3 chase at this track. He should strip fitter for that run as it was his first of 2025
- 8. NOMADE** - Credible 3rd over 4000m in a Class 3 chase on December 16th at this track behind MAGIC MARVEL (4). Has ground to make up to be involved

Summary: MAGIC MARVEL (4) showed the benefit of a run when scoring on his second start in 2025 over 4000m at this track in mid-December. He is given a marginal vote ahead of KOKOCHAGA (2), who has shown progressive form with two wins of late, the latter over 4000m at this track on December 14th in a Class 3 chase. JERIKO BOULOISE (1) ran well in a Class 2 chase at Auteuil in November and warrants respect. KIROGA (3) is also worth considering.

SELECTIONS

MAGIC MARVEL (4) - KOKOCHAGA (2) - JERIKO BOULOISE (1) - KIROGA (3)

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C5 - PRIX JOSEPH BIRABEN - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 - Steeple Chase - EUR € 32,000

- 1. LET US BREATHE** - Has three runs over fences recently, 3rd on the latter over 3800m in a Class 2 race at Angers on December 6th. Has outside place claims
- 2. L'AUREOLE** - 7th over fences in early December in a Class 2 race, a win previously in a Class 2 hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m on October 29th. Has the scope to do well over fences
- 3. LA LUNE ROUSSE** - Unplaced last time, 3rd previously over 3800m at Angers in a handicap hurdle on November 16th. Chase debut and is best watched for now
- 4. LIMPREVUE SPECIALE** - Two unplaced runs of late, 5th on the latter at this track in a Class 4 hurdle at Pau on December 24th. Tries fences, and others preferred
- 5. COEUR D'ACIER** - Placed 2nd over 3500m at this track in a Class 2 hurdle on December 28th. Now ties fences for the first time and has work to do
- 6. ESASTAR** - Credible 5th over 3400m in a Class 4 chase at Pau on December 16th, won over hurdles in a Class 4 race in August at Clairefontaine. Consider each-way
- 7. MISS CHANA** - Fair 5th over 3600m in a Listed hurdle on November 16th at Auteuil on the last start. Winning hurdler who tries fences and warrants respect
- 8. MISS DES BOULLATS** - Unseated rider last time over fences, 2nd before that over 3500m in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil on December 7th. Worth strong consideration on the second try over fences

Summary: MISS DES BOULLATS (8) unseated her jockey on her chasing debut at this track 7 days ago. Her form over hurdles has been solid before that mishap, and she is given another chance. Her main danger could be MISS CHANA (7), who has the scope to do well over fences and has solid form over hurdles, with two wins at this track. ESASTAR (6) was a credible fifth over fences recently, and she can make the frame. L'AUREOLE (2) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MISS DES BOULLATS (8) - MISS CHANA (7) - ESASTAR (6) - L'AUREOLE (2)

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**C6 - PRIX PAUL LARREGAIN - 4100m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 - Cross -
EUR € 33,000**

- 1. KING SAINT** - Two placed runs of late, 4th over 4000m in a Class 4 hurdle at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on December 25th. Tries this new discipline and warrants respect
- 2. KOUDOU** - 5th last time over hurdles, a win previously over 4200m in a handicap chase at Vittel on July 25th. Tries a new code and can be on the premises
- 3. PRINCE DE GREZ** - Placed 2nd on December 14th at this track over this trip in a Class 2 cross-country. Can make the frame with a good round of jumping
- 4. LE MAGNIFICO** - Won on his last start over 4100m in a Class 2 cross-country at this track on December 14th. Capable of following up
- 5. NORTH WAY** - Unplaced last time, a win before that over 4200m in a Class 4 cross-country at Agen on November 24th. Can make an impact
- 6. LEONARDO DU LARGE** - Placed 3rd over 3700m in a claiming chase at Pau on December 28th on the last start. Others make more of an appeal
- 7. LYRICAL STAR** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that at Haras Du Pin on October 25th over 3700m in a Class 3 chase. Second try in a cross-country and enters calculations
- 8. L AUDACIEUX** - Placed 4th at Pau over the track and trip in a Class 2 cross-country on December 14th. Unlikely to trouble some of these
- 9. BEAUTIFUL GLORY** - Three unplaced runs of late, well beaten over 3900m in a handicap chase at Pau on December 10th. Look for an alternative
- 10. LAGAZELLE** - Two unplaced runs since a 4th in a claiming chase at Landivisiau on September 21st. Failed to finish in a cross-country in October. Hardly inspiring

Summary: LE MAGNIFICO (4) won over the track and trip on December 14th in a Class 2 cross-country chase and looks capable of following up. KOUDOU (2) was fifth over hurdles recently, and scored over regulation fences in a handicap chase at Vittel in July. Trying this discipline could bring out more. NORTH WAY (5) scored at Agen in a cross-country in late November and should not be ignored. KING SAINT (1) is also trying a cross-country for the first time and can have a say.

SELECTIONS

LE MAGNIFICO (4) - KOUDOU (2) - NORTH WAY (5) - KING SAINT (1)

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C7 - PRIX JOSEPH BARRON - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 53,000

- 1. CORPS CELESTE** - Won on the last run over 3800m at Nancy in a Class 3 hurdle on November 30th. Can make the top three
- 2. POULORIUS** - Fair 5th on the flat at Durtal over 2900 in a Class 4 flat race on December 14th, a win three runs back on the flat at Le Mans in November. Capable hurdler who has each-way claims
- 3. JUMPER DETE** - Placed 2nd over 3800m at Pau in a handicap hurdle on December 16th. Capable of being competitive on a track he likes
- 4. SEAL ROCKS** - Two placed runs of late, 3rd on the latest at Nancy over 3800m in a Class 3 hurdle on November 30th. Likely to find a few of these too smart
- 5. IGOR** - Won over 3700m at Pau in a claiming chase on December 20th. Back over hurdles should not be an inconvenience
- 6. KOSY MAG** - Finished 3rd over 4100m at Angers in a Class 3 hurdle on November 11th. Ought to be involved at the finish
- 7. KOLMAN DE BEAUFOUR** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that at Auteuil over 3600m in a Class 4 hurdle on November 5th. One to keep onside
- 8. KING OF RUN** - Four unplaced runs of late, 6th at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on December 29th in a handicap hurdle over 4000m. Has eased to a decent handicap mark
- 9. SUPER FLAM** - Placed 4th at Auteuil over 3600m in a handicap hurdle on November 29th. Ought to be involved in the shake-up
- 10. CENTLOU AA** - Two unplaced runs recently, 6th over 4000m in a chase at Pau on December 14th. Makes limited appeal, and others are more persuasive
- 11. I RISK** - Four 3rd placed efforts of late, the most recent over 3700m in a claiming chase at this track on December 20th. Alternatives appeal more

Summary: JUMPER DETE (3) was a decent second at this track over 3800m in a handicap hurdle in mid-December and looks ready to gain another success. KING OF RUN (8) is racing off a good racing weight and is capable of making his presence felt. KOLMAN DE BEAUFOUR (7) was a pleasing fourth at Auteuil two runs back and is one to look at each-way. SUPER FLAM (9) also ran well at Auteuil on the last start when fourth and ought to be thereabouts. POULORIUS (2) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

JUMPER DETE (3) - KING OF RUN (8) - KOLMAN DE BEAUFOUR (7) - SUPER FLAM (9)

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C8 - PRIX DE LOUVIE-JUZON - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 11,900

1. **OCTAVIO** - A poor 13th in a Claimer over 1400m at this course on 28 November. That was his first run in France but it was uninspiring and he is best left alone
2. **NOARDS** - Highly encouraging 2nd in a Maiden over this track and trip on 4 December. That was gutsy performance and a win can't be far off but he does have to overcome a wide draw
3. **EYE OF THE TIGER** - A good effort to run 4th in Maiden over this track and trip on 4 December. Not far behind NOARDS (2) and JARKI (4) in that race so he has to be in the running
4. **JARKI** - A decent 3rd in Maiden over this track and trip on 4 December. He was trying this trip for the first time and put up an encouraging display. There could be more to come
5. **AIME VIPI** - Outclassed when 15th in a Handicap over 2400m at this course on 26 December. Has been running over further and perhaps the drop to a Maiden over this trip might help
6. **LUCKY D'ID** - A great 5th in a Handicap over this track and trip on 16 December. He ran well above his rating and will benefit by a return to a Maiden but is drawn widest of all
7. **ZINAMIX** - Pulled up in a Hurdle over 3500m at this course on 14 December. His one run on the Flat was also poor so cannot be considered
8. **MASSKO** - Well beaten in a Maiden over this course and distance on 4 December. Held by a number of others on that run and will need marked improvement to trouble those runners
9. **SCALA D'ASPE** - Finished 12th in a Claimer over 1400m at this course on 28 November. That was her first run in two years and she will need to prove herself
10. **VERYTE** - Did not run badly when 7th in a Handicap over 2400m at this course on 28 November. Back in a Maiden over this trip she will be far more competitive. She deserves respect
11. **DALYNSKA** - Was 8th in a Hurdle race over 3400m at Saint-Malo on 29 August. Has changed stables, returns to Flat racing and comes back from a rest so will need to prove herself
12. **L ORIENT EXPRESS** -
13. **MALWINA BELLA** - Mediocre 9th in a Maiden over this course and distance on 4 December. Held by many other stronger runners on that performance
14. **BEARN IN LOVE** - Never dangerous 16th in a Handicap over 1600m at this course on 28 November. Tries further but on recent efforts cannot be considered
15. **SKYWOOD** - Unraced gelding by Ivawood out of Anabaa Blue mare Speedgogirl trained by Guillaume Soulie. Dam's first foal
16. **LA KARAGOOL** - Unraced filly by Birchwood out of Stormy River mare Riviere De Perles trained by Ludovic Cadot. Dam ran well on this surface and her half-sister, Pic Du Midi, recently won over 1600m at this course

Summary: Consistent NOARDS (2) has raced five times for two seconds and two thirds and he is due for a change of fortune. The main threat is likely to come from LUCKY D'ID (6), who was unlucky in a Handicap last time and still managed to finish 5th. JARKI (4) and EYE OF THE TIGER (3) ran third and fourth respectively behind NOARDS (2) last time and luck in running this time could decide the winner of this race, especially as all four jump from wide draws.

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NOARDS (2) - LUCKY D'ID (6) - JARKI (4) - EYE OF THE TIGER (3)