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## **R1 Longchamp [R-H]**

**C1 - DARLEY PRIX JOUBERT - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - TURF - Condition Race -  
Listed - Flat - EUR € 55.000**

**1. SHEMBALA** - Consistent sort with sound credentials, including a 4th in a Listed race over this trip last time. Not taken lightly

**2. GHARA** - Unplaced in Group II contests as Ascot and Goodwood in her last two starts. Could do better now eased in grade

**3. NASSANDRES** - Confirmed the promise of her debut winner with creditable placed efforts in both subsequent outings. Has more to do now but is open to improvement

**4. DSCHINGIS STAR** - Consistent filly with solid form references, including a 2nd to the excellent Engaliwe in a recent Group III. One to beat

**5. SALTWELL** - Progressive sort endowed with staying power. Has won her last two starts, over 2900m last time, and is likely to go well again

**6. SUNSET POINT** - Godolphin Dubawi filly who finished runner-up in a Listed race at Newmarket last month. Makes obvious appeal in her first start on French soil

**7. TRUTHFUL** - Unreliable British filly but is not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Dark horse

**8. ANGEL GUIDANCE** - Unexposed Mastercraftsman filly. Finished 8th of nine in a Group III last time and is held on that form by DSCHINGIS STAR (2), but has room to improve

**Summary** : DSCHINGIS STAR (4) has finished in the leading pair in four of her five starts, including a Group III last time in which she finished 2nd, and on that form is likely to fight for victory in this Listed event. Charlie Appleby's Godolphin filly SUNSET POINT (6) arrives with strong form credentials and ought to be competitive in her first start on French soil. Hat-trick seeking SALTWELL (5) is up in class but has a progressive profile and could take this in her stride, so must be respected. SHEMBALA (1) is consistent and expected to acquit herself competitively once more.

### **SELECTIONS**

**DSCHINGIS STAR (4) - SUNSET POINT (6) - SALTWELL (5) - SHEMBALA (1)**

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**C2 - PRIX DES CHENES - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Group 3 - Group - Flat -  
EUR € 80.000**

**1. ZABIARI** - Well-bred sort who won on debut before finishing 2nd in both of his subsequent outings behind 2 exciting prospects. Candidate for success

**2. ROCK THE KASBAH** - Showed a professional attitude when winning on debut, beating other newcomers, and is open to any amount of improvement. Beware

**3. GREY MAN** - Has won three of his four starts (2nd in the other) and represents a formidable stable. Won 1400m Group III last time and is capable of following up over the extra 200m

**4. ALCANTOR** - Debut winner over 1400m before doubling his tally over 1500m last time. Could have more to offer over this distance

**Summary :** GRAY MAN (3) has won three of his four starts and scored at this level over 1400m last time. He is equally adept at this distance and looks good value to follow up here at the expense of well-bred ZABIARI (1), who steps into a Group race for the first time after finishing 2nd in a Listed event over this trip last time. ALCANTOR (4) will have more to offer over this trip so ought to remain competitive, even in this grade, while debut winner ROCK THE KASBAH (2) is open to any amount of improvement after a winning debut. Good race for a field of this size!

## SELECTIONS

**GREY MAN (3) - ZABIARI (1) - ALCANTOR (4) - ROCK THE KASBAH (2)**

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**C3 - PRIX D'AUMALE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Group 3 - Group - Flat - EUR  
€ 80.000**

**1. FREVILLE** - Has shown serious means and recently finished 4th in a Listed race. Ought to be involved in the finish

**2. ITSY BITSY** - Unbeaten in two starts and her limits are not yet known. Warrants respect here, especially with Maxime Guyon back aboard

**3. BEATRIX KIDDO** - Undefeated filly after winning both starts over 1400m at La Teste-de-Buch. Christophe Soumillon is a noteworthy engagement

**4. MLLE MOLIERE** - A convincing winner of both outings and is expected to make further improvement. Should play a leading role

**5. DARE TO DREAM** - Highly regarded filly who justified that reputation by winning on debut. Ought to have come on with the benefit of that experience

**6. KALISPERA** - The only maiden in the race, though does have sound form references. Would do well to find the frame in this grade/company

**7. ALSHINFARAH** - Undefeated in two starts across the channel and starts on French soil with legitimate ambitions. Keep safe

**Summary** : MLLE MOLIERE (4) is one of five undefeated fillies in this quality Group III renewal but is worth chancing to emerge with her 100% record intact. She will, however, have to thwart the likely challenge of ALSHINFARAH (7) who is also two from two and, seemingly, very talented. FREVILLE (1) has the form and experience to also fight for victory and will be bidding to emulate the success of stablemate Blue Rose Cen, winner of this race last year. DARE TO DREAM (5), a winner on debut, as well as hat-trick seeking rivals ITSY BITSY (2) and BEATRIX KIDDO (3) can also have a say.

## SELECTIONS

**MLLE MOLIERE (4) - ALSHINFARAH (7) - FREVILLE (1) - DARE TO DREAM (5)**

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## C4 - PRIX DES PASSAGES FEYDEAU - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 27.000

1. **ROSANNE DU GOUET** - Has maintained a commendable level of form/consistency. Finished 5th in consecutive Quinté+ races and can have a say in this field on that form
2. **JACK O'BOY** - Absent since finishing 9th in a Quinté+ on 18 May and is best watched for now, even off a lower (0,5kg) mark
3. **KING ROBBE** - Has recorded two of his five career wins at this venue and is capable of a lot better than recent outings suggest. Beware
4. **FASTER** - Unlucky not to have finished closer when 4th in a Quinté+ last time out and, given her record at this track, is likely to play a leading role here
5. **REGALIEN** - Has been hard to win with but is in good form and has been successful at this venue. Ought to be involved
6. **QUARTZ ROSE** - Returned from a break when finishing 3rd at Le Lion d'Angers and should have more to offer with improved fitness on his side
7. **SCARFACE** - Ultra-consistent last-start winner who has finished in the top five in his last nine starts. Can add a 10th here
8. **LOVELY ANGEL** - Runner-up in three of her last five starts and finished 5th in a Quinté+ when last seen. Will acquit herself competitively
9. **GUERREIRA** - Has been gaining momentum recently and improved again to finish a gutsy 4th at Deauville last time. Can get into the mix
10. **VAUTRIN** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
11. **PILE OU FACE** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now so is easy to rule out. Others are preferred

**Summary :** FASTER (4) was sandwiched in the Quinté+ of 24 August at Deauville and would've probably achieved better than a 4th place finish, so could be worth siding with here. REGALIEN (5) has not won since November but has threatened to do so recently and could fight for victory. QUARTZ ROSE (6) is also likely to have a say in the finish with improved fitness on his side. Last-start winner SCARFACE (7) ought to remain competitive, while consistent LOVELY ANGEL (8) is not without a chance either.

### SELECTIONS

**FASTER (4) - REGALIEN (5) - QUARTZ ROSE (6) - SCARFACE (7)**

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## C5 - PRIX DE LA GALERIE DES VARIETES - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 53.000

1. **DEEP HOPE** - Won four races late last year and finds himself in a Quinté+ now after an unsuccessful attempt in a Deauville Class 1. Has a lot to prove here at such a value
2. **SIMPLY STRIKING** - Holder of four podium finishes in five starts on this course and is a lot better than his last start (16th) suggests. Has the means to play a role in the finish
3. **SUN FLARE** - Made an encouraging debut at this level by finishing 2nd at Deauville (PSF) last time. Has not run well in two attempts at this course, albeit in tough competition, but could right those wrongs
4. **TORPEN** - Easily dictated his rule in the Quinté+ of 15 August and earned a 3,5kg penalty for doing so. Over this course and distance that suits, he is capable of defying that penalty by winning again
5. **GALIK** - Was absent for more than nine months and has been blowing hot and cold since his return. Was 5th in a Quinté+ at Vichy on 18 July so is capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature
6. **CICCIO BOY** - Has shown commendable regularity in these handicaps and is competing in his 12th race of the year. Remains in rude health and should make his presence felt
7. **INDYCO** - Has been quite disappointing lately so is hard to recommend. Nevertheless, he has already won twice here and has regained an interesting value - will attract lovers of outsiders
8. **PEDRITO** - Unlucky last time out and would probably have done better than 6th. Has already proven to be competitive off this mark and on this course, so has a lot in his favour here
9. **HOLLYHOCK** - Was dominated in his previous three Quinté+ outings having acquitted himself well in interesting three-year-old company. Dropped in weight and appreciates this distance - a joker in the pack
10. **CENTENARIO** - Finished 4th in a Class 2 event for sprinters on 16 July but let the side down last time. Capable of better over a distance he appreciates, but has no room for maneuver off his current mark
11. **TOIJK** - Has come to hand recently after a lackluster start to the season. Without a win at this course in 11 starts but has a place chance nonetheless
12. **LIGHT WAKEUP** - Won two handicaps in July but no longer has any room for maneuver at such a value. Faced with such opposition, he'd do well to find the frame
13. **WHITE PLATIN** - Finished a reassuring 3rd last time on the Deauville straight and enjoys ParisLongchamp's layout so is dangerous to dismiss at value 37. Must overcome a No 16 gate though
14. **SCOTTISH SAINT** - Out of sorts this year but has not gone unnoticed. Was disappointing on the PSF at Deauville last time (8th) but ought to do better under these conditions - keep safe
15. **ESSAI TRANSFORME** - Former Quinté+ winner who has joined Mathieu Boutin following his last claiming race attempt. Supplemented to participate here and, theoretically, ought to be competitive at this weight

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**16. WOFF** - Returned to form when finishing 4th at Moulins last time and could get into the mix here having seen his rating reduced, although a No 15 stall does him no favours

**Summary :** TORPEN (4) won the Grand Handicap des Sprinters this summer in good style and this three-time Quinté+ winner, who earned a 3,5kg penalty for that success, can add to his tally here over a course and distance that suits. Having finished 2nd in her first start at this level, SUN FLARE (3) heads the list of potential dangers with SCOTTISH SAINT (14) who, despite finishing 8th in three consecutive outings, has not gone unnoticed this year. CICCIO BOY (6) has a good record at this level and ought to acquit himself competitively once more. GALIK (5) arrives in good order and remains capable of staking a claim along with PEDRITO (8), who need only negotiate his No 14 starting stall to have a say in the finish. SIMPLY STRIKING (2) is much better than his last result indicates and cannot be forgotten either.

## SELECTIONS

**TORPEN (4) - SUN FLARE (3) - SCOTTISH SAINT (14) - CICCIO BOY (6)**

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## C6 - PRIX DU PASSAGE DE BOURG L'ABBE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. **SAN TEODORICO** - Has struggled to regain any form or spark improvement for some time now so unlikely to trouble the judge
2. **SECRET FEELING** - Won her only outing with Christophe Soumillon in the irons, so ought to be formidable here with that rider engaged again
3. **OLIVA** - Inconsistent but is seldom far off the mark, so is as hard to trust as she is to rule out. Dark horse
4. **GREY BELLE** - Fluffed her lines when finishing unplaced last time at Deauville but remains capable of better. Don't discount
5. **L'AIR DU TEMPS** - Has raised his game with blinkers fitted and Coralie Pacaut aboard. Thirsty for victory and likely to play a leading role
6. **TIME TO FLY** - Represents a stable in terrific form and did not go unnoticed last time, despite finishing 7th. Keep safe
7. **HYPNOTIZED** - Unreliable but, judged on her best performances/references, is quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature
8. **TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL** - Consistent for the most part and in good form at present. Was claimed after her 3rd at Argentan last time
9. **LA FLACA** - Returned to form when runner-up at Dieppe on 29 August and will be competitive if confirming that improvement
10. **HYGROVE BEC** - Struggling to maintain her form or consistency and is unlikely to trouble the judge here having finished 9th last time
11. **KRYPTON** - Long-time maiden (after 21 starts) unlikely to trouble the judge or the principal contenders here. Others preferred

**Summary :** L'AIR DU TEMPS (5) has always run well with Coralie Pacaut and, if doing so again, could emerge with the win here. However, the chances of SECRET FEELING (2) are not to be underestimated as he is undefeated under Christophe Soumillon. TIME TO FLY (6), although finishing 7th, was not beaten far at Deauville last time and Nicolas Caullery's charge ought to be competitive too. GRAY BELLE (4) is also capable of making her presence felt.

### SELECTIONS

L'AIR DU TEMPS (5) - SECRET FEELING (2) - TIME TO FLY (6) - GREY BELLE (4)

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**C7 - PRIX DE CRAON - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Group 1 Aqps - Flat -  
EUR € 70.000**

**1. JEU DE THAIX** - A convincing winner of his last start at Nantes back in June. Has regained freshness and is likely to confirm

**2. IMAGINE BANBOU** - Has won four consecutive outings, including both this year. Absent since April but will be hard to beat

**3. JULIETTE BANBOU** - Improved after encouraging prior outing to win last time out. Should have more to offer, so is not discounted here

**4. ICONE ANGEVINE** - Ultra-consistent mare who continues to improve. Has won both starts this year and should pose a threat to IMAGINE BANBOU (2)

**5. JOLIE MANS** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

**6. IMAGINE D'ALENE** - Honest mare with sound form references. An unlikely winner of this race but is not incapable of getting into the picture

**7. JOAQUINA DICI** - Capable of playing a minor role but has no more than a place chance in this grade/outsider. For another day

**8. JESUBA** - Consistent filly who won her last start and hails from a stable not foreign to success. Should have a role to play

**9. IN THE MIX** - Consistent mare with solid form credentials/references. Has more of a place chance though than a winning one

**10. JIMFA** - Runner-up in her last four starts, including to IMAGINE BANBOU (2) at the end of April. Should be a factor here

**11. JOLLY WAY** - Showed signs of improvement last time (3rd) but will need to build on that to get a look in here. Outsider

**Summary** : A real revelation for the AQPS this season, IMAGINE BANBOU (2) has won both starts this year and looks good value for a fifth consecutive success in this Group I event. ICONE ANGEVINE (4) has won her two starts for Bruno Audouin and is likely to trouble the selection, although JIMFA (10) is also capable of doing so having finished 2nd in each of her last 4 starts. Last-start winner JEU DE THAIX (1) ought to play a leading role too.

## SELECTIONS

**IMAGINE BANBOU (2) - ICONE ANGEVINE (4) - JIMFA (10) - JEU DE THAIX (1)**



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## C8 - PRIX MERCEDES-BENZ PARIS (PRIX DE LORMOY) - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 1 - Flat - EUR € 35.000

**1. MARQUISAT** - Won on debut last year and made an impressive winning comeback when returning as a gelding. Can remain undefeated

**2. MOWGLI** - Bounced back from an unplaced Quinte+ outing to win at Craon last time. Earned 1,5kg penalty but could get into the picture

**3. PONTY** - The highest-rated runner in the race with the form and experience to make his presence felt. Has obvious claims

**4. KOVANOF** - Won over this course and distance two starts back and proved his competitiveness by finishing 3rd last time. Chief threat to MARQUISAT (1)

**5. LEANDRA** - A fluent winner of her last/only start over 1800m at Dieppe and Théo Bachelot retains confidence in her. Keep safe

**6. ZVAROSHKKA** - Finished 2nd on debut in a competitive field and has been absent since that April introduction. Respected on her return

**Summary** : Having made a winning debut last year, MARQUISAT (1) confirmed his obvious ability with a comeback victory last month following a lengthy absence. He would have come on appreciably since that reappearance and looks likely to remain undefeated. KOVANOF (4), who has two successes on the same track, and PONTY (3), with the highest rating of these runners, have the form and experience to pose a threat. ZVAROSHKKA (6), who returns from a break after his debut 2nd, and first-start scorer LEANDRA (5) could also have a say. Good race for a field of this size!

### SELECTIONS

MARQUISAT (1) - KOVANOF (4) - PONTY (3) - ZVAROSHKKA (6)