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R4 CHANTILLY [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX LE FABULEUX - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat
- EUR € 55.000**

1. BIRR CASTLE - Acquitted himself well (3rd) behind the phenomenon ACE IMPACT in a Group II event during the summer. One to beat

2. WOODCHUCK - Consistent for the most part and boasts sound form references. Has sufficient means to get into the picture

3. CAMBRONNE - Was a little more than four lengths adrift of BIRR CASTLE (1) last time out in his first start since joining Jean-Claude Rouget. Chief threat

4. DIRE LA VERITE - Debut winner on the PSF at Chelmsford. This requires a lot more of him but deemed good enough to take his place regardless - beware

5. MANWHATAMAN - Prolific performer at a lower level with nothing to lose in this grade/company. Will attract lovers of outsiders

6. GARBO - Progressive filly and last-start winner who, despite the jump in class to this category, ought to remain competitive

7. WHITE SWAN - Lightly raced filly absent since finishing 6th of 8 in a Listed race back in April. One to note on her reappearance

Summary : Classy BIRR CASTLE (1) is the standout pick and hard to oppose in this Listed opener. He is favourably treated by the conditions and is likely to be better suited to this shorter distance. He will, however, be tested by CAMBRONNE (3) who, despite blowing hot and cold recently, remains more than capable of fighting for victory. Of the two fillies in the race, GARBO (6) has the best winning chance. Debut scorer DIRE LA VERITE (4) may lack experience but could be anything, so is dangerous to dismiss.

SELECTIONS

BIRR CASTLE (1) - CAMBRONNE (3) - GARBO (6) - DIRE LA VERITE (4)

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**C2 - PRIX DE LA CROIX DE L'OIGNON - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER -
Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 27.000**

- 1. SAMAHRAM** - Talented, lightly raced filly who maintained a good level of form/consistency on her travels. One to beat
- 2. HOT SPOT** - Unreliable although not incapable of getting into the picture, if judged on his best references. Outsider
- 3. BRAZILIAN SURPRISE** - Out of sorts recently but boasts three podium finishes in four outings on this PSF track. Better expected
- 4. CENTRAL PARK WEST** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is not easily ruled out
- 5. PTIT PEDRO** - Has never finished worse than 4th on PSF and has regained freshness ahead of this engagement. High on the shortlist
- 6. CICCIO BOY** - Formidable finisher who needs luck in running given his racing style. Not to be taken lightly in this small field
- 7. DIRTY GEURTY** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now so is easily ruled out. Others preferred
- 8. TAIRANN** - Struggling to regain her form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive in a race of this nature. Overlook

Summary : Ultra-consistent SAMAHRAM (1), back on French soil having finished 2nd in Germany last time, is good value to reconnect with success. PTIT PEDRO (5) is also consistent and boasts sound form references of his own, so looks the most likely danger. CICCIO BOY (6), a regular in Quinte+ events, should enjoy reverting to this surface and is capable of getting involved too, as is BRAZILIAN SURPRISE (3) in these calmer waters.

SELECTIONS

SAMAHRAM (1) - PTIT PEDRO (5) - CICCIO BOY (6) - BRAZILIAN SURPRISE (3)

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**C3 - PRIX SARACA - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR €
60.000**

- 1. ROCAMBOLESQUE** - Progressive last-start winner whose only attempt at this racecourse ended in victory. Not taken lightly
- 2. SAJIR** - Looked an exciting prospect when winning on debut and acquitted himself well last time (6th) at Group level. One to be with
- 3. EMPLOY** - Runner-up in two of her last three starts having won her maiden in good style on this course at the end of June. Keep safe
- 4. MONTEILLE** - Improving last-start winner over this distance. More to do in this grade/company but lots of scope to progress
- 5. BAILEYS POLKA DOT** - Fleet-footed filly, who likes to race on or near the speed, with sound form references. Not taken lightly
- 6. SEDUISANTE** - Improved to win her last start, which was over this distance. Needs to make further progress but has scope to do so
- 7. LEXINGTON BELLE** - Distance-suited filly in good form, having improved in her five starts with blinkers on (twice 2nd, three wins). Dark horse

Summary : SAJIR (2) was deemed good enough to compete at the highest level last time (6th) and need only run to that level of form again to win here. BAILEYS POLKA DOT (5), supplemented for this, could improve trying this distance for the first time having already shown she has sufficient means to pose a threat. EMPLOY (3), runner-up in two of her last three starts, ought to make her presence felt too, along with last-start winner ROCAMBOLESQUE (1).

SELECTIONS

SAJIR (2) - BAILEYS POLKA DOT (5) - EMPLOY (3) - ROCAMBOLESQUE (1)

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**C4 - PRIX DU BOSQUET SAINT-ROMAIN - 1900m (a1 3/16m) - ALL
WEATHER - A RECLAMER - Flat - EUR € 19.000**

1. LEWIS CHOP - Has been off the boil recently but is more than capable of redeeming himself in this category. Beware

2. ATTO DI FEDE - Despite his lack of consistency, warrants the utmost respect here on the evidence of his victory in his last start on PSF earlier this year

3. SIR ALEXANDER - Proven on this surface and has a liking for this course too. Ought to fight for victory in his first claiming race

4. MINDSET - Seldom finishes a long way adrift of the winner so does have the means to get a look in here. Place chance

5. VIZINDI - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judging on what he has done best. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

6. ARCON - Ultra-consistent performer on the turf and need only prove as effective on the PSF to play a leading role

7. BUTTE ROUGE - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out here. Others preferred

8. RISE AND SHINE - Seldom far off the mark and could get into the picture here racing with the headgear removed. Dark horse

9. SCATTERED DREAMS - Showed signs of improvement last time and could get a look in here if building on that progress. Outsider

10. PEARL HARBOUR - Maintaining a reasonable level of form and consistency, so looks well placed here on best references. Keep safe

11. DODOMA - Has nothing noteworthy to his name to warrant consideration here and can be ruled out. Others preferred

12. TENRAI - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

Summary : SIR ALEXANDER (3) is in good form and has already proved efficient on this surface, so represents an essential base in this claiming event. PEARL HARBOR (10) has maintained her consistency and has the form and experience to play a leading role too, which could also be said of reliable ARCON (6). Despite his tendency to blow hot and cold, ATTO DI FEDE (2) has already shown sufficient means to have a say at this level. LEWIS CHOP (1) and RISE AND SHINE (8) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

SIR ALEXANDER (3) - PEARL HARBOUR (10) - ARCON (6) - ATTO DI FEDE (2)

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C5 - CRITERIUM DE MAISONS-LAFFITTE - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - GROUPE II - Groupe - Flat - EUR € 190.000

1. SPANISH PHOENIX - Closely matched with SEVEN QUESTIONS (3) on the form of a recent Group II event. Don't underestimate

2. INISHFALLEN - Consistent for the most part and has shown sufficient means to get into the picture. Has a place chance

3. SEVEN QUESTIONS - Ultra-consistent British performer who has done nothing wrong to this point and is already proven at this level

4. GAENARI - Still a maiden but has performed to a good level and run well in defeat. Has no more than a place chance though

5. CLASSIC FLOWER - Consistent filly with sound form references/credentials and ought to acquit herself competitively here

6. SHADY LADY - Improving filly, winner of the Listed Critérium de l'Ouest recently. Should be a factor in her hat-trick bid

7. DAWN CHARGER - Last-start winner on this course adopting frontrunning tactics. Seems capable of repeating that feat

Summary : Exciting fillies DAWN CHARGER (7) and SHADY LADY (6) both have bright futures and are likely to fight for victory in this important Group II event. SEVEN QUESTIONS (3) and SPANISH PHOENIX (1) clashed recently at this level back 'home' in England and ought to be competitive in their first starts on French soil. Good race!

SELECTIONS

DAWN CHARGER (7) - SHADY LADY (6) - SEVEN QUESTIONS (3) - SPANISH PHOENIX (1)

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C6 - PRIX MERCEDES-BENZ SAINT-MAXIMIN (PRIX DE L'HOTEL DES TROIS POTS) - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16.000

- 1. GARDOL MOON** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Others preferred
- 2. ASPHODELE MIA** - Consistent mare with sound form references. Must prove herself on the PSF but has the means to play a role
- 3. AFFAIRE CONCLUE** - Finished a reassuring 4th last time and has legitimate ambitions facing older rivals again. Not taken lightly
- 4. CAPCHOP** - Got back on track by finishing 2nd here recently and with his rider's 1,5kg allowance should be involved again
- 5. POLDINA** - Back the right track having rediscovered his form recently and, with Maxime Guyon in the irons now, warrants respect
- 6. AMERICAN LILY** - Undeniably capable but has not yet managed to distinguish herself this year. Needs to redeem herself
- 7. BERYL THE PERIL** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and remains capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Beware
- 8. SINSINSIN** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
- 9. BLACK PANTHER** - Rarely far off the mark so could get into the picture here, though has no more than a place chance. Outsider
- 10. AL RASSOUL** - Delphine Santiago, with the benefit of a 1,5kg allowance, maintains her confidence in this capable veteran. Dark horse
- 11. ENJOY THE SILENCE** - Has not gone unnoticed on the turf recently and his last outing on the PSF ended in victory. Beware
- 12. MEHANYDREAM** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 13. WAYNE** - Finished 3rd on this course recently and is much better placed in the stalls this time around. Winning chance
- 14. MY RIVER** - Rarely far off the mark so could get into the picture here, though has no more than a place chance. Outsider
- 15. HEBE** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name to warrant consideration here and can be ruled out. Others preferred
- 16. KOREM** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore

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Summary : In a recent handicap on this course, WAYNE (13) and CAPCHOP (4) battled for the places and are, this time, likely to fight for victory. POLDINA (5) has returned to form and is in good physical condition, so could join them in that fight. ENJOY THE SILENCE (11) and ASPHODELE MIA (2) are capable and ought to be competitive in this grade/company. AL RASSOUL (10) and AMERICAN LILY (6) are best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

WAYNE (13) - CAPCHOP (4) - POLDINA (5) - ENJOY THE SILENCE (11)

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**C7 - PRIX DE LA MONTIGNETTE - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 27.000**

- 1. MARY GOLD** - Consistent filly with sound form references, though her big weight here is somewhat of a concern. Capable
- 2. BATESCA** - Lightly raced sort open to improvement and her rider's significant allowance should stand her in good stead
- 3. THE CAT'S** - Consistent for the most part and seldom finishes far off the mark. Benefits from the 1,5kg allowance of his rider Marie Vélon
- 4. BLUE RIBBON** - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time and her weight situation is more favorable. Beat three of these opponents recently
- 5. SANARYEN** - Finished 4th last time and makes an ambitious trip for this engagement. Will need to confirm recent improvement
- 6. SENZA TE** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but not easy to rule out
- 7. BOTTOMS UP** - Consistent for the most part and lines up here in good form and physical condition. Could open her account
- 8. BAWE ISLAND** - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time and ought to be competitive if confirming that improvement under just 49,5kg
- 9. REIGNSKOTA FAL** - Moves up in class here but has shown sufficient means to warrant respect. Could get into the picture
- 10. AMOUREUSE** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore

Summary : BLUE RIBBON (4) renews rivalry with MARY GOLD (1) on 2kg better weight terms so is taken to get her revenge here. Between the two, though, BOTTOMS UP (7) is interposed after catching the eye recently in races over shorter distances. BATESCA (2), REIGNSKOTA FAL (9) and SANARYEN (5) have some room for improvement so could also get involved.

SELECTIONS

BLUE RIBBON (4) - BOTTOMS UP (7) - MARY GOLD (1) - BATESCA (2)

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C8 - PRIX DE L'HOTEL DE VERMANDOIS - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21.000

1. **HOT SUMMER** - Course specialist who finished runner-up last time out. Shoulders top weight but is likely to play a leading role
2. **THE TIME** - Unreliable sort but remains quite capable of having a say in a race of this nature. Has claims here
3. **TWO THANK YOUS** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so her chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
4. **ROYAL VATI** - Struggling to regain his form or spark the necessary improvement, so is unlikely to trouble the judge
5. **BOZA** - Had no luck in running when finishing unplaced last time and is a lot better than the form of that outing indicates. Keep safe
6. **IRBIS** - Acquitted himself in the same race as BOZA (5) and HOT SUMMER (1) recently. Needs to be kept safe on that form
7. **GREEN CURRY** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is not easily ruled out
8. **PRINCE DES DUNES** - Won five starts back but has struggled since. Dropped again in the weights, though, so could resurface
9. **SIGLO DE ORO** - Struggling to regain his form or spark the necessary improvement, so is unlikely to trouble the judge
10. **LOPAS** - Unreliable but in no way incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Not taken lightly
11. **SENEPARK** - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time and could have a role to play if confirming that improvement. Beware
12. **LORD MONCHABLON** - Well placed in the stalls, given he likes to race on or near the speed. Showed signs of improvement last time and will be a factor if confirming
13. **URI** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
14. **TAG** - Has lost her way and gone completely off the boil for some time now, so cannot be recommended. Overlook
15. **VALENTO** - Unreliable but not incapable of staking a claim here under a light weight. Dangerous to discount his chances
16. **CLEOSTORM** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so her chances are limited even at this level. Ignore

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Summary : LORD MONCHABLON (12) has sparked improvement recently and, over this shorter distance, ought to enjoy the conditions under which he could shine. BOZA (5) was unlucky last time but could serve it up to the selection in the fight for victory. HOT SUMMER (1), in good form and physical condition, as well as LOPAS (10), despite his inconsistency, have the means to pose a threat so are not discounted. IRBIS (6) and VALENTINO (15) are better than their latest outings suggest and could get into the picture, along with SENEPARK (11) despite a No 16 gate in the stalls.

SELECTIONS

LORD MONCHABLON (12) - BOZA (5) - HOT SUMMER (1) - LOPAS (10)

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C9 - PRIX DE SENLIS - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23.000

1. **LARNO** - Will this time have the benefit of an inside barrier position to start from, so could have a say. Respected
2. **CALIFANO** - Has been performing well at Cagnes-sur-Mer and is one to watch on his return. Don't underestimate his chances
3. **SAGA TIMGAD** - Formerly a good Quinté+ horse but inconsistent these days. Still has a chance for a good finishing position
4. **LADY PINK** - Has been struggling to recapture any form or consistency, so not likely to trouble the judge here. Overlook
5. **BAILEYS MEMOIRE** - Disappointing last start but showed enough prior to that to suggest he remains capable of bouncing back in a race like this
6. **PERTUSATO** - Runner-up in his last two starts and has already proven himself at this track. Will be a factor here
7. **L'IENTISSEI** - A hold-up type with a formidable burst of speed. Will once again rely on talented Bauyrzhan Murzabayev
8. **TRIMLIGHT** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
9. **SAGE DREAM** - Last-start winner who has gone up 5kg for two victories in his last four starts. Has a tough task on these terms
10. **JACK OF TRADES** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is not easily ruled out
11. **NIGHTS ON BROADWAY** - Has won his last two starts and, while the hat-trick seems unlikely, benefits from the help of Mickaël Barzalona
12. **BLACKBIRDFLY** - Has rediscovered his form and is associated with Cristian Demuro for this entry. Capable of winning a race like this
13. **JORDAN BAKER** - Struggling to regain his form or spark the improvement needed to have a say in a race of this nature. Outsider
14. **GREYWAY** - Has been struggling to recapture any form or consistency, so not likely to trouble the judge here. Overlook
15. **MAKILROY** -
16. **GOLD PLAYER** - Returns to the fibresand here with Maxime Guyon engaged, so cannot be taken lightly. Best to keep safe
17. **ZAAHIR** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

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Summary : With Cristian Demuro now engaged, resurgent BLACKBIRDFLY (12) lines up here with the highest of ambitions and is the one to beat. IENISSEI (7) and PERTUSATO (6) renew their rivalry and seem capable of giving cheek to the selection. GOLD PLAYER (16) adapts to most things and won with authority on the grass recently, so should remain competitive. LARNO (1) and SAGA TIMGAD (3), both of whom have the means to resurface under these conditions, complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

BLACKBIRDFLY (12) - L'IENISSEI (7) - PERTUSATO (6) - GOLD PLAYER (16)