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C1 - PRIX D'ANGERS - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 32,000

1. NIL DE BALLON - Unplaced last time over 3800m in a Class 2 handicap hurdle at Fontainebleau on December 10th. Two 2nd placed runs before that and has each way claims if fit from a layoff

2. WORTH A TEAM - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3800m in a Class 4 chase at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on January 5th. Capable of a return to form

3. WAR SOLDIER - Unplaced last time, 4th previously over 3600m in a claiming hurdle at Clairefontaine on June 30th. Might find this a step too far

4. KIENKO - Two unplaced runs so far, the latest when failing to complete at Argentan on October 29th in 2023, in a Class 4 hurdle over 3600m. Has shown ability and is one to watch for the future back from a long break

5. KERKO - Two unplaced runs over hurdles recently, the latter over 3600m at Clairefontaine on July 28th in a Class 3 hurdle. Pass over

6. GALLEO CONTI - Unplaced on the one run this year over fences in a Grade 3 chase on February 15th over 4400m. Classy performer who has won a Listed hurdle and has several Graded placed runs over both codes

7. GRAND ART - Three unplaced flat runs this year, 3rd before that over 4300m at Auteuil on June 11th, 2022, in a Grade 2 hurdle. Can strip fit for return to hurdles and has a leading chance

8. MOUNT TEMPEST - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3300m at Newbury (UK) in a chase on February 28th. Look elsewhere

9. FUEGO DE SOMOZA - Absent since an unplaced effort over 3600m at Senonnes in a handicap hurdle on July 5th, 2023. Prolonged layoff and is best watched

10. LITTLE THUNDER - Not seen since a win over 3800m at this track in a Class 4 hurdle on June 8th, 2023. Capable contender if fit from a long absence

11. PINACLOUDDOWN - Four unplaced runs of late, the latter over 3500m at Auteuil on June 1st in a handicap chase. Makes no appeal

12. HONNEUR D'ESTRIVAL - Absent since a win over 3800m at Aix Les Bains in a handicap hurdle on July 14th, 2023. Could need this run and others rate higher

13. JOLIE COEUR SOMOZA - Two unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 3500m at Nantes on November 27th, 2023. Can be avoided

Summary: GRAND ART (7) should be sharper for three flat runs this year and brings strong credentials over hurdles, including a third-place finish in a Grade 2 at Auteuil in 2022. He can get back on track here. GALLEO CONTI (6), a versatile performer over both hurdles and fences, looks the main threat. LITTLE THUNDER (10) may need the run but appeals as a solid each-way option. WORTH A TEAM (2) completes the shortlist.

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GRAND ART (7) - GALLEO CONTI (6) - LITTLE THUNDER (10) - WORTH A TEAM (2)

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C2 - PRIX JEAN DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 39,000

1. **VOL D'ARGENT** - Unplaced last time, 3rd previously over 3800m at Dieppe on June 12th in a handicap hurdle. Can make the frame
2. **ATYPIQUE D'OROUX** - Placed on the last two runs, 4th on the latter over 3900m at Gemozac on July 6th in a Class 4 chase. Place contender
3. **BIBICHE** - Two wins of late, the latest over 3600m in a claiming hurdle at Clairefontaine on July 16th. One to pay attention to
4. **SATCHMO** - Two unplaced runs of late, 6th at Clairefontaine on June 17th in a Class 1 hurdle on the most recent. Outside place chance
5. **PRIAM DU MESNIL** - Got off the mark over 3800m at Aix Les Bains on July 13th in a handicap hurdle. Looks like he is improving and can not be ruled out
6. **HAPPY PEOPLE** - Fair 4th over track and trip on July 12th on his last start in a Class 4 hurdle. Among the leading each way options
7. **LOLLITA** - 5th over 4400m at Dieppe on June 12th in a Class 2 chase on her last start. Capable of being competitive
8. **LOVELY MARIE** - Five unplaced runs this year, well beaten on the flat over 1600m on July 26th in a Class 3 handicap on the most recent outing. Back over hurdles and fails to inspire
9. **FOXTROT MISS** - Won her last start over 3400m in a Class 3 hurdle at this track on June 28th, scoring comfortably by two lengths. She looks the one to beat.
10. **ASALIAH** - Two unplaced runs of late, 6th at Jarnac on September 22nd in a Class 5 hurdle on the latter. Can be avoided
11. **ARMA DAZ** - 4th on the last run over 3400m at Lyon Parilly in a Class 2 chase in November 23rd. Likely to be sharper for this run after an absence
12. **FATU HIVA** - Unplaced last time out, 3rd previously over 3700m at Clairefontaine on July 16th in a handicap chase. Opposable
13. **SPRING WAY** - Three unplaced efforts of late, 6th on the flat at Vittel on July 25th, on the latest of them. Little to recommend
14. **TAGANAY** - Unplaced last time, 3rd previously over 3900m in a claiming hurdle at Nimes on June 15th. Faces a stiff task

Summary: FOXTROT MISS (9) scored impressively by two lengths in a Class 3 hurdle at this track in late June and is well placed to follow up. BIBICHE (3) is chasing a hat-trick after a recent claiming hurdle win at Clairefontaine and should keep the selection honest. PRIAM DU MESNIL (5) is one to include in all place betting strategies, while HAPPY PEOPLE (6) ran well over track and trip last time and is worth noting.

SELECTIONS

FOXTROT MISS (9) - BIBICHE (3) - PRIAM DU MESNIL (5) - HAPPY PEOPLE (6)

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C3 - PRIX ARENICE - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 48,000

1. JUMPING CHARLIE - Possibly needed the run over hurdles at this track on June 28th, having been off the track for over four months since a good 3rd in a Class 1 chase at Pau on February 9th. Hard to overlook

2. GO FAST DU BERLAIS - Two solid placed runs on his last two starts in 2024, the latter over 4200m in a Class 2 handicap chase at Moulins on December 14th. Runs well fresh and can be competitive

3. CELTIC WARRIOR - Fair 2nd over 3600m in a Class 1 hurdle at Clairefontaine on June 17th last time out. Class 1 winner over fences at Auteuil last October. Can make the frame

4. RISK OF LOVE - Two unplaced runs since a win over 4100m at Lyon Parilly on April 19th in a Class 2 chase. Others seem better equipped

5. FOX TROT - Unplaced last time over hurdles at this track on July 12th, he won previously at Strasbourg over 4200m in a handicap chase on June 25th. Needs a few to misfire

6. MAGIC FLIGHT - Good win over course and distance on July 12th in a Class 3 chase last time out. Can follow up

7. HISO - Two unplaced efforts of late, the latter over 3900m in a Class 3 chase on June 30th. He did win at Moulins on May 10th in a Class 3 handicap chase over 3800m. Outside place chance

8. KARA DIAMOND - Won nicely by 2L at Clairefontaine on June 30th in a Class 3 chase last time out. Grade 3 winner over hurdles in 2023 and can feature

Summary: MAGIC FLIGHT (6) was a determined winner over this track and trip in July and looks well placed to follow up. JUMPING CHARLIE (1) should come on for his recent hurdles run here in late June after a four-month break, and a return to fences is likely to suit. KARA DIAMOND (8) brings a touch of class as a Grade 3 hurdle winner in 2023 and arrives in good form after a chase success at Clairefontaine on June 30th over fences. GO FAST DU BERLAIS (2) is the next best if fit to go.

SELECTIONS

MAGIC FLIGHT (6) - JUMPING CHARLIE (1) - KARA DIAMOND (8) - GO FAST DU BERLAIS (2)

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C4 - PRIX RENE MENARD - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 34,000

1. MARVEL DELABLAIRIE - Unplaced last time, a win before that at Le Lion D'Angers over 3700m in a Class 3 hurdle on June 8th. Hard to rule out

2. ST HENRI DETAILLON - Recent winner over 3550m in a Class 4 hurdle at Chateaubriant on July 10th on his second start. Can keep progressing and make the top three

3. FAMILIAR - Won twice on the flat, good run to be 2nd over 3400m in a Class 4 hurdle at this track on July 12th. He looks progressive and can be too smart for his rivals

4. VIADEIPISPINI - Two unplaced runs this year, 9th over 3400m in a Class 4 hurdle at this track on May 1st when last seen. Hard to fancy

5. BRAVE EVAN - Unplaced last time, won before that over 2950m in a Class 4 handicap on the flat at Cholet on June 30th. Hurdles debut and others make more appeal

6. MIND OF LOVE - Unraced gelding by Manduro, the dam was placed over hurdles and fences. From a top trainer who knows the time of day. Bold show can be expected on his first day at school

7. TIZNIT - Showed promise when 7th at Clairefontaine over 3600m in a Class 1 hurdle on June 17th. Can know more this time and make the frame

8. LEVY - Showed promise when 5th on debut at Senonnes in a Class 3 hurdle on July 9th over 3800m. Should be sharper for that run and is worth considering

9. BELLE GOSSE -

10. BELLE ROCHELAISE - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 3600m at Senonnes in a hurdle race on July 6th. Might find this challenging

11. LILETTE - Won on her debut over 3800m in a Class 4 hurdle at Aix Les Bains on July 1st. She can improve and be involved at the business end

12. TENUTA - Two unplaced runs, failed to finish on each of them, the latter over 3400m at Dieppe on July 12th in a Class 4 hurdle. Look elsewhere

13. LAIKA TEK - Unraced filly by Legolas, the dam won 4 races over jumps, from a leading stable that knows the time of day. Worth a market check

14. LUMINESCE - Three unplaced runs of late on the flat, the latter over 3100m in a Class 3 race at Saint-Cloud on June 29th. Hurdling bow and faces a stiff task

15. ZAUBA - Two unplaced runs this year, the latter over 2000m at Compiègne on June 9th in a Class 3 handicap. Tries hurdles and might be best watched this time

Summary: FAMILIAR (3), a dual flat winner, produced a promising effort when second in a Class 4 hurdle here on July 12th, just denied in a tight finish. He can go one better this time. LILETTE (11) made a winning debut at Aix Les Bains earlier in July and rates as the main danger with natural improvement expected. MIND OF LOVE (6) has an appealing profile and should be well-prepared for his racecourse debut. ST HENRI DETAILLON (2) won on July 10th and looks a reliable each-way option.

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FAMILIAR (3) - LILETTE (11) - MIND OF LOVE (6) - ST HENRI DETAILLON (2)

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C5 - PRIX MINISTERE DU BON ESPRIT - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Claiming - Steeple Chase - EUR € 19,000

1. **KASHS** - Creditable 2nd over 3700m at Clairefontaine on June 30th on the last run in a claiming chase. Among the leading contenders
2. **LEXINGTON DU SEUIL** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 3550m in a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau on February 25th. Might find a few of these too smart
3. **BEATRIX LESTRANGE** - Ran well to be 3rd over 3600m at Vittel in a handicap chase on July 20th, and a win before that in June in a claiming chase at Clairefontaine. Key chance
4. **LOCKBATAN THOM** - Decent effort to be 2nd over 4000m in a claiming chase at Le Dorat on July 14th on the last run. Ought to be in the shake-up
5. **LEWIS DE GRUGY** - 4th on his chase debut over 3500m at Morlaix on May 11th in a Class 4 race. Lacks experience and others preferred
6. **ORATORIO DE L AUBE** - 5th on the last two runs, the latter over 3900m at Le Lion D'Angers on July 28th in a handicap chase. Down in class and warrants respect
7. **FATHER DAY** - Three unplaced runs this year, 7th at Auteuil in a Class 3 chase on the last run on March 23rd. Unlikely to threaten the principles
8. **ELTON** - Unplaced last time, 4th previously over 3900m at Nimes in a Class 3 chase on July 5th at Aix Les Bains. Has work ahead
9. **LILLY MAY** - Five unplaced efforts so far, she failed to finish over 4400m in a Class 2 chase at this track on the most recent run on June 12th. Hard to recommend

Summary: BEATRIX LESTRANGE (3) has been in decent form with a win in a claiming chase in June at Clairefontaine and a creditable third at Vittel late last month in a handicap chase. She is given the vote ahead of ORATORIO DE L AUBE (6), who drops in class after acquitting himself well in a handicap chase at Le Lion D'Angers 12 days ago. KASHS (1) was a fair second in a claiming chase at Clairefontaine in June and can be involved, as can LOCKBATAN THOM (4), who should have a say in proceedings.

SELECTIONS

BEATRIX LESTRANGE (3) - ORATORIO DE L AUBE (6) - KASHS (1) - LOCKBATAN THOM (4)

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C6 - PRIX LANDS END - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 32,000

1. FOLIE DE STAR - Two nice runs so far, 3rd at this track in a Class 4 hurdle on July 12th when last racing. Can get off the mark

2. NADOR - Two 3rd placed efforts so far, the most recent over 3400m at Lyon Parilly on April 19th in a Class 3 hurdle. Has claims if learning to relax in the early stages of the race

3. DIAMANT DU RHEU - Recent 4th at Clairefontaine on July 16th in a Class 3 hurdle over 3400m. Might find a few too smart

4. PATHOGNOMONIQUE - Better run when 3rd over track and trip in a Class 4 hurdle on June 4th on the latest run. Enters calculations

5. MALACA - 3rd last time over 3550m in a claiming hurdle on July 10th at Chateaubriant. Won a claiming hurdle in June over 3700m. More needed in a better race

6. HAMILTON AIR - Fair 6th over track and trip in a Class 4 hurdle on July 12th. Placed on the flat and can be involved

7. ANARCHISTE - 4th in a claiming hurdle over 3400m at Clairefontaine on July 28th, when last seen. Has work to do against stronger rivals

8. KOURKOVA - 5th over track and trip in a Class 4 hurdle on July 12th when last seen. Among the leading chances

9. AFLEURDEPEAU - Showed more when 3rd at Cholet over 3400m on June 30th in a Class 3 hurdle last time. Unlikely to trouble the principles

Summary: FOLIE DE STAR (1) brings solid credentials, having finished a good third over this track and trip in early July. She's preferred to HAMILTON AIR (6), who was sixth in that same race and has placed form on the flat. KOURKOVA (8), fifth on that occasion, is another to consider each way. PATHOGNOMONIQUE (4) is also worth keeping onside as she continues to improve with race experience.

SELECTIONS

FOLIE DE STAR (1) - HAMILTON AIR (6) - KOURKOVA (8) - PATHOGNOMONIQUE (4)