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R4 DEAUVILLE [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DE SAINT-JULIEN-LE-FAUCON - 2500m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 19,000

- 1. VIRTUOSE** - Finished 9th over 3200m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 handicap on the 26th of February 2024. Place claims
- 2. GREASE** - Finished 13th over 2400m in a Class 3 divided handicap at Saint Cloud on the 16th of March 2024. Solid claims on previous efforts
- 3. DREAM IN NORMANDY** - Finished 10th over 3100m at Pornichet in a Class 4 contest on the 27th of March 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 4. CLAY** - Finished 7th over 2500m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 21st of February 2024. Player now down in grade
- 5. WEMATCH** - Finished 10th over 2400m in a Class 2 divided handicap at Saint - Cloud on the 16th of March 2024. Erratic type
- 6. BLACK HAWK** - No show in 15th spot over 3000m in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 26th of March 2024. Capable of popping up
- 7. LOR BLANC** - Won over 3200m at Lyon La Soie in the Class 4 event on the 15th of March 2024. More to do to feature here
- 8. CORKY** - Finished 18th over 2400m at Saint - Cloud in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 16th of March 2024. Outside place chance
- 9. PEYTON PLACE** - Finished 11th over 1700m in a Class 4 divided limited handicap at Pornichet on the 27th of March 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 10. CONSORT ROYAL** - Finished 3rd over 2200m at Fontainebleau in a Class 3 course qualifier on the 2nd of March 2024. Should go well
- 11. ETERNAL OPTIMIST** - Weak performance when finishing 12th over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 15th of March 2024. Hard to recommend
- 12. SOGYNT** - Winner over 2500m at Saint - Cloud in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 23rd of May 2023. Likely to need comeback run
- 13. QUICK FLASH** - No type of effort in 15th position over 2400m at Saint - Cloud in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 16th of March 2024. One to pass by
- 14. PALAIMON** - Poor effort in 12th spot over 3000m in a Class 2 divided handicap at Fontainebleau on the 25th of November 2023. Others make more appeal
- 15. PRINCESS ANNE** - Finished 8th over track/trip last time out in a Class 3 on the 19th of January 2024. Each way claims if bringing back earlier form
- 16. RODAINAH** - Under par effort in 14th spot over 2100m at Saint - Cloud in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 21st of March 2024. Will be involved in the finish

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Summary: CLAY (4) has been taking on stronger company and drops in class which should see him put his best foot forward by returning to some of his earlier form. CONSORT ROYAL (10) turned in a solid display last time out and is one of the leading lights once again. RODAINAH (16) is best forgiven for her latest effort and she could be a major contender on her prior winning form. VIRTUOSE (1) is seldom far off them and can earn.

SELECTIONS

CLAY (4) - CONSORT ROYAL (10) - RODAINAH (16) - VIRTUOSE (1)

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**C2 - PRIX DU PERCHE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR €
28,000**

- 1. AGAT** - Winner over 1300m at Deauville in a maiden on the 12th of January 2024. Should run well
- 2. GRAND SCOOP** - Winner on debut over 1500m at Deauville in a maiden on the 5th of December 2023. Open to improvement
- 3. ON Y CROIT** - Runner up over 1400m at Le Mans on the 11th of March 2024 in a Class 2 event. Each way chance
- 4. CHAMBERI** - No show in 8th spot over 1800m at Compiègne in a Claimer on the 19th of March 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 5. FLERS** - Narrowly beaten over 1000m at Chantilly in a Listed race on the 4th of June 2023. Can run a cracker if not just needing it
- 6. SALALAH** - Finished 6th over 1400m at Deauville in a Listed event on the 5th of November 2023. More needed to feature
- 7. MACU** - Won his maiden with a bit in hand over 1200m at Deauville on the 1st of August 2023. Should go close on his return
- 8. VALDIVARA** - Finished 4th over 1200m at Fontainebleau in a Class 2 on the 25th of March 2024. Include in the play over a suitable trip
- 9. ROSE ACADEMY** - Well beaten into 5th spot over 1500m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Listed race on the 25th of February 2024. Others make more appeal

Summary: MACU (7) has his first start for the season and he will be looking to pick up from where he left off and the step up in trip should be ideal. FLERS (5) was so close to staying unbeaten but unfortunately found one better and needs to be respected on his return to the race track. AGAT (1) got the job done in his first start for the year and is open to significant improvement. ON Y CROIT (3) ran a good race over the trip last time out and should go in once again.

SELECTIONS

MACU (7) - FLERS (5) - AGAT (1) - ON Y CROIT (3)

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C3 - PRIX DU RAZ BLANCHARD - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. GRECIAN STAR** - Finished 6th over 1800m at Compiègne in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 29th of March 2024. Others make more appeal
- 2. SAGA TIMGAD** - Got the job done over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 5th of March 2024. Can follow up
- 3. GALI LODGE** - Finished 8th over 1600m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat in a Class 3 handicap on the 18th of March 2024. Needs to show some improvement
- 4. SIMPLY LOVELY** - Finished 9th over 1400m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 9th of April 2023. Opposable
- 5. PAINT IT BLACK** - Finished 3rd over 1300m at Deauville in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 28th of November 2023. Could outrun odds
- 6. CHILLI BOY** - Poor performance in 15th spot over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 30th of March 2024. Hard to fancy
- 7. ABELARD F** - 5th over 1400m at Chantilly in a Class 2 on the 18th of March 2024. Could get involved for the minor spots
- 8. NOSHOWONFRIDAY** - Finished well downfield in 16th spot over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 8th of March 2024. One to pass by
- 9. OPIANA** - Finished 4th over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 30th of March 2024. Place chance
- 10. MAZIWA** - Winner over 1300m at Deauville in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 5th of January 2024. Will need to show more to win again
- 11. BEAUTIFUL SKY** - Finished 11th over 1200m at Toulouse in a Class 4 handicap on the 11th of March 2024. Better than last and can go well
- 12. SUNLIKE** - Close up in 4th spot over 1400m at Chantilly in a maiden on the 24th of February 2024. Should go close
- 13. FILLE DU ROI** - Finished 6th over 1400m at Saint - Cloud in a Class 3 claimer on the 16th of March 2024. Place claims at best
- 14. POPPY CARREW** - Well held in 10th over 1300m at Deauville in a Class 3 on the 10th of February 2024. Others make more appeal
- 15. ADDICTION DREAM** - Finished 17th over 1100m at Fontainebleau in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 6th of March 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 16. MILAD** - Narrowly denied victory in 2nd spot over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 30th of March 2024. Winning chance

Summary: SUNLIKE (12) is getting closer to that maiden win with each start and looks poised to go very well in this event with Christian Demuro back in the irons. BEAUTIFUL SKY (11) is best forgiven for an under par display last time out and looks a serious threat on prior form. MILAD (16) ran a cracker last time out and should be one of the leading lights. OPIANA (9) finished behind Milad at her latest start and the form may stay that way.

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SELECTIONS

SUNLIKE (12) - BEAUTIFUL SKY (11) - MILAD (16) - OPIANA (9)

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**C4 - PRIX DE GRUCHY - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR €
27,000**

1. TAZARA - Finished 2nd over 1300m at Deauville in a maiden on the 28th of November 2023. Should be in the shake up

2. BATESCA - Poor effort in 10th spot over 1300m at Deauville in a maiden on the 28th of November 2023. Would be a shock winner

3. CARDISTRY - Finished 5th over 1300m at Chantilly in a maiden on the 14th of March 2024. Others make more appeal

4. SALVA MEA - Ran a cracker over 1000m at Deauville in a Listed event on the 2nd of July 2023. Big runner

5. ONE MISTRESS - Well beaten into 2nd spot over 1300m at Chantilly in a maiden on the 14th of March 2024. Place claims

6. RADHARANI - Finished 4th over 1200m at Chantilly in a Maiden on the 12th of October 2023. Others preferred

7. GERBERA - Daughter of Exceed and Excel that represents powerful connections and could be quite forward on debut. Follow the market

8. LA LANDONNE - Nicely bred filly that hails from a yard that are capable of getting them ready at the first time of asking. The market is our best guide

Summary: SALVA MEA (4) returns off layoff and if not in need of the outing then she could take some beating. Follow the market carefully. GERBERA (7) and LA LANDONNE (8) are both newcomers that need to be respected in the market on debut. TAZARA (1) is knocking on the door for that maiden win and should get it right one of these days.

SELECTIONS

SALVA MEA (4) - GERBERA (7) - LA LANDONNE (8) - TAZARA (1)

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C5 - PRIX DU CAP DE LA HEVE - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. EL COMANDANTE** - Has performed consistently/competitively in handicaps on French soil and didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a 1200m PSF handicap at Pau on 18 February. Warrants respect as this longer distance is more to his liking
- 2. CARRY BAY** - Won on debut at Senonnes-Pouancé in April last year. Returned after a 10-month absence to finish 9th over 1400m on the PSF at Chantilly on 18 March - remains open to improvement
- 3. ACQUAMARINA** - Absent since finishing a career-best 2nd in an 1100m claimer on the turf at Fontainebleau on 3 May last year. Best watched for now
- 4. OCEAN** - Inconsistent and disappointed last time (11th) in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 30 March but usually runs well on this course and is undeniably capable of a lot better. Cannot be written off just yet
- 5. MAAVAH** - Returned to form with a last-start victory in a 1400m handicap on heavy ground at Strasbourg on 22 March. Carries a 2kg penalty for that success and is not as effective on PSF
- 6. PURPLE RAIN** - Has found form and consistency having dropped in the weights/ratings to his current mark. Finished 2nd in a 1200m turf handicap at Marseille-Borely on 20 March
- 7. LE ROCKEUR** - A model of consistency and was deservedly rewarded for his efforts with a first career success in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 8 March. Capable of following up under a 2,5kg penalty
- 8. MARLOWE** - Consistent for the most part and has already proven his competitiveness in handicap at this level. Finished a creditable 5th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 8 March
- 9. ELEGATO** - Has regained his form and consistency in handicaps on both surfaces this year. Caught the eye when finishing 3rd in a 1400m handicap on heavy ground at Strasbourg on 22 March, so isn't without a chance in this race
- 10. MERCURISSIME** - Has struggled under a penalty after winning a course-and-distance handicap in November and is drawn wide in stall No 16. Finished a well-beaten 16th in a 1600m handicap on this surface at Chantilly on 8 March
- 11. FINDON ROSE** - Consistent filly with sound references in 6 starts on this surface (2nd and 5th twice). Unplaced in 2 comeback outings this year and makes her handicap debut after finishing 7th over 1400m at Chantilly on 24 February
- 12. SULTAN OF SWING** - Finished an encouraging 6th on handicap debut over 1500m on this course late last year. Regained freshness since finishing 6th on a 1700m PSF claimer at Pornichet on 22 February
- 13. KARINAS DREAM** - Inconsistent handicapper with poor references on this surface - finished 10th in a 1600m Chantilly handicap on his reappearance (30 March). Others preferred
- 14. WHY CHOPE** - Has won 2 handicaps (one on either surface) in her last 4 starts, including a 1200m handicap on the turf at Marseille-Borely on 20 March. Given a hefty 4kg penalty for that success, so looks up against on these terms

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15. SHYAMALA - Veteran mare who made a winning start to the year in a 1500m handicap on this course. Has gone off the boil since and is unlikely to make any impression here after finishing 17th at Chantilly over 1600m on 30 March

16. NO CURE NO PAY - An 11-start four-year-old maiden with just 2 places to his name - in conditions races on both surfaces in 2023. Unplaced in both comeback/handicap outings this year - only 6th over 1600m at Chantilly on 8 March

Summary: LE ROCKEUR (7) has been at the top of his game for several months and offers the most guarantees of the 16 runners engaged in this handicap, so is worth siding with. OCEAN (4), who usually acquits himself competitively on this course, EL COMANDANTE (1), having excelled on this track during the winter, and MARLOWE (8), off of a competitive current mark, are those best equipped to pose a threat.

SELECTIONS

LE ROCKEUR (7) - OCEAN (4) - EL COMANDANTE (1) - MARLOWE (8)

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C6 - PRIX DE SAINT-LO - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 27,000

1. LAZYM - Has performed consistently/competitively in each of his 5 outings, including four on the turf last year. Caught the eye on his reappearance when finishing 4th over 1300m on the PSF at Cagnes on 26 February - keep safe

2. POTEKINE - Showed obvious signs of his inexperience when finishing last of 8 runners on debut over course and distance last year (22 August). Ought to have come on since so is one to keep an eye on

3. MOTALA - Wasn't beaten far when finishing 8th of 11 on debut at Toulouse over 1600m on 20 March. Likely to improve

4. ADORE BLUE - Improving Godolphin-owned Blue Point colt. Runner-up in three consecutive appearances (once over course and distance), including his Fontainebleau return over 1200m on 6 March, so wouldn't be winning out of turn

5. LACONEGA - Finished a well-beaten 7th of 8 on debut over 1600m on the turf at Chantilly on 28 March. Would have gained plenty from that experience

6. WINNING FORMULA - Talented, consistent colt whose form and experience will stand him in good stead. Runner-up in 2 of 3 starts (all on turf) last year and caught the eye on his reappearance (5th) over 1600m on PSF at Chantilly on 5 March

7. CALYPSO KING - Made a promising debut in the coveted Prix de Crèvecœur over 1500m on this course last year (30 July). Absent since but is very much one to note on his return to action - not taken lightly

8. WOOTTON MELODY - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd at this venue over 1300m on the PSF by improving to finish 2nd over that course and distance on 20 December. Open to improvement on his reappearance in his first start on turf

9. PAINTELLO - Intello gelding trained by Myriam Bollack-Badel and to be ridden on debut by Marie Vélon with the aid of a 1,5kg allowance

10. QUIDDICH - Maurizio Guarnieri-trained Lethal Force gelding to be ridden on debut by Frida Valle Skar, who benefits from a 1,5kg allowance. For another day

Summary: ADORE BLUE (4) has been costly to follow, having finished 2nd in three consecutive outings (once over this course and distance), but need only perform to the level of his encouraging comeback 2nd at Fontainebleau to open his account. However, WOOTTON MELODY (8) is also open to improvement on his reappearance and could pose a threat after two promising introductory runs last year. Both WINNING FORMULA (6) and LAZYM (1) also have the form and experience to fight for victory. Good race!

SELECTIONS

ADORE BLUE (4) - WOOTTON MELODY (8) - WINNING FORMULA (6) - LAZYM (1)

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C7 - PRIX DU CAP LEVI - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. MICOLEO** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 2nd in a 1300m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 29 February. Need only confirm that improvement to fight for victory
- 2. LOUGHCREW** - A 9-start maiden who has failed to confirm the promise of his debut 2nd over 1800m at Clairefontaine in June last year. Was a well-beaten 13th in a 1300m handicap on this course on 2 February
- 3. APRIL GALAXY** - Specialist PSF performer in Italy and before arriving on French soil. Unplaced in 4 consecutive claimers this year, including a last-start 5th over 1600m at Compiègne on heavy ground on 29 March. Can do better on PSF
- 4. CITY OF HOPE** - Returned to winning ways with a 1600m PSF handicap success at Chantilly on 30 March. Is more than capable of remaining competitive under a 2kg penalty
- 5. CRACK CITY** - Consistent handicapper with sound references, including a last-start 5th behind CITY OF HOPE (4) in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 30 March. Warrants respect
- 6. ULTIMATE FIGHT** - Versatile veteran who hasn't been seen since finishing 12th in a 1400m Compiègne handicap on 13 October. Best watched for now
- 7. MOWAEVA** - Inconsistent veteran handicapper but has already proven his competitiveness at this level off higher marks. Should do better back on this surface after finishing 15th in a 1200m handicap at Fontainebleau on 25 March
- 8. PINK VALENTINE** - Set the record straight, having fluffed her lines in her previous outing, with a last-start handicap victory over 1300m on the PSF at Chantilly on 29 February. Ought to remain competitive under a 2kg penalty
- 9. ADWAN** - Consistent for the most part and seldom finishes far off the mark, though has been hard to win with (1 victory from 19 starts). Finished 8th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 30 March
- 10. INDIAN FALCON** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 30 March and was unlucky not to have achieved an even better result. Not taken lightly
- 11. LORD MONCHABLON** - Won a course-and-distance handicap in November but has struggled to remain competitive/consistent since. Was a well-beaten 13th in a 1200m turf handicap at Fontainebleau on 25 March
- 12. KIM KARALA** - Unplaced in all three appearances this year and unlikely to make her presence felt here after finishing 7th over 1800m at Morlaix on 24 March
- 13. ROXY MUSIC** -
- 14. UN PLUS UNE** - A 25-start maiden who has performed inconsistently in claimers and handicaps. Failed to confirm the form and improvement of his previous outing (2nd) when only 8th over 1200m at Fontainebleau on 25 March
- 15. ZIPPERE** - Consistent veteran mare who has remained consistent/competitive in 4 consecutive PSF handicaps. Finished 4th over 1300m at Chantilly on 29 February

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16. WHAT ELSE CHOP - Won a 1300m PSF claimer at Cagnes in February but has struggled (unplaced) in subsequent handicap races. Finished 9th over 1400m at Compiègne on 19 March

Summary: The Boutin family is strongly represented in this handicap with Cédric Boutin's runner MICOLEO (1), whose runner-up finish last time out was an encouraging return to form, likely to be joined in the fight for victory by Mathieu's charges PINK VALENTINE (8) and MOWAEVA (7) who are inconsistent but remain more than capable of succeeding at this level. INDIAN FALCON (10), who was unlucky not to have achieved a better result last time (6th), also deserves a mention.

SELECTIONS

MICOLEO (1) - PINK VALENTINE (8) - MOWAEVA (7) - INDIAN FALCON (10)

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C8 - PRIX DU PHARE DE LA HEVE - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,000

1. LAGOA SANTA - Out of sorts but has been running at a higher level and off of a higher rating, so is dangerous to dismiss at this level, despite only finishing 9th in a 1700m PSF handicap at Pornichet on 27 March

2. ZANTARIO - Well-performed veteran handicapper. Has lost his way/form for some time now (finished 10th in a 1500m handicap on the PSF at Marseille-Vivaux on 14 March) but has dropped to a dangerously low mark

3. PEARL HARBOUR - Returned to form with a reassuring 4th in a 1500m turf handicap at Saint-Cloud on 26 March and ought to remain competitive reverting to the PSF

4. HERODION - Inconsistent but remains more than capable fo staking a claim in a race of this nature. Can't be written off just yet, despite a poor showing (16th) in a 1900m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 28 March

5. LOVE AFFAIR - Consistent veteran mare whose competitiveness in handicaps at this level (on both surfaces) is beyond doubt. Can do better back on the PSF after finishing 7th in a 1500m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 26 March

6. IL RITORNO - Inconsistent colt with poor references on this surface. Failed to convince when only 7th in a 1200m Fontainebleau handicap on 20 March

7. ANDINO - Disappointed last time when only 13th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 30 March. Retains sufficient means to fight for victory

8. SPACE QUAKE - Consistent handicapper with sound references/form crdentials, including a last-start 2nd in a 1400m turf handicap at Compiegne on 19 March

9. GIN GEMBRE - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 4th over 1400m in a handicap at Compiegne on 19 March. Not taken lightly

10. VILLA CELINA - Out of sorts but continues to drop in the weights/ratings to a competitive mark. Finished 14th in a 1700m handicap on the PSF at Pornichet on 27 March but has the means to do better

11. TWO TWO TWO - Inconsistent filly with poor references on PSF. Made no impression when only 10th in a 1400m handicap on the turf at Compiegne on 19 March

12. SWEET AS - Returned to form with a reassuring 2nd in a 1300m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 29 February. Warrants respect on his reappearance

13. STRANGER - Capable but unreliable veteran handicapper whose recent performances have left a lot to be desired. Finished 13th over 1500m at Saint-Cloud on 26 March

14. KOBRA PEPPER -

15. EMPIRIC - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper who seldom finishes far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a 1300m handicap on this course on 2 February

16. CALY ROSAY - Out of sorts at present but has dropped in the weights/ratings to a dangerously low mark. Finished 12th in a 1300m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 29 February

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Summary: ANDINO (7) appeared to struggle off his current mark (under a 2kg penalty) in a 1600m handicap at Chantilly last time but will find this shorter distance more to his liking, so is worth chancing to resume winning ways at the expense of PEARL HARBOR (3) who looks ideally engaged under these conditions off a reduced mark after an encouraging/reassuring last start. HERODION (4) and ZANTARIO (2) also have the means to fight for success.

SELECTIONS

ANDINO (7) - PEARL HARBOUR (3) - HERODION (4) - ZANTARIO (2)