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R3 AUTEUIL [L-H]

C1 - PRIX D'IENA - 3500m (a2 3/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Hurdles - EUR € 95.000

1. FUNNY BERRY - Unseated her jockey when favourite for a Grade 3 hurdle at Auteuil last time, but a convincing winner twice before that error. Major player

2. MASKAYA - Ran well when 2nd over 3000m at Auteuil on last run in mid-May. Can have a say

3. MISS KENT - Won three runs back over 3000m at Fontainebleau on April 19th in a claimer. Looks safely held

4. HOLETOWN - Nice 2nd over 3200m at Compiegne on May 10th. Has work to do to beat some useful rivals

5. RUE BARBIZON - Out of the frame in a Class 2 hurdle on the most recent run only 7 days ago. Others preferred

6. SISSI DU MESNIL - 2nd on debut to FUNNY BERRY (1) beaten 1L at Auteuil. On identical terms she can have a say in the finish

7. SHINY MONDAY - 3rd at Compiegne over 3200m on April 25th, and was unplaced behind FUNNY BERRY (1) prior to that at Auteuil. Looks to be vying for a place

Summary : FUNNY BERRY (1) was favourite when unseating Felix De Giles at Auteuil in the early stages of the race last time. The race was won by a horse she had beaten convincingly the time before, so she can be regarded as unlucky, although it was too early a departure to say what would have happened. She can make amends today under the guidance of new jockey Johnny Charron. SISSI DU MESNIL (6) was a good second to FUNNY BERRY (1) when they met at Auteuil in a hurdle for unraced fillies in April, she only has 1L to find, so on the same weight terms she is a live threat. SHINY MONDAY (7) and MASKAYA (2) look destined for minor honours.

SELECTIONS

FUNNY BERRY (1) - SISSI DU MESNIL (6) - SHINY MONDAY (7) - MASKAYA (2)

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**C2 - PRIX QUESTARABAD - 3900m (a2 7/16m) - TURF - Group 3 - Group -
Hurdles - EUR € 135.000**

1. LE PHILOSOPHE - Won well over fences at this track over 3500m on May 27th. Can step up in class and the switch back over hurdles should not be a concern, he looks like the likely winner

2. LOU FAST - Has solid form in Graded hurdles races without winning, 4th two runs back over 3900m at this venue in a Grade 2 hurdle. Merits consideration

3. MARVIN FLIGHT - Won at Pau on debut and then was a nice 3rd at Auteuil over 3600m last time in late May. Ought to be thereabouts

4. JULENALAND - Nice 2nd in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil last time over 3600m on May 20th. Can make presence felt

5. JUMPER SACRE - Won over hurdles at Compiègne on May 15th over 3600m last time. Looks progressive and ready for a step up in class. Live chance

Summary : In a race where all five of the runners look to have a chance. The versatile LE PHILOSOPHE (1) was a good winner of a Class 2 chase at this venue on May 27th and can win again on the step up in grade. He can make the switch back over hurdles and looks like the best option. JUMPER SACRE (5) has done plenty right over hurdles and looks ready for the step up in grade, he rates a live danger to the main selection. MARVIN FLIGHT (3) and JULENALAND (4) are both useful and it would be no surprise if either of them were to win.

SELECTIONS

LE PHILOSOPHE (1) - JUMPER SACRE (5) - MARVIN FLIGHT (3) - JULENALAND (4)

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C3 - PRIX STANLEY - 3500m (a2 3/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Hurdles - EUR € 95.000

- 1. WORTH A TEAM** - 4th in a Grade 3 hurdle last time over 3500m at this track on May 21st. Has work to do against some progressive rivals
- 2. ROYAL SAGA** - Nice effort when 2nd at this venue over 3000m on May 13th. Among the top chances
- 3. PISTACHE DORE** - Won nicely at Compiegne on only run over 3200m on May 15th. Nice prospect and can win again under Johnny Charron
- 4. SURINFIL** - Nice 3rd in a Grade 3 hurdle on the last outing over 3500m at this track on May 21st. Can be involved
- 5. SERBER** - Only one run over hurdles when unplaced at Niort in May over 3400m. Can be overlooked
- 6. NARVAL** - Out of the frame in Graded company last time out, 2nd before that over 3200m in March. Others make more sense
- 7. KAPRICIO** - Won a Class 3 hurdle at Lyon Parilly on May 18th over 3400m. Is improving and out to be in the shake-up

Summary : PISTACHE DORE (3) won a shade cosily on his debut at Compiegne and can make the step up into Listed class and remain unbeaten. ROYAL SAGA (2) can give the likely favourite the most to do, he likes this track after a good second here last month and looks ready for a jump-up in class. SURINFIL (4) ran well in a Grade 3 race last time and although this is calmer waters he might be vying for a place finish at best. KAPRICIO (7) won a Class 3 hurdle last time and deserves a try in better company.

SELECTIONS

PISTACHE DORE (3) - ROYAL SAGA (2) - SURINFIL (4) - KAPRICIO (7)

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C4 - PRIX SAMOUR - 4400m (a2 3/4m) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 63.000

- 1. KAP NONANTAIS** - Nice 2nd over 3500m on May 15th at Compiegne on a most recent run. Sets the standard
- 2. JUS DE CAROTTE** - Ran 4th at this venue on May 20th over 3500m in a Class 2 chase. Has work to do to feature
- 3. PLANTING** - Fair 4th on the last run over 3500m at Compiegne on May 15th. Can not be ruled out
- 4. SWEET DAVID** - Has been fairing well of late, 3rd two runs back over 3600m in April. Ought to make the frame
- 5. JOIKA D'HERODIERE** - Faired well when 4th at Toulouse over 3500m on May 25th on the last outing. Needs more
- 6. GRINGO DU RHEU** - Lightly raced and looks progressive, nice 2nd at this track over 3500m in April. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 7. LADY PRETENDER** - Nice 2nd over 3700m on the most recent outing at this venue on May 27th. In the mix
- 8. BEST WOMEN** - 2nd two runs back over 3500m in a claiming chase at this venue. Others rate higher
- 9. BONHEUR DU SUD** - 3rd at Compiegne on May 30th over 3450m in a claiming chase. Others look better equipped
- 10. HILL OF BAMBOO** - 3rd three runs back in a Listed hurdle at this venue over 3600m. Can make presence felt

Summary : KAP NONANTAIS (1) was a good second at Compiegne last month and looks like the one to be with in this. HILL OF BAMBOO (10) has been mixing it in higher grades of late and was a good third in a Listed hurdle three starts ago at this track. The switch to fences should not be an issue. GRINGO DU RHEU (6) has been running well, and has plenty of scope for more progress, he ought to play a lead role at the business end. SWEET DAVID (4) has yet to get off the mark over fences but enters calculations.

SELECTIONS

KAP NONANTAIS (1) - HILL OF BAMBOO (10) - GRINGO DU RHEU (6) - SWEET DAVID (4)

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C5 - PRIX DU NOUVEAU CERCLE DE L'UNION - PRIX GACKO - 3600m (a2 1/4m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 62.000

1. **HARRY** - 3rd on hurdle debut at this track in March over 3600m. Has been running credibly of late. Player
2. **HAPPY DE REVE** - Did well when 4th at Dieppe over 3800m on May 4th on a most recent outing. Can place at nice odds
3. **FRED** - Will be sharper for a run over fences this year. Not seen since January but will be ready for a return run. Place claims
4. **MISS HIMALAYA** - Nice effort when 2nd at this track over 3900m on May 21st. Can not be overlooked
5. **FORZA** - Nice winner at this track over 3900m on May 21st. Has good course form and ought to be in the shake-up
6. **INDIGO DES MOTTES** - Nice 3rd at Moulins over 2800m on the flat on the latest outing. Has shown ability over hurdles and might be well handicapped. In the mix
7. **ROI D'LOUDALLE** - Won two runs back at this track on April 29th over 3600m. Others rate higher
8. **HAMANDIO** - 4th over 3600m at Compiegne on the last outing on May 15th. Can make the frame
9. **PRINCE DE LA BARRE** - Looked in need of the run at Angers in March over 3800m when unplaced. Others make more appeal
10. **CIMA WELL** - Fair effort when 3rd at this venue two runs back over 3900m on May 21st. Likely to give a good account
11. **HEAVEN DU SEUIL** - Nice effort when 3rd at Nantes over 3900m 9 days ago. Has work to do but might get involved at long odds
12. **ONE CALL AWAY** - Did well when 3rd over 3800m at Nancy on the last run in May. Has work to do to feature
13. **ASSAD LAWAL** - 4th at this track over 3900m on May 21st. Might find a few of these too good
14. **SANTANA DU BERLAIS** - Unplaced on the latest run at this venue on May 21st over 3900m. Best watched

Summary : HARRY (1) is the tentative choice in an open handicap. He is from a good stable and was useful on the flat when racing in Sweden. He has shown enough on his four runs over hurdles on French soil to warrant respect in his second attempt in a handicap. FORZA (5) was a winner at this track on his most recent outing and can once again play a leading role. INDIGO DES MOTTES (6) could be the each-way angle, has shown ability on the flat and over hurdles, and he could be well handicapped. MISS HIMALAYA (4) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

HARRY (1) - FORZA (5) - INDIGO DES MOTTES (6) - MISS HIMALAYA (4)

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**C6 - PRIX LA BARKA - 4300m (a2 11/16m) - TURF - Group 2 - Group -
Hurdles - EUR € 185.000**

- 1. LUCKY ONE** - Won a Grade 3 hurdle over 4300m at this track in April two runs back. Likely to be on the premises
- 2. GENTLEMAN D'ATHON** - Won a Listed hurdle two runs back over 3900m at this track in April. Not to be overlooked
- 3. ROBERTA HAS** - Has been racing in top class company of late, 2nd last September over 3900m at this venue in a Grade 2 hurdle over 3900m. Ought to be involved
- 4. HEROS D'AINAY** - Fair 2nd in a Class 2 hurdle on the latest run over 3800m at this track in May. That was his return from over 2 years away from the racecourse. Others preferred
- 5. ASHDALE BOB** - Ran well when 5th in a Grade 1 hurdle at Punchestown in April. Can make the trip worthwhile
- 6. RED RISK** - 2nd two runs back over 4200m at Kempton (UK) in January. Has been freshened up after a run at Cheltenham in March. Live chance
- 7. GIBRALFARO** - Fair 2nd two runs back over 3600m at this track in April. Can make the frame
- 8. INE ANJOU** - Top performer who was a good 2nd in a Listed hurdle on May 20th at this venue. Live player
- 9. LA CHENEVIERE** - Won a Listed hurdle over 3800m at Compiegne on the last run in mid-May. Can be in the mix

Summary : Irish raider ASHDALE BOB (5) has been mixing it in Grade 1 company of late. A fair effort at Punchestown in April when fifth was encouraging, and this former Grade 2 winner in Ireland can win his first race on French soil. RED RISK (6) was a nice second at Kempton in January and his trainer Paul Nicholls will be hoping for a good performance in this Grade 2 event. ROBERTA HAS (3) is a Grade 3 winner last year and is more than capable of getting involved at the business end. INE ANJOU (8) has plenty of class and will be sharper for a second-placed run in a Listed hurdle on May 20th.

SELECTIONS

ASHDALE BOB (5) - RED RISK (6) - ROBERTA HAS (3) - INE ANJOU (8)

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C7 - PRIX DES DRAGS - 4400m (a2 3/4m) - TURF - Group 2 - Group - Steeple Chase - EUR € 247.000

- 1. GRAN DIOSE** - Good 4th over 4400m at this track in the Grade 3 -GSC Masters Chase in April. Form pick
- 2. SPES MILITURF** - 5th two runs back over 4400m at this track only 1L behind GRAN DIOSE (1)(who was 4th) in April. Not quite up to the latest Grade 1 challenge in late May. Contender
- 3. GESSKILLE** - UK challenger, was 2nd over 5200m at Aintree in December in a Grade 3 chase. Has been highly tried since. Might find this tough
- 4. FANFARON SPECIAL** - Fair 2nd two runs back at this track in a chase over 4700m, that was Grade 3 event. Others more appealing
- 5. HO LA LA FOREZ** - Won a Class 1 chase over 4400m at this venue on May 6th. Can make presence felt
- 6. LA MANIGANCE** - Fair 4th over 3600m in a Listed hurdle latest run on May 20th. Needs more but can be involved
- 7. MOTU FAREONE** - 2nd in a Listed chase at this track over 4400m on May 20th. Might find a few too good
- 8. IAMASTAR** - Won a Class 2 over 3500m two runs back at this track in April. Others seem better equipped
- 9. SANS BRUIT** - Won a Class 3 hurdle two runs back over 3800m in April. Has work to do to make an impact

Summary : GRAN DIOSE (1) was a good fourth in the GSC Masters Prix Ingre Grade 3 chase when last seen and can be hard to stop in this. SPES MILITURF (2) could be the biggest rival, he was only 1L behind when they met in that race at this track in April and is a top performer on his day. He can put in a better run than his latest below-par effort, although that was in a Grade 1 chase. HO LA LA FOREZ (5) can be the best option for the each-way backers after a nice win in a Class 1 chase in early May at this track. LA MANIGANCE (6) can not be overlooked and looks best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

GRAN DIOSE (1) - SPES MILITURF (2) - HO LA LA FOREZ (5) - LA MANIGANCE (6)

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C8 - PRIX HARDATIT - 3600m (a2 1/4m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Listed - Hurdles - EUR € 110.000

1. **MONSTER CAROLI** - Nice 2nd over 3700m at this track on May 13th. Not dismissed lightly at this racecourse
2. **ROCKADENN** - 4th two runs back over 4300m at this track on April 29th in a Grade 3 hurdle. Ought to be on the premises
3. **GARDONS LE SOURIRE** - Fair 3rd two runs back at Compiegne over 4100m in a Grade 3 chase. Ought to be in the shake-up
4. **MA BEAUTE** - 4th three runs back over 3900m at this venue in April in a Listed hurdle. Can place at nice odds
5. **FOLLY FOOT** - 5th on the last run over 3600m at this venue in a Listed hurdle behind a couple of rivals that reoppose today. Place claims
6. **LE HURON** - Nice 3rd in a Listed handicap hurdle at this track last month over 3900m. Sets the standard
7. **CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY** - Ran well when 2nd two runs back over 4100m in a chase at Compiegne on May 10th, which was a Grade 3 event. Others make more appeal
8. **IDEE FIXE** - Fair 2nd in a Class 1 hurdle two starts ago at Auteuil on April 29th over 3600m. Others look more persuasive
9. **LE MANS** - Has three unplaced runs of late, 3rd before those over 4200m in December. Needs to get back on track
10. **JAGUAR DU BERLAIS** - Fair 4th at Auteuil over 3900m in a Listed handicap on May 21st, in which LE HURON (6) was third. Can not be ruled out
11. **HONEST VIC** - Good 2nd two starts ago over 3900m in a hurdle at this track in April. Can not be overlooked
12. **SIX ONE** - Fair 3rd two runs back at this track in March over 3900m in a Listed hurdle. Has work to do
13. **CHICHI DE LA VEGA** - Ran well when 4th over 3900m on the latest outing on May 21st at Auteuil. Outside place chance
14. **SWAPOLIE DU MATHAN** - Has not run since October when unplaced over 3900m in a Listed hurdle. May need the race after an absence

Summary : LE HURON (6) put in a good performance on this track when last seen on May 21st when he finished third in a Listed handicap over hurdles, he is the selection. ROCKADENN (2) looks the biggest threat, he was a nice fourth over 4300m at this track in late April in a Grade 3 hurdle. JAGUAR DU BERLAIS (10) meets LE HURON (6) on the same terms as when he was 2L behind him when they met on May 21st, so has a bit of improvement needed to reverse that deficit. FOLLY FOOT (5) was fifth in the Auteuil race on May 21st and is not ruled out of making the frame.

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LE HURON (6) - ROCKADENN (2) - JAGUAR DU BERLAIS (10) - FOLLY FOOT (5)