R5 LE MANS [L-H]

C1 - PRIX BERNARD CHAUSSE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,400

- **1. BIG BOOTS** Two placed runs of late, 4th on the most recent over 1300m in a Class 4 handicap at Le Touquet on August 17th. He has been dropping in the weights of late
- **2. IPPLING -** Unplaced last time out on September 1st, 4th previously over 1300m in a Class 4 handicap at Deauville on August 24th. Place contender
- **3. ATSANA -** Two placed runs this year, 4th at saint-Cloud over 1400m in a Class 3 handicap on July 4th on her most recent run.
- **4. KATHALINA -** 6th on her last start at Deauville on August 24th over 1300m in a Class 4 handicap. Capable of being involved
- **5. ATLANTA -** Three unplaced efforts since a win in mid-June at Montauban in a Class 4 race over 1525m. She needs to get back on track
- **6. HIGHFIELD HEIRESS -** Several unplaced runs of late, 6th on her most recent on the PSF over 1900m in a Class 4 handicap on August 26th. She has dropped to a good rating and can be competitive
- **7. PRINCESSE VERA -** Two unplaced runs of late, 8th at Le Touquet on Augus 17th over 1300m in a Class 4 handicap on her most recent. Tends to blow hot and cold
- 8. RED THE WEST Non-Runner
- **9. PREDETERMINED -** Two unplaced performances since a win at Senonnes over 1350m in a Class 4 handicap on May 30th. He is seeking win number 11 and should be on the premises
- **10. NOUR AYA -** Three unplaced runs recently, the latter over 1300m at Deauville on August 24th in a Class 4 handicap. Look elsewhere
- **11. KAVAKNEY -** He came back to form with a 2nd at Clairefontaine over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap on July 11th. Among the leading contenders
- **12. STRANGER -** He is dropping in the weights due to some tame efforts. He was well beaten at Deauville on August 24th over 1300m in a Class 4 handicap when last seen. Can be avoided
- **13. CALY ROSAY -** Two unplaced runs since a 2nd at Deauville over 1300m in a Class 4 handicap on August 7th. One to look at each-way
- **14. BAWE ISLAND** Several below-par runs recently, 5th at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 handicap on her last run on September 4th over 1400m. She is hard to trust
- **15. SHAMABEND -** Out of form recently, well beaten over 1400m in a Class 4 handicap at Le Lion D'Angers on July 28th when last racing. Hardly inspiring

Summary: HIGHFIELD HEIRESS (6) has been tumbling in the weights recently. Her sixth at Deauville 17 days ago was a credible effort on the PSF at Deauville. Back on the turf, she is the tentative selection ahead of IPPLING (2), who won at Le Touquet in mid-August and is versatile over various distances. KATHALINA (4) was not beaten far at Deauville 19 days ago on the PSF and should appreciate the return to racing on grass. KAVAKNEY (11) is also worth considering.

SELECTIONS

HIGHFIELD HEIRESS (6) - IPPLING (2) - KATHALINA (4) - KAVAKNEY (11)

C2 - PRIX DU MANS - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

- **1. GOLDEN BEACH -** Three unplaced runs of late, well beaten over 1600m at Lyon Parilly on September 3rd in a Class 4 race. Pass over
- **2. MONSIEURVALCHOP** Ran well to be 2nd over 1300m at Le Touquet on August 17th in a Class 4 handicap. Ought to be thereabouts
- **3. FLEUR DE SEL -** 5th on the last run over 1400m at Moulins on August 25th in a Class 4 handicap. Others seem better equipped
- **4. BAILEYS TOPAZE** Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1650m at Machecoul on March 16th in a Class 4 race. Place contender
- **5. GIORGIANA -** 5th on her last run over 1100m at Saint-Malo in a Class 4 handicap on August 18th. She has outside place claims
- **6. MEISHO VELITE** Three good runs of late, a win two runs back over 1400m at Compiegne on June 27th in a Class 3 handicap. One to keep onside
- **7. JUMANO -** He won at Deauville over 1300m in a Class 4 handicap on August 24th, when last racing. Capable of making the top three
- **8. DZARINA -** Two unplaced runs this year, 10th over 1800m at Clairefontaine on August 22nd in a Class 3 handicap on the most recent. Hard to fancy
- **9. ON LOCKDOWN -** Three unplaced runs since a decent 3rd at Parislongchamp on May 4th in a Class 3 handicap over 1400m. Player
- **10. MR GOODNIGHT -** Placed 3rd on his last two runs, the most recent over 2300m at Redon in a Class 4 race on August 15th. He is worth considering
- **11. EL MEASTRO -** Unplaced last time on August 25th, 2nd previously over 1800m at Saint-Malo in a Class 4 handicap on August 1st. Among the leading each-way options
- **12. HINAT -** Two unplaced runs in a row, 4th previously over 1400m at Dieppe on June 14th in a conditions race. Look for an alternative
- **13. TERANGA** Out of form recently, 5th at Deauville over 1300m in a Class 4 handicap on August 24th, when last seen. She looks unreliable
- **14. PICANES -** Two 5th placed runs of late, the latter at Saint-Malo on August 1st in a Class 4 handicap. She has dropped in the weights, but needs to bounce back to form
- **15. KAMETA -** Unplaced last time, 2nd previously over 1300m at Le Touquet on August 17th in a Class 4 handicap. Others preferred

Summary: ON LOCKDOWN (9) could be the best option for this open handicap. He was a decent third at Parislongchamp in early May, and if emulating that performance, he looks like the one to beat. MEISHO VELITE (6) has been in top form recently and can make the selection work hard for success. MONSIEURVALCHOP (2) could be a sensible option for the each-way backers to latch on to after a decent second at Le Touquet last month. EL MEASTRO (11) looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

ON LOCKDOWN (9) - MEISHO VELITE (6) - MONSIEURVALCHOP (2) - EL MEASTRO (11)

C3 - PRIX MONT BLANC - 1950m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 14,600

- **1. ROMANCIER NOCTURNE -** 7th on debut over 1800m at Clairefontaine on August 15th. He can improve from that and be on the premises
- **2. CORTESE D'ASTI** He finished 8th of 12 runners on debut at Clairefontaine on July 2nd over 1600m in a maiden race. He needs to improve to be involved
- 3. TACT He finished in the rear on debut over 1600m at Deauville on August 19th. Hard to recommend
- **4. DIABLOTIN -** Promise when 4th on debut at Clairefontaine over 1800m in a maiden race when not beaten far from the winner. One to pay close attention to
- **5. TROPA -** Two unplaced efforts so far, the latter over 1800m in a maiden race at Clairefontaine on August 15th. Unlikely to threaten the principles
- **6. ZILIKHA** 7th on the last run at Le Touquet over 1300m in a maiden race on August 17th. She was 3rd on debut in late July. Capable of being involved
- **7. FIRST LADY STAR -** Well beaten when last of 11 runners on her debut at Saint-Cloud over 1500m in a conditions race. Others rate higher
- **8. MUSICAL MOON -** 9th on debut at Saint-Malo on August 18th in a maiden race over 1800m. Vast progress is needed to be involved
- **9. MIDNIGHT MAGIC** 5th on her debut at Clairefontaine on August 15th over 1800m in a maiden race. She will improve from that effort and can make her presence felt
- **10. TEAM BREIZH** She was 5th at Saint-Malo on her sole start over 1800m on August 18th. Beaten over 12L that day, and she can show a good deal of progress to be competitive
- **11. SATOSHI -** Three unplaced efforts so far, the latter over 1100m at Deauville on August 5th in a maiden race. Up in trip and others preferred
- **12. MISS TECH -** Unplaced on her one run so far over 1800m in a maiden race at Clairefontaine on August 15th. Look for an alternative
- **13. STILL LOVING DREAM -** Unraced gelding by Recorder, the dam ran several times without success. Likely to improve for this outing, but warrants respect. The betting can guide

Summary: DIABLOTIN (4) shaped well on debut when a close fourth in a Clairefontaine maiden in mid-August. With that experience, he can confirm form with MIDNIGHT MAGIC (9), who finished just behind in fifth. The step up in distance today adds intrigue. ZILIKHA (6) has shown enough in two starts to play a leading role, while TEAM BREIZH (10) is worth considering after a credible fifth at Saint-Malo in mid-August on her only run so far.

SELECTIONS

DIABLOTIN (4) - MIDNIGHT MAGIC (9) - ZILIKHA (6) - TEAM BREIZH (10)

C4 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE LA CHARTRE-SUR-LE-LOIR - 1950m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

- **1. PETITFLEURDECHAMPS -** Not seen since a 5th over 2000m in a Class 2 race at Angers in mid-November and a winner over this track in early November last year on her penultimate start. Likely to improve for this run after a long absence
- **2. HELP DAVIER -** She ran well to be 2nd at Le Lion D'angers on August 10th over 2000m in a Class 3 race. Live chance of making the top three
- **3. EMINENCE GRISE -** Two tame efforts of late, the latter over 1800m at Compiegne on June 9th in a handicap. Look for an alternative
- **4. VAN DIEMEN -** Two 7th placed runs this year, the most recent over 2400m at Vichy on August 20th in a handicap. Place contender
- **5. ZAEL -** Recent win at Clairefontaine over 1800m in a handicap on August 18th. He will need to improve again to beat some of these
- **6. SPANGLED STAR -** 5th on her last start in late August, she scored before that over 2200m on August 6th at Clairefontaine in a handicap. Lightly raced and has a bit more to come
- **7. FROMONTINE** Placed 3rd on her latest start over 1950m at Les Sables on August 7th in a handicap. Unlikely to trouble the leading lights
- 8. HAPPY LADY Placed 4th on her last two runs, the most recent over 2000m at Deauville in a handicap on August 17th. She can score on her handicap debut
- **9. CELTIC FURY -** 7th on his last start in late August, 4th previously at Compiegne in a handicap over 2400m on July 21st. He can be involved at nice odds
- **10. TWARAB** Solid placed form recently, 3rd on his last start over 1800m in a handicap at Clairefontaine on August 18th. Among the leading each way players
- **11. KON'NICHIWA** Two unplaced runs since a win over 1950m in a claiming race at Chateaubriant on July 10th. Might find a few of these too smart
- **12. SANDON -** 4th on her last two runs, the latter over 2000m at Le Lion D'Angers on August 10th in a Class 3 race. Others look better handicapped
- **13. GUILLERETTE** She got off the mark in a handicap at Deauville on the PSF on August 28th over 1900m on her last start. She can have a say in proceedings back on turf
- **14. SUMMER WINE -** Four unplaced runs so far, the latter when well beaten over 2200m in a handicap on August 6th. Opposable
- **15. AME DIVINE -** Placed on her last four runs, 4th on the most recent over 1950m at Les Sables on August 7th. Outside place contender

Summary: HAPPY LADY (8) seems to be improving with race experience and will be expected to break her maiden tag on her handicap debut. Her biggest rival could be GUILLERETTE (13), who scored on the PSF last time out late in August and should cope with the return to racing on turf. HELP DAVIER (2) looks like a good option each way after a decent second at Le Lion D'angers in early August in a Class 3 race. TWARAB (10) is honest and can give a good account of himself.

SELECTIONS

HAPPY LADY (8) - GUILLERETTE (13) - HELP DAVIER (2) - TWARAB (10)

C5 - PRIX JEAN COUTURIE - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Condition - Flat - EUR € 18,300

- **1. MANATHAN KABOUL -** Placed 2nd over 2300m at Brehal in a conditions race on August 4th. She seems to be making progress with racing and warrants respect
- 2. MUSIQUE ALLEN Improved effort to be 4th in a Group 3 AQ race at Vichy on her second start over 2400m last time out. Player
- **3. MISS DES MARAIS -** 7th on her last run over 2400m at Le Lion D'angers on August 10th. She needs vast progress to make the frame
- **4. MUSIC DES BRUYERES -** She showed plenty of talent when 4th on her sole run at Le Lion D'angers on August 10th in a conditions race. She will be sharper for her last run and has place claims
- **5. MAGIQUE FLY -** 5th on her one run to date over 2650m at St-Jean De Mont in a conditions race on August 17th. Others rate higher
- **6. MOONLIGHT STAR -** She has been 3rd on all three of her starts, the latter over 2400m in a conditions race at Le Lion D'angrs on August 10th. Player
- **7. MALISSA MANS** She ran unplaced last time, 4th previously over 2300m at Brehal on August 4th in a conditions race. One to consider each way
- **8. MISS GIBRALTAR -** Unraced filly by Prince Gibraltar, the dam won 4 races. Likely to improve for this debut run, and is one to watch for the time being
- **9. MERCI MIMI -** Unraced filly by Jeu St Eloi, the dam was placed on the flat and over hurdles. She is from a leading trainer who can ready a newcomer to strike on debut. Bold run anticipated
- **10. METS TA CEINTURE** Newcomer by Hunter's Light, the dam won 3 races on the flat and over jumps. Nice profile, and her trainer knows the time of day. Keep onside and watch the betting patterns

Summary: MOONLIGHT STAR (6) has been placed on all three starts. Her most recent effort, when she was third at Le Lion D'angers in early August, was behind a horse that franked the form by finishing third in a Group 3 AQ race on its next start. MUSIQUE ALLEN (2) can be expected to keep the selection honest and can make progress from a fourth in a Group 3 AQ race at Vichy on August 15th. MANATHAN KABOUL (1) is improving and has each-way claims. MERCI MIMI (9) is another worth mentioning.

SELECTIONS

MOONLIGHT STAR (6) - MUSIQUE ALLEN (2) - MANATHAN KABOUL (1) - MERCI MIMI (9)

C6 - PRIX CLAUDE BROSSEAU - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 20,100

- **1. CORTELLA -** Course winner over 1950m in a Class 2 race at this track on March 27th. 3rd on the last start over 2000m at Le Lion D'angers in late May. Ought to be in the shake-up
- **2. MODERNISE -** 3rd on his last start over 1850m at Vichy on August 13th in a Class 3 race. Tries a new trip and he has work to do
- **3. SPANISH PRINCE** Bit below his best at Dieppe in a handicap late in July, 2nd previously at Cholet on June 30th over 2100m in a Class 2 race. Live chance
- **4. FLASH MAN -** Fair 2nd over 2450m at Mont-De-Marsan in a handicap on August 24th on his latest run. One to pay close attention to
- **5. KINDLEO -** He got a deserved success at Le Teste over 2200m in a maiden on August 11th. He can improve again and win again
- **6. CAMICA** Recent win over 2150m in a maiden race at St-Jean De Mont on August 17th. More is required in a better race

Summary: KINDLEO (5) has run well all year apart from a slight disappointment two runs back in July over 1800m. He seemed to show a good amount of progress when stepping up in trip at La Teste when he won by 3.5L on his latest appearance. He can follow up at the expense of SPANISH PRINCE (3), who was a bit below par in a handicap at Dieppe late in July. He is best judged on his consistent form before that. CORTELLA (1) won a Class 2 race at this track in March and is hard to ignore.

SELECTIONS

KINDLEO (5) - SPANISH PRINCE (3) - CORTELLA (1) - FLASH MAN (4)

C7 - PRIX DE COULAINES - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Condition - Flat - EUR € 18,300

- **1. MERVIN** Fair effort when 6th on debut at Le Lion D'Angers over 2400m on August 10th in a conditions race. He will be sharper for that run and can score
- **2. MEURSAULT CHARME** Nice effort when 2nd on debut at Les Sables over 2700m on July 22nd in a conditions race. He will improve and can feature
- **3. MANO -** Two 4th-placed efforts so far, the latter over 2400m at Vittel on August 15th in a conditions race. One to keep onside
- **4. MY LOVE D ATHOM -** Unraced gelding by Beaumec De Houelle, the dam was unraced. From a respected trainer who knows the time of day. One to watch on his debut
- **5. MICAWBER -** Unraced gelding by Telecaster, the dam won 3 races over jumps and was placed in Graded races over hurdles/fences. From a good stable, and he is worth a market check
- **6. MAKAO'K -** Unraced gelding by Voiladenuo, the dam won 5 races. Nice profile, and he will be well-tuned for his first run. Watch the betting patterns for clues
- **7. MIATCHU** Unraced gelding by The Grey Gatsby, the dam won 1 race on the flat. Likely to improve for this run, but is best watched in the betting market for any support
- **8. MASTER LAW -** Unraced gelding by Free Port Lux, the dam won 3 races, on the flat and over hurdles. Stable runners tend to improve for a run, and this newcomer should be monitored in the betting exchanges
- **9. MIRAGE DES OBEAUX -** Unraced gelding by Bathyrhon, the dam was placed on the flat. Stable runners are well prepared. He can improve for this run and is one to watch for any market moves

Summary: MERVIN (1) caught the eye with a pleasing run at Le Lion D'Angers in early August on his debut over 2400m. He can be more focused today and is preferred ahead of MEURSAULT CHARME (2), who also showed talent on his one run at Les Sables in late July when he was second. MAKAO'K (6) is out of a smart mare who won 5 races. He is one to watch closely on debut. MANO (3) has shown ability and looks best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

MERVIN (1) - MEURSAULT CHARME (2) - MAKAO'K (6) - MANO (3)