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R1 AUTEUIL [L-H]

C1 - PRIX FONDEUR - 4400m (a2 3/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 95.000

1. TOSCANA DU BERLAIS - Versatile sort capable and consistent over both the smaller and larger obstacles. Has the means to play a role

2. IL EST FRANCAIS - Champion over hurdles and looked as effective over fences when winning on his steeplechase debut. The horse to beat

3. ICEBERG DU LARGE - Finished a reassuring 2nd in his last start and should have a role to play here if confirming that improvement

4. MASTER NONANTAIS - Consistent performer over hurdles boasting sound form references. Has legitimate ambitions switching to the steeplechase now

5. VANDRIMAR - Versatile sort with sound references over both hurdles and fences. Finished a reassuring 2nd in this specialty last time, so has claims

6. IORANA VALLIS - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her references over this track and trip. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

Summary : IL EST FRANÇAIS (2) won the Group I Prix Renaud du Vivier last year and added the Group III Prix Juigné to his tally this campaign before making an impressive winning steeplechase debut last time out so, barring any incident, is likely to remain undefeated in this specialty. MASTER NONANTAIS (4), runner-up in his first start over fences, could improve to pose a threat, along with TOSCANA DU BERLAIS (1) who should have a say too having never finished worse than 3rd in steeplechase races at this venue. IORANA VALLIS (6), confirmed over this course and distance, is the pick of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

IL EST FRANCAIS (2) - MASTER NONANTAIS (4) - TOSCANA DU BERLAIS (1) - IORANA VALLIS (6)

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C2 - PRIX CAMBACERES - GRANDE COURSE DE HAIES DES 3 ANS - 3600m (a2 1/4m) - TURF - GROUPE I - Groupe - Hurdles - EUR € 278.000

1. LEON DU BERLAIS - Has yet to win but has shown sufficient means by finishing 2nd in each of his four outings. Not taken lightly

2. KINGLAND - Performed well enough in the Prix Georges de Talhouet-Roy last time, despite his obvious lack of experience. Can improve to have a say

3. PISTACHE DORE - Won consecutive outings before finishing 5th in the reference race last time. Ought to improve so should be competitive

4. MASTER D'OC - Improving last-start winner who made a good impression when scoring on his return to action. Will be a factor

5. YUTU - Finished 4th on the flat before winning over hurdles last time. This requires a great deal more but he could improve to play a minor role

6. JIGME - Has won four of his five outings including his last start in a Group II beating several re-opposing rivals. One to beat

Summary : JIGME (6) was defeated for the first time in his career in the Group III Prix Robert Lejeune on his reappearance but quickly resumed winning ways in a Group II event last time in preparing for this race. PISTACHE DORE (3) lost his unbeaten record last time in the Group II contest (Prix Georges de Talhouet-Roy) won by the selection but was returning from several months out, so ought to pose more of a threat on this occasion. KINGLAND (2) could too after finishing 4th in the aforementioned race at just his second start. MASTER D'OC (4), who beat the selection when landing a Group III in September, also has the means to have a say in the finish.

SELECTIONS

JIGME (6) - PISTACHE DORE (3) - KINGLAND (2) - MASTER D'OC (4)

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C3 - PRIX BERNARD SECLY - 3600m (a2 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Hurdles - EUR € 88.000

- 1. IMPULSE PRECIEUSE** - Has achieved her best performances over this course and distance, including a 2nd at Group III level. Respected
- 2. ANGELA DU BERLAIS** - Versatile and consistent filly with strong form credentials/references. Finished ahead of quality rivals last time and on that evidence has a winning chance here
- 3. ASHTANA** - Has made both starts this year in steeplechase races, finishing 2nd on her reappearance before winning last time out. Not taken lightly back over hurdles
- 4. EDWINA** - Unreliable but capable filly who is a course-and-distance winner with sufficient means to play a role. Place chance
- 5. ROSEMAGIC HAS** - Unreliable sort over hurdles but is not entirely incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 6. IDEE NEUVE** - Caught the eye with an excellent comeback effort behind ANGELA DU BERLAIS (2) and ought to have come on since. Chief threat
- 7. MERCINETTE** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 8. ROYALE MILADY HAS** - Consistent filly with sound form references and sufficient means to play a role in a race of this nature. Place chance
- 9. CHIEF COVE** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 10. TRY LINE** - Progressive and exciting filly who has yet to be beaten. Faces a stern test of her mettle jumping in class but could prove up to it

Summary : ANGELA DU BERLAIS (2) finished 2nd in the Prix de Maisons-Laffitte and on the strength of that form is likely to start favorite and play a leading role in this Listed race. IDEE NEUVE (6), runner-up to the selection back in September after many months out, heads the list of potential threats that includes IMPULSE PRECIEUSE (1), who was 2nd in a Group III during the spring, and progressive TRY LINE (10), whose limits remain unknown. EDWINA (4) and ASHTANA (3) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ANGELA DU BERLAIS (2) - IDEE NEUVE (6) - IMPULSE PRECIEUSE (1) - TRY LINE (10)

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**C4 - PRIX MAURICE GILLOIS - GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE DES 4 ANS -
4400m (a2 3/4m) - TURF - GROUPE I - Groupe - Steeple Chase - EUR €
355.000**

1. LE PHILOSOPHE - Ultra-consistent performer with solid form credentials in hurdles and steeplechase races. Must not be condemned for his recent fall

2. AMY DU KIFF - Versatile sort with sound form references in hurdles and steeplechase races. Beat several rivals in this race when winning last time but has more to do at this level jumping in class

3. KLITCHKO DE BELAIR - Has taken well to this specialty, winning and finishing 2nd twice in three starts in steeplechase races. Will be a factor

4. JARDIN D'ARTHEL - Caught the eye with a good comeback outing in the Group III Prix Orcada, won by the selection. Will have more to offer

5. JOJO LAPIN - Unreliable but is not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Place chance

6. JUNTOS GANAMOS - The undisputed leader of his generation. Already a Group I winner and is more than capable of adding another here

7. WINTERISCOMING - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance

8. JOST - Regained momentum with an improved 3rd last time so not incapable of getting a look in here if building on that momentum

9. JAZZY SENAM - Runner-up behind JUNTOS GANAMOS (6) in the Group III Prix Orcada last time out and ought to remain competitive

10. SOUTH LODGE - Seldom finishes far off the mark and not incapable of getting into the picture, though has more of a place chance than a winning one

Summary : JUNTOS GANAMOS (6) fell when beaten for the first time over fences in the Prix The Fellow two starts back before recapturing the winning thread in the Group III Prix Orcada, giving a lot of weight and a beating to his opponents. On that evidence, he is good value to land a second Group I success, though will have to thwart the challenges of consistent ARDIN D'ARTHEL (4), who caught the eye with a good comeback run, and JAZZY SENAM (9), runner-up last time. Beyond those principals, KLITCHKO DE BELAIR (3), AMY DU KIFF (2) and LE PHILOSOPHE (1) ought to be competitive for the places.

SELECTIONS

JUNTOS GANAMOS (6) - JARDIN D'ARTHEL (4) - JAZZY SENAM (9) - KLITCHKO DE BELAIR (3)

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C5 - PRIX COUNT SCHOMBERG - 4300m (a2 11/16m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 110.000

- 1. KAPTEEN** - Surprising runner-up to champion Il Est Français in March, this fan of deep slopes then blew hot and cold. He will have his land, but its value leaves him no room for maneuver. For a place.
- 2. RAF TAVEL** - Sparingly raced seven-year-old with low mileage. Made a convincing debut in a French handicap and is likely to be even more competitive at these weights and on this ground
- 3. ALNADAM** - Joined Sophie Leech earlier this year and has been unconvincing on French soil. Was well held in a handicap last time so will need to raise his game to be competitive - others preferred
- 4. FUNDAM** - Wasn't winning out of turn last time having finished 2nd in three consecutive prior outings. Has not yet revealed the full extent of his ability so could remain competitive despite a 4kg penalty
- 5. CHICHI DE LA VEGA** - Won a Quinté+ for the first time at attempt No 17 in the Prix du Prince d'Ecouen. His task will be made difficult by a 3,5kg penalty but is not taken lightly all the same
- 6. FREE LORD D'ANJOU** - Was soundly beaten in the reference race last month and is likely to be preparing for objectives at Pau later on. Best watched for now
- 7. ODIAGO** - Very promising as a three-year-old but missed 22 months before finishing unplaced in both comeback outings this year. Watch out
- 8. SIX ONE** - Finished 2nd in the last edition of this Quinté+ event at a value 1kg lower than his current mark. Acquitted himself well enough in the reference race (6th) to warrant respect/inclusion here
- 9. HARRY** - Swedish horse now acclimatized to French races, as his success in the Prix Gacko will attest to. Up in class now on his reappearance but cannot be discounted
- 10. GALOP DU LARGE** - This specialist from the Cagnes-sur-Mer racecourse continues his preparation for the winter meeting on the Côte d'Azur. Remarkable on his return, in the key race (4th), he already seems competitive. Watch out for him!
- 11. HUPECA DE THAIX** - Has not finished worse than 4th in three hurdles races at this venue. Won well over a shorter trip last time and has regained freshness since, so must be respected
- 12. INTELLO COUNTY** - Proven frontrunner, unreliable but remains more than capable of brilliant performances, such as his 3rd in the Prix de Chantilly, and is comfortable on heavy ground. Dark horse
- 13. FULL TIME** - Has been unconvincing in previous starts at this venue and has little margin at this handicap value. Despite her aptitude for deep ground, her task here looks an improbable one
- 14. INSIDE MONTLIOUX** - Has yet to recapture earlier form in his two comeback outings after a seven-month layoff. For another day
- 15. KING OF RUN** - Has been largely disappointing for more than a year now and appears a far cry from his best. Appreciates this course and is proven with this handicap value, but is best watched for now

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16. DIABLE D'AUTEUIL - Finished an encouraging 4th on his reappearance at Fontainebleau after a lengthy absence. Has more to do here but ought to improve for that comeback outing

Summary : RAF TAVEL (2) has been plagued by issues but looked back to his old self when finishing an encouraging 3rd in the reference race last month. On that evidence, he's good value to register a first Quinté+ success of his career. However, he won't have things his own way as lightly raced last-start winner FUNDAM (4) is more than likely to improve so could fight for victory. HUPECA DE THAIX (11), who has regained freshness following his last-start success, will appreciate racing on this ground so ought to remain competitive for the leading places. Runner-up in this race last year, SIX ONE (8) is another candidate for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

RAF TAVEL (2) - FUNDAM (4) - HUPECA DE THAIX (11) - SIX ONE (8)

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C6 - PRIX LA HAYE JOUSSELIN - 5500m (a3 7/16m) - TURF - GROUPE I - Groupe - Steeple Chase - EUR € 580.000

1. **LE LUDE** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

2. **GRAN DIOSE** - Thrives on heavy ground and did beat GRANDEUR NATURE (3) in the Grand Steeple-Chase of Compiègne last year. Keep safe

3. **GRANDEUR NATURE** - Finished 2nd in this Group I event last year and has since proved his worth at this level in the "GSC Masters." Absent for several months but is a force to be reckoned with here on his return

4. **HO LA LA FOREZ** - Relatively consistent sort with sound form references, including a 3rd in the Prix Heros XII when sandwiched between GRAN DIOSE (2) and LA MANIGANCE (8). Dark horse

5. **ECHO DE CHAMPDOUX** - Consistent sort boasting sufficient means and form credentials to make his preference felt. Not taken lightly

6. **GRAND ONCLE** - Seldom finishes far off the mark in this specialty and could well get into the picture, though has no more than a place chance

7. **BLACKFIELD** - Inconsistent veteran mare who has continued to blow hot and cold recently, winning two of her last three starts including her most recent outing. Dark horse

8. **LA MANIGANCE** - Winner of the Group II Prix des Drags and is likely to fight for victory on the evidence of that win

9. **ROSA KLEB** - Versatile mare effective in hurdling and steeplechase races, winning over both the smaller and larger obstacles in her last two starts. Has more to do here but is not taken lightly

Summary : Runner-up in this race last year and in good form heading into this year's renewal, GRANDEUR NATURE (3) is good value to go one better in the 2023 edition of this Group I event by making a winning reappearance. LA MANIGANCE (8), who was 2nd in the Group II Prix des Drags, heads the list of potential dangers in the company of consistent mud-lark GRAN DIOSE (2), with the shortlist completed by HO LA LA FOREZ (4) and LE LUDE (1).

SELECTIONS

GRANDEUR NATURE (3) - LA MANIGANCE (8) - GRAN DIOSE (2) - HO LA LA FOREZ (4)

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C7 - PRIX MONDEVILLE - 4300m (a2 11/16m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 62.000

- 1. IDEAL DE CIERGUES** - Versatile over the obstacles and has revealed serious means, but is complicated and not devoid of making mistakes as he did at Compiègne last time. This drop in grade will serve his interests
- 2. JOSHUA'S SPIRIT** - Unreliable though not entirely incapable of getting a look in here judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 3. SUPER FLAM** - Has demonstrated a respectable degree of form and consistency, so should make his presence felt once more
- 4. AYATI DE L'ORME** - Consistent hurdler with impressive form figures, although has achieved those at a considerably lower level. Has all to do in this grade/company
- 5. INSTANT PRECIEUX** - Struggling to regain/maintain any form or consistency but, judged on his best references, could get a look in. Needs to reaffirm
- 6. APAULSTAR** - Won his last start of 2021 but was absent for a considerable period before finishing unplaced in both outings this year. Capable of a lot better so is one to watch
- 7. HENRY BRULARD** - Will need things to go his way but does possess a strong finishing burst, so is capable of getting into the picture. Beware
- 8. GREAT FEELING** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 9. HADDEXA DES OBEAUX** - Has alternated between the two disciplines with a degree of success and wouldn't be winning out of turn. Can fight for victory
- 10. FRED** - Versatile veteran who recently finished a reassuring 2nd in a steeplechase race. Remains more than capable of confirming reverting to hurdles, so is not taken lightly
- 11. FIGHT FOR ME** - Unreliable and out of sorts recently though isn't incapable of resurfacing in a race of this nature with three comeback runs under the belt
- 12. EADREAM** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 13. DAYS DREAM** - Has demonstrated a respectable degree of form and consistency, so should be competitive for the places
- 14. REVE DE PRINCE** - Consistent hurdler who bounced back to form last time with a reassuring 2nd in a similar event. Confirmation expected
- 15. IGLOO IGLOO** - Unreliable though not entirely incapable of getting a look in here judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 16. FRIPON DE BALLON** - Has regained momentum, with his last-start 4th confirming the improvement of his prior 2nd. Not taken lightly

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Summary : IDEAL DE CIERGUES (1) was at fault several times in a Quinté+ at Compiègne last month but ought to find this an easier task, so need only demonstrate better aptitude to belatedly open his account. He will, however, have to be wary of HADDEXA DES OBEAUX (9) who has maintained his form/consistency at a higher level recently and did not go unnoticed when finishing 5th in a stronger race last time. REVE DE PRINCE (14), whose competitiveness at this handicap mark is not in doubt, FRED (10), who is proven on deep/heavy ground.

SELECTIONS

IDEAL DE CIERGUES (1) - HADDEXA DES OBEAUX (9) - REVE DE PRINCE (14) - FRED (10)