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R1 CHANTILLY [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU VAL PROFOND - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER -
Newcomers Race - Flat - EUR € 30,000**

1. KENOSTORM - Lucie Pontoir-trained Kendargent newcomer. Anthony Crastus gets the ride aboard this gelding on debut

2. WINTER CLASSIC - Stéphane Pasquier is a notable jockey booking aboard this well-bred Nicolas Clément-trained Siyouni colt whose dam has already produced several winners. Keep safe

3. DREAMWAY - Galiway colt debuting for trainer Mario Baratti under Brandon Flament whose 3,5kg allowance will help. Dark horse

4. PURE LEGEND - Well-bred Mehmas colt whose full-brother Gold Index placed at Group III at Chantilly as a two-year-old. Clément Lecoeuvre rides for trainer Henri-François Devin

5. COLONEL SAAB - Hot Streak newcomer from the stable of Florian Bellemere, who has engaged Corentin Bergé to ride this colt

6. RIDE ON - Augustin Madamet rides this Florian Bellemere-trained Fighting Irish colt on debut. Will appeal to lovers of outsiders

7. TYWIN - Ronan Thomas rides this well-bred Mehmas colt on debut for Carlos & Yann Lerner. Likely type on paper - keep safe

8. KHELONYX - Philippe Sogorb-trained Kheleyf gelding on debut with Alejandro Gutiérrez Val in the irons. Not taken lightly

9. NOFIX - Edouard Monfort-trained newcomer by champion sprinter No Nay Never. Léo Roussel rides this gelding who shouldn't lack speed on debut

10. JUSTIFY TWIN CEN - Christophe Soumillon rides this Victoria Head-trained newcomer by American dirt champion Maximum Security. One for the shortlist

Summary: Mehmas is proving a prolific source of 2-year-old winners and that trend is likely to continue here with his sons PURE LEGEND (4), whose dam is a proven producer, and TYWIN (7), himself a well-related colt with an attractive pedigree. American-bred JUSTIFY TWIN CEN (10) and well-bred WINTER CLASSIC (2) are from stables known to do well with its young horses, so they shouldn't be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

PURE LEGEND (4) - TYWIN (7) - JUSTIFY TWIN CEN (10) - WINTER CLASSIC (2)

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C2 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE HIMEJI - 2100m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,000

1. KING'S CROWN - Out of sorts - placed just once (3rd at Zweibrücken in April) in 10 starts this year - but shouldn't be underestimated off a career-low mark, despite finishing 11th on a 2000m Nancy handicap on 17 November. Dark horse

2. OSER - Versatile but unreliable veteran mare with undeniable means - usually acquits herself well on a going day. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for her recent failure (11th) in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 4 December

3. SILVER CONDOR - Won a course-and-distance handicap in mid-October with headgear fitted but finished unplaced in both subsequent starts under a 2,5kg penalty, though didn't go unnoticed (6th) in a 2100m PSF handicap at Pornichet on 30 November

4. THUNDER DREAM - Unplaced in all 6 starts on this surface, including 3 consecutive recent appearances - the latest (11th) on this course in a 2700m handicap on 22 November. Others preferred

5. MEARAS STYLE - Honest hard-knocker with sound/consistent form references in handicaps at this level on both surfaces. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 8th in a 2100m PSF handicap at Pornichet on 30 November - may well redeem herself

6. DIAMOND FOR REEL - Lightly raced mare who opened her account in a 2600m Fontainebleau handicap in mid-October but failed to confirm that form/improvement when only 10th over the same distance at that venue on 7 November. For another day

7. PRINCEDESCHAMPS - Inconsistent but versatile hard-knocker with sound references in handicaps on both surfaces, including a last-start 6th over 1800m in a Le Croisé-Laroche handicap on 16 November. His last victory was on PSF

8. BLEUSKY - Experienced but unreliable handicapper. Failed to confirm the form/improvement of her 3rd at ParisLongchamp over 2250m in her penultimate start when only 7th over 2100m in a Vittel handicap on 25 July. Best watched for now

9. ACATANA - Unexposed on this surface (finished 7th over 2400m in her only PSF appearance on 23 March last year) and did spark improvement off this mark to finish 4th in a 2000m turf handicap at Nancy on 17 November. Dark horse

10. LA PALOMBIERE - Rediscovered form/consistency recently in 3 starts off her current mark - finished on the podium in each outing, the latest (3rd) in a 2000m handicap at Lignières on 30 November. Lacks references on this surface but is best kept safe

11. WALDENON - Inconsistent but has already proven his competitiveness at this level off his current mark. Runner-up in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville last month and can be excused his latest (9th) performance at Pornichet on 30 November

12. PRINCESS LAURA - Consistent and versatile 33-start maiden with sound references/form credentials, albeit without success. Finished 4th in 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 8 November and a repeat of that performance may suffice - today is her day!

13. BAILEYS SANS DOUTE - Experienced 36-start maiden with inconsistent references in handicaps, including a last-start 14th on this course in a 3200m handicap on 28 October. Others make more appeal

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14. GO FOR IT - Unplaced in all 5 PSF appearances, including her latest (8th) in a 2150m handicap at Lyon-La Soie on 2 December. Can be overlooked

15. COL NEM - Experienced but soundly beaten in his last 5 handicap appearances, the latest (14th) at Pornichet on 23 November over 1700m. Hard to recommend

16. CLOUD MAN - Unplaced/soundly beaten in all 7 starts this year, the latest (13th) on this course in a 1900m claimer on 28 October. Ignore

Summary: An open handicap in which cases can be made for most. Versatile PRINCESS LAURA (12) showed her form recently on the PSF at Deauville and needs only to repeat that performance from a favourable stall gate to fight for victory. Experienced WALDENON (11), rejuvenated LA PALOMBIERE (10) and versatile OSER (2) are others with legitimate podium ambitions.

SELECTIONS

PRINCESS LAURA (12) - WALDENON (11) - LA PALOMBIERE (10) - OSER (2)

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C3 - PRIX DE SANDRICOURT - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Newcomers Race - Flat - EUR € 30,000

1. **ARNAGA** - Victoria Head-trained Sottsass filly closely related to Group I Prix du Moulin runner-up Akatea. A likely type on debut with Christophe Soumillon engaged
2. **LA BILLEBAUDE** - Nicolas Guilbert-trained daughter of Bobby's Kitten debuting with Augustin Madamet in the irons. Not taken lightly
3. **HAPPY HOURS** - Corentin Bergé rides this Machucambo debutante for Florian Bellemere who trains and also owns this filly
4. **PINYA** - Philippe Decouz-trained daughter of Hello Youmzain. Not particularly bred to be precocious but benefits from Perrine Cheyer's 1,5kg allowance
5. **RUE POUSSIN** - Markus Nigge-trained newcomer who will benefit from Marie Vélon's 1,5kg allowance. Shouldn't be underestimated
6. **CHANTAL** - Rosario Mangione rides this Al Wukair filly on debut for Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti. Will appeal to lovers of outsiders
7. **GAST A GAST** - Romanised debutante from the in-form stable of François Monfort, who has engaged Clément Lecoivre to ride this filly. Keep safe
8. **TIGRESS OF GAUL** - Well-bred Siyouni debutante related to 3-time Group I winner (over 1600m) Charm Spirit. Aurélien Lemaitre rides for trainer Tim Donworth
9. **PYRAMIDE** - Attractively bred Gavin Hernon-trained Zelzal debutante. A likely type on debut, especially with Théo Bachelot aboard
10. **HAPPY SPIRIT** - Ambre Molins takes 1,5kg off the back of this Stunning Spirit debutante owned and trained by Hélène Mennessier Martinez. Watch for now
11. **ZYA D'AUMONT** - Goken debutante trained and owned by Armony Tinchon who has engaged Thomas Trullier to ride this filly
12. **LA CONSENTIDA** - Galiway filly debuting with Tony Piccone in the saddle for trainer Henri-Alex Pantall. Awkwardly drawn but respected all the same
13. **NEIADE** - Well-bred Seahenge filly related to Daring Prince, a Listed winner this fall. Ronan Thomas rides for Gianluca Bietolini
14. **LATROBE SKY** - Florian Bellemere-trained Latrobe filly debuting under Axelle Nicco whose 1,5kg weight allowance will help. Outsider

Summary: Well-bred newcomer ARNAGA (1), with Christophe Soumillon engaged, seems a likely type on paper and need only overcome an awkward starting berth to fight for victory. TIGRESS OF GAUL (8), on paper, will be a worthy opponent, as will PYRAMIDE (9) who should acquit herself competitively from a favorable position in the stalls. NEIADE (13) hails from a good Aga Khan line, so she also deserves a mention.

SELECTIONS

ARNAGA (1) - TIGRESS OF GAUL (8) - PYRAMIDE (9) - NEIADE (13)

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C4 - PRIX DE WATERMAEL-BOITSFORT - 2100m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

1. **SILVER BEAUTY** - Unplaced in all 4 handicap appearances, the latest (10th) in a 2000m turf handicap at Nancy on 17 November. Unknown quantity on this surface
2. **WAITARA** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 3rd in a 2000m turf handicap at Lignières on 30 November. Confirmation required
3. **CRACKNELL** - Maturing 11-start maiden with sound references/form credentials in handicaps on this surface, including a recent 2nd on this course over 1900m on 12 November. Candidate for success
4. **INCA MAN** - Versatile hard-knocker whose experience and sound references/form credentials in PSF handicaps will stand him in good stead. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his failure (10th) on heavy ground at Craon on 1 December
5. **PUERTA DEL SOL** - Lightly raced filly (15-start maiden) with little to suggest that she will be competitive in a race like this, especially on this surface after finishing 8th in a turf handicap over 1800m at Le Croisé-Laroche on 16 November. Overlook
6. **TWIN BOY** - Won a 1500m PSF handicap at Deauville last month but struggled under a 2kg penalty in his subsequent start at that venue, finishing 7th over 1400m in a PSF handicap on 4 December. Improvement needed
7. **FULL COLOUR** - Proven PSF performer with sound references/form credentials in handicaps on this surface, albeit without a win (34-start maiden). Runner-up in a 2500m PSF handicap at Deauville on 26 November - today could be her day!
8. **LA MOMY** - Took advantage of a drop in the weights/ratings to finish a reassuring 2nd (off a career-low mark) in a 2100m PSF handicap at Pornichet on 30 November. Confirmation is expected
9. **ROHIRRIM LASS** - Runner-up in a course-and-distance handicap on 12 October and should play a leading role with a repeat of that performance. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over 2150m at Lyon-La Soie on 25 October - winning chance
10. **LANDARYNA** - Inconsistent but retains sufficient means - confirmed as much with a reassuring/competitive 3rd over 1900m on PSF in a handicap at Deauville on 4 December. Keep safe
11. **LE DRAKKAR** - Regained form/momentum in handicaps earlier this year, having dropped to a competitive mark and finished 2nd in a 2500m PSF handicap at Deauville when last seen on 10 February. Absent since so is best watched for now
12. **JOJO** - Struggled (unplaced in her last 4 appearances) on French soil but didn't go unnoticed when finishing 4th at Mons in a 2100m PSF handicap on 3 December. More needed here
13. **ZABIR** - Won a 2100m PSF handicap at Pornichet last month and proved his competitiveness off this mark (under a 1,5kg penalty) by finishing 5th in a 2150m PSF handicap at Lyon-La Soie on 2 December. Dark horse
14. **PENRHEAD** - Experienced filly with sound references/form credentials in turf handicaps, including a last-start 2nd over 1900m at Bordeaux on 22 November. Unknown quantity on this surface

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15. RECOLEROS - Versatile performer in good form and physical condition with sound references in handicaps on both surfaces, including a recent 3rd (over 2100m) on 5th over 1700m on 23 November in PSF handicaps at Pornichet - has a say

16. NO BARRIER - Experienced 30-start maiden soundly beaten in his last 8 handicap appearances, the latest (11th) at Lyon-La Soie on PSF over 2150m on 2 December. Hard to recommend

Summary: FULL COLOR (7) showed recently that her day in this category is near. She can belatedly open her account at the expense of ROHIRRIM LASS (9), who is proven on this surface and races fresh after a break. RECOLEROS (15) is dangerous to discount under a light weight and appeals most of the remainder, with CRACKNELL (3) completing the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

FULL COLOUR (7) - ROHIRRIM LASS (9) - RECOLEROS (15) - CRACKNELL (3)

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C5 - PRIX DU JARDIN DES EAUX MINERALES - 3200m (a2m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000

1. **KAPANI** - Finished an encouraging 5th in a 2500m PSF handicap at Deauville on 27 November resuming after a 4-month absence. Won this race last year, albeit off a lower mark, and ought to remain competitive
2. **SHELBY** - Absent since finishing 10th over 2400m at Madrid, Spain on 20 October but boasts a good course-and-distance record (a win and a 3rd in as many outings). Usually runs well fresh and is competitive off this mark - dark horse
3. **LEMPIRA** - Unplaced (11th) in a 2500m PSF handicap at Deauville on 2 November but ran a better race than his finishing position suggests. Subsequently joined Edouard Monfort's stable - not taken lightly
4. **CHESS** - He pulverized his opposition in winning the course-and-distance Prix de Raray on 28 October. Copped a penalty (3,5kg) for that performance but is improving, so seems capable of following up - will pay to follow his progress
5. **MONA TREZY** - Winner of 3 handicaps since September, including a last-start victory on this course over 2700m on 22 November, but has shot up 10kg in total as a result. More questions to answer under these conditions - for another day
6. **BLACK HAWK** - Ridden more aggressively than usual in his last 2 starts and acquitted himself well on both occasions, winning a 3000m handicap on this course last month (23 November). Has more to do under a 3kg penalty for that victory
7. **ALERIO** - Done little wrong since joining Guillaume Courbot in late October - maintaining form and consistency in claimers and handicaps. Finished 3rd on this course in a 2700m claimer on 7 December and has another place chance
8. **SPANISH LIGHT** - A specialist on soft ground so is hard to make a case for in his first start on this course, despite finishing 3rd in a 3000m Toulouse handicap on 24 November. Others preferred
9. **ILUMINE PRECIEUSE** - Has found her way on the flat recently after a spell over obstacles, finishing 2nd in back-to-back Quinte+ events on very heavy ground - the latest over 2500m at Saint-Cloud on 27 October. Lack PSF references but is respected
10. **SITJAR** - Lightly raced late-bloomer whose limits remain unknown. Won consecutive handicaps last month, the latest at Toulouse over 3000m on 24 November - not taken lightly
11. **JAZZMEN** - A shadow of his former self recently but has dropped to his last-winning mark and boasts sound references at this level. Well-beaten 12th on a 2350m handicap at Strasbourg on 11 November so is best watched for now
12. **TURANIA** - Didn't go unnoticed (7th) in a 3000m handicap on this course last month (23 November) in his 3rd start back after a 5-month absence. Could get into the picture
13. **KLASSIC PRECIEUX** - Confirmed/built on the promise of his encouraging comeback 2nd on turf at this venue in September by winning a course-and-distance handicap on 28 October. On the up so should remain competitive under a 2,5kg penalty
14. **ROSETTA STONE** - Finished 4th in a 3200m Quinté+ on PSF at Deauville in August but unplaced in both subsequent starts, the latest over 2500m at that venue on 2 November. Needs to reaffirm

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15. ACT OF WISDOM - Regained his form/momentum recently in 3 handicap appearances, the latest (5th) on this course in a 3000m PSF handicap on 23 November. Has more on his plate at this level

16. RUSSIAN TWIST - Versatile hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials in handicaps on both surfaces, including 2nds in his last 2 starts - the latest on PSF over 3100m at Pornichet on 13 November. Dark horse

Summary: CHESS (4) made light work of his opposition in a similar event for stayers over this course and distance and 3,5kg penalty seems unlikely to prevent him from following up, even at this level. KLASSIC PRECIEUX (13), an authoritative winner here in late October, and ILUMINE PRECIEUSE (9), who lacks references on PSF, lead the opposition ahead of KAPANI (1), the title holder this race who was undoubtedly prepared to defend his crown. SHELBY (2), RUSSIAN TWIST (16), second in the 2023 edition with 2kg more, and LEMPIRA (3), newcomer to the stable of Edouard Montfort, complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

CHESS (4) - KLASSIC PRECIEUX (13) - ILUMINE PRECIEUSE (9) - KAPANI (1)

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C6 - PRIX DES JARDINS FAMILIAUX - 3200m (a2m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. DAY OFF** - Experienced handicapper with sound references/form credentials in handicaps on both surfaces, including a last-start 6th in a 2500m PSF Deauville handicap on 26 November
- 2. LA TEMPLIERE** - Experienced and versatile mare whose references include finishing 2nd in a turf Quinté+ and a last-start 4th over 3000m in a handicap on this course on 23 November. Big shout
- 3. ATHINEOS** - Runner-up in a 2200m Quinté+ event on turf at this venue in October and finished 2nd in a 2700m PSF handicap on this course on 22 November. Not taken lightly
- 4. WARELIA** - Returned to form with a reassuring 2nd in a 3000m PSF handicap on this course recently, on 23 November. Keep safe
- 5. YORK TOWN** - Versatile hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials in handicaps on PSF and turf, including a last-start 2nd in a 3000m handicap at Fontainebleau on 14 November
- 6. STEP MORNING** - Ultra-consistent versatile handicapper in good form and physical condition - finished in the first 3 seven times in eight associations with Théo Bachelot, winning twice. Caught the eye when 3rd in a 4000m handicap at Angers on 18 November
- 7. ELOISE** - Lightly raced filly with scope to improve on her handicap debut after an encouraging 2nd over 2900m in an apprentice event at Angers on 6 November
- 8. BRAMESHOT** - Versatile type with sound references/form credentials in handicaps on both surfaces, including a last-start victory in a 4000m Angers handicap on 18 November. Dark horse
- 9. NASDAQ** - Finished 4th in each of his 3 PSF appearances. Showed his form/well-being recently by finishing 2nd in back-to-back claimers, the latest over 2500m at Nancy on 17 November
- 10. PLATEADO** - Versatile hard-knocker with references in handicaps on both surfaces but out of sorts at present. Unplaced (7th) in a 2000m turf handicap at Toulouse on 17 November
- 11. BADEN ROCKS** - Versatile hard-knocker maintaining form and consistency in handicaps on both surfaces. Finished 3rd on this course in a 3000m handicap on 23 November - attractive outsider
- 12. BARBADIN** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th in a course-and-distance handicap on 28 October. On the shortlist
- 13. SWEET AUTHOR** - Lightly raced 7-year-old unplaced in all 11 appearances this year, the latest (12th) over 3000m in a handicap at Fontainebleau on 14 November
- 14. RED JOY** - Rejuvenated hard-knocking mare in good form and physical condition - finished 4th in a 2700m handicap on this course and a good 3rd in a course-and-distance handicap on 28 October. Candidate for success
- 15. AVENTURA** - Improving last-start winner who opened his account recently in a 2500m Nancy claimer on 17 November. Outsider
- 16. MAESTRO CHOP** - Veteran handicapper who finished 2nd in a 2700m handicap at a lower level on this course on 7 December. For another day

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17. RUE DAUPHINE - Experienced mare with references in turf handicaps but rarely seen on the PSF. Finished 8th in a 2700m handicap on this course on 22 November - others preferred

Summary: With two races in her legs now, LA TEMPLIERE (2) is a legitimate candidate for the prize. RED JOY (14) always finishes his courses well, without managing to return to success. Maybe it's for today. Currently in good shape, BARBADIN (12) should start fairly heavily in betting. Very hard at work, YORK TOWN (5) should still defend its chances dearly, especially since the change of surface will not bother it.

SELECTIONS

LA TEMPLIERE (2) - RED JOY (14) - BARBADIN (12) - YORK TOWN (5)

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C7 - PRIX D'EPSOM - 2100m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. **DREAMS** - Did not show his best when 15th in a handicap at Deauville over 2500m on 26 November. Capable of making the frame when at best
2. **NEKOLETO** - Holding form and was third in a handicap at Nancy over 2000m on 17 November. Not out of it
3. **LA JAVANAISE** - Has really struggled of late and was 12th in a handicap at Deauville over 2500m on 26 November. Needs major improvement to win
4. **BOKEN** - In good shape and has won her last two starts at Ostende, with the latest being over 1600m. Tougher task this time and others are preferred
5. **PORTRERO** - Holding form on the turf and was fourth in a handicap at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1800m on 16 November. Capable of contesting the finish
6. **DREAM AGAIN** - Disappointing last run when 16th in a handicap at this course over 1900m on 12 November. Won her previous three starts and is not out of it
7. **FORZA SEDACA** - Unreliable and was well beaten in a handicap last time out at Toulouse over 2400m on 11 November. Better on the turf and others are preferred
8. **RISE AND SHINE** - On a long losing run but was not disgraced when fourth in a handicap at Nancy over 2000m on 17 November. Has a winning chance
9. **FITZCARRALDO** - Unreliable and was 8th last time out in a handicap at this track over 1900m on 12 November. Capable of winning when in the mood
10. **EVERSTORM** - Has struggled of late and was 11th in a handicap at Nancy over 2000m on 17 November. Others are preferred
11. **COGNAC** - Has struggled of late and was 11th in a handicap at Fontainebleau over 2000m on 4 November. Capable of an upset on best form
12. **SWEEP AWAY** - Did not show his best when unplaced last time out in a handicap at this course over 1900m on 12 November. Did better over this track and trip before that. Can go one better
13. **MANWHATAMAN** - Bounced back to win a race at Mons over 2100m on 5 November. Tougher task this time and others are preferred
14. **SEÑOR PEDRO** - Has been well beaten in both starts this year, the latest in a handicap at this track over 2200m on 26 October. Others make more appeal
15. **EVER MUCHACHA** - Mostly moderate form of late and was 5th in a Conditions race at Limoges over 2100m on 30 November. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
16. **KARIOITAH** - Finished 12th in a handicap at Lignières over 2000m on 30 November. Better on the turf but might play a minor role

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Summary: SWEEP AWAY (12) is clearly better judged on his penultimate start when runner-up over this course and distance. He gets a narrow vote to score in a very open race. RISE AND SHINE (8) has a winning chance if repeating a good last run at Nancy. FITZCARRALDO (9) has had a good time of things at this track and did not run too badly last time out. NEKOLETO (2) is in good form and should be very competitive once again.

SELECTIONS

SWEEP AWAY (12) - RISE AND SHINE (8) - FITZCARRALDO (9) - NEKOLETO (2)

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C8 - PRIX D'UBERLINGEN - 2100m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. **LAKE NAIVASHA** - Returned to form when scoring a handicap at Nancy over 2000m on 17 November. Carries a penalty and is better on the turf
2. **KING OF TWIST** - Has struggled of late and was 13th last time out in a handicap at this course over 1900m on 12 November. Can bounce back to score
3. **BRAVE SHIINA** - Has shown improvement of late and was third in a handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 2 December. Can contest the finish again
4. **SECOND TO NONE** - Unreliable and was 7th in a handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 2 December. Could earn some money
5. **SOGYNT** - Broke a losing streak when winning a handicap at Pornichet-La Baule last time out over 2100m on 30 November. Carries a penalty but is not out of it
6. **KARMINA BELLA** - Very unreliable and was 12th last time out in a handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 2 December. Won her penultimate start but probably prefers the turf
7. **BOB LA BIDOUILLE** - Has struggled of late and was 15th in a handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 3100m on 23 November. Better this distance and can make the frame
8. **GOLDYWAY DE SAON** - Battling to find best form and was 11th in handicap at Deauville over 2500m on 26 November. Others make more appeal
9. **SWEET MASTER** - At very best at Nancy was runner-up there last time out in a handicap over 2000m on 17 November. Might play a minor role
10. **HOLLY COLOUR** - On a very long losing run and was 9th in a Conditions race at Deauville over 1900m on 27 November. Needs major improvement to win
11. **SAN TEODORICO** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when 5th in a handicap at this course over 1900m on 12 November. Could play a minor role
12. **LOVE THE STARS** - Needed her last run whe 13th in a handicap at Deauville over 2500m on 26 November. Capable of improvement and is not out of it
13. **FRANKIE'S BOY** - Both wins were in Germany and was 14th in a handicap at Nancy over 2000m on 17 November. Others are much preferred
14. **KHANWEILER** - Did not show his best when 11th in a handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 2100m on 30 November. Capable of better and has a place chance
15. **LOVELY TESS** - Unreliable but was third last time out in a handicap at Nancy over 2000m on 17 November. Likes that course but could earn some money
16. **PALANZANO** - A winner of two of his last four starts but was only 6th in a handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 20 November. Prefers the turf but could play a minor role

Summary: KING OF TWIST (2) has struggled of late. He did win a couple of times earlier in the year and could bounce back to score. BRAVE SHIINA (3) is distance suited and has improved of late so is a lively danger. SOGYNT (5) carries a penalty for a good win last month but can follow up if in the same mood. BOB LA BIDOUILLE (7) is better this shorter distance and is one of many more with a winning chance.

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SELECTIONS

KING OF TWIST (2) - BRAVE SHIINA (3) - SOGYNT (5) - BOB LA BIDOUILLE (7)

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C9 - PRIX MY SWALLOW - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 1 Race - Flat - EUR € 35,000

1. **TIMBER LIGHT** - Unreliable this year but was not disgraced when third last time out in a Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 31 October. Better on the turf but is not out of it
2. **ZELMAN** - Unreliable but does win when in the mood and was victorious last time out in a handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 29 November. Carries a 1.50kgs penalty but can follow up
3. **CLAVUS** - A winner of his last three starts including a handicap last time out at Saint-Cloud over 1400m on 30 June. Not as good on the PSF but could score returning from a break
4. **GOLD INDEX** - Returned to form with a Conditions race win last time out at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 17 June. Returns from a break but does have a winning chance
5. **FERRARI FEVER** - Likes this track and was not disgraced when 5th in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 12 November. Can contest the finish
6. **SPEED HUNTER** - Improved with each run and was a winner last time out in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 12 March. May need this run returning from a break
7. **AMERICAN LAWYER** - Did not show his best when 12th in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 1600m on 29 August. Returns from a break but could play a minor role
8. **KOVEL** - Distance suited and was a winner last time out in a Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 31 October. Capable of doubling up
9. **BAYAMOON** - Holding form and was third in a Conditions race at Pau over 2000m on 13 November. Might play a minor role
10. **BID FOR CHESTER** - Has been at best in sprints and was fourth last time out at Navan over 1000m on 23 October. Others are preferred
11. **QUALIXIA** - Did not show her best when 11th at Munch-Riem over 1300m on 12 October. Needs to find a few lengths to beat these rivals
12. **PLACEHOLDER** - Has won twice in the UK and was 6th last time out in a handicap at Kempton Park over 2200m on 16 October. Better this distance and has been supplemented for this race
13. **MME JOURDAIN** - Very consistent so far and was runner-up last time out in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 12 November. Can go one better this time

Summary: CLAVUS (3) has been at his very best on the turf and he is coming off three nice wins. He returns from a break to try his luck on the PSF and might be good enough to score again. GOLD INDEX (4) also returns from a break but did win well last time out and could be a threat. MME JOURDAIN (13) is very consistent and should be competitive yet again. KOVEL (8) is fit and won over this distance last time out so deserves respect.

SELECTIONS

CLAVUS (3) - GOLD INDEX (4) - MME JOURDAIN (13) - KOVEL (8)