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**C1 - PRIX CHARLES DE GINESTET - GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE DES
ANGLO ARABES - 4700m (a2 15/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Steeple
Chase - EUR € 52.000**

1. GIANICOLO AA - Won a Class 1 chase at Auteuil over 4400m in mid-November when last seen. Can not be ruled out

2. MANITOPARK AA - Fair 4th at this track over 4000m in a Class 3 chase 20 days ago. Can have a say in the finish

3. LIZZANO AA - Four unplaced runs of late over hurdles and fences, 2nd in a Class 3 chase (cross country) in late September before that. Might find this tough

4. GARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA - 2nd over 4000m in a Class 3 chase last time, upped in trip should suit, and won over 4400m in November, only to be disqualified. Player

5. REDDINGTON AA - 4th at this track when last seen in late December over 4000m in a Class 3 race. Others rate higher

6. STINGO AA - Has been in terrific form with wins on his last three runs. The latest success was at this track over 4000m 20 days ago. Looks hard to beat

Summary : STINGO AA (6) has been in fantastic form winning his last three races and sets the standard in this race, he should be too smart for his rivals. GARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA (4) has also been in form, he won at Auteuil in November and was disqualified for his rider using his whip excessively, and was a good second last time. He looks like the main rival and will like the extra distance today. MANITOPARK AA (2) looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

**STINGO AA (6) - GARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA (4) - MANITOPARK AA (2) - GIANICOLO AA
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C2 - PRIX GALLAZZINI (PRIX DE MORLAAS) - 3300m (a2 1/16m) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 46.000

1. KAZADOR DE KERSER - Unplaced last time but was a good 4th in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m two runs ago in November. Live player

2. NARVAL - Promise in all of his runs so far, nice 4th in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil two starts ago in June. Fitness taken on trust but is one to consider

3. KAMONDO - Good effort when 2nd at this track over 3400m over fences in mid-December on chasing debut. Can enjoy the switch back to hurdles

4. CAIO - Unplaced over fences last time but won before that over 3550m over hurdles in mid-December. Can be involved

5. WYNOMA - 2nd over hurdles in a claimer 12 days ago at this track over 3300m. Hardly inspiring

6. KEEP CALM DARIYAN - 3rd over fences last time in a Class 3 chase at Angers in early December. Others make more appeal

7. TAFEDNEY - 5th last time over fences and was 3rd before that over 4450m in a chase in December. Opposable

Summary : KAMONDO (3) ran well when tried over fences last time when second in mid-December and showed promise before that over hurdles. He can enjoy the switch back to hurdles and looks like the one to beat ahead of main threat KAZADOR DE KERSER (1) who was a credible fourth two starts ago in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil. NARVAL (2) has been off the track since August and if fit enough he can feature. CAIO (4) looks the best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

KAMONDO (3) - KAZADOR DE KERSER (1) - NARVAL (2) - CAIO (4)

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C3 - PRIX JOSEPH BIRABEN - 3400m (a2 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 35.000

1. ROSEMELLIC - Placed on both of her last two chase runs and a winner four runs ago at this track over 3500m in February 2023. Ought to be thereabouts

2. PARIOLI - Three unplaced runs of late, one of them over fences- 4th before that over 3400m in a Class 3 hurdle in March. Hard to fancy

3. AREMITI - Nice 2nd at this track over 3500m in a Class 2 race last time 20 days ago. Can go one better on chase debut

4. JOLIE PERLE - Placed on the flat and two third-placed efforts over hurdles so far, the latter at this track in a Class 2 race in December. Contender

5. JOSHUANN BIHOUEE - Unplaced over fences last time, 4th before that over 3400m at Angers in November in a Class 4 hurdle. Consider

6. JOURNEE DE REVE - 3rd two runs ago over 3550m at Fontainebleau in late November. Can not be discounted on chase debut

7. JEDDIE CONTI - 4th at Toulouse over 3500m in a Class 3 hurdle in early December when last seen. Others preferred

8. MAGNOLIA - Won two runs ago over 3550m in a handicap hurdle in late November. More is needed in this event

9. JUMPING CHARLIE - Failed in a Class 2 hurdle last time but won over 3400m at Lyon Parilly at the start of November over hurdles. Respect

10. LA POMPADOUR - 5th over fences in a Class 2 race over 3600m in December last time. Has work to do to feature

11. PAZENN DE KERBARH - Unplaced on the sole run over hurdles in December at this track over 3500m. Vulnerable

Summary : AREMITI (3) put in a good effort when second on this track 20 days ago over hurdles and can go one better today on her chase debut at the expense of the likely main rival JOLIE PERLE (4) who is also trying fences for the first time, she has shown ability on all of her starts and has been third on both of her runs over hurdles. ROSEMELLIC (1) has experienced fences already and is worth considering. JUMPING CHARLIE (9) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

AREMITI (3) - JOLIE PERLE (4) - ROSEMELLIC (1) - JUMPING CHARLIE (9)

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C4 - PRIX MAURICE FAGALDE - 4100m (a2 9/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Cross - EUR € 35.000

1. IVRESSE D'ESTRIVAL - Unplaced last time in a Class 1 cross-country race at this track in mid-December but a win before that at Strasbourg in April. Contender

2. LOVELY KAP - 4th at this track behind a few of her rivals she meets again today, that was 20 days ago. Might find a few of these too smart

3. ILLICO - Won over hurdles last time 14 days ago at this track and won the two races before that, with one of them a cross-country and both at this racecourse. Leading chance

4. INTERDIT DE JEU - Won a cross-country at this track 20 days ago over 4100m, that was a Class 2 event. Can play a lead role

5. VANGOSTYLE - 3rd last time at this track over 4100m behind INTERDIT DE JEU (4) 20 days ago. Has just over 2.5L to find on his old rival and is in the mix

6. AL INEA - 5th behind INTERDIT DE JEU (4) 20 days ago over 4100m at this track. Needs a good bit more to turn around that form

7. ISAGIRL - Won a Class 2 cross-country at this track over 4100m in mid-December when last seen. That was her first attempt at that discipline and she can feature

8. GORVISKA - 6th behind a good few of her rivals she meets again today when last seen at Pau 20 days ago in a Class 2 cross-country. Opposable

Summary : INTERDIT DE JEU (4) scored by 2.5L in a Class 2 cross-country race at this track last time and will be difficult to beat again today. ILLICO (3) will do his best to make it four wins in a row at this racecourse, he has won in three different disciplines, with the latest over hurdles 14 days ago. He will give the selection the most to think about. IVRESSE D'ESTRIVAL (1) is the each-way angle to look at. ISAGIRL (7) warrants respect and ought to have a say in proceedings.

SELECTIONS

INTERDIT DE JEU (4) - ILLICO (3) - IVRESSE D'ESTRIVAL (1) - ISAGIRL (7)

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C5 - PRIX FRANCE BLEU BEARN BIGORRE (PRIX DE BIELLE) - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16.000

1. BLACK GAIA - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one

2. A GIBRALTAR - Finished 4th earlier this week over a longer distance, so is race-fit, and has also won at this course before. Keep safe

3. LAUENEN - Consistent for the most part boasts sound form references, including a good effort in the reference race. Will be competitive

4. MONA LISA - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but not easy to rule out either

5. SPINNING MIST - Has struggled to regain her form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge

6. THE FUNK BIBLE - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

7. GOUT SUCRE - Finished 5th in the benchmark race last month and won't be far off the mark again. Will be a factor

8. PEDROZIO - Runner-up in his last two starts and has not finished worse than 4th in each of his last six outings. Deserves to open his account

9. COCOA - Found trouble in running when taking the final bend last time but still stayed on well to finish 7th in the reference race. Can have a say here

10. BILWAUKEE - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one

11. KENZOKI - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

12. WINO - Looked to have running in her at the time of her rider's fall in her latest outing. Not taken lightly

Summary : Having not finished worse than 4th in each of his last six outings, PEDROZIO (8) wouldn't be winning out of turn and seems good value for an overdue first career victory. LAUENEN (3) finished 4th in the benchmark race two starts back and is likely to play a leading role here if running to that level of form. A GIBRALTAR (2) will not be inconvenienced by the drop back to this shorter distance and is also capable of posing a threat, with GOUT SUCRE (7) appealing most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

PEDROZIO (8) - LAUENEN (3) - A GIBRALTAR (2) - GOUT SUCRE (7)

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C6 - PRIX RACE AND CARE (PRIX JEAN BERNET) - 3500m (a2 3/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Hurdles - EUR € 37.000

1. **STARVINA** - Versatile mare, consistent for the most part and is undeniably capable of better than her latest performance (9th)
2. **ONE STORY** - Consistent and versatile mare who has finished in the first four in her last five outings, in both jumps categories. Keep safe
3. **GESSY RAISELLE** - Absent since May but did win the Group I Grand Steeple for four-year-olds (in 2022) and has won over hurdles at this venue. Not taken lightly on her return
4. **ILIVA DES OBEAUX** - Finished 3rd on the flat and again last time over hurdles. Will need to improve to get onto the podium against these rivals
5. **INGA KAM** - Was in the lead and well in contention for victory when blundering in the latter stages last time. Could well make amends
6. **GASTIBELZA** - Capable in the hurdling and steeplechase categories. Runner-up in both codes before winning over fences last time - has claims reverting to hurdles in her first start at Pau
7. **ILLUSTREE** - Consistent for the most part and in good form recently, albeit at a lower level. Has more to do in this race/company
8. **INA SACREE** - Sparingly raced but did not go unnoticed in her only start last year (6th). Could get into the picture
9. **DREAMMY BELL** - Not seen since winning a Group III event in September 2022, in just her second outing. Unbeaten and remains open to improvement on her reappearance
10. **JANE DE LA BRUNIE** - Undefeated in two starts over hurdles and has proven her versatility in the steeplechase category. Warrants respect back over the smaller obstacles on her Pau debut

Summary : A hurdles race that has attracted a quality field of mares. None, however, appeal more than INGA KAM (5) who went well around here last time before a serious blunder when in the lead. Barring any incident, she could gain compensation at the expense of GESSY RAISELLE (3), who boasts sound references at Group I level. Unbeaten DREAMMY BELL (9) is open to improvement on her eagerly anticipated reappearance and can't be taken lightly either. JANE DE LA BRUNIE (10), another undefeated over hurdles, has claims too in a competitive contest. Good race!

SELECTIONS

INGA KAM (5) - GESSY RAISELLE (3) - DREAMMY BELL (9) - JANE DE LA BRUNIE (10)

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C7 - PRIX EQUURES (PRIX XAVIER DE CHEVIGNY) - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19.000

1. **BATTLE OF THE NILE** - Unreliable but is not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. One to be wary of
2. **OLIVA** - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time and could get into the picture here if building on that progress
3. **LEXINGTON FORCE** - Inconsistent though seldom far off the mark on a going day, so could get a look in here if bouncing back to some of his better form
4. **IS SUR TILLE** - Consistent veteran who finished a good 4th last time out from a hopeless position in the starting stalls. Ought to fight for victory under these conditions
5. **CHARM KING** - Authoritative last-start winner at this venue on 23 December. Could play another leading role, despite his 2,5kg penalty
6. **REPEL GHOSTS** - Was unable to find a clear passage when finishing 9th last time and finished with running in him. Should do better and is not taken lightly
7. **AFSHAR** - Has been struggling to regain his form or show any signs of the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
8. **TOP GLORY** - Out of sorts but has plummeted to a more competitive mark, so should resurface sooner rather than later. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
9. **AGAMEMNON** - Confirmed the improvement of his previous start (2nd) by winning last time. Has found his niche with this headgear fitted and should have a role to play once more
10. **KARKHOV** - Appears to have lost his way recently and is unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of recent displays. Others preferred
11. **TREIZE CHOPE** - Has looked decidedly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level bottom weight
12. **DIRTY DOZEN** - Unreliable but capable veteran who was drawn wide in the stalls last time, so should not be condemned for that failure. Has the means to get involved under just 53,5kg

Summary : Veteran IS SUR TILLE (4) has lost little zest for his racing, maintaining a good level of form and consistency recently. He acquitted himself well last time from the widest No 15 stall under 59kg and should appreciate these better race conditions so seems capable of fighting for victory, despite never having won over 2000m at this venue. Last-start winner CHARM KING (5) is likely to remain competitive under a penalty. The latter will pose a threat along with AGAMEMNON (9), who has been very convincing equipped with this headgear in his last two outings (2nd and 1st). The shortlist is completed by inconsistent DIRTY DOZEN (12) who has the means to get involved, if in the mood.

SELECTIONS

IS SUR TILLE (4) - CHARM KING (5) - AGAMEMNON (9) - DIRTY DOZEN (12)

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C8 - PRIX FAIR PLAY FOR PLANET (PRIX DE LA VALLEE D'OSSAU) - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23.000

1. SWISS BANK - Didn't enjoy the run of the race last time but showed his form and well-being by winning, anyway. And the 2,5kg penalty is unlikely to prevent him from making another bold bid

2. DOCTOR ARI - Sparingly raced individual who made no impression in his only outing last year, so is hard to recommend. Watch for now

3. PRINCE ANODIN - Showed signs of a return to form last time (5th) and ought to be more competitive under these conditions off of an attractive handicap mark. Keep safe

4. SHEHIYR - Finished 2nd three starts back and confirmed that form by winning his penultimate start, but was well held in 8th last time. Must raise his game to play a role here

5. VALLEE D'ENFER - Won at this venue when 2,5kg lower than her current mark and was unlucky not to have finished closer in her latest outing. Can do better, so would be dangerous to discount

6. FACE AU VENT - Has been rather 'hit-and-miss' recently but is lightly raced and not incapable of getting into the picture. Dark horse

7. TIME OF POWER - Has shown signs of steady improvement in his last two starts but needs to build on that progress to have a say here. Watch for now

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

9. PIERRE LE GRAND - Appears to have lost his way on the evidence of recent displays over hurdles so is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Others preferred

10. VALINA - A winner on this course last month before finishing unplaced at Pornichet. Should not be condemned too quickly, though

11. FORZA SEDACA - Inconsistent although seldom far off the mark on a going day. Could get a look in here if bouncing back to his better form

12. XARUN - Bounced back to form by finishing 2nd to SWISS BANK (1) last month. Drawn widest of all here but is likely to play another leading role

13. ROMANELLO - Unreliable though ought to acquit himself well in receipt of weight from all his rivals with just 51kg to shoulder (including rider's 2,5kg allowance). Not taken lightly

Summary : A winner here last month despite an unfavorable run round, SWISS BANK (1) is good value to defy his 2,5kg penalty by winning again. XARUN (12), runner-up to the selection that day, is weighted to take advantage of this weight turnaround so should pose a threat. PRINCE ANODIN (3) boasts good references and showed signs of improvement recently, so ought to be competitive too off an attractive mark. VALLEE D'ENFER (5) shouldn't be written off either as she retains the means to stake a claim in a race of this nature.

SELECTIONS

SWISS BANK (1) - XARUN (12) - PRINCE ANODIN (3) - VALLEE D'ENFER (5)