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R1 FONTAINEBLEAU [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DES CERFS - 2600m (a1 5/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat -
EUR € 20.000**

1. KATORZ - Has made progress with each outing and finished a career-best 5th last time, so could play a role in the finish. Place chance

2. KELLY BAIE - Improved from her unplaced debut to finish 3rd last time but needs to raise her game again to be competitive in this grade/company

3. KRISTALENE - Well-beaten (9th) on debut but would have gained plenty from that experience so ought to improve. Has only a place chance

4. KELISA DES OBEAUX - Has not gone unnoticed in either of her two starts and could get into the picture if improving with the benefit of that experience under her belt

5. KOLMY - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing (6th) to finish 2nd last time and should have more to offer. From a successful family too, so looks the one to be with

6. KAGURA LIDO - Not disgraced in either outing, albeit at a lower level, over 2400m and 2450m, but needs to raise her game to get involved in this grade/company

7. KELRETOUR - Open to improvement after finishing 5th on debut but will need to take a big step forward to be competitive in this grade/company

8. KELIG DELABARRIERE - Improved to finish an encouraging 2nd last time, although unlucky not to fight for victory that day. Will have a say in the finish

9. KOUCA DE THAIX - Runner-up on debut at Les Sables d'Olonne, and likely to confirm that promise with that experience under the belt. Keep safe

10. KIRSCH - Hugo Mérienne-trained Karaktar filly from an interesting family. Will be ridden on debut by Jérôme Moutard

11. KOM TU VOUDRAS - Newcomer to note with Théo Bachelot engaged to ride Daniela Mele's Martinborough debutante. Keep safe

12. KONFIANCE ALLEN - Well-related newcomer with a beautiful maternal family. Entrusted to Aurélien Lemaître on debut so not taken lightly

Summary : Improving KOLMY (5) is from a good family and, having finished 2nd behind a good colt at Saint-Malo last month, should open her account here with any progress. However, KOUCA DE THAIX (9), runner-up on debut, and KELIG DELABARRIERE (8), who improved to also finish 2nd last time, are not taken lightly and likely to pose a threat. Newcomer KOM TU VOUDRAS (11) hails from the stable of Daniela Mele so cannot be discounted either.

SELECTIONS

KOLMY (5) - KOUCA DE THAIX (9) - KELIG DELABARRIERE (8) - KOM TU VOUDRAS (11)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA TABLE DU GRAND MAITRE - 2600m (a1 5/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 20.000

1. **KALEO JIM** - Runner-up in an AQPS group race at Vichy recently and sets the standard here given his form and experience
2. **KING DES GENIEVRES** - Open to improvement with the benefit of an introductory outing (6th), so could get into the picture. Outsider
3. **KUZCO** - Made no impression on debut so is hard to make a case for here. Could improve with the experience but is best watched for now
4. **KARAKASH** - Clément Lecoeuvre rides this Karaktar newcomer, with an interesting maternal line, for Donatien Sourdeau de Beauregard
5. **KARAKTER SACRE** - Karaktar gelding from a good family of jumpers. Debuts with Alexis Pouchin in the irons for Philippe & Camille Peltier
6. **KISSMAN** - Karaktar gelding trained by the skillful Etienne d'Andigné, who has engaged Olivier d'Andigné to ride. Beware
7. **KISS WILL** - François Nicolle-trained Tunis gelding to be ridden on debut by Marie Vélon with a 1,5kg allowance. Watch out
8. **KABYLE** - Newcomer to note with Alexandre Roussel engaged to ride this Barastraight gelding on debut for Dominique Bressou
9. **KARCALIN** - Laurent Viel-trained Castle Du Berlais newcomer who could run a forward race on debut under Augustin Madamet given the stable's good recent form
10. **KANSAS DE GRUGY** - Yoann Rousset rides this Buck's Boum gelding on debut form owner-trainer Laurent Viel. For another day
11. **KEEP ME UP** - Well-bred Arakan gelding who is likely to go well on debut having been supplemented and with Théo Bachelot booked to ride

Summary : Improving KALEO JIM (1) caught the eye, once the penny had dropped, by running on well to finish 2nd in an AQPS Group III at Vichy last month and is likely to prove too good for these rivals if confirming that form here. Among the eight newcomers, KEEP ME UP (11) is one to watch closely, with Théo Bachelot engaged, though KARAKASH (4) is another who warrants consideration on debut. Etienne d'Andigné's KISSMAN (6) is not taken lightly either and could surprise.

SELECTIONS

KALEO JIM (1) - KEEP ME UP (11) - KARAKASH (4) - KISSMAN (6)

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C3 - PRIX DES CHARMILLES - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 1 - Flat - EUR € 35.000

1. FALEH - Blotted his copybook last time over an inadequate distance and a higher level but is better than effort suggests and ought to fare better here. Danger

2. WHISTLE AND FLUTE - Absent since April but needn't be at his best to make a winning return under these favourable conditions. Sets the standard

3. WHISPERING DREAM - Has won two of her last three starts on French soil, including her most recent outing. Could continue her good momentum

4. WRONG COLOUR - Inconsistent filly although not incapable of getting into the picture after finishing an improved 3rd last time. Dark horse

5. NIGHTCALL - Sparked big improvement to win her last start but will need to eke out more to be competitive here. Outsider

6. DROLE DE DAME - Last-start winner and proven performer on straight courses. Arrives in good form and physical condition, will be a factor

Summary : WHISTLE AND FLUTE (2) is head and shoulders clear of his rivals on ratings and, on these weight terms, should have their measure if running anywhere close to his value. He has been absent since April but will, undoubtedly, garner the most votes. He won't have it all his own way, though, against FALEH (1) who was not disgraced in a Listed race last time and has the benefit of race fitness on his side. DROLE DE DAME (6) performs well on a straight course and should have a role to play too. WHISPERING DREAM (3) makes most appeal of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

WHISTLE AND FLUTE (2) - FALEH (1) - DROLE DE DAME (6) - WHISPERING DREAM (3)

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**C4 - PRIX DES MELEZES - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR €
27.000**

- 1. QUEEN FLO** - Consistent filly with sound credentials. Concedes weight to all but could improve with Australian blinders now fitted
- 2. LIKING** - Winner at Senonnes two starts back then a creditable 6th in his first start in a handicap last time. Dark horse
- 3. THE CAT'S** - Experienced youngster with solid form references. Acquitted himself well in a good field last time and that form has held up well
- 4. PICANES** - Progressed to finish 2nd at Le Lion d'Angers last time and will be competitive if confirming that improvement
- 5. BLUE RIBBON** - Consistent for the most part and must not be written off just yet despite her recent failure (9th). Could redeem herself here
- 6. LOYAL PRINCE** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
- 7. CIOTOLA** - Consistent performer in claiming races and is unlikely to be far off the mark here. Could get into the picture
- 8. SENZA TE** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 9. BAILEYS VITESSE** - Has appeared rather limited in terms of ability, so his chances are limited even at this level. Overlook
- 10. BAWE ISLAND** - Consistent for the most part so should not be written off hastily despite a recent failure (10th). Could redeem herself

Summary : THE CAT'S (3) won a claiming race on debut and has made steady progress ever since, finishing 4th in consecutive starts recently at Deauville. His form/consistency and experience will stand him in good stead here. QUEEN FLO (1), who will have headgear fitted this time, is likely to fight for victory. On the evidence of her last start at Le Lion d'Angers, PICANES (4) could also have a say in the finish. LIKING (2) should not be condemned too hastily following a disappointing last start and remains capable of staking a claim.

SELECTIONS

THE CAT'S (3) - QUEEN FLO (1) - PICANES (4) - LIKING (2)

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C5 - PRIX ROLAND FOUGEDOIRE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 53.000

1. ALATHEA - Won a Quinté+ at Compiègne but was unable to confirm that form under a penalty at Deauville recently. Ought to appreciate being back at this distance and will be equipped with Australian blinders

2. ROMANTIC ROSE - Bounced back to form by winning two starts back but could do no better than 7th of eight last time, albeit on unsuitable ground. Has a lot to prove at this handicap value

3. INDIAN GOLD - Consistent for the most part but has shown her limits in conditions races recently so is pitched into a handicap for the first time. Has some interesting form references but needs to spark some improvement

4. ANOLINE - Won a handicap off a higher mark at the start of the year over 1900m but failed to perform at that level since. Needs to bounce back

5. ENDLESS CHAIN - Returned from a lengthy layoff to outclass her opposition in a handicap at Saint-Malo, earning a 4kg penalty. Should have a role to play

6. PRECIOSITE - Was deemed worthy of making her comeback in the Group III Prix de la Grotte but has been unable to shine during her first outings in a handicap. Ought to fare better given this drop in class against her own sex

7. VEGA OF SAINTS - Runner-up in her last start behind a rival who placed in a Group II subsequently. Absent since that run in April but in a handicap with 1kg less, but is probably for another day

8. AVERSA - Joined Nicolas Caullery at the end of July after a good start to her career in the South-East. Well beaten in both starts for new connections but has dropped in the ratings as a result, so could do better

9. NOTTINGHAM - Soundly beaten in previous Quinté+ events before bouncing back to form in conditions races where she was, however, favourably treated. Back in a handicap off a mark 2,5kg less than before, so is not taken lightly

10. FILLE DU ROI - Won two claiming races at a lower level before acquitting herself well returned to the handicaps. Unfavourably drawn in a wide gate which will certainly complicate her task

11. FASTER - Has commendable consistency at this level and runs well for Delphine Santiago. Well positioned in the starting stalls and her competitiveness off this mark/rating is beyond doubt. Respect

12. ABELIA - Enjoying a productive 2023 and recently won a handicap race that earned her a 3kg penalty. Does not have the benefit of a rider's 1,5kg allowance either and is unfavourably drawn in gate No 14, so has it all to do

13. AL ULA - Has proved more effective over shorter distances, though did finish a surprising 3rd when last in a handicap, against male opposition too. Back in her own sex now but will need things to go her way here

14. BAILEYS MEMOIRE - Consistent sort with solid form references and lines up here in a handicap off a mark 4kg lower than her last outing at this level and meets several re-opposing rivals on better weight terms. Keep safe

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15. ALVA - Showed above-average means as a two-year-old, running in good company as well as beating Ottery (who was 3rd in Prix de Pomone). Finished unplaced in both comeback races but ought to do better dropped 2kg

16. IKEN - Ultra-consistent filly with sound form credentials, including a very good 2nd in a similar event last time. Lines up here in good order and is well placed in gate No 4, so ought to have a say

Summary : PRECIOSITE (6) was highly rated early in her career and this represents somewhat of a drop in grade. She would've gained plenty from her two starts at this level and, with Stéphane Pasquier engaged for the occasion, Gérard Augustin-Normand's Dabirsim filly has a good chance of doubling her tally by landing the spoils in this Quinte+ event. Consistent BAILEYS MEMOIRE (14), after three comeback runs, is back at her best level and has also seen her rating decrease over the course of those outings, so ought to have a say in the finish. ENDLESS CHAIN (5) won her reappearance and is likely to be competitive too, despite her resultant 4kg penalty. Both ALVA (15) and FASTER (11) have not been at their best recently but remain capable of making their presence felt. IKEN (16), NOTTINGHAM (9) and ABELIA (12) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

PRECIOSITE (6) - BAILEYS MEMOIRE (14) - ENDLESS CHAIN (5) - ALVA (15)

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C6 - PRIX DES BOSQUETS - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. MORPHEWAN - Not disgraced when fourth last time out but is unreliable and needs to do more than that to win this race

2. STYLE D'EMIRS - A good finisher on his debut (3rd) over 2400m. Drop in distance may not suit but he deserves respect for that run and can contest the finish once again

3. ARCON - Consistent in Germany, he left a good impression during his debut on French soil (3rd). Should do even better this time and can score

4. VALIDATOS - Fair first three runs this distance. Needs to do more to win this race but can contest the finish

5. LIGHTNING BOLT - Disappointing last run. Did better in first two starts but will need to find a few lengths to win this race

6. SEEDS OF CHANGE - Fourth, very close to ARCON (3) recently in Deauville, he should fight out the finish once again

7. SYRAKUS - Only modest in his two starts so far. Capable of improvement but is probably best watched this time

8. ALGAJUST - A three-year-old gelding by It's Gino out of Falballas who is making his debut. Watch the betting

Summary : Consistent ARCON (3) made a convincing debut on French soil and is a serious candidate for victory with improvement expected. Consistent SEEDS OF CHANGE (6) represents the Wertheimer brothers for the first time and could challenge. STYLE D'EMIRS (2) left a good impression on debut and could have more to offer dropping to this distance. VALIDATOS (4) has performed fairly to this point but may need to do a bit more to beat the aforementioned rivals.

SELECTIONS

ARCON (3) - SEEDS OF CHANGE (6) - STYLE D'EMIRS (2) - VALIDATOS (4)

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C7 - PRIX DES PINS LARICIO - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. CAELESTIS - A good finisher on August 30 in Compiègne over 1,800 meters, she will be more comfortable over this distance and should make a bold bid

2. OLYMPIADE - Fair third on debut but has been disappointing in two runs since then. Capable of earning some money

3. FIRYALI - Third behind CAELESTIS (1) on May 16, she has a nice burst of speed and is capable of contesting the finish again

4. TRANQUIL ROSE - Runner-up in both starts on the PSF in the UK, she starts for Pantall training and has been absent since April. Not out of it

5. CUSTARD TARTE - Not disgraced when seventh on debut last month. Likely to improve but others are preferred this time

6. NO CLOTHES - Showed some improvement when sixth last time out after being well beaten on debut but others are preferred

7. A TA GUISE - Not disgraced when runner-up on debut but that was in January and she may need this run returning from a break

8. TOSCANE TEMPLE - Did not show much when well beaten on debut last month. Capable of improvement but others are much preferred

9. VRAIE STORM - Beaten by a good filly at Clairefontaine last month. Drops in distance but can fight out the finish

10. ZAINZA - A three-year-old filly by Cokoriko out of Zainzana who is making her debut. Watch the betting

Summary : After two runners-up finishes over 2000m, CAELESTIS (1) had to settle for only 5th last time over a shorter distance but will be more comfortable going this trip so could bounce back to score. FIRYALI (3), whom she had beaten by very little on 16 May at Saint-Cloud, is clearly in with a winning chance too. VRAIE STORM (9) only found one better on debut but drops in distance and could have more to offer. TRANQUIL ROSE (4) is back from a break but has shown promise on the PSF in the UK.

SELECTIONS

CAELESTIS (1) - FIRYALI (3) - VRAIE STORM (9) - TRANQUIL ROSE (4)

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C8 - PRIX GUY THIBAULT - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 27.000

1. KENOSHA - Very easy winner from start to finish on May 29 in Nort-sur-Erdre, she has been absent since but can follow up if fit

2. ON THE EDGE - Only seventh in a claimer last time out. Was in better form before that and is capable of earning some money

3. DIEPPE - Unreliable again this year and she appears better suited to a shorter distance than this these days. Others are preferred

4. TIBERIA - Good second in mid-August at Le Touquet. Steps up in distance for handicap debut but is quite capable of scoring again

5. JUST IN LOVE - She was unlucky last time in Deauville but it has been more than a year since her last win. Might place

6. SUNY YINA - Clearly improving and is hat-trick seeking after some nice handicap wins. Carries a 4.5kg penalty for latest win. Tough task this time

7. PRESA DIRETTA - Broke a long losing run when winning a claimer over this distance last time out. This looks a tougher task and others are preferred

8. DZARINA - On a long losing streak but has shown improvement in handicaps lately and can contest the finish once again

9. HADYA - She showed tenacity before giving up in the last 150 meters on August 27. Tries a bit further this time but could play a minor role

10. BLACK CESS - Has been in good form this year winning twice and she was not disgraced when runner-up in a handicap last time out. Not out of it

11. ZELZALITA - Disappointing last two runs but may be better suited to this distance these days and is capable of earning some minor money

12. SAMBA - Unreliable and has yet to win but she did run well when runner-up over this distance last time out and can fight out the finish on handicap debut

Summary : Impressive at the end of May in Nort-sur-Erdre, KENOSHA (1) can confirm with another in this open handicap. Runner-up at Royan in her first attempt at 1600m, SAMBA (12) looks ideally placed under a light weight to get involved. Another three-year-old filly, TIBERIA (4) is consistent and experienced so could prove better than rated in her first handicap. DZARINA (8), who is in good shape but on a long losing streak, completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KENOSHA (1) - SAMBA (12) - TIBERIA (4) - DZARINA (8)