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**C1 - PRIX ROBERT VILLENEUVE-BARGEMON - 2150m (a1m1/4) - TURF -
Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 26,000**

1. LAZZARO - German horse making his French debut, has won four out of last five and could be a serious contender first up here. Huge chance and a must for all bets

2. MORPHEWAN - Was a winner of his last start which was at Pau over 2000m on the 5th of December and he is confidently selected to follow up

3. HARRY WAY - Posted a much better effort last time when finishing 3rd over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux but will need to confirm and improve on that

4. HAVE DANCER - Comes into the race off a victory at Salon Provence on the 28th of November over 2400m and has a serious each way chance

5. ALWAYS WELCOME - Placed 4th over 2500m at Deauville on the 27th of November last year and should be in the money again. Good each way claims

6. ALMIRO - Will need quite a lot of progression on latest effort when only 8th at Deauville over 1900m. Best to overlook as far prefer others

7. SPEECHMAN - Current form has been on the alarming decline over various distances and is therefore hard to make a case for

8. PARTENIT - Finished 5th over 1900m at Deauville last time and will need to serve up more than that for the win but a place is not out of the question

9. GOOD GIFT - Has scope to build on two local runs when finishing 4th in both runs. Most recent was at Angers over 3000m but does return from a very long layoff

10. PIENSA EN MI - Is a tad erratic, finished 6th over 1800m last time but 2nd before that. Hard to assess and is therefore hard to fancy

Summary: MORPHEWAN (2) was a winner of his last start which was at Pau over 2000m in early December. His overall form and ability is good enough to see him to record back-to-back victories. LAZZARO (1) makes the local debut, has been winning and winning well in Germany and could be absolutely anything here. HAVE DANCER (4) made a winning run last time and has to be factored into all bets today. ALWAYS WELCOME (5) always has a first four chance.

SELECTIONS

MORPHEWAN (2) - LAZZARO (1) - HAVE DANCER (4) - ALWAYS WELCOME (5)

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C2 - PRIX DE CANNES - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000

- 1. AMERICAN FLAG** - Has raced in some hot fields and can be very competitive in this Divided Handicap. A runner that must be taken seriously that has a good chance
- 2. HAVOC** - Placed 8th over 1900m in a Handicap at Chantilly on the 26th of December and can build on that. Did win the start before that. An outsider with a place chance
- 3. VENTS CONTRAIRES** - Finished 2nd in a weak claiming race at Deauville over 1900m on the 19th of last month and should be in the firing line. Fair chance
- 4. LOU MAN** - Did win his last start which was at Marseille Borely over 2100m on the 10th of November in Handicap class but efforts before were dismal. Happy to ignore this time
- 5. GRAND BALCON** - Boasts solid form, finished 2nd over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux on the 17th of December and is confidently selected to go one more
- 6. CHARLESQUINT** - Ignore last few runs, can be expected to build on last run when 15th at Chantilly over 1900m and can be factored into all bets as the place value
- 7. GAIDAR** - Brings erratic form into the race, finished 13th last time but was victorious before that. Hard to assess therefore willing to pass by
- 8. FORCE TRANQUILLE** - She placed 3rd over 2600m in a Handicap at Marseille Vivaux on the 17th of December and at decent odds, could place again
- 9. USER KINDLY** - He has won his last two with the most recent being at Lyon La Soie over 2150m. Respect and include at what could be attractive odds
- 10. ALPAGE** - Comes into the race fresh and sparky off a win at Marseille Vivaux over 2000m in a Handicap and it would be no shock if he were to follow up. Respect and include
- 11. DENIA** - Hard to make a case for on current and overall form, finished way back in 12th last time at Chantilly over 1900m in a Handicap. Hard to make a case for
- 12. LEPARD** - Was victorious in his penultimate start, followed up with a fair 5th over 2600m and has to be taken seriously here. Strong each way chance
- 13. RIO D'OCTOBRE** - Placed 6th over 2000m last time and will need to do way more than that to threaten in this large field. Best to overlook
- 14. SAINT HELLIER** - Will need to do way more than recent 9th finish at Lyon La Soie over 1800m in a Handicap and is therefore hard to make a case for. Pass by
- 15. NOSDARGENT** - He has had plenty racing, searching for the 10th win and is an outsider that could lurk into the back end of the quartet as the value, but others likelier
- 16. KHOCHENKO** - Current form has been on the decline over various distances and Handicaps. Hard to like and would be a huge shock if placing

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Summary: GRAND BALCON (5) finished a good 2nd over this trip in a Marseille Vivaux Class 2 and has every chance of winning this back at a track he relishes. LEPARD (12) was a winner of the penultimate race over 2000m but in a weak claiming race but nevertheless, should be able to go very close iunder a very workable mark. CHARLESQUINT (6) is on a career-low mark and is one for all betting calculations. He can do way better than last few starts suggest. Stablemate AMERICAN FLAG (1) ran well in this division early December and is another short list material as well as VENTS CONTRAIRES (3).

SELECTIONS

GRAND BALCON (5) - LEPARD (12) - CHARLESQUINT (6) - AMERICAN FLAG (1)

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C3 - PRIX DES ILES DU FRIOUL - 1500m (a7f1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. **SONNAZ** - Has shown little in three runs thus far, placed only 6th over 1700m at Pornichet last time and others should be way too strong for him today. Happy to wait for improvement
2. **ESCAPE GAME** - Plenty of scope to improve on debut 5th at Deauville over 1600m on the 10th of August and is a serious runner here. Big each way chance
3. **SOLIWAY** - Finished 4th over 1800m at Lyon La Soie on the 16th of last month and is a must for the quartet
4. **LOVER SONG** - Can certainly build on debut performance when 5th over 1500m on the 10th of December. Place chance
5. **THE DOCTOR** - Excellent improvement at the second time of asking when finishing 2nd over 1500m at Deauville on the 3rd of December and is a possible banker. Strong win
6. **HIMSELF** - Has been racing in Great Britain and is making the French debut. More than likely will need a run or two to tighten up. Prefer others today
7. **LE TOLIER** - Placed 3rd at Marseille Vivaux on the 25th of November over 1500m and should be able to fight out the finish. Bright chance
8. **LAITH** - Strong place chance, finished 4th over 1500m at Deauville in October in a claiming race. Might need but nevertheless, can still run well. Good chance
9. **KING LUDWIG** - A son of Oasis Dream out of a Dansili mare that might be able to make his presence felt on debut. Obviously, the betting trends will be the best guide
10. **WAKA WAKA** - Is an unraced son of Dabirsim out of a Siyouni mare that could be absolutely anything. Check the betting before taking your bets

Summary: THE DOCTOR (5) improved from run one to run two and more than likely has plenty more to offer. He could be a hard horse to oppose. ESCAPE GAME (2) was far from disgraced when just off them in 5th on debut and with natural progression, should get a lot closer. LAITH (8) has placed five from five and can be expected to earn for the connections again. Strong place chance and should win soon. WAKA WAKA (10) is a son of Dabirsim out of a Siyouni mare that could be absolutely anything.

SELECTIONS

THE DOCTOR (5) - ESCAPE GAME (2) - LAITH (8) - WAKA WAKA (10)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA CORNICHE FLEURIE - 1500m (a7f1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. LA BILLEBAUDE** - Placed only 9th on debut over 1600m at Chantilly in mid-December. Needs improvement
- 2. NOCE DE RUBIS** - Improved to find 4th spot over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux on the 10th of December and should be involved in the finish today. Good chance
- 3. LA SOVEREIGNS** - Finished 7th over 1300m at Deauville on the 18th of December and will need to do way more than that before being selected for any bets
- 4. HEATHER FOR EVER** - She has shown very little in both starts and needs serious improvement to feature. Hard to make a case for and can therefore be ignored
- 5. TXIRIMIRI** - Improving filly, finished 2nd over 1300m at Deauville on the 27th of November and should take a power of beating
- 6. VICTORY FOLIE** - Coming along the right way, finished 3rd over 1200m at Deauville but back in August last year. Chance
- 7. DUCHESS HILL** - Finished 9th at Pornichet on debut over 1700m and will need to improve on that to feature. Prefer others for the win
- 8. PRINCESSE TREZY** - Placed 3rd in her second start which was at Deauville over 1500m in early December and tons more can be expected. Big runner
- 9. LIKETHEWIND** - Managed a 7th finish on debut over 1100m at Chantilly and might be able to build on that. Prefer others
- 10. LA CONSENTIDA** - She can build on debut 6th at Chantilly on the 12th of last month but will need to, to feature. Wait for progression before including
- 11. MIVANA** - Only managed 9th place on debut over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux on the 2nd of January and might have more to offer but wait for that. Prefer others
- 12. ENEI CHOPE** - A son of Born To Sea out of a Muhaymin mare that might need a few runs to learn what racing is all about

Summary: TXIRIMIRI (5) is showing potential, improved at the second run and rates the filly to fear the most in her first run on turf. VICTORY FOLIE (6) is coming along the right way having placed three from four and should get it all right soon. Bright chance. PRINCESS TREZY (8) has an each way chance. NOCE DE RUBIS (2) made massive progression in her second run and is another one with a live chance.

SELECTIONS

TXIRIMIRI (5) - VICTORY FOLIE (6) - PRINCESSE TREZY (8) - NOCE DE RUBIS (2)

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C5 - PRIX DU VAL BORRIGO - 1300m (a6f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **PURPLE RAIN** - Placed on his last three runs, the latter when 2nd at Marseille Pont De Vivaux on December 17th over 1500m in a Class 4 handicap. Live chance
2. **PINK VALENTINE** - Unplaced on the last three starts, 3rd before that over 1500m at Deauville in a Class 3 handicap on August 25th. One to pay attention too
3. **MAFALDA STORY** - Three unplaced runs since a 2nd at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 handicap on October 12th. In the mix
4. **WIND OF CHANGE** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 1300m at Deauville in a Class 4 race on November 9th. Ought to be thereabouts
5. **IDAHO JAMES** - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1200m at Marseille Borely in a Class 3 handicap on October 22nd. Others make more appeal
6. **TOLLARD ROYAL** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1400m at Deauville in a Class 3 handicap on December 4th. Can be competitive
7. **RISING UP** - Five unplaced runs of late, the most recent over 1400m at Deauville in a Class 4 handicap on December 27th. Well treated and is a track and trip winner before
8. **BRAVEHEART** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 1300m at Deauville on November 27th in a Class 3 handicap. Has work to do
9. **PRINCE GEORGE** - Three unplaced runs since a 3rd over 1600m at Craon on August 31st in a Class 4 handicap. Looks vulnerable
10. **ANDINO** - Placed on his last three runs, the latest when he was 4th at Chantilly over 1600m in a Class 3 handicap on May 17th. Place chance
11. **COTAI HERO** - Several unplaced runs of late, the latter when 6th at Livorno (ITA) over 1350m on December 21st. Opposable
12. **SWEET AS** - Two unplaced efforts recently, 3rd before that over 1300m at Deauville in a Class 3 handicap on August 20th. Unreliable
13. **WHY CHOPE** - She has several unplaced runs and was beaten over 1300m at Deauville on the last start in a Class 3 handicap on November 27th. Course and distance winner and can place at nice odds
14. **MOWAEVA** - Has been unplaced several times of late, well beaten over 1400m in a Class 4 handicap on December 27th when last seen. Pass over
15. **KAKHOVKA** - Three unplaced runs since a 4th over 1300m in a Class 4 race at Vittel on August 18th. Can be avoided

Summary: PURPLE RAIN (1) has been performing well recently without scoring. He was beaten in a photo finish when second on his latest start in mid-December at Marseille Pont De Vivaux. With a favoured draw position, he looks like the one to beat ahead of PINK VALENTINE (2) who has the best draw. If she breaks well from the stalls, she can get a nice position close to the pace. She is a previous course and distance winner. WIND OF CHANGE (4) and RISING UP (7) can also be on the premises.

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PURPLE RAIN (1) - PINK VALENTINE (2) - WIND OF CHANGE (4) - RISING UP (7)

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C6 - PRIX D'ANNONCIADE - 1300m (a6f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 25,000

1. **BIG LOG** - Fair 5th last time out over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 2 handicap on May 2nd. Merits consideration
2. **IZASTEP** - Two unplaced runs since a win over 1700m in a claimer at Marseille Borely on November 10th. He was claimed that day and this will be difficult for him
3. **SALALAH** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 1350m at Lyon Parilly in a Class 3 handicap on November 8th. Could be on the premises
4. **NOLITO** - He has won two of his last four starts, the latter over 1400m at Toulouse in a Class 3 handicap on November 24th. Can play a lead role
5. **LA BELLE POETE** - Placed 3rd on her last three starts, the latter over 1300m at Deauville in Class 3 race on December 27th. Player
6. **VICTORY SALUTE** - Unplaced last time out, 4th before that over 1500m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux on November 19th in a Class 3 handicap. Others make more sense
7. **NO LIMIT DREAM** - Decent 2nd at Angers on May 21st over 1600m in a Class 3 handicap on his last start. He has placed form at this track and is one to consider
8. **MONSIEURVALCHOP** - Four unplaced runs since a 2nd over 1200m at Marseille Borely on September 2nd in a Class 3 handicap. Previous course and distance winner twice and can feature
9. **HOUBI** - Two unplaced efforts of late, 2nd before that over 1200m in a handicap at Fontainebleau on October 8th. Needs a few to falter
10. **BLANC BLEU** - Has been in good shape, 2nd over 1500m in a Class 3 handicap on January 2nd at Marseille Pont De Vivaux on his latest start. One to be with each way
11. **ELUSIVE FOOT** - Unplaced last time out, won before that at Deauville over 1300m in a Class 3 handicap on November 27th. Outside place chance
12. **LOLLIPOP STAR** - Won over 1200m in a handicap at Fontainebleau on November 14th when last seen. Needs more consistency
13. **LE CENTRAL** - 4th on his last start over 1300m at Chantilly in a Class 3 handicap on November 22nd. A previous course and distance winner in 2023. Others look better equipped
14. **MORE** - Won over 1200m at Dresde (DEU) on November 20th when last racing. Track form of late has been uninspiring
15. **DON FALCO** - Unplaced last time out, 3rd before that over 1500m in a Class 4 handicap at Marseille Pont De Vivaux on November 25th. Others make more appeal
16. **EXPERTISE** - Five unplaced runs of late, the latter of them over 1500m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux on January 2nd in a Class 3 handicap. Can be overlooked

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Summary: LA BELLE POETE (5) has a wide draw to overcome but if overcoming that she can play a lead role, she was third over track and trip in January last year and has been shaping well on her last three starts on the PSF in two of them when third. NO LIMIT DREAM (7) has been off since May last year, with fitness taken on trust he could be the main threat to the selection. NOLITO (4) is a course winner and warrants respect. BLANC BLEU (10) heads the rest.

SELECTIONS

LA BELLE POETE (5) - NO LIMIT DREAM (7) - NOLITO (4) - BLANC BLEU (10)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA CROISSETTE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

1. **OXALIS** - 5th last time, 2nd before that at Deauville over 1900m in a Class 3 handicap on December 3rd. Course winner twice and has an outside place chance
2. **BOOGIE** - Won over 2600m in a Class 4 handicap on January 2nd at Marseille Pont De Vivaux. Merits consideration
3. **INDIAN PACIFIC** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 race on November 19th. Place chance
4. **SHANAKILL** - Four unplaced runs since a win over 2000m at this track in a Class 4 claimer on February 19th, 2024. Might find a few of these too smart
5. **LINFASOMMER** - Unplaced last time out, 2nd before that over 1600m in a Class 3 handicap at Vichy on July 20th. Has been off the track since August and others are preferred
6. **DUNSBOROUGH** - Placed 2nd last time out over 1800m in a Class 3 handicap at Lyon La Soie on January 6th. Can play a lead role
7. **MELBORA** - 6th last time, 2nd before that over 1900m at Deauville in a Class 3 handicap on December 3rd. Should be competitive
8. **KINGDOM** - Five unplaced runs since a win over 2200m at Moulins on August 26th in a Class 4 handicap. Won at this track on grass before. Needs to get back on track
9. **HONGUEMARE** - Three unplaced runs since a 4th over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 3 handicap on October 4th. Needs to be more reliable
10. **INATTENDU** - Placed 3rd over 1900m at Deauville in a Class 3 handicap on December 3rd. Ought to be thereabouts
11. **KAPETANIOS** - Three unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 2000m at Vichy in a Class 3 handicap on July 15th. In the mix
12. **KALIFE ALAPLACE** - Unplaced last time out, 4th before that over 1900m at Chantilly on November 12th in a Class 3 handicap. Has work to do
13. **EVERMAN** - 4th over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 3 handicap on December 2nd on his last start. Can be opposed
14. **AL ALAALI** - Won last time over 1900m at Deauville in a Class 4 race on December 18th. Among the leading chances
15. **ARTURO** - Fair 5th last time, 2nd before that over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 4 handicap on December 16th. Each way angle

Summary: MELBORA (7) is an honest filly who acts well on the PSF. She can score on her track debut and is preferred to DUNSBOROUGH (6) who could be the main danger. He has placed form at this track and arrives after a solid second-placed run at Lyon La Soie earlier this month when beaten narrowly. ARTURO (15) gets in at the foot of the handicap and is one to be with each way. AL ALAALI (14) makes up the shortlist.

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MELBORA (7) - DUNSBOROUGH (6) - ARTURO (15) - AL ALAALI (14)
