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R4 CHANTILLY [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU CARREFOUR DU CLOS-LA-BARRE - 1600m (a1m) - ALL
WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27,000**

1. VEXILLOID - Unplaced (9th) in both starts on this surface at Deauville, the latest over 1500m on 26 January. Others preferred

2. MIA GRANDE - Placed once in three starts, finishing 3rd over 1900m at Deauville two starts back. Was only 6th there over the same distance last time on 19 January

3. ROUDOUDOU - Improved to finish 3rd over 1500m at Deauville on 26 January but will have difficulty turning the tables on EN PLEIN AIR (6). Place chance

4. KING PATH - Caught the eye on debut when finishing 2nd over 1700m at Pornichet on 18 January, when beaten by a rival (Holy See) who has since franked that form with a subsequent 2nd

5. FINIMONDO - Finished a modest 12th on debut at Deauville over 1500m on 26 January. Ought to improve with the benefit of that experience

6. EN PLEIN AIR - Improved for the step up in distance to finish 2nd over 1500m at Deauville on 26 January and ought to be competitive over the extra 100m

7. AMERICAN LAWYER - American Pharoah gelding trained by Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti and to be ridden on debut by Rosario Mangione

Summary: KING PATH (4) finished an encouraging 2nd on debut behind an exciting prospect, who subsequently finished 2nd here in a Class 1 event, so needn't improve a great deal to go one better in this opening event. Improving EN PLEIN AIR (6) is the one most likely to pose a threat, although ROUDOUDOU (3) should also have a role to play. MIA GRANDE (2) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KING PATH (4) - EN PLEIN AIR (6) - ROUDOUDOU (3) - MIA GRANDE (2)

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C2 - PRIX DE PLAILLY - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. CARMELITO** - Progressive last-start winner of a Class 1 race on turf over 1600m at ParisLongchamp on 30 September. Warrants serious respect on his reappearance
- 2. HARPER** - Consistent performer with sound references. Finished a creditable 5th over 1900m at Deauville over 1900m on 18 November
- 3. A TASTE OF HONEY** - Blotted her copybook when only 8th over 1600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer on 21 January but did win on her return at Pau over 1400m in November. Has leading claims here on that form
- 4. ARCANDI** - Debut winner at Berlin in September 2022 but raced just once last year, finishing 2nd in a good race at Krefeld over 1700m back in April. Watch for now
- 5. MEMENTO MORI** - Progressive, lightly raced sort with impressive form figures. Bidding for a hat-trick on his reappearance having won over 1600m at Deauville on 27 August
- 6. LIE HIGH** - Veteran of 100 appearances but has references at a lower level and was soundly beaten (11th) in his last start at Amiens over 2200m on 13 November
- 7. IT'S ALL A DREAM** - Had a lot of weight to carry (65,5kg) when finishing 14th in a Quinte+ PSF handicap at Pau last time (31 January). Capable of better
- 8. SHINNING OCEAN** - Gets along wonderfully well with his rider Delphine Santiago but needs to bounce back from a modest 14th in a Quinte+ PSF handicap at Deauville on 19 January
- 9. SULEYMAN** - Confirmed the promise of his debut 4th at Deauville over 1500m by winning over that track and trip on 19 January. Not taken lightly
- 10. ELLE AMOUR** - Soundly beaten in both starts last year and unlikely to make her presence felt on her reappearance. Was a modest 11th over 2400m at Wissembourg on 24 June

Summary: A TASTE OF HONEY (3) fluffed her lines at Cagnes-sur-Mer last time but, on the evidence of her winning reappearance at Pau in her previous, has a great opportunity to redeem herself here. However, both MEMENTO MORI (5) and CARMELITO (1) are likely to fight for victory on their returns to action. HARPER (2), the highest-rated runner in the race, ought to be competitive too on these weights terms.

SELECTIONS

A TASTE OF HONEY (3) - MEMENTO MORI (5) - CARMELITO (1) - HARPER (2)

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C3 - PRIX DU ROND FILLE DE L'AIR - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27,000

1. **L'ARDECHOISE** - Has run twice on PSF, finishing 3rd on debut over 1500m in December and 3rd again over 1300m in her last start on 12 January. Has leading claims
2. **IBERIA** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th over 1500m at Deauville on 5 December but needs to improve to have a say here
3. **MY DESERT QUEEN** - Finished a well-beaten 10th on debut at Leicester over 1400m on 12 September, so is best watched for now in her first start on French soil
4. **GOA** - Runner-up on debut over 1500m on PSF at Deauville and confirmed that promise, despite finishing 5th over the same course and distance on 26 January. Not taken lightly
5. **VALENCIA** - Improved from run one to run two, finishing 6th at Nancy over 1400m on 21 October, but will need to raise her game to have a say here
6. **AVENUE MONTAIGNE** - Absent since finishing 3rd on debut at Chantilly on turf over 1400m. Would've strengthened/improved since, so must be respected on her reappearance
7. **LA VUELTA** - Unplaced in both outings and is hard to make a case for here having finished a modest 13th last time over 1500m at Deauville on 26 January
8. **MATERANA** - Was soundly beaten in both starts over 1500m at Deauville - the latest of which was on 26 January. Needs to show more
9. **FAMILY SILVER** - Caught the eye on debut when finishing 2nd over 1500m on turf at Saint-Cloud on 30 October. Should have improved since
10. **RUE DU SAHEL** - Unplaced in her two outings, finished 7th in both starts, the latest of which was in a claiming race over 1500m at Deauville on 2 February. Others preferred
11. **EXCEEDING QUEEN** - Well-bred Exceed And Excel debutante with classic entries to her name. Clément Lecoeuvre rides for trainer Andreas Schutz
12. **STABAT MATER** - Bamiyan debutante trained by Maurizio Guarnieri, who has engaged Frida Valle Skar to ride with the aid of a 1,5kg allowance

Summary: Well-bred newcomer EXCEEDING QUEEN (11), who is closely related to a Listed winner, holds entries in the Poule d'Essai and Prix de Diane so could be worth siding with to make a winning debut. L'ARDECHOISE (1) has made a good start to her career and is likely to mount a serious challenge, with the benefit of experience on her side. AVENUE MONTAIGNE (6) will have more to offer on her reappearance after a promising debut, so could join that fight for victory. GOA (4) and FAMILY SILVER (9) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

EXCEEDING QUEEN (11) - L'ARDECHOISE (1) - AVENUE MONTAIGNE (6) - GOA (4)

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C4 - PRIX DU ROND POINT DES AIGLES - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 27,000

1. BELGIAN PRINCE - Consistent veteran with sound form references at this and a higher level. Would've preferred a heavy track but should acquit himself competitively once more

2. KAPANI - Won a 3200m Quinte+ handicap on PSF at Chantilly on 14 December and proved his competitiveness off this mark (3kg penalty) by finishing 2nd in a 2500m turf handicap at Cagnes on 15 January

3. INDIAN SUNSET - Consistent at a lower level in Germany and was soundly beaten when only 9th in a 2400m claimer at Lyon-La Soie on 11 January. Others preferred

4. LAUGHINGOF FEAR - Guillaume Trolley de Prevaux rides this Lope De Vega gelding on debut for trainer Tim Donworth. Best watched for now

5. GAIDAR - Confirmed the encouragement of his comeback 5th over 1900m at Deauville by winning over 2500m at that venue on 19 January, beating HASTY SAILOR (6). Will be a factor off an unchanged mark

6. HASTY SAILOR - Arrived from England with sound references and has run well in both starts on French soil recently. Was 2nd in a 2500m PSF race behind GAIDAR (5) on 19 January

7. SWEET AUTHOR - Stays the trip well but has references at a much lower level. Finished 5th over 1800m on 24 January at Chantilly but has no more than a place chance here

8. ZARIR - Lightly raced, maturing stayer who revealed serious means last year, winning twice. Finished 4th over 2400m on turf at Clairefontaine on 18 August but will have more to offer returning after a gelding

9. MIDSUMMER DANCE - Showed promise in England, albeit without success, but has raised her game in 2 starts on French soil. Won over 3100m at Pornichet on 18 January and ought to remain competitive here

Summary: ZARIR (8) revealed serious potential as a three-year-old and is likely to be better still at four and as a gelding, so it will pay to follow his progress, especially with Stéphane Pasquier engaged to ride on his reappearance. He gets the nod ahead of reliable veteran BELGIAN PRINCE (1) and last-start winner GAIDAR (5), who is closely matched with HASTY SAILOR (6). Good race!

SELECTIONS

ZARIR (8) - BELGIAN PRINCE (1) - GAIDAR (5) - HASTY SAILOR (6)

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C5 - PRIX ROGER POINCELET - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 19,000

- 1. LOST IN MUSIC** - Won consecutive claiming races in his first two starts on French soil but went off the boil late last year. Finished 8th in a similar contest over 1900m at Deauville on 28 December
- 2. DOMIZIA SWEETY** - Consistent Italian filly throughout 2023. Finished 6th at Naples on 28 December so is one to keep an eye on in her first start on French soil
- 3. MOONWALKER** - Has improved in two starts this year and was a reassuring 4th off her current mark over 1500m at Deauville on 2 February. Place chance
- 4. DSCHINGIS GOLD** - Finished 4th on debut at Le Mans in October but has regressed in subsequent outings and was only 6th over 2000m at Durtal on 17 December
- 5. ASHKENAZIM** - Was only 10th on debut over 1900m at Deauville on 19 January but that was in a strong race. Could be anything in this grade and could be worth siding with at odds
- 6. AMALYA** - Has finished 7th in both outings this year, including once at this level and in a PSF handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 26 January. Warrants respect
- 7. ST BRIAC** - Finished 3rd twice at this level and was 4th in his last appearance in this grade. Finished 10th in a PSF handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 26 January but should do better reverting to a claimer
- 8. COLT PILOT** - Has finished unplaced in each of his eight outings and was a modest 6th over 2150m at Lyon-La Soie on 8 February. Others preferred
- 9. JADE OR** - Unplaced in each of her nine starts and was a modest 6th over 2150m at Lyon-La Soie on 8 February. Others preferred
- 10. SOLTANA BELIEVE** - Finished 5th in her first at this level over 2150m at Lyon-La Soie on 24 January and was unlucky not to have finished closer/achieved a better result. Keep safe
- 11. MOZAFKA** - Was a well-beaten 15th on debut at Deauville over 1900m on 29 December. Best watched for now
- 12. EXCESSIVENESS** - Has made no impression in each of her three starts, including a modest 9th over 1500m at Deauville on 2 February. Can be ruled out
- 13. SUMMER FLIRT** - Unplaced in each of her four starts, including a modest 9th over 1900m at Deauville on 5 January. Others preferred
- 14. PADDY WHITE HEART** - Returned to form by finishing 5th in a claimer over 1500m at Deauville on 2 February. Will be fitted with headgear for the first time in his career

Summary: An open event in which it could pay to side with ASHKENAZIM (5), who finished unplaced on debut but in a competitive field. ST BRIAC (7) made a discreet comeback but ought to have improved with the benefit of that outing and should be a factor back in this category. Judged on her best references, AMALYA (6) is likely to make her presence felt too, along with SOLTANA BELIEVE (10) who was unlucky not to have finished closer last time (5th).

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ASHKENAZIM (5) - ST BRIAC (7) - AMALYA (6) - SOLTANA BELIEVE (10)
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C6 - PRIX DE BELLOY-EN-FRANCE - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **FEEDESREVES** - Enjoying a spell of good form and should fight for success again after finishing 2nd over 3200m at Lyon-La Soie on 24 January
2. **MYKAN** - Still a maiden after 19 attempts but did finish 3rd over 2500m at Deauville in December before letting the side down last time (8th) over the same course and distance on 26 January. Worth another chance
3. **LOUNA CHOPE** - Inconsistent mare, seldom far off the mark on a going day and has references at this level but has been off the boil recently. Finished 11th over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January
4. **ELYT OF GOLD** - Continues to blow hot and cold but is seldom far off the mark on a going day. Needs to improve after a disappointing 11th over 3100m at Pornichet on 27 January
5. **NAMAR** - Unreliable veteran mare with references at this level but has been off the boil for some time now. Was 11th over 2500m on 29 December so can be ruled out
6. **ATREUS** - Unplaced in each of his four starts last year after a lengthy absence and is best watched for now after finishing 11th over 3000m on this course on 22 December
7. **CHONBURI** - Proved she's competitive at this level of the handicap by finishing 2nd over course and distance before finishing 3rd last time at Deauville over 2500m on 29 December. Keep safe
8. **LORD SPIRIT** - Unreliable veteran seldom far off the mark on a going day with references at this level but has been off the boil recently. Not likely to trouble the judge after a last-start 11th at Deauville on 29 December
9. **MORNING SPIRIT** - Consistent for the most and capable of a lot better than her disappointing last start (12th) over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January, especially back at the course her last success
10. **HACKLE SETTER** - Continues to blow hot and cold but is seldom far off the mark on a going day. Needs to improve after a disappointing 9th over 2400m at Lyon on 24 January
11. **PARFAITE MERILL** - Consistent veteran mare with sound form references. Finished 5th over 1900m at Deauville from a wide draw on 3 February and should go well from a better barrier here
12. **CHARLES LEGEND** - Consistent for the most and is capable of playing a leading role here, having regained freshness since his 4th over 3000m on this course on 22 December. Not taken lightly
13. **WALDENON** - Unreliable veteran with sound references at this level back in the day but went off the boil late last year and is unlikely to trouble the judge despite finishing 5th over 2500m at Deauville on 29 December
14. **ANIMA ERAT** - Modest mare with nothing to her name to warrant consideration here. Finished 7th in a claiming race at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 24 January
15. **ABORIGENE** - Will benefit from the 1,5kg allowance granted to Marie Vélon and is capable of getting into the picture, despite a disappointing last start (9th) over 2500m at Deauville on 5 January

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16. BAILEYS SANS DOUTE - Inconsistent veteran mare with no wins to her name from 27 starts. Was 8th over course and distance on 14 December and can be ruled out here

Summary: PARFAITE MERILL (11) has proven on several occasions in recent weeks that she is capable of winning a race of this nature so she gets the nod ahead of in-form FEEDESREVES (1), who is likely to fight for victory. MYKAN (2), judged on the form of his penultimate start, should also have a role to play here. CHARLES LEGEND (12), proven over long distances, CHONBURI (7), and MORNING SPIRIT (9) also have references at this level so are not without a chance either.

SELECTIONS

PARFAITE MERILL (11) - FEEDESREVES (1) - MYKAN (2) - CHARLES LEGEND (12)

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C7 - PRIX DE VILLAINES-SOUS-BOIS - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. BOB LA BIDOUILLE** - Finished 3rd over track and trip four starts back and has remained consistent since, including winning two starts back over 2400m at Pau. Was 6th over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January
- 2. ROYAL MONARCH** - Has regained momentum recently and confirmed as much by finishing 3rd over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January. Leading light
- 3. INSIGNIA OF RANK** - Unreliable veteran with references at this level but has been off the boil for some time now. Was 11th over 3200m at Lyon-La Soie on 24 January
- 4. JAGUARE PRECIEUSE** - Last-start winner of a 3200m PSF handicap on this course (9 February). Ought to remain competitive under 2,5kg penalty
- 5. SHANGHAI SPIRIT** - Unreliable sort with modest recent form to his name, which includes finishing 8th in both starts this year - the latest over 2100m on this course on 24 January
- 6. ALMIRA** - Finished a well-beaten 10th on her handicap debut over 3200m at Lyon-La Soie on 24 January. Races off a 2kg lower mark but needs to improve - watch for now
- 7. GOLD PALACE** - Inconsistent veteran back at the track of his last podium finish two starts back (22 December). Can do better than his latest 9th over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January
- 8. SERIGNAN** - Unplaced in each of his nine outings and is unlikely to trouble the judge here after finishing 11th over 2900m at Clairefontaine on 16 October
- 9. WINGS OF FIRE** - Unreliable sort with poor recent form in the book. Finished a well-beaten 9th over 2500m at Deauville on 29 December and can be ruled out
- 10. TYTAN** - Won a 2500m PSF handicap four starts back but has struggled in his last 2 starts under a 2kg penalty. Could do better eased 0,5kg
- 11. MOMOUR** - Unreliable veteran with references at this level. Has been off the boil for some time, though, and was a modest 12th over 2100m on this course on 24 January
- 12. ASSONANCE** - Inconsistent mare but is in good shape and won't be far off the mark after finishing 4th over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January
- 13. IDOLE MOME** - Seldom far off the mark on the flat but has better references over hurdles. Was 6th in a minor event at Machecoul over 2950m on 3 February
- 14. FALWUKAIR LAUJAC** - Lightly raced sort who has been regaining momentum recently. Finished 4th over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January and could get into the picture here
- 15. MONJARAZ** - Unreliable sort with modest recent form to his name, which includes finishing 7th in consecutive starts in a turf claimer and a PSF handicap over course and distance on 14 December
- 16. OSER** - Caught the eye with a fast-finishing 2nd over 1900m on 3 February at Deauville. Winning chance

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Summary: OSER (16) seldom finishes far off the mark and, undoubtedly, has the means to win a race of this ilk off her current mark. She improved to finish 2nd last time and need only repeat that performance to go one better here. Her opposition will be led by ROYAL MONARCH (2), who has regained a competitive level of form, and JAGUARE PRECIEUSE (4) whose last-start success in this grade gives her every chance of fighting for victory once more. GOLD PALACE (7) returns to the track of its last podium and is also capable of staking a claim too, with the shortlist completed by BOB LA BIDOUILLE (1).

SELECTIONS

OSER (16) - ROYAL MONARCH (2) - JAGUARE PRECIEUSE (4) - GOLD PALACE (7)

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C8 - PRIX DE JAGNY-SOUS-BOIS - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 30,000

1. **JAAFAR** - Bounced back to form with a good 3rd over 2500m at Deauville on 19 January. Will be a factor back in a handicap
2. **FLATTEN THE CURVE** - Has proven his competitiveness on numerous occasions in Quinte+ races recently. Finished 5th over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January
3. **ULTRASOUND** - Joined Carmen Bosckai after finishing 4th in a 2500m claimer at Deauville on 21 December. Keep safe
4. **WEST MARTIN** - Was not disgraced when 13th in a Quinte+ handicap at Deauville on 26 January and drops in class here with legitimate ambitions
5. **WANATA** - Consistent for the most part but has been hard to win with (just 1 victory from 16 starts). Finished 6th in a 2500m claimer at Deauville on 3 February
6. **ATHINEOS** - Inconsistent but does have sound references at this level. Out of sorts recently and was only 12th over 2500m at Deauville last time (26 January) but is capable of better
7. **KEEP AWAY** - Unplaced in both starts on French soil recently having arrived in France with consistent references at a lower level in Germany. Others preferred
8. **PETITE AMADEE** - Talented filly on turf, especially over obstacles but has no references on PSF. Won a 3500m hurdle race at Cagnes on 1 January
9. **REPLENISH** - Unreliable veteran with sound references at this level, but continues to blow hot and cold. Was 9th at Deauville over 2500m on 5 December
10. **SCREEN SHOT** - Last-start winner over 2100m on this course (24 January). Reverts to the handicaps off an unchanged mark
11. **NIGHTDANCE MAN** - Seldom far off the mark on a going day and was 6th on this course over 2100m last time (24 January). Place chance
12. **BONNIE HOPPS** - Unreliable mare with sound references at this level. Was 11th over 1900m at Deauville on 3 February
13. **ANECDOTIC** - Runner-up over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January and ought to be competitive for the places again
14. **DAY OFF** - Consistent for the most part but has been hard to win with (just 1 victory from 27 starts). Finished 4th over 2500m at Deauville last time on 26 January
15. **ANTE POST** - Finished a well-beaten 16th over 2500m at Deauville on 5 January. Can be ruled out
16. **MONTBARDOIS** - Consistent PSF performer with sound references at this level, including a last-start 3rd over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January

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Summary: JAAFAR (1) caught the eye when finishing 3rd in good company last time and, on the strength of that form, could make a winning handicap debut. He will, however, have to be wary of FLATTEN THE CURVE (2), who stood out in Quinté+ races in recent weeks. WEST MARTIN (4) disappointed last time but ought to pose more of a threat in this category, which can also be said of SCREEN SHOT (10) and ULTRASOUND (3). The shortlist is completed by WANATA (5) off a competitive mark.

SELECTIONS

JAAFAR (1) - FLATTEN THE CURVE (2) - WEST MARTIN (4) - SCREEN SHOT (10)