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R1 Longchamp [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DE PONTOISE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,000

1. BURWASH - Versatile filly with sound references in handicaps on both surfaces - seldom finishes far off but rarely wins her races (just 1 victory from 21 starts). Finished 7th over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly on 27 April

2. ALPHA KING - Consistent and versatile performer whose sound references/form credentials include a last-start 5th in a 2000m handicap at Compiègne on 16 April. Keep safe

3. SUNDAY BEST - Finished 3rd over 1650m at Machecoul on her seasonal reappearance but was soundly beaten in both subsequent handicap appearances, the latest (14th) over 1400m at this venue on 25 April. Overlook

4. SHATTERHAND - Won a 2400m Saint-Cloud handicap in October 2023 but has struggled (finished unplaced) since. Only finished 9th in a 2300m handicap at Angers on 4 May but has dropped to his last-winning mark

5. SAINT AMOUR - Unplaced in all three outings and soundly beaten (11th) at this level over 1800m at Evreux on 24 April

6. PREMIERE ETOILE - Didn't go unnoticed, despite finishing unplaced, when 8th in an 1800m handicap at Evreux on 24 April and would've achieved a better result with a clearer passage. High on the shortlist

7. TATOO - Lightly raced four-year-old gelding efficient on turf and PSF. Drops in class and races off a career-low mark with headgear removed after finishing 6th in an 1800m conditions race at Le Croisé-Laroche on 20 April

8. PARK OF DIAMOND - Won three of four previous outings before proving his competitiveness off his current mark when 5th in a 2000m handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 27 April. Candidate for success

9. RAJA LUNA - Inconsistent veteran mare open to improvement after finishing a 13th on her reappearance on PSF at Chantilly over 1900m on 26 April. Ought to have come on from that much-needed comeback outing

10. CHACHA TOUILLE - Sparked improvement to finish 4th over 2000m in this category last time at Compiègne on 10 March. Place chance

Summary: PREMIERE ETOILE (6) would have finished much closer than she did at Evreux last time if finding a clearer passage in the closing stages, so she could set the record straight in this opening event. PARK OF DIAMOND (8) proved that he remains competitive off his current mark by finishing 5th at Lyon-Parilly last time and ought to pose a threat. Consistent ALPHA KING (2) is also capable of joining that fight for victory. TATOO (7) is dangerous to discount off a career-low mark.

SELECTIONS

PREMIERE ETOILE (6) - PARK OF DIAMOND (8) - ALPHA KING (2) - TATOO (7)

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**C2 - PRIX DE PONTARME - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Listed Race - Flat - EUR
€ 55,000**

- 1. SKYLIGHT BROCHARD** - Won a 1300m Listed race at Chantilly in March before finishing a well-beaten 7th of 7 runners in a 1400m Group III at Deauville on 9 April. Needs to redeem himself
- 2. TIMBER LIGHT** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd in a 1600m Listed race at Toulouse on 21 April. Attractive outsider
- 3. AGAT** - Won over 1300m on PSF at Deauville in January and made a winning reappearance in his first start on turf over 1400m at Deauville on 10 April. Not taken lightly
- 4. SCHUTZENZAUBER** - Runner-up in a 1400m Group III in Germany last year before finishing 6th in both subsequent outings, including a 1600m Group III at Saint-Cloud in September and on his reappearance at Krefeld over 1600m on 28 April. Best watched for now
- 5. TEN HORNS** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th of 6 in a 1600m Group III on his reappearance at this venue on 14 April. Should appreciate this shorter distance
- 6. GRAND SON OF CALYX** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th in a 1600m Class 1 conditions race at this venue on 18 April. Dark horse
- 7. BELLANO** - Improving last-start winner who impressed on his reappearance, scoring by 5 lengths, at Compiègne over 1400m on 16 April. Warrants respect
- 8. LES PAVOTS** - The class horse in the race, judged on her 3rd in the Group I Prix Marcel Boussac last year. Hasn't been seen since finishing 11th in the Group I Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita (3 November)

Summary: LES PAVOTS (8) finished 3rd in the Group I Prix Marcel Boussac last year and, on the strength of that form, ought to make a winning reappearance here. TEN HORNS (5) wasn't disgraced when 6th of 6 on his reappearance in a 1600m Group III and would've tightened up since so could expose any chinks in the selection's armour. AGAT (3), unbeaten in two starts this year, has legitimate claims too. Last-start winner BELLANO (7) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LES PAVOTS (8) - TEN HORNS (5) - AGAT (3) - BELLANO (7)

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C3 - PRIX DE L'HOTEL DE BRUXELLES - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. BLACKBIRDFLY** - Versatile veteran handicapper who won consecutive starts (one on each surface) before finishing 11th in his hat-trick bid on PSF over 1800m at Chantilly on 7 May. Should set the record straight
- 2. VILLEMACHO** - Has acquitted himself consistently/competitively in handicaps and claimers this year. Absent since finishing 3rd in a 1700m PSF claimer at Pornichet on 22 February
- 3. PISORNO** - Consistent handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd over 1400m in a handicap at Strasbourg on 8 May. Not taken lightly
- 4. HIGHLAND ARCHER** - Has shown little in 4 outings on turf - finished 9th in a 1400m handicap over track and trip on 25 April, and has achieved his best references on PSF. Others preferred
- 5. PLANTHALYA** - Finished 3rd in a course-and-distance handicap behind BUTTE ROUGE (6) on 25 April before blotting her copybook (13th) over track and trip on 12 May. Capable of better
- 6. BUTTE ROUGE** - Last-start winner of a course-and-distance handicap on 25 April. Should remain competitive under a 2kg penalty
- 7. ADDICTION DREAM** - Won a 1300m PSF handicap at Deauville in December but has struggled (finished unplaced) in all four subsequent handicaps - the latest (11th) over 1600m on PSF at Chantilly on 2 May
- 8. KARINAS DREAM** - Inconsistent handicapper but is capable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature, if bouncing back from a last-start 9th in a course-and-distance handicap behind BUTTE ROUGE (6) on 25 April
- 9. MERCURISSIME** - Versatile handicapper with sound references but has been out of sorts recently. Needs to bounce back from a disappointing last-start 17th in a 1600m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 1 May
- 10. OYAPOCK** - Won consecutive 1300m handicaps at Argentan in 2023 but struggled (unplaced) in three subsequent November handicaps. Absent since the latest (11th) on PSF at Deauville over 1300m on 28 November
- 11. PETERHOF** - Returned to form with a reassuring 3rd in a 1400m handicap at Strasbourg on 8 May. Needs to confirm
- 12. GREY BELLE** - Versatile mare with sound references, though remains inconsistent. Ought to improve after finishing 7th in a 1400m turf handicap at Strasbourg on 8 May
- 13. IRISHKAMAYA** - Runner-up in a 1400m handicap at Moulins in April before a disappointing 16th over track and trip in a handicap won by BUTTE ROUGE (6) on 25 April. Dark horse
- 14. CRUELLA DE VIL** - Has finished 9th in three of his last four appearances, including consecutive recent outings - the latest over 1800m in a handicap at Fontainebleau on 3 May. Best watched for now

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Summary: BLACKBIRDFLY (1) disappointed in his hat-trick bid over 1800m on the PSF last time but could make amends dropped to this shorter trip. Last-start course-and-distance winner BUTTE ROUGE (6) ought remain competitive under a 2kg penalty and is likely to pose the biggest threat. PLANTHALYA (5), who finished 3rd behind that rival, fluffed her lines recently but is more than capable of making her presence felt. Consistent PISORNO (3) and resurgent PETERHOF (11) have claims too.

SELECTIONS

BLACKBIRDFLY (1) - BUTTE ROUGE (6) - PLANTHALYA (5) - PISORNO (3)

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C4 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE BAGATELLE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 3 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 26,000

- 1. MIAMI VOICE** - Unplaced in both comeback outings this year - the latest (8th) over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on 1 May, having missed the entire 2023 season. Not taken lightly
- 2. BIG STAR** - Revealed considerable early promise but has been absent since finishing 9th in a 1300m PSF handicap at Deauville on 6 December
- 3. LOUBEISIEN** - Lightly raced five-year-old with sound references, which include a Listed win and finishing 2nd in four Group III races. Finished an encouraging 3rd over 1350m on his reappearance at Lyon on 17 April
- 4. PEACEFUL SEA** - Debut winner over 1800m at Compiègne on 3 March but failed to confirm that promise when only 7th over 2100m at this venue on 7 April. Can do better in a claimer
- 5. JAHIDIN** - Inconsistent performer with sound references in two starts at this level. Runner-up over 1500m on PSF at Chantilly in February and 4th over 1400m at Fontainebleau on 30 April
- 6. KLEORA** - Inconsistent but has sound references, including a commendable 6th in a 1400m Quinte+ handicap at Fontainebleau on 2 April. Finished a disappointing 10th over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on 1 May
- 7. GRIEGOS** - Consistent, versatile performer up a total of 7kg after consecutive PSF handicap victories over 1500m at Marseille-Vivaux, the latest on 12 April. Dark horse
- 8. ISLAND LUCK** - Debuts on French soil after starting his career in England. Absent since finishing 11th over 1600m at Newbury on 6 July
- 9. CREW DRAGON** - Last-start winner at this level over 1400m at Fontainebleau on 30 April. Ought to remain competitive under a 1kg penalty
- 10. INVESTISSEUR** - Inconsistent performer with undeniable means to stake a claim in a race of this nature, having won in the handicaps on both surfaces. Has to improve after finishing 13th over 1200m at Marseille-Borely on 24 April
- 11. KOUTSOUNAKOS** - Capable veteran but has been off the boil for some time now - finished 10th in a claimer over 1400m at Fontainebleau on 30 April
- 12. TERTIUS** - Caught the eye with on his reappearance in a 1350m conditions race at Lyon-Parilly on 17 April. Ought to have come on since so should play a leading role, especially on these revised weight terms

Summary: Both TERTIUS (12) and LOUBEISIEN (3) caught the eye with encouraging comeback appearances at Lyon-Parilly, although preference is for the former who is better on the revised weight terms so good value to turn the tables given a 3kg weight advantage. CREW DRAGON (9) was rewarded for his consistency with a last-start success at this level and should remain competitive despite a 1kg penalty. MIAMI VOICE (1) missed his entire 2023 campaign and has finished unplaced in both of his comeback appearances but should resurface sooner rather than later, having won off a higher mark in 2022.

SELECTIONS

TERTIUS (12) - LOUBEISIEN (3) - CREW DRAGON (9) - MIAMI VOICE (1)

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C5 - PRIX DU PETIT MONTROUGE - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,000

- 1. BARBADIN** - Pleasing return to form with a 3rd over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. Will run well
- 2. ALKUIIN** - Poor performance in 15th spot over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. Others inspire more confidence
- 3. MUNAADRAM** - Beaten out of sight in 7th position over 3700m at Nantes in a Class 3 handicap on the 6th of May 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 4. SHANGHAI SPIRIT** - Winner over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. Include in the play
- 5. LES FEUXGRETS** - No type of run in 10th place over 2500m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 6th of May 2024. Unlikely to pose a threat
- 6. JEWEL DE CERISY** - Comfortably held in 8th spot over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. Others make more appeal
- 7. SILVER SILK** - Finished 5th over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. Place claims
- 8. GRAZANO** - Finished 4th over 2500m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 6th of May 2024. Place chance
- 9. THE ROOM** - Solid performance in 3rd position over 2500m at Nancy in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 5th of May 2024. Winning claims
- 10. LADY STRAIGHT** - No type of effort in 14th spot over 2400m at Craon in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 3rd of December 2023. Easy to look elsewhere

Summary: THE ROOM (9) has returned to form since coming back onto the flat and with top jockey Maxime Guyon in the irons, she can be expected to produce a huge effort. BARBADIN (1) showed signs of life once again and on the back off that, he should run a cracker. SHANGHAI SPIRIT (4) bounced back to winning ways with an encouraging effort but is 2kgs worse off with the reopposing Barbadin who could reverse the form. GRAZANO (8) is another in with a bit of a squeak on recent efforts.

SELECTIONS

THE ROOM (9) - BARBADIN (1) - SHANGHAI SPIRIT (4) - GRAZANO (8)

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C6 - PRIX DU PARC DE MONTSOURIS - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. THAT'S MY POWER** - Finished 3rd over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. Include in all bets
- 2. MAESTRO CHOP** - Finished 4th over 1900m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 11th of May 2024. Outside place chance
- 3. TESTIPEDRO** - Finished 3rd over 2850m at Sable-Sur-Sarthe in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 28th of 2024. Place chance
- 4. FRENCH DIVA** - Finished close up in 4th position over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. Place chance
- 5. ARMORIGENE** - Finished 3rd over 2500m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 6th of May 2024. Should run a forward race
- 6. HARLEY DREAM** - Won well over 2850m at Sable-Sur-Sarthe in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 28th of 2024. Each way chance
- 7. LEANDER** - Won nicely over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. Winning chance
- 8. CASHFORPASSOVER** - Finished 7th over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. Others preferred
- 9. ALMAZORA** - Moderate performance in 12th spot over 2800m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 28th of April 2024. One to pass by
- 10. SEMEUR** - Runner up over 2500m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 6th of May 2024. Should run a big race

Summary: LEANDER (7) returned to winning ways with a fluent performance and he looks set to play a leading role once again. SEMEUR (10) slots in light and should run a bold race in search of that next victory. THAT'S MY POWER (1) was behind the reopposing Leander last time out but could close the gap on the rival and is with a winning chance. FRENCH DIVA (4) is seldom far off and can get involved.

SELECTIONS

LEANDER (7) - SEMEUR (10) - THAT'S MY POWER (1) - FRENCH DIVA (4)

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C7 - PRIX DU PALAIS BOURBON - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000

- 1. CRACKOVIA** - Winner over 2900m at Durtal in a Class 4 event on the 21st of April 2024. Improving and will pose a threat
- 2. TARAJAL** - Not seen to best effect in 13th position over 2400m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 16th of March 2024. Capable of a better showing
- 3. ROBINIE** - Showed lots of heart to win over 2400m at at Chantilly in a Class 3 course qualifier on the 26th of April 2024. Big player
- 4. CENTORINA** - Runner up over 2150m at Parislongchamp in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 25th of April 2024. Include in all bets
- 5. MATAURI GOLD** - Ran a fair race in 6th position over 2150m at Parislongchamp in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 25th of April 2024. Can get involved
- 6. TIMETOSHINE** - Finished last of eight over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 course qualifier on the 5th of April 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 7. ONE POINT** - Held in 9th spot over 2150m at Parislongchamp in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 25th of April 2024. Others preferred
- 8. CHEEK TO CHEEK** - Very close up in 3rd position over 2150m at Parislongchamp in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 25th of April 2024. Should be in the firing line
- 9. RIKA DE LA VIS** - Winner over 2400m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 4th of April 2024. Include in the play
- 10. RODAINAH** - Finished 4th over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 3 course qualifier on the 10th of April 2024. More needed to feature
- 11. LA TEMPLIERE** - Finished 2nd over 3000m at Strasbourg in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 22nd of April 2024. Can outrun odds
- 12. AHA** - Finished close up in 5th position over 2150m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 25th of April 2024. Each way chance
- 13. ZELINA** - Finished a dismal 12th over 2100m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 5th of May 2024. Easy to pass by
- 14. FASHIONSPAN** - Finished 6th over 2000m at Lyon Parilly in a Class 4 event on the 9th of May 2024. Easy to look elsewhere

Summary: ROBINIE (3) continued her good form from last year with a gutsy performance and with her confidence restored, she should go close once again. CHEEK TO CHEEK (8) is a consistent sort that is deserving off another win which could come in this event now back up in trip. TARAJAL (2) hasn't put it in at her last two starts but is the type that can bounce back and on her best form, she is a major contender. CRACKOVIA (1) has only had a few starts in France but has already caught the eye and she will no doubt have more to offer.

SELECTIONS

ROBINIE (3) - CHEEK TO CHEEK (8) - TARAJAL (2) - CRACKOVIA (1)

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C8 - PRIX COMO MERCEDES-BENZ (PRIX DU COLISEE) - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. MORISOT** - Runner up over 2300m at Le Mans in a Class 3 handicap on the 23rd of April 2024. Winning chance
- 2. KOURAL** - Facile winner over 2400m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 21st of March 2024. Leading contender
- 3. VASIGREEN** - Finished 8th over 3100m at Nantes in a Class 3 handicap on the 6th of April 2024. Can show improvement
- 4. LAVIRCA DODVILLE** - Poor showing in 14th position over 2150m at Parislongchamp in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 25th of April 2024. Needs to do more to feature
- 5. NOIRELLE** - Finished 5th over 2500m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 6th of May 2024. Can surprise on best form
- 6. KARMINA BELLA** - Comfortably held in 2nd spot over 2000m at Strasbourg in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 8th of May 2024. Others preferred
- 7. SWEETEST THING** - Finished 2nd over 2500m at Argentan in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 11th of April 2024. Place chance

Summary: KOURAL (2) put her rivals to bed with absolute ease last time out and that win sets the standard in this field. She is the one to beat. MORISOT (1) found one better at her latest outing and she looks to be the only realistic danger to the favorite. SWEETEST THING (7) slots in with bottom weight which could help her get closer to the top two. VASIGREEN (3) can show up better than she has done recently.

SELECTIONS

KOURAL (2) - MORISOT (1) - SWEETEST THING (7) - VASIGREEN (3)