C1 - PRIX PIGEON GRANULATS LOIRE-ANJOU (PRIX HENRI DE BARMON) - 4500m (a3m) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Cross - EUR € 28,000

- **1. KING PEDRO -** Placed on all five starts this year, 2nd over track and trip on June 8th when last seen in a Class 3 cross-country race. Hard to ignore
- **2. MELGARRY -** Decent 2nd last time out on April 20th over 4400m in a Class 2 cross-country at this track. Live contender with more to come
- **3. KASHBACK WOOD -** Two unplaced runs of late, the latter over 4100m in a handicap hurdle at Pau on February 11th. Tries a new discipline and is one to consider
- **4. LUNABELLE** 4th last time, a win before that over 4900m at Durtal in a Class 4 cross country on May 18th. Needs a few to misfire
- **5. KARAMBA DE GUYE -** 5th last time over track and trip in a Class 3 cross-country on June 8th. Capable of having a say
- **6. JARDIN D'EOLE -** Placed on the last two runs, 3rd on the most recent over 4800m at Segre on June 29th in a Class 4 cross-country race. Looks vulnerable
- **7. JIRAIS AU BALLE -** Credible 3rd last time over 4000m in a Class 5 cross-country race at Molieres on July 6th. Look elsewhere
- **8. CAPE OF LOVE -** Recent 3rd at Rostrenen on June 8th in a Class 4 chase over 4250m. He fell in a cross-country at this track in May two runs back. Pass over

Summary: MELGARRY (2) made a promising debut in cross-country racing when narrowly beaten in a Class 2 at this track in late April and looks capable of going one better. KING PEDRO (1) is a serious threat, having run consistently well, including a close second over this course and distance in a Class 3 in early June. KARAMBA DE GUYE (5), fifth in that same contest, deserves consideration. KASHBACK WOOD (3) tackles the discipline for the first time and could be a player.

SELECTIONS

MELGARRY (2) - KING PEDRO (1) - KARAMBA DE GUYE (5) - KASHBACK WOOD (3)

C2 - PRIX PIGEON TP LOIRE-ANJOU (PRIX PREMIERE CHANCE) - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Newcomers Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- **1. LE LANDIN -** Colt by Ardad, the dam won 3 races. From a respected trainer who can ready a newcomer. Watch the betting patterns for clues
- **2. ALEXANDER MAXIMUS -** Colt by Victor Ludorum, the dam won 2 races. Could be in need of this run and is best watched in the betting for any support
- **3. MATINAL -** Colt by Dark Angel, the dam won 2 races, including a Group 3 race. Choice pedigree and from a top trainer. He will be expected to make a winning debut
- **4. RIPLEY -** Colt by Showcasing, the dam was a winner and was placed in a Group 3 race. Stable runners are well-tuned and any market interest could be the best guide
- **5. MICHAEL THE GREAT -** Colt by Territories, the dam never raced. His trainer is shrewd and can ready a debutante first time out. Watch the betting patterns
- **6. DOLLAR DES BOIS -** Colt by Anodin, the dam won 1 race and was Listed placed. Nice profile and can be expected to play a leading role. The betting can guide
- **7. MOON BE STILL -** Filly by Dark Angel, the dam never ran. From a leading trainer who has his newcomers well prepared. Any market support should be noted
- **8. MOONLABEL -** Filly by Zelzal, the dam won 1 race. She can improve for this run and is best monitored in the betting for any market support
- **9. LIBERTY AMOUR -** Filly by Goken, the dam won 1 race. Stable runners tend to need a run or two for experience unless the market vibes say otherwise

Summary: MATINAL (3) has an appealing profile, being out of a dam who won twice, including the Prix Eclipse (Gr.3). Well-prepared and partnered with Clément Lecoeuvre, he looks ready to make a bold bid. RIPLEY (4) is expected to put up strong resistance, as his trainer has a reputation for readying debutants to win first time out. LE LANDIN (1) should be well-prepared and is worth monitoring in the betting. DOLLAR DES BOIS (6), with a strong pedigree, also warrants attention.

SELECTIONS

MATINAL (3) - RIPLEY (4) - LE LANDIN (1) - DOLLAR DES BOIS (6)

C3 - PRIX SFAC LE LION D'ANGERS & DAUMERAY (PRIX DE LA FEE DU MAS) - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

- **1. SOLAS** Recent 2nd on June 11th in a handicap over 1400m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat. Capable of being involved, although she has top weight to overcome
- **2. GAST A GAST -** Two unplaced runs of late, a win before that over 1300m at Deauville on January 10th in a maiden race. Needs to show a good deal more than her latest start to be involved
- **3. MISTER MAEL** Game winner over 1300m at Vittel in a handicap last time out on June 29th. Could make the frame at attractive odds
- **4. SHEARKAN -** 5th last time in a handicap over 1100m at La Teste on June 27th and a win at Dax on June 9th in a maiden before that over 1200m. One to keep onside
- **5. ANAMALAY -** 7th last time out, 2nd previously in a claimer over 1400m at Compiegne on June 16th. Can make the top three
- **6. ANANTEAL -** Got off the mark over 1350m in a handicap at Cholet on June 2nd on his last start. He has more to come and is not exposed
- **7. BADANA** She won on her penultimate start at Niort in late May over 1400m, and was 2nd at Chantilly on June 20th in a Class 3 race over the same trip. Player
- **8. MODERN SPIRIT -** Fair effort to be 6th at Lyon Parilly over 1600m in a handicap on June 23rd last time out. He is seeking his first win and is reasonably treated
- **9. CASIM** Fair 3rd at Chantilly over 1400m in a Class 3 race on June 20th last time out. Lightly raced and tries a handicap for the first time. Hard to ignore
- **10. GARRIS -** Unplaced last time in a handicap at La Teste on June 27th over 1100m. Needs more to be on the premises
- **11. AIR DE SAMBA -** Unplaced last time, 2nd previously over 1400m in a handicap at Saint-Cloud on June 13th. Place contender
- **12. METEOR SHOWER -** Four unplaced efforts so far, well beaten at Saint-Cloud over 2000m in a handicap on June 3rd. Down in trip, but is hard to recommend

Summary: MODERN SPIRIT (8) has performed creditably in maiden company and shaped nicely on his handicap debut at Lyon Parilly late last month. Fairly treated by the weights, he holds a narrow edge over BADANA (7), who scored at Niort two starts back and followed up with an encouraging second in a Class 3 race at Chantilly. CASIM (9) finished close up in third that day and holds each-way appeal. ANAMALAY (5) is also worth considering.

SELECTIONS

MODERN SPIRIT (8) - BADANA (7) - CASIM (9) - ANAMALAY (5)

C4 - PRIX ABSI EQUITOP (PRIX ETIENNE FRACHON) - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

- 1. LELLA DESJY Unplaced last time, she won before that over 3100m at Corlay in a Class 4 race on June 29th. The drop in trip is not ideal
- 2. HELLO COTAI Good 3rd at Deauville over 1900m in a Class 3 handicap on July 5th on the last start. Key chance
- **3. ELKABIER -** 5th at Compiegne over 2000m in a Class 3 handicap on June 27th on the last start. He has decent track and trip form this year and warrants respect
- 4. CISKY Two wins of late, the latter over 1900m in a Class 4 race at Argentan on June 26th. A hat-trick of wins is very likely
- **5. BRIONA** Four unplaced runs this year, well beaten at Parislongchamp on June 19th in a Class 3 handicap on the latest. Makes no appeal
- 6. ZAUR Ran well to be 5th at Compiegne in a Class 3 handicap on June 27th over 2000m. Each way angle
- 7. LA JAVANAISE Several unplaced runs of late, 7th at Deauville in a Class 3 handicap over 1900m on July 5th, on the most recent. Out of form, and others preferred
- **8. DAYSANIYA** 5th on the last start over 1900m on July 5th in a Class 3 handicap at Deauville. Track and trip winner in April. Hard to overlook
- 9. MARCELINE DESJY Two unplaced efforts since a 3rd at Senonnes in a Class 4 handicap on May 30thover 2100m. Needs a few to falter
- **10. JANISA BERE** Two wins and a 3rd this year so far, the latest effort was at Argentan when 3rd in a Class 4 handicap over 2500m on June 26th. Versatile trip-wise and can make the frame
- **11. LA DESINENCE** She has been out of form with several unplaced runs, 6th over 2250m in a Class 3 handicap on July 3rd at Parislongchamp. Pass over
- **12. VYBORG** 8th last time out, he won over 2100m at Parislongchamp before that in a Class 3 handicap on June 19th. Outside place chance
- **13. ANNA MANDARA** Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 2400m at this track on June 8th in a Class 4 handicap. She is an infrequent winner, and others are preferred
- 14. TORTOLA Three unplaced efforts of late, the latter over 1900m in a Class 4 handicap at Deauville on July 5th. Look for an alternative
- 15. PODIA DAZ Two wins of late, the latter over 2300m in a Class 4 handicap at Senonnes on July 9th. This will be more difficult
- **16. MINOTAUROS** Placed on three of his last four starts, 2nd at Nantes in a Class 4 handicap on July 3rd on the latest. Respect from the foot of the weights

Summary: CISKY (4) is thriving, having notched two consecutive Class 4 victories at Argentan in June. She looks well suited by today's distance and has strong claims for the treble. HELLO COTAI (2) could pose the biggest threat after finishing a creditable third in a competitive Deauville handicap 13 days ago. ZAUR (6) continues to progress and earned each-way consideration with a solid third earlier this month at the same track. MINOTAUROS (16) leads the remainder from the foot of the handicap.

SELECTIONS

CISKY (4) - HELLO COTAI (2) - ZAUR (6) - MINOTAUROS (16)

C5 - PRIX PIGEON PREFA (PRIX KALDOUN) - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

- **1. CREW DRAGON -** Won a Handicap over 1400m at La Teste on 27 June. He is always in contention in the closing stages and can do so once again
- **2. ROYALWOOD** Finished 9th in a Handicap over 1100m at Dieppe on 7 July. She needs to prove she will be effective over this distance
- **3. STORMYGO** Ran 7th in a Handicap over 1400m at Compiegne on 27 June. Previous form was decent so could run into the places
- **4. DOM BERTRAND -** Ran 15th in a Handicap over 1600m at La Teste on 2 June. It is best to ignore his last performance and on earlier form he must have a chance
- **5. THE BIG BOARD -** Finished 13th in a Handicap over 1100m at Dieppe on 7 July. Trying a little further this time and that could produce improvement
- **6. STELLANIA -** Finished 11th in a Handicap over 1600m at ParisLongchamp on 8 June. Recent form is erratic but could run a place
- **7. CALYPSO -** Ran 3rd in a Qualifying Handicap over 1600m at Chantilly on 28 June. He has experience in this category and should be involved in the finish
- **8. LIGHT WAKEUP -** Ran 14th in a Handicap over 1600m at Nantes on 17 June. If he can run to his earlier higher rating he would have to have chance
- **9. RAPIDE -** Won a Conditions race over 1400m at Dieppe on 14 June. She produced an excellent comeback win after a rest and she looks likely to improve even further
- **10. KEAHENGE BERE -** Finished 4th in a Hurdles event over 3500m at Royan on 20 August 2023. Coming back from a lengthy rest and is best ignored
- **11. MRS HOLIDAY -** Ran 14th in a Handicap over 1400m at Saint-Cloud on 4 July. Is unlikely to feature in this event
- **12. TOLLEVAST -** Ran 11th in a Handicap over 1950m at Chateaubriant on 25 June. Will need massive improvement to be competitive

Summary: RAPIDE (9) produced a winning performance after coming back from almost a year off the track. She is expected to show even more in her handicap debut. CALYPSO (7) has a lot of experience at this level and should provide the main opposition. DOM BERTRAND (4) is far better than his last run suggests and should be competitive in this. CREW DRAGON (1) is never far off the leading group and is expected to finish close up once again.

SELECTIONS

RAPIDE (9) - CALYPSO (7) - DOM BERTRAND (4) - CREW DRAGON (1)

C6 - PRIX FACO - CHAUX SAINT-PIERRE (PRIX CHAMBERKO) - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 28,000

- **1. JAGUAR DU LARGE -** Won a Handicap over 4000m at Pau on 11 February. Won well and he needs to be watched carefully despite a five-month break
- **2. J'Al LA COTE -** Finished 7th in a Conditions Chase over 4400m at Auteuil on 19 October. Coming back from a nine-month layoff so fitness uncertain
- **3. QUEL PATRON** Ran 4th in a Conditions Chase over 4600m at Lion D'Angers on 8 June. With two runs under his belt, he should be at his best
- **4. I RISK -** Fell in a Handicap over 3600m at Senonnes on 30 May. He will be looking to restore his jumping ability in this event
- **5. NIGHT ARIA -** Won a Conditions Chase over 4200m at Questembert on 22 June. She is in good form and looks ready to move up a category
- **6. JARAKTAR** Finished third in a Hurdle Conditions race over 3800m at Moulins on 8 June. He has just run well with Felix de Giles up and he will take the ride again
- **7. KREEDENCE -** Won a Hurdle Handicap over 3800m at Chateaubriant on 25 June. She also has run well in Steeple Chase races and should be competitive
- **8. INFANTE DE L'ISLE -** Finished 5th in a Conditions race over 4800m at Blain on 21 April. Will need to show more if she is to be in contention
- **9. BIBICHE LINK' -** Ran 7th in a Conditions race over 4200m at Pontchateau on 28 June. Form is too erratic to be a serious consideration
- **10. DREAM DEVIL -** Finished 6th in a Conditions race over 4000m at Durtal on 9 June. Looks unlikely to make any impact

Summary: KREEDENCE (7) is in very good form and should be watched closely in her return to a Steeple Chase after winning a Hurdle event. QUEL PATRON (3) should be approaching his best form after two comeback races and will be a strong rival. JAGUAR DU LARGE (1) will carry a lot of weight but is a high-quality performer. NIGHT ARIA (5) will be looking to prove herself at this level.

SELECTIONS

KREEDENCE (7) - QUEL PATRON (3) - JAGUAR DU LARGE (1) - NIGHT ARIA (5)

C7 - GROUPE PIGEON - GRAND PRIX DU LION D'ANGERS (PX ROBERT DE CHOLET) - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Flat - EUR € 27,400

- **1. KILLARY KING -** Ran 2nd in the Swiss Derby over 2475m in Zurich on 22 June. Finished unplaced in two Listed races in France prior to that
- **2. TORRONE -** Won a Maiden over 2100m at Cholet on 2 June. That was his debut run so there could be any amount of improvement to come
- **3. GOLDEN THREAD** Ran 2nd in a Conditions race over 2400m at Nantes on 3 July. He proved he had ability in that event and deserves his test at this level
- **4. MERANO -** Ran 4th in a Handicap over 1800m at Compiegne on 27 June. He is a tough competitor and will put a lot of pressure on his rivals
- **5. ANGEL WARRIOR -** Won a Maiden over 1950m at Chateaubriant on 25 June. That was a superb comeback after his break and he looks capable of backing up that victory
- **6. VELIKAYA -** Won a Maiden over 2100m at Cholet on 2 June. That was only her second start and she will continue to make further progress

Summary: This looks quite a competitive event but MERANO (4) has solid experience and in a small field with a number of lightly raced runners that could make all the difference. ANGEL WARRIOR (5) heads up the opposition after an impressive comeback win. If GOLDEN THREAD (3) rises to the occasion he must come into the reckoning while VELIKAYA (6) seems capable of moving up to the next level.

SELECTIONS

MERANO (4) - ANGEL WARRIOR (5) - GOLDEN THREAD (3) - VELIKAYA (6)

C8 - PRIX SOLS SPORTIFS (PRIX DES PARTENAIRES DE L'HIPPODROME) - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,400

- **1. WARDAMA -** Ran 2nd in a Handicap over 1950m at Chateaubriant on 5 June. She is at the top of her game and is ideally suited to the conditions
- **2. SPRINGBOKS -** Ran 5th in a Handicap over 1950m at Chateaubriant on 25 June. He is in good form and could well trouble the more fancied runners
- **3. KAPO ROSSO -** Finished 13th in a Handicap over 2100m at Saint-Cloud on 21 June. He is in poor form and is best ignored
- **4. EARLY LIGHT -** Finished 4th in a Handicap over 1900m at Chantilly on 16 May. Had an improved run last time but will need to show more
- **5. COMTESSE VERA -** Ran 4th in a Handicap over 2100m at Argentan on 4 June. A consistent performer and needs to be considered for a place
- **6. TRUST ON ME -** Ran 16th in a Handicap over 1950m at Chateaubriant on 25 June. Not consistent but if in the mood can claim a good finishing position
- **7. SUHAAS -** Ran 15th in a Handicap over 1900m at Deauville on 5 July. HIs last three runs have been disappointing and he will need to improve
- **8. SPINNING MIST -** Ran 6th in a Handicap over 1900m at Deauville on 5 July. He looks to be coming back to his best form so should be in the firing line
- **9. CRISALSA -** Finished 13th in a Handicap at Deauville on 5 July. His recent form has been moderate so more will be needed
- **10. NOBLE ANGEL -** Finished 9th in a Handicap over 2100m at Argentan on 4 June. Has a lot more to do if she wants to trouble this field
- **11. MOLINO -** Ran 3rd in a Handicap over 1950m at Chateaubriant on 25 June. Some of his best races have been under Fabrice Veron who rides him again
- **12. CATELLE ROSE** Finished 14th in a Handicap over 1950m at Chateaubriant on 25 June. Recent form has been poor and she is held by others
- **13. PRINCESS LAURA -** Ran 7th over 2100m at ParisLongchamp on 19 June. Not the most consistent of runners but could pop up into a place on a good day
- **14. PEYTON PLACE -** Finished 6th in a Handicap over 2400m at Pornichet on 5 January. Comes back from a layoff and could be in need of the run
- **15. RIVER DAVEN -** Ran 5th in a Handicap over 2250m at ParisLongchamp on 3 July. Needs to up her game if she is going to trouble the opposition
- **16. PREFERENCIA -** Finished 14th in a Handicap over 2000m at Vichy on 14 July. She has a light weight and that could see her have a say in the finish

Summary: Many with chances but WARDAMA (1) won on this course in May and then proved she was still competitive when runner-up at Chateaubriant last time out. SPINNING MIST (8) has started to show improvement and any further progress will put him right in the race. MOLINO (11) holds a number of others on his last run and this is a good horse and jockey combination. PREFERENCIA (16) has the benefit of a light weight and that brings her right into picture.

SELECTIONS

WARDAMA (1) - SPINNING MIST (8) - MOLINO (11) - PREFERENCIA (16)