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C1 - PRIX DE CHANTELOUP-LES-VIGNES - 900m (a4f1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 24,000

- 1. YOUNG AND PROUD** - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing under his belt to finish 3rd over track and trip on 1 April. Keep safe
- 2. AWJ** - Made an encouraging debut (3rd) at Southwell over 1000m on 31 March and needn't improve a great deal to fight for victory
- 3. FISFUL OF LOVE** - Didn't go unnoticed when 6th on debut over course and distance on 1 April. WOULD have gained plenty from that experience
- 4. TWILLY LIGHT** - Finished 9th of 13 runners on debut over this course and distance on 1 April. Could improve with the benefit of that experience but is best watched for now
- 5. BYGRACE** - Charm Spirit debutante from the stable of Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti with Giovanni Sias engaged to ride
- 6. JEALOUS SKY** - Mehmas debutante closely related to two-year-old Listed winner Calypso Beat. Maryline Eon rides for trainer Henri-François Devin
- 7. CASTING A SPELL** - Florian Guyader-trained Ardad newcomer to be ridden by Marie Vélon with the benefit of a 1,5kg allowance
- 8. EXPLOSIVE ACTION** - Another Florian Guyader-trained Ardad newcomer in the race. Théo Bachelot is a notable riding engagement
- 9. LILAROSE** - Dorian Provost takes 3,5kg off the back of this Yann Barberot-trained Goken debutante. Not taken lightly
- 10. OCEANE PEARL** - Wasn't beaten a long way on her debut of this course and distance, finishing 7th of 13 runners on 1 April. Will tempt lovers of outsiders
- 11. DANDY GALAXY** - Finished of last 13 runners on debut over this course and distance on 1 April. Could improve with the benefit of that experience but is best watched for now
- 12. TREVI** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th of 13 on debut over this course and distance on 1 April but carries an extra 1,5kg on this occasion, so has more to do

Summary: AWJ (2) arrives on French soil with the firm intention of opening her account after finishing 2nd on debut at Southwell and, with Mickael Barzalona engaged, gets the nod ahead of supplemented newcomer JEALOUS SKY (6) who is closely related to a Listed winner. Florian Guyader has enjoyed great success with his youngsters and is doubly represented with CASTING A SPELL (7) and EXPLOSIVE ACTION (8), both of whom should not be underestimated. YOUNG AND PROUD (1) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

AWJ (2) - JEALOUS SKY (6) - CASTING A SPELL (7) - EXPLOSIVE ACTION (8)

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C2 - PRIX AMOUR DRAKE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 27,000

1. JEAN PIC - Made an encouraging introduction (3rd) in the reference race over this course and distance on 26 March, finishing behind MR DIAFOIRUS (5). Ought to be competitive with improvement expected

2. SPINELLO - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 4th on debut in the benchmark event over track and trip on 26 March. Would've gained plenty from that experience

3. ANNABEL'S GHOST - Finished 10th of 12 on debut over track and trip in the reference race on 26 March. Best watched for now

4. MORO - Acquitted himself well on debut over at this venue, finishing 5th of 15 runners over 2000m on 21 March. Will be wiser to the task now

5. MR DIAFOIRUS - Caught the eye on debut when a staying-on 2nd to Talise over this course and distance on 26 March. Will be a factor

6. INTERNAUTE - Regally bred Sea The Stars colt runner-up in both starts this year. Finished (2nd) ahead of subsequent winner Talise over 2200m at Fontainebleau on 2 March and wouldn't be winning out to of turn after finishing 2nd at Chantilly over 2000m on 30 March last time out

Summary: INTERNAUTE (6) has confirmed the promise of his debut 4th last year by finishing 2nd in both comeback outings this season and is good value to go one better here, having finished ahead of Talise on his reappearance at Fontainebleau on 2 March. The latter subsequently opened his account by beating MR DIAFOIRUS (5), JEAN PIC (1) and SPINELLO (2), who finished in that order, over this course and distance.

SELECTIONS

INTERNAUTE (6) - MR DIAFOIRUS (5) - JEAN PIC (1) - SPINELLO (2)

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**C3 - PRIX SICARELLE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR
€ 27,000**

- 1. SIYANDRA** - Revealed considerable means in finishing 2nd in both starts last year and needn't improve a great deal on her reappearance to go one better. Runner-up over 1800m on turf at Chantilly when last seen on 11 October
- 2. AQUILAE** - Didn't go unnoticed on debut when finishing 5th behind ZARAKIVA (3) on debut over 2000m on this course on 21 March. Warrants respect
- 3. ZARAKIVA** - Caught the eye on debut when 2nd over 2000m on this course on 21 March. Will be a factor with any amount of improvement expected
- 4. DAME QUANT** - Improving Masar filly who made an encouraging reappearance when 2nd over course and distance on heavy ground on 26 March. Keep safe
- 5. QUEEN OF KAHRAMAN** - Improved to finish 4th over course and distance on 26 March with blinkers fitted for the first time. Could have more to offer
- 6. TENTED CAMP** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th on debut over course and distance on 26 March. Would have gained plenty from that experience
- 7. BAD ROMANCE** - Showed promise by finishing 3rd on debt over this trip in PSF at Pornichet on 27 March. Not taken lightly
- 8. MOOSBEERE** - Debuted in Germany, finished 3rd at Düsseldorf over 1600m in October, but failed to confirm that promise when only 8th over 2000m at Chantilly in her first start on French soil on 30 March. Best watched for now
- 9. MOSAIQUE** - Well-bred Dubawi filly who was slightly disappointing when only 6th on debut over 2000m on this course on 21 March. better expected with that experience to count on

Summary: Group I Prix de Diane entry SIYANDRA (1) revealed her quality by finishing 2nd in both starts as a two-year-old last season and is good value to make a winning reappearance here. She will, however, have to thwart the challenge of ZARAKIVA (3) who was also 2nd on debut at this venue. AQUILAE (2) and MOSAIQUE (9) are likely to improve after pleasing introductions, so are candidates for success too.

SELECTIONS

SIYANDRA (1) - ZARAKIVA (3) - AQUILAE (2) - MOSAIQUE (9)

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C4 - PRIX CLEOPATRE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Gr3 Race - Flat - EUR € 80,000

1. PARAIBA - Promising debut winner on the PSF at Deauville over 1900m on 5 November. Could be anything returning from a subsequent absence

2. KEEN APPROACH - Made a winning reappearance over 1900m on the PSF at Deauville and confirmed that form/improvement by finishing 3rd in a 2000m Listed race on this course on 7 March

3. FUN WITH FLAGS - Undeclared in three outings and was impressive in winning a 2000m Listed race on her reappearance at this venue on 7 March. One to beat

4. MAKE A WISH - Consistent and versatile last-start winner over 2200m at Fontainebleau on 15 March. Her experience ought to stand her in good stead

5. MAGESTIC MOON - Built on the promise of her debut 5th on the PSF over 1500m at Deauville by finishing 3rd over 1900m on PSF at Deauville on 19 January. Could improve improve on turf for the first time

6. WAR CHIMES - Impressive wide-margin winner of the 1800m Listed Prix Isonomy at Chantilly on 27 October. Not taken lightly on her reappearance

7. HALFDAY - Confirmed the promise of her debut 2nd over 1900m on the PSF at Deauville by winning over 1600m on PSF at Chantilly on 22 December. Warrants respect on her reappearance in her first start on turf

Summary: Unbeaten FUN WITH FLAGS (3) has been impressive in winning each of her three starts and, like her training companion Lazzat not so long ago, could preserve her 100% record and win the first Group race of her career. WAR CHIMES (6) also impressed with a wide-margin victory in a Listed race last year and is likely to lead the opposition, ahead of unbeaten debut winner PARAIBA (1) who could be anything on her reappearance. Promising HALFDAY (7) isn't without a chance either on her reappearance.

SELECTIONS

FUN WITH FLAGS (3) - WAR CHIMES (6) - PARAIBA (1) - HALFDAY (7)

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C5 - PRIX PAS DE DEUX - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Newcomers Race - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. SHADIRWAN** - Kingman gelding trained by Francis-Henri Graffard, who has engaged Stéphane Pasquier to ride this son of a mare whose dam placed several times at Group II level
- 2. SOHO HOUSE** - Well-bred Fabrice Chappet-trained Sea The Star colt with an attractive pedigree. One to note on debut with Cristian Demuro aboard
- 3. LANZELOT GOLD** - Maxime Guyon is a notable jockey booking on this Toronado colt from the stable of Jean-Pierre Carvalho
- 4. OCEAN VIKING** - Godolphin's Farhh colt with a Group I Prix du Jockey Club entry. Mickaël Barzalona rides for André Fabre
- 5. WINGTIP** - Stéphane Cérulis-trained Twirling Candy colt to be ridden on debut by Anthony Crastus. Not taken lightly
- 6. VCTE DE JODELET** - César Belmont takes 2,5kg off the back of this André Fabre-trained Kitten's Joy colt on debut. Dark horse
- 7. AVEDON** - David Smaga-trained Demarchelier colt whose dam, Thais, distinguished herself at the highest level in the United States. Eddy Hardouin rides
- 8. SOBERANO CEN** - Ten Sovereigns colt from the powerful yard of Christopher Head. Warrants respect on debut with Aurélien Lemaitre engaged

Summary: A newcomers' race in which Group I classic entry OCEAN VIKING (4), closely related to a Listed winner in Norway, seems the one to side with. SHADIRWAN (1), who runs in the interests of His Highness Aga Khan, is also a candidate for success. AVEDON (7) and SOBERANO CEN (8) are others with legitimate winning ambitions on debut.

SELECTIONS

OCEAN VIKING (4) - SHADIRWAN (1) - AVEDON (7) - SOBERANO CEN (8)

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C6 - PRIX PARADE D'AMOUR - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Newcomers Race - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. IMEDARA** - Dam won twice from 1400m - 1700m and this filly represents powerful connections so could be a factor. Monitor the market
- 2. DARNYA** - Dam raced three times without doing anything useful and this filly could just need a few educational runs. Unlikely winner
- 3. BLUE MOVES** - Dam was unraced and this filly doesn't get the heart racing on paper but could be of interest if there is support. Monitor the market
- 4. ALYAQUT** - Dam remained a maiden after eight outings and this filly could need further before showing something useful. Not fancied
- 5. BRIGANTINA** - Dam was unraced and this filly gets weight of the back courtesy of an apprentice riding but she will likely need the run. Others preferred
- 6. GOLD LOVE** - Dam won three times from 1900m - 2100m but this runner is unlikely to play much of a role on debut. Likely to need a few runs
- 7. SWEET EXCESS** - Dam won once over 1600m and this filly could be better for the run. Others make more appeal
- 8. BAILEYS ILLUSION** - Dam won once over 1300m in France before leaving to England where she won four times. Trip is a question mark
- 9. LIV GOLD** - Dam was unraced and this filly isn't an appealing type on paper nor does she represent a yard that are known for winning on debut. One to pass by
- 10. ON THE CLOUDS** - Dam was unraced and this filly could be a useful sort in the making so is definitely worth keeping an eye on. One to watch
- 11. GRACELLA** - This daughter of Siyouni represents an inform yard that are more than capable of getting them ready on debut. Follow the market
- 12. ZORA** - Dam won four times in Germany and notched up eight victories once coming to France but this filly is likely to need the run. One to pass by
- 13. ROYAL VELVET** - Daughter of Zarak that is likely to need an outing or two before shaping up with real menace. Others preferred
- 14. SOLINAH** - Dam won once over 1700m and this filly is bred in the purple so it would be no surprise to see her go well on debut. Big chance
- 15. QUEEN CEN** - Dam won three times including a victory in a Group 3 in Ireland and she is likely to be forward on debut. Winning chance

Summary: In what could be a race to follow over time, SOLINAH (14) is the top choice and the one that stands out on paper. She draws well and gets Maxime Guyon which all points to a huge performance. QUEEN CEN (15) is an attractive type and could likely show potential from the off. IMEDARA (1) and ON THE CLOUDS (10) both hail from solid yards that will be looking to deliver for big connections.

SELECTIONS

SOLINAH (14) - QUEEN CEN (15) - IMEDARA (1) - ON THE CLOUDS (10)

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C7 - PRIX D'ESTRIVAL - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Gr3 APQS Race - Flat - EUR € 35,000

- 1. JET BLUE** - Winner over track/trip in a Group 3 when switching back to the flat on the 26th of March 2024. Go close once again
- 2. JIMFA** - Finished 6th over track/trip in a Group 3 on the 26th of March 2024. Will strip fitter and should run well. Big chance
- 3. JOE L'AUDACE** - Winner of his maiden over 3000m at Le-Lion D'Angers on the 1st of April 2024. More is required to win again
- 4. KERION BOURGEOIS** - Runner up over 3000m at Le-Lion D'Angers on the 1st of April 2024 in a weaker race. Would be a surprise winner
- 5. JEU DE JAMBES** - Winner over 2400m at Wissembourg on the 14th of April 2024. On the up but more to find at this level. Others preferred
- 6. JAGUAR DU LARGE** - Finished 3rd behind a couple reopposing rivals over track/trip in a Group 3 on the 26th of March 2024. Upset type
- 7. JULIETTE BANBOU** - Returned from a layoff with a fair 5th placed effort over track/trip in a Group 3 on the 26th of March 2024. Include in all bets
- 8. KEL ESPOIR EN JEU** - Showed up well last time out over track/trip in a Group 3 on the 26th of March 2023. Could outrun odds
- 9. JUDGELAND** - Finished 7th over 3700m in a Hurdles event at Le-Lion D'Angers in a Class 3 race on the 31st of March 2024. One to pass by
- 10. KEY WISH** - Finished 6th over 3000m at Angers on the 22nd of November 2023. Others make more appeal on current form
- 11. KIKEA DU MOU** - Winner over 3000m at Angers on the 22nd of November 2023 and is open to improvement. Include in the play
- 12. JOAQUINA DIC1** - Finished 4th over 3000m at Le-Lion D'Angers on the 1st of April 2024. Would need to show more
- 13. JESUBA** - Finished 8th over 3500m in a Hurdles event in Class 2 company at Pau on the 17th of December 2023. Back on the flat could unlock more from her
- 14. JUSTUNE STAR** - Runner up over track/trip last time out behind a reopposing rival on the 26th of March 2024. Can get involved
- 15. KORONA PHIL** - Comfortable winner over 2400m at Le-Lion D'Angers on the 1st of April 2024. Will need to up her game

Summary: JIMFA (2) made his return of a rest last time out and seemed to be in need of the outing and with that out the way, he could pick of a few of the horses that finished in front of him. JET BLUE (1) won with ease last time out and could follow up against similar. JUSTUNE STAR (14) was beaten by a better horse on the day and similar could be expected. JULIETTE BANBOU (7) will strip fitter and could get involved.

SELECTIONS

JIMFA (2) - JET BLUE (1) - JUSTUNE STAR (14) - JULIETTE BANBOU (7)

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C8 - PRIX DU LIEU MARMION - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,000

- 1. MICOLEO** - Weak effort in 11th position over 1400m in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 10th of April 2024. One to pass by
- 2. CRUELLA DE VIL** - Finished 4th over 1400m at Fontainebleau in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 2nd of April 2024. Winning chance
- 3. CLAIM THE STARS** - Finished 7th over 1000m at Chantilly in a Class 3 claimer on the 4th of April 2024. Open to improvement
- 4. ON LOCKDOWN** - Finished 5th over 1600m at Le Mans in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 11th of March 2024. Place claims
- 5. TRUE ROMANCE** - Winner over 1300m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 12th of April 2024. Can go close again
- 6. IDAHO JAMES** - Winner over 1400m at Tarbes in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 31st of March 2024. Each way chance
- 7. SPACE QUAKE** - Winner over 1400m at Deauville in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 10th of April 2024. Must inclusion
- 8. BEACON TOWERS** - Well held in 10th position over 1400m at Compiègne in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 19th of March 2024. More to do
- 9. HURRICANE LIGHT** - Runner up over 1500m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 26th of March 2024. Place claims
- 10. MY FLINDERS** - Won well over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 15th of April 2024. Can outrun her odds
- 11. NOBLE AMBER** - Narrowly denied victory in 2nd spot over 1850m at Hyeres in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 1st of April 2024. Upset type

Summary: TRUE ROMANCE (5) won a nice race last time out and with his confidence restored he could follow up. CRUELLA DE VIL (2) put up a solid display in her first start for the year and should have more to offer. ON LOCKDOWN (4) tends to mix his form but could be a decent value inclusion in this event. CLAIM THE STARS (3) was far from disgraced over shorter last time out and should appreciate the step up in trip which should unlock more from him.

SELECTIONS

TRUE ROMANCE (5) - CRUELLA DE VIL (2) - ON LOCKDOWN (4) - CLAIM THE STARS (3)

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C9 - PRIX DU LIEU MANCHON - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. FORCE CAT** - Finished 7th in Spain over 1500m when last sighted on the 17th of December 2023. Hard to recommend
- 2. GIN GEMBRE** - Far from disgraced in 5th position over 1400m at Deauville in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 10th of April 2024. Place chance
- 3. LOUVE PRECIEUSE** - Finished 10th over 1400m at Strasbourg in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 22nd of March 2024. More to do
- 4. VEGA DREAM** - Finished 3rd over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 4th of April 2024. Should go well
- 5. URI** - Finished 4th over 1400m at Moulins in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 14th of April 2024. Each way player
- 6. PARISIAN BELLE** - Finished 11th over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 4th of April 2024. Should bounce back
- 7. SAKHARAH** - Finished 9th over 1500m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 26th of February 2024. Unlikely winner
- 8. SHAMASUN** - Finished 7th over 1400m in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 19th of March 2024. Big runner if reproducing penultimate effort
- 9. MEHANYDREAM** - Weak effort in 10th spot over 1600m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided limited handicap on the 15th of April 2024. Others make more appeal
- 10. MURRAYFIELD** - Runner up over 1400m at Compiègne in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 19th of March 2024. Can get involved for the minor spots
- 11. STAR LUCE** - No show in 10th spot over 1400m at Nancy in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 4th of April 2024. Would be a shock winner

Summary: VEGA DREAM (4) is in consistent form and would be deserving off another win. The weight off the back makes him a serious runner. URI (5) is always about the action and should be involved once again. SHAMASUN (8) is better than her last and can run a huge race. PARISIAN BELLE (6) is erratic but very capable and needs to be included.

SELECTIONS

VEGA DREAM (4) - URI (5) - SHAMASUN (8) - PARISIAN BELLE (6)