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R2 VITTEL [L-H]

C1 - PRIX VITTEL THERMAL SPA - 1300m (a6 1/2f) - TURF - Handicap Claiming - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 11.000

- 1. EXCALIBUR** - Decent 3rd over 1100m at Chateaubriant on July 17th on the last run. Competitive run expected
- 2. BANKSY** - 3rd over 1400m at Clairefontaine on the latest run 15 days ago. Live chance
- 3. HAPPY DREAM** - Three unplaced runs, ran 4th before that over 1350m in late May. Ought to be thereabouts
- 4. WHY CHOPE** - Has been unplaced on the last four runs, the latter over 1300m 9 days ago. Opposable
- 5. JILBAAB** - Unplaced last two runs, 3rd before that over 1400m at Compiègne in early June. Can be involved
- 6. FEEL THE FEVER** - 4th three runs back over 1100m in late May. Capable of being placed if in the mood
- 7. SONDERBAR** - Has several unplaced runs this year, has dropped in the ratings but needs to get back on track
- 8. GHAYADH** - Has not been placed on the last four runs, 2nd before that over 1350m in mid-May. Outside place chance

Summary : EXCALIBUR (1) can win off top weight. He was a good third over 1100m last time at Chateaubriant and should be too strong for his rivals. BANKSY (2) looks like the main threat, he won over 1400m at Nancy in April and ran well when last seen when he was third beaten under 1L 15 days ago. JILBAAB (5) is one to include in the place market. He won over 1300m in January and ran a good third three runs ago on turf. HAPPY DREAM (3) looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

EXCALIBUR (1) - BANKSY (2) - JILBAAB (5) - HAPPY DREAM (3)

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**C2 - PRIX BERNARD CHABOT - GRAND CRITERIUM DE VITTEL - 1600m
(a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 27.000**

- 1. PARRHESIA** - Nice run over 1600m in a Class 2 event 17 days ago when 2nd. Can make presence felt
- 2. SOVER FAL** - Nice 2nd over 1200m on the last run in July. Can improve and play a lead role
- 3. VERMELHO** - Won over 1600m on the last run at Saint-Malo in mid-July. Live contender
- 4. TERESA MENDOZA** - Won on only run over 1400m at Dieppe on July 25th. Can not be overlooked
- 5. MEISHO VELITE** - Unplaced on only run so far over 1600m at Vichy 17 days ago. Needs a vast improved effort to feature

Summary : A small field lineup, with four of the five runners having a claim for victory. The Saint-Malo winner VERMELHO (3) gets the marginal vote, she has improved with each run and scored by 3.5L when last seen on July 18th. Her likely main threat could be PARRHESIA (1) who improved herself when second in a Class 2 race 17 days ago after winning on debut. She has the physique to keep progressing. TERESA MENDOZA (4) won narrowly on her only run at Dieppe last month and can only come forward for that success. SOVER FAL (2) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

VERMELHO (3) - PARRHESIA (1) - TERESA MENDOZA (4) - SOVER FAL (2)

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C3 - PRIX DE VALLEROY LE SEC - 3800m (a2 3/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 4 - Hurdles - EUR € 22.000

- 1. JEANNE DE GUYE** - Bit below par on the last run when unplaced but ran a decent 4th over fences before that over 3600m in February. Will strip fitter today and can be competitive
- 2. VOIX SAINTE** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3400m in late June. Among the top chances
- 3. INDOMINO** - Has shown promise in both runs, the latter when 5th over 3400m at Dieppe in mid-July. Live chance
- 4. ARRARUN** - Newcomer by Kandahar Run, stable runners tend to need a run to progress. Market best watched
- 5. MYSTIC CHOP** - Unplaced on only run over hurdles over 3400m 6 days ago. Moderate on the level. Opposable
- 6. LOVELY LINE** - Unplaced last time when in need of the run over 3600m in a chase 13 days ago. In the mix
- 7. TEE MOON PARIS** - Unplaced on only run this year over 3400m in January. Looks of limited ability

Summary : This race will not take much winning and although a bit below par last time, JEANNE DE GUYE (1) will be all the better for that run where he looked badly in need of the outing. A winner on debut and a decent fourth in a Class 1 race in late December. He should be too smart for these. The lightly raced INDOMINO (3) who has shown promise in both runs could be the biggest threat. VOIX SAINTE (2) can not be discounted, he ran well when fourth two runs ago at Wissembourg and ought to be involved. LOVELY LINE (6) is also worth consideration in this weak event.

SELECTIONS

JEANNE DE GUYE (1) - INDOMINO (3) - VOIX SAINTE (2) - LOVELY LINE (6)

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C4 - PRIX VIT'ELLE EN ROSE - 3400m (a2 1/8m) - TURF - Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 18.000

- 1. HELLO CHARLY** - 5th two runs ago over 2500m in early July at Aix-Les-Bains in a Class 3 race. Place chance
- 2. CAPABLE** - Three unplaced runs, 3rd before that over 3200m in April. Has work to do
- 3. HE'S A ROCK STAR** - Unplaced last time, but a good 4th before that over 2100m at this venue in late July. Has won 7 times before and looks competitive
- 4. DEEP SPACE** - Decent 3rd at this track last time over 3400m in mid-July. Looks a key player
- 5. RANNAN** - Has dropped a few kilos in the ratings and is versatile trip-wise, ought to be on the premises
- 6. HANZIKO D'AIRY** - Fair 4th over 3400m at this track in mid-July on the latest run. Has each way chance
- 7. PUR HASARD** - 5th last time at this track in mid-July. Others seem more likely
- 8. HUMBABA D'AGROSTIS** - 3rd on the last run over 2400m 13 days ago in a Class 4 handicap. Others rate higher

Summary : DEEP SPACE (4) has been threatening to get off the mark of late with two good efforts, this could be his best chance of getting his first success. HE'S A ROCK STAR (3) knows how to win having seven wins so far, he has form at this track and can make an impact. RANNAN (5) ought to make the top three if he can recapture his best form. The drop in the handicap will be appreciated and he has place claims. HANZIKO D'AIRY (6) is a previous winner at this track in 2021 over 2400m. He is obviously delicate having only run seven times in almost two years.

SELECTIONS

DEEP SPACE (4) - HE'S A ROCK STAR (3) - RANNAN (5) - HANZIKO D'AIRY (6)

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C5 - PRIX D'HAREVILLE - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 12.000

1. **ZABIR** - 5th over 2400m at this track in mid-July last time. Among the top chances
2. **WHIP DRALLIV** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 2000m at Lyon Parilly in June. Place chance
3. **MISS HONEYMOON** - 4th over 2400m on the last run in late June at Wissembourg. Can be in the mix
4. **GIRASOLE** - Good 2nd over 2100m at this track in late July on the latest run. Bold show expected
5. **GRACEHILL** - Unplaced last run, 2nd before that over 1600m at Chatillon in May. Can not be ruled out
6. **ARCACHON** - Unplaced on both flat runs, but has shown promise. The latter run was over 2400m in May. Place chance
7. **MOON OF THE GLADE** - Two runs unplaced, the latter over 2400m in April. Has shown very little and can be overlooked
8. **PIAZZAS** - Unplaced in all three runs so far, the latest over 2100m at Vittel in late July. Others preferred
9. **ACATANA** - Has four runs so far, the latest over 2700m in late July. Seems of limited ability
10. **KATE DADDY** - 3rd last time over 2200m at Pompadour 14 days ago. Unlikely to trouble some of these
11. **MARIA CHARME** - Has five unplaced runs this year, the latest over 2200m at Pompadour 14 days ago. Opposable
12. **STEALTHY STRIDE** - Has five runs all unplaced. The latest run was over 2100m in late July. Looks hard to fancy

Summary : GIRASOLE (4) has been improving with each run so far. Her latest second at this track was another step forward and she will be hard to beat. MISS HONEYMOON (3) could be the main danger, she ran a good race when fourth on her last outing in June over 2400m at Wissembourg. ZABIR (1) has yet to make the frame, but has shown some talent and needs to be considered from an each-way perspective. ARCACHON (6) has had two runs on the level with an unplaced run over hurdles in between. He has place claims.

SELECTIONS

GIRASOLE (4) - MISS HONEYMOON (3) - ZABIR (1) - ARCACHON (6)

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C6 - PRIX MARIA LEZINSKA - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - TURF - Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 18.000

1. **SCORPIO** - Won over 2100m on the last run in late July at this track. Live chance
2. **PHILIPPE'S GREY** - Four unplaced runs, 2nd before that over 2400m at Pornichet in February. Unlikely
3. **SEKKU** - Two unplaced runs, 2nd before that over 2000m at Lyon Parilly in late June. Place chance
4. **EVERSTORM** - Fair 2nd last time over 1400m at Nancy in April. Fitness is taken on trust although he can figure
5. **WOLF HUNTER** - Has two unplaced runs this year, the latter over 2400m at Clairefontaine 15 days ago. Among the top chances
6. **SILBACO'S SONG** - Unplaced on the only run of 2023. Won over 2400m in May 2021. Has only run three times since that success. Best watched
7. **NICE PAULA** - Two unplaced runs this year won in September 2022 over 2000m. In the mix
8. **MOREMI** - 5th on the last run over 2100m at Vittel in late July. Can not be overlooked
9. **AS DE JUILLEY** - Three unplaced runs recently, won before that over 2400m in May. Needs to get back on track
10. **TRIPTAJIKA** - Four unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 2150m in late May. Hard to fancy
11. **IKEBANA LUX** - Has had three unplaced runs in two years, looks delicate, and is hard to train. Others preferred
12. **AZADORE** - Has had several unplaced runs so far over various trips. Looks of limited ability
13. **RIVER LILLY** - Won two runs ago over 2100m at Vittel in early July. Knows how to win and can be on the premises
14. **SILVER MAGIC** - 4th two runs ago over 2500m at Nancy in early May. Looks safely held

Summary : With decent course form, it may pay to side with SCORPIO (1) who won at this track over 2100m in late July and can follow up. WOLF HUNTER (5) has dropped in the ratings and is capable of making an impact. He has been lightly raced since winning in 2021 and changed trainers after a second at Nantes in June 2022. MOREMI (8) has a nice racing weight and can not be overlooked. He ought to make the top three. SEKKU (3) also enters calculations. He ran a decent race when fifth on this track in early July and should be involved at the business end.

SELECTIONS

SCORPIO (1) - WOLF HUNTER (5) - MOREMI (8) - SEKKU (3)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA SOURCE DES DEMOISELLES - 3800m (a2 3/8m) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 28.000

1. **PIRIAC** - Fair 2nd over 3900m at Clairefontaine last time in a claimer 12 days ago. Will not lack fitness and is a leading contender

2. **VIOLET HILL** - Nice effort when 2nd over 3800m on the latest run in mid-July. Can be on the premises

3. **FOLBURG DE PALMA** - Nice 3rd over 3800m at this track in late July. Likes this track and can not be overlooked

4. **ROXALAGU** - Fair 3rd over fences last time in late July over 3550m. Others make more appeal

5. **AIMANT** - Decent 3rd in a Class 2 race at Vichy last time over 3700m in late July. Among the the top chances

6. **GRAND SLICKLY** - 6th over 3800m at Vittel last time in late July, 3rd before that. Has work to do to feature

7. **BANKIERE** - 2nd on the latest run over 3800m in July 2022. Might benefit from this run off a layoff

Summary : VIOLET HILL (2) has been threatening to win again after some good runs of late. He is the selection after a second at Aix-Les-Bains over 3800m in July. He has the most to fear from PIRIAC (1) who was also second on his last run. He is after winning his seventh race and is sure to be involved. FOLBURG DE PALMA (3) can never be discounted when racing at this venue and is expected to once again make a bold show. AIMANT (5) did well when third in a Class 2 race last time and will be in the shake-up.

SELECTIONS

VIOLET HILL (2) - PIRIAC (1) - FOLBURG DE PALMA (3) - AIMANT (5)