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C1 - PRIX DE DENGUIN - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 - Flat
- EUR € 16,500

- 1. EL TORERO** - Likes this track and trip and was runner-up in a handicap on 9 January. Can be competitive once again
- 2. RETIRO** - Consistent of late and finished fourth in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 4 December. Big chance in this line-up
- 3. NIGHTS ON BROADWAY** - Only modest of late and was 7th in a claimer at Deauville over 2500m on 3 December. Can win a race of this nature
- 4. STARZO FAL** - Not disgraced when fourth in a handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 2 December. Can earn some more money
- 5. THE TOP GATSBY** - Consistent and finished fourth in a Conditions race at Dax over 2300m on 31 July. Returns from a break but is capable of winning
- 6. SENORITO** - Showed improvement when third in a Listed race at Toulouse over 2400m on 3 March. Returns from a break but must be respected in this line-up
- 7. WIGMORE STREET** - Only modest of late and was 8th in a Conditions race at this course over 1600m on 11 January. More is needed to win this race
- 8. L ORIENT EXPRESS** - Finished 12th on debut in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 4 December. Capable of improvement but others are preferred

Summary: A very tricky opening event. RETIRO (2) is fit and was unlucky over this course and distance last month. SENORITO (6) and THE TOP GATSBY (5) are talented, but their fitness will have to be taken on trust. SENORITO (6) was last seen when third in a Listed race at Toulouse, but that was back in March. THE TOP GATSBY (5) is very consistent but has not raced since July. NIGHTS ON BROADWAY (3) was a disappointment in a claimer last time out, but on pure ability he is capable of winning this race.

SELECTIONS

RETIRO (2) - SENORITO (6) - THE TOP GATSBY (5) - NIGHTS ON BROADWAY (3)

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C2 - PRIX ANNIE HUTTON - 4700m (a3m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 83,000

- 1. BENOU** - Three unplaced runs since a 4th over 4700m in a Grade 3 chase at Auteuil on April 20th. Useful on his day, and he warrants respect despite the burden of top-weight
- 2. KIDNAPPEUR** - Three solid efforts last year, scoring on the latter over 4400m in a Class 2 chase at Auteuil on November 5th. Has risen in the handicap and others could be better treated
- 3. ALWAYS LOVE YOU** - Fair 5th over 4000m at this track in a handicap chase on December 31st. Among the leading each way chances
- 4. JERIKO BOULOISE** - Finished 5th last time out at Auteuil over 4400m in a Class 2 chase on November 23rd. Respite from the handicapper is needed
- 5. GARDONS LE SOURIRE** - Two 2nd placed efforts at this track in 2025 over fences, the most recent over 4000m in a handicap on December 31st. Key chance
- 6. KING LE DUN** - Ran well to be 3rd over 4000m in a handicap chase at this track on December 31st. Capable of making an impact
- 7. INSIDE MONTLIOUX** - Two unplaced runs of late, well beaten over 4000m in a handicap chase at this track on December 31st. Looks vulnerable
- 8. NOMADE** - Ran well to be 3rd over 4000m in a Class 3 chase at this track on December 16th. One to pay attention to
- 9. GALOP DU LARGE** - 6th last time over 4000m in a handicap chase at this track on December 31st, 3rd before that over the same track and trip on December 14th in a handicap chase. Player
- 10. JAGUAR DU LARGE** - Two unplaced runs recently, 6th over 3800m in a handicap hurdle on December 16th at this venue. Others make more appeal
- 11. KARNAVAL POINT** - Nice success over the track and trip in a claiming chase on January 11th. Ought to be involved in the finish
- 12. GAZ GAZ** - Placed on the last two runs, 4th at Moulins over 4200m in a Class 3 handicap chase on December 13th. Outside place contender
- 13. OUR DREAM** - Placed 2nd last time out over 4700m in a claiming chase at this track on January 11th behind KARNAVAL POINT (11). Place chance
- 14. EASTER SUNDAY** - Three good runs last year, 2nd on the most recent over 4700m in a handicap chase at Haras Du Pin on October 26th. Up in class and might find this difficult
- 15. CAITLIN'S COURT** - Unplaced last time, 4th previously over 4000m in a handicap chase on December 14th. Capable of being on the premises
- 16. FRIPON DU SEUIL** - Three unplaced runs of late, the latter over 4000m at this track in a handicap chase on December 31st. Look for an alternative

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Summary: GARDONS LE SOURIRE (5) has performed well at this track over 4000m on his last two starts. His second place in a handicap chase late in December was encouraging, and he should stay this extra distance. KING LE DUN (6) could be the main danger, having finished third in the same race and with a few lengths to make up. NOMADE (8) shaped well when third in a Class 3 chase at this track in mid-December and can be involved once again. KARNAVAL POINT (11) won a claiming chase here last time and cannot be ignored, while GALOP DU LARGE (9) looks best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

GARDONS LE SOURIRE (5) - KING LE DUN (6) - NOMADE (8) - KARNAVAL POINT (11)

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**C3 - PRIX DE GRAMONT - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 - Hurdles -
EUR € 34,000**

- 1. L'ODYSSEE** - Two unplaced runs since a 2nd over 3400m in a Class 4 chase at Nimes on November 16th. Others seem better equipped
- 2. BELLE ETINCELLE** - Two solid 3rd place efforts recently, the most recent over 3500m at Pau in a Class 4 hurdle on January 11th. Can get off the mark
- 3. MADELINA** - Fair 5th last time out over the course and distance in a Class 2 hurdle on December 31st, and 2nd before that over hurdles at Moulins in December. Player
- 4. N'ATTENDONS PAS** - Showed plenty when 2nd on her sole start over the track and trip over hurdles on December 24th. Open to improvement and can feature
- 5. BAIE DES ANGES** - Three tame efforts over hurdles, failing to finish on any of them. The latest over 3300m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on January 1st in a Class 4 hurdle race. Pass over
- 6. RAZAMIX** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3400m at Nimes in a Class 4 hurdle on November 11th. Unlikely to feature
- 7. OVALIE** - Unraced filly by Bathyrhon, the dam ran twice. From a respected stable that can ready a newcomer to strike on debut. One to monitor in the betting
- 8. OVER DREAM** - Unraced by Whitecliffsofdover, the dam never ran. Should improve for this debut run unless the betting vibes are strong

Summary: BELLE ETINCELLE (2) arrives after two solid third-place efforts, the latest coming in a Class 4 hurdle at this track nine days ago. She is given the nod over N'ATTENDONS PAS (4), who made a pleasing hurdles debut over course and distance in late December when finishing second and should improve for that run. MADELINA (3) ran well in a Class 2 hurdle at this track late in December and has sound each-way claims, while OVALIE (7) is worth a market check on debut.

SELECTIONS

BELLE ETINCELLE (2) - N'ATTENDONS PAS (4) - MADELINA (3) - OVALIE (7)

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**C4 - PRIX JEAN BERNET - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 - Hurdles -
EUR € 34,000**

- 1. FANDERIK** - Finished 4th over 3500m in a Class 3 hurdle at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on January 1st on her most recent start. Others seem more likely to be involved
- 2. LITOTE DU LANNIER** - Finished 7th over the track and trip in a Class 3 hurdle on December 24th. Unlikely to threaten some of these
- 3. BEST SUMMER** - Five unplaced efforts of late, the latter over 3800m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 24th. Has work to do
- 4. BUMBASIA** - Finished 3rd over the track and trip in a Class 3 hurdle on December 31st. Still seeking her first success but has place claims
- 5. KATOVICE** - She has been placed on her last three starts, 2nd on the latter over 3900m in a Class 3 chase on December 24th, when beaten narrowly by KISS KISS (6). Can feature on return to hurdles
- 6. KISS KISS** - Two good efforts of late, a win on the most recent over 3900m at Pau in a Class 3 chase on December 24th. Track and trip winner over hurdles in 2024. Leading contender back over hurdles
- 7. LUXU** - Three unplaced runs at this track in 2025, the latter over the track and trip in a Class 3 hurdle on December 31st. Hard to fancy
- 8. TUTTI BELLA** - She has been absent since a 3rd over 4300m at Auteuil in a handicap hurdle on November 16th, 2024. Long absence to overcome and is best watched
- 9. KALINE ROQUE** - Previous Class 2 winner over hurdles in 2024, finished 6th over the track and trip in a Class 3 hurdle on December 31st. Should strip fitter for that as she had a year off before that run
- 10. MANDRAGORE** - Ran well to be 2nd over 3500m at Pau in a claiming hurdle on December 31st on the latest start. One to look at each way
- 11. PEPITE BLEUE** - Won on her last start over 3700m in a handicap chase on August 11th at Clairefontaine. Has won twice over hurdles before. Player

Summary: KISS KISS (6) is a previous course-and-distance winner over hurdles in 2024. She has raced over fences recently and was a game winner in a Class 3 chase at this track in December, with KATOVICE (5) finishing second that day. The latter is a Class 2 winner over hurdles in 2024 and should have no issues reverting to this discipline. They can fight out the finish with KALINE ROQUE (9), who is also back over hurdles and should be sharper for her latest run, which came after a layoff. PEPITE BLEUE (11) is another to respect.

SELECTIONS

KISS KISS (6) - KATOVICE (5) - KALINE ROQUE (9) - PEPITE BLEUE (11)

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C5 - PRIX DE LA CHALOSSE - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 - Hurdles
- EUR € 34,000

- 1. MAJOR STAR** - Two unplaced runs over hurdles, 3rd before that over 3300m in a hurdle at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on December 1st. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 2. GOUJON BLEU** - Nice 2nd on his one run over 3500m over hurdles at this track on December 14th. He will improve from that and can go one place better
- 3. ALTAMONTE** - Placed 4th on his sole start over hurdles at this track over 3500m on December 28th. Progress is expected, and he can play a leading role
- 4. NEUCOUREAUD** - Unraced gelding by Moises Has, the dam ran a few times. Stable runners are well schooled, and any market moves for this newcomer warrant respect
- 5. MEGAMIND** - Two unplaced runs over hurdles, 6th on the latter over 3300m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on December 29th in a Class 4 hurdle. Give it a miss
- 6. ARISTOKA** - Two unplaced runs over hurdles since a win on the flat at Pompadour over 2600m on August 15th. Might find a few too smart
- 7. ROI LEON** - Unplaced on the one run over 3550m in a Class 2 hurdle at Fontainebleau on December 9th. From a good stable, and he has outside place claims
- 8. STRONG BOY** - Two unplaced efforts so far, the latest over 3400m in a Class 3 hurdle at Angers on November 11th. He has shown talent and could make the frame
- 9. POPULAS** - Unraced gelding by Ivanhowe, the dam never raced. From a shrewd trainer who knows the time of day. One to pay attention to on debut
- 10. METRONOME D'AINAY** - Unraced gelding by Guendale's Star, the dam won over hurdles once. Should improve from this opening run and is best watched for the time being
- 11. MAX SOURNIAC** - Unplaced on the one run on the flat over 2300m on September 21st at Ploermel. Hurdles debut and others make more appeal

Summary: GOUJON BLEU (2) ran well to finish second on his hurdles debut over this track and trip in mid-December and should improve for that experience. He can get the better of MAJOR STAR (1), who has been slightly below par since a pleasing third over hurdles at Cagnes-sur-Mer in December. ALTAMONTE (3) showed plenty of promise when fourth on his sole start over this track and trip late in December and can have a say in the finish. POPULAS (9) has an appealing profile and is one to watch on debut.

SELECTIONS

GOUJON BLEU (2) - MAJOR STAR (1) - ALTAMONTE (3) - POPULAS (9)

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C6 - PRIX DE RONTIGNON - 2400m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3
Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,100

- 1. INDIAN STREAK** - Only modest of late and was 5th in a Conditions race at Pornichet over 2100m on 26 December. Can make the frame
- 2. PLANCKEINSTEIN** - Improving and won a handicap over this course and distance on 26 December. Carries a penalty but can follow up
- 3. DALYNSKA** - Battling to find best form and was 9th in a Conditions race at this course over 2000m on 7 January. Others make more appeal
- 4. CHATEAU ESQUIULE** - Not reliable but was runner-up in a handicap at this track over 2000m on 2 January. Can go one place better
- 5. TAMAGHU** - Returned to form when runner-up in a handicap over this course and distance on 26 December. Can get involved with the finish again
- 6. BURNING HEART** - Not disgraced when fourth in a handicap at this track over 2000m on 2 January. Better that distance and others are preferred
- 7. VILLEQUIER** - Usually competitive and finished third in a handicap over this track and trip on 26 December. Can contest the finish once again
- 8. YENKA** - Victorious last time out in a Conditions race at Madrid over 2400m on 28 December. Needs to do a bit more to beat these rivals
- 9. MAESTRAL** - Not reliable and was 8th in a handicap at Deauville over 2500m on 2 January. Did win a handicap before that and could be the surprise package of the race
- 10. POKER STAR** - Has not won a race and was 11th in a handicap at this track over 2000m on 2 January. Others are preferred
- 11. TEMIRI** - Yet to win a race but was not disgraced when fourth in a handicap over this track and trip on 26 December. Can earn some minor money

Summary: PLANCKEINSTEIN (2) has shown improvement of late. He was a good winner over this course and distance last month. He carries a penalty for that win but can follow up. VILLEQUIER (7) and TAMAGHU (5) were third and second home that day and look the main dangers again. VILLEQUIER (7) finished well that day and could get closer this time around. CHATEAU ESQUIULE (4) is not reliable but is capable of contesting the finish.

SELECTIONS

PLANCKEINSTEIN (2) - VILLEQUIER (7) - TAMAGHU (5) - CHATEAU ESQUIULE (4)

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C7 - PRIX CHARLES DE VANSSAY - 4700m (a3m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 53,000

- KLOVIS DU LIN** - Consistent and was runner-up in a handicap chase at Moulins over 4200m on 13 December. Should be competitive once again
- RAFFLES LIAISON** - Showed some improvement when third in a handicap chase at this track over 4000m on 31 December. Can contest the finish
- ZAKY** - Not reliable and was 6th in a handicap chase at Fontainebleau over 4400m on 2 December. Capable of doing better but others make more appeal
- NUPSALA NOLIMIT** - Consistent and finished runner-up in a handicap chase at this course 4000m on 31 December. Be right there at the finish
- HALITE** - Not reliable and finished tenth in a handicap chase at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 4000m on 6 January. Others make more appeal
- JOLIVENT** - Showed some improvement when fourth in a Conditions chase over this track and trip on 7 January. More is needed to win
- ZANHOWE** - Battling to find best form and was unplaced in a handicap chase at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 4200m on 29 December. More is needed to beat these rivals
- IGOR DES ONGRAIS** - Not reliable and finished 6th in a handicap chase at this track over 4000m on 31 December. Can earn some minor money
- SAINTE BASKET** - Battling to find best form and was a faller in a Conditions chase at this track over 3800m on 3 January. Others are preferred
- IOUM ROCHELAIS** - Has some fair form and finished 5th in a handicap chase at this track over 4000m on 31 December. Can earn some money
- ESPOIR DE NOEL** - Holding form and finished fourth in a handicap chase at this track over 4000m on 31 December. Has claims this distance
- LA MOME** - Showed some improvement when 6th in a claiming hurdle at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 3500m on 4 November. Can upset back over fences
- JOLY DE CIERGUES** - Showed improvement when victorious in a handicap chase at this track over 4000m on 31 December. Carries a penalty but can get involved with the finish
- IMPAIR ET PASSE** - On a long losing run and was 6th in a handicap chase at Moulins over 4200m on 13 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win

Summary: A very open race and there was not much between a number of these when they met over 4,000m at this track a couple of weeks ago. ESPOIR DE NOEL (11) will benefit from a very in-form trainer and so gets a narrow vote to score. NUPSALA NOLIMIT (4) finished strongly last time out and should enjoy this longer distance. RAFFLES LIAISON (2) showed improvement and could have more to offer this time around. JOLY DE CIERGUES (13) carries a penalty for her last win and must be respected in this line-up.

SELECTIONS

ESPOIR DE NOEL (11) - NUPSALA NOLIMIT (4) - RAFFLES LIAISON (2) - JOLY DE

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CIERGUES (13)

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C8 - PRIX DU PIC DU MIDI - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 64,000

- 1. SAINT ROBIN** - Continues to improve and was successful in a handicap hurdle at this track over 3500m on 3 January. Carries a penalty but can double up
- 2. SPECIALS ONE** - Holding form and finished fourth in a Conditions chase at this track over 3900m on 31 December. Can be a threat to these rivals
- 3. MON PETIT PRINCE** - Showed some improvement when runner-up in a handicap hurdle at this course over 3500m on 3 January. Can contest the finish
- 4. LEBRIO DES MOTTES** - Consistent and was runner-up in a Group 3 chase at Auteuil over 4400m on 31 June. Not out of it back in a hurdle race
- 5. TOUZ THE CROWN** - Not reliable but did win a claiming hurdle over this track and trip on 13 January. Capable of making the frame
- 6. LYCAON DE BERCE** - In good shape and finished third in a Conditions hurdle at Auteuil over 3500m on 29 November. Has a place chance in this line-up
- 7. ROGATIEN** - Unreliable but was fourth in a handicap hurdle at this track over 3500m on 3 January. Can earn some more money
- 8. LE CHAMP DU CYGNE** - Has struggled of late and was unplaced in a Conditions chase at Moulins over 3800m on 13 December. Others make more appeal
- 9. LADY ANGE WIN** - A faller last time out in a handicap chase at this course over 3500m on 10 December. Capable of playing a minor role
- 10. LAMIA D'AIRY** - Returned to form with a handicap hurdle win at this track over 3500m on 24 December. Can follow up but is carrying a penalty
- 11. LE PRINCE BURGOND** - Has not shown much and was 7th in a Conditions hurdle at this course over 3500m on 31 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win

Summary: Trainer Gabriel Leenders holds a very strong hand in this lucky last race. SAINT ROBIN (1) and MON PETIT PRINCE (3) fought out the finish at this track earlier this month over a shorter distance. SAINT ROBIN (1) won that day and can win again but will need to defy a penalty. LEBRIO DES MOTTES (4) returns from a break and has been kept to fences for some time but would not be a surprise winner. TOUZ THE CROWN (5) picked up a win just the other day but tackles stronger company this time.

SELECTIONS

SAINT ROBIN (1) - MON PETIT PRINCE (3) - LEBRIO DES MOTTES (4) - TOUZ THE CROWN (5)