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C1 - PRIX BARRIERE L'HOTEL DU GOLF - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 1 - Flat - EUR € 35.000

1. CAWDOR - Not beaten far when a creditable 6th in the Group III Prix Daphnis over 1600m and ought to find this shorter trip more to his liking

2. SOUS LA NEIGE - Has finished in the first two positions at every start, including on his reappearance (2nd) last time. Will have more to offer

3. GAMESTOP - Precocious colt who performed at a high level last year and finished 2nd in the Group I Grand Critérium in October. Absent since but an exciting prospect nonetheless

4. SUVIANA - Has won two of her four starts and finished 4th in a Listed race last time. Boasts the form and experience to stake a claim here

5. LADY DANEROSE - Antonio Spanu-trained Morandi debutante to be ridden by Rosario Mangione. Best just to watch for now

Summary : GAMESTOP (3) proved one of the best two-year-olds of last season and, even after a 10-month absence, is probably worth siding with on his belated reappearance. Supplemented CAWDOR (1) wasn't disgraced in finishing 6th last time and is likely to play a leading role, along with André Fabre-trained runners SOUS LA NEIGE (2), who ought to improve after a pleasing comeback 2nd, and SUVIANA (4) with race fitness on her side.

SELECTIONS

GAMESTOP (3) - CAWDOR (1) - SOUS LA NEIGE (2) - SUVIANA (4)

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C2 - BARRIERE PRIX DE MEAUTRY - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Group 3 - Group - Flat - EUR € 80.000

1. GARRUS - Veteran British raider and proven Group performer with solid form references. Finished 2nd at this level over 1400m last time but is most effective over this distance

2. BATWAN - Well-performed veteran with sound form references but has no more than a place chance here. Outsider

3. FORZA CAPITANO - Won two Quinté+ events in 2022 and has held his own at Group level this year. Can get into the picture

4. ASYMMETRIC - Smart colt and last-start winner at this track on his seasonal reappearance. Beat FORZA CAPITANO (3) and BATWAN (2) on that occasion and should have more to offer

5. MILL STREAM - Progressive three-year-old colt and last-start winner of a Listed race in his first start on French soil. Keep safe

6. AMERICAN KESTREL - Has made no impression in both starts this year, finishing a well-beaten 10th and 12th. Others preferred

Summary : Runner-up in the Group III Prix de la Porte Maillot over 1400m last time, GARRUS (1) will relish a return to this distance and boasts a good record at this track to boot. He gets the nod here but will, however, face a stern test as last-start winners at this track ASYMMETRIC (4) and MILL STREAM (5) are likely to challenge. Consistent FORZA CAPITANO (3) cannot be discounted either. Good race!

SELECTIONS

GARRUS (1) - ASYMMETRIC (4) - MILL STREAM (5) - FORZA CAPITANO (3)

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C3 - PRIX RESORT BARRIERE DEAUVILLE-TROUVILLE - 1500m (a7 1/2f) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 53.000

1. **SHINNING OCEAN** - Has rarely disappointed on the PSF but has it all to do at this handicap value (44). Does run well fresh but others make more appeal
2. **ARABINO** - Absent since winning at Hamburg in June and has struggled in handicaps at off a lower mark. Tough task
3. **PTIT PEDRO** - Has been rejuvenated by the fitting of blinkers and has nothing to prove on the PSF. Will be a factor
4. **CIRANO** - Made an encouraging reappearance at Lion-d'Angers and returns to this course at which he won a Quinté+ at the start of the year. Dark horse
5. **LE NOMADE** - Winner of a Quinté+ but has been absent for almost five months now and the distance is also unlikely to suit. Thrives on this surface though
6. **LEV** - Proved his previous run outing was all wrong by finishing a close-up 4th last time. Has leading claims, even on the PSF, given the form of that recent performance
7. **CICCIO BOY** - Proven Quinté+ performer capable of a lot better than his latest outing may suggest. Not taken lightly
8. **PEDRITO** - Showed his form and well-being when 2nd at Vichy last time and boasts solid references on the fibresand too. Could be better over a shorter distance though
9. **HOLLYHOCK** - Appeared one-paced when given every chance in the July 30 event at Deauville, so this shorter distance will probably serve his interests. Beware
10. **MATT MACHINE** - Finished 4th in two Quinté+ events but has let the side down in both subsequent starts. Hard to trust but not ruled out
11. **FRENCH CONTE** - Absent since his unsuccessful attempt at this level in June. Has, however, done enough to suggest that he is capable of staking a claim here
12. **BULLACE** - Has acquitted himself remarkably well in his first two starts at Quinté+ level and is likely to be a factor here. Include
13. **AL KHAMSIN** - Has changed trainers often but probably achieved the best performance of his career to win over 1600m up the straight here on the turf last time. Penalised 4kg but has claims
14. **LIGHT WAKEUP** - Won two handicaps last month but showed he no longer had any margin at this value last time (6th) and is probably better in turf
15. **CENTRAL PARK WEST** - Capable hold-up type, a tactic that involves risks. Has solid references on this surface so could get into the picture but needs luck in running
16. **TOTAL KNOCKOUT** - Out of sorts but has gradually regained a more competitive handicap value (36). Won a Quinté+ last year off a mark of 35

Summary : LEV (6) was most unlucky (8th) at this level in June and proved that was not his form with a close-up 4th in a similar contest last time (Grand Handicap de Deauville), so is given the nod here despite switching to the PSF having finished a pleasing 3rd in his solitary outing on this surface. BULLACE (12) performed well in his first two attempts at this level and is capable of posing a threat, along with CICCIO BOY (7) back at a track on which he thrives. TOTAL KNOCKOUT (16), winner of a similar Quinté+ last summer and back to an attractive handicap value, and PTIT PEDRO (3) are effective in this grade too, so must also be respected. CIRANO (4), after an encouraging comeback, FRENCH CONTE (11), returning after more than two months out, and MATT MACHINE (10) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LEV (6) - BULLACE (12) - CICCIO BOY (7) - TOTAL KNOCKOUT (16)

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C4 - BARRIERE PRIX QUINCEY - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Group 3 - Group - Flat - EUR € 80.000

- 1. DOURIANN** - Bounced back to winning ways last time, his second victory in three starts, but has more to do here. Outsider
- 2. THE REVENANT** - Proven Group performer boasting solid form references, maintaining good level of form and consistency this year. Would welcome any rain
- 3. RAADOBARG** - Finished 5th in the Group II Prix Daniel Wildenstein last year behind THE REVENANT (2) and was 3rd at Pontefract last time behind POKER FACE (5). Not discounted
- 4. MIRSKY** - Won consecutive starts this year but disappointed when losing his unbeaten record this year at Clairefontaine last month. Must reaffirm
- 5. POKER FACE** - Highest-rated runner in the race. Confirmed improvement of previous outing by winning at Pontefract last time, had RAADOBARG (3) behind, and should go well on French debut
- 6. VAGALAME** - Finished 5th in the Group I Prix du Jockey Club last year and has held his own at a good level since, albeit without success. Has only a place chance
- 7. YOOZUNA** - Consistent sort with solid form references on turf and fibresand. Capable of getting into the picture
- 8. SICILIAN DEFENSE** - Consistent for the most part and remains capable of a lot better than her recent failure in a British Group III. Not taken lightly
- 9. KENNELLA** - Sparked improvement by finishing 3rd last time and represents a stable in form. Can get into the picture
- 10. GREGARINA** - Last-start winner at this course beating her own sex. Has more to do taking on the boys but can get into the picture

Summary : A case can be made for most of the runners in this field, which includes three last-start winners. However, it could pay to side with top-rated POKER FACE (5) in his first start on French soil. He is favourably treated by the conditions of the race with Christophe Soumillon engaged to ride. THE REVENANT (2) has resumed in good order and boasts the form and consistency to also fight for victory. RAADOBARG (3) makes the trip with ambitions, while SICILIAN DEFENSE (8) is not incapable of staking a claim either.

SELECTIONS

POKER FACE (5) - THE REVENANT (2) - RAADOBARG (3) - SICILIAN DEFENSE (8)

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**C5 - LUCIEN BARRIERE GRAND PRIX DE DEAUVILLE - 2500m (a1 9/16m)
- TURF - Group 2 - Group - Flat - EUR € 200.000**

1. ASSISTENT - Consistent colt with top-level form references, including a recent 3rd in a Group I event won by Simca Mille. High on the shortlist

2. AL NAYYIR - Bounced right back to something of his best with a Listed race win over 3000m last time. Place chance

3. FENELON - Finished 3rd in this event last year and has warmed up for another go at this race with consecutive victories. Should have a say

4. HAYA ZARK - Capable, lightly raced colt whose chances will be aided by any rainfall. Has won twice at Group III level and a Listed race too

5. JACK DARCY - Returned to form with a good 2nd in a Group III event at Goodwood last time. Needs to confirm that improvement

6. DIAMOND VENDOME -

7. JUNKO - Finished an excellent 3rd in the Group I Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud before easily winning at Group III level over this trip last time. One to beat

Summary : JUNKO (7) was an authoritative winner of a Group III contest (the second of his career) over this distance last time and, on the evidence of that display, will be hard to beat in this Group II event. ASSISTENT (1), an excellent 3rd behind Simca Mille recently, is his obvious danger. FENELON (3) is in great shape and should be competitive, while any rain (soft ground) would seriously enhance the chances of HAYA ZARK (4).

SELECTIONS

JUNKO (7) - ASSISTENT (1) - FENELON (3) - HAYA ZARK (4)

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C6 - PRIX CASINO BARRIERE DEAUVILLE - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 25.000

1. **CITY OF HOPE** - Rediscovered his form recently in three claiming races and is capable of staking a claim. Dark horse
2. **ELEGATO** - Runner-up in 3 of his 7 outings but finished unplaced in both starts in the handicaps. For another day
3. **BIG DRIFT** - Sparked improvement on the turf last time (4th) but has shown little in his two starts on this surface. Others preferred
4. **ROYALTIES** - Unreliable but is confirmed on the PSF and should enjoy reverting to this surface. Hard to trust but not ruled out
5. **HADYA** - Returned to form last time when an easy winner of a claiming race at this course. Should remain competitive
6. **CHANEL GOLD** - Still without a win but did finish a reassuring 2nd last time and is likely to play a leading role here if confirming that improvement
7. **OMICRONE** - Ran two of her best races at this venue over 1500m so could have more to offer back on this surface. Outsider
8. **HAPPY HUNTER** - Has looked rather ordinary for some time and his chances are limited even at this level. Can be ruled out
9. **NO LIMIT DREAM** - Inconsistent but not incapable. Left a disappointing prior effort (unplaced) behind when 2nd last time and could have a say if confirming
10. **GOLDEN TRIP** - Finished in a handicap on this surface in January but has flattered to deceive ever since. Others preferred
11. **VIZINDI** - Bounced back to form by winning his last start when equipped with blinkers for the first time. Headgear retained here, beware
12. **ILATRAYA** - Consistent filly confirmed at this handicap value. Has finished 4th in her last three starts and ought to be competitive once more
13. **ROSEL** - Has maintained a fair degree of form and consistency and is confirmed on this surface. Place chance from a good starting berth
14. **ALMA BELLA** - Finished 9th in both of her starts on this surface in conditions races. May fare better now dropped in the weights
15. **HEY CHARLIE** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
16. **MERCURISSIME** - Finished a disappointing 6th last time but is a lot better than that performance suggests and cannot be written off just yet. Keep safe

Summary : A wide-open handicap that has attracted a big field, but from which CHANEL GOLD (6) could well emerge the winner with a repeat of her improved (2nd) latest outing. MERCURISSIME (16) was disappointing last time but, on the evidence of his previous start, remains capable of fighting for victory. ILATRAYA (12) does not have to prove herself at this level and at this value, so ought to be competitive too. HADYA (5), in good shape, as well as the consistent duo of ROSEL (13) and CITY OF HOPE (1), are others to consider. Tricky!

SELECTIONS

CHANEL GOLD (6) - MERCURISSIME (16) - ILATRAYA (12) - HADYA (5)

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C7 - PRIX HOTEL BARRIERE LE ROYAL DEAUVILLE - 1500m (a7 1/2f) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 27.000

1. **HOOTTON** - Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil in his last four starts, so needs to reaffirm
2. **PUERTO MADERO** - Out of sorts but is equipped with blinkers for the first time having been dropped in the weights. Beware
3. **CHANCE** - Has finished 5th in consecutive Quinté+ outings and on that form should be competitive here. Respect
4. **AZOV** - Won twice and has finished 2nd twice in his last four starts, and that momentum is likely to continue here
5. **TAWHIRI** - Has been gaining momentum in recent weeks and confirmed that improvement with a good 3rd last time. Outsider
6. **SIR SPARKALOT** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but cannot be ruled out
7. **INNOVATOR** - Continued the improvement made this year by winning at this venue last time. Unlikely to stop there
8. **STORM CITY** - Still without a win but is consistent and boasts sound references. Finished behind SAGA TIMGAD (12).last time
9. **VIUO** - At the top of his game recently, winning two of his last three starts including his latest. Remains competitive
10. **SAMBA VANILLA** - Winner of her last two starts but at a lower level so faces a tougher task here under a 1kg penalty
11. **SEIGNEUR** - Finished a reassuring 2nd in his last start and could get a look in here if confirming that improvement
12. **SAGA TIMGAD** - Has already proven his aptitude for this track and is confirmed at this level. Should have a role to play
13. **CHILLI BOY** - Sparked improvement to finish 3rd last time but needs to build on that to get involved here. Outsider
14. **LEPARD** - Lightly raced colt drawn wide but dangerous under a bottom weight. Has done enough to warrant respect here
15. **EAGLEHAWK** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Others preferred
16. **ATSANA** - Winner two starts back but failed to confirm that form when unplaced and well beaten last time. Overlook

Summary : AZOV (4) has finished in the winning pair on both occasions associated with Maxime Guyon, so is likely to fight for victory here. PUERTO MADERO (2) has been out of sorts but remains capable and he ought to fare better now having dropped in the weights. CHANCE (3), in good form and physical condition, should have a role to play in the finish, with the shortlist completed by SAGA TIMGAD (12) and INNOVATOR (7).

SELECTIONS

AZOV (4) - PUERTO MADERO (2) - CHANCE (3) - SAGA TIMGAD (12)

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C8 - PRIX CASINO BARRIERE TROUVILLE - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21.000

1. **TISSEUSE DE REVES** - Failed to make an impression at Clairefontaine last time having won her previous start. Headgear fitted
2. **PEANUT ROYALE** - Improved to finish 5th at earlier this month and could get into the picture here if making further progress
3. **VILLA CELINA** - Penalised for winning on the turf two starts back but proved she remains competitive when 2nd on the PSF last time
4. **SYMBOLE** - Did not go unnoticed despite finishing 7th last time and is capable of having a say in the finish. Keep safe
5. **SHARP QUEEN** - Lightly raced filly with a 5th and two 4th-place finishes to show from her three outings. Could have more to offer
6. **ASHWARI** - Finished 5th, not beaten far, behind VILLA CELINA (3) last time so must be respected on that form. Has claims
7. **NO TIME** - Experienced filly with solid form references. Ran well at Vittel last time (3rd) behind two useful sorts
8. **MYRIADE** - Has struggled to find form or consistency for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge. Outsider
9. **PRINCE GEORGE** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time so his chances even at this level are limited. Overlook
10. **ALMOND CHOUQUETTE** - Consistent for the most part and remains competitive at this handicap value. Cannot be taken lightly
11. **RAYJO** - Has been struggling for a considerable period so his chances here are limited even at this level. Overlook
12. **BELLE D'AMOUR** - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a long time now so is easy to rule out. Others make more appeal
13. **HARCOUELA** - Has made steady improvement with each outing and is likely to continue that progress. Only a place chance though
14. **SIR ALFRED** - Maintaining a fair level of form and consistency but needs to find some improvement to be competitive here
15. **SHAMA** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is hard to rule out
16. **KENDOHA** - Well drawn in gate No 1 and has shown signs of improvement recently but must eke out further progress to stake a claim. Outsider

Summary : VILLA CELINA (3) wo on the turf at this venue early last month before confirming her form and well-being with a good 2nd on the PSF last time, so she sets the standard here given her solid recent form. She does, however, have to fear ASHWARI (6), who has progressed recently, and SYMBOLE (4) who has the means to fight for victory under Maxime Guyon. TISSEUSE DE REVES (1) remains capable and could redeem herself with headgear fitted.

SELECTIONS

VILLA CELINA (3) - ASHWARI (6) - SYMBOLE (4) - TISSEUSE DE REVES (1)

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C9 - PRIX HOTEL BARRIERE LE NORMANDY - 1500m (a7 1/2f) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. **WIND OF CHANGE** - Disappointing last run when seventh over this course and distance. Runs for this jockey and can go close to winning
2. **PERTUSATO** - Unreliable this year and was only seventh at this course last time out. Could prefer this shorter distance and has a winning chance
3. **L'IENISSEI** - Bounced back to be a good winner over this course and distance last time out. Carries a 2.5kg penalty but is clearly not out of it
4. **GO LOVE** - Consistent this year and has won twice including his latest start. Returns from a break and is carrying a 2.5kg penalty for that win but is not out of it
5. **FORBIDDEN SECRET** - Unreliable since his last win which was a claimer over 1800m last year but is capable of contesting the finish when in the mood
6. **VITARE** - Fair form at this course in 2022 but he has struggled in his runs of this year and needs major improvement to win
7. **LAKOTA SWEET** - Clearly needed her comeback run when sixth. On a fair mark back in a handicap and could be the surprise package of the race
8. **THE CHAMP** - Has lost his way of late. Won a handicap off a higher mark than this earlier this year but is struggling at the moment. Can upset
9. **MADRAS** - Has yet to win a race after 23 attempts and was well beaten in a handicap last time out. Others are preferred
10. **GIN GEMBRE** - Has struggled in five starts since winning a handicap in February. Capable of winning but is best watched for now
11. **TOPINAMBUR** - Disappointing last two runs but was a bit unlucky last time out. Did better earlier in the year and is capable of earning some minor money
12. **MR SLICKER** - Very disappointing in five starts since winning in February. Back on a winnable mark but others are preferred
13. **BOZA** - Disappointing since winning in February in that he has not won recently but he is in good form and he does like this course and distance. Can go one better
14. **MY FLINDERS** - On a very long losing streak but has been good over this course and distance of late and she could contest the finish yet again
15. **HIS PRIDE** - Has yet to win a race but he was not disgraced when fifth over this course and distance last time out. Could play a minor role
16. **KOREM** - Has yet to show much in ten starts so far and he needs major improvement to win this race

Summary : Trained by the very successful Nicolas Caullery,)BOZA (13)will do everything possible to regain a success that has eluded him since February, when he won on this same track. Above all, he will have to be wary of the formidable duo WIND OF CHANGE (1). In form, L'IENISSEI (3) should once again run well. , while PERTUSATO (2) is another that is quite capable of winning.

SELECTIONS

BOZA (13) - WIND OF CHANGE (1) - L'IENISSEI (3) - FORBIDDEN SECRET (5)