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R3 VICHY [R-H]

C1 - PRIX CHRISTIAN CHAZELLE - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12.000

1. ROUGE - Last-start winner over a similar distance and in her first outing at this level. Capable of following up

2. DE QUEVEDO - Has been struggling to regain his form for some time now, so unlikely to trouble the judge. Watch for now

3. PATZESTEVE - Sparked some improvement last time (4th) but needs to build on that progress to have a say here

4. PRETTY WARRIOR - Proven at this level of competition and has rediscovered her form and consistency recently. Has claims

5. RHEBOK - Capable but has been out of sorts recently, so needs to reaffirm and is probably best watched for now

6. MISS GREELEY - Took advantage of an ideal entry to reconnect with success at Cavaillon last time. Remains competitive

7. UNION SQUARE - Finished a reassuring 2nd behind ROUGE (1) last time. Should have a say if confirming that improvement

Summary : ROUGE (1) stands out head and shoulders above her rivals on ratings and she was a stylish winner of her first outing at this level, so has every chance of following up here. UNION SQUARE (7), who was runner-up to the selection at Aix-les-Bains, reopposes and is likely to pose a threat once more. Last-start winner MISS GREELEY (6) arrives in good order and is capable of joining that fight for victory, with PRETTY WARRIOR (4) completing the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ROUGE (1) - UNION SQUARE (7) - MISS GREELEY (6) - PRETTY WARRIOR (4)

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C2 - PRIX HENRI ROSSI - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. RIDPOUR - Well-bred colt who made an encouraging winning debut and to open to any amount of improvement. Follow

2. MOON RIDER - Inconsistent but has shown sufficient means. Undeniably capable of staking a claim here, place chance

3. TRUE TO FORM - Showed a willing attitude when winning on debut over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Could be anything

4. HOXTON - Made no impression in a recent Quinté+ but is capable of better than that effort suggests. Not taken lightly

5. ANOLINE - Talented sort boasting solid form references. Finished 3rd after a break at La Teste-de-Buch, will be fitter

6. KARELIA - Smart filly, maintaining a good level of form and consistency, so should have a role to play here. Respect

Summary : Well-related RIDPOUR (1) did what he is bred to do by winning in style on debut at Clairefontaine and, despite facing better opposition here, could build on that promise and remain unbeaten. KARELIA (6), the highest-rated entrant, and ANOLINE (5) have a theoretical chance in receipt of weight from the selection so ought to give cheek to their male counterpart. HOXTON (4) could prove best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

RIDPOUR (1) - KARELIA (6) - ANOLINE (5) - HOXTON (4)

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**C3 - PRIX DE SAINT FELIX - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR €
21.000**

- 1. KALEOCREEK** - Consistent colt, finished 2nd in a claiming race here a few days ago. Is likely to play another leading role
- 2. EVERSTAR** - Absent since finishing a disappointing 4th at Saint-Cloud in May but is capable of better. Not taken lightly
- 3. ENMARIE FAL** - Has made good improvement in claiming races recently and on that form should be competitive under a light weight
- 4. GOLDENA** - Changed hands after finishing 2nd at Saint-Cloud last month and has since finished 5th in a Class 2 race. Has claims
- 5. GANASS** - Finished an improved 3rd at Clairefontaine last time. Can get into the picture if confirming that form here
- 6. ZITTITUTTI** - Showed signs of improvement last time but will need to build on that to get a look in here. Place chance
- 7. READY KING** - Has progressed with each outing and finished 4th last time. Could get into the picture if making further improvement
- 8. DAROMY** - Has looked rather to this point so her chances are limited even at this level. Others make more appeal
- 9. RUM TUM TUGGER** - Finished 3rd in consecutive claiming races before a slightly disappointing (6th) last start. Can do better
- 10. STAR PAREILLE** - Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Can be ruled out

Summary : A tricky contest in that every colt and filly is making their handicap debut. On ratings, ENMARIE FAL (3) has a bit to find with KALEOCREEK (1) and EVERSTAR (2) but she receives a chunk of weight from both male counterparts, so gets the nod ahead of that pair. GOLDENA (4) has solid form references and is capable of making her presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

ENMARIE FAL (3) - KALEOCREEK (1) - EVERSTAR (2) - GOLDENA (4)

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**C4 - PRIX DE LA PASTILLE - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Claiming - Class 4
- Flat - EUR € 16.000**

- 1. HAVOC** - Finished a reassuring 3rd at Clairefontaine last time and can target victory with a similar performance
- 2. AUENWOLF** - Consistent veteran who was on a good run of form prior to his last start (7th). Proven at this level, respect
- 3. JOHEN** - Unreliable sort but remains quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Dangerous to dismiss
- 4. MAGNENTIUS** - Beaten for the first time this year in his last start after consecutive victories. Cannot be written off just yet
- 5. OLYMPIC DREAM** - Made no impression in a Quinte+ last time but has, for the most part, performed relatively consistently. Dark horse
- 6. SCENARISTE** - Gaining momentum with improvement shown in recent outings, so should have a role to play. Keep safe
- 7. QUICK FLASH** - Maintaining his form and consistency. Was not far off AUENWOLF (2) at Dieppe last time (4th). Has claims
- 8. KING SIHTRIC** - Reverts to the flat having looked rather ordinary in hurdles races recently. Others make more appeal
- 9. SLON HE** - Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Can be ruled out

Summary : HAVOC (1) is the highest-rated entrant and, with the benefit of his rider's 2,5kg allowance, has a good opportunity to bounce back to winning ways. Veteran AUENWOLF (2), who must not be condemned following a disappointing last start, is capable of giving cheek. SCENARISTE (6) is gaining momentum and has the means to shine at this level, so can join that fight for victory. Confirmed in this category, QUICK FLASH (7) also has a role to play.

SELECTIONS

HAVOC (1) - AUENWOLF (2) - SCENARISTE (6) - QUICK FLASH (7)

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**C5 - PRIX DU DONJON - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Class 4
- Flat - EUR € 12.000**

1. **WAYNE** - Out of sorts but has dropped in the weights to his last winning mark. Benefit from the 1,5kg allowance of Marie Velon
2. **TALISSON** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
3. **CHEEKY TRAOU LAND** - Inconsistent but is undeniably capable. Has been off the boil this year, so needs to reaffirm to have a say
4. **ANGEL DUST** - Capable but unreliable mare, unplaced in her last two starts but on her earlier form could be competitive
5. **THIRD APPLE** - Unreliable mare who, judged on her best references, is not incapable of getting a look in here. Outsider
6. **BLACK PANTHER** - Inconsistent mare who continues to blow hot and cold. Hard to trust but is hard to rule out - dark horse
7. **MALECON** - Did not go unnoticed last time (6th) when only outrun late in the finish. Does well at this track too, so can play a leading role
8. **AMERICAN DAISY** - Returned to form last time by finishing 4th at Lyon-Parilly last month. Will be a factor here if confirming
9. **MOANA** - Appears to have lost her way recently, making no impression in each of her two starts this year. Overlook
10. **IZAKAYA** - An unreliable veteran but he remains quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Respect
11. **LILLY BIRD** - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out as a result. Overlook
12. **MEHANYDREAM** - Reassured with victory last time and is likely to be competitive here if confirming that improvement. Has claims
13. **SORRENZA** - Continues to struggle to regain any form or consistency and is unlikely to buck that trend here. Ignored
14. **DELIVER STORM** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. Overlook
15. **MY RIVER** - Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Can be ruled out
16. **ASTROLOGO** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now, so can be ruled out. Others preferred

Summary : MALECON (7) returned to some sort of form last time (6th) and will not be bothered by this drop back in distance, so is taken to score at the expense of top-weight WAYNE (1) who is back on his last winning mark. Having finished 4th at Lyon-Parilly in her last start, AMERICAN DAISY (8) is capable of staking a claim in the finish. Last-start winner MEHANYDREAM (12) is likely to have a say if confirming the improvement of that victory.

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SELECTIONS

MALECON (7) - WAYNE (1) - AMERICAN DAISY (8) - MEHANYDREAM (12)

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C6 - PRIX DE LYON LA SOIE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 14.000

1. FULLDITCH - Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Can be ruled out

2. PRINCE ELZY - Has looked rather ordinary to this point, so his chances are limited even at this level. Can be ignored

3. VICTORY CAT - At the top of her game at present and is likely to give this another good go. High on the shortlist

4. NIGHT CANDLE - Has nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Others preferred

5. VEGA DREAM - Returned to winning ways at Le Lion-d'Angers last time and should remain competitive under a penalty

6. DANDY COOL - Won at Niort before finishing 3rd at Clairefontaine last time, can take advantage of his good form. One to beat

7. PRINCE LOS - Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil recently, so must reaffirm. Dangerous to dismiss

8. NAVALIS - Finished a reassuring 4th last time and could get a look in here if confirming that improvement. Outsider

9. POLDINA - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

10. LILY APPLE - Unreliable mare but she remains quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Dark horse

11. LUCKY YOU - Has nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Others preferred

12. COLE CHOP - Pops up on occasion but has struggled for consistency for some time now. Unlikely to trouble the judge

13. HURRICANE LIGHT - Capable veteran but is no longer the force of old and appears to have lost his way. Others are preferred

14. CHARM WRENS - Has shown signs of improvement recently and, in current shap, ought to remain competitive. Keep safe

15. MURRAYFIELD - Unreliable mare but does retain some ability. Runner-up in two of her last three starts, not taken lightly

16. MOASA - Has rediscovered her form and consistency lately, finishing 2nd at Compiegne last time. Will be a factor

Summary : DANDY COOL (6) is in great shape and sets the standard here, though has to fear VICTORY CAT (3) who has fully recovered in recent months. MOASA (16) has improved for the fitting of headgear and should also be competitive too. Up 2kg for winning at Le Lion-d'Angers last time, VEGA DREAM (5) is likely to make his presence felt once more.

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SELECTIONS

DANDY COOL (6) - VICTORY CAT (3) - MOASA (16) - VEGA DREAM (5)

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C7 - PRIX DE L'ALLIER - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race Qualifier - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 14.000

- 1. NOTRE HISTOIRE** - Has struck form with two recent conditions wins. Has struggled in handicaps but is not out of it
- 2. BLACK MORNING** - In good form of late and was not disgraced when third in a handicap over this course and distance last time out. Has a winning chance
- 3. CHARLOTTE TAGADA** - Unreliable but found her form last time out with a nice handicap win. Carries a 2.5kg penalty but can follow up
- 4. BOY DAVIER** - A bit disappointing in last two starts. Capable of doing better and could contest the finish
- 5. HOOLONG** - Showed improvement when third in a handicap over this distance last time out. Can contest the finish
- 6. IPHITOS** - Disappointing four runs this year. Capable of doing better and has won off a higher rating but that was on the PSF. Might place
- 7. FAWKES** - Nearly a year since only win. Has really been struggling of late and needs major improvement to win
- 8. SPATIAL MERIT** - Last win was in 2021. Disappointing last run but has done better before that and could play a minor role
- 9. GRACE OF CLIFFS** - Only the one win to show in 52 starts but is always capable of earning some money off her rating. Place chance
- 10. CATALINA** - Put in her best run of the year when third in a handicap last time out. Competitive off this mark and could do even better this time
- 11. SILVER SCHNOK** - Disappointing form this year but last win was over this course and distance off a higher mark. Could be the surprise package of the race
- 12. DARLING CHALLENGE** - Unreliable this year. She probably prefers it furth than this distance and others are preferred

Summary : A very weak race and anything is possible. CATALINA (10) showed her best side when third last time out so is clearly competitive off this rating and can do even better this time. CHARLOTTE TAGADA (3) won well and can follow up under a penalty. BOY DAVIER (4) is capable of an upset if showing his best side. BLACK MORNING (2) has been holding form and has a winning chance.

SELECTIONS

CATALINA (10) - CHARLOTTE TAGADA (3) - BOY DAVIER (4) - BLACK MORNING (2)

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C8 - PRIX DE LYON-PARILLY - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000

1. **LE KAKOU** - Not disgraced when fifth last time out and did win a handicap earlier this year. Has place chance
2. **ESTACITY** - Disappointing since winning a handicap in March and is best watched until improvement is shown
3. **SAINT FIACRE** - A bit of a disappointment when only eighth last time out. Capable of doing better and has a winning chance
4. **BADASS** -
5. **DETESNOUVELLES** - On a very long losing streak and has been well beaten in last three starts. Needs major improvement to win
6. **PINK GOLD** - Ran well when runner-up under a penalty last time out and is clearly capable of winning again
7. **BEACON TOWERS** - Struggled in eight under a penalty last time out. Capable of doing better and has a place chance
8. **NOBLE AMBER** - Returned to form with a win last time out but has only been modest in handicaps this year. Might follow up though
9. **SAMAGACE DU VIVIEN** - Unreliable and last win was last year on the PSF. Pops up in a place every now and then. Might place
10. **BALAGAN** - Has been doing well on the PSF of late but she does seem to prefer that surface. Might play a minor role
11. **WHEEL OF CHANCE** - On a very long losing streak but has now run a couple of decent runs off this handicap mark and could be ready to score
12. **PRESS OFFICER** - Picked up two handicap wins earlier this year but he has really struggled in his last five starts and others are preferred
13. **CERVARO** - Unreliable and disappointing of late. Better on the PSF and others are preferred in this line-up
14. **TURTLE CHOPE** - On a long losing streak but is in good form of late and should contest the finish once again
15. **AFFAIRE CONCLUE** - On a very long losing streak. Disappointing last three runs but did better before that and could finish in the money
16. **LUX** - Showed improvement when sixth in a handicap last time out but needs to do more than that to win this race
17. **TOUTELUSIVE** - Slow improvement in last two races but needs to do a lot better to win this race and others are preferred

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Summary : A weak race and it is not with much confidence that we offer up WHEEL OF CHANCE (11) who has run well a couple of times now off his handicap mark but needs to break a long losing streak. PINK GOLD (6) is improving and was not disgraced when runner-up last time out and can go one better. TURTLE CHOPE (14) continues to hold form and one day can find herself in front at the post. SAINT FIACRE (3) is capable of doing better and is not out of it.

SELECTIONS

WHEEL OF CHANCE (11) - PINK GOLD (6) - TURTLE CHOPE (14) - SAINT FIACRE (3)

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C9 - PRIX BURGOS - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 20.000

1. **MAMA IMELDA** - Up 2kg after consecutive recent wins but is unbeaten over track and trip. Capable of completing hat-trick
2. **CHOP VAL** - Has won two of his last four starts, including his most recent outing on PSF, though is adept on the turf. Contender
3. **GOLDINO BELLO** - Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil this year. Rider's 2,5kg allowance should help
4. **BLUE STARS** - Returned to form last time (4th) and could have a say here if confirming that improvement. Has claims
5. **MY BLACK LADY** - At the top of her game at present after back-to-back wins and is likely to remain competitive. Keep safe
6. **J'ACCLAME** - Capable filly but has been out of sorts, finishing unplaced in her last three starts. Needs to reaffirm
7. **RIO D'OCTOBRE** - Has improved with each outing this year after a lengthy layoff. Finished 2nd last time and will be a factor again
8. **MAX VERST** - Consistent for the most part and is capable of better than his recent 6th with Mickaël Barzalona. Respect
9. **KARINAS DREAM** - Ran well again from a bad starting stall last time and from a favourable No 2 gate here should have a say
10. **LARNO** - Was on a good run of form and consistency prior to a disappointing last start. Can do better, dark horse
11. **ITALO** - Has shown signs of improvement recently and has not gone unnoticed in his last two starts. Must confirm
12. **ASPEN** - Consistent sort with solid recent form references and has proven competitive with blinkers fitted. On the shortlist
13. **VILLA ROYALE** - Has finished 4th in consecutive outings recently and could get into the picture with any improvement
14. **DON FALCO** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
15. **SLEEPY SUZY** - Has been struggling to regain any form or consistency for some time now so unlikely to trouble the judge
16. **SAGE DREAM** - Took advantage of a reduced rating to win last time but is unlikely to repeat that feat under a 2kg penalty
17. **THE MANAGER** - Capable but inconsistent sort. Made no impression last time so needs to reaffirm - best watched for now

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Summary : Unbeaten in two starts over the Vichy mile, MAMA IMELDA (1) arrives at the top of his game after consecutive victories and is good value to complete the hat-trick. Last-start winner CHOP VAL (2) is consistent and should go well again so ought to pose a threat. KARINAS DREAM (9) is also capable of staking a claim after two encouraging comeback outings. ASPEN (12) usually does well with this headgear on so can get into the picture too.

SELECTIONS

MAMA IMELDA (1) - CHOP VAL (2) - KARINAS DREAM (9) - ASPEN (12)