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R2 LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H]

C1 - PRIX CHRISTIAN BAILLET - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Flat - EUR € 30,000

- 1. MISTER PRESIDENT** - Won nicely at Toulouse over 2100m last time on his second start in a maiden on April 8th. Can follow up
- 2. HAVRAS** - Fair 3rd last time over 1900m in a Class 1 race at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on April 1st. Will be sharper this time and can not be overlooked
- 3. PARADISE STORM** - Won a Class 2 race on the PSF last time on March 24th over 2150m. Plenty of experience and is one to consider
- 4. MOTADARREK** - Won the last two runs, both at Pau on the PSF, with the latter over 2000m on January 6th in a Class 2 race. Player
- 5. ZINGARELLE** - Won last time at Pau on the PSF on November 8th over 2000m. Not to be dismissed

Summary: In a race where all five runners have a chance of success it may pay to side with MISTER PRESIDENT (1) who won nicely at Toulouse earlier this month and is a marginal choice ahead of MOTADARREK (4) who has scored twice on the PSF at Pau. He will likely start as the favourite. PARADISE STORM (3) has plenty of experience and will be in a good frame of mind after a win last time. HAVRAS (2) will step forward for the latest run and is the dark horse.

SELECTIONS

MISTER PRESIDENT (1) - MOTADARREK (4) - PARADISE STORM (3) - HAVRAS (2)

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**C2 - SHEIKH MANSOOR FESTIVAL - PRIX DORMANE - 1900m (a1m1/4) -
TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 25,000**

1. AFJAN EX MAHBOOP - Good win over 2000m in the Qatar Arabian Trophy (Group 1 AP) last time on September 29th. Leading player

2. EXTRA TIME - Decent 2nd behind AFJAN EX MAHBOOP (1) last time when beaten narrowly at Saint-Cloud in late September. Player

3. JAOUHAR GRINE - Won a conditions race last time over 1900m at this track on April 10th. Might find this difficult

4. KASSOU HIPOLYTE - Has five unplaced runs of late, the latter at this track over 1900m on April 10th. Can be overlooked

5. NASSER AL SHAHANIA - Nice 2nd last time at Toulouse over 2100m on March 4th. Capable of playing a lead role

6. MAZADI DE PIBOUL - Won last time over 1750m in a Listed AP race on November 19th and placed in a Group 3 AP race before that in October. In the mix

7. MURAAD - Fair 2nd last time over 1400m at Toulouse on March 11th over 1400m. Needs more in a better race

Summary: AFJAN EX MAHBOOP (1) won the Qatar Arabian Trophy (Group 1 AP) last time at Saint-Cloud in late September and holds strong claims to score ahead of his main threat EXTRA TIME (2) who was second in that race beaten narrowly. Both old rivals can likely fight out the finish. NASSER AL SHAHANIA (5) shaped well when second last time and is one to consider. MAZADI DE PIBOUL (6) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

**AFJAN EX MAHBOOP (1) - EXTRA TIME (2) - NASSER AL SHAHANIA (5) - MAZADI DE
PIBOUL (6)**

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**C3 - PRIX JACQUES MELLER - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat -
EUR € 22,000**

1. HOT SPOT - Nice 3rd at Pau in a Class 2 race last time over 1600m on December 13th. Won a Class 2 in October at Chantilly. Among the leading chances

2. MAROON SIX - Fair 4th in a Class 2 handicap last time over 1400m on March 12th at Saint-Cloud. Live player

3. GREENWOOD - Unplaced on the last two runs, 4th before that at Pau over 1600m on February 14th in a Class 3 handicap. Has work to do

4. IFACH - Won last time at Tarbes in a Class 3 race over 1500m on March 31st. Has won at the Class 2 level last May. Sets the standard

5. ALEXEJ - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that in a Class 2 handicap over 1600m on March 7th at Chantilly. Place chance

6. KEY TO SUCCESS - 4th last time over 2200m at Seville(ESP) on March 3rd. Won twice in Germany last year. Opposable

7. SHINING AL DANAH - 6th last time over 1650m in a Class 4 race at Machecoul on April 1st. Makes limited appeal

8. VICTORIA GROVE - 5th last time over 1600m at Lingfield (GBR) on November 25th. French debut and is one to consider each way

Summary: IFACH (4) has scored in this class of race before and won nicely last time at Tarbes over 1500m in late March. He can score from his likely main danger MAROON SIX (2) who has been performing well and was a pleasing fourth in a Class 2 handicap last time at Saint-Cloud in mid-March. HOT SPOT (1) is one to include in all of the place bet permutations. VICTORIA GROVE (8) showed promise when racing in the UK and can not be dismissed on her debut on French soil.

SELECTIONS

IFACH (4) - MAROON SIX (2) - HOT SPOT (1) - VICTORIA GROVE (8)

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C4 - PRIX ROGER CROUZILLAC - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 26,000

1. HAKANTE TROIS AA - Nice 3rd last time over 3500m at Pau behind MAELEK AA (2) in a Class 4 hurdle on March 24th. Has ground to find but can feature

2. MAELEK AA - Nice win at Pau over 3500m in a Class 4 race on March 24th when last seen. That was his hurdling debut. Can improve having won three times on the flat before that. Key player

3. CENTLOU AA - Has decent flat form of late, with three 2nd placed efforts of late. The latest run was at Toulouse on March 23rd over 2400m. Hurdle form before has been uninspiring

4. U PALATINU AA - 2nd last time behind MAELEK AA (2) on March 24th over 3500m in a Class 4 hurdle. Place chance

5. VOLKOPOUR AA - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3600m at Agen on March 25th in a Class 3 race. Can not be dismissed

6. VALINCO AA - 5th on hurdle run last time over 3500m on March 24th at Pau behind MAELEK AA (2). Has work to do

7. HORTENSE DE GANE AA - 6th at Pau over 3500m in a Class 4 hurdle on debut on March 24th, placed on the flat, and might find this difficult

8. WINNX AA - 5th at Agen in a Class 3 hurdle on March 25th last time over 3600m. Placed on the flat before that and others rate higher

Summary: MAELEK AA (2) had solid form on the flat before making a winning debut over hurdles at Pau on March 24th. He will be difficult to overhaul. HAKANTE TROIS AA (1) was third in the Pau race and ought to be on the premises again. U PALATINU AA (4) was second in the Pau race and is one that needs consideration and could be the best each-way option. VOLKOPOUR AA (5) faired well two runs ago when third and warrants respect.

SELECTIONS

MAELEK AA (2) - HAKANTE TROIS AA (1) - VOLKOPOUR AA (5) - U PALATINU AA (4)

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**C5 - PRIX DE SELECTION - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat
- EUR € 33,000**

- 1. HARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA** - 2nd last time at Toulouse over 2400m on November 11th. Won two races in May and June last year with the latter at this track. Outside place chance
- 2. INCROYABLE D'OC AA** - Won last time at Toulouse over 2400m on November 11th, solid runs before that which included a win at this track in September over 2400m. Among the top chances
- 3. VERTIGO POMPADOUR AA** - Has won his last three races, the latter over 2300m at Tarbes on October 22nd. Has an absence to overcome but will be competitive
- 4. SYBILLINE AA** - 2nd last time over 2400m at this track on September 2nd over 2400m. Has work to do
- 5. ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE AA** - 5th last time over 2400m at Toulouse on November 11th. Might find a few of these too smart
- 6. FENG SHUI DU PECOS AA** - 5th last time, 2nd before that was over 2400m at Pau on November 6th. Can be opposed
- 7. EMERYS DE LARACHI AA** - 2nd behind JAKARTA TROIS AA (10) at Pau last time when beaten 0.75L on March 24th over 2400m. Can be involved
- 8. JAFAR D'ESCAR AA** - Fair 3rd at Pau last time behind two of his rivals he meets again on March 24th over 2400m on the PSF. In the mix
- 9. HINDLYLA AA** - Won well at Tarbes over 2300m on October 22nd when last seen. Each way angle
- 10. JAKARTA TROIS AA** - Won the last three runs, the latter over 2400m at Pau on March 24th. Leading chance
- 11. FREE DANCE AA** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that at Tarbes over 2300m in an International AA race. Looks vulnerable
- 12. ISEULT DU PACS AA** - Has four unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 2300m at Tarbes on August 27th. Unlikely

Summary: JAKARTA TROIS AA (10) has been in top form of late with the most recent success coming at Pau over 2400m on March 24th. She can be expected to win again. EMERYS DE LARACHI AA (7) could be her main threat having been second to the selection at Pau and meets on better terms today. VERTIGO POMPADOUR AA (3) has been in terrific form having won his last three races. He will once again be competitive. HINDLYLA AA (9) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

JAKARTA TROIS AA (10) - EMERYS DE LARACHI AA (7) - VERTIGO POMPADOUR AA (3) - HINDLYLA AA (9)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE TARBES - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. INSTRUIT** - Finished 6th of six over 1500m at Tarbes in a Class 3 on the 31st of March 2024. Big chance at favorite course
- 2. REVE DE VALLARSA** - Finished 13th over 1400m in a Class 3 handicap at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on the 16th of March 2024. Should bounce back to form
- 3. SINNERMAN** - No show in 12th spot over 1500m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 3 handicap on the 12th of April 2024. Others preferred
- 4. LE CENTRAL** - Winner over 1000m at Vichy in a handicap on the 9th of August 2023. Chance if ready after the break
- 5. ISMAEL PAINT** - Finished downfield in 11th spot over 1100m at Deauville in a Listed event on the 9th of April 2024. Can outrun odds here
- 6. PRADARO** - Finished 10th over 1200m in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 15th of April 2024. Can get involved
- 7. FURIOSO** - Finished 12th over 1200m at Fontainebleau in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 25th of March 2024. More to do to feature
- 8. DROIT DE PAROLE** - Finished 9th over 1200m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 15th of April 2024. One to pass by
- 9. MYBOYFRIEND** - Not completely disgraced in 7th position over 1600m at Toulouse in a Class 3 handicap on the 8th of April 2024. Easy to look elsewhere
- 10. VILLAIRES** - Winner over 1200m at Toulouse in a Class 4 handicap on the 11th of March 2024. Upset potential
- 11. NATURAL PATH** - Poor performance in 7th spot over 1300m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 12th of April 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 12. SEGERA** - Runner up over 1100m at Tarbes in a Class 4 handicap on the 13th of April 2024. Can reverse the form with Shelbylandor
- 13. KING ROBBE** - Close up in 4th spot over 1200m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 15th of April 2024. Place claims
- 14. SHELBYLANDOR** - Winner over 1100m at Tarbes in a Class 4 handicap on the 13th of April 2024. Not without claims here

Summary: INSTRUIT (1) hasn't been at his best but can revive his form now back at his favorite track/trip. He looks to be a serious player. REVE DE VALLARSA (2) wasn't seen to best effect last time out and a better performance should be on the cards. LE CENTRAL (4) enjoys sprinting and could do himself justice over a suitable trip despite a lengthy layoff. PRADARO (6) eases in class and can challenge.

SELECTIONS

INSTRUIT (1) - REVE DE VALLARSA (2) - LE CENTRAL (4) - PRADARO (6)

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C7 - PRIX BLUE BRESIL - 3600m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 26,000

- 1. LORDRECORD** - Finished 3rd over 3900m at this venue in a Class 3 handicap hurdles contest on the 10th of April 2024. Place claims
- 2. JOCKO DU LIN** - Won well over 4000m in a Class 4 course qualifier over hurdles on the 31st of March 2024 at Loudeac. Should run well
- 3. KINGFLOW** - Finished last of six over 3900m in a Class 2 race at Nantes on the 6th of April 2024. Can outrun odds in this class
- 4. CIMONT** - Runner up when last seen over hurdles in a Class 3 event at Dieppe over 3400m on the 13th of August 2023. Can run into the minor spots
- 5. GINO** - Finished 3rd over 3900m at Toulouse in a Class 3 hurdles race on the 20th of March 2024. Place chance
- 6. JESPER** - Finished 7th over 3900m at Toulouse in a Class 3 hurdle race on the 20th of March 2024. Others preferred
- 7. JAZZ D'AINAY** - Failed to finish the course over 4000m at Loudeac in a Class 4 on the 31st of March 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 8. JAKOU DU BOULAY** - Failed to finish over 2950m at Machecoul on the 25th of February 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 9. KALINQA** - Cracking effort in 3rd position over 3600m in a Hurdles event on the 3rd of March 2024 at Auteuil. Should go close
- 10. JUPITER DES BORDES** - Weak effort in 10th position over 3550m in a Class 4 at Fontainebleau on the 11th of October 2022. One to pass by
- 11. JOLIETTE COLLONGES** - Finished 8th over 3900m in a Class 3 hurdles event at Pompadour on the 20th of August 2023. Improvement required to feature
- 12. TAM D'OR** - Finished 5th over 3700m in a Class 3 at Bordeaux Le Bouscat over hurdles on the 6th of April 2024. Needs to do more to challenge

Summary: KALINQA (9) turned in a fine display on hurdling debut and looks set to take a step forward on that outing and she is the one to beat. JOCKO DU LIN (2) brings winning form to the table and he will be a big player with weight off the back. CIMONT (4) returns of a layoff but has the form to be competitive. LORDRECORD (1) has been consistent and will get it right soon but may struggle here having to concede weight all round.

SELECTIONS

KALINQA (9) - JOCKO DU LIN (2) - CIMONT (4) - LORDRECORD (1)

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C8 - PRIX DU PAQUODROME - 2200m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. DAMASK BLADE** - Finished 2nd over 1800m at Salon De-Provence in a Class 3 handicap on the 3rd of April 2024. Winning claims
- 2. ANGEL CHARLY** - Winner over 2000m in a Class 4 course qualifier at Pau on the 24th of March 2024. Big runner
- 3. VALINA** - Finished 4th behind two reopposing sorts over 2000m in a Class 4 course qualifier at Pau on the 24th of March 2024. Place chance
- 4. KINGDOM** - Well held in 11th over 2000m at Saint Cloud in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 1st of April 2024. One to pass by
- 5. GAHERIS** - Finished 8th over 2000m at Fontainebleau in a Class 4 on the 13th of April 2024. Makes very little appeal
- 6. MAD RIVER** - Close up in 3rd position over 2000m in a Class 4 course qualifier at Pau on the 24th of March 2024. Can get involved
- 7. YQUELON** - Finished 8th over 2000m at Saint Cloud in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 1st of April 2024. More needed to feature
- 8. SINGEL MALT** - Failed to finish the course over hurdles at this venue in a Class 3 race on the 23rd of March 2024. Unlikely to challenge
- 9. GOLDAMI** - Finished 6th over 2400m in a Class 4 event at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on the 6th of April 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 10. BACIVER** - Not disgraced in 5th spot over 2000m in a Class 4 course qualifier at Pau on the 24th of March 2024. Held at the weights
- 11. FORZA SEDACA** - Finished 9th over 2400m at this venue in a Class 3 handicap on the 10th of April 2024. Easy to look elsewhere
- 12. GAVIAL** - Finished 3rd over 2000m at Fontainebleau in a Class 4 event on the 13th of April 2024. Can challenge for the placings
- 13. SALMARAK** - Beaten out of sight in 8th position over 2400m in a Class 3 handicap at Toulouse on the 11th of March 2024. Hard to fancy
- 14. EAGLE ROSE** - Finished 4th over 2000m at Fontainebleau in a Class 3 course qualifier on the 13th of April 2024. Include in the play
- 15. PRESA DIRETTA** - Finished 5th over 2200m in Spain when last seen on the 3rd of March 2024. Unlikely winner

Summary: ANGEL CHARLY (2) arrives in sparkling form having notched up two victories in the space of three starts and looks to be a serious threat once again. DAMASK BLADE (1) is knocking on the door for another victory and should put up a bold performance. MAD RIVER (6) finished behind Angel Charly last time out and meets that rival on the same weight terms but will be hoping for a clear passage which could aid is reversing the form. VALINA (3) can earn a minor cheque.

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SELECTIONS

ANGEL CHARLY (2) - DAMASK BLADE (1) - MAD RIVER (6) - VALINA (3)

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C9 - PRIX AQUITAINE ATLANTIQUE - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. TERANGA** - No show in 16th spot over 1600m at this venue in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 10th of April 2024. Unlikely to pose a threat
- 2. BERGANO** - Finished in 3rd behind a couple reopposing types over 2000m at Toulouse in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 8th of April 2024. Each way player
- 3. TOP GLORY** - Finished 7th over 1600m in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 10th of April 2024 at this venue. More needed
- 4. LIEBE KINDER** - Finished 4th over 1600m at this course in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 10th of April 2024. Place chance
- 5. BECQUANON** - Finished 9th over 2000m at Pau in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 18th of February 2024. Hard to fancy
- 6. FOLLOW YOU** - Runner up over 2000m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 12th of April 2024. Include in the play
- 7. LAUENEN** - Winner over 1900m at Chantilly in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 28th of March 2024. Each way chance
- 8. CULTURE** - Winner over 2000m at Toulouse in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 8th of April 2024. Leading contender
- 9. PANDEMONIUM** - Well held in 11th over 2000m at Toulouse in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 8th of April 2024. Opposable
- 10. SORIANE** - Finished 4th over 2000m at Toulouse in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 8th of April 2024. Place chance
- 11. MONA LISA** - No type of performance in 10th over 2000m in a Class 4 divided limited handicap at Toulouse on the 8th of April 2024. Hard to recommend
- 12. PINTXOPOTE** - Finished 3rd over 2300m in a Class 4 divided limited handicap at Tarbes on the 13th of April 2024. Others preferred
- 13. MANA SIS** - Weak effort in 9th spot over 1600m at this venue in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 10th of April 2024. Easy to pass by
- 14. BOUJOC** - Poor showing in 9th position over 2300m at Tarbes in a Class 4 on the 31st of March 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 15. LISAYANE** - Finished 6th over over 2000m at Toulouse in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 8th of April 2024. Place claims
- 16. LA FILLE DE BERLIN** - Comfortably held in 10th over 1600m in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 15th of April 2024. Others make more appeal

Summary: CULTURE (8) won a nice race last time out and could follow up in a similar race. SORIANE (10) was around 5l behind the reopposing Culture and should be held on that but looks a place chance. LAUENEN (7) seems to be in a good space and should deliver another useful performance. LIEBE KINDER (4) gets weight off the back and could make an impact here.

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SELECTIONS

CULTURE (8) - SORIANE (10) - LAUENEN (7) - LIEBE KINDER (4)