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R3 VICHY [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX ALETTI PALACE HOTEL - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition
Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 23.000**

1. PURPLE MOOD - Has had two starts for two fourths. Expect him to get closer now and is a must for all bets

2. SHAMARKAND - Finished 3rd on debut over 1800m at Clairefontaine and with natural improvement, should be hard to beat

3. ARPENTEUR - Ran a cracker last month over 1800m at Dieppe and should go close. Strong each way chance

4. THE SHAKING - Is improving with racing and improving quickly. Finished 2nd over 1800m earlier this month and has a bright chance. Big runner

5. CHANAZ - Out of a 8 time winning mare. He could be absolutely anything. If were to go close on debut, it would be no surprise at all. Respect

6. LOOKING GOOD - A son of Sageburg out of an Intello mare that could run well first up. Watch the market but others could be stronger

7. DIAMOND FIRE - His mother, Sweet Nothings was an unraced mare. Hard to assess but the betting trends will assist. Happy to ignore

8. WHAT ELSE - A son of Al Wukair out of a Pivotal mare. Watch the betting. Might need this run

Summary : SHAMARKAND (2) ran an absolute cracker on debut and with expected natural progression could be hard to beat. CHANAZ (5) is a son of Waldgeist out of a Rock Of Gibraltar mare that could be absolutely anything. Expect a decent performance first time at school. ARPENTEUR (3) showed encouraging improvement at the second time of asking and surely has a lot more up the sleeve. THE SHAKING (4) is improving with racing and should secure a victory soon. Respect and include.

SELECTIONS

SHAMARKAND (2) - CHANAZ (5) - ARPENTEUR (3) - THE SHAKING (4)

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C2 - PRIX DE SAINT CHRISTOPHE - 1850m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. BAY D'ARGENT - Returning from a rest but won well before that over 2000m. Has solid overall form, can race fresh and is selected to make a winning comeback

2. SARDEM - Lightly raced, can do better than recent run at Tarbes but others preferred. Happy to ignore

3. VOTE FOR PEDRO - Can build on recent 4th over 1600m at Lyon Parilly. Won 3 runs back but does have a tad to find for the win. Outside place chance

4. GALLANT DEED - Ignore last run when 11th at Compiègne. Has run some decent races before but others should be much the stronger

5. ATHANASIA - Finished 8th in a Listed at penultimate but did start her career with two wins in succession. Back in this class, will go close

6. DEL CIELO - Won against weaker last time over 1800m at Saint-Malo but has fair overall form and despite being an outsider has a chance

7. GAVILLA - Made a winning local debut over 1800m at Clairefontaine last month. Could be anything here and must be included

8. AMALFINA - Won at Toulouse at her penultimate and finished 4th at Dax more recently. Expect plenty cheek. Strong claims

9. GYPSY GOLD - Has strong form and a high rating because of it. Finished 3rd at Clairefontaine over 1600m last month. Good chance

Summary : BAY D'ARGENT (1) is clearly very talented and in tremendous winning form. He is selected to continue on his winning ways. GYPSY GOLD (9) is in mustard form and must be taken seriously. She has each way claims. ATHANASIA (5) won her first two starts and has already competed in a Listed event. She drops in class and can bounce right back to near very best. Big runner. AMALFINA (8) cannot be dismissed from any betting calculations.

SELECTIONS

BAY D'ARGENT (1) - GYPSY GOLD (9) - ATHANASIA (5) - AMALFINA (8)

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C3 - PRIX CHARLES GIRAUDON - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 20.000

1. **DUKE OF CONKER** - Solid form, 6 time winner and finished 3rd at Moulins last time over 2200m. The firm first choice
2. **KALEO PALACE** - A winner at Moulins over 2200m last time and has been running well of late. Can get back into the winners circle
3. **LIB DUBAWI** - 3rd at Pompadour over 2300m last time and is never too far off the action. An outsider with a place chance
4. **PINK INTELLECTUAL** - Hard to assess as unplaced in last two but won well before that at Lyon Parilly over 2000m. Ignore recent efforts and then he would have a say
5. **ALLURRE** - In good form currently. Won at Vichy over 1850m last time and can record back-to-back victories. Strong chance
6. **ETHION** - Ignore last run, solid form before that. Others could be stronger but has a value place chance
7. **GRAND TATAKAN** - Caught the eye when 3rd over 1900m at Deauville last month and is one for the shortlist. Big chance
8. **APOLLON** - Ignore last run, won penultimate over 2000m at Vichy and was a winner before that at Clairefontaine. Serious chance of bouncing back to winning ways
9. **GEMMYO** - Has finished 4th in three of his last four starts and is a natural inclusion for the quartet
10. **KINGSTON NARCISSUS** - 4th at Deauville last time and 4th at this track before that. Should be right there at the finish. Respect and include in all bets
11. **WINDJANA** - Is currently a tad off the boil and others are preferred
12. **BUSINESS PLAN** - Hard to assess as is a tad erratic but on very best efforts could get into the action
13. **RED GRACE** - Has a lot to find based on current form and is therefore hard to fancy
14. **LA SAUZEE** - Unplaced in her last two starts and might find it tough against these. Happy to avoid
15. **VERLAN** - Much better effort last time when 2nd at Salon Provence over 2400m but much more needed for the win
16. **WOLF HUNTER** - Small, outside place chance based on penultimate effort when 2nd at Vittel
17. **XARUN** - 3rd over 2100m earlier this month but much more needed to threaten here. Happy to ignore

Summary : DUKE OF CONKER (1) is holding form and always has strong claims. He rates the one to be a with. GRAND TATAKAN (7) won 4 runs back and then went a tad off the boil. His last effort showed that he is on his way back to best. KALEO PALACE (2) won cozily last time over 2200m at Moulins and has a chance of recording back to back wins. KINGSTON NARCISSUS (10) is a well tried maiden that looks to have more of a place chance than a winning one.

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SELECTIONS

**DUKE OF CONKER (1) - GRAND TATAKAN (7) - KALEO PALACE (2) - KINGSTON
NARCISSUS (10)**

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C4 - PRIX DE MOULINS - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000

1. **QUEEN BAY** - Finished 4th four runs ago but efforts since then have been uninspiring. An outsider
2. **SKIPPER** - He is still a maiden but showed signs of hope last time when 3rd over 1600m. Much more needed for the win
3. **TORNALDO** - Ran a cracker when 2nd at Baden Baden over 2000m. Rates the one to beat
4. **RASCALLION** - Would be a shock winner as has shown very little thus far
5. **SILVER SCHNOK** - Unplaced in latest few runs and is hard to make a case for. Prefer others
6. **RIP** - A seven time winner that is badly off form and will need to bounce right back to best to threaten
7. **TRIPTAJIKA** - Taking time to win again but recent 3rd over 2100m at Vittel gives us some hope that the next victory is near. Big runner
8. **MY FLINDERS** - She ran an absolute cracker last time when 3rd at Chantilly over 1800m. Strong each way chance
9. **CALAS QUEEN** - Ignore last run, can do much better than that and has to be taken seriously. Expect a decent run
10. **AGDUNE** - Needs to build and progress on current form and others look to be the stronger. Happy to avoid
11. **PRINCE LOS** - Has run fourth in his last two starts and can now get closer than that. Strong place chance
12. **LUCKY YOU** - Last 2 efforts have been encouraging. Finished 3rd at Moulins over 2200m last time and can get much closer now. Good chance
13. **LISAYANE** - Only placed once thus far and is hard to make a case for. Ignore
14. **FULL OF GRACE** - Has been on the decline for sometime with numerous unplaced runs. Happy to avoid
15. **BOKRA FIL MISHMISH** - She is off form. Has not threatened or placed in ages and would be a shock winner. Pass by
16. **SLON HE** - Has shown very little form over various distances and needs to do a lot more to threaten

Summary : TORNALDO (3) is taking some time to get it all right again but in saying that, he is holding form, never too far off the action and his last run showed that his next win is near. LUCKY YOU (12) has attracted the attention in his last two starts when finishing 3rd and 4th respectively. He has strong each way claims. MY FLINDERS (8) is testing our patience for the next win, but has a strong place chance. CALAS QUEEN (9) should be in the first four.

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TORNALDO (3) - LUCKY YOU (12) - MY FLINDERS (8) - CALAS QUEEN (9)

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C5 - PRIX DE SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-FOSSSES - 1850m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. CANTILENA - HAs never been too far off the best of them in features and can certainly go close here. Chance

2. TITANIUM - Was an impressive winner three runs back over 1600m at Fontainebleau, finished 3rd In a Listed before that and has strong claims

3. MAX VERST - Has won his last two and can never be ignored. Hate trick chance

4. JERI - Won a Listed race at Parislongchamp over 1600m in May, then 3rd over 1600m at Chantilly in a Group 3. Rested but is a huge runner

5. EXPLORE THE SHORE - Has not won in plenty starts and cannot be selected. Ignore. Would be a shock winner

6. VAGALAME - Has been contesting in some competitive feature race fields and rates the one they all have to beat. Win

7. TRES QUEEN - Ran 4th in a Listed race three runs back and followed that up with back-to-back victories. Strong chance of making it three in-a row

8. TIMELESS MELODY - Has shown tons of ability in England and can make the presence felt in French debut. Watch

9. DAIQUIRI DREAM - Finished 3rd at Saint-Cloud over 2000m last time out and has an outside place chance at best

Summary : VAGALAME (6) has been contesting against much stronger company and could be hard to pass. TITANIUM (2) won three races back and has been fair since. He has done well in Listed Races before and has to be given a serious each way chance in this field. TRES QUEEN (7) finished 4th in a Listed race three runs back then reeled off two impressive wins. JERI (4) won a Listed in his penultimate but has not raced since June.

SELECTIONS

VAGALAME (6) - TITANIUM (2) - TRES QUEEN (7) - JERI (4)

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C6 - PRIX BULINGTON - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000

1. LANCILLOTTO - Ran 4th at Nancy over 2500m on the 10th of this month, won three runs back and is a serious contender for top honours

2. COOL HEART - Finished 2nd at Vittel in July but run since then a worry. Others preferred

3. SUGERTIME - Ran 5th at Chantilly in May and has not been seen since. Won penultimate over 2100m at Argentan. Can race fresh and finish in the first three. Serious chance

4. CAMPBELL - Has shown very little form recently and others will be too strong. Ignore

5. WILLY WINNER - Has been on the decline recently and is hard to fancy. Include in larger bets but hard to fancy for the first three

6. SLICK CHICK - Finished 2nd at Vichy over 2000m last time and is confidently selected to go one better. Win

7. WHIP DRALLIV - Lightly raced, yet to win and has not really made an impression just yet. Hard to fancy

8. VILLA JOALI - Has an outside place chance at best judged on current form. Others preferred

9. PRETTY WARRIOR - Can build on recent 7th at Vichy over 2400m, caught the eye in penultimate when 4th over 2400m. Big runner

10. SECRET CONTACT - Finished 8th over 2650m last time and will need to build on that to make an impression

11. DREAM ANGEL - Cannot be selected based on form seen thus far and can easily be passed over

12. PABAYA - She finished 4th at Chatillon over 2600m last time but a lot more is required to threaten

13. STEALTHY STRIDE - Would be a shock result if she were to place. Has shown nothing thus far

Summary : SLICK CHICK (6) is lightly raced, showing talent and is in very good form. She is confidently selected to go one better. PRETTY WARRIOR (9) can be forgiven for her last run and must be taken seriously based on good, solid overall form. SUGERTIME (3) is lightly raced, won her penultimate and caught the eye in her Handicap debut. She is a massive runner and is a must for everything. LANCILLOTTO (1) should be right there at the finish.

SELECTIONS

SLICK CHICK (6) - PRETTY WARRIOR (9) - SUGERTIME (3) - LANCILLOTTO (1)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA LIGUE CONTRE LE CANCER (PRIX DE COMBRONDE) - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 15.000

1. PURPLE RAIN - Excellent 2nd finish over 1650 at Craon earlier this month and can go one better. Big runner

2. KYNADA - Going for 5 in a row and can achieve it. Last won over 1600m at this track in a Handicap. Looks hard to oppose

3. GARDEN PARK - Needs to find a few lengths on current form to threaten here and far prefer others

4. SIYOUCHKA - Needs to build on last two and can. Won three runs back over 2000m and has strong each way claims

5. OPIANA - Was a winner at the penultimate over 1600m at Royan but last run a worry. Happy to ignore

6. PAS RADINE - Never too far off the action and can build a lot on recent 5th over 1600m at this course. Expect plenty cheek and is one fore the shortlist

7. SARA - Has not really shone just yet but could start to improve since relocating to France. Happy to ignore for now

Summary : KYNADA (2) comes from the Reynier yard and will be ridden by regular pilot Orani. She just keeps getting better and is on a tremendous winning streak. There is no reason why she cannot win again. SIYOUCHKA (4) needs to build on her last two efforts but will be able to run a cracker based on her victory three starts ago. PAS RADINE (6) has plenty of scope to improve on her Handicap run last time and should be in the firing line. PURPLE RAIN (1) should find the winners circle again soon.

SELECTIONS

KYNADA (2) - SIYOUCHKA (4) - PAS RADINE (6) - PURPLE RAIN (1)

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**C8 - PRIX DE BUSSET - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR €
18.000**

1. FLOWERSPRING - Finished 6th over 1200m last time at Lyon Parilly and much more can be expected now. Strong place chance

2. CITY SKY - Won cozily over 1800m at Marseille Borely when last at the races and has an chance of following up despite being an outsider

3. SHOOTER - Placed 3 from 3 and can improve on recent 3rd over 1400m at this course. Strong winning chance

4. LAFAYETTE - Finished 3rd over 1800m earlier this month and should win soon. Respect and include

5. KIND OF STAR - Lightly raced, improving quickly and the yard seems to have found the right race for him. Finished 2nd here over 1600m last month. Win

6. MAKE A WISH - Lightly raced but has not done enough at this stage to warrant inclusion in any bets. Happy to ignore

7. GRAND GIOMAR KODI - Much more improvement required to threaten the top ones and can be ignored

8. ROUANITA - Ignore last run, ran a cracker before that when 3rd over 1500m at Deauville. Big danger to the top ones. Chance

9. AVEC ELEGANCE - Small place chance at best buy far prefer others. Wait for improvement

Summary : KIND OF STAR (5) is improving and looks cherry ripe for the victory. SHOOTER (3) has placed three from three and if not winning today, should get it all right soon. He has strong each way claims. ROUANITA (8) has been racing in a Handicap recently and now lines up in a Limited Handicap which will aid her cause hugely. Expect her to be right there. FLOWERSPRING (1) has won at this course before so knows her way around.

SELECTIONS

KIND OF STAR (5) - SHOOTER (3) - ROUANITA (8) - FLOWERSPRING (1)