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R1 SAINT-CLOUD [L-H]

C1 - PRIX SAGARO - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000

- 1. MOONWALK STEP** - Two unplaced runs recently, 3rd before that over 3200m in a Class 3 handicap on February 7th. Has work to do
- 2. WUKHANN** - Won a Class 2 handicap on March 16th at Saint-Cloud last time over 2400m. Ought to be thereabouts
- 3. DECBOU** - Four unplaced runs since a win over 3200m at Deauville in a Class 2 handicap on August 22nd. Among the leading place chances
- 4. BEL ARISTO** - 2nd two runs ago over 2200m at Angouleme in a Class 4 race on March 3rd. Others more likely
- 5. PAPER TROPHY** - Four unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 2800m on September 10th and a win before that in late August at Pompadour. Place chance
- 6. BONAPARTE SIZING** - Unplaced on the last two runs, 4th before that at Lyon Parilly over 3150m on November 9th. Hard to recommend
- 7. WINTERLAND** - Won her last two races, the latter over 3200m in a Class 3 handicap on January 21st. Live chance to get the hat-trick
- 8. CUNCERTO** - 2nd at Saint-Cloud over 2400m in a Class 2 handicap on March 16th when last seen. In the mix
- 9. TURANIA** - Unplaced last time, won the two races before that, the latter a Class 3 handicap over 3200m on February 26th. Needs to drop back down the handicap to feature
- 10. CANOUANN** - Unplaced last time, won before that over 2700m at Chantilly on January 24th. Likely to give another good account
- 11. FLUTE EN SOL** - Won last time in a Class 3 handicap at Fontainebleau over 3000m on March 2nd. Might find a few of these too smart
- 12. ROSETTA STONE** - Won a Class 3 handicap last time over 3200m at Chantilly on February 9th. Can have presence felt
- 13. LA TEMPLIERE** - 5th last time at Fontainebleau over 3000m on March 2nd was encouraging having dropped in the weights, she can be involved
- 14. ANAGALLIS** - Won a Class 3 race at Saint-Cloud last time on March 12th over 3000m. Outside place chance
- 15. BLACK HAWK** - Three unplaced runs of late, won before that over 3000m at Pornichet on December 27th. Looks safely held
- 16. SHAMSABAD** - 3rd last time in a Class 3 handicap over 2400m on March 16th. Unlikely to trouble some of these

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Summary: WINTERLAND (7) is the tentative selection in an open-looking handicap. She has won her last two starts and her confidence will be high. She has the most to fear from CANOUANN (10) who could have a good bit more to come and looks fairly treated despite a poor show last time. CUNCERTO (8) is one to include in all of the place bet permutations having been placed on his last three runs. LA TEMPLIERE (13) is only 0.5kg higher in the ratings than her last win and can make the frame.

SELECTIONS

WINTERLAND (7) - CANOUANN (10) - CUNCERTO (8) - LA TEMPLIERE (13)

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C2 - PRIX COMRADE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 28,000

1. TOSTADERO - Won on February 27th at Marseille Borely over 1800m when last seen on his second start. Ought to be in the shake-up

2. NARKEZ - Won easily by 5.5L on his last run at Clairefontaine on October 20th over 1600m when last seen. Can make presence felt

3. FOU FURIEUX - 3rd in a Class 2 race two runs ago on September 22nd over 1500m. Has experience but others preferred

4. SUPERCOOLED - Won on debut and then was a good 3rd in a Class 2 race over 1500m on October 12th at Chantilly. Has some top entries and sets the standard

5. KIARO - Won by 2.5L on his debut on March 7th at Saint-Cloud over 1600m and will improve a good bit from that effort. Player

6. GEORGES VILLE - 4th last time on March 11th at Le Mans after a win on his debut over 1500m. Needs more in a better race

Summary: It is hard to choose between two promising horses in this competitive event, the marginal vote goes to SUPERCOOLED (4) who won on debut and then ran a good third in a Class 2 race at Chantilly last October. His main threat is NARKEZ (2) who won easily on his third run last year and was then put away for the winter. KIARO (5) won well on debut this month and is not to be overlooked. TOSTADERO (1) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

SUPERCOOLED (4) - NARKEZ (2) - KIARO (5) - TOSTADERO (1)

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**C3 - PRIX KIZIL KOURGAN - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 2 - Flat - EUR €
28,000**

- 1. MIZ VEGA** - Won at Saint-Cloud over 1500m on the sole start on October 30th. Can improve and be on the premises
- 2. GET TOGETHER** - Won a handicap over 1500m last time on February 26th. Might find this a step too far
- 3. CAVALLETTI** - 5th in a group 3 last time, won before that at Chantilly on debut over 1200m on July 10th. Player
- 4. BABETTE** - Unplaced last two runs, 2nd before that at Saint-Cloud over 1500m in a Class 2 race on September 22nd. Has been below-par of late
- 5. AMORCITA** - Won the last two runs, the latter in a Class 3 race over 1500m on February 21st. More is needed to get the hat trick but ought to figure
- 6. BELISE** - Won at Craon on the last run over 1650m on September 2nd. Others rate higher
- 7. HIT IT** - Unplaced last time, won before that over 1500m at Saint-Cloud on September 8th. In the mix

Summary: CAVALLETTI (3) will find this more to her liking than a Group 3 race she contested last time. She won on debut and has plenty more to come. MIZ VEGA (1) is a danger having scored on her sole start in late October by 2L at Saint-Cloud. She will be competitive as will HIT IT (7) who should not be overlooked despite a below-par run last time. AMORCITA (5) looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

CAVALLETTI (3) - MIZ VEGA (1) - HIT IT (7) - AMORCITA (5)

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C4 - PRIX MIRSKA - 2400m (a1m 1/2) - TURF - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. RAYBIYA** - Two nice 3rd placed runs so far, the latter at Fontainebleau over 2200m on March 2nd. Can get the job done
- 2. GALIGERA** - Nice 2nd on debut at Pont De Vivaux- Midi on March 14th over 2600m. Can improve and play a lead role
- 3. DAME QUANT** - Unplaced on both runs so far, the latter at Chantilly over 1900m on October 31st. Can improve for the step up in trip and ought to be involved
- 4. JUST THE GOOD WAY** - Fair 6th on debut at Marseille Borely over 2000m on October 9th on the only run so far. Others seem more likely
- 5. QUEEN OF KAHRAMAN** - 7th at Chantilly on February 15th over 1900m on the sole run so far. Might find this difficult
- 6. HEAREN** - Two unplaced runs so far, the latter at Fontainebleau on March 2nd over 2200m. Hard to fancy
- 7. TENTED CAMP** - Newcomer by Shalaa, stable runners tend to need a run or two for experience. The betting can be the best guide
- 8. MELODY ROYALE** - Newcomer by Roman Candle, a respected trainer who will have this filly nicely prepared. Monitor the betting for clues
- 9. WASABI** - Newcomer by Soldier's Call, from a top trainer who can ready one to strike on debut. Can be involved

Summary: RAYBIYA (1) has shown promise in both of her runs so far when third. She should like this trip and be too smart for her rivals. GALIGERA (2) was a decent second on her debut and will have learned a lot from that run. She looks like the main threat to the selection. WASABI (9) looks good on paper and will be expected to play a lead role on debut. DAME QUANT (3) warrants respect and heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

RAYBIYA (1) - GALIGERA (2) - WASABI (9) - DAME QUANT (3)

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C5 - PRIX GOODLY - 2400m (a1m 1/2) - TURF - Maiden - Flat - EUR €
27,000

- 1. DJOE** - Finished 5th on debut over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in September last year and wasn't disgraced when 5th on his reappearance over 1600m at that venue on 12 March. Improvement needed
- 2. DSCHINGIS DREAM** - Finished an eye-catching 2nd on debut over 1950m at Le Mans on 11 March and should have improved with the benefit of that experience. Keep safe
- 3. TALISE** - Cracksman colt 3rd on debut over 1900m on PSF and 3rd again on the turf at Fontainebleau over 2200m earlier this month (2 March). Will be a factor
- 4. WALD PRINCE** - Finished 9th of 16 runners on debut at Fontainebleau over 1800m on 25 November. Open to improvement on his reappearance
- 5. FOREVER GIVEN** - Runner-up in both starts over 2000m on the PSF at Cagnes-sur-Mer, the latest of which was on 19 February. High on the shortlist
- 6. DSCHINGIS TOKEN** - Yann Barberot-trained Dschingis Secret colt with an attractive pedigree (maternal line). Anthony Crastus rides
- 7. JEAN PIC** - Clément Lecoivre rides this Lope De Vega colt on debut for trainer Henri-François Devlin. Not to be taken lightly
- 8. SPINELLO** - Mario Baratti-trained Cracksman colt to keep an eye on with Cristian Demuro engaged to ride. Dark horse
- 9. ANNABEL'S GHOST** - André Fabre-trained Waldgeist gelding to be ridden on debut by Adrian Le Lay Martin with the benefit of a 3,5kg allowance
- 10. SOUS INFLUENCE** - Ten Sovereigns gelding trained by Xavier Blanchet, who has engaged Jérôme Moutard to ride this newcomer
- 11. ROYAL SOPRANO** - Well-bred Siyouni colt bought for €110,000 as a yearling. Christophe Soumillon is a noteworthy engagement for Carlos & Yann Lerner
- 12. MR DIAFOIRUS** - André Fabre-trained Sir Percy gelding related to the champion Zambezi Sun. César Belmont rides with the aid of a 3,5kg allowance

Summary: Over this distance, those with experience should have the edge. However, none appeal more than FOREVER GIVEN (5), runner-up in both starts over 2000m on PSF, who could have more to offer switched to the turf for the first time over this extended trip. Group I Prix du Jockey Club and Grand Prix de Paris entry TALISE (3) has finished 3rd in both outings and should pose a threat. DSCHINGIS DREAM (2) caught the eye when finishing 2nd on debut and could join that fight for victory if improving with that experience. Of the remainder, newcomers ROYAL SOPRANO (11) and MR DIAFOIRUS (12) warrant consideration.

SELECTIONS

FOREVER GIVEN (5) - TALISE (3) - DSCHINGIS DREAM (2) - ROYAL SOPRANO (11)

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**C6 - PRIX BANGO - 2500m (a1m 1/2) - TURF - Gr3 APQS - Flat - EUR €
35,000**

1. KATCHINA - Progressive sort who improved from his debut 5th to win three consecutive subsequent outings. Not seen since the last of those victories over 2400m at Vichy on 23 August but is open to improvement on his reappearance

2. JIMFA - Group II winner on this course last year and backed that up by finishing 2nd a 2600m Group II at Fontainebleau on 25 November. Has a winning chance on her return

3. JET BLUE - Won the Group I Prix du Bourbonnais on this course in 2022. Finished 3rd in a 3600m hurdles event at Argentan when last seen on 19 November - reverts to the flat with legitimate ambitions

4. JAGUAR DU LARGE - Last-start winner who improved in his first outing on the flat to win over 2900m at Durtal on 12 November. Open to further progress

5. JULIETTE BANBOU - Consistent mare with sound references, including a 4th in the Group I Prix de Craon at ParisLongchamp last year before posting two creditable efforts in 3600m hurdles races at Auteuil - latest (7th) on 11 November. Keep safe

6. JEANNETTE - Consistent mare with references on both the turf and PSF. Absent since finishing 4th in a 3200m conditions race at Lyon-La Soie on 18 December

7. JUSTUNE STAR - Consistent mare with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th in a 2600m Group II contest at Fontainebleau on 25 November. Dark horse

8. KEL ESPOIR EN JEU - Consistent filly, albeit at a lower level, and shouldn't be judged on her latest performance when dislodging her rider in a 3000m conditions race at Angers on 17 February

9. KARINA SWEEN - Debut winner over 2400m at Moulins in August and has held her own since - confirmed as much by finishing 6th in a 2600m Group I at Fontainebleau on 25 November. Dark horse

10. KEFIR D'AIRY - Debut winner on the PSF over 2400m at Pau in December and confirmed that promise by finishing 3rd over that distance on the PSF at Pornichet on 18 January. Unknown quantity on turf

Summary: JIMFA (2) finished 5th in this Group III race last year and is good value to achieve a better result on her reappearance in this renewal. After two outings over hurdles at Auteuil, JULIETTE BANBOU (5) reverts to the flat with legitimate ambitions and is likely to fight for victory. JET BLUE (3) fits a similar profile back on the flat so isn't underestimated either. Progressive KATCHINA (1) has been absent since completing a three-timer in August but is another who cannot be taken lightly.

SELECTIONS

JIMFA (2) - JULIETTE BANBOU (5) - JET BLUE (3) - KATCHINA (1)

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C7 - PRIX BUCKSKIN - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. KER STORMY** - Hard-knocking handicapper with references in the handicaps off a higher mark. Absent since finishing 10th in a 3000m handicap at Fontainebleau on 25 November
- 2. DREAMS** - Runner-up over 3000m at Fontainebleau on 2 March and was 2nd again over 2400m on this course on 16 March
- 3. LIXI** - Made a winning reappearance over 2200m at Fontainebleau and maintained her form/consistency by finishing 2nd over that course and distance on 15 March. Will be a factor
- 4. RUUDJE** - Finished a reassuring 4th over 2400m on this course last time (16 March) so will have a role to play with a repeat of that performance
- 5. DESIRE FOR EVER** - Runner-up over 2000m on this course on 7 March and will appreciate stretching out to this extended trip. Keep safe
- 6. VOILA POURQUOI** - Hard-knocking veteran with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th over 3200m on the PSF at Lyon-La Soie on 15 March
- 7. LA YOMOGUINNESS** - Won a 2400m handicap on heavy ground at Lyon-Parilly in November but has struggled under a penalty in both subsequent outings. Finished a well-beaten 15th in a 2000m handicap on this course on 7 March
- 8. BARBADIN** - Seldom far off the mark and has dropped in the weights/ratings to a dangerous mark, although is best watched for now after finishing 6th in a 2400m handicap on this course last time (16 March)
- 9. KLASSIC PRECIEUX** - Maturing last-start winner with a stout pedigree. Opened his account at Fontainebleau on handicap debut over 3000m on 2 March
- 10. STAY AWAY** - Remained consistent to this point and is lightly raced, so is open to improvement on his handicap debut. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 2200m at Fontainebleau on 6 March
- 11. CHECKPOINT CHARLIE** - Inconsistent but capable veteran handicapper. Was a well-beaten 15th in a 2500m PSF handicap at Deauville on 26 January but ought to do better back on turf at a venue he enjoys
- 12. INSIGNIA OF RANK** - Inconsistent but capable veteran with references in the handicaps and on heavy ground. Failed to confirm the improvement of his previous outing (victory) when only 9th over 2400m at Toulouse on 20 March
- 13. ALKUIN** - Inconsistent and is currently out of sorts, although has plummeted in the weights/ratings to a rating well below his last-winning mark. Must improve after finishing 9th in a 2400m handicap at Compiègne on 10 March
- 14. FRENCH DIVA** - Veteran mare who finished 2nd in a 2950m Machecoul handicap on 3 March but failed to confirm that form when only 5th over 2400m at Saint-Brieuc seven days later (10 March). Others preferred

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Summary: KLASSIC PRECIEUX (9), like most horses of similar breeding, is laden with stamina and has placed in Group races at Auteuil. He gets the nod ahead of LIXI (3) who arrives in good form and physical condition after an encouraging 2nd on her seasonal reappearance. DREAMS (2) has finished 2nd in consecutive starts recently so has legitimate claims too. CHECKPOINT CHARLIE (11) boasts a victory on this course over a marathon distance and, as such, shouldn't be discounted either. DESIRE FOR EVER (5) and VOILA POURQUOI (6) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KLASSIC PRECIEUX (9) - LIXI (3) - DREAMS (2) - CHECKPOINT CHARLIE (11)

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C8 - PRIX DE CASTEL - 1500m (a7f 1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

- 1. HURRICANE LIGHT** - Has rediscovered form and consistency recently on rain-affected ground. Won on this course over 1300m 2 starts back and proved his competitiveness under a 3kg penalty (current mark) when 4th at Fontainebleau on 2 March
- 2. HEATHERWOOD** - Finished a well-beaten 12th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 12 December but is more effective on turf
- 3. PLANTHALYA** - Won well when reverting to the turf at Le Mans recently over 1600m on 11 March. Capable of defying a resultant 3kg penalty
- 4. PEARL HARBOUR** - Went off the boil last year after a five-month absence and is best watched for now after finishing 13th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 8 March
- 5. MIURA** - A 4-start maiden who has finished unplaced in each outing - was 8th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly when last seen on 9 February. Others preferred
- 6. JOYCE GALESTE** - Went off the boil in her five most recent appearances on PSF but has dropped to a competitive mark as a result and is more effective on the turf. Respected despite finishing 11th in a PSF handicap at Chantilly on 14 March
- 7. LOVE AFFAIR** - Consistent mare with references on heavy ground and has recently proven her form/well-being on the PSF. Chief threat
- 8. CLOSE TO YOU** - Out of sorts and has achieved her best references in the claiming category. Was last seen finishing 11th in a PSF claimer over 1700m at Pornichet on 17 December
- 9. HEY MAN** - Finished a well-beaten 12th in a 2100m PSF handicap at Pornichet on 8 December but is more effective on turf
- 10. VARINKA** - An 18-start maiden who has placed on just three occasions - the last of which when finishing 2nd in an 1800m handicap at Le Croisé-Laroche in May last year. Absent since finishing 14th in a Chantilly handicap in September
- 11. SHANGRI LA** - A five-time winner in Spain but inconsistent on French soil and has been more effective on PSF recently. Was 8th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Pau on 10 March
- 12. KOBRA PEPPER** - A 15-start maiden with just 2 places to her name - on debut (2nd) in 2022 and was 2nd at Amiens in June 2023. Finished 8th in a 1600m handicap at Le Mans on 11 March last time out
- 13. STRANGER** - Inconsistent veteran handicapper with references on turf and PSF, although has appeared to have regressed in 3 starts this year. Finished 10th in a 1300m PSF handicap at Deauville on 2 February
- 14. MIAMI BEET** - Consistent hard-knocking veteran with sound handicap references off his current mark, which include finishing 5th in three consecutive 1500m handicaps at Cagnes this year - latest 26 February on very heavy ground
- 15. SALSA CHIC** - Unplaced in three starts on the PSF this year but has references on turf and on this course, so must be respected here having dropped to a dangerous mark. Was 7th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 25 January

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16. KHARKIV - Battling 27-start maiden who finished a well-beaten 12th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 23 February. Others preferred

17. LA CATELLA - Modest veteran mare, inconsistent on the PSF recently. Finished 6th in a 1400m PSF handicap at Pau in her last start on 18 February

18. REDRUNNER - Finished 3rd in his second start, a minor 2400m race at Divonne-les-Bains in September, but has done little else to warrant inclusion/consideration here. Was 6th in a 1600m conditions race at Lignières on 18 February

Summary: PLANTHALYA (3) produced a strong finishing effort to win at Le Mans recently and, on the evidence of that display, looks good value to follow up here from a wide starting stall. LOVE AFFAIR (7) has shown her form and well-being on PSF and will remain competitive switching to the turf, so too should HURRICANE LIGHT (1) who is likely to improve on an encouraging comeback (4th) to play a role. JOYCE GALESTE (6) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

PLANTHALYA (3) - LOVE AFFAIR (7) - HURRICANE LIGHT (1) - JOYCE GALESTE (6)