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R4 SAINT-CLOUD [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE DREUX - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Claiming Handicap - Class 4
- Flat - EUR € 16.000**

- 1. PISORNO** - Winner at this course and at this level when reverting to the flat over 1400m last time out. Can confirm
- 2. LE DUC** - Inconsistent sort but did acquit himself well in his only start at this course. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
- 3. BRAVEHEART** - Supplemented for this engagement and, on ratings, ought to play a leading role on favourable weight terms. Include
- 4. AL KHAMSIN** - Proven at this level and finished 2nd on the PSF in his comeback. Will be in the shake-up again
- 5. SHOWMAN** - Has only won on the PSF and is probably better on that surface. Hard to make a case for
- 6. CARLTON CHOICE** - Won his last outing at this level and Saint-Cloud suits him perfectly. Should have a role to play
- 7. PRAIRIE GLORY** - Unplaced in both starts last year and has done nothing noteworthy to warrant consideration. Others preferred
- 8. LEX LUTHOR** - Unreliable sort but quite capable of staking a claim in a race like this. Respect
- 9. ITMAN** - Consistent for the most part but has been more effective on the PSF recently. Has only a minor role to play
- 10. MOREA** - Unreliable filly, out of sorts quite is capable of staking a claim in a race like this. Place chance

Summary : Competitive opener. Supplemented for this engagement, highest-rated BRAVEHEART (3) ought to play a leading role under the conditions and is preferred to CARLTON CHOICE (6) who is back in a claiming race - the category of his last success. AL KHAMSIN (4) is proven at this level so must also be respected, along with PISORNO (1) who won back on the flat last time after 2 comeback runs over hurdles.

SELECTIONS

BRAVEHEART (3) - CARLTON CHOICE (6) - AL KHAMSIN (4) - PISORNO (1)

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**C2 - PRIX D'ESTRIVAL - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - TURF - Group 3 Aqps - Flat -
EUR € 35.000**

- 1. JET BLUE** - Ran well well in the Prix Jacques de Vienne and must be respected despite a big weight on his return after a few weeks off. Has claims
- 2. IMAGINE BANBOU** - Undefeated in 3 outings at this course and likely to be involved at the finish again. Favourite
- 3. JOKER DE LOUED** - Debut winner on the flat who proved ineffective over hurdles but has won his last 2 starts. Must raise his game to be competitive in this grade
- 4. IRISH VOCATION** - Good 3rd on his comeback and ought to improve on that. Not to be neglected under any circumstances
- 5. INCONITO COLLONGES** - Has shown little in 7 starts to warrant inclusion and is unlikely to change his ways here. Can be ruled out
- 6. ILL REEF** - An impressive winner on debut and is open to any amount of improvement. Best to keep safe
- 7. JUDGELAND** - Progressive last-start winner on the PSF in December. Open to improvement on her comeback
- 8. JAIM** - Won her second start back in a claiming race at Nancy last month. A lot more required here
- 9. JAINA KELLE** - Runner-up in a Group II at this course last year. Unplaced on her reappearance but is open to improvement
- 10. IDEFIXE DU MOULIN** - Overtaken only by IMAGINE BANBOU (2) at this track recently and should have a role to play again
- 11. INGRANDES** - Consistent filly, winner of both her starts this year. Drawn wide but can get into the picture too
- 12. JIMFA** - Consistent, lightly raced filly who was an encouraging 5th on her reappearance and is open to improvement
- 13. JOLLY WAY** - Showed early promise but has been absent since finishing unplaced in a November Group I. Not one to take lightly

Summary : Improving IMAGINE BANBOU (2) is undefeated in 3 outings at this course and a confident selection ahead of ILL REEF (6) who caused something of a stir when winning on debut in the provinces and open to any amount of improvement. IDEFIXE DU MOULIN (10), runner-up to the selection last time, and IRISH VOCATION (4) who was 3rd can make their presence felt too. Consistent JET BLUE (1) and hat-trick seeking INGRANDES (11) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

IMAGINE BANBOU (2) - ILL REEF (6) - IDEFIXE DU MOULIN (10) - IRISH VOCATION (4)

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C3 - PRIX DU JARDIN DES TOURNEROCHEs - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. IL RITORNO** - Consistent for the most part and has a good record both at this level and over this distance. Will be involved
- 2. ABHA** - Quickened well to make a winning reappearance at Pornichet last time and should have more to offer. Include
- 3. CHICHIMADAME** - Has shown flawless consistency at this level and, with the 1,5kg allowance of Marie Vélon, will have a role to play
- 4. TOOGOODFORSCHOOL** - Yet to win a race but has shown enough form and consistency to play a role. Not taken lightly
- 5. STONEHENGE** - Sébastien Martino rides this newcomer by Seahenge for Allan Estrabol. Watch for clues
- 6. SWAG GIRL** - Won on debut, beating horses with experience at Strabour and is open to any amount of experience. Respect
- 7. LADIES LAW** - Has regressed and come down in the weights since winning at Lyon-Parilly in September. Must reaffirm
- 8. PREMIERE D'ESTEJO** - Showed signs of improvement in a claiming race at Royan-La Palmyre last time. More needed here
- 9. BLACKBERRY WAY** - Unplaced and well beaten in both starts this year. Drops in class but is hard to make a case for
- 10. SMART STYLE** - Has lined up and finished unplaced in competitive maiden races. Could surprise in a claiming race

Summary : IL RITORNO (1) steps back up in distance but boasts, arguably, the strongest form on offer so is probably the one to side with. Improving last-start winner ABHA (2) was supplemented for this race and is also a serious candidate for success. CHICHIMADAME (3) is consistent at this level and ought to make her presence felt too, along with SWAG GIRL (6), who won on debut at Strasbourg.

SELECTIONS

IL RITORNO (1) - ABHA (2) - CHICHIMADAME (3) - SWAG GIRL (6)

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C4 - PRIX DU PARC DE BECON - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. JORDAN BAKER** - Winner of his last start and is likely to go well again despite a penalty and wide draw. Include
- 2. CAPOBLANCO** - Registered his only win off a lower mark and has appeared high enough in the weights in four subsequent starts. Outsider
- 3. GINO** - Unplaced in all 3 starts this year after winning at Marseille-Borely in November. Needs to reaffirm
- 4. MICOLEO** - Has dropped to a much lower mark so should fare better on his return to a handicap. Respect
- 5. ZELZALITA** - Tends to do well at Saint-Cloud, though has been heavily penalized for winning last time out. Can get into the picture
- 6. ALMANARAH** - Inconsistent but has shown enough to warrant consideration. Not one to be underestimated
- 7. MEDAVY** - Drawn the widest of all but did not go unnoticed on her comeback recently and should have more to offer. Place chance
- 8. SAN ANTONIO** - Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge
- 9. BEIJINHO** - Yet to win a race but has been consistent for the most part and arrives in good form. Unlikely to be far off the mark
- 10. LAURENT** - Unreliable sort but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race like this. Could get a look in
- 11. GARDOL MOON** - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period so can be ruled out here. Overlook
- 12. FLASH IS BACK** - Bounced back to form last time and does appreciate the Val d'Or route. Will have a role to play
- 13. SANPEDRO** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so chances limited even at this level
- 14. BLACK LIVES MATTER** - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period so can be ruled out here. Overlook
- 15. EMERALD** - Has been struggling for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge. Others preferred
- 16. MINO PICO** - Runner-up on debut on the PSF at Pornichet in January and ran her worst race in her only start on the turf. Others preferred
- 17. ASHDEL** - Course-and-distance winner in September but has finished unplaced in both starts since. Watch for now

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Summary : JORDAN BAKER (1) won well at Sennones last time and is taken a defly a resultant penalty by following up here at the expense of FLASH IS BACK (12) who made a convincing return to form at this course recently. Watch out for MICOLEO (4), who is capable of having a say after dropping in the weights following several half-hearted efforts, and MEDAVY (7) who did not go unnoticed on his return to action at this course.

SELECTIONS

JORDAN BAKER (1) - FLASH IS BACK (12) - MICOLEO (4) - MEDAVY (7)

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C5 - PRIX SICARELLE - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27.000

- 1. AMNERIS** - Dubawi filly who finished a modest 7th on debut at Lyon-Parilly in November. Could improve after the winter break
- 2. ILLUCIDATE** - Nathaniel filly who showed potential when beaten only by a more-experienced rival when 2nd over 2400m on debut Chantilly. Keep safe
- 3. RUE BOISSONADE** - Gave little away when finishing 7th on debut at Mont-de-Marsan. Needs to improve to feature
- 4. DAFNE** - Well-beaten 11th on the PSF at Chantilly on debut last month and is best watched for now. Others preferred
- 5. LALOU** - Finished a well-beaten 12th of 13 on the fibresand at Lyon-La Soie on debut. Must show more
- 6. ROBINIE** - Twice 2nd in 3 starts last year but was unplaced on her return at Strasbourg last month. Needs to reaffirm
- 7. SIMPLY MARVELLOUS** - Runner-up on debut over 2200m and likely to improve for that experience over the extra 200m. One to beat
- 8. RONEA** - Sea The Stars filly who was an encouraging 2nd over 2000m in her only outing. Will have more to offer and gets 3,5kg off her back
- 9. SQUASHA** - Showed ability in finishing 2nd on debut and appears the pick of Maxime Guyon on riding arrangements. On the shortlist
- 10. THE LAST WALTZ** - Showed improvement when 3rd on her reappearance over this trip at Chantilly earlier this month. Could confirm
- 11. WISE GIRL** - Runner-up on debut last year and a pleasing 4th on her reappearance recently. Ought to make progress, so has a place chance

Summary : SIMPLY MARVELLOUS (7) got her career off to a promising start by finishing 2nd at Fontainebleau on debut and is likely to open her account with any improvement. SQUASHA (9) and RONEA (8), however, are also candidates for success after filling the runners-up berth on their respective introductions. ILLUCIDATE (2) is one of five in the race to have finished 2nd on debut and is not incapable of opening her account either. Good race!

SELECTIONS

SIMPLY MARVELLOUS (7) - SQUASHA (9) - RONEA (8) - ILLUCIDATE (2)

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C6 - PRIX AMOUR DRAKE - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27.000

- 1. DJERBANNI** - He has shown promise in both his starts so far. The extra 200m of this race should suit him and he has a winning chance
- 2. GOLDYWAY DE SAON** - He was well beaten in both starts in 2022 and no better in his only run of this year, Others are much preferred
- 3. ZHUYRIK** - he showed some improvement when third in a handicap last time out. this is a tougher race but could play a minor role
- 4. MELLAH** - Has not done much wrong with three good efforts so far. This is a competitive race and he is not out of it
- 5. LE CACOIN** - Fair fourth on debut but was regressed a bit in his second start. Capable of improvement and could play a minor role
- 6. SEVENNA'S KNIGHT** - He has improved with every start and only found one better last time out at Fontainebleau. This is tougher but he can earn more money
- 7. MERCURIO** - Sixth on PSF debut at Chantilly. Steps up in distance and tries the turf this time so capable of improvement
- 8. MR JOURDAIN** - Sixth over this distance at Chantilly last time out. He has scope for improvement but others are preferred this time
- 9. COCKTAIL PRINCE** - A good runner-up run at Paris-Longchamp on debut and could go one better up a bit in distance
- 10. SILAWI** - Fit and in good form. Supplemented for this race so should be a big runner in a competitive race

Summary : COCKTAIL PRINCE (9) showed promise on his good debut and if the step up in distance is not a concern then he can go one better. SILAWI (10) has been supplemented for this race so could turn out to be the biggest danger. DJERBANNI (1) has been fair so far and could like the extra distance he tries this time. SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (6) is improving and is another that has scope for further improvement.

SELECTIONS

COCKTAIL PRINCE (9) - SILAWI (10) - DJERBANNI (1) - SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (6)

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**C7 - PRIX DE JUVISY - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - TURF - Claiming Handicap -
Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000**

- 1. MARCAN** - Fit and has been in good form this year. Clearly is better on the PSF but do not write him off for this race
- 2. ANTE POST** - He has been consistent without a win his six starts. First time in a claimer so deserves respect
- 3. CULTURE** - His best recent runs have been in claimers but he will need to do more to win this race. Could play a minor role
- 4. T'BOLT** - returned from a short break to score in a claimer at Nancy last month. Can be fitter now and complete a hat-trick
- 5. AUENWOLF** - Not disgraced when sixth in his comeback run. He has done well in claimers and has a winning chance
- 6. CIRCO MASSIMO** - Disappointing recent form and both wins were on the PSF. Needs to prove himself on the turf but deserves some respect
- 7. JOHNNY DANCER** - Disappointing form on the PSF of late. He was also unreliable when in this division so others are preferred
- 8. AGNELLI** - Only win was in Germany in 2021. Probably needs to find a few lengths to win this race and others are preferred

Summary : AUENWOLF (5) usually does well in this division and his recent comeback run when sixth was encouraging. He could be the right one. T'BOLT (4) is in good form and looking to complete a hat-trick so will be a big threat. MARCAN (1) is better on the PSF but has been in good form this year so deserves respect. CIRCO MASSIMO (6) has to prove himself back on the turf.

SELECTIONS

AUENWOLF (5) - T'BOLT (4) - MARCAN (1) - CIRCO MASSIMO (6)

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C8 - PRIX DU PAVILLON DES INDES - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 21.000

1. **RUE CHANOINESSE** - She has struggled in all three of her handicaps this year and she does need major improvement to win this race
2. **EDIFIANT** - Fair third on debut which was over this course and distance. He has been mostly moderate since but is not out of it
3. **VARINKA** - well beaten in four starts this year including in a claimer. Did better last year so cannot be written off completely
4. **NIGHT CANDLE** - On a very long losing streak and she has been well beaten in her last three starts. Needs major improvement to win
5. **BARBUDA** - Well beaten in last two starts when trying further on the PSF. Could prefer the turf but best form has been in sprints
6. **RIO SAMBA** - Sixth in a handicap on the PSF last time out. Turf form has only been fair and needs to find a few lengths to win
7. **AFFAIRE CONCLUE** - Fair third last time out over this course and distance and has also won over this track and trip. Has a winning chance
8. **CERVARO** - He is probably better on the PSF but in a weak race like this he would not be a surprise winner
9. **SEPTANTE** - She is still a maiden after 26 starts but should be competitive back on the turf and off this low mark
10. **HARTWOOD MAN** - Fair form this year without winning. Distance suited and he could contest the finish once again
11. **TALISSON** - Did a bit better when fifth over this course and distance last time out. Probably needs to do more to win but can earn some money
12. **AEROSTACH** - Kept to the PSF of late and has been struggling. Could appreciate the return to the turf but others are preferred
13. **BALADOR** - Seven starts without a win and eight in a handicap in his latest start but has a winning chance in a very weak race
14. **KOREM** - Well beaten in a handicap over this track and trip last time out. Has yet to show much and others are preferred
15. **BLOOD CHOPE** - Not disgraced when fourth last time out. Her best recent run was over this course and distance and she has a winning chance
16. **LADY VALOU** - On a very long losing streak but has shown improved form of late and is capable of winning off this mark
17. **JOYCE GALESTE** - Best recent run was sixth over this course and distance in her penultimate start. Best to ignore the PSF runs and she can win this

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Summary : A low-grade affair and perhaps an upset for the last race. SEPTANTE (9) is a long time battling maiden but could show her best side back on the turf this time. JOYCE GALESTE (17) is another that could like being back on the grass and deserves some respect. HARTWOOD MAN (10) has also yet to win but has done enough recently to hold a chance in this race. BALADOR (13) has scope for improvement and one to consider.

SELECTIONS

SEPTANTE (9) - JOYCE GALESTE (17) - HARTWOOD MAN (10) - BALADOR (13)