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## R1 CLAIREFONTAINE [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX ZETURF (PRIX NORTH JET) - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF -  
Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 34.000**

**1. MARSELAN** - Debut winner who confirmed that promise by finishing 3rd last time. Has been supplemented to run here so warrants respect

**2. HASHTAG JOA** - Consistent filly with solid form references. Finished 2nd in a strong race at this venue two starts back and sets the standard on that form

**3. GABON** - Caught the eye when finishing strongly on debut over 1400m. Ought to improve for that experience and over this distance

**4. SACHA SUNRISE** - Finished a pleasing 5th on debut and would have come on appreciably for that outing. Entrusted to Maxime Guyon, keep safe

**5. ZABYAK** - Was a well-beaten 7th on debut and, while open to improvement with the benefit of that experience, is best watched for now

**6. MIRAGE DEUX** - Taj Mahal colt debuting for trainer Fabrice Vermeulen who has engaged Eddy Hardouin to ride. Keep an eye

**7. GO LIKE THE WIND** - Stéphanie Nigge-trained Goken newcomer to be ridden by Rosario Mangione. Dangerous to discount on debut

**Summary** : Consistent HASHTAG JOA (2) ought to make her experience count in this opening event for two-year-olds. However, she faces a stiff test with both MARSELAN (1), who has revealed potential in the Southwest, and likely improver GABON (3), after a promising 3rd on debut, both expected to mount a serious challenge. SACHA SUNRISE (4) could also get into the picture.

### SELECTIONS

**HASHTAG JOA (2) - MARSELAN (1) - GABON (3) - SACHA SUNRISE (4)**

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**C2 - PRIX GRANDEUR NATURE (PRIX RAMSIN) - 2900m (a1 13/16m) -  
TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 28.000**

- 1. LUC SUR MER** - Revealed potential when winning on debut and is open to any amount of improvement with benefit of that experience. Keep safe
- 2. GUET APENS** - By far the highest-rated, thus best-weighted runner, in the field. Should play a leading role with this distance likely to suit
- 3. PRESAGE NOCTURNE** - Finished 2nd on debut and confirmed that promise with the benefit of the experience by winning his last/next start. More to come
- 4. ROUGE** - Has won three of her last five starts, including her last two but those were at a lower level. More to do now
- 5. SALTWELL** - Confirmed her earlier promise by winning last time, having finished 2nd in consecutive prior outings. Will have more to offer
- 6. ROSIR** - Has seemingly benefitted from the fitting of a tongue-tie, winning once and finishing 2nd twice in her 3 starts with that equipment addition. Beware
- 7. LISMORE** - Maintaining a good level of form and consistency after a winning debut, boasts solid form references. Respect

**Summary :** GUET APENS (2) is a clear standout on ratings and should be formidable in his first attempt over this extended distance. Both SALTWELL (5) and LUC SUR MER (1), however, are likely to improve after last-start wins so will fight for victory too. LISMORE (7) and ROSIR (6) have the form and experience to also make their presence felt.

## SELECTIONS

**GUET APENS (2) - SALTWELL (5) - LUC SUR MER (1) - LISMORE (7)**

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**C3 - PRIX SISSY'S ART ET CREATION (PRIX VOIX DU NORD) - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 28.000**

- 1. ALISTO KING** - Has the form and experience to make his presence felt. Unsited by an inadequate trip last time but capable of better here
- 2. A CANNES** - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd by improving to win his next/last start and should have more to offer. Beware
- 3. QUALIAND** - Lightly raced colt that won on the PSF in his first of the year before finishing 4th when reverting to the turf last time. Outsider
- 4. L'ACAJOU** - Won his first start of the year before finishing 3rd in consecutive recent outings. Has left André Fabre after changing hands for €75,000
- 5. HELLES** - Inconsistent but not incapable of getting into the picture. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 6. SHMI** - Finished 4th in a Listed race and 3rd at Dieppe last time in a race of good quality. Sets the standard
- 7. EUBOA** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous start by opening her account with a win at Compiègne last time. More to come

**Summary** : SHMI (6) is the obvious choice given that her rating is head and shoulders above her rivals in this conditions race, so she will logically attract the majority of votes. L'ACAJOU (4), now in the care of Yann Barberot, has always finished in the top three and is likely to give the selection most to fear, although improving last-start EUBOA (7) is also capable of staking a claim with further progress not ruled out. ALISTO KING (1) completes the shortlist.

## SELECTIONS

**SHMI (6) - L'ACAJOU (4) - EUBOA (7) - ALISTO KING (1)**

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## C4 - PRIX CLOTURE DU MEETING CLAIREFONTAINE L'ATHIPPIQUE (PX DE ROBERTET) - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 53.000

- 1. LIGHTED GLORY** - Has been blowing hot and cold since winning back in March. Absent for two months with no margin in weight, so others are preferred
- 2. PINGO** - Winner of two handicaps already this year but no longer has any room for maneuver. The state of the ground will suit her, but has yet to race over this trip
- 3. WILDWOOD** - Quinté+ winner absent since her failure on 4 June, but is capable of running well fresh. Competitive off her current mark/value, has a lot in her favour
- 4. QUEEN LADY** - Has placed four times in seven in Quinté+ outings and will, sooner rather than later, win a race of this ilk. Presented with freshness here, has sound claims
- 5. LORNE** - Imperious winner on her reappearance and held her own well in the Prix de Barneville against males. More effective over further but has a winning chance here
- 6. REVOLTEE** - Made an encouraging reappearance in the Prix de la Comédie Française, against the males, but failed last time on 29 May. Absent since and on an attractive handicap value, beware
- 7. CAP SAN ROMAN** - Noted on her at Compiègne in May and has been able to shine in handicaps at this value (37). Goes on all types of terrain
- 8. LILI BLUE** - Veteran mare who held up well (4th) against males recently and appreciates this distance too, so not taken lightly back in her own sex. Dark horse
- 9. FAYONA** - Has already proven herself at this level but absolutely needs a track that is not too soft to give of her full potential. Not written off
- 10. PINK INTELLECTUAL** - Took advantage of her reduced mark by winning brilliantly at Lyon-Parilly before experiencing many misfortunes in her last start. Remains capable of fighting for victory
- 11. MODERN VALUE** - Consistent filly with one victory and ten places from 17 starts. Faces rivals stronger than usual and is yet to prove herself at this value
- 12. COSTA EDITA** - Showed her form during the month of July, in weaker handicaps, and is competing in her first Quinté+. For another day
- 13. LAVIRCA DODVILLE** - Proven in claiming races and has won two handicaps but faces the toughest test of her career here. Others preferred
- 14. CORDEY ROSE** - Dominated in a similar contest back in May before regaining her reputation next time out, albeit at a lower level. Outsider
- 15. PAIDEIA** - Noted several times when with Eric Libaud and has recently joined Yoann Bonnefoy. Back from a rest but has the potential to compete well here
- 16. SUNRAY** - Has been blowing hot and cold this year but has dropped significantly in the weights and enjoys this distance. Lurker

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**Summary** : LORNE (5) has quickly regained her best level after a six-month absence. She acquitted herself well against male rivals last time and should, despite a tricky No 14 stall, find this a slightly easier task against only her own sex. Unlucky in her last start, PINK INTELLECTUAL (10) is likely to lead the opposition in the company of consistent PAIDEIA (15), who has recently joined Yoann Bonnefoy and is capable of a lot better than her disappointing last start suggests. Proven Quinte+ performers QUEEN LADY (4) and WILDWOOD (3) can also, legitimately, aspire to an excellent finishing position. CAP SAN ROMAN (7), who possesses a serious turn of foot, LILI BLUE (8), despite a No 16 position in the stalls, as well as SUNRAY (16), dropped in the weights, complete the choice in a typically competitive Quinte+ event.

## SELECTIONS

**LORNE (5) - PINK INTELLECTUAL (10) - PAIDEIA (15) - QUEEN LADY (4)**

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## C5 - PRIX JUSTE EQUILIBRE AVEC DARTY DEAUVILLE (PRIX DES MAGNOLIAS) - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 25.000

- 1. ARMENTIERES** - Has come to hand recently and is from a stable in very good form. Favourable entry, as the top-rated runner in the race, she ought to take advantage of
- 2. KARMINA BELLA** - Seldom far off the mark and has not gone unnoticed, often finishing at the head of beaten rivals. Can get into the picture dropped in the weights
- 3. LANCILLOTTO** - Rewarded for consistency with a last-start victory but will be required to raise his game to have a say here
- 4. COOL HEART** - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time and should be competitive here if confirming that improvement
- 5. EAU DE COLOGNE** - Sparked improvement by finishing 3rd last time but needs to build on that progress to get involved here
- 6. LEWIS CHOP** - Consistent for the most part. Won at Dieppe over 2400m in May and has been gaining momentum in two subsequent starts
- 7. ZILRAK** - Has been costly to follow recently but wouldn't be winning out of turn after several near misses (2nd last time). Contender
- 8. SCATTERED DREAMS** - Has been struggling for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge here. Others are preferred
- 9. NATHIM** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name to warrant consideration here and can be ruled out. Overlook
- 10. GOLDYWAY DE SAON** - Closely matched on recent form with ZILRAK (7), having finished behind (3rd) that rival on 4 August. Has a role to play
- 11. CELEB** - Has rediscovered form and consistency recently, proving competitive at this handicap value. Not one to take lightly
- 12. MISTER GOKEN** - Has looked distinctly ordinary to this point so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
- 13. PEARL DOCTOR** - Capable of getting a look in judged on his best form but misfired (9th) last time so needs to reaffirm. For another day
- 14. STELLAR JAY** - Nothing noteworthy to her name so is hard to make a case for. Easily ruled out and others preferred

**Summary** : Consistent ARMENTIERES (1) is favourably engaged here and ought to take advantage of it by opening her account. She is, however, likely to be challenged by ZILRAK (7), who wouldn't be winning out of turn after close-up finishes in each of his last five starts, and GOLDYWAY DE SAON (10) on the strength and consistency of his form in the 3 subsequent starts after his victory at Chantilly. CELEB (11) arrives from the South East with legitimate ambitions too.

### SELECTIONS

ARMENTIERES (1) - ZILRAK (7) - GOLDYWAY DE SAON (10) - CELEB (11)

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## C6 - PRIX ESPADRILLE DEAUVILLE (PRIX DE GUERNESEY) - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 25.000

- 1. GUITRY** - Consistent and versatile filly in good form and physical condition. Back on the turf now, can resume winning ways
- 2. VENES** - Won at Amiens on 12 June and has already proven his competitiveness in subsequent outings. Keep safe
- 3. SCAT LADY** - Won for the first time at the 12th attempt in a minor event at Saint-Jean-de-Monts. More on her plate now
- 4. SNUGGLES** - Bounced right back to form with a victory last time but will need to eke out further improvement to remain competitive here
- 5. FURI DE LA HOUSSAY** - Inconsistent although, judged on the performance of 4th two starts back, remains capable of staking a claim
- 6. ZELINA** - Finished 3rd over 2200m recently and could have more to offer over this distance. May well fight for victory
- 7. SVENYA** - Has failed to build on the early promise of her consecutive 4th-place finishes. Managed only to finish 9th last time, must reaffirm
- 8. SOUL OF THE NATION** - Unreliable sort but is not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Upset potential
- 9. WINELATO LAUJAC** - Inconsistent but not entirely incapable of getting into the picture. Has only a place chance though
- 10. LAND OF PARADISE** - Gaining momentum with each start this year and improved to finish 2nd on the PSF at Deauville last time. Keep safe
- 11. BANDASTAR** - Inconsistent but not incapable. Need only run to the level of his 4th at this course on 30 June to have a say
- 12. PALANZANO** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 13. OCTOBER CHOPE** - Seldom a long way adrift, often finishing at the head of beaten rivals. Was 4th last time and with any improvement could get a look in here

**Summary :** GUITRY (1) showed her versatility with another consistent effort on the PSF last time and if, in similar form here, should fight for success back on the turf. ZELINA (6) was supplemented to run in this race so is not incapable of running well in her first attempt over this distance. Runner-up at Dieppe recently, VENES (2) arrives in good order and has claims too. BANDASTAR (11) and FURI DE LA HOUSSAY (5) come next.

### SELECTIONS

**GUITRY (1) - ZELINA (6) - VENES (2) - BANDASTAR (11)**

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## C7 - PRIX VANS BARBOT (PRIX DE CLOTURE) - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 18.000

1. **JOAO** - Unlucky not to have finished closer than he did in his last start on turf. Failed on the PSF since but is capable of better
2. **BONNIE HOPPS** - Has finished 3rd and runner-up twice in her last three starts, proving both her competitiveness and well-being. Include
3. **GARDOL MOON** - Struggling to regain any form or consistency for some time now so is not likely to trouble the judge
4. **BLACK MORNING** - Has enjoyed great success fitted with Australian blinkers and lines up here in good form and physical condition. Keep safe
5. **BAILEYS BLESSING** - Has nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now so can be easily ruled out. Ignore
6. **DARLING CHALLENGE** - Capable but unreliable performer struggling to regain form/consistency. Hard to trust, not ruled out
7. **MAKENO** - Has already won four times at Clairefontaine and has taken a liking to track and trip recently. Will be a factor
8. **MAGNETIQUE** - Sparked improvement when finishing a courageous 6th behind AZABA (9) earlier this month. Place chance
9. **AZABA** - Inconsistent but her 5th over course and distance earlier this month proved she is not incapable. Has claims
10. **CLEOSTORM** - Consistent for the most part and is most effective when equipped with full blinkers, so could redeem herself here. Dark horse
11. **FILZMOOSERIN** - Confirmed the improvement of prior outings (twice 3rd) by finishing 2nd last time. Could have more to offer
12. **APRIL ANGEL** - Was a reassuring 2nd last time and could get into the picture if confirming that improvement. Lurker
13. **PERFECT LIAISON** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
14. **MESSAGIN A BOTTLE** - Showed signs of improvement last time but needs to make further progress to have a say here. For another day
15. **GOFAST** - Has looked rather ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
16. **SHARMARA** - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period so is easily ruled out. Others are preferred

**Summary :** MAKENO (7) has won and finished 2nd in two starts over this course and distance recently so, given that form and liking for this track and trip, constitutes a good base. BONNIE HOPPS (2) also arrives in order and so is a candidate for success too. Unlucky not to have finished closer last time, JOAO (1) remains capable of staking a claiming along with BLACK MORNING (4), already proven at this level. CLEOSTORM (10) completes the shortlist.

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## SELECTIONS

MAKENO (7) - BONNIE HOPPS (2) - JOAO (1) - BLACK MORNING (4)

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**C8 - PRIX REVE LA BOUTIQUE (PRIX DE SCHONBRUNN) - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 27.000**

- 1. LA ROSELIERE** - Beaten narrowly in a good field on the PSF of Deauville earlier this month. Has sound claims on that form
- 2. CREATIVE** - Struggling to regain her form and remain consistent, so is not likely to trouble the judge. Overlook
- 3. LA HAUTE ISLE** - Left a good impression on her return (6th) at Vichy and is likely to do better with improved fitness on her side and Christophe Soumillon engaged to ride
- 4. RADIANT SKY** - Has enjoyed great success equipped with Australian blinkers, which she didn't wear on her return at Nantes. Can do better
- 5. RUE JONAS** - Earned a 2kg penalty for her recent success over 2400m but should remain competitive. Not one to take lightly
- 6. LA DIVA D'ALBEN** - Won back-to-back outings before failing to leave her mark last time. Has no room to maneuver at her current value
- 7. IMPERIAL BEAUTY** - Capable but out of sorts, though does appreciate this racetrack. Could do better, so not written off
- 8. HAVANA SIX** - Consistent filly with solid form references and has already confirmed her liking for this course layout. Keep safe
- 9. EQUILLY** - Opened her account with a last-start success over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Must improve to have a say here
- 10. ZILLIPOM** - Made an excellent impression when finishing 2nd again at Le Touquet recently. Lines up here in good order
- 11. LA WOOD** - Arrives in good form, with finishes in the leading trio at her last three starts. Ought to be competitive
- 12. KARYNIA** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

**Summary :** This handicap for fillies and mares could shine on LA HAUTE ISLE (3), who is likely to improve after a pleasing comeback recently and with Christophe Soumillon engaged for the first time. LA ROSELIERE (1) caught the eye with a close-up 4th on the PSF at Deauville and ought to pose a threat with a repeat of that performance, though the same could be said of HAVANA SIX (8) after a recent 2nd, her second runners-up finish in three starts. ZILLIPOM (10) and IMPERIAL BEAUTY (7) appeal most of the remainder.

## SELECTIONS

**LA HAUTE ISLE (3) - LA ROSELIERE (1) - HAVANA SIX (8) - ZILLIPOM (10)**

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## C9 - PRIX ASTHEYA (PRIX DU LIEU MALLET) - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 18.000

- 1. LOU BALICOT** - Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil in each of her four starts since winning five back. Outsider
- 2. MILES** - Sparked improvement to finish 4th at this track last time. Will make her presence felt if confirming
- 3. AQUITAINE** - Won five starts back and has maintained good form/consistency in 4 subsequent outings. Will have a role to play
- 4. KING KARA** - Lightly raced four-year-old who proved his competitiveness at this value, albeit over further. Should be competitive
- 5. WELL DE VINDECY** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 6. SUMMIT** - Bounced right back to form by winning last time and is likely to remain competitive despite her 3kg penalty
- 7. HEXIS** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for some time now, so is easily overlooked. Others are preferred
- 8. ZINZICHERA** - Admirable veteran mare. Has finished in the leading quartet at each of her last five outings, can play a role once more
- 9. ANDISHEH** - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period so not likely to trouble the judge. Ignore
- 10. FEDE GALIZIA** - Arrives in good form and is threatening to break through for a first win. Runner-up in her last 2 starts, can belatedly get it right here
- 11. ARMORIGENE** - Unreliable sort but is not entirely incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Dark horse
- 12. PRINCEDESCHAMPS** - Capable performer but has struggled to remain consistent for some time now. Hard to trust but isn't ruled out
- 13. FAN ZONE** - Consistent for the most part, maintaining a respectable level of form and consistency. Place chance

**Summary** : FEDE GALIZIA (10) is proving hard to win with but she possesses a smart turn of foot which could bring a maiden victory in her first start at this venue. Like her, however, AQUITAINE (3) is unlikely to be inconvenienced by a potential softening of the track, so could fight for victory. KING KARA (4) is relatively inexperienced but progressing with every start, so will make his presence felt. MILES (2), back on the right track with a recent 4th, last-start winner SUMMIT (6) even under her penalty, and veteran ZINZICHERA (8) complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**FEDE GALIZIA (10) - AQUITAINE (3) - KING KARA (4) - MILES (2)**