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C1 - PRIX ESMERALDA - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 31,100

- **1. CHILL Y FLAMA -** Winner on debut over 1600m at Lyon Parilly in Conditional Unraced on 3 September. She showed that she is suited to soft tracks and must be considered
- **2. SHAHBANU -** Won over 1600m at Parislongchamp in Conditional Unraced on 31 August. She showed a lot of professionalism that day and can remain unbeaten
- **3. BARZAMBITION -** Well-bred son of Frankel out of the Dubawi mare, Ambition who was Group 1 placed. Mickael Barzalona rides for top trainer André Fabre and he should produce a positive showing
- **4. WAR TO TAPIT -** First timer by Tapit out of the Danehill Dancer mare, Famous. Overlook unless the betting market suggests otherwise

Summary: The remarkably bred BARZAMBITION (3) is making his Class 2 debut under Mickael Barzalona. He is the first produce of mare Ambition who was Group 1 placed. The son of Frankel can start his career on a winning note. SHAHBANU (2) won a good race on debut in the Prix de la Cascade. The daughter of Mehmas looks to have class about her and merits healthy respect. CHILL Y FLAMA (1) was an impressive winner on debut over this distance at Lyon Parilly. Tony Piccone does duty and she cannot be discounted. The betting market will be the best guide with regards to WAR TO TAPIT (4) who is making his debut in a small but competitive line-up.

SELECTIONS

BARZAMBITION (3) - SHAHBANU (2) - CHILL Y FLAMA (1) - WAR TO TAPIT (4)

C2 - PRIX DES TROIS ROSES D'ARGENT - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 31,100

- **1. TRINQUETTE -** Finished behind Pistoia when unplaced over 1300m at Deauville in Class 2 Conditional on 14 August. He has scope and can finish in the placings
- **2. SBIKHA -** Consistent type. Finished third over 1200m at Chantilly in a Handicap on 1 September. Place chance at best in this line-up
- **3. PISTOIA -** Was not disgraced when seventh over 1300m at Deauville in Class 2 Conditional on 14 August. She was victorious on debut on this course and may be the one to beat
- **4. LIMPIDE** Finished third in last three starts, the latest of which was over 1200m at Deauville in Class 2 Conditional. Mickael Barzalona knows her well and she cannot be ignored
- **5. ZERO STRESS** Finished fifth on debut over 1300m on this course in Conditional Unraced on 12 September. She would have come on from the outing, but others look to have a stronger winning chance
- **6. NEW YORK MELODY -** Unplaced on debut over 1400m at Deauville in Conditional Unraced on 14 August. There were whispers for her on that occasion and she did not have much luck in running. She should have good improvement to come
- **7. PIANA** Has run three fair races to date. Finished fourth over 1100m at Deauville in Conditional Maiden on 26 August. She has scope but may find it difficult to win in this field

Summary: PISTOIA (3) was not disgraced in a competitive Class 2 at Deauville last time. The daughter of Wootton Bassett won on debut on this course. In this line-up, she may be the one to side with. There was some talk about NEW YORK MELODY (6) on debut. She did not have much luck in running that day and should have good improvement to come. TRINQUETTE (1) finished behind Pistoia last time. He is a horse with scope and should enjoy the softer tracks. LIMPIDE (4) has good consistent form lines to her credit. Mickael Barzalona knows her very well and the combination merit healthy respect.

SELECTIONS

PISTOIA (3) - NEW YORK MELODY (6) - TRINQUETTE (1) - LIMPIDE (4)

C3 - PRIX BILL WILLIAMSON - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 18,200

- **1. ACOTANGO -** Comes off a good second-place finish over 2200m at Parislongchamp in Class 3 Handicap on 14 September. He jumps from pole position and is one of the leading contenders
- **2. SIM CARD -** Ran a good race when second over 2000m on this course in Class 3 Claimer on 2 September. The son of Dabirsim merits healthy respect
- **3. ROMANELLO -** Supplemented for this race. Won over 1800m at Le Croise-Laroche in Class 4 Handicap on 18 September. He does take on stronger but is in good shape heading into this contest
- **4. DESNA -** Finished seventh over 2400m in Germany on 6 September. On her previous form, she should be right there at the finish
- **5. CUNNING FOX -** Finished fourth over 2200m in Poland on 16 August. First run on French soil and the betting market must be monitored
- **6. SPLENDINO -** Finished third over 2400m at Parislongchamp in Class 3 Claimer on 14 September. He is suited to this distance and may be the one to side with
- **7. GUARDIAN** Finished fourth over 2000m at Vichy in Class 3 Handicap on 7 August. This is his first attempt in a claiming event, and he can go close
- **8. CAMERON** Finished seventh over 2100m at Vittel in Class 4 Handicap on 27 August. He may find it difficult to win a race of this nature
- **9. SKIMBLESHANKS** Won over 2400m at Divonne in Class 3 Conditional on 31 August. He needs to confirm that effort to have a say in this field
- **10. VALIABAD -** Finished ninth over 1800m at Chantilly in Class 3 Claimer on 15 September. Others have a stronger winning chance

Summary: SPLENDINO (6) has decent recent form lines to his credit. Maxence Marquette takes the weight off his back, and he can return to winning ways. ACOTANGO (1) is in good form heading into this race. He will be ideally suited to the soft ground and from pole position, he is a threat. GUARDIAN (7) has fair form lines this year. This type of race may suit him ideally and he cannot be discounted. DESNA (4) has improved on the flat this year. She produced two good seconds before her last outing and on that form, she should have a say in the outcome of this contest.

SELECTIONS

SPLENDINO (6) - ACOTANGO (1) - GUARDIAN (7) - DESNA (4)

C4 - PRIX KELTOS - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 24,700

- CAMBRONNE Finished second over 2000m at Mont-De-Marsan in Class 1 Conditional on 24 August. He has no issues with the drop in distance and should be too good for this field
- **2. OZAT -** Finished fifth over 1950m at Chateaubriant in Class 2 Conditional on 21 August. He gets the blinkers fitted which may have the desired effect
- **3. UN INSTANT** Is better than his recent form. Finished unplaced over 1200m at Deauville in Class 1 Handicap on 16 August. He will love the soft conditions and would not be a shock winner
- **4. MARIOENTO** Moderate first outing on French soil when eighth over 2400m on this course in Class 2 Conditional on 12 September. Will need luck from the widest draw
- **5. VCTE DE JODELET -** Unplaced in last two starts, the latest of which was over 1500m at Deauville in Class 2 Handicap on 21 August. Place chance on best form shown
- **6. ANTHORUS -** First outing this year. Finished fourth over 1600m on this course in Conditional Listed on 10 November 2024. He has ability and if fit, he should give a good account of himself
- **7. WESTMINSTER NIGHT -** Has been disappointing in last two starts. Finished unplaced over 1500m at Deauville in Class 2 Handicap on 21 August. Has upset potential on best form shown
- **8. GOLIGHTLY -** Finished unplaced over 2400m at Clairefontaine in Conditional Listed on 2 August. Drops in class but will need to put best foot forward
- **9. DIVINE CHRISNAT** Finished sixth over 1400m at Parislongchamp in Class 2 Handicap on 7 September. More is needed to win this contest

Summary: CAMBRONNE (1) comes off a good second-place finish over 2000m in a Class 1 Conditional at Mont-De-Marsan. He drops to 1600m and with Mickael Barzalona back in the saddle, he can go one better. OZAT (2) started the year off on a winning note but has been inconsistent since. He tries the blinkers which may do the trick. UN INSTANT (3) is better than his recent form and will love racing on the soft ground. The son of Le Havre would not be a shock winner. ANTHORUS (6) is having his first outing this year. Tony Piccone rides and if not in need of the run, he should have a say.

SELECTIONS

CAMBRONNE (1) - OZAT (2) - UN INSTANT (3) - ANTHORUS (6)

C5 - PRIX THEBAIS - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,100

- **1. ALEXANDER MAXIMUS -** 7th on his last start over 1600m in a maiden at this track on September 2nd. Handicap debut and he has place claims
- **2. SYDNEY SUNSET -** Placed 3rd on his last two runs, the most recent over 1500m at Deauville on August 24th in a handicap. Player
- **3. BANKER NINE -** Credible 3rd at Saint-Malo over 1800m on August 18th in a maiden race. One to pay attention to with progress expected
- **4. MADAME LY** She got another success on her last start at Saint-Cloud on September 19th in a claiming race. Consider
- **5. CHARMING CECILIA -** Recent win at this track over 1600m in a handicap on September 12th. She is open to further improvement and looks like the one to beat
- **6. DELIRE D'AMOUR -** 3rd on her last start over 1300m in a claiming event at Chantilly on September 5th. Others rate higher
- **7. MISTY CITY -** 4th on her last start over 1600m in a claimer at Sant-Cloud over 1600m on September 19th. This might be a step too far
- **8. VILLA ADRIENNE -** 5th on her last start over 1600m at this track behind CHARMING CECILIA (5) on September 12th. On better terms, she can be involved
- **9. ANNALIGHT** Got off the mark on her third start over 2000m at Divonne in a maiden race. This looks more difficult
- **10. ZILIKHA** Two unplaced runs since a 3rd on debut over 1600m at Saint-Malo on July 24th. She has work to do to be involved
- **11. AMICO PIETRO -** Three unplaced runs since a 4th over 1300m in a claiming race at Deauville on August 21st. Look for an alternative
- **12. PLAY THE GAME -** 7th on her last start over the track and trip on September 12th behind CHARMING CECILIA (5). One to look at each way

Summary: CHARMING CECILIA (5) was a determined winner over course and distance earlier this month and looks open to further progress following that success. She gets the nod over SYDNEY SUNSET (2), who has finished third on his last two outings, most recently over 1500m at Deauville in late August. VILLA ADRIENNE (8) finished behind the selection when they met 14 days ago, but could get closer this time with a better run. PLAY THE GAME (12) also deserves a mention and may sneak into the frame.

SELECTIONS

CHARMING CECILIA (5) - SYDNEY SUNSET (2) - VILLA ADRIENNE (8) - PLAY THE GAME (12)

C6 - PRIX DU HARAS DE LA HUME - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 24,000

- **1. AZOU -** Placed on his last four runs, 3rd on the last two of them, the earlier of them over track/trip in a handicap on June 29th. Can not be overlooked
- **2. SAPODILLA -** She performed well to be 4th in a handicap over 3000m at this track on September 2nd. Capable of another good run
- **3. LOUIS DEUX -** Placed 3rd on his last run over 2400m at Parislongchamp on August 31st in a handicap. In the mix
- **4. KETMIE QUEEN -** Two 2nd placed runs on two of her last three runs, the most recent over 2400m in a handicap at Parislongchamp on September 11th. One to pay attention to
- **5. DANSE ETOILEE -** Ran a decent 2nd at Lion D'Angers over 3000m in a handicap on August 14th on her last outing. Merits consideration
- **6. HAKASTE -** 7th last time out, a win previously over 2400m at Compiegne in a handicap on July 21st. Unlikely to trouble some of these
- **7. AMIRAL D'AUMONT -** Nice 2nd at this track over 3000m in a handicap last time out on September 2nd. He can get off the mark today
- **8. ALASTOR MAUGREY -** Fair 3rd over 2400m in a handicap at Parislongchamp on September 11th on his last run. Others make more appeal
- **9. WAKIF -** 7th on his last run, a win before that over 2650m at Chateaubriant on August 21st in a handicap. Needs to be more reliable
- **10. MAYAMAR** Unplaced last time, 3rd previously over 2700m at Le Touquet on July 27th in a maiden race. Makes limited appeal

Summary: AMIRAL D'AUMONT (7) ran a good race when he was second over track and trip in a handicap on September 2nd. He was just beaten that day and can go one place better. SAPODILLA (2) was just over three lengths behind in fourth that day and looks the biggest threat. AZOU (1) has been running credibly recently with two third-place runs, the former over track and trip in June. He warrants respect, as does DANSE ETOILEE (5), who heads the rest.

SELECTIONS

AMIRAL D'AUMONT (7) - SAPODILLA (2) - AZOU (1) - DANSE ETOILEE (5)

C7 - PRIX HERVINE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

- **1. TENDER THOUGHTS -** Several unplaced runs this year, 6th on the latter over 1800m at Chantilly in a Class 3 handicap on September 5th. Look elsewhere
- **2. LIENESSE -** Unplaced last time, 3rd previously over 2400m at Clairefontaine on August 6th in a Class 3 handicap. Place contender
- **3. ADLAN SENORA -** 7th last time out, 2nd previously over 2000m at Compiegne on July 29th in a Class 3 handicap. Can be competitive
- **4. AL SKA -** Ran well to be 2nd at Clairefontaine over 2400m on August 25th in a Class 3 handicap when last seen. Ought to be in the shake-up
- **5. ANNA MANDARA -** Two unplaced runs since a win over 2000m at Le Lion D'Angers on July 18th in a Class 4 handicap. Outside place chance
- **6. BRIONA -** Back to form with a 2nd at Clairefontaine on August 25th over 2400m when last appearing. Merits consideration
- **7. MALYA -** 2nd on the last run over 2400m at Lyon Parilly on September 3rd in a Class 4 handicap. Looks vulnerable
- **8. NANTIKA -** She shaped well to be 2nd at Craon over 2200m in a Class 4 handicap on September 6th. Capable of making an impact
- **9. COMMEAUX -** Out of form recently, 6th on the most recent start at Calirefontaine on August 25th in a Class 3 handicap. Needs to be more reliable
- **10. ALSEBARAN** Placed on his last five starts, 2nd on the most recent over 2500m at Le Croise-Laroche on September 18th. Hard to rule out
- **11. MICCOSUKEE -** 7th on her last run over 2500m at Parislongchamp on April 30th in a Class 3 handicap. Yet to win in 9 attempts
- **12. PEPITO DES CARLES -** Has been out of form, well beaten over 2400m in a Class 3 handicap on August 25th. Unlikely to threaten
- **13. SUMMER FLIRT -** Placed 2nd on three of her last four runs, the latter over 1800m at Chantilly on September 5th in a Class 3 handicap. Look at alternatives

Summary: NANTIKA (8) makes plenty of appeal in this handicap after a strong runner-up effort at Craon in early September. She gets the nod over ADLAN SENORA (3), who is capable of bouncing back from a recent below-par run. His second at Compiègne in late July was a solid performance, and a repeat of that form would make him a serious contender. AL SKA (4) holds each-way claims, while BRIONA (6), who bounced back to form with a runner-up finish at Clairefontaine last month, also deserves respect.

SELECTIONS

NANTIKA (8) - ADLAN SENORA (3) - AL SKA (4) - BRIONA (6)

C8 - PRIX JOUVENCE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,100

- **1. SHALOHA -** Three unplaced runs since a 3rd over 2400m in a Class 3 handicap at this track on July 9th. She has to bounce back to form
- **2. HUCHENANE** Placed 2nd on his last run over 2400m at Clairefontaine on August 6th in a Class 3 handicap. Key chance
- **3. EXCESSIVENESS** Nice win over 2200m at Craon on September 6th in a Class 4 handicap when last seen. Can make her presence felt
- **4. HEAREN -** Six unplaced runs over hurdles recently, the latter over 3400m in a claiming race at Dieppe on August 31st. Can be avoided
- **5. FLORY DU NINIAN** Three unplaced runs since a win over 2500m at Parislongchamp on May 25th in a Class 3 handicap. He needs to get back on track
- **6. CORONADO -** Two placed runs of late, 2nd on the most recent over 2200m at Parislongchamp on September 14th in a Class 3 handicap. Ought to play a lead role
- **7. DYLAN'S SPIRIT** Good win over 2500m at Deauville on August 30th in a Class 3 handicap last time out. Hard to rule out
- **8. MAIZIERES -** Two 4th placed efforts of late, the latter over 2400m in a Class 3 handicap at Clairefontaine on August 25th. Place contender
- **9. L'AGORA GAME -** Three unplaced runs of late, 6th on the most recent over 2200m at Craon on September 6th in a Class 4 handicap. Others make more appeal
- **10. ORLHENA** Five unplaced runs of late, the latter over 2200m at Parislongchamp on September 14th in a Class 3 handicap. She has eased in the weights and is one to consider each way
- **11. MAGIC DYA -** Unplaced several times last year, the latest over 2900m at Argentan in a handicap on October 9th. He will need this run after a long absence
- **12. PURPLE MOOD -** Three unplaced runs since a 3rd over 2000m in a Class 3 handicap at Compiegne on June 27th. One to pay attention to
- **13. READY KING** Unplaced last time out, 6th before that over 2400m at Saint-Cloud on July 9th in a Class 3 handicap. Can make the top three
- **14. APOPHTEGME -** Two unplaced runs of late on the flat, the latter over 2800m at Compiegne on July 29th in a Class 4 race. Two tame efforts over hurdles in April. Opposable

Summary: HUCHENANE (2) ran a promising race when finishing second at Clairefontaine in early August and has shown he handles both turf and all-weather surfaces well. He's a leading contender here and is narrowly preferred to CORONADO (6), who was a close second at Parislongchamp, beaten less than a length in a competitive contest. EXCESSIVENESS (3) appeals as a strong each-way option, while DYLAN'S SPIRIT (7) also makes the shortlist and could be involved at the business end.

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HUCHENANE (2) - CORONADO (6) - EXCESSIVENESS (3) - DYLAN'S SPIRIT (7)