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C1 - PRIX SOAL RACING (PRIX RENE CRAMAIL) - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 83,000

1. **EARL OF SHANNON** - Unplaced over fences last time out, a credible 2nd before that over 3900m in a handicap hurdle at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on October 21st. In the mix
2. **NEVER RISK** - Solid effort to be 4th over the track and trip in a handicap hurdle on January 7th on the latest start. Leading each way player
3. **FUNWAY** - Nice effort to be 3rd over the track and trip in a handicap hurdle on January 7th. Capable of making the top three
4. **BLACKBIRD** - Finished 3rd over 3900m at this track in a Class 1 chase last time out, a win over hurdles at Craon before that in late November. Place contender
5. **EADREAM** - Two unplaced runs since a 3rd at Waregem (BEL) on September 2nd over 3600m in a hurdle race. Likely to find a few too smart
6. **PABLO** - Unplaced last time, 3rd previously over the track and trip in a handicap hurdle on December 10th. Hard to discount
7. **DROP** - Three unplaced efforts of late, 5th at this track over 3500m in a Class 3 hurdle on January 13th. Look elsewhere
8. **MISTER PATS** - Finished 5th over the track and trip in a handicap hurdle on December 16th last time out. This will be more challenging
9. **APANIWA** - Finished 6th over this track and trip in a handicap hurdle on January 7th. Competitive run anticipated
10. **HOLIGAN DU BERLAIS** - Placed on his last five runs, 4th over 450m at Mont-De-Marsan in a Class 4 chase on November 16th. Back over hurdles and others make more sense
11. **ROYAL MOON** - Won on her last start over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on December 29th. Faces a stiff task
12. **BOOPER DU POUY** - Unplaced last time, 4th previously over the course and distance on December 16th in a handicap hurdle. One to keep onside
13. **ANTAIO** - Two wins of late, the latter over 3650m in a handicap hurdle at Mont-De-Marsan on December 7th. Ought to be thereabouts
14. **STELLOMAKER** - Four unplaced runs of late, 9th in a handicap hurdle at this track over 3800m on December 16th. Needs to bounce back to form
15. **FURIOSO** - Recent success over 3500m in a claiming hurdle at this track on January 11th. Facile 11L winner last time and holds strong claims
16. **KIMFLY** - Ran well to be 2nd over the track and trip in a handicap hurdle on January 7th last time out. Capable of making an impact

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Summary: FURIOSO (15) was a facile winner in a claiming hurdle at this track over 3500m earlier this month and should have no issues with stepping up in trip today. He is marginally preferred ahead of KIMFLY (16), who was a decent second over the track and trip in a handicap hurdle on January 7th. NEVER RISK (2) shaped well to be fourth in the same race and hold strong each-way claims. FUNWAY (3) was third in that race and should not be overlooked. PABLO (6) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

FURIOSO (15) - KIMFLY (16) - NEVER RISK (2) - FUNWAY (3)

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C2 - PRIX DES AMBASSADEURS DU BERN (PRIX D'URT) - 4700m (a3m) - TURF - Class 3 - Steeple Chase - EUR € 34,000

1. KLAIRE SECRETE - Unplaced over hurdles at Pau last month, 2nd before that over 3900m in a Class 2 chase at Compiègne on November 28th. Has won over this track before over fences and is a strong contender

2. KASS TETE - Four unplaced runs of late, the latter when 7th over 3900m in a Class 3 chase at this track on December 24th. Each way player

3. KENTUCKY CHARLY - Two unplaced runs of late, 7th over 3900m in a Class 3 chase at this track on January 3rd. Unlikely to threaten

4. KOL VERT - Four placed efforts of late, 3rd on the most recent over 3900m at Pau in a Class 3 chase on December 24th. Can be competitive

5. KING S BOUM - Placed 3rd over 3900m in a Class 3 chase on January 3rd last time out at this track. Capable of making the frame

6. KIRSEINEKO - Unplaced last time on December 31st, 3rd before that over 4000m at this track in a Class 3 chase on December 14th. Hard to rule out

7. KRAC A SEVILLE - Two unplaced runs of late, the latter over 3800m in a claiming hurdle at this track on January 23rd. Opposable

Summary: KLAIRE SECRETE (1) has good form at this track over fences. She won in early 2025. She was a decent second two runs back in a Class 2 chase at Compiègne, and her running style suggests she will stay this extra distance today. Her chief threat could be KIRSEINEKO (6), who was third in a Class 3 chase two runs back in mid-December over fences. KOL VERT (4) has been placed on the last four starts and can give another good account of himself. KASS TETE (2) also makes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KLAIRE SECRETE (1) - KIRSEINEKO (6) - KOL VERT (4) - KASS TETE (2)

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C3 - PRIX CHRISTIAN MAHE - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 45,000

1. **HASPARREN** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3500m in a Class 1 hurdle at Pau on December 14th. Others make more appeal
2. **KERMANSHAH** - Two unplaced runs since a win over 3550m in a Class 4 hurdle at Fontainebleau on October 28th. Player
3. **MINUIT DU SEUIL** - Won on her latest start over 3300m in a handicap hurdle at this track on January 7th. One to pay attention to
4. **ROMAN SKIES** - Unplaced last time, a win before that over 3500m in a claiming hurdle at Auteuil on November 29th. More needed in a stronger race
5. **ISULA SENAM** - Gained her second success over 3300m in a claiming hurdle at this track on January 3rd when last seen. Can make the top-three
6. **GUIDO D'ONEIX** - Two placed runs over hurdles of late, the latter when 3rd at Pau in a Class 2 event on January 3rd. Might need a few to falter
7. **MAYKA DU REPONET** - Recent success over 3500m in a Class 2 hurdle at this track on December 31st. Leading chance of scoring
8. **BLUE ELIE** - Three 2nd place efforts at this track recently, the latter over 3500m in a Class 1 hurdle on January 16th. Others preferred
9. **POSITIF** - Two unplaced since a 4th on debut over 3400m in a Class 4 hurdle at Angers on September 11th. Needs improvement to be involved

Summary: MAYKA DU REPONET (7) got off the mark in a Class 2 hurdle at this track in late December over today's distance and has solid claims of following up. Her main danger could be KERMANSHAH (2), who is a capable performer who scored at Fontainebleau in late October over hurdles. MINUIT DU SEUIL (3) won over slightly shorter in a handicap hurdle at this track earlier this month and is hard to ignore. ISULA SENAM (5) heads the rest.

SELECTIONS

MAYKA DU REPONET (7) - KERMANSHAH (2) - MINUIT DU SEUIL (3) - ISULA SENAM (5)

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C4 - PRIX LEON DARAN - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 - Hurdles - EUR € 37,000

1. MERVEILLEUSE - Two decent 2nd place efforts so far over hurdles, the latest over 3500m in a Class 4 race at this track on January 11th. Hard to rule out

2. MARIGNY - Two wins of late, the latter over 3500m at this track on her hurdling debut on January 11th in a Class 4 event. Player

3. LADY DE LA SERRE - Fair 5th over 3500m in a Class 4 hurdle at Pau on January 11th last time out. Improvement needed and others make more appeal

4. MISTY DE KERSE - Finished 5th on her debut over 3500m at this track in a Class 1 hurdle on January 16th. Look for an alternative

5. MANOSQUE - Unplaced on her hurdle race debut at Pau over 3500m on December 20th last time out, but precisely showed promise on the flat. One to keep onside

6. CALYPSO DE SALAN - Unplaced on the one run over 2000m at this track in a maiden race on the flat on December 4th. Hurdles debut and is best watched for now

7. MATCH BALL - Finished 8th on her sole start over 3500m in a Class 4 hurdle at this track on January 11th. Might find a few too smart

8. SAMENESS - Unplaced last time out on her hurdling bow over 3500m at this track on December 24th, 2nd before that on the flat. Can have a say

Summary: MARIGNY (2) has been in good form with two wins recently. The latest over this track and trip on her hurdling debut in a Class 4 race 17 days ago. Her main threat could be MERVEILLEUSE (1), who was back in second in the same race. On better terms today, she can be a strong contender. SAMENESS (8) can improve from her latest start over hurdles when finishing fifth at this track in December. MANOSQUE (5) had shown ability on the flat and can progress after a modest first run over hurdles. .

SELECTIONS

MARIGNY (2) - MERVEILLEUSE (1) - SAMENESS (8) - MANOSQUE (5)

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C5 - PRIX D'ARAUJUZON - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,400

1. **MADIGAN** - Showed improvement when 6th of 16 in a similar handicap over track & trip on 4 December and can grab a place at a nice price
2. **GARMI** - Good finish last time on 17 January over 1700 meters at Pornichet and has solid claims on the back on this performance
3. **BALEGRIO** - Disappointed in last run over course & distance on 2 January. Won before that and can be given another chance
4. **YSSINGEAUX** - Two unplaced runs this year, the most recent over 1500m at Seville (ESP) in a conditions race 10 days ago. Looks safely held
5. **TOP GLORY** - Good last run over 1400m behind LADY PINK (6) on 18 January. Has not won for some time, but finished well last time out and can have a say
6. **LADY PINK** - Finished 3rd in a similar handicap over 1400m on 18 January at this course. Generally consistent in this division and has a leading chance
7. **LILY OF THE KINGDON** - Two unplaced runs this year, the latest over 2000m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on January 18th. Hard to fancy
8. **LA PORTUGAISE** - Has been out of form for some time, 9th over 1300m at Deauville on December 18th in a Class 4 handicap last time out. Opposable
9. **JUBBAH** - Several unplaced efforts of late, made no show at this track over 2000m in a Class 4 handicap 10 days ago. Out of form and best avoided
10. **ROYAL VATI** - Veteran horse who has been consistent over the course & distance this winter and was 5th in a similar contest on 2 January. Leading claims
11. **AL RASSOUL** - Two unplaced efforts since a win over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap at this track on October 22nd. Look elsewhere
12. **KHAMALGANE** - Four unplaced efforts recently, 3rd before that over 1700m at La-Roche-Posay on September 14th in a Class 4 event. Others preferred
13. **RICHMOND** - Finished unplaced on 9 January over 2000 meters in a handicap at the venue. Is not without ability and can be included in calculations
14. **ZASTER FOR ALL** - Poor last run over the course & distance on 4 December but was in good form before that and should bounce back sooner rather than later

Summary: LADY PINK (6) could be the best option in a race that lacks depth. She was third in Class 4 handicap over 1400m 10 days ago and has no issues with the slight step up in distance. ROYAL VATI (10) could be the main danger. He ran a credible race when fifth at this track and trip 26 days ago. TOP GLORY (5) has dropped in the handicap and has each-way claims from a decent draw in stall 6. BALEGRIO (3) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LADY PINK (6) - ROYAL VATI (10) - TOP GLORY (5) - BALEGRIO (3)

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C6 - PRIX WILLIAM KNAPP THORN - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 53,000

- 1. SUPER FLAM** - Bounces into the race fresh off a win at this track over 3800m in a handicap hurdle on the 7th of this month, and will be a huge runner. Leading claims
- 2. YES WE HOPE** - Ignore last run, placed 4th in penultimate at Fontainebleau over 3600m on the 2nd of December but others are far preferred. Pass by
- 3. JOCKO DU LIN** - Placed 3rd at Nantes over 3900m in a handicap hurdle last time and has fair overall form. Each way chance and a must for all bets
- 4. RAFFLES LIAISON** - Ignore last run, did finish 3rd over 4000m before that at Pau in a handicap chase on December 31st. Unlikely to be a threat
- 5. POULORIUS** - Good 2nd over this track and trip in a handicap hurdle on January 7th last time out behind SUPER FLAM (1). Capable of making an impact
- 6. LE LASCAR** - Is hard to make a case for, was only 10th in penultimate run over 3800m at Pau in handicap hurdle on December 16th. Look elsewhere
- 7. JUMPER DETE** - Ignore last run when 6th, judge on good penultimate effort when 2nd over 3800m in a handicap hurdle at this course earlier this month. First four claims
- 8. LADY ANGE WIN** - She is a long time battling maiden but did finish 4th at Pau over 3800m in a handicap hurdle on the 20th of January and can earn again. Fair chance
- 9. KING OF RUN** - Five unplaced runs of late, the latter over this track and trip on January 7th in a handicap hurdle. Has dropped to a reasonable handicap rating and can show a better run
- 10. FOR FRIENDSHIP** - Placed 5th at Cagnes-Sur-Mer over 4000m in a handicap hurdle on January 6th and will need to do more to threaten. Happy to pass by
- 11. LAMIA D'AIRY** - Was 6th at this track over 3800m on the 20th of the month in a handicap hurdle. She won before that over 3500m at this track in a Class 4 hurdle. Might find a few too smart
- 12. I RISK** - Placed 3rd at this track over 3800m in a handicap hurdle on the 7th of this month and should again give a very good account of himself. Strong each way claims
- 13. TAFEDNEY** - Unplaced in a weak claiming hurdle race at this track over 3500m on the 11th of this month. Looks out of his depth
- 14. ALGAJUST** - 8th on the latest start over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at Cages-Sur Mer on January 6th. Others rate higher
- 15. DEMON VERT** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3900m at Nimes in a Class 4 handicap hurdle on November 1st. Can be opposed

Summary: POULORIUS (5) brings solid and consistent form into the race and was a good second over the track and trip 21 days ago in a handicap hurdle. On better terms today, he can reverse form with SUPER FLAM (1), who won by almost a length on this occasion. I RISK (12) was back in third in the same race and is sure to be on the premises. JOCKO DU LIN (3) ran a good race when third at Nantes in a handicap hurdle in late November and can make the frame.

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POULORIUS (5) - SUPER FLAM (1) - I RISK (12) - JOCKO DU LIN (3)

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C7 - PRIX DE LESCAR - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22,100

1. **KHELONYX** - He is holding form, finished 3rd at this course over 1600m in a Handicap on the 28th of December and should be extremely competitive. Good each way claims
2. **BAILEN** - Won on local debut but has been disappointing thereafter. Placed 6th at Deauville over 1500m on the 13th of December in a weak claiming race and others are chosen. Hard to fancy
3. **STORIA DI ROMA** - Has been against some weak opposition, finished 4th at Compiègne over 1400m last time but but others are far preferred. Small, outside place chance at best but unlikely
4. **BELINSKOV** - Only managed 9th place at this track over 1600m in a Handicap earlier this month on the 2nd and will need to do more to feature. Pass by
5. **DESTROYING ANGEL** - She is lightly tried, can build on last run when downfield in 12th place at this course over 2000m in a Handicap on the 2nd of this month. Can do better and has claims
6. **DOCTOR RON** - Can be expected to serve up more than he did in his last two and can feature on best form shown. Placed 7th over 1600m in a Handicap last time at the races and can earn
7. **ALPHABIA** - Is very hard to make ma case for on current and overall form and will be at high odds. Last run was way back in the field and would be a shock if placing
8. **MYBOYFRIEND** - Ran a creditable race last time when 2nd at this track earlier this month in a Handicap over 1600m and faces a similar field. Good chance
9. **LOST IN MUSIC** - Finished 4th at Pornichet over 2100m in a weak claiming race on the 19th of January and might be able to sneak into the back end of the quartets but unlikely. Pass by
10. **CUREJ** - Placed 6th at this track over 1200m on the 2nd of January in a Handicap and more required for the win here. Prefer others
11. **YACHT SHOW** - Should win soon, placed 2nd at this track over 1400m in a Handicap on the 13th of January and can go very close. Big danger
12. **SISSY DU GROHO** - Holding form, placed 3rd at this course on the 13th of the month in a Handicap over 1400m and can threaten the top selections. Bright place claims
13. **GOLDENSIM** - Ran a good race last time albeit in a weak claiming race over 2000m here at Pau on the 23rd of this month, just the others day. An outsider with a small place say
14. **VARENNE** - Finished 5th at Pau over 1600m in a Handicap on the 2nd of this month and caught the eye in penultimate race. He is the firm first choice
15. **DAKOVKA** - Will need to build on latest effort when 8th over 1600m at Pau on the 2nd of January and might be able to. Place chance at best

Summary: VARENNE (14) has contested some competitive Handicaps and caught the eye in his penultimate run when 2nd at this track. He finished 5th last time and should be able to go very close. KHELONYX (1) is running encouragingly well of late having notched up two thirds in a row and can go close once again. YACHT SHOW (11) showed signs of wanting to sail into the winners enclosure soon when catching the eye with a good effort at this track last time. MYBOYFRIEND (8) has a strong first four chance and is a non-negotiable inclusion in the quartet.

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VARENNE (14) - KHELONYX (1) - YACHT SHOW (11) - MYBOYFRIEND (8)

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C8 - PRIX DE LASCLAVERIES - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,200

1. **UPPERCUT** - Can build on last run when 6th at this track over 1400m in a Handicap on the 13th of the month. Fair place chance
2. **JORDAN BAKER** - Placed way back in 12th last time and 10th before that and needs serious improvement. Impossible to fancy and include. Pass by
3. **DANCE AHEAD** - Current form has been on the decline over various tracks and trips and is very hard to make a case for. Pass by
4. **PIC DU MIDI** - Was victorious at this venue over 1600m on the 2nd of this month in a Handicap and can follow up. Bright winning chance
5. **FULL GAIN** - Has not shown any spark, interest or zest of late and is very difficult to like and make any case for. Would be a shock if finishing in the top half of the field. Pass by
6. **L'ETOILE DE FRANCE** - Finished 11th at Pau over 2000m in a Handicap on the 18th of this month and placed 12th before that. On these two efforts alone, will battle to earn here
7. **MACANELLA** - A tad erratic, only managed 10th place last time but did run well when 4th the time before that over 1600m in a Handicap. Include in larger quartet perms
8. **VALINA** - Current form has gone a tad wayward, placed 5th in a Handicap on the 2nd of the month and needs to do more for the win. Prefer others
9. **TOUT SCHUSS** - Long time maiden, finished 9th at Pau over 1400m in a Handicap on the 18th of January and overall form is not inspiring. Hard to make a case for
10. **SOUND OF SILENCE** - Is yet to win, was way back in 13th place over 2000m last time and would be a shock winner. Hard to like and can be ignored from all bets
11. **XARUN** - Knows how to win races, placed a fair 5th at Pau over 2000m in a Handicap on the 18th of January and has to be taken seriously. Respect and include
12. **OLIVA** - In good form currently, won the penultimate and followed up with a good 2nd over 1400m in a Handicap on the 18th of the month. Strong each way claims
13. **RAFALE** - Was in Spain on the 9th of August over 1800m when finishing 5th which is not horrific but form before is not impressive. Will probably need the run. Pass by
14. **HAUTE GAMME** - Holding form, running well, finished 4th over 2000m in a Handicap on the 18th of January and should go very close to winning. Huge claims
15. **PENRHEAD** - Will need to progress on latest effort when 6th over 1600m in a Handicap at this very venue earlier this month and others are far preferred. Happy to ignore

Summary: PIC DU MIDI (4) was impressive when winning last time and has every chance of following up on the victory. HAUTE GAMME (14) is a three time winner but is taking time for the fourth success. He is holding form well though and is in with a huge each way chance. OLIVA (12) rates one of the horses to beat. The last two starts have been exceptionally encouraging. UPPERCUT (1) has a quartet chance.

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PIC DU MIDI (4) - HAUTE GAMME (14) - OLIVA (12) - UPPER CUT (1)