R4 LE LION D'ANGERS [L-H]

C1 - PRIX JEAN DE LA SAYETTE - 3700m (a2 5/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 4 - Hurdles - EUR € 23.000

1. SLICE AND DICE - Useful filly over fences, boasting some interesting steeplechase form. Not taken lightly now hurdling

2. KERICLIF - Built on a pleasing debut (5th) over hurdles by finishing 3rd last time. Gaining momentum, one to beat

3. JUMP DES MOTTES - Consistent for the most part and arrives in good form of fences recently. Capable over hurdles, respect

4. JENOL DU QUARTIER - Unplaced in both outings on the flat last year and goes hurdling now on his reappearance. Just watch

5. CHESTERFIELD - Has shown fair ability on the flat and starts out over hurdles with legitimate ambitions. Keep safe

6. SAINT BATH - Is open to improvement after a modest introduction (7th) over hurdles, so could get into the picture

7. L'ARRABIATO - Was 7th over hurdles on debut and failed to build on that experience when sent chasing race last time. Outsider back in this sphere

8. BEAUTYFEEL - Showed considerable means over hurdles and fences last year. Not taken lightly on her reappearance

9. JOYEUSE DU PLESSIS - Wasn't friendless in the market on debut but showed little on that occasion. One to note but probably for another day

10. STELLINA -

Summary : KERICLIF (2) is improving in this sphere and need only run to the form of his laststart 3rd over hurdles to win the opener. STELLINA (10) has been at the top of his game over fences recently, winning consecutive steeplechase races, and should pose a threat if running to that level back over the smaller obstacles. JUMP DES MOTTES (3) has solid form references in claiming races over fences and is not without means over hurdles, so should be competitive too. CHESTERFIELD (5) can't be discounted either going over hurdles for the first time and is another to consider. SLICE AND DICE (1) and returning BEAUTYFEEL (8) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KERICLIF (2) - JUMP DES MOTTES (3) - CHESTERFIELD (5) - SLICE AND DICE (1)

C2 - PRIX DE L'ISLE BRIAND - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Group 3 Aqps -Flat - EUR € 37.000

1. KAMARO D'HUEZ - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd by winning last time and should have more to offer. Keep safe

2. KARROTS - Did not go unnoticed when finishing 5th on debut and is likely to have come on for that experience, so could get into the picture

3. KONFINOISE - Runner-up on debut to KIRSTAL DU SEUIL (5) before going one better last time. Will play a leading role

4. KEL TEL - Surprised everyone by making a winning debut at Saint-Brieuc and would've gained plenty from that experience. Can repeat

5. KRISTAL DU SEUIL - Debut winner who ought to be better than the form of her last-start 4th suggests. Could pose a threat

Summary : KEL TEL (4) jumps in class to Group III level after a winning debut but is open to any amount of improvement, so could be up to it. She is taken to preserve her 100% record at the expense of fellow last-start winners KONFINOISE (3) and KAMARO D'HUEZ (1), both of whom confirmed the promise of their debuts and have added experience.

SELECTIONS

KEL TEL (4) - KONFINOISE (3) - KAMARO D'HUEZ (1) - KRISTAL DU SEUIL (5)

C3 - PRIX HENRI DE BARMON - 4500m (a2 13/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 3 - Cross - EUR € 26.000

1. BOMARI - Honest veteran, maintaining a good level of form and consistency. Respected on his reappearance

2. BOLID DU MATHAN - Beaten by a good horse when finishing 2nd last time and ought to return to success here. Hard to beat

3. EVER FORGET ME - Inconsistent but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Not easily dismissed, place chance

4. NUIT DEBOUT - Consistent for the most part in these types of events and is confirmed at this level. Has a role to play

5. RIKITA DE L'ORME - Has not gone unnoticed in each of her three outings this year but has only a place chance. Outsider

6. HARLESCA - Does not lack any ability and was a winner in this category two starts back. Should be a factor here

7. CLOSELYSTAR - Returned to form with a reassuring 3rd last time and could get into the picture here if confirming that improvement

Summary : In this cross-country event, BOLID DU MATHAN (2) has a great opportunity to recapture the winning thread after finishing 2nd to a useful sort last time. Veteran BOMARI (1), despite returning from an absence, has both the form and experience to pose a threat on his comeback. HARLESCA (6) is also a capable performer and is likely to make his presence felt, along with NUIT DEBOUT (4).

SELECTIONS

BOLID DU MATHAN (2) - BOMARI (1) - HARLESCA (6) - NUIT DEBOUT (4)

C4 - PRIX DE FENEU - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat -EUR € 18.500

1. JUSTUNE STAR - Consistent filly with solid form credentials and race fitness/sharpness on her side. Will fight for victory

2. INDIANA AULMES - Lightly raced but talented mare who has won three of her four starts. Respected on her reappearance

3. JAINA KELLE - Out of sorts at present but does have some interesting form references, so could have a role to play

4. JOLIE MANS - Rediscovered her form and consistency on the flat prior to her subsequent layoff. May need the outing

5. ICONE D'ATHOU - Inconsistent mare who showed little to get excited about on her reappearance (7th). Others preferred

6. IMPERIALE TRESOR - Improved with the benefit of a comeback run to finish 2nd last time. Must confirm that form to feature

7. JOYCE DU SEUIL - Winner on debut last year, so obviously not devoid of ability. Was 5th on her reappearance and is likely to improve for that outing

Summary : JUSTUNE STAR (1) has performed with exemplary regularity and should once again fight for victory. INDIANA AULMES (2) has shown considerable means, winning her last two starts of 2022, and is likely to be competitive on her reappearance if ready to go after a 10-month absence. JOYCE DU SEUIL (7) has undeniable quality and will have more to offer with the benefit of a pleasing (5th) comeback run under her belt. JAINA KELLE (3) will attract the lovers of outsiders.

SELECTIONS

JUSTUNE STAR (1) - INDIANA AULMES (2) - JOYCE DU SEUIL (7) - JAINA KELLE (3)

C5 - PRIX CHAMBERKO - 3900m (a2 7/16m) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 28.000

1. SPEED LUCKY - Ultra-consistent performer over obstacles, maintaining form and consistency. Will have a role to play

2. ON YOUR MARK - Seldom far off the mark and holding a good level of form. Gets on well with his rider, so has legitimate ambitions

3. BALLY STONE - Capable but has been of sorts and was unplaced over hurdles on his reappearance. Can do better sent chasing again

4. BELASKA - Made a winning comeback at Questembert and seems more than capable of following up here. One to beat

5. SAINT DUBAWI - Finished a reassuring 3rd last time and could have a role to play here if confirming that improvement

6. NOTRE VIRENNE - Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil recently so has to reaffirm. Others preferred

7. VINGTCOEURS - An unreliable sort but is not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Dark horse

8. L'ANGE VERT - Alternates between hurdles and steeplechases with merit. Must improve to win though, place chance

9. HAPPYDENUO - Returned to form in no uncertain terms when winning last time and can continue her momentum. Has obvious claims

10. GALILEO DE VIETTE - Showed signs of improvement last time (2nd) and could get a look in if confirming that form. Outsider

11. DREAM DEVIL - Seldom far off the places but has looked rather limited for some time, so her chances are limited here

12. GREAT PAUL - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust, has only a place chance

13. BIBICHE LINK' - Has been struggling to regain any form or consistency for some time so is unlikely to trouble the judge

Summary : BELASKA (4) made a winning comeback and a repeat of that feat here with improved fitness on her side looks well within her reach. HAPPYDENUO (9) bounced back to form with a win last time and could also fight for victory if confirming that improvement. ON YOUR MARK (2) gets along well with his partner, who has a 2kg allowance, so should also have a say in the finish. Consistent SPEED LUCKY (1), and even BALLY STONE (3) although out of sorts, can get into the picture too.

SELECTIONS

BELASKA (4) - HAPPYDENUO (9) - ON YOUR MARK (2) - SPEED LUCKY (1)

C6 - PRIX DE MONTREUIL SUR MAINE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Claiming -Flat - EUR € 15.000

1. AROWN - Unreliable but capable colt who will benefit from his rider's 2,5kg allowance. Ought to be competitive

2. FULLTIME SPEED - Undeniably capable but does appear to have gone off the boil. Could have a say here on his best form

3. GRAND FETARD - Was in good form prior to his last start (7th) but is better than that outing suggests. Capable of better

4. GEMCUTTER - Consistent filly who returned to winning ways at Vittel last time. Looks well placed here to win again

5. MASTER GEORGES - Looks out of his depth here and has been out of form for some time now, so his chances are limited. Ignore

6. CACIOTTA - Unreliable filly but she is not incapable of getting a look in here in a race of this nature. Outsider

7. ALIGHT - Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge here, so can be ruled out

8. ALMOND CHOUQUETTE - Has blown hot and cold recently but should remain competitive, with the booking of Maxime Guyon a boost to her chances. Respect

9. OUI JE L ADORE - Consistent performer this year with respectable form references. Has only a place chance here though

Summary: GEMCUTTER (4) is in very good order and arrives here fresh off the back of her victory at Vittel last time. She is more than capable of confirming that form and is taken to follow up at the expense of ALMOND CHOUQUETTE (8) who, with Maxime Guyon in the saddle, is likely to fight for victory. GRAND FETARD (3) should not be condemned for a disappointing recent outing and remains capable of having a say at this level. AROWN (1) is struggling to regain his best form but is not without a chance.

SELECTIONS

GEMCUTTER (4) - ALMOND CHOUQUETTE (8) - GRAND FETARD (3) - AROWN (1)

C7 - PRIX JEAN SAUVAGE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Divised Handicap -Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000

1. ITMAN - Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil recently so must reaffirm. Others preferred

2. BEACON TOWERS - Inconsistent mare who continues to blow hot and cold recently. Unreliable but has sufficient means

3. WHIPPIERRE - An unreliable sort but is not incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Dangerous to dismiss

4. MINIKING - Disappointing last start having maintained a good level of form and consistency prior to that. Capable

5. PODIA DAZ - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

6. ACHKI - Showed signs of improvement last time and could get a look in if confirming that form. Place chance

7. VEGA DREAM - Confirmed in this category and boasts solid form references. Looks a serious contender for success

8. DANDY COOL - Consistent performer in this class and has been in good form of late. Should have a role to play here

9. TWIN BOY - Has rediscovered form recently and could have a role to play here on current form. Not taken lightly

10. LE GITAN - Struggling for some time now and not likely to trouble the judge here. Others make a lot more appeal

11. HYGROVE BEC - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore

12. STAR LUCE - Finding it difficult to regain any form or consistency and not likely to have a say in the finish. Overlook

13. CAP SKIRRING - Arrives in good shape and, with the help of her rider's 1,5kg allowance, is likely to play a leading role. Include

Summary : Consistent VEGA DREAM (7) is proven at this level and offers the most guarantees of these runners, so could find success. DANDY COOL (8) fits a similar profile and should remain competitive in this category. He's likely to fight for victory, so too is CAP SKIRRING (13) who arrives in good form and is dangerous under just 49,5kg. BEACON TOWERS (2) was unlucky last time but is capable of staking a claim, as are TWIN BOY (9) and MINIKING (4) who have shown enough to not be ignored.

SELECTIONS

VEGA DREAM (7) - DANDY COOL (8) - CAP SKIRRING (13) - BEACON TOWERS (2)

C8 - PRIX BERNARD LEROYER - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Divised Handicap -Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 20.000

1. BIG BOOTS - Inconsistent but has sufficient means to. Bounced back to winning ways last time and ought to remain competitive here

2. SIYOUANGEL - Not beaten far in any of her three starts this year but has a lot more on her plate in this grade/company

3. LIGHT WAKEUP - Bounced back to form with a last-start victory and need only run to that level of form to play a leading role. Respect

4. ZAYA DE LA PLATA - Undeniably capable but has been less effective in recently after winning three starts back. Outsider

5. REGALIEN - Consistent for the most part and is capable of better than his recent failure suggests. Not taken lightly

6. MONTIGNY - Best forgiven his recent failure and, in this grade/company especially, is more than capable of making amends. Redemption awaits

7. LOUIS SKI - Finished a reassuring 3rd last time and could have a role to play here if confirming that improvement. Lurker

8. PISORNO - Has enjoyed reverting to the flat and arrives in good form/condition, so should be a factor here. Player

9. ALMANARAH - Unreliable filly but she remains more than capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Keep safe

10. TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL - Has shown improvement recently but will need to up her game a notch to have a say here. Dark horse

11. ICALERO - Showed signs of improvement last time (2nd) but needs to raise his game again to get a look in here

12. TRIMLIGHT - Has been running to a consistent level of form recently but must build on that progress to play a role here

13. ROXY MUSIC - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now and can be easily ruled out. Ignore

Summary : MONTIGNY (6) had finished on the podium in two comeback outings before his recent failure but he remains capable of a lot better than that form (9th) suggests and it could pay to give him another chance here. Last-start winner BIG BOOTS (1) is likely to challenge if confirming the improvement of his recent success, while PISORNO (8) is another who can fight for victory if building on the momentum of his recent form. LIGHT WAKEUP (3) won a competitive handicap in his last start and ought to feature prominently once more. ALMANARAH (9) and REGALIEN (5) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MONTIGNY (6) - BIG BOOTS (1) - PISORNO (8) - LIGHT WAKEUP (3)