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R3 MOULINS [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX BOURBON-BUSSET ET PIERRE DE ROUGE - 1400m (a7f) -
TURF - Claiming - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000**

1. WOFF - Has won at Quinte+ level on PSF as well as a claiming race on turf. Out of sorts recently but is capable of having a say here

2. ESSAI TRANSFORME - Unplaced in both outings under a penalty incurred for winning three starts back but ought to play a leading role given this ease in grade with Maxime Guyon engaged. Keep safe

3. DREAM FOR ALL - Unreliable but not incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

4. BOBIK - Imposed himself when winning a handicap at Lyon-Parilly and his unplaced subsequent efforts have come in a Quinte+ event and, most recently, on the PSF. Capable of better

5. MONSIEUR BEAULIEU - Seldom finishes far off the mark and will benefit from his rider's 1,5kg allowance. Has a place chance

6. BIG BOOTS - Consistent veteran in good form and physical condition. Has the means to play a leading role in this grade

7. ON THE EDGE - Well-performed veteran mare up 3kg for winning a handicap last time. Last raced off this mark all the way back in 2019

8. HEBE - Moderate veteran mare with just one win to her name. Has looked rather ordinary for some time now so can be ruled out

9. FANTABULOUS - Unplaced in his last two starts after returning from a layoff but has, for the most part, been relatively consistent. Dropped 1,5kg and remains capable, can redeem himself

Summary : After dropping 1,5kg after two unplaced comeback efforts, FANTABULOUS (9) deserves another chance in this opening event. At peak fitness now and at an attractive value (just 1kg above his last winning mark), he ought to redeem himself by fighting for victory under Aurélien Lemaitre. BIG BOOTS (6), however, is likely to pose a threat in his first start at this level having maintained a good level of form and consistency in conditions and handicap races recently, which can also be said of TRANSFORMED TEST (2) who was not disgraced (7th) in a Quinte+ race last time and remains competitive. BOBIK (4) is out of sorts but not incapable of getting involved either.

SELECTIONS

FANTABULOUS (9) - BIG BOOTS (6) - ESSAI TRANSFORME (2) - BOBIK (4)

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C2 - PRIX LA FORTAGNE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 17.000

- 1. JACKADI** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 2. LE ROCKEUR** - Unexposed and capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature with improvement expected. Failed to build on an encouraging debut (5th) when only 7th last time but should have more to offer
- 3. EVER READY** - Has looked distinctly ordinary in each outing and on both surfaces so is hard to make a case for here. Others preferred
- 4. NOVE SU NOVE** - Finished unplaced last time when returning from a break but, that aside, has been largely consistent. Should do better with improved fitness on his side
- 5. SHORT FINAL** - Finished 2nd on his reappearance and was disappointing, although not disgraced, when only 5th last time. Capable of better and rider's 3,5kg allowance is a bonus
- 6. INTRIGUATOR** - Did not go unnoticed on debut (5th) but failed to improve with the benefit of that experience when only 9th last time. Must bounce back
- 7. TANAIYLA** - Aga Khan filly who has joined Francis-Henri Graffard having started her career in Ireland with Dermot Weld. Has shown enough to be competitive
- 8. QUEEN KAHINA** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (5th) when finishing 3rd last time and could have a say if making further progress
- 9. KAKHOVKA** - Has been steadily gaining momentum while maintaining a good level of consistency. Runner-up last time and is likely to be involved again
- 10. TOOGOODFORSCHOOL** - Inconsistent although not incapable of getting into the picture with headgear refitted. Best kept safe

Summary : SHORT FINAL (5) has run two encouraging comeback races and, although a little disappointing at Vichy last time (5th), is worth another chance here on the evidence of his 2nd at Saint-Cloud when resuming. TANAIYLA (7) showed enough in Ireland to warrant respect in her first start on French soil, while unexposed LE ROCKEUR (2) is open to improvement and capable of making his presence felt too. NOVE SU NOVE (4) and KAKHOVKA (9) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

SHORT FINAL (5) - TANAIYLA (7) - LE ROCKEUR (2) - NOVE SU NOVE (4)

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C3 - PRIX DES ERABLES - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. LOYAL PRINCE** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 2. GOGOKA** - Sparked improvement when dropped back in trip to contest an 1100m claiming race. Must confirm that improvement
- 3. TEMPO** - Well-beaten 8th on debut and, while likely to improve with the benefit of that experience, is best just to watch for now
- 4. ZEPLACETOBE** - Made an encouraging introduction (4th) in a good field and that form has held up well. Should have more to offer
- 5. GODAKA** - Improved with the benefit of debut experience to finish 3rd at her second start and was pitched into a Listed race last time (7th). Will fare better here
- 6. MARY GOLD** - Has confirmed the improvement of her victory three starts back by finishing 2nd in consecutive starts since. Keep safe
- 7. YOLLILAL** - Has performed consistently to a good level and her experience ought to stand her in good stead here. Respect
- 8. DESCARTES** - Mehmas colt debuting for trainer Henri-François Devin who has engaged Clément Lecoeuvre to ride. Not taken lightly
- 9. ACHILL ISLAND** - François Monfort-rained Ten Sovereigns debutante to be ridden by Antoine Subias. Not taken lightly

Summary : ZEPLACETOBE (4) finished a promising 4th on debut behind two talented fillies who have since franked the form with a 1-2 finish in a maiden at Deauville. On that form, she is hard to oppose here with natural improvement expected given the benefit of that experience. GODAKA (5) made significant improvement from her debut to finish 3rd in her next start and she ought to be more competitive in this grade having been pitched into a Listed race last time. MARY GOLD (6) and YOLLILAL (7) have the form and experience to join the fight for victory.

SELECTIONS

ZEPLACETOBE (4) - GODAKA (5) - MARY GOLD (6) - YOLLILAL (7)

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C4 - PRIX DE L'ALLIER - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR €
20.000

- 1. NIGHTCALL** - Found wanting in Listed and Quinte+ races recently but ought to fare better back in a handicap off a reduced (1kg) mark. Redemption awaits
- 2. LINFASOMMER** - Won back-to-back claiming races with blinkers before finishing 6th in her hat-trick bid last time. Has been dropped 1,5kg but the headgear has been removed
- 3. GALALITHE** - Unreliable filly but is not entirely incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Cannot be discounted
- 4. PELUSIVE** - Has rediscovered her form/consistency in recent outings and performed well behind RISE ABOVE (5) last time. Keep safe
- 5. RISE ABOVE** - Improving with each outing and has found form at this level recently, finishing 2nd last time. Will be a factor
- 6. FORTUNE GOLD** - Consistent for the most part and maintained his form with a pleasing 4th on his handicap debut. Can have a say
- 7. UN PLUS UNE** - Sparked improvement to finish 2nd last time but will need to confirm that progress to stake a claim. Dark horse
- 8. CUREJ** - Has struggled to regain any form/consistency for some time now and is not likely to trouble the judge here
- 9. GAUDENZIA** - Has not gone unnoticed in most of her outings but needs to improve to be competitive for a leading role. Place chance only

Summary : NIGHTCALL (1), according to the figures, may appear to have lost her way but those recent outings were in Listed and Quinte+ races that were considerably stronger than this event, having acquitted herself well in competitive fields in two starts earlier this campaign. She could, therefore, be worth siding with here and is likely to take advantage of the relief (1kg) given to her by the handicapper. RISE ABOVE (5) has improved in two starts at this level and is the biggest danger to the selection. PELUSIVE (4), after finishing 4th in a reference race, and FORTUNE GOLD (6), who remains competitive in this grade albeit over further, are also capable of staking a claim.

SELECTIONS

NIGHTCALL (1) - RISE ABOVE (5) - PELUSIVE (4) - FORTUNE GOLD (6)

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**C5 - PRIX VIDEO ROCK - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat -
EUR € 16.500**

- 1. KOLOKICO** - Finished a good 3rd at this track on his introduction and ought to have improved for that experience. Will have supporters
- 2. KATE COUNTESS** - Finished 4th over 2400m on debut at Le Lion-d'Angers and will be wiser to the task given the benefit of that experience
- 3. KELLY D'OLVA** - Made an encouraging debut at the Lion d'Angers to finish 4th and should have more to offer. Respect
- 4. KAMILLA DALBIUS** - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing to finish 5th last time but must raise her game again to have a say here
- 5. KAHID DE FREGANDE** - Emmanuel Clayeux-trained Estejo gelding debuting with Axelle Nicco, who has a 1,5kg allowance, engaged to ride
- 6. KING THOU LEZ** - Eddy Hardouin rides this Willywell newcomer, whose brother Jack Thou Lez has performed well, for Philippe & Camille Peltier
- 7. KOKTAIL DIVIN** - Masked Marvel colt in the care of a trainer skilled in this category. Must be followed closely on debut
- 8. KUALA LUMPUR** - Emmanuel Clayeux-trained Karakter debutante who warrants respect with Théo Bachelot engaged to ride
- 9. KARABI DE FREGANDE** - Aurélien Lemaitre is engaged to ride this Estejo filly on debut for Emmanuel Clayeux. Will appeal to lovers of outsiders
- 10. KARINA SWEEN** - Beaumec De Houelle debutante whose dam excelled at Group II level. Tony Piccone rides for trainer Anne-Sophie Pacault
- 11. KORONA PHIL** - Well-bred Mickaël Seror-trained Bathyrhon filly to be ridden on debut by Augustin Madamet. Cannot be discounted

Summary : Newcomer KOKTAIL DIVIN (7), who is a son of a Group I winner and closely related to a Group II runner-up, could get his career off to a thunderous start. KOLOKICO (1) finished a promising 3rd on debut against more experienced rivals and is likely to improve with the benefit of that experience, so ought to fight for victory. KARINA SWEEN (10) and KORONA PHIL (11) are other well-bred newcomers to take note of. KELLY D'OLVA (3) was an encouraging 4th on her introduction and that experience should stand her in good stead.

SELECTIONS

KOKTAIL DIVIN (7) - KOLOKICO (1) - KARINA SWEEN (10) - KORONA PHIL (11)

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C6 - PRIX DES FRESNES - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - TURF - Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 18.000

- 1. CAP FAREWELL** - Finished a disappointing 8th last time but showed enough previously to suggest that he's capable of better, especially with a professional jockey now engaged
- 2. LA BARILLETTE** - Returned to winning ways last time (second victory from her last three starts) and ought to remain competitive pitched into a handicap
- 3. MUNAADRAM** - Consistent for the most part and has struck up a good relationship with Maxime Guyon and once again promises to be competitive for the top spots.
- 4. NANA GINA** - Finished a disappointing 7th last time but would've been unsuited by the state of the track. Remains capable of better and has the means to do well at this level
- 5. RUBY ROSE** - inconsistent although not incapable and seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Not reliable but is hard to rule out
- 6. SON ON FIRE** - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time but will need to confirm that improvement to get a look in here
- 7. MONFRERE** - Has blown hot and cold recently, so remains capable of getting into the picture here but is not one to be trusted. Dark horse
- 8. THE FOOTMAN** - Unreliable and out of sorts at present but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day and is likely to fare better given a resultant drop in the weights
- 9. EUSTACHE** - Has struggled to regain any form/consistency for some time now so is not likely to trouble the judge
- 10. BELLE BREIZH** - Versatile sort, proving effective on the flat and not incapable over hurdles either. Only a place chance
- 11. CHONBURI** - Confirmed the improvement of her two previous outings by winning last time. More required to win again but has a place chance

Summary : NANA GINA (4) proved over the winter that she has the means to acquit herself competitively at this level so, despite her indifferent latest start (7th) which could be attributed to the unfavourable ground/state of the track, is worth another chance and taken to set the record straight at the expense of LA BARILLETTE (2), who is proven in this grade and likely to play a leading role in the finish. MUNAADRAM (3), CAP FAREWELL (1), and CHONBURI (11) make most appeal of the remainder and can get into the picture too.

SELECTIONS

NANA GINA (4) - LA BARILLETTE (2) - MUNAADRAM (3) - CAP FAREWELL (1)

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C7 - PRIX DE PARAY LE MONIAL - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000

- 1. ALFIERI** - Inconsistent veteran but is not entirely incapable of getting into the picture. Has only a place chance
- 2. TENNESSEE JOHN** - Consistent performer who has maintained his form in both starts under a penalty after winning three runs back. Winning chance
- 3. COEUR DE ROUME** - Caught the eye when finishing 3rd on his reappearance and will be fitter with the benefit of that run. Could also have more to offer now pitched into a handicap
- 4. WILLY BOY** - Finished 2nd in two of his last three starts in 2022 but is best watched for now returning from a long layoff
- 5. PUMPY GIRL** - Consistent for the most part and boasts solid form references. Maxime Guyon engaged to ride which bodes well for her chances
- 6. NAMAR** - Inconsistent but capable veteran mare with vast experience in similar contests. Capable of making her presence felt
- 7. SILBACO'S SONG** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
- 8. AGDUNE** - Continues to struggle and is unlikely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of her recent displays
- 9. LUCKY YOU** - Has made progress competing at this level recently. Finished 4th last time and could confirm that improvement
- 10. LAGOONE CHOPE** - Sparked improvement last time to finish 4th at Vichy and could get a look in here if confirming that form
- 11. GLASGOW LONDRES** - Has been struggling to regain any form/consistency or spark the improvement needed to play a role. Outsider

Summary : A winner at this level during the summer, TENNESSEE JOHN (2) has proved in both subsequent outings that he remains competitive under a resultant penalty so is a serious candidate for success here. PUMPY GIRL (5) has maintained a good level of form and consistency and should also play a leading role in the finish. Unexposed COEUR DE ROUME (3) is open to improvement on his handicap debut and must be respected, along with NAMAR (6) at peak fitness after 2 comeback outings. LUCKY YOU (9) and LAGOONE CHOPE (10) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

TENNESSEE JOHN (2) - PUMPY GIRL (5) - COEUR DE ROUME (3) - NAMAR (6)

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C8 - PRIX DE LIGNIERES - 2200m (a1 3/8m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 20.000

- 1. BAZOQUES** - Out of sorts at present but has already proven herself at this level, so is capable of doing better given a drop in the weights
- 2. DUKE OF CONKER** - Nearing a return to winning ways, finishing 2nd in his last two starts. Sets the standard here and is an obvious candidate for success
- 3. ZILYA** - Inconsistent filly but is not entirely incapable, though did struggle under a penalty last time. Others preferred
- 4. NOBODY'S** - Consistent for the most part and has sound form references. More of a place chance than a winning one
- 5. LUCKY CHARLIE** - Gaining momentum and has shown improvement in his last two starts. More needed to stake a claim here
- 6. KALEO PALACE** - Bounced back to form when finishing 2nd on his return from a rest last time and should have more to offer
- 7. PENCLAUDJEANGREEN** - Has lost his form and finished unplaced (9th) in his only outing this year, though could do better in a handicap dropped 3,5kg in the weights
- 8. POPORO** - Recent winner whose last start in this category yielded a 2nd place finish. Will make his presence felt
- 9. ELIZABEA** - Finished an encouraging 3rd in her only start this year and will be competitive with any improvement given rider's 1,5kg allowance
- 10. GAMECHANGER** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 11. PERFECT ROSE** - Took advantage of a drop in the weights by winning last time but will have it all to do under a penalty (2kg) now

Summary : DUKE OF CONKER (2) has, by finishing 2nd in consecutive starts at this level recently, been threatening to win and is the most likely winner of this concluding contest with Manon Germain, under whom he runs well, engaged once more and taking a useful 2,5kg of the back. KALEO PALACE (6) also finished 2nd last time and is back in a handicap off a reduced (2,5kg) mark, so is likely to pose a threat along with POPORO (8), who won well at La Teste-de-Buch last time and ought to remain competitive. ELIZABEA (9), PENCLAUDJEANGREEN (7), and BAZOQUES (1) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

DUKE OF CONKER (2) - KALEO PALACE (6) - POPORO (8) - ELIZABEA (9)