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C1 - PRIX DE LA TRAVERSIERE - 1900m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Newcomers - Flat - EUR € 27,000

1. **CHESS** - Jérémy Moisan rides this Fas colt who was supplemented to run in this race for Pia and Joakim Brandt. Dark horse

2. **TOTE BAG** - Saxon Warrior gelding related to the champion Pride. Cristian Demoro rides for Pia and Joakim Brandt

3. **SAIDI EL FAL** - This well-bred Lope De Vega colt, related to Group performers Stormy River and Silverwave, holds an entry in the Group I Prix du Jockey-Club. Follow

4. **BLUE BROTHER** - Gianluca Bietolini-trained Intello colt to be ridden on debut by Jérôme Moutard. Outsider of the field

5. **FLYWIRE** - A well-related Frankel colt whose half-sister Queen's Jewel won at Group I level for these owners, the Wertheimer brothers. Leading light

Summary: In this opening event for unraced two-year-old colts and geldings, the well-bred SAIDI EL FAL (3) is the only runner with a Classic entry to his name so it could pay to side with him on debut. Frankel colt FLYWIRE (5) carries the Wertheimer silks and has to be respected, while well-related TOTE BAG (2) is also likely to attract attention with Cristian Demuro engaged to ride. The latter's stable companion CHESS (1) was supplemented to run here so can't be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

SAIDI EL FAL (3) - FLYWIRE (5) - TOTE BAG (2) - CHESS (1)

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C2 - PRIX DU VAL SAINT-GEORGES - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 28,000

1. DAMIEN - Won consecutive sprints on the turf as a two-year-old in 2023 but has not been seen since finishing 5th over 1200m at Lyon-Parilly on 12 September and has no references on PSF. Best watched for now

2. TORTISAMBERT - Finished an encouraging 4th on debut at Deauville over 1500m and confirmed that promise by winning over 1300m at that venue on 2 February. Holds a Group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains entry

3. FERRARI FEVER - Experienced colt with sound references, including consecutive victories in handicaps at this venue over 1600m and last time out over 1300m on 24 February. Should have a role to play

4. VERTBOIS - Improving last-start winner over 1300m on PSF at Deauville on 28 November. Also holds a Group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains entry

5. SAXON GIRL - Made a winning reappearance in her first start on PSF over 1300m at Deauville on 2 February. Takes on male rivals here but has to be respected given her entry in the Group I Poule d'Essai des Pouliches

6. EXPERT ADVICE - Runner-up in consecutive outings on turf at this venue before finishing a disappointing 6th over 1200m in her last start on 12 October. Best watched for now on her reappearance and PSF debut

Summary: Good race. TORTISAMBERT (2) confirmed the promise of his debut (4th) in a competitive field with a convincing success at Deauville on 2 February and ought to continue his momentum. FERRARI FEVER (3) has raised his game to win consecutive handicap races on this course recently and his experience ought to stand him in good stead. Like the selection, returning VERTBOIS (4) also holds an entry in the Group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Improving last-start winner SAXON GIRL (5) has to take on male rivals now but ought to acquit herself competitively nonetheless.

SELECTIONS

TORTISAMBERT (2) - FERRARI FEVER (3) - VERTBOIS (4) - SAXON GIRL (5)

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C3 - PRIX SERGE GORLI - 1800m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. **L'IENISSEI** - Last-start winner of a 1500m claimer on PSF at Deauville on 3 February. Should have a role to play here

2. **MANNE** - Has proven her competitiveness off this mark in handicaps recently at Cagnes, where she finished 4th in a 2000m PSF handicap on 12 February. Will be a factor at this level

3. **PERDRIOLLE** - Didn't have the smoothest passage at the finish last time when finishing 6th in a good 1600m claimer at Cagnes 12 February. Can gain compensation here

4. **ROI DE L'AIR** - Has better references in Germany but did finish 2nd in a claimer on PSF at Lyon-La Soie in December. Didn't go unnoticed last time when 5th on that course in an 1800m handicap on 8 February

5. **MINDSET** - Absent since finishing 10th on this course in a 1900m claimer on 7 October. Best watched for now on his reappearance

6. **SOLIMAN** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 4th in a claimer on turf over 2150m at Cagnes on 7 February. Efficient on PSF so ought to be competitive reverting to this surface off a lower mark

7. **STORMY AIR** - A veteran of 52 starts with sound references at this level, albeit on turf, in his last two starts. Finished 4th in the latest of those outings over 1600m at Clairefontaine on 16 October - best watched for now

Summary: PERDRIOLLE (3) was unlucky not to have achieved a better finishing position at Cagnes last time (6th) but ought to fight for victory on these terms, as the joint highest-rated runner in the race with the benefit of her rider's 2,5kg allowance. She will, however, have to thwart the likely challenge of MANNE (2) who has proven her competitiveness and aptitude for this track. Last-start winner L'IENISSEI (1) is another with leading claims, despite conceding weight to all. SOLIMAN (6) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

PERDRIOLLE (3) - MANNE (2) - L'IENISSEI (1) - SOLIMAN (6)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA SERPENTINE - 1900m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Newcomers - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. ELIANTE** - This Gleneagles debutante hails from the in-form stable of Francis-Henri Graffard, so is likely to have her supporters
- 2. DREAM OF KMILL** - Alexis Pouchin rides this Literato newcomer filly on debut for trainer Anastasia Wattel. One to note
- 3. GRAND WHISPER** - Gianluca Bietolini-trained Saxon Warrior filly to be ridden on her racecourse debut by Jerome Mustard
- 4. SEEYOUAGAIN** - The Gray Gatsby filly who Ioritz Mendizabal has been engaged to ride for trainer Fabrice Chappet. Watch
- 5. GOT BEACH** - Edouard Monfort-trained Ribchester filly to be ridden on debut by Hugo Besnier. Not one to take lightly
- 6. AGORIA** - Zoustar filly who ran with promise after overcoming a tardy start in a recent AFASEC race. Keep safe
- 7. RESCUE** - Cristian Demuro rides this Taj Mahal filly, who hails from the same maternal line as Vazirabad, on debut for Pia and Joakim Brandt
- 8. MON IDOLE** - Anastasia Wattel-trained Toronado debutante to be ridden by Theo Bachelot. Not to be underestimated
- 9. ZUNA** - This Kizuna debutante holds a Group I Prix de Diane entry and is none other than the first foal out of Matematica, who was 2nd at Group I level as a two-year-old

Summary: As the only runner in this event for unraced fillies with a Classic entry (the Group I Prix de Diane), well-bred ZUNA (9) could be the one to side with here. AGORIA (6) ought to benefit from the 'experience' gained in a schooling race to stake a claim, while RESCUE (7) is another likely to attract interest/support with Cristian Demuro engaged to ride. ELIANTE (1), prepared by Francis-Henri Graffard, completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ZUNA (9) - AGORIA (6) - RESCUE (7) - ELIANTE (1)

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C5 - PRIX DE GOURNAY - 1800m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. BLACK LULLABY** - Fair effort when 5th over 1900m in a Class 3 handicap last time at this track in mid-February and a win before that at Deauville in January. Player
- 2. AMERA** - 3rd at Chantilly last time over 1600m in a Class 3 race on February 9th. Won before at this track in January over 1600m in a Class 3 race. Hard to ignore
- 3. SPEEDY ANGEL** - Won at Deauville over 2500m on January 20th in a maiden when last seen. The drop in trip should not be too much of an issue
- 4. ZELINA** - 4th at Deauville on December 26th over 1900m in a claimer last time. Not the most reliable
- 5. ALROUCHA** - 5th last time was on January 18th over 1500m in a claiming event. Might find this difficult
- 6. FURI DE LA HOUSSAY** - Decent 3rd at this track over 1500m in a maiden race on February 9th when last seen. Consider
- 7. MEDINA GOLD** - 3rd over 2150m at Lyon La Soie on January 24th in a Class 3 race last time. Won at Pornichet before that in a Class 3 race in late December. One to keep safe
- 8. JOYEUSE SAGE** - Has six unplaced efforts since a win over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in mid-June in a Class 3 handicap. Makes no appeal
- 9. MRS RHAPSODY** - 3rd at Cagnes-Sur-Mer over 2000m on February 17th in a Class 3 handicap. Bold show likely
- 10. GREAT CHIEF** - Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd at this track before that over 1600m in a claiming event on March 31st. Can be overlooked
- 11. SUNKAWAKAN** - Unplaced last time in December, won before that in November 2022 at Chantilly over 2100m in a Class 3 handicap. Best watched for now
- 12. JOYCE GALESTE** - Four unplaced runs of late, won before that over 1800m at Compiègne on October 6th in a Class 4 handicap. Needs to get back on track
- 13. A STOLEN KISS** - Four unplaced runs of late, the latter over 2000m in a Class 3 handicap on February 17th. Hard to recommend

Summary: BLACK LULLABY (1) scored two starts ago after a string of seconds, she ran well in a Class 3 handicap last month and gets the marginal vote in this ahead of MRS RHAPSODY (9) who could give the selection the most to do. She was a decent third last time and is usually on the premises. AMERA (2) is one for the each-way backers to take seriously, as she should be value in the betting. FURI DE LA HOUSSAY (6) looks best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

BLACK LULLABY (1) - MRS RHAPSODY (9) - AMERA (2) - FURI DE LA HOUSSAY (6)

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**C6 - PRIX DU VALMONDOIS - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 - Flat
- EUR € 23,000**

- 1. RAKAN** - Won at Deauville on February 3rd beating FREJA (8) over 1500m in a Class 3 race last time. In the mix
- 2. IT'S ALL A DREAM** - Unplaced on the last two runs, won before that over 1600m at Pau on January 12th in a Class 3 race. Others preferred
- 3. ROYAL SAXO** - Won narrowly on the PSF at Pau on February 2nd over 1400m in a Class 3 race last time. Holds strong hopes of a repeat success
- 4. RAYSTEVE** - Fair 2nd at Deauville over 1300m on November 28th when last seen in a Class 2 handicap. Previous course winner. Ought to be involved
- 5. SINNERMAN** - 5th at Pau last time over 1400m in a Class 3 race on February 2nd. Might find this difficult
- 6. FEEL YOUR POWER** - Has won on grass at this track at Listed level in 2022. Not the force of old, 4th two runs ago over 1300m in a Class 2 handicap on Boxing Day. Opposable
- 7. RESHABAR** - 6th last time over 1850m in a Class 3 race on October 29th. Needs to recapture his best form of old to be on the premises
- 8. FREJA** - Good effort when 2nd over 1500m at Deauville in a Class 3 race on February 3rd when last seen. Contender

Summary: ROYAL SAXO (3) showed he liked the PSF last time at Pau in February when scoring narrowly in a well-contested Class 3 race. He looks like the best option in this. FREJA (8) has been fairly consistent with three seconds from her last four outings, with the latter at Deauville early last month over 1500m. RAKAN (1) won the Deauville race and on 2kg worse terms it will be more difficult to score, but he is not without a chance. RAYSTEVE (4) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ROYAL SAXO (3) - FREJA (8) - RAKAN (1) - RAYSTEVE (4)

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C7 - PRIX ESSO - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. DANSEUSE CELEBRE** - Has several unplaced runs since a win over 1800m at Dieppe in May 2023 in a handicap. Needs to get back on track
- 2. DARIHANNA** - Three unplaced runs so far, the latter over 1900m at Deauville on February 10th. Handicap debut and others are preferred
- 3. VITTVITT** - 4th on the last three outings, the latter over 2400m in a Class 3 handicap at Lyon La Soie on February 8th
- 4. HADLEIGH** - 6th last time over 2500m at Deauville on February 10th in a Class 3 handicap. Not the most reliable
- 5. ROYAL POST OFFICE** - Fair 4th last time over 1900m at this track in a Class 3 handicap on February 15th. Among the leading chances
- 6. CELEB** - 5th last time in a Class 1 race over 2150m on February 5th at Cagnes-Sur-Mer. Bold show expected
- 7. TATOO** - 5th last time at Lyon La Soie over 2400m in a handicap on November 7th. Outside place chance
- 8. COCOON QUATRE** - Won at Deauville over 2500m last time on February 10th in a Class 3 handicap. One to keep safe
- 9. MYRIADE** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 2100m at Chantilly on January 24th in a Class 3 handicap. Merits consideration
- 10. MANA SIS** - Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that in a Class 3 race at Montlucon over 1700m on May 7th. Hard to fancy
- 11. TREVOR SENORA** - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1900m at this track in a handicap on December 30th. Contender
- 12. KUP DAVIS** - Has yet to make the frame in seven attempts so far, the latest at Deauville on February 10th over 2500m. Opposable
- 13. LES EMBRUNS** - Has six unplaced runs so far, the latest at this track over 1900m in a Class 3 handicap when well beaten. Makes limited appeal

Summary: In an open race, where the majority of the runners are not the most reliable, it may pay to side with CELEB (6) as the tentative selection to get his first success after some consistent efforts of late. ROYAL POST OFFICE (5) ran well when fourth last time and could be the main danger. TREVOR SENORA (11) faired well at this track three runs back and is one for the each-way backers to consider. COCOON QUATRE (8) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

CELEB (6) - ROYAL POST OFFICE (5) - TREVOR SENORA (11) - MYRIADE (9)

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C8 - PRIX OTTO - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 30,000

- 1. MELBORA** - 6th last time over 1900m at Chantilly in a Class 3 race on February 15th. Makes limited appeal
- 2. MYTHOS** - Won at Lyon La Soie last time over 2150m on February 8th in a Class 4 race. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 3. ALCOTAN** - Nice 4th at this track over 1900m in a Class 3 handicap on February 15th last time out. Leading chance
- 4. ISLA DEL SOL** - Unplaced last time, won before that at this track over 1900m on November 14th in a handicap. Likes this track and ought to feature
- 5. HAMILTON** - Won last time at Lyon La Soie over 2150m on January 24th in a Class 3 handicap. Course debut and others preferred
- 6. ALAMSAR** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1900m at Chantilly in a handicap on December 30th. One to pay attention too
- 7. DARK ZEL** - Won on the PSF at Deauville last time over 1900m on February 10th. Can make the top three
- 8. ZILRAK** - Won last time over 2100m at Pornichet on February 16th in a maiden race. Merits consideration
- 9. HADYA** - 4th last time over 1700m at Pornichet on February 16th in a Class 3 handicap. Might find a few of these too smart
- 10. BANDASTAR** - Won the last two runs, both at this track over 1900m, with the latter on December 30th in a handicap. Can not be ruled out of the frame
- 11. AL ALAALI** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that at Chantilly in a Class 3 handicap on January 24th over 2100m. Consider
- 12. SOLAIRE** - Has several unplaced runs of late, the latest over 2000m in a Class 3 handicap. Out of form and best watched
- 13. MORHIB** - 3rd last time over 1900m on December 22nd in a Class 3 race. More needed in a better race
- 14. EVIPPOS** - 5th last time over 2400m at Pornichet on February 16th in a Class 3 handicap. Has work to do to make the frame

Summary: ALCOTAN (3) ran well when fourth at this track in mid-February when last seen and ought to play a leading role in this event. ISLA DEL SOL (4) has shown her liking for this track having scored here in November over 1900m. She will make her rivals work hard for success. DARK ZEL (7) is one to include in all of the pace bet permutations. ALAMSAR (6) should also have a say in proceedings.

SELECTIONS

ALCOTAN (3) - ISLA DEL SOL (4) - DARK ZEL (7) - ALAMSAR (6)