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C1 - PRIX DU ROCHER DE BOULIGNY - 1100m (a5f 1/2) - TURF - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 28,000

1. DESCARTES - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd at Moulins by winning at Vichy next time out on 26 September over 1000m. Open to any amount of improvement on his reappearance

2. KALEOCREEK - Consistent last-start winner of a 1400m claimer at Compiègne on 6 October. Not taken lightly on his return

3. EGIATEGIA - Improving last-start winner over 1200m at Chantilly on 12 October. Open to further progress on her return

4. MARY GOLD - Consistent sprinter with sound references, including two wins over 1200m at Chantilly. Finished 5th on PSF at Deauville on 15 November and would've regained freshness since

5. QUEEN FLO - Unplaced in her last two outings (8th on PSF over 1300m at Deauville on 19 January on her reappearance) but had been relatively consistent to that point and did register her only career victory on this course

Summary: Improving last-start winner EGIATEGIA (3) has displayed a lot of speed and is good value to make a winning reappearance here on her return from a four-month absence. QUEEN FLO (5) made a discreet comeback (8th) on the PSF at Deauville but did win on her only visit to this course last year so could pose a threat to the selection with blinkers fitted on her return to this course. Last-start winners KALEOCREEK (2) and DESCARTES (1) ought to make their presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

EGIATEGIA (3) - QUEEN FLO (5) - KALEOCREEK (2) - DESCARTES (1)

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C2 - PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU TOURISME - 2200m (a1m 1/2) - TURF - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. GAIDAR - Has proven his form and well-being on PSF recently, including when finishing 3rd on PSF over 2700m in his last start at Chantilly on 16 February, but has considerable means on the grass too. Chief threat

2. LE BUGISTE - Improved with each outing to win his third start at Clairefontaine in October but will need to improve after to be competitive here a disappointing last start (7th) over 3000m at Angers on 22 November

3. BARBATE - Well-bred Frankel colt who had finished 3rd twice, 2nd twice before winning his fifth start. Hasn't been seen since blotting his copybook when finishing 11th over 2900m at Clairefontaine on 29 July

4. CONSORT ROYAL - Consistent for the most part and has sound references, though is more effective on PSF. Finished 6th in her last start over 1900m on PSF at Chantilly on 24 January

5. SEA BREAKER - Capable but inconsistent filly with sound references. Absent since finishing 12th in a Quinte+ handicap over 2500m on PSF at Deauville on 5 December but does represent a stable in good form

6. LAGUNA BEACH - Has competed at a higher level and acquitted herself well when 6th on her reappearance in a stronger race over 2150m at Cagnes on 5 February. Ideally engaged to reconnect with success here

Summary: As the highest-rated runner in the race, LAGUNA BEACH (6) is favourably treated on these weight terms so could make the most of this ideal commitment by winning her first race on French soil. GAIDAR (1) is in good form and physical condition so capable of spoiling those plans. BARBATE (3) also has the means to pose a threat, if not in need of the run on his return to action, while SEA BREAKER (5) represents a stable in good form so deserves a mention too.

SELECTIONS

LAGUNA BEACH (6) - GAIDAR (1) - BARBATE (3) - SEA BREAKER (5)

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C3 - PRIX JEAN GILLOIS - 2200m (a1m 1/2) - TURF - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27,000

1. RAYBIYA - Caught the eye on debut when running on well once the penny had dropped to finish 3rd over 1900m (PSF) at Chantilly on 15 February. Holds a Group I Prix de Diane entry

2. JALNAR - Confirmed the promise of her debut 4th over 1800m at ParisLongcamp by finishing 2nd over 1900m on PSF at Chantilly when last seen on 31 October. Supplemented to run here so has to be seriously respected

3. SHEEMA'S ROSE - Finished 4th on debut in a 2150m claiming race on turf at Cagnes before finishing a disappointing 8th in his last start on PSF over the same distance at Lyon-La SOie on 8 February. Has scope to improve

4. FRIENDS DREAM - Made no impression on debut when finishing 10th on PSF over 1900m at Deauville on 3 February. Needs to improve

5. TONIGHT - Finished an encouraging 4th on debut over 1800m on this course back in November. Will have more to offer on her reappearance with the benefit of that experience

6. WARMY SUN - Finished a pleasing albeit unlucky 5th on debut over 1900m on PSF at Chantilly on 15 February. RAYBIYA (1) was ahead that day so she'll need to improve to turn the tables

7. BIMBO - Hasn't gone unnoticed in two starts on PSF over 1900m at Deauville, the most recent of which when finishing 6th on 3 February. Can improve switching to the turf now

8. HEAREN - Showed enough to work with when finishing 6th on debut over 1800m on this course. Would have gained plenty from that experience

9. SPERA - Caught the eye when unlucky not to have achieved a better result on debut at Deauville, finishing 7th over 1600m on 18 October. Big runner

10. THE SEVEN SEAS - Seahenge debutante, from the stable of C. Hugué and G. Taupin, to be ridden by Mickaël Forest. Best just to watch for now

Summary: The only runner in the race with a Group I Classic entry, RAYBIYA (1) ran like a filly with considerable promise when running on well to finish 3rd over 1900m on debut. She would have gained plenty from that experience and the step up to this trip should serve her interests. Well-bred SPERA (9) was unlucky not to have finished closer when she, too, caught the eye on debut. She is open to any amount of improvement on her reappearance. WARMY SUN (6), another likely to benefit from the experience of an encouraging debut, and supplemented JALNAR (2) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

RAYBIYA (1) - SPERA (9) - WARMY SUN (6) - JALNAR (2)

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C4 - PRIX DES GRANDS CERFS - 2200m (a1m 1/2) - TURF - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. VAZIRHAN** - Hugely disappointing only debut when only finishing 9th over 2150m on PSF at Lyon-La Soie on 3 February. Ought to be better than that display suggests
- 2. MIA MAN** - Runner-up on debut over 1900m on PSF at Deauville and was slightly disappointing, albeit not disgraced, when only 5th over that course and distance on 29 November. Has shown enough to acquit himself well
- 3. ASTROLOGER** - Has finished 2nd in two of his three outings, including his last start over 1950m at Le Mans on 28 September
- 4. TALISE** - Cracksman colt with a Group I entry. Caught the eye on debut when finishing 3rd over 1900m on the PSF at Deauville. Will be a factor
- 5. BEAU PRINCE** - Unplaced in both outings, the latest recent of which was over 2000m at Angers on 22 November. Others are preferred
- 6. KENSTILL** - Was a well-beaten 11th on debut at Deauville on PSF over 1900m on 19 January. Will need to improve to be competitive here
- 7. MISTER GATZ** - Confirmed the promise of his debut 4th over 1500m at Saint-Cloud by improving to finish 2nd over 2000m at this course on 17 November. Warrants respect on his reappearance with further improvement expected
- 8. WILLOWER** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 3rd on debut over 1800m on this course back in November. Would have gained plenty from that experience
- 9. O'WOOD** - Finished an encouraging 3rd on debut over 2000m at Angers on 22 November. Ought to have come on since
- 10. SKY GOLD** - Has finished 7th in both starts over 1900m on PSF at Deauville, including with blinkers (retained here) fitted for the first time on 19 January
- 11. SPEAKER NICKI** - Unplaced in both starts, the most recent of which on PSF over 1900m at Deauville on 3 February. Others are preferred
- 12. INTERNAUTE** - Caught the eye when finishing 4th on debut in a competitive field over 1800m on the turf at ParisLonchamp on 15 October. This son of Sea The Stars and Solémia shouldn't take long to open his account

Summary: INTERNAUTE (12), who holds Group I entries in both the Prix du Jockey Club and Grand Prix de Paris, left a good impression on debut as a two-year-old back in October and is open to any improvement on his reappearance, so it may well pay to follow his progress. TALISE (4) is another likely to build on the promise of an encouraging introduction and ought to pose a threat, so too could improving MISTER GATZ (7) who has shown enough to make his presence felt too. WILLOWER (8) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

INTERNAUTE (12) - TALISE (4) - MISTER GATZ (7) - WILLOWER (8)

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C5 - PRIX DE LA FONTAINE DESIREE - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. DELSHEER** - Has shown his form and well-being on PSF recently, winning over 2500m at Deauville before finishing 2nd at Pornichet over 3100m on 22 February. Not taken lightly, even bak on the turf
- 2. KLASSIC PRECIEUX** - Lightly raced, improving stayer with references over marathon distances. Finished 4th on PSF over 3200m at Chantilly on 9 December in just his third outing
- 3. HAPPY CHRISNAT** - Last-start winner of a minor conditions event over 2900m at Durtal on 17 December. Best watched for now
- 4. INSIGNIA OF RANK** - Showed signs of a return to form dropped to his current mark when finishing 5th on PSF at Pornichet over 3100m on 22 February. More needed
- 5. BARTABELLO** - Unreliable performer whose only career victory was achieved over this track and trip in April 2023. Needs to improve to be competitive back on the turf after finishing 7th over 3100m at Pronichet on 22 February
- 6. SILVER SILK** - Unplaced in both starts last year and in each of his last three outings since the turn of the year, the latest of which was in a 2400m turf handicap at Bordeaux on 22 February
- 7. SERIGNAN** - Runner-up on his reappearance over 2700m on PSF at Chantilly on 16 February. Ought to go one better with improved fitness on his side
- 8. MAESTRO CHOP** - Capable but inconsistent veteran with sound references over this marathon distance, including a last-start 6th over 3200m on PSF at Chantilly on 9 February. Dropped 0,5kg with Maxime Guyon back aboard
- 9. TARCENAY** - Veteran of 161 starts with 13 wins to his name. Was 6th off his current mark over 2000m at Marseille-Borely on 27 February
- 10. AMERICAN POWER** - Inconsistent over obstacles with references on the flat at a lower level. Finished 6th in a steeplechase event over 4100m at Saumur on 25 February
- 11. LEANDER** - Ran well in his first start over a marathon distance last time, finishing 3rd over 3200m on PSF at Chantilly on 9 February. Should have a role to play
- 12. ALF A STAR** - Unreliable veteran mare with references at a lower level, including a last-start 4th over 2400m at Bordeaux on 22 February. Others preferred

Summary: SERIGNAN (7) had led for much of the way before being outrun late into 2nd but could, with a repeat of that performance with the benefit of his rider's 1,5kg allowance, go one better if not using too much petrol to find the lead. LEANDER (11) is another candidate for success after an encouraging 3rd on his seasonal reappearance. Veteran top-weight DELSHEER (1) is drawn wide but lines up here with good form on the PSF to his name, so is capable of posing a threat. MAESTRO CHOP (8) and BARTABELLO (5) will also be competitive for the places.

SELECTIONS

SERIGNAN (7) - LEANDER (11) - DELSHEER (1) - MAESTRO CHOP (8)

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C6 - PRIX DES CHARMES - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- JORDAN BAKER** - Proved his form, well-being and competitiveness off his current mark by finishing 2nd in a 1400m handicap at Bordeaux on 22 February. Need only repeat that performance to fight for victory
- SWEET DAMIANA** - Consistent in handicaps throughout 2023 and ought to improve after a much-needed comeback run (8th) at Nimes on 18 February
- ILDOUCE FLECHOIS** - Last-start winner of a 2000m turf handicap at Saint-Cloud on 24 November and makes his comeback under a 2,5kg penalty with Maxime Guyon engaged to ride. Keep safe
- SUBLIME ATTRACTION** - Has finished 4th twice and 2nd once on the turf but remains without a win after 13 starts and was only 8th in a claimer over 2150m at Cagnes on 21 February. Others preferred
- HURRICANE LIGHT** - Won a 1300m turf handicap at Saint-Cloud on 24 November and ought to remain competitive on his return under a 3kg penalty, having never finished worse than 2nd in three starts under Aurélien Lemaitre
- PISORNO** - Finished a reassuring 6th in a 1400m handicap at Bordeaux on his reappearance recently (22 February) and could fare better still with improved fitness on his side and off a 1,5kg lower mark
- RED CRAZY** - Unplaced in both outings off this mark after back-to-back PSF handicap wins at Deauville in January - could only manage 5th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly last time (23 February). Outsider back on the turf
- PRINCE DES DUNES** - Showed signs of improvement off his current mark when finishing 6th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 15 February. Confirmation required
- FOLLOW YOU** - Winner over hurdles back in August 2022 and has shown his limitations on the flat recently in handicap and claiming races. Was 7th over 1900m on PSF at Chantilly on 24 February
- GOJI BERRY** - Confirmed his competitiveness in consecutive turf handicaps at the end of last year off a mark 0,5kg higher. Finished 5th over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on 24 November
- GOT FROST** - Hard-knocking handicapper whose competitiveness off this mark is beyond doubt, though he seldom wins his races. Finished 4th in consecutive 190m PSF handicaps at Deauville recently, the latest on 3 February
- KOREM** - Long-time maiden (18 starts without success) and inconsistent on both surfaces, though is probably more effective on turf. Finished 8th in a 1400m PSF handicap at Pau on 18 February

Summary: HURRICANE LIGHT (5) and ILDOUCE FLECHOIS (3) closed out their 2023 campaigns with a victory at Saint-Cloud in November and could find themselves fighting for victory on their reappearances under respective penalties. JORDAN BAKER (1) has just shown his form recently and is capable of joining that fight with improved physical condition on his side. PRINCE DES DUNES (8) and GOT FROST (11) also have the means to get involved.

SELECTIONS

HURRICANE LIGHT (5) - ILDOUCE FLECHOIS (3) - JORDAN BAKER (1) - PRINCE DES DUNES (8)

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C7 - PRIX ROSA BONHEUR - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 30,000

1. KAPANI - Runner-up in both starts this year on the turf and, most recently, on PSF at Chantilly over 2700m on 16 February. Keep safe

2. FLATTEN THE CURVE - Ultra-consistent stayer with sound references over this distance and at a higher level. Runner-up over 2700m at Chantilly last time (16 February) behind SCREEN SHOT (6)

3. SAKURACHAN - Most effective with blinkers fitted, which she confirmed by winning a 3000m turf handicap at Bordeaux last time out (28 October). Up 2kg on her return to action without the headgear

4. YEMASKA - Showed his limitations off this mark after back-to-back PSF victories in conditions races at Pornichet and at Deauville. Finished 9th over 3200m in a PSF handicap at Chantilly on 9 February

5. LA TEMPLIERE - Returned to form by finishing 5th in a 3000m handicap over this course and distance on 25 November. Has the means to be competitive on her reappearance

6. SCREEN SHOT - Unbeaten in two starts this year, both on the PSF, and recently got the better of FLATTEN THE CURVE (2) at Chantilly over 2700m despite a 3kg penalty. Chance again

7. BLACK HAWK - Has shown his form and well-being on PSF recently with blinkers fitted (retained here). Finished 4th over 3200m at Chantilly on 9 February and has references on turf

8. FLUTE EN SOL - Finished 6th on her reappearance in a 2100m PSF handicap at Pornichet on 22 February. Needs to improve

9. DREAMS - Lost his way in the second half of 2023 and finished unplaced in both starts on PSF this year - recently over 1900m at Deauville on 3 February. Could do better back on turf off a rating below his last winning mark

10. JAGUARE PRECIEUSE - Won back-to-back handicaps on PSF last month over 3200m at Chantilly and over 2700m at that venue last time out on 16 February. Carries another 4kg penalty and lacks references on turf

11. QUARTZDARGENT - Runner-up in consecutive handicaps over 2800m and 3000m before finishing 9th over 2100m on the PSF at Chantilly on 24 January. Outsider

12. GOOD QUESTION - Last-start winner of a 2500m handicap at Cagnes on 21 February. Up 2kg for that win so has more to do now

Summary: FLATTEN THE CURVE (2) has not won since April but could belatedly be rewarded for his consistency by avenging his last-start defeat at the hooves of hat-trick seeking SCREEN SHOT (6), who has another penalty to carry but should remain competitive. Versatile KAPANI (1) has the means to stake a claim too, with the shortlist completed by the returning LA TEMPLIERE (5).

SELECTIONS

FLATTEN THE CURVE (2) - SCREEN SHOT (6) - KAPANI (1) - LA TEMPLIERE (5)

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C8 - PRIX GEORGES DERCOURT - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 30,000

1. **ROUGEGARDE** - Won four of his previous six starts before finishing 7th over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly on 20 May. Must be taken seriously on his reappearance
2. **ITHAQUE** - Consistent for the most part and has sound references on turf, so should fare better reverting to this surface after a last-start 15th on PSF over 1600m at Chantilly on 15 February
3. **LADY CHAPEL** - Returned from a five-month absence to win consecutive PSF outings in October, the latest over 1800m at Lyon-La Soie. Up 3kg on her reappearance switching back to the turf
4. **LEPARD** - Finished 7th in a Quinté+ on 5 February and would have come on with the benefit of that comeback outing. Blinkers fitted for the first time
5. **PUERTO MADERO** - Consistent for the most part but has been more effective on PSF recently with references at a higher level. Finished 11th in a 1600m PSF handicap on 15 February but remains capable of better
6. **RISING BLAST** - SHowed early promise and has remained relatively consistent to this point. Has not been since finishing 8th in a Quinte+ handicap over 1800m at Dieppe on 31 July
7. **MR GOODNIGHT** - Inconsistent but has sound references at this level on both surfaces. Was 10th in a 1300m PSF handicap at Deauville on 28 November
8. **KIMINA** - Finished on the podium in both outings at Fontainebleau but has been largely inconsistent. Finished 9th in a 2000m Saint-Cloud handicap on 24 November
9. **SUNDAY BEST** - Returned to form when finishing 3rd in a minor event at Machecoul over 1650m on 3 February. Needs to do more here
10. **HORTENSIA BASC** - Placed just once in eight starts and was only 14th over 1900m on PSF at Deauville on 12 January. Others are preferred
11. **LONDON WAY** - Returned from an absence of more than 12 months when finishing 7th over 1900m on PSF at Deauville on 10 February
12. **CUSTARD TARTE** - Relatively consistent to this point but has only placed once in eight starts. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th on PS at Deauville over 1900m on 25 January
13. **ZELZALITA** - Non partante

Summary: LEPARD (4) finished a creditable 7th in a recent Quinté+ at Cagnes and should find this an easier task, especially with blinkers fitted for the first time. The returning ROUGEGARDE (1), victorious three times in four outings on this course, is likely to pose a threat along with LADY CHAPEL (3) who has not been seen since October but can put her best foot forward on her comeback. KIMINA (8) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

LEPARD (4) - ROUGEGARDE (1) - LADY CHAPEL (3) - KIMINA (8)