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C1 - PRIX DE BILHERES - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 24,700

1. SARMAD - Threatening to win and was runner-up in a Class 2 at Toulouse over 1,600m on 16 October. Hard to rule out

2. DRONGO - Excellent runner-up in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1,800m on 9 November and consistent form before that. Player

3. ROMANUS PONTIFEX - Got off the mark in a Maiden at Marseille-Borely over 1,800m on 17 October when last appearing. Among the leading contenders

4. PRINCE D'AZUR - Successful in a Maiden at Agen Le Passage over 1,850m on 25 October on his third start. Place contender

5. WATCHMAN - Recent win in a Maiden at Marseille Pont De Vivaux over 2,000m on 7 October. He can improve further and can be on the premises

6. SOMEONE - Fourth in a Class 2 at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1,900m on 29 October when last racing. Ought to be in the shake-up

7. CHARMINGSTAR - Came home 6th in a Maiden at Pau over 1,400m on 21 October and three unplaced runs previously. Unlikely to trouble some of these

Summary: SARMAD (1) was second at Toulouse behind a cosy winner in mid-October on his latest start and has solid claims of going one place better. His threat could be DRONGO (2), who was a narrow margin back in third in the Toulouse race and has to be respected. WATCHMAN (5) won narrowly on the PSF in early October on his second start and should keep progressing, as can ROMANUS PONTIFEX (3), who scored at Marseille-Borely in October and is one to pay attention to.

SELECTIONS

SARMAD (1) - DRONGO (2) - WATCHMAN (5) - ROMANUS PONTIFEX (3)

C2 - PRIX GUY DE WATRIGANT - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Condition - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. SKA DE L'AIGLE - Creditable effort when 7th at Toulouse in a Group 1 PA over 2200m on November 1 and 4th before that in a Group 2 PA in Belgium in September. Key player

2. ZAKYNA AL ZARAYAN - Fair 5th last time in a Listed PA race at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on October 29. Competitive performance expected

3. AGANDJIR - Came home 5th at Pau over 2,000m on 21 October in conditions race. Capable of being in the top-three

4. CHAKIFA - Finished 7th at Pau over 2,000m on 21 October in a conditions race and a 3rd before that in September at Toulouse. Merits close attention

5. AINHOA GOLDWIN - Unplaced at La Teste De Buch over 1,800m on 19 August when well beaten. Others more persuasive

6. GLOSSY GWEN - Unplaced last time at Varsovie (POL) in a conditions race on August 24. She has work to do to be a threat

Summary: SKA DE L'AIGLE (1) has been competing in Group PA races recently, with a decent fourth in a Group 2 in Belgium two runs back and a respectable effort at Toulouse 17 days ago in a Group 1. He can score at the expense of ZAKYNA AL ZARAYAN (2), who fared well to be fifth at Bordeaeux Le Bouscat late in October in a Listed PA event. CHAKIFA (4) is also worthy of respect and is capable of making an impact.

SELECTIONS

SKA DE L'AIGLE (1) - ZAKYNA AL ZARAYAN (2) - CHAKIFA (4) - AGANDJIR (3)

C3 - PRIX DE LAROIN - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. BLUE SEA - Finished 7th in a Maiden at La Teste De Buch over 1,600m on 26 August. He has shown talent and has strong each-way claims

2. SIR DASCH - Excellent runner-up in a Class 2 at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1,900m on 29 October. He can make the frame at attractive odds

3. BOOMSLANG - Promise on debut when runner-up in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1,900m on 20 October. Open to progress and warrants close attention

4. SEAVELY - Came home 9th in a Maiden at Pau over 2,000m on 21 October and no placed efforts before that. Hardly inspiring

5. EL LAGAR - Threatening to win and was runner-up in a Maiden at Toulouse over 1,600m on 16 September. He seems progressive and can get off the mark

6. DULCINA CHOP - Finished 4th in a Maiden at Toulouse over 1,600m on 11 November and 4th on debut before that. Others make more appeal

7. HICKORY - Came home 8th in a Maiden at Pau over 2,000m on 21 October on his third start. Among the leading each-way options

8. LIEBERMAN RUN - Gelding by Wooded, the dam won 3 races. Stable runners tend to need a few runs to reach full fitness. The betting can guide to expected performance

9. SARWAY - Colt by Sealiway, the dam was unraced in France. Stable runners tend to improve for a run or two and he is best watched on his racecourse bow

Summary: EL LAGAR (5) seems to be improving and was a pleasing second at Toulouse in a maiden in mid-September on his latest start. He gets the nod over BOOMSLANG (3), who ran with a good amount of promise at Bordeaux Le Bouscat late last month when he was a close-up second in a newcomers race. BLUE SEA (1) is also one to keep onside, he has shaped with promise in his two starts and merits attention each-way. HICKORY (7) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

EL LAGAR (5) - BOOMSLANG (3) - BLUE SEA (1) - HICKORY (7)

C4 - PRIX D'HENDAYE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. DREAMS CHOPE - Absent since a win in a Claimer at La Teste De Buch over 1,400m on 15 July. Layoff to deal with but merits consideration

2. FARDELA - Finished 2nd in a Claimer at Cazaubon-Barbotan over 1,900m on 4 October. This will be more of a test and others preferred

3. HERVARAR -

4. DEESSE D'ARGENT - Creditable effort when third in a Class 2 race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1,900m on 29 October. Unlikely to be a threat

5. CUMPLEANOS - Unplaced in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1,900m on 20 October on her sole start. She will need to improve significantly to feature

6. FLORENCIA - Finished 4th in a Maiden at Pau over 2,000m on 21 October on her latest start. More is needed to make the top-three

7. ZEA MAYS - Finished 10th in a Claimer at Toulouse over 1,600m on 9 October. She looks exposed and has work to do to trouble some of these

8. KATANA - Excellent runner-up in a Maiden at Toulouse over 2,000m on 30 September. Open to improvement and she has leading claims

9. FATHIYYA - Finished 9th in a Maiden at Marseille-Borely over 1,800m on 7 November. She showed promise on her first two runs and has place claims

10. CELENDARIA - Finished 9th in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1,900m on 20 October. Well beaten on debut and can be opposed

11. AROBASE - Filly by De Treville, the dam never raced. Her half-brother Believer is a three time winner, including a Listed race. Nice pedigree and her trainer will have her nicely tuned. In the mix

12. IPI TOMBI - Filly by Dishingis Secret, the dam won 1 race in Germany and was Listed placed. Looks good on paper and she will be ready to go. Any marker influence should be noted

13. VARELA - Filly by Romanised, the dam won 1 race. Some good aspects to her profile and she is worth watching in the betting for clues

Summary: KATANA (8) showed plenty of promise when finishing second at Toulouse in late September and can build on that performance, using her experience to good effect to come out on top. IPI TOMBI (12) has an appealing profile and any market support would be worth noting. AROBASE (11) is another to consider on her racecourse debut and could make an impact, while fellow newcomer VARELA (13) should be well prepared by her shrewd trainer.

SELECTIONS

KATANA (8) - IPI TOMBI (12) - AROBASE (11) - VARELA (13)

C5 - PRIX D'ANDOINS - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,400

1. ZASTER FOR ALL - Three placed runs of late, the most recent when 4th at Pau over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap on October 21. Ought to be in the shake-up

2. T'ES CHIC - Two unplaced runs of late, the most recent in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October. Hardly inspiring

3. GODESSA - Unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October and several unplaced efforts before that. Looks vulnerable

4. ODIN - Won narrowly a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October on his latest start. He might find this harder with a penalty but he has place claims

5. LA PORTUGAISE - Showed promise and was third in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October. Hard to ignore each-way

6. MANA SIS - Threatening to win and was runner-up in a Class 4 Handicap at Deauville over 1,900m on 7 November. Decent effort last time and holds leading claims

7. TOP GLORY - Finished 6th in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October last time. He has several unplaced runs recently and makes limited appeal

8. DAKOVKA - Well held in 7th in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October when last appearing. Alternative options more likely

9. SNATCHER - Finished 9th in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October. He has dropped in the ratings and can make his presence felt

10. ADELA - Good effort when she was runner-up in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October. One to pay attention to

11. GORA ERREALA - Two unplaced runs since a 3rd at Mont-De-Marsan in a Class 4 handicap on July 29 over 1400m. She is well drawn in stall 1 and can make the top-four

12. LORETTEDESOUCHEZ - Finished 8th in a Class 4 at Agen Le Passage over 2,500m on 25 October and she looks unreliable. Pass over

13. SHOWMAN - Finished 6th in a Class 4 at Agen Le Passage over 1,200m on 25 October. He is not the most reliable and others preferred

14. LADY PINK - Her form has regressed and her latest effort was when unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap at Deauville over 1,500m on 21 October. One to avoid

15. AL RASSOUL - Unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October and numerous tame efforts before that. Hard to recommend

Summary: MANA SIS (6) comes here after a pleasing second at Deauville in a handicap 11 days ago and looks capable of going one better. SNATCHER (9) has dropped to a favourable handicap mark and could get involved if returning to form. ADELA (10) has been running consistently and appeals as a solid each-way option, while GORA ERREALA (11) is well drawn and better than recent form figures suggest, making her an interesting contender for a top-four finish.

SELECTIONS

MANA SIS (6) - SNATCHER (9) - ADELA (10) - GORA ERREALA (11)

C6 - PRIX DE L'OUSSE - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,400

1. LADY DARKA - Fifth in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October on her most recent start. Others rate higher

2. MYBOYFRIEND - Finished 8th in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,500m on 3 November and regressive form before that. Can be opposed

3. GAST A GAST - Two unplaced runs since a win at San -Sebastian in a conditions race over 1400m on September 13. Can be competitive despite a wide draw

4. MALICIA - Unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1,900m on 8 October and a 2nd before that. Player

5. DON NICOLAS - Finished 7th in a Class 4 Handicap at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1,900m on 8 October. Capable but he is not the most reliable

6. JORDAN BAKER - Finished 7th in a Class 4 Handicap at Nantes over 1,600m on 2 November and placed on his four previous runs. Place contender

7. BRADIANCOURT - Out of form with numerous poor runs, the most recent when he finished 12th in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October. Pass over

8. PAINT CHOP - Creditable effort when 5th in a Class 4 Handicap at La Teste De Buch over 1,100m on 24 September. He can make the top-three

9. LOR LAGOON - Several unplaced efforts of late, the most recent over 1400m at Toulouse in a Class 4 race on October 9. Out of form and is one to avoid

10. MOLINO - Finished 3rd in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October on his last outing. Solid effort last time and he warrants close attention

11. OLIVA - Ran a nice race when 5th in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October. Among the leading each-way chances

12. GRECIAN RULER - Well held on the last two runs, the latter when 10th in a Class 4 Handicap at Toulouse over 2,000m on 26 October. Faces a stiff task

13. ROCAMBOLESQUE - Fair 5th in a Class 4 Handicap at Deauville over 1,500m on 21 October on his last start. Ought to be in the shake-up

14. RISING UP - Finished 9th in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October and he has three previous tame efforts. Look elsewhere

15. JUBBAH - Three unplaced efforts of late, the latest when 6th in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October. She needs to get back on track

16. VALZAK - Finished 2nd at Pau over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap on October 21 on his latest start. He can make the top-four at nice odds

Summary: GAST A GAST (3) makes the trip from Spain after winning three starts ago at San Sebastián in mid-September. Now racing off a much lower rating, she looks capable of playing a leading role at attractive odds. MOLINO (10) is the main danger, having finished a good third at this track recently following two consecutive wins. MALICIA (4) is well drawn in stall 2 and looks an interesting each-way contender, while ROCAMBOLESQUE (13), who handles most surfaces, also has the potential to feature prominently at the finish.

SELECTIONS

GAST A GAST (3) - MOLINO (10) - MALICIA (4) - ROCAMBOLESQUE (13)

C7 - PRIX DE LESTELLE-BETHARRAM - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - - Flat - EUR € 15,600

1. INFINITY CHOP - Out of form recently, the latest when 14th in a Maiden at Pau over 2,000m on 21 October. Makes no appeal

2. GUJANAIS - Finished 6th on his last start at Agen over 2500m in a Class 3 race on October 25. He is not reliable and others make more sense

3. ANAGRAMME - Excellent runner-up in a Class 3 at Toulouse over 2,000m on 1 November on his last start. He seems progressive and can get off the mark

4. ZIPI - Tad below par last time on September 24, 3rd before that at Tarbes over 2100m in a maiden race on July 3. Capable of being involved

5. POWER GOLD - Finished 8th in a Maiden at Dax over 2,300m on 17 October on his debut. He will need vast progress to make an impact

6. HOGAN BRIDGE - Two solid efforts recently, the latest when he was runner-up in a Maiden at Pau over 2,000m on 21 October. Holds each-way claims

7. KARANDASH - Fair effort to be 4th in a Maiden at Pau over 2,000m on 21 October when last racing. Place contender

8. SAND SWEEPER - Unplaced last time on October 18, 4th previously over 2150m in a claimer at Mont-De-Marsan on July 29. One to pay attention to

9. LA TURBINE - Two unplaced efforts, the most recent when 5th at Madrid (ESP) over 2200m in a conditions race on October 18. Hard to be enthusiastic about

10. NEPTUNE BAILLY - Finished a creditable fifth in a Maiden at Pau over 2,000m on 21 October on her most recent outing. Consider each-way

11. GOLDY BIRD - Finished 7th in a Claimer at Agen Le Passage over 1,850m on 25 October and numerous unplaced runs before that. Unlikely to be a threat

12. BIDEEW - Unplaced in a Claimer at Sable Sur Sarthe over 1,650m on 20 September and two previous below par runs. Hard to fancy

13. CITY OF ANGELS - Finished 4th at Pont De Lima (PRT) over 2200m on October 25 on her latest start. She might need a few of these to falter

14. BLOOMERALL - Better effort to be 4th in a Maiden at La Teste De Buch over 1,900m on 24 September when last seen. Ought to be in the shake-up

15. ALICIA PRINCESS - Unplaced in a Maiden at La Teste De Buch over 1,900m on 24 September on her second start. Look elsewhere

Summary: ANAGRAMME (3) has been placed second on two of his latest three starts, the most recent at Toulouse 17 days ago and he is given the vote ahead of ZIPI (4), who can bounce back from a below par effort in September, and is best judged on his third at Tarbes in July in a maiden event. SAND SWEEPER (8) is another to consider, with each-way aspirations after a solid fourth two runs back in late July. HOGAN BRIDGE (6) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ANAGRAMME (3) - ZIPI (4) - SAND SWEEPER (8) - HOGAN BRIDGE (6)

C8 - PRIX DE TAURIAC - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

1. BE TRUE - Won in a Class 4 at Deauville over 1,900m on 27 October on his latest outing. Handles the all-weather tracks well and can feature

2. CUREJ - Finished 3rd in a Class 3 Handicap at Chantilly over 1,600m on 26 October and a win before that at Deauville in August. Leading contender

3. MANA MAHA - Victorious in a Class 4 Handicap at Toulouse over 1,400m on 9 October and a win before that over the same track/trip in September. Hat-trick of wins is possible

4. BELINSKOV - Fair effort when he finished 5th in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,900m on 4 July. Back from a break and warrants respect

5. OXALIS - Finished 8th in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,900m on 7 November. He won on the PSF in July and might pop up at attractive odds

6. AZOV - Well held on his last two runs, the latter when 9th in a Class 3 Handicap at Toulouse over 2,000m on 26 October. Others rate higher

7. ON Y CROIT - Finished 4th in a Class 4 at La Roche-Posay over 1,700m on 11 October. He has been in form and can not be excluded

8. ETATIQUE - Finished 10th in a Class 3 Handicap at Toulouse over 2,000m on 26 October and out of form before that. Look for an alternative

9. DRUIDE - Finished 5th in a Class 4 Handicap at Toulouse over 2,000m on 26 October. He is not the most reliable and others preferred

10. ABACUR - Seems out of form recently, the latest when unplaced in a Class 4 at Deauville over 1,500m on 30 October. Hard to recommend

11. PASSEPARTOUT - Unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2,400m on 20 October, Not reliable and is one to pass over

12. GRIS DE PERLES - Finished 5th in a Class 4 Handicap at Toulouse over 1,400m on 1 November and numerous below par runs before that. Can be overlooked

13. YACHT SHOW - Excellent runner-up in a Class 4 Handicap at Pau over 1,600m on 21 October. Capable of making the top-four

14. HOLA VALQUIRIA - Two unplaced runs of late, the latter over 1600m at Pau in a Class 4 handicap on October 21. She needs to be more consistent

15. JARKI - Fifth in a Class 4 Handicap at La Teste De Buch over 1,900m on 3 June. He might improve for this run after a layoff

16. DEW POINT - Runner-up in a Class 4 at Marseille Pont De Vivaux over 1,500m on 5 November. Ought to play a leading role

Summary: CUREJ (2) is in good shape recently, with a win at Deauville late in August and a third on his latest start on the PSF at Chantilly on October 26. He gets the verdict over BE TRUE (1), who arrives after success at Deauville late last month in a Class 4 race and can once again give a good account of himself. MANA MAHA (3) is seeking a hat-trick of wins after two wins at Toulouse recently and is a winner on the all-weather at Pornichet last year. DEW POINT (16) heads the rest from the foot of the weights.

SELECTIONS

CUREJ (2) - BE TRUE (1) - MANA MAHA (3) - DEW POINT (16)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
SARMAD (101)

Outsider of the day
GAST A GAST (603)

Reverse forecast
SKA DE L'AIGLE (201) - ZAKYNA AL ZARAYAN (202)

Three pick of the day
SARMAD (101) - SKA DE L'AIGLE (201) - EL LAGAR (305)