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R4 LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU HARAS DES FAUNES - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition
Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 27.000**

1. MALINOVKA - Debut winner over 1400m at this course and is likely to have improved with the benefit of that outing. Will have more to offer and should fight out the finish

2. JULICA - Showed plenty of promise when making a winning debut over this course and distance. She ought to have gained from that experience and she can double up

3. CALON LAN - The only unraced runner in the field, a Bruno de Montzey-trained Seabhac gelding out of Patrona Cianato be ridden by Alejandro Gutiérrez Val

4. FRONDAISON - Confirmed the promise of her debut (4th) by improving to finish 2nd last time out in a claimer. Could get into the money

5. GOFAS - Has the most experience of these runners but has not shown enough to play a leading role here. Others are preferred

Summary : JULICA (2) revealed serious means when making a winning debut and is open to any amount of improvement, so it could pay to follow her progress. Fellow first-start scorer MALINOVKA (1) fits a similar profile and is the chief threat. Bruno de Montzey-trained newcomer CALON LAN (3) is another to note, while stablemate FRONDAISON (4) has the form and experience to make his presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

JULICA (2) - MALINOVKA (1) - CALON LAN (3) - FRONDAISON (4)



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**C2 - PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME DE POMPADOUR - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF
- Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000**

1. BO LYWOOD - Was a well-beaten 12th in a Quinte+ on PSF last time and ought to do better at this level reverting to the turf

2. BASELITZ - Consistent performer boasting sound form references. Wasn't disgraced (6th) in his only outing in a handicap

3. EBAUCHE - Blotted his copybook in a Quinte+ last time but is a lot better than that effort suggests and should pose more of a threat here

4. SALT FLAKE - Progressive last-start winner pitched into a handicap for the first time but is more than capable of following up

5. LOVE TRUE - Won a similar race/handicap by a convincing margin last time and remains competitive despite a 2,5kg penalty

6. EYGALIERES - Unreliable sort but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is not easy to rule out

7. LUXU - Remains a maiden after 15 starts and her improved recent efforts were at a lower level. Others are preferred

Summary : Progressive SALT FLAKE (4), having finished 2nd in consecutive prior outings, was not winning out of turn last time and has looked capable of following up here on handicap debut. DRAFT (3), unplaced in a Quinte+ event recently, is likely to fight for victory if bouncing back to his earlier form. Both last-start winner LOVE TRUE (5) and top-weight BO LYWOOD (1) ought to make their presence felt and should have a say in the finish.

SELECTIONS

SALT FLAKE (4) - EBAUCHE (3) - LOVE TRUE (5) - BO LYWOOD (1)



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C3 - FRENCH ARABIAN BREEDERS' CHALLENGE - POULAINS - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 45.000

1. **AFJAN EX MAHBOOP** - Got the better of EXTRA TIME (7) in just his second start back in July and is open to any amount of improvement. Keep safe
2. **SHEMLWOL** - Not disgraced in finishing 5th on debut and showed good improvement to win at this course last time out. Can do even better
3. **NO REPLY AL MAURY** - Beaten as the favorite in a recent Group III but acquitted himself well that day with a fast-finishing 3rd. Has a role to play
4. **ALSHANFARA** - Won a Group II in the early summer at Chantilly but was disappointing when only 6th last time. Capable of better
5. **NASSER AL SHAHANIA** - Made an encouraging winning debut but failed to confirm that promise by finishing well beaten last time. Needs to bounce back
6. **SOLMAX** - Finished a creditable 5th on debut and would have gained plenty from that experience. Up in trip now and could have more to offer but this does look tougher
7. **EXTRA TIME** - Has confirmed the promise of his debut 2nd in convincing style, including a Group I success at Deauville recently. One to beat
8. **ANGUS** - Made good improvement to finish 3rd at his second start. Will find this tougher though, so others are preferred

Summary : EXTRA TIME (7) sets a good standard here after his Group I success at Deauville last month. However, both NO REPLY AL MAURY (3) and AFJAN EX MAHBOOP (1) are likely to pose a threat and capable of fighting for victory. Behind these three principal contenders, ALSHANFARA (4) makes the most appeal as he remains capable of better than his last start may suggest.

SELECTIONS

EXTRA TIME (7) - NO REPLY AL MAURY (3) - AFJAN EX MAHBOOP (1) - ALSHANFARA (4)



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C4 - PRIX OCCITANIE - 1900m (a1 3/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Flat - EUR € 55.000

1. KHAHIRA - Both wins were in 2022 but she has run well in better races than this and she is clearly not out of it

2. SWIFTWAY - Not disgraced when runner-up last time out and has won twice in Spain but needs to find a few lengths to win this race

3. CENTORINA - Always gives of her best and picked up a claimer win last time out. This is a tougher race and others are preferred

4. WILD PANSY - Not disgraced when fifth last time out. She has ability and should fight out the finish this course and distance

5. MISSVENICIA - Clearly needed her first run of the year when fourth and won well last time out. Has more to offer and deserves the utmost respect

6. AKAGERA - Only modest since winning on debut. Seventh at Vichy and she is probably best watched this time

7. VAUX LE VICOMTE - Has not done too much wrong so far with two wins in her three starts. This is a tougher task but she can earn some money

8. ELZORA - Not disgraced when runner-up last time out at this course. More needed to win this race but could earn some money

9. UNE PERLE - Much improved of late and won a handicap last time out. Has more to offer but this is a tougher ask. Might place

10. SUNBURST - Both wins were on the PSF and she won well last time out. Consistent on the turf and has a winning chance

Summary : SUNBURST (10) has continued to impress and having, deservedly, reconnected with success last time is more than capable of following up in this Listed event. WILD PANSY (4) and MISSVENICIA (5), both of whom have serious means, appear the most likely dangers to the selection and both should have a role to play in the finish. KHAHIRA (1), VAUX LE VICOMTE (7) and ELZORA (8) are also competitive at this level so ought to make their presence felt.

SELECTIONS

SUNBURST (10) - WILD PANSY (4) - MISSVENICIA (5) - KHAHIRA (1)



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C5 - FRENCH ARABIAN BREEDERS' CHALLENGE - POULICHES - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 45.000

1. TULAITILA - Did not show much on her debut when seventh but did improve when runner-up over at this course last time out. Might play a minor role

2. AL AFREETAH - Has improved with each run since her debut in June and won at this course last time out. Can contest the finish

3. AL BASRA - Did not show much on debut when seventh but did improve when third at this course last time out. More needed to win this race

4. HEMIAN - Fair form so far but has yet to win a race and she is probably better over further. Others are preferred

5. ALRASHA - A good debut winner over 1400m at this course. It is better than her recent attempt in a Group I. Not out of it

6. AFRICA DE MONLAU - Runner-up on debut and won well second time out. Showed good aptitude for the La Teste track and could be the one to be with

7. KAWAII D'VIALETES - A good winner of her debut in July. A tougher ask this time over a bit further but she deserves respect for that win

8. ASSLAN AL SHAHANIA - Undeclared in two outings, including at this course last time out. Looks quite capable of completing the hat-trick

9. HALEEMA AL SHAHANIA - Pleasant winner on its debut but was well beaten at this course last time out. Others are preferred

10. IVOIRE ET OR - Only fair in her three starts so far. This is a stronger race and she needs to find a few lengths to win

Summary : AFRICA DE MONLAU (6) and ASSLAN AL SHAHANIA (8) are exciting prospects with bright futures. They are standout picks in this event and likely to dominate the finish. Improving AL AFREETAH (2) appeals most of the remainder and is capable of posing a threat to the principal pair in this Group II contest. Despite their disappointing displays last time, both ALRASHA (5) and HALEEMA AL SHAHANIA (9) have the means to get into the picture. TULAITILA (1) comes next.

SELECTIONS

AFRICA DE MONLAU (6) - ASSLAN AL SHAHANIA (8) - AL AFREETAH (2) - ALRASHA (5)



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C6 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE BIGANOS (PRIX DU LIVRE "LA COURSE PARFAITE") - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 17.000

1. SPANISH LIGHT - Showed some improvement when third in a claimer last time out. This is a tougher race and others are preferred

2. AQUILON - Very consistent so far and may have just needed the run when third over this course and distance last time out. Fitter and could be ready to win

3. STAR PLATINUM - Disappointing last run when eighth at this course. Did better before that and should contest the finish once again

4. ODEMAR - Much improved last run when third. Likely to be fitter this time and he should be right there at the finish

5. ILE SAINT LOUIS - Good finisher over 1,600 meters, she will appreciate the longer distance. Clearly she is not out of it

6. SAHARA MIST - A fair debut when runner-up but did not repeat it in her second start. Returns from a break and change of trainer. Can upset

7. SALON STARLET - Not disgraced when fourth on her debut earlier this month. Drops in distance and this could be tougher. Place chance

8. PREMIERE D'ESTEJO - Disappointing form of late and was only ninth in a claimer last time out. Needs major improvement to win this race

9. SIXTEEN TONS - Coming from Spain where she had shown fair form, this new resident of Philippe Sogorb could improve on a recent sixth place finish. Might place

10. CASTANA - A three-year-old filly by Siyouni out of Acatama who is making her debut. Watch the betting

Summary : An open race in which AQUILON (2), after finishing 3rd in three consecutive outings, ODEMAR (4), an encouraging 3rd on his reappearance, and STAR PLATINUM (3), given his good record at this track, are the most likely winners. ILE SAINT LOUIS (5) possesses a smart turn of foot so cannot be discounted, although both SIXTEEN TONS (9) and SALON STARLET (7) are not devoid of ability either and will have their supporters.

SELECTIONS

AQUILON (2) - ODEMAR (4) - STAR PLATINUM (3) - ILE SAINT LOUIS (5)



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**C7 - PRIX MILLKOM - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Flat
- EUR € 55.000**

1. KENDLY - Ignore his last run in Group company and will do a lot better in this Listed race. Should be right there at the finish

2. BESHTANI - Improving and is coming off two good wins this distance. This is a tougher task but could be suited by the course. Has a winning chance

3. GREY TORNADO - A bit of a disappointment when only fifth last time out but was in good form before that and could play a minor role

4. DANCE AHEAD - Much improved recently, winning consecutive outings at his last two starts. Faces a tougher task here, so can be ruled out

5. SOMMERSUN - Won five times in Spain in 2022. Not as good this year and this is a tougher ask. Others are preferred

6. HALF HALF - Very versatile and he has just performed well in the Grand Handicap de Deauville. Deserves respect for that run and is clearly not out of it

7. KOVROV - Fit and he remains in good form. Has only run over this distance and looks the right one in this race

8. ROYAL SHAKE - Disappointing in his last two starts, finishing 7th on both occasions, and probably most effective up to 1400m. Others are preferred

9. IZASTEP - Always gives of his best. Runner-up over this course and distance last time out. Tougher task but could finish in the money

10. SHALROMY - Both wins from her have been on the PSF and she was disappointment when only seventh last time out. Capable of better and could upset

Summary : On the form of his 4th in the Group III Prix Daphnis last time out, KOVROV (7) makes the most appeal of the runners engaged in this Listed contest. Returning KENDLY (1), who got the better of the selection in their clash at Toulouse, and HALF HALF (6), who finished an excellent 2nd in the Grand Handicap of Deauville against his elders, lead the list of potential dangers, that also includes progressive hat-trick seeking BESHTANI (2).

SELECTIONS

KOVROV (7) - KENDLY (1) - HALF HALF (6) - BESHTANI (2)