ANGERS [R-H] - 09 May

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA POTARDIERE - 1600m CL3. Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **CENTRAL PARK WEST** - Hasn't won for 16 months adding to the drought last start when beaten 10 lengths into 15th over 1850m at Longchamp. Finding it hard to break through but finds the right race to break through.

2. **MIAMI VOICE** - Beaten 4 lengths into seventh when resuming last start over 1600m at Chantilly. Rates highly and expected to do much better with that run under his belt.

3. **PERSEVERANTS** - Hasn't really fired in two runs since a spell the latest when beaten 3.5 lengths into fifth over 1600m at La Teste De Buch. Looks hard to beat.

4. **AVRILOMANOIR** - Resumes from a break of six months. Finished 16th at his most recent appearance over 1500m at Deauville All Weather. Expected to run well.

5. **EARLY LIGHT** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 3.5 lengths into fourth over 1600m at Chantilly. Strips fitter and is among the chances.

6. XOSPHERA - Filly by Exosphere from L'hommee on debut. Watching brief this time around.

Summary: PERSEVERANTS (3) shaped well when beaten 3.5L fifth in a Class Two conditions event at La Teste last outing. Noted on ratings and looks the one to beat. EARLY LIGHT (5) has some fair form to his name and cannot be dismissed following a solid fourth over 1600m at Chantilly. Consider. The unexposed MIAMI VOICE (2) indicated ability in three runs to date. May strip fitter for a recent conditions seventh at Chantilly. Thereabouts. CENTRAL PARK WEST (1) is next best.

Selections

PERSEVERANTS (3) - EARLY LIGHT (5) - MIAMI VOICE (2) - CENTRAL PARK WEST (1)



1. **LAGOA SANTA** - Recorded her maiden success last time as favourite out over 1400m at Strasbourg after a change in gear. Found winning form and can go on with it.

2. **PEDROCHEC** - Wasn't expected to do much when fresh from a spell last start at Bordeaux over 1400m and wound up in ninth beaten 15 lengths. Can do much better this time with the run under his belt.

3. **RECORWOMAN** - Scored over 1400m at Saint Cloud two back then missed the frame last time out over 1400m at Saint Cloud. Looks tested again.

4. **CIVNYAN** - Well held last start when eighth over 1800m at Fontainebleau to continue a run of plain efforts. Better than recent form suggests and he can improve sharply.

5. JAH WORK - 10 lengths fourth behind Speedy Charm at Nantes over 1400. Positive jockey booking.

6. **HONNEUR'S LODESTAR** - Well held last start when seventh over 2000m at Le Lion-D'angers to continue a run of plain efforts. Prepared to risk on recent form.

7. **ISICA** - In both runs this preparation she has loomed up then faded the latest when 11th over 2100m at Pornichet. Fitter now and better placed coming back in distance.

8. **SOHO DELIGHT** - Form either side of a spell has been fairly disappointing and comes into this after finishing 17.3L off the winner resuming at Saint Cloud on a soft track. Prefer others.

9. **HYPNOTIZED** - Battled last start to finish eighth over 1400m at Saint Cloud, adding to a sequence of plain results. Well placed in this line-up and can improve.

10. LA BAROCHE - The first up run was just average finishing seventh and beaten 16 lengths over 1600m at Nantes. Will take a lot from that run and is in the mix.

Summary: Supplemented LAGOA SANTA (1) shed the maiden tag when narrowly scoring over 1400m at Strasbourg making her first turf outing. Looks a leading player on ratings and could have more to offer. JAH WORK (5) shaped fairly managing fourth making debut at Nancy last October and is worth considering with Soumillon an eye-catching booking. LA BAROCHE (10) brings three placings from five outings attempting this distance. May make the frame. PEDROCHEC (2) could place on best figures.

Selections LAGOA SANTA (1) - JAH WORK (5) - LA BAROCHE (10) - PEDROCHEC (2)



1. **SRIDEDGREEN** - In the money two starts back at Saint Cloud but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 3100m at Nantes last time. Noted.

2. **ANGELO DREAM** - Seasoned galloper who hasn't broken through for 23 months. Wasn't far away last time when second over 2900m at Senonnes-Pouance. Not dismissed.

3. **MAX LA FRIPOUILLE** - Yet to find the frame in two runs since resuming from a spell the latest effort a fourth over 3100m at Saint Cloud three weeks ago. Hard to beat on his best form.

4. **EOS QUERCUS** - Ready to peak after two runs back the latest effort a fifth over 2400m at La Teste De Buch. Worth including in calculations.

5. **HIGH RIVER** - Resumes from a break of 13 months. Finished fourth at his most recent appearance over 2650m at Chateaubriant. Expected to run well.

6. **DELTA BAIE** - Returned from a spell and was easily accounted for when sixth over 2850m at Loudeac. Fitter but others are better placed.

7. VALOUR - Has not raced since finishing 15th over 2500m at Deauville on August 14. Among the chances.

Summary: MAX LA FRIPOUILLE (3) stays this trip well. Produced a solid fourth among Class Three company at Saint-Cloud last-time out and holds notable claims maintaining a good career record. ANGELO DREAM (2) finished runner-up on his past two outings including tackling this class at Senonnes in latest. One to note. HIGH RIVER (5) has not been seen for over a year but is worth considering with Soumillon booked on reappearance. SRIDEDGREEN (1) cannot be discounted.

Selections MAX LA FRIPOUILLE (3) - ANGELO DREAM (2) - HIGH RIVER (5) - SRIDEDGREEN (1)



Race 4 - PRIX OUEST FRANCE (PRIX DU CINQUANTENAIRE D'EVENTARD) - 2100m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **SAKURACHAN** - Kicked off this campaign last time out with a 14th over 2000m at Fontainebleau. Strips fitter this time and can feature in the finish.

2. **COMTESSE VERA** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished ninth over 2100m at Senonnes-Pouance on April 13. Forward showing expected.

3. **SUN JOY** - Building up to a maiden win. In the placings for the first time last start when second over 2100m at Le Pin Du Haras. Ready to open his account this time.

4. **SAVIO** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fourth over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly on April 23. Rates highly this time.

5. **MARCELINE DESJY** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished fifth over 2300m at Le Mans on April 28. Might just find this lot a bit smart.

6. **MORANDI SECOND** - Solid effort last start when resuming beaten 1.4 lengths into fourth over 2100m at Senonnes-Pouance. Worth including.

7. **QUEENLY** - Fair effort last start beaten 2.25 lengths into third over 2200m at Fontainebleau. Solid top-three chance.

8. **BUCHY** - Beaten 4 lengths into second at Fontainebleau two starts ago then appeared at Senonnes-Pouance last time and finished 3 lengths from the winner in sixth. Will need to do a bit more.

9. **TWO DOOR SALOON** - Has not raced since finishing one length away in second over 1700m at Pornichet on March 3. Did finish in the money first-up last prep at Bath (UK) over 1152m. Has solid claims while fresh.

10. **JARDINIER** - Resumes today after showing glimpses of ability in his first campaign. At the latest outing he finished ninth over 2100m at Pornichet on March 6. Prefer to watch this time.

11. **KIBAALE** - Has done nothing in three runs to date the latest when beaten 5.5 lengths into eighth over 1600m at Compiegne. Happy enough to avoid.

12. **CANIAR DE LUXE** - Started this campaign in poor form last start finishing sixth and beaten 7 lengths over 2500m at Nancy. Needs to do more.

Summary: SUN JOY (3) showed plenty of promise among maiden company so far including when second at Le Pin Du Haras last outing. Leading player with improvement expected now handicapping. SAVIO (4) backed up a handicap debut success finishing fourth over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly last start. Set to be involved. QUEENLY (7) remains a maiden after fourteen attempts but is hard to rule out following a trio of good handicap efforts. MORANDI SECOND (6) is lightly raced and not one to dismiss.

Selections SUN JOY (3) - SAVIO (4) - QUEENLY (7) - MORANDI SECOND (6)



1. **ZARAK THE BRAVE** - Went down by just 0.9 lengths when third at Chantilly over 2400m last time out. Leading prospect.

2. **MORMONA** - Lightly raced gelding progressing well. Scored his maiden win last start by 3 lengths over 2400m at Nantes. Shapes up nicely.

3. **KANE ORE** - Won her maiden two back at Cagnes-Sur-Mer then could only manage fifth last start over 2000m at Saint Cloud. Has ability and is among the chances.

4. **TCHAKOVIEV** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fifth over 2400m at Saint Cloud on April 8. Must be respected.

5. **AUDE** - Handy stayer fitter for two runs back the latest when sixth over 1900m at Bordeaux on a soft track. Fitter for recent efforts but needs to do more.

6. **NOBLE STAR** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished fourth over 2100m at Toulouse on April 24. Didn't fire last start but is capable of better.

Summary: ZARAK THE BRAVE (1) won by 7L beating Mormona in a maiden at Le Croise-Laroche before finishing a good runner-up among Class Two company at Chantilly. Open to further progress and looms a major contender. TCHAKOVIEV (4) indicated plenty of ability in four outings to date and ran better than the finishing position suggests when fifth at Saint-Cloud in latest. Player under Soumillon. NOBLE STAR (6) must be respected on ratings. Ran fairly when fourth in the Listed Prix Caravelle - Haras des Granges at Toulouse last-time out. KANE ORE (3) is another to note.

Selections

ZARAK THE BRAVE (1) - TCHAKOVIEV (4) - NOBLE STAR (6) - KANE ORE (3)



1. **ANTE POST** - Third over 1600m at this track on debut last November. Solid chance.

2. **SOLILOQUE** - Maiden galloper who has placed at all three runs the latest third over 1950m at Chateaubriant. Progressing well and will go close.

3. **ULTRA BRIGHT** - Improved on the debut performance last time out when fourth over 2400m at Saint Cloud. In the mix.

4. PRINCESSE GLORY - Non-runner.

5. **DREAM STORY** - Finished midfield at her first start last time out over 2100m at Le Pin Du Haras 5.5 lengths from the winner in sixth. Improver who can sneak into the finish.

6. **TOLEDE** - Went down by just half a length when second at Lyon La Soie over 2150m last time out. Very hard to toss.

7. **SIDE TO SIDE** - Resumes. Finished off last campaign with a eighth over 1600m at Clairefontaine on October 22. Likely to need this run.

8. **GUADALEST** - Resumed from a spell last start with a ninth over 1600m at Nantes. Best watched.

9. **JANELLA** - Well held on debut over 2500m Deauville when eighth beaten 24 lengths. Don't think she will trouble this field.

10. **LADY LOU** - Last appeared three months ago when she finished 5 lengths from the winner in fourth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather.

11. **QUEENMANIA** - Didn't threaten on debut over 1600m at Saint Cloud five weeks ago. Could improve.

12. NATECLIFF - Unraced gelding by Whitecliffsofdover out of Esquinade. Prepared to watch this time.

13. JARDIN SECRET - Son of Agent Secret from Valle D'ossau making his debut. Betting check.

14. **JODOUCE FLECHOISE** - Daughter of Al Namix from Smadouce making her debut. Prefer to see her under race conditions.

Summary: SOLILOQUE (2) found the frame in all three starts to date. Managed a solid third over 1950m at Chateaubriant last-time and is of note back up in trip. ANTE POST (1) shaped well when third tackling 1600m at this venue making initial outing last November. Open to improvement for a top yard and will surely be in the mix. TOLEDE (6) built on a debut sixth when runner-up behind a subsequent winner tackling the AW at Lyonla-Soie. One to consider. QUEENMANIA (11) could improve dramatically for a leading yard.

Selections SOLILOQUE (2) - ANTE POST (1) - TOLEDE (6) - QUEENMANIA (11)



1. **VIGO** - Has been in the market at his last couple of starts but hasn't made an impression most recently finishing 11th over 2100m at Senonnes-Pouance. Likely to measure up.

2. **INFANTE ALEXIA** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished third over 2350m at Machecoul on April 18. Likely to play a big role.

3. **JACK'S SON** - Has not raced since finishing half a length away in third over 2200m at Niort on October 17. Worth noting he filled a minor placing first-up last prep at Landivisiau over 2150m. Looking to others.

4. **PARK SQUARE** - Not the most reliable conveyance. Moderate effort last time when 8 lengths from the winner in 12th over 1950m at Le Mans. Disappointing of late and others are preferred.

5. **ESTIBERE** - Fitter for recent racing and looks close to a win after finishing third over 2400m at La Teste De Buch last time. Worth including.

6. **MULTAMIS** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when seventh over 1950m at Le Mans a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 4 lengths. Capable of sharp improvement.

7. **MISSRIYA** - Finding it hard to break through finishing fifth last time out over 1950m at Le Mans. Can bounce back

8. **TRANCOSO** - Finished fourth last start over 2400m at La Roche-Posay when he had to contend with an awkward barrier.

9. **SASHEMY** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when 13th over 1950m at Le Mans a week-and-a-half ago beaten 8 lengths.

10. **HEART BRAKER** - Returns after a break of four-and-a-half months. Finished his last campaign impressively scoring by a head over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Capable of picking up where he left off.

11. **CHELSEE** - Beaten 0.8 lengths into second at Senonnes-Pouance two starts ago then appeared at Loudeac last time and finished 13 lengths from the winner in fourth. Contender on best form.

12. **LE MANDARIN** - Last raced 20 months ago when beaten 4 lengths into seventh over 2100m at Evreux. Has transferred to the Ludovic Gadbin yard since that appearance. Wait and see how he comes back.

13. **MUNTASEER** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 1950m at Le Mans on April 28. Plenty to like about his prospects.

14. **MIENGO** - Well in the market last but disappointed when 13 lengths away in eighth over 1700m at La Roche-Posay. Must do better.

15. **DON PAPA** - Fitter for recent racing and looks close to a win after finishing second over 1950m at Le Mans last time. Not dismissed.

16. WHAT A STORY - Hasn't won in three years. Pulled-up last start over 2600m at Morlaix. Looking to others.

Summary: ESTIBERE (5) follows up a 2L third in a Class Four handicap at La Teste. Player at the same level. INFANTE ALEXIA (2) finished third in a similar Class Four handicap at Machecoul last outing. Noted off the same mark under Theo Bachelot. DON PAPA (15) and MUNTASEER (13) were second and third in a similar contest last-time and both could be involved once more.

Selections ESTIBERE (5) - INFANTE ALEXIA (2) - DON PAPA (15) - MUNTASEER (13)



1. **SIR GEORGE** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fourth over 2400m at Nantes on April 9. Sure to improve again. Chance.

2. **PERLE D'IVOIRE** - Yet to hit her straps in two runs this time in work, the latest effort a 11th over 1600m at Bordeaux. Likely improver who definitely worth including.

3. **YOUMSOVAIN** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when fifth over 1600m at Nantes a week ago beaten 4 lengths.

4. **PAGES** - Stepping back in trip after finishing seventh over 1950m at Chateaubriant last time out. In the right race this time and is among the chances.

5. **TOTEM** - Handy stayer who has been plain of late including last start when well held over 2400m at Nantes.

6. **LAST BRIGHT** - Resumes from a break of three-and-a-half months. Finished 12th at her most recent appearance over 3100m at Pornichet. Unbeaten at this distance.

7. **MORNING FIVE** - Five-year-old gelding who drops in trip from the last start when fourth over 2900m at Durtal finishing 4 lengths off the winner. Must be respected.

8. **ABAN** - Not the most reliable conveyance. Moderate effort last time when 7 lengths from the winner in seventh over 3100m at Saint Cloud. Has ability and can break through.

9. **LIB DUBAWI** - Didn't threaten when resuming from a spell last time out finishing sixth over 2400m at Toulouse. Has won second up before and can improve sharply.

10. **IRISH STORM** - Not a bad run last start when fifth at Chateaubriant over 1950m beaten 2.25 lengths. Among the chances.

11. **MONTECRUZ** - Form in recent times has been moderate including a last start eighth over 1950m at Le Mans. Has had plenty of chances and makes little appeal.

12. **ASPHODELE MIA** - Lines up for the first time since December 18. Closed the last campaign in lukewarm fashion with a 17th over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather the latest offering. Prefer to see how she has returned.

13. **SOLEIL COUCHANT** - Last appeared 21 months ago when he finished 2.5 lengths from the winner in second over 2850m at Loudeac. Did finish in the money first-up last prep at Loudeac over 2850m. Unlikely to threaten.

14. **HARIQ** - Resumed over 2400m at Lyon La Soie last start and finished 8 lengths away in seventh. Fitter and rates highly.

15. **GOLDSTONE** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly on April 14. Well placed to take this out.

16. **SPIRIT OF DANCE** - Broke back into the top-three last start when third at Nantes over 3700m beaten 3.5 lengths. Good course record.

Summary: SPIRIT OF DANCE (16) is two from three over course and distance and arrives off the back of a solid third tackling 3700m at Nantes. Versatile regarding trip and hard to discount. GOLDSTONE (15) produced a 2L third attempting 2400m at Lyon-Parilly and is an interesting runner making stable debut having been supplemented. SIR GEORGE (1) certainly has the ability to go well in this grade and might be thereabouts on a Class Three handicap third produced at Bordeaux in March. PAGES (4) cannot be dismissed.

Selections

SPIRIT OF DANCE (16) - GOLDSTONE (15) - SIR GEORGE (1) - PAGES (4)



COMPIEGNE [L-H] - 09 May

Race 1 - PRIX BENJAMIN BOUTIN - 1800m HCP CL2. Purse EUR €50,000.

1. **SWEET VICTORY** - Showed some fair form last year but has plenty to find with Kimina and Pingo on latest effort.

2. **SUSU'S DIMPLES** - Sole win came over course and distance. Arrives following a pair of solid runs at Chantilly AW. Key player.

3. KIMINA - Good 2.5L runner-up in a 1800m Class Two handicap at Fontainebleau recently. Chance.

4. **FAYONA** - Dropped 1kg for finishing ninth behind some of these at Fontainebleau four weeks ago. Place chance.

5. **BEAUTIFUL ASPEN** - Should strip fitter for recent AW outings at Chantilly. Outside place claims eased 1kg.

6. **NOTTINGHAM** - 3L fourth behind two re-opposing rivals at Fontainebleau. Consistent and Guyon a positive booking.

7. GRACE BERE - Yet to show any of her best form on turf. Best watched.

8. MYDAVI - Last five runs have come on the AW at Chantilly including when well beaten latest. Opposed.

9. HENOUVILLE - Fifth at Fontainebleau behind some of these and may need a bit more off the same mark.

10. **ROSE IN BLOOM** - 5L third over 1900m on the AW at Chantilly 35 days ago. Place contender from solid draw.

11. COEUR DAVIER - Runner-up off 2kg higher on her last handicap outing. Not dismissed.

12. **PINGO** - Backed up a Class Three handicap win with a solid third off this mark at Fontainebleau. Noted.

13. **MEXICAN DREAM** - Just denied on the AW over 1900m at Chantilly last-time out. Each-way player back on turf.

14. LIORA - Betting will guide on handicap debut following five months off.

15. **RUE PAVEE** - Ten race maiden but has some placed form off 1kg higher. Could sneak into the frame.

16. **SHANNA ROSE** - Midfield when behind some of these at Fontainebleau on handicap debut. Similar showing likely.

Summary: A competitive handicap where SUSU'S DIMPLES (2) is considered. Her sole win came over course and distance and following a pair of solid runs at Chantilly AW she looms a major chance. KIMINA (3) finished a good 2.5L second in a Class Two handicap tackling 1800m at Fontainebleau. Player. PINGO (12) was back in third on that occasion and could be thereabouts. COEUR DAVIER (11) finished runner-up off 2kg higher in latest handicap outing. Cannot be dismissed. ROSE IN BLOOM (10) holds place claims.

Selections SUSU'S DIMPLES (2) - KIMINA (3) - PINGO (12) - COEUR DAVIER (11) - ROSE IN BLOOM (10)



1. EVERMAN - Three placings from six maiden outings. Noted under Maxime Guyon.

2. RIMSKY - Backed up a maiden win at Machecoul with a pair of solid Class Two efforts. Claims.

3. DIXAN SENORA - Supplemented following a fair maiden fourth. Unexposed and respected.

4. **SHE'S EVAPORUST** - Won a 2000m Fontainebleau claimer three back. Solid fourth at Saint-Cloud latest. Rates highly.

5. **AMIR SHALGHODA** - Trio of excellent AW efforts at Pornichet before flopping on turf at Senonnes. Leading claims if replicating best form on this surface.

6. **ELYSTED** - Ready 4L winner of a 1800m claimer at Evreux a week ago. Needs to reproduce on stable debut.

7. ZARIYA - Could build on her claiming fourth at Fontainebleau latest. Place claims.

8. ILES HEBRIDES - Best effort to date when seventh at Saint-Cloud latest outing but may need more.

9. MAPLE GIRL - Impossible to recommend having been tailed off on debut.

10. **JOLIENENE** - Recorded a fourth career success when making all to win a Strasbourg handicap three weeks ago. Noted.

Summary: SHE'S EVAPORUST (4) is proven at this level having won a 2000m Fontainebleau claimer three back. Produced a solid fourth at Saint-Cloud last outing and is in the mix. RIMSKY (2) backed up a maiden win at Machecoul delivering a pair of solid Class Two efforts. Notable chance with conditions to suit. The unexposed DIXAN SENORA (3) looks hard to rule out having been supplemented following a fair maiden fourth. AMIR SHALGHODA (5) needs to replicate his good AW form but would be a major threat if doing so.

Selections

SHE'S EVAPORUST (4) - RIMSKY (2) - DIXAN SENORA (3) - AMIR SHALGHODA (5)



Race 3 - PRIX DE LA LAUNETTE - 2400m CLM. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **OVER LORD** - Made debut at Class Two level but was beaten 24L. Need to see more.

2. DUX - Generally consistent and sets the standard on ratings. Hard to rule out.

3. JACADI REVE - Shown limited in ability at Saint-Cloud in two starts. More required.

4. WINGS OF FIRE - Held at Fontainebleau on his first claiming outing. Others preferred.

5. SAINT LUC - 27L seventh at Wissembourg over 3000m on debut. Needs to show more.

6. **INVINCIBLE SEA** - Fair seventh at Le Pin-au-Haras latest. Shown enough to be a strong player under Guyon.

7. JANISA BERE - 9.25L seventh on handicap debut at Le Mans after a break. First-time cheekpieces applied.

8. NOZOMI - Faded when a 10L sixth over 2000m at Strasbourg on handicap debut. Place claims.

9. **KING JOHANN** - Shown promise in four starts to date (all in Germany) including when fifth at Breme latest. Key chance.

10. MARRANTE - Seventeen race maiden but clearly has the ability to be involved at this level.

11. THE GREAT ESCAPE - Well held seventh at Mulheim (Germany) on reappearance. Market will guide.

Summary: A moderate affair where the most solid option looks to be DUX (2). Generally consistent at this level and he sets the standard on ratings. Could be involved on stable debut following a 4L second at Evreux last week. KING JOHANN (9) showed promise in four starts to date (all in Germany) including when fifth at Breme attempting latest. Player under a top German jockey. The booking of Maxime Guyon catches the eye on INVINCIBLE SEA (6) and a bold bid is expected while NOZOMI (8) may place.

Selections

DUX (2) - KING JOHANN (9) - INVINCIBLE SEA (6) - NOZOMI (8)



1. **GEORGE MORLAND** - Held latest but would be of interesting of his Saint-Cloud (1400m) fifth prior.

2. NINARIO - Plenty of solid form in Germany and got the better of Big Boots at Le Mans on return.

3. **BIG BOOTS** - Three-time winner over this distance and only beaten a long-neck by Ninario at Le Mans latest.

4. MY KURKUM - Runner-up behind a subsequent winner at this venue last September. Market can guide.

5. FANG - Dual winner who holds plenty of solid form at a higher level. Leading claims.

6. **RAIKU** - Good sixth in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau last year and returned with a solid third at Saint-Cloud. Notable chance.

7. **POWER JACK** - Capable on the pick of his form but betting will prove the best guide on reappearance.

8. ZELOTE - Last seen finishing eleventh at Praha (Czech Republic) 226 days ago. Market will guide.

9. **MYSTERIOUS LAND** - Should strip fitter for comeback fifth behind Raiku (third) at Saint-Cloud. Player on ratings.

10. MUGUETTE GIRL - Two handicap wins on turf last campaign but has a bit find on ratings after a break.

11. **BAVARIA BABY** - Would be of note on her best form last year but needs more than when fifth at Moulins latest.

12. DONNA ANNA - Fair Class Two handicap sixth over 1200m at Chantilly last outing. Frame chance.

Summary: FANG (5) is a dual winner from nine career outings. Holds plenty of solid form at a higher level and rates a major chance on reappearance for a top trainer and jockey combination. RAIKU (6) finished ahead of MYSTERIOUS LAND (9) when the pair ran third and fifth in a Class Three over this trip at Saint-Cloud. The former was a good sixth in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau last year and must be respected while the latter might strip fitter and cannot be dismissed on ratings. BIG BOOTS (3) looks next best.

Selections FANG (5) - RAIKU (6) - MYSTERIOUS LAND (9) - BIG BOOTS (3)



1. **DIAMOND VENDOME** - Top-rated in this line-up and arrives having made all by 4L at Fontainebleau. Leading claims.

2. SHILLY PORT - Dual winner over this trip and ran out a cosy 0.75L at Saint-Cloud last outing. Player.

3. RICARDO - Outstanding five wins from nine outings over this trip but market will guide on reappearance.

4. **PANAMA GOLD** - Back down in grade having finished eighth in a Class Two here two-and-a-half weeks ago.

5. A MAN A WORD - 9.5L fourth when debuting at Breme (Germany). Market check required.

6. GEORGIA - Held in handicaps on his last two outings but is a dual winner over this trip. Place chance.

7. **NINJA WONDER** - Third behind a subsequent winner on the AW at Lyon-la-Soie after a break. Each-way player.

8. TURIXE - Tailed off in a pair of maidens last year. Cannot enthuse.

9. NORTON - Could find the frame on ratings but may need the run following six months off.

10. AUENWOLF - Often runs his race at this level and interesting that Barzalona is booked on reappearance.

11. LOS ANGELES - Best form brings him into contention but will need more than when sixth at Strasbourg on return.

12. NANCY - Impossible to recommend on two flat runs thus far.

13. WOOLACOMBE - Cannot enthuse following recent effort at Saint-Cloud.

Summary: This may go the way of DIAMOND VENDOME (1). The seven-year-old is top-rated in this line-up and arrives having made all by 4L at Fontainebleau attempting a similar contest last-time out. Major chance. SHILLY PORT (2) is a dual winner over this distance including by 0.75L at Saint-Cloud last outing. Notable claims. The booking of Mickael Barzalona catches the eye for AUENWOLF (10) and he may go well on return to action. NINJA WONDER (7) looks a live each-way player.

Selections DIAMOND VENDOME (1) - SHILLY PORT (2) - AUENWOLF (10) - NINJA WONDER (7)



Race 6 - PRIX DU PALAIS IMPERIAL - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. PENCLAUDJEANGREEN - Held on both handicap outings but does now run off 2kg lower.

2. JARDIN BLEU - Well beaten in both handicap outings this season. Others preferred.

3. **TYTAN** - Run well in a trio of Class Three handicaps this campaign. Player under a top jockey.

4. ALWAYS VIV - Consistent off this mark in Class Three handicaps of late. Firmly involved.

5. **PRINCEDESCHAMPS** - Narrowly beat Business Plan and Olympic Trophy over course and distance before a good fifth off this mark. Noted.

6. LET THERE BE ROCK - Tumbling down the weights as a result of recent performances. Opposed.

7. BUSINESS PLAN - Long-neck second behind Princedeschamps over track and trip last outing. Player.

8. MAJORETTE - Disappointing last outing but would be involved on Chantilly AW third three back.

9. ALEXINA - Well beaten in Saint-Cloud handicaps of late and sliding down the weights as a result.

10. **SASSIFRASSI** - Runs off 4kg lower than last handicap outing but was beaten 14L in a conditions event at Saint-Malo latest.

11. KASATKA - Just denied in a Class Three over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie in December. Handicap debut.

12. **OLYMPIC TROPHY** - Third behind Princedeschamps and Business Plan over track and trip last outing. Each-way contender.

13. **HONIGMOND** - Lightly raced and not far behind most of these when fourth over course and distance. Could place.

Summary: TYTAN (3) arrives having produced a trio of good Class Three handicap runs this campaign. Notable contender under a top jockey. BUSINESS PLAN (7) finished a long-neck behind PRINCEDESCHAMPS (5) tackling track and trip last-time out. The former will surely be involved off the same mark while the latter may go well having subsequently finished a solid fifth at Nancy. ALWAYS VIV (4) has been consistent off this mark in Class Three handicaps of late. Hard to dismiss. OLYMPIC TROPHY (12) looks an each-way player.

Selections TYTAN (3) - BUSINESS PLAN (7) - PRINCEDESCHAMPS (5) - ALWAYS VIV (4) - OLYMPIC TROPHY (12)

