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R4 DEAUVILLE [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DE BEUVRON-EN-AUGE - 1900m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. SPANISH VEGA** - Last-start winner of a course-and-distance claimer on 9 November with headgear refitted (retained here). Ought to remain competitive
- 2. ZALA** - Lightly raced on the flat but has sufficient to be competitive in a race of this nature - finished last of 6 in a 1400m Class 1 at Bordeaux on 5 November. Place chance
- 3. ACOTANGO** - Lightly raced gelding with sufficient means and sound references/form credentials in Class 2 conditions races, albeit on turf. Switches to PSF after finishing 9th over 2000m at Fontainebleau on 14 November
- 4. FLAINE** - Caught the eye when finishing 4th on debut over 1500m on this course last month but failed to confirm that promise when only 10th here over 1400m on 8 November. Has scope to improve and this ease in grade will help
- 5. TANTOMILE** - Experienced filly with sound references/form credentials in handicaps on both surfaces, including a recent 7th in a course-and-distance handicap on 29 November. Dark horse
- 6. CHARMILLE** - Finished 8th in consecutive recent outings, in a 1900m PSF claimer at Chantilly and her latest in a handicap over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on 10 October. For another day
- 7. RAIKE** - Unplaced in both starts in claiming races, one on either surface - the latest (8th) on turf at Le Croisé-Laroche on 7 October over 1800m. Hard to make a case for
- 8. FINE GOLD** - Unplaced in 3 appearances on turf in England and soundly beaten (12th) on PSF in his first start on French soil at Pornichet over 2100m on 8 December. Others preferred
- 9. YES BOY** - Soundly beaten in both starts on this surface, in a 2150m Lyon-La Soie claimer (7th) in October and 12th in a course-and-distance handicap on 29 November. Outsider
- 10. PRINCESSE SAPHIR** - Experienced filly with sound/consistent references and form credentials at this level, including a last-start 3rd in a course-and-distance claimer on 9 November. Keep safe
- 11. SOUL AND ROMANCE** - Last-start winner of a 2000m claimer on turf at Saint-Cloud on 15 November. Unplaced in both PSF appearances so she needs to reaffirm

Summary: Lightly raced ACOTANGO (3) is an attractive betting proposition in this opening event, despite having never raced on this surface. He ought to capitalise on this drop in class so is taken to get the better of last-start scorer SPANISH VEGA (1), who won a similar course-and-distance contest last month. SOUL AND ROMANCE (11) has tasted success at this level so can't be taken lightly, with the shortlist completed by PRINCESSE SAPHIR (10).



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SELECTIONS

**ACOTANGO (3) - SPANISH VEGA (1) - SOUL AND ROMANCE (11) - PRINCESSE SAPHIR
(10)**



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C2 - PRIX DU LIEU CALICE - 1900m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. **TAKE ME I'M YOURS** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing a course-and-distance 5th on 29 November. Needn't improve much to play a leading role on her handicap debut
2. **DUCHESSE DE MORNAY** - Finished 3rd over 2000m at Angers in October but failed to confirm that form/improvement when only 8th over 2000m in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 8 November
3. **ELIANA** - Finished 8th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 12 November. Can do better dropped 1,5kg in the weights
4. **MELLOW YELLOW** - Improving, lightly raced colt, albeit in 3 starts on turf. Finished a career-best 3rd on heavy ground over 1400m at Haras du Pin on 27 October
5. **APRIL FLOWER** - Last-start winner of a Le Croisé-Laroche claimer over 1800m on 16 November. Not taken lightly
6. **GWO KA** - Found his way in the handicaps recently, finishing 3rd in both starts at this level over 1900m - over track and trip on 24 October and at Chantilly on 12 November. Winning chance
7. **DAVALLIA** - Finished 4th in back-to-back recent starts on this course last month - in a 1500m claimer on 9 November and in a 1500m handicap on 27 November. Keep safe
8. **DOUBLE JEU** - Runner-up in consecutive starts over 1800m on PSF at Lyon-La Soie before finishing 8th there over the same trip on 2 December. Shouldn't be hastily condemned
9. **LADY LUCK** - Improved to finish a career-best 2nd in a Le Croisé-Laroche claimer over 1800m on 16 November. Dark horse
10. **NOTA BENE** - Unplaced in 3 appearances on turf, the latest (8th) over 1650m at Machecoul on 11 November. Lacks references on this surface
11. **PERFECT PICTURE** - Improved to finish a career-best 5th in a course-and-distance claimer on 8 November. Others preferred
12. **FELICIA STORM** - Unplaced in 3 starts, once on PSF (debut) and twice on turf - the latest (7th) on turf at Lignières over 1600m on 30 November. Best watched for now
13. **ELEONORA** - Soundly beaten in both starts on this surface, both in handicaps at Chantilly - the latest (11th) on 12 November over 1900m. Needs to improve
14. **HELLO MIA** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th on debut at Vichy over 1600m but regressed in 3 subsequent starts, the latest (13th) in a 1700m PSF handicap on 13 November. For another day
15. **MAGIC WAY** - Unplaced in all 5 appearances, 3 on PSF - the latest (8th) on turf in a 1900m claimer at Nîmes on 1 December



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Summary: Improving GWO KA (6) has established himself in this category recently and a repeat of either 3rd in his handicap outings could suffice here. TAKE ME I'M YOURS (1) didn't go unnoticed when 5th over track and trip in her last start and she could pose the biggest threat tot the selection, though DAVALLIA (7) also made an encouraging handicap debut and will make her presence felt if building on that performance. MELLOW YELLOW (4) and APRIL FLOWER (5) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

GWO KA (6) - TAKE ME I'M YOURS (1) - DAVALLIA (7) - MELLOW YELLOW (4)



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C3 - PRIX DE MORICAUD - 1300m (a6f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. DROIT DE PAROLE** - Versatile veteran in good form and physical condition with sound references on this surface in handicaps and at this level. Finished a good 3rd on this course in a 1300m handicap on 27 November - winning chance
- 2. WELCH FUSILIER** - Inconsistent performer on both surfaces but has sound references in handicaps and at this level. He shouldn't be hastily condemned for finishing 7th here in a 1400m claimer on 4 December, especially off a 1kg lower mark
- 3. MOWAEVA** - Unplaced in his last 7 starts, the latest (14th) in a 1400m handicap on this course on 4 December. Can be ignored
- 4. RIVAL ORDER** - Soundly beaten in each of his 4 appearances, two on either surface - the latest (8th) on PSF at Chantilly over 1600m on 12 October. Others preferred
- 5. TWO TWO TWO** - Won an 1100m Le Croisé-Laroche handicap in October and didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th in a claimer there over that distance on 16 November. Dropped 0,5kg and eased in grade, so shouldn't be underestimated
- 6. WHISTLE AND FLUTE** - Been out of sorts for several months but competed at a higher level - boasts sound references/form credentials. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in an 1100m claimer on turf at Chantilly on 26 October and should have a say here
- 7. REGALIEN** - Unplaced in all 12 appearances this year, albeit on turf. Unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of his 10th in an 1100m handicap at Le Croisé-Laroche on 16 November
- 8. SIXTUS** - Inconsistent performer on both the turf but has sound references and particularly appreciates Deauville's PSF. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in an 1100m claimer at Le Croisé-Laroche on 16 November
- 9. EXCALIBUR** - Experienced hard-knocker with sound references in handicaps at a higher level and in this category. Unplaced in a 1300m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 22 November but ought to redeem himself back in this grade
- 10. KOUTSOUNAKOS** - Won back-to-back 1100m claimers at Le Croisé-Laroche but fluffed his lines when only 7th there in a similar race on 16 November. Shouldn't be hastily condemned back on PSF
- 11. SEGERA** - Sparked signs of improvement/return to form when finishing a reassuring 6th in a 1600m claimer at Toulouse on 31 October. Lacks references on PSF but cannot be taken lightly

Summary: Course-specialist RIGHT TO SPEAK (1) was notably supplemented for this claiming event and the versatile veteran will be hard to beat if repeating the performance of his recent 3rd here. WHISTLE AND FLUTE (6), SIXTUS (8) and EXCALIBUR (9) are best equipped to challenge the selection for race honours. KOUTSOUNAKOS (10), WELCH FUSILIER (2) and SEGERA (11) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

DROIT DE PAROLE (1) - WHISTLE AND FLUTE (6) - SIXTUS (8) - EXCALIBUR (9)



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C4 - PRIX DU PETIT GUE - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

- 1. POWER'S PRINCESS** - Soundly beaten in each of 4 appearances, the latest (16th) in her first start on PSF over 1400m in a handicap at Chantilly on 29 October. Others preferred
- 2. MARIE DE PRUSSE** - Unplaced in all 4 starts, which include finishing 9th in both PSF appearances - the latest in a 1900m claimer on this course on 8 November. Others preferred
- 3. FISFUL OF LOVE** - Experienced filly with sound references in handicaps on this surface, including a last-start 6th on this course in a 1500m handicap on 27 November. Dark horse
- 4. MIEL** - Opened her account over 1700m at Saint-Brieuc in October but finished unplaced (7th) on her handicap/PSF debut at Pornichet over 1700m on 13 November. Shouldnt be hastily written off
- 5. LARMES D'OR** - Improving with every outing and seems to enjoy this surface - confirmed the progress of her penultimate start (6th) here by finishing a career-best 2nd on her handicap debut on this course over 1500m on 27 November. The one to beat
- 6. DAKOTA SKY** - Finished 6th at Saint-Cloud over 1200m earlier this year but 7th in her appearances either side of that run - the latest over 1000m at Dieppe on 13 May. Best watched for now
- 7. MRS BOHEMIAN** - Improved in first-time headgear to finish a reassuring (career-best) 5th last time on this course in a 1500m claimer on 9 November. Confirmation expected
- 8. SIGNORIA PIAZZA** - Experienced filly whose last-start 3rd in a 1500m handicap on this course last month (27 November) was very encouraging. Winning chance
- 9. AUDELADESETOILES** - Consistent filly with the undeniable means to play a leading role, especially after an eye-catching 4th on this course in a 1500m handicap on 27 November. Candidate for success
- 10. KISS ME HONEY** - Well-beaten 12th on heavy ground in a 1600m claimer at Chantilly on 17 October. Races on PSF for the first time
- 11. LADY MADEIRA** - Consistent filly whose form and experience will stand her in good stead here. Cuts back in trip and reverts to the PSF after finishing 6th over 2000m at Strasbourg on 11 November
- 12. BOMBE LA VIE** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 1400m at Limoges on 30 November. Confirmation required
- 13. COTE D'OR** - Improved to finish a reassuring (career-best) 3rd over 1200m at Nimes on 11 November. More needed here

Summary: LARMES D'OR (5) finished 2nd in a handicap event on this course over a similar distance on 27 November and needs only to repeat that performance to go one better, even over this trip. Both SIGNORIA PIAZZA (8) and AUDELADESETOILES (9) re-oppose and are closely matched with the selection on the form of that meeting, so they should have roles to play. MIEL (4) and MRS BOHEMIAN (7) come next.



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SELECTIONS

LARMES D'OR (5) - SIGNORIA PIAZZA (8) - AUDELADESETOILES (9) - MIEL (4)



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C5 - PRIX DES MEULIERES - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. **BOTTOMS UP** - Experienced filly with sound references/form credentials, albeit without success (25-start maiden). An unknown quantity on this surface but isn't taken lightly after her 7th in a 1200m Fontainebleau handicap on 14 November
2. **ACQUASPARTA** - Soundly beaten in each of 4 appearances, two on either surface - the latest (8th) on PSF at Chantilly in a 1300m handicap on 22 November. Should fare better at this level having dropped in the weights/ratings - dark horse
3. **FIRE REBEL** - Acquitted himself in defeat when finishing 6th on this course last month in a 1300m handicap at a higher level on 27 November. Should have more to offer in this grade
4. **PAMELA BOUM** - Caught the eye when finishing an improved and encouraging 5th on this course in a handicap over 1400m on 26 November. Confirmation expected
5. **HIGHFIELD HEIRESS** - Has made no impression in 4 starts on French soil - finished unplaced (8th) in a 2150m Lyon-La Soie handicap on PSF earlier this month (2 December)
6. **CITYDOR** - Soundly beaten (14th) on this course in his first PSF appearance on 27 November in a 1300m handicap. Can be ruled out
7. **BAWE ISLAND** - Unplaced in both comeback outings recently after a 5-month absence. Finished 8th in a Fontainebleau handicap over 1200m on 14 November - for another day
8. **IHOA** - Outran market expectations when an eye-catching 3rd on this course in a 1400m handicap on 26 November. Will have a role to play if repeating that performance
9. **NORONHA** - Inconsistent performer but has sound references in handicaps off this mark, including a good 2nd over 1400m on turf at Nancy on 22 October. Unreliable but not entirely incapable;e of getting into the picture
10. **RUM TUM TUGGER** - Soundly beaten in all 8 appearances this year, the latest (16th) in a 1900m handicap on this course on 29 November. Others preferred
11. **ALVAR** - Soundly beaten in 4 consecutive PSF appearances recently, in 3 claimers at Lyon-La Soie before finishing 7th on this course in a 1400m handicap on 26 November. Best watched for now
12. **MOONWALKER** - Experienced 22-start maiden with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start course-and-distance 4th in a handicap on 26 November. Will be a factor
13. **KENPIC** - Made all 3 appearances last year on this surface and reverts to PSF for the first time in 2024 after 10 subsequent unplaced outings on turf, the latest (12th) in a 1200m Fontainebleau handicap on 14 November. Dark horse
14. **JJI MY LOVE** - Unplaced in all 10 outings and unlikely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of her last-start 9th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 19 November. Others preferred



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Summary: FIRE REBEL (3) acquitted himself well at a higher level against older hard-knockers on this course last month and he will likely have more to offer in a race of this nature and against opposition that he should get the better of, especially from a favourable starting position. MOONWALKER (12) will lead the opposition ahead of PAMELA BOUM (4), on a competitive mark, and IHOA (8) who should not be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

FIRE REBEL (3) - MOONWALKER (12) - PAMELA BOUM (4) - IHOA (8)



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C6 - PRIX DES MAS - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,000

1. **MEISHO VELITE** - Unreliable and was 8th last time out in a handicap at Nancy over this distance on 17 November. Others are preferred
2. **HONKY TONK WOMAN** - Unreliable and was 8th in a claimer at Pornichet-La Baule over 1700m on 30 November. Others make more appeal
3. **COSTARMORICAIN** - In good form and was fourth last time out in a handicap at Dieppe over 1000m on 21 August. Could need this run returning from a break
4. **BAILEYS VITESSE** - Has struggled of late and was tenth in a handicap over this track and trip on 26 November. Others make more appeal
5. **FORTUNATE SON** - Probably better on the turf and was 8th last time out in a handicap over this course and distance on 20 November. Might play a minor role
6. **SASKATOON** - Battling to regain best form but was 5th in a handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 25 November. More is needed to beat these rivals
7. **MIZ SWEET** - Has struggled of late and was tenth in a handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 25 November. Others make more appeal
8. **INTUITION** - Has struggled of late and was 8th in a handicap over this course and distance on 26 November. More is needed to win
9. **AMOUREUSE** - Unreliable and was 11th in a handicap over this track and trip on 26 November. Capable of better and could make the frame
10. **GOLD O'BOY** - Has struggled of late and was 8th in a handicap at Nantes over 1600m on 19 October. Needs to find a few lengths to win
11. **MON IDOLE** - Showed vast improvement when runner-up in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 9 November. Has a winning chance
12. **REDPEARL** - Finished tenth last time out in a Conditions race over this track and trip 9 November. More is needed to beat these rivals
13. **GO WITH THE ROSES** - Yet to win a race but did not run too badly when 7th in a handicap over this track and trip on 9 November. Could contest the finish
14. **SI CAPO SI** - Knocking hard at the door and was runner-up last time out in a handicap over this track and trip on 26 November. Can go one better this time
15. **RED IN SIGHT** - Not disgraced when 6th in a handicap over this track and trip on 26 November. Can make the frame

Summary: Thriving SI CAPO SI (14) is hard to oppose after his encouraging course-and-distance 2nd last month. He needn't improve much to go one better this time. MON IDOLE (11) bounced back to form on this course in his last start and will, along with GO WITH THE ROSES (13), make life difficult for the top pick. RED IN SIGHT (15) and FORTUNATE SON (5) appeal most of the remainder.



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SELECTIONS

SI CAPO SI (14) - MON IDOLE (11) - GO WITH THE ROSES (13) - RED IN SIGHT (15)



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C7 - PRIX DES CHAUMIERES - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 25,000

1. **DAMIEN** - Has lost the way of late and was 9th in handicap at this course over 1300m on 9 November. Needs to find a few lengths to win
2. **ON Y CROIT** - Unreliable but was fourth in a Conditions race at Cholet over 1350m on 7 October. Might play a minor role
3. **DARI RIVER** - Unreliable of late but was runner-up last time out in a handicap at this track over 1300m on 9 November. Can go one better this time
4. **GRACELLA** - In very good form and was third in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 24 October. Be right there at the finish again
5. **POTEMKINE** - Unreliable and was 6th in a handicap at this track over 1300m on 27 November. Should contest the finish
6. **SALALAH** - Holding form and was third last time out in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 1350m on 8 November. Can make the frame again
7. **MODERN ERA** - Unreliable but did run well when fourth in a handicap over this track and trip on 26 November. Has a winning chance
8. **XAARINE** - A winner of her last two starts, both in handicaps at Nancy over 1400m with the latest being on 17 November. Better on the turf but has a place chance
9. **PERLI CHOPE** - Battling to regain best form and was 7th in a handicap at Toulouse over 1200m on 24 November. Others are preferred
10. **GOLDFIELD** - Disappointing of late and was 11th in a handicap at this course over 1300m on 27 November. Needs to find a few lengths to win
11. **CANET DE SALARS** - Not disgraced when third in a handicap at Nancy over this distance on 17 November. Tries the PSF and could upset
12. **MAIZIERES** - Has lost her way and was 13th in a handicap at Chantilly over 1400m on 28 October. Needs major improvement to win
13. **RIYABOVKA** - Improving and won a handicap over this track and trip on 26 November. Carries a penalty but is clearly not out of it
14. **TANIS** - Has lost her way and was 13th in a handicap at Chantilly over 1400m on 28 October. Needs major improvement to win
15. **MIELA** - Not disgraced when 5th last time out in a handicap at Nancy over 1400m on 17 November. Needs to do a bit more to win

Summary: DARI RIVER (3) thrives on this surface and she confirmed as much with a remarkable comeback 2nd here last month. She discovers a golden opportunity to reconnect with success and a repeat performance should suffice. POTEMKINE (5), who acquitted himself well in defeat against older hard-knockers last time, seems the most likely threat to the selection, with GRACELLA (4) and MODERN ERA (7) other contenders for the podium. SALALAH (6) completes the shortlist.



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SELECTIONS

DARI RIVER (3) - POTEMKINE (5) - GRACELLA (4) - MODERN ERA (7)



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C8 - PRIX DU HAUT GUE - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. **DALEND** - Clearly liked this surface and was runner-up in a handicap at this course over 1500m on 27 November. Can go one better this time
2. **VALMACCA** - Consistent and was victorious last time out in a Conditions race at Toulouse over 1200m on 17 November. Can contest the finish
3. **FELIX AUX ORMES** - Did not show his best when 6th in a Conditions race at this track over 1300m on 2 November. Capable of bouncing back to score
4. **EAGLE GATE** - Has won three races this year but was only 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Nantes over 1600m on 14 November. Should improve on handicap debut
5. **POSAFOLIE** - Only modest of late and was 9th in a handicap at Deauville over 1500m on 27 November. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
6. **SPICHOPE** - Did not show her best when 12th on handicap debut at Chantilly over 1200m on 7 September. Capable of better but others are preferred
7. **MEHMIST** - Not disgraced when 5th last time out in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over this distance on 14 October. One to consider on handicap debut
8. **YELLOW HAWK** - A bit of a disappointment when only 7th on handicap debut at Chantilly over 1900m on 12 November. Could surprise this shorter distance
9. **KEY TO VICTORY** - Has struggled of late and was 9th in a handicap at Fontainebleau over 1200m on 14 November. Others are preferred
10. **MAMINO** - Yet to win a race but was not disgraced when third in a Conditions race at Nantes over 1600m on 14 November. Has a place chance
11. **BRADIANCOURT** - Has only been moderate in three starts and finished 7th last time out in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1200m on 3 October. Capable of improvement on handicap debut
12. **GOT PLAY** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when third in a handicap at Chantilly over this distance on 29 October. Not out of it
13. **PERGOLOR** - Only fair so far and was 5th in a handicap at Fontainebleau over 1200m on 14 November. Probably needs to do a bit more to win

Summary: After scoring on her return to this category, DALEND (1) proved she remains competitive and has room for manoeuvre at this level by finishing 2nd here last month in a handicap over 1500m. She gets the nod to resume winning ways at the expense of VALMACCA (2) and FELIX AUX ORMES (3). Others with legitimate podium ambitions include GOT PLAY (12) and MEHMIST (7).

SELECTIONS

DALEND (1) - VALMACCA (2) - FELIX AUX ORMES (3) - GOT PLAY (12)



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C9 - PRIX DES CHAUMINES - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **HAPPY AGAIN** - Clearly likes this surface and has won twice here recently, the latest in a handicap over this course and distance on 26 November. Will be a big threat yet again
2. **SOUND OF THUNDER** - Has some fair form and was 5th last time out in a claimer at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 25 November. Others make more appeal
3. **NURTURE** - Did not run too badly when 5th last time out in a handicap over this course and distance on 26 November. Has a place chance
4. **HATFAVILLE** - Only modest of late and was 6th in a handicap over this course and distance on 26 November. Needs to find a few lengths to win
5. **FAVORY CHOP** - A bit of a disappointment of late and was 7th in a handicap at Cholet over 1350m on 3 November. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
6. **ELKABIER** - Holding form and was fourth in a handicap at Le Mans over 1600m on 15 May. Could need this run returning from a break
7. **BAILEYS ILLUSION** - Yet to win a race but is in good form and was runner-up in a handicap over this track and trip on 26 November. Big chance
8. **MIA BELLA** - Holding form and was fourth in a handicap over this track and trip on 26 November. Not out of it
9. **EN PLEIN AIR** - Has really struggled of late and was tenth in a handicap at Vichy over 1400m on 23 September. Needs major improvement to win
10. **SEEOUAGAIN** - Showed some improvement when 5th in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 8 November. Needs to do a bit more to beat these rivals
11. **CHIRICCO** - Unreliable and was 8th last time out in a handicap at Cholet over 1350m on 3 November. Yet to win and others make more appeal
12. **BEST LOOKING** - Yet to win a race but was runner-up last time out in a handicap at Nancy over this distance on 17 November. Can contest the finish again
13. **BREATHE ON** - Yet to win but has been runner-up in a couple of claimers, with the latest being at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1100m on 16 November. Needs to do a bit more to beat these rivals
14. **BAKHILOVA** - Not disgraced when fourth last time out in a handicap at Fontainebleau over 1200m on 14 November. Better on the turf but has a place chance
15. **ROMANCE MARINE** - Unreliable but did win a Conditions race last time out over this track and trip on 9 November. Can upset

Summary: Runner-up in a similar event on this course last time, BAILEYS ILLUSION (7) will be hard to hold out and she gets the nod ahead of last-start winner HAPPY AGAIN (1), who has another penalty defy if he is to extend his winning sequence. MIA BELLA (8), BEST LOOKING (12) and BAKHILOVA (14) have shown enough recently to suggest that they can give cheek to those principals.



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BAILEYS ILLUSION (7) - HAPPY AGAIN (1) - MIA BELLA (8) - BEST LOOKING (12)