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R3 ANGERS [R-H]

C1 - PRIX BRANTOME - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 27.000

- 1. MEISHO VELITE** - Won over 1600m last time out after failing to land a blow on debut and she will need to prove that it was no fluke. Place chance
- 2. GRECIAN STORM** - Romped home to victory over 1800m last time out and now stepping up in trip, which could unlock even more potential. One to beat
- 3. GOLD O'BOY** - He finished 4th in his post maiden effort last time out over the mile and could improve nicely now upped in trip. Should run well
- 4. LUIZA BERE** - This filly won two starts back over 1500m and followed that up with a 6th place finish which saw her fairly close up. Place chance
- 5. XCEPTION** - Dam was unraced and this filly debuts over 2000m which signals that she could well need further in time to come. Market is our best guide

Summary : GRECIAN STORM (2) did everything right at his last start and looks to be open to quite a lot of improvement especially over this trip. GOLD O'BOY (3) can only get better with his runs to date but could just have his work cut out to beat the favorite. LUIZA BERE (4) could make decent improvement to get involved for minor positions. MEISHO VELITE (1) will need to confirm her victory and has a couple to beat.

SELECTIONS

GRECIAN STORM (2) - GOLD O'BOY (3) - LUIZA BERE (4) - MEISHO VELITE (1)



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C2 - PRIX DU CHATEAU D'ANGERS - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Claiming Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 13.000

1. INATTENDU - Finished 6th over 1400m last time out and now back up in trip with a rating drop, he could find life slightly easier. Include in the play

2. SPACE FORCE - He tries the trip but from his recent performances, it is hard to have any confidence on him enjoying it. More needed to recent efforts

3. STORMY AIR - He wasn't see to best effect last time out but looking past that effort, his previous form is good and he should enjoy being back up in trip. Winning chance

4. CRISALSA - Recent form isn't the most eye catching but he drops a division which could see him bouncing right back to his best. Each way claims

5. CHESTERFIELD - Twelve start maiden performer on the flat that isn't doing a lot to keep followers interested and needs to show more. Others make more appeal

6. LIMONCELLA - Finished 5th over 2000m with a heavy weight at her last start but comes into this handily weighted and has dropped nicely in the ratings. Upset potential

7. CREAM ICE - She finished 6th last time out failing to put anything positive together and her form is fairly weak at present. Hard to fancy

Summary : STORMY AIR (3) gets the vote in this trappy contest as he comes into this with some fairly useful form behind his name and could take his opportunity to strike. CRISALSA (4) is down in class which could just be what he needs to get his confidence back. INATTENDU (1) is an old boy who will appreciate racing off a lower mark and can make his presence felt. LIMONCELLA (6) looks to be a decent each way play in this event.

SELECTIONS

STORMY AIR (3) - CRISALSA (4) - INATTENDU (1) - LIMONCELLA (6)



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C3 - PRIX CLAUDE ROUGET - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 17.000

- 1. FAMOSO** - Seventeen start maiden galloper that will appreciate being back in a maiden company after a good 4th in Class two last time out. Should run well
- 2. LIGHT UP THE MOON** - He has had two starts to date without really threatening and he will need to do more to get involved in proceedings. Others preferred
- 3. SAIYLANA** - Finished 8th last time out over 1400m and she was 8L behind Beautiful Summer who she could struggle to peg back the deficit with. Place chance at best
- 4. NEOWISE** - Six starts so far in her career that have all come over in Ireland and she wouldn't need to make massive improvement to get involved. Winning chance
- 5. DAYSANIYA** - Showed good improvement to finish 5th last time out and if she is able to continue on that trend, she could outrun her odds. Worth a second look
- 6. INTEMPORELLE** - Two average efforts to date and she is hard to fancy on those runs so improvement is required to pose a threat. Would be a surprise winner
- 7. BLACK LULLABY** - She finished a decent 4th over this distance at her most recent outing and is open to improvement. Place chance
- 8. KIM DE GAUDEL** - Finished 3rd on debut beaten just under 5L and she is one that could have more to come as she improves with racing. Worth an inclusion
- 9. BEAUTIFUL SUMMER** - She has had two starts locally and now looks ready for the step up to 1600m which should be ideal and there is definitely more to come. Strong claims
- 10. TILAK** - Two uninspiring runs so far and it is difficult to have any confidence on her landing a blow on her rivals. Easy to look elsewhere
- 11. FLEUR DE SEL** - Runner up in her last two outings in open company and despite having had her fair share of chances, she could get involved. Include in all bets
- 12. HIGH FACTOR** - Dam was talented having won twice including a win over 1100m at Group three level. Follow the market carefully
- 13. GALILEE DREAM** - Dam won once over 2200m and that could be a good indication of this runner likely to need more ground. Others make more appeal

Summary : FAMOSO (1) is well exposed in the maiden ranks but following recent efforts, he could well get that overdue victory. BEAUTIFUL SUMMER (9) can only improve and is a runner to take seriously in this contest. NEOWISE (4) has put in a couple decent runs and is worth keeping an eye on here. SAIYLANA (3) should be held on her last run but could find a minor position.

SELECTIONS

FAMOSO (1) - BEAUTIFUL SUMMER (9) - NEOWISE (4) - SAIYLANA (3)



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C4 - PRIX RICHMOND-BRISSAC - 2300m (a1 7/16m) - TURF - Condition Race Qualifier - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 14.000

1. ILLUSTRE BERE - He has shown up slightly better in recent outings but has a tough ask with a big weight and could struggle here. Others preferred

2. INDIAN SONG - Finished 2nd over 2400m at her most recent outing and has drop a few points in the ratings. Place chance

3. LA YOMOGUINESS - Bounced back to winning ways over 2200m last time out and with her confidence back she could follow up. Big runner

4. ZOOM CHOP - Ran a pleasing 2nd over a similar trip last time out and could confirm that effort at a decent price. Upset potential

5. HENOUVILLE - Last tasted success way back in 2021 so will no doubt be slightly low on confidence but with a rating drop and down in class it could work for her. Include in the play

6. PORT AU PRINCE - His recent outings have been very poor and it is hard to see that changing here. Would be a shock winner

7. FETARDE - She has had plenty of chances to get it right and hasn't been able to win so doesn't make a lot of appeal. Place chance

8. SUMMER WAY - Well held back in 6th position over 2900m last time out and the drop in trip could be quite favorable to her chances. Place claims

Summary : LA YOMOGUINESS (3) is back to her best and looks to be a huge contender once again in a race where she sets the standard. HENOUVILLE (5) looks to be on the right mark and can start showing more. FETARDE (7) is a well tried maiden that is battling to get it right but could earn. SUMMER WAY (8) drops in trip and could show up.

SELECTIONS

LA YOMOGUINESS (3) - HENOUVILLE (5) - FETARDE (7) - SUMMER WAY (8)



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**C5 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DU ROI DE POLOGNE - 2300m (a1 7/16m) - TURF
- Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000**

1. NEKOLETO - Recent runs have been very poor and he needs to show a better version of himself to challenge. Place chance at best

2. ALCATOSER - Fairly consistent individual that would be deserving of another victory and should appreciate going over this trip. Big runner

3. CYANE - Winner two starts back but that win came out of nothing as her form is moderate so it's difficult to assess this runner. Others make more appeal

4. FULL COLOUR - Nineteen start maiden performer that could now be finally going over the right trip which could unlock some improvement. Winning chance

5. VIVAIBERICA - She won two starts back over 2400m but will need to improve on that level of form to get a mention in this contest. More needed

6. SCAT LADY - Romped home to victory in her penultimate start but will find life a lot tougher at this level. Easy to pass by

7. SINDERELLA - Her last two runs don't jump off her page so it is hard to make a strong case for her in a race with form. Easy to look elsewhere

8. HADLEIGH - He comes into this on the back of a 3rd over 2400m and could bounce back to winning ways. Strong claims

9. BRAMESHOT - Eighteen starts as a maiden and his recent form is weak so there isn't much to work with. Would be a shock winner

Summary : FULL COLOUR (4) has had many chances to get it right but could get her day in the sun over this trip. HADLEIGH (8) brings good form into the race and looks to be a lively contender for top honors. ALCATOSER (2) has solid form and should make a bold bid for victory. NEKOLETO (1) has failed to deliver in his last two but prior form indicates that he is capable.

SELECTIONS

FULL COLOUR (4) - HADLEIGH (8) - ALCATOSER (2) - NEKOLETO (1)



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C6 - PRIX DU MESNIL - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 17.000

- 1. AXIOME** - Finished a disappointing 14th over 2000m last time out and doesn't particularly set a high standard of form. Solid place chance
- 2. ALSIMRYA** - Ran a cracker two starts back and if she is able to reproduce that here, it will stand her in good stead. Each way chance
- 3. TRANQUIL ROSE** - Finished 3rd on local debut and with more improvement to come, she is one to keep on the safe side. Should be on the premises
- 4. PISCOPIA** - Well held in her last two efforts and she needs to show more in order to get involved in the fight. Place chance
- 5. SALON STARLET** - Finished 6th of seven last time out failing to make much of an impression and it seems as if they are battling to find the right trip for her. More required
- 6. ALVALDI** - Debut performance was eye popping and if she is able to put that last run behind her, she could outrun her odds. Upset type
- 7. ROY BOY** - Dam won three times from 1800m - 2200m and this colt could do with a couple runs under the belt before we see the best version of him. The market is our best guide
- 8. LA BOMBASSE** - Very well bred filly whose dam won eight times from 2000m - 2400m including four Group wins. Make plenty appeal on paper
- 9. ALLURES DE REINE** - Dam won three times from 1500m - 2000m including a Listed win. This filly could just need the outing coming from a yard that aren't popular with first start winners. Others preferred
- 10. OZMA** - Dam was unraced so it is difficult to gauge how this filly could run but she should need the experience. Others make more appeal

Summary : LA BOMBASSE (8) is well bred and demands the utmost of respect on debut especially if the market is strongly in her favor. AXIOME (1) is better than his last and can turn up a better performance. ALSIMRYA (2) could be another to make her presence felt in a big way. TRANQUIL ROSE (3) is worth another chance and should get involved.

SELECTIONS

LA BOMBASSE (8) - AXIOME (1) - ALSIMRYA (2) - TRANQUIL ROSE (3)



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C7 - PRIX JEANNE DE LAVAL - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 17.000

- 1. KAPO ROSSO** - He has had two starts so far and has failed to feature in both which doesn't bode well for his chances going forward. More needed
- 2. KEND** - Two moderate runs so far and more is needed if he is to get involved on current form. Easy to pass by
- 3. ZEPHYR DE LA MARE** - After he showed up well on debut, he hasn't been able to reproduce that level of form and will need to show more. Others make more appeal
- 4. VERY GOOD BOY** - Comes into this contest in a decent vein of form and could fill out one of the minor positions. Place claims at best
- 5. LE BUGISTE** - Finished 7th on debut over 2200m and could improve now stepping up in trip but won't find it easy. Others preferred
- 6. ZAINZA** - Finished 8th of nine on debut and now takes a huge step up in trip which is a question mark at just her second attempt. Others inspire more confidence
- 7. SEA MADAM** - She wasn't completely disgraced when finishing 6th over 3000m and has scope for improvement. Place chance
- 8. KALAMATA** - She has shown good improvement in each run and did finish a good 2nd last time out over shorter. Place claims
- 9. PRINCESS KARA** - She has finished 4th in her last two starts and is held by Kathina on her penultimate run so has her work cut out. Place chance
- 10. KATHINA** - Three fair performances to date and this filly could enjoy stepping up in trip which could eek out good improvement. Can run well
- 11. SHALAKA** - Two disappointing runs to date and there isn't much to take away from those efforts so it leaves little to be desired. Hard to recommend
- 12. LIXI** - Twelve starts in the maiden ranks but is knocking on the door following two runner up finishes in two of her last three starts. Winning chance
- 13. STAY AWAY** - Dam won once over 2200m and this runner could do with a few runs under the belt before he puts his best foot forward. Others make more appeal
- 14. KID DU MAFFRAY** - Dam raced over hurdles and in chase races unfortunately wasn't too good. He will find it hard here. Easy to pass by
- 15. BAHIONISA** - Dam won twice over hurdles and four times in chasing races so this individual could be set for a different discipline once he gains experience. Others preferred
- 16. PAU CLERMONT** - Dam won twice over hurdles and once in chasing races. He could do with some racing experience. Others make more appeal



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Summary : LIXI (12) seems to have finally learnt what it's all about and could get rewarded for consistency. SEA MADAM (7) will be a lot more wiser over this trip and should be able to finish closer to the action. KATHINA (10) should make nice improvement now upped in trip and is one to include. PRINCESS KARA (9) is held on from but is capable of landing a blow.

SELECTIONS

LIXI (12) - SEA MADAM (7) - KATHINA (10) - PRINCESS KARA (9)



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R1 Longchamp [L-H]

C1 - QATAR PRIX CHAUDENAY - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - TURF - Group 2 - Group - Flat - EUR € 200.000

- 1. KAHRAMAN** - Finished 6th over course distance behind several of these rivals. Held on that form, has only a place chance
- 2. RUBIS VENDOME** - Unreliable but is not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but dangerous to dismiss
- 3. WIDA** - Progressive and consistent colt with sound form references, though has more a of a place chance than a winning one
- 4. GALLERIST** - Winner of his last five starts and is proven over these long distances. Progressive sort, will be a factor
- 5. HARBOUR WIND** - Irish raider who has been visually impressive in each of his victories. Arrives in France with a big reputation and is the one to beat
- 6. SEVENNA'S KNIGHT** - Consistent colt with sound from references/credentials. Has the form and experience to make his presence felt
- 7. DOUBLE MAJOR** - Offered good resistance when runner-up to GALLERIST (4) last time and should be competitive once more. Keep safe
- 8. SHEMBALA** - Impressive last-start winner of the Prix Joubert at this track and should remain competitive, ven in this grade/company
- 9. DSCHINGIS STAR** - Finished 4th of nine in a 2800m Listed race won by SHEMBALA (8) at this course. Place chance

Summary : HARBOR WIND (5) arrives from Ireland with a lofty reputation and gets the nod, although only marginally, in this opening event ahead of local hope GALLERIST (4) who has won five on the bounce. DOUBLE MAJOR (7), who was runner-up to the latter in the Prix Gerald de Geoffre, and SHEMBALA (8), an impressive winner of the Prix Joubert on this track, are also serious candidates for success.

SELECTIONS

HARBOUR WIND (5) - GALLERIST (4) - DOUBLE MAJOR (7) - SHEMBALA (8)



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**C2 - QATAR ARABIAN TROPHY DES JUMENTS (POULICHES 4 ANS) -
2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 150.000**

- 1. NO TEAR AL MAURY** - Consistent for the most part and has sound form references. With two comeback races in her legs, ought to run well again
- 2. GHADAH** - Produced a sumptuous finish to win the Prix Dragon on this ParisLongchamp layout. Will prove tough to be at on that evidence
- 3. NOUR AL MAURY** - Has won four of her five starts including outings this year. Sauntered to victory at La Teste last time and should remain competitive
- 4. HISHEMAH** - Has run well in both races this year, finishing 2nd last time, but has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 5. THAKEERA AL SHAHANIA** - Consistent for the most part and acquitted herself well behind GHADAH (2) at Doncaster last month. Has claims
- 6. THAYDAH ATHBAH** - Has been impressive in winning both outings and should improve with experience. Can fight for victory
- 7. JAIZANA EL AHLEM** - Winner of her last two starts. Has more to do here bidding to complete the hat-trick, so has only a place chance
- 8. GORAT AEEN** - Consistent for the most part and has sound form references. With two comeback races in her legs, ought to run well again
- 9. CASBAR METEORA** - Bounced back to winning ways last time but but has more of a place chance than a winning one in this grade/company

Summary : GHADAH (2) won the Prix Dragon in great style and on that evidence gets the nod here ahead of the undefeated THAYDAH ATHBAH (6), whose recent Group III victory at Haydock was also achieved with ease. However, NOUR AL MAURY (3) and THAKEERA AL SHAHANIA (5) both have the means to pose a threat to those aforementioned rivals. GHADAH (2) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

**GHADAH (2) - THAYDAH ATHBAH (6) - NOUR AL MAURY (3) - THAKEERA AL
SHAHANIA (5)**



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C3 - QATAR PRIX DU CADRAN - 4000m (a2 1/2m) - TURF - Group 1 - Group - Flat - EUR € 300.000

- 1. VERT LIBERTE** - Has continued to progress in recent months and seems capable of staking in the finish of this marathon event. Chance.
- 2. MOON WOLF** - Consistent for the most part and has sound form references, though no more than a place chance. Outsider
- 3. SKAZINO** - Although disappointing of late, remains a class package and has been supplemented to run in this event. Keep safe
- 4. TRUESHAN** - Proven high-class stayer who won this race two years ago. Boasts a solid and high-level of form, so looks good value to reclaim his crown
- 5. RUN FOR OSCAR** - Has performed commendably on the flat but, in this grade/company, has no more than a place chance. Upset potential
- 6. EMILY DICKINSON** - Consistent filly solid form references/credentials, including a recent 2nd in the Goodwood Cup. The main danger to TRUESHAN (5)

Summary : Winner of this event two years ago, TRUESHAN (4) returns to Longchamp capable of repeating the feat of 2021. EMILY DICKINSON (6), runner-up to Quickthorn in the Goodwood Cup, also has a winning chance though. After his 3rd in the Prix Gladiateur on this track, VERT LIBERTE (1) and supplemented SKAZINO (3) ought to make their presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

TRUESHAN (4) - EMILY DICKINSON (6) - VERT LIBERTE (1) - SKAZINO (3)



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C4 - QATAR PRIX DE LA PLACE DES VOSGES - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - TURF - Handicap - Class 1 - Flat - EUR € 70.000

- 1. HAVE DANCER** - Won the Listed Défi du Galop this summer and runs in a Quinte+ handicap off a very high mark. More effective on very soft or even heavy tracks, so others are preferred
- 2. GOLDEN CALL** - Two-time Quinte+ winner who finished 6th in this event last year off a lower mark. Has less margin at this value but finds a racecourse that he likes
- 3. GOYA SENORA** - Former Group II winner who has dropped more than 6kg to an acceptable value. Runner-up to the good Kertez at Saint-Cloud recently, has leading claims
- 4. MACHETE** - Deemed worthy of participating in the Group I Prix du Jockey Club last year and recently returned to form on the PSF (4th). Has stamina doubts over his distance
- 5. SANTA ZOO** - Left a favorable impression in both comeback races. Up 2kg for finishing 4th in the Grand Prix de Craon (Listed) but remains capable
- 6. MONSIEUR XOO** - Ran much better than indicated by his ranking in his last two performances and is back on an attractive mark. Has yet to shine at ParisLongchamp, but the ground will serve his interests.
- 7. WOOT CITY** - Has performed very well since joining Fabrice Chappet's stable and rarely disappoints with his blinkers on. Finished 4th in the 2022 edition of this event
- 8. AGILE** - Lightly raced last-start winner who has regained freshness since her success back in July. Up 3kg but has scope for improvement and was supplemented by her entourage. so is respected
- 9. UTAMARO** - In 11 participations in Quinté+, this model of consistency has finished in the top five on 10 occasions. Drawn wide but cannot be discounted
- 10. MATAURI GOLD** - Hold-up type who finished strongly to fill the runner-up berth in the reference race earlier this month. Winning chance
- 11. KHOCHENKO** - Regular performer in Quinte+ races but had bad luck last time (11th) in the Prix de la Reine Marguerite. Has failed over 2400m so has it all to do
- 12. THUNDERSPEED** - Has proven time and again that he has the means to win a race of this nature at this value. He has regained freshness and has references on good ground
- 13. GET SET** - Has reached a career milestone this year, but no longer has any room for maneuver at value 38. Will also need things to go his way from gate No 16
- 14. WOODSTONE** - Frontrunner who acquitted himself well in his last two outings at this level. Has already proven his competitiveness over 2500m
- 15. SANTURIN** - Has never won at this level but has taken places in similar fields. From a good darw, he ought to be competitive
- 16. GLACIER PEAK** - Returned to form by finishing 3rd in the event on 3 September. Faces stronger opposition, but could stake a claim with gate No 1 - will tempt fans of outsiders.



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Summary : In the Prix de la Reine Marguerite run earlier this month, runner-up MATAURI GOLD (10) produced a sumptuous finish and on that evidence will logically win many votes. GOYA SENORA (3) won a Group event II in the summer of 2022 and has just recently shown a clear recovery in his form, so finds the big handicaps with legitimate claims. Having finished 4th and 3rd respectively in the aforementioned reference race, SANTURIN (15) and UTAMARO (9) are also unavoidable contenders. AGILE (8) has regained freshness since her success in July and has certainly not been supplemented without legitimate ambitions either. WOOT CITY (7), even if he would have preferred a softer track, inconsistent MONSIEUR XOO (6), and THUNDERSPEED (12) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MATAURI GOLD (10) - GOYA SENORA (3) - SANTURIN (15) - UTAMARO (9)



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C5 - H. BOUQUETOT - ARQ. SERIES - CRIT. D'AUTOMNE EN HOMMAGE A LADY O'REILLY - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 320.000

- 1. STANGHELI** - Has always shown serious means, although was clearly beaten at Chantilly last time. Ought to do better
- 2. ISLANDSINTHESTREAM** - Runner-up at Group I level last time and boasts by far the strongest form on offer. The one to beat
- 3. FOLLOW ME** - Consistent sort with sound references. Has the form and experience to make his presence felt in a race of this nature
- 4. OURO PRETO** - Smart colt, runner-up in both outings and has scope to improve. Will open his account sooner rather than later but has only a place chance here
- 5. GREY FIGHTER** - Promising colt rewarded for his consistency with a last-start success. Continues to progress and has the profile to surprise in this event
- 6. LOOSE CANNON** - Made a winning debut before finishing 3rd in a Group III last time at York. Has obvious claims here
- 7. LOUIS QUATORZE** - Debuted at Deauville in the Arqana Series and was the subject of flattering rumors. Trainer has also won this race before
- 8. MINOUSHKA** - Won on debut but failed to confirm that promise next time but returned to form last time (3rd). Must confirm
- 9. VILLA DES ARTS** - Unplaced in both outings and is unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of those displays. Others preferred
- 10. ETERNEL'S BEAUTE** - Promising filly rewarded for her consistency with a last-start victory. Continues to progress and has the profile to surprise in this event
- 11. MAYMAY** - One of the more experienced runners in the race but has not shown/done enough to suggest she will have a say in the finish
- 12. HIT IT** - Convincing last-start winner at Saint-Cloud and is likely to continue her momentum. Will be a factor
- 13. WAR CHIMES** - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing to win her next/last start but will need to take another step forward to be competitive here

Summary : ISLANDSINTHESTREAM (2) finished second at the highest level, between Henry Longfellow and Bucanero Fuerte, and the strength of that form makes him hard to oppose here. HIT IT (12) did as her name suggests when winning brilliantly at Saint-Cloud last time and on that evidence is likely to pose a threat, along with STANGHELI (1) who is consistent and has shown sufficient means to play a leading role. LOOSE CANNON (6), who was 3rd in a Group 3 in England, completes the shortlist.



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ISLANDSINTHESTREAM (2) - HIT IT (12) - STANGHELI (1) - LOOSE CANNON (6)



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C6 - QATAR PRIX DE ROYALLIEU - 2800m (a1 3/4m) - TURF - Group 1 - Group - Flat - EUR € 300.000

1. **BAIYKARA** - Only narrowly missed out against MELO MELO (8) at Deauville in the summer. Can get into the picture
2. **POPTRONIC** - Capable filly but has been found wanting at Group I level, so has no more than a place chance here. Outsider
3. **DIVA DONNA** - Consistent filly for the most part but has more of a place chance than a winning one. Others make more appeal
4. **ALPENBLUME** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is not easily ruled out
5. **LA MEHANA** - Has won two of her last three starts and on the evidence of her most recent victory could get into the picture here
6. **MIMIKYU** - Consistent for the most part and boasts sound form references, but needs to find improvement to play a leading role
7. **SEA SILK ROAD** - Consistent filly who acquitted herself well in the Prix Vermeille and deserves to be given credit. Respected
8. **MELO MELO** - Has continued to progress in recent months and only narrowly lost out in the Prix Vermeille. Leading contender
9. **OTTERY** - Will appreciate the step up to this distance and the firmer ground than she did at Deauville last time. Keep safe
10. **SHAMIDA** - Well-bred progressive filly enjoying a winning sequence and who ought to continue her momentum. One to beat
11. **THUNDER ROLL** - Progressive last-start winner with sound references. Can improve again to make her presence felt here
12. **SUMO SAM** - Impressive winner of her last two starts and promises to be formidable once again, especially if the ground softens
13. **RUE BOISSONADE** - Ran on very well in the Prix Vermeille and on that evidence ought to be competitive over this longer distance
14. **LIBRARY** - Consistent for the most part and boasts sound form references, including a recent 2nd. Not taken lightly

Summary : An open and typically competitive "Royallieu" from which SHAMIDA (10), who got the better of Dawn Rising at the Curragh last time, can emerge victorious at the expense of MELO MELO (8), runner-up to Warm Heart in the Prix Vermeille. SUMO SAM (12), very impressive in winning her last two from the front, is another candidate for success. OTTERY (9), who will enjoy a faster track and this longer distance, RUE BOISSONADE (13) and BAIYKARA (1) compete the shortlist.



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SHAMIDA (10) - MELO MELO (8) - SUMO SAM (12) - OTTERY (9)