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R4 LYON LA SOIE [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU PRESIDENT BUFFAUD - 2150m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER -
Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 15,400**

- 1. KERNO QUATZ** - A moderate 9th in a Claimer over 1500m at Marseille-Vivau on 16 February. His form has been mediocre of late and will need to up his game to feature
- 2. VADIRUM** - Won a Claimer over 2500m at Deauville on 33 January. Did have NEPALAIS (3) behind him and although that runner holds a weight advantage, this gelding does have good form at this course
- 3. NEPALAIS** - A competent 2nd in a Claimer over 1900m at Deauville on 7 February. Not beaten far when 3rd behind VADIRUM (2) two runs back and will now be 2kg better off. That should be enough to reverse that form line
- 4. CLEOD'OR** - Disappointed when 11th in a Handicap over 2000m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on 18 February. That was a Quinté+ but a run earlier he finished just 0.75 lengths behind NEPALAIS (3) so warrants consideration
- 5. WICKBURY** - Never in it when 14th in a Handicap over 2000m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on 11 February. Did win her previous start so she has to be better than that. Could place
- 6. DISTURBED** - Finished 8th in a Claimer over 2000m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on 26 January. His jockey reported that his mount just ran out of steam but as he won his penultimate start, he deserves another chance
- 7. ZVALIKOVA** - Good run when 2nd over 1400m at Limoges on 29 November. Finished last in her only other race on this surface at Chantilly and is unlikely to have an impact on this race
- 8. BIG ZOU** - Pulled up in a Hurdle race over 3600m at Auteil on 29 October. Before he took to hurdle racing he did have some decent form on the Flat so could be the surprise package
- 9. ZAMBRA** - A moderate 7th in a Claimer over 2100m at Pornichet on 19 January. That was his first run in France after performing well enough in Spain. Improvement can be expected
- 10. SKIMBLESHANKS** - A midfield 8th in a Handicap over 2400m at this course on 14 February. His form overall has been disappointing and he is best overlooked
- 11. LIV GOLD** - Finished 7th in a Claimer over 2200m at Cavillon on 30 August. Form is poor and she returns from a lengthy layoff

Summary: NEPALAIS (3) makes his return to Lyon-La Soie after winning in October 2022, his only run at this track. He put up an excellent effort when 3rd at Deauville last time and will now be 2kg better off over a preferred distance with reopposing winner of that race VADIRUM (2). However, he has regularly run well at this course so cannot be overlooked. CLEOD'OR (4) is another with excellent form at this track with three wins while DISTURBED (6) is better than his last run might suggest.



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SELECTIONS

NEPALAIS (3) - VADIRUM (2) - CLEOD'OR (4) - DISTURBED (6)



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C2 - PRIX DU PRESIDENT BOURJAILLAT - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

1. KAMINO - Comes off a win in a race over 1450m at Honzrath in Germany. Has some good form in that country and although he will have to produce his best to be a factor, he must have some sort of chance

2. GOLDEN FLASH - Finished 8th in a Handicap over 1600m at Chantilly on 3 March. Form has been poor and he comes back from a lengthy layoff. Best left alone

3. LES DIGGERS - A poor 11th in a Handicap over 1600m at Chantilly on 5 February. She will be having her first run at the course and that might help her

4. SIR WALTER - A 0.50-length 2nd in a Handicap over this course and distance on 14 February. With two wins and three places in his last six starts, all on this course, he stands out as the runner to beat

5. HADEWIN - A decent 4th in a Handicap over 1900m at Deauville on 2 December. That was a competitive race and as a fluent winner of his previous start, he needs to be taken seriously

6. BRAVE SHIINA - Finished 7th in a Handicap over 2150m at this course on 24 February. Will have to be at his very best but should benefit from the drop in distance and should run well

7. SON VIDA - Never a factor when 13th in a Handicap over 1600m at Chantilly on 21 January. Recent form, particularly at this course, has not been great. Will need to improve

8. THE CHARMER - A mediocre 11th in a Handicap over 1800m at this course on 14 February. He is held by quite a few runners on that last run and will have to up his game

9. FOLLOW YOU - A moderate 8th in a Handicap over 2000m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on 27 January. Both runs at this course have been shocking and he cannot be considered in this

10. SOMMERBLITZ - A poor 7th in a race over 1400m at Baden Baden in Germany on 1 September 2024. Been out of action for a long time and needs to prove himself

11. THREE DREAMS - A promising 5th in a Handicap over this course and distance on 14 February. Was not far behind SIR WALTER (4) in that race and on that basis she is not out of this

12. BEST SHALAA - Narrowly beaten when 2nd in a Handicap over this course and distance on 14 February. Has a good record at this course although she has yet to post a victory, but that could all change this time

Summary: On the basis of the premise that one must choose horses for courses, SIR WALTER (4) should have the advantage over his rivals. He rarely runs a bad race at the track where he has notched up all three of his victories. BEST SHALAA (12) is another runner who has a good record at the course but has yet to win there. However, she was not far behind the main selection last time. HADEWIN (5) is in good form while BRAVE SHIINA (6) is always thereabouts.

SELECTIONS

SIR WALTER (4) - BEST SHALAA (12) - HADEWIN (5) - BRAVE SHIINA (6)



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C3 - PRIX DU PRESIDENT MARGE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,400

1. MR RIEM - Hard-fought winner of a Handicap over this course and distance on 14 February. Led all the way and fought on gamely to win and will now be fitted with blinkers.

2. OPERA - A well-beaten 3rd in a Conditions race over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux on 16 December. Will need to up her game if she is to trouble this field

3. SPIRIT GREY - Finished 3rd in a Handicap over this course and distance on 14 February. He came off a win to be beaten just over 2 lengths by MR RIEM (1) and is now better off at the weights. Should be competitive again.

4. VALINA - Finished 5th in a Handicap over 1600m at Pau on 28 January. Will be fitted with Australian blinkers and gets a 1.5kg allowance which will help, but needs to prove herself over the distance

5. FULL GAIN - Well-beaten 11th in a Handicap over 1600m at Pau on 28 January. Would need to find something special just to place in this line-up

6. ALCATOSER - An improved 6th in a Handicap over 1900m at Chantilly on 13 February. He looks to be regaining form and should give a good account of himself

7. XARUN - Not really in with a chance when 7th in a Handicap over 2000m at Pau on 23 February. His form is not good enough to be considered

8. SECRET FEELING - A promising 4th in a Handicap over 1800m at this course on 14 February. Well beaten by SPIRIT GREY (3) in her penultimate run she made massive improvement in that next race. A definite runner

9. TOPINAMBUR - A mediocre 9th in a Handicap over this course and distance on 14 February. Held by many others in this field on that run

10. AS A CHARM - A decent 5th in a Handicap over this track and trip on 21 January. Not beaten far by SPIRIT GREY (3) and now 1kg better off should finish a lot closer

11. TIME TO GALI - Never in it when 10th in a Handicap over this track and trip on 14 February. Cannot be considered on recent form

12. SPACE QUAKE - A moderate 7th in a Handicap over 2150 at this course on 24 February. Is held by others on his penultimate over this course and distance but could place

Summary: MR RIEM (1) comes off a courageous start-to-finish victory and with headgear fitted he could overcome the 3kg penalty and win again. SPIRIT GREY (3) has been the model of consistency recently and with the weight turnaround in his favour, is capable of winning. SECRET FEELING (8) showed huge improvement in her last start and could well trouble the top two. AS A CHARM (10) has been showing progress and better drawn this time looks a threat.

SELECTIONS

MR RIEM (1) - SPIRIT GREY (3) - SECRET FEELING (8) - ALCATOSER (6)



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C4 - PRIX LE FRIMEUR - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 19,200

1. IRY - A poor 9th on debut in a Maiden over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux on 8 December. Based on thht run he has little chance of troubling this field

2. MICHEL - A moderate 6th in a Maiden over 1900m at Chantilly on 9 December. Will need to find more to be competitive

3. BON VIVEUR - A close-up 3rd in a Maiden over 1600m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on 9 February. He has had two good runs so far and should benefit from the extra 200m

4. REGAL EYE - Had excuses when 7th in a Maiden over this course and distance on 17 November. He went off a strong favourite but his jockey reported that he was tense behind the stalls, and although he travelled well early on, he faded late. Deserves another chance

5. FAITH IN YOU - Never better than 3rd in her debut run in a Maiden over 2000m at Pau on 20 February. She should improve on that and could place

6. SAHIMAA - Ran a 1.50-length 2nd in a Maiden over this course and distance on 14 February. Did not show in her first two races over shorter but seems to have hit form trying a longer trip

7. ARTOA - Not beaten far when 5th in a Maiden over 1650m at Amiens 28 September. Finished second in her debut outing and could place if not in need of the run following a 5-month break

8. ACME - A well-beaten 12th in a Conditions race over 1900m at Deauville on 31 January. That was a dire debut and she is best overlooked

Summary: BON VIVEUR (3) has run two good races and this slightly longer trip should be right up his street. If that is the case he will be hard to beat. REGAL EYE (4) was expected to win last time but got uptight at the start and faded out late. He is better than that and deserves another chance. FAITH IN YOU (5) made a promising debut at Pau and could improve on that performance. SAHIMAA (6) is the stable companion of the first selection and could also contest the finish.

SELECTIONS

BON VIVEUR (3) - REGAL EYE (4) - FAITH IN YOU (5) - SAHIMAA (6)