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R3 SALON-DE-PROVENCE [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA VITESSE - 1100m (a5 1/2f) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR
€ 12.500**

- 1. CUNCERTA** - Inconsistent filly but has the means to be competitive in her first start at this level. Ran her best race at this course
- 2. OVER CHOPE** - Has yet to spark the necessary improvement in better races/company but should fare better with her sights lowered now in a claiming race
- 3. SANTA VANILLA** - Inconsistent filly but is confirmed at this level and undeniably capable of having a say here. Keep safe
- 4. GOGOKA** - Unplaced in a conditions race last time but did finish runner-up at this level previously. Will have a role to play
- 5. SHE WILL** - Finished a modest 7th on debut but is open to any amount of improvement with the benefit of that experience. Beware
- 6. HAMIDA FILIES** - Has not gone unnoticed in any of her four appearances, seldom finishing far off the mark. Could get into the picture here

Summary : GOGOKA (4), despite his recent failure (7th) in a conditions race at Moulins, is likely to feature prominently back at this level having been touched off in a similar contest over this distance at Dieppe in July. CUNCERTA (1) and OVER CHOPE (2), both of whom are new to the claiming division, have the means to fight for victory so must be respected. SANTA VANILLA (3) has also shown enough to make her presence felt.

SELECTIONS

GOGOKA (4) - CUNCERTA (1) - OVER CHOPE (2) - SANTA VANILLA (3)



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**C2 - PRIX GERARD NOUGIER - 1100m (a5 1/2f) - TURF - Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 20.000**

- 1. RED CHARM** - Has struggled to make an impression off a similar mark in her last two starts after consecutive handicap wins. Outsider
- 2. GIORGIANA** - Was not disgraced in finishing 5th last time after consecutive victories. Should have a role to play
- 3. MGHEERA** - Has revealed her quality on several occasions in maiden races this year and should hold her own in handicaps of this type
- 4. QUEEN KAHINA** - Quick filly who has already proven her competitiveness in handicaps at this level off her current mark. Winning chance
- 5. RISE ABOVE** - Distance suited and confirmed in handicaps at this value. Should have a role to play in a race of this nature
- 6. ZAVADREAM** - Unreliable but not entirely incapable of getting into the picture. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 7. GO JOHNNY GO GO GO** - Performed very well in handicaps at this level during the first half of the year. Ought to have a say here

Summary : QUEEN KAHINA (4) lines up here in good form and physical condition, having run well recently in a Moulins maiden, and she ought to be competitive for victory back in a handicap. MGHEERA (3) has flattered to deceive but is, judged on her best references, capable of fighting out the finish on handicap debut. Both RISE ABOVE (5) and GO JOHNNY GO GO GO (7) have the means to play a leading role too.

SELECTIONS

QUEEN KAHINA (4) - MGHEERA (3) - RISE ABOVE (5) - GO JOHNNY GO GO GO (7)



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**C3 - PRIX DES CIGALES - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Condition Race -
Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 22.000**

1. BEAUTIFUL MEMORY - Consistent filly with solid form references, including two wins over this 2400m distance. Ought to be competitive

2. AIXELLENCE - Won a maiden race three starts back but has finished unplaced in both subsequent outings. Must reaffirm

3. ROUGE - Won back-to-back outings before finishing 7th last time out. Capable of better but best watched for now

4. SANTHIA - Has made constant progress since the spring and should appreciate this step up to this distance. Leading light

5. AMELIELYMPIQUE - Talented filly, absent since for nigh on four months but did win easily at this level earlier this year so should be competitive on her return

Summary : Jérôme Reynier-trained AMELIELYMPIQUE (5) will be a popular choice in this Class 2, despite returning from a layoff of almost 4 months, having already sufficient means to win a race of this nature. Both SANTHIA (4) and BEAUTIFUL MEMORY (1) have also shown enough quality to fight for victory and are likely to pose a threat. AIXELLENCE (2) isn't devoid of ability either, so should not be neglected.

SELECTIONS

AMELIELYMPIQUE (5) - SANTHIA (4) - BEAUTIFUL MEMORY (1) - AIXELLENCE (2)



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**C4 - PRIX RAYMOND GODINEZ - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Claiming - Flat
- EUR € 12.000**

- 1. WELDORPHER** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture but has no more than a place chance
- 2. LE TROPIC** - Has won a claiming race and finished 2nd as well as 4th in three starts at this level. High on the shortlist
- 3. BREIZH WOOD** - Easy last-start winner of a maiden race at Cavaillon and ought to have a say in the finish with a repeat of that performance
- 4. STRATUS** - Seldom far off the mark and finished 5th in a claiming race last time. Will be a factor with any improvement
- 5. ALLEZ LULU** - Holding form in handicaps but with little margin at this value. Ought to fare better in a claiming race now
- 6. PAS DE VELOURS** - Made no impression when finishing unplaced on debut but ought to improve with that experience. Outsider
- 7. LE DRAKKAR** - Rewarded for consistency with a last-start victory and isn't entirely incapable of getting into the picture

Summary : BREIZH WOOD (3) won a maiden at Cavaillon last month by three lengths and need only to run to that level of form to fight for victory in this claiming race. LE TROPIC (2) is confirmed in this grade and likely to pose a threat, which ALLEZ LULU (5) could do too in his first outing in the claiming division. STRATUS (4) let the side down last time but is not incapable of resurfacing here.

SELECTIONS

BREIZH WOOD (3) - LE TROPIC (2) - ALLEZ LULU (5) - STRATUS (4)



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**C5 - PRIX ALL IS VANITY - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race -
Newcomers - Flat - EUR € 23.000**

- 1. LUCKY BERE** - Christophe Escuder-trained Seahenge newcomer to be ridden on debut by Sylvain Ruis. One to keep an eye on
- 2. BACK IN PARIS** - Well-related colt from the Jean-Claude Rouget stable. This full-brother to Listed winner Song of Life makes plenty appeal on paper
- 3. PARADISE STORM** - Fabrice Vermeulen-trained Masked Marvel colt closely related to several well-performed sorts. Keep safe
- 4. FOR WIN** - Mehmas colt worth keeping an eye on given the booking of Guillaume Millet, who has a good record when riding for Nicolas Perret
- 5. LE PHOCEA** - Grégoire Legras rides this Zelzal colt on debut for trainer Brigitte Ré-Scandella. Not taken lightly
- 6. SOKNA** - One of three Christophe Escuder-trained runners in the race with Marie Vélon engaged to ride this Hunter's Light filly
- 7. FACINATRICE** - Master's Spirit debutante whose dam was a well-performed handicapper. Did not take up a prior engagement but is one to note
- 8. WIKENDA** - Patrice Cottier-trained Panis filly from a stable enjoying a successful start to the year. Marvin Grandin rides
- 9. CLASH ROYALE** - The third of three runners in the race for trainer Christophe Escuder. Tony Piccone rides this Recoletos debutante
- 10. NOVA KEN** - Well-bred Kendargent debutante whose dam won a Listed race. Antonio Orani rides for trainer Jérôme Reynier

Summary : BACK IN PARIS (2), NOVA KEN (10) and WIKENDA (8), trained and presented here by Jean-Claude Rouget, Jérôme Reynier and Patrice Cottier respectively, appear the most likely winners of this two-year-old race for newcomers. PARADISE STORM (3), FOR WIN (4) and FACINATRICE (7) complete the shortlist but should not be discounted for win purposes.

SELECTIONS

BACK IN PARIS (2) - NOVA KEN (10) - WIKENDA (8) - PARADISE STORM (3)



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C6 - PRIX DES SOCIETAIRES - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 17.000

- 1. CUSANO** - Unreliable but not devoid of sufficient means to play a role here. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 2. GOLDEN CITY** - Runner-up in his last two starts, this consistent colt trained by Jean-Claude Rouget will not be winning out of turn
- 3. NEW RULER** - Well-born colt who got off to a promising (2nd) start when finishing ahead of several more-experienced rivals. One to beat
- 4. ZOFF** - Has looked rather ordinary to this point, so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
- 5. SKATHI** - Consistent since the start of the year and boasts solid form references. This trip (2000m) will be right up his alley
- 6. LAST STICK** - Rémi Fradet-trained Johnny Barnes gelding to be ridden on debut by Sylvain Ruis. Will be worth keeping an eye on
- 7. GIMANZOR** - Well-bred newcomer whose dam won a Listed race and has already produced capable handicapper Dar Toungi
- 8. UNE DE BONNEVEINE** - Pierre Sigaud's daughter of The Great Spirit to be ridden on debut by Marvin Grandin. Best watched for now

Summary : Both NEW RULER (3) and GOLDEN CITY (2) are unlikely to be maidens for too long and should be winning sooner rather than later. With that pair expected to fight for victory, consistent SKATHI (5) ought to prove best of the rest judged on his form references. Newcomer GIMANZOR (7) is the second string to Jérôme Reynier's bow and could be up to playing a leading role on debut with Tony Piccone engaged to ride.

SELECTIONS

NEW RULER (3) - GOLDEN CITY (2) - SKATHI (5) - GIMANZOR (7)



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C7 - PRIX JOSEPH CREISSON - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Claiming Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 13.000

- 1. MOUTRAKI** - In 11 races at Salon-de-Provence he finished in the top four nine times, including four successes. In good form of late and can follow up in this claimer
- 2. THE MANAGER** - Has run well twice at this course but has been disappointing of late. Capable of bouncing back to win
- 3. GOOD QUESTION** - Disappointing form of late and his last win was on the PSF but he should be right there at the finish if finding his best form
- 4. TRENAVIN** - Only win was on the PSF in March. Drop in distance could spark improvement but others are preferred
- 5. ASPEN** - On a long losing run and has been disappointing of late but has run well in claimers before and could earn some money
- 6. ELYMAS** - Not disgraced when fourth in a claimer last time out. Won twice last year and is capable of an upset
- 7. PEGASUS** - Disappointing form of late. Did better in claimer earlier this year but does need to do more to win this race. Might place
- 8. SECRET FEELING** - On a long losing streak but was runner-up the last time she was seen in a claimer. Can go one better this time

Summary : In great shape and confirmed on this Salon-de-Provence layout, MOUTRAKI (1) sets a good standard here and looks the most likely winner. SECRET FEELING (8) possesses a useful finishing burst and should have a say in the finish if getting a decent pace to aim at. THE MANAGER (2) and GOOD QUESTION (3) are both capable of winning too if rediscovering their best form, though both have not been at their best recently.

SELECTIONS

MOUTRAKI (1) - SECRET FEELING (8) - THE MANAGER (2) - GOOD QUESTION (3)



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**C8 - PRIX DE LA LIBERTE - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race
Qualifier - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 12.000**

- 1. ALFIERI** - Disappointing form since winning on the PSF in June. Probably better on that surface and others are preferred
- 2. SADARAK** - On a long losing streak. Drop in distance could spark improvement and is not out of it in this line-up
- 3. STAR DRACK** - Well tried this year with a win in March but has only been modest of late. He does have a winning chance in this line-up
- 4. GOLDEN BEACH** - Disappointing form in Ital this year. Did better in France last year and he could be the surprise package of the race
- 5. FORCE TRANQUILLE** - On a long losing run but showed improvement when runner-up last time out and can go one better in this small field
- 6. LOVELY DOLLY** - Won twice at the beginning of the year but has been a disappointment of late. Capable of an upset
- 7. AIRA** - A pleasant finisher recently over 1,700 meters, she will appreciate the longer distance. Could finish in the money again

Summary : FORCE TRANQUILLE (5), who finished a good 2nd in a Class 4 conditions race at Cavaillon last month, has the best winning chance in this event. STAR DRACK (3), if judged on what he has done best, could fight for victory. SADARAK (2) could made improvement over this shorter trip to play a leading role, while AIRA (7) should not be underestimated in an event of this lower standard.

SELECTIONS

FORCE TRANQUILLE (5) - STAR DRACK (3) - SADARAK (2) - AIRA (7)