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QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE (GROUP 1)

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Timeform View: This is a typically competitive renewal of the Arc but with the clutch of leading 3-y-o colts needing to improve again to figure, it should pay to concentrate on 2012 runner-up Orfevre, King George winner **Novellist** and the unbeaten Treve. Orfevre and Treve were impressive in their respective trials, but Novellist's Ascot win was most decisive and he can give Germany a second win in 3 years.

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| <p>1 113742 VERY NICE NAME (21) 4 9-5 A. De Mieuille Pierantonio Convertino 1</p>  <p>Developed into a smart performer in Qatar last winter, winning 5 times, and has improved again in Dubai and Europe since. No match for Orfevre in Prix Foy last time, however, and looks up against it.</p> | <p>10 12114 FLINTSHIRE (21) 3 8-11 A. Fabre Maxime Guyon 7</p>  <p>Similar profile to same connections' 2006 Arc winner Rail Link heading into the Prix Niel, and not disgraced when fourth in that race. Place claims on his Grand Prix de Paris win but rain a negative.</p> |
| <p>2 41-1111 NOVELLIST (35) 4 9-5 A. Wohler Johnny Murtagh 12</p>  <p>Stunning winner of the King George in July, and showed his well-being when landing a Group 1 in his native Germany last time. Sets the standard among the older horses on that Ascot win and big chance.</p> | <p>11 41-1111 LEADING LIGHT (22) 3 8-11 Aidan O'Brien Gerald Mosse 5</p>  <p>Very smart colt and took his 2013 record to 4 from 4 (in cheekpieces all year) in the St Leger (beat Talent). Should have more to offer (only just does enough) but stiff task here dropping to 1½m.</p> |
| <p>3 111132 AL KAZEEM (29) 5 9-5 Roger Charlton James Doyle 18</p>  <p>Won Jockey Club Stakes (1½m) on only start in 2012 and confirmed himself high class in 2013, completing a 1¼m Group 1 hat-trick in Eclipse. Beaten twice since, but return to soft ground will suit.</p> | <p>12 1-11533 OCOVANGO (21) 3 8-11 A. Fabre Stephane Pasquier 13</p>  <p>Unbeaten record came to an end in the Derby (fifth) but has progressed a bit again since, third in both the Grand Prix de Paris and Prix Niel. Reliable but his limitations appear exposed.</p> |
| <p>4 19-6302 JOSHUA TREE (49) 6 9-5 Ed Dunlop Richard Hughes 14</p>  <p>Smart and versatile international performer for various stables, and bounced back to form when second in the Prix Kergolay (won race in 2012) at Deauville last time. Plenty to find here, though.</p> | <p>13 612121 PENGLAI PAVILION (17) 3 8-11 A. Fabre Mickael Barzalona 10</p>  <p>Didn't need to reproduce his Grand Prix de Deauville form (head second to Tres Blue) to record fourth win from 7 starts in listed race at Saint-Cloud, making all. Much more on his plate here, however.</p> |
| <p>5 469331 MEANDRE (14) 5 9-5 A. M. Shavuyev Umberto Rispoli 2</p>  <p>Won 2 Group 1s for Andre Fabre in 2012, and landed another for current trainer in Germany (reinstated after appeal) last time. Will need a fair bit more here, though, and unproven on soft ground.</p> | <p>14 3-51111 KIZUNA (21) 3 8-11 Shozo Sasaki Yutaka Take 11</p>  <p>Top three-year-old in Japan (won their Derby) who beat Ruler of The World by a short-head in the Prix Niel on first start for 4 months. Likely to have come on for that effort and warrants respect.</p> |
| <p>6 1122-11 ORFEVRE (21) 5 9-5 Yasutoshi Ikee Christophe Soumillon 8</p>  <p>Prolific top-level winner in native Japan who gave away what looked certain victory in this race a year ago (beaten a neck). Looked as good as ever for second Prix Foy win (easily) and major player.</p> | <p>15 11152 RULER OF THE WORLD (21) 3 8-11 Aidan O'Brien Ryan Moore 6</p>  <p>Beaten twice since the Derby (unbeaten in 3 up to that point) but bounced back after 3 months off when narrow second to Kizuna in the Prix Niel. Unlucky not to win that day too, but this is tougher.</p> |
| <p>7 11-5234 GOING SOMEWHERE (21) 4 9-4 D. Smaga Gregory Benoist 4</p>  <p>Smart performer in his native Brazil, and not disgraced on debut for current yard when staying-on fourth of 9 to Orfevre in the Prix Foy. Major improvement needed to get involved here, though.</p> | <p>16 133232 SAHAWAR (50) 3 8-11 C. Ferland Thierry Thulliez 16</p>  <p>Good efforts at up 1½m since winning minor event in March, particularly when short head second to Bravodino in similar race at Deauville last time, but way out of his depth here.</p> |
| <p>8 722366 HAYA LANDA (21) 5 9-2 Mme L. Audon Franck Blondel 17</p>  <p>Smart filly at up to this trip (fourth in this race in 2012), but has been below form on her last 2 starts, including in Prix Foy on latest, and only has 1 win to her name. Hard to fancy.</p> | <p>17 131131 INTELLO (15) 3 8-11 A. Fabre Olivier Peslier 9</p>  <p>Looked potentially top class when winning the Prix du Jockey Club in June and came through his prep (Group 3) for this with flying colours. Group 1-placed at 1m but should stay 1½m and respected.</p> |
| <p>9 314653 PIRIKA (21) 5 9-2 A. Fabre Pierre-Charles Boudot 3</p>  <p>Smart mare (runner-up in the 2012 Prix Vermeille) who landed a Group 3 at Longchamp in May. Beaten all 4 starts since, well-held third in the Prix Foy on latest, and makes little appeal.</p> | <p>18 1-111 TREVE (21) 3 8-8 Mme C. Head-Maarek Thierry Jarnet 15</p>  <p>Prix de Diane winner who maintained her unbeaten record after break in equally impressive fashion in the Prix Vermeille over C&D. Leading contender, but likely to need luck in running and drawn wide.</p> |

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