

WEDNESDAY, 08/05/24

R4 AUTEUIL [L-H]

C1 - PRIX GUILLAUME JAVOY - 3700m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 59,000

1. DENTOR DES OBEAUX - 6th last time in a Listed hurdle race over 3900m on April 11th at this track. A winner of a Class 2 chase in October 2023 at this venue. Others rate higher

2. ROSE SECRETE - Fair 4th last time at Nantes in a Class 2 chase over 4300m on April 18th. Can make the top three

3. KOLKOVA - Won last time in a Class 3 chase at Lyon Parilly over 4100m on April 20th. Also won over hurdles in April 2023 at this track. Consider

4. KAPTEEN - Three unplaced runs of late, a decent 3rd before that in a Grade 3 hurdle at this track over 3600m on March 3rd. Can be involved on second try over fences

5. AIR COMMODORE - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 3800m in a Class 3 hurdle at Angers on March 23rd. A winner of a Listed hurdle in 2022 at this track. Chase debut and is a key player

6. BLADE - 3rd last time at Cluny in a Class 4 chase over 3600m on April 13th. Can not be relied on as he tends to race freely sometimes. Hard to fancy

7. AVENUE DU MESNIL - Unplaced last time, won before that in a Class 2 hurdle at Fontainebleau on February 20th over 3800m. Warrants respect on chase debut

Summary: AIR COMMODORE (5) has shown useful form over hurdles which include a win in a Listed hurdle at this track in 2022. He ran a solid race last time when fifth at this track in late April in a competitive hurdle race. He can score on his chase debut from ROSE SECRETE (2) who was a good fourth in a Class 2 chase at Nantes last time. KAPTEEN (4) and KOLKOVA (3) can fight for minor honours.

SELECTIONS

AIR COMMODORE (5) - ROSE SECRETE (2) - KAPTEEN (4) - KOLKOVA (3)

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C2 - PRIX DE POUILLY - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 53,000

- 1. SAUVIGNON** - Won on hurdle race debut at Lyon Parilly over 3400m on April 20th. Can improve from that and play a lead role
- 2. APOLLON DU LUY** - 2nd on both runs so far, the latter over 3300m in a Class 2 hurdle on April 22nd. Ought to be thereabouts
- 3. BARDENAS** - Fair 3rd on the sole run so far at this track over 3000m on April 16th. Can step forward from that and be involved
- 4. DSCHINGIS GOLD** - Unplaced on both of his runs so far over hurdles, the latter at Compiegne in a Class 3 race on April 23rd. Placed on the flat, but best to look for an alternative
- 5. KASHS** - 5th last time in a Class 3 hurdle at Compiegne on April 23rd over 3200m. Has work to do to feature
- 6. DIMITRI** - Unraced gelding by Sholokhov, from a respected trainer who knows the time of day. Monitor the betting for clues
- 7. FOU DE TOI** - Newcomer by Motivator, will be well prepared by connections and is one to watch in the betting exchanges
- 8. KIND OF MIX** - Unplaced on the sole start so far at this track over 3000m on March 31st. Others make more appeal
- 9. ELIOT DUANCE** - Unplaced on the sole start over 3000m in a hurdle race at this track on March 17th. Best watched for now
- 10. LOOKING GOOD** - 3rd on the last start on the flat on the PSF on October 17th on his second start. Bred to jump and is one to watch on debut over hurdles
- 11. L'AMIRAL D'AINAY** - Unplaced on hurdle race debut at this track over 3000m on April 16th, 2nd on the last run on the flat in February. Others make more appeal

Summary: BARDENAS (3) ran a race full of promise when third at this track last month and is taken to score at the second time of asking. SAUVIGNON (1) did everything that was asked of him on debut when winning over 3400m last month and looks like the main danger. DIMITRI (6) has a taking profile and will be well-tuned for a bold show on debut. FOU DE TOI (7) is also making his debut and warrants respect and is from a shrewd trainer.

SELECTIONS

BARDENAS (3) - SAUVIGNON (1) - DIMITRI (6) - FOU DE TOI (7)

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C3 - PRIX DJARVIS - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 59,000

- 1. KOUROUKOUKOU** - Won last time over 3800m at Moulins in a Class 3 chase on April 7th. Can play a lead role
- 2. KASHBACK WOOD** - 4th last time over 3500m at this track, won before that in a Class 3 chase at Saint-Brieuc on March 10th. Others make more sense
- 3. KOWLOON PARK** - 2nd last time on chase debut at this track over 3500m on April 16th, and a win before that in a Class 2 hurdle. Player
- 4. KOP DE BOULOGNE** - 3rd on both recent runs over fences, the latter over 3500m at this track on April 16th. Can not be ruled out
- 5. KING ERIC** - Nice 3rd in a Class 1 chase over 3500m at this track on fencing debut last time on February 24th. Can keep progressing and score
- 6. KANTOR DU SEUIL** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that on the flat at Machecoul over 2950m on March 3rd. Chase debut and looks vulnerable
- 7. KEYS** - 2nd on the last three runs, the latter over 3400m at Le Lion D'Angers on April 1st over fences. Needs a few to falter

Summary: KING ERIC (5) was a pleasing third in a Class 1 chase at this track in February. He has been given some time and can score. KOUROUKOUKOU (1) could be the one that makes the selection work hard for success. He won a Class 3 chase last time and looks progressive. KOWLOON PARK (3) is also one to pay attention to after a nice second at this track in mid-April. KOP DE BOULOGNE (4) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

KING ERIC (5) - KOUROUKOUKOU (1) - KOWLOON PARK (3) - KOP DE BOULOGNE (4)

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C4 - PRIX MIROR - 3600m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Listed Race - Hurdles - EUR € 88,000

- 1. ZEPHYR DE BEAUMONT** - Good 3rd over 3600m in a Listed hurdle at this track on March 31st when last racing. Player
- 2. KOPECK DE MEE** - Won the latest two runs, the latter a Class 2 hurdle at Nantes over 3500m on April 6th. More needed but is one to keep safe
- 3. KARAM LE ROUGE** - Won the last two runs, the latter a Class 2 race over 3600m at this track on April 16th. On the upgrade and can not be ruled out
- 4. MON CHAMPION** - 3rd last time in a Class 2 hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m on April 16th. Has work to do in a competitive race
- 5. RAFFLES NOBU** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that in a Class 1 hurdle race at this track on November 3rd. Outside place contender
- 6. BOOM BOOM CIAO** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 4400m in a Grade 3 chase at this track on March 31st. Back over hurdles and others preferred
- 7. SANNTAMA D'OROUX** - 2nd last time at Compiegne in a Class 4 hurdle on April 8th over 3600m. Others rate higher
- 8. BLUENESS** - Unplaced last time, won a Class 2 hurdle before that at Compiegne over 3800m on April 3rd. Ought to be in the shake-up

Summary: ZEPHYR DE BEAUMONT (1) ran a good third in a Listed hurdle last time at this track in late March and looks like the best option. KARAM LE ROUGE (3) has won his last two races, both at this track, and can once again have a say in proceedings. KOPECK DE MEE (2) is also in top shape and is seeking a hat-trick of wins. This will be more of a test but he is progressive. BLUENESS (8) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

ZEPHYR DE BEAUMONT (1) - KARAM LE ROUGE (3) - KOPECK DE MEE (2) - BLUENESS (8)

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C5 - PRIX POT D'OR - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 71,000

1. BENOUE - His only win so far was in a hurdle race last year but he did run well when third last time out in a Conditions chase over this course and distance on 11 April. Big chance

2. ST ROMAIN DU DERBY - Has fluffed his lines in both starts, with the latest finishing well beaten in a handicap at this course over 4700m on 21 April. Down in class and could be a serious threat this distance

3. FRET D'ESTRIVAL - Reminded us what he is capable of when scoring last time out in a Conditions chase at Compiègne over 3900m on 3 April. Can follow up

4. LITTLE KING - Much improved of late and is unbeaten in two chases so far, with the latest win in a handicap chase at Compiègne over 3900m on 25 March. Can complete the hat-trick

5. JAIPALETEMPS - Fifth last time in a handicap hurdle at Compiègne over 3600m on 23 April. Won two chase claimers before that and is not out of it

6. THEQUIETMAN - Disappointing last two runs and was 9th last time out in a handicap hurdle at Lyon-Parilly over 3800m on 20 April. Capable of better and could contest the finish

7. FONTANNES - His last win was in 2021 and he was 6th last time out in a handicap chase at Toulouse over 4200m on 8 April. Capable of making the frame

8. CAMBRIOLEUR - Usually gives of his best and was a runner-up in a chase claimer at this course over 3700m on 11 April. Needs to do more to win but could sneak some minor money

9. INZEO DU GOUET - Disappointing last run when 7th in a handicap hurdle at Compiègne over 3600m on 23 April. Can upset back in a chase

Summary: BENOUE (1) put in a good display when third last time out and that form should be enough to win a race like this. THEQUIETMAN (6) has been disappointing of late but is capable of running well when in the mood. ST ROMAIN DU DERBY (2) is down in class and is capable of a decent run in this line-up. FRET D'ESTRIVAL (3) won well last time out and deserves respect for that win.

SELECTIONS

BENOUE (1) - THEQUIETMAN (6) - ST ROMAIN DU DERBY (2) - FRET D'ESTRIVAL (3)

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C6 - PRIX DU NIVERNAIS - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 53,000

- 1. ALTURA** - Ran well when third on debut in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 31 March. Big chance in this line-up with improvement expected
- 2. KOUKOULINA** - Showed some promise when third on debut in a Conditions hurdle at La Teste-de-Buch over 3400m on 10 April. Should fight out the finish once again
- 3. HOWE DES OBEAUX** - Has run well in both her starts to date and was third last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Nantes over 3500m on 18 April. Can contest the finish once again
- 4. SANDY BAY** - Well beaten in both starts, with the latest being in a conditions hurdle over this track and distance on 16 April. Others are preferred
- 5. MARTHA CANNARY** - Did not show much when 8th on debut in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 16 April. Capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 6. CALEDONIENNE** - Not disgraced when third on her debut in a Conditions hurdle at Divonne-les-Bains over 3100m on 21 April. Not out of it
- 7. THE SOURCE** - A three-year-old filly by Goliath du Berlais out of Blazing Mary who is making her debut. Watch the betting

Summary: It should be between the first three selections and all three of them were third on debut. ALTURA (1) showed promise over this course and distance last time out and looks the one they all have to beat. KOUKOULINA (2) was not disgraced over further last time out but should also have no problems with this distance. CALEDONIENNE (6) is not out of it if repeating the debut effort. HOWE DES OBEAUX (3) has run well twice and could also contest the finish.

SELECTIONS

ALTURA (1) - KOUKOULINA (2) - CALEDONIENNE (6) - HOWE DES OBEAUX (3)

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C7 - PRIX JEAN DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 62,000

1. KONFINER - Has struck a purple patch of form, winning three chase claimers, with the latest being at this course over 3700m on 21 April. Tackles stronger but may play a minor role

2. KROISADE - A bit of a disappointment when fourth and well beaten in a GR.3 chase at this course over 4400m on 31 March. In good form before that and can bounce back to win

3. KARUKERRA - Very consistent so far and won on chase debut at Compiègne over 3450m on 5 March. Not out of it

4. NARVAL - Yet to win a race and was 5th last time out in a Conditions chase at Compiègne over 3900m on 25 March. More is needed to beat these rivals

5. MASKAYA - Only found one better in both chases this year, with the latest being in a Conditions chase over this track and trip on 6 April. Be right there at the finish once again

6. QUINILAND - Proved in need of his only run of the year when 7th in a handicap chase at Compiègne over 3800m on 3 April. Fitter now and can earn some money

7. LIGHT WAVE - Won three hurdle races last year and was not disgraced when fourth last time out in a GR.3. hurdle race at Compiègne over 3400m on 30 November. Has a winning chance if fit from a break

8. SISSI DU MESNIL - Unreliable but did run well on chase debut when runner-up in a Conditions race at Compiègne over 3450m on 8 April. Can fight out the finish again

Summary: KROISADE (2) was a bit of a disappointment last time out but did better before that and could bounce back to score. SISSI DU MESNIL (8) showed improvement when only finding one better on chase debut and is a lively danger. MASKAYA (5) deserves a winning shot after two good recent runner-up performances. MASKAYA (5) may be better in a hurdle race but that cannot be taken for granted,.

SELECTIONS

KROISADE (2) - SISSI DU MESNIL (8) - MASKAYA (5) - LIGHT WAVE (7)