

# R1 CHANTILLY [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX JOCKER - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000**

1. **SAINT HELLIER** - Inconsistent but his means are undeniable. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th in a 2000m PSF Quinte+ handicap at Cagnes on 12 February
2. **ZAYA DE LA PLATA** - Veteran mare who has been soundly beaten in each of her three Quinte+ appearances at Deauville recently, the latest (14th) of which was over 1900m on 3 February. Can be confidently overlooked
3. **LE NOMADE** - Confirmed at this level and boasts a good record on this course too. Finished 3rd in a 1600m PSF Quinte+ handicap at Cagnes on 15 February and is a leading candidate for success
4. **BIG LOG** - Consistent performer with solid form references/credentials, including a Quinte+ win over course and distance in October. Showed his form and well-being by finishing 5th in a 2000m Quinte+ race at Cagnes on 17 February
5. **LE FREINAY** - A proven Quinte+ performer with a good record over this track and trip and sound references off his current mark. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 8th in a 1600m Quinte+ at Cagnes on 17 Jan
6. **LEV** - Consistent for the most part and has sound references to his name, including 2 places at Quinte+ level (from 5 starts in this category). Finished 7th on his reappearance over 1500m at Deauville on 3 February but is probably short of another run
7. **TAIRANN** - Lightly raced with rock-solid form references/credentials up to 1500m, over which she finished 3rd in a PSF Quinte+ handicap at Deauville on 3 February. Questions remain regarding her efficiency at a mile
8. **GALIK** - Finished unplaced in his only appearance on this course. Has shown his form recently in claiming races, winning over 1700m at Pornichet on 9 February, but has a lot more on his plate here
9. **ALCANOR** - Consistent colt with sound form references, including an improved 2nd in a conditions race at this venue over 1500m on 24 January when fitted with first-time blinkers (retained). Quinte+ debut
10. **WOFF** - Has a win and two places from his 6 appearances on this course. Finished a well-beaten 11th over 2000m at Cagnes on 12 February but this distance will be much more to his liking - dark horse
11. **NORDESTE** - Has won at this level and boasts two wins as well as two places in seven starts on this course. Was 3rd over 1200m on the PSF at Pau on 18 February but has work cut out for him here back at a mile
12. **DOCTOR RON** - Has raced twice on this course at Quinte+ level for a victory and a 3rd. Finished a reassuring 2nd in first-time blinkers over 1200m at Pau on 18 February
13. **ASHIKTASH** - Inconsistent but is undeniably capable of holding his own at this level. Finished a reassuring 3rd in a 1600m PSF claimer at Cagnes on 12 February and Mickaël Barzalona take the ride - keep safe
14. **ALVA** - Lightly raced filly with sound references, having already proven her competitiveness at Quinte+ level. Showed her form and well-being with a last-start victory over 1300m at Deauville on 10 Feb
15. **WITHERING** - Was 3rd in a 1900m claiming race on this course in December but has finished unplaced in both outings on PSF at Deauville this year - was 6th over 1500m on 3 February. Others preferred
16. **SHEHNA** - Has done no better than a 5th in her three appearances here and has been absent since finishing 6th over 1500m on this course back in November. Best watched for now

**Summary:** LE NOMAD (3) amassed a string of podium finishes at this level during the winter and would've regained freshness since his last start so should, given his favourable position in the starting stalls with Stéphane Pasquier once again in the irons, mount a serious challenge for race honors. ALCANOR (9) lines up here in good form and physical condition having proved his competitiveness with blinkers fitted last time (2nd) so seems capable of fighting for victory in his first start in the Quinte+ category. Mickaël Barzalona's decision to ride ASHIKTASH (13) instead has to be respected, while BIG LOG (4) is more than capable (although inconsistent lately) of acquitting himself competitively at this level too. LE FREINAY (5) and TAIRANN (7) edge out SAINT HELLIER (1) in completing the shortlist.

## SELECTIONS

**LE NOMADE (3) - ALCANOR (9) - ASHIKTASH (13) - BIG LOG (4)**

**C2 - PRIX DE LA BROUTILLERIE - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR €  
27,000**

- 1. WAIKATO** - Showed enough to work with when finishing in midfield (8th of 15 runners) on debut over 1500m at Deauville on the PSF on 15 December. Ought to improve with the benefit of that experience
- 2. SERQUIGNY** - Runner-up on PSF over 1500m at Deauville in December and was 2nd again over that distance on turf at Cagnes, where he finished a disappointing 6th on turf over 1500m on 1 February. Can't be written off back on the PSF
- 3. ELDIO** - Highly thought of Siyouni colt with Group I entries in both the Poule d'Essai and Prix du Jockey Club. Finished a promising 2nd on debut over this course and distance on 9 February and ought to have come on since
- 4. FINIMONDO** - Improved markedly with the benefit of an introductory outing (12th) to finish 4th over this course and distance on 16 February. Could have more to offer
- 5. VAMOS LUIGI** - Unplaced in both outings on turf at Saint-Cloud last year, the latest of which (6th) was over 2000m in November. Open to improvement on his reappearance and first start on this surface
- 6. AMERICAN LAWYER** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th on debut over this track and trip on 16 February. Would've gained plenty from that experience
- 7. AGUALETO** - Finished an encouraging 2nd on debut at Deauville over 1600m but failed to confirm that promise when only 6th at Saint-Cloud on 10 November (probably unsuited by the heavy ground). Respected on his return/PSF debut
- 8. WINNING FORMULA** - Runner-up in his first two starts over 1400m at Compiègne last year before finishing 3rd on the turf over 1800m at this venue when last seen on 13 September. Remains open to improvement on his reappearance
- 9. NOIR BLEU** - Has improved with each outing and took massive strides in his development when finishing an encouraging 2nd over this distance at Cagnes on 7 February. Needs to confirm that progress to be competitive here
- 10. SITOI** - Improved with each start last year and should continue to progress this season. Finished 3rd over 1800m on turf at Chantilly on 4 October and it could pay to follow his progress on his return, even on PSF for the first time
- 11. RIGHT ON FIRE** - Yvonne Vollmer-trained Dabirsim colt to be ridden on debut by Tony Piccone. One to keep a close eye on

**Summary:** Youngsters from the Carlos Laffon-Parias stable have been very prominent recently and that bodes well for the chances of well-bred SITOI (10) who improved with each outing last year, so seems good value to make a winning reappearance here with further progress expected of him this season. ELDIO (3) is the only runner in the race with a Classic entry and would have benefitted appreciably from his promising debut 2nd so is also a candidate for success. WINNING FORMULA (8) has been consistent/competitive in each start and that trend ought to continue on his seasonal reappearance, having shown enough to pose a threat in a race of this ilk. SERQUIGNY (2) and AGUALETO (7) complete the shortlist.

**SELECTIONS**

**SITOI (10) - ELDIO (3) - WINNING FORMULA (8) - SERQUIGNY (2)**

**C3 - PRIX DU CARREFOUR SAINT-REMY - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat -  
EUR € 23,000**

- 1. SPIELMAN** - Improving last-start winner who has taken a particular liking for the PSF. Won over 1600m at Pau on 4 February and should be formidable in his first start at this level
- 2. MISTER GAN** - Unplaced in each of his three starts this year (all on PSF) in conditions races over 1300m at Deauville (twice ) and on this course recently (8th on 24 February). Did, however, finish 4th in his only appearance at this level - lurker
- 3. VICE CAPTAIN** - Recently acquired from England where he performed consistently on turf and the all-weather surface. Makes his debut on French soil having finished 5th over 1200m at Wolverhampton on 12 January
- 4. LIKING** - Has finished 4th (at Deauville) and 6th (on this course on 24 February) in his two starts on PSF, both in handicaps over 1300m. Not to be underestimated in this category off a lower mark
- 5. CELEBRITY ICON** - Bounced back from her disappointing previous outing on turf to finish an improved 5th back on PSF over 1300m in a conditions race at Cagnes on 26 February. Dark horse
- 6. MILL LANE** - Finished a well-beaten 13th on debut over 1500m on the PSF at Deauville on 15 December. Ought to have gained plenty from that experience but is best watched for now
- 7. THIENE** - Finished 5th in a 1400m claimer on PSF at Deauville in August. Made no impression in her comeback outing over 1700m on turf at Pornichet (finished 12th) but ought to have refined her condition since - best watched for now
- 8. AMOUAGE** - Opened his account with a last-start victory in a 1500m PSF claimer at Deauville on 2 February, in his first outing at this level. Has more to do here but is not to be taken lightly
- 9. SUN PROJECT** - Versatile sort with references on both surfaces, which includes finishing 4th in consecutive outings over 1500m on PSF at Deauville (the latest of which was on 10 February). Ought to be competitive
- 10. PROKOVIEV** - Runner-up in a 1900m claimer on PSF at Deauville in December but has failed to confirm that improvement in 2 subsequent starts. Was only 7th in a 2150m claimer on turf at Cagnes-sur-Mer on 29 January
- 11. TEMPO** - Improved in his first appearance at this level to finish a reassuring 2nd in a claimer over 1300m on PSF at Cagnes on 21 February. Could have a role to play here if building on that progress
- 12. SPARKLING LIGHT** - Consistent filly who has only once finished off the podium (was 4th on that occasion) in seven starts - twice 2nd and four times 3rd. Wouldn't be winning out of turn after an encouraging 3rd over 1400m at Pau on 19 January
- 13. STABAT MATER** - Made no impression on debut when finishing a well-beaten 11th on this course over 1400m on 16 February. Best watched for now
- 14. XAARINE** - Didn't go unnoticed when improving to finish 5th over 1600m on the PSF at Cagnes in her first start at this level on 25 February. Outsider

**Summary:** SPIELMAN (1) has raised his game in two starts on this surface at Pau and, with more improvement expected after a last-start victory at a higher level, it could pay to follow his progress in his first appearance in the claiming category. SPARKLING LIGHT (12) has been a model of consistency recently, also at Pau, and is likely to pose a threat in her continued pursuit of an elusive first career success. SUN PROJECT (9) and TEMPO (11) have shown enough in recent outings to be competitive for the places in a race of this nature.

**SELECTIONS**

**SPIELMAN (1) - SPARKLING LIGHT (12) - SUN PROJECT (9) - TEMPO (11)**

**C4 - PRIX DE LA CROIX DES ORMEAUX - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR  
€ 27,000**

- 1. NATIVE PEARL** - Finished an underwhelming 6th on debut at Saint-Cloud over 1500m on 30 October, but was probably unsuited by the heavy ground that day. Has Group I entries (Poule d'Essai and Prix de Diane) so could be worth following
- 2. INTUITION** - Finished 2nd on debut over this course and distance in November but could only finish 5th over 1800m, again on this course, when last seen on 9 December. Shouldn't be hastily condemned
- 3. SPRING HEART** - Runner-up on debut over 1400m on turf and finished 2nd again on her reappearance (and first start on PSF) over 1500m at Deauville on 26 January. Not taken lightly
- 4. BETTER TOMORROW** - Led for much of the way on debut over 1900m on this course (15 February) before being outrun late to finish 4th. On that evidence, this shorter distance could serve her interests well
- 5. ABISOLA** - Finished an encouraging 4th on debut over 1900m on the PSF at Deauville on 3 December and ought to improve on her reappearance with the benefit of that experience. Dark horse
- 6. AROUND THE WORLD** - Acquitted herself well on debut when finishing 3rd, and not a long way adrift of VERA CAO (8), over this track and trip on 9 February. Will be wiser to the task now
- 7. ENORA SENORA** - Was a satisfactory 6th on debut over 2000m on PSF at Cagnes in January but failed to improve with the benefit of that experience last time, when only 7th in a 1500m claimer on turf at that venue on 19 February. Outsider
- 8. VERA CAO** - Caught the eye when finishing 2nd on debut over this track and trip on 9 February. Highly regarded filly (entered in the Group I Poule d'Essai and Prix de Diane) who should improve with the benefit of experience
- 9. GRAND ANGEL** - Unplaced in both outings and is unlikely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of those displays. Could only finish 7th over 1700m on PSF at Pornichet on 9 February and this is a lot tougher
- 10. QUARTO GRADO** - Didn't go unnoticed on debut, despite beating just one rival, when finishing 6th on this course over 1300m last month (23 February). Ought to improve with the benefit of that experience
- 11. FALBALA** - Achieved her career-best performance over this course and distance when equipped with blinkers in December. Could only finish 10th in a 1300m PSF handicap at Deauville on 25 January but has the headgear refitted here
- 12. DIDJIE** - Finished 5th in both starts on the turf last year but was far from convincing (7th) in her first appearance on PSF over this course and distance on 27 October. Has regained freshness but is best watched for now
- 13. JIJI MY LOVE** - Finished a well-beaten 16th on debut at Cagnes (PSF) over 1500m so is hard to make a case for on that evidence. Others preferred
- 14. VEGA** - Well-bred Yann Barberot-trained Wootton Bassett filly who is related to the champion Volvoretta. Not to be taken lightly on debut with Anthony Crastus in the irons

**Summary:** NATIVE PEARL (1), who cost €550,000 at auction as a yearling, looked ill at ease on the heavy ground at Saint-Cloud on debut back in October but still acquitted herself well enough to finish 6th on that occasion. She would have come on appreciably with the benefit of that experience so is worth siding with here on her reappearance. VERA CAO (8) is, however, likely to fight for victory if building on the promise of her debut 2nd over this track and trip (has a Group I entry in both the Poule d'Essai and Prix de Diane). Both AROUND THE WORLD (6) and BETTER TOMORROW (4), after encouraging introductions of their own, could also pose a threat if confirming the promise of their debut performances.

**SELECTIONS**

**NATIVE PEARL (1) - VERA CAO (8) - AROUND THE WORLD (6) - BETTER TOMORROW (4)**

**C5 - PRIX DE LA GOURSAULE - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR €  
19,000**

- 1. MOONWALKER** - Placed at this level last year and has not finished far off the mark in 3 outings (all in this category) since the turn of the year., though needs to improve to get a look in here after finishing 8th in the reference race on 16 February
- 2. LEXOVIENNE** - Was a well-beaten 9th on debut at Lyon-La Soie and made no impression when last of the six runners over 2000m (PSF) at Cagnes on 25 February. Hard to recommend, even at this level
- 3. CHANAZ** - Was a disappointing 10th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 26 January, having finished 3rd at this level in his previous outing. Ought to do better back in this grade
- 4. ORFEO** - Finished a pleasing 5th on debut on this course over 1900m (PSF) on 23 February. Will improve with the benefit of that experience and should pose even more of a threat dropped to the claiming category now
- 5. DELIRIUM TREMENS** - Was a disappointing 10th in a 2000m PSF conditions race at Pau when last seen on 1 December, having finished 3rd at this level in his previous outing over 1900m on the PSF at Deauville in November. One to keep an eye on
- 6. DOMIZIA SWEETY** - Improved to finish a reassuring 4th last time in just her second start on French soil at Pornichet over 2100m (PSF) on 22 February. Was unlucky not to have achieved an even better result on that occasion, so has to be respected
- 7. CITYBOL FAL** - Unplaced in all three starts, twice on turf and on the PSF in his latest outing when only 8th in a 1800m conditions race at Lyon-La Soie on 2 December. Best watched for now
- 8. EXCESSIVENESS** - Progressive filly that improved for the step up to this distance on 16 February to win the reference race over track and trip. Could improve sufficiently to win again
- 9. COLT PILOT** - Has not placed in any of his nine appearances, which includes four starts at this level. Was 5th in the benchmark event over track and trip on 16 February so will have to improve to get into the picture
- 10. SOLTANA BELIEVE** - Unplaced in each of her five outings, including back-to-back appearances in this category recently - was only 7th in the reference race over track and trip on 16 February. Needs to improve under Marie Vélou to have a say here
- 11. SEVEN ANGELS** - Made a winning start in the claiming category over 2100m on the PSF at Pornichet on 22 February. Should remain competitive
- 12. PADDY WHITE HEART** - Confirmed at this level, having achieved her best references in this category. Finished 6th in the benchmark race over track and trip on 16 February and looks well held here on that form

**Summary:** EXCESSIVENESS (8) gave a much better account of herself when improving for the step up to this distance to win the benchmark race over the same track and trip. On the evidence of that victory and with further progress expected, she is good value to win again here. ORFEO (4) made an encouraging debut in a competitive race/field and should improve with the benefit of that experience, so is likely to pose a threat. CHANAZ (3) performed well in his only appearance at this level, so could also get into the picture in a race of this ilk. DOMIZIA SWEETY (6) completes the shortlist.

**SELECTIONS**

**EXCESSIVENESS (8) - ORFEO (4) - CHANAZ (3) - DOMIZIA SWEETY (6)**

**C6 - PRIX DE LA QUEUE DU RENARD - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 19,000**

- 1. ETHION** - Runner-up in consecutive claiming races, including over 1900m on this course, before back-to-back appearances in handicaps last month - the most recent of which was over 2500m on turf at Cagnes-sur-Mer on 21 February
- 2. KINGDOM** - Inconsistent performer with sound references and sufficient means, which his 3rd-place finish at Cagnes in a PSF handicap in January confirms. Was only 8th over 2000m at that venue last time, proving his unreliability
- 3. TASHAAR** - Admirable veteran performer who, even at the age of 12, continues to acquit himself consistently/competitively. Won both of his 2024 outings on PSF over 2000m at Pau, the latest a handicap on 4 February - penalised 2,5kg
- 4. AMRITA** - Bounced back from a disappointing previous start (10th) to open his account when reverting to the PSF last time. Won on this course over 1900m on 11 October but has been absent since - warrants respect on his reappearance
- 5. BEAUTIFUL ASPEN** - In full possession of her means, having not finished worse than 3rd in her last four outings. Absent since finishing 2nd over 1900m on PSF at Deauville on 5 December
- 6. CISKY** - Inconsistent mare with sound references but has finished unplaced in each of her 3 starts after earning a penalty for winning a PSF handicap at Deauville in November. Was 9th over 1900m on that course on 3 February
- 7. PRINCE ANODIN** - Consistent for the most part but has gone off the boil in his last 6 appearances (unplaced in each of them). Could only finish 11th in a turf handicap over 2400m at Toulouse on 6 February - could do better reverting to PSF
- 8. PANJAMAN** - A two-time Quinté+ winner but out of sorts for some time now, although has dropped to an attractive mark in the ratings. Unplaced in 11 starts since his 3rd at Saint-Cloud in 2022 and only 13th at Deauville (PSF) on 5 December
- 9. ANOBE** - Won and finished 2nd in his two appearances on this course back in 2021. Has regained momentum after a layoff by finishing 4th in consecutive outings this year, the most recent of which was at Machecoul on 3 February
- 10. SEE THE LIGHT** - Unreliable performer but, judged on his references at a higher level, is undeniably capable of staking a claim in a race of this ilk. Will have refined his condition after a comeback run over 1900m (7th) at Deauville on 25 January
- 11. PANNETONE** - Has rediscovered her form this year with two reassuring displays (both in claiming races) on PSF. Finished 2nd on 27 January at Pornichet over 2100m
- 12. WANATA** - Consistent for the most part and has sound references, including a last-start 5th over 2100m on PSF at Pornichet on 22 February. Seldom finishes far off the mark
- 13. LADY ACE** - Sparingly raced filly with sufficient means, confirmed by her 1900m victory on this course in December 2022, but has raced just 3 times since (unplaced in all of them) and was only 6th at Deauville over 1900m on 18 November
- 14. MYDAVI** - Last-start winner of a minor handicap race over 2300m at Mons on 23 November. Absent since so is best watched for now

**Summary:** ETHION (1), who changed hands after he was claimed during the winter, showed his form and well-being by finishing 2nd at Cagnes in a handicap at a higher level recently so needs only to produce a similar performance to reconnect with success in this category off an unchanged mark. BEAUTIFUL ASPEN (5) ended 2023 in full possession of her means and has already proven her competitiveness off her current mark. She is, as a result, likely to give cheek to the selection although both SEE THE LIGHT (10), under Maxime Guyon, and returning last-start winner AMRITA (4) are also capable of making their presence felt. PANNETONE (11) completes the shortlist.

**SELECTIONS**

**ETHION (1) - BEAUTIFUL ASPEN (5) - SEE THE LIGHT (10) - AMRITA (4)**

**C7 - PRIX JONGLEUR - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR €  
22,000**

- 1. SAGA TIMGAD** - Finished a reassuring 3rd in a Deauville claimer over 1500m on PSF on 3 February but needs to raise his game to be competitive here
- 2. GREAT ART** - Revealed considerable means as a two-year-old in the provinces and won on his handicap debut over 1950m at Châteaubriant in August. Has finished unplaced in 4 starts since and was only 6th at Pornichet on 30 January
- 3. INATTENDU** - Achieved both his Quinté+ successes on this course as a three-year-old in 2019. Confirmed his good disposition by winning a 1600m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 21 February (carries 2,5kg penalty)
- 4. LA PELEMOISE** - Has regained momentum in the claiming category recently. Finished a reassuring 2nd in a 1700m PSF claimer at Pornichet on 22 February but will have to build on that improvement to be competitive here
- 5. KINGSFOLD** - Has rediscovered his form and consistency recently and proven his competitiveness off this mark (under 2,5kg penalty for winning over track and trip in December. Finished 4th in the reference race on 15 February - beware
- 6. ILATRAYA** - An 11-start maiden with sound references in handicaps at this level, seldom finishing far off the mark. Has only a place chance here reverting to the PSF after a last-start 6th over 1400m at Compiègne back on 13 October
- 7. KENDAYA** - Lightly raced mare with solid form credentials and whose competitiveness off this mark is beyond doubt. Was unlucky to only finish 6th in a 1600m Quinte+ in January and finished 5th over 1200m at Pau on 18 February
- 8. LAURA TREZY** - Has achieved all three of her career wins over this track and trip, including her most recent outing that she won on 15 February. Carries a 2,5kg penalty but ought to remain competitive
- 9. QU'HUBO** - Consistent veteran with sound references, including an encouraging 7th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 21 February. His wide draw is a concern
- 10. SAGE DREAM** - Showed signs of progress last time when eased in the ratings to his current mark. Was 5th in the reference race that day so could get a look in here if confirming that improvement
- 11. INDIAN FALCON** - Won on the turf at Pontefract in April and finished 3rd in a claimer over this course and distance in his first start on French soil but has regressed in both outings since. Was only 9th in a claimer at Pornichet on 17 December
- 12. GO LOVE** - Has looked a shadow of his former self in each of his three comeback outings after a lengthy layoff. Well-beaten 13th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 21 February
- 13. SICILIA** - Last-start winner of a course-and-distance handicap on 23 February. Carries a 2,5kg penalty but should remain competitive
- 14. YOU'VE GOT SAIL** - Honest hard-knocking handicapper who seldom finishes far off the mark and has respectable references at this level, although rarely wins (just 1 victory from 22 starts). Was 6th in the reference race here on 15 February
- 15. MAKILROY** - Consistent for the most part and seldom far off the mark with sound references at this level too. Was only 9th on PSF over 1600m at Cagnes on 21 February, so is probably for another day

**Summary:** KENDAYA (7) maintained a level of form and consistency at Pau during this winter that should be good enough to win a race of this nature, especially with Maxime Guyon aboard for the first time. She will, however, have to be wary of QU'HUBO (9) whose last start was encouraging, which could also be said of last-start winner INATTENDU (3) who has 3 victories on this track to his name. LAURA TREZY (8) and SICILIA (13) appeal most of the remainder.

**SELECTIONS**

**KENDAYA (7) - QU'HUBO (9) - INATTENDU (3) - LAURA TREZY (8)**

## C8 - PRIX JANUS - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- HOLLYHOCK** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 2nd to SEIGNEUR (8) in the reference race over course and distance on 15 February. Has a good record on this track too, so is a definite candidate for success
- MOON RIDER** - Consistent for the most part with sound references at this level on the PSF. Has, however, not been seen since finishing 15th in a Quinte+ handicap over this course and distance on 21 November - best watched for now
- FLY D'ASPE** - Was enjoying a good run of form until fluffing his lines with a disappointing 12th in a Quinté+ handicap at Pau over 1600m on 31 January. Should not be hastily condemned
- STRAKO** - Has rediscovered his best form with blinkers fitted in two recent outings in claiming races, winning the latest of those over 1500m on this course on 24 February. Carries a 1kg penalty here on his handicap debut
- BRAVE SHIINA** - Inconsistent but is certainly not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature, judged on his best references. Was last seen finishing 6th in a course-and-distance handicap on 30 December
- MICHELANGELO** - Consistent performer for the most part, although has blotted his copybook (unplaced) in recent Quinte+ events at Cagnes. Capable of better back in this grade off a reduced (1kg) mark
- ROMANTIC ROSE** - Has finished 2nd twice on this course, including once over this distance, but has been off the boil since July so is best watched for now. Was a well-beaten 17th over this course and distance on 12 December
- SEIGNEUR** - Last-start winner of the benchmark event over the same course and distance on 15 February. Carries a penalty (2kg) for that win but is likely to remain very competitive
- SKY POWER** - Inconsistent veteran with sufficient means to play a leading role, having already proven his competitiveness off this mark. Wasn't disgraced when only 9th in the reference race here on 15 February but is capable of better
- CHILLI BOY** - Consistent handicapper with sound form references/credentials, including a recent 4th behind SEIGNEUR (8) and HOLLYHOCK (1) in the reference race on 15 February over this course and distance
- HARTWOOD MAN** - Didn't go unnoticed, despite finishing 7th, in the reference race over this track and trip on 15 February and has already won under Mickaël Barzalona. Keep safe
- AIGUIERE D'ARGENT** - Has few references on PSF and has not been convincing on this surface, which his last-start 12th over 1500m at Deauville on 6 January proves
- GOLD PLAYER** - Showed his form and versatility by following up his Saint-Cloud handicap win on turf in September with a win in a PSF handicap over this course and distance in his last start on 7 October. Up 4kg on his reappearance
- SHYAMALA** - Inconsistent but is certainly not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature, judged on her best references. Was only 12th in the reference race over course and distance on 15 February so needs to improve
- BLACK LIVES MATTER** - Won a course-and-distance handicap on 12 December but has struggled in both subsequent outings under his 3kg penalty. Was a well-beaten 13th in the reference race over this course and distance on 15 February.
- IN PARADISE** - Consistent for the most part with sound references on this track and her competitiveness off her current mark is beyond doubt. Disqualified in her last start at Lyon-La Soie on 24 January - looking to gain compensation

**Summary:** HOLLYHOCK (1) has a particular liking for the course, even though he has never won on this track, but is good value to break that duck in what is otherwise a wide-open handicap. HARTWOOD MAN (11) is ideally positioned in stall No 1, so could enjoy the run of the race and put his finishing speed to good use by playing a leading role. SEIGNEUR (8), who beat the selection when winning the reference race last month, ought to remain competitive for a spot on the podium. Both SKY POWER (9) and CHILLI BOY (10) aren't incapable of making their presence felt either.

### SELECTIONS

**HOLLYHOCK (1) - HARTWOOD MAN (11) - SEIGNEUR (8) - SKY POWER (9)**



**C9 - PRIX SATURNE - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR €  
15,000**

- 1. MR SLICKER** - Won a 1500m handicap on this course in October but has struggled under a resultant penalty, finishing unplaced in his 4 starts since - was only 15th in the reference race on 15 February
- 2. ZAAHIR** - Unreliable but is confirmed at this level and competitive off his current mark. Was a reassuring 3rd in the references race on 15 January
- 3. SAMAGACE DU VIVIEN** - Well-performed veteran with sound references and whose competitiveness has already been proven. Finished 4th over this track and trip last time out on 23 February - chief threat
- 4. HOT SUMMER** - Inconsistent but didn't go unnoticed last time when finishing 6th over this course and distance on 23 February. Outside chance
- 5. LOVE AFFAIR** - Has finished 2nd in each of her three starts this year, including her latest over the same course and distance on 15 February. Wining chance
- 6. HARRISON POINT** - Has yet to convince at this level on French soil and has poor references in handicaps, including a last-start 7th over this course and distance on 23 February
- 7. SPACE QUAKE** - Has regained momentum recently and confirmed as much by finishing 3rd on this course over 1300m on 29 February. Dark horse
- 8. JOYEUX MALPIC** - Runner-up in three of his last five starts, including his latest appearance in the reference race on 15 February. Not taken lightly
- 9. VAUTRIN** - Capable veteran on his day with references at this level off a higher mark, although has been off the boil for some time now. Was only 12th over 1300m on this course on 29 February
- 10. TAG** - Consistent for the most part and has sound references at this level, including creditable recent efforts at Cagnes where he finished 5th over 1600m on 21 February
- 11. RUBIS GOLD** - Inconsistent sort who proved his undeniable means and competitiveness at this level with a win over track and trip on 15 February. Carries a 2,5kg penalty now so has more to do to have a say
- 12. DELACHANCE** - Versatile veteran capable on both surfaces but is now only a shadow of his former self. Soundly beaten in his last two starts (both at this venue) and was only 13th in the reference race (15 Feb)
- 13. D DAY MAN** - Runner-up in a 1400m handicap on this course in November 2022 but has lost his way since and finished unplaced in 13 subsequent outings, including at Marseille-Vivaux on 12 December
- 14. CAPCHOP** - Runner-up in consecutive course-and-distance handicaps in September and October. Has failed to perform at that level since confirmed by his last-start 8th in the reference race on 15 February
- 15. SOTCHI** - A 32-start maiden who is most unlikely to make any impression here on the evidence of either appearance this year - soundly beaten in both, the latest (14th) at Deauville on 25 January

**Summary:** Having finished 2nd in each of her three starts this year, LOVE AFFAIR (5) ought to reconnect with success in this concluding event. She will, however, have to be on her A-game to thwart the likely challenge of veteran SAMAGACE DU VIVIEN (3), who retains all the means necessary, even at 10 years of age, to fight for victory in a race of this nature. ZAAHIR (2) bounced back from a disappointing previous outing over a longer trip with a reassuring last start (3rd) and is capable of posing a threat if confirming the improvement of his latest performance. JOYEUX MALPIC (8) and RUBIS GOLD (11) will be competitive for the places.

**SELECTIONS**

**LOVE AFFAIR (5) - SAMAGACE DU VIVIEN (3) - ZAAHIR (2) - JOYEUX MALPIC (8)**