

C1 - PRIX DE LA CEPIERE - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 28,000

- 1. KACHA** - Debut winner on the flat and has shown promise over obstacles - better references in the steeplechase category, though, including a last-start 2nd in a 3450m Class 2 conditions race at Compiègne on 5 March. Back over hurdles on handicap debut
- 2. REGAL SEA** - Consistent hurdler with sound references/form credentials, including an eye-catching 4th over 3600m at Auteuil against quality opposition on 24 March. Winning chance
- 3. STATE OF MIND** - Consistent jumper with sound references over hurdles. Showed his versatility by finishing 3rd in his first steeplechase race over this course and distance on 11 March - keep safe
- 4. ISOLA DI CAPRI** - Improving with each start over hurdles to finish 4th in consecutive recent outings, the latest over 3400m at La Teste-de-Buch on 23 March. Warrants respect on handicap debut
- 5. SALSA SENAM** - Sprightly raced filly improving with each outing. Absent since finishing a career-best 4th over 3600m at Agen on 27 November
- 6. DEMON DU BERLAIS** - Won a 3400m maiden hurdle at La Teste-de-Buch in April 2023 but finished unplaced in all 3 subsequent outings - was 6th on her reappearance over 3400m at Nimes on 18 February. Makes her handicap debut
- 7. YELLOW SAND** - A 12-start maiden yet to place in 9 starts on the flat and in three attempts over hurdles. Fell when at Pau in a 3300m claimer on 2 February
- 8. MANDY** - Remains consistent/competitive over hurdles, albeit without success. Finished 5th in a 3900m claimer at Nimes on 24 March - can get into the picture

Summary: Beaten only by a smart sort in a steeplechase race at Compiègne last time, KACHA (1) has an ideal opportunity here to make a winning return over hurdles with her rider's 4kg allowance a boost to her chances. DEMON DU BERLAIS (6) arrives in good form and physical condition so is likely to pose a threat, while versatile STATE OF MIND (3) showed his form and well-being over fences last time but has the means to play a leading role back over the smaller obstacles. ISOLA DI CAPRI (4) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KACHA (1) - DEMON DU BERLAIS (6) - STATE OF MIND (3) - ISOLA DI CAPRI (4)

C2 - GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE DE TOULOUSE - 4200m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 55,000

- 1. FANTASTIC SIVOLA** - Ultra-consistent versatile veteran with sound references/form credentials, which include a victory in his last steeplechase appearance and a last-start 4th in a 3800m Class 1 hurdle at Compiègne on 25 March
- 2. GAI LURON** - Capable veteran but has proven inconsistent. Made an encouraging reappearance when 6th over 3600m in a hurdles race on heavy ground at Auteuil on 24 March - not taken lightly
- 3. ITE MISSA EST** - Consistent and versatile veteran mare with references in steeplechase handicaps. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th in a 3800m hurdles race at Pau on 10 March in preparation for this engagement
- 4. ITALIAANA LE DUN** - Finished a well-beaten 13th in a competitive steeplechase Quinte+ handicap over 3500m at Auteuil last month (9 March). Won her previous outing on this course over 3500m back in February - keep safe
- 5. FONTANNES** - Consistent veteran chaser with sound references in steeplechase handicaps - finished 3rd in consecutive recent outings at Pau in February and on 17 March at Lyon-Parilly
- 6. EADREAM** - A 24-start maiden with competitive form credentials. Maintained consistency in 22 hurdles appearances and has shown her versatility in the steeplechase category (6th at Auteuil over 3700m on 24 February)
- 7. PERMAFROST** - Consistent, lightly raced seven-year-old who caught the eye on her reappearance (4th) at Fontainebleau in a 3800m hurdles race on heavy ground and confirmed that encouragement by finishing 2nd in his first steeplechase outing in a 4100m handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 17 March

Summary: Veteran FANTASTIC SIVOLA (1) has maintained his form/momentum over hurdles and is equally adept in the steeplechase category. He is well worth siding with in this contest, especially with the aid of his rider's 4kg allowance. ITALIAANA LE DUN (4) is the biggest danger to the selection, although GAI LURON (2) ought to improve after a much-needed comeback outing so could make his presence felt too. FONTANNES (5) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

FANTASTIC SIVOLA (1) - ITALIAANA LE DUN (4) - GAI LURON (2) - FONTANNES (5)

**C3 - PRIX FIRE LIGHT II - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR €
26,000**

- 1. OUR DREAM** - Consistent and versatile jumper who has shown his form and well-being in three steeplechase outings at Pau this year. Finished an encouraging 3rd in a similar race over 3800m on heavy ground on 14 February
- 2. JERICOACOARA** - Smart, lightly raced performer with references at a higher level over hurdles and fences. Caught the eye on his reappearance when finishing good 5th in a 3700m Class 1 conditions race at Auteuil on 3 March
- 3. JOYVOL** - Improving, unexposed five-year-old gelding who finished an encouraging 3rd on his steeplechase debut over 3900m at Pau on 13 February.
- 4. JOLIFOU DE GUYE** - Disappointing 6th of 7 finishers on his steeplechase debut over 3800m at Cagnes on 3 January. Regained freshness since
- 5. JAU KER SAPI** - Revealed potential in 3 hurdles races as a three-year-old but was sidelined for the entire 2023 campaign. Quickly back on track with 2 encouraging comeback outings this year, including a last-start victory over 3900m on this course in a Class 3 hurdle on 20 March
- 6. JAMESLAND** - Bounced back to the sort of form/promise of his debut hurdles victory with a reassuring 3rd in 3600m Class 4 race at Fontainebleau on 15 March 2023 in his first steeplechase outing. Open to improvement on his reappearance
- 7. KANKALE** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials over hurdles - finished 3rd over 3800m at Pau on 2 February. Has shown enough in that category to warrant respect on her steeplechase debut
- 8. JUMP FOR GOLD** - Made no impression (11th) on debut over 3000m on the flat at Angers on 17 February. Sent chasing now but is best watched for the time being

Summary: JAMESLAND (6) returns after more than a year's absence but has revealed considerable means in just 3 starts, so it could pay to follow his progress - a winning reappearance may be on the cards. Stablemate KANKALE (7) has been a model of consistency over hurdles but has the profile to succeed in the steeplechase category and is likely to expose any chinks in the selection's armour. Last-start scorer on this track JAU KER SAPI (5) and consistent JERICOACOARA (2) are competitive for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

JAMESLAND (6) - KANKALE (7) - JAU KER SAPI (5) - JERICOACOARA (2)

**C4 - PRIX DE LA CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE ET D'INDUSTRIE DE TOULOUSE - 2100m
(a1m1/4) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000**

- 1. HATIM** - Stayed on well to finish a close-up 5th on debut over 1600m on this course (20 March) and should, on the evidence of that display with the benefit of experience, have more to offer over this longer distance - keep safe
- 2. SHERKANE** - Finished 3rd on debut over 2000m on the turf at Durtal and confirmed that promise by finishing 2nd on the PSF at Pau over the same distance. Tried over 2400m when 3rd on this course last time (20 March) - this shorter trip suits
- 3. NONANCOURT** - Made an eye-catching debut on the PSF over 2000m at Pau on 18 February when finishing 2nd to a smart prospect. Should improve with that experience switching to the turf
- 4. ESCUDO D'OURO** - Wasn't beaten far when finishing 6th over 1600m with blinkers fitted at La Teste-de-Buch on 23 March. Headgear is dispensed with now stepping up in trip
- 5. KIMIKO** - Finished unplaced in both starts last year in claimers over 1650m (8th) and at this venue over 2000m (6th) back on 4 December. Others preferred
- 6. MISTER PRESIDENT** - Finished a well-beaten 12th of 15 runners over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on debut (21 March). Needs to improve
- 7. MERCURIUS** - Unplaced in both outings - one on either surface - and failed to improve on his PSF debut 7th by only finishing 9th over track and trip on 4 March. Watch for now
- 8. TOPSTAR** - Finished last of 10 runners on debut over 2000m on the PSF at Pai on 14 February. Improvement needed
- 9. HOT IN FRONT** - Finished a clear 2nd on debut over this course and distance on 11 March. Would've come on appreciably with the benefit of that outing
- 10. LEGENDS BERE** - Unplaced in all four appearances and is unlikely to make any impression here after finishing a well-beaten 9th over 2000m on the PSF at Pau on 14 February. Hard to recommend
- 11. EL KALBITO** -
- 12. LOUIS D'ALICE** - Made a pleasing introduction (5th) on the PSF at Pau over 2000m and didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over track and trip on 4 March. Must improve to stake a claim
- 13. HAGET** - Didn't go unnoticed when 3rd on debut over 2000m on PSF at Pau in January but he failed to confirm that promise by only finishing 6th over that track and trip on 14 February. Open to improvement on turf so can't be taken lightly
- 14. SPAIN BAY** - Well-related New Bay gelding (brother Group II winner Spain Burg) to be ridden on debut by Guillaume Guedj-Gay for trainer Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte

Summary: SHERKANE (2) has run with promise in each of his three outings and, having been stretched by the 2400m distance last time, will relish this shorter distance, so is good value to open his account here. NONANCOURT (3) caught the eye when finishing 2nd on debut behind a smart prospect at Pau and, with improvement expected given the benefit of that experience, is likely to pose a threat. HOT IN FRONT (9), who also finished 2nd on debut, and HATIM (1), after a pleasing introduction, are other likely improvers capable of staking a claim.

SELECTIONS

SHERKANE (2) - NONANCOURT (3) - HOT IN FRONT (9) - HATIM (1)

C5 - PRIX CRISTOBAL - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **MADAME LYDIA** - Has improved to finish 3rd in consecutive recent outings - in a 2100m turf claimer at Tarbes and a 2600m maiden on the PSf at Marseille-Vivaux on 14 March. Confirmation required switching back to turf
 2. **TOPTAMA** - Finished a pleasing 5th on debut on the PSF at Cagnes over 2000m and didn't go unnoticed when 5th over course and distance on 4 March. Should improve to be competitive
 3. **VALKYRIA DES ROCS** - Finished a distant and well-beaten 11th of 11 runners on debut over this course and distance on 11 March. Can't be recommended
 4. **XANDRA** - Has run twice at Dos Hermanas in Spain over 1800m - finished unplaced in both outings. Best just to watch in her first start on French soil after finishing 5th when last seen on 18 February
 5. **NATURAL GIFT** - Revealed potential in both outings on the PSF and confirmed that promise by improving to finish a career-best 2nd over 2400m on this course in her first outing on turf (20 March). Can deservedly open her account
 6. **PEGGY** - Finished a well-beaten 4th on debut over this course and distance on 11 March. Ought to improve with experience, so can get closer
 7. **SADWADA** - Made no impression on debut (10th) over 2000m on the PSF at Pau and finished a well-beaten 10th over 1600m on her reappearance at La Teste-de-Buch on 23 March
 8. **ALLEE DE LA PLAGE** - Made a modest introduction on this course over 1600m, finishing 10th of 11 runners on 20 March. Has to improve
 9. **BELIZE** - Finished 6th on debut over 2400m on this course - was 10 lengths adrift of NATURAL GIFT (5) - on 20 March. Watch for now
 10. **LUNA LUPA** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th on debut over 2000m on the PSF at Pau on 14 February. Would have gained plenty from that experience
 11. **ES XARCU** - Has produced three promising performances on the PSF at Pau, the latest (3rd) over 2000m on 14 February. Ought to be as competitive/efficient on the turf
 12. **MISSION ALPHA** - Showed promise in each of three outings at La Teste-de Buch last year - the latest an improved 3rd over 1600m on 2 September. One to watch on her reappearance
 13. **CAMARLEEN** - Caroline Bonin-trained Earnshaw filly to be ridden on debut by Alex Bendjama. One to keep an eye on
- Summary:** NATURAL GIFT (5) improved to finish 2nd over 2400m in her first outing on turf at this venue and, as this distance is more to her liking, should open her account if building on that progress. Jean-Claude Rouget's runners TOPTAMA (2) and ES XARCU (11) have the means to pose a threat, although the same could also be said of returning MISSION ALPHA (12). The shortlist is completed by LUNA LUPA (10).

SELECTIONS

NATURAL GIFT (5) - TOPTAMA (2) - ES XARCU (11) - MISSION ALPHA (12)

C6 - PRIX DE SAINT-HILAIRE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. HURRICANE** - Consistent and versatile performer with sound references/form credentials, which includes finishing 2nd in his last three outings - the latest in a 1500m conditions race on turf at Tarbes on 31 March. Winning chance
- 2. IT'S CHICO TIME** - Inconsistent but has already shown sufficient means on French soil to warrant respect in a race of this nature. Was 10th in a 1500m Quinte+ on very heavy ground at Cagnes on 26 February - should fare better at this level
- 3. NIGHT OF LIGHTNING** - Showed early promise and was deemed worthy of running in last year's Group I Prix Jean Prat. Soundly beaten on his reappearance (15th of 16) over 1400m on heavy ground at Bordeaux on 16 March - for another day
- 4. NORDESTE** - Out of sorts and continues to slide down the weights/ratings as a result. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 8th in a 1600m Quinte+ handicap on the PSF at Chantilly on 30 March. Has references on the turf
- 5. FLY D'ASPE** - Well-performed veteran handicapper with sound references, although probably better on the PSF. Soundly beaten in consecutive PSF handicaps - the latest (14th) over 1600m at Chantilly on 5 March
- 6. OXIANA** - Soundly beaten in both starts this year, on PSF at Pau (15th) and on heavy ground over 1400m at Bordeaux (10th) on 16 March. Capable of better, especially off a reduced mark
- 7. OXALIS** - Continues to slide down the weights/ratings having gone off the boil late last year. On the evidence of his last start, remains out of sorts after finishing a modest 8th over 2000m on heavy ground at this venue on 4 March. Outsider
- 8. EL TORERO** - Inconsistent but capable handicapper who finished 2nd in his only visit to this course. Wasn't beaten far when 9th in a 1400m handicap on heavy ground at Bordeaux on 16 March
- 9. MYBOYFRIEND** - Unreliable handicapper with references at this level on both surfaces. Struggled off his current mark (2kg penalty) in a 1400m handicap on heavy ground at Bordeaux on 16 March (finished a well-beatn 11th)
- 10. ZOFFWALTZ** - Capable but inconsistent mare - made no impression (11th) on her reappearance in a 1500m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivieux on 14 March
- 11. PIANO MAN** - Consistent for the most part and seldom far off the action, although was disappointing when only 10th in a 1900m conditions race on very heavy ground at Bordeaux on 16 March. Can do better dropped to his last winning mark
- 12. LAUPER** - Consistent, lightly raced mare effective on both surfaces. Has maintained her consistency/competitiveness on PSF under a penalty for winning a 1600m PSF handicap at Pau in December- was 6th there over 2000m on 24 March
- 13. RAFALE** - Consistent for the most part and has achieved her best references on turf - finished 13th in a 1400m PSF handicap at Pau when last seen on 25 October

Summary: Runner-up in 3 consecutive starts this year, in a handicap and conditions races on both surfaces, HURRICANE (1) wouldn't be winning out of turn. He gets the nod here on his return to the handicaps ahead of PIANO MAN (11) who is out of sorts but dangerous to dismiss having dropped to his last winning mark. IT'S CHICO TIME (2) was outclassed on his seasonal reappearance in a strong Quinte+ event, though ought to pose more of a threat at this level. OXIANA (6) will tempt fans of outsiders.

SELECTIONS

HURRICANE (1) - PIANO MAN (11) - IT'S CHICO TIME (2) - OXIANA (6)

**C7 - PRIX DE LA VILLE ROSE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 17,000**

- 1. NOIRE DESIRE** - Has recaptured her form in two starts this year, finishing 4th in both outings - the latest in over 1900m at Bordeaux in a handicap on heavy ground (16 March). For another day
- 2. JUREER** - Has regained momentum with each outing this year and confirmed as much with a reassuring 2nd at Bordeaux in a 1900m handicap on heavy ground. Winning chance
- 3. CADE'S** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (3rd) by finishing 3rd in the benchmark event on heavy ground over 1900m at Bordeaux on 16 March - closely matched on that form with JUREER (2)
- 4. GOLD KAFE** - Sparingly raced veteran handicapper who made one just appearance last year after a 10-month absence. Returned from another 5-month layoff to finish 11th in the benchmark race at Bordeaux over 1900m on 16 March - outsider
- 5. MONT STEELE** - Won a 3000m turf handicap at La Teste-de-Buch in August but has struggled (unplaced) in his 4 subsequent outings under a penalty. Back on his last winning mark after finishing 9th in the reference race at Bordeaux on 16 March
- 6. BALEGRIO** - Proving hard to win with but remains consistent/competitive at this level on both surfaces, seldom far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed (5th) in the benchmark event over 1900m on heavy ground at Bordeaux on 16 March - respect
- 7. MA NOSTALGIE** - Inconsistent but proved she remains capable/competitive at this level by finishing 3rd in a 2100m Tarbes handicap on 23 February. Confirmation required
- 8. SWEET WISH** - Bounced back to form by finishing an encouraging 4th in the 1900m benchmark race at Bordeaux on heavy ground on 16 March. Needs to confirm that form/improvement to be competitive
- 9. KARKHOV** - Won a 2000m PSF handicap at Pau in February but has struggled (finished unplaced) in all three subsequent starts. Can be ruled out on the evidence of his last-start 8th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 28 March
- 10. NOTRE HISTOIRE** - Sparked improvement to finish a reassuring 3rd in a 2400m PSF handicap at Pau when last seen on 13 December. Headgear removed and drawn wide in stall No 15 on his reappearance - best watched for now
- 11. COMTESSE VERA** - Went off the boil late last year and has been absent since finishing 15th in an 1800m Le Croisé-Laroche handicap on 6 November. Others preferred
- 12. ROGUE STAR** - A battling 23-start maiden whose best references were achieved in England. Has been unconvincing in his 5 starts on French soil - finished 14th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Pau on 10 March
- 13. TUNDRA** - Won a 2400m handicap at Vichy in August last year but made no impression (unplaced) in either subsequent start. Absent since finishing 10th in a course-and-distance handicap on 23 October - best watched for now
- 14. AGAMEMNON** - Versatile but inconsistent handicapper who is held on recent form by several re-opposing rivals, having finished 8th in the reference race on heavy ground at Bordeaux over 1900m on 16 March
- 15. PANDEMONIUM** - Soundly beaten in both comeback outings this year after an 8-month absence - has dropped in the weights/ratings. Best watched for now after finishing 14th in the benchmark race at Bordeaux on 16 March

Summary: JUREER (2) was no match for a wide-margin winner at Bordeaux last month but finished comfortably clear of the rest, so needs only to repeat that performance to reconnect with success. MA NOSTALGIE (7) returned to form with an encouraging last start of her own and, if confirming that improvement, is likely to fight for victory. BALEGRIO (6) has not won since consecutive victories in 2021 but remains consistent at this level on both surfaces, so may well join that fight. CADE'S (3) and SWEET WISH (8) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

JUREER (2) - MA NOSTALGIE (7) - BALEGRIO (6) - CADE'S (3)

**C8 - PRIX DE LA CITE MEDIEVALE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat
- EUR € 15,000**

- 1. BERGANO** - Unplaced in three 2022 appearances and was sidelined for the entire 2023 campaign. Has made no impression in 2 comeback outings over 1600m on the PSF at Pau this year - only 13th in a handicap there on 10 March
- 2. MISTER JIM** - Unplaced in all four outings over distances from 1900m to 2400m, over which he finished 7th on heavy ground at Bordeaux on 25 November
- 3. MONA LISA** - Won a 2000m PSF handicap at Pau in January but has struggled in two subsequent outings under a 2,5kg penalty, finishing unplaced in both - was 10th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 28 March
- 4. SORIANE** - Absent since finishing a career-best 2nd in a minor 2000m conditions race at Angoulême on 29 October
- 5. VIKING CITY** - Has finished on the podium in three of his four appearances at this venue. Caught the eye when 2nd over 2400m in a handicap on this course on 20 March - keep safe
- 6. HARIASA** - Showing signs of a return to form with each drop in the weights/ratings. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th in a 2400m handicap on this course on 20 March - ought to be competitive dropped to an attractive career-low mark
- 7. ROGUE ROCKET** - Went off the boil late last year and has done nothing since arriving on French soil to warrant any consideration. Well-beaten 14th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Pau on 10 March - others preferred
- 8. ATHELIA** - Inconsistent but has references off a higher mark and on heavy ground at this venue. Wasn't beaten far when 6th in a 2400m handicap on this course on 20 March
- 9. GRISGRISES** - Unplaced in two turf handicaps recently but was not beaten a long way in either - finished 7th in a 2400m handicap on this course on 20 March. Continues to slide down the weights/ratings - dangerous to discount
- 10. CULTURE** - Confirmed the improvement of his previous outing (5th) by finishing 2nd with blinkers fitted in a 2400m handicap on this course on 20 March. Will be a factor here with a repeat of that performance (headgear retained)
- 11. LISAYANE** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (victory) by finishing 2nd under a 2kg penalty in a handicap in heavy ground over 1900m at Bordeaux on 16 March. Wide No 15 stall does her chances no favours here
- 12. LA FILLE DE BERLIN** - Sparked improvement to finish a reassuring 3rd in a 1900m handicap on heavy ground at Bordeaux on 16 March off her current mark. Confirmation awaited
- 13. COCOA** - Consistent for the most part and seldom finishes far off the mark, though has disappointed recently (unplaced in 3 of 4 starts this year). Finished 10th in a 2400m handicap on this course on 20 March
- 14. TERRITORIO** - Has proven hard to win with (just 2 victories from 51 starts) but has performed consistently for the most part and at this level off his current mark. Finished an encouraging 4th over 2400m on this course last time (20 March) - chance
- 15. MAMA JUANA** - A battling 25-start maiden whose recent displays suggest she'll have no role to play here - finished 7th in a 2300m turf claimer at Tarbes on 31 March. Overlook

Summary: A wide-open handicap in which a tentative vote is given to HARIASA (6) who ran a better race last time than her finishing position (7th) suggests. CULTURE (10) has regained a consistent/competitive level of form and is another candidate for success, as is TERRITORIO (14) whose form and consistency in three outings this year bodes well for his chances here under a lightweight. VIKING CITY (5) caught the eye on his seasonal reappearance (2nd) and is likely to play a leading role if confirming that encouragement. Others aren't out of it!

SELECTIONS

HARIASA (6) - CULTURE (10) - TERRITORIO (14) - VIKING CITY (5)