

# SUNDAY, 27/10/24

## R1 SAINT-CLOUD [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX PERTH - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Gr3 Race - Flat - EUR € 80,000**

**1. MARHABA YA SANAFI** - Classy colt with solid form references/credentials including a last-start 4th in the Group II 1600m Prix Daniel Wildenstein on 5 October - closely matched on that form with re-opposing ALCANTOR (7). Will be a factor

**2. JOHAN** - Last-start winner of a valuable 1600m handicap at Doncaster on 14 September. Carried 62,5kg to victory on his reappearance after a 6-month absence, so shouldn't be underestimated with that run under his belt

**3. ANTHORUS** - Capable hard-knocker but is unreliable and currently out of sorts. Soundly beaten (unplaced) in successive Quinte+ handicaps, the latest (15th) over track and trip on 5 October

**4. ELBAZ** - Showed considerable promise in 6 starts with Jean-Claude Rouget and proved he retains ability by finishing 2nd in a 1400m Listed race on this course in his first start for Francis-Henri Graffard on 4 October. Keep safe

**5. SEA OF THIEVES** - Won a 1400m Listed race at ParisLongchamp in April and finished an eye-catching 3rd in a 1600m Group III at Deauville on 25 August. Dark horse

**6. SIRONA** - Last-start winner of the 1600m Listed Rosemary Stakes on heavy ground at Newmarket on 27 September. Has the form and experience to make her presence felt, even against male opposition

**7. ALCANTOR** - Won this Group III event last year and is primed to make a successful defence after an encouraging last-start 3rd in the 1600m Group II Prix Daniel Wildenstein at ParisLongchamp on 5 October after a 4-month absence

**8. MATURLO** - Acquitted himself well in defeat at Lyon-Parilly in a 1600m Class 1 conditions race on 29 September. Beaten less than a length under top-weight 59kg (conceded 2kg to the winner) - will appeal to lovers of outsiders

**9. WILD GODDESS** - Has won 2 of her 3 starts on French soil, including consecutive recent appearances - the latest over 1650m in a Listed race at Craon on 22 September. Not taken lightly

**Summary:** ALCANTOR (7), in his first start against older rivals, finished 3rd in the Group II Prix Daniel Wildenstein on his reappearance after a 4-month absence. He finished ahead of MARHABA YA SANAFI (1) and needn't improve much with that run under his belt to confirm his superiority. However, the latter will appreciate returning to this course on heavy ground which he also enjoys. One of 3 fillies in the race, SIRONA (6) should also acquit herself competitively after a last-start Listed success on heavy ground. ELBAZ (4) appeals most of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**ALCANTOR (7) - MARHABA YA SANAFI (1) - SIRONA (6) - ELBAZ (4)**

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## C2 - CRITERIUM DE SAINT-CLOUD - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Gr1 Race - Flat - EUR € 250,000

**1. GREEN STORM** - Relished the step up in trip to win an 1800m Yarmouth maiden by almost 10 lengths last month. Built on that form/improvement to finish 2nd in a 2000m Group III at Newmarket on 12 October - candidate for success

**2. HARVEY** - Confirmed the promise of his debut 2nd over 1400m with a next-start 1600m victory. Raised his game again to finish 3rd in a 1600m Saint-Cloud Group III on 4 October and this extended trip could unlock further progress

**3. TENNESSEE STUD** - Tipperary maiden winner over 2000m and built on that promise to finish 2nd in the Group II Beresford Stakes over 1600m at Curragh on 28 September. This extended distance will serve his interests

**4. BALLET SLIPPERS** - Regally bred and the only filly in the race so enjoys the benefit of a sex allowance. Stayed on under pressure to finish a creditable 3rd in the Group I Fillies' Mile at Newmarket on 11 October - should play a leading role

**Summary:** Supplemented BALLET SLIPPERS (4) faces male opposition for the first time but could upstage them with improvement expected over this longer distance. She rallied gamely to finish 3rd in the Group I Fillies' Mile and this regally bred filly should, on pedigree, have more to offer stretching out to this trip. TENNESSEE STUD (3) and GREEN STORM (1) have the form and experience over this distance to expose any chinks in the filly's armour. HARVEY (2) isn't a forlorn hope over this trip that could unlock improvement.

### SELECTIONS

**BALLET SLIPPERS (4) - TENNESSEE STUD (3) - GREEN STORM (1) - HARVEY (2)**

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## C3 - CRITERIUM INTERNATIONAL - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Gr1 Race - Flat - EUR € 250,000

**1. SPIRIT OF SUMMER** - A 4-start maiden with no more than a minor role to play in this grade/company. Runner-up over 1400m at Newmarket on 5 October but needs to unlock plenty improvement over the extra 200m to have a say here

**2. TWAIN** - Wide-margin debut winner over 1400m at Leopardstown on 19 October, prompting Ballydoyle connections to supplement this exciting Wootton Bassett colt. Thrown into the Group I 'deep end' but Ryan Moore rides

**3. APPLES AND BANANAS** - Start-to-finish winner of a 1600m Listed race at Deauville on 17 August, finding plenty under pressure. Will be a factor

**4. MOUNT KILIMANJARO** - Opened his account with a course-and-distance victory in a lucrative Arqana Sales race on 5 October. Ought to be competitive with further progress expected

**5. MARANOA CHARLIE** - Unbeaten colt with a bright future. Wide-margin winner of a 1600m Group III at Saint-Cloud on 4 October

**6. MATAURI BAY** - Confirmed the promise of his Leicester debut win with commendable last-start 2nd in the Group III Solaris Stakes at Sandown on 31 August. Not taken lightly with the extended trip likely to unlock improveemnt

**Summary:** Unbeaten MARANOA CHARLIE (5), the only French representative in the race, impressed with a dominant start-to-finish victory in a Group III over this distance earlier in the month. He will be challenged for the lead by last-start Listed winner APPLES AND BANANAS (3) but is hard to oppose given the manner of his wide-margin Saint-Cloud success. MOUNT KILIMANJARO (4) should make his presence felt too, and could even pick up the pieces should the principals cut throats upfront. Unexposed TWAIN (2) shouldn't be underestimated either, having been supplemented a winning debut at Leopardstown.

### SELECTIONS

**MARANOA CHARLIE (5) - APPLES AND BANANAS (3) - MOUNT KILIMANJARO (4) - TWAIN (2)**

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**C4 - PRIX BELLE DE NUIT - 2800m (a2m) - TURF - Gr3 Race - Flat - EUR € 80,000**

**1. ENTRANCEMENT** - Winner of back-to-back 2800m races recently, both on heavy ground - the latest a Listed contest at Bath on 10 October. Candidate for success

**2. BAY OF SANIBEL** - Produced a career-best performance to finish 4th in a course-and-distance Listed race on 4 October. Outsider

**3. RUE BOISSONADE** - Gutsy start-to-finish winner on this course over 3100m on 13 September resuming after a 5-month absence. Holds an entry in Sunday's Group I Prix Royal-Oak

**4. DANCING TANGO** - Consistent, battle-hardened mare with sound references/form credentials. Ran well in defeat when 5th of 8 in the Group II Lillie Langtry Stakes over 2800m at Goodwood on 3 August. Not taken lightly

**5. JORDANELLA** - Sparingly raced mare but looked better than ever when winning on this course in a Class 1 conditions race over 2400m on 9 September. Dark horse

**6. FLEURS DES BOIS** - Promising, unexposed filly - won 2 of 3 starts before finishing last of 10 in a 2500m Group III at Deauville on 11 August. Shouldnt be hastily condemned

**7. PANTHERA** - Maturing filly with good form references in 3 starts on French soil, including a last-start 2nd in a Listed race on this course over 2400m on 13 September. Should appreciate the stepping back up to this distance

**8. LILY HART** - Start-to-finish winner of the Listed Prix Joubert over 2800m at ParisLongchamp on 1 September. Unplaced (11th of 15) there in the Group I Prix Royallieu on 5 October but will fare better in calmer water - keep safe

**Summary:** A non-participant in the Group I Prix Royallieu, RUE BOISSONADE (3) puts her unbeaten Saint-Cloud record on the line after an impressive comeback victory on this course over 3100m. She would've tightened up with the benefit of that reappearance so is good value to follow up at the expense of hat-trick-seeking ENTRANCEMENT (1) who should enjoy conditions in his first outing on French soil. LILY HART (8), whose Group I failure is best forgotten, should fare better in these calmer waters and isn't taken lightly. David Menuisier's second string to his bow, PANTHERA (7), completes the shortlist.

## SELECTIONS

**RUE BOISSONADE (3) - ENTRANCEMENT (1) - LILY HART (8) - PANTHERA (7)**

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## C5 - PRIX GLORIEUSE - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Gr2 APQS Race - Flat - EUR € 51,000

- 1. JAKARTA DE FROM** - Lightly raced mare with consistent form references in well-composed races/fields, including a last-start 4th over 2400m at Clairefontaine on 12 August. Dark horse
- 2. JANLY** - Reliable mare rewarded for her consistency with a last-start 2650m Chateaubriant success on 16 August. Ought to remain competitive
- 3. KATE TO WIN** - Last-start winner over 2400m at Saint-Brieuc on 6 October when resuming after a 4-month absence. Beware
- 4. KARLA CONTI** - Wasn't winning out of turn when opening her account with a breakthrough last-start victory over 2400m at La Roche-sur-Yon on 29 September, having finished 2nd and 3rd twice each in 4 previous outings. On the up
- 5. JUST A LITTLE LONE** - Lightly raced mare with sound/consistent form references, including 3rd-place finishes in both comeback appearances (after a 3-month absence), the latest over 2400m at La Roche-sur-Yon on 29 September
- 6. JUDGELAND** - Experienced but inconsistent performer who continues to blow hot and cold. Runner-up at Le Lion-d'Angers over 3000m in August but finished unplaced (8th) over 2400m at Craon last time (1 September). Unreliable
- 7. KENJI** - Won both August appearances, most recently over 3000m at Le Lion-d'Angers, but lost her way/form since. Unplaced in both subsequent starts, the latest a well-beaten 13th in a 2950m Cholet handicap on 7 October
- 8. JOAQUINA DICI** - Gets along well with Maxime Guyon under whom she has always finished 3rd, including her last time out in the Group I Prix de Craon at ParisLongchamp on 5 September. Candidate for success
- 9. KISS ME SONNE** - Improved in 2 starts with this headgear fitted, confirming the form/progress of her penultimate start (2nd) at Craon with a breakthrough success at Landivisiau over 2600m on 13 October. Not taken lightly
- 10. JESUBA** - Consistent mare with sound form references/credentials, including a last-start 6th in the benchmark event, the 2400m Group I Prix de Craon at ParisLongchamp on 5 September. Should make her presence felt again
- 11. JUSTUNE STAR** - Relatively consistent performer but has been hard to win with - only 1 victory from 20 starts. Runner-up in a 2700m conditions race at Les Sables on 12 October when resuming after a 4-month absence. Outsider
- 12. JIMFA** - Winner of this race 12 months ago. Fluffed her lines when finishing in the Group I Prix de Craon over 2400m at ParisLongchamp on 5 September but is back in calmer waters and remains capable of landing this again
- 13. JOLLY WAY** - Hasn't won since back-to-back successes in 2022 but maintained commendable consistency throughout. Showed her form and well-being when 2nd over 2400m at Craon on 1 September - not taken lightly
- 14. JOKE** - Rejuvenated by the fitting of headgear since reverting to the flat and confirmed as much with a good 4th on heavy ground over 2950m at Cholet on 7 October in a thoroughbred contest. Keep safe

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**Summary:** JIMFA (12) fluffed her lines in the Group I Prix de Craon but shouldn't be hastily condemned. She landed this Group II prize last year and is taken to redeem herself by successfully defending her title. JOAQUINA DICI (8), 3rd in the Prix de Craon, continues to push her limits and seems best equipped to fight for victory. Consistent JESUBA (10), headgear-improved JOKE (14), as well as honest hard-knocker JOLLY WAY (13), are contenders for the remaining podium berth.

## SELECTIONS

**JIMFA (12) - JOAQUINA DICI (8) - JESUBA (10) - JOKE (14)**

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## C6 - PRIX DE L'ELEVAGE - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000

- 1. KATHINA** - Won at the last start which was at Chantilly over 3000m but against slightly weaker. Others might be too strong today but can never be ignored
- 2. RIKA DE LA VIS** - Finished 5th over 2500m at Parislongchamp last time and will need to build on that for the win but can certainly make her presence felt. Chance
- 3. ZAHYANA** - Has won two from last three and is a must for the shortlist. Was victorious on the 8th of October at Fontainebleau in a Handicap over 2200m. Big runner
- 4. NATURAL GIFT** - Ran a fair race last time when 3rd over 2200m but plenty more will be required to trouble the judges here. Happy to ignore
- 5. CHELSEA DU NINIAN** - Won a Handicap on the 10th of October over 2500m at this track and might be the value for larger quartet perms. Prefer others for the win
- 6. TARAJAL** - Comes into the contest fresh off a win at Parislongchamp over 2500m and could follow up, but others are preferred. Quartet chance
- 7. HANDHY** - She placed 3rd over 1950m in September at Le Mans and won a race six races back. Fair overall form and can be given a bright chance
- 8. MORISOT** - Placed 4th over 2100m at Saint-Cloud on the 14th of this month and might be able to lurk into the money again but it is a competitive contest
- 9. ILUMINE PRECIEUSE** - Finished a great 2nd over 3100m in a Handicap at Parislongchamp last time and can go one more. Serious chance
- 10. VENTOSILLA** - Managed 4th place at Saint-Cloud last time and was a winner before that at the same venue. Fair overall efforts and is another, in a tough race, that has claims
- 11. ZANZIA** - Was 7th last time but in a Listed field at Chantilly and back down in class, can do way better. An outsider with a small place chance
- 12. LA DIVA D'ALBEN** - Was last seen in a Listed race at this track on the 4th of October finishing 8th. Expect improvement off that run back down in grade. Good chance
- 13. VENUS OCEANE** - Can certainly serve up more than most recent 4th at this track over 3100m and must be respected and included. Good chance
- 14. MOONGLADE** - Lightly raced, on the up, finished 3rd at this track over 3100m on the 20th of September and rates tough to oppose. Win
- 15. IRLANDIA** - Last two runs have been way below best and therefore it makes this runner hard to fancy and difficult to assess. Pass by
- 16. MISS WHITE SOCKS** - Will have to pull up her socks on her last run when only managing 7th place at Strasbourg over 2100m. Pass by and is the unlikely winner

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**Summary:** MOONGLADE (14) is a lightly raced filly and seemingly very progressive. Her last run was at this track over 3100m, and she is selected to pass the winning line first. ILUMINE PRECIEUSE (9) is in hot form currently, finished second last time and will be a huge runner. ZAHYANA (3) has won two out of her last three which takes some doing. She has to be factored into all betting calculations. RIKA DE LA VIS (2) was victorious six runs back but has been average since. Place chance.

## SELECTIONS

**MOONGLADE (14) - ILUMINE PRECIEUSE (9) - ZAHYANA (3) - RIKA DE LA VIS (2)**



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**C7 - PRIX ROYAL-OAK - 3100m (a2m) - TURF - Gr1 Race - Flat - EUR €  
350,000**

**1. AL QAREEM** - Has won last two races and could be anything here in France. Last win was a Group 3 at Ascot over 2400m. Big runner and could be the place value

**2. SEVENNA'S KNIGHT** - Won penultimate, finished an eye-catching 5th in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Parislongchamp last time and has an obvious bright winning chance

**3. TRUESHAN** - Top horse. Was 2nd at Parislongchamp over 4000m the Group 1 Prix du Cadran on the 5th of October. Strong win chance

**4. DOUBLE MAJOR** - Boasts good overall form. Won this race last year and is on redemption mission after flop in Cadran at Longchamp

**5. PRESAGE NOCTURNE** - Was 3rd at Parislongchamp over 3100m on the 8th of last month and will need to do more for the win, but the place is not out of the question. Possible place

**6. SHAKTI** - Won her last start which was at this track in a Listed race over 2800m. Unbeaten at the venue and very effective on testing ground. Outside chance

**7. ALIGN THE STARS** - Will need serious progression on overall Great Britain form and far prefer others today. Happy to ignore and pass by

**8. GROSVENOR SQUARE** - Makes local French debut, placed 5th at Doncaster on the 14th of September and should make his presence felt first time here. Good chance

**Summary:** SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (2) has attractive all-round form. He won a Group 3 in penultimate start over 3100m at Parislongchamp and was a very good finisher in the Arc de Triomphe. TRUESHAN (3) is top class. His last run when 2nd to Kyprios in the Prix du Cadran at Parislongchamp out the top drawer. Title holder DOUBLE MAJOR (4) is a six-time winner and not a stranger to quality fields. A huge effort should come from him again. GROSVENOR SQUARE (8) has been shining in Great Britain and makes the local French debut. Respect and include.

## SELECTIONS

**SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (2) - TRUESHAN (3) - DOUBLE MAJOR (4) - GROSVENOR SQUARE  
(8)**

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**C8 - PRIX DE FLORE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Gr3 Race - Flat - EUR €  
80,000**

- 1. UNE PERLE** - Placed 3rd over 2000m in a Group 3 at Vichy on the 17th of July and will more than likely need the run. Happy to ignore today
- 2. UNDERSTATED** - Caught the attention when 4th over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in Listed company earlier this month. Has a first four chance
- 3. LEGEND** - Last three in Listed races have been sparkling efforts. Last run was on the 4th of this month over 2000m at this venue. Good chance
- 4. ELUSIVE PRINCESS** - Well held in Group 1 Prix de l'Opéra over 2000m at Parislongchamp on the 6th of October and can get a lot closer this time. Chance
- 5. CURVATURE** - Will need to progress on current form before being considered for the shortlist and far prefer others. Unlikely
- 6. IZNIK** - Attractive and encouraging effort in the Group 2 last time when finishing 4th over 2500m on the 17th of August. Big runner if not needing the comeback too much
- 7. ALMARA** - Badly drawn when unplaced in a Group 1 last time and was victorious before that in a Group 3 at Deauville over 2000m. Strong winning chance
- 8. ZABEEL LIGHT** - Has not run since making a winning debut in late August and could be anything. Impossible to be ignored. Chance
- 9. ROCK'N SWING** - Finished 4th over 2100m in a Listed last time and is a must for all bets on the back of this effort. Good chance
- 10. WALDORA** - Won a Listed race at La Teste on the 30th of August and cannot be completely ignored. Consider for place involvement bets
- 11. MAKING DREAMS** - Was a winner four races back but has been on the decline thereafter and is therefore hard to assess and in turn, hard to fancy. No

**Summary:** ALMARA (7) is a beautiful filly that has gone with some very talented sorts before and acquitted herself with aplomb. She takes a step down in grade in this Group 3 and can bounce right back to winning ways. ELUSIVE PRINCESS (4) was clearly a tad outclassed in the Group 1 last time but was far from disgraced. She has a strong place chance. ROCK 'N SWING (9) is a lightly raced two-time winner that surely has more to offer. Strong each way claims. IZNIK (6) was a Listed race winner three runs back and has solid overall form. Bright chance in another top race.

## SELECTIONS

**ALMARA (7) - ELUSIVE PRINCESS (4) - ROCK'N SWING (9) - IZNIK (6)**

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## C9 - PRIX DES HARAS - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

- 1. LA TEMPLIERE** - Ignore last run when way downfield, finished 2nd before that over 2400m in a Handicap. Good chance
- 2. PINK PERSEVERANCE** - Won last start in a Handicap on the 23rd of September and can be right there again despite being a likely outsider. Outside place chance
- 3. DIALLA** - Finished 2nd over 2400m at Parislongchamp on the 12th of September and is confidently selected to go one more. Win
- 4. KOURAL** - She ran a much better race last time when 4th over 2400m in similar class and can earn again. Each way claims
- 5. DEVILLA** - Never too far adrift the winners and can be expected to run a bold race. Respect and include for all bets. Bright place chance
- 6. SIGRUNE** - Won at long odds last time over 2450m at Cluny and this is much stronger. Prefer others
- 7. GRAND LILI** - Placed 5th over 1900m at Chantilly on the 15th of this month and can make a race of it. Chance
- 8. AMERICAN GLORY** - Winner of her last start which was over 2200m in a Handicap and no shock if she were to follow up. Big chance
- 9. VERA** - She is an outsider that is a tad erratic and therefore hard to assess. Others are preferred and will be much the stronger. No
- 10. DON'T WATCH ME CRY** - Showed some spark in last run when 3rd over 2500m in a Handicap at this course. More needed for the win and prefer others
- 11. NOIRELLE** - Would be a shock result on current form and is hard to make a case for. Happy to ignore
- 12. LA YOMOGUINESS** - Will need to build on last run when 8th over 2100m at Strasbourg and can. Could be the right each way value choice. Include
- 13. AHA** - Current form lines have been on the decline over various tracks and trips and is therefore hard to make a case for this one. No

**Summary:** DIALLA (3) brings solid form into the race and has been knocking loudly at the door. Selected to go one more. KOURAL (4) ran a much better race last time when 4th and can get even closer this time. Strong each way chance. LA TEMPLIERE (1) can be forgiven for her dismal last run and judged on penultimate and overall form. Big runner. AMERICAN GLORY (8) won the last start and can follow up.

### SELECTIONS

**DIALLA (3) - KOURAL (4) - LA TEMPLIERE (1) - AMERICAN GLORY (8)**