

FRIDAY, 18/10/24

C1 - PRIX DE CUISERY - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. MORUS - Finished 6th of 12 on debut over 1600m at Vichy on 24 September. Would've gained from that experience

2. ONE MAJOR - Tailed-off 6th of 6 in a 1500m newcomers' race at Deauville on 28 July. Best watched for now

3. GREEN CAPE - Acquitted himself well/competitively in 3 appearances, finishing 4th in well-composed fields on each occasion - the latest over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on 6 September

4. GRAND DETOUR - Twice 3rd and once 4th in as many appearances, the latest (3rd) in first-time headgear over 1950m at Le Mans on 28 September. Will appreciate this shorter distance

5. DECISIF - Unplaced (8th) on debut over this course and distance on 11 September. Needs to show improvement

6. FOUR FOUR FOUR - Showed a willing attitude when runner-up on debut over this course and distance on 29 September. Will be wiser to the task

7. POET ORTEN - Caught the eye when finishing 4th on debut over this course and distance on 29 September. Keep safe

8. PINK MONDAY - Elauryne Cury-trained Mondialiste colt to be ridden on debut by Gabriele Congiu. Best watched for now

9. BIBE MUS - Yoann Bonnefoy-trained Camelot colt to be ridden on debut by the 'Golden Whip' Maxime Guyon. Not taken lightly

Summary: GREEN CAPE (3) has run well in defeat on each occasion in well-composed fields and this looks a good opportunity for him to open his account. However, FOUR FOUR FOUR (6) ought to fight for victory if building on the promise of his debut 2nd, while GRAND DETOUR (4) is another candidate for the leading positions on his return to this shorter distance. With Maxime Guyon in the saddle, newcomer BIBE MUS (9) isn't underestimated.

SELECTIONS

GREEN CAPE (3) - FOUR FOUR FOUR (6) - GRAND DETOUR (4) - BIBE MUS (9)

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**C2 - PRIX DU HARAS DU MA - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat -
EUR € 23,000**

- 1. BERLINETTA** - Has improved in 2 starts with blinkers fitted, finishing 3rd on both occasions - the latest over 2000m at Vichy on 23 September. Place chance
- 2. HE TOUCHED ME** - Eye-catching 2nd on debut over this course and distance on 9 September. Needn't improve a great deal to go one better
- 3. TIME TO GALI** - Improved to finish a career-best 3rd over 1600m at Vichy on 24 September. Must confirm to have a say here
- 4. LADY MAJESTY CEN** - Runner-up on debut over 1400m at Dieppe before finishing last of 7 in a 1600m ParisLongchamp Group III on 12 September. Big runner in these calmer waters
- 5. FASTER THAN LIGHT** - Yafta debutante from the stable of Henri-Alex Pantall, who has booked Tony Piccone to ride this filly. Keep safe
- 6. HEATHER FOR EVER** - Ioritz Mendizabal is a notable jockey engagement aboard this Mathieu Pitart-trained Bow Creek newcomer
- 7. VAS Y LEZ** - Mathieu Pitart-trained Blek newcomer to be ridden on debut by Jérôme Claudic. One to keep an eye on
- 8. SEA THE AURORA** - Well-bred Sea The Moon debutante to be ridden by Marie Velon for trainer Dalibor Torok. Not taken lightly

Summary: LADY MAJESTY CEN (4) was thrown into the deep end of a ParisLongchamp Group III after a promising debut 2nd and she will find life easier in these calmer waters. Highly regarded HE TOUCHED ME (2) also filled the runners-up berth on debut so ought to play a leading role with improvement expected given the benefit of that experience. Well-related filly SEA THE AURORA (8) isn't taken lightly, while BERLINETTA (1) can make her bit of experience count by competing for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

**LADY MAJESTY CEN (4) - HE TOUCHED ME (2) - SEA THE AURORA (8) - BERLINETTA
(1)**

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C3 - PRIX DU COMITE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. LA SAUZEE - Inconsistent lightly raced mare with sufficient means - seldom far off the mark on a going day. Only 12th at Chantilly in a 1900m PSF claimer on 21 September

2. LET THERE BE ROCK - Has won 3 times in 4 associations with Pierre Bazire and showed his form/well-being with a good 4th in a 3000m Quinté+ handicap at Chantilly on 26 September. Winning chance

3. LEMPIRA - Last-start winner of a 2400m conditions race at Vichy on 24 September. Finished 5th in a 2800m Quinté+ at Compiègne in June off a slightly higher mark - keep safe

4. SAINTE RITA - Hard-knocking mare with sound references/form credentials in handicaps on both surfaces. Finished 9th in a 2400m PSF handicap at Lyon-La Soie on 4 October - needs to reaffirm

5. ZOOM CHOP - Consistent performer with form references/credentials in handicaps at this level over various distances, including a last-start 2nd over 2600m at Marseille-Borely on 31 May. One to note on his reappearance

6. TREATWOOD - Consistent hard-knocker seldom far off the mark although rarely wins (just 1 win from 17 starts). Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2400m at Vichy on a conditions race on 24 September - place chance

7. GOLDINO BELLO - Honest hard-knocking veteran who thrives on rain-affected ground and remains in good form/physical condition. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a 3000m Chantilly handicap on 26 September - on the shortlist

8. MONA TREZY - Rejuvenated filly most effective/competitive in turf handicaps - has confirmed as much with consecutive victories, the latest over 3000m at Nancy on 29 September. Carries a 3,5kg penalty

Summary: Yoann Bonnefoy has 2 strings to his bow and holds the keys to this event as both in-form LET THERE BE ROCK (2), back at the scene of his last success after a good 4th in a Quinté+ at Chantilly, and consistent GOLDINO BELLO (7), who is most impactful over the classic distance, seem best equipped to fight for victory. Last-start winners LEMPIRA (3), back in the handicaps, and hat-trick-seeking MONA TREZY (8) are also competitive for the podium places.

SELECTIONS

LET THERE BE ROCK (2) - GOLDINO BELLO (7) - LEMPIRA (3) - MONA TREZY (8)

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C4 - PRIX OUMNAZ - 2200m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. WILD HORSES - Debut winner at Clairefontaine in July and confirmed that promise by maintaining good form/consistency in 2 subsequent starts, the latest (4th) in a stronger race/field at Vichy over 2400m on 24 September. Player

2. MISTER PRESIDENT - Won a 2100m Toulouse maiden in April but flattered to deceive in 3 subsequent starts - the latest (10th) on his handicap debut over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 27 September

3. CEDRUS - Consistent performer with sound form references/credentials, including a win and a 3rd in 2 outings over this track and trip. Pleasing 5th on his return from a 4-month absence at Vichy (1850m) on 23 September

4. RAIMONDIN - Winner over 1950m at Châteaubriant in July but unplaced in consecutive/subsequent Quinte+ handicaps, the latest (10th) over 1800m at Chantilly on 21 September. Should fare better in these calmer waters

5. LA DO RE - Improving last-start winner who opened her account in a 2400m maiden at Saint-Cloud on 6 September. Open to further progress

6. SISTERLAND - Consistent performer with sound references at this level. Unplaced (7th) in a 2000m Listed race last month but didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence on 30 September

Summary: After an encouraging much-needed comeback outing over an inadequate shorter distance, CEDRUS (3) seems the most likely winner of this even given the favourable conditions. However, top-rated WILD HORSES (1) acquitted himself well in a better race/field at Vichy last time and will also appreciate heavy ground so he should pose a threat. Last-start winner LA DO RE (5) is open to further progress and her chances aren't/shouldn't be underestimated, especially with Alexis Pouchin in the irons.

SELECTIONS

CEDRUS (3) - WILD HORSES (1) - LA DO RE (5) - RAIMONDIN (4)

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**C5 - PRIX DE L'ESSOR - 2200m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat -
EUR € 17,000**

- 1. IT'S EAGLE** - Would've come on appreciably from his debut 7th (of 12) over 2100m at Strasbourg on 6 October. Can get into the picture
- 2. GUARDIAN** - Improved to finish 2nd in consecutive recent outings over 2400m, the latest at this track on 17 September. Needn't improve a great deal in first-time headgear to open his account
- 3. KRASHA** - Has acquitted herself well in defeat in 2 starts on French soil, the latest (5th) over 1800m at Dieppe when last seen on 27 August. Supplemented for this engagement so cannot be taken lightly
- 4. L'OREE DES BLAISES** - Failed to build on the encouragement of her debut 4th at Divonne when only 6th over 2500m at Nancy on 29 September. Improvement needed
- 5. HELLO SWEETY** - Made no impression in either start, finishing 13th on debut at Clairefontaine and 8th with blinkers fitted (dispensed with here) over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 20 September. Hard to make a case for
- 6. HIGH WAY** - Unplaced in all 8 appearances and has finished 6th on 6 occasions, including 3 each of her last starts - the latest over 2450m at Cluny on 13 April. Others preferred
- 7. JOUR D'ETE** - Soundly beaten (11th) on debut at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 20 September. Best just to watch for now
- 8. RAIATEA** - Showed a willing and professional attitude when finishing a good 3rd on debut in a competitive race/field at Compiègne over 2400m on 25 September. Likely improver who warrants the utmost respect
- 9. ARROWHEAD** - Patrice Cottier-trained National Défense colt out of a Group I-winning dam. Candidate for success on debut under Hugo Besnier
- 10. MARY KELLY** - Well-bred Dariyan filly to be ridden on debut by Tony Piccone for trainer Xavier Blanchet. Not taken lightly

Summary: Narrowly beaten in back-to-back recent outings over 2400m, GUARDIAN (2) is good value to open his account here, especially in first-time headgear that could eke out sufficient improvement. Well-bred newcomer ARROWHEAD (9) needn't be special to pose a threat on debut and begins with legitimate ambitions. RAIATEA (8) and KRASHA (3) have shown enough to make their presence felt too, while MARY KELLY (10) is another attractively bred debutante whose chances are dangerous to discount.

SELECTIONS

GUARDIAN (2) - ARROWHEAD (9) - RAIATEA (8) - KRASHA (3)

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**C6 - PRIX DES VENDANGES - 2800m (a2m) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat -
EUR € 14,000**

1. GOLD PALACE - Soundly beaten in 3 consecutive recent appearances, the latest (9th) in a 2800m Saint-Cloud handicap on 4 October. Very effective on heavy ground so could fare better here off a lower mark

2. SOULOU MALPIC - Lacks references over this distance but ran well in defeat when 5th over 3000m at Craon on 23 September. Candidate for success

3. HE'S A ROCK STAR - Out-of-sorts veteran who finished 2nd in a 2400m claimer at Divonne on 1 September. Disqualified since at Nancy on 29 September

4. THE ROOM - Finished a well-beaten 12th in a 2800m Saint-Cloud handicap on 4 October. Seldom far off the mark on a going day but is best watched for now

5. SEMILLANTE - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 3rd in a 2800m Moulins handicap on 26 August and should have a role to play here if confirming that form/improvement. Has a win and 3rd in 2 visits to this racecourse

6. WHIP DRALLIV - An 11-start maiden with sound references/form credentials in handicaps, including a last-start 4th over 1900m at Bordeaux on 13 October. Place chance

7. SANCHO - Hard-knocking veteran who seldom finishes far off the mark in handicaps at this level. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his last-start 7th on this course over 2400m on 17 September

8. SIXTINE BAAL - A 13-start maiden (placed once) who finished a well-beaten 10th in a 2400m Vichy handicap on 24 July. Others preferred

9. RUE D'ALBRET - Finished an encouraging 3rd over 3000m at Vichy in May and returned to form when 3rd again at Argentan over 2100m on 26 August. Should play a leading role

10. MOKO - Out-of-sorts veteran mare with references in handicaps off a higher mark - seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Unplaced (8th) in a 3000m Vichy handicap on 24 September but has been dropped 1kg

Summary: SOULOU MALPIC (2) has done little wrong since resuming and offers the most guarantees of the 10 runners in this race. RUE D'ALBRET (9) runs for new connections but has already proven her efficiency/competitiveness over this distance, so she could threaten the selection. Consistent veteran mare SEMILLANTE (5) and enigmatic GOLD PALACE (1), effective on heavy ground, are also competitive for a podium berth. MOKO (10) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

SOULOU MALPIC (2) - RUE D'ALBRET (9) - SEMILLANTE (5) - GOLD PALACE (1)

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C7 - PRIX DE PARAY-LE-MONIAL - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. PETERHOF - Hold-up type with formidable acceleration. Didn't have the race run to suit when 10th at Compiègne in a 1400m handicap on 25 September but shouldn't be hastily condemned - keep safe

2. HURRICANE LIGHT - Proven on heavy ground and is regaining momentum - confirmed as much by finishing 4th off his current mark in a 1400m Compiègne handicap on 11 October. Not taken lightly

3. TOPINAMBUR - Hard-knocking veteran who seldom finishes far off the mark in handicaps at this level. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for his last-start 6th in a 1400m Compiègne handicap on 11 October

4. TURTLE CHOPE - Won twice on this course last year under Maxime Guyon, with whom she is reunited. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for disappointing recent performances, the latest (12th) over track and trip on 17 September

5. TRIESTE - Blows hot and cold but has the undeniable means to fight for victory in a race of this ilk, especially on the evidence of her course-and-distance 2nd on 17 September. The horse to beat

6. BALAGAN - Out of sorts and continues to drop in the weights/ratings after a long losing run/unplaced performances, the latest (10th) in a 2000m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaix on 9 October. For another day

7. KISS QUEEN - Experienced out-of-sorts handicapper although seldom far off the mark on a going day. Unplaced (7th) in a 2150m PSF handicap at Lyon-La Soie on 4 October. Best watched for now

8. ELLECOEUR DRALLIV - An 18-start maiden - placed once - who finished a well-beaten 8th in a 1900m Bordeaux handicap recently (13 October). Others preferred

9. SOIZIYA - Yet to find the frame in 18 appearances and is unlikely to trouble the judge on her return to the flat after an unsuccessful attempt over hurdles at Fontainebleau on 5 October. Can be ignored

Summary: TRIESTE (5) was far from disgraced last time in a better race/field over a distance short of her best and she is good value to set the record straight. Despite her recent failures, TURTLE CHOPE (4) retains the means to redeem herself by fighting for victory, especially with Maxime Guyon aboard. PETERHOF (1), efficient on this track, and HURRICANE LIGHT (2), who will get ground to suit, are also competitive for the podium.

SELECTIONS

TRIESTE (5) - TURTLE CHOPE (4) - PETERHOF (1) - HURRICANE LIGHT (2)

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C8 - PRIX DE CLUNY - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

- 1. HOLLY HAPPY** - Yet to win a race but was fourth last time out in a handicap at vichy over 1400m on 19 August. Might play a minor role
- 2. BEIJINHO** - Unreliable and was runner-up last time out in a handicap at Marseille-Borely over 2100m on 28 September. Likes that course and others are preferred
- 3. KALIFE ALAPLACE** - In good form and has been runner-up twice in last three times including last time out in a handicap at Vichy over 2000m on 23 September. Can contest the finish this distance
- 4. SIMANCAS** - Not disgraced when 6th last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 1400m on 25 September. Has a winning chance off this current mark
- 5. MI C'INFILO** - In fair form and was 5th last time out in a handicap at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 14 October. Likes this ground and should make a bold bid at scoring
- 6. ESSAI TRANSFORME** - Better over shorter but was not disgraced when 5th last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 1400m on 25 September. Capable of making the frame
- 7. LOKI** - Did not show his best when 8th last time out in a handicap at Marseille-Borély over 1700m on 28 September. In good form before that and has a place chance
- 8. SINNDARILLO** - Disappointing form of late and was 8th last time out in a handicap at this course over 1350m on 29 September. Capable of playing a minor role
- 9. SUNSHINEFLED** - Did not show her best when 7th last time out in a handicap at Angers over 1350m on 30 September. Needs to do a bit more to win
- 10. LORLISALSA** - Likes this track and was third last time out in a handicap over this course and distance on 17 September. Clearly not out of it

Summary: MI C'INFILO (5) wouldn't be winning out of turn and is worth chancing in a race of this kind, especially on heavy ground which will serve his interests. Dangerous off her current mark and with in-form Maryline Eon aboard, SIMANCAS (4) is best equipped to challenge the selection for race honors. Versatile KALIFE ALAPLACE (3), with the benefit of his talented apprentice's weight allowance, and Lyon-Parilly track specialist LORLISALSA (10) also have the means to play leading roles. TRANSFORMED TEST (6) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MI C'INFILO (5) - SIMANCAS (4) - KALIFE ALAPLACE (3) - LORLISALSA (10)