

MONDAY, 07/10/24

**C1 - PRIX AU-DELA DES PISTES - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR
€ 17,000**

- 1. IT'S ALL A DREAM** - Won a 1600m PSF conditions race at Pau in January but finished unplaced in 9 subsequent appearances, the latest (9th) over 1300m in a Craon handicap on 23 September
- 2. CALCUTTA CUP** - Fluffed his lines when finishing 10th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 7 September but has the means to redeem himself, having finished 2nd at Deauville in his previous outing. Not without a chance
- 3. FILLE DU ROI** - Inconsistent filly unplaced in 11 consecutive appearances, the latest (8th) in a 1400m handicap at Compiègne on 25 September
- 4. LEX LUTHOR** - Consistent veteran handicapper with sound references/form credentials in handicaps at this level, including a last-start 6th in a 1400m handicap at Strasbourg on 15 September
- 5. PORTRERO** - Ultra-consistent handicapper, though rarely wins (has 2 victories from 34 starts). Has maintained a good level of form and consistency, and confirmed as much by finishing 4th over track and trip on 19 September
- 6. ATLANTICA** - Consistent veteran whose competitiveness in handicaps at this level is beyond doubt. Not disgraced when 7th in an 1800m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 26 September
- 7. GALALITHE** - Blotted her copybook when 12th in a 1600m handicap at ParisLongchamp on 8 September but retains the means to redeem herself in a race of this ilk, especially having finished in the Top 3 in 3 starts at this venue
- 8. DORIANELLO** - Reliable hard-knocker with a smart turn of foot, which he displayed 5th in a course-and-distance handicap on 19 September - finished an encouraging 5th that day and should have a role to play here
- 9. BEST SIXTEEN** - Won a Listed race at 2 but hasn't scaled those heights for some time now. Regained his momentum recently, finishing 3rd over 1600m at Vichy in August and 2nd in a 1400m ParisLongchamp handicap on 15 September
- 10. JOAO** - Hard-knocking veteran with sound form references/credentials, including a last-start 5th on this course in a handicap over the same distance on 19 September. Attractive outsider
- 11. WHATEVER IT COSTS** - Unreliable filly, currently out of sorts - unplaced in her last 7 appearances, the latest (8th) in a track-and-trip handicap on 19 September
- 12. MEARAS STYLE** - Honest veteran mare with solid form credentials in handicaps at this level, including a last-start 5th in a 1600m handicap at Toulouse on 25 September
- 13. LOU BALICOT** - Versatile hard-knocking veteran handicapper seldom far off the mark on either surface. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in an 1800m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 26 September

Summary: PORTRERO (5), after an encouraging 4th last time out, is a serious candidate for success, though the same could be said of the 5th finisher that day DORIANELLO (8), who again enjoys the benefit of Pierre Remoué's weight allowance. BEST SIXTEEN (9), who also ran in that race, is well positioned in the stalls and has the means to make his presence felt too. GALALITHE (7) makes most appeal of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

PORTRERO (5) - DORIANELLO (8) - BEST SIXTEEN (9) - GALALITHE (7)

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C2 - PRIX CAPITAINE RIQUET - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12,000

1. **ROAST CHESTNUT** - Opened her account with a last-start victory on her handicap debut over this course and distance last month (19 September). Can follow up
2. **AMOUAGE** - Won a 1400m Clairefontaine-Deauville handicap on 28 June but finished unplaced (soundly beaten) in all 4 of his subsequent appearances, the latest (9th) in a 1400m Strasbourg handicap on 15 September
3. **LE FRIOLIN** - Gianluca Bietolini-trained Galiway gelding to be ridden on debut by Aude Duporté, who has a 1,5kg allowance
4. **RAIKE** - Unplaced (6th) in a 1900m PSF claimer at Deauville on 17 August. Could do better reverting to turf
5. **CAROLINE BAY** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th over 1600m in a ParisLongchamp claimer on 12 September. Keep safe
6. **ON BORROWED TIME** - Won a claimer over this distance at Evreux in May before a disappointing 9th in a 1600m Saint-Cloud handicap on 17 June. Absent since and has switched hands
7. **ANALYTICS** - Debut winner who has maintained her form and consistency in 6 subsequent outings, including a last-start 3rd in a 1600m claimer at Saint-Cloud on 20 September
8. **MOONWALKER** - Has made no impression in his last 3 appearances, finished 10th on each occasion - the latest in a claimer over 1800m at Dieppe on 29 May. Others preferred
9. **SHOOTFORTHESTARS** -
10. **LARCIN** - Runner-up in a 1600m Pompadour claimer in August and finished a game-in-defeat 4th in a 1600m maiden at Royan on 15 September. Place chance
11. **LULILUCIOLE BLOU** - Soundly beaten (unplaced) in both starts and unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of a last-start 13th at Compiègne over 1400m on 17 September
12. **LA SPITANTE** - Well-beaten 10th on debut over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 9 September. Open to improvement but is best just to watch for now
13. **SUNGOLD** - Led most of the way when finishing a game-in-defeat 5th on debut in an 1800m claiming race at Clairefontaine and wasn't unsuited by the shorter trip when 7th over 1500m at Baden-Baden on 25 August. Capable of better

Summary: ROAST CHESTNUT (1) opened her account when rewarded for her consistency with a last-start victory over course and distance on her handicap debut. She is more than capable of following up in this category and is taken to double her tally. ANALYTICS (7) was an eye-catcher last time out at Saint-Cloud over a shorter trip and is best equipped to threaten that rival, with the shortlist made up by CAROLINE BAY (5) and SUNGOLD (13).

SELECTIONS

ROAST CHESTNUT (1) - ANALYTICS (7) - CAROLINE BAY (5) - SUNGOLD (13)

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C3 - PRIX DE L'AVESNOIS - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

1. TRUST ON ME - Versatile, unreliable veteran handicapper who was 3rd in a PSF handicap at Deauville before a disappointing last-start 10th in a 1400m Compiègne handicap on 28 August. Capable but inconsistent - best kept safe

2. EVER READY - Inconsistent colt with sufficient means to acquit himself competitively in a race of this ilk off his current mark. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a course-and-distance handicap on 19 September

3. PRINCEDESCHAMPS - Caught the eye with a fast-finishing 3rd in a course-and-distance handicap in 19 September. Failed to confirm that form/improvement when only 9th over 2200m at Amiens last time but shouldn't be hastily condemned

4. FAZZANO - Inconsistent German performer sporting headgear for the first time on French soil off a career-low mark. Could do better than his last-start 8th in over 2100m at Mülheim on 17 August

5. ANGEL DUST - Has regained momentum (form and consistency) recently. Won a 1600m Vichy handicap in July before proving her competitiveness off this mark (under a penalty) when 3rd in a 1600m Deauville handicap on 17 August

6. ERNAN CORTES - Out of sorts (lost form) but has dropped to an attractive mark,, just 0,5kg higher than his last-winning mark in a PSF handicap at Chantilly in December. Soundly beaten (12th) in a track-and-trip handicap on 19 September

7. HYGROVE BEC - Veteran handicapper on a long losing run. Soundly beaten/unplaced in her last 9 starts, the latest (17th) over 1400m in a handicap at Compiègne. Others preferred

8. VOLCAN -

9. RED PROPELLER - A 12-start maiden yet to find the frame. Finished a well-beaten 14th in a 1400m turf handicap at Le Mans when last seen on 13 September

10. MOASA - Unreliable veteran mare who continues to blow hot and cold - seldom far off the mark on a going day. Only 8th in a course-and-distance handicap on 19 September but has slid further down the weights/ratings - dark horse

11. PALETUVIER - Limited individual with just 1 win and 4 places from 36 appearances. Finished a well-beaten 13th in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 4 August

12. BELLE IMPRESSION - Veteran mare soundly beaten/unplaced in 6 consecutive outings, the latest (13th) in a course-and-distance handicap on 19 September

13. WARNING AT SEA - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper who seldom finishes far off the mark but rarely wins - has 4 victories from 45 appearances. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th in a 2200m handicap at Amiens on 29 September - dark horse

14. WHAT DO YOU SAY - Inconsistent veteran who seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day but is currently out of sorts - finished 6th in 2 of his last 3 starts, the latest in a 1400m Class 2 conditions race at Vichy on 23 September

Summary: PRINCEDESCHAMPS (3) ran on well from off the pace over this track and trip 2 starts back and he shouldn't be hastily condemned for a disappointing subsequent outing at Amiens, having failed to find cover and then deliver his customary late charge. However, ANGEL DUST (5), who has already achieved/enjoyed success at this venue, is expected to put up a fight. TRUST ON ME (1) makes the long trip with ambitions with Henk Grewe whose record raiding Le Croisé-Laroche shouldn't be scoffed at. EVER READY (2) has the means to join them at the line.

SELECTIONS

PRINCEDESCHAMPS (3) - ANGEL DUST (5) - TRUST ON ME (1) - EVER READY (2)

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C4 - PRIX DE CAGNES-SUR-MER - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12,500

- 1. POSAFOLIE** - Ultra-consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, including last-start 3rd over track and trip in her first appearance at this level. Will fight for victory
- 2. SUNSET BIKINI** - Big favorite of the benchmark event over this course and distance on 19 September but disappointed by only finishing 6th. Should not be hastily condemned
- 3. PAMPELONNE** - Stood stuck in the stalls when finishing 7th in the references race over track and trip on 19 September. Not one to be written off
- 4. LAHOMI** - Boasts sound form references/credentials in the claiming category and wouldnt be winning out of turn, having finished 2nd in consecutive recent claimers, one over this track and trip on 19 September in the reference race
- 5. NIIA** - Changed hands after finishing 8th at Compiègne in a 1400m claimer on 17 September. Now races for the stable of Adrien Fouassier whose runners usually perform well at this course
- 6. KISS ME HONEY** - Debut winner at Baden-Baden in June but has failed to build on that promise/add to her tally in 5 subsequent starts, the latest (6th) in a 1400m claimer at Nancy on 29 September
- 7. MAGIC IS MAGIC** - Caught the eye when a career-best 3rd over 1200m at Le Lion-d'Angwers on 15 September. Not taken lightly
- 8. MAMINOA** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th in the reference race over this course and distance on 19 September. Open to improvement
- 9. OCEANE PEARL** - Twice 2nd in 4 appearances at this level but fluffed her lines when 9th over 1200m in a claiming race at Evreux on 22 May. Watch for now
- 10. LA FRENCHIE** - Made a pleasing introduction at Evreux in a 1200m claimer in May but has regressed since, finishing unplaced in both subsequent outings - the latest (9th) in a 1400m claimer at Compiègne on 22 July

Summary: POSAFOLIE (1), who was 3rd in the reference race over course and distance on 19 September, and runner-up that day LAHOMI (4) could find themselves fighting for victory. PAMPELONNE (3) blew her chances at the start in the same race but retains the means to play a leading role. SUNSET BIKINI (2), beaten favourite on that occasion, shouldn't be hastily condemned.

SELECTIONS

POSAFOLIE (1) - LAHOMI (4) - PAMPELONNE (3) - SUNSET BIKINI (2)

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C5 - PRIX DES WEPPES - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,000

1. **SNOOZE BUTTON** - Last-start winner of a 1000m Fontainebleau handicap on 22 September. Up 3kg as a result but not taken lightly
2. **TRUE ROMANCE** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a course-and-distance 3rd in a similar contest won by KOUTSOUNAKOS (9) on 19 September. Keep safe
3. **GIORGIANA** - Didn't go unnoticed when 7th in a course-and-distance claimer on 19 September so shouldn't be taken lightly, having dropped slightly in the weights/ratings. Dark horse
4. **CLAIM THE STARS** - Ideally suited to this distance, over which he won a handicap at Chantilly 3 starts back (3 September) and 3rd in his latest appearance at that venue on 3 October. Has a winning chance in his first outing on this course
5. **WIKENDA** - Rediscovered her form and consistency, albeit over slightly longer distances, since joining this stable. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th in a 1400m handicap at Strasbourg on 15 September
6. **PAPATEOU** - Course specialist with 5 Top 3 finishes in 6 visits to this course. Runner-up in the references race over track and trip on 19 September and likely to play another leading role
7. **PERMENTON** - Inconsistent performer seldom far off the mark on a going day but currently out of sorts. Unplaced (7th) in a course-and-distance claimer on 19 September
8. **ETINCELLE** - Unplaced in 5 appearances on French soil and was a well-beaten 10th in a 2100m conditions race on the PSF at Mons on 26 September. Others preferred
9. **KOUTSOUNAKOS** - Well-performed veteran who was a dominant start-to-finish winner of a course-and-distance claimer last time out (on 19 September). The horse to beat
10. **CHUNKA WAKAN** - Capitalised on a career-low rating/current mark to finish a reassuring 3rd in a course-and-distance handicap on 19 September. Makes another long trip to this venue with legitimate ambitions
11. **PACOSTAR** - Capable 3-year-old with sufficient means and references/form credentials in the claiming category (twice 4th in this grade). Was 7th in track-and-trip handicap (19 September) but headgear worn that day dispensed with
12. **BREATHE ON** - Disappointing 5th under somewhat favourable conditions in a 1000m Vichy handicap on 24 September off this mark but has the means to redeem herself at this level. Shouldn't be hastily condemned
13. **BRAVEHEART** - Out-of-sorts veteran gelding yet to spark improvement despite plummeting in the weights/ratings. Could only finish 9th over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly on 11 September
14. **EL MANSOUR** - Battling 78-start maiden who has placed just once in his career. Not likely to trouble the judge on the evidence of his last-start 9th in a 1000m Vichy handicap on 24 September
15. **JAVA JAMES** - A 22-start maiden with poor recent form to her name, including a last-start 10th in a track-and-trip claimer on 19 September

Summary: A Le Croisé-Laroche specialist, KOUTSOUNAKOS (9) has what it takes to achieve his fourth career success at this venue. CLAIM THE STARS (4) caught the eye at Chantilly last time and is likely to threaten that rival with a repeat of that performance. PAPATEOU (6), runner-up to the selection recently, and WIKENDA (5), who is an unknown quantity over this shorter trip, can get into the picture.

SELECTIONS

KOUTSOUNAKOS (9) - CLAIM THE STARS (4) - PAPATEOU (6) - WIKENDA (5)

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C6 - PRIX DU PEVELE - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. **FELIPPO** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a creditable course-and-distance 6th in a similar contest on 19 September. Keep safe
2. **CAP FAREWELL** - Unreliable but undeniably capable hard-knocker who shouldn't be hastily condemned for a disappointing 6th over this distance at Saint-Malo on 22 August
3. **BLACK HAWK** - Continues to blow hot and cold but retains the means to be competitive at this level, having finished 3rd in a 3100m Saint-Cloud handicap last month. Not hastily condemned for his 8th at Craon on 23 September
4. **SKIP CHOP** - Disappointing (well-beaten 13th) in a course-and-distance claimer on 19 September but shouldn't be hastily condemned. Dark horse
5. **NORTHERN STARLET** - Caught the eye when 3rd in the 19 September reference race over course and distance on 19 September. Keep safe
6. **MOUKOKO** - Game in defeat when finishing 2nd in a course-and-distance claimer on 19 September. Staying on gamely from the front - will be a factor again
7. **WAITARA** - Won a 2200m claimer at Dieppe in May but been soundly beaten (unplaced) in 7 subsequent starts - the latest (9th) over 2200m in a handicap at Amiens on 29 September
8. **DISBELA** - Unreliable but does boast sound course-and-distance references, including a 3rd and two 4th-place finishes in 3 appearances at this venue. Disappointing 7th over 2200m at Dusseldorf on 8 September
9. **KIRWANAKO CHANAY** - Improving last-start winner of a 2800m maiden at Moulins on 8 September. Respected with further progress likely
10. **DAZZLE AT DAWN** - He remains a bitter failure on the Deauville sand but is credited with the best handicap value in this lot and is looking favorably on this return to the grass.
11. **SUNNY STAR** - Soundly beaten (12th) in a course-and-distance claimer on 19 September. Needs to improve to have a say here
12. **SOUL OF FREEDOM** - Made no impression on debut, finishing a well-beaten 10th in a 2500m claimer over the course and distance on 19 September
13. **STALLONE** - Won then finished 4th in back-to-back recent outings over 2300m at Redon. Runner-up over this track and trip on his last visit to Le Croisé-Laroche on 28 October 2023
14. **DETESNOUVELLES** - Inconsistent but undeniably capable of acquitting herself competitively in a race of this nature, having won at this level over 2400m at Vichy in July. Runner-up in a 2500m PSF handicap at Deauville on 18 August - beware
15. **SLON HE** - Well-performed veteran (9-time winner) seldom far off the mark on a going day but currently out of sorts. Not likely to trouble the judge on the evidence of his last-start 13th in a 2000m Vichy handicap on 23 September

Summary: STALLONE (13) boasts a win and a 2nd in his 2 appearances at this venue. He showed his form and well-being in the West recently and he makes the return trip with legitimate winning ambitions. MOUKOKO (6) and NORTHERN STARLET (5) renew rivalry having finished 2nd and 3rd respectively over this course and distance in a similar contest. Both have the means to make life difficult for the selection. BLACK HAWK (3) has enjoyed great success with Mickaël Barzalona and shouldn't be hastily condemned for a recent failure. DAZZLE AT DAWN (10) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

STALLONE (13) - MOUKOKO (6) - NORTHERN STARLET (5) - BLACK HAWK (3)

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**C7 - PRIX DU PLOUICH - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR €
15,000**

1. POTE - Led most of the way but was outrun late by re-opposing SKY GOLD (3), finishing 2nd over course and distance on 19 September. Can avenge that defeat on these revised terms

2. LIKING - Experienced hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a creditable course-and-distance 6th in a similar contest on 19 September. Keep safe

3. SKY GOLD - Last-start winner over the course and distance in his first appearance in the claiming category (19 September). Candidate for success

4. STRANGELOVE - Unplaced in all 4 appearances, though wasn't entirely disgraced when 5th over course and distance in a similar contest on 19 September. Improvement needed

5. MAITRE DE CHANT - Lightly raced 3-year-old who has revealed sufficient means in conditions/maiden races to be competitive in a race of this nature. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly on 17 September

6. TUPPES - Caught the eye when a reassuring 3rd over 2000m in a claimer at Compiègne on 17 September. Dark horse

7. XYLOPHONE - Unplaced in all 4 starts this year and was disappointing recently in a 2000m conditions race at Saint-Cloud, finishing 9th on 13 September. Can do better at this level

Summary: POTE (1) was run down late, after setting a brisk pace, by SKY GOLD (3) in similar contest over this course and distance last month but is weighted to avenge that defeat on these revised terms. MAITRE DE CHANT (5), in his first appearance at this level, and light weight XYLOPHONE (7), a novice at this level as well, aren't taken lightly .

SELECTIONS

POTE (1) - SKY GOLD (3) - MAITRE DE CHANT (5) - XYLOPHONE (7)

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C8 - PRIX DU CAMBRESIS - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. MY FANCY** - Non-starter in last Tuesday's Quinté+ so hasn't been seen since June, when finishing a commendable 8th over 2000m in a Quinté+ at ParisLongchamp. Not taken lightly
- 2. HOLLYHOCK** - Experienced hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a creditable course-and-distance 4th in April last year. Unplaced (13th) in a Quinté+ at Chantilly on 3 September but should be better at this level
- 3. DAPANGO** - Won a claimer over 1800m at Dieppe in his first outing on French soil and backed that up with a good 2nd over 1600m in a claiming race at Fontainebleau on 22 September. Keep safe
- 4. RIDPOUR** - Caught the eye with a reassuring 2nd over 1600m in a conditions race at Vichy on 14 August. Will play a leading role if confirming that improvement
- 5. MILLEBOSC** - Finished 3rd in the 2021 Prix du Jockey Club (Group I) and spent many months in the UK before reconnecting with success at La Roche-Posay on 8 September, winning easily over 1700m. Capable of following up
- 6. EXPLORE THE SHORE** - Battling 74-start maiden yet to finish on the podium. Unlikely to trouble the judge on the evidence of a recent 7th over 1400m at Vichy
- 7. TRUE TEDESCO** - Hard-knocking handicapper on a long losing run, though did spark improvement to finish 5th over 1600m at Baden-Baden on 31 August. Outsider
- 8. SONEMOS** - Joined François Monfort this year after starting her career across the Channel. Runner-up to MILLEBOSC (5) at La Roche-Posay last month before finishing 3rd at Vannes over 1500m on 21 September
- 9. BARBELCHEN** - Revealed early promise but has been plagued by soundness issues. Was a well-beaten 10th over 1800m in his last start at Dortmund on 9 May
- 10. NOBLESSE OBLIGE** - Consistent performer in Germany. Finished 3rd over 2200m at Hanovre on 16 June but hasn't been since

Summary: MILLEBOSC (5) is no longer the force of old but showed he retains zest for racing by winning at La-Roche-Posay last time, and he's good value to follow up at the primary expense of RIDPOUR (4) who made an encouraging reappearance at Vichy. MY FANCY (1) is another with legitimate ambitions after missing last Tuesday's Quinté+. DAPANGO (3) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

MILLEBOSC (5) - RIDPOUR (4) - MY FANCY (1) - DAPANGO (3)