

# FRIDAY, 01/11/24

## C1 - PRIX DE LA TOUSSAINT - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 18,000

- 1. BORN TO WIN** - Finished 3rd on debut at Saint-Cloud in May but flattered to deceive in 5 subsequent/unplaced outings, the latest (7th) over 3200m at Le Mans on 16 October. Best watched for now
- 2. TWO O'CLOCK JUMP** - Resumed after a 3-month absence in first-time headgear (dispensed with here) when finishing 3rd over 2150m at Landivisiau on 13 October. Confirmation required
- 3. STELLO TALLY** - Made a winning debut for new connections at Beaupréau (24 August) and showed her form /well-being by finishing 3rd on this course over 1600m on 19 October. Supplemented
- 4. RUE BLEUE** - Experienced filly with sound references, including a reassuring last-start 2nd over 2600m at Angoulême on 20 October. Place chance
- 5. COSMIC FRONT** - Unplaced in all 4 appearances but hasn't been beaten far on each occasion - the latest (6th) over 2400m at Craon on 23 September. Won't be far off the mark
- 6. LOLA BERE** - Improved for the step up to 2100m to finish 3rd at Tarbes on 12 October and should have more to offer over this extended trip. Winning chance
- 7. SALMA** - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials on both surfaces, including a creditable last-start 6th in a 1950m handicap at ParisLongchamp on 20 October. Not taken lightly
- 8. LADYSHOW** - A 28-start maiden unlikely to open her account on the evidence of consecutive/unplaced recent efforts, the latest (7th) in a 2900m handicap on heavy ground at Argentan on 9 October. Others preferred

**Summary:** LOLA BERE (6) need only repeat her most recent performance to fight for victory. Course-and-distance winner STELLO TALLY (3) showed form over 1600m here recently and will appreciate the extended distance, so seems best equipped to challenge. Top-rated COSMIC FRONT (5) and SALMA (7) aren't taken lightly and have legitimate podium ambitions.

### SELECTIONS

**LOLA BERE (6) - STELLO TALLY (3) - COSMIC FRONT (5) - SALMA (7)**

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## C2 - PRIX DE L'AVENIR - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Gr3 APQS Race - Flat - EUR € 37,000

- 1. LADIVA SMART** - Progressive filly and last-start winner of a 2400m Group III race at Craon on 1 September. Horse to beat
- 2. LOUIS BANBOU** - Finished 3rd behind start-to-finish winner LE RISKEL (3) over 2300m at Angers on 30 September. Only a place chance here
- 3. LE RISKEL** - Improving last-start winner over 2300m at Angers on 30 September. He led from start to finish that day, giving weight and a beating to re-opposing LOUIS BANBOU (2)
- 4. LOUISA BANBOU** - Confirmed the promise of her debut win over LADIVA SMART (1) by following up at Le Lion d'Angers over 2400m on 9 June. Absent since but should play a leading role
- 5. LOUBA** - Consistent filly with solid form references/credentials at Group level, including back-to-back seconds in 2400m Group III races and a last-start 3rd in a 2500m Group II at Saint-Cloud on 14 October. Keep safe
- 6. LORMA** - Runner-up over 2400m at Saint-Brieuc on 6 October. Ought to improve with that experience to count on
- 7. TABASCO TIME** - Postponed filly trained by N. George & A. Zetterholm. Not taken lightly with Jérôme Moutard in the irons
- 8. LORCA EMERY** - Finished 6th of 7 in a Lyon-Parilly Group III over 2400m on 29 September. Has no more than a minor role

**Summary:** LADIVA SMART (1) finished behind LOUISA BANBOU (4) on their joint debut, but the progressive former is good value to avenge that defeat with superior fitness on her side. Consistent LOUBA (5) and improving LE RISKEL (3) have shown enough to expose any chinks in the armour of the principals.

### SELECTIONS

LADIVA SMART (1) - LOUISA BANBOU (4) - LOUBA (5) - LE RISKEL (3)

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## C3 - GRAND PRIX DE NANTES - 14E ETAPE DU DEFI DU GALOP - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Listed Race - Flat - EUR € 60,000

**1. GALASHIELS** - Highest-rated runner in the race but is lightly raced and remains open to improvement. Runner-up in a 2800m Listed race at Saint-Cloud on 4 October - hard to beat if reproducing that performance

**2. RASHFORD** - Consistent colt with undeniable means and rock-solid form references/credentials at this level and in Group races. Finished an encouraging 3rd over 3000m at Fontainebleau on 8 October - beware!

**3. IN FRONT** - Stayed on encouragingly from last to finish 6th over 2300m at Le Mans on 16 October on his return from a lengthy layoff (almost 2 years). Would have benefitted from that comeback run, keep safe

**4. KLIFF BERE** - Bounced back from an unlucky 14th in the 2400m Quinté+ of 1 September at ParisLongchamp with a last-start 2300m victory at Le Mans on 16 October. Ought to remain competitive for race honours

**5. MARIANACHIC** - Inconsistent but undeniably capable performer with solid form references/credentials at this level, including a good 3rd at Vichy in July. Absent since finishing 8th in a 2400m Listed race at Craon on 31 August

**6. HAVE DANCER** - Honest, versatile hard-knocker with the form and experience to acquit himself competitively. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th in a 1900m PSF Class 1 at Chantilly on 15 October - could do better

**7. LILI BLUE** - Veteran mare with sound references/form credentials, especially in the handicaps. Unplaced (5th) in a 2300m Class 2 conditions race at Le Mans on 16 October - others preferred

**8. GOLDEN BELLE** - Lost her unbeaten record in a 2800m Listed race at ParisLongchamp (on 1 September) but bounced back to form with a reassuring 3rd over 2400m at Vichy on 24 September. More needed

**9. MOOR MALPIC** - Lightly raced filly with sound form references, albeit at a lower level. Failed (finished 8th) in a Listed race in August but reassured (4th) in a 2100m Saint-Cloud handicap on 13 September - dark horse

**Summary:** André Fabre's first Nantes starter of the year GALASHIELS (1) was unlucky on his return at Saint-Cloud and could make amends by winning on his first visit to this track. Progressive KLIFF BERE (4) spearheads the opposition with veteran IN FRONT (3), who made a very encouraging comeback lately. Experienced MARIANACHIC (5) thrives on heavy ground, so should not be underestimated on his reappearance.

### SELECTIONS

GALASHIELS (1) - KLIFF BERE (4) - IN FRONT (3) - MARIANACHIC (5)

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## C4 - PRIX GO INTERIM - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. KARMA DU GREMAT** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th on debut at Craon on sticky ground but finished unplaced in all 4 subsequent outings, the latest (8th) in a 3100m handicap at ParisLongchamp on 20 October
- 2. LADY STRAIGHT** - Inconsistent but undeniably capable handicapper with solid references/form credentials. Shouldnt be hastily condemned for her last-start 12th in a 2950m Cholet handicap on 7 October
- 3. KELDOZ D HUMOUR** - Placed twice over hurdles and has regressed with each of his 5 starts on the flat, the latest (11th) in a 2100m handicap at Angers on 27 October. Others preferred
- 4. SORTOSVILLE** - Veteran mare currently out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge on the evidence of her recent 8th at Landivisiau over 2150m on 13 October. Others preferred
- 5. FAN ZONE** - Versatile veteran handicapper with sound references on both surfaces. Absent since finishing 4th in a 3100m PSF handicap at Pornichet on 7 January
- 6. GOT SHINE** - Experienced hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials in the handicaps, including her latest (6th) on heavy ground at Cholet over 2950m on 7 October. Dark horse
- 7. PREFERENCIA** - Seldom far off the mark on a going day but has no more than a place chance, having finished 6th in 3 consecutive recent outings - the latest in a conditions race at Haras du Pin on 13 October.
- 8. ELZE** - Unplaced in all 7 appearances, the latest over (11th) over 1950m at Le Mans on 11 March, Watch for now
- 9. RUE DAUPHINE** - Caught the eye when staying on to finish 5th in a 2250m ParisLongchamp handicap on 4 July. Hasn't been seen since but isn't taken lightly on her reappearance
- 10. LOUNA CHOPE** - Rediscovered form/momentum off her current mark - finished 4th in back-to-back recent outings, the latest over 2900m in a handicap at Clairefontaine. Candidate for success
- 11. FIVE BY FIVE** - Soundly beaten/unplaced in consecutive recent outings, the latest (10th) over 2950m at Cholet in a handicap on 7 October. Overlook

**Summary:** LOUNA CHOPE (10) will appreciate cutting back in distance and is a legitimate candidate for success. LADY STRAIGHT (2) can also claim victory, while returning FAN ZONE (5) represents an in-form stable so isn't underestimated on his reappearance. RUE DAUPHINE (9) and GOT SHINE (6) complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**LOUNA CHOPE (10) - LADY STRAIGHT (2) - FAN ZONE (5) - RUE DAUPHINE (9)**

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## C5 - PRIX MADAME CLAUDE ROUGET - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. LIB DUBAWI** - In good form and physical condition. Runner-up in a course-and-distance handicap on 19 October and will fight for victory once more
- 2. KER STORMY** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th in a course-and-distance handicap on 19 October. Keep safe
- 3. BAILEYS ECLAIR** - Soundly beaten (11th) in a 1950m Les Sables handicap on 12 October. Best watched for now
- 4. CONCERTO** - Won back-to-back handicaps in August and September but finished unplaced in both appearances at this level under a penalty, the latest (13th) on PSF over 2500m at Deauville on 16 November
- 5. HAPPY CHRISNAT** - Last-start winner of a 2400m Saint-Cloud handicap on 5 April but hasn't been seen since. Makes his reappearance under a 1,5kg penalty but which is negated by Marie Velon's weight allowance
- 6. PHILOSOPHY** - Rewarded for his consistency with a last-start victory in a conditions race at Angers over 2300m on 30 September. Ought to remain competitive for the leading places
- 7. CLEVER ACTRESS** - Won a 2300m Pompadour claimer in July but finished unplaced (6th) in a 2950m Cholet handicap on 7 October. Others preferred
- 8. MISTER POWER** - Inconsistent handicapper - seldom far off the mark on a going day but most efficient/competitive on PSF. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over 2500m in a Saint-Cloud handicap on 10 October
- 9. GARRY D'AZE** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 4th off his current mark in a 2100m handicap at Argentan on 9 October. Not taken lightly
- 10. GRAZANO** - Unplaced in 4 of his last 6 starts, including each of his last 3 appearances - the latest, well-beaten 14th over 2100m in a Saint-Cloud handicap on 21 June. Overlook
- 11. BRAMANTE** -

**Summary:** Winner of this race last year off a higher mark, LIB DUBAWI (1) is good value to successfully defend his title at the main expense of last-start winner PHILOSOPHY (6) and hard-knocker KER STORMY (2) who shouldn't be hastily condemned for his last-start 5th. Stablemate GARRY D'AZE (9) isn't without a chance either, especially under bottomweight.

### SELECTIONS

LIB DUBAWI (1) - PHILOSOPHY (6) - KER STORMY (2) - GARRY D'AZE (9)

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## C6 - PRIX PLACE ROYALE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

**1. ROUGEGARDE** - Won a handicap over 1600m at Fontainebleau in March and finished 2nd in a claimer there in April. Absent since but thrives on heavy ground so should not be taken lightly on his reappearance

**2. DIVINE CHRISNAT** - Unplaced (8th) in a 1600m Quinte+ handicap at Saint-Cloud on 14 October but should fare better at this level. Not taken lightly

**3. MY BLACK LADY** - Consistent hard-knocker with sound references/form credentials, including a good 3rd over course and distance in a Quinte+ on 18 June. Candidate for success

**4. LIGHT WAKEUP** - Ended a series of poor performances with a reassuring last-start 2nd at Le Croisé-Laroche in 1800m handicap on 18 October. Confirmation awaited

**5. PEACEFUL SEA** - Finished 8th in a 1600m Quinte+ handicap at Saint-Cloud on 14 October but should fare better off a 1,5kg lower mark at this lower level. Keep safe

**6. BABY GEORGE** - Unplaced in all 3 comeback appearances this year, the latest (8th) on PSF over 1900m at Deauville on 21 October

**7. CRISALSA** - Won 1800m handicap at Evreux in April but struggled under a penalty/current mark, unplaced in all 4 subsequent starts - the latest (7th) over 1600m at Clairefontaine on 2 August. Watch for now

**8. AINTREEGIRL** - Inconsistent veteran handicapper soundly beaten (12th) in a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville on 21 October

**9. LA MOMY** - Unplaced in all 4 handicap appearances, the latest (10th) on this course over 2200m on 9 October

**Summary:** MY BLACK LADY (3) has references on this course and is comfortable on heavy ground, so he has a great opportunity to add to his tally. Returning top-weight ROUGEGARDE (1), another confirmed on heavy tracks, and LIGHT WAKEUP (4) who was 5th in a Quinte+ on this course in mid-June will keep the selection honest. PEACEFUL SEA (5) appeals most of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**MY BLACK LADY (3) - ROUGEGARDE (1) - LIGHT WAKEUP (4) - PEACEFUL SEA (5)**

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## C7 - GRANDE COURSE DE HAIES DE L'OUEST - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 30,000

- 1. MOUNT ANGEL** - Game-in-defeat 5th in a good race/field at Auteuil over 3500m on 8 October - lost 2nd after the last. Winning chance
- 2. RAIL DAWN** - Made a winning hurdles debut in May and finished 2nd over 3600m at Saint-Brieuc on his return on 6 October. Dark horse
- 3. COLOR RITANO** - Debut winner at Beaupréau in August but finished a disappointing 4th in a 3400m steeplechase at Lyon-Parilly on 20 October. Respected in his first start over hurdles
- 4. PRINCE DE GREZ** - Improved with each start over hurdles and shouldnt be condmened for his last-start failure over 3800m in a steeplechase race on 20 October. Not taken lightly
- 5. LUNATIQUE D'AINAY** - Well-bred filly runner-up in both starts, the latest over 3400m at Cholet on 7 OOctober. Keep safe
- 6. STRANGE MAGIC** - Shown enough in 3 starts over hurdles to make her presence felt, though has no more than a place chance after her last-start 5th over 3500m at Auteuil on 13 October
- 7. ETHIE CASTLE** - Wisely ridden on debut to finish 3rd at Moulins over 3500m on 21 September. Would've improved with the benefit of that experience

**Summary:** MOUNT ANGEL (1) is in good form and physical condition, and he needs only to repeat his latest performance to fight for victory. ETHIE CASTLE (7) made an encouraging debut in a good race/field at Moulins and she should threaten the selection if building on that promise. COLOR RITANO (3), starting over hurdles with legitimate claims, and well-bred LUNATIQUE D'AINAY (5) complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**MOUNT ANGEL (1) - ETHIE CASTLE (7) - COLOR RITANO (3) - LUNATIQUE D'AINAY (5)**

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## C8 - PRIX ARCHY BALD - PRIX APGO - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 27,000

- 1. YUTU** - Won a Cagnes steeplechase at the end of last year before trying his luck at a higher level. Absent since finishing 11th in a 3600m hurdles race at Auteuil on 24 March
- 2. KEEP CALM DARIYAN** - Experienced jumper with sound references, including a last-start 6th over 4400m at Auteuil last month (2 October). Attractive outsider
- 3. BEAUTYSTARS** - Took advantage of an ideal engagement to open his account with better jumping at Angoulême on 20 October over 3800m. Seems capable of following up
- 4. KANON DEVIL** - Made a winning chase debut at Haras du Pin in May and finished 5th in both subsequent outings in this sphere, the latest at Clairefontaine in June. Dark horse
- 5. KRAC DORE** - Has sound references/form credentials in this category, including a last-start 4th over 3700m at Craon on 10 June. Place chance
- 6. KAVARATTI** - Took advantage of an ideal opportunity to open his account over 4100m at Blain on 31 August. Open to further progress on his reappearance
- 7. FRAMATHO** - Last-start winner on heavy ground at Machecoul on 20 October over 2350m on the flat. Ought to be competitive back in the steeplechase category
- 8. PAU CLERMONT** - Consistent jumper with sound references/form credentials, albeit without a victory. Finished 3rd in a 3600m Fontainebleau claimer on 14 October
- 9. KABUKI A LA MOTTE** - Returned from a 4-month absence when finishing 4th over 4000m in a steeplechase race at Durtal on 13 October. Has scope to improve

**Summary:** BEAUTYSTARS (3) showed promise at Craon before opening his account at Angoulême and seems capable of building on that success. FRAMATHO (7), who has regained momentum recently, and returning KAVARATTI (6), after his win at Blain in August, are best equipped to challenge the selection. YUTU (1) isn't taken lightly on his return to this category and in a handicap for the first time.

### SELECTIONS

**BEAUTYSTARS (3) - FRAMATHO (7) - KAVARATTI (6) - YUTU (1)**