

FONTAINEBLEAU [L-H] - 01 April

Race 1 - PRIX KADALKO - BERNARD SECLY - 3850m STPLE CL3. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **HYJIE** - Failed to complete the course two starts back. Bounced back and wasn't beaten far when second in a hurdle (3800m) at Pau last start. Not dismissed.
2. **DIVA SECRETE** - Finished sixth two back in a steeplechase (4400m) at this track then again missed out in a steeplechase (4100m) at Compiegne last time. More required.
3. **HIGH FASHION** - Finished second but no match for the winner last time out in a steeplechase (4200m) at Meslay-du-Maine. Would need to step up.
4. **EXIMIA** - Resumes today following a spell of four months. Scored two back at Compiegne before finishing the campaign with a sixth in a G3 hurdle (3600m) at Compiegne. Expect a bold run.
5. **AMELIA EARHART** - Closed the last campaign with a win in a steeplechase (3600m) at this track. Reliable jumper with two wins to her name from seven starts. Definite winning chance.
6. **HASHTAG VAL** - Was returning from a 158-day layoff last start when she parted ways with the rider in a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan. Looking elsewhere.
7. **ASHTANA** - Returns from a break of five months. Opened the last campaign with a win in a hurdle (3600m) at Clairefontaine by 4.5L to add to an already solid first-up record. Well-placed here and sure to go close.
8. **JESS TAVEL** - Returned from a layoff last time out in a steeplechase (3850m) at this track when finishing fourth when partnered by today's rider Antoine Moriceau. Looks tested in this line-up.

Summary: EXIMIA (4) won a competitive Compiegne handicap hurdle over 3600m before acquitting herself well when sixth in the G3 Prix Leopold d'Orsetti - Grande Course de Haies de Compiegne (same course and distance) in November. Major appeal back chasing after a break. AMELIA EARHART (5) won a handicap chase by 30L over 3600m here last outing and must be respected with an unexposed profile for a top yard. Stablemate ASHTANA (7) commands respect on her chasing debut having displayed promise for previous connections when sixth in the Listed Race Prix Bernard Secly at Auteuil. HYJIE (1) holds place claims.

Selections

EXIMIA (4) - AMELIA EARHART (5) - ASHTANA (7) - HYJIE (1)

Race 2 - PRIX DE LA MARE AUX COULEUVRES - 3550m HDLE CL4. Purse EUR €23,000.

1. **KELIADE** - Finished ninth when fresh from a spell last start in a hurdle (3600m) at Compiègne with today's rider Ludovic Philippéron piloting. Needs to find a bit more to feature.
2. **ECORCE** - Placed on debut over the jumps then finished fifth in a hurdle (3500m) at Pau on December 20 on her most recent appearance. Sure to feature.
3. **MAGNOLIA** - Returned from a spell last start with a modest fifth in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Improvement in store.
4. **AGATHEA** - Fourth on debut. Place claims if finding improvement.
5. **SWEET ROSETTA** - Was very good when returning from a 102-day layoff most recently when beaten 4L into third in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Key runner who is expected to feature again.
6. **KLASSICAL SONGS** - Comes here 17 days after a 9L fourth first-up in a hurdle (3550m) at this track on just her second race-day appearance. Can do a lot better.
7. **LADY PRETENDER** - Comes here 17 days after a 11L fifth first-up in a hurdle (3550m) at this track on just her second day at the races. Plenty of scope for improvement.
8. **KOLIRISKA** - Returned from a 179-day break last start and fell in a hurdle (3800m) at Saint Briec. Looking elsewhere.
9. **MISSTOP** - Filly by Muhaymin out of Toprice. Market watch advised.
10. **STELLINA** - Filly by Martinborough out of Stellamaker. Might just need this run but watch the market.
11. **KAMDOUN** - Turned in a fair run on debut last time out when finishing sixth in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Open to improvement and sure to go well.
12. **DAME CATHERINE** - Resuming with new trainer. Safely held in all three runs in first campaign. Can't have on the back of those efforts. Hard to recommend in this line-up fresh.

Summary: ECORCE (2) showed up well finishing third on debut at Bordeaux and was hardly disgraced when fifth in a Class One conditions hurdle at Pau in December. Leading contender. SWEET ROSETTA (5) produced a sound effort when a 4L third in a Class Four conditions course and distance hurdle. Interesting claims for leading trainers. Stablemate KAMDOUN (11) was sixth on debut in that event and could leave that well behind. The fourth home in that race KLASSICAL SONGS (6) cannot be discounted with a first-time tongue-tie fitted.

Selections

ECORCE (2) - SWEET ROSETTA (5) - KAMDOUN (11) - KLASSICAL SONGS (6)
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Race 3 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE PAU - 3000m HDLE CL4. Purse EUR €23,000.

1. **SULTAN PIERJI** - Was reasonable on debut last start in a hurdle (3000m) at this track when finishing fifth and beaten 8L. Open to improvement and sure to go well.
2. **DALAKHOV** - Seventh on stable debut. Needs more.
3. **KESACO BERE** - Hasn't raced since opening his account with a maiden win by a head over 1700m at La Roche-Posay seven months ago. Can continue the winning form.
4. **KIARA DU SEUIL** - Finished midfield on debut last start in a hurdle (3200m) at Compiègne. Others looks better placed this time.
5. **WITH THE STARS** - Returned from a spell when eighth on the flat over 2100m at Pornichet. Tackles the jumps for the first time. Others rate better this time.
6. **MAITRE D'HOTEL** - Resumed from a spell with a disappointing ninth in a hurdle (3000m) at this track. Expecting big improvement.
7. **GATSBY POWER** - Lightly-raced three-year-old making his jumps debut. Lined up for only the second time when he finished ninth in a 2200m contest at this track recently. Needs to do more.
8. **KEL STORY** - Gelding by Jeu St Eloi out of Une Histoire. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
9. **GIACOMO** - Well held on debut at Auteuil 13 days back when pulled up. Hard to see him in the placings here.
10. **LE GRAND YVES** - Gelding by Triple Threat out of Lucky Mouse. Worth watching for a betting push.
11. **KILDI** - Disappointed when ninth in a hurdle (3000m) at this track first-up from a spell. Better placed here. May be worth another try.
12. **IRMINA** - Faced the starter for only the second time and was first-up from a spell of 120 days when she eased out of the race in a hurdle (3200m) at Compiègne last start. Needs more.
13. **KAPCHOUNIKA** - Filly by Kap Rock out of Fubrava. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
14. **ROSANA** - Filly by Morpheus out of Rougeburg. Likely to be well fancied.

Summary: The market should prove a good guide here with the limited form on offer. A chance is taken on the David Cottin-trained daughter of Morpheus ROSANA (14) and she's selected to make a winning debut. Fellow newcomer LE GRAND YVES (10) is interesting for a notable stable while SULTAN PIERJI (1) can be involved following a promising debut fifth in a course and distance newcomers hurdle seventeen days ago. Flat winner KESACO BERE (3) may feature on hurdling bow.

Selections
ROSANA (14) - LE GRAND YVES (10) - SULTAN PIERJI (1) - KESACO BERE (3)

Race 4 - PRIX DE SERMAISE - 3550m HDLE CL4. Purse EUR €23,000.

1. **GRINGO DU BERLAIS** - Lightly-raced four-year-old who was unplaced on debut then parted ways with the rider in a hurdle (3700m) at Bordeaux last time out. Open to sharp improvement.
2. **JACQUES D'ANJOU** - Was ordinary on debut in a hurdle over 3600m at Compiègne. Hard to see him in the placings here.
3. **JANGO D'AIRY** - Four-year-old gelding who debuted in a hurdle at Auteuil over 3500m and was safely held. Won't feature here without major improvement off that run.
4. **JUMPER SACRE** - Returned from a spell most recently and did not finish the race on his maiden jumping appearance in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil. Looking elsewhere.
5. **THE GOOD DOCTOR** - Sparingly-raced four-year-old resuming. Placed on debut then went around as favourite (2700m) at Les Sables-d'Olonne on October 16 but couldn't deliver when fifth. Sure to feature.
6. **JIKITO** - Gelding by Voiladenuo out of Klyne. Market watch advised.
7. **JERIKO BOULOISE** - Makes his debut over the jumps. Returned from a spell last start when eleventh over 3000m at this track. Others rate better this time.
8. **ZELIM** - Gelding by Muhaymin out of Zebulie. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
9. **BLUE STYLE** - Has been soundly disposed of in all four career runs to date. Struggling for form and looking to others.
10. **JEUNE HOMME** - Showed some promise on debut last start (2400m) at Paray-le-Monial. Having first try over obstacles. Certainly worth following up.
11. **INDOLOR** - Indomito gelding who was sixth on debut last start at Paray-le-Monial. Likely to appreciate the transition to jumping.
12. **LUNAIRE** - Making debut over the jumps and not raced since May 15 when finishing fifth over 1800m at Morlaix. Would need to find improvement.
13. **IT'S IN THE RAIN** - Gelding by Kapgarde out of Amarantine. The in-form David Cottin stable is likely have him primed. Worth watching closely.

Summary: INDOLOR (11) finished third in a Class Three conditions event over 2400m on the level at Paray-le-Monial. He looks like an interesting recruit to hurdling and could be on the premises but GRINGO DU BERLAIS (1) gets the nod. The son of Zarak showed promise when fifth on debut over hurdles at Pau and looked to be travelling ok when slipping up at Bordeaux second-time-out. There should be more to come from him in this sphere and a bold bid looks likely for a top yard. Hurdling debutant THE GOOD DOCTOR (5) is interesting having run two nice races on the flat at Craon and Les Sables-d'Olonne. IT'S IN THE RAIN (13) requires respect on debut for David Cottin.

Selections
INDOLOR (11) - GRINGO DU BERLAIS (1) - THE GOOD DOCTOR (5) - IT'S IN THE RAIN (13)

Race 5 - PRIX DE LA COMMUNAUTE D'AGGLOMERATION DU PAYS DE FONTAINEBLEAU - 3800m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **MENGLI KHAN** - Was very good when returning from a 129-day layoff most recently when third in a hurdle (3800m) at this track on first start for new yard. Consider.
2. **MANCHEGO** - Showing mixed form lately and would need to be up to best to feature.
3. **TONNENCOURT** - Last start was in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil when eased out of the race. Prepared to risk this time.
4. **STARKO** - 10-year-old gelding who is back from a break. Wound up last campaign with pulled up in a steeplechase (4700m) at Auteuil. Prepared to risk this tougher company fresh.
5. **FILUP** - Returns from a six months break. Pretty average in two runs last preparation. Happy to watch this time.
6. **HAMANDIO** - Well held at end of last campaign. Looks one of the outsiders in this contest.
7. **CRAZY LUCA** - Hasn't raced since finishing 32L away in seventh in a hurdle (3500m) at Pau three months ago. Should be prominent.
8. **CYBERNETIC** - Has been below best last couple including when eighth over 3500m at Pau. Can measure up if runs up to best.
9. **CAPE COD** - Making debut over the jumps and not raced since January 25 2022 when finishing third on the flat over 2400m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Has moved to the Robert Collet yard since the last run. Can sneak into the finish on best.
10. **SANS BRUIT** - Resumed after a spell last start with a modest seventh in a Listed steeplechase (3800m) at Compiègne. Strips fitter and pay to follow up.

Summary: The high-class SANS BRUIT (10) comes out well at the weights here and can put a disappointing seventh in the Listed Race Prix Solitaire chase at Compiègne behind him. Top hope having placed fourth in the G1 Prix Maurice Gillois - Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans as a four-year-old. MENGLI KHAN (1) remains lightly raced in France and could prove the chief threat following a sound third in a Class Two course and distance conditions event. CYBERNETIC (8) cannot be discounted on ratings and CRAZY LUCA (7) could find the frame back hurdling after a break.

Selections

SANS BRUIT (10) - MENGLI KHAN (1) - CYBERNETIC (8) - CRAZY LUCA (7)

Race 6 - GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE CROSS-COUNTRY DE FONTAINEBLEAU - 6000m P2P. Purse EUR €57,000.

1. **GAMSOUL** - Won a Mont-de-Marsan (4650m) Cross-Country Class One in impressive style four weeks ago. Major appeal.
2. **UNIKETAT** - Seven-time winner in this discipline who finished a very solid second in the Listed Race Grand Cross de Pau Reverdy (Prix Gaston de Bataille) at Pau in February. Top contender.
3. **HAVANEA** - Four-time winner over regulation fences but makes her Cross-Country debut in a competitive event. Last seen finishing seventh in the Listed Race Prix Lutteur lii chase at Auteuil three weeks back.
4. **BANDITO CONTI** - Made it three from nine in this discipline with a Class Three conditions success here seventeen days ago. Player.
5. **DAFFODIL ROSE** - Won a Class One conditions Cross-Country chase by 6.5L at Lyon-Parilly in November. Respected on reappearance.
6. **PREMIER VERT** - Second in a conditions chase at Saumur last outing. Remains unexposed in Cross-Country events but likely to need more.
7. **CLOTAIRE** - Fourth in a Class Four Cross-Country conditions event at Saumur a fortnight ago. This tougher.
8. **ELARIAC DE LOUED** - 2L to find with Bandito Conti on his recent third at this venue. Each-way player.

Summary: A tricky feature. Slender preference is for seven-time Cross-Country winner UNIKETAT (2) who finished a good second in the 6300m Listed Race Grand Cross de Pau Reverdy (Prix Gaston de Bataille) at Pau. Genuine chance of going one place better. GAMSOUL (1) impressed when a 7.5L winner of a Class One conditions Cross-Country race at Mont-de-Marsan four weeks ago. Notable contender. BANDITO CONTI (4) can go well stepping back up in trip following a 4300m Cross-Country success at this venue seventeen days back. Player. DAFFODIL ROSE (5) rounds out the shortlist.

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<p style="text-align: center;">UNIKETAT (2) - GAMSOUL (1) - BANDITO CONTI (4) - DAFFODIL ROSE (5)</p>
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Race 7 - PRIX D'ENGHIEN - 3600m CLM STPLE. Purse EUR €20,000.

1. **MATNIGHT** - Unplaced two starts back in a Listed hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil then improved last time when he wound up in fifth in a steeplechase (3600m) at this track. Will be thereabouts.
2. **EVIDENCE EDEN** - Was unplaced first-up two starts back in a steeplechase (3600m) at Saint Briec. Improved and filled a minor prize last start in a steeplechase (3600m) at Argentan. Needs more.
3. **JOLY DE CIERGUES** - Unplaced two starts back in a steeplechase (3700m) at Angers then produced a better result last start when she wound up in fifth in the same conditions. In the mix.
4. **FRENCH CANCAN** - Things didn't work out last start when she came to grief in a hurdle (3600m) at Compiegne. Likely to return to the strong form we saw two runs back.
5. **JACKSON DES BORDES** - Racing poorly at present and has finished well back. Hard to recommend on current form.
6. **JUS DE COCO** - In the money two runs ago in a steeplechase (3800m) at Maure-de-Bretagne. Repeated when third in a steeplechase (3800m) at Nimes. Ready to bounce back to winning form.
7. **QUEEN DINO** - Missed the frame the start before last in a steeplechase (3700m) at Pau. Turned things around last time when winning in a steeplechase (3800m) at Maure-de-Bretagne. Only needs to jump well to be right in the finish.
8. **PLUIE D'ARAIZE** - Form moderate. Doesn't look one of the main chances.

Summary: FRENCH CANCAN (4) won a 3550m claiming hurdle at this venue on her second start last month. Strong hope on progress possible on chasing debut. Narrow all-the-way claiming chase winner QUEEN DINO (7) is respected. JUS DE COCO (6) finished runner-up to Queen Dino in that Maure-de-Bretagne claiming chase and rates highly having backed that up with a good third in a handicap chase at Nimes since. The supplemented JOLY DE CIERGUES (3) needs including down in grade.

Selections

FRENCH CANCAN (4) - QUEEN DINO (7) - JUS DE COCO (6) - JOLY DE CIERGUES (3)

Race 8 - PRIX QUAZVIN II - 3600m STPLE. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **IN CAPRI** - Finished fifth two runs ago in a steeplechase (3800m) at Angers. Was far more impressive last time when she grabbed third in a steeplechase (3800m) at Angers. Set to continue the resurgent form.
2. **INEA JAP** - Going well this prep. Placed first-up two starts ago in a steeplechase (3600m) at this track then filled a minor prize again last start in the same conditions.
3. **IRIS COLOMBE** - Filled a minor prize two runs back in a steeplechase (3700m) at Pau. Repeated when second in a steeplechase (3600m) at this track. Best form over the jumps stacks up well.
4. **IVEGA** - Resumed after a 144-day spell last start with a moderate sixth on the flat at Paray-le-Monial over 3000m. Prepared to watch this time.
5. **INDIANA ROQUE** - Missed the frame two runs ago in a hurdle (3800m) at Angers then wound up in fifth most recently in a steeplechase (3600m) at this track. More needed.
6. **JAMIE** - Ran in a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan last start and was pulled up. Not expected to threaten.
7. **JAVA** - Needs to bounce back after a fall in Listed company. Third at Angers prior.
8. **JUST BLING BLING** - Filly by Voiladenuo out of Green Fever. Market watch advised.

Summary: IRIS COLOMBE (3) has found the frame on both outings over fences including a solid second in a conditions course and distance chase seventeen days ago. Top contender. INEA JAP (2) made the running when third in that race and looks likely to play a major role once more with some consistent chasing form. IN CAPRI (1) looms a huge threat on the back of a sound 13L third in a Class Three Angers conditions chase last start. Expected to measure up. Two-time hurdling winner JAVA (7) fell in the Listed Race Prix Spumate at Compiègne recently but must be included on her chasing bow.

Selections
IRIS COLOMBE (3) - INEA JAP (2) - IN CAPRI (1) - JAVA (7)