

AUTEUIL [L-H] - 01 September

Race 1 - PRIX MELANOS - 3600m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €100,000.

1. **HURRICK DES OBEAUX** - 3L second in the 3900m hurdle G3 Prix Questarabad here in June. Top claims eased in standard.
2. **BALADIN DE MESC** - Moderate sixth over fences latest but was a fair 13L third in the Listed Race Prix Gerald de Rochefort hurdle at this venue prior. Not discounted.
3. **HAPPY DE REVE** - Arrives following back-to-back placings on the flat and finished third in the Listed Race Prix Durtain hurdle over this trip at Compiègne in June. One for the multiples.
4. **HUCELLO** - 8.5L success in a handicap hurdle over this trip at Clairefontaine 41 days ago. Open to progress upped in grade.

Summary: HURRICK DES OBEAUX (1) produced an excellent 3L second in the 3900m hurdle G3 Prix Questarabad at this venue in June. Top claims eased in class. The unexposed HUCELLO (4) scored by 8.5L a handicap hurdle over this trip at Clairefontaine last start. Open to progress upped in grade. BALADIN DE MESC (2) can be excused a below par fences outing having finished a fair 13L third in the Listed Race Prix Gerald de Rochefort hurdle at this course prior. Not discounted. HAPPY DE REVE (3) looks the least likely winner of the quartet but cannot be entirely dismissed.

Selections

HURRICK DES OBEAUX (1) - HUCELLO (4) - BALADIN DE MESC (2) - HAPPY DE REVE (3)

Race 2 - PRIX JEAN BART - 3600m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €95,000.

1. **GARO DE JUILLEY** - 9.25L ninth in the Listed Race Grande Course de Haies - Prix Guillaume d'Ornano over this trip at Clairefontaine. Should strip fitter and holds each way claims for a good jockey.
2. **FUTBOLISTO** - 1.25L success in the Listed Race Grande Course de Haies - Prix Guillaume d'Ornano over this journey prior to good sixth upped in trip in a Listed chase. Key chance.
3. **ECHO DE CHAMPDOUX** - Scored by 1.25L in the course and distance Listed Race Prix Hardatit hurdle prior to a below par seventh over fences. Two from two over track and trip. Top chance back over hurdles.
4. **SOL BLADE** - Held on his last two flat outings. Must bounce back now tackling hurdles.
5. **SAINT ANJOU** - Safely accounted for in the Listed Race Grande Course de Haies - Prix Guillaume d'Ornano over this trip at Clairefontaine. Dropped 1.5kg.
6. **ANOUMA FREEDOM** - Runner up in the Listed Race Prix Hardatit over course and distance prior to a no show in the Listed Race Grande Course de Haies - Prix Guillaume d'Ornano. Must bounce back.
7. **KIMRIVER** - Eighth in the Listed Race Grande Course de Haies - Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Clairefontaine prior to a confidence boosting 10L success at Saint-Malo. Place claims.
8. **BETONG EMERY** - Looked steadily progressive until pulling-up in a handicap chase over 3700m here in May. Market can guide.
9. **DENTOR DES OBEAUX** - 1.75L behind Futbolisto in the Listed Race Grande Course de Haies - Prix Guillaume d'Ornano over this trip at Clairefontaine last month. Strong claims.
10. **ARENUI** - 14L success in a low grade 4100m hurdle at Royan La Palmyre ten days ago. Interesting pitched back into stronger company.
11. **DING DING DONG** - Narrowly denied in a weaker 3700m hurdle at Vichy on reappearance a month ago. Should strip fitter but likely more required.
12. **BLAIN** - Held eighth in a handicap chase on return to action. Best watched.
13. **GRAND ART** - 1.75L second in a handicap hurdle over this trip at Clairefontaine 34 days ago. Frame contender under a top jockey.
14. **SHENKO MAGIC** - Solis sixth in the Listed Race Grande Course de Haies - Prix Guillaume d'Ornano over this distance at Clairefontaine last month. Each way player.
15. **HOUADH** - Pulled-up in the Listed Race Grande Course de Haies - Prix Guillaume d'Ornano on reappearance. Others preferred.
16. **BEAUGOS DE HOUELLE** - Moderate third in a claiming hurdle at Saint-Malo recently. Others hold stronger claims at this level.

Summary: ECHO DE CHAMPDOUX (3) ran out a 1.25L winner of the course and distance Listed Race Prix Hardatit hurdle prior to a below par seventh over fences. Two from two tackling track and trip and holds top claims revisiting hurdles. FUTBOLISTO (2) had DENTOR DES OBEAUX (9) 1.75L back in third when winning the Listed Race Grande Course de Haies - Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Clairefontaine. Both are expected to run well once more. ANOUMA FREEDOM (6) would be interesting if bouncing back from a poor effort whilst GARO DE JUILLEY (1) holds each way claims.

Selections

ECHO DE CHAMPDOUX (3) - FUTBOLISTO (2) - DENTOR DES OBEAUX (9) - ANOUMA FREEDOM (6) - GARO DE JUILLEY (1)

Race 3 - PRIX WEATHER PERMITTING - 3500m STPLE UNR. Purse EUR €57,000.

1. **LATINO DES ISLES** - Raced solely in pattern company in four starts to date and was a fair 13L second in the G3 Prix Aguado over hurdles here. Open to progress on chase debut.
2. **RHUM BLEU** - 5.5L second behind Ironman des Places in a 3400m hurdle at Clairefontaine 26 days ago. Place claims on first chase start.
3. **SAINT PARIS** - 8.5L fourth in a 3300m newcomers hurdle at Bordeaux in April. Connections waste no time sending him over fences. Market check.
4. **IRONMAN DES PLACES** - Created a nice impression when beating Rhum Bleu by 5.5L in a 3400m hurdle at Clairefontaine just under four weeks ago. Leading claims on chase debut.
5. **ROCKY TAO** - Safely accounted for by two re-opposing rivals in a 3400m hurdle event at Clairefontaine 26 days back. More required.
6. **IMPRESSIVE** - 2.5L second in the G3 Prix Aguado hurdle over this trip here in June. Top claims for a leading yard.
7. **IRATZEDERREA** - Fair runs in both hurdle starts but likely more needed on chase debut.
8. **ROYALE MARGAUX** - Three wins from four starts thus far all coming over hurdles this season. Progressive type who requires serious respect for a top stable on chase debut.
9. **IT'S EASY** - 1.75L success in a 3000m hurdle at this venue in June. Open to progress upped in trip over fences.

Summary: IMPRESSIVE (6) had LATINO DES ISLES (1) 12.5L behind when back in third tackling the 3500m G3 Prix Aguado hurdle in June. The former is a Listed hurdle winner who represents a top yard on chase debut and is a leading chance while the latter remains open to progress now attempting fences and must be respected. The progressive ROYALE MARGAUX (8) is three from four hurdling. Pursues a four-timer after making all by 5.5L at Clairefontaine. Dangerous to rule out on chase debut for a top stable. The unexposed IRONMAN DES PLACES (4) could have more to offer with fences for a notable trainer and jockey combination.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p>IMPRESSIVE (6) - LATINO DES ISLES (1) - ROYALE MARGAUX (8) - IRONMAN DES PLACES (4)</p>
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Race 4 - PRIX DE GIEN - 3000m CLM HDLE. Purse EUR €24,000.

1. **TIBAJOHA** - Best effort to date when a 11L fourth in a 3500m hurdle at Le Lion-D'angers ten days ago. Steadily progressive.
2. **MORINGA** - 8.5L third in a 3500m hurdle at Royan La Palmyre a month ago. One to note dropped to a claimer.
3. **MONJULES** - 1L behind Zaky in a 3400m claiming hurdle at Clairefontaine just over a month back. Claims.
4. **ZAKY** - 1L success in a 3400m claiming hurdle at Clairefontaine prior to finishing a held ninth in a handicap at the same venue. Claims back at this level.
5. **GOLDEN SAND** - Limited ability in five flat runs to date. Market can guide on stable and hurdling debut.
6. **TAKING POWER** - 15L second two back looks a rare solid effort having pulled-up in three of his last five outings. Others preferred.
7. **MON DOUDOU** - Unplaced in ten career starts and finished fifth behind two re-opposing rivals last time out. One for the exotics if building upon that.
8. **KAJAANI** - Beaten 30L or more in last three outings. Best watched.
9. **TACARES** - Safely accounted for in four career starts. Others preferred.
10. **ICARE D'ILLIAT** - 8.5L fourth behind re-opposing rivals in a 3400m claiming hurdle at Clairefontaine last month. Frame contender.

Summary: ZAKY (4) beat MONJULES (3) by 1L when the pair were first and second respectively in a 3400m claiming hurdle at Clairefontaine. The former is excused a moderate ninth among handicap company since and could be thereabouts revisiting claiming level while the latter may give another good account. MORINGA (2) produced a fair 8.5L third in a 3500m hurdle at Royan La Palmyre and is in the mix dropping to a claimer. TIBAJOHA (1) is progressive and could have more to offer. Completes the shortlist.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ZAKY (4) - MONJULES (3) - MORINGA (2) - TIBAJOHA (1)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX HENRI GLEIZES - 3500m STPLE. Purse EUR €52,000.

1. **HISTORIEN** - Made all for a 1.5L success in a course and distance chase in June. Leading chance for a top yard.
2. **ENKI THE BEST** - 3L second in the Listed Race Prix Antoine de Palaminy at Pau prior to finishing down the field in the G3 Prix Duc d'Anjou over track and trip. May bounce back fresh.
3. **LITTLE QUEENIE** - Back-to-back lower grade chase successes prior to a moderate eighth hurdling at Clairefontaine. Outside place claims at this level.
4. **MALBEC DU MATHAN** - 3L success in a 3900m chase at Clairefontaine 23 days ago. Not ruled out upped in grade for a good trainer.
5. **LE PLOUGASTELLEN** - Three wins from four career starts and hacked up by 11L in a 3700m chase at Clairefontaine 41 days ago. Top chance.
6. **MYSTERIOUS GARDEN** - 15L success in a lesser 3600m chase at Vittel seventeen days ago. Impressive and not discounted upped in standard.
7. **NIKO HAS** - Ready 10L success in a 3500m hurdle last October. Market can guide following an absence but no surprise were he to feature on chase debut.

Summary: LE PLOUGASTELLEN (5) is three wins from four career starts including by 11L in a 3700m chase at Clairefontaine last month. Top chance with more to come. HISTORIEN (1) made all for a 1.5L success in a course and distance chase in June. Leading contender representing a top yard. ENKI THE BEST (2) finished 3L second in the Listed Race Prix Antoine de Palaminy at Pau prior to a downfield effort in the G3 Prix Duc d'Anjou tackling track and trip. Dangerous to discount fresh. NIKO HAS (7) is an intriguing performer who warrants thought.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LE PLOUGASTELLEN (5) - HISTORIEN (1) - ENKI THE BEST (2) - NIKO HAS (7)</p>
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Race 6 - PRIX PIERRE ET JEAN-MARIE MERCIER - 3600m HDLE. Purse EUR €52,000.

1. **GARDEZ LA MONNAIE** - 3.5L winner of a stronger course and distance hurdle on reappearance. Followed up in the Listed Prix Ligny Gaspary Immo 49 days ago and top claims.
2. **WANT OF A NAIL** - 1kf pull in the weights after a good third behind Gardez La Monnaie at Dieppe. Notable runner.
3. **GARDE CONTRE** - Runner up in previous pair of easier hurdle outings. More on plate here.
4. **GEMOHIO** - 1.25L second in a weaker Clairefontaine chase nineteen days ago. Something to find back over hurdles.
5. **GREAT ESCAPE** - Midfield in a weaker Vichy hurdle last month. Hard to enthuse at this level.
6. **GEELONG SPORT** - Placed at this track and journey on penultimate outing. May need this after a layoff.
7. **ASTADAME** - Two placings from three starts including a fine second in the G3 Prix Haras d'Etreham - Prix Magne over course and distance. Strong claims at the weights if sharp on return.
8. **HAIE D'HONNEUR** - Fifth in the G3 Prix Questarabad here over 3900m 81 days ago. Placing at best.
9. **REDNESS** - In good placed form over fences prior to failing to complete over hurdles at Clairefontaine. Not ruled out for notable connections.

Summary: GARDEZ LA MONNAIE (1) arrives in top form after winning two of her three starts since resuming. Meets WANT OF A NAIL (2) on worse terms than when finishing ahead of her in the Listed Prix Ligny Gaspary Imm but may still confirm form while the latter is an obvious danger and entitled to go close. ASTADAME (7) makes comeback following an absence. Was runner-up in the G3 Prix Haras d'Etreham - Prix Magne over course and distance. Respect. REDNESS (9) pulled up at Clairefontaine though warrants thought representing notable connections with good chase form previously.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GARDEZ LA MONNAIE (1) - WANT OF A NAIL (2) - ASTADAME (7) - REDNESS (9)</p>
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Race 7 - PRIX MORTEMART - 3600m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €55,000.

1. **GOLDEN PARK** - Eased 1kg after a fair sixth in this grade at Clairefontaine two starts ago. Place chance.
2. **DREAM QUALITY** - Supplemented after a third at Clairefontaine over 3700m. Could find this tough raised in class.
3. **GAELIK FIRST** - Dual course winner who has mixed hurdle form this campaign. Worth considering if at best.
4. **KAMI KAZE** - Disqualified after an excellent course success in this grade before a break. Leading claims to atone.
5. **POLIGONE** - Eased in the weights after a down the field run in the Listed Race Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Clairefontaine. Hard to enthuse.
6. **BEAUTE PROMISE** - Modest course record after beaten a long way at Clairefontaine in this class 34 days ago. Others make more appeal.
7. **FOLIE PASSAGERE** - 5L success in an easier Clairefontaine 3600m hurdle. Capable of progress raised in standard.
8. **BAHIA DES OBEAUX** - 16L fifth at this level here 184 days ago. May be worth leaving alone first up unless the market speaks favourably.
9. **LE ZINO** - 2L course winner over 3900m in easier company three starts ago. Others have achieved more but not written off if sharp on return.
10. **BELLE CAPITAINE** - 5L fifth in this company at Clairefontaine over 3600m. More needed.
11. **OKTENTE** - Beaten a long way reappearing at Vittel over 3800. May step forward second up.
12. **GOLLIATH** - Pulled up over course and distance prior to a lengthy break. Consider on earlier placed form and given a chance by the handicapper.
13. **DROIT DE VETO** - Unseated rider in previous couple of easier handicap hurdles. Not one to trust but has ability.
14. **FENCES** - Beaten a long way in a flat race on reappearance. Could improve but likely to find a few too strong.

Summary: KAMI KAZE (4) was disqualified after a course and distance victory in this grade prior to an absence. Likely to be tough to beat if resuming in top form and finds a chance to make amends. FOLIE PASSAGERE (7) delivered a 5L success in a lesser Clairefontaine hurdle. Progressing nicely and rates highly up in class. GOLLIATH (12) pulled up when last seen. Worth considering on best efforts having been given a good chance by the handicapper. OKTENTE (11) may come on for a quiet reappearance run. Place chance.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KAMI KAZE (4) - FOLIE PASSAGERE (7) - GOLLIATH (12) - OKTENTE (11)</p>

1. **MUTHTEMPS** - 34L seventh reappearance at this trip last month. Step forward required.
2. **HENRYVILLE** - Good operator at his best but plenty to prove after a pulled up effort in claiming company.
3. **ORIALKI** - Progressive chaser who has four wins from seven outings over fences. Raised in grade but folly to dismiss with a leading rider up.
4. **DICLA** - 0.75L chase success in easier company at Granville. This demands more.
5. **BEAU DIAMANT** - Front runner who has ability but looks out of his depth at this standard.
6. **TITE GOUL** - Dramatic improvement to win by 10L in a weaker Nancy chase over 4200m. Place claims.
7. **FORTISSIMO** - 0.5L runner up on second chase start at Corlay. Hard to recommend raised significantly in grade.
8. **PAS DE QUARTIER** - Midfield in previous couple of similar chase outings at this track. Each way option if sharp on return from a break.
9. **DERNIER CRI** - Pulled up in a similar course chase over 3700m 109 days ago. Prefer to watch.
10. **DATCHA** - Two placings from three track and trip outings including on penultimate start. Solid pick with a notable jockey booked.
11. **FIGHTER JET** - Consistent chaser who finished second in a weaker Vittel handicap chase last month. Among the main chances from a favourable mark.
12. **ENIOCANTO** - 14L defeat in a claiming chase 41 days ago. Others readily preferred back in handicap company.
13. **DEEJAY MECENE** - Three placings from previous four cross-country chases. Others make more appeal back over regulation fences at this level.

Summary: DATCHA (10) secures an excellent chance to regain the winning thread for a top jockey. May improve on two placings in the previous three course and distance efforts. FIGHTER JET (11) is admired for his consistency. Among the leading hopes from a workable handicap mark. ORIALKI (3) bids for a hat-trick after a pair of easier victories over fences. Dangerous to rule out. TITE GOUL (6) improved winning latest and though this is a tougher assignment can sneak a placing.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATCHA (10) - FIGHTER JET (11) - ORIALKI (3) - TITE GOUL (6)</p>

Race 9 - PRIX DE LA PORTE DE PASSY - 3600m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €36,000.

1. **MONTY SAGA** - Runner up in both similar handicap hurdles over a longer trip since resuming. Notable runner from the same weight.
2. **ELIXIR PEARL** - 5.5L third in a 3600m Clairefontaine handicap hurdle 34 days ago. Place claims.
3. **NAPOLITAIN SIZING** - Pulled up latest after an impressive 8L track and trip victory previously. Leading claims if recapturing best first up.
4. **ESPION DE VINDECY** - Beaten a long way in an easier Dieppe hurdle four days ago. Others preferred.
5. **MACHO BORIS** - 48L defeat from this mark at Dieppe over 3800m 62 days ago. Not dismissed for a place on earlier track form.
6. **NURMI** - Pulled up behind subsequent winners here over 3900m. Could fare better after being freshened up.
7. **BEAU DE BALLON** - 30L eighth in claiming company over course and distance 70 days ago. Opposed.
8. **SAINT MARS** - 9.75L sixth in this grade over track and trip 34 days previously. More required.
9. **ASSAD LAWAL** - Two placings from nineteen hurdle outings. Step forward required after three consecutive midfield efforts.
10. **BONFOU D'AIRY** - Placed from this weight three back at Strasbourg over 3800m. Not written off for a minor placing.
11. **FRIPON DE BALLON** - Sixth in this company at Clairefontaine over the same journey 58 days ago. One to note.
12. **POLAR DANCE** - Failed to complete in previous three outings. Something to prove.
13. **SANTANA DU BERLAIS** - Weakened sharply over this trip at Clairefontaine second up. Place claims on earlier course form.
14. **MOONLIGHT BLUE** - 50L defeat in claiming company here on reappearance. Unlikely to feature.

Summary: MONTY SAGA (1) can build on a pair of good runner-up efforts in similar handicap hurdles since resuming. Winning chance from the same weight and rates highly. NAPOLITAIN SIZING (3) returns from a break with strong claims. Worth forgiving a pulled up run as delivered an impressive victory tackling track and trip previously. ELIXIR PEARL (2) might make the frame following a good Clairefontaine placing. Keep BONFOU D'AIRY (10) safe from a favourable handicap mark. Could sneak a minor placing at best.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONTY SAGA (1) - NAPOLITAIN SIZING (3) - ELIXIR PEARL (2) - BONFOU D'AIRY (10)</p>
