

AUTEUIL [L-H] - 02 April

Race 1 - PRIX TURCO - 3500m HDLE CL2. Purse EUR €55,000.

1. **JONCA DE THAIX** - Was very good when returning from a 124-day layoff most recently, saluting in a hurdle (3400m) at Angers by 3 lengths. Boasts strong second-up stats. Leading contender.
2. **JESSI SEI** - Resumed after a 167-day spell last start with a strong third in a hurdle (3400m) at Compiegne. Can find winning form this time.
3. **BEST WOMEN** - Finished eighth the start before last in a LR hurdle (3600m) at this track then wound up in tenth most recently in a LR hurdle (3600m) at Compiegne. Right in the mix if anywhere near her best.
4. **A CHOEUR JOIE** - Returns from a spell. Closed the last campaign with a minor placing in a hurdle (3500m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer, beaten 6 lengths. Has claims with the right run.
5. **LUNA THE GREAT** - Did a good job to finish second two back in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau but could only manage 12th in a LR hurdle (3600m) at Compiegne last time, arriving 42 lengths behind the winner. Big task ahead.
6. **JABOROSA** - Strips fitter today after finishing runner-up when resuming in a hurdle (3600m) at Compiegne nearly three weeks ago, coming in 10 lengths behind the winner Johnny Roque. Tough task ahead.
7. **JOLIDEE** - Was returning from a layoff last start when beaten 19 lengths into fourth in a hurdle (3500m) at this track. Strips fitter and pay to follow up.
8. **MARAOUNA** - Has not raced since kicking off her career four months in a maiden hurdle (3400m) at Craon when beaten 12 lengths into third. Shows promise and worth including.

Summary: JESSI SEI (2) has shown more than enough to suggest she can get off the mark over hurdles including when third in a Class Two conditions event at Compiegne last month. Major claims for a leading yard. JONCA DE THAIX (1) could prove the chief threat following a Class Three conditions hurdle success at Angers while JOLIDEE (7) needs respect after a fair fourth in a 3500m Class Two here. BEST WOMEN (3) is considered back down in grade.

Selections

JESSI SEI (2) - JONCA DE THAIX (1) - JOLIDEE (7) - BEST WOMEN (3)

Race 2 - PRIX GRANDAK - 3000m HDLE UNR. Purse EUR €62,000.

1. **PANORAMA** - Gelding by Cokoriko out of Ivresse Du Berlais. Tough assignment on his first outing so tempted to favour others.
2. **ANGEL CARO** - Gelding by Kapgarde out of Angela Cara. Was a EUR € 60,000 (Arqana 2021 Autumn Sale) purchase. Likely to be well fancied.
3. **BATMAN GIRAC** - Gelding by Bathyrhon out of Mangenie. Was a EUR € 12,000 (Arqana 2022 Summer Sale) purchase. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
4. **BALKI DAY** - Gelding by Balko out of Kiss A Day. Tough test on his first appearance so prefer to see.
5. **HENRI QUATRE** - Gelding by Cokoriko out of Villa Navarre. Pay to watch the market moves closely.
6. **GOLD CHIRON** - Gelding by Nicaron out of Chipie Du Rheu. Was a EUR € 10,000 (Arqana 2022 Lumet Show) purchase. Nice profile and expected to measure up.
7. **KAID D'AUTHIE** - Gelding by Choeur Du Nord out of Kadifette. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
8. **MAJBOROUGH** - Gelding by Martinborough out of Janimone. Market watch advised.
9. **WINSTONPRESIDENT** - Gelding by It's Gino out of Karmine. Pay to watch the market moves closely.
10. **MAKASSIR** - Gelding by Manatee out of Silvery Gold. Was a EUR € 8,000 (Arqana 2021 Autumn Sale) purchase. Will be better for the outing.
11. **JEU DU GOUET** - Gelding by Jeu St Eloi out of My Asadore. Market watch advised.

Summary: With absolutely no form on offer the market will prove a valuable guide. David Cottin's Kapgarde gelding ANGEL CARO (2) is high on the shortlist but slender preference goes to HENRI QUATRE (5). The Francois Nicolle-trained son of Cokoriko ticks plenty of boxes on paper and is selected to make a winning start. MAJBOROUGH (8) and WINSTONPRESIDENT (9) are both worth noting if strong in the market.

Selections

ANGEL CARO (2) - HENRI QUATRE (5) - MAJBOROUGH (8) - WINSTONPRESIDENT (9)
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Race 3 - PRIX DU PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE (GROUPE III) - 4700m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €255,000.

1. **ECOUTE EN TETE** - Disappointed when tenth following a break contesting the Listed Prix Lutteur Iii Handicap Steeplechase three weeks ago which brings concerns.
2. **BANDERO** - Fifth in the 4400m Gsc Masters - Prix Robert de Clermont-Tonnerre Steeplechase (G3) five weeks back. Three-time chase winner is yet to score at Auteuil but holds each-way hope now back into handicap company.
3. **MOTU FAREONE** - Showed plenty of ability two starts ago when second in the 4300m Listed Grande Course de Haies de Cagnes Hurdle at Cagnes-sur-Mer in early January. Fell subsequently. Looks interesting.
4. **ST ROMAIN DU DERBY** - Progressive eight-year-old who caught the eye last time with a 10L success in the Listed Prix Lutteur Iii Handicap Steeplechase three weeks ago over 4400m. Enjoys this course with three wins and one placing from nine outings. Rates highly.
5. **INEDIT DE CIERGUES** - Mixed form including a last time sixth in the Prix Juigne Hurdle (G3) a month ago. The stable is in good form and he does hold a solid chase record so could feature if at best.
6. **GAI LURON** - Previous course and distance winner.. Won under those conditions three starts ago last October in the G3 autumn equivalent at this course before two below par efforts. Needs improvement after a pulled up result last time.
7. **BATAME DU BOCAGE** - Returned after a winter break in the Listed Prix Lutteur Iii Handicap Steeplechase three weeks ago and ran well when third. Excellent chase profile of three wins and three placings from six attempts. In the mix.
8. **ECHO DE CHAMPDOUX** - Took a step forward on season return when a solid fourth contesting the 4400m Listed Prix Lutteur Iii Handicap Steeplechase three weeks ago. Holds placed form over this course and distance when second behind Gai Luron last October.
9. **POLINUIT** - Pulled up last November in the closing stages attempting the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase-Cross-Country de Compiègne over 5400m. Represents a leading yard so may overcome fitness question marks. Proven over longer trips which could be a plus.
10. **ROSA KLEB** - Ran with credit on season return at Compiègne when fifth in the 3600m Listed Prix Spumate Handicap Hurdle. Little steeplechasing experience looks a concern having only had three previous attempts and this would be her only third start at this course.
11. **HARMONIE D'AINAY** - Winner at Compiègne in a 4100m Class Two Conditions Steeplechase at the start of March. Good-placed form at Pau prior over hurdles so has fitness on side. Place claims stepping up in grade.
12. **IMPERIL** - Bids for a hat-trick after victories in a Clairefontaine 3700m handicap steeplechase in August 2021 and a success in February this year at Fontainebleau. Up in class. Worth a second look.
13. **FANFARON SPECIAL** - Former winner of this race (two years ago). Good third at Pau in January before filling the same position at Lignières a fortnight ago. Big step back up in grade now and would need to be at best.
14. **JIMBLE MOON** - Found success four outings back at Cagnes-sur-Mer in December in a 4200m handicap steeplechase but has been struggling since in Listed and Group Three company. Needs to find more.
15. **ROYALCLETY** - Placed here in November four runs back where the form worked has out well.
16. **HARRY CONTI** - Sixth in the 4400m Listed Prix Lutteur Iii Handicap Steeplechase three weeks ago. Improving over fences and now holds one win and seven placings from ten chase starts. Can be considered for a place.

17. **FONTANNES** - Another good effort last time when fourth tackling a Class Two Conditions Steeplechase at Compiègne. Upped in level but holds claims.

18. **GUNAR** - Finished a close third at Fontainebleau in a 4400m handicap steeplechase in February before another third. Yet to make the frame in six previous attempts at this course and others appeal more.

Summary: ECHO DE CHAMPDOUX (8) finished a good second off this mark over course and distance in October and shaped nicely in the Listed Prix Lutteur Iii (4400m) here last month. The step back up in trip looks like an obvious plus and he remains on a workable mark. ST ROMAIN DU DERBY (4) landed the aforementioned Listed Prix Lutteur Iii by 10L and must be considered despite a 4kg hike in the weights while the third home BATAME DU BOCAGE (7) is three from six chasing and cannot be ignored. With a record of five from ten over fences MOTU FAREONE (3) is dangerous to ignore although he did fall in the Listed Prix Solitaire at Compiègne nineteen days ago. IMPERIL (12) holds each-way claims.

Selections

ECHO DE CHAMPDOUX (8) - ST ROMAIN DU DERBY (4) - BATAME DU BOCAGE (7) - MOTU FAREONE (3) - IMPERIL (12)

Race 4 - PRIX GEOGRAPHIE - 3000m HDLE UNR. Purse EUR €62,000.

1. **LA POMPADOUR** - Filly by Authorized out of La Romanee. Market watch advised.
2. **MISS KENT** - Safely accounted for in each of her 10 career outings to date. May be suited by switch to hurdles.
3. **SISSI DU MESNIL** - Filly by Kapgarde out of Scarlett Du Mesnil. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
4. **FUNNY BERRY** - Filly by Bathyrhon out of Snow Berry. Was a EUR € 10,000 (Arqana 2021 Autumn Sale) purchase. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
5. **MEME PAS KAP** - Filly by Kapgarde out of Mobilight. Was a EUR € 40,000 (Arqana 2022 Lumet Show) purchase. Comes from a leading yard and profiles well for this. Keep very safe.
6. **GRAINE DE BEAUTE** - Filly by Karakter out of Veille Au Grain. Will be better for the outing and tempted to give her this.
7. **SAGA GIRL** - Filly by Masterstroke out of Saga De Senam. Worth watching for a betting push.
8. **SHINY MONDAY** - Filly by Cokoriko out of Dabrovka. Nice profile and expected to measure up.
9. **MANTICORE** - Filly by Castle Du Berlais out of Ybarra. Was a EUR € 6,000 (Arqana 2021 Autumn Sale) purchase. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
10. **COEUR EN OR** - Filly by Petillo out of Love Gold. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.

Summary: The betting should be a valuable guide with no hurdling form on offer for these three-year-old fillies. SHINY MONDAY (8) just gets the nod for a leading yard and this daughter of Cokoriko could be up to making a successful debut. The two daughters of Kapgarde SISSI DU MESNIL (3) and MEME PAS KAP (5) are both considered alongside LA POMPADOUR (1).

Selections

SHINY MONDAY (8) - SISSI DU MESNIL (3) - MEME PAS KAP (5) - LA POMPADOUR (1)

Race 5 - PRIX FLEURET - 4400m STPLE. Purse EUR €150,000.

1. **JUNTOS GANAMOS** - Made a winning return from a 139-day layoff last time out when winning the Prix Duc d'Anjou (G3) over a shorter distance. Top chance.
2. **JIGTSAR PAM** - Resumes after three months. Impressive winner of the Listed Race Prix Christian de l'Hermite Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans when last seen. Up in class.
3. **PRINCE CHOP** - Fifth in the Prix Duc d'Anjou (G3). Would need to find more based on Listed sixth previously.
4. **OKKIDO** - Back from a break of five months. May need first run back and form prior to spell wasn't good enough.
5. **GOLIATH DU RHEU** - Returned from a 139-day spell with a solid second in the Prix Duc d'Anjou (G3). Would need to improve to reverse form with winner.
6. **BON CONSEIL** - Third in the Prix Duc d'Anjou (G3) when last seen. Place chance.
7. **WINTERISCOMING** - Returned from a layoff last time out in the Prix Duc d'Anjou (G3) when fourth. Place claims.
8. **JOST** - Returned from a spell last start with a modest sixth in the Prix Duc d'Anjou (G3). More required.
9. **JOUE CONTRE JOUE** - Up in class after a second in a Class Three steeplechase. Unlikely.

Summary: A race that looks to revolve around the 3500m G3 Prix Duc d'Anjou that took place here twenty-two days ago. It could pay to stick with JUNTOS GANAMOS (1) who made all the running for a determined 1.75L success over GOLIATH DU RHEU (5) in that event. The same pair fought out the finish when the former got the upper hand in the G2 Prix Congress in November and David Cottin's runner is selected to remain unbeaten over fences. The latter should be right in contention once more although a bigger threat may lie with JIGTSAR PAM (2) who impressed when a 4L winner of the Listed Race Prix Christian de l'Hermite Grand Steeple-Chase at Cagnes-sur-Mer latest. WINTERISCOMING (7) remains unexposed and could feature.

Selections

JUNTOS GANAMOS (1) - GOLIATH DU RHEU (5) - JIGTSAR PAM (2) - WINTERISCOMING (7)

Race 6 - PRIX GUY HUNAULT - 3600m HDLE CL2. Purse EUR €55,000.

1. **GIBRALFARO** - Returns from a spell. Closed the last campaign with a minor placing in a Listed hurdle (3600m) at this track. Definite winning chance.
2. **IMPULSE PRECIEUSE** - Finished fifth when fresh from a spell last start in a hurdle (3600m) at this track. More required.
3. **ODELA** - Took a tumble at Pau four months ago. This looks too tough.
4. **IGOR** - Returned from a 117-day spell last start with a solid second in a steeplechase (3800m) at Angers with today's rider Christopher Riou steering. Needs more.
5. **ICARE DU SEUIL** - Hit the frame when fresh from a spell last start finishing third in a hurdle (3600m) at this track. In the mix.
6. **IGLOO IGLOO** - Bounced back from being pulled up and wasn't beaten far when second in a hurdle (3800m) at Saint Briec most recently. Big task ahead.
7. **INEDIT STAR** - Did a good job to finish third two back in a maiden hurdle (3184m) at Ffos Las but could only manage seventh in a novice hurdle (3267m) at Hereford last time. Would need to step up.
8. **IZGOR DE VIETTE** - Beaten easily prior to going for a spell. Fresh run no better when seventh at this track. Prefer to see him find something before backing.
9. **COKIDALLE** - Didn't come close on debut in a hurdle (3600m) at this track when fourth. Improvement expected.
10. **ALTESSE DU BERLAIS** - Resumes in this after six months off. Looks a leading contender and bold showing expected.

Summary: ALTESSE DU BERLAIS (10) comes out well at the weights and has excuses well pulling-up in the G3 Prix Orcada when last seen here in October. Finished a very credible fourth in the G3 Prix The Fellow - Marquise de Moratalla a month before and rates highly back hurdling after a break. GIBRALFARO (1) commands respect having produced a good effort when runner-up in the Listed Race Prix Francois de Poncins in November. Key player. ICARE DU SEUIL (5) remains unexposed hurdling and should feature after a decent third in a Class Two conditions event at this venue. COKIDALLE (9) could find the frame.

Selections
ALTESSE DU BERLAIS (10) - GIBRALFARO (1) - ICARE DU SEUIL (5) - COKIDALLE (9)

Race 7 - PRIX VIRELAN - 3600m HDLE. Purse EUR €88,000.

1. **SECRET D'ETAT** - Returns after four months in the paddock. Winner of a Class One conditions when last seen. Unbeaten in two starts.
2. **JAVELOT** - Returned from a 157-day spell last start with a strong win in a hurdle (3500m) at this track. Up in class.
3. **KLITCHKO DE BELAIR** - Leading contender after a win at Pau in Class One company.
4. **POLITHA** - Last seen finishing second in the G2 Haras d'Etream - Prix Magalen Bryant. Not dismissed.
5. **JOYEUSE ROQUE** - Finished second in the Listed Prix Durtain after two consecutive wins. In the mix.
6. **AUTHORITY SEVEN** - Returns from a spell of four months. Last appeared in a hurdle (3500m) at this track and did well but found a couple better. Hard to have without further improvement.
7. **JUST A PRINCESS** - Started at big odds but returned from a 165-day spell on March 7 with a sound third in a Listed hurdle at Compiègne. Needs to prove she can replicate.
8. **BELGA QUEEN** - Won at Pau then did a fair job to finish third in a hurdle (3600m) at this track. Place claims.
9. **JAR DU DESERT** - Placed in all three starts and steps up in class to try for maiden win. British-trained. Tougher test.

Summary: A competitive four-year-old hurdle. Narrow preference is for the unbeaten SECRET D'ETAT (1) who has joined a top stable since impressing with an emphatic 10L success in a Class One conditions event here in November. Genuine contender. Stablemate KLITCHKO DE BELAIR (3) won a Class One 3500m conditions hurdle in great style at Pau in January and must be respected although POLITHA (4) may prove a bigger threat. The son of Joshua Tree finished an excellent 5L second in the G2 Haras d'Etream - Prix Magalen Bryant over course and distance when last seen and looks tough to ignore. JOYEUSE ROQUE (5) can go well on the back of a sound runner-up effort in the Listed Race Prix Durtain at Compiègne.

Selections

SECRET D'ETAT (1) - KLITCHKO DE BELAIR (3) - POLITHA (4) - JOYEUSE ROQUE (5)

Race 8 - PRIX MAURICE DE NEXON - 3700m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €63,000.

1. **MANDARIN BASC** - Was far too good when resuming from a 602-day layoff last start scoring by 9L in a steeplechase (4250m) at Argentan. Tries a more competitive race.
2. **DERNIER CRI** - Was very good when returning from a 99-day layoff most recently when third in a steeplechase (3500m) at this track. Fitter and sure to go well again.
3. **MARECHAL DESJY** - Was far too good when resuming from a 96-day layoff last start with a 15L win at Strasbourg. Worth including.
4. **HAKERMAN** - Returned from a layoff last time out in a steeplechase (4100m) at Compiegne. Needs to go up a level.
5. **MY BLUE RIDGE** - Returned from a spell in a steeplechase (4100m) at Compiegne but failed to finish. Worth another chance.
6. **EPI TETE** - Returned from a 564-day spell last start with a solid second in a steeplechase (4500m) at Lignieres with today's rider Gaetan Masure steering. Improvement in store.
7. **RIMPOCHE** - Impressed when he scored two runs ago in a steeplechase (3850m) at Fontainebleau. Did a good job to finish second at this track. Consider.
8. **HOPLABOUM** - Hasn't inspired much confidence in two runs this campaign. Expected to be unwanted in betting again.
9. **DAYS DREAM** - Couldn't find the top three two back in a hurdle (3600m) at this track then again missed out in a steeplechase (3500m). Not dismissed.
10. **FEU FOLLET SIVOLA** - Missed the frame two back in a steeplechase (3800m) at Angers. Atoned for that run when scoring in a steeplechase (4200m) at Saint Brieuc by 13L. Will thereabouts once more.
11. **PINACLOUDDOWN** - Sent out at long odds in a steeplechase (4100m) at Compiegne last time when eased out of the race. Happy to risk this time.
12. **MISS KALISTA** - Unplaced two starts back in a steeplechase (3800m) at Angers then produced a better result last start when she finished fourth in a steeplechase (4200m) at Pontchateau. Looking to others.
13. **ASSAD LAWAL** - Well beaten two back before running sixth last start beaten 30L in a steeplechase (4200m) at Strasbourg. Can't recommend on current form.

Summary: RIMPOCHE (7) finished a solid second in a competitive 3500m handicap chase here a fortnight ago and should be on the premises if backing that up. That said the third home in that event DERNIER CRI (2) shaped nicely after a break and this four-time chase winner is selected to take a decent step forward. MARECHAL DESJY (3) won a qualifying chase by 1t5L at Strasbourg and cannot be ignored stepping up in standard. Wide-margin Argentan chase scorer MANDARIN BASC (1) is also worth considering. FEU FOLLET SIVOLA (10) holds claims.

Selections

RIMPOCHE (7) - DERNIER CRI (2) - MARECHAL DESJY (3) - MANDARIN BASC (1) - FEU FOLLET SIVOLA (10)