

R3 LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H]

C1 - PRIX BAROUD D'HONNEUR - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. SIRE CHOP** - A promising 4th on debut over 1100m at Tarbes on 17 April. Not beaten too far and there should be improvement to come
- 2. LUDWIG** - Narrowly beaten when 2nd in a Conditions race over 1100m at Tarbes on 11 May. Ran on nicely on debut and looks to have more to come
- 3. REVE DE NUIT** - A well-beaten 6th in a Conditions race over 1100m at Tarbes on 11 May. Finished quite a distance behind LUDWIG (2) and looks unlikely to be a threat
- 4. OPIUM OF SUCCESS** - Not beaten all that far in a Listed race over 1000m at Vichy on 13 May. Was just beaten in a Claimer over 1000m at this course in his previous race but has more to do this time
- 5. ULTIMO MINUTO** - Unraced 2yo colt by Bayside Boy out of Lope De Vega mare Aigrette Motette trained by Joel Boissard. Both of the mare's previous foals have won.
- 6. EL DIABLO** - Unraced 2yo colt by Goken out of Starspangledbanner Fifteen Stars trained by Bruno de Montzey. Dam's first foal to race
- 7. JUMBOTRON** - Unraced 2yo gelding by Havana Grey out of Society Rock mare Band Practice trained by Christopher Head. He has been supplemented into the race so must be showing some good work at home. Dam won a Listed race over 1000m at Chantilly.
- 8. CHACHA REAL SMOOTH** - Unraced 2yo colt by Goken out of The Grey Gatsby mare Cesaria trained by Florian Guyader. Bred for speed and is related to Gr2 winner Son Cesio
- 9. PASSAGE VALLET** - Unraced 2yo colt by Sottsass out of Wootton Bassett mare Avenue Ruysdael trained AJ Baptista Ribeairo de Abreu. Granddam won a Listed race over 1400m Vichy

Summary: LUDWIG (2) looked to have something in hand when runner-up in his debut run and the manner in which he was finishing off the race indicates the extra 100m should suit. There are some promising first-timers in this field, starting off with supplemented entry JUMBOTRON (7) who will be ridden by Marvin Grandin. ULTIMO MINUTO (5) comes from a line of winners while CHACHA REAL SMOOTH (8) is from a yard that tends to do well with their juveniles.

SELECTIONS

LUDWIG (2) - JUMBOTRON (7) - ULTIMO MINUTO (5) - CHACHA REAL SMOOTH (8)

C2 - PRIX JEAN-CLAUDE MAURAND - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **EPIFAGNA** - Winner of a Conditions race over 1100m at Tarbes on 11 May. She fought on well to win that race but will now have to give weight to all her rivals
2. **APPEN** - A 2-length 2nd in a Conditions race over 1000m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on 11 April. She shows good speed and jumps from a decent draw
3. **GOKITA** - Finished 4th in a Conditions race over 1000m at Chantilly on 12 May. She faced a strong field on debut and there should be more to come
4. **GYPSEA** - Finished 6th in a Conditions race over 1000m at this course on 21 March. Will need to improve on that debut run to feature
5. **QUICK CHICK** - Ran last in a 10-horse field over 1200m at Chantilly on 29 May. Cannot be considered on that debut performance
6. **SUISSE DIAMOND** - A moderate 8th in a Claimer over 1200m at this course on 15 May. Looks unlikely to feature in this field
7. **SEALISKY** - A well-beaten 7th in a Conditions race over 1000m at Boreaux Le Bouscat on 11 April. Will need to up her game to feature in this
8. **GRANDE LUCKY** - Unraced 2yo filly by Lucky Team out of Dalakhani mare Garaiyba trained by Joel Boisnard. Both foals to race have won
9. **ERALA** - Unraced 2yo filly by Mehmas out of Ribchester mare Shaikha trained by Jean-Claude Rouget. Dam won on debut and is related to UK Listed winner and Gr3 placed Darkness
10. **ZELVAGGIA** - Unraced 2yo filly by Zelzal out of Rock Of Gibraltar Rochenka trained by Kevin Tavares. Related to Listed-placed Moskova
11. **ASKAM CHOPE** - Unraced 2yo filly by Gutaifan out of Siyouni mare Sweet To Remember trained by Kevin Tavares. Both foals to race are multiple winners
12. **FILLE D ARTISTE** - Unraced 2yo filly by Robin Of Navan out of Diamond Green mare Izeba trained by Roberto-Carlos Montenegro. Dam's first foal to race

Summary: It could be up to an unraced filly to win this race and best of them looks to be ERALA (9) who is bred for speed. Her dam won on debut and she is well related. EPIFAGNA (1) displayed a lot of courage when winning on debut and although she will concede weight to all, she needs to be taken seriously. Unraced stablemates ASKAM CHOPE (11) and ZELVAGGIA (10) come from a yard that does well with their young horses and both need to be respected.

SELECTIONS

ERALA (9) - EPIFAGNA (1) - ASKAM CHOPE (11) - ZELVAGGIA (10)

C3 - CRITERIUM DES JEUNES A 12,5% - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Condition - Flat - EUR € 33,000

1. NAUSICAA TROIS AA - Winner of a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 1 May. Showed courage to win but now has to give weight to her rivals

2. CHAMAWAVE AA - A 1.25-length winners of a Conditions race over 2100m at Tarbes on 5 April. She won well and further improvement is expected

3. ZAJ MAHAL AA - A 0.25-length 2nd in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 1 May. He finished behind NAUSICAA TROIS AA (1) in that race and is weighted to turn that result around

4. CHALBAYA AA - Unraced 3yo filly by Paban De France out of Whipper mare Thaa Valley trained by Christelle Courtade. Dam has produced three winners from six foals to race

5. ASPIC AA - A one-length 2nd in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 18 May. Did finish ahead of NOLLY DE PAULHAC AA (8) but the latter has more room for improvement

6. FAUST DU PECOS AA - Unraced 3yo colt by Don Magno out of Zamouncho mare trained by Kevin Tavares. One of the dam's two foals is a three-time winner

7. NO LIMIT BLUE AA - Finished 3rd Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 1 May. She did finish 2.5 lengths behind the second horse so will battle to reverse the placings

8. NOLLY DE PAULHAC AA - Ran 4th in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 18 May. Could show progress but may struggle in this field

Summary: CHAMAWAVE (2) showed huge improvement on her debut third to score an impressive victory second time out in more favourable conditions. She looks the runner the beat. ZAJ MAHAL (3) finished a neck second in his last start behind NAUSICAA TROIS (1) at Dax but now looks weighted to turn that defeat around. NO LIMIT BLUE (7) ran third in that race but will need to work hard to reverse the placings with the other two.

SELECTIONS

CHAMAWAVE AA (2) - ZAJ MAHAL AA (3) - NAUSICAA TROIS AA (1) - NO LIMIT BLUE AA (7)

C4 - CRITERIUM DES JEUNES A 37,5 % - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Condition - Flat - EUR € 33,000

1. **BIGBOSS PECOS AA** - A disappointing 5th in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 1 May. More was expected after his earlier win but he will be fitted in blinkers for this race
2. **FRENESIE DU PECOS AA** - a 0.5-length winner of a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 18 May. After running on strongly on debut first time out he made no mistakes the second time
3. **NO COMMENT AA** - A moderate 6th in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 1 May. Well held by others on that run
4. **SISSERON AA** - A poor 10th in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 18 May. He is better than that run and should be more competitive this time
5. **NOBEL DE LA BRUNIE AA** - A mediocre 7th in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 18 May. Has a lot to do to turn the form around
6. **EL FUNDI AA** - A poor 12th in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 18 May. Will battle to be a factor in this race
7. **FOCOSA DU PECOS AA** - A 2.5 length winner of a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 1 May. That was a win full of merit and there should be more to come
8. **NERON DE LA BRUNIE AA** - A one-length 3rd in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 18 May. Could try to lead all the way and attempt to resist all the challengers
9. **SKALIBUR AA** - A 2.25-length 4th in a Conditions race over 2100m at Dax on 18 May. Others are preferred on that run

Summary: There was a lot to like about the manner in which FOCOSA DU PECOS (7) won in only her second start. She holds many of these runners on that effort and could prove hard to beat. Stable companion FRENESIE DU PECOS (2) is capable of producing a strong finish and will be running at her late. NERON DE LA BRUNIE (8) has good pace and meets both of those under better weight conditions. BIGBOSS PECOS (1) let his supporters down last time but should be more alert fitted with blinkers.

SELECTIONS

FOCOSA DU PECOS AA (7) - FRENESIE DU PECOS AA (2) - NERON DE LA BRUNIE AA (8) - BIGBOSS PECOS AA (1)

**C5 - PRIX AISSA - ASSOCIATION DES PROPRIETAIRES DU SUD-OUEST - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF -
Condition - Flat - EUR € 16,000**

1. **MARAKEZ AL SHAHANIA** - Victorious over 2300m at Dax in Conditional on 1 May. That was her first start with blinkers and she can follow up
2. **MELODIE DU CROATE** - Showed signs of needing latest when fifth over 2000m on this course in a Group 2 on 22 April. She will strip much fitter
3. **MOUVANTE DE L'AIGLE** - Won over 2100m at Tarbes in Conditional on 11 May. She would have come on from the outing and cannot be discounted
4. **MORPHEE DE BOZOULS** - Finished behind AINHOA GOLDWIN (6) when fifth over 1800m at Gabarret in Conditional on 8 May. She may battle to turn the form around
5. **MISS DES VIALETTES** - Finished behind MOUVANTE DE L'AIGLE (3) when fifth over 2100m at Tarbes in Conditional on 11 May. She may have to settle for the same result
6. **AINHOA GOLDWIN** - Victorious over 1800m at Gabarret in Conditional on 8 May. She is a filly with scope and can finish on the podium
7. **AL BAKHT** - First timer by Al Mourtajez out of the Hatteen mare, Al Mubadara. Overlook unless the betting market suggests otherwise
8. **LAMSA** - Finished unplaced over 2100m at Tarbes in Conditional on 11 May. Needs to produce previous form to have a say
9. **MANARAH EL IZZ** - Unraced daughter of Izz Al Khalil out of the Dormane mare, Muneera. Her dam was a Group 1 winner, and the betting market will be the best guide with regards to her chances
10. **AMBRA SAINT LON** - Poor form. Finished seventh over 2100m at Tarbes in Conditional on 11 May. May be outgunned in this line-up
11. **CHOIXDOUR KB** - Unraced daughter of Al Mamun Monlau out of the Af Albahar mare, Niloufar KB. She carries a nice weight but has a wide draw to overcome
12. **BINT AL SABEG** - First timer by Al Mourtajez out of the Dormane mare, Al Sabeg. She is nicely drawn in Barrier Three, but may need the experience
13. **ATHENA** - First timer by Al Mourtajez out of the Al Nasr mare, Ocyrrhoe. Jean-Bernard Eyquem does duty, and she must be followed from the start
14. **HAFIDA AL CHAM** - Not much promise shown. Finished eighth over 2100m at Tarbes in Conditional on 11 May. Needs to improve
15. **LABWA AL CHAM** - Unraced daughter of Al Mourtajez out of the Azadi mare, Ya Hala. She carries a light weight but will need luck from the wide draw

Summary: MANARAH EL IZZ (9) is remarkably well-bred, and her dam was a Group 1 winner. She should be the centre of attention in the parade ring. MARAKEZ AL SHAHANIA (1) was victorious in her first start with blinkers. With luck in running, she should be competitive. MOUVANTE DE L'AIGLE (3) shed her maiden tag at the second time of asking. She is a progressive type and merits obvious consideration. MELODIE DU CROATE (2) showed signs of needing her comeback run and would have improved. She should strip fitter.

SELECTIONS

MANARAH EL IZZ (9) - MARAKEZ AL SHAHANIA (1) - MOUVANTE DE L'AIGLE (3) - MELODIE DU CROATE (2)

C6 - PRIX JEAN BARDON - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,400

- 1. LUCKY D'ID** - Finished unplaced over 1600m at Toulouse in Class 4 Handicap on 21 May. Is looking for first-career victory
- 2. LADY DARKA** - Finished sixth over 2300m at Dax in Class 4 Handicap on 1 May. Drawn widest of all and will need luck in running
- 3. BY THE WAY** - Finished unplaced over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in Class 3 Handicap on 15 May. He finished second over this track and trip, three runs ago
- 4. VALZAK** - Has improved in last two starts. Finished fourth over 2100m at Tarbes in Class 4 Handicap on 11 May. Drawn in pole position and has a winning chance
- 5. JUST FOR GAB'S** - Finished sixth over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in Class 3 Handicap on 15 May. She is a strong finisher and should pose a threat
- 6. QUARTIER MAITRE** - Finished ninth over 2100m at Tarbes in Class 4 Handicap on 11 May. Needs to show improvement to feature
- 7. MONTIGNY** - Finished eighth over 1600m at Toulouse in Class 4 Handicap on 21 May. He is inconsistent and can show on best form
- 8. WATHAB** - Finished seventh over 1600m at Toulouse in Class 4 Handicap on 21 May. Will need to produce best form to have a say
- 9. AFRICAN GREY** - Poor recent form. Finished unplaced over 2100m at Tarbes in Class 4 Handicap on 11 May. Others are preferred
- 10. SNATCHER** - Finished second over 1800m at Langon-Libourne in Class 4 Handicap on 1 May. Needs to confirm recent improvement to have a say
- 11. WAKIF** - Poor recent form. Finished unplaced over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in Class 3 Handicap on 15 May. Look elsewhere
- 12. SOUND OF SILENCE** - Poor latest when unplaced over 1900m at Chantilly in Class 4 Handicap on 19 May. May be outgunned in this line-up
- 13. BALTIMORE** - Finished seventh over 1650m at Sable-sur-Sarthe in Class 4 Handicap on 19 April. Others have a stronger winning chance
- 14. TOP GLORY** - Victorious over 2000m at Toulouse in Class 4 Handicap on 19 April. He carries a handy galloping weight and can follow up
- 15. MARA WOOD** - Finished behind VALZAK (4) when seventh over 2100m at Tarbes in Class 4 Handicap on 11 May. She may have to settle for the same result
- 16. AMORETTI** - Finished second over 1900m at Bordeaux le Bouscat in Class 4 Handicap on 4 November 2025. He returns from a rest and may need the outing

Summary: VALZAK (4) has shown signs of a form return in his last two starts. He is drawn in pole position and can return to winning ways. JUST FOR GAB'S (5) is a strong finisher. She is dependent on how the race unfolds and if all goes according to plan, she should go close. BY THE WAY (3) is better than his last two starts. He finished second on this course on 21 March 2026 and on that effort, he should be competitive. MONTIGNY (7) is an inconsistent individual and on best form shown, he can feature.

SELECTIONS

VALZAK (4) - JUST FOR GAB'S (5) - BY THE WAY (3) - MONTIGNY (7)

C7 - PRIX PMU FRANCE - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

- 1. BURNING HEART** - Is better than latest when seventh over 2100m at Tarbes in Class 4 Handicap on 11 May. Chance on previous form
- 2. LANCEUR D'ALERTE** - Finished fourth over 2100m at Tarbes in Class 4 Handicap on 11 May. Chance with luck from the widest draw
- 3. KIRBY** - Poor recent form. Finished unplaced over 1400m at Dax in Class 4 Handicap on 18 May 2026. Look elsewhere
- 4. SINNERMAN** - Finished second over 1800m on this track in Class 3 Handicap on 26 June 2025. Returns from a lengthy rest and chance if fit
- 5. HAUTE GAMME** - Finished fourth over 1900m at Chantilly in Class 3 Handicap on 19 May. He always gives of his best and merits obvious consideration
- 6. JARKI** - Consistent form this year. Finished third over 2000m at Toulouse in Class 4 Handicap on 19 April. Winning chance
- 7. KRUNGTHEPMAHANAKON** - Finished sixth over 2100m at Tarbes in Class 4 Handicap on 11 May. Will need luck in running from the wide draw
- 8. MASSKO** - Has lost best form. Finished unplaced over 2100m at Tarbes in Class 4 Handicap on 11 May. Others have a stronger winning chance
- 9. VARENNE** - Finished unplaced over 1600m at Toulouse in Class 4 Handicap on 21 May. He will love the rise in distance and can find a form return
- 10. GOLDEN STATE** - Finished seventh over 1600m at Bordeaux le Bouscat in Class 4 Handicap on 27 April. Needs to find form of penultimate run when victorious
- 11. GYP SEA** - Finished fourth over 1600m at Nantes in Class 4 Handicap on 11 May. She needs to confirm her recent improvement to have a say
- 12. MONTE LINAS** - Finished fourth over 1800m at Le Croise-Laroche in Class 4 Handicap on 17 May. More is needed to win this contest
- 13. ARYVESAN** - Finished ninth over 1600m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 1 April. Has lost best form and others are preferred
- 14. SPICHOPE** - Finished fifth over 1300m at Argentan in Class 4 Handicap on 9 April. Drawn wide and may find it difficult to win
- 15. AMITY** - Finished third over 1900m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 21 March. Needs to confirm recent improvement
- 16. XARUN** - Supplemented for this race. Finished fifth over 1600m at Vichy in Class 4 Handicap on 13 May. Cannot be discounted

Summary: JARKI (6) has been consistent this year and comes off a third-place finish at Toulouse. With luck in running, he may be the horse to beat. BURNING HEART (1) is better than his last start at Tarbes. On his previous two efforts, he should pose a big threat. VARENNE (9) is better than his last two starts over shorter. He will enjoy the rise in distance and should be competitive. SINNERMAN (4) gets on well with Ioritz Mendizabal. He is having his first outing this year and if fit, he can feature.

SELECTIONS

JARKI (6) - BURNING HEART (1) - VARENNE (9) - SINNERMAN (4)

C8 - PRIX CHURROS A CHOUCOU - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

- 1. MR FLEURANT** - Finished behind ROMAN FORUM (5) when fourth over 1600m at Bordeaux le Bouscat in Class 2 Handicap on 27 April. There should not be much between them
- 2. OTOMAI** - Finished fourth over 1600m at Parislongchamp in Class 3 Claimer on 7 May. Has changed stables since and cannot be discounted
- 3. AQUITAIN** - Finished unplaced over 1600m at Lyon Parilly in Class 2 Handicap on 8 May. Chance on previous form shown
- 4. SIR CRATER** - Poor last two starts. Finished unplaced over 1600m at Lyon Parilly in Class 2 Handicap on 8 May. Overlook
- 5. ROMAN FORUM** - Finished third in both starts this year, the latest of which was over 1600m at Bordeaux le Bouscat in Class 2 Handicap on 27 April. Can win with luck in running
- 6. SAINT ELIGIUS** - Victorious over 1600m at Parislongchamp in Class 3 Handicap on 14 May. He is in a good space and can follow up
- 7. WELLINGTON PREMIER** - Finished seventh over 1600m at Bordeaux le Bouscat in Class 2 Handicap on 27 April. Needs to produce best form to feature
- 8. ANOTHER ROSE** - Finished sixth over 1600m at Bordeaux le Bouscat in Class 3 Handicap on 27 April. Can feature if putting best foot forward
- 9. WIGMORE STREET** - Finished unplaced over 1600m at Toulouse in Class 3 Handicap on 6 April. Is looking for first victory on French soil
- 10. STORIA DI ROMA** - Victorious over 1400m at Dax in Class 4 Handicap on 18 May. He jumps from a good draw of four and can finish on the podium
- 11. LAUPER** - Finished fourth over 1400m at Dax in Class 4 Handicap on 18 May. Drawn in pole position but more is needed to win this
- 12. MANGAKEN** - Finished unplaced over 1400m at Dax in Class 4 Handicap on 18 May. Needs to produce best form to have a say
- 13. HENRY THE LION** - Finished unplaced over 1900m at Bordeaux le Bouscat in Class 3 Handicap on 23 May. Others are preferred
- 14. SISSY DU GROHO** - Finished second over 1600m at Bordeaux le Bouscat in Class 3 Handicap on 27 April. She is lightly raced and has plenty of scope
- 15. DULINI** - Finished fifth over 1400m at Dax in Class 4 Handicap on 18 May. She has a wide draw to overcome and may find this difficult
- 16. GALI LODGE** - Poor form shown this year. Finished unplaced over 1400m at Dax in Class 4 Handicap on 18 May. Look elsewhere

Summary: ROMAN FORUM (5) has finished third in both his efforts this year. He is having his peak run and with luck from the wide draw, he can return to winning ways. MR FLEURANT (1) finished behind the first selection last time and there should not be much separating the pair at the finish. SAINT ELIGIUS (6) was an easy winner of his last start at Parislongchamp. With luck in running, he can follow up. OTOMAI (2) is having his first run for Sandrine Gavilan and is capable of producing a strong finish.

SELECTIONS

ROMAN FORUM (5) - MR FLEURANT (1) - SAINT ELIGIUS (6) - OTOMAI (2)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
FOCOSA DU PECOS AA (407)

Outsider of the day

XARUN (716)

Reverse forecast

CHAMAWAVE AA (302) - ZAJ MAHAL AA (303)

Three pick of the day

LUDWIG (102) - FOCOSA DU PECOS AA (407) - JARKI (706)