

VITTEL [L-H] - 03 August

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE WISSEMBOURG - 1300m MDN. Purse EUR €11,000.

1. **EAGLEHAWK** - Yet to find the frame in two runs, the latest when seventh over 1800m at Compiègne. Has plenty of upside and deserves another chance.
2. **MONSIEURVALCHOP** - Missed the frame two back but was a lot better last time when second over 1200m at Aix-Les-Bains. Rates highly on the latest effort and can measure up.
3. **NOCE D'OR** - Disappointed in a Class Two at Chantilly latest but would hold strong claims on the form of Longchamp maiden second prior.
4. **KARINAS DREAM** - Last appeared when he finished sixth over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly on June 26. Tempted to look elsewhere on recent form.
5. **SEPTIMUS SEVERUS** - Returns after a spell of three-and-a-half months. Failed to impress in two appearances last time in work, the latest effort a sixth over 1600m at Cologne.
6. **ROCKETTA** - Made her debut over 2300m at Montluçon-Neris last start, starting and finishing a long way from the winner in sixth.
7. **PLAZA** - Well held second up after finishing third when resuming over 1400m at Moulins. Needs to turn form around sharply to be competitive.
8. **WALDROSE** - Well in the market last but disappointed when 9 lengths away in sixth over 1600m at this track. Might improve at this standard.
9. **SEE YOU PINK** - Filly by American Devil from Belrose on debut. Can give a bold sight.

Summary: A moderate maiden that can go the way of MONSIEURVALCHOP (2) following a good 0.5L third in a Class Three conditions race at Aix-les-Bains. Top chance. NOCE D'OR (3) disappointed in a Class Two at Chantilly latest but would hold strong claims on the form of Longchamp maiden second prior. Newcomer SEE YOU PINK (9) is worth noting while WALDROSE (8) is also considered.

Selections

MONSIEURVALCHOP (2) - NOCE D'OR (3) - SEE YOU PINK (9) - WALDROSE (8)

Race 2 - PRIX DU CLUB MEDITERRANEE (PRIX GENERAL LASALLE) - 3800m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **FOU DU ROI** - Missed the frame two runs ago in a steeplechase at Aix-Les-Bains. Atoned for that run last time when he filled a minor placing in a hurdle at Aix-Les-Bains over 3800m. Will prove hard to beat on that form.
2. **MICMAC** - Was returning from a 219-day layoff last start when beaten 6 lengths into fifth at Aix-Les-Bains in a 3800m hurdle. Fitter and expected to go close this time.
3. **DYNAMIX D'AUMONT** - Finished a modest seventh in a hurdle over 3550m at Chateaubriant last start. That came after he failed to complete the course two runs ago. Must be given another chance.
4. **JACKPOT** - Made a solid jumps debut when finished midfield over 3800m at this track, beaten 5 lengths in fifth place. Should be improved and rates an each way hope.
5. **IAGO LOUVO** - Well held on debut over 3800m at this track in soft going at big odds. Looks tested with further improvement.
6. **RAS EL HANOUT** - Czech winner two starts back but failed when well beaten at this venue.
7. **NIGHT AWAY** - Returns from a break. Maiden campaign produced mixed results, the latest finishing fourth at Cagnes-Sur-Mer. Bold showing expected fresh.

Summary: MICMAC (2) should strip fitter for a fair fifth in a handicap hurdle at Aix-les-Bains on reappearance. Major claims on the figures. FOU DU ROI (1) finished third in that event and should be on the premises if replicating. NIGHT AWAY (7) was fourth behind a pair of subsequent winners in a Class Four hurdle at Cagnes-sur-Mer in December. Note after a break. JACKPOT (4) could improve on a fair debut effort at this venue.

Selections

MICMAC (2) - FOU DU ROI (1) - NIGHT AWAY (7) - JACKPOT (4)

Race 3 - PRIX LIONS CLUB VITTEL PAYS THERMAL - 1600m HCP. Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **MAJAL** - Fair effort last start, beaten 2.5 lengths into second over 1600m at this track. One of the chances.
2. **ANNO** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when fifth over 1600m at this track a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 3.5 lengths. Tough to beat if near his best.
3. **MONTASIA** - Progressive filly. Got off the mark last time with a head victory over 1600m at this track. Could go on.
4. **SAN TEODORICO** - Yet to finish in the placings from six career runs. Back from a spell last start and finished fourth over 1600m at this track. Unlikely to threaten.
5. **WING GIRL** - Last appeared when she finished sixth over 1800m at Dieppe on June 17. Capable of a better run.
6. **LOUVE PRECIEUSE** - Produced a better run last time out when second over 1600m at this track, beaten a head. Among the chances.
7. **PERFECT LIAISON** - Missed the frame two back when sixth at Compiègne but turned in a better effort last time to finish in the money over 1800m at Aix-Les-Bains. Worth including.
8. **FEDE GALIZIA** - Landed in the placings for the first time last start when 2.25 lengths from the winner in third over 1600m at this track. Sound effort last time but might struggle this time.

Summary: A tight handicap to decipher. MAJAL (1) shaped nicely when runner-up in a course and distance maiden on his third career starts. Leading claims on handicap debut for a decent yard. MONTASIA (3) had some of these behind when narrowly prevailing in a track and trip handicap twenty-three days ago. Chance up 2kg. LOUVE PRECIEUSE (6) finished runner-up that day and should be firmly involved now better off at the weights. The unexposed WING GIRL (5) is worth including.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAJAL (1) - MONTASIA (3) - LOUVE PRECIEUSE (6) - WING GIRL (5)</p>

Race 4 - PRIX GENERAL CHRISTIAN D'ARBONNEAU - 4200m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **FAN D'APPLE'S** - Last three runs have been ordinary since winning at Strasbourg four back. Beaten 29 lengths when eighth in a Lyon-Parilly steeplechase last start. Would need to improve sharply to feature.
2. **GLORIA DU MORVAN** - Has been a model of consistency this time in, the latest placing in a 3600m steeplechase at Cluny. Leading hope in this and can find winning form.
3. **DANIAR** - Has hit the frame at all bar one run this campaign. Comes into this after filling second placing over 4200m in a steeplechase at this track last time. Rates well. Big chance.
4. **CUTTING KING** - Won three starts back in a steeplechase at Strasbourg but hasn't been able to recapture that form since, the latest effort a 58 length seventh in a 3800m hurdle at this track. Hard to beat.
5. **DISCO DE VAUT** - Form has dropped off last couple of runs after a win at Wissembourg three runs back. Looks a place chance only this line-up.
6. **ZUCKERPRINZ** - Yet to break through this campaign and current form is well off his top, last start when safely held in a steeplechase at this track. Struggling for best and others appear to be going better.
7. **MAKETA** - Has been soundly disposed of in all seven career runs to date. Struggling for form and looking to others.
8. **VENT DU SOIR** - Ran well below best last time when a 25 length seventh here over 4200m. Contender under these conditions.
9. **CANAILLE DE VAUT** - Ran well below expectations last time, finishing a 34 length sixth here over 4200m. Capable of a bold showing here.

Summary: DANIAR (3) finished a solid 0.75L second in a similar course and distance chase last-time-out. Notable contender once more. CUTTING KING (4) disappointed over hurdles at this venue last outing but had been running well over fences at Strasbourg prior and should bounce back. FAN D'APPLE'S (1) was well down the field in the Listed Prix Claude Gindre at Lyon-Parilly but will find this more suitable. GLORIA DU MORVAN (2) completes the shortlist.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DANIAR (3) - CUTTING KING (4) - FAN D'APPLE'S (1) - GLORIA DU MORVAN (2)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX MAGNUM LA RADIO - 1600m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **CHARNOCK RICHARD** - Not a prolific winner with just six victories from 72 starts. Last start finished third over 1700m at Divonne. Among the chances.
2. **MAGNETIQUE** - Scored three runs back but has been disappointing in two subsequent efforts, the latest when seventh over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly. Well placed to find winning form again.
3. **TURTLE CHOPE** - Struggling to break through this campaign, the latest effort a fair seventh over 2000m at Vichy. Thereabouts last time but looks safely held.
4. **ARTAX** - Has not raced since scoring over 1800m at Zweibrucken (GER) on April 24. Worth noting he won first-up last prep at Zweibrucken over 1800m. Could spring a surprise.
5. **FORZA SEDACA** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fourth over 1600m at Lignieres on July 17. Forward showing expected.
6. **METALLICA STAR** - Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a ninth over 1600m at this track, beaten 5 lengths. Prefer others.
7. **LEEROY GOLD** - Resumed from a spell last start and did well to finish second over 1600m at this track. Shaping up nicely and can play a role in the finish.
8. **BOBIK** - Has struggled to make his mark of late, the most recent effort a fifth over 1300m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago. Well placed to take this out.
9. **MUCH STYLE** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished tenth over 1400m at Clairefontaine on July 23. Better than that recent performance suggests.
10. **LUCKY YOU** - Finished just 2.5 lengths away in third last start over 1850m at Longchamp. Worth including.
11. **POLDINA** - Broke through for an overdue win last time over 1600m at this track. Back in form and whilst up in weight remains a good chance.

Summary: POLDINA (11) beat LEEROY GOLD (7) by 1L in a Class Four track and trip handicap last month. The former can go well with a 2.5kg rise fair while the latter should be competitive if running to a similar level. FORZA SEDACA (5) has been running well of late and must be respected on the back of a decent Class Three qualifying handicap fourth at Lignieres seventeen days ago. ARTAX (4) won by 10L at Zweibrucken (Germany) and is worth noting on a first French handicap start.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POLDINA (11) - LEEROY GOLD (7) - FORZA SEDACA (5) - ARTAX (4)</p>
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Race 6 - PRIX DU CASINO DE VITTEL - 2400m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €13,000.

1. **WELL DE VINDECY** - Capable galloper but has been out of the placings at her last few runs, the latest when seventh over 2800m at Compiègne. Hard to ignore the recent efforts so others preferred.
2. **WONDER HOPE** - Finished midfield last start at this track over 2100m, 2.5 lengths from the winner. Rises in journey.
3. **VISIONARY DREAMER** - Finished well back at his latest appearance when unwanted in betting over 2500m at Saint Cloud. This is easier.
4. **DORALICE** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when ninth over 2100m at this track three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 4.5 lengths. Terrific chance to return to form.
5. **RUNNING RAINDROP** - Was below her best last time when 11th over 2100m at this track, beaten 10 lengths. Needs to find a few lengths to threaten these.
6. **HE'S A ROCK STAR** - Last start scored a win over 2500m at Aix-Les-Bains. Has recorded 4 victories from 49 starts. Among the chances.
7. **ALWAYS DANCING** - Scored over 3000m at Strasbourg two back then missed the frame last time out over 2800m at Compiègne. On the shortlist.
8. **DARENIX** - Finished midfield last start at Vichy over 2000m, 5 lengths from the winner. Stretches out over further today.
9. **ERMINA** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when fifth over 2400m at Lignières two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 16 lengths.
10. **LIE HIGH** - Narrowly beaten last time when third at Le Touquet, finishing just a long neck from the winner. Likely to feature again.

Summary: HE'S A ROCK STAR (6) made all the running when scoring by a head in a 2500m Class Four handicap at Aix-les-Bains latest. Key claims. LIE HIGH (10) finished a close-up third in a Class Four handicap over 2100m at Le Touquet. Expected to be thereabouts. DORALICE (4) could be included if replicating a decent Saint-Cloud fourth two starts ago. ALWAYS DANCING (7) is another to note.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HE'S A ROCK STAR (6) - LIE HIGH (10) - DORALICE (4) - ALWAYS DANCING (7)</p>

Race 7 - GRAND PRIX DE LA VILLE DE VITTEL - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **DJANGO UNCHAINED** - Lightly raced entire who progressed nicely last start with a win by 2 lengths over 2500m at Saint Malo. Worth including.
2. **NOBODY'S** - Has chalked-up wins at his last two starts, the latest over 2100m at this track by 8 lengths. Going well and can measure up again.
3. **REBEL D'ANS** - Easily beaten at his last run before spelling and didn't fare any better when resuming over 2400m at Compiègne three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 29 lengths into ninth. Can't recommend.
4. **KADRUN** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when seventh over 2900m at Clairefontaine three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 3 lengths. Expect he will make amends.
5. **CAPABLE** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in tenth over 3000m at Vichy two weeks ago. Still early in the prep and needs another run or two.
6. **ROCCA YOU** - Beaten 7 lengths into ninth when resuming last start over 3000m at Vichy. Rates highly and expected to do much better with that run under her belt.
7. **TORNALDO** - Has been in the money at both starts this campaign, most recently when a head from the winner in second over 2100m at this track. Good chance.
8. **HALLO WIEN** - Back from a break of nine weeks. Closed the last campaign in lukewarm fashion, with a fourth over 3000m at Strasbourg the latest offering. Prefer to see how she has returned.
9. **CASTLETOWNBERE** - Produced a better run last time out when fourth over 2100m at this track, beaten 2.5 lengths. Worth including.
10. **ITALIE DE KERSE** - Has been well held since winning three starts back. Finished fourth, beaten 14 lengths, over 2400m at Lignières last time. Better placed this time and should return to form.
11. **SILVER MAGIC** - Has a poor strike and failed to improve on it last start when he finished third over 2400m at Wissembourg. Well placed this time and expected to measure up.

Summary: NOBODY'S (2) has received a sizeable hike up the weights for a recent impressive 8L course and distance success recently. Remains feasibly treated on the pick of his figures and could be up to completing the hat-trick. DJANGO UNCHAINED (1) made all the running to win a Class Three conditions affair by 2L over 2500m at Saint-Malo. Unexposed handicapping and may yet have more to offer. SILVER MAGIC (11) finished third behind Nobody's at Wissembourg. Thereabouts. TORNALDO (7) looks a solid each-way player with some good placed form over this distance.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOBODY'S (2) - DJANGO UNCHAINED (1) - SILVER MAGIC (11) - TORNALDO (7)</p>
