# **AUTEUIL** [L-H] - 03 December

## Race 1 - PRIX PETIT BOB - 3500m STPLE CL2. Purse EUR €57,000.

- 1. **WINTERISCOMING** Finished fifth two back in a hurdle over 3600m. Turned things around last time to grab second over 3600m in a steeplechase at Fontainebleau, beaten a head. Hard to fault on current form.
- 2. **KENZORIKO** Yet to find a placing in two starts to date, the latest a 27 length eighth in a steeplechase over 3500m at Meslay-du-Maine. Prepared to risk again.
- 3. **EXCELLO** Promising three-year-old who was a handy second, beaten a long neck in a hurdle over 3500m at this track last start. That followed another placing on debut. Well-placed to break through.
- 4. **KENZO DU BRIZAIS** Should be fitter after two outings. Safely held fresh but ran an improved race latest when third in a hurdle at Angers. Fitter but prefer to see again.
- 5. **VILLA RICA** Did a good job to clock-in second two back in a hurdle at this track but could only manage eighth at this track in a 3600m hurdle last time. All set to improve.
- 6. **MY KALISSY** Reliable jumper whose recent form has been just fair. Placed in a hurdle at this track two starts back then could only manage seventh at this track over 3600m. Hard to fault on her best jumps form.

**Summary**: VILLA RICA (5) disappointed in the G2 Haras d'Etreham - Prix Magalen Bryant but had finished a solid second in the G3 Prix Magne over hurdles here prior. Major chance on chasing debut for a top stable. EXCELLO (3) has gone down narrowly in both outings to date including in the Listed Prix Finot (Poulains) at this venue on debut. Notable claims now chasing. WINTERISCOMING (1) was denied a head on chasing bow at Fontainebleau twelve days ago. In the mix with that experience likely to be worth plenty. MY KALISSY (6) is also considered now chasing.

Selections

VILLA RICA (5) - EXCELLO (3) - WINTERISCOMING (1) - MY KALISSY (6)

#### Race 2 - PRIX ANDRE MICHEL - 3600m HDLE. Purse EUR €120,000.

- 1. **HOTESSE DU CHENET** Took her tally to seven from twelve over hurdles when winning the course and distance Listed Prix Bernard Secly by 10L. The one to beat.
- 2. **GOLDEN WITCH** Tailed off in the G1 Prix Serge Landon Grand Prix d'Automne over 4800m here three weeks ago. Drops in standard.
- 3. **HAUTE IDEE** Won a course and distance handicap hurdle prior to falling in the Listed Prix Fondeur chase here. Others preferred.
- 4. **ASTADAME** Impressed when a 4L winner over fences of the G3 Prix Sytaj at this venue a fortnight ago. Claims back hurdling.
- 5. **LADYVILLE** Smart five-year-old mare who arrives following a confidence boosting Class Two conditions race success over track and trip. Major chance on best efforts.
- 6. **LA DANZA** Showed up well before tiring into seventh in the G3 Prix Heros Xii chase here. Not dismissed on ratings and looks interesting dropped in trip.
- 7. **VALENTEENE** Pulled-up in the 3900m Listed Prix du Prince d'Ecouen handicap hurdle at this course 49 days ago. Look elsewhere.

**Summary**: HOTESSE DU CHENET (1) took her tally to seven from twelve over hurdles when winning the course and distance Listed Prix Bernard Secly by 10L. Could prove tough to beat. LADYVILLE (5) arrives following a confidence boosting Class Two conditions race success over track and trip. Major chance on the pick of her form. ASTADAME (4) impressed when a 4L winner over fences of the G3 Prix Sytaj at this venue a fortnight ago. Hard to ignore back hurdling. LA DANZA (6) needs including on the ratings dropped in trip.

**Selections** 

HOTESSE DU CHENET (1) - LADYVILLE (5) - ASTADAME (4) - LA DANZA (6)

#### Race 3 - PRIX NUPSALA - 4400m STPLE CL2. Purse EUR €57,000.

- 1. **IMOONA DE BELAIR** Recorded a nose win recently at this course in a 4400m steeplechase. In form and worth including again.
- 2. **IKARAK** Was only a nose from the winner when second two runs ago in a steeplechase over 3500m at this track. Fortunes turned last time when fell in a steeplechase here. Big chance to bounce back.
- 3. **ILBAO** Missed the placings at Nancy two back then did a better job to finish second at Lyon-Parilly in a steeplechase over 4100m last start. Prospects look very bright.
- 4. **IN VICTIS** Eased out of the race and pulled up in a Listed handicap hurdle at this track last time. May need more.
- 5. **IMPOSANTE D'AINAY** Managed to finish second recently at this course in a 4400m steeplechase, beaten a nose. Strong run last time and worth including.
- 6. **INGENIEUR** Has been mixing form including a fall at this track two back on September 20 then ran fourth at this track last time. Needs more time based on last effort.

**Summary**: IKARAK (2) went down narrowly in a Class Two conditions chase over 3500m here prior to falling five-out in a similar course and distance event. Selected to make amends. IMOONA DE BELAIR (1) just got the better of IMPOSANTE D'AINAY (5) in that track and trip conditions chase that the selection fell in three weeks ago. The pair look to be progressing nicely over fences and both need strong consideration in this suitable affair. ILBAO (3) is worth including.

#### **Selections**

IKARAK (2) - IMOONA DE BELAIR (1) - IMPOSANTE D'AINAY (5) - ILBAO (3)

#### Race 4 - PRIX LEON OLRY ROEDERER - 4300m HDLE. Purse EUR €155,000.

- 1. **HERMES BAIE** Top-class five-year-old who looks to get back on track following second-place finishes to Theleme in the G3 Prix Carmarthen and G1 Prix Serge Landon Grand Prix d'Automne here. Fully expected to do so in this event. Top chance.
- 2. **YEIAYEL** Decent second in the Listed Prix Gaston Despres Prix du Salon du Cheval over fences at Angers and he had looked progressive prior to a disappointing seventh in the G3 Prix Carmarthen hurdle. May remain capable of better.
- 3. **ANOUMA FREEDOM** Eleven-year-old who is almost certainly vulnerable but could pick up some minor honours following a narrow win in the Listed Prix Rmc Decouverte Prix Count Schomberg handicap hurdle here.
- 4. **HAUT LES COEURS** Things haven't gone right for him over fences on the last two outings (fell and unseated rider) and it's no shock to see him back hurdling. Tough to assess at present but he won the G3 Prix de Pepinvast by 9L in April 2021 and would hold fair claims on that form.
- 5. **HENRI LE FARCEUR** Well beaten fifth behind Hermes Baie in the G1 Prix Serge Landon Grand Prix d'Automne here three weeks ago. Remains involved for the placings.
- 6. **FOLSOM PRISON** Finished fourth behind Hermes Baie on the last two starts (21L behind him in the G1 Prix Serge Landon Grand Prix d'Automne) and could well be the one to follow him home this time.

**Summary**: This should go the way of HERMES BAIE (1) who looks to get back on track following second-place finishes to Theleme in the G3 Prix Carmarthen and G1 Prix Serge Landon - Grand Prix d'Automne here. Fully expected to get back to winning ways in this event. Top chance. Things haven't gone to plan for HAUT LES COEURS (4) over fences of late but he won the G3 Prix de Pepinvast by 9L in April 2021 and would hold fair claims on that form. FOLSOM PRISON (6) has finished fourth behind the selection on the last two outings and cannot be ignored. There could yet be more to come from YEIAYEL (2) who may place.

**Selections** 

HERMES BAIE (1) - HAUT LES COEURS (4) - FOLSOM PRISON (6) - YEIAYEL (2)

- 1. **GRAN DIOSE** Produced arguably a career best performance when winning the G2 Grand Steeple-Chase de Compiegne at Compiegne by 4.5L last outing. Major appeal.
- 2. **GAI LURON** Caused a huge shock when winning a competitive handicap chase over 4700m here last start. More required even if he was guaranteed to replicate that.
- 3. **FRANCO DE PORT** Irish-raider who wasn't disgraced when fifth in the G1 Prix La Haye Jousselin over 5500m at this venue latest. Strong claims.
- 4. **DOCTOR SQUEEZE** Finished third to Gai Luron in a competitive handicap chase over 4700m at this venue latest. Work to do at this level.
- 5. **LE LUDE** Narrow defeat in a low-grade event over hurdles recently but clearly better judged on his impressive success in the course and distance Listed Prix Richard Et Robert Hennessy prior. Leading hope with that form taking a boost since.
- 6. **MAGRUDY** Ready 2.5L winner of the Listed Prix Gaston Despres Prix du Salon du Cheval over 4600m 22 days ago at Angers. Each-way chance.
- 7. **EDDY DE BALME** Five-time winner over fences who fell early on in the G2 Grand Steeple-Chase de Compiegne at Compiegne on reappearance. Remains of interest from an each-way angle.
- 8. ROYALCLETY Finished third in a handicap chase here three weeks ago. Opposed.
- 9. **LET ME LOVE** Solid record over fences and shaped nicely when fourth in the course and distance G3 Prix Sytaj last outing. Firmly in the mix.
- 10. **ROAD MIX TAVEL** Finished 11L behind Gran Diose in the G2 Grand Steeple-Chase de Compiegne at Compiegne last-time-out. Hard to see her turning that form around.
- 11. **HELOY DELABARRIERE** 32L fourth in the Listed Prix Fondeur over track and trip last outing. Place looks best.

**Summary**: A competitive affair. GRAN DIOSE (1) produced arguably a career best performance when winning the G2 Grand Steeple-Chase de Compiegne at Compiegne by 4.5L last outing. Top chance. Irish raider FRANCO DE PORT (3) wasn't disgraced when fifth in the G1 Prix La Haye Jousselin over 5500m at this venue latest. Strong claims. LE LUDE (5) was defeated in a low-grade event over hurdles recently but is clearly better judged on his impressive success in the course and distance Listed Prix Richard Et Robert Hennessy prior. Genuine hope with that form taking a boost since. LET ME LOVE (9) has a solid record over fences and needs considering having shaped nicely when fourth in the course and distance G3 Prix Sytaj.

#### **Selections**

**GRAN DIOSE** (1) - **FRANCO DE PORT** (3) - **LE LUDE** (5) - **LET ME LOVE** (9)

- 1. **LOU FAST** Has been a shade disappointing since a hurdle win three runs back, placing at this track two starts ago then finishing 47 lengths adrift in eighth over 3600m in a steeplechase at this track last time. Consider.
- CHIEF COVE Was a little below par when she finished fifth at this track in a hurdle over 3600m last time.
  That run followed a win in a hurdle at Cholet two starts back. On her best form rates highly.
- 3. **ATHENA DU LUY** Managed to finish second at this circuit in a 3600m hurdle, beaten 11 lengths. Promising effort last time and is well-placed.
- 4. **AMY DU KIFF** Good second in a steeplechase at Fontainebleau two runs back. Improved sharply to score by a head over 3600m last time in a steeplechase at Fontainebleau. Major player.
- 5. **CHARLY DEMONMIRAIL** Was unplaced two runs ago in a hurdle at this track then could only manage fifth last time at this track in a steeplechase over 3500m. Place hope.
- 6. **JOUVANCELLE** Impressive winner of a steeplechase at Compiegne two runs ago. Below par seventh more recently in a 3450m steeplechase at Compiegne. Likely to make amends now.
- 7. **BEST PATH** Returned from a 84-day spell last start with a strong third in a hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3550m. Tougher task this time.
- 8. **GALEGO STAR** Ran well below expectations last time, finishing a 25 length eighth here over 3600m. Unlikely.
- 9. **JAVA DU LARGE** Finished fifth two runs ago in a hurdle at this track then wound up in ninth last time at this track in a hurdle over 3600m. Hard to have on recent efforts.
- 10. **MATNIGHT** Found the frame two back in a hurdle at this track then was out of the money last time over 3600m at this track, beaten 24 lengths in a hurdle. Hard to have on recent efforts.
- 11. **HILL OF BAMBOO** Finished fifth two runs ago in a hurdle at Fontainebleau. Atoned for that run last time when third in a hurdle at this track over 3600m. In the mix again.
- 12. **FRENCH EXIT** Missed the frame the start before last in a hurdle at Compiegne then could only manage sixth last time at Compiegne in a hurdle over 3400m. Not sure she is up to this.
- 13. **JEU TENTANT** Managed to finish second recently at this track in a 3600m hurdle, beaten 9 lengths. Rates highly on latest effort.

**Summary**: ATHENA DU LUY (3) won a conditions hurdle at Toulouse prior to finishing a 11L runner-up in a course and distance handicap hurdle in October. Leading claims with the winner that day having scored since. LOU FAST (1) was tailed off over fences in the G2 Prix Congress latest but would be in the mix on Class Two conditions hurdle win here three back. CHIEF COVE (2) finished behind a pair of re-opposing rivals when fifth in the track and trip Listed Prix Robert Weill. Not unfancied in the market that day and may well be capable of reversing the form with better expected. Third in that event was HILL OF BAMBOO (11) who should be on the premises if building on that run.

### **Selections**

ATHENA DU LUY (3) - LOU FAST (1) - CHIEF COVE (2) - HILL OF BAMBOO (11)

- 1. **IN LOVE** Ran well at a massive price when a 10L third in the G1 Prix Maurice Gillois Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans over course and distance. Genuine contender down in grade.
- 2. **IMPRENABLE** Disappointed (sent off a short-price favourite) when a 15L runner-up in a Class Two conditions chase at Toulouse recently. Likely capable of better but will need to find more upped to this level.
- 3. **LA MANIGANCE** Excellent narrow second in the G3 Prix Orcada prior to falling ten-out in the G1 Prix Maurice Gillois Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans here last outing. Top claims if none the worse for that mishap.
- 4. **IRUNDO** Made it two from four over fences when beating a subsequent winner by 6L in a Class Two conditions chase over track and trip. Upped in standard but progressing nicely.
- 5. **MAGIC MARVEL** Unseated rider when sent off a big price in the G1 Prix Maurice Gillois Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans 20 days ago. Place claims on prior fourth in the G3 Prix Orcada.
- 6. **HIP HOP SENAM** Held 40L fourth in the Listed Prix Triquerville over course and distance last outing. Remains early days over fences however (this just his third outing) and he could have more to offer in first-time blinkers.
- 7. **MA BEAUTE** Fair 6L third in the track and trip G3 Prix Sytaj a fortnight ago. No forlorn hope for a place if building on that.
- 8. **IKORIKO** 20L third in the Listed Prix Triquerville at this venue 29 days ago. That form has some substance with the winner following up since but this is tougher and a place may prove best.

**Summary**: LA MANIGANCE (3) went down fighting when second in the G3 Prix Orcada prior to falling ten-out in the G1 Prix Maurice Gillois - Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans here last outing. Top claims if none the worse for that mishap. IN LOVE (1) ran well at a massive price when 10L third in the G1 Prix Maurice Gillois - Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans over course and distance. Chance down in grade. IRUNDO (4) is now two from four over fences having beat a subsequent winner by 6L in a Class Two conditions chase at this track and trip. Upped in standard but progressing nicely and cannot be ignored. Each-way claims go the way of MA BEAUTE (7).

Selections

LA MANIGANCE (3) - IN LOVE (1) - IRUNDO (4) - MA BEAUTE (7)

- 1. **ECOUTE EN TETE** Was too good here last start, scoring by one length in a steeplechase over 4400m. Sure to go well again.
- 2. **PORTIVY** Returned from a 235-day spell with a solid second in a 3800m hurdle at Fontainebleau last start. Has ability and can sneak into the finish.
- 3. **HOPI DU MATHAN** Unplaced two starts ago in a hurdle at this track then produced a better result last time when sixth at Compiegne in a 3600m hurdle, beaten 6 lengths. Place hope.
- 4. **HARMONIE D'AINAY** Finished fourth when fresh from a 188-day spell last start in a 3500m steeplechase at this track. Fitter and expected to go close this time.
- 5. **GINJA DES TAILLONS** Has mixed his form so far this campaign. Fair fifth in a G3 steeplechase over 4400m at this track. Coming back in journey. Has ability.
- 6. **CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY** Filled a minor prize two runs ago in a steeplechase at Fontainebleau. Repeated the dose more recently when third in a steeplechase at Meslay-du-Maine over 4200m. Looks to have the job ahead.
- 7. **ZUREKIN** Unplaced first-up two starts back in a steeplechase here. Improved and found the frame last time at Dieppe in a steeplechase over 4400m. Ideally placed to return to winning form.
- 8. **ESPOIR ROYAL** Two runs back finished eighth over 4700m at this track. Hopes of a rebound were dashed when he fell more recently in a steeplechase at this track. Big task ahead.
- 9. **HURRICK DES OBEAUX** Two runs this prep have been moderate. Opened with an unplaced effort in a hurdle at this track then clocked-in fourth last start in a 3600m hurdle at Compiegne. This looks too tough.
- 10. **GREAT DU LARGE** Returns from a 188-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh. Last seen winning a cross-country chase at a country track.
- 11. **GENESIS AS** Yet to strike a blow in two runs this preparation. Resumed with a fifth in a hurdle at Angers then was 11 lengths off the winner in a 4400m steeplechase at Fontainebleau 12 days ago. Hard to have on recent efforts.
- 12. **HEXTRAWEL DU PORTO** Found the frame two back in a steeplechase at this track then unplaced last time over 4400m at Fontainebleau, beaten 11 lengths in a steeplechase. Hard to have on recent efforts.
- 13. **PINACLOUDDOWN** Finished runner-up to Ecoute En Tete three starts ago and looks a live each-way contender.

**Summary**: ECOUTE EN TETE (1) is selected to complete a hat-trick following back-to-back handicap chase wins here. Top chance in current form with a 5kg rise potentially workable. HARMONIE D'AINAY (4) produced a sound effort when fourth in a Class Two course and distance conditions chase. Notable claims now handicapping. PINACLOUDDOWN (13) finished runner-up to Ecoute En Tete three starts ago and looks a live each-way contender. ZUREKIN (7) could be in the mix following a good second in the Listed Prix President Michel Bodiguel Grand Steeple-Chase over 4400m at Dieppe.

# **Selections**

ECOUTE EN TETE (1) - HARMONIE D'AINAY (4) - PINACLOUDDOWN (13) - ZUREKIN (7)