

## CLAIREFONTAINE [R-H] - 04 July

**Race 1 - PRIX HOMMAGE A DAVID POWEL (PRIX DES OEILLETES) - 3400m HDLE CL2.** Purse EUR €34,000.

1. **MAMIX'S PASSION** - Very talented three-year-old who arrives here off an easy 18L win in a hurdle over 3500m at Auteuil making it two wins from as many starts. Can win again without surprising.
2. **TOMORROWLAND** - Disappointing when fifth last start in a hurdle at Auteuil after placing at Strasbourg. Better than last run and can atone.
3. **EL PEDRO** - Scored his maiden jumps success at second attempt by 4L at Le Lion-d'Angers on May 18. Has ability and looks one of the chances.
4. **JIBRIL DES MOTTES** - Solid improvement from debut before opening winning account last time scoring over 3400m at La Teste De Buch. Further improved and can find the frame.
5. **MOTS D'ENFANT** - Finished midfield on debut at Auteuil in seventh. Will be better for the run but place hope only this line-up.
6. **JEU DE CARTE** - Jump debut. Off the mark two back at Strasbourg but failed to back it up last time at Vichy. Market watch.
7. **AVIS DE MISTRAL** - Gelding by Storm The Stars out of Pleasant Afternoon. Tough assignment at first outing and tempted to favour others.
8. **FOLI SIFFAI** - Has been working up to a maiden win the latest when third at Jallais. Looks tested without big improvement.

**Summary:** JIBRIL DES MOTTES (4) is taken to complete a double following a 2L victory over 3400m at La Teste. EL PEDRO (3) rates a threat on the back of a 4L triumph in a 3700m hurdle at Le Lion-d'Angers. MAMIX'S PASSION (1) arrives unbeaten in two starts tackling claiming hurdles including when winning by 18L attempting 3500m at Auteuil. Shortlist debuting for a new trainer. TOMORROWLAND (2) holds claims following a 15L fifth in the 3500m Listed Prix Stanley at Auteuil.

### Selections

**JIBRIL DES MOTTES (4) - EL PEDRO (3) - MAMIX'S PASSION (1) - TOMORROWLAND (2)**

**Race 2 - PRIX MEDEF CALVADOS (PRIX ASTROLABE) - 3400m HDLE CL2.** Purse EUR €34,000.

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1. **LOVE TODAY** - Won two back in a Vichy hurdle but was well held last start when sixth in a hurdle at Compiègne.
2. **ALCYONE ROUGE** - Well held at Auteuil Midi two back but improved last start with a win at Dieppe. Much better effort and can be in the finish.
3. **JONQUE BLEUE** - Missed the frame two starts back at Chateaubriant. Did a better job last time when she won a hurdle at Auteuil over 3500m. Good show again.
4. **SHOOTING STAR LUZ** - Narrowly beaten when third on debut in a hurdle at Chateaubriant last start. Further improved and is not to be underestimated.
5. **LARGE SOIF** - Progressed nicely last start when she managed second in a hurdle at Les Sables-d'Olonne. That followed an unplaced effort on debut at Niort. Leading stable. A big run is on the cards.
6. **LENALOV** - First try over the jumps was an eye catching run finishing third at this track. Open to improvement and expected to feature again.
7. **IAM LOVE THE BLUE** - Filly by Sri Putra out of Nathalie Royale. Doesn't profile as the likely winner.
8. **MOON DAWN** - Second career start today. Placed third beaten 16L in a Dieppe newcomers race on debut. Expected to challenge for a good yard.

**Summary:** SHOOTING STAR LUZ (4) performed well when 1.75L third in a 3550m newcomers hurdle at Chateaubriant. Selected to break her maiden at the second attempt. MOON DAWN (8) placed third beaten 16L over 3200m in a Dieppe newcomers race on debut. Expected to challenge for a good yard. ALCYONE ROUGE (2) won by a head a 3400m hurdle at Dieppe. Shortlist. Representing a top yard LARGE SOIF (5) holds claims following a 2L second in a 3450m hurdle at Les Sables-d'Olonne.

<p><b>Selections</b></p>
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<p><b>SHOOTING STAR LUZ (4) - MOON DAWN (8) - ALCYONE ROUGE (2) - LARGE SOIF (5)</b></p>
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**Race 3 - PRIX VIVALDI-JUMPING (PRIX DE PENNEDEPIE) - 3600m HDLE CL2.** Purse EUR €34,000.

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1. **FEU FOLLET** - Class runner. Had a winning run broken last time out when ninth in an G1 Auteuil steeplechase. Top stable. Chance to return to winning form.
2. **DIABLE D'AUTEUIL** - Second two runs back in a hurdle at Auteuil. Repeated the dose more recently when third in a hurdle at Nantes beaten 7L. Better suited here.
3. **RISK DU BRIZAIS** - Had a streak of wins broken last time out when fourth in a Nantes steeplechase. Looks a leading contender and bold showing expected.
4. **ELVIS DE BALME** - Racing second up. Second in a Dax hurdle over 3800m and will strip much fitter for the run. Rates well and expect him to be prominent.
5. **DSCHINGIS FIRST** - Won on the flat at Baden Baden before finishing fourth at Compiègne at his first try over the obstacles. Looking to others this time. Might progress but tough ask.
6. **JOHN LOCKE** - Resumes today for a new stable. First run in France. Has ability. Expect a bold showing.
7. **CANDIDE** - Resumed after a 702-day spell last start with a modest sixth in a hurdle at this track. Before that first-up run he made the move to the H Lageneste & G Macaire stable. Boasts strong second-up stats.
8. **TERRE ETOILEE** - Well beaten when running eighth last start in a steeplechase at Cagnes-Sur-Mer after placing over 3800 at second two starts back.

**Summary:** Classy chaser FEU FOLLET (1) returns to hurdles following a ninth in the 6000m G1 Grand Steeplechase de Paris at Auteuil. Selected to deliver eighth hurdle win. Stablemate CANDIDE (7) came home 9L sixth in a 3600m hurdle here. Expected to challenge second up. ELVIS DE BALME (4) finished 2.5L second in a 3800m hurdle at Dax. Looks set to produce a big effort. RISK DU BRIZAIS (3) is another with claims having managed 11L fourth in a 4300m chase at Nantes.

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<b>FEU FOLLET (1) - CANDIDE (7) - ELVIS DE BALME (4) - RISK DU BRIZAIS (3)</b>
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**Race 4 - PRIX BOUTIQUE KEVIN STAUT (PRIX DU CASINO) - 3700m STPLE CL2.** Purse EUR €35,000.

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1. **PAINT PRINCE** - Has been well held the last few runs the latest when a 7L fourth over 3600m in a hurdle at Auteuil. Rates well on best so is not to be underestimated.

2. **ISLAND EMERY** - Resumes today for a new stable. Has ability. Likely to run well.

3. **MARECHAL DESJY** - Finished second two back in a steeplechase at Strasbourg then fourth at Craon beaten 17L. Hard to fault on his best jumps form.

4. **FRIDAY THIRTEEN** - Returned from a 95-day spell last start and fell in a steeplechase at this track. Has some outside claims.

5. **HALTHIA DES OBEAUX** - Two starts back contested a steeplechase over 3700m at this track last start but could only manage fourth beaten 12 L. Big task ahead.

6. **ISAGIRL** - Pulled up in a steeplechase at Craon. That followed first-up in a hurdle over 3700m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Can bounce back to the winner's stall.

7. **ANGIE** - Returns from a spell and is close to her maiden jumps win. Closed the last campaign and made jumps debut with a minor placing in a 3400m steeplechase at Nimes. Leading stable.

**Summary:** ISAGIRL (6) pulled up after a bad mistake late attempting a 3700m chase at Craon. Taken to make amends. ANGIE (7) managed 2.5L second in a 3400m chase at Nimes. Looks capable of challenging for the win. ISLAND EMERY (2) finished 9.5L fourth in the Listed Prix Antoine de Palaminy over 3900m at Pau. Warrants consideration debuting for a new trainer. FRIDAY THIRTEEN (4) is another with claims despite falling in a 3700m chase at this venue.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISAGIRL (6) - ANGIE (7) - ISLAND EMERY (2) - FRIDAY THIRTEEN (4)</b></p>
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**Race 5 - PRIX VIVALDI-TRADING (PRIX BELLE ISLE) - 3600m CLM HDLE.** Purse EUR €17,000.

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1. **GRAIN DE BONHEUR** - Tends to mix his form the latest finishing seventh at Auteuil. Hard to follow but best figures sound and worth including here.
2. **HELSINKI NOLIMIT** - Handy record over the jumps but was well below best last time when eighth at Compiègne in a hurdle. Chance to atone.
3. **SPES ENERGICALL** - Well beaten in a Southwell hurdle last time when fourth. Respect UK trainer bring horse to a race at this level.
4. **HAUT DE FORME** - Have to take on trust and little form on offer.
5. **HORCALIN** - Well beaten when fifth at Landivisiau after placing over 3700 at second two starts back. Include at this level.
6. **AMIRAL DONNA** - Returned from a spell in a hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil but failed to finish. Needs to bounce back but place is preferred.
7. **MUSICA'S DEVIL** - Was first up from a 237 day layoff eased out of the race in a hurdle at this track. Need to wait.
8. **ZARISK** - Resumed in an Auteuil hurdle but eased out of it. Little form on offer.
9. **NEW BRESIL** - Cut last campaign short after three below average performances. Not overly keen on his chances in this.
10. **PANDORO** - Was well held two back at Auteuil before improving to finish second at the same track last time. Worth thought with further improvement on last run.
11. **ISA** - Was at long odds last time at Compiègne but failed to finish the race. First up here. Wait.

**Summary:** HORCALIN (5) came home 14L fifth in a 4200m chase at Landivisiau. Looks capable of delivering a victory switching to a claimer revisiting hurdles. PANDORO (10) delivered a 4L second when runner-up in a 3600m claiming hurdle at Auteuil. Shortlist. GRAIN DE BONHEUR (1) is considered on the back of a 10L seventh in the Listed Prix Hardatit handicap hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil. SPES ENERGICALL (3) was beaten 25L fourth in a 3184m handicap hurdle at Southwell (UK). Consider on return to France.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HORCALIN (5) - PANDORO (10) - GRAIN DE BONHEUR (1) - SPES ENERGICALL (3)</b></p>
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**Race 6 - PRIX VIVALDI-ACADEMY (PRIX DES FORSYTHIAS) - 3400m HCP HDLE.** Purse EUR €34,000.

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1. **MONT D'ID** - Won two of five career runs to date but rarely far away the latest a 2.5L second at Dieppe. Latest figure sound and worth including here if repeats the run.
2. **MON AMI WELL** - Took a tumble last start at Auteuil on June 11 after finishing sixth at Auteuil the start prior. Others are preferred.
3. **DAME EBOSHI** - Improved on her fifth in a flat race at Saint Brieuc two runs back when a 22 length fourth last start in a steeplechase over 3500m at Dieppe. Not sure she is up to this.
4. **ORANGE DIAMOND** - Scored two back in a hurdle at Vichy then didn't fire when sixth in a hurdle at Auteuil beaten 22L. In the mix if he can find the form from two runs back.
5. **ISPANO STAR** - Scored at win in a 3850m steeplechase two starts back before a disappointing seventh last start in a steeplechase at Auteuil. Better than last run and can atone.
6. **ROCK AND ROLL** - Did a reasonable job when he finished third in a hurdle at Auteuil two runs back. Improved sharply to score by 0.5L in a hurdle at Auteuil. In form and will take some stopping.
7. **AIGLE** - Struggled to find form last time in and wasn't much better resuming last start. Fitter but looks outclassed.
8. **GONAMIRA** - Second in a hurdle at Auteuil and looks to be working up to a win. This is tougher but commands respect.
9. **RAFFLES SPEED** - Was well held two back at Dieppe before improving to finish win at the same track last time. Heading in the right direction and can be in the finish.
10. **PLANETARIUM** - Was 4L second two runs ago in a hurdle at Auteuil before falling last start. Must be given another chance.
11. **BE A NICE GIRL** - Was unplaced two back in a hurdle over 3600m. Bounced back last time for third over at Chateaubriant beaten 10L.

**Summary:** MONT D'ID (1) is selected to go one better than when 2.5L second in a 3400m hurdle at Dieppe. The third home that day has won since. ISPANO STAR (5) finds an opportunity to deliver a winning effort over hurdles having been beaten 23L seventh in a 3500m chase at Auteuil. RAFFLES SPEED (9) debuts for a new yard. May complete a double on the back of a 2.5L win in a 3400m claiming hurdle at Dieppe. ROCK AND ROLL (6) won by 0.5L a 3600m handicap hurdle at Auteuil. Shortlist.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>MONT D'ID (1) - ISPANO STAR (5) - RAFFLES SPEED (9) - ROCK AND ROLL (6)</b>
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**Race 7 - PRIX ECURIE VIVALDI-CHANTILLY (PRIX RIDEO) - 3900m HCP STPLE.** Purse EUR €55,000.

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1. **ENDLESS RISK** - Fell at Dieppe on June 17. Won country track prior to that. Harder here.
2. **HADDEXA DES OBEAUX** - Hurdle fifth at Les Sables-d'Olonne last time More needed.
3. **BUEN STAR** - Talented jumper seeking three in a row. Added to the tally last start with an effortless victory over 4500m at Jallais. Chance.
4. **HELLO GREY** - Lightly raced five-year-old mare who recorded a dominant win at Nimes to break maiden status prior to a spell. Resumes after three months break. Has ability and looks an each way danger.
5. **LE ZINO** - Claimed a long overdue win last time in a steeplechase at Strasbourg, scoring by 0.5L. Back in form but needs to go on with it.
6. **SORAL DE KERZEL** - Is facing a winning drought of more than a year last time out finishing seventh and beaten 33 lengths in a hurdle at Senonnes-Pouance. Has ability but prepared to risk this time.
7. **DUO D'ENFER** - Below par in two runs since a win three back the latest finishing seventh at Auteuil. Racing below best and would need to improve sharply.
8. **BENI GODS** - Finished sixth two runs ago in a steeplechase at Auteuil. Atoned for that run last time when he filled a minor placing in a steeplechase at Auteuil over 3700m. Must be a chance again.
9. **FEALE BAIE** - Resumed after a 628-day spell last start with a strong win in a steeplechase at Durtal over 4000m. Big chance oto go two-for-two this prep.
10. **DJIN DE LA ROQUE** - Is facing a winning drought of more than three years last time out finishing fifth and beaten 26L in a steeplechase at Compiegne. Has ability but needs to do more.

**Summary:** BUEN STAR (3) won by an easy 12L a 4500m chase at Jallais. Taken to register third consecutive victory. LE ZINO (5) performed well winning by 0.5L a 4200m handicap chase at Strasbourg. Rates a big danger against this field. FEALE BAIE (9) returned from an absence to win by 2.5L a 4000m chase at Durtal. Shortlist. HELLO GREY (4) warrants consideration on the back of a 4L triumph in a 3800m chase at Nimes.

<b>Selections</b>
<b>BUEN STAR (3) - LE ZINO (5) - FEALE BAIE (9) - HELLO GREY (4)</b>

**Race 8 - PRIX ECURIE VIVALDI (PRIX LEOPOLD D'ORSETTI) - 3900m HCP STPLE.** Purse EUR €95,000.

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1. **FILUP** - Was out of the placings in a steeplechase last time when fourth over 3700m in soft going at Auteuil but scored two back in similar race. Each way claims on the win two starts ago.
2. **FOLLOW ME SOLDIER** - Below par in two runs since a win three back the latest finishing sixth over 4100m at Compiègne. Having trouble finding best and needs to do more.
3. **POLINUIT** - Has not raced since he pulled up at Pau in January. A bold showing is anticipated first-up.
4. **CHOUAN** - Far from disgraced when third at Dax last start after finishing second two runs back. Looks a key chance on best and expected to go close.
5. **ANZORIE** - Impressive winner last time out over 3900m at Dieppe scoring by 4L. In form and can feature again with the right run.
6. **SAN PETRONE CORSO** - Impressive winner last time out at Les Sables-d'Olonne by 12L. Expected to run well again if performs up to last start.
7. **BRIC** - Won a 3800m hurdle two starts back before a disappointing sixth last start in a steeplechase at this track. Chance if at his best.
8. **MAGISTADOR** - Has shown minimal form in recent runs the latest over 4300m in a steeplechase at Nantes. Hard to have on current form.
9. **BERYL BAIE** - Tackled a steeplechase last time over 3700m at Auteuil but lost the rider. Can bounce back but looks safely held.
10. **PRAGELOR** - Wasn't fancied but returned from a 232-day spell on June 4 with a sound third in a steeplechase at Auteuil over 3700m beaten 4L. Can go well.
11. **POULORIUS** - Unplaced two back at Auteuil. Last start second at Auteuil over 3700m beaten 2L. Include.
12. **DERBY DETE** - Second up. Second in a this track first up in soft going. Will strip much fitter for the run. Capable of playing a role in the finish.
13. **MOTU FAREONE** - Won three of nine career runs to date but rarely far away the latest a 9L third at Dieppe. Strong winning chance again today.
14. **KAP OCEAN** - Finished off last campaign with a well-held seventh at Pau. Resumes and might need the right run. Preferring others this time.

**Summary:** Trainer Daniela Mele looks to hold a strong hand and her PRAGELOR (10) is taken to deliver a victory following a 0.75L third in a 3700m handicap chase at Auteuil. SAN PETRONE CORSO (6) rates a danger on the back of an impressive 12L triumph in a 4200m hurdle at Les Sables-d'Olonne. Runner-up in the previously mentioned Auteuil race was POULORIUS (11). Expected to challenge for the win. Top weight FILUP (1) warrants consideration having finished 8.25L fourth in that Auteuil event. FILUP (1) has each way claims.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAGELOR (10) - SAN PETRONE CORSO (6) - POULORIUS (11) - FILUP (1)</b></p>
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