

# FRIDAY, 04/08/23

## R5 CLAIREFONTAINE [R-H]

**C1 - PX IDAC INTERP.(PX H. D.MONTESQUIEU - LONGINES FEG. W.CHAMP. FOR GR) - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Handicap Claiming - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16.000**

- 1. WASACHOP** - Honest campaigner who regularly gets in on the action. Dangerous to dismiss back in the category of his last success
- 2. TOUR D'ECHELLE** - Has blotted her copybook recently with a pair of moderate outings but looks well placed here back in a handicap off her current mark. Redemption awaits
- 3. ALMANARAH** - Consistent for the most part so should not be condemned for her last-start failure. Capable of better
- 4. YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK** - Unreliable but seldom far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is not easily ruled out either
- 5. DOWNEVA** - Has been inconsistent of late although has shown sufficient means to play a leading role here, despite cutting back in distance
- 6. BANKSY** - Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge, so can be ruled out. Others preferred
- 7. JASMINA** - Maintaining a fair level of consistency but has no more of a place chance in this grade/company. Must raise her game

**Summary** : TOUR D'ECHELLE (2) was disappointing last time in a claiming race but is well placed here and has a great opportunity to make amends in this opening event handicap, having already proven herself off at this value. DOWNEVA (5) lines up here in good shape and is likely to pose a threat, ahead of ALMANARAH (3) and WASACHOP (1) who are also capable of getting into the picture.

### SELECTIONS

**TOUR D'ECHELLE (2) - DOWNEVA (5) - ALMANARAH (3) - WASACHOP (1)**

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**C2 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE SAINT-GATIEN-DES-BOIS (PRIX DU HAUT BOIS) - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 20.000**

**1. DIZZLE DAZZLE** - Has shown signs of improvement recently but will need to raise her game a level to play a role here

**2. RANEVSKAYA** - It was not unworthy during its first two outings and seems capable of getting on the podium.

**3. MISS DABIRSIM** - Open to improvement having finished 6th on debut. Would've gained plenty from that experience and should have more to offer

**4. SHAMARKAND** - Well-bred Harzand colt representing formidable connections (His Highness Aga Khan). Francis-Henri Graffard trains, Mickaël Barzalona rides

**5. BLOOMEREC** - Well-related Recorder colt whose sister Tertuliane Bloom has revealed above-average ability. Maxime Guyon aboard

**6. CONTENTIOUS SOUL** - Tony Piccone rides this gelded son of City Light on debut for trainer Paul De Chevign. Best watched for now

**7. YELLOW BRICK ROAD** - Galiway newcomer whose connections have appealed to jockey Christophe Soumillon to partner this colt. Keep safe

**8. REVALITE** - Newcomer to note with Cristian Demuro engaged to ride this Ludovic Gadbin-trained Toronado filly. Beware

**Summary** : A hard race to assess but it could pay to take a chance on newcomer SHAMARKAND (4), who is out of the well-performed Group III winner Shamkala. Well-related BLOOMEREC (5), a brother to the useful Tertuliane Bloom, and the experienced RANEVSKAYA (2), who improved last time, are likely to challenge. YELLOW BRICK ROAD (7), with Christophe Soumillon a noteworthy jockey engagement, is another to keep an eye on.

## SELECTIONS

**SHAMARKAND (4) - BLOOMEREC (5) - RANEVSKAYA (2) - YELLOW BRICK ROAD (7)**

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**C3 - PX DE LA BISC.L'AB.(PX DU CL.FLEURI-LONGINES FG W.CHAMP.  
FOR LADY R.) - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Handicap - Class 4 - Flat - EUR  
€ 18.000**

**1. BONNIE HOPPS** - Bounced back to form last time when finishing 2nd, which proved she is capable of winning a race like this. On the shortlist

**2. LIFE'S A BREEZE** - Was an authoritative last-start winner at La Touquet and a 2kg penalty is unlikely to prevent another bold showing

**3. ISABELA** - Inconsistent mare but her rider, Diana Lopez Leret, is very skilled so an improved effort may be on the cards. Beware

**4. RIVERWING** - Erratic mare who is hard to catch right but remains capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. All or nothing

**5. STAR DRACK** - Undeniably capable but has lost his form, which has resulted in his reduced value/weight situation. Can do better

**6. MAKENO** - Unreliable though seldom far off the mark on a going day. Out of sorts at present and hard to trust but is also hard to rule out

**7. PRINCE LOS** - Has gone off the boil recently with three successive modest showings so needs reaffirm. Best watched for now

**8. JONH FOR ALWAYS** - Continues to blow hot and cold, popping up on occasion but often makes no impression. Who knows what to expect

**9. MEHANYDREAM** - Has shown signs of improvement in his last two starts so could get a look in if confirming his progress here. Dark horse

**Summary :** BONNIE HOPPS (1) fell just short of success last time and she needs only to confirm that improvement to fight for victory once more. LIFE'S A BREEZE (2) won with force at Le Touquet in her most recent outing and ought to remain competitive despite a 2kg penalty for that win. ISABELA (3) and STAR DRACK (5) are inconsistent but are not incapable of having a say too.

## SELECTIONS

**BONNIE HOPPS (1) - LIFE'S A BREEZE (2) - ISABELA (3) - STAR DRACK (5)**

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**C4 - PX DU GD ORDRE DU TROU ND,DES CALVADOS,CIDRES,& POMMEAUX(PX DU TREFLE) - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 19.000**

- 1. GEMICI** - Inconsistent but has sufficient means to be competitive in this category. Booking of Mickaël Barzalona must be noted
- 2. RULE OF THUMB** - Has not gone unnoticed in his UK appearances so must be respected here in his first start on French soil. Beware
- 3. KHANWEILER** - Finished an improved 3rd last time in his first start at this level. Will have a role to play if confirming
- 4. TASHKER** - Disappointing last start but is better than that outing at a higher level suggests. Has legitimate claims dropped into this grade
- 5. LODOVICO** - Consistent for the most part and, given his sound form references, ought to play a leading role here in his first start at this level
- 6. DEIRA** - Improved, despite a tough run in the race, to finish 6th in a competitive field last time and can confirm that progress by fighting for victory
- 7. KING MOLLENKOTT** - Proven rather unreliable but is seldom far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but not ruled out
- 8. ETOILE DE BRAM** - Finished unplaced and was well beaten on debut. Would've gained from that experience but is best to watch for now
- 9. MIGNONNE DES PINS** - Has looked rather ordinary to this point so her chances appear limited even at this level. Overlook
- 10. PITRIZZA** - Made no impression in either outing and is unlikely to trouble the judge here on that evidence. Ignore
- 11. GAVILLA** - Has struggled to find form or spark any improvement so is another unlikely to trouble the judge here
- 12. PAQUES TOT** - Has shown improvement in recent outings and is quite capable of staking a claim in a race like this. Dark horse

**Summary** : DEIRA (6) endured an unfavourable run last time but still managed to finish a creditable 5th in a what looked a good field at Compiègne, so she ought to fight for victory with further improvement more than likely. LODOVICO (5), however, could challenge her given his form references and superior experience. GEMICI (1), after a comeback win in Germany, will also play a leading role with improved fitness on his side, with the shortlist completed by KHANWEILER (3) and TASHKER (4).

## SELECTIONS

**DEIRA (6) - LODOVICO (5) - GEMICI (1) - KHANWEILER (3)**

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**C5 - PRIX DE LA CONFRERIE DE LA TERRINE DU PRE-BOCAGE (PRIX DES POIRIERS) - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 22.000**

**1. UNCATCHABLE** - Was 4th on debut but a little disappointing when only finishing 5th last time. Needs to improve to get a look in

**2. KAID GALESTE** - Improved to finish 2nd last time after a pleasing debut 5th and will be competitive if able to confirm that progress

**3. DANSE S Y** - Finished 4th on debut but only managed 5th last time, so needs to raise his game to play a role here

**4. KAHRAMAN** - Has the experience and form references to warrant consideration, but has no more than a place chance

**5. VERT GALAND** - Made a good debut at this track and that experience will stand him in good stead here. Will be a factor

**6. EL PRO** - Has been consistent to this point and, given that form and superior experience, will fight for victory

**7. KELLER DODVILLE** - Excellent 2nd on debut at this track and is likely to go one better with any improvement. One to beat

**8. LOVEATFIRSTSIGHT** - Showed little to get excited about when well beaten on debut so is hard to make a case for. Watch for now

**9. WURFGEIST** - Has finished 5th in both outings, not beaten far. Open to improvement given that experience so could have a say

**10. ON A SOUFFERT** - Likely improver after a pleasing introduction (5th) for a stable in good form. Warrants utmost respect

**11. LIGHTNING BOLT** - Open to improvement after finishing a modest 7th on debut but others make more appeal. For another day

**12. MOON DASH** - Caught the eye on debut when finishing 4th and would've made progress since. Will have a role to play

**13. SIR WESTMINSTER** - Runner-up on debut but was found wanting last time (9th) when failing to confirm earlier promise. Can be ruled out here

**Summary :** On the form of their meeting in the Prix Matahawk at this track last month, KELLER DODVILLE (7) finished a clear 2nd and had VERT GALAND (5), MOON DASH (12) and ON A SOUFFERT (10) well behind him. He should his superiority with a likely threat to come from EL PRO (6). Of the remainder, KAID GALESTE (2) makes most appeal.

## SELECTIONS

**KELLER DODVILLE (7) - EL PRO (6) - VERT GALAND (5) - MOON DASH (12)**

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## C6 - PRIX DE LA CONFRERIE DES CHEVALIERS DU PONT-L'EVEQUE(PX DES POMMIERS) - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. **AMNERIS** - Ready to break through now and open her account after several near misses. Will have her supporters
2. **NORMFLUCHTIGE** - Likely to have made progress after an introductory outing and benefits from her rider's allowance. Watch
3. **KEEP AHEAD CLERMON** - Open to improvement after finishing 5th on debut, from which she would have gained a lot. Keep an eye
4. **GALISIA** - Finished a well-beaten 8th on debut and, while likely to improve, is best watched for now. Outsider
5. **DESPONA** - Made big improvement last time, finishing 2nd after a debut 8th. Must confirm that progress to have a say
6. **RECOLETA** - Has looked rather ordinary to this point so her chances are limited even at this level. Others preferred
7. **ISIS D'INOR** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and will benefit from her rider's 1,5kg allowance. Has a place chance
8. **TIYMARA** - Has looked rather ordinary to this point so her chances are limited even at this level. Others preferred
9. **BELLBIRD** - Made no impression on debut but is likely to have come on appreciably since that outing. Must not be underestimated
10. **FLORA QUEEN** - Finished a surprising 3rd in the reference race here and could have a role to play if confirming that form
11. **SIREN** - has both the form and experience to be competitive, so should have a role to play. Not taken lightly
12. **ALTESSEROYALETAVEL** - Non partante
13. **PARTNUN** - Finished an encouraging 2nd on debut at this venue so with any improvement should fight for victory
14. **SAANEN** - Has looked rather ordinary to this point so her chances are limited even at this level. Others preferred

**Summary** : AMNERIS (1) enjoyed a good first half of the year and should open her account sooner rather than later, but to do so here, she will have to get the better of PARTNUN (13), runner-up 2nd in the reference race, and SIREN (11) who has the benefit of a little more experience. BELLBIRD (9) is a student of André Fabre and is likely to improve after a discreet introduction. ISIS D'INOR (7), NORMFLUCHTIGE (2) and FLORA QUEEN (10) complete the shortlist.

**SELECTIONS**

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**AMNERIS (1) - PARTNUN (13) - SIREN (11) - BELLBIRD (9)**

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## C7 - PRIX DE LA FROMAGERIE GRAINDORGE (PRIX DE JERSEY) - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 25.000

- 1. MOLLY WEASLEY** - Consistent for the most part, boasting solid form references and the benefits from her rider's 2,5kg allowance. Keep safe
- 2. ESPERANCE** - Opened her account with a last-start win and is now trying her luck in a handicap. Not taken lightly
- 3. BY EXETER** - Showed signs of improvement last time and could get a look in here if confirming that form. Place chance
- 4. NATHIM** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so her chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
- 5. LEWIS CHOP** - Unreliable sort but is not incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Place chance
- 6. ROCH** - Out of sorts but has dropped to a career-low rating, so ought to fare better off this mark. Not one to be taken lightly
- 7. ZILRAK** - Consistent sort with sound form references and the experience needed to fight for victory here. Could belatedly open his account
- 8. GOLDYWAY DE SAON** - Has proven he remains competitive off this mark in both starts after winning three runs back. Leading claims
- 9. LA BLUE QUARTZ** - Has struggled to this point and is unlikely to trouble the judge, so can be ruled out. Others preferred
- 10. LHOMMAIZE** - Performed well behind principal contenders ZILRAK (7) and GOLDYWAY DE SAON (8) last time and will be a factor here if confirming that form
- 11. CRACKLIN'ROSIE** - Has shown enough to warrant consideration here but will need to reproduce her best form to feature
- 12. PALANZANO** - Has nothing noteworthy to his name to warrant consideration here and can be ruled out. Overlook
- 13. PEARL DOCTOR** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

**Summary :** ZILRAK (7) has been irreproachable in recent weeks and is taken to gain a deserved maiden success. To do that, though, he will have to thwart the likely challenge of both GOLDYWAY DE SAON (8), who has been successful in this category, and LHOMMAIZE (10) after an encouraging start to handicaps. ROCH (6) has seen his weight situation improve so should fare better. MOLLY WEASLEY (1) and ESPERANCE (2) complete our choice.

### SELECTIONS

**ZILRAK (7) - GOLDYWAY DE SAON (8) - LHOMMAIZE (10) - ROCH (6)**



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## C8 - PRIX DE LA CONFRERIE DES CHEVALIERS DU LIVAROT (PRIX DES BOCAGES) - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. ANECDOTIC** - Very consistent of late and was not disgraced when fourth carrying a penalty last time out. Not out of it
- 2. NIGHTDANCE MAN** - Last win was on the PSF but did run well when runner-up last time out on the turf and has a winning chance
- 3. BLACKJAC DU HOULEY** - Disappointing last run when ninth. Consistent before that and is better this distance. Has a winning chance
- 4. NICE STROKE** - Unreliable of late and last win was on the PSF but did run well when runner-up last time out and has a winning chance
- 5. JARDIN BLEU** - A bit of a disappointment last time out when sixth carrying a penalty. Capable of earning some money
- 6. RUE JONAS** - On a very long losing streak and was only sixth last time out. Needs to do more to win but could play a minor role
- 7. WOLF HUNTER** - Consistent when at his best but has only run twice in two years and was only eight in only run of this year. Others are preferred
- 8. MUNAADRAM** - In good form of late and did win her penultimate start. Distance suited and should fight out the finish
- 9. LADY MAG** - Has been in good form this year winning three times. Holding form of late and can contest the finish yet again
- 10. GOLD PALACE** - Has struggled twice in handicaps after winning at Sant Cloud over 3000m and is probably best watched this time
- 11. FICHA LIMPIA** - Battling of late. Has won over this track and trip before but was much lower in the handicaps that time. Can upset
- 12. SANDSTORM** - Won a handicap off a higher mark last year but has been disappointing in four starts this year. Can upset
- 13. LA WOOD** - In good form of late and is coming off a good handicap win. Carries a 2,5kg penalty for that win but is not out of it

**Summary :** Last time, NICE STROKE (4) failed very little in a similar test and should not hit far. He will have to be wary in priority of MUNAADRAM (8), a student of Henri-Alex Pantall in good shape, and LADY MAG (9), who shows commendable regularity. LA WOOD (13) imposed itself very pleasantly last and seems able to place itself despite the five pounds of overload. SANDSTORM (12), to watch from the outset, and NIGHTDANCE MAN (2) will come next.

### SELECTIONS

**NICE STROKE (4) - MUNAADRAM (8) - LADY MAG (9) - LA WOOD (13)**

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**C9 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE PONT-L'EVÊQUE (PRIX DES PATURAGES) - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 21.000**

- 1. LA BRUXELLOISE** - Disappointing last run when tenth but was consistent before that and could finish in the money once again
- 2. TARCENAY** - On a long losing streak but has been fair off this mark of late and could contest the finish once again
- 3. MON DOUDOU** - Unreliable of late but was not disgraced when third last time out and has a winning chance in this line-up
- 4. DOUVILLE** - On a long losing streak but has been in fair form of late. Distance suited and can contest the finish
- 5. RUUDJE** - Has lost his way this year and was only eighth last time out. Needs to find a few lengths to win this race
- 6. AMIATA** - Not disgraced when fourth last time out under a penalty of good previous win. Capable of winning
- 7. PARFAITE MERILL** - On a long losing streak and has been well tried this year. Struggling of late and others are preferred
- 8. BELEAVE YOU** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when third in the penultimate run and has a winning chance in this line-up
- 9. PREMIO** - Not disgraced when sixth last time out and won his penultimate start. Capable of bouncing back to score
- 10. DARENIX** - Not disgraced when fourth in his penultimate start but has yet to win after 36 starts. Might play a minor role
- 11. RUE DAUPHINE** - On a long losing streak since only win. Struggling of late and needs to find a few lengths to win this race
- 12. GEESALA BRAVE** - Has struggled over this course and distance in the past but has some fair form of late and could finish in the money

**Summary :** MON DOUDOU (3) is not everyday, but has undeniable resources. If he repeats his recent third place, he certainly looks like one of the candidates for success like the very consistent DOUVILLE (4) and BELEAVE YOU (8), with Maxime Guyon. TARCENAY (2) has already proven its competitiveness in value 21.5 and has a good part to play just like PREMIO (9) and GEESALA BRAVE (12).

## SELECTIONS

**MON DOUDOU (3) - DOUVILLE (4) - BELEAVE YOU (8) - TARCENAY (2)**