

## CRAON [R-H] - 04 September

**Race 1 - PRIX OXYGENE RADIO (PRIX COURANT D'AIR) - 4100m HCP STPLE.** Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **KORUM** - Runner-up beaten 15L in a 3600m chase at Pompadour in July. Form of that race is working out well.
2. **GNAFRON** - Held 75L seventh in a 4400m chase at Auteuil in June. Top jockey booked.
3. **FUNKY DE LA BARRE** - Put a couple of falls behind him when winning by 5L in a 4000m chase at Le Lion-d'Angers a month ago. Notable contender.
4. **GENTLEMAN DE REVE** - Bidding to complete a hat-trick when falling in a 4200m chase at Pompadour six weeks ago. Claims if showing no ill effects following that mishap.
5. **GRAND MONSIEUR** - Given a break since pulling up in a 3900m chase at Pau in December. Others make more appeal.
6. **RICOCHE** - Faller in a 3900m chase at Dieppe a week ago. Capable of better.
7. **GALA D'ARTHEL** - Victorious by 7L in a 3600m chase at Vittel just under two weeks ago. Top chance.
8. **GAMZA** - Returned from a break with an impressive 30L victory in a 4500m chase at a country track in July. Strong claims.
9. **STRING QUARTET** - Held 26L seventh in a 4000m chase at Le Lion-d'Angers in June. Others make more appeal.

**Summary:** GALA D'ARTHEL (7) can complete a double following a 7L triumph in a 3600m chase at Vittel. Leading contender. GAMZA (8) impressed when winning a 4500m cross-country chase at a country track. May play a role in the finish. KORUM (1) performed well when 15L second in a chase over 3600m at Pompadour. Shortlisted. FUNKY DE LA BARRE (3) is another to consider. Produced a 5L victory in a 4000m chase at Le Lion-d'Angers.

### Selections

**GALA D'ARTHEL (7) - GAMZA (8) - KORUM (1) - FUNKY DE LA BARRE (3)**

**Race 2 - PRIX SPIE (PRIX DE LA TOUCHE) - 1650m HCP CL3.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **GET SET** - Victorious by 5L in an 1800m handicap at Saint-Malo sixteen days ago. Bold show expected.
2. **BLACK CESS** - Runner-up on each of her last three starts including when 1.5L second over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers a month ago. Strong claims.
3. **PERFECTO** - Fair 4.75L fourth in a 1950m handicap at Chateaubriant last week. Likely to find a few too good.
4. **EXCLUSIVE BAIO** - Placed third beaten 3.75L in a 1400m event at Clairefontaine last month. Has won over this trip in the past.
5. **JACQUES COEUR** - Fifth beaten 2L in an 1800m handicap at Clairefontaine fifteen days ago. Step forward required.
6. **KOUKIBOY** - Held 6.25L eighth over 1600m at Clairefontaine seventeen days ago. Minor role likely.
7. **EMMA POINT** - Dual winner finished 3.5L third in a 1700m handicap on the AW at Pornichet just over three weeks ago. One to note.
8. **WHAT A FAIR FOOT** - Runner-up twice from four starts this campaign including when 4L second over 2300m at Redon last month. Drop in trip not certain to suit.
9. **PITTY POT** - Disappointing in three starts since winning over 1600m at Compiègne in July. Others hold more obvious claims.
10. **LEFKADA** - Fair 3.25L fifth in a 1500m handicap at Deauville AW six days ago. Broke her maiden in a handicap over 1700m on the AW at Pornichet on penultimate start.
11. **LINE D'ARGENT** - Fourth beaten 3.5L in a 1600m handicap at Clairefontaine last month. Place claims.
12. **SPINNING MIST** - Good form prior to a 5.75L eighth over 2200m at Clairefontaine two weeks ago. Drop in trip should see her in a better light.
13. **ESTEEM AUNAY** - Victorious by 1.5L in a 1950m handicap at Chateaubriant nine days ago. Leading contender.

**Summary:** ESTEEM AUNAY (13) remains well handicapped on old form. Can complete a double having won by 1.5L over 1950m at Chateaubriant. Serious player. Top weight GET SET (1) may play a role in the finish following a 5L success tackling 1800m at Saint-Malo. BLACK CESS (2) makes the shortlist. Finished 1.5L second in a 1400m contest at Le Lion-d'Angers. EMMA POINT (7) is another to consider. Ran 3.5L third attempting 1700m on the AW at Pornichet.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ESTEEM AUNAY (13) - GET SET (1) - BLACK CESS (2) - EMMA POINT (7)</b></p>
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**Race 3 - PRIX TRANSPORTS GERARD JB (PRIX FINEAU) - 3700m HCP STPLE.** Purse EUR €22,000.

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1. **CIEL DIVIN** - Winner of two of his last three starts including by 2L in a 4200m handicap hurdle at Chateaubriant six weeks ago. Top chance.
2. **BINGO DE L'AUNAY** - Fair 14L third in a 4000m handicap chase at Le Lion-d'Angers eighteen days ago. Notable contender.
3. **EXCEL QUIZ TAUDEL** - Making his first start since March 2018 when pulled up in a 3900m chase at Clairefontaine last month. Step forward likely.
4. **GOLD RAIN** - Absent since finishing 6.5L fourth in a 3800m hurdle at Senonnes in July last year. Making his chase and handicap debut.
5. **ABAYA DU MATHAN** - Failed to shine when 22L 11th in a 4300m handicap chase at Granville last month. Others make more appeal.
6. **SAINTLY QUEEN** - Given a break since finishing 22L fifth over 3700m at Auteuil in June. Others preferred.
7. **FROSTINATOR** - Faded 20L fifth in a 4000m handicap chase at Le Lion-d'Angers eighteen days ago. Demonstrated good form at the same venue prior.
8. **CAVALIERO** - Held 42L fifth in a 4200m handicap chase at Meslay-du-Maine last November. Likely to improve for the run.
9. **BIPBIP DES BRIERES** - Below par 28L fifth in a 5800m cross-country chase at Granville last month. Failed to score in fourteen previous starts in chase races.

**Summary:** CIEL DIVIN (1) can defy top weight following a 2L victory in a 4200m handicap hurdle at Chateaubriant. Top chance. BINGO DE L'AUNAY (2) makes the shortlist. Finished 14L third in a 4000m handicap chase at Le Lion-d'Angers. In the mix. FROSTINATOR (7) enters calculations. Provided good form prior to a 20L fifth in the aforementioned Le Lion-d'Angers event. EXCEL QUIZ TAUDEL (3) pulled up in a 3900m chase at Clairefontaine. Can be considered now delivering his second start following a lengthy absence.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>CIEL DIVIN (1) - BINGO DE L'AUNAY (2) - FROSTINATOR (7) - EXCEL QUIZ TAUDEL (3)</b>
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**Race 4 - PRIX JOURNAL "LE VEINARD" (PRIX ALBERT GANNE) - 1650m HCP CL4.** Purse EUR €14,000.

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1. **BEACON TOWERS** - Fair 2.25L sixth tackling 1800m at Clairefontaine just over two weeks ago. Step forward needed.
2. **TIPTOP** - Victorious by 2L in a 1600m handicap at Lyon-Parilly in June. Bold show expected.
3. **MORGNY** - Below par 4.25L ninth over 2200m at Clairefontaine last month. Demonstrated good form when a head second attempting 1950m at Les Sables-d'Olonne prior.
4. **VEGA DREAM** - Neck second in an 1800m handicap at Evreux three days ago. Strong claims.
5. **ANSE DE BEL'AMANDE** - Placed on three of her last four starts including when 2.25L third over 1950m at Chateaubriant nine days ago. One to note.
6. **VAZY NINIAN** - Good 1.25L third over 1600m at Clairefontaine seventeen days ago. Of note.
7. **RAVEN RIDGE** - Supplemented for this following a 2.75L fourth over 1600m at Clairefontaine ten days ago. Likely to find at least one too good.
8. **AL RASSOUL** - Runner-up in a 1950m handicap at Chateaubriant nine days ago. Placed on his only previous start at this venue.
9. **GEORGINELA** - Midfield finish when 6.75L seventh tackling 1700m on the AW at Pornichet just over three weeks ago. More required.
10. **ROSE ABELLA** - Good 0.75L third over 1850m at Vichy eleven days ago. Holds claims.
11. **PREMIER AVRIL** - 26L 13th over 1600m at La Teste just under six weeks ago. Best watched.
12. **LATE COMER** - Faded 11L tenth over 1400m at Vichy just under three weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
13. **ANADUN** - Held 15L tenth in a 1700m handicap on the AW at Pornichet last month. Minor role likely.

**Summary:** Turned out quickly is VEGA DREAM (4) who can deliver a victory following a neck second over 1800m at Evreux. TIPTOP (2) may complete a double. Won by 2L tackling 1600m at Lyon-Parilly. Include. ANSE DE BEL'AMANDE (5) enters calculations. Ran 2.25L third in a 1950m contest at Chateaubriant. Holds claims. VAZY NINIAN (6) is another to consider having been beaten 1.25L third attempting 1600m at Clairefontaine.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VEGA DREAM (4) - TIPTOP (2) - ANSE DE BEL'AMANDE (5) - VAZY NINIAN (6)</b></p>
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**Race 5 - PRIX ELECTRO SYSTEM (PRIX DE LA SAYETTE) - 4600m P2P.** Purse EUR €21,000.

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1. **C'LARTIST MAULDE** - Victorious by a nose in a 4500m cross-country chase at Le Dorat at the start of last month. Of note having won here twice in the past.
2. **LION TOTO** - Neck second in a 4500m cross-country chase at Le Pertre last month. Bold show expected.
3. **ENERGIE DES OBEAUX** - Absent since finishing 17L fourth in a 6000m cross-country chase at Lignieres in March. Likely to improve for the run.
4. **DEBUT DE PRINTEMPS** - Promising 11L fourth in a 5200m cross-country chase at Le Lion-d'Angers last month. Strong claims second up.
5. **EMIRA DU GOUET** - Brought down in a 4650m cross-country event at Mont-de-Marsan in March. More required.
6. **A DIEU VAT** - Runner-up beaten 4L over 5200m at Vittel just under three weeks ago. Claims on best form.
7. **GRAND LASCAR** - Pulled up in a 4600m cross-country contest here first up a fortnight ago. Step forward needed.
8. **MONTGEROULT** - Held 26L sixth in a 4500m chase at Corlay in July. Others hold more obvious claims.
9. **EXTREME** - Fair 24L third in a 4200m chase at La Roche-Posay in July. Improvement expected second up.

**Summary:** LION TOTO (2) can go one place better than when a neck second over 4500m at Le Pertre. Leading contender. DEBUT DE PRINTEMPS (4) finds a winning opportunity having finished 11L fourth in a 5200m cross-country chase at Le Lion-d'Angers first up. Dual course winner C'LARTIST MAULDE (1) is considered on the back of a narrow victory in a 4500m cross-country contest at Le Dorat. EXTREME (9) enters calculations having been beaten 24L third in a 4200m chase at La Roche-Posay.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LION TOTO (2) - DEBUT DE PRINTEMPS (4) - C'LARTIST MAULDE (1) - EXTREME (9)</b></p>
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**Race 6 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE CRAON (PRIX DU CHENE) - 1650m HCP.** Purse EUR €18,000.

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1. **DHAKIRAH** - Faded 6.5L fifth over 1700m in an AW maiden at Pornichet last month. Claims on earlier form.
2. **FIRST DREM** - Neck winner of a 1400m handicap at Le Lion-d'Angers thirteen days ago. Of note.
3. **LOVE AFFAIR** - Held 6L seventh over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers in July. Strong claims on earlier form.
4. **SUNDRESS** - Below par 7L ninth in a 1600m handicap at Chantilly in July. Needs to put that effort behind her.
5. **STICK AND CARROT** - Good 0.75L second over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers a month ago. Leading contender.
6. **HARD HEADED WOMEN** - Held 15L 14th over 1600m at Chantilly in July. Others hold more obvious claims.
7. **RAISE OF SAINTS** - Below par 7.75L eighth over 1900m at Deauville AW last month. Improvement required.
8. **MEARAS STYLE** - Improved effort when 5L third in an 1800m handicap at Saint-Malo second up a month ago. Notable runner.
9. **IMPERIAL SCAM** - Held 4.75L eighth tackling 1850m at Vichy just under three weeks ago. Claims on a head victory over 1800m at Longchamp prior.
10. **BABY BOOMER** - Placed on each of her last three starts including when 0.75L third over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers last month. Top chance.
11. **GOTHIQUE** - Tailed off last of four over 1950m in a Les Sables-d'Olonne maiden in July. Handicap debut.

**Summary:** BABY BOOMER (10) can take this following a 0.75L third over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Big chance. STICK AND CARROT (5) may play a role in the finish having been beaten 0.75L second in the same contest. In the mix. LOVE AFFAIR (3) is considered. Ran 3L third tackling 1600m at Nantes on her penultimate start. Holds claims. FIRST DREM (2) warrants thought after winning by a neck in a 1400m handicap at Le Lion-d'Angers.

Selections
BABY BOOMER (10) - STICK AND CARROT (5) - LOVE AFFAIR (3) - FIRST DREM (2)

**Race 7 - PRIX COUVERTURE PIRON (PRIX RENE COUETIL) - 4000m STPLE QUALIF HCP.** Purse EUR €21,000.

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1. **CHAMPI DE BERSY** - Held 11L fifth in the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase Cross-Country de Fontainebleau over 6000m at Fontainebleau in April. One to note.
2. **DOUGLASS** - Good 0.75L second over 4300m in a handicap chase at Granville just under three weeks ago. Strong claims.
3. **FRANSLEEN** - Returning from a break when 5.5L fourth in a 3700m chase at Clairefontaine last month. Step forward likely.
4. **MON GUILLAUME** - Third beaten 6.5L in a 3900m hurdle at Pompadour last month. Switch to fences is no issue.
5. **BUEN STAR** - Victorious by 4.5L in a 3900m claiming hurdle at Saint-Malo sixteen days ago. Of note on return to chasing.
6. **DRAGON LANCELOT** - Debuting for a new trainer having finished 20L fourth in a 3900m claiming chase at a country venue last month.
7. **EAGLE STEAL** - Cheekpieces tried for the first time debuting for a new yard having been beaten 9L sixth in a 4200m handicap chase at La Roche-Posay four weeks ago.
8. **GRACE D'OUDAIRIES** - Ran out in a 4000m chase at a country track a week ago. Looking for a first victory at the 18th time of asking.

**Summary:** DOUGLASS (2) can go one position better than when 0.75L second in a 4300m handicap chase at Granville. Leading contender. CHAMPI DE BERSY (1) finds a winning opportunity first up having finished 11L fifth in the 6000m Listed Grand Steeple-Chase Cross-Country de Fontainebleau. BUEN STAR (5) is considered following a 4.5L success in a 3900m claiming hurdle at Saint-Malo. MON GUILLAUME (4) is another to note. Ran 6.5L third in a 3900m hurdle at Pompadour.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>DOUGLASS (2) - CHAMPI DE BERSY (1) - BUEN STAR (5) - MON GUILLAUME (4)</b>
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**Race 8 - PRIX RACEANDCARE (PRIX BARON DE PIERRES) - 3700m STPLE.** Purse EUR €26,000.

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1. **HENYA** - Failed to finish over 3700m in a chase here two weeks ago. Claims on earlier form.
2. **LORD BOBBY** - Given a break since finishing 23L fifth in a 3500m claiming chase at Auteuil in March. Debuting for a new trainer.
3. **HERE I AM** - Failed to shine when 51L seventh in the Listed Prix Miror hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil in May. Leading contender on return to chasing.
4. **JARRY WELLS** - Fair 26L fourth in a 3550m handicap hurdle at Chateaubriant four weeks ago. Return to fences no issue.
5. **HAPPY THOUGHTS** - Faller in a 3700m chase at this track two weeks ago. Top chance having won over hurdles at La Teste prior.
6. **HEDWIGE D'ALENE** - Runner-up beaten 15L in a 3500m chase at Nort-sur-Erdre four weeks ago. Notable contender with cheekpieces tried for the first time.
7. **AMAZING DAY** - Held 33L fifth in a 3500m chase at Dieppe at the start of July. Best watched.
8. **LADY LIUWA** - Fair 9.25L third in a 3600m hurdle at Auteuil in June. Bold show expected on debut over fences.

**Summary:** HERE I AM (3) can take this down in grade on return to fences following a 51L last of seven in the Listed Prix Miror hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil. HAPPY THOUGHTS (5) might show up well having won by 1.25L in a 3400m hurdle at La Teste on her penultimate start. HEDWIGE D'ALENE (6) makes the shortlist on the back of a 15L second in a 3500m chase at Nort-sur-Erdre. LADY LIUWA (8) enters calculations. Ran 9.25L third in a 3600m hurdle at Auteuil.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HERE I AM (3) - HAPPY THOUGHTS (5) - HEDWIGE D'ALENE (6) - LADY LIUWA (8)</b></p>
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