AUTEUIL [L-H] - **04 October**

Race 1 - PRIX GUILLAUME DE PRACOMTAL - 3600m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €95,000.

- 1. **SPIRIT OF THE MOON** Finished fifth two runs ago in a hurdle at this track. Made amends last time when he finished third in a hurdle at this track over 3600m. Sure to prove hard to beat.
- 2. **VAE PATRON** Resumed from a break in a hurdle over 3600m here last start and clocked-in third, beaten 6 lengths. Nicely placed today to take this out.
- 3. **ZAKY** Safely held here last time but did run into the minors, beaten 4 lengths, in a hurdle over 3600m. Good each way chance.
- 4. **SAINT LANGIS** Wound up last campaign with a 16th at this track over 3600m and makes his return today. Among the chances.
- 5. **SIDERALIS** Returns from a 115-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh, with two placings from three attempts. Place likely best.
- 6. **ODELA** Returned from a 170-day layoff last time out at this track in a 3600m hurdle, finishing fourth. Improvement in store.
- 7. **IBAN ROQUE** Did a good job to finish second last time at this track in a 3600m hurdle, beaten one length. In the mix.
- 8. **SAGARROU** Was a strong 30 lengths winner last time out at Nantes over 3900m. In form and looks a big chance.
- 9. **ICEBERG DU LARGE** Resumed over 3600m at this track in a hurdle last start but failed to finish. Unlikely to threaten.
- 10. **FREE LORD D'ANJOU** First-up after six months off. Has placed fresh before but looks a bit out of his depth here. Looking to others.
- 11. **WALFER** Resumes today. Finished off last campaign with a seventh over 3900m at this track, beaten 4 lengths. Betting can guide.
- 12. **ROYAL DEVIL** Finished third and beaten 11 lengths over 3500m at this track last time then went for a break. Boasts a solid record when resuming but meets a tough line-up here.
- 13. **IMPRESSIVE MACHIN** Resumed after a 140-day spell last start with a modest fourth in a steeplechase at Dieppe over 3500m. Needs to go up a level.
- 14. **TOSCANA DU BERLAIS** Returned from a spell in a hurdle over 3900m at Nantes but unseated the rider. Needs to bounce back.
- 15. **IMPULSE PRECIEUSE** Rarely far away at this circuit including a last start third in a 3600m hurdle. Good run last time and among the chances.
- 16. **ILESTBO DE HOUELLE** Finished fourth the start before last in a hurdle at Clairefontaine then finished sixth last time at this track in a hurdle over 3600m. This looks too tough.

Summary: SPIRIT OF THE MOON (1) can defy top weight following a 1.75L third in the Listed Prix Alain Et Gilles de Goulaine handicap hurdle over this course and distance. Leading chance. IBAN ROQUE (7) placed second beaten 1L that day. Expected to challenge for the win. SAGARROU (8) won by 30L in a 3900m hurdle at Nantes. Strong claims of making a winning handicap debut. ZAKY (3) warrants close consideration on the back of a 4L second in the Listed Prix Melanos handicap hurdle tackling this track and trip. VAE PATRON (2) came home 6L third in the previously mentioned Listed Prix Milanos. Claims once more.

Selections

SPIRIT OF THE MOON (1) - IBAN ROQUE (7) - SAGARROU (8) - ZAKY (3) - VAE PATRON (2)

- 1. **INTENSE RAFFLES** Returns from a 168-day spell, and has been successful when fresh in the past. Kicked off last prep with a solid second in a steeplechase at this track over 3600m. Capable of playing a role in the finish.
- 2. **IRUNDO** Was in the money here last time, finishing 5 lengths back in second in a 3600m steeplechase on the back of a win the start before. Must be included.
- 3. **IKARAK** Returned from a 188-day spell last start with a win in a 3700m steeplechase at Clairefontaine. Fitter and sure to go well again.
- 4. **INGA KAM** Returns from a break after finishing third at this track, beaten 9 lengths. Has performed well fresh up but meets a tough line-up here.
- 5. **ICARE DU SEUIL** Resumed from a layoff in a steeplechase over 3600 here last start and ran third, beaten 10 lengths. Holds claims.
- 6. **IORANA VALLIS** Missed the frame resuming, finishing sixth over 3600m at this track fresh but honest overall record. Looks tested in this line-up.
- 7. **ICARE CONTI** Four-year-old fresh off a 229-day break. Has a perfect first-up record including last time when a 6L winner of a Class Two hurdle at Fontainebleau. Leading contender.
- 8. IVANOHE Took a fall last time at this track on May 21 before going for a spell. Resumes today.
- 9. **IPOP VILLE** Finished fourth the start before last in a hurdle at Dieppethen could only manage fourth last time at this track in a steeplechase over 3600m. Big task ahead.

Summary: IKARAK (3) won by 6.5L in a 3700m chase at Clairefontaine. Can follow up representing a top yard. INTENSE RAFFLES (1) finished 5L second attempting a course and distance chase in April. Rates a big threat resuming from a break. ICARE CONTI (7) looks dangerous switching to fences. Makes first start since a 6L success tackling a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau in February. IRUNDO (2) is another with claims on the back of a 5L second to a subsequent Compiegne winner in a 3600m chase here.

Selections

IKARAK (3) - INTENSE RAFFLES (1) - ICARE CONTI (7) - IRUNDO (2)

- 1. PAROVNA Ran over 3500m at this track last start and was pulled up. Happy to risk this time.
- 2. **JONQUE BLEUE** Lightly raced filly who had a success opening campaign with a maiden win two starts back before a third at Clairefontaine. Sure to make her presence felt.
- 3. **JIM'AGIME** Fell in a steeplechase at Clairefontaine when well-supported at the most recent appearance. Won't find this easy.
- 4. **JAZZY DU MESTIVEL** Placed one of two career runs, and looks close to break through following a 1.5 lengths second in a 3000m hurdle at this track. Rates highly.
- 5. **CHABADATIKA** Filly by Magneticjim out of Chabada Le Dun. Profiles well for this but market watch advised.
- 6. **JOLY POUPEE** Not beaten far two back when third at this track before racing below that last time out when seventh. Can measure up if runs up to best.
- 7. **ANA MARTINA** Recently experiencing varying luck. Pulled up last start. That was after an impressive win in a hurdle over 3000m at this track. Likely to make amends.
- 8. **JOIE DE PAQUES** Missed the frame two runs ago in a hurdle at this track. Did a better job last time when she ran second in a hurdle at Moulins over 3500m. Consider.
- 9. **TYPHOON WILMA** Recorded four minor placings on end before missing the frame here last time in a hurdle over 3000m. Improvement anticipated and worth including.
- 10. **NAEVA** Unplaced two starts ago in a hurdle at Dieppe then improved last start when she finished fifth at Cholet in a 3400m hurdle, beaten 14 lengths. Holds claims.
- 11. **JAIPUR DU BOURG** Ran an improved race at second career start, finishing closer to the winner when a 42 length sixth hurdle over 3500m at Moulins. Has upside but others preferred.
- 12. **VIP** Closed the last campaign with a minor placing in a 3200m hurdle at Compiegne. Has claims with the right run.
- 13. **ESCORT'JET** Won at Moulins in a hurdle over 3500m two runs back then didn't back it up when beaten 40 lengths into seventh in a 3500m hurdle at this track last start. Likely to make amends.
- 14. **ULTRA CASH** Unseated the rider last time at Moulins over 3500m when well in the market. Tougher assignment here.

Summary: JAZZY DU MESTIVEL (4) finished 1.5L second in a 3000m claiming hurdle here. Can register a first victory. Top chance. ANA MARTINA (7) won that day. Looks a threat despite pulling up in a 3500m handicap hurdle here subsequently. NAEVA (10) managed a 14L fifth tackling a 3400m hurdle at Cholet. Better expected representing a good yard. VIP (12) placed 5.75L third in a 3200m claiming hurdle at Compiegne. Warrants close consideration.

Selections

JAZZY DU MESTIVEL (4) - ANA MARTINA (7) - NAEVA (10) - VIP (12)

- 1. **MON DOUDOU** Impressed when he scored two runs ago in a hurdle at Chateaubriant. Went to Clairefontaine last start and did a good job to finish second over 3600m, beaten just a nose. Big chance.
- 2. **PAINT PRINCE** Tackled a hurdle over 3600m at Compiegne last time but could only manage to finish eighth, beaten 39 lengths. Must be given another chance.
- 3. **SATURNE NONANTAIS** Returns from a 137-day spell. Has placed at both previous first-up runs, last campaign opening with a second in a steeplechase at Fontainebleau over 3600m. Top chance.
- 4. **GREAT FEELING** Unplaced two starts back in a hurdle at Clairefontaine then improved last start when he ran fifth at this track in a 3600m hurdle, beaten 6 lengths. Not sure he is up to this.
- 5. **ILOVE YOU SIVOLA** Did a good job to finish third last time out at this track in a 3500m steeplechase, beaten 5 lengths. Rates highly.
- 6. **ZINOA** Resumed after a 140-day spell last start with a modest fifth in a hurdle at this track over 3600m. Has ability and strips fitter. Worth including.
- 7. **MY LOVELY PASSION** Has tackled small fields at his last couple of runs and racing genuinely, finishing in the minors. Last start ran third at Landivisiau in a steeplechase over 3900m. Rates strongly.

Summary: SATURNE NONANTAIS (3) is taken to make amends for a fall in a 3500m chase at Toulouse switching to a claiming contest. Big chance. MON DOUDOU (1) finished a nose second in a 3600m handicap hurdle at Clairefontaine. Looks capable of playing a role. MY LOVELY PASSION (7) warrants close consideration following a 4L third in a 3900m claiming hurdle at Landivisiau. I LOVE YOU SIVOLA (5) makes appeal on the back of a 4.75L third tackling a 3500m claiming chase at this circuit.

Selections

SATURNE NONANTAIS (3) - MON DOUDOU (1) - MY LOVELY PASSION (7) - I LOVE YOU SIVOLA (5)

- 1. **LE PHILOSOPHE** Was very good when returning from a 195-day layoff most recently, winning at Clairefontaine in a 3400m hurdle by 4.5 lengths. Fitter and sure to go well again.
- 2. **LIBUENO** Lightly- raced three-year-old who returned from a spell of 129 days with a handy third in a hurdle over 3400m at Compiegne last time out at just his second outing. Another big run is on the cards.
- 3. **OSCAR DE TEILLEE** Debuted in a hurdle at Lyon-Parilly 27 days back and was easily beaten in fourth place. Better for the run but may need more time.
- 4. **FARCEUR DE TEILLEE** Resumes today. Finished off last campaign falling over 3400m at Clairefontaine. Others make more appeal.
- 5. **JAPELOU DECIERGUES** Resuming here 198 days after a very ordinary debut at this track. Prefer to see again.
- 6. **MELGARRY** Was safely held at first outing when fourth and beaten 9 lengths in a hurdle at this track. Would have to improve sharply to feature in the finish.
- 7. **ATI SHADREVANI** Still a maiden after 17 starts but has racked up a host of minor placings. Key chance on best form.
- 8. **GALEGO STAR** Ran well below expectations last time, finishing a 28 length tenth here over 3600m. Continues to improve.
- 9. **BLACK MILORD TAVEL** Gelding by Saddex out of Lady Tavel. Tough to line up and betting likely to provide best guide.
- 10. **JARDIN SECRET** Comes here 22 days after a 7 length fourth first-up over 3400m in a hurdle at Clairefontaine at just his second racetrack appearance. Might be out of his depth.
- 11. **PRIDEMANN** Good on debut when third in a hurdle at Strasbourg last start. Worth including.
- 12. **VINHO VERDE** Turned in a fair run at first try over the jumps, finishing sixth over 3600m at this track. Will be better for the run and looks one of the chances.
- 13. **JUMP DES BRUYERES** Unplaced on debut then finished fifth in a 3400m hurdle on June 20 beaten 8 lengths. Definite threat.

Summary: PRIDEMANN (11) came home 4L third in a 3300m hurdle at Strasbourg on debut. Taken to break his maiden at the second attempt. Leading contender. LIBUENO (2) delivered a 1.25L third in a 3400m hurdle at Compiegne. Shortlisted. LE PHILOSOPHE (1) warrants close consideration following a 4.5L triumph in a 3400m hurdle at Clairefontaine. Agent Secret newcomer BLACK MILORD TAVEL (9) is another with claims.

Selections

PRIDEMANN (11) - LIBUENO (2) - LE PHILOSOPHE (1) - BLACK MILORD TAVEL (9)

- 1. **HEXTRAWEL DU PORTO** Returns from a 100-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh, with two placings from four attempts. Leading chance.
- 2. **GRAND CLERMONT** Opened the last campaign with a minor placing in a 3500m steeplechase at this track, beaten 2 lengths. Overall first-up record reads well.
- 3. **VOLKOV JELOIS** Returned from a 270-day spell with a solid second in a 3600m hurdle at Clairefontaine last start. Requires further improvement.
- 4. **JOLY RISK** Returns from a 193-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh, with two wins and two placings from five first-up runs. Key runner while fresh.
- 5. **HALLELUIA** Disappointed when seventh in a steeplechase at Compiegne fresh from a break. Looks tested without significant improvement.
- 6. **LA COMTESSE BLEU** Was first up from a 116- day layoff last start and did not finish the race in a hurdle at Compiegne. Likely to make amends for the last start mishap.
- 7. **FILMOITOUT** Returned from a 624 day spell most recently and failed to complete the course in a hurdle at this track. Looking elsewhere.
- 8. **SUMSAM** Resumes today. Finished off last campaign with a fourth over 3800m at Compiegne, beaten 9 lengths. Among the chances.
- 9. **PICHELOT** Did not finish the race when first up from a 293 day break most recently in a hurdle at this track. Confidence may have taken a hit.

Summary: JOLY RISK (4) placed second beaten 2.5L in a 3850m chase at Fontainebleau. Can record a fifth career success. HEXTRAWEL DU PORTO (1) finds a good opportunity down in grade following a 12L fifth in the Listed Grand Steeple Chase de Lyon handicap chase over 4100m at Lyon-Parilly. GRAND CLERMONT (2) fell in a 3800m handicap chase at Compiegne during the spring. Shortlisted down in level. SUMSAM (8) is considered on his first start since a 9.5L fourth attempting 3800m at Compiegne in April.

Selections

JOLY RISK (4) - HEXTRAWEL DU PORTO (1) - GRAND CLERMONT (2) - SUMSAM (8)

- 1. **KELDOZ D HUMOUR** Showed encouraging signs first up on August 28 when second in a maiden hurdle at Vertou over 3700m. Holds claims.
- 2. **ROCK AND ROLL** Recorded two minor placings on end before missing the frame here last time in a hurdle over 3600m. Nicely placed.
- 3. **IN VICTIS** Resumed from a layoff in a hurdle over 3600m here last time and clocked-in third, beaten 9 lengths. Consider.
- 4. **INVITE DE MARQUE** Returned from a 94-day layoff last time out at this track in a 3600m hurdle, finishing fifth. Has the ability to test the top fancies.
- 5. **SANTA CLARITA** Couldn't find the top three two back in a 3500m steeplechase at this track then again missed out in a steeplechase over 3500m at this track last start. Won't find this easy.
- 6. **IMBATABLE DU SEUIL** Has some solid form at this circuit, hitting the frame here last time out in a 3600m hurdle, beaten 4.5 lengths. In the mix.
- 7. **GALI LOVE** Produced an ordinary ninth first-up last start in a hurdle at this track over 3600m nearly three weeks ago. Fitter but needs to improve sharply.
- 8. **PRINCE JELOIS** Two runs this prep have been moderate. Resumed with an unplaced effort in a steeplechase at Dieppe then finished fifth last start in a 3700m steeplechase at Clairefontaine. Needs more.
- 9. **AUTORIZIA** Scored last start in a 3600m hurdle at this venue by 1.3 lengths. Great chance again on the back of that form.
- 10. **PLANETARIUM** Unplaced two starts back in a hurdle at Clairefontaine then improved last start when he finished seventh at this track in a 3600m hurdle, beaten 9 lengths. Hard to fault on his best jumps form.
- 11. **KING OF DARK** Returned from a spell in a hurdle over 3600m at this track but failed to finish. Unlikely to feature.
- 12. **IVAN WILL** Disappointing when eighth last start in a hurdle at this track after finishing third at Vittel in a steeplechase two starts back. Can bounce back.
- 13. **GINOTA** Will be at her peak now after finishing second here last start in a hurdle over 3600m, beaten 1.3 lengths. Strong run last time and worth including.
- 14. **ITALIAANA LE DUN** First-up after 16 months finished a fair fourth of 13 runners at Strasbourg on September 18 over 3600m. Interesting.
- 15. **IDYLLE SACREE** Hasn't threatened in two runs back from a spell. Beaten 14 lengths second-up in a Strasbourg hurdle in soft going and Hard to tip off recent form.
- 16. **AIGLE** Was unplaced two back in a 3600m hurdle at Clairefontaine then again missed out in a hurdle over 3600m at this track last time.
- 17. **TACARES** Unplaced two starts back in a hurdle at Dieppe then produced a better result last start when he finished sixth at this track in a 3600m hurdle, beaten 6 lengths.
- 18. **RUNHAYMIN** Was first up from a 167 day break most recently and did not finish the race in a hurdle at this track. Big task ahead.

Summary: IMBATABLE DU SEUIL (6) performed well when 4.25L third in a 3600m handicap hurdle at this circuit. Selected to register a first victory. AUTORIZIA (9) won by 1.25L racing from the front that day. Expected to deliver a big effort off a 3kg higher mark. Runner-up in that contest was GINOTA (13). Makes the shortlist representing a yard who has enjoyed success here already this autumn. KELDOZ D HUMOUR (1) went down by a head when second attempting a 3700m maiden hurdle at Vertou.

Warrants close consideration making handicap debut. ROCK AND ROLL (2) is another with claims following a 3L fourth in the Listed Prix Alain Et Gilles de Goulaine handicap hurdle over 3600m here.

Selections

IMBATABLE DU SEUIL (6) - AUTORIZIA (9) - GINOTA (13) - KELDOZ D HUMOUR (1) - ROCK AND ROLL (2)

- 1. **VIRGO CELESTIN** Hard to fault after four wins on end, the latest here by 1.3 lengths in a steeplechase over 4400m. Key chance on latest effort and worth following up.
- 2. **SAINT PAIR** Placed here last time, finishing 7 lengths away in third in a 3600m hurdle on the back of a win the start prior. Rates highly.
- 3. **CHORAIL DEBELAIR** Safely held at return from a spell, managing only sixth and beaten 20 lengths hurdle at Compiegne. Fitter again and looks well suited.
- 4. **SAINT PATIS** Second-up after a disappointing sixth in a hurdle at this track when resuming 21 days ago. Place hope.
- 5. **HARRY CONTI** Second up. Got into a bit of bother when third in a Compiegne steeplechase over 3900m first up. Will strip much fitter for the run.
- 6. **RAFFLES FACE** Returned from a layoff at this venue last start with a good second in a steeplechase over 3500m, beaten a head. Rates highly on latest effort and worth including.
- 7. **GALLIPOLI** Five-year-old fresh off a 136-day break. Yet to miss the frame in four fresh up runs. Might just find himself a little outclassed though and tempted to risk today.

Summary: RAFFLES FACE (6) suffered a head defeat when runner-up in a 3500m chase here. Selected to make amends with a victory now. VIRGO CELESTIN (1) boasts an impressive win record including scoring by 1.25L in a course and distance handicap chase. Could prove dangerous. SAINT PAIR (2) warrants consideration following a 7.5L third in a 3600m hurdle at this venue. SAINT PATIS (4) holds claims second up having finished 20L sixth in the previously mentioned hurdle race.

Selections

RAFFLES FACE (6) - VIRGO CELESTIN (1) - SAINT PAIR (2) - SAINT PATIS (4)