

CHOLET [R-H] - 04 October

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA VENDEE - 3800m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **ISKANOER** - Finished third at Saint-Malo before going for a spell and is resuming here. Winning chance.
2. **IDEAL DE L'AIR** - Is taking on the jumps for a second time after he came to grief at his first attempt in a hurdle at Nantes nearly three weeks ago. Expect him to pose a serious challenge.
3. **ICTUS DU PERCHE** - Lightly-raced four-year-old making his jumps debut. Appeared for just the second time, and was resuming after a spell of 81 days, when he finished sixth in a 3000m contest at Le Lion-d'Angers. Holds claims.
4. **IN THE BOX** - Gelding by Jukebox Jury out of Quenza. Might just need this first run but watch market for best guide. Likely player.
5. **IRIS BLEU** - Gelding by Boris De Deauville out of Samarkand Bleue. Profiles well for this but market watch advised.
6. **ITITIDELAPLESSE** - Not far away in both runs so far, boxing on well latest to finish fifth over 2500m at Jarnac. Has upside and may appreciate the extra ground but would need to improve sharply.
7. **IMPERIAL DU LEMO** - Resumed over 2850m at Sable-sur-Sarthe where he finished a 12 length eighth. Needs more.
8. **IF YOU PLEASE** - Resuming today and making jumps debut. Finished off last campaign with ninth on the flat over 3000m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Needs progress.
9. **IL EST DES NOTRES** - Resumes today. Finished off last campaign with a 12th over 3200m at Le Mans, beaten 44 lengths. Looks tested.
10. **IL EST DIVIN** - Resumed after a 189- day break most recently and lost the rider in a hurdle at Auteuil. Can improve and worth considering.
11. **ILTONE** - Four-year-old gelding who resumes here off a 147 day break. Won his only start fresh when on debut in the UK. Looks a definite winning chance here.
12. **ISYTOWIN** - Hasn't raced since finishing 6 lengths away in tenth at Niort 16 months ago. Tough assignment.
13. **IODEE** - Lightly raced filly who had a success opening campaign with a maiden win three starts back, winding it up with a fifth at Machecoul before a seven months spell. Likely to have improved.
14. **ISYLPHIRIC** - Did not finish the race at Clairefontaine in a 3600m hurdle. Minor role likely.

Summary: Jukebox Jury gelding IN THE BOX (4) is selected to debut with a victory representing a stable who do well with their youngsters. ILTONE (11) won a flat race over 3400m debuting at Sedgefield (UK). Rates a big threat switching to hurdles. ICTUS DU PERCHE (3) came home 12L sixth in a 3000m event at Le Lion-d'Angers. Shortlisted making initial jumps outing. IL EST DIVIN (10) unseated in a stronger event at Auteuil. Capable of challenging for the win.

Selections

IN THE BOX (4) - ILTONE (11) - ICTUS DU PERCHE (3) - IL EST DIVIN (10)

Race 2 - GRANDE COURSE DE HAIES DE L'OUEST - 3400m HDLE CL2. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **KERISTYLE** - In the money at both runs so far, the latest finishing a 6 length third at Le Lion-d'Angers over 3700m. Looks due for a win and can open winning account here.
2. **CHIEF COVE** - Showed good ability with a debut win in a hurdle before finishing third over 3200m in a hurdle at Compiegne at second outing. Improver and rates highly.
3. **LOVE TODAY** - Hasn't raced since finishing 22 lengths away in fourth at Clairefontaine three months ago. Likely to feature.
4. **KASHDAM** - Gelding by Kapgarde out of Fiestine. Might just need this first run but watch market for best guide. Interesting.
5. **RAMSES DE LAUNAY** - Gelding by The Anvil out of Altesse De L'aunay. Tough to line up and betting likely to provide best guide.
6. **DARLYNE** - Was very good when returning from a 146-day layoff most recently, winning at Vertou in a 3150m maiden hurdle by 3 lengths. Will strip fitter and makes plenty of appeal.
7. **JOURNEE D'LA FEMME** - Filly by Authorized out of Regle De L'art. Tough test for first outing and prefer to see on debut.
8. **KAPSI LADY** - Comes here 25 days after a 11 length fifth first-up over 3400m in a hurdle at Compiegne at just her second day at the races. Happy to risk this time.

Summary: CHIEF COVE (2) looks up to registering a second win in three starts following a 12L third in a 3200m hurdle at Compiegne. Leading contender. KERISTYLE (1) is expected to challenge for the win having finished 6.5L third over 3700m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Kapgarde newcomer KASHDAM (4) enters calculations for a top jockey-trainer combination. Fellow newcomer RAMSES DE LAUNAY (5) is another to consider representing a trainer who does well with his limited number of jumps runners.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHIEF COVE (2) - KERISTYLE (1) - KASHDAM (4) - RAMSES DE LAUNAY (5)</p>
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Race 3 - PRIX DE RICHEBOURG - 3800m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **GARRYGAL** - Resumed over 3800m at Dieppe in a hurdle last start but failed to finish. Hard to recommend this time.
2. **BATTLE WISH** - Resumes today. Finished off last campaign with a sixth over 3800m at Compiègne, beaten 35 lengths. Others appear better placed.
3. **CYBOR DEL'RAIS** - Was unplaced the start before last in a hurdle at Chateaubriant. Turned things around last time when he won in a hurdle at this track over 3800m. Certainly worth including.
4. **GARDE CONTRE** - Just missed out when beaten 0.8 lengths in a hurdle at Senonnes-Pouance over 3600m as favourite last start. Main contender.
5. **FRIPON DU SEUIL** - Resumes after a seven months spell after finishing off with a third in a steeplechase at Compiègne and makes debut this circuit. Rates well.
6. **OEUVRE DU MAITRE** - Second up. Got into a bit of bother when second in a Craon hurdle over 4000m first up in soft going. Worth including.
7. **GINGERMIX** - Well in the market last time but hasn't lived up to expectations this campaign, the latest finishing seventh in a steeplechase at Landivisiau. Appeals as an each way chance if finds best form.
8. **HOZAY DE MAEL** - Missed the frame two back on the flat over 2600m then again missed out in a flat race over 2850m at Sable-sur-Sarthe last start, 6 lengths behind the winner.
9. **JOSHUA'S HEART** - Placed two back at Argentan then missed the frame last time before heading out for a seven months spell. Looks tested.
10. **RAJ DE BOISTRON** - Has kept to flat racing at his last 5 starts. Last start finished 18th at Saint-Cloud over 2400m. Others rate better.
11. **TSAR NOIR** - Returns from a 65-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh, with three placings from six attempts. Kicked off last prep with a sound third in a steeplechase at Corlay over 4500m. Capable type with an each way chance.
12. **HITADOR** - Returns from a 79-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh, with two placings from four attempts. In the mix.

Summary: OEUVRE DU MAITRE (6) placed second beaten 2.5L in a 4000m hurdle at Craon. Selected to register a victory with cheekpieces applied for this handicap debut. FRIPON DU SEUIL (5) warrants close consideration on his first start since a 14L third tackling a 3900m claiming chase at Compiègne in March. GARDE CONTRE (4) rates a big threat following a 0.75L second attempting a 3600m handicap hurdle at Senonnes in the summer. TSAR NOIR (11) placed second beaten 5L in a 4300m handicap chase at Granville. Of note switching to hurdles.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OEUVRE DU MAITRE (6) - FRIPON DU SEUIL (5) - GARDE CONTRE (4) - TSAR NOIR (11)</p>

Race 4 - PRIX DE NORT-SUR-ERDRE - 1350m CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **CHESTERFIELD** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 3 lengths into sixth over 1900m at this track. Rates highly and can do much better this time.
2. **SUNDAY BEST** - Broke back into the top-three last start when third at Nantes over 1600m, beaten 3 lengths. Making headway. Rates highly and is expected to measure up.
3. **PRALOGNAN** - Last appeared a year ago when he finished 7 lengths from the winner in sixth over 1600m at Bordeaux. Can sneak into the finish. Rates highly.
4. **KHAN** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 5 lengths into sixth over 1000m at Vichy. Fitter and is expected to do much better.
5. **PERFECT COLOUR** - Last appeared eight months ago when she finished 7 lengths from the winner in seventh over 1300m at Chantilly AW. Did finish in the money first-up last prep at Chantilly. Should be right in the mix.
6. **PEARL BORDER** - Finished fourth on debut over 1800m at Saint-Malo on July 19. Interesting.

Summary: Debuting for a new trainer PRALOGNAN (3) is selected to register a second victory on seasonal debut having ended previous prep with a 7.75L last of six in the Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux over 1600m at Bordeaux twelve months ago. SUNDAY BEST (2) looks a big threat on the back of a 3L third in a 1600m conditions event at Nantes. CHESTERFIELD (1) came home 3L sixth in a 1900m maiden at this circuit. Dangerous dropping markedly in distance. PEARL BORDER (6) debuted with a 4.25L fourth over 1800m at Saint-Malo. Claims.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRALOGNAN (3) - SUNDAY BEST (2) - CHESTERFIELD (1) - PEARL BORDER (6)</p>
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Race 5 - PRIX COURANT D'AIR - 2950m . Purse EUR €16,500.

1. **JAKOU DU BOULAY** - Last raced when he broke through for a maiden win over 2300m at Corlay on July 14 getting home by 0.8 lengths. Forward showing expected.
2. **JUNGLE ST GEORGES** - Unraced gelding by Cokoriko out of Une Toulousaine. Will be better for the run.
3. **JUST A JOKE** - Progressive gelding resuming today after two runs in his maiden campaign, the latest effort a fourth over 2400m at Granville-St-Pair-sur-Mer on July 11. Likely improver.
4. **JAMAIS VU CA** - Unraced gelding by Conillon out of Atmosphere. Others appeal more.
5. **JUAN DU LEMO** - Didn't do a bad job last start when fifth on debut over 2600m at Fontainebleau. Promising three-year-old gelding who is the leading contender.
6. **JAZZ MUSIC** - Resumes after a spell of five months. Turned out after an average debut when seventh over 2400m at Vichy. Maybe later.
7. **JACQUISE** - Showed decent improvement at her second career start last time out, finishing second over 2500m at Jarnac. In the mix.
8. **JOYEUSE** - Unraced filly by No Risk At All out of Virfolette. Might need this run.
9. **JACETTE** - Unraced filly by Feel Like Dancing out of Vared. Might need this run.
10. **JASTLA** - Finished midfield last start at Fontainebleau over 2600m, 6 lengths from the winner. First look at this longer trip. Worth following up.
11. **JESSY DU MESNIL** - Disappointing last time finishing seventh, beaten 6 lengths, over 2600m at Fontainebleau. Much better the start prior. Can feature if finds a bit more.
12. **JEANNE DALBIUS** - Resumed at Craon over 2400m last time out and finished sixth, beaten 7 lengths. Strips fitter and expected to feature.
13. **JOLVA** - Resumed at Craon over 2400m last time out and finished fourth, beaten 6 lengths. Strips fitter and should be in the mix.
14. **JE CROIS EN TOI** - Debuted at Le Lion-d'Angers seven weeks ago and turned in a handy run when 1.75 lengths away in third over 2400m. Comes into calculations again.

Summary: JOLVA (13) finished 6L fourth in a 2400m event at Craon. Selected to deliver a victory with both a hood and tongue tie applied for the first time. JESSY DU MESNIL (11) placed at Le Lion-d'Angers on debut. Expected to show up well having finished 5.75L seventh over 2600m at Fontainebleau subsequently. JAKOU DU BOULAY (1) won by 0.75L in a 2300m contest at Corlay. Dangerous stepping up in distance. JACQUISE (7) is another with claims on the back of a 2L second over 2500m at Jarnac.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JOLVA (13) - JESSY DU MESNIL (11) - JAKOU DU BOULAY (1) - JACQUISE (7)</p>

Race 6 - PRIX PLACE ROYALE - 1350m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **WITH THE STARS** - Drops in distance from the latest outing when third over 1800m at Morlaix, finishing 2.75 lengths off the winner. Terrific chance to find winning form.
2. **AKENATOR** - Debuted at Toulouse on September 24 and was pretty plain when beaten 7 lengths into seventh over 1400m. Open to plenty of improvement.
3. **MY RUNNER** - Kicked off his career with a moderate seventh, beaten 12 lengths, over 1600m at Bordeaux two-and-a-half weeks ago. Others look better placed.
4. **NOLITO** - Has opened his career in good style with two minor placings from three starts. Finished fifth at his most recent appearance over 1600m at Saint-Cloud. Must be included.
5. **PROLETARIAT** - Finished second over 1600m at Toulouse two back then missed the frame last time out over 1650m at Craon. Strong contender on best form.
6. **LOVE FOR LIFE** - Fair debut last start over 1300m at Saint-Cloud when unplaced but beaten only 2.25 lengths into fifth. In the mix again.
7. **INFINITY SWEET** - Did little on debut when beaten 15 lengths into seventh over 1600m at Deauville. Doubt she will trouble these.
8. **GALALITHE** - Well held on debut over 1200m Chantilly when seventh, beaten 6 lengths. Likely to struggle.
9. **SWEET BABY** - Opened her career in promising style two back with a minor placing at Dax. Disappointing in the follow up run three-and-a-half weeks ago when ninth over 1600m at Mont-de-Marsan. Can do much better this time.
10. **GOT SOCKS** - Son of Bow Creek from Lovely Best making his debut. Respect any positive betting move.
11. **LA SWISS** - Dariyan filly from Leggy Lizzy on debut. Tough test at her first outing.

Summary: NOLITO (4) came home 4.25L fifth in a 1600m maiden at Saint-Cloud. Taken to break his maiden at the fourth attempt. PROLETARIAT (5) looks a big threat following a 6L fifth in a 1650m maiden at Craon. Bow Creek newcomer GOT SOCKS (10) makes the shortlist representing a good yard. WITH THE STARS (1) wears blinkers for the first time and rates a threat having finished 2.75L third over 1800m at Morlaix.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">NOLITO (4) - PROLETARIAT (5) - GOT SOCKS (10) - WITH THE STARS (1)</p>
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Race 7 - PRIX ORS TRAITEUR (PRIX REXEL POLE LOIRE OCEAN) - 2100m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **PARABAK** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he scored over 2300m at Dax on August 11. Others are preferred.
2. **PLAIN BEAU** - Seven-year-old gelding who drops in journey from the latest outing when third over 2400m at La Roche-Posay, finishing 0.6 lengths off the winner. One of the leading chances.
3. **SASAKIA** - Has been plain of late including last start when well held over 1850m at Longchamp. Rates highly this time so she can bounce back.
4. **LILI BLUE** - Stripped fitter last start and ran a better race when second at Mont-de-Marsan over 2000m. Must be respected.
5. **MARTIAL EAGLE** - Resumed in impressive fashion last start, scoring by 4 lengths at Le Mans over 2300m. The one they have to beat.
6. **EQUINOXE** - Has not raced since finishing 10 lengths away in ninth over 3000m at Deauville on August 2. Should be right in the mix.
7. **RUE JONAS** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when seventh over 2400m at Nantes two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 8 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.

Summary: MARTIAL EAGLE (5) impressed delivering a 4L victory over 2300m at Le Mans. Looks up to registering a third win from his past four starts. EQUINOXE (6) receives a drop in grade following a 10L ninth in the 3000m Listed Prix du Carrousel at Deauville. Warrants close consideration. LILI BLUE (4) placed second in a 2000m event at Mont-de-Marsan. Could prove dangerous. SASAKIA (3) is another deserving thought. Switches to a conditions race after a couple of heavy defeats tackling handicap races.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MARTIAL EAGLE (5) - EQUINOXE (6) - LILI BLUE (4) - SASAKIA (3)</p>

Race 8 - PRIX DU BOIS JOLI - 2100m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **EL TANGO BELLO** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in fifth over 2200m at Craon a week-and-a-half ago. Still early in the prep and needs another run or two.
2. **DANDY COOL** - Finished 14th 31 days ago over 1650m at Craon. Up in trip. Key runner on his best form.
3. **BERING PALACE** - Racing below his best including last start when fourth at Chantilly AW over 1900m. Finds a suitable contest this time so he can bounce back.
4. **AGAMEMNON** - Hasn't won in 15 months. Finished seventh, beaten 10 lengths, last start over 2400m at La Teste. Has ability and is a definite top-three hope.
5. **JEU CELEBRE** - Unable to find the winners' circle this campaign. Last start was beaten 9 lengths into eighth over 2200m at Amiens. Needs to do more.
6. **OK BOOMER** - Has been without a win for over a year. Last time out finished 1.5 lengths away in fourth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Rates highly and is among the chances.
7. **SPIRIT OF DANCE** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when sixth over 1900m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 6 lengths. Place likely best.
8. **DALIGAR** - Not doing a lot this campaign including a very underwhelming last start 12th over 1900m at this track, beaten 12 lengths. Has ability and can bounce back.
9. **LADY STRAIGHT** - Good fourth over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers four weeks ago. Has ability and can measure up.
10. **BANDRA** - Form in recent times has been moderate, including a last start fifth over 2400m at Nantes. Has had too many chances.
11. **KAHOUNA** - Returned from a spell last start with a modest ninth over 1650m at Sable-sur-Sarthe, beaten 13 lengths. Strips fitter and is likely to feature.
12. **LE DEPUTE** - Modest effort first up last start, finishing fifth and beaten 5.5 lengths over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Others make more appeal.
13. **ADORATA** - Unable to find the winners' circle this campaign. Last start was beaten 6 lengths into eighth over 1900m at this track. Unlikely to threaten.
14. **PAINT ISLAND** - Hasn't won in four years. Finished seventh, beaten 6 lengths, last start over 1650m at Sable-sur-Sarthe. Place likely best.
15. **MOCKLERSHILL** - Veteran gelding who has been well held at the last couple starts, the latest when beaten 10 lengths into sixth over 2200m at Craon. Struggling of late and prepared to risk.

Summary: OK BOOMER (6) finished 1.5L fourth in a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux. Selected to register a third career win with a top jockey booked. DANDY COOL (2) showed good form prior to a below par fourteenth over 1650m at Craon. Could prove dangerous. AGAMEMNON (4) enters calculations having finished a short-head third in a 2100m conditions race at Montignac on his penultimate start. BERING PALACE (3) holds claims following a 2.25L fourth tackling a 1900m handicap at Chantilly AW.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OK BOOMER (6) - DANDY COOL (2) - AGAMEMNON (4) - BERING PALACE (3)</p>
