

PONTCHATEAU - 05 June

Race 1

1. **DOPIOM MONTAVAL** - Improved second in claiming company twelve days ago. This is tougher but place chance.
2. **EOLE DE CHENU** - No form since resuming. Hard to enthuse unless significant improvement.
3. **DIAMANT ATOUT** - 11L third in claiming company third up and has a good placed record over this distance. Races barefoot.
4. **EVEREST UP** - 23L defeat in a turf claiming walk up last month. Others preferred.
5. **DORESTAN** - Two poor runs since resuming including at a country track twelve days back. Needs significant improvement.
6. **ELSA BARBES** - DQ in a stronger walk up six days ago. Others more reliable.
7. **EXOTIC PASSION** - Placed form in stronger company prior to a pair of non-completions. Dangerous to dismiss if able to finish.
8. **ECLAIR DE CERIZE** - 5L third in this grade at Saint Malo prior to a DQ at Landivisiau. Player.
9. **COOL MAMILO** - Underwhelming record this campaign but could improve back at a winning venue.
10. **DESSERT COMPRIS** - 6L sixth in a better class walk up at Maure-de-Bretagne six days ago. Each way appeal without shoes.
11. **DURFAN** - Capable in this grade but needs to improve after a sixth in mounted company.
12. **EMIR DE L'ESQUE** - Mixed mounted form this term and fair seventh in this company previously. Contender.
13. **DROP DE L'ITON** - Down the field in all four starts since resuming. Others make more appeal.
14. **EMPEROR CHARM** - Improved form without shoes in previous two outings at a higher level. Key player in new shoeing combination to maintain current form.
15. **EPICE** - Midfield in previous two stronger walk ups since resuming. Top chance with a good record barefoot.
16. **EMINENCE BLEUE** - Infrequent winner who may need this after a lengthy absence. Prefer to watch.

Summary

EPICE (15) is set for improvement after a pair of stronger walk up efforts since resuming. Attractive chance with a top record racing barefoot. EMPEROR CHARM (14) has improved without shoes in previous two outings at a higher level. Key player in a new shoeing combination. EMIR DE L'ESQUE (12) could find the frame if able to build on a fair seventh in this standard when previously at this level. ECLAIR DE CERIZE (8) holds place claims if able to forgive a DQ with a previous fifth reading well.

Selections

EPICE (15) - EMPEROR CHARM (14) - EMIR DE L'ESQUE (12) - ECLAIR DE CERIZE (8)

Race 2

1. **EQUINIO SPORT** - In good mounted form prior to a pair of DQs. Best watched after a lengthy absence back in driven company.
2. **ELDORADO FRANCE** - Good 5L second in a better grade walk up at Saint Malo twelve days ago. Consider with a fine placed record barefoot.
3. **EL NINIO HAUFOR** - 17L eighth in a better grade Maure-de-Bretagne walk up 31 days ago. Drop in class may help. Races barefoot.
4. **ECU DE MIELOUI** - Second and fourth in this class prior to a DQ four weeks ago. Each way claims running barefoot.
5. **DARWINO** - DQ in three of previous five driven starts. Others more reliable.
6. **DEMOISELLE WIN** - 4.25L fourth in claiming company at Vincennes four days ago. This demands more.
7. **EXPERT CASTELETS** - 13L fifth in a stronger Dozule turf walk up 23 days ago. In the mix back on this surface without shoes.
8. **EXIL D'ERABLE** - Midfield in a pair of turf events since resuming. Others make more appeal.
9. **EPSOM GIRL** - 67 race maiden. Placed in stronger company three starts ago so not entirely dismissed for a minor frame spot.
10. **ESPOIR DU NOYER** - 1.75L success in this grade two starts ago at Senonnes. Key player without shoes.
11. **EROS DU FERRON** - Good form at a stronger level earlier in the campaign prior to a DQ last month. Claims if showing best.
12. **DUC DU CHENE** - Down the field in previous three similar driven contests. Others hold stronger claims.
13. **ETAT CIVIL** - Improved fifth on turf six days ago. Unlikely to replicate back on this surface.

Summary

ESPOIR DU NOYER (10) arrives in top form with a 1.75L success in this class at Senonnes two starts ago catching the eye. Key player without shoes. EXPERT CASTELETS (7) ran a fair fifth in a stronger turf walk up 23 days back. In the mix returning to this surface barefoot. EROS DU FERRON (11) holds claims if able to reproduce stronger form earlier in the campaign. ELDORADO FRANCE (2) is one to note with a fine placed record when barefoot and produced a good 5L second in a Saint Malo walk up twelve days ago.

Selections

ESPOIR DU NOYER (10) - EXPERT CASTELETS (7) - EROS DU FERRON (11) - ELDORADO FRANCE (2)

Race 3

1. **INES LUCERNAISE** - Unplaced in all fifteen career outings including in this company. Something to find.
2. **ITEA DU BELLAY** - 5L seventh in a better grade Vincennes walk up 22 days ago. Each way claims.
3. **IERMONT** - Scored in first two walk ups including at this track but held in similar company subsequently. Place chance.
4. **IT'S PAT** - Nose second over this track and trip three starts ago in an easier contest. Among the each way hopes.
5. **IBRAHISCO** - Placed in all four outings including in this grade at Chartres 24 days ago. Key player.
6. **IMPRESSION** - 1.25L fifth in a similar walk up prior to midfield runs in autostarts. Place option.
7. **IN THE AIR** - Breakthrough victory in a weaker turf event third up twelve days ago. Not ruled out with confidence high.
8. **ISABELLA DU PARC** - One win from four mounted starts prior to a break. Best watched unless attracting market support on driven debut.
9. **INVICTUS MADRIK** - Three placings from five starts and fair seventh in a stronger autostart sixteen days ago. Top chance for a notable trainer and jockey combination.

Summary

INVICTUS MADRIK (9) is expected to be tough to pass for a notable trainer and jockey combination after a fair seventh in better company at Marseille Borely. Attractive chance. IBRAHISCO (5) holds strong claims after placing in all four outings including in this grade at Chartres. Key player. IT'S PAT (4) is among the each way chances if replicating a nose second over this track and trip three starts ago. IERMONT (3) could sneak a placing at attractive odds.

Selections

INVICTUS MADRIK (9) - IBRAHISCO (5) - IT'S PAT (4) - IERMONT (3)

Race 4

1. **HERMES SIBEY** - Dramatic improvement to score by 1.5L in claiming company twelve days ago at Saint Malo. Contender if replicating with confidence up.
2. **HANAMOUR DE CHOUTE** - Inconsistent type who finished second in an easier autostart prior to a well held eleventh at Caen. Thereabouts on best form.
3. **HAUT BRION CODIE** - 5.5L fifth in this class of an autostart on reappearance. Should strip fitter with previous strong form in similar company.
4. **HASPARREN** - 0.5L success on turf prior to an eighth in a weaker event twelve days ago. Likely to find a few too good.
5. **HALTEA DU BELLAY** - 5L fifth in this company in a Chateaubriant autostart thirteen days previously. Place chance without shoes.
6. **HERMES PLANCHETTE** - 3L Laval winner earlier in the campaign prior to mixed form. Contender.
7. **HARIA DU BELLAY** - Held sixth in this class when tackling a Chateaubriant autostart third up. More needed.
8. **HAVANE DE FRECA** - 11L sixth in this grade second up at Vichy nineteen days ago. Something to find.
9. **HEUREUX DE FLEUR** - Three consecutive placings without rear shoes including at this level thirteen days ago. Go well.
10. **HAIKIDO** - Midfield in a pair of similar driven events prior to a DQ at Chartres. Others preferred.
11. **HORACE DU VIVIER** - DQ in previous two driven affairs. Best watched.
12. **HIGH MONEY D'AVRAN** - DQ in previous six outings. Hard to recommend.
13. **HORACIO LA SALETTE** - Impressive 8.5L success without shoes for the first time in this level 21 days ago at Lignieres. Hard to beat racing barefoot again.
14. **HAPPY PURPLE** - Good 1.25L second in this company at Laval 29 days ago. Attractive chance.

Summary

HORACIO LA SALETTE (13) showed dramatic improvement to score by 8.5L when barefoot for the first time in this grade 21 days ago. Hard to pass if able to replicate. HAPPY PURPLE (14) holds a strong chance after a 1.25L runner up effort in this grade at Laval. HERMES PLANCHETTE (6) is a good each way option after a 3L Laval success earlier in the campaign. HAUT BRION CODIE (3) could find a placing if able to build on a fair reappearance at Chateaubriant.

Selections

HORACIO LA SALETTE (13) - HAPPY PURPLE (14) - HERMES PLANCHETTE (6) - HAUT BRION CODIE (3)

Race 5

1. **FANDANGO DU CHENE** - Moderate runner up in a lower grade mounted race either side of two poor runs. More needed.
2. **EFFET** - Trio of fifth placed mounted finishes and looks to have work to do to reverse form with re-opposing rivals.
3. **FANTAISIE** - Bolted up by 14L in a Caen class E mounted race on reappearance a fortnight ago. Tough to beat barefoot with back-class in higher grades.
4. **FOSCA LUDOISE** - Two below par driven runs but holds each way claims back in a mounted race. Runs barefoot.
5. **FOUDRE DAIRPET** - 1.75L runner up in a class F mounted race at Meslay-Du-Maine two weeks ago. In the mix without shoes.
6. **DIVINE FOLIE** - Well beaten in recent starts but would have an each way chance on best form.
7. **ELVIRA DES KECHES** - Well held in latest outings and the booking of this in-form driver needs to spark a revival.
8. **CHARLESTON PIYA** - Well beaten in both mounted starts since resuming. Others hold stronger claims.
9. **DOMINO DE LARRE** - Running fairly of late and capable at this level. May show more on mounted debut under a top driver.
10. **DOMINGO BALAGO** - Running consistently in mounted races of late but the majority of his form has come on turf. Place claims if replicated on this surface.
11. **DERBY SHOW** - Well beaten in three starts on turf since resuming but could bounce back switched to this surface. Not discounted.

Summary

FANTAISIE (3) hacked up by 14L in a class E mounted race on reappearance two weeks ago. Tough to beat racing barefoot. FOUDRE DAIRPET (5) may prove the main danger following a 1.75L second in a class F mounted race at Meslay-du-Maine. In the mix without shoes. DERBY SHOW (11) can find the frame at this level and could bounce back returning to this surface. DOMINO DE LARRE (9) completes the shortlist on mounted debut under Eric Raffin.

Selections

FANTAISIE (3) - FOUDRE DAIRPET (5) - DERBY SHOW (11) - DOMINO DE LARRE (9)

Race 6

1. **GRAINE D'URZY** - Capable of finding the frame at this level but remains a maiden after 25 outings. Each way player on best form.
2. **GLOIRE DE JANEIRO** - 45 race maiden who finished a 0.25L runner up in a class E walk up at Cordemais in April. Frame contender.
3. **GIRL D'OMAHA** - Well held on reappearance but would be one for the placings if taking a step forward.
4. **GRAND DUC JIBAY** - Excused a DQ on turf having finished a close runner up in this grade at Chatelaillon prior. Not discounted.
5. **GALANT DE BRUYERE** - Two good runs in lower grade walk ups including when scoring by 1.5L on turf at a country track last month. Noted in current form.
6. **GREAT DANCER** - Four wins from seven starts and beat a host of subsequent winners by 2.5L in a class D event at Bordeaux a year ago. Leading player on return and stable debut.
7. **GAME HAUFOR** - 4.5L fourth in a grade E walk up at Meslay-Du-Maine just over two weeks ago. Each way contender.
8. **GALLIANO D'EVA** - 7.5L third in a class E at Vichy in between a pair of DQs. Place claims despite being a 33 race maiden.
9. **GUESS FOUTEAU** - Close second in a lower class walk up at Lisieux but the booking of Eric Raffin catches the eye. Not discounted.
10. **GALION DES PRES** - 2.5L third in a class E walk up at Le Mans three starts ago. Considered on that form.
11. **GALA DU SURF** - 2.5L second in a class E mounted race at Chartres last month. Frame contender if replicating back in a driven contest.
12. **GOLDEN SAUTONNE** - Can be excused a DQ on turf at Rambouillet. Had plenty of driven form in higher grades last year. Key player for an in-form driver.
13. **GENIAL HAUFOR** - 3.5L third in a class D mobile event at Vincennes three weeks ago. Respected back in a walk up in this suitable grade.

Summary

The lengthy absence for GREAT DANCER (6) is a small concern but he holds four wins from seven career starts. The latest when beating a host of subsequent winners by 2.5L in a class D event at Bordeaux. Leading player on return. GOLDEN SAUTONNE (12) is excused a DQ on turf at Rambouillet as had plenty of driven form in higher grades last year. Strong claims for an in-form driver. GENIAL HAUFOR (13) holds claims back in a walk up in this suitable level. GALANT DE BRUYERE (5) arrives in good form and cannot be ruled out.

Selections

GREAT DANCER (6) - GOLDEN SAUTONNE (12) - GENIAL HAUFOR (13) - GALANT DE BRUYERE (5)

Race 7

1. **DIABOLO DU RIB** - 5L fourth in this grade at a country track twelve days ago. Place claims running barefoot.
2. **GALEO** - Excused a DQ from behind the mobile having scored by 3.5L in a class C walk up at Maure-de-Bretagne prior. Key player down in grade for a red hot driver.
3. **EARLY PACTOL** - DQ in a class F walk up on turf at Segre six days back. More needed at this level.
4. **DJAG DU ROUEZO** - Well beaten in recent starts. Look elsewhere.
5. **DAISY DU CLOS** - Broke a string of DQs when scoring by 1.5L in a low grade walk up at a country track last week. Needs more upped in level.
6. **GALANT GALAA** - 2.75L success in a class D mobile event at Vincennes three weeks ago. Key player at this level under a top driver without shoes.
7. **FIONA DE COQUERIE** - Faded late when tenth at Enghien two runs back and was DQ at Caen two weeks ago. Not discounted if finding best form.
8. **ELSA RUSH** - Running fairly at a lower level of late. Each way player.
9. **ESCAPADE** - In front when breaking stride late in a class D walk up at Vincennes just over two weeks ago. In the mix if finding the finish.
10. **GODFATHER** - Completed a hat-trick earlier this year including when making all for a 2.25L success in a class A walk up at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Tough to beat.

Summary

The progressive GODFATHER (10) completed a trio of wins earlier this year including when making all by 2.25L in a class A walk up at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Tough to beat down in grade after a short break. GALEO (2) can be excused a DQ in an autostart having scored by 3.5L in a class C walk up at Maure-de-Bretagne prior. Main danger eased in standard for a red hot driver. GALANT GALAA (6) ran out a 2.75L winner of a class D mobile race at Vincennes. Claims at this level under a top driver. ESCAPADE (9) would be dangerous to dismiss if maintaining stride.

Selections

GODFATHER (10) - GALEO (2) - GALANT GALAA (6) - ESCAPADE (9)

Race 8

1. **FICIMER** - Held in class F company of late including in a walk up at Vichy two weeks ago. More needed at this level.
2. **FLAYA DU SAPTEL** - Capable of running well at this level but not seen for 675 days. Market can guide.
3. **FUNNY D'AVAIL** - Runner up in a low grade walk up prior to finishing well beaten on turf at Nort-sur-Erdre twelve days ago. Best watched.
4. **FILOU DES ULMES** - DQ on both starts since resuming and hard to trust at present.
5. **GUCCIA** - 0.75L second in a class E walk up at Laval 37 days ago. Place claims for an in-form driver.
6. **GINKGO ROCQ** - DQ in four of last six outings and well held in the other two. Others preferred.
7. **GOLD D'ECROVILLE** - In the process of running fairly when DQ in a class E walk up on turf at Nort-sur-Erdre. May bounce back with a good record at this track and trip.
8. **FOLIE DE CHOISEL** - 2L success in a class F walk up at Chatelaillon twelve days back. Shortlisted having shown he can compete at this level in the past.
9. **GALACTIC CASTELETS** - 1.25L second in a class D event from behind the mobile at Caen two weeks back. In the mix for a good yard returning to a walk up.
10. **GIMS DU PLESSIS** - Good career record and capable at this grade. Fair 6.5L sixth in a class D walk up at Chatelaillon twelve days ago. Each way player.
11. **GAIN ULTIME** - In excellent mounted form with two wins and four seconds from his last six starts. Drops in grade on return to driven company and not discounted.
12. **GONDOLE DE BLARY** - DQ in this grade at Chatelaillon but finished 4.5L third in a class B walk up at Caen in March. In the mix.
13. **GERSHWIN DE CHENU** - Arrives in excellent form with two wins and four placings from his last six outings. 3L winner of a walk up in this grade at Vincennes two back. Top chance racing barefoot.
14. **GAIA DU PONT** - Well beaten when last seen early this year. Capable in this grade but comes with risks attached.
15. **GINA DE FROULAY** - DQ at Vincennes eighteen days ago and the majority of her form has come in mounted races. Best watched.

Summary

GERSHWIN DE CHENU (13) is in brilliant form with two wins and four placings from his last six outings. Posted a 3L win in a walk up in this class at Vincennes two starts ago. Top chance racing barefoot under a leading driver. GALACTIC CASTELETS (9) finished 1.25L second in a class D event from behind the mobile at Caen. In the mix back in a walk up for a good yard. Stablemate GONDOLE DE BLARY (12) can be excused a DQ having produced a 4.5L third in a class B walk up at Caen in March. Shortlisted. GAIN ULTIME (11) and FOLIE DE CHOISEL (8) cannot be ruled out.

Selections

GERSHWIN DE CHENU (13) - GALACTIC CASTELETS (9) - GONDOLE DE BLARY (12) - GAIN ULTIME (11) - FOLIE DE CHOISEL (8)