

VICHY [R-H] - 06 August

Race 1 - PRIX FRANCOIS DE MALHERBE - 2600m . Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **GAZELLE DE TRACY** - Runner-up at Cluny over 2450m beaten 2.5L. One for consideration.
2. **HELLO BALL** - Tried to make all at Le Lion-d'Angers over 2400m when second beaten 2.5L. Consistent and should go well.
3. **HOOLA HOOP** - Won by 8L at La Roche over 2400m in June. Impressive latest and worth despite up in class.
4. **HAZUR DU DOUBS** - Well beaten on recent hurdles outings. Won four starts back on the flat and could re-find form.
5. **HORTITZA** - Mild promise in two starts to date at Cluny. Still needs more.
6. **GALASSIA** - Beaten a distance at Zonza and ruled out.

Summary: HOOLA HOOP (3) was a wide margin winner following a spell at La Roche over 2400m and on return to the flat. Is now two from two on the flat. Contender. GAZELLE DE TRACY (1) is consistent finishing runner-up at Cluny beaten 2.5L tackling 2450m. Should feature again. HAZUR DU DOUBS (4) ended up well beaten in three hurdles but won on the flat four starts back. HELLO BALL (2) ran second after trying to make all at Le Lion-d'Angers in a conditions race. Big claims.

Selections

HOOLA HOOP (3) - GAZELLE DE TRACY (1) - HAZUR DU DOUBS (4) - HELLO BALL (2)

Race 2 - PRIX DE LUSIGNY - 1400m CLM. Purse EUR €12,500.

1. **LADY VALOU** - Fourth in a maiden at Aix Les Bains over 1200m beaten 4L. Consistent of late and has won at claiming level.
2. **LA MATHILDE** - Won by 1.25L over this course and distance in a claimer beating re-opposing rivals. Looks the one to beat.
3. **CALIFANO** - Mild promise on debut at Salon-de-Provence but disappointed latest. Easily passed over.
4. **RECORD THE SHAW** - Runner-up beaten 1.25L by La Mathilde over this course and distance. Debut for a new yard and a top jockey booked.
5. **JOLIENENE** - Returned from a short-spell when sixth beaten 6.75L at Mont-de-Marsan. Time before was third behind Madam Babette. Worth consideration.
6. **LILLOU CHOPE** - Third in a course and distance claimer behind La Mathilde beaten 1.25L. Only fourth outing.
7. **VENDOME THINK** - Not shown enough in two career starts in claimers.
8. **SAMAYA** - Fifth beaten 4.75L over 1200m at Aix Les Bains in a claimer. Form for this race is solid and she remains unexposed.
9. **HURLY CANE** - Seventh beaten 5.5L in claimer behind a number of these. Has more to find.

Summary: LA MATHILDE (2) defeated a number of these by 1.25L over this course and distance in a claimer. Looks the one to beat on that form with RECORD THE SHAW (4) back in second on that occasion. LADY VALOU (1) put in a solid effort at Aix Les Bains in a maiden beaten 4L. Back to a claimer and should be thereabouts. LILLOU CHOPE (6) is lightly raced and only beaten 1.25L into third in the aforementioned course and distance claimer. Solid pick.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LA MATHILDE (2) - RECORD THE SHAW (4) - LADY VALOU (1) - LILLOU CHOPE (6)</p>
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Race 3 - PRIX DE SAINT PLAISIR - 1600m CL2. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **WONDER BOY** - Better than bare result when thirteenth beaten 6.75L in a top tier Longchamp handicap. Taking a big class drop.
2. **ALFIERI** - Fifth in this class at Aix Les Bains beaten 3.25L over this distance. More than capable.
3. **ROYAUMONT** - Sixth beaten 7.25L at Chantilly in this class. This looks a bit easier and not ruled out.
4. **EMILIANO ZAPATA** - Not shown enough in two French starts to date in this class.
5. **KIHAVAHFUSHI** - Fourth beaten 3.25L at La Teste in a C1 over 1600m. Down in grade and runner-up at this level two starts back.
6. **KARMOUTCHO** - Winner two starts back at Marseille Borely in a handicap over 1600m and then ran with credit off a 2.5kg higher mark. More needed.
7. **RUNNYMEDE** - Fourth beaten 4.25L in the G2 Badener Meile at Dusseldorf over 1600m. Struggled latest but worth a look.

Summary: KIHAVAHFUSHI (5) finished fourth beaten 3.25L in a higher class at La Teste over 1600m. In form and needs to be considered. WONDER BOY (1) was not beaten too far in a top level Longchamp handicap. Comes into this well at the weights. In the mix. ALFIERI (2) ran fifth beaten 3.25L at Aix Les Bains in a class two. At least a place chance. RUNNYMEDE (7) has been going well in German group races and could bounce back from a disappointing effort.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KIHAVAHFUSHI (5) - WONDER BOY (1) - ALFIERI (2) - RUNNYMEDE (7)</p>
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Race 4 - PRIX OMBRETTE - 1600m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **JOY BERE** - Showed nothing on debut in a Chantilly 1100m newcomers race in June.
2. **ALIEN** - Third beaten 3.75L at this venue over 1400m. Up in trip and has shown ability.
3. **CENIZA** - Eighth beaten 8.75L in a course and distance maiden. Could progress but would need to.
4. **WUKOLINA** - Well beaten in a course and distance maiden on debut. More needed.
5. **MISS BENNET** - Second at Vittel two starts back beaten 2L. Struggled here since in the Listed Prix des Jouvenceaux Et des Jouvencelles - Bernard Ferrand. Back down in class.
6. **LA PETITE VIREE** - Ninth beaten 10L on debut at Saint Malo in a 1600m maiden. Will need to find more.
7. **SUPER TRIP** - A daughter of Triple Threat making her debut for a strong yard. Market check needed.
8. **EVEREST ROSE** - Well bred daughter of Dubawi who went through the ring for €340,000. Looks the one to beat on paper.
9. **IN SHALAA** - Daughter of Shalaa who makes mild appeal on paper.
10. **SEPTANTE** - Newcomer from the Frederic Rossi yard. Market check needed.
11. **GIACOSA CAVALLA** - Daughter of Birchwood who is best watched on debut.
12. **MISS TREVILLE** - Went through the ring for €90,000 and needs to be considered on debut for Frederic Rossi.
13. **WILD SWEETHEART** - Daughter of Bobby's Kitten and needs a market check.

Summary: EVEREST ROSE (8) is a daughter of Dubawi and was an expensive purchase. If supported in the market looks the one to beat on debut. ALIEN (2) put in a promising third over 1400m at this venue recently in a maiden beaten 3.75L. Sets the standard of those to have raced. SEPTANTE (10) and MISS TREVILLE (12) are both newcomers from the Frederick Rossi yard. Market checks needed.

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Race 5 - PRIX TRIPOLETTE - 1600m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **BORN WITH WINGS** - Down the field on recent debut. Ran below market expectations and a potential improver.
2. **SOLID SPIRIT** - 2.75L fourth second up at this track. Can improve again and has good jockey booked. Each way.
3. **ROCK OF THE GLADE** - Looked limited in four starts so far. Best watched.
4. **MR GNOK BARNES** - Promising 2.5L third in debut. Can question strength of that race but expected to progress and is hard to rule out.
5. **ATI SHADREVANI** - Mid-field on debut. Out-ran market expectations but will need to find progression now in better looking race.
6. **JOHEN** - 2L third at this track and trip last month in big field. That was a good effort and rates highly.
7. **DUX** - Placed on three of last four starts and looks overdue a victory. Drops back in grade from a handicap to a maiden and should give a bold showing.
8. **BARNEYS GIFT** - 2L second here sixteen days ago. Stayed on well and will prove well suited to the extra 200m. Big chance.
9. **FALCON DES MOTTES** - First time starter by Storm The Stars. Market can guide in regards to chance.
10. **CRUNCH TIME** - First time starter by Shalaa. Yard can ready one so no surprise to see a big run first up.
11. **SPEED WAY** - Inexpensive yearling purchase. My prove best watched unless market moves positively.
12. **INVESTISSEUR** - €70,000 purchase and certainly bred to have ability. A potential threat to all first up.

Summary: BARNEYS GIFT (8) stayed on well when placing at this track. Can improve again for the step up in trip and looks the one to beat now. JOHEN (6) has progressed with each start to date and ran a career best at this track and trip. Keep safe. INVESTISSEUR (12) is a nicely bred debutant. Yard can ready one first up so expect a bold showing. DUX (7) has already placed three times. Solid each way pick.

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<p style="text-align: center;">BARNEYS GIFT (8) - JOHEN (6) - INVESTISSEUR (12) - DUX (7)</p>
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Race 6 - PRIX SAREPTA - 2000m MDN. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **MON VIEUX LEON** - Disappointing when well fancied last time but had placed on three starts before. Expect him to bounce back and go close.
2. **CARL GUSTAF** - Modest form in three starts first campaign. Unlikely to improve enough following that to factor now.
3. **STONETAIL** - Has progressed with each start so far. Dam has good record of producing winners and this colt looks likely to boost that at some point. Threat to all.
4. **PAULITA MAX** - Took a big step forward from debut when placing second up. Can question strength of that form but interesting if progressing again.
5. **SUNDORO** - Smart debut effort when beaten a nose at this track and trip last month. Should improve. The one to beat.
6. **AVENIDA** - Has placed on all four career starts so far. Looks overdue a victory and receives a handy apprentice weight claim. Big chance.
7. **CHINCHILLY** - Well beaten in two starts so far. Easily opposed.
8. **MISS COQUIN** - First time starter by Prince Gibraltar. Market can guide.
9. **PIMBECHE** - Nicely bred daughter of Rajsaman. Market can guide readiness for debut.

Summary: SUNDORO (5) made a highly promising debut when beaten just a nose. Could not have come any closer to a win than that but can make amends now. Is the one they all have to beat. AVENIDA (6) has placed on all four career starts so far. Smart type that has been unfortunate in regards to the rivals he has met so far. Keep safe. STONETAIL (3) is progressing. Each way chance. MON VIEUX LEON (1) can be excused a disappointing effort. Threat to all.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDORO (5) - AVENIDA (6) - STONETAIL (3) - MON VIEUX LEON (1)</p>

Race 7 - PRIX DU CHAROLAIS - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **THE ROOM** - Beaten 7L on reappearance and will need to improve upon that if she is to factor now.
2. **CREATIVE** - Disappointing run last time but remains of interest given she had placed on four of five runs previous. Worth another chance.
3. **COSMIC CITY** - Honest performer that has won at this track twice previously. Lost his way at present and needs to re-find form.
4. **SOUVIGNE** - Won final start last campaign and has placed twice at Marseille Vivaux since resuming. In good form and easy to fancy.
5. **MY LENNY** - Been freshened but has struggled first up in the past. May prove best watched.
6. **MALAAW** - Run well all starts this campaign without troubling the judge. Drawn well now and can improve. Each way hope.
7. **LINSOUMIS** - 3.5L third at Saint Cloud two starts ago reads well. Not at best since but drop in trip will help. Each way claims.
8. **KAILYN** - Won five starts ago but has regressed subsequently. Needs extra 500m now to recapture form.
9. **STONEBRIDGE** - Modest this time in work and whilst now third up it would be a surprise if he were to improve enough to factor.
10. **ROI DES CIEUX** - Game 1L winner at Marseille Borely three starts ago. Not disgraced in two runs since and looks to hold each way claims.
11. **AMBRE** - Sixteen race maiden but has been running well in defeat of late. Ran 1.75L fourth here two weeks ago and can improve. Shortlisted.
12. **HALLO WIEN** - Inconsistent mare. Won four starts ago at Strasbourg but not looked like troubling the judge since. Hard to entirely rule out however from nice weight.
13. **GOLDSTONE** - 0.8L second at Longchamp was a good run. This looks slightly easier and can improve again. Big chance.
14. **HAPPY TO BE** - Won five starts ago and ran with credit since. Remains in suitable grade and has each way claims.

Summary: GOLDSTONE (13) has finished second on last two starts and looks overdue a victory. Can improve again and looks the one to beat. SOUVIGNE (4) has placed twice from three runs this campaign. Progress expected and is easy to fancy. CREATIVE (2) had excuses when disappointing latest. In much better form before and has a good each way chance if bouncing back. AMBRE (11) has been racing consistently. Solid place claims.

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Race 8 - PRIX DU BRIONNAIS - 2400m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **CLEVER DUCHESS** - 2.5L third at Pompadour last time. Can question strength of that form but interesting if progressing again.
2. **KARRY BRADSHAW** - Well beaten both starts this campaign. Likely best ignored in current form.
3. **STEPASIDE** - Looked limited in three starts so far. May yet progress but is best watched amongst this field.
4. **FOX TIN** - Lost his way this campaign and needs to re-find form.
5. **NOBILDONNA** - 2.5L fourth at Aix-Les-Bains last month. Can improve again and looks to hold a place chance.
6. **GALAXIE QUEST** - Impressive 1.5L winner at Aix-Les-Bains last month. This looks a better contest and confidence will be high now bidding to go back to back.
7. **VABELLINO SUCCES** - Won four starts ago and has placed twice since. Nicely weighted and easy to fancy.
8. **ITS ALL CLASS** - Struggling recently and unlikely to factor in this field.
9. **MONFRERE** - Been running well in stronger contests of late. Good jockey booked and has drawn well. Big chance in this grade.
10. **WILLY BOY** - String of modest efforts and happy to oppose at present.
11. **HEART BRAKER** - Shaped promisingly and now third up so should be primed. Potential to improve. Each way.
12. **ZINZICHERA** - 1.75L second at Lyon-Parilly was a good run and that was third placed finish since winning five starts ago. Thriving at present. Include.
13. **LADIE SALSA** - Game 1L winner at Aix-Les-Bains two starts ago. Disappointing back there subsequently but worth another chance.

Summary: MONFRERE (9) has been running well in better races of late. Dropped in grade and has found the right race. Leading contender. ZINZICHERA (12) won five starts ago and has placed three times since. Clearly in great form and should give another bold showing. VABELLINO SUCCES (7) was beaten 2L into second last time. Can improve again and is easy to fancy. GALAXIE QUEST (6) posted a career best when an impressive 1.5L winner. Threat to all following that performance.

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