

THURSDAY, 09/04/26

R4 ARGENTAN [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE MAISONS-LAFFITTE - 1300m (a6f1/2) - TURF - Class 4
Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 12,500**

- 1. SWEET AS** - Off form and finished 6th in a Class 4 handicap at Le Croise- Laroche over 1100m on 4 April. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 2. HOT COLD** - Has struggled of late and finished 10th in a Class 3 handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 7 February. Capable of doing better and has a place chance
- 3. CALIFANO** - In good shape and finished 3rd in a claimer at Limoges over 1400m on 15 March. Shuld be competitive once again
- 4. KELLY KEY** - Not reliable and finished 9th in a Class 3 handicap at Strasbourg over 1550m on 22 March. Has won in this division and should be a threat to these rivals
- 5. BRIO** - Has some fair form and finished 4th in a claimer at Chantilly over 1600m on 23 March. Can contest the finish again
- 6. ALYAQUT** - Showed improvement when a runner-up in a Class 3 handicap at Saint-Cloud over 1200m on 20 November. Returns from a break but would not be a surprise winner
- 7. KEREMET** - Unreliable and finished 13th in a Class 4 handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 1700m on 25 March. More is needed to beat these rivals
- 8. GOLD AND DREAM** - Finished 14th in a Class 3 handicap at Chantilly over 1400m on 26 March. Capable of doing better and has claims trying a claimer
- 9. MI C'INFILO** - Has struggled of late and finished 12th in a Class 4 claimer at Le Croise-Laroche over 1100m on 20 March. Others make more appeal
- 10. GRIGNETTE** - Showed some improvement when 4th in a Class 3 handicap at Chantilly over 1600m on 2 March. Can be a threat to these rivals
- 11. SPICHOPE** - Has strugggled of late and finished 8th in a handicap at Senonnes-Pouancé over 1359m on 13 March. Needs to find a few lengths to score

Summary: GOLD AND DREAM (8) failed to make an impact on handicap debut at Chantilly but is presented with a good chance to bounce back in this company. KELLY KEY (4) is proven at this level and looks the main danger. BRIO (5) has shown fair recent form and can feature again in the finish, while ALYAQUT (6), dropping in class, is capable of improvement and would not be a surprise winner in this contest.

SELECTIONS

GOLD AND DREAM (8) - KELLY KEY (4) - BRIO (5) - ALYAQUT (6)

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C2 - PRIX SICA BOY - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 11,500

- 1. TREVI** - Has not shown much so far and finished 8th in a Conditions race at Nort-sur-Erdre over 1800m on 5 October. Returns from a break and could need this run
- 2. CLIMATIC** - Has struggled of late and finished 12th in a Conditions race at Le Mans over 1950m on 20 March. More is needed to score
- 3. RUE DE VOLGA** - Only modest of late and finished 7th in a claimer at Amiens over 2200m on 19 November. Returns from a break and could need this run
- 4. BELLA CIAO** - Not reliable and finished 12th in a Class 4 handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 30 March. Did better on the turf before that and can bounce back to score
- 5. PREFERENCIA** - Did not show her best when 6th in a Conditions race at Mont-Lucon over 2300m on 22 March. In very good form before that and would not be a surprise winner
- 6. COCO LIGHT** - Only modest of late and finished 6th in a Class 4 handicap at Pornichet over 2400m on 25 March. Has won at this track before and is not out of it
- 7. SCHERWOOD** - Off form and finished 11th in a Class 4 handicap at Compiègne over 2000m on 27 March. Capable of doing better and could make the frame
- 8. SLAYER** - Showed some improvement when 4th in a handicap at La Teste-Bassin over 1900m on 21 March. Can be a threat to these rivals
- 9. LADIVA** - Battling to find best form and finished 9th in a claimer at Le Mans over 1950m on 20 March. Needs to find a few lengths to score

Summary: BELLA CIAO (4) ran below par at Chantilly last time but returns to turf with every chance of bouncing back to her best, having shown more promising form previously. PREFERENCIA (5) should improve significantly following her recent reappearance at Montluçon and could feature in the finish. SLAYER (8) impressed with a strong late surge in a recent handicap and must be respected, while SCHERWOOD (7) is capable of better and could also make his presence felt.

SELECTIONS

BELLA CIAO (4) - PREFERENCIA (5) - SLAYER (8) - SCHERWOOD (7)

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C3 - PRIX HERBAGER - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,400

- 1. KAWARETH** - A faller last time out in a class 4 conditions hurdle at Dieppe on 12 June. Returns from a break but has won on the flat and could surprise
- 2. AINTREEGIRL** - Returned to form with a runner-up performance in a class 4 handicap at Le Lion-d'Angers over 2000m on 5 April. Can go one place better
- 3. THE WHEEL** - Only modest of late and finished 8th in Conditions race at Deauville over 1900m on 19 January. Better on the grass and could be very competitive in this line-up
- 4. HAPPY HUNTER** - Not reliable and finished 15th in a Class 3 handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 31 January. Needs to find a few lengths to score
- 5. HEY MAN** - Successful in a Class 4 handicap at Le Mans over 1950m on 4 March. Carries a penalty but can double up
- 6. PURBRIGHT DRALLIV** - Unreliable and finished 14th in a Class 3 handicap at Compiegne over 2000m on 27 March. Has a place chance
- 7. ANGE NOIR PELEM** - Yet to win a race and finished 9th in a Class 3 handicap at Compiegne over 2000m on 27 March. Can play a minor role on best form
- 8. DAHARIZ** - Only modest of late and finished 6th in a Class 4 conditions race at Nantes over 1600m on 31 March. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 9. BAILEYS ECLAIR** - Unreliable and finished 11th in a Class 3 handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 23 March. Likely to do better on the grass and is not out of it
- 10. JUST FOR GAB'S** - Returned to form and finished 3rd in a Class 4 handicap at La Teste-de-Buch over 1900m on 21 March. Can contest the finish once again

Summary: AINTREEGIRL (2) caught the eye with a strong late surge over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers last Sunday and looks ready to go one better in this contest. THE WHEEL (3), placed off a higher mark late last season, has the quality to challenge for the lead. JUST FOR GAB'S (10) appears back to her best and, with Marvin Grandin aboard in fine form, is a notable contender. HEY MAN (5), a gutsy winner at Le Mans last time, should also be competitive in this line-up.

SELECTIONS

AINTREEGIRL (2) - THE WHEEL (3) - JUST FOR GAB'S (10) - HEY MAN (5)

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C4 - PRIX DU PAYS D'ARGENTAN - 2900m (a2m) - TURF - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,400

- 1. MURANO** - Has been kept to the PSF for some time now and finished 5th in a Class 4 conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 3100m on 25 March. Might play a minor role
- 2. ARGYRON** - Unreliable and finished 3rd in a Class 4 handicap at Senonnes-Pouancé over 2300m on 13 March. Should contest the finish once again
- 3. UM ELNADIM** - Needed her only run of the year when 9th in a Class 4 handicap at Senonnes-Pouancé over 2300m on 13 March. Returns from a break and could need this run
- 4. BECQUANIENTE** - Not reliable and finished 5th in a Class 4 handicap at Fontainebleau over 3000m on 17 March. Could make the frame
- 5. RHEINLAND** - Yet to win a race but did finish 5th in a Class 3 handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 2400m on 21 February. Might play a minor role
- 6. ARMORIGENE** - Unreliable and finished 11th in a Class 4 handicap at Le Croise-Laroche over 2500m on 20 March. Needs major improvement to score
- 7. AND WE DANCED** - Kept to the PSF of late and finished 6th in a Class 3 handicap at Deauville over 2500m on 6 February. Should do better on the grass and is not out of it
- 8. CAPTAIN EAGLE** - Has struggled of late and finished 13th in a Class 4 handicap at Senonnes-Pouance over 2300m on 13 March. Others are preferred
- 9. MONSIEUR GEORGE** - Only modest of late and finished 8th in a Class 4 handicap at Deauville over 2500m on 8 January. Capable of doing better but others make more appeal
- 10. STARLIGHT** - Successful in a Class 3 handicap at Chantilly over 2700m on 25 February. Much improved of late and could follow up
- 11. KAPO ROSSO** - Finished 10th in a Class 4 handicap at Senonnes-Pouance over 2300m on 13 March. Capable of doing better and has claims in a very open race
- 12. MILORD DU LEMO** - Finished 6th in a Class 4 handicap at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 3200m on 27 March. Capable of better and should be a lively danger
- 13. GOT HAWK** - Off form and finished 8th in a Class 4 handicap at Le Croise-Laroche over 2500m on 20 March. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 14. MONT STEELE** - Unreliable but did finish 4th in a Class 4 handicap at Le Croise-Laroche over 2500m on 20 March. Might play a minor role once again

Summary: Back in conditions that should suit him much better, KAPO ROSSO (11) looks set to return to winning ways and could prove hard to beat. ARGYRON (2) also makes plenty of appeal, having returned to the frame on soft ground at Senonnes and is well drawn. AND WE DANCED (7) is a formidable performer at this track and cannot be ignored, while BECQUANIENTE (4) should improve offher comeback and is also worthy of consideration.

SELECTIONS

KAPO ROSSO (11) - ARGYRON (2) - AND WE DANCED (7) - BECQUANIENTE (4)

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**C5 - PRIX EGYPTBAND - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden - Flat - EUR €
19,200**

- 1. ZOLIA D'OROUX** - Finished 8th on debut in a Conditions flat race at Durtal over 2300m on 22 March. Needs to find a few lengths to score
- 2. ADVENTURA** - Showed some improvement when fourth in a Conditions maiden race at Pornichet over 2400m on 25 March. Can contest the finish
- 3. LIKE NO OTHER** - Finished 9th on debut in a Conditions race at Durtal over 2300m on 22 March. Needs to improve if it hopes to do better
- 4. ZENAYAH** - Only modest so far and was 7th in a Conditions race at Le Mans over 2300m on 20 March. Might play a minor role
- 5. INZAIRE** - Well beaten on debut in a Conditions race at Durtal over 2300m on 22 March. Needs to do a lot better to beat these rivals
- 6. THE LITTLE SWAN** - Not disgraced on debut when sixth in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1900m on 26 March. Has a big chance in this line-up
- 7. RUSH TO WAIT** - Has only been modest so far and finished 7th in a Conditions race at Pornichet over 2400m on 25 March. Could be a real threat to these rivals
- 8. NESRYN** - Finished 9th on debut in a Conditions race at Le Mans over 1950m on 4 March. Capable of improvement and could make the frame
- 9. IXIAS** - A three-year-old filly by Cloth Of Stars out of Isarnixe who is making her debut. Her dam never won a race. Monitor the betting
- 10. NAIADE BLAGNY** - A three-year-old filly by Moises Has out of Kateya who is making her debut. Her dam won twice in just ten starts. Should be a threat

Summary: THE LITTLE SWAN (6) shaped with clear promise on debut at Chantilly, finishing off her race well from mid-division, and looks to have the ability to land a maiden of this nature with normal improvement. RUSH TO WAIT (7) has yet to show his full hand and could take a step forward here, while ADVENTURA (2) produced an encouraging effort when fourth on the sand at Pornichet and remains open to improvement. NESRYN (8), better than her debut suggests, is worth some consideration.

SELECTIONS

THE LITTLE SWAN (6) - RUSH TO WAIT (7) - ADVENTURA (2) - NESRYN (8)

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**C6 - PRIX DU PAYS D'HOULME - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Flat -
EUR € 11,500**

1. P'TIT ROCK - Showed some improvement when runner-up in this division at Saint-Brieuc over 1700m on 1 March. Can go one place better

2. RAGE CHOPE - Has some fair form and finished 5th in a claimer at Le Mans over 1950m on 20 March. Can earn some more money

3. HALSEY - Only modest of late and was 6th in a claimer at Fontainebleau over 2000m on 31 March. Others make more appeal

4. FIRST LADY STAR - Yet to win a race and finished 11th in a Conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 2400m on 25 March. Needs to find a few lengths to score

5. HELLO VEGA - Has not show much so far and was 12th in a Conditions race at Deauville over 1300m on 2 November. Returns from a break and could need this run

6. SONARAH - Showed some improvement when 5th in a claimer at Fontainebleau over 1800m on 13 March. More is needed to beat these rivals

7. NOUS TROIS - Did not show her best when 8th in a handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 29 January. Capable of much better and has claims in this line-up

8. RED MOON - Showed improvement when runner-up in a claimer at Lyon-La Soie over 2400m on 21 March. Can be a threat to these rivals

9. ROSA MIA - Needed her last run when 9th in a Conditions hurdle at Auteuil over 3000m on 14 March. Has won on the flat and is not out of it

Summary: NOUS TROIS (7) finished close up at this level last time, beating several of today's rivals, and arrives here freshened up with strong claims of going one better. P'TIT ROCK (1) was well held behind a filly who has since franked the form and could be a leading player on that evidence. RED MOON (8) looks capable of confirming her recent runner-up effort at Lyon. ROSA MIA (9), back in the grade of her sole win and partnered by an in-form rider, is another to respect.

SELECTIONS

NOUS TROIS (7) - P'TIT ROCK (1) - RED MOON (8) - ROSA MIA (9)

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**C7 - PRIX DE COMPIEGNE - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden - Flat - EUR
€ 19,200**

1. HORAGE - Finished 7th on debut in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1900m on 3 March. Capable of improvement and is not out of it

2. ARIOSTO - Returned from a break and finished 6th in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 15 March. Fitter this time and could be a threat

3. BOX OFFICER - Kept to the PSF so far and was fourth in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1900m on 26 March. Big chance in this line-up

4. PRINCENOIR - Has not shown much in two starts, the latest when tenth in a Conditions race at Pornichet-La Baule over 2400m on 25 March. Needs major improvement to win

5. BROMUS - Finished 11th on debut in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 19 March. Capable of improvement but others are preferred

6. SARENZO - A runner-up on debut in a Conditions race at Durtal over 2300m on 22 March. Should fight out the finish once again

Summary: BOX OFFICER (3) shaped well when fourth in a stronger contest at Chantilly and looks ideally placed to take advantage of this opportunity. That form sets a solid standard in this field. SARENZO (6) went close on debut and, with natural improvement expected, rates the main danger. HORAGE (1) is better than his latest effort and could bounce back into the placings, while ARIOSTO (2) is entitled to progress from his recent return and is not ruled out.

SELECTIONS

BOX OFFICER (3) - SARENZO (6) - HORAGE (1) - ARIOSTO (2)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day

BOX OFFICER (703)

Outsider of the day

ROSA MIA (609)

Reverse forecast

THE LITTLE SWAN (506) - RUSH TO WAIT (507)

Three pick of the day

GOLD AND DREAM (108) - BELLA CIAO (204) - BOX OFFICER (703)