

## BORDEAUX - 09 May

### Race 1

1. **MISS CLEOPATRA** - 2.5 winner of a newcomers event over 1100m last month (good to soft). Top chance.
2. **DETESNOUVELLES** - Off the mark on second attempt in a Tarbes maiden over 1100m (soft). Strong challenger.
3. **PEDRO CHOP** - Pedro The Great debutant. Likely second string for the trainer.
4. **SEPTIEME SENS** - Well held in both starts to date. Improvement needed.
5. **BEAUTY FATALE** - Unplaced in four outings including in this company last week. Others readily preferred.
6. **LA MATHILDE** - Fourth in a 1000m claimer at La Teste 23 days ago. Others make more appeal.

### Summary

MISS CLEOPATRA (1) was a decisive winner of a newcomers event over 1000m at Le Lion d'Angers on good to soft ground last month. Could prove tough to beat second up and progress in a winnable contest. DETESNOUVELLES (2) got off the mark second up in a maiden at Tarbes tackling 1100m. Thereabouts. PEDRO CHOP (3) looks the stable second string on debut but could challenge for a placing. LA MATHILDE (6) is another place candidate after a pair of fair efforts among claiming company.

### Selections

**MISS CLEOPATRA (1) - DETESNOUVELLES (2) - PEDRO CHOP (3) - LA MATHILDE (6)**

## Race 2

1. **KING OF LIFE** - Unraced The Gurkha colt making his debut. Keep on side if attracting market support.
2. **POMAHAKA** - Lyon-la-Soie maiden winner prior to a down the field ninth in this grade first up. Hard to recommend.
3. **BIALYSTOK** - 1.5L second in this company prior to victory eased in class 43 days ago. Firmly in the mix.
4. **SINGLEDON** - Off the mark in a Toulouse maiden over 2100m (good) 33 days ago. Place claims raised in class.
5. **AFKAAR** - Marseille-Borely maiden winner over 2000m (good) 34 days ago. Not discounted for a leading trainer.
6. **GUERRE D'AMOUR** - Dual class two winner who found the placings at Marseille-Borely over 1600m last month. Consider.

### Summary

BIALYSTOK (3) delivered a 1.5L second in this class before scoring in an easier grade. Sets the standard on form with more experience than most in the line-up. Top chance for a trainer who saddles three runners in this contest. AFKAAR (5) could be a strong challenger after landing a Marseille-Borely maiden over 2000m on good ground. Further progress to come. GUERRE D'AMOUR (6) is another to note having won twice at class two level. Might be at peak fitness third up. SINGLEDON (4) can sneak a placing. Produced a confidence-boosting victory in latest.

### Selections

**BIALYSTOK (3) - AFKAAR (5) - GUERRE D'AMOUR (6) - SINGLEDON (4)**

### Race 3

1. **DEXTER** - Off the mark on third hurdle start at Toulouse over 3500m (good) last month. Leading hope for a notable trainer.
2. **LORIGINAL** - 1.75L success on hurdle debut at Senonnes over 3600m (soft) last month. Key player.
3. **POPLAR SQUARE** - One win from nine hurdle starts including ninth in handicap company eleven days ago. Vulnerable to unexposed types.
4. **MOCKNEY REBEL** - Improved 0.75L runner up on reappearance at Fontainebleau over 3550m (soft) last month. Frame chance.
5. **PADIRAC** - Hit the frame on sole start here but two pulled up efforts elsewhere tempers confidence.
6. **HORRESCO REFERENS** - 16L seventh on sole hurdle start last term. Needs improvement but a positive jockey booking.
7. **ASCAIN** - Whipper gelding who could go well on debut for an in-form trainer.
8. **LA GRAND PLACE** - 9L fourth on sole start in a minor hurdle 21 days ago. May improve.
9. **LA GATTA** - Unraced filly by leading sire Balko. Not discounted.

### Summary

DEXTER (1) won impressively on third hurdle outing over 3500m at Toulouse. Can make a bold bid to follow up in a suitable event for a top trainer. LORIGINAL (2) might pose problems for the aforementioned if improving after a good Senonnes success on hurdle debut last month. Player. MOCKNEY REBEL (4) holds place claims. Managed a fine second on reappearance and may strip fitter. LA GRAND PLACE (8) may progress from a debut fourth .

### Selections

**DEXTER (1) - LORIGINAL (2) - MOCKNEY REBEL (4) - LA GRAND PLACE (8)**

## Race 4

1. **BEROLIJEAN** - Unraced colt by a good sire. Market check advised.
2. **GOLDEN WAY** - Galiway colt making his debut for a leading trainer. One to note.
3. **IT'S MAGIC** - Morandi colt making his first start. Keep on side if attracting market support.
4. **PITERAQ** - Colt by leading sire Siyouni. Could go well for a trainer who can ready one.
5. **JUREER** - Territories colt debuting. Notable runner for top connections.
6. **LOU MCDOWELL** - Kheleyf filly making her debut. Would be of interest if strong in the market.
7. **OPTIMUMM** - The Gurkha filly making her first start. Not discounted.
8. **IMAGINE LAGESSE** - Vision d'Etat filly on first outing. May need this.
9. **HOLYMPICA** - Olympic Glory filly could make her presence felt for a good yard. Contender.

### Summary

A tricky newcomers event. JUREER (5) could have a say in the finish for top connections. A Territories colt profiles well especially if attracting notable market support. PITERAQ (4) is a colt by leading sire Siyouni. Of note for a trainer who knows how to ready one ready on debut. GOLDEN WAY (2) and IT'S MAGIC (3) both catch the eye on pedigree and are worth a market check as possible first-time place chances.

### Selections

**JUREER (5) - PITERAQ (4) - GOLDEN WAY (2) - IT'S MAGIC (3)**

## Race 5

1. **FOOFIGHTERS** - Five chase wins from seven starts including winning easily in a stronger 3800m contest here on reappearance. Hard to beat after a small rise in the weights.
2. **MAURICIUS** - 4.25L fourth in a similar Fontainebleau chase over 3850m second up. Frame option.
3. **TWIST DE LA BARRE** - Four consecutive runner up spots including on reappearance here over 3800m last month. Go close.
4. **ITE MISSA** - Beaten a long way in a stronger Auteuil chase 42 days ago over 3500m (soft). Leading chance eased in class.
5. **CHOUAN** - 4.25L third in a weaker 3800m course handicap chase prior to a fourth over hurdles. Place chance.
6. **GITANE D'AINAY** - Breakthrough chase victory in a similar Meslay du Maine chase 21 days ago. This is tougher but confidence is up.
7. **RIO SALSAS** - Scored in a weaker chase prior to a pulled up effort here 29 days ago. Others more reliable.
8. **COMMINGEOIS** - Beaten a long way in a couple of recent claiming chases. No appeal.

### Summary

FOOFIGHTERS (1) continues to rise through the weights after completing a hat-trick on reappearance in a stronger 3800m chase here. Raised 2kg higher however continues to progress and looks tough to beat. ITE MISSA (4) may feature in the finish after a drop in class following a below par effort at Auteuil. Key player at this level with strong previous form to draw on. TWIST DE LA BARRE (3) is a model of consistency. Hard to dismiss for a placing once more. CHOUAN (5) can fill a minor placing if showing best form.

### Selections

**FOOFIGHTERS (1) - ITE MISSA (4) - TWIST DE LA BARRE (3) - CHOUAN (5)**

## Race 6

1. **MUNTAZAH** - Good third in a 1400m course maiden 22 days ago. Contender up in trip.
2. **IBIS DE LITRE** - 5L seventh on debut here over 1400m (good to soft). May improve.
3. **ILLIKEAU** - Held 10L eighth on first outing here last month. Improvement needed.
4. **IHSAN D'ETIOLLES** - 4L sixth on sole start in a course maiden over 1400m. Step forward required.
5. **AL MUWAIJI** - Son of Majd Al Arab who makes his debut. May need this.
6. **MOHARRAM** - Assy colt who makes his first outing. Market check advised.
7. **KALIFANO DE GHAZAL** - Dahess colt on first start. Any market move could be significant.
8. **EL CHICO** - Unraced son of Tabarak. Not considered unless given a market push.
9. **IMPEDOR DE BOZOULS** - Colt by Majd Al Arab on debut for a trainer who saddles a few in this. Keep in mind for a placing.
10. **INKA DES VIALETTES** - Unraced colt by Josco Du Cayrou out of Urka Des Violettes. Keep an eye on betting.

### Summary

MUNTAZAH (1) can build on a promising debut third at this venue to get off the mark on second outing. Attractive chance with experience under his belt. IHSAN D'ETIOLLES (4) delivered a 4L sixth on sole attempt in a course maiden over 1400. May take a step forward. IBIS DE LITRE (2) is another to consider for a placing if able to improve second up. Managed a fair seventh on first run. INKA DES VIALETTES (10) looks one to note if attracting any market support on debut.

### Selections

**MUNTAZAH (1) - IHSAN D'ETIOLLES (4) - IBIS DE LITRE (2) - INKA DES VIALETTES (10)**

## Race 7

1. **DANSILI PRINCE** - 13L third in a similar handicap hurdle at La Teste second up over this trip (good). Frame option under in-form jockey claiming 3kg.
2. **GREAT PAUL** - Held sixth from this weight over 4200m at Toulouse following success over this distance previously. Contender with good form in blinkers.
3. **L'HEURE DU CRIME** - Held fifth when last seen over hurdles but chance down in grade from a lower weight.
4. **BALILAND** - Thoroughly consistent type who scored over fences latest and was a decisive 6L winner in this company over previous hurdle run. Top chance.
5. **FAN OF SEA** - 21L seventh in a stronger Auteuil hurdle on reappearance. This looks a more suitable target.
6. **ADIOS CLEMENTO** - Second on previous two outings including in a similar 365m0 handicap hurdle on penultimate start. Place claims.
7. **GRAINE DE CHAMP** - No threat in a hurdle and two chase starts to date. Hard to enthuse.
8. **TOP PRINCE** - Breakthrough victory in a minor hurdle over 3800m (soft) last month. More needed.
9. **SUPER FLAM** - One placing from eight hurdle starts but could fare better second up having dropped in the weights.
10. **PRINCE DE LA BARRE** - Good 0.5L runner up in a similar La Teste handicap hurdle prior to below par effort in a stronger Auteuil event. Thereabouts.
11. **LE MANOIR** - One placing from eight hurdle starts. May improve with blinkers enlisted.
12. **ONE WAY** - 12L fourth in a claiming hurdle second up. Others preferred.

## Summary

BALILAND (4) produced an impressive 6L victory in this grade on previous hurdle start prior to a fences success at Nimes. Consistent performer expected to go close. PRINCE DE LA BARRE (10) is a notable runner following a 0.5L second in a similar La Test handicap hurdle. Subsequently unable to feature in a better Auteuil event. Thereabouts down in class. GREAT PAUL (2) is among the chances if able to bounce back to the form of his Nimes hurdle success two back. Goes well in blinkers. DANSILI PRINCE (1) is not to be discounted for his in-form jockey who claims a handy 3kg.

### Selections

**BALILAND (4) - PRINCE DE LA BARRE (10) - GREAT PAUL (2) - DANSILI PRINCE (1)**



## Race 8

1. **ASSAYEL LIB** - Beaten a long way in three outings. Impossible to recommend.
2. **MURJAN** - Class three scorer prior to a fair third in a Tarbes conditions event over 1500m. Not ruled out.
3. **RYME AL CHAM** - 2L fourth in G1 Qatar Arabian Trophy des Juments at Longchamp over 2000m last term. Hard to beat if returning in good form.
4. **NATALMA AL MAURY** - Ninth in G2 Prix de Carthage at Toulouse over 2000m a fortnight ago. Should strip fitter and one to note.
5. **AL ABJAR** - Unplaced in all six career outings. Minor role likely.
6. **ALKEDRI** - Good fourth in G2 Sheikh Mansoor Festival - Prix Nefta at Toulouse on seasonal reappearance. Player second up.

### Summary

RYME AL CHAM (3) will be tough to beat if able to show top form on first run of the season. Produced a 2L fourth in the G1 Qatar Arabian Trophy des Juments at Longchamp over 2000m last term. ALKEDRI (6) was a good fourth in the G2 Sheikh Mansoor Festival - Prix Nefta at Toulouse on seasonal reappearance. Leading contender second up. NATALMA AL MAURY (4) finished ninth in the 2000m G2 Prix de Carthage at Toulouse a fortnight ago. Can strip fitter. MURJAN (2) rates a place chance after a fair run in a Tarbes conditions event.

### Selections

**RYME AL CHAM (3) - ALKEDRI (6) - NATALMA AL MAURY (4) - MURJAN (2)**

## Race 9

1. **PRIVILEGE** - Off the mark on fourth maiden start at Tarbes over 1500m (soft) last month. Open to progress.
2. **SUPER CUTE** - Up in the weights after a 0.5L victory at La Teste 46 days ago. Drop in trip may not be wise.
3. **ALLEZ BURROWS** - 3.5L fourth in a Toulouse handicap over 1200m (good) 39 days ago. Others make more appeal.
4. **EILEAN DUBH** - Eased in class after a course and distance fifth first up (good to soft). Not ruled out.
5. **OK BOOMER** - Third up claiming success at Fontainebleau over 1800m (good) last month. This demands more down in trip.
6. **ROSA PARKS** - Beaten a long way in a stronger Chantilly turf handicap after success in a similar 1200m handicap previously. Suitable target.
7. **HALLOWED TIME** - 3.25L eighth on handicap debut over this journey at Le Lion d'Angers 20 days ago. May improve.
8. **CHIRIMIRI** - Not progressed in three maiden starts. Best watched on handicap debut unless attracting significant market support.
9. **LA MIRANDE** - 4.25L fifth in a Tarbes handicap over 1500m (soft) last month. Place claims.
10. **MISSY CHOPE** - 5L seventh in a Tarbes handicap latest over 1500m. Others hold stronger claims.
11. **CARIBERTO** - 1L runner up on handicap debut over 1200m at Toulouse. Contender.
12. **MORANDI FIRST** - Midfield on all three maiden starts thus far. Could fare better on handicap debut for a good trainer.
13. **ORCHILLA PURPLE** - Yet to find the placings in eight starts. Look elsewhere.

## Summary

CARIBERTO (11) is expected to measure up on second handicap start after a good 1L second at Toulouse over 1200m. Key player with improvement likely. ROSA PARKS (6) was easily beaten in a stronger Chantilly turf handicap. Top chance if able to bounce back to previous form winning a 1200m handicap. PRIVILEGE (1) is one to keep on side after scoring a 1500m Tarbes maiden in latest. Open to progress on handicap debut. HALLOWED TIME (7) rates a place option on second attempt in a handicap having shown glimmers of promise.

### Selections

**CARIBERTO (11) - ROSA PARKS (6) - PRIVILEGE (1) - HALLOWED TIME  
(7)**