

## VICHY [R-H] - 10 August

**Race 1 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE MAULMONT - 2400m CLM CL4 HCP**. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **BLACK HAWK** - Was below his best two back at Lyon-Parilly then ran a much better race last start when third over 2400m at Compiègne. Hard to beat on that latest effort.
2. **HAGAR BERE** - Scored a well-deserved win last start over 2000m at Compiègne after a close third two runs back. No reason he cannot get the job done again.
3. **MAGNENTIUS** - Honest type who was third last time out over 2400m at Vittel at the third run back from a spell. Progressing well and rates highly.
4. **LOCAL WHISKY** - Ready to peak after two runs back, the latest effort a fifth over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Must be respected.
5. **SANCHO** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time when tenth over 2400m at Dieppe two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 9 lengths. Hard to fault if at his best.

**Summary:** HAGAR BERE (2) was always well positioned when running out a smooth 1.25L winner of a Class Three claiming handicap at Compiègne. Major chance with the step back up to 2400m no issue. BLACK HAWK (1) continues to run well in similar events and must be respected following a good third over this distance at Compiègne. MAGNENTIUS (3) needs including as a four-time scorer over the trip while LOCAL WHISKY (4) is noted under Soumillon.

### Selections

**HAGAR BERE (2) - BLACK HAWK (1) - MAGNENTIUS (3) - LOCAL WHISKY (4)**

**Race 2 - PRIX DE PARAY LE FRESIL - 1600m CLM.** Purse EUR €12,000.

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1. **PIKATSU** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 4.5 lengths into ninth over 2000m at Divonne. Strips fitter and is among the chances.
2. **ASPEN** - Beaten 3 lengths into fifth when resuming last start over 2000m at this track. Rates highly.
3. **BALAGAN** - Has a poor strike rate and failed to improve on it last start when tenth over 1850m at this track. Happy to overlook.
4. **STARYAN** - Finished sixth over 1800m at Aix-les-Bains on July 14. The 1.5kg claim won't be enough. Place likely best.
5. **CHOCOBELLO** - Put the writing on the wall last start when he finished a close second at Vittel over 1600m. Ludovic Boisseau retains the ride. Expected to feature.
6. **GRAIN DE POUSSIÈRE** - Unplaced at all four runs to date, the latest when beaten 9 lengths over 1400m at Longchamp. Finds a suitable race now and is worth including.
7. **DEAR MR FANTASY** - Has been very ordinary since winning at Cavaillon four starts back. Beaten 6 lengths when sixth over 1600m at this track last start. Prepared to overlook.
8. **AFFAIRE CONCLUE** - Had to contend with a wide draw at her latest run and finished out of the money over 2000m at this track. Draws out again but should fare a lot better in this suitable contest.

**Summary:** CHOCOBELLO (5) was denied a head in a similar claimer over this trip at Vittel seventeen days ago. Top claims in what looks a suitable affair. GRAIN DE POUSSIÈRE (6) will find this easier than the Longchamp handicap she tackled last-time-out. Key chance dropped to claiming level for the first time for a notable trainer and jockey combination. ASPEN (2) shaped nicely when fifth here after a short-break. Can go well with Soumillon taking over. STARYAN (4) could find the frame.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHOCOBELLO (5) - GRAIN DE POUSSIÈRE (6) - ASPEN (2) - STARYAN (4)</b></p>
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**Race 3 - PRIX CHARLES DE VEAUCE - 2000m CL2.** Purse EUR €22,000.

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1. **OMANENSE** - Promising filly who last start finished 5.5 lengths away in fourth over 2000m at Longchamp. Worth including.
2. **SEÑOR PEDRO** - Good effort last start to win his maiden over 2000m at this track by 1.3 lengths. Fitter again but this might be too rich.
3. **LORENZO DE MEDICI** - Hasn't really fired in two runs since a spell, the latest when beaten 3.5 lengths into fourth over 2000m at Longchamp. Has the ability and a bold showing is expected.
4. **DEREVA** - Has improved at each of her three outings, culminating in a win last time out over 1900m at Argentan on July 4. Well placed and sure to be prominent.
5. **WILD SWEETHEART** - Good effort last start to win her maiden over 2000m at this track by half a length. Fitter and can measure up again.
6. **TALISMANIA** - Resumed over 1800m at Aix-les-Bains last start and she scored by 2.5 lengths. Impressive on that occasion but isn't among the top hopes today.
7. **MILAD'ID** - Unraced filly by Johnny Barnes out of Coup D'eclat. Keep safe.

**Summary:** DEREVA (4) won a Class Three conditions event by 1.75L over 1900m at Argentan last outing. Taken to cope with this rise in class with a progressive profile for top connections. LORENZO DE MEDICI (3) produced a solid 3.25L fourth in a Class Two conditions contest at Longchamp. Huge chance on the figures. OMANENSE (1) was behind a pair of subsequent scorers when fourth at Longchamp in this level. Hard to ignore for a top stable. Recent course and distance maiden winner WILD SWEETHEART (5) is noted.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEREVA (4) - LORENZO DE MEDICI (3) - OMANENSE (1) - WILD SWEETHEART (5)</b></p>
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**Race 4 - PRIX DES BERGES DE L'ALLIER - 2000m HCP.** Purse EUR €18,000.

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1. **ALROMY** - Seventh over 2000m at this track last time out. Finds a nice race this time and is right in contention.
2. **AGOUREIL** - Didn't impress when resuming then was poor second-up in latest effort. Prepared to wait until he returns to form.
3. **SHAHNAMEH** - Has been out of the money recently including last time when fourth over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers six-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 3 lengths. Major player.
4. **PRESA DIRETTA** - Narrowly beaten last time when second at Tarbes, finishing just 0.8 lengths from the winner. In the mix again.
5. **NIGHTHAB** - Pleasing effort when second last start over 2000m at this track. Leading player.
6. **ULTIME NONANTAISE** - Has looked good in her five career starts, most recently scoring by 1.3 lengths over 1800m at Aix-les-Bains. One of the each way hopes.
7. **CHINZ** - Resumes today after showing glimpses of ability in her first campaign. At the latest outing she finished tenth over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer on February 26. Others rate better.
8. **PUMP PUMP JUNIOR** - Good effort to finish second last time over 2000m at this track. Might find this a bit rich.

**Summary:** The ultra-consistent PRESA DIRETTA (4) arrives in solid form including when runner-up in a similar handicap over 2100m at Tarbes. Obvious appeal with a top jockey booked. SHAHNAMEH (3) showed up well when beaten 3L into fourth in a 2400m handicap at Le Lion-d'Angers. Interesting contender back down in trip for top connections. ULTIME NONANTAISE (6) was always towards the fore when winning a handicap by 1.25L at Aix-les-Bains. Key chance. Handicap debutant NIGHTHAB (5) is considered.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESA DIRETTA (4) - SHAHNAMEH (3) - ULTIME NONANTAISE (6) - NIGHTHAB (5)</b></p>
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**Race 5 - PRIX FRANCOIS DE MALHERBE - 2600m** . Purse EUR €16,500.

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1. **HYDROPUCE** - Went down by just a head when second at Le Lion-d'Angers over 3000m last time out. Winning chance.
2. **HANZIKO D'AIRY** - Lightly raced gelding progressing well. Broke his maiden status last start by 2.5 lengths over 2400m at Vittel. Rates highly.
3. **IRADIUS** - Better effort last start to finish third over 3000m at Dieppe when facing the starter for just the second time. Coming along well and can win without surprising.
4. **HOULAHOUPE CHALUZY** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when fifth over 3000m at Dieppe three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 20 lengths. Certainly worth another chance.
5. **INCOAST** - Turned in a respectable run on debut back on April 18 when third over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Shows promise and is worth including.
6. **ISOLABELLA** - Unraced filly by Free Port Lux out of Mendy Tennesse. It will pay to keep an eye on the betting.
7. **IDOLE DE FREGANDE** - Tiger Groom filly from Java De Ciergues on debut. Tough test at her first outing.
8. **ILAND'S** - Was well in the market on debut last start but could only manage fifth, beaten 5.5 lengths, over 2400m at Vittel. Others rate better.

**Summary:** INCOAST (5) made a pleasing debut when third over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Major contender with a step forward expected. HANZIKO D'AIRY (2) had a next-time-out scorer behind when winning by 2.5L at Vittel. Key chance. IRADIUS (3) followed up a Erbray debut success with a good third at Dieppe. Firmly in the mix. ISOLABELLA (6) would be interesting if seeing market support on debut.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INCOAST (5) - HANZIKO D'AIRY (2) - IRADIUS (3) - ISOLABELLA (6)</b></p>
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**Race 6 - PRIX DE SAINT-DIDIER LA FORET - 2000m HCP CL4.** Purse EUR €12,000.

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1. **AMERICAN DAISY** - Has been out of the money of late including last time when eighth over 1600m at this track five days ago, beaten 7 lengths. Capable of sharp improvement.
2. **WAYNE** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when eighth over 1600m at this track three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 2.25 lengths. Major player.
3. **ALPINO** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when eighth over 2000m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 5.5 lengths. Hard to fault if at his best.
4. **IGGY CHOP** - Struggling to break through this campaign, the latest effort a fair fifth over 2000m at this track. Good sign last time and is worth including.
5. **ZILLI ROCKS** - Still a maiden after finishing ninth last start over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather. Others preferred.
6. **SUNSET LOVER** - Returning from a spell today. Form at the back end of last campaign was not the best and she is unplaced from four first up efforts. Others more appealing today.
7. **MALECON** - Seasoned galloper who hasn't broken through for two-and-a-half years. Wasn't far away last time when third over 2000m at this track. Among the leading chances.
8. **LEAPING** - Not a prolific winner with just five victories from 102 starts. Last start finished fourth over 2000m at this track. Not keen.
9. **RISE HIT** - Fitter for two runs from a spell. Better effort last start when eighth over 2100m at Le Touquet. Is among the chances.
10. **PINK LOTUS** - Disappointing last time when 10 lengths 13th at this track, maintaining the maiden status after 33 runs. Can't enthuse.

**Summary:** MALECON (7) was always towards the fore when a good third in a course and distance handicap nineteen days ago. Notable chance off the same mark. RISE HIT (9) shaped better than the bare result when eighth in a Class Four handicap at Le Touquet. Key claims. IGGY CHOP (4) was a solid 3L fifth over track and trip latest. Thereabouts. WAYNE (2) looks an each-way player.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MALECON (7) - RISE HIT (9) - IGGY CHOP (4) - WAYNE (2)</b></p>
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**Race 7 - PRIX DU PARC DES SOURCES - 2000m HCP CL4.** Purse EUR €14,000.

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1. **THANIELLA** - Going well recently including a last start fifth beaten 2.25 lengths over 2000m at this track. Honest galloper who is in the mix.
2. **BOWLING GREEN** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when tenth over 2000m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 3.5 lengths. Worth following up.
3. **LINSOUMIS** - Well held last start when ninth over 2400m at this track to continue a run of plain efforts. Expected to feature if finds best form.
4. **HIGHEST MOUNTAIN** - Ran a better race last start to finish second over 2000m at this track. Worth including.
5. **MOUDIR** - Yet to break through this campaign but hasn't been far away including a last start third over 2100m at Le Touquet. Major player.
6. **PERFECT ROSE** - Now 454 days without a win, the latest effort a 11th over 2000m at this track, beaten 7 lengths. Hard to make a case.
7. **PATNA DREAM** - Won two times earlier on in her prep, most recently finished fourth beaten 2.75 lengths at this track over 2000m. Her best is good enough.
8. **MIAMI BEET** - Returned to the winners' circle after a long while in the wilderness last time out over 2000m at this track, scoring by half a length. Holds claims.
9. **LOVELY MISS** - Stepping back in trip after finishing sixth over 1800m at Dieppe last time out. Can improve and should figure in the finish.
10. **MEJAEN** - Disappointing when fresh from a break, finishing 19 lengths from the winner over 2000m at this track. Faces tough test. Others preferred.
11. **PEDRO DEL RIO** - Below par in two runs since a win three back, last start finishing eighth over 2000m at this track. Racing below his best and others are preferred.

**Summary:** HIGHEST MOUNTAIN (4) produced a good 0.75L second over course and distance last outing. Leading chance. MOUDIR (5) made the running before fading late when third in a Class Three handicap over 2100m at Le Touquet. Hard to ignore if replicating. MIAMI BEET (8) could remain competitive upped 2kg following a 0.5L track and trip handicap win. Each-way claims go the way of THANIELLA (1).

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGHEST MOUNTAIN (4) - MOUDIR (5) - MIAMI BEET (8) - THANIELLA (1)</b></p>
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**Race 8 - PRIX JEAN MOUROT - 2000m HCP CL3.** Purse EUR €18,000.

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1. **INTO FAITH** - Beaten 1.0 lengths into third at Ajaccio two starts ago then appeared at Lyon-Parilly last time and finished 8 lengths from the winner in eighth. Hard to fault if at his best.
2. **LOR BLANC** - Winner two back at Marseille Vivaux then repeated the dose last start over 2500m at Aix-les-Bains. Among the chances and expected to run well.
3. **ISHRAQ** - Went down narrowly last start when second at Chantilly over 2100m. Expected to be in the finish again.
4. **CAZALLA** - Beaten 1.75 lengths into third at Lyon-Parilly two starts ago then appeared at Lyon-Parilly last time and finished 6 lengths from the winner in ninth. Sure to be thereabouts.
5. **LADY ARKADINA** - Well in the market last time but disappointed when 6 lengths away in sixth over 2000m at Divonne. Best form stacks up so she can bounce back.
6. **SILVER SCHNOK** - Handy galloper back in winning form last start over 2000m at this track. Holds claims.
7. **LADYBUG** - Has been below her best for a long time and is now without a win in 457 days. Safely held last time out when 11th over 2200m at Longchamp three weeks ago. Has the job ahead.
8. **SELLY** - Scored over 2400m at Castera-Verduzan two back then found one better last time out over 2100m at Tarbes. In the mix on best form.
9. **FRENCHY** - Has not raced since finishing 16 lengths away in 12th over 2100m at Chantilly AW on March 22. Betting can guide.
10. **SHANAKILL** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he scored over 1800m at Clairefontaine on July 9. Include.
11. **KING SUN** - Still a maiden after 16 starts and has only placed on three occasions. Has been far from disgraced in last two starts but others look to have his measure.

**Summary:** The hat-trick seeking LOR BLANC (2) is taken to go in again with a 2kg rise manageable for his 0.75L Class Three handicap success at Aix-les-Bains. ISHRAQ (3) went down a head when runner-up in a Class Three handicap over 2100m at Chantilly. Key chance. Last-time-out claiming handicap scorer SHANAKILL (10) is respected under Maxime Guyon. SILVER SCHNOK (6) is noted on the back of a 1.5L course and distance handicap success. Goes well at this venue. SELLY (8) completes the shortlist.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOR BLANC (2) - ISHRAQ (3) - SHANAKILL (10) - SILVER SCHNOK (6) - SELLY (8)</b></p>
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