

R2 LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DE LA VILLE D'ARES - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 26,000

- 1. PASCIALELLA** - Recent win over 3800m at Niort in a Class 5 hurdle on June 20 by 10 lengths. Improving and tries a handicap for the first time
- 2. MON IDEE** - Failed to finish last time over fences on June 27, 4th before that over 3700m at Le Lion D'Angers in a Class 3 hurdle on June 5. Player
- 3. MELEZE HANA** - Finished 5th last time over 3500m in a Class 5 hurdle at Dax on June 29. Others seem better equipped
- 4. GINGER TONIC** - Two unplaced efforts recently, the latter over 3600m at Clarefontaine in a handicap hurdle on June 29. Might find a few of these too smart
- 5. MELCASTILLE** - Fell last time over 3500m in a handicap hurdle at Toulouse on May 27. Placed form at this track on April 22 in a handicap hurdle over 3600m. Can feature
- 6. TERRALUNA** - Finished 7th last time over 3700m in a handicap hurdle at Cholet on June 1. Unlikely to be a threat
- 7. BOROUGHA** - Ran well to be 2nd over 3500m on May 27 in a handicap hurdle when last appearing. In the mix

Summary: MELCASTILLE (5) looked set to play a major role before falling at Toulouse last time, late in May and is taken to make amends. With proven placed form at this track, she is narrowly preferred. MON IDEE (2) rates the main danger on her return to hurdles, while PASCIALELLA (1) can build on her hurdle success at Niort in June and should remain competitive. BOROUGHA (7) was a decent second in the Toulouse race the main selection fell in, and can have a say in proceedings.

SELECTIONS

MELCASTILLE (5) - MON IDEE (2) - PASCIALELLA (1) - BOROUGHA (7)

C2 - PRIX RED RUM - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 - Hurdles - EUR € 21,000

- 1. CASA DEL POETA** - Three placed runs so far, the most recent when 3rd at Strasbourg in a Class 3 hurdle on June 16 over 3300m. Live contender
- 2. NEBULEUSE'K** - Two placed runs recently, 4th on the latter over 3500m at Dax in a Class 5 hurdle on June 7. Hard to dismiss
- 3. NEFERTARI BELLEVUE** - Nice effort to be 3rd at Clairefontaine over 3600m in a claiming hurdle on June 24 on her second start. In the mix
- 4. VOLAGE DE ROCHE** - Finished a creditable 4th over 3400m in a Class 4 hurdle at Dieppe on June 18 when last seen. Holds strong claims
- 5. SWEET MARY** - Failed to complete last time at Dax on June 7, 4th previously over 3400m over hurdles at Niort on May 17. Others look better equipped
- 6. NOSTRA STORY** - Unraced filly by Desinvolve, the dam won 1 race over hurdles. From a stable that is not renowned for many first time out winners and is best watched for the time being
- 7. ULTRA SWING** - Filly on debut by Ultra, the dam won 1 race on the flat. Stable runners tend to improve for a run or two and she is best watched in the betting for clues
- 8. PANZERINA** - Filly on debut by French Fifteen, the dam never ran. From a leading stable that does well with newcomers in this code. One to pay close attention to
- 9. YEZALEL** - Filly by Nirvana Du Berlais, the dam was placed over jumps. Can be expected to improve for this run and others make more appeal

Summary: CASA DEL POETA (1) has been placed on all three starts and can get off the mark after a solid effort when second at Strasbourg in mid-June on her latest start. Her main threat could be VOLAGE DE ROCHE (4), who was a creditable fourth at Dieppe over hurdles in June on her second start and can improve further. NEBULEUSE'K (2) seems to be progressing with experience and looks like a solid each way option. NEFERTARI BELLEVUE (3) is another to consider each-way.

SELECTIONS

CASA DEL POETA (1) - VOLAGE DE ROCHE (4) - NEBULEUSE'K (2) - NEFERTARI BELLEVUE (3)

C3 - PRIX MAHABB - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 25,000

1. TISWAHUM - Ran well to be 3rd on debut behind LELLA DE LA GLORIE (4) over 1500m at Tarbes in a conditions race on April 17. Can improve but might need a few to falter

2. SHEHANA - Filly on debut by Al Mamun Monalau, the dam ran once. Likely to improve for this debut run and is best watched with the future in mind

3. WASMIYA - Filly on debut by Al Mamun Monalau, the dam was unraced. Looks good on paper and from a respected trainer. Bold show can be expected

4. LELLA DE LA GLOIRE - Won narrowly on her debut over 1500m in a conditions race on April 17. Open to progress and can play a leading role

5. SARAABAH - Nice 2nd on her sole start at this track over 1600m in a conditions race on May 15. She will know more this time and can get off the mark

6. JAWIDA AL CHAM - Fair 2nd on her debut at Tarbes over 1500m in a conditions race on April 17 behind LELLA DE LA GLORIE (4), when beaten narrowly. Hard to dismiss

7. NASSIMA D'HEM - Good effort to be 3rd in a Group 3 PA race at this track on June 11 over 1600m on her second. Merits consideration

Summary: SARAABAH (5) caught the eye on her debut when second over 1600m at this track in mid-May and can improve from that effort. She is preferred ahead of WASMIYA (3), who has a choice pedigree and is from a stable that can produce first time out winners. LELLA DE LA GLOIRE (4) scored on debut at Tarbes in April and should like this step up in distance, which can bring out more progress. JAWIDA AL CHAM (6) was second in the Tarbes race and heads the remainder, with improvement anticipated.

SELECTIONS

SARAABAH (5) - WASMIYA (3) - LELLA DE LA GLOIRE (4) - JAWIDA AL CHAM (6)

C4 - PRIX MUNJIZ - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 25,000

- 1. NEUF DE FAUST** - Recent win over 2000m at Toulouse in a conditions race on May 27 on his second start. Hard to rule out
- 2. ZAHIM** - Finished 7th at Toulouse in a conditions race over 2000m on the latest outing on May 27, behind NEUF DE FAUST (1). Has work to do
- 3. ALKRAR** - Won by 2 lengths on May 15 on his debut at this track over 1600m. He is open to more progress and warrants attention
- 4. ELJAS DU BIENN** - Fair 2nd on May 15 on latest run at this track over 1600m behind ALKRAR (3). Meets on more favoured terms and can be competitive
- 5. POGAR PY** - Colt on debut by Af Albahar, the dam was unraced. From a respected trainer that knows the time of day. Any market support should be noted
- 6. MADISON BOY** - Placed on both runs, 4th on the latter over 1600m at this track in a Group 2 PA race on June 11. One to keep onside

Summary: ALKRAR (3) won well on his debut over 1600m at this track in mid-May and with improvement expected he can follow up at the expense of ELJAS DU BIENN (4), who was back in second in the same race and can make things interesting. NEUF DE FAUST (1) won by three lengths at Toulouse over 2000m in late May and the slight drop back in distance should not inconvenience his chances of success. MADISON BOY (6) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

ALKRAR (3) - ELJAS DU BIENN (4) - NEUF DE FAUST (1) - MADISON BOY (6)

C5 - PRIX DERYAN - COUPE DU SUD-OUEST - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 30,000

1. HM ALCHAHINE - He has been 3rd in three Group 1 PA races of late, the latter over 2200m at Abu Dhabi (UAE) on March 14. Won two Group 1 PA races in 2025 and will be hard to beat

2. SHAIHAAN - Absent since a 2nd over 2000m in a Group 2 PA race at Doha (QAT) on December 20. Classy sort who can not be ruled out

3. MOLFIT - Fair 3rd on October 27, 2025 in a Group 1 PA race at Toulouse over 2200m when last seen. Fitness to prove but is one to keep onside

4. MONEER - Good 3rd last time over 2000m at ParisLongchamp on May 10 in a Group 1 PA race, and Group 2 PA win in April. Live chance

5. ARCTYC DE TESE - Finished 6th last time over 2000m at Chantilly in a Group 1 PA race on June 14, and a win before that in early April over 1900m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat. More required in a competitive race

6. SKY AMBER KRF - Two unplaced runs of late, 5th on the latter over 2100m at Toulouse in a conditions race on May 21. Hard to be enthusiastic about

Summary: HM ALCHAHINE (1) sets the standard on the strength of his two Group 1 PA victories last year and shaped well when third in a Group 1 PA contest at Abu Dhabi in mid-March. Returning from a break, he is taken to resume winning ways. MONEER (4) rates the chief threat after a creditable third in a Group 1 PA race at ParisLongchamp in May. SHAIHAAN (2) boasts solid Group-race form and should be fit enough to make his presence felt despite a near seven-month absence. MOLFIT (3) also merits consideration.

SELECTIONS

HM ALCHAHINE (1) - MONEER (4) - SHAIHAAN (2) - MOLFIT (3)

**C6 - CRITERIUM DES POULICHES - YAS RACING - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR €
50,000**

1. GENEVA - Fair 5th over 2000m at Toulouse in a Group 2 PA race on April 19 when last seen, and a Group 1 PA win Before that in October at the same track over 2200m.

2. BIANCA DE GHAZAL - Finished 4th on her last run over 2000m at Toulouse in a Group 2 PA race on April 19. Others make more appeal

3. MELODIE DU CROATE - Placed 3rd on her last run over 1900m in a conditions race at this track on June 3. Unlikely to trouble the principles

4. FAKHIRA - Ran well to be 3rd over 2000m on her last start on June 14 at Chantilly in a Group 1 PA race. Two wins last year and has to be respected

5. HNOF ATHBAH - Placed 2nd on the last three runs, the most recent over 2000m at Toulouse in a Group 2 PA race on May 21. Hard to rule out

6. TS WASEEMA - Good run to be 3rd on her seasonal return at Toulouse in a Group 2 PA race on May 21 over 2000m. Group 3 win in October at Toulouse on her penultimate start. Player

7. MARAKEZ AL SHAHANIA - Placed on the last two runs, 2nd on the most recent over 1900m at this track in a conditions race on June 3. Might find this challenging

Summary: TS WASEEMA (6) should strip fitter after her encouraging third in a Group 2 PA contest at Toulouse in late May, her first outing following a seven-month absence. She is narrowly preferred to HNOF ATHBAH (5), who finished one place ahead in the same race, with race fitness potentially tipping the balance this time. FAKHIRA (4) also commands respect after a creditable third in a Group 1 PA event at Chantilly in June. GENEVA (1) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

TS WASEEMA (6) - HNOF ATHBAH (5) - FAKHIRA (4) - GENEVA (1)

C7 - PRIX AREEM - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Condition - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. NOBEL DE FAUST - Ran well to be 2nd over 2000m at Toulouse on his second start on May 27 in a conditions race. Open to more progress and warrants respect

2. QASWARAH - Colt on debut by Nieshan, the won 2 races and was placed in a Group 2 PA race in France. Some good aspects to his profile and one to consider strongly

3. NURI DU PRELAT - Colt by Mashhur Al Khalediah, the dam won 1 race and was placed in a Group 3 PA race. Choice pedigree and with the booking of Cristian Demuro on top he looks set to score

4. NAWFEL D'HEM - Colt on debut by Mister Ginoux, the dam was placed a few times. Likely to improve for this run and others make more appeal

5. NAWFAL - Colt on debut by Mister Ginoux, the dam was placed a few times. One to consider if the betting market is lively

6. GINA DU SOLEIL - Unplaced on the only run over 2000m at this track in a conditions race on July 1. Unlikely to be a threat

7. DAHLIA D'ID - Well beaten on her only run over 1800m at Langon-Libourne in a conditions race on June 19. Can be overlooked

8. SHARAH - Placed 4th on her two runs, the latter over 1800m at Langon-Libourne in a conditions race on June 19. More needed to make the frame

9. AL SAFINAT - Filly by Nieshan, the dam never raced in France. Nice pedigree and she will be well prepared by her astute trainer. In this mix

10. NEILA AL MAURY - Filly by Af Albahar, the dam was unraced. Nice pedigree and from a stable that will have this filly ready to go

11. N'QUEEN DE BOZOULS - Filly by Al Mourtajez, the dam won 6 races. Out of a mare that new how to win and she is best watched in the betting for clues

Summary: NURI DU PRELAT (3) has a choice profile. His dam was a smart performer that was placed in a Group 3 Pa race and with Cristain Demuro booked to ride, he can be too smart for QASWARAH (2), who is also well bred and is from a stable that can produce plenty of newcomers to score on debut. NOBEL DE FAUST (1) showed improvement when second in a conditions race at Toulouse in late May and looks sure to be competitive. NEILA AL MAURY (10) is worth a market inspection on her racecourse bow.

SELECTIONS

NURI DU PRELAT (3) - QASWARAH (2) - NOBEL DE FAUST (1) - NEILA AL MAURY (10)

**C8 - PRIX DU CABINET VETERINAIRE VET A LA HUME - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR €
19,200**

- 1. TEUCH WIN** - Recent win over 1600m at Angers in a handicap on June 8. Open to further improvement and can play a lead role
- 2. VIOLET LEDUC** - Three placed runs of late, the latter when 4th at this track in a maiden race over 1600m on June 11. Christophe Soumillon booked to ride and he can feature on his handicap debut
- 3. THE BLACK STONE** - Two nice efforts of late, 4th on the most recent over 1300m at Craon in a handicap over 1300m on June 4. Ought to be thereabouts
- 4. PERSIS** - She has been 2nd on her last two runs, the most recent over 1600m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat in a handicap over 1600m on June 15. Course and distance win in March in a maiden. Player
- 5. LEHA** - Honest performer who was a winner at Toulouse over 1600m on June 8 in a claiming race. Others make more appeal
- 6. KARANDASH** - Finished 5th last time over 2000m at Toulouse in a handicap on June 8 on his handicap bow. Might need a few to misfire
- 7. WITE TOAST** - Well held last time over 1400m at Madrid (SPA) in a conditions race on June 7. She won in Spain in March over 1200m. Hard to recommend
- 8. AMBROSIA DE VAIGE** - Out of form with four unplaced runs of late, 7th at this track in a Class 3 race over 1800m on June 26 when last appearing. Look elsewhere
- 9. DECLA** - Four 2nd place runs of late, the most recent over 1550m at Montauban in a Class 3 race on June 14. More is needed in a stronger race

Summary: TEUCH WIN (1) is taken to follow up on his handicap success over this trip at Angers in early June. VIOLET LEDUC (2) looks the main danger, having shown consistent recent form, and the booking of Christophe Soumillon further boosts her prospects. PERSIS (4) has been knocking on the door with three consecutive runner-up finishes and holds strong each-way claims. THE BLACK STONE (3) has also been running well, finishing placed on his last two starts, and is another to consider.

SELECTIONS

TEUCH WIN (1) - VIOLET LEDUC (2) - PERSIS (4) - THE BLACK STONE (3)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

**Horse of the day
HM ALCHAHINE (501)**

**Outsider of the day
NAWFAL (705)**

**Reverse forecast
MON IDEE (102) - MELCASTILLE (105)**

**Three pick of the day
MELCASTILLE (105) - HM ALCHAHINE (501) - TEUCH WIN (801)**