

DAX [R-H] - 11 August

Race 1 - PRIX ALPHONSE CAMPET - 2100m CLM CL4 HCP. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **AL KHAMSIN** - Turned in a better run last time out when fourth over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers, beaten 2.25 lengths. Worth including.
2. **SCHWANENSEE** - Scored a well-deserved win last start over 2100m at Tarbes after a close second two runs back. Tough to beat again with the confidence high.
3. **MARTIN'S JUSIS** - Has been out of the placings in recent runs. Last start finished 4 lengths from the winner in fourth over 2400m at La Teste. Rates highly.
4. **MIDNIGHT SHINE** - Has struggled to find form this season including last start when he finished 13 lengths from the winner in 13th over 1400m at this track. Needs improvement.
5. **SATURNO** - Modest effort first up last start, finishing ninth and beaten 3.5 lengths over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Looking to others for the winner.
6. **AL IMPACT** - Racing well including a last start second over 2150m at Mont-de-Marsan. Further improvement is anticipated. Leading contender.
7. **PHOSPHENE** - Beaten 0.8 lengths into second at Toulouse two starts ago then appeared at Aix-les-Bains last time and finished 2.75 lengths from the winner in sixth. Likely to find this out of reach.

Summary: AL IMPACT (6) has been showing consistency this year with five placings from nine runs in 2022 and last time ran a strong 1.25L second in this grade at Mont-de-Marsan tackling 2150m. Top chance. SCHWANENSEE (2) is another consistent type who won by a nose at Tarbes in a 2100m Class Three handicap. Respected. MARTIN'S JUSIS (3) produced a good fourth at La Teste contesting a Class Three claimer and holds claims. AL KHAMSIN (1) could place.

Selections

AL IMPACT (6) - SCHWANENSEE (2) - MARTIN'S JUSIS (3) - AL KHAMSIN (1)

Race 2 - PRIX F. DUCASSOU - 1400m MDN. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **QUEJO** - Well beaten at each of his starts to date. No threat when sixth over 1400m at this track last time out. Hard to have.
2. **MISTER KOOL** - Is coming back sharply in journey after he finished sixth last start over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Sure to make his presence felt.
3. **PRIMO VIOLINO** - Finished midfield last start at Deauville over 1200m, 3.5 lengths from the winner. Tackles a longer journey this time. Major player.
4. **SUDAF** - Promising filly with placings at both career runs to date. Last start was 5.5 lengths from the winner in third over 1500m at Saint Cloud. Close to a win and another bold showing is expected.
5. **PETITE COQUINE** - Easily beaten at her last run before spelling and didn't fare any better when resuming over 2100m at Tarbes two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 9 lengths into eighth. Outclassed.
6. **CHARM WRENS** - Three-start maiden yet to fill a placing, last start finishing sixth over 1600m at Mont-de-Marsan. Chance on best form.
7. **LORNA CHOPE** - Finished a mile back last start when unwanted in betting over 1400m at this track. Hard to enthuse.
8. **ROSE DES SABLES** - Drops in journey from the last start when third over 1600m at Mont-de-Marsan, finishing 2.25 lengths off the winner. Terrific chance to find winning form.

Summary: SUDAF (4) has shown plenty of promise in two career outings with two placings so far including a third in a Saint Cloud 1500m maiden. Trainer is worth noting. Leading chance. ROSE DES SABLES (8) makes plenty of appeal with a consistent profile after a solid 2.25L third tackling a Mont-de-Marsan 1600m maiden. In the mix. PRIMO VIOLINO (3) made the frame contesting a Chantilly 1200m handicap two runs ago. Interesting. MISTER KOOL (2) is next best.

Selections

SUDAF (4) - ROSE DES SABLES (8) - PRIMO VIOLINO (3) - MISTER KOOL (2)

Race 3 - PRIX A. DETROYAT - 1400m CLM. Purse EUR €12,500.

1. **NIGHT CHOPE** - Last seen when finishing 13th over 1400m at this track last start. Delphine Santiago goes on this time. Well placed to make amends.
2. **ARYA CHOPE** - Had to contend with a wide alley at her latest run and finished down the track over 1200m at Mont-de-Marsan. Fares better at the draw this time. Sure to be prominent.
3. **SCHOUMI** - Yet to fill a placing in two career runs and was well beaten last time when 7 lengths back in sixth over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan. Can't see her troubling these.
4. **CHISPA** - Unraced filly by Oasis Dream out of Sagres. Was a GNS 25,000 (Tattersalls 2021 Somerville Yearling Sale) purchase. Favouring others.
5. **SWEET BABY** - Filly by Birchwood out of Charming Voice. Purchased for EUR 9,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale) and makes her debut. Watch for any market moves.
6. **ZOKOA** - Comes here second-up. Well beaten at each of his starts to date. No threat when eighth over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan last time out. Looking elsewhere.
7. **DIONY GIRL** - Yet to fill a placing in two runs, the latest when sixth over 1200m at this track. Improvement to come cannot be underestimated.
8. **NINADELTONIO** - Last appeared when she finished ninth over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan on July 20. Capable of a better run.
9. **NANA** - Showed good early speed on debut last start but couldn't maintain the pressure, winding up in sixth over 1500m at Tarbes. Likely improver with strong claims.
10. **LA PANTHOURIE** - Lost the rider last start at Mont-de-Marsan. Drawn to advantage and looks a solid chance.

Summary: NIGHT CHOPE (1) is a two-time winner in this grade and now returning to this company can bounce back to best form. Serious player. LA PANTHOURIE (10) placed in this class here and at Compiègne before unseating the rider last time. Shortlisted to bounce back. NANA (9) was last of six on debut but is worth noting with Jean-Claude Rouget operating in strong form. Worth a second look. ARYA CHOPE (2) ran well at Mont-de-Marsan when 2L fourth in a 1200m maiden. Interesting.

Selections

NIGHT CHOPE (1) - LA PANTHOURIE (10) - NANA (9) - ARYA CHOPE (2)

Race 4 - PRIX DES TROIS COURONNES - 1400m CL2. Purse EUR €27,000.

1. **SABYA** - Stepping up in trip after finishing fourth over 1000m at Vichy last time out. In the right race this time and shouldn't be far away.
2. **ZALACAIN** - Lightly raced colt who progressed nicely last start with a win by a head over 1300m at Longchamp. Shapes up nicely.
3. **WED** - Lightly raced filly who was beaten 1.3 lengths into second last start over 1400m at La Teste. Likely to feature.
4. **BALLERINA** - Has looked good in her three career starts, most recently scoring by 2 lengths over 1400m at this track. Well placed and sure to be in the finish.
5. **OLETTA** - Last appeared when she finished seventh over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan on July 20. Hard to make a case for.

Summary: WED (3) caught the eye in this grade when a 1.25L second over this trip at La Teste. Made a winning debut prior. Leading contender. SABYA (1) could prove the main danger as she placed in the 1000m Listed Prix des Reves d'Or - Jacques Bouchara at Vichy three outings back. Rates highly upped in distance. ZALACAIN (2) holds a progressive profile including a last time success at Longchamp contesting a 1300m maiden. Include. BALLERINA (4) is a last start course and distance winner who is not discounted.

Selections

WED (3) - SABYA (1) - ZALACAIN (2) - BALLERINA (4)

Race 5 - PRIX GRAND DAX 1ERE DESTINATION THERMALE DE FRANCE - PRIX TELE - 2300m MDN. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **CALISCO** - Showed ability in the maiden campaign and is back from a spell today. At the latest outing he finished seventh over 1500m at Tarbes on May 12. Not dismissed.
2. **SIXTIES LOOK** - Made some progress last start to finish eighth over 2500m at Langon Libourne when lining up for just the second time. More improvement needed.
3. **VERBENA** - Solid effort last start, beaten a head into second over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan. Among the chances.
4. **TAKE IT EASY** - Returned from a spell last start with a modest 11th over 2400m at Castera-Verduzan, beaten 51 lengths. Strips fitter but needs lots of progress.
5. **VIKIDIA** - Went down narrowly last start when second at Castera-Verduzan over 2400m. Sound top-three prospects again.
6. **PRINCESS LUCA** - Beaten 4.5 lengths into fourth when resuming last start over 2500m at Langon Libourne. Rates highly and should improve.

Summary: VERBENA (3) looks promising after a close second in a 2000m claimer at Mont-de-Marsan last month. Upped in trip again and can go close. PRINCESS LUCA (6) ran well at Langon-Libourne when a good 4.25L fourth in this level over 2500m. Respected. VIKIDIA (5) has been running well in recent starts with a pair of runner-up efforts. In the mix. CALISCO (1) may make the frame.

Selections

VERBENA (3) - PRINCESS LUCA (6) - VIKIDIA (5) - CALISCO (1)

Race 6 - PRIX GENERAL J. COURREGES - 2300m . Purse EUR €19,500.

1. **SIRANO** - Has ability and is racing well with two minor placings from three starts. Finished second at his most recent appearance over 2150m at Mont-de-Marsan. Can get off the mark.
2. **SAN PE** - Still a maiden after three runs, last start finishing fourth over 2150m at Mont-de-Marsan. Hard to recommend.
3. **JADE** - Unraced filly by Carghese Des Landes out of Vareska. Others appeal more.
4. **DREAM GOLD** - He has been easily accounted for at each of his three career starts. No threat when sixth over 2150m at Mont-de-Marsan last time out. Hard to have.
5. **JOCKER DE TANUES** - Son of Roseau De Tanues from Amie Blue De Tanues making his debut. Watch market closely.
6. **ADAGIO AREDIEN** - Returned from a spell last start and finished eighth over 2150m at Mont-de-Marsan. Fitter and is in the mix.
7. **JUSTE LABOUEYRIE** - Was safely held on debut last start when 11th beaten 37 lengths over 2150m at Mont-de-Marsan. Needs more.
8. **FILLY DE LA CERE** - Was underwhelming last start but if she can find the form that saw her finish second at Montauban two back she is right in contention.

Summary: SIRANO (1) showed plenty of ability at Mont-de-Marsan when 3L second over 2150m. Top chance on that evidence. JOCKER DE TANUES (5) looks an interesting newcomer as a son of Roseau De Tanues running for a trainer in good form. Consider. FILLY DE LA CERE (8) shaped well two starts back when runner-up at Montauban tackling 2250m. In the mix on that form. ADAGIO AREDIEN (6) is next best.

Selections

SIRANO (1) - JOCKER DE TANUES (5) - FILLY DE LA CERE (8) - ADAGIO AREDIEN (6)
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Race 7 - PRIX DE LA FONTAINE CHAUDE - 2300m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **GIRLY PEARL** - Raced below her best last time when sixth over 2400m at La Teste, beaten 6 lengths. Worth another chance.
2. **UNRUFFLED** - Still a maiden after finishing eighth last start over 2200m at Pompadour. Others appeal more.
3. **JOE BLINING** - Unwanted in the market when resuming last start at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m and finished fourth. Holds claims.
4. **SYRAH MALPIC** - Returned to winning form last time when she scored by a head over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Back in the winners' list and is a definite chance.
5. **KIMBERLEYROYALE** - Just one career win from 18 starts. Last start finished 8 lengths away in 12th over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Unreliable and needs to do more.
6. **INDIAN DEAL** - Finished 8 lengths from the winner in tenth last time out over 1600m at La Teste, adding to a long sequence of plain performances. Not expecting anything more this time.
7. **ACEMANAN** - Eight-year-old gelding who has not shown enough this prep for him to come into calculations here.
8. **LUZ ARDIDEN** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when eighth over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan three weeks ago, beaten 3 lengths.
9. **VIENTIANE** - Six-year-old mare who drops in distance from the latest outing when fourth over 2500m at Aix-les-Bains, finishing 2 lengths off the winner. Worth following up.
10. **CRACK MAMBO** - Out of the frame at both runs since a break, the latest when fifth over 1900m at La Teste. Cherry-ripe now and extra journey looks a plus. Worth following up.

Summary: SYRAH MALPIC (4) found success at Mont-de-Marsan in a 2450m Class Four handicap. Rates a leading player in the same grade. VIENTIANE (9) showed plenty of ability at Aix-les-Bains when 2L fourth behind two future winners in this handicap class. In the mix. CRACK MAMBO (10) ran with credit at La Teste when 1.75L fifth over 1900m. The oldest horse in the race at the age of ten holds claims. JOE BLINING (3) ran well behind the top selection when 1L fourth at Mont-de-Marsan. Not out of this.

Selections

SYRAH MALPIC (4) - VIENTIANE (9) - CRACK MAMBO (10) - JOE BLINING (3)

Race 8 - PRIX G. DE VILLATOYA - 2300m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **CALLIOPE** - Returned with a good win last start over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan, scoring by a head. Major chance.
2. **PARABAK** - Handy stayer who has been plain of late including last start when well held over 2100m at Tarbes. Wait until he finds some form.
3. **ICEMOON DE BOZOULS** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when fourth over 2200m at La Teste a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 7 lengths. Consider.
4. **EL INGRATO** - Far from disgraced when third at Tarbes last start after finishing second two runs back at La Teste. Up in trip and is worth lots of thought.
5. **IZANA BERE** - Has been about the mark in small fields of late. Last start finished second at this track over 2300m. Worth plenty of thought.
6. **ALMERIAC** - The first up run was just average, finishing seventh and beaten 7 lengths over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Generally goes well with that run under the belt. Solid top-three claims if anywhere near her best.
7. **DANN** - Tends to mix his form but improved last start score over 2100m at Tarbes. Can play a big role again.
8. **ORRI** - Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a 11th over 2100m at Tarbes, beaten 4.5 lengths. Prefer others.
9. **THECLIMB** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in sixth over 2300m at this track a week-and-a-half ago. Fitter but hard to see him featuring.
10. **BALLE REELLE** - Finished midfield last start at Tarbes over 2100m, 2 lengths from the winner. Tackles a longer journey this time. Looking to others.
11. **SILVERSTONE** - Turned in a nice run first up then disappointed last time at Mont-de-Marsan, finishing 11th and beaten 24 lengths over 2450m. Better than last start so deserves another chance.

Summary: A competitive handicap to conclude the card. EL INGRATO (4) drops in grade after an excellent 2.5L third tackling a Tarbes 2100m Class Two handicap. With a consistent recent profile rates a top chance. CALLIOPE (1) can prove the main danger after winning in this company at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m. Respected. IZANA BERE (5) ran well here when 0.5L second over course and distance last week. One to note. DANN (7) made all at Tarbes in a lower handicap grade. Interesting candidate.

Selections

EL INGRATO (4) - CALLIOPE (1) - IZANA BERE (5) - DANN (7)
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