

STRASBOURG [R-H] - 11 September

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA 1ERE ARMEE - 5200m P2P CL3. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **VOLCAN D'ESTRIVAL** - Genuine jumper who won at Pompadour two starts back. Ran well last time at the same track when third at the end of 5000m. Will take some beating.
2. **HOURLVARI BOUM** - Progressing in journey after scoring latest when a 1.3 lengths win over 4800m at Lignieres. Genuine contender under these conditions.
3. **GENTLEMAN DE REVE** - Resumes today after struggling last run at Auteuil but did hit the frame the start prior. Happy to work around here fresh-up.
4. **ETOILE DE PRETOT** - Scored two starts back at Granville-St-Pair-sur-Mer to add to her impressive record. Followed that with a reasonable second last time beaten 2 lengths over 5800m at the same venue. Chance on her best form.
5. **FREYDIS** - Jumper who was unplaced two back at Vittel. Found the frame last time with a much better performance at Vittel over 5200m, beaten a head. Will take some stopping.
6. **GALANTE D'ARTHEL** - Lost the rider two starts back. Bounced back last time and clocked-in third, beaten 36 lengths, over 5200m at Vittel. Hard to fault on her recent run.

Summary: VOLCAN D'ESTRIVAL (1) has an outstanding record of ten wins from seventeen starts in cross-country races. Top claims dropped in standard following a decent third in a Class One at Pompadour. HOURLVARI BOUM (2) arrives searching a fifth-straight success and rates highly on the back of a 1.25L Class Three cross-country win at Lignières. ETOILE DE PRETOT (4) is six from twelve in this sphere and must be respected following a good Class One second at Granville. FREYDIS (5) is noted.

Selections

VOLCAN D'ESTRIVAL (1) - HOURLVARI BOUM (2) - ETOILE DE PRETOT (4) - FREYDIS (5)

Race 2 - PRIX AQUARELLISTE - 1400m CLM. Purse EUR €12,500.

1. **LIDISBARN** - Last appeared when he finished sixth over 1600m at Compiègne on August 31. No threat last start but is capable of better. Won two runs back. Leading contender.
2. **COLBY CHOP** - Unraced colt by Born To Sea out of Chope History. Worth consideration.
3. **SPIRIT CUTTER** - Resumed over 1800m at Le Croisé-Laroche last start and finished 3 lengths away in fifth. Plenty of improvement to come.
4. **MISS ETOILE** - Last appeared when she finished fifth over 2000m at Divonne-les-Bains on September 4. Genuine chance this time around.
5. **SODAPOP** - Boasts a 100% top-three strike rate at this trip. Found one better at her latest appearance over 1400m at Moulins. Nice effort last time. Can go on with the job now.

Summary: LIDISBARN (1) won a claimer over this trip at La Teste two starts ago. Genuine hope on ratings. SODAPOP (5) finished a 6L runner-up in a similar claimer at Moulins last-time-out. Can play a role in the finish. Newcomer COLBY CHOP (2) would not have to be anything special to get involved while the supplemented MISS ETOILE (4) is next best.

<p>Selections</p>

<p>LIDISBARN (1) - SODAPOP (5) - COLBY CHOP (2) - MISS ETOILE (4)</p>
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Race 3 - PRIX WOLFBERGER (PX DES CONTADES) - 3300m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **JOLICOEUR** - Showing ability in two runs so far, the latest running second at Rochefort-sur-Loire. Will appreciate the 3kg claimer going aboard. Looks close to a win and among the main hopes.
2. **QUINELLO** - Returned from a spell last start and was on debut over the jumps. Did a good job on that occasion when third, beaten 5.5 lengths, in a hurdle over 3300m at Vittel. Sure to run well.
3. **JAZZ BAND** - Gelding by Karaktar out of Morvandelle. Profiles well so watch market closely with this in form stable.
4. **JOUR POLAIRE** - Three start maiden who steps out at this trip for the first time after finishing sixth over 3200m at Compiègne. Still open to further improvement.
5. **SCAMPALO** - Gelding by Magadino out of Sematha. Doesn't profile as the likely winner.
6. **JUMPER GRENETIERES** - Karaktar gelding who was heavily supported on debut last time but could only manage seventh over 3400m at Vittel. Will be better for that run and comes into calculations.
7. **PRIDEMANN** - Gelding by Rajsaman out of Flemens Pride. Doesn't profile as the likely winner.
8. **ATHENAIS** - Filly by Rob Roy out of Cleanbreak. Tough test for first outing.
9. **SUCCES TARGET** - Filly by Kapgarde out of Terrific. Profiles well so watch market closely with this in form yard.
10. **ROYALE MILADY HAS** - Filly by Choeur Du Nord out of Royale Ultimate. Might just need this first run but watch market for best guide.

Summary: JOLICOEUR (1) made a pleasing hurdling debut when runner-up over 3200m at Rochefort-sur-Loire. Could put experience to good use. Kapgarde newcomer SUCCES TARGET (9) represents a top yard and could be involved first-time-out. Fellow newcomers JAZZ BAND (3) and ROYALE MILADY HAS (10) are worth considering.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JOLICOEUR (1) - SUCCES TARGET (9) - JAZZ BAND (3) - ROYALE MILADY HAS (10)</p>

Race 4 - PRIX MAIRE CHRETIEN GLASS - 1400m CLM. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **BOJAK** - Drops in distance from the latest outing when second over 1600m at Clairefontaine, finishing 1.5 lengths off the winner. Will be hard to beat.
2. **SECRET FEELING** - Races well over this distance. Easily accounted for last time out when fifth over 1600m at Vichy. Can bounce back. Include.
3. **ARANO** - Last appeared when he finished second over 1700m at Dusseldorf (Germany) on August 21. Racing well and is a genuine hope.
4. **ANNO** - Could only manage seventh over 1200m at Baden Baden (Germany) last start to continue a run of ordinary form. Tested on recent form.
5. **LOUVE PRECIEUSE** - Finished 12th last start over 1800m at Compiègne and is now 223 days without a win. Low on confidence and hard to recommend.
6. **FABADA** - Has not raced since finishing 10 lengths away in fifth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie on January 9. Has the ability to run well.
7. **LADY VALOU** - Recent form has been pretty ordinary and she is now winless in 484 days. Could only manage ninth over 1400m at Vichy last start. Can't recommend on that performance.
8. **BLOOD CHOPE** - Didn't inspire again last start, beaten 6 lengths over 1100m at Le Croisé-Laroche. Better than recent form suggests and she can improve sharply.
9. **TINAS DREAM** - Has struggled to make her mark of late, the most recent effort a seventh over 1600m at Vittel seven weeks ago. Further improvement is anticipated.
10. **FEDE GALIZIA** - Has been in the market at her last couple of starts but hasn't made an impression, most recently finishing sixth over 1700m at Divonne-les-Bains. Others preferred on current form.

Summary: BOJAK (1) raced off the front when second in a 1600m claimer at Clairefontaine last start. Obvious chance dropped in trip having been supplemented. SECRET FEELING (2) is two from four over this distance and holds strong claims on the back of a decent handicap fifth at Vichy. The unexposed FABADA (6) is interesting on stable debut after a sizeable break while ARANO (3) could be thereabouts following a second-placed finish over 1700m at Dusseldorf (Germany).

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">BOJAK (1) - SECRET FEELING (2) - FABADA (6) - ARANO (3)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE - 4000m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **PRINCE EXPRESS** - Ran home strongly winning by 7 lengths at Dieppe last time out over 3800m. In form and can feature again with the right run.
2. **JOHN LOCKE** - Last start winner in similar race, scoring by 30 lengths over 3900m in a hurdle at Saint-Malo. Carries 4kg more this time. Top chance.
3. **GREATSONG** - Resumes today after a five months break after being pulled up at Auteuil back in April. Has the ability and looks an each way chance.
4. **MASTER ONE** - Resuming today over the jumps. Finished off last campaign with sixth on the flat over 2700m at Orleans. Look for a bold run while fresh.
5. **BONFOU D'AIRY** - Was well fancied last time but soundly beaten when fifth in a steeplechase at Vittel as even money favourite. Appeals as an each way chance if finds best form.
6. **PITON MAIDO** - Six-year-old gelding who debuted in a hurdle at Moulins over 3500m and was safely held, beaten 6 lengths in May 2020. Won't feature.
7. **PESK EBREL** - Wound up last campaign with a fourth at Compiegne in a G3 hurdle over 3800m and resumes after almost two and a half years. Market can guide.
8. **SAPANORIA** - First-up here after a lengthy spell. Doesn't generally fire early on and tends to do her best work deeper into a campaign. Will be further improved but can sneak into the finish fresh.
9. **HEAVEN BAIE** - Mare by Crillon out of Tennessee. Might just need this first run but watch market for best guide.
10. **FINE LADY** - Was in the money two back with a nose second at Cluny but safely held latest then spelled. Looks tested this line-up and others preferred.
11. **HUIT CENT DOUZE** - Was well fancied last time but ran well below par, finishing fourth and beaten 75 lengths over 3600m in a steeplechase at Vittel. Failed to run up to expectations latest but has the ability.

Summary: JOHN LOCKE (2) absolutely routed his opposition when winning a 3900m Class Three hurdle at Saint-Malo by 30L last outing. Selected to follow up. PRINCE EXPRESS (1) was always in command when taking out a Class Three qualifying handicap hurdle at Dieppe last-time-out. Key player. The market will guide to PESK EBREL (7) following a mammoth 826-day absence but he was last seen finishing fourth in the G3 Prix Hypothese at Compiegne. GREATSONG (3) drops in standard.

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Race 6 - PRIX DE LA CAISSE D'EPARGNE (PX DES VOSGES) - 2350m HCP. Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **DEKABRISTKA** - Three-year-old filly who has been thereabouts at each appearance to date. Last time out finished third over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains. Good run last time and can get off the mark here.
2. **WINGS OF FIRE** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he scored over 2400m at Clairefontaine on August 26. Racing well and is nicely placed.
3. **MOODY CHOP** - Has not raced since finishing 13 lengths away in seventh over 2500m at Nancy on May 3.
4. **GENDARMERIE** - Has not raced since finishing 16 lengths away in tenth over 2200m at Craon on June 13. Other runners rate better.
5. **HEDRA** - Finished third over 2400m at Wissembourg at her latest run on May 26. Can return in winning form.
6. **PLAINE D'ESPOIR** - Had to contend with a wide draw at her latest run and finished out of the money over 2400m at Clairefontaine.
7. **SABIANO** - Well held last start when friendless in betting over 2400m at Clairefontaine. Makes no appeal.
8. **SCHERWOOD** - Finished midfield last start at Vittel over 2100m, 4 lengths from the winner. Stretches out over further today. Might struggle again.
9. **FOLLIVORES** - Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a eighth over 1800m at Compiègne, beaten 6 lengths. Looks tested in this field.
10. **ROCHE MAUVE** - In the money two starts back at Moulins but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains last time. Expect she will make amends.
11. **GO GO BLITZ** - Last appeared 11 weeks ago when he finished 15 lengths from the winner in sixth over 2125m at Wissembourg. Worth keeping in mind.
12. **SECRET GLORY** - Resuming. Well held in all four runs last campaign. Happy to overlook at this point.
13. **PIKATSU** - Last appeared when he finished seventh over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains on September 4. Watch for sharp improvement.

Summary: WINGS OF FIRE (2) is one of just two previous winners in the line-up courtesy of a narrow 2400m handicap success at Clairefontaine recently. Notable chance upped 2kg. ROCHE MAUVE (10) arrives on the back of decent claiming efforts at Moulins and Divonne. Open to progress on handicap debut. HEDRA (5) won a Class Three conditions event at Cluny before placing third behind a pair of subsequent winners in a Wissembourg handicap. One to note. DEKABRISTKA (1) is not dismissed on stable and handicap bow.

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<p style="text-align: center;">WINGS OF FIRE (2) - ROCHE MAUVE (10) - HEDRA (5) - DEKABRISTKA (1)</p>
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Race 7 - PRIX DE LA ZORN - 2100m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **ANDISHEH** - Ran a better race last start to finish second over 2900m at Clairefontaine. Cannot be disregarded.
2. **LIVOYE** - Raced below his best last time when sixth over 2700m at Le Touquet, beaten 7 lengths. Looks tested again.
3. **AS DE JUILLEY** - Disappointed last start but if he can find the form that saw him finish third at Wissembourg two runs back he is in the mix.
4. **ROUGE DESIR** - Has not raced since finishing second over 3000m at Nancy on May 3. Interesting.
5. **ARAMIS D'AZUR** - Form has been poor, the latest effort a well-beaten seventh over 2100m at Vittel a month ago. Has ability and can bounce back.
6. **HALLO WIEN** - Returned from a spell and was safely held when seventh over 2400m at Vittel. Still early in the prep and needs another run or two.
7. **KAILYN** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when 11th over 2500m at Deauville AW five weeks ago, beaten 8 lengths. Hard to fault if at her best.
8. **RUNNING RAINDROP** - Scored a rare win over 2200m at Clairefontaine. Capable enough on her day and is expected to run well.
9. **ANOASTER** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when sixth over 2000m at Vichy six weeks ago, beaten 3 lengths. Terrific chance to return to form.
10. **BERLIN CALLING** - Went close last time when third over 2100m at Vittel. Likely to feature again.
11. **MOREMI** - Handy stayer who has been plain of late including last start when well held over 2000m at Vichy.
12. **WONDER HOPE** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when fourth over 2400m at Moulins a month ago, beaten 5.5 lengths. Hard to fault if at her best.
13. **DORALICE** - Narrowly beaten last time when second at Vittel, finishing just a nose from the winner. In form and will be hard to beat.
14. **ALWAYS DANCING** - Five-year-old mare who broke through three starts back but has failed to go on with it in recent times. Gets the 5.5kg claim but still hard to enthuse.
15. **SAINTE CECILE** - Hasn't raced since finishing seventh over 2500m at Nancy four months ago. Others preferred.
16. **SIGNORINA GINA** - Last appeared three-and-a-half months ago when she finished 14 lengths from the winner in tenth over 3000m at this track. Doesn't appeal.

Summary: BERLIN CALLING (10) backed up a good third at Amiens with a good effort when filling the same position in a Class Four handicap over 2100m at Vittel. Key chance as a previous course winner. RUNNING RAINDROP (8) has been raised 3.5kg for winning a Class Three handicap by 2L over 2200m at Clairefontaine. Can remain competitive. ANDISHEH (1) finished behind a next-time-out scorer when runner-up tackling 2900m at Clairefontaine. Claims off the same mark. ROUGE DESIR (4) looks an each-way player.

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<p style="text-align: center;">BERLIN CALLING (10) - RUNNING RAINDROP (8) - ANDISHEH (1) - ROUGE DESIR (4)</p>

Race 8 - PRIX ALPHONSE BECHTOLD - 2100m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €17,000.

1. **SHYAMALA** - Wasn't expected to do much when fresh from a spell last start at Longchamp over 1850m and wound up in 14th, beaten 17 lengths. Can do much better this time.
2. **POET'S BLACK** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when 11th over 1900m at Deauville AW two weeks ago, beaten 9 lengths. Sure to be thereabouts.
3. **AGENDA** - Last start was back on February 26 when seventh over 2500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Has since gone to a new yard. Finds a nice assignment to open the campaign.
4. **MORCOTE** - Finished midfield last start at Deauville AW over 1900m, 5 lengths from the winner. Jumps up in journey today.
5. **KADRUN** - Doesn't win out of turn and ran below par last time when ninth over 2400m at Vittel and beaten 16 lengths. Has ability.
6. **MOTORSPORT** - Returns after a break of three months. Finished his last campaign impressively, scoring by 2 lengths over 2000m at Compiègne. Might need this outing but shortlisted.
7. **GO FAST** - Ran a couple of nice races to start this preparation and then relished getting out to 2400m last start when he won at Vichy. Further improvement in store. The one to beat.
8. **LAQUYOOD** - Performed well last prep but went for a spell after finishing a long way back in tenth at the last run at Wissembourg 11 weeks ago. Expected to be in the finish.
9. **SADANORI** - In the money two starts back at Clairefontaine but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 2900m at Clairefontaine last time. Sure to be thereabouts.
10. **MR RIEM** - Modest effort first up last start, finishing fifth and beaten 3.5 lengths over 2100m at Vittel. Will need this run.
11. **LIORA** - Finished midfield last start at Deauville AW over 1900m, 3.5 lengths from the winner. Tackles a longer journey this time. Looks tested again.
12. **CREMETO** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when 11th over 2400m at Clairefontaine two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 8 lengths. Will be harder to beat this time.
13. **INNIS** - Winner two back at Vittel then repeated the dose last start over 2100m at Vittel. Hard to leave out on current form.
14. **SCILIAR** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fourth over 1800m at Dieppe on August 18. Cannot entertain.
15. **GLORY DAYS** - Better run last start when 8 lengths adrift in third over 2100m at Vittel. Has to find improvement.
16. **CLEVER ACTRESS** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when fifth over 2100m at Le Touquet six-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 4.5 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.

Summary: GO FAST (7) won a 2400m Class Four claiming handicap at Vichy twenty days ago. Leading player in what looks a suitable affair. INNIS (13) arrives chasing a hat-trick following a narrow claiming handicap success at Vittel. Key chance with two wins from four starts over this journey. SADANORI (9) was just beaten into second in a Class Three handicap over 2400m at Clairefontaine on the penultimate outing. Hard to knock on that form. Clairefontaine handicap winner MOTORSPORT (6) must be respected despite a 2kg rise.

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