

FRIDAY, 12/01/24

C1 - PRIX DES FALAISES - 3400m (a2 1/8m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race Qualifier - Flat - EUR € 19.000

- 1. MILORD DU LEMO** - Was a winner three starts back and has gone unnoticed in either subsequent outing. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 2. RUSSIAN TWIST** - Bounced back to form with an encouraging 2nd in his most recent outing. Will fight for victory with a repeat of that performance
- 3. YEMASKA** - Rewarded for consistency with an easy last-start success and need only repeat that performance to win again
- 4. PIRIAC** - Versatile veteran who made a winning return to the flat last time out. Usually gives of his best and is likely to have a say here
- 5. LA BARILLETTE** - Inconsistent last-start winner who ought to remain competitive under a 3kg penalty. No taken lightly
- 6. CHECKPOINT CHARLIE** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
- 7. PARTICULIERE DREAM** - Finished 6th in a steeplechase event recently and is unlikely to trouble the judge on the flat. Others preferred
- 8. MUNAADRAM** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (3rd) by finishing 2nd last time and will benefit from her rider's 2,5kg allowance
- 9. RIKA DE LA VIS** - Lightly raced filly who returned to form last time (3rd) and remains open to improvement. Will be a factor

Summary : RUSSIAN TWIST (2) only narrowly missed out on victory in a Quinté recently but is unlikely to be beaten if reproducing that display at this level. RIKA DE LA VIS (9) lacks experience but not quality and could confirm recent improvement by posing a threat. YEMASKA (3) made quite the impression at Pornichet last time and should make his presence felt if in similar form. PIRIAC (4) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

RUSSIAN TWIST (2) - RIKA DE LA VIS (9) - YEMASKA (3) - PIRIAC (4)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA GARE DE DALAT - 1300m (a6 1/2f) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 27.000

- 1. L'ARDECHOISE** - Caught the eye on debut with a promising 3rd and would have gained plenty from that experience. Big runner
- 2. CANTATRICE** - Finished unplaced on debut but should, logically, improve with the benefit of that experience. Not taken lightly
- 3. CLANITHA** - Finished an encouraging 4th on debut and should improve with experience to confirm the promise of that introduction. Keep safe
- 4. WAHAYEB** - Unplaced in every outing and soundly beaten on each occasion, so is hard to recommend. Others preferred
- 5. GRAND DREAM** - Has shown little to get excited about to this point so is hard to make a case for. Others make more appeal
- 6. DARLENE** - Finished 4th in debut but failed to confirm that promise when finishing unplaced last time. Needs to reaffirm
- 7. ALNOORY STAR** - Seldom far off the mark and her experience should stand her in good stead. Has only a place chance, though
- 8. OBSESS** - Most unlucky on debut and would certainly have played a leading role had she found a clear run. Follow
- 9. LILITH** - Unplaced on debut but should improve with the benefit of that experience, so cannot be taken lightly
- 10. SISTER OF PEARL** - Maurizio Guarnieri-trained Temple City debutante to be ridden by Frida Valle Skar, with the benefit of 1,5kg allowance

Summary : OBSESS (8) was most unlucky on debut (8th) and would certainly have achieved a much better result had she found a clear passage, so it should pay to follow her progress here. Having finished 3rd and 4th, respectively, in the reference race, L'ARDECHOISE (1) and CLANITHA (3) are also expected to play leading roles in the finish. CANTATRICE (2) should also improve with the benefit of an introductory outing.

SELECTIONS

OBSESS (8) - L'ARDECHOISE (1) - CLANITHA (3) - CANTATRICE (2)

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C3 - PRIX DE L'HOTEL ATLANTIQUE - 1900m (a1 3/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. **FRANKY FOREVER** - Has looked decidedly ordinary to this point so his chances here are limited, even at this level. Ignore
2. **ORANGE VIF** - Has been regaining momentum and recently finished 3rd in his last start. Could have a role to play from a good starting stall
3. **BLACK WALL** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
4. **ZWIALH** - Consistent performer confirmed at this level. Lines up here in good form and physical condition, so warrants respect
5. **IANOVKA** - Has regained momentum recently, finishing 2nd last time after an improved 3rd. Has never been so close to another success
6. **HAPPY HUNTER** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
7. **ANTRIM** - Consistent for the most part and, although high enough in the weights, remains capable of getting into the picture
8. **BREMONTIER** - Out of sorts but has dropped in the ratings/weights as a result, so will resurface sooner rather than later. Beware
9. **BLACKBIRDFLY** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
10. **ON Y VA** - Returned to form with a good 4th last time and could have a role to play if building on that progress
11. **ATSANA** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
12. **FITZCARRALDO** - Belatedly doubled his tally by winning a PSF handicap over this distance at Chantilly last time out. Up 2,5kg but not discounted
13. **TENNESSEE JOHN** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
14. **A NOS SOUVENIRS** - Was a reassuring 2nd last time, his second runner-up finish in three starts. Drawn wide but could get into the picture
15. **GREAT CHARLIE** - Only narrowly missed out on victory when finishing a reassuring 2nd in a similar contest last time. Could make amends
16. **RAGGIO BIANCO** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

Summary : IANOVKA (5) has performed well in her two most recent outings at this level and should, with the help of Christophe Soumillon, go one better and reconnect with success. GREAT CHARLIE (15) was narrowly beaten last time and is likely to pose a threat with a repeat of that performance. ZWIALH (4) confirmed at this level, and A OUR MEMORIES (14), who need only overcome the widest stall, will also be competitive for the leading places.

SELECTIONS

IANOVKA (5) - GREAT CHARLIE (15) - ZWIALH (4) - A NOS SOUVENIRS (14)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA CITE DE LA MER - 1900m (a1 3/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000

1. **BAILEYS DIABLE** - Capable but is out of sorts so not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
2. **RIHAMA** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Not taken lightly
3. **KUPALA** - Made a good comeback (5th) two starts back but then disappointed last time. Retains the means to redeem herself
4. **AL QADAM** - Disappointing last start but ought to fare better here over a distance more to his liking. Keep safe
5. **JACQUES COEUR** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
6. **LA GALOPINE** - Finished 5th on her return to the flat two starts back and confirmed that encouragement by winning last time out. Dark horse
7. **ANTINEA** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (2nd) by finishing 4th last time - both starts at this level. Keep safe
8. **SEA WINGS** - Consistent sort with sound form references, although seldom wins his races. Should play another leading role
9. **POLMINHAC** - Failed to confirm the improvement of his previous outing (2nd) when only finishing 9th last time, but didn't have a good run on that occasion. Can do better
10. **SALERNO** - Out-of-sorts veteran but will be a lot sharper now after a much-needed comeback outing. High on the shortlist
11. **FINDON FLYER** - Has looked decidedly ordinary for some time now so his chances here are limited, even at this level. Ignore
12. **OSER** - Unreliable although seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
13. **HYPNOTIZED** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
14. **BELLONE** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
15. **ROCHEUX** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
16. **BECH RIVER** - Capable but is out of sorts so not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

Summary : Having won a similar handicap last winter, veteran **SALERNO** (10) could be the one to side with off an attractive mark after a much-needed comeback outing. **SEA WINGS** (8) is hard to win with but has sufficient means to fight for victory. **KUPALA** (3) and **AL QADAM** (4) are better than their latest outings suggest and remain capable of playing leading roles in a race of this nature.

SELECTIONS

SALERNO (10) - SEA WINGS (8) - KUPALA (3) - AL QADAM (4)

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C5 - PRIX DE LA GARE TRANSATLANTIQUE - 1900m (a1 3/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27.000

1. **SUNDAYINMAY** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
2. **GOLFING STAR** - Continues to push his limits, winning back-to-back outings recently. Will be formidable once more under another penalty
3. **HORTENSIA BASC** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
4. **MAKTAVA** - Out of sorts but has dropped in the ratings to his last winning mark, so ought to fare better here. Not taken lightly
5. **TIMELESS MELODY** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
6. **I EXCEL** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
7. **LA JAVANAISE** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
8. **ON LOCKDOWN** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
9. **HOLLY COLOUR** - Has found form and consistency in recent outings at this level, finishing 4th in consecutive starts. Keep safe
10. **JACK OF TRADES** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
11. **RED GRACE** - Consistent for the most part and was unlucky not to have achieved a better result in last month's reference race. Will be a factor
12. **SILVER SILK** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for some time to warrant any consideration here, so can be ruled out
13. **BONNIE HOPPS** - Acquitted herself very well in the benchmark race last month so ought to hold her own again here. Chance
14. **PEARL HARBOUR** - Has been struggling for some time now and is not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays
15. **CAPTAIN DE CERISY** - Has regained momentum recently and his latest success was achieved on this course. Not taken lightly
16. **RONALDO** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

Summary : Supplemented here after an unlucky 7th in the benchmark race last time, RED GRACE (11) has a great opportunity to get back on track, although she's only marginally preferred ahead of hat-trick seeking GOLFING STAR (2), who could defy another penalty. MAKTAVA (4) is dangerous off his current mark and ought to be competitive, along with HOLLY COLOR (9) who is one of many possibilities for the places.

SELECTIONS

RED GRACE (11) - GOLFING STAR (2) - MAKTAVA (4) - HOLLY COLOUR (9)

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C6 - PRIX DU TRIDENT - 1900m (a1 3/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18.000

1. **VESINABA** - Has completely lost his way and is unlikely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his recent displays
2. **ATLANTICA** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
3. **GOT FLIGHT** - Has not been far off the mark recently and, even over this shorter distance, is capable of playing a role in the finish
4. **POWER OF THOR** - Not at his sharpest for some time now but has dropped to a career-low mark, so could bounce back sooner rather than later
5. **SHARANN** - Has looked rather ordinary for some time now so his chances here are limited, even at this level. Ignore
6. **PALETUVIER** - Regaining momentum and finished a creditable 5th last time despite not enjoying the best path. Not taken lightly
7. **MAKENZO** - A model of consistency with good form references/credentials. Will not be winning out of turn and is expected to fight for victory
8. **PARFAITE MERILL** - Consistent veteran mare close to success after finishing 2nd in two of her last three starts, including her most recent outing. Winning chance
9. **PERFECT LIAISON** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
10. **TAAL** - Showed signs of improvement last time and could get into the picture if building on that progress. Dark horse
11. **MY BUDDY** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
12. **TARAHUMARA QUEEN** - Has looked decidedly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited, even at this level. Ignore
13. **REINE DE LUNE** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
14. **LOVELY MISS** - Did not go unnoticed when finishing 7th in the benchmark race and could have a role to play here. Keep safe
15. **THE FOOTMAN** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
16. **MISTER MARIO** - Has completely lost his way and is unlikely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his recent displays

Summary : Veterans MAKENZO (7) and PARFAITE MERILL (8) are closely matched but preference is for the former who has a little more freshness than his female counterpart. The fight to complete the podium places looks more competitive and is likely to be fought out between PALETUVIER (6) and GOT FLIGHT (3), with the shortlist completed by LOVELY MISS (14).

SELECTIONS

MAKENZO (7) - PARFAITE MERILL (8) - PALETUVIER (6) - GOT FLIGHT (3)

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C7 - PRIX DE CHERBOURG - 1900m (a1 3/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53.000

1. **NEPALAIS** - Excellent at this level during the first half of 2023, though has left us wanting more since. Returns to his favorite surface with a lowered value but is returning from a layoff - not taken lightly
2. **DAILYMOTION** - Has her sights lowered here after trying her luck at Listed level. Has won on this course and has the potential to stand out in the handicaps off this mark
3. **LOFSONGUR ISLANDE** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. While devoid of any margin, she remains capable of making a splash in a big handicap of this ilk
4. **BLUFF** - Made an encouraging start to his career with Jérôme Reynier but joined Nicolas Perret's squad between his last two outings. Supplemented for this engagement, but is watch watched for now
5. **LOVE IS GOLD** - A winner of two handicaps over this course and distance. Competing in his first Quinté+ and his limits are still unknown, so not taken lightly
6. **LETTY'S MARVEL** - Impeccable since the end of July and races here on his track. In great shape and confirmed at this value (rating), he will logically win many votes. Contender
7. **AL KHAMSIN** - Was far from disgraced in a Quinté+ event here last year after having to veer wide in the final bend. This shorter trip will not bother him, quite the contrary. Keep safe
8. **RECOLETTY** - Absent since her failure in a Quinté+ on 26 October but has, nevertheless, shown sufficient means to shine in such a company. Dark horse
9. **YOUNG MAN** - Runner-up in this event last year and races here off an identical mark. Back to his best, as shown by his last start on this course (3rd), he is logically a candidate for success
10. **HAVOC** - Was largely disappointing in the second half of 2023 but is, theoretically, competitive off his current mark. Will tempt fans of outsiders
11. **ALCATOSER** - Was not disgraced in his last two outings against his contemporaries, although proved he had little room for maneuver. Dark horse
12. **FLORES** - Lightly raced filly who didn't show much on her return after a seven-and-a-half-month absence and is probably still in the preparation phase. Watch for now
13. **RAMIRA** - Debuted well at Fontainebleau in a good field but has left us wanting more since. Starts in handicaps at a workable value but may lack experience against hard-knocking sorts
14. **KILIA** - Up 3,5kg for winning a fillies and mares handicap last month. Boasts some impressive statistics on PSF but is up in class now
15. **EDEN** - Has won back-to-back handicaps recently at a lower level but is up in class now and has to deal with a 2,5kg penalty. Others preferred
16. **HAVANA SIX** - Made a good debut over 1900m, albeit at a lower level. Takes on stronger here than usual but her form and her aptitude for the Deauville PSF will stand her in good stead

Summary : PSF specialist YOUNG MAN (9) confirmed his rise in a similar event last month at this venue and faces a slightly weaker field this time around, so looks on track for a first Quinté+ success. With a potent turn of foot at his disposal, LETTY'S MARVEL (6) should play a leading role, as he is also closely matched with the selection on recent form. LOFSONGUR ICELANDE (3) retains sufficient means and is better than his recent form figures suggest, so could bounce back to form with Christophe Soumillon engaged now. NEPALAIS (1), AL KHAMSIN (7), whose last performance (8th) is better than the finishing position suggests, and DAILYMOTION (2), who will have to negotiate stall No 16, are all capable of having a say in the finish too.

SELECTIONS

YOUNG MAN (9) - LETTY'S MARVEL (6) - LOFSONGUR ISLANDE (3) - NEPALAIS (1)

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C8 - PRIX DE LA GARE DE POINTE-NOIRE - 1300m (a6 1/2f) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 27.000

1. **AGAT** - Made a very promising start to his career (5th) and should have more to offer with that experience under the belt

2. **SABROSO** - Consistent colt with sound form references and will be competitive here given that experience. Not taken lightly

3. **LOYAL PRINCE** - Has looked decidedly ordinary to this point so his chances here are limited, even at this level. Ignore

4. **BROTHERS OF LILY'S** - Runner-up in two of his last three starts and has never been so close to his first victory. One to beat

5. **MISTER GAN** - Consistent colt with sound form references. Will be competitive with that experience likely to stand him in good stead

6. **EN PLEIN AIR** - Seldom finishes far off the mark so could get into the picture here, though has no more than a place chance

7. **KOA** - City Light gelding to be ridden on debut by Simon Planque for trainer Joséphine Soudan. Keep an eye on

8. **SOUTHERN METEOR** - Sylvain Ruis rides this Zoustar colt on debut for the P. & J. Brandt training partnership. One to note

Summary : BROTHERS OF LILY'S (4), runner-up in two of his last three starts including his latest outing, ought to be rewarded for his consistency sooner rather than later. He gets the nod ahead of MISTER GAN (5), who has made a very encouraging start to his career. SABROSO (2) has the form and experience to pose a threat, while MISTER GAN (5) is competitive for the places.

SELECTIONS

BROTHERS OF LILY'S (4) - AGAT (1) - SABROSO (2) - MISTER GAN (5)