

## LA TESTE DE BUCH - 16 July

### Race 1

1. **SPEEDY CHARM** - Good 0.5L runner up in a Craon newcomers event over 1300m (good to soft). Strong claims.
2. **CHOPE LA GAGNE** - 14L defeat in a 1400m course maiden first up. Major improvement required.
3. **KESARIYA** - Improved 2.5L runner up on second start here over 1100m. Leading chance for a trainer in top form.
4. **CONCEPT** - Fair fourth debuting in a 1400m course maiden last month (heavy). Consider for a good trainer.
5. **GRACEFULNESS** - Held seventh in a course maiden over 1400m last month (soft). Progress needed.
6. **ANDISEA** - Markaz debutante. Market check advised.
7. **CHILI FLAG** - Unraced Cityscape filly. Keep on side if attracting any market support.

### Summary

KESARIYA (3) could be off the mark on third outing following an improved 2.5L runner up here over 1100m. Attractive chance for a trainer in red-hot form. SPEEDY CHARM (1) is expected to go close after finishing second debuting at Craon over 1300m. Strong claims. CONCEPT (4) holds sound frame prospects if building on a solid fourth at this track tackling 1400m. Keep an eye on the market for debutante ANDISEA (6). The betting is likely to guide her chances.

### Selections

**KESARIYA (3) - SPEEDY CHARM (1) - CONCEPT (4) - ANDISEA (6)**

## Race 2

1. **SALWA** - A newcomer from a top yard and Olivier Peslier is booked. Strong claims.
2. **MOHARRAM** - Fourth beaten 5L in the G2 Coupe de France des Chevaux Arabes over 1600m. Dropping in class.
3. **INATO DE CARRERE** - Sixth beaten 8L at Pompadour over 1200m in a conditions race. This looks tough.
4. **DJALCO** - Tried to make all in the G2 Coupe de France des Chevaux Arabes over 1600m beaten 5.5L. Solid claims back down in class.
5. **SYVALEREU AL MAURY** - Newcomer from a good yard and worth consideration.
6. **GHADANFFAR AL CHAM** - Fifth at Toulouse over 2000m in a conditions race beaten 8.25L on debut. Open to improvement.

### Summary

Both MOHARRAM (2) and DJALCO (4) finished fourth (5L) and fifth (5.5L) respectively in the G2 Coupe de France des Chevaux Arabes at Chantilly over 1600m. Dropping down in class and both can go close. The pair of newcomers SALWA (1) and SYVALEREU AL MAURY (5) are both from top yards and have to be considered.

### Selections

**MOHARRAM (2) - DJALCO (4) - SALWA (1) - SYVALEREU AL MAURY (5)**

### Race 3

1. **NIGHT FEVER** - Won by 4.5L at Toulouse over 2000m in a class two three weeks ago. In good form and the one to beat.
2. **GOYA SENORA** - Thirteenth but only beaten 5.25L at Chantilly in a top tier handicap over 1800m. This is significantly weaker and should improve.
3. **MON OURAGAN** - Fourth beaten 2.75L at Marseille Borely in a class one over 1800m. Dropping in class and can feature.
4. **RAPPEUR** - Well beaten in this class at Toulouse behind Night Fever after a five year absence. Impossible to fancy.
5. **SHARIQ** - Seventh beaten 15L in a class two handicap at this venue. Won a class four conditions race prior. Each way player.

### Summary

NIGHT FEVER (1) has produced three wins in the past four outings including most recently by 4.5L over 2000m at Toulouse in this class. The one to beat for top trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. GOYA SENORA (2) was beaten 5.25L in a top tier handicap at Chantilly three weeks ago. Dropping in class and may go close. MON OURAGAN (3) ran fourth beaten 2.75L at Marseille Borely in a class one over 1800m. Interesting down a level. SHARIQ (5) struggled latest however was a winner in a lower class two starts back. Best of the rest.

### Selections

**NIGHT FEVER (1) - GOYA SENORA (2) - MON OURAGAN (3) - SHARIQ (5)**

## Race 4

1. **ALRUGROG** - Not unsupported for racecourse debut but finished down the field. Clearly felt capable of better so do not entirely rule out for a top yard.
2. **MUNTAZAH** - Promising debut effort to find the places although let down favourite backers on only run since. Expected to bounce back after a break. Big chance.
3. **PENNY** - Unraced 90,000 euro purchase. Not discounted for a good yard.
4. **HAREEB** - Nicely bred colt. With good yard and likely to be fit for first start. Keep safe.
5. **HARGAN** - First time starter from the Francois Rohaut stable. Respected.
6. **SAINT AL MAURY** - Colt by Munjiz. This trip looks a suitable starting point. Interesting.
7. **ISMEE DE BOZOULS** - Down the field on both starts so far. Needs to improve sharply if she is to factor.
8. **ASTROLABE** - Apprentice rides on debut. May prove best watched unless market support arrives.
9. **INSAF DE FLAUZINS** - Filly by Mared Al Sahra. Market check advised to determine what is expected on debut.

### Summary

MUNTAZAH (2) sets the form standard though did regress from first to second start. Can bounce back and looks the one to beat. HAREEB (4) is nicely bred. Keep safe on debut. HARGAN (5) races first up for a good yard. Easy to fancy amongst this field. PENNY (3) secures a good jockey booking. Each way claims on debut.

### Selections

**MUNTAZAH (2) - HAREEB (4) - HARGAN (5) - PENNY (3)**

## Race 5

1. **IKRAM DU LOUP** - 1L fourth on debut. Far from disgraced and expected to improve. Each way player.
2. **BROOG** - First time starter by Af Albahar. Market check will prove best guide.
3. **NELKIANE** - Shaped well on debut after market support. One to note for a good yard.
4. **SAHAB** - Powered clear for impressive 7L victory on debut. Can question strength of that form but certainly deserves try in better race now. Leading chance.
5. **IMAGE DU CROATE** - Made a promising start to her career when beaten narrowly into second at Toulouse. Should continue progressing and has good jockey booked. Shortlist.
6. **TERRE D'OR** - Surprised the market but ultimately ran out an impressive winner on debut at Toulouse. Stayed on well and considered upped in trip.
7. **ISIS DE LINSOU** - Close second at Toulouse split two modest efforts. Interesting on best performance but hard to trust given other runs have been disappointing.
8. **ISRAA DU BREUIL** - One of two debutantes from the yard. Market can guide.
9. **TAMARI** - First time starter from the Frederic Sanchez stable. Could factor.

### Summary

SAHAB (4) was an impressive wide margin winner on debut. May prove a class above this field. The one to beat. TERRE D'OR (6) held rivals for a debut victory. Can progress again and is easy to fancy. IMAGE DU CROATE (5) ran a close second first time out. Steps up in grade but can improve. In the mix. NELKIANE (3) was notably well supported on debut and ran a fair fourth. Clearly felt capable of better and is a potential threat to all.

### Selections

**SAHAB (4) - TERRE D'OR (6) - IMAGE DU CROATE (5) - NELKIANE (3)**

## Race 6

1. **SALVINIA** - Fifth beaten 16L in a course and distance conditions hurdle in June. Needs to improve.
2. **LOIE BELLE** - Third beaten 2.5L at Toulouse in a conditions hurdle. Represents a top trainer and can win.
3. **MISS SYMPHONY** - Pulled up on debut at Sable-sur-Sarthe but well worth another chance for a top jumps yard.
4. **OASIE** - Well beaten at a country track in a hurdle twelve days ago. Will need more.
5. **HONORABLE GETAWAY** - Down the field at Clairefontaine in a newcomers hurdle beaten 27L. This is a significant class drop and may find this easier.
6. **IDEE NEUVE** - Three year filly out of a Dom Alco mare. James Reveley booked and needs consideration.

### Summary

LOIE BELLE (2) indicated promise in two hurdles to date including most recently when beaten 2.5L over 3500m at Toulouse. The one to beat. IDEE NEUVE (6) is a newcomer securing a top jockey. Respected. HONORABLE GETAWAY (5) showed up well for a period on debut in a much better race. Worth another chance. MISS SYMPHONY (3) pulled up on her initial attempt. Worth another chance representing a top yard.

### Selections

**LOIE BELLE (2) - IDEE NEUVE (6) - HONORABLE GETAWAY (5) - MISS SYMPHONY (3)**

## Race 7

1. **LAMET SHAMEL** - 3.5L sixth in the G2 Qatar Prix de l'Elevage at Toulouse before a moderate third over course and distance last month. Each way claims in first-time cheekpieces.
2. **GUINNESS D'VIALETES** - Well held over track and trip latest but had shown ability in Group company prior. Frame contender.
3. **DIHYA DE MONLAU** - Four placings from seven career starts with three of those coming over this trip. Not ruled out on stable debut.
4. **HM AL SAFINAH** - 5L eighth over 1500m at Tarbes on debut last October. Open to progress for a good yard.
5. **QUEENSHALA** - 7.75L sixth over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan on debut last September. Eye-catching jockey booking for a good stable.
6. **RYSK TOUT** - Narrow runner-up in a 2250m event at Montauban. Not ruled out in first-time cheekpieces.
7. **SANTE AL MAURY** - Well-held on reappearance but ran well in the G3 Prix Razzia lii last summer. Dangerous on best form.
8. **FLOR TOURETTES** - 3.25L fourth over 2250m at Montauban on debut 26 days ago. Open to progress. In the mix.
9. **HM AL MOURTAJILA** - Unraced filly by Dahess who wears blinkers first time out. Good stable.
10. **PETITE LEIA** - 4.25L fourth in a 2100m event at Toulouse on debut. Considered.

### Summary

HM AL SAFINAH (4) shaped with promise when 5L eighth over 1500m at Tarbes on debut last October. Open to progress upped in distance for a good yard. Key player. SANTE AL MAURY (7) was well-beaten on reappearance though did go well in the G3 Prix Razzia lii last summer. Dangerous on best form. May strip fitter. QUEENSHALA (5) represents a stable who do well in this sphere and cannot be ruled out under an eye-catching jockey booking. FLOR TOURETTES (8) completes the shortlist.

### Selections

**HM AL SAFINAH (4) - SANTE AL MAURY (7) - QUEENSHALA (5) - FLOR TOURETTES (8)**

## Race 8

1. **LA BONDUE** - Completed a hat-trick in a strong Auteuil chase over 3700m (very heavy). Key player for an in-form trainer.
2. **ZADALL** - Pulled up in a stronger Auteuil handicap hurdle over 3900m (very heavy). This is a more suitable target.
3. **AFFOBURG** - 24L third in a weaker Toulouse hurdle following a hat-trick of claiming wins. Tough assignment.
4. **GREAT PAUL** - Non-completion in a better Clairefontaine hurdle eleven days ago. Respected on earlier form including three wins at this trip.
5. **NAAQOOS FLOW** - 1.5kg lower after a 21L defeat in a stronger Auteuil handicap hurdle. Each way claims.
6. **MONTGEOFFROY** - 1L runner up at a lower level on reappearance. Place chance at best.
7. **FUTBOLISTO** - Supplemented after unseating his rider at Clairefontaine. In the mix if back to previous winning form.
8. **BALILAND** - 11L eighth in a weaker course hurdle last month. Plenty to find on the figures.
9. **BEAUTE PROMISE** - Fair fifth in a better Lyon-Parilly hurdle last month. Could reach the placings for an in-form trainer.
10. **ELIXIR PEARL** - Down in the weights after a modest fourth on reappearance. Something to find.
11. **FORCEUR DE VIF** - Down the field in a flat race on reappearance. Others make more appeal back over hurdles.

### Summary

LA BONDUE (1) arrives in top form after a hat-trick including a strong chase win at Auteuil over 3700m. Could prove tough to beat for a trainer among the winners. ZADALL (2) is worth forgiving a pulled up run in a better hurdle at Auteuil. This is a more suitable target and demands respect. GREAT PAUL (4) boasts three successes at this distance. Hard to dismiss for a placing. Keep FUTBOLISTO (7) safe if bouncing back to best.

### Selections

**LA BONDUE (1) - ZADALL (2) - GREAT PAUL (4) - FUTBOLISTO (7)**



## Race 9

1. **BOTCH** - 0.5L second in a class three handicap over course and distance just under four weeks ago. Strong claims in first-time cheekpieces.
2. **MIDNIGHT SHINE** - Held in the Listed Race Grand Prix Anjou Bretagne - Haras du Saz at Nantes last month but was running well in class four conditions races prior. Sharp drop in trip.
3. **CHOP VAL** - 6L eighth in a 1400m class two handicap at Longchamp. Running well in this grade before and respected down in trip.
4. **IPPLING** - Running well in conditions races of late and shapes as though this drop in trip will suit. One to note.
5. **GADEA** - 0.5L second in a class two conditions race over 1650m at Craon 300 days ago. Dangerous if retaining ability on stable debut.
6. **SEACLUSION** - Eight places from eleven career starts including on all three French outings. Respected.
7. **ROSA PARKS** - Narrowly denied when attempting to make all in a 1400m class three handicap here four weeks ago. Key contender.
8. **CARIBERTO** - One place from six career starts but could find the frame on best figures.
9. **DAMON CHOP** - Two places from fifteen career outings but was a fair fifth over course and distance 27 days ago. Each way claims having been supplemented.

### Summary

ROSA PARKS (7) was narrowly denied when attempting to make all in a 1400m class three handicap here four weeks ago. Shapes as though this journey could suit. Key player. BOTCH (1) finished 0.5L second in a class three handicap over course and distance. Strong claims in first-time cheekpieces. SEACLUSION (6) managed eight placings from eleven career starts including on all three French outings. Can make the frame. IPPLING (4) rates an each way chance.

### Selections

**ROSA PARKS (7) - BOTCH (1) - SEACLUSION (6) - IPPLING (4)**