



LES SABLES-D'OLONNE [L-H] - 16 October

Race 1 - PRIX DU CREDIT MUTUEL - 1200m MDN. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **AKENATOR** - Yet to fill a placing in two career runs and was well beaten last time when 11th over 1350m at Cholet. Needs to do more.
2. **PORT ADRIANO** - Went down by just 0.6 lengths when third at Toulouse over 1400m last time out. Will take beating.
3. **STARY EYED SURPRIS** - Could only manage sixth over 1800m at Nort-sur-Erdre last start to continue a run of ordinary form. Well placed in this line-up and can improve.
4. **INFINITY SWEET** - Two-start maiden who ran an improved race last time when beaten 5 lengths into sixth over 1350m at Cholet. Has upside and can feature.
5. **GAYA DE LAUNAY** - Drops in distance from the last start when sixth over 1800m at Fontainebleau finishing 4 lengths off the winner. Major player.
6. **LA CHIP** - Yet to find the frame in two runs the latest when seventh over 1400m at Saint-Cloud. Improvement to come cannot be underestimated.

Summary: PORT ADRIANO (2) registered a 0.5L third in a 1400m maiden at Toulouse. Selected to get off the mark at the third attempt. INFINITY SWEET (4) finished 4.75L sixth in a 1350m maiden at Cholet. Looks up to playing a part in the finish. LA CHIP (6) faded when 11L last of seven over 1400m in a Saint-Cloud maiden. Danger to all in what looks an easier event. Down in trip GAYA DE LAUNAY (5) is considered following a 4L sixth in an 1800m maiden at Fontainebleau.

Selections

PORT ADRIANO (2) - INFINITY SWEET (4) - LA CHIP (6) - GAYA DE LAUNAY (5)

Race 2 - PRIX JOSEPH KERBIRIOU - 2700m . Purse EUR €20,000.

1. **IDEE D'ETAT** - Fourth over 3800m at Moulins. Strips fitter this time and can play a role in the finish.
2. **IODA** - Consistent type who has had two runs back from a spell. Last start scored by 3 lengths over 2400m at Craon.
3. **ISEA DU BREM** - Well held of late including last start when eighth over 2950m at Cholet. Place.
4. **IMPERIAL CROSS** - Last appeared four-and-a-half months ago when he won over 2250m at Niort. Anticipate a bold showing.
5. **ICONE D'ATHOU** - Good effort last start to win her maiden over 3000m at Le Lion-d'Angers by a long neck. Fitter and open to further improvement.
6. **ILICO DES OBEAUX** - Building up to a maiden win. In the placings for the first time last start when third over 2950m at Cholet. Ready to open his account this time.
7. **ISABEY VALLIS** - Second on debut at Le Mans over 3200m on November 15. May need the run.

Summary: Trainer Alain Couetil looks to hold a strong hand and his IODA (2) is selected to score following a 3L win over 2400m at Craon. Stablemate ICONE D'ATHOU (5) saw off a subsequent winner by a neck in a 3000m contest at Le Lion-d'Angers. Rates a big threat. IMPERIAL CROSS (4) won by 2L in a 2250m contest at Niort. Warrants close consideration. Back on the flat IDEE D'ETAT (1) is another with claims following a below par hurdling debut at Moulins.

<p>Selections</p>

<p>IODA (2) - ICONE D'ATHOU (5) - IMPERIAL CROSS (4) - IDEE D'ETAT (1)</p>

Race 3 - PRIX CHARLES DU BREIL - 2700m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **OLYMPE TEA** - Hasn't threatened in two runs back from a spell. Finished 15 lengths from the winner when ninth last time out over 2400m at Craon. Can't recommend.
2. **TRAOULANDLIVESKILL** - Has not raced since finishing 2 lengths away in second over 2400m at Limoges on May 8. Excellent chance while fresh.
3. **A NOS SOUVENIRS** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in fifth over 2400m at Saint Brieuc two weeks ago. Can come on for the race and is an each way prospect.
4. **CHARLIMIX** - Drops in trip from the latest effort when third over 2900m at Argentan finishing 5 lengths off the winner. Major player.
5. **DREAM BAHAMA** - Form of late has been mixed and she tackles this trip for the first time. Finished win last time out over 2200m at Craon beaten a head. Last-start winner worth including.
6. **MY ROYAL PASSION** - Disappointed last start but if he can find the form that saw him finish second at Argentan two runs back he is in the mix.
7. **YORK TOWN** - Promising colt who last start finished 4 lengths away in fourth over 2400m at Craon. One of the each way hopes in this line-up.
8. **STORMY BAY** - Narrowly beaten last time when second at Landivisiau beaten a nose. Expected to be in the finish again.
9. **GOTHA** - Finished midfield last start at Angers over 2100m. Tackles this longer journey for the first time. Prefer to see him back in form.
10. **ASTRAL SPIRIT** - Last appeared when he finished ninth over 2600m at Landivisiau on September 18. Capable of a better run.
11. **JYCROIS BELLEVUE** - Steps out to 2700m for the first time today after a modest effort last time out finishing eighth over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan. Can improve on recent efforts.
12. **KIND OF MAGIC SOUL** - Still a maiden but continues to make progress last start finishing fourth over 2100m at Angers. Hard to recommend.
13. **SOGYNT** - Form in recent times has been moderate including a last start seventh over 2400m at Craon. Has had too many chances.
14. **RELY ON ME MAN** - Finished midfield last start at Vichy over 2400m 4 lengths from the winner. First look at this longer trip. Not keen on her chances.

Summary: With a useful apprentice up ASTRAL SPIRIT (10) is taken to register a third win in his last four starts having won a conditions event over 2300m at Brehal on his penultimate outing. STORMY BAY (8) looks a big threat on handicap debut following a nose second over 2600m at Landivisiau. CHARLIMIX (4) enters calculations on the back of a 4.75L third to a subsequent winner over 2900m at Argentan. A NOS SOUVENIRS (3) is another handicap debutant to consider with a hood worn for the first time following a 9L fifth in a 2400m maiden at Saint-Brieuc.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASTRAL SPIRIT (10) - STORMY BAY (8) - CHARLIMIX (4) - A NOS SOUVENIRS (3)</p>
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Race 4 - PRIX DE L'ILE D'YEU - 2700m . Purse EUR €11,000.

1. **THE GOOD DOCTOR** - Debut last start finishing third over 3000m at Craon. Can measure up.
2. **SHAKIRON DU LYS** - Unraced gelding by Nicaron out of Shalimar Du Lys. Will be better for this hitout.
3. **HOPE D'AZE** - Was safely held on debut last start when eighth and beaten 7 lengths over 2400m at Nantes. Will take a lot from that hitout.
4. **TOTO DEMONMIRAIL** - Son of Martaline from Best Exit making his debut. Look for market interest.
5. **KING ALEX** - Gelding by Alex The Winner from Maia Royale on debut. Worth keeping very safe.
6. **ROYAL HEIGHTS** - Gelding by Manduro from Rahada on debut. Purchased for EUR4,000 (Arqana 2021 Summer Sale). Prefer to see.
7. **KERICLIF** - Debutant by Whitecliffsofdoover from the good race mare Delvita who was a Listed winner. Respect any positive betting move.
8. **JIMINI** - Gelding by Shaiban from Doudou De Rubline on debut. Could be of interest.
9. **ARION COCO TRIP** - Unraced colt by Top Trip out of Athenamix Coco.
10. **CHIVATOR** - Debutant by Motivator from the good race mare My Khaleesi who was a Listed winner. Maybe later.
11. **FLIGHT LEVEL** - Unraced gelding by French Fifteen out of Red Diadem. May need the run.
12. **KISSMAGNE D HUMOUR** - Filly by Magneticjim from Kissmare D'humour on debut.
13. **LUCKY LOVE** - Filly by Waldpark from Lucky Flower on debut. Purchased for EUR20,000 (Arqana 2021 Summer Sale).
14. **CHARMING WAY** - Nicaron filly from Lovin Way on debut.
15. **ROSEMELLIC** - Unraced filly by Legolas out of Kan Ah Loar. No surprise if she measured up. Include.
16. **TRILIA DU FOUQUET** - Daughter of Triple Threat from Dahlia Do Brasil making her debut.

Summary: THE GOOD DOCTOR (1) caught the eye when 4.75L third having raced from off the pace over 3000m on debut at Craon. Taken to register a victory at the second attempt. Unraced Shaiban gelding JIMINI (8) rates a big threat on his first start for a useful stable. Similar comments apply to Martaline newcomer TOTO DEMONMIRAIL (4) who makes the shortlist. Legolas filly ROSEMELLIC (15) looks the pick of her trainers two contenders.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE GOOD DOCTOR (1) - JIMINI (8) - TOTO DEMONMIRAIL (4) - ROSEMELLIC (15)</p>
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Race 5 - PRIX JACQUES DE HILLERIN - 3400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €17,000.

1. **LETTYT STORM** - Won by 3.5 lengths at this track two starts ago. Disappointed last time at Deauville when 4.5 lengths from the winner in fourth. Well placed. Hard to beat on his best form.
2. **AVERNES** - Last appeared when she finished tenth over 3000m at Saint-Cloud on September 19. Will prove tough to stave off.
3. **RUUDJE** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he scored over 3100m at Saint-Cloud on September 30. Among the better chances.
4. **ANGELO DREAM** - Behind the place-getters of late. May improve at this level.
5. **KIROZ** - No support in betting first-up when eighth over 2400m at Nantes. Hard to get too confident until he shows a little more.
6. **FLANQUEUR DE BRENU** - Course and distance winner who last start finished second beaten 6 lengths over 3000m at Craon. Has ability and could take some beating.
7. **GOLD D'AZE** - Moderate effort to finish sixth last time over 3000m at Craon when fresh from a spell. Taking on this longer journey for the first time. Outside claims.
8. **SOWGAY** - Handy stayer who has been plain of late including last start when well held over 2400m at Pornichet. Rates highly this time so expect a lot more.

Summary: LETTYT STORM (1) is selected to deliver a victory having won by 3.5L in a conditions race over this track and trip prior to a 4.5L fourth in a 3200m handicap at Deauville. FLANQUEUR DE BRENU (6) looks a threat on the back of a 6L second in a 3000m conditions event at Craon. RUUDJE (3) won by a neck in a 3100m contest at Saint-Cloud. Strong claims off a 2kg higher mark. ANGELO DREAM (4) is considered back in a handicap following a 10L fourth in the previous mentioned Craon race.

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<p style="text-align: center;">LETTYT STORM (1) - FLANQUEUR DE BRENU (6) - RUUDJE (3) - ANGELO DREAM (4)</p>

Race 6 - PRIX ROGER CROSSUARD - 1950m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **INDIAN SOUL** - Now 290 days without a win the latest effort a seventh over 1950m at Le Mans beaten 6 lengths. Low on confidence and hard to recommend.
2. **PRINCEDESCHAMPS** - Better run last start when 4 lengths adrift in second over 2400m at Compiègne. Likely to play a big role.
3. **RED DUMA** - In the money two starts back at Le Lion-d'Angers but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1950m at Le Mans last time. Capable of sharp improvement.
4. **GORMLAITH** - Shooting for a hat-trick of wins after scoring by 2 lengths over 1950m at Le Mans on September 28. In great form and should be right in the thick of things again.
5. **STADE VELODROME** - Not a prolific winner with just four victories from 60 starts. Last start finished sixth over 2100m at Toulouse. Among the chances.
6. **LINE D'ARGENT** - Doesn't win out of turn and ran below par last time when ninth over 1950m at Le Mans and beaten 9 lengths.
7. **OK BOOMER** - Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 21 starts. Last start finished third over 2100m at Cholet. Well placed this time and expected to be in the finish.
8. **JACQUES COEUR** - Stepping up in trip after finishing sixth over 1600m at Angers last time out. Can improve and is worth thought.
9. **ASANDA** - Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 46 starts. Last start finished third over 1950m at Le Mans. Among the chances.
10. **KONIG CHOUCHE** - Better run last start when 1.5 lengths adrift in second over 1950m at Le Mans. Not far away last time. Worth plenty of thought.
11. **PICNIC** - Disappointing finish to last preparation and was not much better resuming at Le Mans over 1950 on soft going. Happy to risk here on what he's shown lately.
12. **ZAWAT** - Has been out of the winners' list for a long time last start finishing 13th at Saint-Cloud over 1400m. Others are better placed.
13. **DALIGAR** - Struggling to break through this campaign the latest effort a 9 length seventh over 2100m at Cholet. Will need to improve sharply.
14. **KAHOUNA** - Hasn't won in 19 months. Finished fourth beaten 7 lengths last start over 2100m at Cholet. Prepared to risk.
15. **AL RASSOUL** - Ran a better race last start to finish second over 1700m at Pornichet. Likely to measure up.
16. **MAGIC SENORA** - Resuming from a spell. Yet to find the placings in five first-up runs. Likely to need this outing.

Summary: GORMLAITH (4) completed a double when winning by 2L in a 1950m handicap at Le Mans. Selected to register a third course and distance victory. PRINCEDESCHAMPS (2) is expected to challenge for the win following a 4L second over 2400m at Compiègne. ASANDA (9) placed third when beaten 3.5L in a 1950m handicap at Le Mans. Shortlist. OK BOOMER (7) came home 7.25L third over 2100m at Cholet. Consider for the win.

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