

FRIDAY, 17/05/24

C1 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE GUJAN-MESTRAS - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

1. **MYBOYFRIEND** - Won a 1200m PSF handicap at Pau in mid-February but has struggled (finished unplaced) in 3 subsequent starts, the latest (7th) over track and trip on 25 April. Outsider
2. **MONCAYO** - Has shown signs of improvement dropped in the weights/ratings, finishing 6th in consecutive recent outings. Didn't go unnoticed over 1400m at Toulouse on 21 April
3. **NATURAL PATH** - Caught the eye when staying on to finish 6th in a course-and-distance handicap on 25 April. Not taken lightly
4. **SEGERA** - Inconsistent but isn't incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Runner-up in a Tarbes handicap over this distance before finishing 10th over track and trip on 25 April
5. **MONTIGNY** - Won a 1600m handicap at this venue and confirmed his competitiveness off this mark by finishing 3rd in a 1400m handicap at PairsLongchamp on 28 April - candidate for success
6. **VISIR IZNOGUD** - Hard-knocking handicapper who won a 1200m Toulouse handicap before confirming his competitiveness under a penalty by finishing 4th consecutive outings, including on his reappearance over 1100m at Tarbes on 13 April
7. **JASMIN DORE** - Last-start winner of a 1200m Fontainebleau handicap on 3 May. Has won twice and finished 2nd four times in his last seven starts
8. **SVOUL** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and boasts sound references over sprint distances, including a 2nd over course and distance on 18 August. Absent since finishing 5th in an 1100m claimer at Chantilly on 4 October
9. **COOLMEEN ROYAL** - Won back-to-back handicap sprints at Fontainebleau in March last year but has struggled (finished unplaced) in all 8 subsequent outings - the latest (6th) over 1300m on PSF at Deauville on 26 December. Just watch for now
10. **BIG FREEZE** - Finished 9th on his reappearance in a 1200m Fontainebleau handicap on 3 May. Can improve with the benefit of that much-needed comeback outing under his belt
11. **BADASS** - Won a 1200m handicap at Nîmes in November but has finished unplaced in all 3 subsequent outings, the latest over 1100m at Tarbes on 13 April. Others preferred
12. **ALBERTINELLI** - Could only finish 12th on his reappearance in a 1200m handicap at Fontainebleau on 3 May. Would've benefitted from that much-needed comeback outing
13. **GENNY DANCE** - Unplaced in her last 4 starts over 1400m and 1600m (twice each) but seldom finishes far off the mark and boasts sound references over sprint distances. Last seen (9th) at Dax over 1400m on 1 May - dangerous to discount
14. **IMAGINE CHOP** - An 18-start maiden with just 4 places to his name. Hard to recommend after finishing 11th in a 1400m handicap at Dax on 1 May

Summary: MONTIGNY (5) and VISIR IZNOGUD (6) have legitimate winning credentials in this opening sprint handicap, although last-start scorer JASMIN DORE (7) should also remain competitive for victory despite a 3kg penalty. GENNY DANCE (13) boasts sound references over sprint distances and is dangerous to discount returned to this trip off a reduced mark. MONCAYO (2), NATURAL PATH (3) and SEGERA (4) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MONTIGNY (5) - VISIR IZNOGUD (6) - JASMIN DORE (7) - GENNY DANCE (13)

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C2 - PRIX JEAN-CLAUDE MAURAND - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Newcomers Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. LE CAULE** - Didier Guillemin-trained Advertise newcomer owned by Gérard Augustin-Normand. Clément Merille rides this gelding on debut
- 2. YES BOY** - Anthony Crastus rides this Recoletos colt on debut for trainer Simone Brogi. Shouldn't be underestimated
- 3. BARLAFUS** - Another Simone Brogi-trained newcomer. Hugo Mouesan rides this Zarak colt on debut - not taken lightly
- 4. I STILL DREAM** - Doha Dream gelding to be ridden on debut by Mickaël Forest for trainer Frédéric Sanchez. One to keep an eye on
- 5. KOVEL** - Invincible Spirit colt trained by Fabrice Vermeulen, who has engaged Lukas Delozier to ride. Warrants respect
- 6. MODEL MAKER** - This well-bred Mastercraftsman filly is the half-sister to multiple Group/Grade I winner Modern Games, who won the Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Antoine Werlé rides for trainer Henri-Alex Pantall
- 7. REINE DE BAVIERE** - Fabrice Vermeulen-trained Intello debutante whose dam has already produced the useful Port Au Prince. Valentin Seguy rides
- 8. LA NORMALIENNE** - Shalaa debutante trained by Didier Guillemin, who has enjoyed continued success in the South-West. Lucas Armand rides
- 9. LOLA BERE** - Ludovic Gadbin-trained Seahenge newcomer to be ridden on debut by Fabrice Veron. One to keep an eye on
- 10. LADY CHRISNAT** - This Christophe Plisson-trained Dariyan filly will benefit from the 2,5kg allowance of rider Margot Romary
- 11. MRS HOLIDAY** - Alejandro Gutiérrez Val rides this Shalaa filly on debut for trainer Jane Soubagne. Best watched for now
- 12. WINI STAR** - Celine Robin takes 2,5kg off the back of this Tornibush filly trained and owned by Aurélie Vigreux. Outsider
- 13. OLATZ DE VEGA** - Lope De Vega debutante trained by Jean-Claude Rouget, who has engaged Jean-Bernard Eyquem. Keep safe

Summary: Well-bred MODEL MAKER (6), the half-sister to multiple Group/Grade I winner Modern Games, could be worth siding with in this race for three-year-old newcomers. Lope De Vega debutante OLATZ DE VEGA (13) from Jean-Claude Rouget's stable is also likely to acquit herself well on debut. LE CAULE (1), KOVEL (5), REINE DE BAVIERE (7) and LA NORMALIENNE (8) are others who could get involved.

SELECTIONS

MODEL MAKER (6) - OLATZ DE VEGA (13) - LE CAULE (1) - KOVEL (5)

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C3 - PRIX FEDORA - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. **FIKRAH** - Didn't go unnoticed when 5th on debut over 1500m at Tarbes on 20 April. Would've gained from that experience
2. **JAAZMINA DU SOLEIL** - Runner-up on debut at Bordeaux and confirmed that promise by finishing 3rd at Tarbes over 1500m on 20 April. Candidate for success
3. **JABBARA** - Open to improvement after finishing 8th on debut over 1500m at Tarbes on 20 April. Can get into the picture
4. **RIYAH** - Would've benefitted from the experience of a pleasing introduction (6th) at Tarbes over 1500m on 20 April. Could have a role to play
5. **GHARA** - Azadi debutante from the stable of Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte, who has engaged Guillaume Guedj-Gay to ride
6. **ALULA** - Al Mourtajez newcomer from the stable of Thomas Fourcy, who has engaged Anthony Crastus to ride. Keep safe
7. **LAVINIA DE CARRERE** - Nieshan newcomer trained by Eric Dell'Ova. This filly will be ridden on debut by Martin Protti - dark horse
8. **ALREEM** - Mickaël Forest rides this Frédéric Sanchez-trained Djet Taouy filly on debut. Probably best just to watch for now
9. **MIGNONNE AL MAURY** - Olivier Trigodet-trained Sivit Al Maury filly to be ridden on debut by Fabrice Veron. An attractive outsider
10. **LADY DE FAUST** - Thomas Fourcy-trained debutante out of a well-performed mare. Shouldn't be underestimated on debut with Alejandro Gutiérrez Val booked to ride
11. **FAIRY BURNING** - Zaeem filly trained by Christelle Courtade and to be ridden on debut by Valentin Seguy. For another day
12. **INDEPENDENCE** - Majd Al Arab filly to be ridden on debut by Maryline Eon for trainer JP Daireaux. One to keep an eye on
13. **ISLAND TIME** - David Morisson-trained Valiant Boy filly to be ridden on debut by Jefferson Smith. Best watched for now
14. **HASNAA** - Didier Guillemin-trained debutante by Tahar De Candelon. Not taken lightly on with Clément Merille engaged to ride
15. **SOUHAAD** - Hugo Mouesan rides this Dariya filly on debut for trainer Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte. Has earning potential

Summary: JAAZMINA DU SOLEIL (2) has run with promise in both outings and that experience should stand her in good stead. FIKRAH (1) will also have benefitted from an encouraging introduction so ought to improve to play a leading role too. Newcomers HASNAA (14) and ALULA (6) are bred to be useful and, as such, have to be respected on debut. LADY DE FAUST (10), RIYAH (4) and JABBARA (3) should not be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

JAAZMINA DU SOLEIL (2) - FIKRAH (1) - HASNAA (14) - ALULA (6)

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C4 - PRIX JEAN BARDON - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. GOLDEN STATE** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials - hasn't finished worse than 4th in his last 7 starts. Was 4th over 1400m at Bordeaux on 1 April
- 2. KAMAKURA ONE** - Consistent performer who has finished 2nd three times and 3rd twice in six starts. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2000m on PSF at Pau when last seen on 8 November
- 3. QUARTIER MAITRE** - Improving Zarak gelding who confirmed as much by finishing 2nd over 1800m at Langon on 1 May. Candidate for success
- 4. ANTARES** - Improving/consistent filly who confirmed the form of her handicap debut (5th) by finishing 2nd over 1800m at Langon on 27 April - not taken lightly
- 5. FEET OF FEAR** - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd over 1800m at Langon earlier this month (1 May). Will be a factor
- 6. DAKOVKA** - She has maintained a consistent/competitive level of form, including finishing 5th on her handicap debut over 1800m at Tarbes on 13 April. Should have a role to play
- 7. JUBBAH** - Consistent performer with sound references, which include finishing 2nd twice in handicaps on turf and PSF before finishing 5th over 2000m at Chantilly on 29 April. Dark horse
- 8. SNATCHER** - Last-start winner over 2100m at Dax on 1 May when refitted with headgear. Ought to remain competitive off an unchanged mark
- 9. UGATZAI** - Unreliable performer but seldom finishes far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly on 27 April having finished 2nd in a 2200m claimer at Chantilly in her previous start
- 10. CIAO MA** - Inconsistent filly whose last-start 4th over 2300m at Tarbes on 20 April was an improvement on her previous outing (8th) over 2100m at that venue. An attractive outsider
- 11. GE LORD** - Unplaced and soundly beaten in each of his three outings, the latest (8th) at Langon over 1800m on 27 April. Others preferred

Summary: QUARTIER MAITRE (3) has improved with each outing and needn't make a great deal of progress to open his account after finishing 2nd last time out. FEET OF FEAR (5), DAKOVKA (6), GOLDEN STATE (1) and supplemented ANTARES (4) have the form and experience to pose a threat to the selection. JUBBAH (7) will also be competitive for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

QUARTIER MAITRE (3) - FEET OF FEAR (5) - DAKOVKA (6) - GOLDEN STATE (1)

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C5 - PRIX HIPPODROME DE LANGON - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 26,000

- 1. HARDI BLUE TROIS AA** - Runner-up in a Handicap Hurdle at this track over 3900m on 10 April. Has previously won over hurdles here and can play a minor role
- 2. HERALISTE** - Finished 6th in a Condition Hurdle at Angers over 3800m on 11 November. Off since then but has winning form at the course and has solid claims
- 3. CESAR DE BALLON** - A runner-up in a Handicap Chase at Toulouse over 4200m on 4 April. A super consistent sort who is seldom far off them. Can go one better
- 4. OURAGAN INDIEN** - Third in a Steeple-Chase at Gézozac over 3700m on 24 June. More needed here and others are preferred in this line up
- 5. SUPERLA** - A runner-up in a Condition Hurdle at Angoulême over 3800m on 28 April. Has claims on the back of this effort
- 6. HARMIX** - Third in a Condition Chase at Pau over 3900m on 28 December. Won the penultimate start over hurdles but will find this tougher
- 7. VENUS DE BELLOUET** - A winner of a Condition Hurdle at Durtal over 4000m on 12 November. Been on a break and might need the run back. Has won twice over hurdles so far
- 8. CHIEF COVE** - Was 5th in a Condition Hurdle at Dieppe over 3800m on 2 May. A consistent mare who will have her supporters
- 9. JUMP FOR GOLD** - Unplaced in a Flat Conditions race at Angers over 3000m on 17 February. Hard to make a case for on that basis

Summary: HERALISTE (2) is a consistent performer over jumps in both codes. He is off since last November but comes from a top yard and fitness is not going to be an issue. A sound performer in the two disciplines too, CESAR DE BALLON (3) is a good alternative for success should the selection performs below par. CHIEF COVE (8) is in good shape and has every chance on the back of her last effort. VENUS DE BELLOUET (7) could need the run but remains hard to rule out of the equation.

SELECTIONS

HERALISTE (2) - CESAR DE BALLON (3) - CHIEF COVE (8) - VENUS DE BELLOUET (7)

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C6 - PRIX JEAN-PAUL LATRUBESSE - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

- 1. COMMANDER'S WAY** - Disappointing 10th in a Handicap at this track over 2400m on 10 April. Has a good record over the distance and should be shortlisted
- 2. HIGH HOPE** - A runner-up in a Conditions race at Royan-Atlantique over 2900m on 8 May. Third run back and stays well. Enters the equation
- 3. QUICK FLASH** - 3rd in a Handicap at Saint-Cloud over 2500m on 6 May. On a workable mark and can be included in calculations
- 4. VALINA** - Was 10th in a Conditions race at this track over 2200m on 25 April. Four poor efforts this year and best watched for now
- 5. BERTIZ** - A good third on Handicap debut at Toulouse over 3000m on 21 April. Has sufficient means to fight for victory. Will enjoy the rise in trip
- 6. GAHERIS** - Unplaced in a Conditions race at this track over 2200m on 25 April. Poor latest effort and would be a shock winner
- 7. SIR PRINCE** - Was 5th in a Conditions race at Langon over 2500m on 27 April. Can improve further and go close
- 8. CLEVER ACTRESS** - Was 9th in a Handicap at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 4 May. Has a few lengths to find and is unlikely to trouble the judges
- 9. KERDINA** - Finished 9th in a Handicap at Tarbes over 2300m on 13 April. Effective in the handicap division and can pick up some prize money
- 10. LUCIO VERO** - Finished 8th in a Handicap at Fontainebleau over 3000m on 13 April. Won before that and can redeem himself
- 11. MONT STEELE** - Improved 4th in a Handicap at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 2400m on 4 May. A track and trip winner in August who can bounce back
- 12. ELIOTT CHOP** - 3rd in a Handicap at Tarbes over 2300m on 13 April. Always effective over longer trips and is worth some consideration
- 13. MESTREYF** - Unplaced in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 3700m on 22 April. Last two were hurdle events and is yet to place

Summary: BERTIZ (5) comes in on the back of a couple of solid efforts in handicaps and in similar form should be able to score. But this race is wide open and it may be wise to keep a close eye on COMMANDER'S WAY (1), who has previously run well over the course & distance. SIR PRINCE (7) stays well and can be involved too. Watch out for MONT STEELE (11) who has just shown a nice rebound of form in his last start.

SELECTIONS

BERTIZ (5) - COMMANDER'S WAY (1) - SIR PRINCE (7) - MONT STEELE (11)

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**C7 - PRIX NORNIZ - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR €
20,000**

1. SAFRE TOURETTES - A winner on debut in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 1500m on 20 April. Has room for further progress and can follow up

2. ALTTAYIR - Was 8th in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 1500m on 20 April. Can only do better with the benefit of a run

3. LIAM DE MONTEGUT - Finished 5th in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 1500m on 20 April. Should improve for the run and cannot be discounted

4. JALLAAB - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 1500m on 20 April. Was well backed that day and should fare better today

5. RAA'D - A runner-up in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 1500m on 20 April just beaten by on debut TOURETTES (1). Was well backed that day and could reverse the form

6. MUREB - A 3-year-old gelding by Gazwan out of Manisha who makes his debut. Watch the betting for clues

7. SIDI STAR - A 3-year-old colt by No Risk Al Maury out of Larissa Star who makes his debut. Watch the betting for more clues

8. AWAL AL ADY - A 3-year-old colt by Al Mamun Monlau out of Asari De Bozouls who makes his debut. Betting is the best guide

Summary: SAFRE TOURETTES (1) showed a great courage to come on top first time out at Tarbes, ahead of RAA'D (5) who reopposes today. The latter was well backed on this occasion and it would be no big surprise to see him reverse the form with his rival. JALLAAB (4) was 6th that day and can only improve with the benefit of the experience. MUREB (6) is an intriguing newcomer who is best to be monitored.

SELECTIONS

SAFRE TOURETTES (1) - RAA'D (5) - JALLAAB (4) - MUREB (6)

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C8 - PRIX ALCAPONE II - 3600m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 26,000

- 1. COURTOISY** - A good 4th last time out in a Conditions chase at Auteuil over 3500m on 17 March. She drops down a category and should be hard to beat
- 2. LA GACHERE** - 4th in a Conditions chase last time out at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 3800m on 22 April. Was a runner-up at this track on his penultimate start and can go close again
- 3. BUMBASIA** - A runner-up in a Conditions chase last time out at Le Pin au Haras over 3700m on 8 May. Back over hurdles and can be involved in the finish
- 4. LONG KE WAN** - Finished 6th in a Handicap on the flat over 2400m on 4 May. Makes her hurdle debut and is best to monitor
- 5. KINNEA** - Finished 6th in a Conditions hurdle last time out at Moulins over 3500m on 7 April. Moderate hurdle debut and can improve but others are preferred
- 6. LILY FLIGHT** - A 4-year-old filly by Manatee out of Marly Flight who makes her debut. A sister to Star Flight. Watch the betting
- 7. LADY MINERVA** - Finished 8th on debut in a Conditions hurdle at Compiègne over 3600m on 8 April. Has plenty to find and others can be preferred
- 8. BLACK GIRL PELEM** - 4th in a Claiming Chase at Pontivy over 3800m on 1 May. Showed some improvement that day and could play a minor role
- 9. YELLOW SAND** - Unplaced in a Handicap hurdle last time out at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 3700m on 4 May. Unplaced in fifteen attempts and others are preferred

Summary: COURTOISY (1) has run well at Auteuil on several occasions and looks a solid winning proposition in this line-up. Trained by top-trainer François Nicolle LA GACHERE (2) ran well over fences last time out and is one to follow back over hurdles. BUMBASIA (3) is another who reverts with claims to the smaller obstacles after a good run over fences. LILY FLIGHT (6) is bred to go well over jumps and is best to keep safe.

SELECTIONS

COURTOISY (1) - LA GACHERE (2) - BUMBASIA (3) - LILY FLIGHT (6)