

DIEPPE [R-H] - 17 November

Race 1 - PRIX DES FOIES GRAS BIRABEN - 3900m STPLE CL3. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **BENTOIALOR** - Returns from a 551-day spell. Concluded last campaign with a minor placing in a 4400m steeplechase at Auteuil, beaten 15 lengths. This looks a nice race to kick off. Rates highly.
2. **KALININGRAD** - Making heavy weather of things lately, including the most recent run when he pulled up in a steeplechase at Argentan. Hard to fault on his best form.
3. **HOLLA CONTI** - Did well to finish third two back in a steeplechase at Moulins but could only manage sixth at Saint Brieuc in a 4200m steeplechase last time, arriving 25 lengths behind the winner. Can go close.
4. **HOLD ON BRION** - Was unplaced two runs ago in a steeplechase at Granville-St-Pair-sur-Mer then could only manage seventh last time at Landivisiau in a steeplechase over 3900m. Hard to fault on his best jumps form.
5. **MAGIC BREIZH** - Returned from a 520-day spell last start with a modest seventh in a steeplechase at Saint Brieuc over 4200m. Tougher task this time.
6. **HISTOIRE D'ALENE** - Going well this prep. Placed first-up two starts ago in a steeplechase at Nort-sur-Erdre then filled a minor prize again last time in a steeplechase at Argentan over 4250m, beaten 3.5 lengths. Best form over the jumps stacks up well. Top chance.

Summary: HISTOIRE D'ALENE (6) has placed on both runs this season. Ran 3.5L second at Argentan last time and set to be hard to beat now. Top chance. BENTOIALOR (1) has been absent for eighteen months. Interesting top yard has persisted with him and if fit for return looks a major player. HOLLA CONTI (3) has been in good form this campaign. Solid each way choice. HOLD ON BRION (4) is another with each way claims.

Selections

HISTOIRE D'ALENE (6) - BENTOIALOR (1) - HOLLA CONTI (3) - HOLD ON BRION (4)

Race 2 - PRIX VICE-PRESIDENT GILLES TARTOUE - 3500m STPLE CL2. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **TRAVEL DE BELAIR** - Hasn't raced since finishing 10 lengths away in fifth in a Clairefontaine hurdle five months ago. Looks one of the hopes.
2. **INZEO DU GOUET** - Missed the frame two runs ago in a hurdle at Cholet. Bounced back last time when he won in a steeplechase at Meslay-du-Maine over 3800m. In the mix again.
3. **SAFE FLIGHT** - Recorded a nice win 32 days back in a steeplechase at Le Touquet over 3400m. That result came as no surprise after a solid second at Le Pertre in a 3800m steeplechase two starts ago. Likely to figure prominently again.
4. **DIAVOLEZZA** - Was unplaced two back in a 3450m steeplechase at Compiegne then again missed out in a steeplechase over 3450m at Compiegne last time. Can improve in this more suitable race.
5. **IRISH BAR** - Lost the rider two starts back. Turned things around last time and grabbed third, beaten 6 lengths, in a steeplechase over 3850m at Fontainebleau. Can go close.
6. **SIDERALIS** - Finished a modest fifth in a steeplechase over 3850m at Fontainebleau last start. That came after she pulled up two runs ago.
7. **VIZYA** - Returns from a break. Maiden campaign produced mixed results, the latest finishing eighth in a hurdle at Clairefontaine. Place prospects appear best.

Summary: IRISH BAR (5) has placed twice already this campaign. Rates well in this field and ready to take a big step forward now. Key player. INZEO DU GOUET (2) gamely held rivals for a 2L success at Meslay-du-Maine. Big chance of going back-to-back. SAFE FLIGHT (3) powered home for a 0.8L victory at Le Touquet. Easy to fancy following that. DIAVOLEZZA (4) runs third up and looks set to improve now. Keep safe.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IRISH BAR (5) - INZEO DU GOUET (2) - SAFE FLIGHT (3) - DIAVOLEZZA (4)</p>
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Race 3 - PRIX ZETURF (PRIX HUBERT HARDY) - 3800m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **ISABEY VALLIS** - Was responsible for a nice effort last time out when he finished runner-up on his jumps debut in a hurdle over 3600m at Argentan. Sure to make his presence felt.
2. **IL EST SACRE** - Tackled a steeplechase last time over 3850m at Fontainebleau but lost the rider. Worth another chance here.
3. **IRIS STAR** - Was responsible for a nice effort last time out when he finished third on his jumps debut in a hurdle over 3600m at Argentan. Likely improver with strong claims.
4. **IMPERIAL DU LEMO** - Struggling a bit of late. Two runs back wound-up in fourth over 3800m at Cholet. Things didn't improve when he fell last start in a hurdle at Argentan. No surprise to see him back in form.
5. **LOUIS MALPIC** - Lost the rider when returning after a 601- day layoff most recently in a hurdle at Agen. Likely to make amends for the last start mishap.
6. **IL EST DES NOTRES** - Fitter for two runs from a spell. Safely held fresh but ran an improved race latest when fifth in a hurdle at Argentan. Has the ability and can sneak into the finish.

Summary: ISABEY VALLIS (1) was beaten just a head at Argentan. Close to a win on that form and can improve further yet. The one to beat. IRIS STAR (3) found the placings last time. Progressing and is easy to fancy. LOUIS MALPIC (5) looked a smart type when placing on debut. Lost rider only start since but worth another chance here. IL EST DES NOTRES (6) runs third up and should now be primed. Each way hope.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ISABEY VALLIS (1) - IRIS STAR (3) - LOUIS MALPIC (5) - IL EST DES NOTRES (6)</p>

Race 4 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE DE L'ERDRE - 3800m CLM HDLE. Purse EUR €17,000.

1. **YO** - Resumed after a 199-day spell most recently and pulled up in a hurdle at this track. Needs more.
2. **ADRIANA DU LYS** - Resumes today. Finished off last campaign with a fifth over 3800m in a hurdle at Vittel, beaten 34 lengths. Might need this outing.
3. **GEDEON MADRIK** - Did well to finish second two back in a hurdle at Le Touquet but could only manage fifth at Le Touquet in a 4100m hurdle last time. Will be thereabouts.
4. **GAZDA HOPE** - Not raced since being pulled up at Rostrenen six months ago. Still a maiden over the obstacles. Look for improvement today.
5. **NORMANDE** - Fluctuating fortunes of late. Two runs back placed in a hurdle over 3700m at Sable-sur-Sarthe. Fortunes turned last start when she fell in a hurdle at this track. Cannot be ruled out.
6. **LIGNOU** - Was in the money at his first run at this course last time out, finishing 10 lengths away in third in a hurdle over 3800m. Highly credentialed and worth following up.
7. **MAT LA FRISTOUILLE** - Went over 3800m at this track last time out and was eased out of the race. Happy to risk this time.
8. **MILLTOP** - Resumes from a break when ran well off best with a 13 length 12th at Longchamp. Will need to find best to feature.

Summary: LIGNOU (6) looks overdue a victory having placed on last three starts. Produced a good 10L third here latest and rates the leading chance in a slightly easier contest. NORMANDE (5) fell last time. Had placed prior to that however and holds a good course record. Keep safe. GEDEON MADRIK (3) was beaten 2.5L into second at Le Touquet two outings back. Easy to fancy on that form. ADRIANA DU LYS (2) holds each way claims on return.

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Race 5 - PRIX TEC RAIL - 3400m CLM HDLE. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **VASLOREY** - Was a winner two back at La Teste then pulled up over 3500m at Auteuil before heading out for a six months spell. Look for a bold run while fresh.
2. **TIME IS MONEY** - Hasn't raced since finishing 55 lengths away in ninth at this track tackling a hurdle three months ago. Could pose a serious challenge if at best.
3. **WICCALKO** - Didn't come close on debut in a hurdle at Fontainebleau, finishing seventh and beaten 17 lengths. Would have to improve sharply.
4. **LE MONDE EST A TOI** - Not raced since being retired from the race at Angers nearly three weeks ago. Still a maiden over the obstacles. Place hope.
5. **BARON ZANZI** - Made debut at Argentan nearly three weeks ago but pulled up. Happy to watch this time.
6. **GREAT SCOTT** - Was at long odds last time over 3500m at Auteuil but failed to finish. Looks safely held.
7. **LADY WRUNG** - Three-year-old filly who made her debut as an even money favourite last time out over 2500m at Nort-sur-Erdre but could only manage ninth, beaten 17 lengths. Likely improver.
8. **ARCALIS DU NINIAN** - Was unplaced two runs ago in a hurdle at Le Touquet then could only manage sixth last time at Nancy in a hurdle over 3400m. Certainly worth including on best form.
9. **JAIPUR DU BOURG** - Tackled a hurdle over 3550m at Fontainebleau last time but could only manage to finish sixth, beaten 18 lengths. Certainly worth another chance.

Summary: VASLOREY (1) resumes after six months. Takes sizeable grade drop for return and on best form looks the clear standout amongst this field. Hard to oppose. TIME IS MONEY (2) showed a lot of ability on the flat. Yet to show similar over hurdles but remains unexposed in this sphere. Keep safe. ARCALIS DU NINIAN (8) placed in a maiden hurdle at Vitre three starts ago. Not progressed from that as hoped but has winning claims here. LE MONDE EST A TOI (4) holds each way claims.

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Race 6 - PRIX CEN (PRIX DE LA SENSIVE) - 2400m . Purse EUR €27,500.

1. **IDEE D'ETAT** - Handy stayer fitter for two runs back, the latest when fourth over 2700m at Les Sables on soft going. Will be improved on the two runs in and is among the chances.
2. **INCOAST** - Recorded her maiden success three back but has missed the placings at the last two appearances, most recently when fifth over 2500m at Saint-Cloud. Capable of turning things around.
3. **ICONE D'ATHOU** - Drops in distance from the latest effort when third over 2700m at Les Sables, finishing 2.75 lengths off the winner. Key runner.
4. **HELLO SUN** - Had to contend with a wide draw at her latest run and finished fourth over 2950m at Cholet. Capable of a big run.
5. **IDOLE DES BAMBOUS** - Well fancied last time when she broke through for a maiden win over 3100m at Niort. In winning form but harder here and others rate better.
6. **HEROINE CORSE** - Ran a better race second up last time out when winning over 2400m at Prunelli Di Fiumorbo. Needs to find a bit more. Place hope.
7. **HOOLA HOOP** - Was a first-up winner last start at Machecoul, scoring by 4.5 lengths over 2950m. Back in great shape and is likely to feature.
8. **IZABELLE** - Unplaced at all five runs to date, the latest when beaten 9 lengths over 3100m at Niort. Others preferred.
9. **IDYLLE MAG** - Well fancied on debut last start but ran below expectations when fourth and beaten 5.5 lengths over 3000m at Paray-le-Monial. Safely held.

Summary: HOOLA HOOP (7) is in flying form. Won two of last three starts and holds a great record for this jockey. The one to beat. INCOAST (2) has been highly tried on recent outings. Drops in grade now and can do better as a result. ICONE D'ATHOU (3) has won and placed on last two starts. Expect another bold showing. HEROINE CORSE (6) powered clear for a 7L success at Prunelli Di Fiumorbo. This is tougher but remains a potential threat to all.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOOLA HOOP (7) - INCOAST (2) - ICONE D'ATHOU (3) - HEROINE CORSE (6)</p>

Race 7 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DES DUCS DE BRETAGNE - 2400m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **SWEETEST THING** - Has been uncompetitive of late, last start finishing 14th and beaten 26 lengths over 2800m at Longchamp. Looking to others.
2. **ROCHEUX** - Finished midfield last start at Saint-Cloud over 2000m, 5 lengths from the winner. Jumps up in journey today. Hard to fault if at his best.
3. **JACK THE LAD** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished second over 2200m at Longchamp on October 23. Good effort last start and can build on that performance.
4. **SAKURACHAN** - Recorded her maiden win last time out over 2900m at Durtal after a change in gear. Can feature in the finish again.
5. **WHISPER MY DREAM** - Lightly raced filly who was beaten 4.5 lengths into seventh last start over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie. Solid top-three hope.
6. **MODERN VALUE** - Well in the market last but disappointed when 7 lengths away in sixth over 3000m at Saint-Cloud. Has ability and is one of the chances.
7. **ANAMANDA** - Landed her maiden success last time out over 2500m at Le Croise-Laroche after a change in gear. Can feature in the finish again.
8. **KER STORMY** - Is coming back sharply in journey after he finished third last start over 3000m at Saint-Cloud. Rates highly.
9. **MAESTRANTE** - Good effort to finish second last time over 2400m at Clairefontaine. In the mix.
10. **THE GREAT GABI** - Lightly raced gelding who progressed nicely last start with a win by 4 lengths over 2350m at Machecoul. Holds claims.
11. **JAVA D'EMRA** - Has not been racing well lately, the latest effort a 17th and beaten 13 lengths over 2000m at Saint-Cloud. Unlikely to feature.

Summary: MAESTRANTE (9) rates highly on the form of a 1.5L second at Clairefontaine. Can improve again and could be hard to beat if doing so. JACK THE LAD (3) was beaten 1.75L into second at Longchamp. Easy to fancy following that. SAKURACHAN (4) steps up in grade following a 0.75L victory at Durtal. Progressing however and holds a big chance of going back-to-back. KER STORMY (8) has placed the last twice. Each way hope.

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Race 8 - PRIX REXEL POLE LOIRE OCEAN (PRIX DE BRETAGNE) - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **VIESNA** - Still a maiden after 10 starts and was comfortably held last time out despite finishing third over 2400m at this track. Capable of giving a great sight.
2. **BERING PALACE** - Won by 0.8 lengths at Cholet two starts ago. Disappointed last time at Angers when 5 lengths from the winner in sixth. Strong contender on best form.
3. **MASVINGO** - Form in recent times has been moderate, including a last start eighth over 2300m at Le Mans. Finds a nice race and can improve without surprising.
4. **FIRST CREATION** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished seventh over 2300m at Le Mans on October 25. A top-three finish would surprise.
5. **BOIS CHEVALIER** - Last appeared 15 months ago when he won over 2800m at Sille-le-Guillaume. Expect he will go well.
6. **CORDEY DANCER** - Returns after a break of three-and-a-half months. Finished her last campaign impressively, scoring by 1.5 lengths over 2404m at Ffos Las (UK). Interesting.
7. **DREAM WORD** - Broke through for an overdue win last time over 2500m at Saint-Cloud. Confidence back and another bold showing is expected.
8. **CASHFORPASSOVER** - Recent form has been below par. Last start finished 6 lengths adrift in sixth over 3100m at Saint-Cloud. Looking elsewhere.
9. **HYSTERIQUE** - Hasn't won in more than a year. Must improve off a last-start fifth over 2900m at Clairefontaine to feature in the finish.
10. **PARFAITE MERILL** - Has just two wins to her name but has placed a further 11 times from 41 starts. Better effort last time when second over 2400m at this track. Can play a role in the outcome.
11. **PUFF DAKOTA** - Well held at both runs this time in, most recently when beaten 9 lengths into sixth over 2400m at this track. Not much to like about his prospects.
12. **KICK BOXING** - Finished second, beaten 3 lengths, last start over 2500m at Le Croise-Laroche. Better placed and expected to be in the finish.
13. **AMERICAN LILY** - Last start finished eighth over 2500m at Deauville AW. Has recorded just 4 victories from 48 starts. Well placed this time.

Summary: DREAM WORD (7) powered clear for a 2L win at Saint-Cloud. Can improve further and likely to be hard to beat once more. KICK BOXING (12) looks overdue a victory having finished second on last two starts. Beaten 3L at Le Croise-Laroche latest. Key player. VIESNA (1) has shaped with promise in preps. Now third up looks set to take a step forward. Keep safe. BOIS CHEVALIER (5) resumes following a fifteen-month absence. Threat to all if fit for return.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">DREAM WORD (7) - KICK BOXING (12) - VIESNA (1) - BOIS CHEVALIER (5)</p>
