

## SAINT CLOUD [L-H] - 18 April

**Race 1 - PRIX MEMORANDUM - 900m MDN.** Purse EUR €27,000.

1. **MQSE DE MAINTENON** - Promising third behind Exxtra in a course and distance newcomers race. Player.
2. **HAYAMI** - Only ninth on debut behind some of these over track and trip. Open to progress for a top stable.
3. **ROSIE ROCKET** - Fair fifth behind two re-opposing rivals over course and distance on debut. Not dismissed.
4. **EXXTRA** - 4.5L runner-up when in front of Mqse de Maintenon over course and distance on debut. Top chance.
5. **UN PLUS UNE** - Unraced colt by Pomellato. Betting will guide.
6. **LAS DES BOIS** - Son of Birchwood making his debut. Bred to be speedy and needs a market check.
7. **SHANGHAI ME** - Colt by Kendargent making his debut. Not discounted if seeing market support.
8. **I AM A KILLER** - Son of Whitecliffsofdover having his first outing. Betting should tell the tale.
9. **FUNNY MONEY HONEY** - Speedily bred daughter of Bungle Inthejungle who need respect on debut under a top jockey.

**Summary:** This race looks to revolve around a course and distance newcomers event that took place sixteen days ago. EXXTRA (4) had MQSE DE MAINTENON (1) behind when the pair finished second and third respectively. The former ran a race full of promise and is the one to beat although the latter could improve for the experience and clearly rates highly. HAYAMI (2) was only ninth in that event but is open to plenty of progress for top trainer Andre Fabre. FUNNY MONEY HONEY (9) is interesting on debut with Soumillon booked.

### Selections

**EXXTRA (4) - MQSE DE MAINTENON (1) - HAYAMI (2) - FUNNY MONEY HONEY (9)**

**Race 2 - PRIX PHEBE - 1400m UNR.** Purse EUR €27,000.

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1. **HAZIYM** - Unraced colt by leading sire Lope De Vega. Player for a top stable.
2. **MARE NOSTRO** - Colt by Almanzor making his debut. Market will guide.
3. **GORDINI ROAD** - Unraced gelding by Dobby Road. Others preferred.
4. **PEPE BOTELLA** - Ribchester gelding having his first outing. Not entirely dismissed.
5. **PRINCE PEDRO** - Pedro The Great gelding making his debut. Betting should tell the tale.
6. **OPALUS ROAD** - Unraced gelding by Goken. Market check.
7. **SPANISH INTENT** - Acclamation filly making her debut. Could be involved if seeing market support.
8. **MILLESIME** - Unraced filly by Dabirsim. Contender.

**Summary:** A newcomers event where the market could prove informative. HAZIYM (1) is a colt by leading sire Lope De Vega. Top chance for a leading trainer and jockey. Dabirsim filly MILLESIME (8) needs plenty of respect on paper. PEPE BOTELLA (4) is a gelding by Ribchester and cannot be ruled out. OPALUS ROAD (6) would be interesting if seeing market support.

<p><b>Selections</b></p> <p><b>HAZIYM (1) - MILLESIME (8) - PEPE BOTELLA (4) - OPALUS ROAD (6)</b></p>
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**Race 3 - PRIX DES PLATANES - 2400m HCP CL2.** Purse EUR €50,000.

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1. **SI J'AILELA** - 1L runner-up in a similar course and distance handicap latest. Chance if replicating.
2. **WATCHMEN** - Fair sixth behind some of these over track and trip on return. Not dismissed down 0.5kg.
3. **PHAROA** - 5.5L fourth in a Class Two AW handicap at Chantilly latest. Concern he is yet to score on turf.
4. **AVELLANEDA** - 6.75L ninth over track and trip on handicap debut recently. Unexposed and could have more to offer down 1kg.
5. **SUDAN** - Ready 2.5L winner of a 2000m Class Three handicap at Strasbourg last start. This is tougher but unexposed.
6. **PJEDRO** - Disappointing when tenth behind some of these over track and trip. Capable on best form and needs a second look under Soumillon.
7. **YOU ROCK** - Well treated on peak efforts but needs to step forward from his Class Three conditions race fifth at Le Croise-Laroche last start.
8. **TRICK OF THE MIND** - Good 2L third in a Class Two course and distance handicap recently. Player if reproducing.
9. **EN OR** - Fair seventh at Chantilly AW latest. Return to turf a potential positive on first outing at this venue.
10. **POET'S QUEST** - Very disappointing in a Class Two handicap at Chantilly a fortnight ago. Must bounce back in first-time cheekpieces.
11. **AKYO** - Dual winner over the trip but looks best watched following a moderate ninth in a Class Three claimer at Chantilly.
12. **BENE BENE** - Close third in a 2000m Class Two handicap here recently. Key chance.
13. **FERNOBOY** - Could be involved if replicating his course and distance third two starts ago. Positive jockey booking.
14. **NIGHTDANCE MAN** - 3.5L fifth in a Class Three handicap over 1800m at Compiègne last outing. Step back up in distance looks a plus.
15. **SMART COOKIE** - Just prevailed in a Class Three claimer before a fair fifth over this trip at Lyon-Parilly. Place chance.
16. **SANCHO** - Found the frame on his last three outings including over track and trip latest. Each-way chance.

**Summary:** BENE BENE (12) finished a close third in a 2000m Class Two handicap here recently. Key contender. TRICK OF THE MIND (8) was a good 2L third in a Class Two course and distance handicap. Major chance if replicating. WATCHMEN (2) produced a fair sixth behind some of these tackling track and trip on return. Not to be dismissed down 0.5kg with a step forward possible. SI J'AILELA (1) would be involved if reproducing a 1L runner-up effort attempting a handicap at this venue and journey in latest. SMART COOKIE (15) holds place claims.

Selections
<b>BENE BENE (12) - TRICK OF THE MIND (8) - WATCHMEN (2) - SI J'AILELA (1) - SMART COOKIE (15)</b>

**Race 4 - PRIX DE JUVISY - 2000m CLM CL3 HCP.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **DIPLOMATIE** - Disappointing when tailed off latest but must be considered on back-to-back Class Three wins prior. Wears first-time cheekpieces.
2. **HUNTBA** - Runner-up in his last two outings the latest over 1950m in a Le Mans claimer. Not dismissed after a break.
3. **GREAT DREAM** - Held over 1900m on the AW at Chantilly on last two outings. Capable but has a poor course record.
4. **SMOKING BIANCO** - More than capable in this grade and looks interesting on his Class Two handicap fourth at Compiègne two back. Chance.
5. **WISNA** - Well beaten in Class Three AW handicaps at Deauville in December and others arrive in stronger form.
6. **FAMOUS LINE** - Just denied in a Class Four 1800m handicap at Compiègne 36 days ago. Could sneak a placing.
7. **WOOLACOMBE** - Tailed off over 1800m in a handicap at Marseille-Borely 155 days ago. Looks best watched on stable debut.
8. **BESIBERRI** - Unplaced in eight career starts and was beaten 19L into eighth at Deauville AW last outing.
9. **LOUVE SAPHIR** - The booking of Barzalona catches the eye and she could be involved following a pair of fair Class Four efforts at Mont-de-Marsan and Bordeaux.

**Summary:** SMOKING BIANCO (4) is more than capable in this grade and looks interesting on a Class Two handicap fourth at Compiègne two back. Leading player under a top jockey. The booking of Barzalona catches the eye for LOUVE SAPHIR (9) and she could be involved following a pair of fair Class Four efforts at Mont-de-Marsan and Bordeaux. HUNTBA (2) finished runner-up the past two outings including latest over 1950m in a Le Mans claimer. Not to be dismissed after a break. DIPLOMATIE (1) could bounce back wearing first-time cheekpieces.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SMOKING BIANCO (4) - LOUVE SAPHIR (9) - HUNTBA (2) - DIPLOMATIE (1)</b></p>
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**Race 5 - PRIX DE LESCAR - 1600m HCP.** Purse EUR €30,000.

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1. **FIRST SHOT** - Still 2kg higher than when making a winning handicap debut four back and was beaten 12L at Chantilly AW latest.
2. **LADY PINK** - Maiden winner who was sixth in a Class Three conditions race over course and distance after a break. Positive jockey booked now handicapping.
3. **FIRST RAY** - Won a track and trip handicap last October. Should strip fitter recent sixth at Chantilly AW and may find the frame.
4. **HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS** - Produced two fair efforts since winning a 1500m AW handicap at Deauville narrowly. Not dismissed.
5. **DIRTY GEURTY** - Consistent sort who finished runner-up on his sole handicap outing (Chantilly AW) in January. Chance.
6. **LILY ROSE** - Back-to-back fifths in Class One conditions races at Cagnes-sur-Mer recently. Interesting now handicapping.
7. **PRETEXTE** - 0.75L success over a subsequent winner in a Fontainebleau maiden last outing. Player now handicapping.
8. **SCOTTISH ANTHEM** - Unexposed in handicaps and shaped well when third over 1900m at Chantilly AW last outing. Key contender.
9. **WERE** - Lightly raced handicap debutante who could be involved especially if seeing market support.
10. **SAVOUREUSE** - Unexposed sort who was beaten 7.75L into thirteenth over this trip at Chantilly AW on handicap debut. Dropped 1kg.
11. **DUX** - Produced a trio of solid third-placed finishes before disappointing at Chantilly AW. Thereabouts if bouncing back.
12. **VIF DES AIGLES** - Seventh off this mark on handicap debut at Chantilly AW two back. Best watched off the same mark.
13. **FLAMBOYANTE** - Shown some promise in maidens thus far but may need a bit more on handicap debut.
14. **MISS SHAM** - Beaten a long way on handicap debut at Chantilly AW. Others preferred.

**Summary:** SCOTTISH ANTHEM (8) is unexposed in handicaps. Shaped well when third over 1900m at Chantilly AW last outing and rates a key chance for a top jockey. PRETEXTE (7) beat by 0.75L a subsequent winner in a Fontainebleau maiden last outing. Major claims now handicapping. DUX (11) produced a trio of solid third-placed finishes before disappointing at Chantilly AW. Thereabouts if bouncing back. DIRTY GEURTY (5) is consistent. Finished runner-up on his sole handicap attempt (Chantilly AW) in January and is one to note. LADY PINK (2) looks interesting with a top rider booked.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCOTTISH ANTHEM (8) - PRETEXTE (7) - DUX (11) - DIRTY GEURTY (5) - LADY PINK (2)</b></p>
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**Race 6 - PRIX BALBO - 3100m CL2.** Purse EUR €28,000.

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1. **MAX LA FRIPOUILLE** - Bit to find on ratings and was beaten 7.25L into twelfth in a Class Two handicap here on return. More required.
2. **WHISPERING OCEAN** - Solid third in a Class Two conditions race over 2600m after a break. Should strip fitter and needs considering.
3. **BLUE SWAN** - Expected to have needed the run when seventh latest. Best judged on his course and distance third in the Listed Prix Denisy in November. Claims.
4. **MISTER NINO** - Always prominent when winning a Class Three track and trip conditions event by 0.75L 39 days ago. Noted.
5. **BOTANIK** - Classy listed winner who is three from four at this venue. Steps up in trip after a break and sets the standard on ratings.
6. **DIANA** - Resumes following 160 days off the track and has plenty to find on figures.

**Summary:** This may go to the top-rated listed winner BOTANIK (5). Disappointed when last seen in the Listed Prix du Grand Camp - Atlantic at Lyon Parilly however that effort is easily ignored as now three from four at this venue and unexposed up in trip after a break. Top claims on ratings. WHISPERING OCEAN (2) was a solid third in a Class Two conditions race over 2600m after a break. Could strip fitter and needs respect. MISTER NINO (4) was always prominent winning a Class Three track and trip conditions event by 0.75L. Noted. BLUE SWAN (3) is best judged on a course and distance third tackling the Listed Prix Denisy in November. Cannot be ruled out.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOTANIK (5) - WHISPERING OCEAN (2) - MISTER NINO (4) - BLUE SWAN (3)</b></p>
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**Race 7 - PRIX DES PEUPLIERS - 2400m HCP CL3.** Purse EUR €25,000.

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1. **SEKKU** - Runs off a 2kg lower mark back handicapping after a moderate fourth at Marseille-Borely.
2. **TYTAN** - Denied a head in a 2600m Class Three handicap at Fontainebleau three weeks ago. Player.
3. **PICNIC ROYAL** - Close third when tackling a Class Three claiming handicap over 2700m at Chantilly AW recently. Not dismissed on stable debut.
4. **ALEXINA** - Well beaten on both outings here of late and may need more than a 1kg drop in the weights.
5. **LA BARILLETTE** - Staying on third over 2000m here recently. Interesting back up in trip with Barzalona booked.
6. **LIBRE** - Ultra consistent with three wins and three placings in last six outings. Head second on the AW at Chantilly latest and must rate highly.
7. **SADARAK** - Versatile performer with two wins from his last four outings. Not dismissed back down in trip.
8. **DREAM WORD** - Dropped a further 1kg having finished a 7.25L tenth in a Class Four handicap over this trip at Le Lion d'Angers.
9. **ZINZICHERA** - Solid 1L fourth in a Class Four handicap over this distance at Toulouse thirteen days back. Chance.
10. **ERMINA** - Fair fourth when prominent at Lyon-Parilly last month but a concern she was beaten a long way in a similar event four days ago.
11. **SEEKING REVENGE** - Sole career win did come here but best watched following recent efforts.

**Summary:** TYTAN (2) was denied a head in a 2600m Class Three handicap at Fontainebleau three weeks ago. Major chance if replicating. LIBRE (6) has been consistent with three wins and three placings the past six outings. Head second on the AW at Chantilly in latest and looks to hold leading claims. ZINZICHERA (9) produced a solid 1L fourth in a Class Four handicap over this distance at Toulouse. In the mix. LA BARILLETTE (5) is interesting back up in trip with Barzalona booked. PICNIC ROYAL (3) cannot be ignored on stable debut.

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**Race 8 - PRIX DE MALMAISON - 3100m CLM CL3 HCP.** Purse EUR €19,000.

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1. **SHILLY PORT** - 4.5L third in a Class Three conditions race at Chantilly AW after a break. Noted back on turf.
2. **BLACK HAWK** - Tackled a competitive handicap latest and better judged on his narrow success over 2600m at Marseille-Borely prior.
3. **CASSAL** - Upped 2kg for a head Class Three claiming handicap win at Chantilly AW recently. Must replicate on turf.
4. **HAPPY CHRISNAT** - Well beaten on last two outings and yet to show much over this trip. Best watched.
5. **FOX CHALLENGER** - Sixteen race maiden but could find the frame if reproducing his recent fair AW form on turf.
6. **SEVILLANA** - 3.25L fourth in a Class Three qualifying handicap over 2800m at Compiègne on return. Player.
7. **ABAN** - 1.5L runner-up in a 2400m Class Three qualifying handicap at Le Lion d'Angers 23 days back. Contender.
8. **VASY SAKHEE** - Capable in this class and has been dropped 1kg for finishing a 7.5L ninth in what looked a stronger Chantilly handicap. Frame chance.

**Summary:** SEVILLANA (6) shaped well when 3.25L fourth in a Class Three qualifying handicap over 2800m at Compiègne on return. Key player. CASSAL (3) is upped 2kg for a head Class Three claiming handicap win at Chantilly AW. Will need to replicate on turf however is set to be involved if doing so. ABAN (7) finished 1.5L runner-up tackling a 2400m Class Three qualifying handicap at Le Lion d'Angers in latest. Noted. SHILLY PORT (1) cannot be dismissed back on turf.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEVILLANA (6) - CASSAL (3) - ABAN (7) - SHILLY PORT (1)</b></p>
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**Race 9 - PRIX PENTHESILEE - 2000m HCP CL3.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **GIANTISSIME** - Sixth in a pair of 1500m AW handicaps this campaign. More needed.
2. **SRI LA FRIME** - 1.5L fifth in a 2100m Class Three handicap on the AW at Chantilly latest. Place best.
3. **LOVELY DOLLY** - Third in a Class Four conditions contest at Hyeres latest but disappointing handicap form prior.
4. **THUNDER DREAM** - Hard to recommend on what he has shown thus far.
5. **L'ASSICURATORE** - Becoming well treated on best form but was still beaten 4L when eighth in a 1600m Class Three conditions race at Toulouse latest.
6. **SOUPIR** - Interesting he remains in top hands but hard to recommend following over a year off.
7. **MORAL GAGNANT** - Moderate sixth over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly four days ago but has the form to be involved back over this trip.
8. **RISKY JANE** - Sixth in a Class Three handicap at Chantilly AW five days ago. Supplemented runner.
9. **TRANCOSO** - Consistent AW handicap form prior to a moderate ninth on turf here. Must replicate AW figures on this surface.
10. **PARISIAN BELLE** - Sixteen race maiden who has only found the placings twice. Opposed.
11. **GREAT CHARLIE** - 6L ninth in a 1600m Class Three handicap at Compiègne last outing. Could sneak a place down 1kg.
12. **SWAPAN** - Worth a glance down in trip after a break given some of his fair turf handicap form last year.
13. **MAKOTOTONBOKIRI** - 1.25L fifth in a 2100m Class Three handicap at this venue 30 days ago. Player.
14. **ZILLI ROCKS** - Just one placing in sixteen career outings does not inspire confidence.
15. **STUNT KITE** - Won a Class Four 2300m handicap at Royan La Palmyre latest. Not dismissed.
16. **MOCKLERSHILL** - Veteran ten-year-old who was beaten a mammoth 36L over 2100m at Pornichet AW last start.
17. **CALVIN** - Ten-time winner in his career and shaped fairly when fifth in a 1600m Class Three handicap here recently. Place chance.

**Summary:** MAKOTOTONBOKIRI (13) produced a solid 1.25L fifth in a 2100m Class Three handicap at this venue last outing. Holds claims in what looks a suitable contest. MORAL GAGNANT (7) finished a moderate sixth over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly four days ago. Brings form to be involved revisiting this trip. Thereabouts. SWAPAN (12) is worth a market check down in journey after a break given some fair turf handicap racing last year. STUNT KITE (15) won latest and cannot be dismissed in an extremely open affair.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAKOTOTONBOKIRI (13) - MORAL GAGNANT (7) - SWAPAN (12) - STUNT KITE (15)</b></p>
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