

# THURSDAY, 20/04/23

## R1 Longchamp [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA COMEDIE FRANCAISE - 2250m (a1 3/8m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 53.000**

1. **DRAGONET** - Disappointing since winning a Quinté+ at Deauville in August but has been dropped in the weights as a result. Done no favours by a wide draw
2. **ABONDANT** - Consistent throughout last year and impressed in winning on his reappearance. Can defy a resultant penalty to have a say in the finish
3. **SHAHZAD** - A winner on handicap debut at Chantilly (PSF) last time, this half-brother to Group I placed Group III winner Sagamiyra can continue to improve. Keep safe
4. **LOUVAGNY** - Well-related and progressive last-start winner who is open to any amount of further improvement on his reappearance. Include
5. **JOEY UP** - Not disgraced in either of his last two starts at this level but would prefer a softer track. Place chance only from a good draw
6. **REVOLTEE** - Returns from a layoff back at the course of her only success at this level. Has a few questions to answer having lost her form before the turn of the year
7. **WAGGAD** - Began his career with Andre Fabre before a lengthy layoff. Finished 3rd on his return but was pulled up on his hurdling debut last time, so is hard to make a case for
8. **EQUUS VINCIT** - Proved competitive in Quinte+ handicaps last season and run 2 encouraging races since resuming. Should have a role to play
9. **LETTYT FIGHT** - Unplaced in all 4 starts after winning a Quinte+ on the PSF at Deauville in November but has dropped in the weights as a result. Capable of better
10. **ELECTRON LIBRE** - Well-performed veteran, consistent at this level and unlikely to be far off the mark. Dark horse
11. **WILD SWEETHEART** - Has switched stables since her last start. Consistent for the most part but has been untried beyond 2000m, so is best watched for now
12. **LEPTI PRINSADI** - Well-beaten 14th of 15 in a Quinte+ at Saint-Cloud last time but boasts a relatively good record in this grade. Not written off
13. **GULF** - Unplaced in 3 consecutive handicaps recently and drawn widest of all. Undeniably capable but needs to reaffirm
14. **SITUMELEDEMANDAIS** - More effective at a lower level after 5 failed attempts at Quinté+ level and has been off for 2 months. Can be ruled out
15. **GEMMYO** - Has managed just a 4th and a 5th in eight Quinté+ outings and is probably better on the PSF. Outsider
16. **BREATH OF FIRE** - A regular at this level and dangerous under bottom weight, having dropped below his last winning mark. Could surprise

**Summary :** EQUUS VINCIT (8) caught the eye at this level last year and has confirmed that form in two comeback races this term. He is a good finisher and well drawn here, so should be competitive after dropping in the weights slightly and is expected to play a leading role. Consistent ABONDANT (2) was raised 3,5kg after a winning reappearance at Saint-Cloud recently but could prove better than rated and ought to play a role in the finish. Both LOUVAGNY (4) and SHAHZAD (3) are unlikely to have revealed the extent of their ability too and are also capable of making their presence felt. LEPTI PRINSADI (12), LETTYT FIGHT (9) and GULF (13) are others to consider.

### SELECTIONS

**EQUUS VINCIT (8) - ABONDANT (2) - LOUVAGNY (4) - SHAHZAD (3)**

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**C2 - PRIX DU FER A MOULIN - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Newcomers - Flat - EUR € 27.000**

1. **SIMIYANN** - Aga Khan-owned Australia gelding from the family of Sinawan or Silwana. Warrants respect
2. **CATCH THE STARS** - Zelzal colt trained by Andreas Suborics and to be ridden on debut by Augustin Madamet
3. **SHALKHAR** - Well-related Golden Horn colt who, on pedigree alone, should attract plenty of interest. Likely favourite
4. **EYE IN THE SKY** - Carlos & Yann Lerner-trained Cracksman colt out of a well-performed racemare . On the shortlist
5. **EASTERN STAR** - Clément Lecoeuvre rides this first -timer by Cloth Of Stars for trainer Henri-François Devin
6. **ABSOLUTE CONTROL** - Dubawi newcomer bought for €340,000 at the 2020 Arqana sales. Debutante to note
7. **SALTWELL** - P. & J. Brandt-trained Australia debutante to be ridden by Maxime Guyon. Keep safe

**Summary** : Stéphane Wattel-trained newcomer SHALKHAR (3) is closely related to a number of Group I winners so this Golden Horn colt could be worth following on debut. EYE IN THE SKY (4) is bred to be useful too and, as such, ought to have a say on debut. ABSOLUTE CONTROL (6) and SIMIYANN (1) must also be respected for prominent connections. Good race!

## SELECTIONS

**SHALKHAR (3) - EYE IN THE SKY (4) - ABSOLUTE CONTROL (6) - SIMIYANN (1)**

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## C3 - PRIX DE VIROFLAY - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27.000

1. **JUMEIRAH KING** - Most-experienced runner in the field and has the form to be competitive. Include
2. **BUSTAAM** - Started favourite when finishing 4th on debut last year and is likely to have come on since. Follow
3. **CHIAREGGIO** - Finished 6th of 13 on debut at Saint-Cloud and is open to improvement. Dark horse
4. **EL PRO** - Finished an encouraging 2nd on debut and is another in the lineup likely to improve with experience. Has claims
5. **NO CURE NO PAY** - Unplaced on debut in September and again on his reappearance last month. Needs to show more
6. **EL MEASTRO** - Was a pleasing 4th on debut at Lyon-La Soie in October and ought to have improved over the winter. Not discounted on his return
7. **MERCI ELIE** - He now has quite a job after an AFASEC race and his official debut at Saint-Cloud, in a strong field. Possible revelation.
8. **STRESSFREE** - Finished 2nd on debut, beaten by a highly regarded newcomer. Could go one better

**Summary** : After an encouraging debut 4th last fall, BUSTAAM (2) ought to have improved over the winter, so gets the nod here to make a winning reappearance. JUMEIRAH KING (1) has both the form and experience to pose a threat, although STRESSFREE (8) could do so too after finishing 2nd to a potentially smart sort on debut at Chantilly. MERCI ELIE (7) is another likely improver capable of playing a role.

### SELECTIONS

**BUSTAAM (2) - JUMEIRAH KING (1) - STRESSFREE (8) - MERCI ELIE (7)**

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## C4 - PRIX DE VERNEUIL - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 27.000

- 1. LOUVE STORY** - Was also 2nd on debut before finishing 3rd next time out. Another likely to improve after the winter break, so must be respected
- 2. TERREDEGUERRE** - Has finished 2nd in both outings and that experience will stand her in good stead. Can have a say
- 3. EPOUSTOURLANTE** - Runner-up to exciting Jannah Rose on debut then finished 3rd at her next start back in October. Absent since but should have more to offer
- 4. FIRYALI** - Has a similar profile after 2 starts on the PSF, having finished 2nd on debut and 3rd at her next outing. Could have more to offer on the turf
- 5. GARBO** - Runner-up on debut last year and is likely to have improved a great deal over the winter. Dark horse
- 6. CHANEL GOLD** - Finished an encouraging 3rd on debut and would have come on with the experience so could have a role to play. Keep safe
- 7. TIMETOSHINE** - Made a pleasing introduction when 4th on debut and would have benefitted from that experience. Can get into the picture too
- 8. INKIOSTRO** - Has regressed in 2 starts this year after consecutive runner-up finishes in both starts last season. Must reaffirm
- 9. FIRST SNOW MOON** - Another likely to have improved over the winter after an encouraging debut 4th last year. Place chance

**Summary :** EPOUSTOURLANTE (3) has been off since October but did show promise in both starts last season, so is taken to make a winning comeback. Well-bred LOUVE STORY (1) was encouraging in both outings last year too and is open to any amount of improvement on her reappearance, so could get involved. FIRYALI (4) has the form, experience and recent race fitness on her side to pose a threat. CHANEL GOLD (6), GARBO (5) and TERREDEGUERRE (2) have also shown encouraging signs and could get into the picture.

### SELECTIONS

**EPOUSTOURLANTE (3) - LOUVE STORY (1) - FIRYALI (4) - CHANEL GOLD (6)**

# THURSDAY, 20/04/23

**C5 - PRIX MACHADO - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 1 -  
Flat - EUR € 35.000**

- 1. HALFWAY LINE** - Exciting colt who beat (2) VALIMI when making a winning comeback at Saint-Cloud. Can follow up with further progress expected
- 2. VALIMI** - Beaten by (1) HALFWAY LINE on his reappearance but would also have come on for that run. Obvious threat
- 3. LOVE TOO** - Showed promise last season and is open to improvement this term but is best watched on his comeback. Others preferred
- 4. MR MOLIERE** - Won on debut and finished 4th last time out. Cannot be discounted but will need to improve to have a say
- 5. EVERYTHING COUNTS** - Was impressive when making a winning debut on the PSF last year and is likely to have improved over the winter. Keep safe
- 6. BLESS** - Showed promise last year and confirmed as much when 2nd in his only outing this season. Could have a role to play
- 7. ANGERS** - Well-beaten 7th of 9 in a Listed race on his reappearance at Saint-Cloud last month. Watch for now
- 8. SPEECHMAN** - Has shown promise and a fair degree of consistency on both surfaces in his 5 starts. Can get into the picture

**Summary** : HALFWAY LINE (1) is the obvious choice here after getting the better of VALIMI (2) at Saint-Cloud recently. There won't be much between the pair again, with the latter likely to strip fitter this time around, but it could pay to follow the progress of the former. After his impressive winning debut on the PSF last year, EVERYTHING COUNTS (5) is open to any amount of improvement on his reappearance and first start on the turf. BLESS (6) and SPEECHMAN (8) have the form and recent race fitness to warrant consideration.

## SELECTIONS

**HALFWAY LINE (1) - VALIMI (2) - EVERYTHING COUNTS (5) - BLESS (6)**

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## C6 - PRIX JACQUES LAFFITTE - 1800m (a1 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Flat - EUR € 52.000

- 1. HOOKING** - Has made giant strides with the blinkers on this season, winning all 3 starts of 2023. More to do in this company but can get into the picture
- 2. SKALLETI** - High-class, champion miler who showed he retains all of his ability when 2nd on his reappearance in a Group III. One to beat
- 3. YOOZUNA** - Fluffed his lines in the Prix du Jockey Club last year but otherwise done little wrong. Has a role to play
- 4. LIFE IN MOTION** - Classy filly who has maintained a high level of consistency. Can continue to improve
- 5. GREGARINA** - Lightly raced filly, consistent for the most part but also likely to need the run after 6 months out. Others preferred
- 6. CERTAIN LAD** - Consistent globetrotter but has been absent since August last year so may just need this outing. Watch for now
- 7. AWAAL** - Progressive UK raider with huge potential. Finished 2nd in the Lincoln on his return and should have more to offer
- 8. PRINCE DE MONTFORT** - More effective at a lower level and has his work cut out for him in this company. Outsider
- 9. HIDDEN DIMPLES** - Promising in her early days but was found wanting in Group races in August and in September. Absent since, so is also best watched for now

**Summary** : Smashing Listed contest that could quite easily be given Group status. SKALLETI (2) was a pleasing 2nd on his comeback in a Group III at Sint-Cloud last month and is taken to go one better here with improved fitness on his side. AWAAL (7) has shown huge potential in the UK and should also improve after an encouraging 2nd in the Lincoln at Doncaster on his reappearance, so could fight for victory. LIFE IN MOTION (4) has done little wrong and is not incapable of extending his winning sequence on his return. YOOZUNA (3), after finishing 2nd in both starts this year, and HOOKING (1), who has won his last 4 outings, complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**SKALLETI (2) - AWAAL (7) - LIFE IN MOTION (4) - YOOZUNA (3)**

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## C7 - PRIX DU LOUVRE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 1 - Flat - EUR € 35.000

- 1. START ME UP** - Winner of her first 2 starts then maintained her form and consistency at Group level. Respected on her return
- 2. TERRESTRIAL** - Consistent at a good level during a promising two-year-old campaign and ought to have improved over the winter. Dark horse
- 3. ELOUNDA QUEEN** - Won 2 of her first 3 outings but finished last of 6 when pitched into a Group III back in October. Must reaffirm
- 4. PERFETTO** - Winner on debut and returned with an encouraging 4th last month. Should improve
- 5. QUICKSTEP** - Caught the eye on her reappearance when 4th in a Group III and would've tightened up since. Include
- 6. PANTERA NERA** - Won at Compiègne in her second start back in October and will need to have come on a great deal to play a role in this company
- 7. SUVIANA** - Made a winning comeback which confirmed the promise she showed last year. Should have more to offer
- 8. SECRETIVE** - Stylish winner of both starts and looks destined for the top. Could remain unbeaten
- 9. KELINA** - Lost her unbeaten record in the Prix Marcel Boussac but must not be judged on that run. Could redeem herself after a break

**Summary** : With her limits not yet known and further improvement expected, undefeated SECRETIVE (8) is hard to oppose here and taken to preserve her 100% record at the expense of QUICKSTEP (5) who was 4th in a Group III on her reappearance. KELINA (9) fluffed her lines in the Group I Prix Marcel Boussac, for which she started favorite but is capable of better and warrants the utmost respect. START ME UP (1) and SUVIANA (7) complete the shortlist in this intriguing contest.

### SELECTIONS

**SECRETIVE (8) - QUICKSTEP (5) - KELINA (9) - START ME UP (1)**

# THURSDAY, 20/04/23

## C8 - PRIX DES BOUFFES PARISIENS - 2250m (a1 3/8m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 27.000

- 1. STORMY NIGHT** - Well-beaten 10th on the PSF on her reappearance at Chantilly last month but ought to enjoy being back on the turf
- 2. OLYMPIC DREAM** - Bounced back to form when 2nd in a claiming race at Fontainebleau recently. More needed here
- 3. KALAOS** - Has shown improvement recently and could have a role to play if making further progress
- 4. CARUSO** - Consistent for the most part but is probably better on the PSF. Dark horse
- 5. YOU ROCK** - Has been running well off his current mark in stronger races and benefits here from the services of Maxime Guyon. One to beat
- 6. NEROKAS** - Unreliable of late but remains capable of staking a claim in a race like this. Respect
- 7. REPLENISH** - Unplaced in each of his 3 runs on the fibresand this year. Must improve back on turf
- 8. JOLYMPA** - Inconsistent but has run well here. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
- 9. MI C'INFILO** - Has shown signs of improvement as he's dropped steadily in the weights but has a place chance only
- 10. SANDSTORM** - Undeniably capable but appears to have gone off the boil this year. Dropped in the weights, could do better

**Summary** : YOU ROCK (5) drops significantly in class after holding his own at Quinte+ level and, on the strength of that form, is the most likely winner here. NEROKAS (6) has failed to build on an encouraging 4th on his comeback in 2 subsequent starts but, judged on his best form, should give cheek to the selection. JOLYMPA (8) and CARUSO (4) continue to blow hot and cold but are also capable of staking a claim. KALAOS (3) completes the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**YOU ROCK (5) - NEROKAS (6) - JOLYMPA (8) - CARUSO (4)**