

BORDEAUX - 22 November

Race 1

1. **GESSKILLE** - Faller in a 4400m chase at Auteuil (soft-to-heavy) five weeks ago. Strong claims in this event.
2. **BUBBLE BLUE** - Successful by 4L in a 3850m chase at Fontainebleau (soft) just under four weeks ago. Bold show expected.
3. **KIMRIVER** - Impressive 14L winner of a 3400m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly (soft) earlier this month. Notable runner on his return to fences.
4. **GAWAIN DE LARACHI** - Below par 29L eighth in a 3500m chase at Toulouse (good-to-soft) last month. Best watched.
5. **BALILAND** - Good effort 8L second in a 3800m hurdle at Angouleme (soft) three weeks ago. This looks a tougher affair.
6. **CHELLA SPEED** - Suffered her first defeat when 10L third in a 3500m hurdle at Nantes (heavy) at the start of last month. One to note on debut over fences.
7. **BALLY PRINCESS** - Unraced Ballingarry filly. Interesting to see how she performs on debut.

Summary

BUBBLE BLUE (2) showed good form when winning by 4L a 3850m chase at Fontainebleau. Set to play a role in the finish. GESSKILLE (1) fell in a chase at Auteuil. Capable of better racing for a top stable. KIMRIVER (3) is considered following an impressive 14L hurdle win over 3400m at Lyon-Parilly. CHELLA SPEED (6) also warrants consideration on debut with fences having finished 10L third in a 3500m hurdle at Nantes.

Selections

BUBBLE BLUE (2) - GESSKILLE (1) - KIMRIVER (3) - CHELLA SPEED (6)

Race 2

1. **COLLINGHAM** - Followed up a debut claiming race victory with a head second in an 1800m conditions race at Longchamp (heavy) at the end of last month. Strong claims.
2. **BORN THE SAME DAY** - Off the mark at the first attempt when winning by 2L in a 1600 maiden on soft-to-heavy going here last month. One to note.
3. **DABESPIR** - Neck winner of a course and distance newcomers event on soft ground 15 days ago. Leading contender.
4. **SAINT MORITZ** - Improved on debut effort when victorious by 2L in a maiden over 1850m at Agen (good) four weeks ago. Interesting.
5. **CALLIOPE** - Plenty of experience and showed decent form when 10L second in a similar race to this over course and distance last month.
6. **IN FALL** - Debut winner at Mont-de-Marsan but disappointed when 25L third over this course and distance on soft-to-heavy ground subsequently. Interesting to see how she fares.
7. **CAMPANIE** - Returning from a break when 7L fourth in a 1400m conditions race on soft ground here just over two weeks ago. Step forward required.
8. **CHOPALE** - Held both starts to date including 68L last of 12 in a 1600m maiden at Toulouse (yielding) last month. Minor role likely.

Summary

DABESPIR (3) is considered for the win following a neck success in a course and distance event on soft ground when making debut. COLLINGHAM (1) was beaten a head in an 1800m race at Longchamp. Also worth noting. BORN THE SAME DAY (2) secured victory first up by 2L over 1600m on soft-to-heavy going here. IN FALL (6) disappointed when 25L third in a small field over this journey here. Can leave that effort well behind.

Selections

DABESPIR (3) - COLLINGHAM (1) - BORN THE SAME DAY (2) - IN FALL (6)

Race 3

1. **GOLD TWEET** - Absent since a 20L eighth in the G3 Prix Aguado over 3500m at Auteuil (soft) in July. Interesting down markedly in grade.
2. **HAMANDIO** - Below par 39L fifth in a 3500m chase at Auteuil (soft-to-heavy) six weeks ago. Sole previous victory came in a hurdle over 3300m here in May.
3. **SAINT PATIS** - Given a break since a 68L sixth in a 3500m newcomers chase at Auteuil (soft) at the start of September. Others make more appeal.
4. **POPLAR SQUARE** - Off the mark with a 14L victory in a 3800m claiming hurdle at Castera-Verduzan (soft) last month. This looks a stronger affair.
5. **SAINT VALENTIN** - Fair 11L fifth in a six runner 3400m hurdle at Compiegne (soft-to-heavy) just over a month ago. Interesting.
6. **HEROS DES MERS** - Promising 7L third in a 3500m hurdle at Le Touquet (heavy) when making his debut at the end of September. Strong claims.
7. **PRINCE DES VALOIS** - Improved on debut effort when 4L third in a 3600m hurdle at Senonnes (heavy) four weeks ago. Notable runner.
8. **VAL DE MARE** - Held 15L eighth in a 3400m newcomers hurdle at Compiegne (heavy) at the start of this month. Improvement expected.
9. **CHORAIL DEBELAIR** - Unraced Choeur du Nord gelding. One to note for a leading stable.
10. **HOUJI** - Unraced Saint des Saints filly. Interesting contender on first start.

Summary

HEROS DES MERS (6) may play a leading role following an 11L fifth in a competitive looking 3400m hurdle at Compiegne. PRINCE DES VALOIS (7) is another to note having finished 4L third in a 3600m hurdle at Senonnes. Holds claims racing for a top yard. GOLD TWEET (1) finds an easier contest than when 20L eighth in the G3 Prix Aguado hurdle over 3500m at Auteuil. Stablemate CHORAIL DEBELAIR (9) is a yet to race Choeur du Nord gelding. Also enters equations.

Selections

HEROS DES MERS (6) - PRINCE DES VALOIS (7) - GOLD TWEET (1) - CHORAIL DEBELAIR (9)

Race 4

1. **NIPALA** - Struggled two most recent starts including 21L ninth in a 3000m conditions race at Toulouse (soft) 11 days ago. Dropping markedly in distance.
2. **STROMBOLI** - Beaten 4L sixth in a 1950m handicap at Le Mans (soft) earlier this month. Step forward required.
3. **VADILIKA** - 14 race maiden beaten 19L seventh in a 2350m conditions contest at Machecoul (heavy) 11 days ago. Others preferred.
4. **MOSCA D'OR** - Below par 12L eighth in a 1600m handicap on soft-to-heavy ground here last month.
5. **CLORINDA** - Last of 12 in a 1600m event on rain-softened going at Fontainebleau last month. Interesting on earlier form.
6. **GALA DE CERISY** - Good 2L fourth in a 1600m handicap at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) early last month. Step back up in trip looks likely to suit.
7. **PRIME TIME** - Good form in the main this spell including neck third in a course and distance handicap on soft ground 15 days ago. Strong claims.
8. **CARDIEL** - Beaten 4L seventh over this course and distance on soft ground 15 days ago. More needed.
9. **CURLY CHOP** - Disappointing 17L 13th in a course and distance contest on soft ground earlier this month. Best watched.
10. **LALYROSE** - Beaten 4L seventh in an 1800m AW handicap at Lyon-la-Soie earlier this week. Improvement needed.
11. **FUENTEESTEIS** - Decent 10L fourth in a 2100m handicap at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) five weeks ago. Others make more appeal.
12. **FAN ZONE** - Disappointing 10L ninth in a 1600m handicap at Angers (soft) last month. Others preferred.
13. **EASTERN PROMISE** - Victorious by a neck in a soft ground course and distance handicap just over two weeks ago. Bold show expected.
14. **DAKAR ELEVEN** - Fair 4L eighth in a course and distance handicap on soft ground just over two weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
15. **CHINES PRINCESS** - Good effort 1L fifth in a handicap over this course and distance on soft ground 15 days ago. Interesting contender.

Summary

PRIME TIME (7) left a below par effort behind when a neck third in a 1900m handicap on soft ground here. May play a leading role. EASTERN PROMISE (13) recorded a neck victory at course and distance. Looks suited to this race. CHINES PRINCESS (15) is considered off a low weight following a 1L fifth in a 1900m handicap at this track. GALA DE CERISY (6) holds each-way claims having caught the eye when 2L fourth in a 1600m handicap at Toulouse.

Selections

PRIME TIME (7) - EASTERN PROMISE (13) - CHINES PRINCESS (15) - GALA DE CERISY (6)

Race 5

1. **GRAND DE THAIX** - Given a break since a 2L victory in a 3400m hurdle at Angers (heavy) in February. Notable runner.
2. **ONESTEPFORWARD** - Winner of both previous starts including by 2L in a 3500m hurdle at Auteuil (soft-to-heavy) in October last year. Strong claims on return from over 12 months off the track.
3. **ZEPLY** - Returning to hurdles following a 3L victory in a 3500m chase at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) in March. Bold show expected.
4. **LOVE LINK** - Fair 9L fifth in a 3600m hurdle at Compiegne (heavy) three weeks ago. Interesting on earlier form.
5. **VANCOUVER DU GUERN** - Disappointing 51L sixth in a 3600m chase at Saint-Brieuc (heavy) 11 days ago. Others preferred.
6. **TZAR ROYAL** - Below par 22L ninth in a 3600m handicap hurdle at Auteuil (soft-to-heavy) a month. Interesting to see how he performs.
7. **PALM VALLEY** - Beaten 50L ninth in a 3400m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly (soft) earlier this month. Capable of better.
8. **REBEL PRICE** - Pulled up in a 3800m hurdle at Saint-Brieuc (heavy) in March. Best watched.
9. **GREATLESS** - Victorious by 3L in a 3600m hurdle at Argentan (soft) four weeks ago. Interesting if replicating that effort.

Summary

GRAND DE THAIX (1) performed well winning by 2L a 3400m hurdle at Angers. Set to play a leading role stepping up in trip. ONESTEPFORWARD (2) was unbeaten in two starts during 2019 including a 3500m hurdle at Auteuil just under thirteen months ago. Expected to be sharp on return. ZEPLY (3) won easily a 3500m chase at Toulouse earlier in the year. Capable of registering a big effort back from a break. PALM VALLEY (7) is taken to put a below par 50L ninth in a 3400m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly behind her having shown winning form over 3800m at Niort prior.

Selections

GRAND DE THAIX (1) - ONESTEPFORWARD (2) - ZEPLY (3) - PALM VALLEY (7)

Race 6

1. **EL INGRATO** - Given a break since a 28L fifth in a 2300m conditions race at Dax (yielding) at the end of August. More needed.
2. **USAIN BEST** - Good form prior to an 11L 12th in a 1600m handicap at Angers (soft) 13 days ago. Excuses on that occasion and can show up better in this contest.
3. **BARENTON** - Good 2L third in a 2100m handicap at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) five weeks ago. Notable runner.
4. **PANDEMONIUM** - Disappointing two most recent starts including 25L 13th in a course and distance handicap on soft ground 15 days ago. Others preferred.
5. **SAN PABLO** - Good 2L fourth in a 2100m handicap at Angers (soft) last month. Interesting to see how he fares.
6. **VERT DIAMAND** - Improved effort 5L eighth in a 1600m handicap on soft-to-heavy ground here last month. Further improvement needed.
7. **BLUE LINK** - Held 11L ninth in a course and distance event on soft going 15 days ago. Others preferred.
8. **CENTAURUS** - Good 1L third in a 1600m handicap on soft-to-heavy going here last month. Notable runner upped in trip.
9. **CAZALINE** - Beaten 2L second in a soft ground handicap over course and distance 15 days ago. Bold show expected.
10. **MALTE BRUN** - Returning from a break when 14L 11th in an AW claimer over 2000m at Pau. More needed.
11. **QUDILLERO** - Held 16L seventh in a 2400m conditions race at Toulouse. Drop in trip a positive.
12. **BRICK IS BACK** - Decent effort 5L third in a claimer over this trip at La Teste (soft) in June. Interesting to see how he performs.
13. **BELCHA** - Fair 5L fifth in a 2100m handicap at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) five weeks ago. Interesting.
14. **MACHISTADOR** - Decent effort 6L fourth in a 2300m conditions race at Durtal (soft-to-heavy) at the end of last month. Improvement required.
15. **SEMEUR D'ESPOIR** - Back to form with a 1L second in a 1900m AW handicap at Deauville a month ago. Looking for a first turf victory.

Summary

USAIN BEST (2) received a wide draw when downfield in a 1600m handicap at Angers. Can return to form having won over 1600m here prior. BARENTON (3) is another to consider following a 2L third in a 2100m handicap at Toulouse. A big effort is expected from CAZALINE (9) who was beaten 2L runner-up in a race at course and distance on soft going. CENTAURUS (8) is another with claims following a 1L third in a soft-to-heavy ground 1600m handicap at this venue.

Selections

USAIN BEST (2) - BARENTON (3) - CAZALINE (9) - CENTAURUS (8)

Race 7

1. **APER0 BLEU** - Absent since a 7L seventh in a 3900m hurdle at La Teste (good) in July. Others make more appeal.
2. **BRIONNAIS** - Returning from over 13 months off the track when winning by 4L in a 3900m hurdle at Nantes just over four weeks ago. Bold show expected.
3. **FILS DU TIGRE** - Successful by 6L in a 3900m hurdle at Machecoul (heavy) earlier this month. Notable runner.
4. **PHILAE DU MATHAN** - Runner-up in two of his three starts this campaign including when beaten a neck over 3600m at Argentan (soft) four weeks ago. Interesting contender.
5. **DISCO MOME** - Held 16L sixth in a 3800m hurdle at Strasbourg (soft) 11 days ago. Likely to have improved for the run.
6. **GREAT PAUL** - Beaten 6L third in a 3800m hurdle at Castera-Verduzan (soft) last month. Interesting to see how he fares.
7. **VALENTIN ROSE** - Pulled up in a 3600m event at Auteuil earlier this month. Others make more appeal.
8. **ELIXIR PEARL** - Given a break since a 12L fourth in a 3500m chase at Dax (good) in September. Interesting.
9. **ENEE** - Held 26L fourth in a 3500m handicap chase at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) last month. Improvement required.
10. **RIO SALSAS** - Pulled up in a 3900m chase at Pau (soft) in May. Others preferred.
11. **CARUSO VALTAT** - Making his first start in over 11 months when falling in a 3900m hurdle at Pompadour (yielding) in May. Others make more appeal.
12. **TOP ROCK TALULA** - Decent effort 12L third in a 3600m hurdle at Argentan (soft) four weeks ago. Step forward required.
13. **PRINCE DE LA BARRE** - Pulled up in a 3800m hurdle at Cholet (heavy) 28 days ago. Minor role likely.
14. **ONE WAY** - Beaten 19L sixth in a 4200m handicap chase at Toulouse (yielding) at the start of this month. Others make more appeal.

Summary

FILS DU TIGRE (3) recorded a 6L success in a 3900m hurdle at Machecoul. Capable of registering another big effort. BRIONNAIS (2) might also show up well on the back of a 4L success in a 3900m claiming hurdle at Nantes. PHILAE DU MATHAN (4) was competitive when a neck second in a 3600m hurdle at Argentan. Each-way claims. ELIXIR PEARL (8) is another of note following a 12L fourth in a 3500m hurdle at Dax.

Selections

FILS DU TIGRE (3) - BRIONNAIS (2) - PHILAE DU MATHAN (4) - ELIXIR PEARL (8)

Race 8

1. **MAD RIVER** - Good 3L fourth in a 3000m event on rain-softened going at Toulouse earlier this month. Strong claims.
2. **LE MONT** - Successful by 2L in a 2200m conditions race at Cavaillon (soft) last month. Notable runner.
3. **EL REY BRILLANTE** - Disappointing 13L seventh in a 2300m conditions contest at Durtal (soft-to-heavy) just over three weeks ago. Needs to put that effort behind him.
4. **QATAR RIVER** - Decent 3L seventh in a competitive 2400m handicap at Toulouse (soft) 11 days ago. One to note.
5. **MIDNIGHT STAR** - Absent since a 27L ninth in a 1400m conditions race at La Teste (good) in early September. Others make more appeal.
6. **MATANDAR** - Good 3L fourth in a 2800m conditions race at Saint-Cloud (heavy) at the end of last month.. Bold show expected.
7. **ALIENOR** - Fair 5L fourth in a 2200m conditions race at Cavaillon (soft) five weeks ago. Likely more needed if she's to take this race.

Summary

MATANDAR (6) performed well when 3L fourth in a 2800m conditions race at Saint-Cloud. Capable of registering a big effort down in trip. LE MONT (2) is of interest following a 2L victory in a 2200m conditions race at Cavaillon. Supplemented runner MAD RIVER (1) finished 3L fourth in a 3000m race at Toulouse. Noted now taking on the lesser journey. QATAR RIVER (4) is another with claims having finished 3L seventh in a 2400m handicap at Toulouse.

Selections

MATANDAR (6) - LE MONT (2) - MAD RIVER (1) - QATAR RIVER (4)

Race 9

1. **HAPPY MONARCH** - Runner-up both starts since returning from an absence including when beaten a neck in the Listed Prix Fonduer over 4400m at Auteuil (soft-to-heavy) last month. Strong claims.
2. **ROYAL BATAILLE** - Held 32L seventh in a 3700m handicap chase at Auteuil (soft-to-heavy) six weeks ago. Capable of better.
3. **ROOTSTER** - Victorious by 6L in a 4200m handicap chase at Toulouse (yielding) just under three weeks ago. Notable runner.
4. **SO FRENCH** - Dual Grand Steeplechase de Paris winner in his youth and completed a double with a 2L victory in a 4100m hurdle at Moulins (soft) 22 days ago. Leading contender.
5. **LA BARAKAS** - Returning from a break when 8L fourth in a 3500m hurdle at Toulouse (yielding) at the start of this month. Improvement required.
6. **BUNNY FLIGHT** - Pulled up in the G3 Prix Sytaj over 4300m at Auteuil (soft-to-heavy) a week ago. Others preferred.
7. **COMMINGEOIS** - Held 19L fifth in a 3800m chase at Mont-de-Marsan (good) two weeks ago. Best watched.

Summary

Multiple G1 winner in his youth SO FRENCH (4) bids for a hat-trick with latest success by 4L in a 4100m hurdle at Moulins. Top chance. HAPPY MONARCH (1) is another leading player following a neck second in the Listed Prix Fonduer over 4400m at Autueil. ROOTSTER (3) recorded a 6L success in a 4200m handicap chase at Toulouse earlier this month. Shortlist. ROYAL BATAILLE (2) may show better form than when 32L seventh in a 3700m handicap chase at Auteuil. Claims.

Selections

SO FRENCH (4) - HAPPY MONARCH (1) - ROOTSTER (3) - ROYAL BATAILLE (2)