

FONTAINEBLEAU [L-H] - 22 December

Race 1 - PRIX PIERRE DEBROISE - 3550m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **BAYALINE** - Won by 1.3 lengths in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Likely to figure prominently again.
2. **THEAMOI** - Good second beaten 1.3 lengths over 3550m in a hurdle at this track. Chance.
3. **ZVOLKOV** - Filled a placing last start in a hurdle (3400m) at Lyon-Parilly. That came after success in a hurdle (3100m) at Angers by 1.5 lengths. Player.
4. **JIM'AGIME** - Made it two wins on the bounce when she scored by half a length in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil last start. Must be included.
5. **JOUR DE FETE** - Returned from a break last start with a modest fourth in a hurdle (3400m) at Nancy. Will strip fitter and makes for some appeal.
6. **JONQUE BLEUE** - Second in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil when beaten half a length latest. Place chance.
7. **KELIADE** - Finished fourth most recently in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Frame chance.
8. **JOURNEE D'LA FEMME** - Unseated rider recently in a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan. Opposed.
9. **JAIPUR DU BOURG** - Finished second in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Could place.

Summary: BAYALINE (1) won a course and distance Class Four hurdle last month by 1.25L. Makes handicap debut and plenty of improvement is expected for a top yard. ZVOLKOV (3) finished runner-up at Lyon-Parilly in a Class Two hurdle over 3400m when beaten 5.5L. Open to further progress ow handicapping. THEAMOI (2) put in a good effort when second over track and trip in a Class Three. Can go well on handicap debut. JIM'AGIME (4) is bidding for a hat-trick after winning a claiming hurdle at Auteuil over 3500m and cannot be dismissed in current form.

Selections

BAYALINE (1) - ZVOLKOV (3) - THEAMOI (2) - JIM'AGIME (4)

Race 2 - PRIX DE LA VILLE D'AVON - 3550m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **QUEEN DOCTOR** - Placed third in a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan when beaten 11 lengths latest. Place contender.
2. **IL N'Y A PAS PHOTO** - Scored in a hurdle (3400m) at Angers last outing. Player.
3. **IMPLOSIVE** - Racing well including a last start second over 3600m at Argentan and has a solid record at the journey. Genuine contender under these conditions.
4. **GONAMIRA** - Finished fourth last time beaten 12 lengths in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Frame chance.
5. **ICEBERG DU LARGE** - Held seventh in a steeplechase (3500m) at Auteuil last time. Bit more needed.
6. **SARATOGA EST** - Couldn't find the top three two back in a hurdle (3600m) at Compiègne then again missed out in a hurdle (3900m) at Auteuil last time. Looking to others.
7. **IMAGO DI JEAN** - Runner-up in a hurdle (3800m) at Angers when beaten 2.5 lengths. Claims.
8. **KANBO** - Held seventh most recently in a hurdle (3900m) at Auteuil. Others preferred.
9. **BABY FOOT** - Pulled up over 4400m at Auteuil when last seen. Looks up against it here and prefer others.
10. **QUICK DADDY** - Produced a better result last start when fourth in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Each-way player.
11. **LALASCA** - Returned from a 128-day spell last start with a moderate 12th on the flat at Chantilly All Weather over 2100m. Opposed.

Summary: IMAGO DI JEAN (7) finished a 2.5L runner-up at Angers in a handicap hurdle over 3800m last outing. Remains a maiden but this looks a good opportunity to get his head in front. IMPLOSIVE (3) finished second at Argentan in a Class Three hurdle over 3600m last-time-out. Won on the flat and looks interesting in current form. IL N'Y A PAS PHOTO (2) ran out an impressive 5L winner of a Class Four hurdle at Angers. Interesting returning to handicap company. GONAMIRA (4) shaped fairly when fourth in a track and trip handicap hurdle last month. Worth noting that the third has won since to boost the form.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IMAGO DI JEAN (7) - IMPLOSIVE (3) - IL N'Y A PAS PHOTO (2) - GONAMIRA (4)</p>
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Race 3 - PRIX BARON MAURICE DE NEXON - 3800m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **LOUP NONANTAIS** - Fair fourth recently in a steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil. Major player.
2. **SUMSAM** - Scored in a steeplechase (4700m) at Le Pin Du Haras by 4.5 lengths. Leading hope.
3. **KONIG DE NOE** - Finished eighth last time over 3800m at this track in a hurdle. Could place on prior third.
4. **GALET D'OUDAIRIES** - Finished second in a steeplechase (4200m) at Saint Brieuc. Each-way chance.
5. **BLISS FOR EVER** - Non-runner.
6. **HABIT DU ROI** - Resumed after a 101-day spell most recently and pulled up in a hurdle (4000m) at Lyon-Parilly. Best watched.
7. **SPIROU DE LUNE** - Gave a good account last time when fourth in a hurdle (3800m) at Nancy 1.5 lengths adrift of the winner. Will thereabouts.
8. **SAMBRILLON** - Broke through for maiden win last start after running a close second at this track. Key chance here.
9. **FURY ROAD** - Finished seventh last time beaten 20 lengths in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil. Opposed.
10. **PRELANDAS** - Pulled-up in a hurdle (3800m) at Strasbourg on return. Others preferred.

Summary: SUMSAM (2) won by 4.5L at Le-Pin-Au-Haras by in a handicap chase over 4700m last outing. Leading hope back hurdling with the third having scored since. LOUP NONANTAIS (1) finished a 5.25L fourth at Auteuil in a handicap chase over 4400m last start. Holds a 33% strike-rate over hurdles and can go well once more. SAMBRILLON (8) won by 3L here over 4200m in a handicap hurdle last-time-out. Raised 3kg for that effort but remains dangerous to dismiss. SPIROU DE LUNE (7) finished a good fourth at Nancy in a handicap hurdle over 3800m and holds place claims with some consistent recent form.

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Race 4 - PRIX BARON GEOFFROY DE WALDNER - 4400m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **FOX TROT** - Good third in a steeplechase (4200m) at Toulouse when beaten 1.5 lengths. Ready to bounce back to winning form.
2. **ON YOUR MARK** - Seventh in a Listed cross-country (5400m) at Compiègne last time. Drops in standard.
3. **JOLY RISK** - Scored by 3.5 lengths two runs ago in a steeplechase (3850m) at this track. Not dismissed.
4. **HELOI** - 7 lengths third in a hurdle (4200m) at Argentan latest. One to note.
5. **HONNEUR DES OBEAUX** - Last start was in a steeplechase (4400m) at this track when pulled-up. Must bounce back.
6. **CESAR DU LEMO** - Resumes today after a three months break after being pulled up at Auteuil back in October 9. Capable if ready to roll.
7. **GAZ GAZ** - Returned from a 178-day spell last start with a solid second in a steeplechase (4200m) at Nancy. Place chance.
8. **MAGIC BREIZH** - Finished second in a steeplechase (3900m) at Dieppe. Others preferred here.
9. **DIVA SECRETE** - Finished second in a steeplechase (4200m) at Maure-de-Bretagn when beaten 0.8 lengths. Right in the mix.
10. **DERNIER CRI** - Scored by 1.5 lengths two runs ago in a steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil. Top hope.
11. **HOMEO DE BALME** - Finished fourth last start in a steeplechase (4200m) at Maure-de-Bretagne. Others preferred.
12. **HALLELUIA** - Finished third in a steeplechase (4400m) at this track. Each-way chance.

Summary: FOX TROT (1) finished a 1.5L third at Toulouse in a handicap chase over 4200m last outing. Consistent profile and rates highly as a previous course winner. DERNIER CRI (10) fell in a handicap chase at Craon having been sent off favourite. Scored at Auteuil over 4400m in a handicap chase prior and no shock if he were to bounce back. HELOI (4) produced a sound third when beaten 7.5L at Argentan in a Class Four hurdle. Makes handicap chase debut and needs consideration. JOLY RISK (3) won by 3.5L here over 3850m in a claiming chase. Fell since but worth another chance.

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<p style="text-align: center;">FOX TROT (1) - DERNIER CRI (10) - HELOI (4) - JOLY RISK (3)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX RICHARD D'AYGUEVIVES - 3550m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **LES YEUX NOIRS** - Scored at Saint Brieuc on debut in October. Chance.
2. **JUBILEZ** - Gelding by Karaktar out of Radio Saint Voir. Nice profile and expected to measure up.
3. **CONTESTABLE** - Pulled-up at the latest outing four weeks ago in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. This looks a real test.
4. **NAROM PARK** - Safely held in recent outings the latest in a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan. Looks safely held.
5. **CORPS CELESTE** - Fair fifth when beaten 4.5 lengths in a hurdle (3400m) at Angers. One to note.
6. **MISS PEPPER** - Finished sixth last start in a hurdle at this track after finishing second at Le Touquet in a hurdle two starts back. Deserves another chance.
7. **LADY WRUNG** - Held 23 length fourth in a hurdle (3400m) at Dieppe. Tested in this line-up.
8. **AFFAIRE EN OR** - Finished sixth on her jumps debut in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Not dismissed.
9. **MARVEL FAMILY** - Pulled-up in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil. Opposed.
10. **PLACE VERLAINE** - Filly by Kendargent out of Azores. Others preferred.
11. **GOOD VIBES ONLY** - Not too far away when beaten just 5.5 lengths into fifth in a hurdle (3550m) at this track. Place claims.
12. **BAKICK** - Debuted in a hurdle at Nimes 41 days back when easily beaten in fourth place. Could improve.
13. **BALANOVKA** - Returns for a new yard today and making jumps debut. Interesting contender for a leading stable.
14. **PRETENCE** - Finished sixth in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil last time out. Cannot enthuse.

Summary: A Class Three hurdle with little form on offer. JUBILEZ (2) looks a fair type on paper as a son of Karaktar. Top jockey booked and commands respect on debut. BALANOVKA (13) won a Class One race on the Flat at Toulouse. Since joined a top jumps yard and is expected to go well on hurdling debut. LES YEUX NOIRS (1) won a newcomers hurdle at Saint-Brieuc in October and must be considered. MISS PEPPER (6) finished a modest sixth in a Class Four hurdle here second-time-out but remains of note for a leading yard.

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