

CHATEAUBRIANT [R-H] - 23 July

Race 1 - PRIX DE L'AVENIR - 1100m CL2. Purse EUR €27,000.

1. **SWING FOR ME** - Drops in distance from the last start when fifth over 1400m at Dieppe finishing 5 lengths off the winner. Terrific chance to find winning form.
2. **TROIS POINT HUIT** - Consistent filly. Broke through for her maiden win over 1100m at this track last time out. Progressing nicely and can go on with the job.
3. **NONNA CHICCA** - Lightly raced filly who was beaten 1.5 lengths into second last start over 1200m at Marseille Borely. Sure to go close.
4. **LOOKINGFORTROUBLE** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished seventh over 1200m at Chantilly on July 12. A better showing is expected.
5. **TIBERIA** - Yet to break through after three starts but hasn't been too far away the latest effort a solid fourth over 1200m at Toulouse. Can feature with any luck.

Summary: SWING FOR ME (1) was slightly disappointing when fifth in this class at Dieppe but perhaps failed to see out the 1400m. The form of his solid Class Two second at Saint-Cloud reads well (winner has followed up subsequently) and he can return to winning ways down in trip. NONNA CHICCA (3) finished runner-up to a next-time-out scorer in this grade at Marseille-Borely and looks the main danger on the figures. TROIS POINT HUIT (2) and TIBERIA (5) can be included.

Selections

SWING FOR ME (1) - NONNA CHICCA (3) - TROIS POINT HUIT (2) - TIBERIA (5)

Race 2 - PRIX FRANCE GALOP - 1100m CL3 QUALIF HCP. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **ESTACITY** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he scored over 1200m at Les Sables-D'olonne on June 12. Big chance again.
2. **SHOT IN THE DARK** - Latest form has been mixed. Was just behind Estacity two starts ago and could bounce back from a below par effort last start.
3. **NOELLE** - Last appeared when she finished third over 1700m at Pompadour on July 14. Should be right in the finish.
4. **BIG FREEZE** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when tenth over 1400m at Longchamp three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 6 lengths. Major player.
5. **ALPATKINOSS** - Has not won for over a year and last start finished 14th at Chantilly AW over 1900m. Struggling and prepared to risk.
6. **SVOLTA** - Beaten 5 lengths into 12th when resuming last start over 1200m at Deauville. Strips fitter and expected to feature.
7. **IRIS JAMES** - Beaten 3 lengths into sixth when resuming last start over 1400m at Longchamp. Strips fitter and is among the chances.

Summary: ESTACITY (1) battled on well to record a first career success when winning a Class Three handicap at Les Sables-d'Olonne last outing. Notable claims with confidence high. NOELLE (3) is two from five over this trip and can go well on stable debut following a fair claiming third at Pompadour (1700m) nine days ago. IRIS JAMES (7) shaped well when sixth at Longchamp after a break and could take a step forwards. SHOT IN THE DARK (2) was just behind Estacity two starts ago and could bounce back from a below par effort.

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Race 3 - PRIX DE PORNICHET - 1950m CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **MASHMEDIA** - Last appeared when he finished sixth beaten 4L over 1600m at Clairefontaine on July 1. Capable of a better run.
2. **CLIFTON BAY** - Yet to fill a placing in five runs, most recently when 10 lengths back in ninth over 1600m at Clairefontaine.
3. **SNOW TEMPEST** - Won first up at Durtal but couldn't repeat when sixth over 2000m at Longchamp. Great chance to atone.
4. **HEART DREAM** - Resumed at Dieppe over 1800m last time out and finished seventh, beaten 6 lengths. Rates highly and expected to finish much closer.
5. **POWER OF THOR** - First up since his debut eight months ago tenth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Hard to enthuse on that effort.
6. **COASTER** - Could improve on a fair debut fourth in December.
7. **VENIVICI** - Started at a big quote on debut last start and was pretty plain when 16 lengths back in ninth over 1950m at this track. Won't find this any easier so he is hard to recommend.
8. **MARANADO** - Has started just twice and hasn't done a great deal, last start finishing sixth and beaten 9 lengths over 1950m at this track. Open to plenty of improvement and could feature in the finish.
9. **PANIK KO** - Filly by Ok Coral from Pad Panikat on debut. Maybe later.

Summary: SNOW TEMPEST (3) made a winning debut at Durtal and was hardly disgraced when sixth in a Class Two conditions affair at Longchamp recently. Major appeal with first-time cheekpieces fitted down in standard. Granville maiden winner MASHMEDIA (1) also finished sixth in Class Two company at Clairefontaine three weeks ago and should be firmly in the mix. MARANADO (8) holds each-way claims while COASTER (6) could improve on a fair debut fourth in December.

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<p style="text-align: center;">SNOW TEMPEST (3) - MASHMEDIA (1) - MARANADO (8) - COASTER (6)</p>

Race 4 - PRIX EDOUARD POURET - 1950m CL3 QUALIF HCP. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **BAMCALYB** - Has been knocking on the door including a last start third over 1950m at this track when 2.75 lengths from the winner. Has ability and can make his presence felt.
2. **ZAAHIR** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when eighth over 1600m at Nantes two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 3.5 lengths. Might struggle again.
3. **DANCING MASTER** - Finished midfield when resuming from a spell last start over 1100m at Dieppe. Stretches out over further today. Might struggle again.
4. **SECOND TO NONE** - Has just missed the top-three at his last few runs, the latest when fourth, beaten 1.4 lengths, over 1900m at Cluny. Nicely placed and is among the leading chances.
5. **BOY DAVIER** - Five-year-old gelding who drops in trip from the latest effort when fifth over 2250m at Longchamp, finishing 2.25 lengths off the winner. Can improve enough to take this out.
6. **MARASTAR** - Last appeared ten weeks ago when she finished 0.8 lengths from the winner in second over 2000m at Saint Cloud. Expect a bold showing.
7. **NOUVELLE VIE** - Just a plain effort first up when 12th over 2000m at Saint Cloud. Generally goes well with that run under the belt. Solid top-three claims if anywhere near her best.

Summary: MARASTAR (6) produced a solid 0.75L second in a 2000m Class Three handicap at Saint-Cloud in May. Leading contender having won his sole start over course and distance. BAMCALYB (1) arrives in good form and a replication of his recent track and trip third should see him involved at the business end. SECOND TO NONE (4) has been running well of late and needs to be included on ratings while BOY DAVIER (5) by no means discounted.

Selections

MARASTAR (6) - BAMCALYB (1) - SECOND TO NONE (4) - BOY DAVIER (5)
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Race 5 - PRIX DE BON ABRI - 2650m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **CAP SAN ROMAN** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished third over 2800m at Longchamp on June 16. Will be charging home late.
2. **KER STORMY** - Had been about the mark but disappointed last time out when 23 lengths from the winner in eighth over 2300m at Angers. Has ability but needs to bounce back.
3. **JARAKITA GAME** - Well held last time in sixth over 2300m at Angers. Can bounce back.
4. **UNIVERSALLY** - Has just missed the top-three at his last few runs, the latest when fourth, beaten 4.5 lengths, over 2500m at Argentan. Sure to be about the money.
5. **STAY WITH ME** - Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a eighth over 2400m at Le Lion-D'angers four weeks ago. Sure to be thereabouts.
6. **LAKYA** - Won her maiden two back at Savenay then could only manage sixth last start over 2400m at Nantes. Useful type and worth another chance.
7. **CANIAR DE LUXE** - Won by 1.3 lengths at Nort-Sur-Erdre two starts ago. Disappointed last time at Clairefontaine when 1.2 lengths from the winner in fourth. Looks tested again.
8. **TREIZE CHOPE** - Has a poor strike and failed to improve on it last start when she finished second over 2200m at Clairefontaine. Happy to overlook.
9. **AND WE DANCED** - Could only manage 11th over 1900m at Argentan last start to continue a run of ordinary form. Struggling to make an impact and happy to risk again.

Summary: CAP SAN ROMAN (1) has found the frame on both handicap outings to date including when third behind a pair of subsequent winners at Longchamp last-time-out. Major appeal in what looks an easier assignment. The supplemented runner JARAKITA GAME (3) is an interesting contender on handicap debut given the form she has shown in three starts thus far. UNIVERSALLY (4) was beaten 1.75L into fourth off this mark at Saint-Cloud recently and needs to be included. LAKYA (6) is worth a market check.

Selections

CAP SAN ROMAN (1) - JARAKITA GAME (3) - UNIVERSALLY (4) - LAKYA (6)
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Race 6 - PRIX QUART DE VIN - 4200m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **BEAUMONT EN AUGE** - Followed up a poor run two starts back with a win in a 3800m hurdle at Castera-Verduzan last time out. Big chance to win again.
2. **HOVRVARI SARAMOUR** - Clocked-in second two runs ago in a hurdle at Niort. Repeated last time when third in a hurdle at this track over 4200m, beaten 14 lengths. Likely to play a major role.
3. **SUPER FLAM** - Last raced in a hurdle at this track a year ago, finding a couple better and beaten just 2.75 lengths at the end of 4200m. Well-placed to return a winner.
4. **SORAL DE KERZEL** - Doesn't win out of turn, the latest finishing fourth and beaten 10 lengths in a steeplechase over 3900m at Clairefontaine. Long time since a win but rates a definite each way hope.
5. **SIDELSKIE** - Resumed after a 236-day spell last start with a modest seventh in a hurdle at Les Sables-D'olonne over 4200m. Others rate better.
6. **BROTHER BERNARD** - Went over 3800m at Strasbourg but was eased out of it. Have to take on trust here and not expected to threaten.
7. **STAR LORD** - Finished eighth two back in a hurdle over 3800m. Turned things around last time to finish second over 3800m in a hurdle at Erbray, beaten 12 lengths. Hard to fault on current form.
8. **AGAR FAN** - Disappointing when fifth last start in a steeplechase at Morlaix after scoring at Landivisiau in a steeplechase two starts back. Should be in this for a long way.
9. **RIAL** - Won by a comfortable margin last start in a Gemozac steeplechase over 3900m on July 10. Poor career win strike rate. Back in form and can feature if runs to latest.
10. **GRAAL DU SEUIL** - Could only manage eighth at Senonnes-Pouance last start. Not expected to threaten on recent form.
11. **MEHYT** - Returned from a 276-day layoff last time out at Senonnes-Pouance in a 3600m hurdle, finishing tenth when partnered by today's jockey Teddy Vabois. Needs to go up a level.

Summary: BEAUMONT EN AUGE (1) ran out a 3.5L winner of a 3800m claiming hurdle at Castera-Verduzan last start. Leading claims with prior handicap form around this mark. SUPER FLAM (3) finished third behind a subsequent winner in a course and distance handicap hurdle last-time-out. Solid credentials. HOVRVARI SARAMOUR (2) makes his first handicap start over obstacles and could go well following a pair of conditions race placings. Recent chase winner RIAL (9) is next best.

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Race 7 - PRIX DE SOISY - 3550m HDLE CL2. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **NIKATEE'JAC** - Is back from a two months spell, winning two back at Bordeaux before winding up with a fourth at Compiègne. Look for a bold run while fresh.
2. **RUY NAAR** - Well held last start in a hurdle at Le Lion-D'angers over 3700m, clocking-in 10 lengths behind that dominant winner. Worth including.
3. **ALIBICHOP** - Safely held two on end before running a better race last time when a 15 length third at Dax. Has the ability and looks an each way chance again.
4. **REILLINGARRY** - Narrowly beaten when second on debut in a hurdle at Jallais last start. Has upside and shouldn't be far away again.
5. **FOLI SIFFAI** - Found the frame two back in a hurdle at Jallais then clocked-in sixth last time over 3400m at Clairefontaine, beaten 22 lengths in a hurdle. Not sure he is up to this.
6. **HUNTER BITTER** - Gelding by Hunter's Light out of Orange Bitter. Profiles well for this but market watch advised.
7. **TORONET** - Did nothing on debut when beaten 9 lengths at Senonnes-Pouance. Can only be improved on that run but this looks tough and prefer to see again.
8. **JAC JUMPER** - Gelding by Night Wish out of Andria. Look for market support.
9. **JADE DE BALME** - Showed some promise on debut last start in a hurdle at Castera-Verduzan over 3100m. Certainly worth following up.
10. **LA MONTAGNETTE** - Filly by Choeur Du Nord out of Coeur De Valse. Tough assignment at first outing and tempted to favour others.

Summary: Bordeaux debut winner NIKATEE'JAC (1) ran well for a long way when fourth in a 3200m Class Two Compiègne hurdle second-time-out. Leading claims. JADE DE BALME (9) showed ability when runner-up at Castera-Verduzan on debut. Key chance for a top yard. Stablemate JAC JUMPER (8) would be interesting if seeing market support on debut. Another to note is REILLINGARRY (4).

Selections

NIKATEE'JAC (1) - JADE DE BALME (9) - JAC JUMPER (8) - REILLINGARRY (4)
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Race 8 - PRIX MICHEL DE PONTBRIAND - 3550m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **MONTECHABOY** - Retired from the race last time at Auteuil, but last time out hit the frame when beaten 30 lengths at Wissembourg. Key chance on best and expected to run well.
2. **CONSPIRACY THEORY** - Failed to finish at the last two runs of last campaign, the most recent when he pulled up over 3600m at Auteuil. Chance if at his best.
3. **IRWANISTE** - In the placings last start at Pontchateau, but a fair way from the winner Iota De Vauzelle when beaten 8 lengths. Can't entirely dismiss but must improve further.
4. **IZAIIR** - Disappointed when fifth in a hurdle at this track first-up from a spell. Looks tested in this line-up.
5. **DAVEAST** - Sound start to racing and has shown ability in seven career starts to date including placings the last couple. Should be at top and among the chances here.
6. **GREAT FEELING** - Raced in a steeplechase latest over 3500m at Auteuil but lost the rider. Given another chance in this. Can bounce back and shouldn't be far away.
7. **HEUREUX** - Raced in a hurdle latest over 3550m at this track but displaced the rider. Have to take on trust here and not expected to threaten.
8. **REINE DE PAIL** - Couldn't find the top three two back in a 3700m steeplechase at Craon then again missed out in a steeplechase over 4000m at Le Lion-D'angers last start. Certainly worth including.
9. **MAKIOLA DE PAIX** - Has been finishing at the tail of the field in most recent outings, the latest in a 3500m hurdle at Nantes. Hard to have on current form.
10. **GOLD FOR NIZZY** - Jumper who was unplaced two back in a steeplechase at Aix-Les-Bains. Found the frame last start in a much better performance in a steeplechase at Orleans over 3500m, beaten 2.5 lengths. Ideally placed return to winning form.

Summary: DAVEAST (5) finished runner-up in a similar course and distance handicap a month ago and holds obvious claims off the same mark. A replication of GREAT FEELING (6) good 0.75L handicap hurdle second at Compiègne two starts ago would see him firmly involved. The unexposed IRWANISTE (3) may yet have more to offer while GOLD FOR NIZZY (10) could go well but must replicate recent chase form over hurdles.

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<p style="text-align: center;">DAVEAST (5) - GREAT FEELING (6) - IRWANISTE (3) - GOLD FOR NIZZY (10)</p>
