

CLAIREFONTAINE [R-H] - 23 July

Race 1 - PRIX LA CRESSONNIERE - 1600m CL2. Purse EUR €34,000.

1. **EVERWIN** - Made his debut over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly last start and scored by 3.5 lengths. Winning jockey Maxime Guyon engaged again. Can improve and is worth following up.
2. **PONTY** - Won on debut over 1400m at Compiegne scoring by a long neck when in the market. Winning jockey Theo Bachelot engaged again. Better for that experience and is worth following up.
3. **ONODA** - Finished 2.75 lengths back in fifth on debut over 1500m at Saint Cloud last start. Better for that run. Expected to be competitive.
4. **BLUE ROSE CEN** - Last appeared when she scored over 1400m at Saint Cloud on June 21. Everything points towards a big run.
5. **SOLAIRE** - Hasn't been far away in two career runs, the latest when 4 lengths away in fourth over 1400m at Dieppe. Improver who can measure up this time.
6. **HEGRINA** - Made her debut over 1200m at Chantilly last start finishing a long way from the winner in sixth. Steps out over more ground this time. Should improve but looks tested in this line-up.

Summary: EVERWIN (1) won by 3.5L in a 1350m maiden at Lyon-Parilly. Looks up to completing a double. PONTY (2) rates a threat having debuted with a neck triumph in a 1400m newcomers race at Compiegne. BLUE ROSE CEN (4) won by 2L in a 1400m maiden at Saint-Cloud. Shortlist. SOLAIRE (5) showed improved form when 3.75L fourth in a 1400m Class Two at Dieppe. Consider for the win.

Selections

EVERWIN (1) - PONTY (2) - BLUE ROSE CEN (4) - SOLAIRE (5)

Race 2 - PRIX DES ASTREES - 1600m CLM. Purse EUR €23,000.

1. **HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS** - Last appeared when he finished fifth over 1600m at Chantilly on June 23. Worth following up.
2. **ARABIA** - Won her maiden two back at Saint Cloud then could only manage ninth last start over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly. Better than the last run suggests and can do better.
3. **ETERNAL GOLD** - Hasn't raced since finishing sixth over 1600m at Saint Cloud ten weeks ago. Among the chances.
4. **ON LOCKDOWN** - Returned from a spell last start with a nice win by a head over 1800m at this track. Back in great order and is definitely worth including.
5. **I EXCEL** - Last appeared when he finished fifth over 1800m at La Teste De Buch on June 17. Cannot entertain.
6. **SANPEDRO** - Last appeared when he finished sixth over 1850m at Longchamp on July 7. Tested on recent form.
7. **GARDOL MOON** - Returned from a spell with fair effort last start when fifth, beaten 4 lengths, at Longchamp over 1400m. Will struggle against these.
8. **LETSGO** - Was a placegetter first-up last start over 1900m at Argentan, beaten 5 lengths. Back in good shape and is worth including.
9. **FAZZANO** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fourth over 1800m at Langon Libourne on June 26. Not far away last time. In the mix again.
10. **AZUCARERA** - Last appeared when she finished eighth over 1400m at Longchamp on July 14. Likely to find them too smart.

Summary: ON LOCKDOWN (4) won by a head in an 1800m claimer at this venue. Taken to register a second career success. LETSGO (8) placed third when beaten 5.25L in a 1900m conditions race at Argentan. Big effort expected. ETERNAL GOLD (3) came home a neck second in a 1600m claimer at Fontainebleau on her penultimate start. Consider for the win. FAZZANO (9) is another with claims on the back of a 2.5L fourth in an 1800m conditions event at Langon-Lilbourne.

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Race 3 - PRIX PERRAULT - 2900m CL2. Purse EUR €28,000.

1. **BADGE** - Fair effort last start, beaten 3 lengths into third over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly. Cannot be disregarded.
2. **JAAFAR** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he scored over 2400m at Longchamp on June 2. Big chance again.
3. **NO MORE BOLERO** - Won on debut then runner up only other run when resuming over 2350m at Strasbourg on May 30. Has ability and is shortlisted.
4. **BOB LA BIDOUILLE** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished second over 2400m at Nantes on June 20. Definite winning chance. Keep safe.
5. **TAKE ME AWAY** - Scored her maiden success last time as favourite out over 2800m at Compiègne. Is generally thereabouts in her races. Has upside and may pay to follow.
6. **SWEETEST THING** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she scored over 3000m at Dieppe on June 7. Will be tested.
7. **LA MEHANA** - Appreciated the longer trip to break through for a maiden win at Dieppe last time. Gets out over even more ground this time. Expected to be in the finish.

Summary: LA MEHANA (7) broke her maiden when winning by 4.5L in a 2200m event at Dieppe. Selected to follow up. JAAFAR (2) recorded a 1.25L triumph in a 2400m handicap at Longchamp. Rates a threat in this contest. NO MORE BOLERO (3) came home 2L second in a 2350m conditions race at Strasbourg. Shortlist. TAKE ME AWAY (5) holds strong claims stepping out of handicap company following a 4L win over 2800m at Compiègne.

Selections

LA MEHANA (7) - JAAFAR (2) - NO MORE BOLERO (3) - TAKE ME AWAY (5)

Race 4 - PRIX TRISTAN - 2200m CL2. Purse EUR €28,000.

1. **NUIT DE FEU** - Was well fancied last time but ran below par, finishing seventh and beaten 14 lengths over 2200m at La Teste De Buch. Others preferred.
2. **TYPHONIUM** - Three-year-old gelding who punters have shunned in recent times, and he's been running accordingly. Can't see him breaking through for the maiden win this time.
3. **CRIN NOIR** - Made his debut over 2300m at Durtal last start and scored by a head. Facing a tougher test this time around but could progress.
4. **SAREL** - Lightly raced galloper resuming from a spell. Hasn't raced since breaking through for a maiden win over 2000m at Angers on November 20. Has ability and is worth including.
5. **TRES QUEEN** - Lightly raced galloper resuming from a spell. Hasn't raced since breaking through for a maiden win over 2000m at Le Lion-D'angers on May 18. Rates highly and is among the leading hopes.
6. **LERMA** - Yet to find the frame in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a fourth over 2100m at Saint Cloud six-and-a-half weeks ago. Can improve.
7. **GUADALEST** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished fourth over 2500m at Saint Cloud on July 3. Should go well.
8. **SANSA BAY** - Promising filly who did well to finish second on debut then backed that up with a nice win last time over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly. Going along well and is among the better chances.

Summary: TRES QUEEN (5) won by a short-head in a maiden over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Selected to follow up for a top yard. SANSA BAY (8) registered a 0.75L triumph in a 2200m maiden at Lyon-Parilly. Looks capable of challenging for the win. SAREL (4) is a threat in this contest on the back of a 2L triumph in a maiden over 2000m at Angers. CRIN NOIR (3) debuted with a head success in a 2300m newcomers event at Durtal. Consider for the win.

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Race 5 - PRIX DES BOUTONS D'OR - 1400m CLM. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **WINTER ARROW** - Ran a better race last start to finish fourth over 1100m at Dieppe. Won't be far away.
2. **SHAKSTAR FAL** - Won his maiden two back at Compiegne then could only manage sixth last start over 1600m at Nantes. Useful type and can make amends.
3. **SODAPOP** - Could only manage fifth over 1600m at this track last start to continue a run of ordinary form. Well placed in this line-up and can improve.
4. **MON SIOUX** - Well held at both runs this time in, most recently when beaten 11 lengths into sixth over 1500m at Saint Cloud. Not much to like about his prospects.
5. **AIGUILLE** - Resumed from a spell last start with a eighth over 1400m at Dieppe. Will benefit from that run and is sure to be thereabouts.
6. **ALIGHT** - Expect to show improved form in a hood following a 9.25L seventh in a 1200m maiden at Strasbourg
7. **MONEY MONEY** - Last appeared when he finished fifth over 1400m at Dieppe on July 8. Can do a lot better than that last run.
8. **YOU LOOK SO FINE** - Well held on debut over 1400m Dieppe when seventh, beaten 13 lengths. Looking elsewhere.
9. **GOT FOX** - Holds claims in first time blinkers on the back of a 9.25L fourth over 1400m in a claimer here.

Summary: AIGUILLE (5) looks up to delivering a victory having shown good form prior to a 13L eighth over 1400m in a claimer at Dieppe. SHAKSTAR FAL (2) won by 2L in a 1400m claimer at Compiegne on his penultimate start. Rates a big threat. ALIGHT (6) is expected to show improved form in a hood following a 9.25L seventh in a 1200m maiden at Strasbourg. GOT FOX (9) holds claims in first time blinkers on the back of a 9.25L fourth over 1400m in a claimer here.

Selections

AIGUILLE (5) - SHAKSTAR FAL (2) - ALIGHT (6) - GOT FOX (9)

Race 6 - PRIX DU JARDIN DES SIMPLES - 1400m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **WAR ASSET** - Last start was in May 2021 when fifth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Has since switched stables. Keep safe.
2. **HURRICANE LIGHT** - Returned to the winners' circle after a long while without scoring over 1300m at Argentan, winning by half a length. Sure to be about the money.
3. **LA FILLE DE BERLIN** - Last start finished second over 1400m at Dax. Has recorded just 2 victories from 36 starts. Others make more appeal.
4. **PREMIER DIVISION** - Returns after a break of 11 months. Last raced when successful by a nose at Deauville All Weather over 1300m on August 10. A bright return to the track is anticipated.
5. **GHAYADH** - Fitter for recent racing and looks close to a win after finishing third over 1400m at Compiègne last time. Don't underestimate.
6. **LILLY BIRD** - Last start finished fourth over 1300m at Argentan. Has recorded just 3 victories from 57 starts. Others make more appeal.
7. **KILLING ZOE** - Yet to break through this campaign but hasn't been far away including a last start third over 1600m at Longchamp. Rates highly and should be right in the mix again.
8. **LOVE TO EXCEL** - Beaten 2.5 lengths into second at Salon-De-Provence two starts ago then appeared at Marseille Vivaux last time and finished 3.5 lengths from the winner in fifth. Hard to have this tough line-up.
9. **MY PREMIER COUNTY** - Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 33 starts. Last start finished eighth over 1400m at Compiègne. Looking to others.
10. **VENT CHARLIE** - Form since resuming has been disappointing, last start finishing eighth over 1600m at Compiègne. Has ability and is a definite top three hope.
11. **KAVAKNEY** - Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 25 starts. Last start scored a rare win over 1400m at Compiègne. Capable enough on his day and is expected to run well.
12. **INCOGNITO** - Struggling to find form including last start when beaten 13 lengths into eighth over 1800m at this track. Unreliable and needs to do more.
13. **RAVEN RIDGE** - Finished 6 lengths away last start over 1400m at Compiègne after being well beaten at Compiègne two runs back. Yet to win at this journey and must go to another level.
14. **SORRENZA** - Ran a better race last start to finish fourth over 1400m at Compiègne. Cannot be disregarded.
15. **PIETRA SERENA** - In the money two starts back at Vannes but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1800m at this track last time. Hard to fault if at her best.

Summary: HURRICANE LIGHT (2) delivered a 0.5L victory in a 1300m handicap at Argentan. Selected to defy a 1.5kg rise in the weights. KILLING ZOE (7) rates a threat following a third place finish over 1600m at Longchamp. PIETRA SERENA (15) came home 8.25L fourth in an 1800m handicap at this track. Consider for the win. GHAYADH (5) placed third in a 1400m handicap at Compiègne. Dangerous in this field.

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<p style="text-align: center;">HURRICANE LIGHT (2) - KILLING ZOE (7) - PIETRA SERENA (15) - GHAYADH (5)</p>
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Race 7 - PRIX DES JARDINS DE CASTILLON-PLANTBESSIN - 1400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **NATIONAL VELVET** - Followed a win at Lyon-Parilly two starts ago with a fourth last start over 1350m at the same track beaten 1.5 lengths. Racing well and looks a key chance.
2. **COTUBANAMA** - Home by 1.3 lengths at Longchamp two starts ago. Disappointed last time at Compiègne when 3.5 lengths from the winner in ninth. Not keen on her chances.
3. **SPINNING MIST** - Five-year-old mare who drops in distance from the last start when fourth over 1600m at Saint Cloud, finishing 3.5 lengths off the winner. Expect she will be prominent.
4. **STORMY AIR** - Finished second first-up at Craon then couldn't repeat last time when fourth at Compiègne over 1400m when beaten 0.9 lengths. Strong contender on best form.
5. **FLAMIX** - Finished seventh last start over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Form consistent prior.
6. **KATUCHA** - Last appeared ten weeks ago when she finished 1.75 lengths from the winner in sixth over 1200m at Fontainebleau. Did finish in the money first-up last prep at Fontainebleau over 1200m. Can return in winning form.
7. **KINGSFOLD** - Not a prolific winner with just three victories from 33 starts. Last start finished 12th over 1400m at Compiègne.
8. **BLACK CESS** - Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a seventh over 1400m at Compiègne, beaten 2 lengths. Looks tested in this field.
9. **BOLT WIN** - Fair effort last start, beaten 2.5 lengths into fourth over 1400m at Compiègne. Among the chances.
10. **CRYSTAL LADY** - Wasn't expected to do much when fresh from a spell last start at Craon over 1650m and wound up in 13th, beaten 18 lengths. Expecting her to kick on with that first run out of the way.
11. **MANTA BEACH** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 7 lengths into seventh over 1400m at this track. Rates highly and should do much better.
12. **WITTINESS** - Resumed over 1400m at this track last start and finished 5 lengths away in sixth. Strips fitter and should be in the mix.
13. **LE KAKOU** - Resuming from a spell. Yet to find the placings in three first-up runs. Will be better for this hitout.
14. **ON THE EDGE** - Has been thereabouts without winning, last start finishing second over 1400m at Compiègne. Not far away lately but others rate better.
15. **SNOOZE BUTTON** - Offered little last start when friendless in betting over 1400m at Compiègne. Not among the chances.
16. **MAKSEN SENORA** - Yet to fill a placing in five runs, most recently when 8 lengths back in 16th over 1800m at this track. Others preferred.

Summary: SPINNING MIST (3) recorded a 3.25L fourth in a 1600m handicap at Saint-Cloud. Selected to record a ninth career win. STORMY AIR (4) warrants close consideration having been beaten 0.75L when fourth over 1400m at Compiègne. NATIONAL VELVET (1) delivered a 1.5L fourth in a 1350m handicap at Lyon-Parilly. Shortlist. KATUCHA (6) recorded a 1.75L sixth in a 1200m handicap at Fontainebleau. Big effort looks likely.

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Race 8 - PRIX DU JARDIN BOTANNIQUE DE BAYEUX - 1400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **SAMAGACE DU VIVIEN** - Narrowly beaten last time when third at Compiegne, finishing just 1.0 lengths from the winner. Likely to feature again.
2. **TOPINAMBUR** - Was unplaced and well beaten in all runs last campaign, the latest when ninth over 1400m at Strasbourg nine weeks ago. Might need this hitout.
3. **ROXY MUSIC** - Yet to find the frame in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a eighth over 1300m at Argentan two-and-a-half weeks ago. Likely to find this out of reach.
4. **PLENTY CITY** - Missed the frame two back when eighth at Angers but turned in a better effort last time to finish in the money over 1400m at Compiegne. Regular rider Coralie Pacaut back aboard. High among the chances.
5. **NO NIKI NO** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished third over 1300m at Argentan on July 4. Has the right credentials.
6. **MUCH STYLE** - Produced a better run last time out when fifth over 1400m at Compiegne, beaten 3.5 lengths. Solid top-three chance.
7. **PLANTHALYA** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when eighth over 1600m at Compiegne six weeks ago, beaten 2.25 lengths. Looking to others.
8. **ANANTA** - Has struggled to make her mark of late, the most recent effort a seventh over 1800m at Compiegne a week-and-a-half ago. The engagement of senior jockey Not Declared is significant. Nice effort last time. Can go on with the job now.
9. **TRACY** - Was underwhelming last start but if she can find the form that saw her finish second at Le Lion-D'angers two back she is right in contention.
10. **GANOUV** - Has not raced since scoring over 1500m at Deauville All Weather on December 8. Expect a bold showing.
11. **LE CHAT BOTTE** - Hasn't won in 15 months. Finished sixth, beaten 6 lengths, last start over 1400m at Compiegne. Has ability and can break through on his best form.
12. **LOVELY ANGEL** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished sixth over 1300m at Argentan on July 4. Capable of a big finish.
13. **CALY ROSAY** - Last appeared ten weeks ago when she finished 8 lengths from the winner in 12th over 1400m at Longchamp. Worth noting she filled a minor placing first-up last prep at Chantilly All Weather over 1400m. Form last time in not good enough.
14. **THE PREACHER** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when seventh over 1400m at Compiegne a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 2.5 lengths. Not keen on his chances.
15. **MY LADY ROCK** - Has not raced since finishing 15 lengths away in 17th over 1400m at this track on October 22. May need this run.
16. **LICANKABUR** - Fitter for recent racing and looks close to a win after finishing fourth over 1400m at Compiegne last time. Worth including.

Summary: SAMAGACE DU VIVIEN (1) came home 0.75L third in a 1600m handicap at Compiegne. Selected to deliver a victory having performed well at this venue in the past. LOVELY ANGEL (12) warrants close consideration on the back of a 3.75L sixth over 1300m at Argentan. PLENTY CITY (4) placed third when beaten 2.5L in a 1400m handicap at Compiegne. Shortlist. NO NIKI NO (5) recorded a 4.5L third in a 1300m handicap at Argentan. Danger to all.

Selections

SAMAGACE DU VIVIEN (1) - LOVELY ANGEL (12) - PLENTY CITY (4) - NO NIKI NO (5)