

THURSDAY, 24/04/25

R2 LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX ROGER CROUZILLAC - 3400m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 Race -
Hurdles - EUR € 26,000**

1. KAFE GOURMAND AA - In good form and was victorious last time out in a Conditions hurdle race at Agen-Le Passage over 3600m on 31 March. Can follow up if in the same mood

2. VIRTUOSE AA - Unreliable and was 13th in a handicap chase at Compiègne over 3900m on 24 March. Capable of better and could contest the finish

3. KASTLE DE LAGARDE AA - Yet to win a race and 8th last time out in a Conditions chase at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 4200m on 5 April. Capable of earning some money

4. SHAKRIMA AA - Returned from a break in good form and finished third in a Condition hurdle at Pau over 3500m on 31 January. Has a winning chance

5. LOKI DE LA BRUNIE AA - Showed vast improvement when third in a Conditions chase at Montluçon - Nérès-les-Bains over 3500m on 30 March. Might play a minor role

6. LUGANO AA - Finished third in a Conditions hurdle at Agen-Le Passage over 3600m on 31 March. Should contest the finish

7. SHERKARA AA - Showed improvement when runner-up in a Conditions hurdle at Agen-Le Passage over 3600m on 31 March. Be right there at the finish

8. LORA DE LA BRUNIE AA - Has run well in both starts and was fourth last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Agen-Le Passage over 3600m on 31 March. Not out of it

9. ISEULT DU PACS AA - Returns from a break but did run well when third in a Conditions hurdle at Mont-de-Marsan over 3600m on 8 December. Can earn some money

Summary: SHAKRIMA AA (4) finished strongly when third at Pau in January. She should be fitter for that run and looks the one to beat. VIRTUOSE AA (2) found life tough in a handicap over fences at Compiègne but is expected to fare better this time. KAFE GOURMAND AA (1) remains in good form and could follow up on a recent win. SHERKARA AA (7) showed improvement last time and also holds winning claims.

SELECTIONS

SHAKRIMA AA (4) - VIRTUOSE AA (2) - KAFE GOURMAND AA (1) - SHERKARA AA (7)

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**C2 - PRIX NEFTA - WATHBA STUD FARM - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF -
Claiming - Flat - EUR € 30,000**

1. MENWAAL AL SHAHANIA - Has yet to win a race and finished fourth last time out in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over this distance on 23 March. Might play a minor role

2. MOMINA - Has not been disgraced in both starts and finished third last time out in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over this distance on 23 March. Can contest the finish

3. INTISAR DE MONLAU - Finished 7th last time out in a Group 1 at Saint-Cloud over this distance on 4 October. A winner of her first two starts and can bounce back to score returning from a break

4. AL RASHA - Not disgraced when 5th in a Group 2 over this course and distance on 30 August. Can be competitive in this line-up

5. ALHAAN - Returned from a break and was victorious in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over 2000m on 23 March. Fit and can follow up

6. SHUMMA - Has improved with each start and was victorious last time out in a Conditions race at Toulouse over 2100m on 11 October. Has a place chance

Summary: INTISAR DE MONLAU (3) is a dual Group winner in Qatar and will be hard to oppose if reproducing that form here. ALHAAN (5) was impressive when scoring over this trip at Mont-de-Marsan in March and looks the main danger. MOMINA (2) may need to find a few lengths to trouble the top two but can still play a role in the finish. AL RASHA (4) returns from a break but could make the frame.

SELECTIONS

INTISAR DE MONLAU (3) - ALHAAN (5) - MOMINA (2) - AL RASHA (4)

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C3 - PRIX BLUE BRESIL - 3600m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 26,000

1. **ROSE ROUGE** - A runner-up in two of her three starts, including last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 3700m on 5 April. Can be competitive once again
2. **VALSE DU NORD** - Yet to win a race and was unplaced last time out in a Conditions chase at Mont-de-Marsan on 13 April. Could earn some minor money
3. **MAVERICK LADY** - Yet to win a race and was 5th last time out in a claiming chase at Fontainebleau over 2600m on 3 December. More is needed to win this race
4. **DIODAM** - Returned from a break and was a winner last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Moulins over 2800m on 9 March. Can complete a hat-trick
5. **DEMON VERT** - Yet to win a race and was unplaced last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Toulouse over 3900m on 19 March. Needs to find a few lengths to win
6. **BEAUBOURG** - Returned from a very lengthy break and was runner-up in a Conditions hurdle at Toulouse over 3900m on 19 March. Fitter and can fight it out again
7. **FLAMING GLASS** - Has won 6 races on the flat but was only 5th last time out in Conditions hurdle at Toulouse over 3900m on 19 March. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
8. **KOTCHET LAW** - Unplaced last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Moulins over 3500m on 22 March. Better judged on his penultimate start win and has a place chance
9. **MANTICORE** - Showed vast improvement when runner-up in a Conditions hurdle at Moulins over 3500m on 22 March. Has a place chance in this line-up
10. **OMEGA** - A five-year-old gelding by Martinborough out of Essoka who is making his debut. Watch the betting
11. **KARA DIAMOND** - A faller last time out in a Conditions chase at Pau over 3400m on 8 January. Very good hurdle form before that and can bounce back to score
12. **ROSE DU RAZ** - Has struggled of late and was unplaced last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Nantes over 3500m on 19 October. Returns from a break and others are preferred

Summary: KARA DIAMOND (11) returned from a lengthy break and fell last time out at Pau, but she showed plenty of promise over the smaller obstacles and should make a bold bid. DIODAM (4) is progressive and bids for a hat-trick after two solid wins—he commands plenty of respect. BEAUBOURG (6) finished runner-up on his return and is not without a chance. ROSE ROUGE (1) is another who's knocking on the door.

SELECTIONS

KARA DIAMOND (11) - DIODAM (4) - BEAUBOURG (6) - ROSE ROUGE (1)

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**C4 - PRIX DORMANE - WATHBA STUD FARM - 1900m (a1m1/4) - TURF -
Claiming - Flat - EUR € 25,000**

1. MOHTARAM - Did not show his best when 8th in a Group 1 at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 4 October. Returns from a break and needs to do more to win

2. MAC'ZOOM AL SHAHANIA - Finished fourth last time out in a Conditions race at Toulouse over 2100m on 3 March. Needs to do a bit more to beat these rivals

3. MUKATEL AL SHAHANIA - Not disgraced when 5th in a Group 1 at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 4 October. Capable of making the frame returning from a break

4. MONEER - Victorious last time out in a Conditions race at this track over 1900m on 2 April. Fit and should contest the finish

5. MUREB - Very consistent so far and finished fourth last time out in a Group 1 at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 4 October. Returns from a break but should fight it out

6. MAQBOOL - Still improving and was runner-up last time out in a Group 1 at Saint-Cloud over this distance on 4 October. Can go one better this time

Summary: MAQBOOL (6) was very smart last year and, while returning from a break, sets a high standard if ready to roll. MUREB (5) is a model of consistency and ran well in a Group 1 last time; he also resumes but holds solid winning claims. MONEER (4) is race-fit and impressed when scoring at this track last time—he remains open to further progress. MUKATEL AL SHAHANIA (3) also returns from a break but is not without potential for improvement.

SELECTIONS

MAQBOOL (6) - MUREB (5) - MONEER (4) - MUKATEL AL SHAHANIA (3)

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C5 - PRIX DE SELECTION - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 33,000

- 1. HARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA** - Third in a Conditions race at Toulouse over 2400m on 17 November. In good form and is track-suited. Capable of going close to winning
- 2. JAFAR D'ESCAR AA** - Finished 9th in a Conditions race at Toulouse over 2400m on 17 November. Track-suited and is capable of defending the title
- 3. VERTIGO POMPADOUR AA** - A runner-up in a Conditions race at Toulouse over 2400m on 17 November. A consistent sort who can be involved in the finish
- 4. FENG SHUI DU PECOS AA** - A runner-up in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2300m on 6 April. Improved second effort and will be fitter
- 5. JAKARTA TROIS AA** - A winner in a Conditions race at Toulouse over 2400m on 17 November. Failed narrowly in this race last year against JAFAR D'ESCAR (2) and can take revenge
- 6. SISLEY DE L'ABBAYE AA** - Third in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m on 23 March. A consistent sort who made a decent return from a break
- 7. HORIZON DE TANUES AA** - A winner in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m on 23 March. Looking to complete a hat-trick and is undefeated this year
- 8. FIRST COLOR AA** - A runner-up in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m on 23 March. Made an impressive return and deserves to be respected again
- 9. LINGOT D'ARGENT AA** - Fifth in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m on 23 March. Seldom far off them and can play a minor role at best
- 10. HALANDJILA AA** - Unplaced in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m on 23 March. Others make more appeal in this line-up
- 11. EDELWEIS DU CARNOT AA** - Unplaced in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m on 23 March. Unlikely to be involved in the finish
- 12. LEIA DE LA BRUNIE AA** - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2300m on 6 April. Others are preferred in this line-up

Summary: JAKARTA TROIS AA (5) returns from a break but was a good winner last year. She went close in this race 12 months ago and could go one better this time. JAFAR D'ESCAR AA (2) landed this race last year and looks to have been targeted at a repeat bid—he commands serious respect. HARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) enjoys this track and arrives in good form, so it would be no surprise to see him involved. FIRST COLOR AA (8) returned from a break in fine style and should be in the mix again.

SELECTIONS

**JAKARTA TROIS AA (5) - JAFAR D'ESCAR AA (2) - HARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) -
FIRST COLOR AA (8)**

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C6 - PRIX CHRISTIAN BAILLET - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Flat - EUR € 30,000

1. MAUPASSANT - A runner-up in a Conditions race at Le Mans over 1950m on 21 March. Entered for the Grand Prix de Paris (Gr.1) and deserves to be respected

2. ESPOIR AVENIR - Third in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 2400m on 29 March. Should make a bold bid for victory and will have supporters

3. BLUE SEABIRD - Third in a Conditions race at Tarbes over 2300m on 6 April. Capable of playing a minor role in the finish

4. THE BLACK SKY - Fourth in a Claimer at Fontainebleau over 2000m on 1 April. Others make more appeal in this line-up

5. MARTA'S PRINCE - Has been consistent in Poland was fourth last time out at Varsovie over 1300m on 17 November. Returns from a break but can contest the finish

6. BLACK ULTRA - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at this track over 2400m on 2 April. Others are much preferred in this line-up

7. RUE DU DOME - Fourth in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1900m on 22 November. Has won on this track twice but has disappointed since

Summary: ESPOIR AVENIR (2) has shown promise in both starts and the step up in trip shouldn't be an issue—he should make a bold bid. MAUPASSANT (1) goes up in distance after finishing a close second at Le Mans and looks a definite threat. MARTA'S PRINCE (5) has been consistent in Poland over much shorter trips but may appreciate this longer distance. RUE DU DOME (7) is unbeaten at this track over shorter and cannot be ruled out.

SELECTIONS

ESPOIR AVENIR (2) - MAUPASSANT (1) - MARTA'S PRINCE (5) - RUE DU DOME (7)

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C7 - PRIX JACQUES MELLER - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. KOVEL - Finished 9th in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 24 March. The previous two efforts were good and is not out of it

2. NOLITO - Finished 8th in a Claimer at Chantilly over 1400m on 31 March. Unlikely to be involved in the finish

3. MALINOVKA - Finished 7th in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1600m on 3 April. Has won at this track and deserves to be respected

4. HAMARS - Finished 7th at Madrid over 1400m on 10 November. Capable of contesting the finish. Good place prospects

5. WE RIDE THE WORLD - Finished 7th in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1600m on 20 December. The last victory was on this track in September and can be competitive

6. ALEXEJ - Well beaten 8th in a Handicap at this track over 1600m on 2 April. Probably best watched for now and must improve

7. LISBOA - Fifth at Madrid over 1800m on 8 October. Others are much preferred and needs to improve to feature

8. FELICIA - Third in a Listed race at Chantilly over 1600m on 29 June. Gérald Mossé now trains this individual. Can make a winning return

9. ECLAIRE LA VIE - Finished 10th in a Handicap at Toulouse over 1600m on 7 April. Others are preferred in this line-up

10. HARMONY GREY - Finished 7th in a Listed race at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 4 October. Last seen in October, but has done well at Listed level and is well weighted here

Summary: FELICIA (8) was highly consistent last year, signing off with a solid third in Listed company. She sets the standard here despite the layoff. KOVEL (1) disappointed on the PSF last time but has done his winning on turf and could bounce back. HARMONY GREY (10) returns from a break but has the ability to make an impact. WE RIDE THE WORLD (5) isn't the most reliable but does have previous winning form at this track.

SELECTIONS

FELICIA (8) - KOVEL (1) - HARMONY GREY (10) - WE RIDE THE WORLD (5)

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C8 - PRIX SEA GREEN - CAMPING LA FORGE - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. SWING FOR ME - Finished 8th at Meydan over 1400m on 14 February. Performed well at Meydan this winter and is not out of it

2. ZAHARO - Unplaced in a Conditions race at Deauville over 1100m on 8 April. Performed well at 3 years old, but probably needed the latest and can improve being fitter

3. MANGAKEN - A winner in a Handicap at Mont-de-Marsan over 1400m 12 April. Received a 3 Kg penalty but can defy it

4. IMPITOYABLE - A winner in a Handicap at Moulins over 1000m on 5 April. Track-suited and should make a bold bid for victory. Good chance

5. REGALIEN - A winner in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1200m on 14 April. Despite the weight penalty should still be competitive

6. DENVER CHOP - Unplaced in a Handicap at Mont-de-Marsan over 1400m on 23 March. Probably needed the latest and can improve

7. SNOW GHOST - Fourth in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1200m on 14 April. Not far behind IMPITOYABLE (4) and is better weighted this time. Can go close

8. PERLI CHOPE - Finished 8th in a Handicap at Fontainebleau over 1200m on 18 March. Unplaced in five attempts this year

9. EXCALIBUR - Fifth in a Claimer at Le Croise-Laroche over 1100m on 5 April. Third run back and at best can play a minor role

10. QUEEN OF LIGHT - Unplaced in a Handicap at Deauville over 1300m on 19 December. Might need the run back and needs to find a few lengths

11. MONCAYO - Unplaced in a Handicap at Mont-de-Marsan over 1400m 12 April. Others are preferred in this line-up

Summary: IMPITOYABLE (4) clearly enjoys this track and looks capable of landing this concluding handicap. SNOW GHOST (7) has been in solid form and should be right in the mix once again. REGALIEN (5) is very consistent but has to contend with a hefty penalty for his latest win, which could make things tougher. SWING FOR ME (1) performed well at Meydan and could be a danger in this field.

SELECTIONS

IMPITOYABLE (4) - SNOW GHOST (7) - REGALIEN (5) - SWING FOR ME (1)