

LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H] - 25 July

Race 1 - PRIX DU PRESSING GRAND LARGE - 1400m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **SPEED BALL** - Held seventh in a similar level Dax maiden over this trip a fortnight ago. Needs improvement.
2. **PRINCE DE GALLES** - 7L fourth over this course and distance first up last month. Expected to find progress for a notable trainer.
3. **QUESSIGNY** - Good 4.5L runner up at this track and trip in a newcomers event last month. Top claims with a leading jockey taking over.
4. **EL OJANCANO** - 2.5L fourth in a Dax maiden over this journey a fortnight ago. Consider.
5. **BACCHILIDE** - Dabirsim colt appeals on paper. Market check advised on debut.
6. **CILANTRO** - Supplemented Wootton Bassett newcomer. Keep in mind if attracting any market support for a good trainer and jockey.

Summary: QUESSIGNY (3) made a promising start to his career with a 4.5 second in a course and distance newcomers event. Attractive chance to get off the mark with a top jockey taking over. PRINCE DE GALLES (2) was behind the selection on debut. Could find improvement second up representing a notable trainer. CILANTRO (6) is worth a market check debuting after being supplemented. The son of Wootton Bassett makes plenty of appeal on paper. EL OJANCANO (4) can be considered after a fair fourth first up.

Selections

QUESSIGNY (3) - PRINCE DE GALLES (2) - CILANTRO (6) - EL OJANCANO (4)

Race 2 - PRIX CHATEAU DE PORTETS - 1400m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **FREE CHAKARTE** - Fair 5L third in a newcomers contest over this track and trip last month. Key player.
2. **ARDANZA** - Just ahead of Free Chakarte first up here last month. Expected to prove tough to pass for a leading trainer.
3. **EASY SKANKING** - Just missed the placings third up at Dax over this distance two weeks back. More needed.
4. **SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE** - Improved 3L third on reappearance over 1200m at Argentan (good) six days ago. Place option with a good jockey booked.
5. **MENILLES** - Recorder filly making her debut for a good stable. May need further in time.
6. **BLUE WINGS** - Wings Of Eagles debutante. May not challenge until tackling a longer trip.
7. **MAZAL TOV** - Daughter of Kodiak makes some appeal on debut. Keep safe with a top rider up.
8. **PORTALMA** - Churchill debutante. Betting can tell the tale.

Summary: ARDANZA (2) finished ahead of FREE CHAKARTE (1) when debuting over this course and distance. Expected to confirm that form and prove tough to beat. The latter could make progress for a leading stable and is firmly in the mix second up. MAZAL TOV (7) makes for plenty of appeal as a daughter of Kodiak. Worth thought with an excellent jockey booked. Among the frame hopes is SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE (4) who improved with a third at Argentan on reappearance. Include.

Selections

ARDANZA (2) - FREE CHAKARTE (1) - MAZAL TOV (7) - SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE (4)

Race 3 - PRIX LE JOURNAL "LE VEINARD" - 2000m HCP CL2. Purse EUR €50,000.

1. **THUNDERSPEED** - Victorious by 4L at this venue in a top tier handicap over 1800m five weeks ago. Won with a lot in hand and could defy 4kg rise.
2. **MOUJIK** - Seventh beaten 11L in a Saint Cloud class three 1600m event three weeks ago. Makes handicap debut but represents a top yard.
3. **LAUDERDALE** - Won by a long-neck at this venue over 1900m after a short break. Raised 2.5kg but is well bred and can continue to progress.
4. **AFRICAN GREY** - Second behind Thunderspeed here in a 1800m handicap beaten 4L. Is now on much better terms and could finish closer.
5. **SAGANO** - Fourth beaten 6L behind a number of these in a handicap at this venue 38 days ago. May place.
6. **URWALD** - Fourth after a short break beaten 2.75L in a Longchamp handicap over 1400m. Up in distance for the first time.
7. **SOL BLADE** - Beaten a distance at Lyon-Parilly in the Listed Grand Prix De Lyon - 6Eme Etape Du Defi Du Galop. Had been in form prior and unexposed for handicap debut.
8. **CHARM KING** - Well beaten sixth behind a number of these here five weeks ago. Needs significant improvement.
9. **PRINCE ANODIN** - Third beaten 5.75L behind Thunderspeed in a 1800m handicap here. Can place again.
10. **SENROR CHARLY** - Won at this venue in a 2400m handicap in June. Raised 2kg and dropping in distance. Two wins and a placing from five outings at 2000m. Top claims.
11. **CRISALSA** - Runner-up beaten 1.5L here over 1800m in a handicap five weeks back. Consistent and can go well.
12. **PICNIC ROYAL** - Runner-up at Longchamp in a class three over 2400m beaten a head. Is off a 5.5kg lower mark than last handicap outing.
13. **MABAWI** - Fourth beaten 3.5L at this venue over 1800m in a handicap 38 days ago. This was an improved effort.
14. **DISINCANTO** - Well beaten on last two runs and needs more than the 1.5kg drop to help.
15. **GONERIL** - Fourth beaten 3.75L in a handicap here over 1900m behind Sagano in May. Can feature again.

Summary: THUNDERSPEED (1) was impressive when winning by 4L at this track in a 1800m handicap beating a number of reopposing rivals. Raised 4kg but can defy this. LAUDERDALE (3) is a lightly raced four year old who won here by a long-neck tackling a handicap. Progressing nicely and could feature. SENROR CHARLY (10) made much of the running when winning by 1L at this venue in a 2400m handicap. Drops in trip and maintains a 40% strike rate over this trip. CRISALSA (11) finished runner-up at this circuit attempting a handicap. Place chance. AFRICAN GREY (4) was second behind Thunderspeed here. Now on better terms and may go closer.

Selections

THUNDERSPEED (1) - LAUDERDALE (3) - SENROR CHARLY (10) - CRISALSA (11) - AFRICAN GREY (4)

Race 4 - CRITERIUM DU BEQUET - VENTES OSARUS - 1200m OPEN. Purse EUR €60,000.

1. **MAROON SIX** - Smart colt that has progressed to win last two starts here. Upped in grade but deservedly so. Easy to fancy.
2. **JUSTE BERE** - Has done everything asked of him so far as he comes into this a perfect three from three. Jumps in grade but deserves try at this level. Consider.
3. **EXIGENCY** - Head winner at Longchamp on only start so far a month ago. Had been well supported that day so clearly was expected. Progress likely. Shortlisted.
4. **AL WAKRAH** - Modest debut effort but took a big step forward to win next two starts. Upped in grade now but hard to rule out.
5. **SAMEDI RIEN** - Won two small field contests so far. Dominant on both occasions however and deserves try in this class. Each way player.
6. **CURARO LIGHT** - Long-neck second here nineteen days ago. Course experience helps but is up in grade and needs to improve again.
7. **MONTUSSAN** - Struggled in this grade a fortnight ago at Deauville. Needs to improve.
8. **ACCAKABA** - Perfect two from two so far and could be anything at this stage. Drawn well and expected to give a bold showing.

Summary: ACCAKABA (8) has impressed winning both starts so far. Represents a good yard and may improve further. The one to beat. EXIGENCY (3) was notably well supported for debut in which she won. Jumps in grade but open to progression. Keep safe. JUSTE BERE (2) won all three starts so far. Deserves to try a higher level and looks a threat to all. MAROON SIX (1) is yet to miss the placings after six attempts. Won the past two outings and is progressive. Consider.

Selections

ACCAKABA (8) - EXIGENCY (3) - JUSTE BERE (2) - MAROON SIX (1)

Race 5 - PRIX LA SORELLINA - HYPER U GUJAN-MESTRAS - 1600m OPEN. Purse EUR €55,000.

1. **SILVESTRI** - Drops in class after a fourth tackling the G2 Prix de Sandringham at Chantilly over this journey six weeks ago. Strong claims.
2. **SNOW EMPRESS** - Consistent placer who is yet to taste victory. Placing at best upped to this standard.
3. **SUSU'S DIMPLES** - 1L fourth in a Longchamp class two event over 2000m (good to soft) six weeks ago. More on plate but in safe hands.
4. **ANTOLYA** - Second career success with a Saint-Cloud class two win over this journey five weeks ago. Keep in mind raised in grade.
5. **LADY DAY** - Missed the placings when 3.5L fifth in the Listed Prix Volterra at Longchamp over this distance last month. Each way chance.
6. **TRANSCENDENTAL** - 1.75L third over this track and trip in class two level last month. Others make more appeal but unexposed.
7. **UPA LOLA** - Lightning Moon debutante. Tough assignment first up.
8. **LIBRE** - 10L fourth in the G2 Wempe 101. German 1000 Guineas at Dusseldorf 56 days ago over 1600m. Each way contender.
9. **ROMANTIC SONG** - Consistent and improving Shamardal filly who was a narrow winner at class two level seventeen days ago. Claims for notable connections.
10. **IZLAZ** - Three wins from five starts and solid third in the Listed Henkel-Stutenpreis over this trip at Dusseldorf in May. Thereabouts.
11. **TRIXIA DE VEGA** - Got off the mark on fourth outing at Lyon-Parilly over this journey. Prefer to watch upped to this level.
12. **URSULY** - Improved 1.5L third in a class two at Lyon-Parilly second up. More needed in this company.
13. **TALABAAT** - Secured a hat-trick in easier company prior to a held seventh in the Listed Prix Amandine at Deauville over 1400m two weeks ago. Not entirely ruled out.

Summary: SILVESTRI (1) is expected to challenge strongly after a fourth in the G2 Prix de Sandringham at Chantilly. Strong claims. ROMANTIC SONG (9) scored by a narrow margin at Nantes among easier company. Steadily progressive and deserves a shot at this tougher event for notable connections. LIBRE (8) warrants respect. Looking to make the frame after a 10L fourth in the G2 Wempe 101. German 1000 Guineas at Dusseldorf. ANTOLYA (4) enters calculations after a class two win at Saint-Cloud. Consider. LADY DAY (5) produced a 3.5L fifth in the Listed Prix Volterra at Longchamp. Each way chance.

Selections

SILVESTRI (1) - ROMANTIC SONG (9) - LIBRE (8) - ANTOLYA (4) - LADY DAY (5)

Race 6 - GRAND PRIX DE LA TESTE DE BUCH - 1600m CL1. Purse EUR €30,000.

1. **WE RIDE THE WORLD** - Game nose winner at Longchamp in a highly competitive affair eleven days ago. Can improve further. Big chance.
2. **OFTENWORK** - Made winning reappearance but not at same level since. Needs more.
3. **KIHAVAHFUSHI** - Resumed in great form with a success on reappearance and placing next time. Should give another bold showing.
4. **SIR ROQUE** - A market check can prove best guide to this foreign raiders chance.
5. **GELINOTTE** - Finished amongst the first two on last three starts. Has a good course record and goes well for this jockey. Solid pick.
6. **AL MASHRAB** - With top yard and is thriving at present. Won five starts ago and has placed on all subsequent runs. Keep safe.
7. **BACIVER** - One of two runners for Guillermo Arizkorreta. Market check will prove best guide given form lines do not compare easily.

Summary: A small but competitive field. AL MASHRAB (6) represents a top trainer and is overdue another victory following four placed finishes. The one to beat. WE RIDE THE WORLD (1) gamely held rivals at Longchamp. Confidence will be high now bidding to go back to back. KIHAVAHFUSHI (3) won and placed since resuming. Can progress further and is easy to fancy. GELINOTTE (5) enjoys this circuit. Solid each way chance.

Selections

AL MASHRAB (6) - WE RIDE THE WORLD (1) - KIHAVAHFUSHI (3) - GELINOTTE (5)

Race 7 - PRIX CENTURY 21 DUPRAT-DONNESSE - 2000m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **GOLD KAFE** - Runner-up three starts back but badly out of form since.
2. **MOSCA D'OR** - Caught late on when second beaten a long neck after trying to make all in a 1900m handicap here. Considered off the same mark.
3. **KONGASTET** - Fifth beaten 6L in a Vichy 1850m claimer four days ago. Passed over.
4. **GIANTISSIME** - Second beaten 0.75L seven days ago in a Chantilly 2200m handicap. Going well and should be considered.
5. **ALIENOR** - Won at a country track in a claimer by a head five weeks ago. More needed.
6. **MR BOLD** - Well beaten here nineteen days back in a 1900m handicap. Passed over.
7. **L'ARCHET** - Fifth beaten 4L at this venue nineteen days ago in a handicap over 1900m. Can go well.
8. **BECQUANON** - Fourth beaten 2.5L at this track in a 1900m handicap nineteen days ago. Cannot be ruled out.
9. **DANN** - Ninth beaten 6L here in a 1900m handicap three weeks ago. May need a bit more.
10. **LE MARAIS** - Seventh beaten 5L at this venue over 1900m in a handicap at the start of this month. Could place.
11. **CHIEF'S APP** - Won by 0.5L here in a 1900m handicap beating a number of these nineteen days ago. Include.
12. **LEVANT** - Fourth at Marseille Vivaux beaten 2L in a handicap over 2600m five weeks ago. Has a 66% strike place rate down in trip.
13. **SAHAR** - Sixth at Longchamp beaten 4L in a handicap over 1700m. The second has won since and holds claims.
14. **SILVER SILENT** - Much better effort at this venue when second beaten 0.5L in a 1900m handicap. Consider if in the same form.
15. **SOLITARY MAN** - Made most when fourth beaten 1.25L in a handicap here behind Chief's App and Silver silent. Can be included.

Summary: CHIEF'S APP (11) won at this venue in a 1900m handicap by 0.5L beating SILVER SILENT (14). Both are expected to go well. SOLITARY MAN (15) made most of the running behind the aforementioned pairing. Can be considered once more. MOSCA D'OR (2) was beaten a long-neck in a 1900m handicap here. In the mix. GIANTISSIME (4) ran well last week when 0.75L second in a Chantilly 2200m handicap. Racing favourably and warrants thought.

Selections

CHIEF'S APP (11) - SILVER SILENT (14) - SOLITARY MAN (15) - MOSCA D'OR (2) - GIANTISSIME (4)

Race 8 - PRIX GAIA SECURITE - 1900m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **CALLIOPE** - 1.3L second at Dax in a similar contest a fortnight ago. That was a good run and generally is consistent. Easy to fancy.
2. **FARZANEH** - Game head winner at Chantilly AW on just fourth career start eighteen days ago. Open to further improvement. Big chance.
3. **QAREEB** - Disappointing run at Longchamp seventeen days ago but in better form before and this step up in distance may help. Consider.
4. **ABOUT MIDNIGHT** - Back to back victories earlier in the campaign but regressed since weights rise. Needs more.
5. **KINDWINA** - Claims if judged on long-neck second at Toulouse two starts ago. Did not finish the race here since however and has to prove she is fully over that now.
6. **KATCHI** - Would need a big career best to factor amongst this field.
7. **UNRUFFLED** - Running consistently in defeat this campaign. Unlikely to trouble the judge.
8. **MEVALIK** - Placed on last two starts and six of twelve runs in career but remains winless. Has the ability and should go close once more.
9. **RHUMTEQCAHOUTTE** - Looked limited in four starts so far. Happy to oppose.

Summary: FARZANEH (2) gamely held rivals for a head victory at Chantilly AW. That form reads well and could be hard to beat bidding to go back to back. CALLIOPE (1) was beaten just 1.3L in a similar contest at Dax. Rates well and is worth keeping safe. MEVALIK (8) has placed on six of twelve career attempts. Overdue a victory and rates a solid each way pick. QAREEB (3) can be excused latest effort. Threat to all judging on a win the outing before.

Selections

FARZANEH (2) - CALLIOPE (1) - MEVALIK (8) - QAREEB (3)