

CLAIREFONTAINE [R-H] - 25 August

Race 1 - PRIX 3601 DES CONSULTANTS PARIS-TURF (PRIX DES RENONCULES) - 1800m CLM CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **VYKOV** - 8L fifth in this company and track over 1600m. Could progress at this new trip.
2. **MARBOOT** - Down the field in previous couple of starts in this grade prior to a short break. Place chance.
3. **KAIO CHOP** - Beaten a long way in a Toulouse 1400m claimer prior to a lengthy absence. Opposed.
4. **SUN AT WORK** - Midfield in a couple of similar races this term. Strong earlier form and has an excellent record at this journey.
5. **L'INDOMPTABLE** - Reached the frame in previous pair of similar contests over longer distances. Rates highly over this preferred journey.
6. **SANTA PALOMA** - Two placings from 40 career outings. Hard to fancy.

Summary: L'INDOMPTABLE (5) holds strong form at this level placing in previous outings and could be hard to beat if at best. SUN AT WORK (4) could have a serious chance on earlier form over this distance. Notable runner third up. VYKOV (1) rates a place chance upped in trip on third start since resuming. Include for multiples. MARBOOT (2) may improve after a break tackling a modest event and can place.

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L'INDOMPTABLE (5) - SUN AT WORK (4) - VYKOV (1) - MARBOOT (2)

Race 2 - PRIX WEEK-END (PRIX DES AUBEPINES) - 1800m CLM. Purse EUR €23,000.

1. **MARS** - Scored on sole visit here over 1600m in this class nine days ago. Expected to go close.
2. **RIPPONETTE** - Drops in grade after a trio of down the field runs in stronger handicaps. One to note for a good trainer and jockey combination.
3. **STRATOSPHERIQUE** - Held eighth in this grade here over 2200m five days ago. Step forward required.
4. **DOS DE MAYO** - 1.5L third behind Mars in a 1600m course claimer nine days ago. Easy to fancy.
5. **MARY ROSE** - Got off the mark with a nose success third up in a Vichy maiden over 2000m (soft). Makes plenty of appeal for a leading jockey.
6. **CHARLYCHIC** - Kept on fairly well in previous pair of claiming events over shorter journeys. Of note raised in trip.
7. **TRUST ON HIM** - Good 0.75L handicap second at Vichy over 2000m (soft) two starts ago. Firmly in the mix at this lower level.
8. **BISANNE** - Unplaced in five career starts including twice in this grade. Others readily preferred.
9. **LOVE OF MINE** - 9.75L fifth on second outing at Vittel over 1600m. More needed.
10. **LADY AUSTRALIA** - 2L claiming success at Divonne over 2400m. Needs to prove form at this shorter trip but not ruled out.

Summary: MARS (1) arrives in excellent form after winning at this level nine days ago. Could offer a bold display to remain unbeaten at this track. DOS DE MAYO (4) finished 1.5L behind the selection in latest. Expected to go well with consistent form in similar contests. TRUST ON HIM (7) is a player dropping down to this standard. Delivered a good 0.5L runner-up effort in a Vichy handicap on penultimate start. RIPPONETTE (2) can't be ignored at this easier level following three handicap outings among stronger company. Notable trainer and jockey pairing.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">MARS (1) - DOS DE MAYO (4) - TRUST ON HIM (7) - RIPPONETTE (2)</p> |
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Race 3 - PRIX PARIS-TURF (PRIX DU CHEMIN DE L'HIPPODROME) - 2200m HCP. Purse EUR €23,000.

1. **DEEP SEA** - Finished third in all three maiden starts to date. One to consider on handicap debut.
2. **CHELSEA DU NINIAN** - Improved 1.25L third on second start since resuming over 2400m at Vichy. Among the frame options off the same mark.
3. **RIHAMA** - Reached the frame in both outings over this distance. Among the chances from a favourable mark.
4. **GALASINA** - 2L runner up in a Saint-Malo handicap over 1800m (good to soft) 20 days ago. In the mix for a good trainer.
5. **ANTINEA** - Improved third in a course and distance claimer five days ago. More on plate back in handicap company.
6. **SALADIN** - 5.75L fourth from this weight at Chateaubriant over 2650m. Place claims.
7. **MASVINGO** - Down the field in previous two maiden efforts including here over 1600m (soft). Raised in trip on handicap debut.
8. **BRAS DE FER** - Reached the placings twice since resuming including on handicap debut over 2000m. Solid pick from the same weight.
9. **KING SUN** - Missed the placings on all three handicap efforts. Others more likely.
10. **EN OR** - Yet to show any worthwhile form in three maiden starts. Market check advised on handicap debut.

Summary: BRAS DE FER (8) rates among the leading contenders after a placing on handicap debut over 2000m delivering penultimate start. Secures notable jockey and is considered. GALASINA (4) produced a 2L second in a 1800m Saint-Malo handicap and could go close for a top trainer up in journey. CHELSEA DU NINIAN (2) made the frame at Vichy attempting 2400m. Thereabouts from the same mark. DEEP SEA (1) holds scope for progress after three solid maiden runs. On handicap debut and any market support could be significant.

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Race 4 - PRIX PARIS-COURSES (PRIX DU CHEMIN DES MARAIS) - 2200m HCP. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **RUE JONAS** - Fourth in previous couple of similar handicaps over 2400m at Vichy (good to soft). Each way chance.
2. **WITTICISM MAN** - Seventh in third maiden start on reappearance. One to note if attracting money on handicap debut.
3. **TYTAN** - 7L sixth in this grade over track and trip last month. Eased 0.5kg.
4. **POLYPTOTE** - Dropping in the weights but overall form of three placings from nineteen starts tempers enthusiasm.
5. **LANDARYNA** - Fair fourth in this company over course and distance 24 days ago. Consider with a top jockey taking over.
6. **NIPPER** - Held eight in a stronger Deauville 2500m handicap eleven days ago. Solid pick on earlier form.
7. **KING SOLOMON** - Claiming victory two starts ago at Argentan (good to soft). More on plate back in handicap company.
8. **SOTOUN** - Good runner up in a similar course and distance contest last month in first-time cheekpieces. Expected to go close if replicating.
9. **SKIP CHOP** - Two placings from 22 career outings. Hard to fancy.
10. **BOBBY** - Missed the placings in previous couple of claimers. Others make more appeal.

Summary: SOTOUN (8) showed dramatic improvement in first-time cheekpieces over course and distance and is expected to be strong at the finish with a similar run. Rates highly. NIPPER (6) was held at Deauville. This is easier and can put in a forward showing on earlier form. LANDARYNA (5) maintains each way appeal. Ran fourth tackling track and trip and secures a notable jockey booking. RUE JONAS (1) may place. Brings fair handicap form this campaign. Keep in mind.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">SOTOUN (8) - NIPPER (6) - LANDARYNA (5) - RUE JONAS (1)</p> |
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Race 5 - PRIX PARIS-TURF TV (PRIX RICHARD DE NORMANDIE) - 2200m CL3 QUALIF HCP.
Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **DALIGAR** - Well beaten on last two outings in handicaps. Back to a C3 but looks out of form.
2. **FULL PRECIEUX** - Impressive 4L winner at a country track in a C4. Could feature back up in class.
3. **GLORY DAYS** - Fifth beaten 3L at Deauville (AW) in this class over 2500m. The winner has won again and this looks easier.
4. **ALABAA** - Down the field at Dieppe in a handicap. Time before was fourth beaten 6L in a claimer. Passed over.
5. **BOY DAVIER** - Third beaten 10L at Les Sables-d'Olonne in this class after a three month spell. Could improve again.
6. **THE TICKLER** - Second beaten 3.75L at Nantes in a C2 over 2200m. Well beaten up in distance in a Vichy handicap since. Interesting back in trip.
7. **PREMIER LION** - Third beaten 3.5L at Vichy in a claimer over 2400m. Shouldn't be too far away.
8. **SPATIAL MERIT** - Third beaten 2L at La Teste in this class. The second has won since.
9. **POLLY GRAY** - Won at Deauville over 2000m in this class by 0.75L. Top claims once more.
10. **APROXIMATELY** - Resuming after a 211 day break. Was third beaten 7.5L at Cagnes Sur Mer in this class when last seen. Interesting after a break.
11. **OKARINA DREAM** - Third beaten 1.5L at Vichy in this class over 2000m. More than capable again.
12. **PETTINGER** - No form in last six and needs the switch back from handicaps to help.
13. **THE ROOM** - Eighth beaten 4.25L at Vichy in a handicap. Shouldn't be too far away into a C3.

Summary: GLORY DAYS (3) ran fifth beaten 3L at Deauville (AW) in this class. The winner has won again and this looks a more moderate event. POLLY GRAY (9) won well at Deauville in this class over 2000m and is more than capable again. THE TICKLER (6) struggled up in distance at Nantes recently. Went well the time before. SPATIAL MERIT (8) is one for the placings.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">GLORY DAYS (3) - POLLY GRAY (9) - THE TICKLER (6) - SPATIAL MERIT (8)</p> |
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Race 6 - PRIX LA GAZETTE (PRIX DES TOITS DE CHAUME) - 1600m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **KENSAI** - Broke through for a 1L success at this track over 1800m and returns to a shorter distance. Racing well.
2. **RAISE THE STAKES** - Denied a double when 1.75L fourth behind Kensai. Can feature in the closing stages again.
3. **AMERICAN LILY** - Disappointing on last few outings and needs more.
4. **RHODAFROST** - Hard to recommend on recent form.
5. **MY LADY ROCK** - Improved effort when 1L second at this track over 1800m. Yet to finish out of the frame in three starts over course and distance.
6. **CROQUEMBOUCHE** - Struggling on last three outings and needs more.
7. **VOIE LACTEE** - Hard to have on recent performances.
8. **ELIEDEN** - Will be looking to bounce back after a fall at Deauville. Needs a confidence boost.
9. **VEGA DREAM** - Struggled on last two outings and may need more.
10. **RAVEN RIDGE** - Fair efforts on last two outings including a 3.25L sixth over track and trip. Place contender.
11. **SILK THREAD** - Mixed efforts over last few months and needs more.
12. **ENJOY THE SILENCE** - Struggling to find best form and yet to hit the frame in five attempts at this track.
13. **DRAGONFLY** - Disappointing on reappearance and would need to improve.
14. **COUP FATALE** - Placed on last two outings including nose second at Deauville. Ready to break through.

Summary: MY LADY ROCK (5) returned to better order when 1L second attempting 1800m at this venue. Yet to finish out of the frame in three attempts over course and distance. Top hope. KENSAI (1) can be considered despite top weight chasing a double after a 1L success at this track. Returns to a shorter journey. Contender. RAISE THE STAKES (2) finished 2L fourth behind Kensai in latest. Might be involved in the closing stages again. RAVEN RIDGE (10) holds each way claims after a 3.25L sixth tackling track and trip. COUP FATALE (14) completes the shortlist with placings the past two outings.

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| MY LADY ROCK (5) - KENSAI (1) - RAISE THE STAKES (2) - RAVEN RIDGE (10) - COUP FATALE (14) |

Race 7 - PRIX 3270 CONFIDENCES COURSES (PRIX DU PRE LE HOUX) - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **NUUK** - Returns to a shorter distance after a close second over 2900m. Has placed once from three attempts at this trip.
2. **AMERICAN SAINT** - Denied a hat-trick when eighth at Dieppe. Scored twice in handicaps at this level over 2800m. Has placed multiple times over this trip.
3. **GO FAST** - Returned after a year-long absence with a disappointing seventeenth. Will improve for the run and has won at this level in the past.
4. **KING NONANTAIS** - Ran well in two starts since a win in a Compiegne handicap over 2400m. Experienced at this distance.
5. **RUUDJE** - Consistent performer. Caught the eye with a 1.75L third at Le Lion D'Angers over this distance latest.
6. **VUELTA DI BACI** - Disappointing when 5L tenth at Clairefontaine latest. Placed twice from last five outings.
7. **KISSING LIGHT** - Chasing a double after 1.25L success over course and distance. Excellent record in these conditions and beat a subsequent winner into second latest.
8. **NICE STROKE** - Better effort when 2.5L second over course and distance. Can go close in these conditions.
9. **DREAM WORD** - Mixed form over last few months but races consistently over this course and distance. Consider.
10. **CORAL BOY** - Consistent performer with four placings from last five outings. Last seen finishing 2L fourth at Chantilly over 2100m. Unexposed at this track.
11. **LINDA'S CAP** - Useful third two back over course and distance. Disappointing subsequently and needs to bounce back.
12. **CHARLES LEGEND** - Racing consistently without making the frame. Can play a role again with additional 1.5kg jockey claim.
13. **BRIGHT CRESCENT** - Fair efforts on last few outings including 2.75L sixth at Clairefontaine over 2200m.

Summary: KISSING LIGHT (7) excels over course and distance. Pursues a double after a 1.25L success in these conditions beating a subsequent winner. Remains well-weighted and must be a leading chance. CORAL BOY (10) is consistent. Managed four placings from the past five attempts while finished fourth over 2100m at Chantilly when last seen. VUELTA DI BACI (6) can bounce back from a disappointing run at Clairefontaine. Finished fifth at Lyon Parilly prior. AMERICAN SAINT (2) was denied a hat-trick when downfield at Dieppe. Placed over this distance previously. RUUDJE (5) completes the shortlist.

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| KISSING LIGHT (7) - CORAL BOY (10) - VUELTA DI BACI (6) - AMERICAN SAINT (2) - RUUDJE (5) |

Race 8 - PRIX PARIS-TURF.COM (PRIX DU LIEU MALLET) - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **STROMBOLI** - Solid fourths on last two outings including when beaten 3.5L at Le Lion d'Angers over 2400m. Comfortable at this level.
2. **RUBIS QUEEN** - Disappointing on recent starts in tougher tests and may need more.
3. **PARIS PARIS** - Placed twice earlier in the campaign in claimers. Winner over course and distance.
4. **MOPUTO** - Disappointing on reappearance after six month break. Entitled to improve for the run.
5. **SICKYL PAPA** - Last seen placing 6.5L third at Morlaix in a lower grade conditions. Unlikely.
6. **RIQUET** - Useful 0.75L second at Vichy two back before a 2.5L fifth at this track. Leading chance.
7. **ZINZICHERA** - Consistent performer. Never tried course and distance but respected based on 1.25L fifth at Vichy latest over 2400m.
8. **VALLEY KID** - Disappointing on last two runs including over course and distance. Hard to like.
9. **PARAPONERA JEM** - Struggled on first two starts of the campaign and needs to show more.
10. **ANONYME** - Managed a fifth when dropped in grade last time. More needed at this level.
11. **BOKRA FIL MISHMISH** - Followed up a conditions win at Aurillac with a fifth over same course and distance. Difficult to assess form and could sneak a place with one placing from three attempts at this track.
12. **WALDENON** - Struggling to find best and needs more.
13. **TEXAS BRIGHT MOON** - Better effort when 2.5L fifth at Clairefontaine over a shorter distance. Can take advantage of a low weight.

Summary: RIQUET (6) brings plenty of experience in these kind of handicaps. Produced a bold effort when 0.75L second at Vichy and followed up with a 2.5L fifth at this track. Top chance. STROMBOLI (1) could defy top weight. Last seen finishing 3.5L fourth at Le Lion d'Angers and can play a major role. ZINZICHERA (7) is consistent. Untried over track and trip and must be respected after a 1.25L fifth at Vichy in latest. PARIS PARIA (3) previously won over course and distance. Holds each way claims with recent form in claimers. BOKRA FIL MISHMISH (11) completes the shortlist with a win at Aurillac two back.

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| RIQUET (6) - STROMBOLI (1) - ZINZICHERA (7) - PARIS PARIS (3) - BOKRA FIL MISHMISH (11) |
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