

## AUTEUIL [L-H] - 26 March

**Race 1 - PRIX MITSOUKO III - 3600m STPLE.** Purse EUR €59,000.

1. **JARDIN D'ARTHEL** - Won by 4 lengths in a steeplechase (3900m) at Pau. Top hope.
2. **JUNGLE SEA** - Second two runs back in a steeplechase (3900m) at Pau before finishing third in a steeplechase (3450m) at Compiegne latest. Obvious chance.
3. **JOKER DE MAI** - Scored by 19 lengths in a steeplechase (3600m) at Saint Briec recently. Upped in standard.
4. **JALZAN** - Finished third beaten 4 lengths in a hurdle (3400m) at Angers. Might find this a bit too tough.
5. **JOIKA D'HERODIERE** - Fair fourth in a steeplechase (3450m) at Compiegne. Each-way chance with added fitness.
6. **JUST A CASTLE** - Unseated rider recently in a steeplechase (3900m) at Pau. More needed.

**Summary:** JARDIN D'ARTHEL (1) made an impressive start to his chasing career when beating JUNGLE SEA (2) by 4L at Pau last month. The former looks up to remaining unbeaten over the larger obstacles while the latter can feature having since finished a decent third in a Class Two chase at Compiegne. JOIKA D'HERODIERE (5) finished fourth in that Compiegne event and cannot be ruled out for a leading yard while the wide-margin Saint-Briec (Chase) winner JOKER DE MAI (3) is noted up in standard.

### Selections

**JARDIN D'ARTHEL (1) - JUNGLE SEA (2) - JOIKA D'HERODIERE (5) - JOKER DE MAI (3)**

**Race 2 - PRIX HYPOTHESE - 3900m HDLE.** Purse EUR €135,000.

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1. **THELEME** - Top-class six-year-old who looked as good as ever when winning the G1 Prix Serge Landon - Grand Prix d'Automne (4800m) here in November. Leading hope.
2. **HERMES BAIE** - Ten from nineteen over hurdles and finished a sound third behind Il Est Francais in the G3 Prix Juigne at this venue three weeks ago. Player.
3. **IL EST FRANCAIS** - Unbeaten five-year-old who looks like an exciting prospect. Impressive 8L winner of the G1 Prix Renaud du Vivier (Grande Course de Haies des 4 Ans) last year and returned to action with a snug success in the G3 Prix Juigne here. Top hope.
4. **GOA LIL** - Fourth behind a trio of these in the G3 Prix Juigne here. More needed.
5. **KAPTEEN** - Runner-up to Il Est Francais in the G3 Prix Juigne three weeks ago. Place claims.
6. **FOLSOM PRISON** - Fair fourth in the G2 Prix Leon Olry Roederer hurdle at this venue in December. Could sneak into the frame on best form.
7. **SPIRIT OF THE MOON** - Held fifth behind a handful of these in the G3 Prix Juigne. Opposed.

**Summary:** Multiple G1 winner THELEME (1) is not likely to go down without a fight and looked good when landing the G1 Prix Serge Landon - Grand Prix d'Automne by 5L here in November. However the new kid on the block IL EST FRANCAIS (3) brings a fierce reputation and last year's facile G1 Prix Renaud du Vivier (Grande Course de Haies des 4 Ans) winner can remain unbeaten. He always looked to be doing enough when winning the G3 Prix Juigne at this venue on reappearance and should take a step forward with that outing under his belt. HERMES BAIE (2) finished third in that event and cannot be dismissed while the runner-up KAPTEEN (5) looks to hold place claims once more.

**Selections**

**THELEME (1) - IL EST FRANCAIS (3) - HERMES BAIE (2) - KAPTEEN (5)**

**Race 3 - PRIX GENERAL DE ROUGEMONT - 3600m HCP HDLE.** Purse EUR €110,000.

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1. **LOU FAST** - Finished fourth in a Listed handicap hurdle (3600m) at this track. Leading hope.
2. **THEAMOI** - Fell in a Listed handicap hurdle (3600m) at Compiègne. Not dismissed on best form.
3. **JIM DU CHENET** - Second in a Listed handicap hurdle (3500m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer beaten 3 lengths. One to note.
4. **FRENCH EXIT** - Sixth in a Listed handicap hurdle (3600m) at this track. Won a similar event earlier in the season.
5. **SWEET DAVID** - Seventh in a steeplechase (3700m) at Angers last time. Could place.
6. **AO NANG** - Fifth in a Listed handicap hurdle (3600m) at this track latest. Not ruled out.
7. **IL DIAVOLO** - Finished a modest sixth in a steeplechase (3450m) at Compiègne last start. Risky.
8. **J'AI LA COTE** - Won a hurdle (3700m) at Bordeaux by a head latest. May feature.
9. **ROI K'ALIN** - Returned from a spell last start with a modest ninth in a Listed handicap hurdle (3600m) at this track. Looks tested in this line-up.
10. **HILL OF BAMBOO** - Resumed after a 111-day spell last start with a strong third in a Listed handicap hurdle (3600m) at this track. Strips fitter and needs respect.
11. **OCASTLE DES MOTTES** - Finished fourth when fresh from a spell last start in a hurdle (3600m) at this track. Place hope.
12. **BARON ZANZI** - Pulled-up in a hurdle (3500m) at Pau. Others preferred.
13. **LE ROI DAVID** - Unfancied in the betting but returned from a 121-day spell on March 5 with a sound second in a Listed handicap hurdle (3600m) at this track beaten 3 lengths. Cannot be ignored.
14. **SOLEIL D'ORAN** - Third in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau latest. This tougher.

**Summary:** LE ROI DAVID (13) took a huge step forward when runner-up in the Listed Race Prix Univers li and will likely feature with a similar effort. That said preference is for LOU FAST (1) who holds a more consistent profile. The four-year-old shaped nicely when fourth in the aforementioned event and would hold solid claims on his good second in the Listed Race Prix Fifelet here prior. FRENCH EXIT (4) won the Listed Race Prix Fifelet before finishing sixth behind the previously mentioned pair. One to note. HILL OF BAMBOO (10) holds form that links in with the previous runners and should go well on the back of a sound third in the course and distance Listed Race Prix Univers li. THEAMOI (2) is not dismissed.

**Selections**

**LE ROI DAVID (13) - LOU FAST (1) - FRENCH EXIT (4) - HILL OF BAMBOO (10) - THEAMOI (2)**

**Race 4 - PRIX ALCIDE - 3600m HDLE CL2.** Purse EUR €55,000.

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1. **JOJO LAPIN** - Got off the mark on debut by a head in a hurdle (3600m) at this track. Makes plenty of appeal.
2. **CASHBACK FORLONGE** - Won a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau back on November 15. Very hard to knock.
3. **BLACK TRACK** - Finished third in a 3600m hurdle at Compiegne recently. Each-way hope.
4. **NYIRI** - Won a hurdle (3300m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer on debut. Hard to ignore.
5. **ULTRA MARINO** - Finished second but no match for the winner last time out in a hurdle (3500m) at Pau. Not discounted.
6. **JOYEUX COCO** - Did a good job to be beaten 10 lengths when second on debut in a hurdle (3400m) at Compiegne five months ago. Of interest.
7. **KAMYADOR** - Held fifth in a hurdle (3600m) at this track on debut. More needed.
8. **JEU SACRE** - Pulled-up on debut in a hurdle (3600m) at this track on October 20. Opposed.

**Summary:** JOJO LAPIN (1) overcame inexperience to make a narrow winning debut over course and distance in October. Top hope on return to action for a notable stable. CASHBACK FORLONGE (2) won a Class Four conditions hurdle in comfortable style at Fontainebleau before going for a break. Major appeal. Cagnes-sur-Mer debut scorer NYIRI (4) cannot be ignored and ULTRA MARINO (5) should feature following back-to-back second-place finishes to subsequent scorers at Pau.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>JOJO LAPIN (1) - CASHBACK FORLONGE (2) - NYIRI (4) - ULTRA MARINO (5)</b>
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**Race 5 - PRIX HUBERT DE NAVAILLES - 3600m HDLE CL1.** Purse EUR €58,000.

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1. **SAMPARK** - 12-year-old gelding who is back from a break. Finished off last campaign when fifth in a hurdle (3600m) at this track. Place chance on best form.
2. **HACHASSON** - Fell when last seen 11 months ago. Risks attached but capable of placing on peak efforts.
3. **GALLEO CONTI** - Returns from a 542-day spell. Finished fourth in a hurdle here when last seen. Hard to ignore on ratings.
4. **MOURINHO HAS** - Returning from a layoff last start when beaten 22 lengths into fifth in a hurdle (3800m) at Cholet. Each-way chance with added fitness.
5. **HARRY** - Finished third beaten 2.75 lengths in a hurdle (3600m) at this track. Chance with progress likely.
6. **INDIAN DE GASCOGNE** - Made a winning hurdling debut (3600m) at this track latest. Obvious appeal.
7. **GOLDEN VAL** - Returning from a 680-day absence and market should be the best guide.
8. **DOCTEUR DE BALLON** - Won the G1 Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris chase here when last seen in May 2021. Fascinating contender.
9. **MY REPRIEVE** - Finished second on debut in a hurdle (3600m) at this track. Not dismissed.
10. **KALASHNIKOV** - Finished sixth most recently in a G2 steeplechase (4706m) at Newbury. Interesting UK raider.
11. **VICTOIRE DE BAUNE** - Last start was beaten 0.8 lengths into second in a hurdle (3800m) at Cholet. Place hope.
12. **ILUMINE PRECIEUSE** - Fell in a hurdle (3600m) at this track last start. Others preferred.
13. **SELMA** - Third in a hurdle (3600m) at this track 18 months ago. Best watched.

**Summary:** A tricky race to assess. The unexposed five-year-old INDIAN DE GASCOGNE (6) could be the one to side with having impressed when making a winning hurdling debut by 2L over course and distance. Genuine claims. The market will surely guide to DOCTEUR DE BALLON (8) chances who looks like a fascinating contender on his first start since winning the G1 Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris back in May 2021. The reappearing GALLEO CONTI (3) cannot be ignored on the ratings and HARRY (5) looks interesting on the back of a promising French debut third behind Indian de Gascogne.

**Selections**

**INDIAN DE GASCOGNE (6) - DOCTEUR DE BALLON (8) - GALLEO CONTI (3) - HARRY (5)**

**Race 6 - PRIX AIR LANDAIS - 4400m STPLE.** Purse EUR €95,000.

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1. **FUNWAY** - 9L second in a conditions hurdle here after a break. Four-time chase winner who is better judged on a narrow defeat in the Listed Race Prix de Chantegrive - Grand Steeple-Chase de Bordeaux in November.
2. **BECQUARAINBOW** - Sound fourth in the Listed Race 136Eme Grande Course de Haies de Pau (Prix Max de Ginestet) hurdle at Pau. Claims back chasing.
3. **IRUNDO** - Impressive winner in a conditions chase over course and distance before finishing sixth in the G3 Prix Morgex in December. Likely remains capable of better.
4. **EL MARTEL** - 11L third in a Class One conditions chase at Pau last outing. Could place.
5. **GALLOX** - Sixth in a Class One chase at this venue last outing. First-time cheekpieces fitted.
6. **PRINCE ANJOU** - Made a successful chase debut in a Class One conditions event here last start. Cannot be ignored.
7. **LE PLOUGASTELLEN** - Runner-up to Prince Anjou here last outing. Each-way player.
8. **MISTER VISION** - Impressive chase debut success over 3700m here 140 days ago. Top claims.
9. **DOCTOR KALEO** - Disappointing fifth over hurdles here three weeks ago. Not ruled out on peak efforts over fences.
10. **SHOWLY** - Third in a competitive Pau handicap hurdle three months ago. Frame chance.

**Summary:** Smart hurdler **MISTER VISION** (8) made a seamless transition to chasing when taking out a Class One conditions chase over 3700m here three weeks ago. Top chance. **BECQUARAINBOW** (2) finished a sound fourth in the Listed Race 136Eme Grande Course de Haies de Pau (Prix Max de Ginestet) at Pau last month. Player back over fences. Four-time chase winner **FUNWAY** (1) can be involved back chasing following a fair runner-up effort in a conditions hurdle here. **IRUNDO** (3) is also considered.

**Selections**

**MISTER VISION (8) - BECQUARAINBOW (2) - FUNWAY (1) - IRUNDO (3)**

**Race 7 - PRIX KASHNIL - 3600m HCP HDLE.** Purse EUR €62,000.

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1. **JUKIRIKO** - Finished fifth in a hurdle (3600m) at this track beaten 17 lengths. Will thereabouts.
2. **ES CASTELL** - Finished second last time in a hurdle (3600m) at Compiegne beaten 0.8 lengths. Right in the mix.
3. **SAMOUSA NOLIMIT** - Yet to find the frame in four career runs the latest finishing seventh in a hurdle (3400m) at Clairefontaine before a break. Prefer to watch.
4. **ANGEL STORM** - Sound second in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau beaten 2 lengths. Leading contender.
5. **LINAKAN** - Finished fourth in a hurdle (3400m) at Nimes beaten 39 lengths latest. Bit more needed.
6. **JOYAU D'AINAY** - Last appeared when he finished third in a hurdle (3400m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer three months ago. Key contender.
7. **KANOUMA JELOIS** - Returned from a spell last start with a modest sixth in a hurdle (3400m) at Compiegne. Fitter and enters handicap company.
8. **KAPSAGA** - Pulled up last start in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau. Likely capable of more.
9. **THE GREAT ESCAPE** - Returning from a layoff last start when beaten 6 lengths into fourth in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau. Place hope.
10. **WILD PRETENDER** - Finished fourth when fresh from a spell last start in a steeplechase (3500m) at this track. Others preferred.

**Summary:** JOYAU D'AINAY (6) finished a 13L third in a conditions event over 3400m at Cagnes-sur-Mer in January. Leading hope on handicap bow with improvement possible. ANGEL STORM (4) needs to be considered following a sound second in claiming company Fontainebleau last month. JUKIRIKO (1) should find this easier than when fifth in a Class Two conditions hurdle at this venue last start. Player on handicap debut. KANOUMA JELOIS (7) makes place appeal.

<b>Selections</b>
<b>JOYAU D'AINAY (6) - ANGEL STORM (4) - JUKIRIKO (1) - KANOUMA JELOIS (7)</b>

**Race 8 - PRIX LE TOUQUET - 3500m STPLE.** Purse EUR €95,000.

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1. **JANEIRO VERDE** - Won by 10L on chase debut at Compiegne last start. Tough to ignore.
2. **SPEED EMILE** - A very solid third in the G2 Prix Congress chase at this venue five months ago. Player.
3. **JACASSE CAMARA** - Won a Class Two conditions chase at Angers 25 days ago. This tougher.
4. **CASTELLET** - Sixth in the Listed Race Prix Durtain hurdle at Compiegne. Place looks best.
5. **LE GRAND JOUR** - 7L behind Jazzy Senam in a Class One conditions chase here latest. Each-way chance.
6. **PACIFIC ONE** - 5.5L fourth in the Listed Race Prix Durtain hurdle at Compiegne last-time-out. Interesting back chasing.
7. **JAZZY SENAM** - Comfortably landed a 3500m Class One conditions chase at this venue on chase debut last outing. Major chance.
8. **PLANTING** - Head second in a conditions chase at Angers last start. This tougher.

**Summary:** JANEIRO VERDE (1) finished off last year with emphatic success in the G3 Prix General de Saint-Didie hurdle at Compiegne and looked impressive on his chase debut at the same venue nineteen days ago. The four-year-old jumped well before quickening clear for a 10L success and is selected to remain unbeaten over fences. JAZZY SENAM (7) arrives with a similar profile following a 4L win on her first start over fences in a Class One conditions event here. Obvious chance. SPEED EMILE (2) cannot be left out of the equation after a solid third in the G2 Prix Congress at this course in November. PACIFIC ONE (6) rounds out the shortlist.

**Selections**

**JANEIRO VERDE (1) - JAZZY SENAM (7) - SPEED EMILE (2) - PACIFIC ONE (6)**