

CRAON [R-H] - 26 September

Race 1 - PRIX ROGER CHAIGNON - 4000m HDLE. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **CHOUAN** - Runner-up when beaten 12L in a 3800m hurdle at Dax eight days ago. Bold show expected.
2. **BARTALIN** - Successful by 0.75L in a 3900m hurdle at Saint-Malo last month. Open to improvement.
3. **GILOU CAT** - Unseated rider in a 3700m handicap hurdle at Le Lion-d'Angers seventeen days ago. Capable of better.
4. **GROOM BOY** - Failed to shine when 33L tenth in a valuable 3900m handicap chase at Clairefontaine in early June. One to note on return to hurdling.
5. **BEECHWOOD** - Debut winner on the flat but struggled when 14L tenth over 2400m at Rochefort-sur-Loire in August last year on his only subsequent start. Best watched.
6. **STENOBAR** - Pulled up on hurdles debut at Compiègne in November and finished 9L sixth in a 3000m flat race at a minor venue last month on his only subsequent start.
7. **LORALINK** - Successful by 2.5L in a 4200m chase at Vittel four weeks ago. Strong claims.
8. **GALOP DU LARGE** - Faller in a 4000m chase at Pau in February. Claims on the form he'd shown at Cagnes-sur-Mer prior.
9. **GARFIELD** - Pulled up in a 4000m chase at Pau in February. Has demonstrated strong form over fences in the past and looks likely to play a leading role on his return to hurdling.

Summary: GARFIELD (9) can register a victory revisiting hurdles having pulled up in a 4000m chase at Pau. Top chance to bounce back for a leading yard. LORALINK (7) may show up well. Won by 2.5L in a 4200m chase at Vittel. CHOUAN (1) enters calculations on the back of a 12L second over 3800m at Dax. GROOM BOY (4) completes the shortlist down in grade following a 33L tenth in a 3900m handicap chase at Clairefontaine.

Selections

GARFIELD (9) - LORALINK (7) - CHOUAN (1) - GROOM BOY (4)

Race 2 - PRIX VINYLE D'CO (PRIX DU MAINE) - 2400m CL3. Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **AUZEBOSC** - Followed up an Argentan triumph with a 1.5L fifth over 2500m at Deauville AW last month. One to note.
2. **GLORY DAYS** - Fifth when beaten 1.75L in a 2200m handicap at Clairefontaine last month. Has run well here in the past.
3. **DUNKIRK HARBOUR** - Fair 5L fifth over 2200m in conditions contest at this track earlier this month. Notable runner.
4. **TOTEM** - Midfield finish when 7L ninth in a 2250m handicap at Longchamp 24 days ago. Claims on his 2.25L fourth at Clairefontaine in a 2200m event prior.
5. **LIB DUBAWI** - Held 21L fifth in a 2300m handicap on the sand at Pompadour five weeks ago. More needed.
6. **SIR GEORGE** - Struggled 46L last of fifteen over 2400m at Saint-Cloud in May. Likely to improve for the race.
7. **DELSHEER** - Fair 3.5L eighth over 3000m at Longchamp earlier this month. Step forward required.

Summary: DUNKIRK HARBOUR (3) can register a victory following a 5L fifth in an amateurs event over 2200m here. AUZEBOSC (1) may shine having finished 1.5L fifth in a 2500m Deauville AW claiming handicap. TOTEM (4) makes the shortlist after a 2.25L fourth tackling 2200m at Clairefontaine on his penultimate start. GLORY DAYS (2) is another of note. Finished 1.75L fifth attempting 2200m at Clairefontaine.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">DUNKIRK HARBOUR (3) - AUZEBOSC (1) - TOTEM (4) - GLORY DAYS (2)</p>

Race 3 - PRIX OLIVIER D'ANDIGNE - 3700m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **EXCEL QUIZ TAUDEL** - Good 4.5L third in a course and distance handicap chase earlier this month. One to note.
2. **MENTOR DES OBEAUX** - Given a break since faded when 37L eighth over 4400m at Auteuil in May. Drop in trip looks likely to suit switched to a handicap.
3. **SORAL DE KERZEL** - Good 2.5L second over this trip in a handicap hurdle at Le Lion-d'Angers seventeen days ago. Strong claims.
4. **FRANSLEEN** - Fourth both starts this spell including when beaten 39L over 4000m here twenty two days ago. Needs to put that latest effort behind him.
5. **PROMESSE D'UN SOIR** - Pulled up over 4500m at Morlaix in June. Likely to improve for the race.
6. **DATCHA** - Held 15L sixth over 3700m in a handicap chase at Auteuil at the start of the month. Top jockey booked to ride.
7. **STRING QUARTET** - Returning from a break when 25L fifth in a 4100m handicap chase here earlier this month. Step forward expected.
8. **AMI GARRY** - Registered a 2.5L victory in a 4000m chase at Ploermel earlier this month. Notable runner.
9. **BIPBIP DES BRIERES** - Fifth when beaten 16L in a course and distance handicap chase earlier this month. Others hold more obvious claims.

Summary: SORAL DE KERZEL (3) can deliver a victory following a 2.5L second in a 3700m handicap hurdle at Le Lion-d'Angers. Strong chance in current form. EXCEL QUIZ TAUDEL (1) may register a big effort on the back of a 4.5L third in a course and distance handicap chase. AMI GARRY (8) makes the shortlist. Won by 2.5L over 4000m at Ploermel. FRANSLEEN (4) is considered having been beaten 5.5L fourth tackling 3700m at Clairefontaine on his penultimate start.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SORAL DE KERZEL (3) - EXCEL QUIZ TAUDEL (1) - AMI GARRY (8) - FRANSLEEN (4)</p>
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Race 4 - PRIX CREDIT MUTUEL (PRIX ONDE AMERE) - 2200m CL2. Purse EUR €24,000.

1. **MOTLAEN** - Fair 4L seventh over 2200m at Longchamp earlier this month. Notable runner on these terms.
2. **HAVIASSOR** - Third when beaten 6.25L in a 1900m conditions race at La Teste just over three weeks ago. Top chance.
3. **EQUUS VINCIT** - Followed up an Argentan triumph with a 4.5L fourth over 2200m at Moulins at the end of August. Step forward required.
4. **BAZOQUES** - Successful by 1.5L in a 2200m handicap at Longchamp seventeen days ago. Leading contender.
5. **COEUR DAVIER** - Put a below par Deauville effort behind him when 1.75L third over 2000m at the same venue. Of note in this event.
6. **SASSIFRASSI** - Given a break since finishing 11L sixth over 2400m at Nantes in early June. Open to improvement.
7. **BURKINA FASO** - Victorious by 5L in a 2100m AW maiden at Pornichet last month. This looks a tougher affair.
8. **CUBA LA BELLA** - Victorious by 1L in a 2100m maiden at Evreux at the start of this month. Stepping up in grade.

Summary: BAZOQUES (4) can complete a double. Won by 1.5L in a 2200m handicap at Longchamp. HAVIASSOR (2) is considered having finished 6.25L third over 1900m at La Teste. MOTLAEN (1) enters calculations on the back of a 4L seventh tackling 2200m in a Longchamp handicap. COEUR DAVIER (5) is another who might play a role following a 1.75L third in a 2000m conditions race at Deauville.

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Race 5 - PRIX OXYGENE RADIO (PRIX DE CHAMPAGNE) - 3000m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **SAGA DE PAIL** - Out of form of late including when tenth over 2850m at Sable-sur-Sarthe a week ago. Opposable.
2. **ZOE LA GRIBOUILLE** - Held 7.5L ninth over 3000m at Longchamp earlier this month. Best watched.
3. **LETS GO DU BERLAIS** - Faded late on when 2.75L fifth over 2100m at Le Touquet just over five weeks ago. Capable of better.
4. **LONGROY** - Held 28L thirteenth over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers seventeen days ago. Won by 2L over the same track and trip prior.
5. **MARGUIT** - Supplemented runner finished 2L second over 2850m at Sable-sur-Sarthe a week ago. Top chance.
6. **AN AMKAN** - Held 11L fifth over 3000m at Montier-en-Der 29 days ago. Minor role likely.
7. **SICKYL PAPA** - Failed to shine in two starts this spell including when 7.5L tenth over 3000m at Longchamp seventeen days ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
8. **LEE DRAGON** - Good form prior to an 11L tenth over 2400m at Nantes five days ago. Claims back up in distance.
9. **PARK SQUARE** - Held 6.75L eighth over 3000m at Longchamp on flat return earlier this month. More needed.
10. **NORWEGIAN LORD** - Fair 7.25L sixth over 2850m at Sable-sur-Sarthe a week ago. Has run well off much higher marks in the past.

Summary: MARGUIT (5) can go one better than when 2L second over 2850m at Sable-sur-Sarthe having been supplemented for this race. LEE DRAGON (8) may play a role. Provided good form prior to an 11L tenth over 2400m at Nantes. LONGROY (4) is considered. Won by 2L over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers on his penultimate start. LETS GO DU BERLAIS (3) is also noted on the back of a 2.75L fifth over 2100m at Le Touquet.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MARGUIT (5) - LEE DRAGON (8) - LONGROY (4) - LETS GO DU BERLAIS (3)</p>
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Race 6 - GRAND STEEPLE CHASE DU CONSEIL DEPARTEMENTAL DE LA MAYENNE - 4200m STPLE.
Purse EUR €65,000.

1. **DEMON DE FLEUR** - Victorious by 4L in the Listed Prix Kauto Star over 4600m at Le Lion-d'Angers in May. Notable runner.
2. **AUTORISATION** - Neck second in a 3800m hurdle at Dieppe last month. Hard to beat.
3. **POLINUIT** - Good 4.25L fourth in the Listed 47Em Festival du Cinema Amiercain de Deauville over 4500m at Clairefontaine last month. Of note in this race.
4. **MONTGEOFFROY** - Runner-up when beaten 6L in a 3500m chase at Auteuil earlier this month. Likely to find at least one too good.
5. **CHELLA SPEED** - Victorious by 12L in a 3500m handicap chase at Dax eight days ago. Strong claims upped in grade.
6. **DERBY DETE** - Successful by 1.75L in a 4200m chase at La Roche-sur-Yon two weeks ago. Looks up against it in this company.
7. **NUITS PREMIER CRU** - Below par 17L sixth in a 3800m handicap hurdle at Dieppe first up. Step forward expected.

Summary: AUTORISATION (2) can take this. Finished a neck second in a 3800m hurdle at Dieppe. Top chance having produced a string of victories prior. CHELLA SPEED (5) makes the shortlist. Bids to complete a four-timer having won by 12L in a 3500m handicap chase at Dax. POLINUIT (3) is considered after a 4.25L fourth in the 4500m Listed 47Em Festival du Cinema Americain de Deauville handicap chase at Clairefontaine. DEMON DE FLEUR (1) warrants thought following a 4L success in the Listed Prix Kauto Star handicap chase over 4600m at Le Lion-d'Angers.

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Race 7 - PRIX VOLNEY - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **SPRINGBOKS** - Last of eight over 3000m at Saint-Cloud twelve days ago. More required.
2. **FIRST CREATION** - Good 2L third in a 2700m handicap at Les Sables-d'Olonne four weeks ago. Bold show expected.
3. **TESTIPEDRO** - Fair 3.5L fifth in a 3000m handicap at Saint-Cloud earlier this month. Step forward needed.
4. **RUE JONAS** - Victorious by 1L in a 2200m handicap at Clairefontaine just over a month ago. Strong claims despite a 2.5kg rise in the weights.
5. **SEVILLANA** - Successful by 0.75L in a 2800m claimer at Argentan. Noted on return to handicap company.
6. **BRULANTE** - Registered a short-head victory in a 2650m conditions race at Auch two weeks ago. Represents a good yard on handicap debut.
7. **LUNATICOS** - Sixth on all three previous starts including when beaten 5.5L in a 2500m maiden at Deauville AW 29 days ago. Handicap debut.
8. **CONTESSA SENORA** - Bidding to complete a claiming race hat-trick when 8.25L fifth over 2100m at Evreux. Return to this distance a positive on return to handicap company.
9. **THESSALONIQUE** - Good 2.5L fourth in a maiden over 2950m at Redon earlier this month. Looking for a first victory at the fourteenth time of asking.
10. **MARGELLO** - Held 12L sixth in a 2800m maiden at Saint-Cloud sixteen days ago. Handicap debut.
11. **SOTOUN** - Victorious by 1.25L in a 2500m handicap at Le Croise-Laroche just under three weeks ago. Top chance.
12. **KENVO AVEL** - Down the field 4.75L tenth over 1900m at Deauville AW 29 days ago. Best watched.

Summary: SOTOUN (11) can take this having finished 1.25L clear of his rivals in a 2500m handicap at Le Croise-Laroche. FIRST CREATION (2) may play a role following a 2L third over 2700m at Les Sables-d'Olonne. RUE JONAS (4) makes the shortlist. Won by 1L tackling 2200m at Clairefontaine. BRULANTE (6) is another of note on the back of a short-head triumph in a 2650m conditions race at Auch.

Selections

SOTOUN (11) - FIRST CREATION (2) - RUE JONAS (4) - BRULANTE (6)
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Race 8 - HANDICAP DE CRAON - 3000m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **JANAJKA** - Given a break since winning by 8L over this track and trip in June. Bold show expected.
2. **FRIMOUSSE BAIE** - Good 5.5L second to a subsequent Quinte+ race winner in a 3400m handicap at Lyon-Parilly in June. Top chance.
3. **LAST BRIGHT** - Good 2L fourth over 3200m at Deauville last month. Of note in this race.
4. **LILI SPIRIT** - Below par 10L twelfth over 2200m at Chantilly in July. Minor role likely.
5. **QUINTANARO** - Failed to shine when 9L eleventh over 3200m at Baden-Baden (Germany) earlier this month. Claims on earlier form.
6. **KIROZ** - Struggled 24L seventeenth over an inadequate 1600m at Compiègne in May. This looks a more suitable test.
7. **RED QUERCUS** - Registered a head victory over 3000m at Le Lion-d'Angers five weeks ago. Notable runner.
8. **LEON** - Fair 2.75L sixth over 3200m at Deauville last month. Step forward required.
9. **PRESCY LIA** - Registered a 2.5L victory in a 2400m handicap at Le Lion-d'Angers seventeen days ago. Claims despite a 2kg rise in the weights.
10. **MONTE CINTO** - Won by a short-head over 3200m in a conditions race at Niort three weeks ago. Noted back in a handicap.
11. **OKER BANE** - Good 0.75L second over 2400m at Chantilly nine days ago. Leading contender.

Summary: OKER BANE (11) can register a victory following a 0.75L second over 2400m at Chantilly. Key player in current form. FRIMOUSSE BAIE (2) finds an opportunity to register a fourth win in four starts over this distance having finished 5.5L second in a 3400m handicap at Lyon-Parilly. JANAJKA (1) enters calculations. Won by 8L over track and trip in June. RED QUERCUS (7) is considered. Found success by a head attempting this journey at Le Lion-d'Angers.

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