

ARGENTAN [R-H] - 28 November

Race 1 - PRIX JULIEN BROSSAIS - 4250m CLM STPLE. Purse EUR €17,000.

1. **FEU FOLLET SIVOLA** - Resumed after a 211-day spell last start with a modest sixth in a steeplechase at Fontainebleau over 3850m. Needs to go up a level.
2. **JOLY RISK** - Did a reasonable job when he finished second in a steeplechase at Pontchateau two runs back. Improved to score by 3.5 lengths over 3850m at Fontainebleau. Horse to beat.
3. **GENERAL SAINT** - Finished 28 lengths from the winner last start when safely held in fifth at this track in soft going. Hard to have on latest effort even against this line up.
4. **HONDLEEN** - Fell when back after a 83- day layoff last start in a steeplechase at this track. Big task ahead.
5. **HASHTAG SUCCES** - Returned from a 77-day layoff last time out at Durtal in a 4900m finishing sixth. Has ability and can sneak into the finish.
6. **DAFEAST** - Worth another chance after resuming last start over 3800m at Fontainebleau in a hurdle but pulled up. Capable type and she can play a major role.
7. **GUAIPARD** - Raced in a steeplechase latest over 4300m at Pontchateau but lost the rider. Given another chance in this. Can bounce back and shouldn't be far away.

Summary: JOLY RISK (2) made it four from nine with fences winning a claiming chase by 3.5L at Fontainebleau last outing. Could prove tough to beat in what looks a moderate event. DAFEAST (6) pulled-up hurdling at Fontainebleau. Did show promise when fifth delivering chase debut in the summer and warrants consideration securing a positive jockey booking. GUAIPARD (7) would be of note on his claiming chase win over 4000m at Cluny three starts ago. HASHTAG SUCCES (5) rates next best.

Selections

JOLY RISK (2) - DAFEAST (6) - GUAIPARD (7) - HASHTAG SUCCES (5)

Race 2 - PRIX DURALOCK - 4200m HDLE CL4. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **PICNIC** - Filled a minor prize two runs back in a hurdle at this track. Repeated more recently when second in a hurdle at Machecoul over 3900m beaten 1.75 lengths. Can return to winning form.
2. **COSTOLI** - Finished third two back in a hurdle at Niort then was out of the money last time over 3900m at Machecoul beaten 28 lengths in a hurdle.
3. **MADGILLOUD PAIX** - Was returning from a 371-day layoff last start when beaten 11 lengths into fourth at Durtal in a 4000m steeplechase. Has the ability to test the top fancies.
4. **HENRY D'ANJOU** - Had his ups and downs this prep. Was pulled up when second-up in a steeplechase at Auteuil. Second at Lyon-Parilly in a 3800m hurdle beaten 5 lengths. Likely to return to the strong form now two runs back.
5. **AMERICAN POWER** - First hurdle start. Hasn't raced since finishing seventh over 2900m at Amiens on September 22. Place chance.
6. **GAZDA HOPE** - Was at long odds last time over 3800m at Dieppe but failed to finish. Looks safely held.
7. **HARLEM D'ATHON** - Fell last start over the jumps but the start prior was thereabouts at this track on October 30.
8. **HAPPY VIOLETTE** - Making debut over the jumps. Finished third at his last appearance on the flat over 3200m at Saumur. Good run on the flat latest and anticipating a bright start to the new phase of his career.
9. **BLUE WIND TAVEL** - Five-year-old mare stepping out for her second start here after she was well held on debut in at Saint Brieuc. Hard to see her featuring in the finish today.

Summary: PICNIC (1) has found the frame on four of his ten hurdle outings including when runner-up tackling a 3900m Class Four hurdle at Machecoul in latest. Leading hope. HENRY D'ANJOU (4) finished a good second to a subsequent winner in a Class Three qualifying handicap at Lyon-Parilly two starts ago. Holds claims on that form. HAPPY VIOLETTE (8) placed when delivering four of his six starts to date attempting the flat. Interesting contender making hurdling debut. MADGILLOUD PAIX (3) is respected.

Selections
PICNIC (1) - HENRY D'ANJOU (4) - HAPPY VIOLETTE (8) - MADGILLOUD PAIX (3)

Race 3 - PRIX JACQUES REMIAT - 4200m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **PRINCE ANJOU** - Was too strong here last start in a hurdle over 3600m scoring by 17 lengths. Sure to be at peak fitness. Difficult to fault on latest effort.
2. **SAVOYARD** - Placed first-up two starts ago in a steeplechase at Durtal then found the frame again last time in a steeplechase at Fontainebleau over 3850m beaten 3.5 lengths. Stacks up well.
3. **DOUX DINGUE** - Missed the frame the start before last in a steeplechase at Le Pin Du Haras then could only manage eighth last time at Auteuil in a steeplechase over 4400m. Hard to fault on his best jumps form.
4. **BATTLE WISH** - Finished eighth when fresh from a 195-day spell last start in a 3800m hurdle at Cholet. Second-up form sound with two wins from three runs.
5. **DREAM SONG** - Unplaced two starts back in a hurdle at Auteuil then produced a better result last time when she finished fifth at Auteuil in a 3600m hurdle beaten 17 lengths. Will take stopping if anywhere near her peak.
6. **BALLY STONE** - Finished second two back in a steeplechase at Le Pin Du Haras then clocked-in ninth last time over 4400m at Fontainebleau beaten 35 lengths in a steeplechase.
7. **YELAHIAH** - Hasn't inspired much confidence lately and last start little form at Fontainebleau. Will struggle to improve.
8. **TORRIJOS** - Two starts ago finished fourth over 4200m at this track. Things didn't improve when he fell last start in a hurdle at this track. Looking elsewhere.
9. **HENRY CAT** - Finished off last campaign on the flat with a seventh over 2400m at La-Roche-sur-Yon and returns to the jumps after a 14 months break. Not keen.

Summary: This looks a nice opportunity for **PRINCE ANJOU** (1) to follow up a 17L Class Four conditions hurdle win at this venue. Genuine chance on handicap debut. The well-handicapped **SAVOYARD** (2) finished a solid runner-up in a claiming chase over 3850m at Fontainebleau last-time-out. Holds obvious appeal as a five-time hurdling winner. **DREAM SONG** (5) could be involved following a fair fifth in a 3600m Class Two conditions hurdle at Auteuil. **DOUX DINGUE** (3) maintains place claims.

Selections

PRINCE ANJOU (1) - SAVOYARD (2) - DREAM SONG (5) - DOUX DINGUE (3)

Race 4 - PRIX ROGER CHAIGNON - 3600m HDLE. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **IMPULSION ALLEN** - Lightly- raced four-year-old who returned from a spell of 142 days with a tight win in a hurdle over 3600m at this track last time at just her second outing. Will be hard to beat.
2. **ISILANE** - Good effort last time when she was beaten 2.5 lengths into second in a flat race at Niort over 3100m. Was unplaced the start before last in a hurdle at Compiègne. Will take stopping back over the jumps.
3. **BEROMA** - Resumed after a 171-day spell last start and was eased out of the race in a hurdle at Angers. Looks tested in this line-up.
4. **INFANTE DE BALME** - Filly by Vic Toto out of Rime. Doesn't profile as the likely winner.
5. **BAGATELLE BORGET** - Filly by Balko out of Liptone Borget. Will be better for the outing and tempted to give her this.
6. **GOLDEN GOLD** - Missed the frame two runs ago in a hurdle at this track. Was far more impressive last time when she filled a minor placing at Saint Briec over 3800m. Sure to prove hard to beat.
7. **EADREAM** - Unplaced two starts ago in a hurdle at Craon then produced a better result last time when she wound up in fifth at Saint Briec in a 3800m hurdle beaten 16 lengths. Will be thereabouts.
8. **IMAGINE NATION** - Filly by Vision D'etat out of Sans Rancune. Watch the market closely as she hails from the in-form Arnaud Chaille-Chaille yard.
9. **ITALIA WOOD** - Prior to that run the four-year-old had transferred to the Isabelle Pacault stable. A solid run is anticipated.
10. **IRIANA** - Yet to threaten in two starts to date the latest a 62 length sixth in a hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil. This looks a bridge too far.

Summary: ISILANE (2) finished runner-up on the flat over 3200m at Niort last outing. Leading hope having shown some decent form over hurdles prior. IMPULSION ALLEN (1) ran out a narrow winner of a Class Three conditions hurdle over course and distance twenty-nine days ago. Open to further progress and rates highly. Market support for newcomer IMAGINE NATION (8) could be telling while GOLDEN GOLD (6) is considered.

Selections

ISILANE (2) - IMPULSION ALLEN (1) - IMAGINE NATION (8) - GOLDEN GOLD (6)

Race 5 - PRIX DE SAINT-MALO - 3600m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **JOLY DE CIERGUES** - Did not fire when she finished fourth in a steeplechase at Maure-de-Bretagne over 3800m last time out following on from a win in a hurdle at Sable-sur-Sarthe. Looking elsewhere.
2. **JOVIALE TIEPY** - Big improver who was unplaced on debut then scored by 3 lengths in a hurdle over 3600m at this track. Hard to beat.
3. **BISTROT HAS** - On the comeback trail. Last appeared when she could only manage fifth in a 3200m hurdle eight months ago that effort coming on the back of a placing on debut 16 days earlier. Worth including.
4. **JOLY QASH** - Turned in a sound hurdle debut when second and beaten 3 lengths over 3600m at this track. Open to further improvement and expected to go close.
5. **JARIKA** - Was good at her jumps debut finding the frame when third and beaten 3.5 lengths over 3600m at Saint Brieuc. Open to improvement and expected to feature again.
6. **JOURNEE D'LA FEMME** - Sparingly-raced three-year-old who was unplaced on debut then weighed-in fifth in a hurdle at this track over 3600m last time out. This looks a stern test.
7. **QUEEN DINO** - Made a strong return from a 182-day layoff last time out at this track in a 3600m hurdle finishing third. Each-way chance with added fitness.
8. **MARTHAS VINEYARD** - Filly by Martaline out of Shannon Vale. Watch the market closely as she hails from the in-form Gabriel Leenders stable.
9. **KAMAXI** - Was promising at first race start when third at Pardubice (Cze) then won by 6 len Pardubice (Cze) on October 22. Fascinating runner to consider.
10. **JUST BEGINNING** - Comes here 36 days after a 39 length sixth first-up over 3600m in a hurdle at Saint Brieuc at just her second day at the races. Might find this a bit tough.
11. **ARZAKENA** - Handy run when not far from the winner resuming but was easily accounted for last start finishing eighth at Cholet at big odds. Would need to improve sharply.
12. **SAGRADAME** - Filly by Martaline out of Santa Dame. Arnaud Chaille-Chaille trained debutant who profiles nicely. Pay to keep her very safe. Market watch advised.

Summary: JOVIALE TIEPY (2) had JOLY QASH (4) back in second when an easy 3L winner of a course and distance Class Four conditions hurdle latest. The former can uphold the form and follow up while the latter needs respect and should be in the mix. That said the bigger threat may lie with Czech raider KAMAXI (9) who won by 6L at Pardubice (Czech Republic) last outing. JARIKA (5) displayed plenty of promise when third over this trip on hurdling debut and must be respected with a top jockey booked.

Selections

JOVIALE TIEPY (2) - JOLY QASH (4) - KAMAXI (9) - JARIKA (5)
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Race 6 - PRIX DES SONNEURS - 3600m HDLE CL4. Purse EUR €20,000.

1. **PTIGA DU MAINE** - Lined up in a jumps race for the first time last start and beat all but the tearaway winner Our Dream in a hurdle at this track over 3600m beaten 10 lengths. Key contender.
2. **JOKER DE MAI** - Latest sixth over 3500m at Auteuil. Struggling to break through and will need to make big improvement. Recent form suggests this might be a bit too tough.
3. **JODHPUR A LA MOTTE** - Unplaced on debut two starts back then ran a reasonable race when beaten just 3.5 lengths into fourth in a hurdle over 3400m at Angers last start. Fitter and will be hard to hold out.
4. **NELSON DU MATHAN** - Showed potential on debut last start in a hurdle at Compiegne over 3400m. Will improve and is poised to feature.
5. **J'IRAI LOIN** - Safely accounted for in each of his three career outings to date. Not doing enough to be considered.
6. **BORD D 'EAUX** - Yet to find a placing in two starts to date the latest a 30 length sixth in a hurdle over 3400m at Cholet. Can win without surprising.
7. **JOKER DE LOUED** - Fitter for two runs from a spell but needs to show something after being beaten 29 lengths in a 3400m hurdle at Angers last time. Having trouble finding best and looks safely held.
8. **RIMSKY** - Only managed to finish 44 lengths away in ninth on that occasion in a hurdle over 3400m at Compiegne. Has shown some ability in the past.
9. **NAROM PARK** - Fifth first-up over 3100m in a hurdle at Angers at just his second racetrack appearance. Plenty of scope for improvement.
10. **LOENOLOGUE** - Didn't show a great deal at his first race start when fell and at Angers. Prepared to risk until he shows something.
11. **JUPITER PEPPER** - Was fresh from a spell last time and making his first appearance over the obstacles. Only managed to finish 12 lengths away in sixth on that occasion in a hurdle over 3400m at Angers.
12. **JASMIN BEDE** - Gelding by Willywell out of Uranie De Vesvre. Was a EUR4,000 (Arqana 2020 Autumn Sale) purchase. Will be better for the outing and tempted to give him this.
13. **JEWELL BOURGOGNE** - Only managed to finish 70 lengths away in seventh on that occasion in a hurdle over 3600m at this track.
14. **KAP LORD** - Gelding by Kap Rock out of Ho Good Lord Has. Pay to watch the market moves closely.
15. **JALISCA DU GIVRE** - Returned from a spell when fourth on the flat over 2600m at Angouleme. Lining up over the jumps for the first time. Can feature with the right run.

Summary: JODHPUR A LA MOTTE (3) has finished fourth on both outings to date and shaped nicely when beaten 3.5L in a Class Four conditions hurdle at Angers latest. Major appeal. NELSON DU MATHAN (4) showed plenty of promise when fifth in a Class Two conditions hurdle at Compiegne on debut. Player eased in standard with that experience under his belt. PTIGA DU MAINE (1) finished a 10L runner-up over track and trip on debut and should be involved with progress likely. Newcomer KAP LORD (14) ticks plenty of boxes on debut.

Selections

JODHPUR A LA MOTTE (3) - NELSON DU MATHAN (4) - PTIGA DU MAINE (1) - KAP LORD (14)

Race 7 - PRIX DOUX PRETENDER - 4250m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €25,000.

1. **ROYAL DEVIL** - Was returning from a 176-day layoff last start when he was eased out of the race in a hurdle at Auteuil. Key runner and should not be underestimated.
2. **SPEED LUCKY** - Second two runs back in a steeplechase at Pontchateau. Repeated when second in a steeplechase at Saint Brieuc over 3600m beaten 3.5 lengths. Good chance.
3. **SIRLIGHT** - Finished fifth two back in a 3800m steeplechase at Bordeaux then again missed out in a steeplechase over 3500m at Toulouse last start. Looking to others.
4. **GOLD ANNA** - Returns from a 106-day spell. Concluded last campaign with a minor placing in a 3400m steeplechase at Nort-sur-Erdre beaten one length. Definite winning chance.
5. **IMBATTABLE** - Unplaced two starts back in a steeplechase at Maure-de-Bretagne then improved last start when he wound up in fourth at Meslay-du-Maine in a 3800m steeplechase beaten 20 lengths.
6. **IOUM ROCHELAIS** - Clocked-in third two runs back in a steeplechase at Meslay-du-Maine. Repeated the dose at the latest outing when third in a steeplechase at Lyon-Parilly over 4100m. A big run is on the cards.
7. **BAT DRIM** - Two runs back finished eighth over 3600m at Saint Brieuc. Hopes of a rebound were dashed when he fell last start in a steeplechase at this track. Looks to have the job ahead.
8. **IPSALA** - Was 8 lengths away in second last time out in a 4200m steeplechase at Maure-de-Bretagne proving no match for the dominant Ipanama. Hard to rule out.
9. **FREE LANO** - Was returning from a 158-day layoff last start when beaten 20 lengths into fifth at Maure-de-Bretagne in a 3800m steeplechase. Will strip fitter but needs to go up a notch.
10. **LA FORDELLE** - Has returned in fair form. Placed when resuming two starts back in a at Segre then ninth in a 4250m at Durtal 15 days ago. Hard to have on recent efforts.

Summary: GOLD ANNA (4) made the running when runner-up in a Class Four conditions chase at Nort-sur-Erde last outing. Leading claims with more to come on handicap bow. ROYAL DEVIL (1) pulled-up in the Listed Prix Santo Pietro handicap hurdle at Auteuil last outing. Capable of better back chasing down in grade. IOUM ROCHELAIS (6) placed third off this mark over fences at Meslay-du-Maine two back. Solid each-way claims. Another to note is SPEED LUCKY (2).

Selections

GOLD ANNA (4) - ROYAL DEVIL (1) - IOUM ROCHELAIS (6) - SPEED LUCKY (2)