

# THURSDAY, 31/08/23

## R1 Longchamp [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE FONTENOY - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race -  
Newcomers - Flat - EUR € 50.000**

- 1. NARKEZ** - Well-related Siyouni colt out whose dam has already produced a Group winner/performer. Makes obvious appeal
- 2. CHIRICCO** - Clément Lecoeuvre rides this Caravaggio newcomer on debut for trainer Mathieu Brasme. For another day
- 3. LORD SINCLAIR** - Almanzor colt out of a mare who won a Listed race as a three-year-old. Yard of Carlos & Yann Lerner known for doing well with their young horses
- 4. RIDE THE SKIES** - Elias Mikhalides-trained City Light colt to be ridden on debut by Antonio Orani. Could get into the picture
- 5. CITYBOL FAL** - Tony Piccone has been engaged to ride this Gavin Hernon-trained City Of Canton newcomer. Watch for now
- 6. MOTADARREK** - Jean-Claude Rouget-trained Night Of Thunder colt whose dam placed at Listed level. Not one to take lightly
- 7. CABERNET FRANC** - Zarak colt trained by Tim Donworth who has engaged Guillaume Trolley de Prevaux to ride. One to note
- 8. KAHOOT** - This Lope De Vega colt is the full brother to smart Kelina, winner of this year's Group II Prix de Sandringham. Keep safe

**Summary :** Well-bred NARKEZ (1) is of particular interest given his attractive pedigree and this Andre Fabre-trained Siyouni colt is likely to go well on debut. Well-related KAHOOT (8) also makes plenty of appeal on paper so must be kept safe. Jean-Claude Rouget runs Night Of Thunder colt MOTADARREK (6) who, as a son of a Listed-placed mare, is not taken lightly either. LORD SINCLAIR (3), whose dam won a Listed race as a three-year-old, warrants respect too.

### SELECTIONS

**NARKEZ (1) - KAHOOT (8) - MOTADARREK (6) - LORD SINCLAIR (3)**

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## C2 - PRIX DE LA CASCADE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Newcomers - Flat - EUR € 50.000

- 1. CANDALA** - Bred in the purple, being the product of Frankel and multiple Group winner Candarliya. Likely to go well on debut
- 2. SILHAM** - Well-related Wootton Bassett debutante out a Group I winner in the USA. Warrants the utmost respect on pedigree alone
- 3. ANGEL IN THE SKY** - Mekhtaal debutante Clément Lecoivre has been engaged to ride for owner and trainer Gaël Barbedette. One to note
- 4. LADY INVINCIBLE** - Fetched €300,000 as a yearling and holds an entry in the Group I Prix Marcel Boussac. Must be taken seriously
- 5. MISS SORELLINA** - Dream Ahead debutante trained by Mathieu Brasme with Augustin Madamet to ride. Best just to watch for now
- 6. BAUHINIA** - Andre Fabre-trained Too Darn Hot filly out of a Group-placed mare who has already produced smart Listed winner Duneflower. Keep safe
- 7. A L'HEURE** - Tim Donworth-trained Time Test newcomer to be ridden by Guillaume Trolley de Prevaux. For another day
- 8. WAY TO MARBELLA** - Acclamation debutante trained by Markus Münch. No rider engaged at the time of writing but is the likely outsider of the field
- 9. CETERA** - Maxime Guyon rides this Wertheimer filly, who is a daughter of Nathaniel, for trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias. Beware

**Summary** : Being the daughter of Frankel and multiple Group winner Candarliya, regally bred CANDALA (1) is of particular interest here and is bred to go well on debut. Given their pedigrees, both Godolphin's well-related BAUHINIA (6) and SILHAM (2), whose dam was a Group I winner, are also likely to run forward races. LADY INVINCIBLE (4) was a €300,000 purchase as a yearling and is another to keep an eye on.

### SELECTIONS

**CANDALA (1) - BAUHINIA (6) - SILHAM (2) - LADY INVINCIBLE (4)**

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**C3 - PRIX D'ARENBERG - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Group 3 - Group - Flat -  
EUR € 80.000**

**1. ZORKEN** - Smart colt with solid/consistent form references. Unlikely to be inconvenienced cutting back in distance to 1000m. Hard to oppose

**2. GRACEFUL THUNDER** - Won a Listed race in her first start on French soil, beating GAENARI (5). Will make her presence felt

**3. RARE JEWEL** - Improved markedly from her debut (7th) to win with flying colors in her next/latest start. Will have more to offer

**4. GRADE MAKER** - Could only finish 5th of nine runners in a claiming race last time, so has plenty to find in this grade/company on that form

**5. GAENARI** - Caught the eye by running on well to finish 2nd in a Listed race at Deauville behind GRACEFUL THUNDER (2). Has obvious claims

**6. DAIQUIBERRY** - Has won twice from seven starts but has finished unplaced in each of her three starts at Listed level. Held on recent form

**7. DAWN CHARGER** - Was not disgraced in the Group III Albany Stakes at Royal Ascot, finishing in midfield and not beaten far. Dark horse

**8. TIGER BELLE** - Consistent last-start winner. Will need to raise her game to be competitive here but does have scope to improve

**Summary :** ZORKEN (1), the only male representative in the race, has performed consistently at a high level and has looked more than capable of giving weight and a beating to his female rivals here. GRACEFUL THUNDER (2), who won a Listed race at Deauville last time beating GAENARI (5), is likely to pose a threat if building on that momentum. RARE JEWEL (3) improved to win her second start and should have more more to offer, so could also have a say in the finish.

## SELECTIONS

**ZORKEN (1) - GRACEFUL THUNDER (2) - GAENARI (5) - RARE JEWEL (3)**

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## C4 - PRIX GERALD DE GEOFFRE (PRIX DE LUTECE) - 3000m (a1 7/8m) - TURF - Group 3 - Group - Flat - EUR € 80.000

- 1. KAHRAMAN** - Confirmed the improvement of his previous outing by winning last time in first-time blinkers (retained here). Place chance
- 2. BACK TO BLACK** - Consistent performer with solid references but is well held on recent form by both SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (5) and DOUBLE MAJOR (6)
- 3. GALLERIST** - Progressive sort who has improved to win his last four starts and seems ready for this step up in class. Ought to remain competitive
- 4. WINTER PUDDING** - Did not go unnoticed when finishing a commendable 5th in the Group I Grand Prix de Paris, so warrants respect here. Keep safe
- 5. SEVENNA'S KNIGHT** - Has taken his game/form to another level over 2800m recently, winning consecutive outings over that distance. Winning chance
- 6. DOUBLE MAJOR** - Has maintained a good level of form and consistency to this point but was well-beaten when 2nd behind SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (5) at Deauville. Should have a role to play nonetheless

**Summary :** SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (5) has improved given a sterner test of stamina to win back-to-back outings over 2800m, so it could pay to follow his progress over the extra 200m. GALLERIST (3), however, has racked up four consecutive victories and in current shape is likely to fight for victory. Consistent DOUBLE MAJOR (6) has both the form and experience to stake a claim in the finish, while WINTER PUDDING (4) is another capable of having a say.

### SELECTIONS

SEVENNA'S KNIGHT (5) - GALLERIST (3) - DOUBLE MAJOR (6) - WINTER PUDDING (4)

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## C5 - PRIX DE LA COCHERE - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Flat - EUR € 52.000

- 1. LOLIWOOD** - Experienced filly with solid form references, including a creditable 6th in a Quinte+ last time. Favourably treated by the conditions and is likely to fight for victory if the ground isn't too soft
- 2. PERLE ROUGE** - Beat a good field when winning a La Teste last time and, on that evidence, will play a leading role here with a repeat of that performance
- 3. TWILIGHT** - Lightly raced four-year-old filly who showed potential as a two-year-old but has failed to fulfill that promise. Place chance at best
- 4. BELIEVEINMIRACLES** - Was not disgraced (5th) in her first start on French soil having joined Philippe Sogorb's stable from Willie McCreery. Could improve but is best watched for now
- 5. SWEETHEART** - Capable but inconsistent performer who has seen her value reduced after finishing 7th in consecutive outings. Best watched for now
- 6. TAIRANN** - Finished a well-beaten 9th of nine at Group I level last time and, although likely to fare better eased in grade, will need to recapture her early form/promise to make her presence felt here
- 7. QUICK CHANGE** - Was not beaten a long way in a Listed race at Haydock last time (8th) but remains capable of better. Finished 3rd at Deauville prior to that and has leading claims here on that form
- 8. CALISTOGA** - Found wanting at Group II level last time but did win a Listed race prior to that. Remains more than capable of redeeming herself back in this grade
- 9. ASHIYA** - Won on her reappearance and acquitted herself creditably, despite finishing 6th, last time in a Listed race. Open to improvement with headgear now fitted
- 10. CELL SA BEELA** - If her last performances are not the most flattering, the skill of her trainer encourages her to be retained. For a surprise.
- 11. ROYAL CHARTER** - Runner-up in a handicap on her reappearance at Haydock before winning at Newmarket last time. Will have more to offer
- 12. THIOSSANE** - Won on debut last year and has maintained a fair level of form/consistency in 4 subsequent outings, including both starts this term. Could have more to offer in her third run back

**Summary :** A strong case can be made for several runners in this open race but it could pay to side with LOLIWOOD (1) who, given her form and consistency in open company, ought to fare better against only her own sex here. Last-start winner PERLE ROUGE (2) accounted for a good field at La Teste and should play a leading role here if repeating that performance. QUICK CHANGE (7) finished 3rd in a similar race at Deauville two starts ago and is likely to be competitive if reproducing that level of form. CALISTOGA (8), despite her failure at Chantilly last time, is capable of having a say too.

### SELECTIONS

**LOLIWOOD (1) - PERLE ROUGE (2) - QUICK CHANGE (7) - CALISTOGA (8)**

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**C6 - PRIX DE LIANCOURT - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - TURF - Condition Race -  
Listed - Flat - EUR € 55.000**

- 1. AMNERIS** - Maturing Dubawi filly rewarded for her consistency with a last-start success over 2400m. Will need to improve to be competitive here
- 2. HALEINE** - Confirmed the promise of her debut win last year in two comeback outings this term but was found wanting (11th of 12) at this level last time. Outsider
- 3. IZNIK** - Consistent filly boasting solid form references, including a recent 2nd behind smart Engaliwe. Will be a factor again
- 4. STARRY HEAVENS** - Consistent Irish performer who could have more to offer equipped with first-time headgear. Warrants respect
- 5. HASAPIKO** - Raised her game again to win over 2000m in her first start at this track last time. Ought to play a leading role even in this grade
- 6. SECRETIVE** - Unbeaten in two starts on the PSF but finished a well-beaten 10th in a Listed race last month, when switched to the turf for the first time. Others preferred
- 7. ADELIADÉ** - Absent since finishing 6th of seven runners in a Listed race back in May. Will need to improve to have a say on her reappearance
- 8. ECLAIRÉE** - Debut winner on the PSF in January and has acquitted herself well, albeit without success in two subsequent comeback outings. Has more to offer
- 9. THE LAST WALTZ** - Finished a commendable 5th in a Listed race at Vichy last time and on that form should make her presence felt here

**Summary** : Progressive last-start winner (at this track), HASAPIKO (5) offers more guarantees than most so is given the nod ahead of consistent IZNIK (3) and capable THE LAST WALTZ (9), whose last outing was better than her finishing position (5th) suggests. Improving Irish raider STARRY HEAVENS (4) won't be making the trip to France without ambitions, so could also have as ay here.

## SELECTIONS

**HASAPIKO (5) - IZNIK (3) - THE LAST WALTZ (9) - STARRY HEAVENS (4)**

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**C7 - PRIX DE PICPUS - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Flat -  
EUR € 28.000**

- 1. PANDIA SELENE** - Fluffed lines last time (10th) but has been consistent for the most part. Ought to fare better here and soft ground will serve her interests
- 2. VERNIX** - An honest handicapper who improved to finish 3rd last time and may have more to offer with headgear fitted for the first time. Keep safe
- 3. COSMO BEAU** - Hard-knocking colt who has held his own in competitive handicaps since the turn of the year. Not taken lightly
- 4. RIDIPINTURA** - Has maintained a respectable level of form and consistency this year so is not one to be taken lightly. Place chance
- 5. MY EMOTION** - Consistent performer with few failures this year. Booking of Maxime Guyon, who often has the choice of rides, bodes well for her chances
- 6. SHAZAM** - Was unsuited by the switch to PSF at Deauville last time but, on his earlier form, is capable of redeeming himself back on the turf. Worth another chance
- 7. DIVINE CHRISNAT** - Reliable type with solid references. Finished a reassuring 2nd last time and could get into the picture if confirming that improvement
- 8. ABELIA** - Lightly raced filly who showed her versatility by finishing 2nd when switched to the fibresand last time. Proven in the handicaps, she will have a role to play
- 9. LEOPARDUCCIO** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now so can be easily ruled. Others are preferred
- 10. PORTRERO** - Has looked rather ordinary for some time now and his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
- 11. APASH** - Unreliable type though seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

**Summary** : SHAZAM (6) was unsuited to the PSF last time (9th), so that effort is best ignored, and he looks well placed here given his rider's 2,5kg allowance to redeem himself by fighting for victory. ABELIA (8), on the other hand, proved she is versatile by finishing 2nd on the fibresand last time and should remain competitive returning to the turf, especially having been eased 0,5kg in the weights. Both PANDIA SELENE (1) and MY EMOTION (5) are capable sorts with the form and experience to have a say in the finish.

## SELECTIONS

**SHAZAM (6) - ABELIA (8) - PANDIA SELENE (1) - MY EMOTION (5)**

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## C8 - PRIX DU BEL-AIR - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 55.000

- 1. WILLIAM TELL** - Gelded ahead of his three-year-old campaign and has, seemingly, benefitted from it. Ran well behind Sosino (runner-up at Group 3 level this summer) last time and should have a say here
- 2. VINTAGE KOD** - Likely frontrunner who proved his competitiveness in a handicap at this value (39.5) recently. Goes on all ground and is effective over this distance
- 3. RISING UP** - Did well by running on to finish 7th from an unfavourable starting berth (No 16) in a Quinté+ on PSF last time. Has sound references on the grass so could get into the picture
- 4. DURANGO** - Made no impression in his first start for new connections and will have to make considerable improvement to be competitive here. Others preferred
- 5. MADIGAN** - Still a relatively unexposed sort and last-start winner at Compiègne last month. Pitched into a handicap now at a fairly high value so has only a place chance from a wide draw
- 6. SIDEDREAM** - Made a winning debut over 1440m last year and fared better with the benefit of a comeback run when finishing 4th over 1200m last time. Tries this trip for the first time, others preferred
- 7. ENDS OF THE EARTH** - Has placed twice in Quinté+ races at ParisLongchamp but did show his limits on the Deauville straight. Would do well to get into the picture here
- 8. HERNAN CORTES** - Heavily penalized after winning two handicaps in the spring so he no longer has any room for maneuver off his current mark, even after being relieved 1kg
- 9. TROPISME** - Well-related gelding who was unlucky not to have finished closer on his handicap debut last time. Back over the distance of his only success and is competitive at this value
- 10. LE FREINAY** - Did not go unnoticed when finishing 6th of 15 in a similar race last time but has no margin off his current mark/value (37.5) and is probably more effective over a shorter distance. Outsider
- 11. FIRST PAGE** - Ran in a claiming race on his return and is now pitched into a handicap at a fairly high value. Has shown his limitations and looks a step below the main hopes
- 12. QUARTZ DU HOULEY** - Has always finished in the top four and did perform well in both Quinté+ outings. Has already proven effective over this distance and goes on any ground, so offers solid guarantees
- 13. MELBORA** - Caught the eye when finishing 4th in the reference race of July 6 and did so again last time on the PSF at Deauville. Leading contender
- 14. EXUBERANCE** - Made an excellent start to her career but has been disappointing in two handicaps recently, so has everything to prove at this level even over a distance that suits
- 15. MAWHOB** - Still without a win but has shown enough potential to be competitive on his handicap debut, having finished 2nd in two of his three starts to date. Not taken lightly
- 16. PREWITT** - Runner-up in his last two starts and arrives at this meeting in full possession of his means. Is well placed to stake a claim under just 53kg in his first handicap appearance



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**Summary** : MELBORA (13), despite inconsistent recent displays, has done enough to suggest that she is capable of winning a race of this nature at her current value (36.5). If not too far out of her ground at the business end, she may well get the better of consistent QUARTZ DU HOULEY (12) who wouldn't be winning out of turn after several near misses that include finishing 2nd in three of his last five starts. WILLIAM TELL (1) concedes a lot of weight to all his rivals but should have a role to play here on the strength and consistency of his form, which includes finishing 3rd in at this level. VINTAGE KOD (2) is ideally positioned in the starting stalls to get to the lead and could prove hard to peg back if allowed his own way in front. TROPISME (9), who was unlucky not to have finished closer on handicap debut, PREWITT (16) whose races off an attractive mark, and MAWHOB (15) are others for whom a good case could be made.

## SELECTIONS

**MELBORA (13) - QUARTZ DU HOULEY (12) - WILLIAM TELL (1) - VINTAGE KOD (2)**