

THURSDAY, 03/04/25

C1 - PRIX CHAMPAUBERT - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 64,000

1. WILD BILL HICKOK - Good win on debut at Compiègne over 3200m on March 4th over hurdles. He will improve from that and can follow up

2. BERTUTEA - Creditable 3rd on debut over hurdles at this track on March 15th over 3000m, and a win before that on the flat at Lyon La Soie in January. Player

3. MOUNTAIN RIDGE - Two-time winner on the flat, the latter over 2000m at Angers two runs back in a Class 2 race in November, 4th on hurdles debut at Compiègne on March 4th over 3200m behind WILD BILL HICKOK (1). Others preferred

4. VOLCANA DU BERLAIS - Promise when 8th on his debut over 3000m in a hurdle race at this track on March 15th. He can make progress and has place claims

5. MOTU KOTA - Unraced colt by Doctor Dino, the dam never ran. He is a half-brother to the top-class Kingland (Grade 3 and Grade 1) winner over hurdles. From a leading stable who will have this colt well tuned

6. MIDNIGHT COWBOY - 9th on his sole start over 3000m at this track over hurdles on March 15th. Likely to find a few of these too smart

7. GOLDEN CRACK - Unraced gelding by Manatee, the dam won 2 races over hurdles. Likely to need this run for experience. Watch the betting patterns

8. SHABRACK - Ran a fair debut over hurdles when 4th over 3000m over hurdles on March 15th after two unplaced runs on the flat. Others make more appeal

Summary: WILD BILL HICKOK (1) made a winning debut at Compiègne last month, scoring by 1.5L, and looks the type to improve with experience. He is preferred over BERTUTEA (2), who won on the flat in January on the PSF and made a promising hurdling debut when third at this track in mid-March. MOTU KOTA (5), a half-brother to the top-class Kingland, could make an impact on his racecourse debut. VOLCANA DU BERLAIS (4) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

WILD BILL HICKOK (1) - BERTUTEA (2) - MOTU KOTA (5) - VOLCANA DU BERLAIS (4)

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C2 - PRIX CHAMPOREAU - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 64,000

1. FORMER FOREST - Won on debut by 2.5L at Compiègne over hurdles on March 4th. She can improve and looks like the one to beat

2. BELLINA DU BERLAIS - Ran well when 2nd at Compiègne on March 4th over 3200m over hurdles behind FORMER FOREST (1). She is better of at the weights and can be a threat

3. SUBLIMA - Recent win on hurdles debut over 3000m at Fontainebleau on March 11th after one run on the flat. Others rate higher

4. POPY - 5th on her debut over 3200m at Compiègne on March 4th over hurdles behind three of today's rivals. Has work to do

5. MELISSE DU MATHAN - Shaped well to be 4th over 3200m over hurdles at Compiègne behind FORMER FOREST (1) on March 4th on debut. She has a few lengths to find but can not be overlooked

6. OLGA DE KIEV - Fair 4th over 3000m over hurdles at this track on her sole start on March 15th. Place contender

7. MA FIERTE - Unplaced on her only run over 3000m at Auteuil on March 15th over hurdles. Needs to show a lot more to be involved

Summary: FORMER FOREST (1) impressed on debut, winning comfortably by 2.5L at Compiègne in early March, and is expected to progress further. BELLINA DU BERLAIS (2) finished second that day and, on more favourable terms, could make this an interesting rematch. MELISSE DU MATHAN (5) was fourth in the same race and is worth keeping an eye on. OLGA DE KIEV (6) made a promising debut when fourth over hurdles at this track and looks the best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

FORMER FOREST (1) - BELLINA DU BERLAIS (2) - MELISSE DU MATHAN (5) - OLGA DE KIEV (6)

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C3 - PRIX D'ENGHIEN - 3700m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Claiming - Steeple Chase - EUR € 26,000

1. LADY ANGE WIN - Two unplaced runs since a 3rd over 3300m at Pau in a handicap hurdle on January 12th. Chase debut and is capable in this grade of race

2. ITALIAN FLIGHT - 5th last time over fences in a Class 4 claiming race at Nimes on March 29th. Four placed runs over hurdles before that in claiming races. Hard to ignore

3. MIRAGE DEUX - Two unplaced runs since a 2nd over 3800m in a claiming chase at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on January 7th. Needs a few to misfire

4. MARIE VA - Recent win over 3500m at Moulins in a claiming hurdle on March 22nd. Chase debut and can have a say

5. DASHKA - Three unplaced runs since a 3rd over 3400m in a Class 2 chase at Lyon Parilly on October 20th. Needs to bounce back to form

6. BONNY LOVE - Four unplaced runs since a 3rd over 3400m in a claiming hurdle at Compiègne on October 21st. Can be competitive on chase debut back in a claimer

7. MASKED SOCIETY - 5th on her last two runs over fences, 3rd before that over 3600m at Fontainebleau on December 3rd in a claiming chase. Others make more appeal

Summary: In a race that lacks depth, it may be worth siding with chasing debutante BONNY LOVE (6), who has been competing in stronger events since finishing third in a claiming hurdle at Compiègne last October. ITALIAN FLIGHT (2) was fifth on his chase debut last time, following four placed efforts over hurdles, and should be in the mix. MARIE VA (4) won over hurdles at Moulins on March 22nd and is another leading contender. LADY ANGE WIN (1) also warrants consideration.

SELECTIONS

BONNY LOVE (6) - ITALIAN FLIGHT (2) - MARIE VA (4) - LADY ANGE WIN (1)

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C4 - PRIX AUBEPINE - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 55,000

1. LUTECE D'ARTHEL - Two nice wins over hurdles after a few runs on the flat, he last win was over 3500m at Pau in a Class 2 race on February 9th by an easy 3.5L. Capable of getting a hat-trick

2. LE NEZ CREUX - Good 2nd over 3500m at this track in a Class 2 hurdle on March 2nd and a win on debut before that last September over hurdles at this track. Player

3. PARISIENNE BLEUE - Won on debut over hurdles at this track over 3600m on October 19th last year. She has had a nice break and will be fit to go

4. MELODIE DIVINE - 2nd on her latest start over 3600m at Auteuil in a Class 2 hurdle, which follows a win on debut at Angers in December. Others rate higher

5. WEBCAM - Fair 4th over 3500m at this track in a Class 2 hurdle on October 13th. Can be expected to be fit for this and make the frame

6. LA VIE DE CHATEAU - 6th last time out in a Grade 3 hurdle at this track on May 18th last year over 3500m. Down in class but has work to do

7. BELLE FIX - Fair 4th over 3400m on her only run over hurdles at Clairefontaine on July 17th. Looks vulnerable

Summary: PARISIENNE BLEUE (3) made an impression on her sole start last year, winning at this track in October. Returning from a break, she should be fit and ready to perform. LUTECE D'ARTHEL (1) was placed on the flat but is unbeaten in two hurdle starts, making a hat-trick a real possibility. LE NEZ CREUX (2) ran well when second in a Class 2 hurdle here last month and commands respect. WEBCAM (5) is also worth considering.

SELECTIONS

PARISIENNE BLEUE (3) - LUTECE D'ARTHEL (1) - LE NEZ CREUX (2) - WEBCAM (5)

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C5 - PRIX DE MARSAN - 3600m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Listed Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 115,000

1. DIAMOND DU BERLAIS - May have just needed her last run when 5th in a Conditions hurdle at Compiègne over 3600m on 24 March. Yet to win a race but could contest the finish

2. LORD BRETT - In very good form and was runner-up last time out in a Listed hurdle over this course and distance on 8 March. Fit and looks the one to be with.

3. ROOSTER CROWING - Yet to win a race and was unplaced in a Conditions chase at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 3800m on 2 December. Did run some decent races last year and could contest the finish.

4. SHALAA DANCER - Disappointing last run when 7th in a Listed hurdles race over this course and distance on 8 March. Capable of better and can make the frame

5. MISS WOOD - Returned from a break in good form and was runner-up in a handicap hurdle at Compiègne over this distance on 12 March. Can contest the finish again.

6. NIKKALUOKTA - Not disgraced in his only start of the year when fourth in a Group 3 hurdle over this track and trip on 2 March. Can contest the finish.

7. LA ROULADE - Bounced back to form when runner-up in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3500m on 8 March. Not out of it

Summary: LORD BRETT (2) has been very good so far. He sets the standard and is fit and ready to go one better over this track and trip. DIAMOND DU BERLAIS (1) has yet to win a race, but she has been Group 2 placed and could be a lively danger. SHALAA DANCER (4) did not show her best over this course and distance last month but is capable of getting into the thick of things. MISS WOOD (5) returned from a break in good shape and has a winning chance.

SELECTIONS

LORD BRETT (2) - DIAMOND DU BERLAIS (1) - SHALAA DANCER (4) - MISS WOOD (5)

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C6 - PRIX DE SAUMUR - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 57,000

1. LIGHT WAVE - In very good form and was victorious last time out in a Conditions chase over this course and distance on 15 March. Can follow up.

2. KAPACA DE THAIX - Improving and completed a hat-trick with a Conditions chase win over this course and distance on 2 March. Can win again.

3. KING CONTI - Reminded us what he is capable of with a Conditions chase victory at this track over 4400m on 24 November. Returns from a break but is not out of it.

4. PISTACHE DORE - Not disgraced on chase debut when runner-up in a Conditions chase at Compiègne over 3850m on 12 March. Can contest the finish.

5. METASEQUOIA - A faller last time out in a Group 1 chase at this track over 6000m on 21 May 2023. Returns from a lengthy break but is not out of it

6. BON CONSEIL - Unreliable and finished third last time out in a Conditions chase at Lignières over 4500m on 1 March. Tougher task in this line-up.

7. SUPER QUARTZ - Holding form and finished fourth last time out in a Conditions chase at Compiègne over 3850m on 12 March. Has a place chance.

8. SUROIT - A faller last time out at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 4600m on 5 January. Battling to find best form, and others are preferred.

Summary: PISTACHE DORE (4) fought it out with a decent rival before going down in defeat in his first chase. He can go one better if confirming that form. METASEQUOIA (5) showed plenty of talent in 2023 but is returning from a lengthy break and his fitness will need to be taken on trust. KING CONTI (3) has good form at this track but is also returning from a short break. KAPACA DE THAIX (2) is fit and in very good form so deserves the utmost respect.

SELECTIONS

PISTACHE DORE (4) - METASEQUOIA (5) - KING CONTI (3) - KAPACA DE THAIX (2)

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C7 - PRIX JEAN GRANEL - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Listed Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 115,000

1. **MAMIX'S PASSION** - Not disgraced when fourth in a Group 2 hurdle at this track over 4300m on 8 December. Better at this distance and can bounce back to score.
2. **GURZUF** - Showed some improvement and was runner-up in a Listed hurdle at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 4300m on 5 January. Can make the frame.
3. **DOCTOR SQUEEZE** - Unreliable but was third last time out in a Group 3 hurdle at Compiègne over 3600m on 29 November. Returns from a break but is not out of it.
4. **KAPTEEN** - On a long losing run but was runner-up last time in a hurdles race at Pisa over 4000m on 9 February. Tougher task in this line-up but can make the frame
5. **JOST** - Has improved this year and was third last time out in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 4300m on 2 March. Could be competitive in this line-up
6. **ZARFLIGHT** - Finished 5th last time out in a Conditions chase at Compiègne over 3800m on 12 March. Has a winning chance back over hurdles
7. **CELESTIAL SANDS** - Returned from a lengthy break to win a Conditions hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3800m on 11 March. Tries the larger obstacles but is not out of it.
8. **IMBATABLE DU SEUIL** - Finished fourth last time out in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 4300m on 2 March. Capable of an upset on best form.
9. **KIM ROQUE** - Kept to hurdle races so far and finished 5th last time out in a handicap hurdle at Pau over 3500m on 17 December. Tries a chase, and others are preferred.
10. **LES MOTS BLEUS** - Holding form and was fourth in a Conditions chase at Loudéac over 4200m on 16 March. Can earn some minor money.
11. **EMPIRE STORY** - Yet to win a race and probably needed the last run when 8th in a Conditions hurdle at Angers over 3800m on 22 March. Needs major improvement to win.

Summary: A very competitive lucky last race and anything can happen. ZARFLIGHT (6) was not disgraced in a chase last time out and will like it over the smaller obstacles and gets a narrow vote to score. MAMIX'S PASSION (1) ran in better races than this last year and should be a serious threat returning from a break. DOCTOR SQUEEZE (3) is not reliable but did enough last year to have a winning chance in this line-up. JOST (5) has improved this year and is one of many more that can win.

SELECTIONS

ZARFLIGHT (6) - MAMIX'S PASSION (1) - DOCTOR SQUEEZE (3) - JOST (5)