

# SUNDAY, 14/05/23

## C1 - PRIX D'ARGENTEUIL - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Class 1 - Flat - EUR € 38.000

1. **FELLOW** - Consistent last-start winner with solid form references. Should have a role to play again
2. **PRETTY TIGER** - Consistent for the most part and is open to improvement after a much-needed comeback run. Can get into the picture
3. **CENTRICAL** - Resumed winning ways when beating several of these rivals on his reappearance and is well placed to follow up. One to beat
4. **MACHETE** - Lightly raced colt who won over 1800m at Chantilly last time out. Has claims again despite a 1,5kg penalty
5. **PRINCE DE MONTFORT** - Unplaced on his reappearance but did not go unnoticed in a stronger race that day. Has shown enough to be competitive here
6. **OLAWAY** - Consistent performer over hurdles and probably most effective in this category. Watch for now

**Summary :** CENTRICAL (3) beat several of these rivals when making a winning comeback and is likely to confirm his superiority with improved fitness on his side. Improving last-start winner FELLOW (1) ought to make his presence felt and could fight for victory. PRINCE DE MONTFORT (5) did not go unnoticed on his return to action and could improve to stake a claim, while PRETTY TIGER (2) also has what it takes to get into the picture.

### SELECTIONS

**CENTRICAL (3) - FELLOW (1) - PRINCE DE MONTFORT (5) - PRETTY TIGER (2)**

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## C2 - PRIX DE SAINT-GEORGES - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Group 3 - Group - Flat - EUR € 80.000

**1. TUDO BEM** - Well-performed veteran with consistent sprint form. Unplaced in both starts this year but could do better

**2. FORZA CAPITANO** - Unreliable sort but is quite capable of getting a look in here in a race of this nature. Dark horse

**3. ISMAEL PAINT** - Most effective at a lower level and looks outclassed here, so is best watched for now. Others preferred

**4. BROSTAIGH** - Unplaced at Group I level in November and has been absent since. Consistent for the most part and has solid form references

**5. WHITE LAVENDER** - Finished 3rd in a Group I contest over this course and distance last year. Will be hard to beat on that form

**6. VICIOUS HARRY** - Has been ultra-consistent since winning on debut and was a good 3rd on his reappearance at Chantilly last month. Can have a say

**7. PERDIKA** - Consistent filly with recent race fitness and solid form credentials to her name. Will have a role to play

**Summary** : Runner-up in last year's Group I Prix de l'Abbaye over this course and distance, WHITE LAVENDER (5) will be hard to beat if reproducing that level of form. Irish raider BROSTAIGH (4) and UK-based PERDIKA (7) have the means to be competitive too. VICIOUS HARRY (6) is consistent and ought to have tightened up after a comeback 3rd, so has what it takes to get into the mix.

### SELECTIONS

**WHITE LAVENDER (5) - BROSTAIGH (4) - PERDIKA (7) - VICIOUS HARRY (6)**

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## C3 - THE PRESIDENT OF THE UAE CUP - COUPE D'EUROPE DES CHEVAUX ARABES - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 100.000

1. **CH'EZZA** - Quality sort who lost his unbeaten record when 2nd behind a Group I winner last time. Has the means to be competitive
2. **AL FAISAL** - Consistent for the most part but seldom wins his races so has more of a place chance than a winning one
3. **EDALBAR** - Consistent type with solid form references and a winner last time out on his reappearance. Can have a say
4. **IVAN DE FAUST** - Lightly raced sort who won on the PSF and needs to improve to have a say here a say here. Place chance
5. **HAN RASTABAN** - Consistent sort with solid form references. Finished 3rd on his reappearance and should have more to offer
6. **PICASSO T** - Last-start scorer at Waregem but seldom wins races and has more of a place chance than a winning one
7. **ABBES** - The class horse of the field and already a winner at the highest level. Will be difficult to beat
8. **RISKA LOTOISE** - Has been struggling for form and consistency for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge
9. **AL RIFFAA** - Progressive colt who should have a role to play here if making further improvement. Warrants respect
10. **PAPILLION T** - Unreliable sort who has no more than a minor role to play here. Place chance at best. Others preferred

**Summary** : ABBES (7) has already won two Group I races in Doha this year and looks likely to add to his tally in this European Cup for Arabian Horses. To do that, though, he will need to thwart the challenge of CH'EZZA (1), who is more than capable of fighting for victory on his reappearance following a profitable 2022. Progressive EDALBAR (3) and Oisin Murphy's mount AL RIFFAA (9), could have a role to play too. HAN RASTABAN (5) and PICASSO T (6) complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**ABBES (7) - CH'EZZA (1) - EDALBAR (3) - AL RIFFAA (9)**

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## C4 - PRIX DU PANTHEON - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 53.000

1. **ABONDANT** - Pleasant winner at Saint-Cloud on the day of his return 3rd in a Quinté+ last time. Should play a leading role here
2. **STALLONE** - Supplemented to participate in this event after finishing unplaced over an inadequate trip last time. Capable of better
3. **LOUVAGNY** - Not disgraced when 7th in a Quinté+ on his reappearance and can get into the picture with improved fitness on his side. Dark horse
4. **JOEY UP** - Yet to prove himself at this level but will, nevertheless, appreciate conditions here and his form is certain. Place chance
5. **UTAMARO** - Can pride himself on never finishing out of the top five in six Quinté+ races. Fitter for a recent comeback and could have a role to play
6. **LA FILLE DU SUD** - Runner-up in the Prix Benjamin Boutin and likely to be suited by the conditions. Cannot be discounted
7. **THUNDERSPEED** - Has disappointed after attracting betting support in his first three outings of the year. Caught the eye last time and Maxime Guyon renews his confidence in him, so watch out
8. **MATAURI GOLD** - Last-start winner when returning after the winter break. Has a lot more to do in this grade/company
9. **BERKANE** - Disappointing last season but in full possession of his means and was game in defeat when beaten by in-form Quinté+ runner Belgian Prince. Warrants respect
10. **TAURAN SHAMAN** - Consistent over the winter but somewhat disappointing in his last two outings. Theoretically competitive but deep ground might put it off. Doubts.
11. **SANTURIN** - Runner-up last time out and has already won on sticky ground. Needs to improve to feature but not incapable of doing so
12. **FLATTEN THE CURVE** - Consistent last-start winner with solid form credentials. Up 11kg since the beginning of the year following his two wins in handicaps, has claims again
13. **MYKISS** - A son of Makfi who will enjoy the strenuous track. Unplaced in both outings this year so will need to reaffirm
14. **ALJANAH** - Finished 3rd in her own sex on her reappearance and ought to have come on since. One possibility among many others
15. **SITUMELEDEMANDAIS** - Has never managed to do better than 8th in six Quinté+ outings and, to make matters worse, his best performances were recorded on good ground or PSF

**Summary :** ABUNDANT (1) has been in good form this year and was beaten by only two quality sorts last time, so this looks well within his reach despite a wide draw. THUNDERSPEED (7) has been out of sorts recently but he did catch the eye last time and could pose a threat if building on that improvement. FLATTEN THE CURVE (12) and BERKANE (9) are both in good form and likely to make their presence felt again, with the latter benefitting from the mastery of Christophe Soumillon in the irons. LA FILLE DU SUD (6) is also capable of playing a role along with LOUVAGNY (3), who will benefit greatly from a rain-softened track. UTAMARO (5) and SANTURIN (11) complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**ABONDANT (1) - THUNDERSPEED (7) - FLATTEN THE CURVE (12) - BERKANE (9)**

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## C5 - EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Group 1 - Group - Flat - EUR € 650.000

1. **BREIZH SKY** - Consistent for the most part and has solid form references. Fitter for a comeback run and has a place chance
2. **MARHABA YA SANAFI** - Talented colt with a progressive profile. Runner-up in his last start and capable of playing a role here
3. **VALIMI** - Bounced back to winning ways last time and should have a role to play if making further progress. Respected
4. **KENDLY** - Progressive colt who has won 2 of his 3 starts this year. Has legitimate ambitions.
5. **KNIGHT** - Only 7th on his return to action so will need to improve to have a say in this grade company. Others preferred
6. **AMERICAN FLAG** - Exciting prospect, unbeaten this year and likely to make a bold winning. One to beat in this prestigious Group I
7. **GOOD GUESS** - Made a winning comeback in Group Prix Djebel and should have more to offer with that run under the belt. Has claims
8. **ISAAC SHELBY** - Dominated Charyn, winner of the Critérium de Maisons-Laffitte (Group II), when winning on his reappearance. Include
9. **HANS ANDERSEN** - Ballydoyle representative with solid form references. Made a winning comeback and ought to be competitive here
10. **KUBRICK** - Smart sort who was 4th on his reappearance. Has a bit to find on ratings but could get a look in

**Summary :** AMERICAN FLAG (6) has been impressive since the beginning of the year and takes part in his first Group I with the highest ambitions. He is likely to fight for victory with ISAAC SHELBY (8), who outclassed his opposition in a Group III on his reappearance. VALIMI (3) set the record straight last time and ought to make his presence felt here. KENDLY (4) could successfully move up in category along with HANS ANDERSEN (9) who will also logically attract support.

### SELECTIONS

**AMERICAN FLAG (6) - ISAAC SHELBY (8) - VALIMI (3) - KENDLY (4)**

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## C6 - EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULICHES - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Group 1 - Group - Flat - EUR € 550.000

1. **SWINGALONG** - Consistent filly with solid form references and has the means to play a role here. Chance
2. **FANCY ME** - Only 7th on her return to action and looks up against it here. Improvement needed
3. **SAUTERNE** - Brilliantly imposed herself against the males last time and in similar form should be competitive here. Respected
4. **LINDY** - Caught the eye last time and seems capable of taking her revenge on BLUE ROSE CEN (10). Include
5. **QUICKSTEP** - Finished 4th in the Group III Prix Imprudence on her comeback and won last time out. Can have a say
6. **SHOWAY** - Improving last-start winner who will need a big step forward to be competitive in this grade/company. Outsider
7. **NEVER ENDING STORY** - Finished 3rd behind BLUE ROSE CEN (10) in the Group I Critérium des Pouliches last season. Has claims
8. **RITOURNELLE** - Runner-up on her reappearance and is likely to improve with that run under the belt. Could play a minor role
9. **KELINA** - Disappointed as favourite in the Group I Prix Marcel Boussac and ran with merit on her return to competition. Place chance
10. **BLUE ROSE CEN** - Winner of the Group I Prix Marcel Boussac and holds the best titles. Will be right in the firing line

**Summary :** LINDY (4) performed well on her reappearance in the Group III Prix de la Grotte and made up good ground on BLUE ROSE CEN (10), who had led at her own pace - revenge is on the card. SAUTERNE (3) lines up in this Group I in full possession of her means and ought to be competitive after bouncing back to winning ways last time. NEVER ENDING STORY (7) is likely to have a say after a winning comeback, while SWINGALONG (1) and QUICKSTEP (5) complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**LINDY (4) - BLUE ROSE CEN (10) - SAUTERNE (3) - NEVER ENDING STORY (7)**

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## C7 - ST MARK'S BASILICA COOLMORE PRIX SAINT-ALARY - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Group 1 - Group - Flat - EUR € 250.000

1. **JANNAH ROSE** - Undefeated filly who could prove up to the task at this level with further progress expected. Include
2. **SEA THE LADY** - Consistent filly with solid form references, so has the means necessary to get into the picture. Has claims
3. **HEARTACHE TONIGHT** - Finished a creditable 3rd in the Prix Cléopâtre last time and should have more to offer with improved fitness on her side
4. **BRIDESTONES** - Only finished 6th on her reappearance but would have come since. Could get into the picture too
5. **CRACKSMANIA** - Smart filly who has won 2 of her 3 starts, including a Listed race last time, so is not without a chance here
6. **CROWN PRINCESSE** - Made a good impression when winning at Group III level recently and looks likely to build on that. One to beat
7. **ELUSIVE PRINCESS** - Ran in to finish 2nd behind the selection last time after looking for an opening for a long time. Should have a role to play
8. **BOOGIE WOOGIE** - Well-bred Ballydoyle representative with a progressive profile. Won a maiden last time so will need to improve to feature
9. **AUTUMN STARLIGHT** - Should not be condemned after a recent failure and is capable of playing a role at this level. Dark horse
10. **LEFT SEA** - Proved she has what it takes to shine on heavy ground when making a winning comeback. Warrants respect

**Summary :** Progressive CROWN PRINCESSE (6) made short work of her rivals in the Group III Prix Cléopâtre and is likely to get the better of ELUSIVE PRINCESS (7), who caught the eye when staying on to finish an unlucky 2nd in that race. JANNAH ROSE (1) has yet to experience defeat so is another candidate for success. LEFT SEA (10) promises to be competitive for places after a winning reappearance. HEARTACHE TONIGHT (3) and AUTUMN STARLIGHT (9) appeal most of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**CROWN PRINCESSE (6) - ELUSIVE PRINCESS (7) - JANNAH ROSE (1) - LEFT SEA (10)**

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## C8 - PRIX DU COLISEE - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 27.000

**1. BREATH OF FIRE** - Unreliable sort but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race like this. Keep safe

**2. LA TEMPLIERE** - Has proved to be competitive at this level off her current mark, so ought to play a leading role here. Include

**3. SANCHO** - Consistent for the most part and capable of having a say if bouncing back from a disappointing last start

**4. ZORPEN** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period so can be ruled out here

**5. MORANDI FIRST** - In good form and makes the trip to these parts with legitimate ambitions. On the shortlist

**6. MAT LA FRISTOUILLE** - Consistent last-start winner who has solid form references. Should be competitive under a penalty

**7. HAVANA SIX** - Inconsistent filly but is not incapable of staking a claim. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out

**8. BARC** - Reassured with an improved last start and in similar form should be competitive here. Respect

**9. SPEED OF MOTIVATOR** - Undeniably capable but has been inconsistent this year and will need to reaffirm. Watch for now

**10. RUBY ROSE** - Has been struggling for form and consistency recently so unlikely to trouble the judge

**Summary :** LA TEMPLIERE (2) has run well at a higher level recently and should play a leading role here on the strength of that form. MORANDI FIRST (5) will lead the opposition along with BREATH OF FIRE (1), whose weight/rating situation is improving. In his first start under Théo Bachelot, BARC (8) finished a good 2nd so can legitimately aim for the podium.

### SELECTIONS

**LA TEMPLIERE (2) - MORANDI FIRST (5) - BREATH OF FIRE (1) - BARC (8)**



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## C9 - PRIX DE LA FOLIE MERICOURT - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 23.000

1. **LARNO** - Arrives in good form and promises to be competitive for the first places. Has a role to play
2. **PETERHOF** - Unreliable sort but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race like this. Respect
3. **LAUNCESTON PLACE** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out
4. **SCARFACE** - Has been threatening to win again in recent starts and is likely to be competitive for the win. On the shortlist
5. **SAN ANTONIO** - Has been struggling for form and consistency for some time so is unlikely to trouble the judge
6. **CHILLI PRINCESS** - Reassured with an improved last start and in similar form should make her presence felt. Keep safe
7. **MAKILROY** - Regularly a question of all or nothing. Pops up on occasion but inspires little confidence
8. **ON THE EDGE** - Has been struggling for some time now and she is unlikely to trouble the judge here
9. **ETEL DU NINIAN** - Good winner at this course of her last start and ought to be competitive despite a penalty. Warrants respect
10. **FULL GAIN** - Unplaced in both start this year and has nothing noteworthy to warrant inclusion here. Others preferred
11. **FUCHSIA** - Proved in her last handicap outing that she has what it takes to play a leading role here. Include
12. **ON THE SEA** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period and can be ruled out too
13. **ELSAAB** - Inconsistent but capable of having a say here. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
14. **FAVARITX** - Has been struggling for some time so is hard to make a case for. Can be ruled out
15. **PLENTY CITY** - Inconsistent veteran who continues to blow hot and cold. Benefits from his rider's 1,5kg claim
16. **JASMINA** - Consistent for the most part and dangerous to dismiss under a low weight. Dark horse

**Summary** : It could pay to follow improving SCARFACE (4) here as he looks a serious contender for victory. He will, however, have to be wary of FUCHSIA (11), who returns to the handicap division with serious ambitions, and last-start winner ETEL DU NINIAN (9). Consistent LARNO (1) is enjoying a productive spell and also promises to be competitive, along with CHILLI PRINCESS (6) and PETERHOF (2).

### SELECTIONS

**SCARFACE (4) - FUCHSIA (11) - ETEL DU NINIAN (9) - LARNO (1)**

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## C10 - PRIX DE LA ROQUETTE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 21.000

1. **EDIFIANT** - Disappointing last two efforts but not without ability. Entrusted to G rald Moss  and can spring a surprise
2. **THE TIME** - Has been struggling for some time now so is hard to make a case for here. Others preferred
3. **SPACE QUAKE** - Has been struggling for form and consistency for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge
4. **TIME TO FLY** - Left a good impression when 3rd on his reappearance and should improve to play another leading role here
5. **PERMENTON** - Out of sorts but not incapable of having a say if reproducing his best. Not to be taken lightly
6. **SWEET DAMIANA** - Unreliable of late but quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Factor
7. **GOOD FRIEND** - Showed signs of improvement last time and could get a look in here if building on that improvement
8. **BEACON TOWERS** - Consistent performer in this class and likely to go well again under the conditions. Has every chance
9. **ACHKI** - Inconsistent and only finished 9th last time but is capable of bouncing back. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
10. **STRANGER** - Unreliable sort but is capable of getting a look in here in a race of this nature. Outsider
11. **SALSA CHIC** - Has been struggling for form and consistency of late but remains capable of playing a minor role
12. **TWIN BOY** - Has been struggling for form and consistency for some time now so is unlikely to trouble the judge
13. **CALY ROSAY** - Reassuring 2nd in her last start but will need to confirm that improvement to be competitive here
14. **DANDY COOL** - Reassuring 2nd in his last start but will need to confirm that improvement to be competitive here
15. **BLACK PANTHER** - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period and can be ruled out
16. **TREMONT** - Out of sorts and most unlikely of these to play a role here in current shape. Others preferred

**Summary** : An encouraging 3rd on his comeback, TIME TO FLY (4) is a good possibility for victory, like consistent BEACON TOWERS (8) who will lead the opposition along with stablemate SWEET DAMIANA (6) and ACHKI (9) who are both capable of staking a claim if bouncing back to their earlier form after disappointing recent outings. PERMENTON (5), GOOD FRIEND (7) and SALSA CHIC (11) complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**TIME TO FLY (4) - BEACON TOWERS (8) - SWEET DAMIANA (6) - ACHKI (9)**