

# THURSDAY, 18/05/23

## C1 - PRIX DE L'OBSERVATOIRE - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 23.000

1. **MORHIB** - Inconsistent but capable last-start winner who is likely to give another competitive account of himself. Respected

2. **BREVANDS** - Encouraging 4th on debut in a good race at Chantilly and should improve for that experience. One to beat

3. **SERENADE** - Won a 2000m claiming race at Nancy on debut and ought to have come on for that experience, so has claims

4. **KHANWEILER** - Unreliable but has sufficient form and experience to stake a claim in a race like this. Dark horse

5. **DSCHINGIS FEAR** - Has struggled for form and consistency but could play a minor role at this level if making any improvement

6. **SWAG GIRL** - Won a 1400m claiming race on debut but failed to confirm over 1600m last time. Could improve over the extra

7. **BETWEEN** - In-form filly with solid form references and should have a role to play here dropping in class. Include

8. **LALOU** - Open to improvement after a modest reappearance but has shown little to warrant inclusion. Watch for now

**Summary** : Making his first start in a claiming race after finishing 4th over this distance at Chantilly on debut, it could pay to follow the progress of BREVANDS (2) who will likely win the majority of votes and is taken to open his account at the expense of in-form class-dropper BETWEEN (7). A case can also be made for both MORHIB (1) and KHANWEILER (4) who complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**BREVANDS (2) - BETWEEN (7) - MORHIB (1) - KHANWEILER (4)**

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## C2 - PRIX DES QUINZE-VINGTS - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 53.000

1. **GALORD** - Consistent sort with solid form references and unbeaten in 2 starts this year. Won a Quinte+ last time out and ought to have a say again despite a resultant penalty
2. **CIRANO** - Consistent for the most part and finished a creditable 5th at ParisLongchamp last time out. Has won over this trip too, so could get a look in
3. **ROCK BLANC** - Runner-up last time when collared in the shadow of the post so the shortening of the distance could suit. Has a good record at this level, so should be a factor
4. **CICCIO BOY** - Unreliable but capable sort who is a regular at this level. Unlucky not to have finished closer to the winner last time and could get into the picture here
5. **TOIJK** - Nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now, so can be ruled out. Overlook
6. **CENTRAL PARK WEST** - Unreliable but capable last-start winner. Raised 2kg for winning on the PSF recently and is up in class too, so probably for another day
7. **GOLDINO BELLO** - Lowered slightly in the weights after finishing unplaced on his reappearance. Capable of better with improved fitness on his side
8. **SIMONS KING** - Improved 3rd in a claiming race at Fontainebleau last time and is back in the handicaps off an interesting mark with Christophe Soumillon engaged. Warrants respect
9. **SINNDARILLO** - Up in class and in the weights/ratings after winning his last two starts. Unbeaten over 1600m so cannot be discounted
10. **DREAM FOR ALL** - Finished 4th behind CENTRAL PARK WEST (6) last time and is better off at the weights. Made no impression on his only start at this level, so has it all to do here
11. **EVERILLO** - Made a winning comeback in a conditions race at Le Croisé-Laroche but will need to improve to be competitive in this grade/company. Will interest lovers of outsiders
12. **POLITE** - Inconsistent but does have interesting recent form lines behind some useful sorts. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
13. **EL TORERO** - Ultra-consistent performer with solid form references. Was 4th in a Quinte+ last time and ought to make his presence felt again
14. **ASHIKTASH** - Has improved with each run this year and finished 3rd in a Quinte+ recently. Will be have a role to play with a repeat of that performance
15. **BOTAS** - Has been in good form recently, albeit in a lower grade, but has more of a place chance than a winning one at this level. Outsider
16. **JACK O'BOY** - Was not winning out of turn last time after consecutive 2nd-place finishes. More needed at this level but could play a minor role with any improvement

**Summary** : ROCK BLANC (3) was only collared late when finishing 2nd last time but, with a good Quinté+ record to his name and Gérald Mossé booked to ride, is good value to go one better here. ASHIKTASH (14) has improved with every outing this year so likely to fight for victory, along with SIMONS KING (8) who will be ridden by Christophe Soumillon after an improved last start. GALORD (1) is unbeaten this year and has won both outings in good style, so could remain competitive despite a weight penalty. Both CICCIO BOY (4) and GOLDINO BELLO (7) continue to blow hot and cold but are capable of staking a claim too if reproducing their best form. Consistent CIRANO (2) and in-form EL TORERO (13) appeal most of the remainder and are others to consider.

### SELECTIONS

**ROCK BLANC (3) - ASHIKTASH (14) - SIMONS KING (8) - GALORD (1)**

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## C3 - PRIX DU CROULE-BARBE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 27.000

- 1. MILLFIELD** - Consistent veteran with solid form references. Will have a say from gate No 1 with Soumillon engaged to ride
- 2. MILLE SABORDS** - Disappointed last time having finished 3rd at this track in his previous start behind See You Pink who subsequently won a Quinté+. Can make amends
- 3. KEMOCO BELLO** - Closely matched on recent form with the top 2 selections, so ought to make his presence felt
- 4. E VA BIN** - Consistent colt who should have a role to play on the strength of his recent form. Benefits from his rider's 1,5kg allowance
- 5. LETTY'S MARVEL** - Inconsistent sort who pops up on occasion but is unreliable. Hard to trust but as hard to rule out
- 6. ACE CARD** - Encouraging 5th on his reappearance and likely to have tightened up with the benefit of that run. Dark horse
- 7. L'IENISSEI** - Finished a pleasing 4th on his return to action and will strip fitter this time around. Has claims
- 8. BOCCIATORE** - Capable last-start winner who will need to eke out more improvement to be competitive here. Outsider
- 9. BLACKBIRDFLY** - Unreliable sort but is quite capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Place chance only
- 10. KING HARTWOOD** - Was not winning out of turn last time after back-to-back 2nd-place finishes but has more to do under a 2kg penalty. Place chance
- 11. LUCI DEL FARO** - Nothing noteworthy to her name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Overlook

**Summary** : MILLE SABORDS (2), MILLFIELD (1) and KEMOCO BELLO (3) clashed recently and renew rivalry here after finishing 7th, 6th and 5th respectively on 1 May. There's little to choose between the trio who, on the strength of that form, are likely to play leading roles here. E VA BIN (4) and ACE CARD (6) are capable of serving it up to those principals and could capitalise on the slightest failure. L'IENISSEI (7) completes the shortlist after a pleasing comeback 4th.

### SELECTIONS

MILLE SABORDS (2) - MILLFIELD (1) - KEMOCO BELLO (3) - E VA BIN (4)

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**C4 - PRIX DE PONTARME - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Flat - EUR € 55.000**

- 1. CAWDOR** - Unexposed, promising colt with solid form references. Should improve with experience so has a role to play here
- 2. SOCIETY MAN** - Last-start winner who has improved with every outing. Faces stronger now up in class so needs to make further progress
- 3. OCEAN VISION** - Won his last start beating subsequent scorer Ifach, who got the better of CAWDOR (1) last time. One to beat
- 4. LE TABOU** - Smart colt who has maintained a good level of form and consistency in his 5-start career. Ought to be competitive
- 5. NEXT EPISODE** - Capable filly who was unplaced on her reappearance. Would've needed that outing though and could do better here
- 6. KNOCK ON** - Consistent and in-form filly who caught the eye when finishing 5th last time. Can get involved
- 7. QUEEN SAO** - Was sandwiched between LE TABOU (4) and KNOCK ON (6) when finishing 4th last time, so has claims. Dark horse
- 8. LA GALIOTE** - Steps onto the turf for the first time having won 2 of her 4 starts on the PSF. Could be anything
- 9. KIMI ORENDA** - Has won 4 of her 6 starts, including her last 3 starts. Unbeaten in 2 outings this year but is up in class here, more needed
- 10. LUNALA** - Consistent for the most part and has won back-to-back handicap races on the PSF recently. More required in this grade/company

**Summary** : A Listed race that is hard to assess given the collateral form. Last-start winner OCEAN VISION (3), however, makes most appeal and is given the nod ahead of unexposed CAWDOR (1) who has shown above-average ability in just two outings and could be up to the task. KNOCK ON (6) and LE TABOU (4) have the form and experience to stand them in good stead, so cannot be discounted either.

## SELECTIONS

**OCEAN VISION (3) - CAWDOR (1) - KNOCK ON (6) - LE TABOU (4)**

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**C5 - PRIX MAURICE ZILBER - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE -  
1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Flat - EUR € 48.000**

- 1. SICILIAN DEFENSE** - Consistent filly with solid form references. Fitter now after a pleasing comeback run and likely to be competitive here
- 2. LOLIWOOD** - Finished 3rd on her comeback this year but failed to confirm that improvement last time. Must reaffirm
- 3. FIDUCIARY** - Unreliable but capable mare who has sufficient means to stake a claim in a race of this nature. Respected
- 4. SWEETHEART** - Was unplaced last time after a string of consistent performances, so needs to bounce back to have a say here
- 5. SUN FLARE** - Unplaced on her reappearance recently but likely to have tightened up since. Could have more to offer
- 6. SEE YOU PINK** - Progressive filly who has won her last 3 starts and is distance suited. Will have role to play here
- 7. GREGARINA** - Caught the eye on her belated seasonal reappearance last month and will play a leading role if building on that effort with improved fitness on her side. Include
- 8. TAIRANN** - Went into the winter break in winning form which confirmed the promise of her debut 3rd. Has scope to improve on her return

**Summary :** Another trick Listed race in which the possibilities are few, despite the small number of starters. GREGARINA (7) did not go unnoticed on her reappearance at this track and it could pay to follow her progress here over a trip that is probably short of her best. That, however, can't be said of SEE YOU PINK (6) who is likely to fight for victory again after 3 consecutive wins and whose limits are still unknown. FIDUCIARY (3) and SICILIAN DEFENSE (1) must be respected and could get into the picture too, with SUN FLARE (5) another who could improve after a necessary comeback to play a role.

## SELECTIONS

**GREGARINA (7) - SEE YOU PINK (6) - FIDUCIARY (3) - SICILIAN DEFENSE (1)**

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## C6 - PRIX DU PETIT BOIS - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. **DREAM WORD** - Disappointing last two runs after a good win in early March. Unreliable but quite capable of winning
2. **JARDIN BLEU** - Disappointing last run. Unreliable and ran well off this mark when runner-up in penultimate start and is clearly not out of it
3. **SANDSTORM** - Disappointing form this year but did win a handicap last year off a higher mark. Capable of an upset
4. **PLASNES** - Fair fifth last time out but does best at Mons and needs to find a few lengths to win this race
5. **RUUDJE** - He seems to have lost his way of late with only one fourth=place finish to show in his last eight runs. Others are preferred
6. **CONCERTO** - Form has regressed of late. Could prefer this longer distance and is capable of earning some minor money
7. **TYTAN** - Disappointing form this year and is probably at best on the PSF but could be the surprise package of the race
8. **MAESTRO CHOP** - Disappointing last two runs after a good win on PSF at Chantilly. Capable of earning some money
9. **GRAZANO** - On a very long losing streak but can go one better after a decent runner-up run at this course last time out
10. **LADY MAG** - Is in a rich vein of form with two wins in her last three starts. Will have to carry a 3kg penalty for latest win but deserves respect
11. **MOONRISE SHADOW** - Well tried this year but has struggled. He needs major improvement to win this race and is best watched for now
12. **MYKAN** - Yet to win a race but is not too far away from that and was fourth in latest start. Could finish in the money
13. **BELEAVE YOU** - Disappointing last two runs. Did better earlier in the year and could finish in the money if in the mood

**Summary** : The last run when runner-up at this course suggested that GRAZANO (9) could be ready for a winning turn. TYTAN (7) is probably better on the PSF these days but might pull off an upset. DREAM WORD (1) is unreliable but does tend to need runs between wins so could be ready to fire. LADY MAG (10) will carry a 3kg penalty for last win but is in very good heart and deserves the utmost respect.

### SELECTIONS

**GRAZANO (9) - TYTAN (7) - DREAM WORD (1) - LADY MAG (10)**

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## C7 - PRIX DU BOIS DU RUSSE - 2500m (a1 9/16m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 20.000

**1. MR POL** - He did not show much in four starts in 2022 and was well beaten at this course in only run of this year. Others are preferred

**2. MARIE D'ARGONNE** - Disappointing last two runs but returns to the course of her last win and could be ready to strike

**3. CHONBURI** - Proved in need of the run when fifth last time out. Ran well when runner-up over this course and distance in November and deserves respect

**4. WELCOME VALENTIN** - On a very long losing streak and has been pretty poor this year. Others are much preferred

**5. MINNEHAHA** - Well tried this year and she has struggled in most of her runs. Capable of doing better and could play a minor role

**6. ROSE DIAMANT** - Has yet to win a race after 34 starts and is not likely to win this race either but could play a minor role as she often does

**7. ALMAZORA** - Is on a very long losing streak but has been holding form well off current mark and has a winning chance

**8. ASPHODELE MIA** - Disappointing form since winning over this distance in November 2022 and others are preferred this time

**9. LADIE SALSA** - A long time since only win but she does seem to usually give of her best and was not disgraced when third last time out in a handicap

**10. CHARLES LEGEND** - Disappointing last three runs. Appears to be at best on the PSF and is best watched this time

**11. RUE DAUPHINE** - Fair form this year including a runner-up run over this distance but has only won once. Might place

**12. BAILEYS SANS DOUTE** - Unreliable and has yet to win a race. Has been struggling in handicaps for some time now and others are preferred

**13. ROUGE A SANG** - Disappointing last run when only seventh at this course. Capable of doing better and is not out of it

**Summary :** ALMAZORA (7) is holding her form well enough and could be the right one in a very weak race. MARIE D'ARGONNE (2) has won at this course before and is better than the last two runs suggest. LADIE SALSA (9) ran well when third in a handicap last time out and is clearly not out of it in this line-up. CHONBURI (3) should be fitter this time and has a winning chance over a track and trip that suits.

### SELECTIONS

**ALMAZORA (7) - MARIE D'ARGONNE (2) - LADIE SALSA (9) - CHONBURI (3)**

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**C8 - PRIX DE LA BOETIE - 2700m (a1 11/16m) - TURF - Condition Race  
Qualifier - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 26.000**

**1. BELGIAN PRINCE** - In good form this year having won twice but was well beaten the last time he saw this track. Not out of it

**2. BLACK MILORD TAVEL** - Well beaten in latest start on the turf. Both wins have been on the PSF and probably prefers that surface. Prefer others

**3. GOLDEN CALL** - Fair recent form and knows how to win. Has won over this course and distance and should be right there at the finish

**4. SIR GEORGE** - Returned to form with a nice win last time out. This looks a tougher task but could earn some money

**5. EXCELSIOR** - Not disgraced when he was fourth in his comeback run. Unreliable last year but did win twice and has some ability. Respect

**6. JACKSUN** - Disappointing form this year and he needs to find a few lengths to win this race. Others are much preferred

**7. PALAIMON** - His last run can be safely ignored. Step up to this longer distance could suit and he could be the surprise package of the race

**8. ALLADA** - Clearly needed her first run of the year when fifth. Step up in distance should suit and she can return to her winning ways

**Summary :** ALLADA (8) shows promise and the only filly in the race could beat the boys over a course and distance that should suit. GOLDEN CALL (3) knows how to win and will be a big threat in this line-up. EXCELSIOR (5) proved just in need of the run last time out and will be fitter and ready to strike this time around. BELGIAN PRINCE (1) was well beaten the last time he ran at this track but is in good form now and is clearly not out of it.

## SELECTIONS

**ALLADA (8) - GOLDEN CALL (3) - EXCELSIOR (5) - BELGIAN PRINCE (1)**