

WEDNESDAY, 25/10/23

C1 - PRIX D'ARETTE - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 22.000

- 1. GWENN HA DU** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 2. BELINSKOV** - The highest-rated runner in the race. Held his own in a Class 1 event last time and is effective on this surface, so rates the one to beat
- 3. ALMANZORA** - Finished 2nd in a claiming race on the PSF at Deauville in August and should have a role to play here on that form
- 4. AMALFINA** - Ought to have tightened since her last-start failure at Vichy, but cannot be condemned too hastily in spite of that performance. Capable of better
- 5. LIMESY** - Rewarded for her consistency with a last-start success in a claiming race at Marseille-Borély. Should remain competitive
- 6. BELLE ANSE** - Consistent filly, runner-up at this venue on debut last winter and won at Bordeaux last time out. Has obvious claims
- 7. LA MARAZUELA** - Still a maiden but has maintained a respectable level of form and consistency to this point. Could get into the picture

Summary : BELINSKOV (2) was not disgraced when trying his luck in a Class 1 event and ought to appreciate having his sights lowered in his first under the tutelage of Roberto-Carlos Montenegro. Progressive BELLE ANSE (6), with the benefit of his track experience, is likely to pose a threat along with like ALMANZORA (3), having already shown a liking for this surface. AMALFINA (4) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

BELINSKOV (2) - BELLE ANSE (6) - ALMANZORA (3) - AMALFINA (4)

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C2 - PRIX D'ARUDY - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. MANALOU** - Let his supporters down, although wasn't disgraced, by finishing 4th last time after a promising 3rd on debut. Could make amends with this longer trip likely to suit
- 2. DARSHAM** - Finished 3rd on debut and should have more to offer with the benefit of that experience. Ought to make his presence felt
- 3. BASHEER** - Another in the lineup to have made a promising debut, finishing 4th behind DARSHAM (2). Will have more to offer
- 4. RAMSES CHOP** - Finished unplaced and was well beaten on debut but ought to improve with the benefit of that experience. Watch for now
- 5. LET'S TWIST AGAIN** - Made some improvement to finish 6th last time after a discreet introduction (7th) and is another in the race who should have more to give
- 6. ALMANSUR** - Was a long way last before finishing very strongly to fill the runners-up on debut at Bordeaux. One to be with
- 7. MARKER** - Made the expected improvement when finishing 4th last time after a pleasing debut 5th. Could have more to offer over this longer trip
- 8. BLANCO CHOP** - Has the most experience of the runners engaged in this race and has shown enough to play a minor role here
- 9. NOSS DEMRAUD** - Maxime Foulon will be ride this sone gelded son of Ultra on debut for trainer Charles Gourdain, who also owns this two-year-old newcomer . Watch for now
- 10. GOCIANO** - Philippe Sogorb-trained Goken newcomer who carries the colours of Guy Pariente. One to note with Anthony Crastus engaged to ride

Summary : ALMANSUR (6) made eye-catching headway to finish 2nd on debut at Bordeaux and there's no reason why he shouldn't confirm that promise on this surface, so is taken to go one better here. MANALOU (1), who finished 3rd on debut, let his supporters down when finishing a slightly disappointing 4th last time but could, with benefit of experience, could fight for victory along with DARSHAM (2) who also made a promising introduction(3rd) and would have improved for it. The shortlist is completed by newcomer GOCIANO (10) as well as MARKER (7).

SELECTIONS

ALMANSUR (6) - MANALOU (1) - DARSHAM (2) - GOCIANO (10)

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C3 - PRIX DE GABASTON - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. ANTARES** - Ought to have closer on debut so is probably better than her finishing position (8th) suggests. Must not be underestimated on her reappearance with headgear now fitted
- 2. KAMAKURA ONE** - Has always been in the three, finishing 2nd three times in her four starts. Should belatedly open her account here
- 3. ESHBELIA** - Has made marked improvement recently but will need to build on that progress to get a look in here and has no more than a place chance
- 4. PADDY WHITE HEART** - Made some improvement to finish 5th last time after her debut 7th and is likely to continue making progress. Dark horse
- 5. SWING CITY** - Finished 3rd, not far behind KAMAKURA ONE (2) at La Teste recently, and ought to be better suited to this longer distance
- 6. ZINGARELLE** - Open to improvement after finishing 6th on debut but has no more than a place chance here. Others preferred
- 7. MOONLIGHT SQUEEZE** - Changed hands after winning a claiming race three starts back but has since failed to run a place in 2 subsequent outings. Remains capable of better
- 8. JUBBAH** - Improved with each outing to win two starts back but failed to confirm that progress when finishing 8th last time. Needs to reaffirm
- 9. ESPERANCE CHAUFOUR** - Another in the lineup likely to improve with the benefit of experience but has no more than a place chance. Others preferred
- 10. PAGANY** - His experience will stand him in good stead but he will need to improve to get into the picture. Has no more than a place chance
- 11. MA P'TITE DAME** - Traveled at the rear of the field before running on well to finish 4th over 1500m last time and should be better suited to this distance on that evidence
- 12. LIBERTEE ROYALE** - George Vancouver debutante trained by Gérard-Paul Lévy, who has engaged Gary Sanchez to ride. Best watched for now

Summary : There are three standout fillies in this lineup and the winner is likely to come from one of them. KAMAKURA ONE (2) is, seemingly, well placed to shed her maiden tag after three 2nd-place finishes in four starts and is given the nod to open her account here. However, the chances of MA P'TITE DAME (11) cannot be discounted as she should have more to offer after an encouraging debut 4th. SWING CITY (5) ought to join the fight for victory if building on the improvement of her last start 3rd. The returning ANTARES (1), equipped with headgear this time, is another to make note of.

SELECTIONS

KAMAKURA ONE (2) - MA P'TITE DAME (11) - SWING CITY (5) - ANTARES (1)

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C4 - PRIX DE BILLERE - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. FOEHN** - Has performed impeccably to this point, always finishing in the first four, and will again have a say in the finish
- 2. BAK'S WOOD** - Has not finished far off the mark in his three outings and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
- 3. BACK IN PARIS** - Finished 4th on debut and is likely to improve with both the benefit of that experience and for this step up in distance. Winning chance
- 4. FOR WIN** - Gradually gave in having led for much of the way at Salon-de-Provence last month, finishing 6th. Is likely to improve with the experience under the belt
- 5. PRINCESSE CHLOE** - Another in the lineup open to improvement after a satisfactory introduction (7th). Could get into the picture
- 6. GOOD FEELIN** - Runner-up in consecutive starts before fluffing her lines last time at La Teste-de Buch. Could redeem herself here
- 7. INSTANT CRUSH** - One of several likely improvers in the lineup after a satisfactory introduction (6th). Has only a place chance though
- 8. SPARKLING LIGHT** - Finished 3rd behind GOOD FEELIN (6) back in August and has displayed commendable consistency to this point. Keep safe
- 9. GARM** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
- 10. VLASIKHOVA** - Andoni Lezama Menendez-trained debutante to be ridden by Andoni Lezama Menendez. Best just to watch for now

Summary : Having finished 4th over 1800m on debut, BACK IN PARIS (3) is likely to take dead aim at the top of the podium, as this distance should suit him better. FOEHN (1) has always finished in the first four so is also a serious contender for victory. His stable companion GOOD FEELIN (6) shouldn't be condemned too hastily for her recent failure and remains capable of staking a claim, as does consistent filly SPARKLING LIGHT (8) who has the form and experience to play a leading role.

SELECTIONS

BACK IN PARIS (3) - FOEHN (1) - GOOD FEELIN (6) - SPARKLING LIGHT (8)

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C5 - PRIX D'ARTIGUELOUTAN - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000

- 1. L'IMPREVUE** - Ignore last run, finished 2nd over 2000m at Marseille Borely before that and must be taken seriously. Strong each way chance
- 2. ZOKOA** - Will need to improve on current form. Outside place chance at best
- 3. THERE IS NO NO** - Won penultimate, finished 4th over 2000m at La Teste last month and could prove very hard to oppose. Win
- 4. EXUMA** - Last run when 9th is a small concern but has solid overall form and has a solid chance. Include
- 5. ETOILE DU COEUR** - Ignore last run, was a winner before that over 2000m at Auch. Good chance
- 6. LOVING STAR** - Finished 4th at Dax over 2300m three runs back but has been disappointing since. Small place chance
- 7. GOLDENSIM** - Holding form, finished 4th over 1500m at Tarbes and should run very well. Good chance
- 8. PAQUES TOT** - Won three runs back over 2000m but has been moderate since. Happy to ignore
- 9. LADIES LAW** - Never too far off the action and must be included in the quartet
- 10. MANAKEL** - Running well recently, finished 3rd over 2300m at Tarbes last month. Place chance
- 11. KADANCE DE BOZOULS** - A tad more needed for the win but did win four starts back at Dax over 2100m. More needed on current form
- 12. PETE THE GARDENER** - Modest recent form and can easily be ignored from all bets
- 13. MITUMBA** - Would be a shock winner based on current form. Happy to ignore
- 14. EVAMIS** - Would be a surprise winner based on current form. Prefer others
- 15. ROI MERCURE** - Has been on the decline recently and is therefore hard to fancy
- 16. SPANISH LIGHT** - Running well, finished 2nd at Dax over 2300m against weaker. Outside place claims

Summary : THERE IS NO NO (3) is lightly raced and has solid form to boast. She could take a power of beating. L'IMPREVUE (1) can be expected to build on her last run and is one for the shortlist. ETOILE DU COEUR (5) ran a fair race in her post maiden outing and can improve a lot on that. EXUMA (4) is another one who is worth giving some consideration.

SELECTIONS

THERE IS NO NO (3) - L'IMPREVUE (1) - ETOILE DU COEUR (5) - EXUMA (4)

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C6 - PRIX DE LONS - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14.000

- 1. PETITE COQUINE** - Outside place chance based on good 2nd at penultimate run. Include in larger quartets
- 2. VICTORY CAT** - Running well and can build on recent 3rd at Vichy over 1600m in July. Chance if not in need. Respect and include
- 3. JUSTE BERE** - Ran an absolute cracker last time when 2nd over 1700m at Pornichet and is confidently selected to go one better. Win
- 4. PEDRO DES AIGLES** - Ignore last run, was a winner at penultimate over 1600m at Pompadour. Big runner
- 5. MYTHICAL CREATURE** - Needs to improve a lot on current form to threaten and is easy to overlook
- 6. SOLITARY MAN** - Finished 2nd over 1600m last time and can go one better. Strong each way chance
- 7. ENZO** - Finished 5th at Cavaillon over 1600m earlier this month. Small place chance
- 8. THE FUNK BIBLE** - Hard to fancy and select on current form. Can easily be passed over
- 9. ELCOT** - Has a lot to find on current form and far prefer others. Unlikely
- 10. KENZOKI** - Expect improvement on latest effort when 4th over 1700m in July. Can go close if rest not a problem. Chance
- 11. STAR LUCE** - Not far off in last two and could lurk into the back end of the quartet but others preferred for the win
- 12. SALSA DOLOISE** - Will need to improve on recent form and far prefer others for the shortlist
- 13. LILLY BIRD** - Won well last time over 1400m at Niort and could go back-to-back. Strong claims
- 14. KRYPTON** - Would be a surprise winner based on current form. Happy to ignore
- 15. IZAKAYA** - Has a lot to find on current form and is unlikely to trouble the judges
- 16. HUDA** - She is badly off form and cannot be fancied. Best to pass over

Summary : JUSTE BERE (3) showed that his penultimate run was all wrong when bouncing back for a good second recently at Pornichet. He is confidently selected to go one better. SOLITARY MAN (6) need only repeat and build on his last excellent run and then he can provide plenty cheek to the first choice. VICTORY CAT (2) has the form to warrant serious consideration and should be in the first three and PEDRO DES AIGLES (4) can be forgiven for his below par last run. Chance.

SELECTIONS

JUSTE BERE (3) - SOLITARY MAN (6) - VICTORY CAT (2) - PEDRO DES AIGLES (4)

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C7 - PRIX DE SAINT-FAUST - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16.000

1. **MILLIE LOU** - Ignore last run when finishing downfield. Was a winner before that over 1400m at Dax. Outsider with a small chance
2. **MIDNIGHT SHINE** - Hard to assess but did finish 2nd when last raced. Might be able to run into the money
3. **NUIT D'ALIENOR** - Finished third over 1850m at Agen earlier this month and has to be taken very seriously. Each way chance
4. **VIRIMOON ETOILE** - Ignore last run, she has a good chance here
5. **AS A CHARM** - More needed on current form but is not completely hopeless. Include in large quartet perms as the value
6. **HONG KONG STAR** - Holding form and has a strong place chance on that basis. Can be on the shortlist
7. **JASMIN DORE** - Was a winner three runs back over 1400m at Moulins but average since. More needed
8. **IDAHO JAMES** - Cannot be fancied on current form and others are much preferred
9. **MERRI** - Would be a surprise winner based on current form and can be overlooked
10. **ROYAL VATI** - Needs to build on current form and can. Has shown capabilities before and has a strong each way chance. Expect much better
11. **HYGROVE BEC** - She ran a cracker last time finishing third over 1300m at Argentan earlier this month. Strong chance
12. **BEYOND MY DREAMS** - Won last time against weaker over 1200m at Toulouse. Small outside chance
13. **O GRE DES SAISONS** - Holding form, finished 5th at Toulouse over 1200m last time at the races. Good chance
14. **MISTER KOOL** - Very hard to assess on current form and is possibly best to ignore for now
15. **BIRD OUT** - Needs to find a few lengths on current form but can. Respect and include for the minor positions
16. **KARIBBEAN DREAM** - Would be a surprise winner based on current form. Happy too ignore

Summary : ROYAL VATI (10) can do way better than his current form suggests. He is selected to run well and might represent some value. Each way chance. HYGROVE BEC (11) caught the eye last time and should again be right there at the finish. Big chance. NUIT D'ALIENOR (3) was a winner three runs back, finished third most recently and is a must for all bets. VIRIMOON ETOILE (4) can be forgiven for her last effort. Expect a lot more from her today.

SELECTIONS

ROYAL VATI (10) - HYGROVE BEC (11) - NUIT D'ALIENOR (3) - VIRIMOON ETOILE (4)

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C8 - PRIX DU PIC D'OSSAU - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000

1. **GALIK** - High rating, good recent second at Toulouse over 1200m and rates the one they all have to beat. Strong win
2. **DOCTOR RON** - Consistent form, always does his best and has a strong each way chance
3. **ZAYA DE LA PLATA** - Ignore recent seventh, won penultimate over 1600m at Nantes and should be right there at the finish. Big runner
4. **OXIANA** - Can build on recent 3rd over 1600m earlier this month. A must for all bets. Big chance
5. **MR GOODNIGHT** - Will have to be awake to make up a few of the required lengths for the win. Place chance
6. **MY BLACK LADY** - Must be given consideration based on encouraging recent second over 1300m at Craon. Respect and include
7. **ZOFFWALTZ** - Last run a bit of a worry but form before that was encouraging. Hard to assess
8. **FLY D'ASPE** - Would be a surprise winner based on current form and is easily passed over
9. **ABELARD F** - Plenty of scope to improve on local 3rd at Marseille Borely over 1200m in September. Do not ignore
10. **ATLANTIGO** - Finished 4th in penultimate and can build on recent 7th at Dax. Outsider with a small place chance at best
11. **RAPIDO PRESTO** - Won last time over 1400m at Bouscat, more of a place chance than a winning one this time
12. **RAFALE** - Holding form, finished 4th at Toulouse last time and was a winner before that. Serious contender
13. **SHOWMAN** - Last run a concern but was a winner at penultimate against weaker. More needed to threaten
14. **SERAPHIM** - A tad more needed for the win but would be no shock if she were to find a place. Outside value inclusion
15. **YSSINGEAUX** - Finished 3rd over 1400m last month and can place again if in similar form
16. **CHIEF RED CLOUD** - Cannot be fancied on current form and should be overlooked until further notice

Summary : GALIK (1) has a high rating and comes off a very good last run. He rates the one they all have to fear the most. DOCTOR RON (2) has solid form and will have obvious strong each way claims. Expect a bold effort again from him. He is very consistent. RAFALE (12) should make her presence felt as she never runs a bad race. One for the shortlist and all bets. OXIANA (4) should finish in the money.

SELECTIONS

GALIK (1) - DOCTOR RON (2) - RAFALE (12) - OXIANA (4)