

SUNDAY, 17/12/23

C1 - PRIX FRANCE SIRE (PRIX DES LUTINS) - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19.000

1. **INSIGNIA OF RANK** - Consistent for the most part and did not go unnoticed on his return to action last time. Ought to improve for that outing
2. **LET THERE BE ROCK** - Unplaced in both outings after his win three starts back and is also drawn wide here in stall No 13. Others preferred
3. **PLATEADO** - An in-and-out sort but has undeniable means. Needs only to repeat his latest performance to play a role in the finish
4. **SHATTERHAND** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
5. **ROYAL MONARCH** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is not entirely without a chance either
6. **CANNELLO** - Largely inconsistent but is proven at this level of competition, so is not to be underestimated here
7. **AD LIBITUM** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
8. **GREAT TONIO** - Consistent for the most part and ran better last time than his finishing position (7th) suggests. Has a winning chance
9. **DAY OFF** - A regular starter in events of this type. Has finished 4th in consecutive recent starts and could do so again here
10. **BARTABELLO** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
11. **WOODWIND DAVIS** - Unreliable but does have the means to get a look in here judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
12. **MONTBARDOIS** - Finished 3rd over 2100m two starts back but was unplaced in two minor events either side of that. Has no references on PSF
13. **WHITENIGHT** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
14. **SPRINGBOKS** - Runner-up in his last start and has never disappointed over this course and distance. Ought to be competitive
15. **PRESCY LIIA** - A hold-up type who possesses a formidable finish. Will need luck in running but is capable of playing a leading role
16. **ALWAYS VIV** - Not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best form references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out

Summary: Trainer Norbert Leenders has a strong hand in this opening handicap, with GREAT TONIO (8) and SPRINGBOKS (14) both capable of winning. PRESCY LIIA (15), PLATEADO (3) and CANNELLO (6), who finished 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively here at the start of the month, are closely matched on form and likely to be competitive too. Both INSIGNIA OF RANK (1) and DAY OFF (9) are not incapable of getting involved either.

SELECTIONS

GREAT TONIO (8) - SPRINGBOKS (14) - PRESCY LIIA (15) - PLATEADO (3)

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C2 - PRIX DE L'OUTIL EN MAIN DE GUERANDE (PRIX DU SAPIN DE NOEL) - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16.000

- 1. KALAMAZOO RIVER** - Unreliable but not incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature judged on what she has done best. Dark horse
- 2. REINE DE LA PREE** - Lost her form/consistency last year before a layoff and is best watched for now on her return. Others make more appeal
- 3. COASTER** - Inconsistent but not entirely incapable of getting a look in. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 4. FLIGHT DE JUILLEY** - Bounced back to form by finishing 3rd last time out. Need only confirm that improvement to fight for victory
- 5. SUNBEAM** - Out-of-sorts veteran gelding who, on the evidence of recent displays, isn't likely to play a role here. Can be ruled out
- 6. PREMIERE ETOILE** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but not ruled out either
- 7. LE GARDOLOT** - Consistent for the most part and is a track specialist whose last-start failure (9th) is probably best ignored and does not reflect his true capabilities. Keep safe
- 8. GOOD DES LANDES** - Honest mare who has regained a good level of form and consistency recently. Drawn widest in stall No 16 but did finish 2nd here last time, so is a candidate for success
- 9. JACK'S SON** - Unplaced in his last two starts but did finish 3rd in three consecutive outings before that. Has claims here reverting to this surface - beware
- 10. SPIRIT OF DANCE** - Made no impression under a penalty last time having won his previous outing. Must reaffirm, so is best watched for now
- 11. ROCHEUX** - Seldom far off the mark and didn't go unnoticed when 6th last time out. Lacks PSF references but is dangerous to discount
- 12. ELYT OF GOLD** - Was unlucky not to have achieved a better result when improving to finish last time out (5th). Ought to be competitive
- 13. JOLEK LISES** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of the improvement needed to be competitive, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 14. JULDIKO** - Showed signs of improvement last time but will need to build on that progress to get a look in here. Outsider
- 15. CROCY** - Out of sorts when last seen in 2022 so is best watched for now on his reappearance. Others preferred
- 16. PENNBLE** - Formidable finisher who has finished 2nd in consecutive outings recently. Capable of landing a blow with luck in running from a wide draw

Summary: GOOD DES LANDES (8) and FLIGHT DE JUILLEY (4) finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in a recent meeting on this Pornichet track. They are closely matched on that form and look likely to fight each other for victory this time. LE GARGOLOTT (7), whose recent failure should be excused, is a track specialist capable of posing a threat to that pair. ELYT OF GOLD (12) is inconsistent but has undeniable means so cannot be underestimated either. Beyond those runners, ROCHEUX (11) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

GOOD DES LANDES (8) - FLIGHT DE JUILLEY (4) - LE GARDOLOT (7) - ELYT OF GOLD (12)

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C3 - PRIX DE L'OUTIL EN MAIN DE ST-NAZAIRE (PRIX DES GUIRLANDES DE NOEL) - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - ALL WEATHER - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14.000

1. **NORQUI DES ROSES** - Maintained a reasonable level of form and consistency before regaining freshness following a recent spell out. Ought to remain competitive
2. **CALLYDINI** - Capable veteran but inconsistent in his old age. Made no impression in his only start this year so is best watched for now
3. **MIENGO** - Was in good form but fluffed his lines last time. Remains capable of better and could redeem himself here
4. **ALP** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge
5. **PARIS BY NIGHT** - Inconsistent but not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
6. **TRES RUSH** - Consistent sort in good form and physical condition, but jumps from the widest No 16 stall. Will need things to go his way
7. **DARIYANGEL** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his recent displays. For another day
8. **ARMORIGENE** - A hold-up type with sound form references. Ought to play a leading role here if the pace is on and gaps open at the right time
9. **PROELIA** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing with a last-start success and is capable of following up here with a repeat of that performance
10. **ADMIRALTY ARCH** - Has been regaining momentum recently, finishing an improved 4th last time out. Can get into the picture
11. **ZILLI ROCKS** - Unplaced in each of his three starts this year but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Place chance at best
12. **WALDENON** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
13. **SEMEUR** - Bounced back to form by finishing 3rd last time and has a particular liking for this Pornichet layout. Confirmation expected
14. **TERRITORIO** - Lacks references at this venue but did finish a reassuring 2nd last time, so could confirm that recent improvement. Keep safe
15. **PARK SQUARE** - Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his recent displays. For another day
16. **ROUGE A SANG** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive, so is not likely to trouble the judge

Summary: PROELIA (9) confirmed the improvement of her previous outing by winning last time out and need only perform to that level to win again under her resultant 1kg penalty. ARMORIGENE (8) is likely to pose a threat, despite his wide starting berth. NORQUI DES ROSES (1), on the other hand, is ideally stationed in stall No 1 and ought to get involved in the fight for victory. TERRITORIO (14), after an encouraging last-start 2nd, should make his presence felt too.

SELECTIONS

PROELIA (9) - ARMORIGENE (8) - NORQUI DES ROSES (1) - TERRITORIO (14)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA CALECHE DU PERE NOEL - 3100m (a1 15/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 16.000

- 1. KHANSA** - Consistent performer with solid form credentials. Needs only maintain that level over this trip to resume winning ways
- 2. GREASE** - Seldom far off the mark and his experience ought to stand him in good stead here. Has a place chance
- 3. KORA NORDIK** - Consistent filly whose form and experience are valuable assets in a race of this nature. Will be a factor
- 4. YOR** - Finished an encouraging 5th on debut and needn't improve a great deal to play a leading role here. High on the shortlist
- 5. NOUM LISES** - Unplaced in both outings but did hint at improvement when finishing 9th last time. Will need to improve to get a look in here
- 6. KARUCO DES ONGRAIS** - Richard Juteau has been engaged to ride this Racinger gelding on debut for trainer-owner Christophe Herpin
- 7. KINDER DES ONGRAIS** - Christophe Herpin trains and owns this Tiger Groom gelding to be ridden on debut by Warren Levesque
- 8. STONE DU LYS** - Finished a modest 9th on debut but should have more to offer with that experience under her belt. Outsider
- 9. DIORA STREET** - Finished 6th on debut and is entitled to improve with the benefit of that experience, although is best watched for now
- 10. REDRUNNER** - Did finish 3rd four starts back but has, for the most part, failed to make an impression. Others preferred
- 11. MARY COVE** - Has looked rather ordinary to this point so her chances here are limited, even at this level. For another day
- 12. ELEGANTE DU DESERT** - Thierry Jouin-trained Penny's Picnic debutante to be ridden by Thomas Courtalon. Best just to watch for now
- 13. EVAMIS** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing a respectable 6th last time so ought to appeal to lovers of outsiders

Summary: Already a winner on this track, albeit over a shorter trip, KHANSA (1) need only prove her effectiveness over this distance to win again. KORA NORDIK (3) has maintained a good level of form and consistency so should fight for victory. YOR (4) caught the eye on debut and ought to improve with that experience so could pose a threat, with the shortlist completed by GREASE (2).

SELECTIONS

KHANSA (1) - KORA NORDIK (3) - YOR (4) - GREASE (2)

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C5 - PRIX DE L'OUTIL EN MAIN DE LA COTE D'AMOUR (PRIX DES MARCHES DE NOEL) - 1700m (a1 1/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18.000

- 1. UNEXPECTED GIRL** - Well held behind the top two on her last start and won't find it easy conceding weight all round but can earn. Place chance
- 2. STARZO FAL** - Ran a cracking 2nd over track/trip last time out and looks poised to go one better on that. Big winning chance
- 3. MARA WOOD** - Finished 3rd in her last two outings over track/trip and wasn't far behind the top selection when they met last time out. Winning claims
- 4. CLOUD** - Finished 3rd over 1400m last time out but was beaten by 8L and that run isn't good enough to see him challenging here. Hard to fancy
- 5. LILY OFTHE KINGDON** - This filly showed huge improvement to finish runner up at her most recent outing and with the apprentice engaged again, she could confirm. Place chance
- 6. SOVER FAL** - Runner up two starts back over track/trip and that type of effort could see him earn a minor cheque. Place claims
- 7. LA DOLOISE** - Finished a well beaten 10th over track/trip last time out and her form needs to pick up. Unlikely type
- 8. CITY SKY** - Inconsistent type that seems to be very capable having already won twice but is hard to assess. Others inspire more confidence
- 9. GARMi** - Showed massive improvement to win her penultimate start and followed that up with a well beaten 4th placed. Others preferred
- 10. FAST FLOWING** - Last two performances have yielded in 4th placed finishes and on that, she would need to make improvement to be a threat. More needed
- 11. CHANAZ** - Finished 7th over track/trip behind a few reopposing types and would need to show a better version of himself to turn the form around. Held here
- 12. WHAT ELSE** - Three starts to date and hasn't been able to show anything noteworthy so would need to do more to challenge. Others preferred
- 13. MARQUISE VERA** - She has had five starts to date without showing anything positive and there is very little to go on. Needs to show vast improvement
- 14. KHELJOST** - Beaten out of sight when back in 6th over 1400m last time out and will find this very difficult. Would be a shock winner

Summary: STARZO FAL (2) is knocking on the door for that maiden would and could strike gold in this contest. MARA WOOD (3) would be deserving of a win and should be right on top of them at the finish. UNEXPECTED GIRL (1) comes from a form line that is expected to hold up and she shouldn't be far off the action. LILY OFTHE KINGDON (5) gets weight off the back which will assist her in improving again.

SELECTIONS

STARZO FAL (2) - MARA WOOD (3) - UNEXPECTED GIRL (1) - LILY OFTHE KINGDON (5)

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**C6 - PRIX DE L'OUTIL EN MAIN DE ST-ANDRE-DES-EAUX (PRIX DE L'HIVER) - 1700m (a1 1/16m) - ALL WEATHER - A RECLAMER - Flat - EUR
€ 12.000**

1. WELCH FUSILIER - Winner over 1400m in August and he has only managed to put in one fair effort after that. Others preferred

2. NOVE SU NOVE - Finished 2nd over track/trip three starts back and a repeat of that could see him earn again. Place chance

3. GEMICI - Arrives in solid form having found the placings in all of his starts to date and the step up to 1700m will assist. Strong winning chance

4. GREAT ART - Terribly inconsistent type that is hard to assess but has won twice so definitely knows where the winning line is. Outside chance

5. VILLEMACHO - Winner over track/trip last time out and could finally kick on with his career with some confidence on his side. Each way chance

6. GRAND AMOUR - No show from three races and there isn't much going for her at present so needs to start shaping up. Would be a surprise winner

7. CLOSE TO YOU - Arrives in poor form and this filly isn't doing much to keep her followers invested. Would be a shock winner

8. FLEUR DE SEL - Remains a maiden performer after fifteen attempts but wasn't disgraced over track/trip last time out and could pose a threat. Place chance

9. INDIAN FALCON - Two starts in France have both been in claiming races where he hasn't been disgraced so could lurk in the placings. Can outrun his odds

10. KHARKIV - Twenty five starts in the maiden ranks without offering much and he is easy to oppose in a race with form. Unlikely type

11. HISBANN - This maiden galloper hasn't been able to get it right after fifteen attempts and doesn't seem to be going anywhere quickly on current form. One to pass by

12. WEDDING WILD - She has had five starts without being able to show anything noteworthy and isn't one to take into consideration. Easy to pass by

Summary: GEMICI (3) is a consistent sort that is running to a fairly useful level and sets a clear standard on current form. VILLEMACHO (5) took a bit of time to get it right but could start showing more consistent performances. FLEUR DE SEL (8) shouldn't be far off the action. NOVE SU NOVE (2) has run his best race here and could show up well yet again.

SELECTIONS

GEMICI (3) - VILLEMACHO (5) - FLEUR DE SEL (8) - NOVE SU NOVE (2)

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C7 - PRIX DE NOEL - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 17.000

1. **MR ALEXIS** - Two starts to date and he hasn't shown anything useful so requires huge improvement. Would be a shock winner
2. **FALIMAX** - Remains a maiden after ten starts and seems to be incapable of putting two good runs together. Hard to fancy
3. **SEA GARDENS** - Debuts in France on the back of some fair form from Ireland and could enjoy the step up in trip. Follow the market
4. **PLEASEMAN** - Put in a fair run on debut over 1800m before running below par at the second time of asking but the trip could be in his favor. Place chance
5. **URAL** - Nineteen starts in the maiden ranks without showing much and there is little to be desired with this gelding. Others make more appeal
6. **TOUQUES** - Her debut run was okay when finishing 7th and she could show a lot more over a trip that could suit. Outside place chance
7. **PANACOTTA** - Jumps from the best of draws and gets some valuable weight off the back but will need to show huge improvement. Others preferred
8. **HARAKA** - Finished 10th on debut over 2400m and she would need to show a better version of herself to feature. Would be a shock winner
9. **LA MAZEL** - Finished 4th over 2000m at her last start and wasn't far behind the favorite so with improvement to come, she is a lively contender. Go well
10. **ELZE** - Finished 9th on debut over 2200m and more is needed on that run to get involved in proceedings. Others preferred
11. **FULL COLOUR** - Remains a maiden after twenty three outings but brings the best form into this and could finally get her day in the sun. One to beat

Summary: FULL COLOUR (11) has been runner up in her last two and gets the services of a claiming apprentice which makes a huge difference. LA MAZEL (9) has more improvement to come than the favorite and could turn the form around so needs to be respected. SEA GARDENS (3) needs to be followed carefully in the market on French debut. PLEASEMAN (4) seems to have more to do to win but could earn.

SELECTIONS

FULL COLOUR (11) - LA MAZEL (9) - SEA GARDENS (3) - PLEASEMAN (4)

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C8 - PRIX DES RENNES - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17.000

- 1. OUI JE L ADORE** - Finished 3rd over track/trip two starts back and failed to fare well with the drop in trip last time out. Can get involved
- 2. RAJMAMAILLE** - Finished 6th over 2150m last time out and wasn't completely disgraced so could have something to offer. Place chance
- 3. VERSION COX** - Arrives in some consistent form and she stays well which is a positive to her claims here. Include in the play
- 4. RECOLEROS** - Winner off his maiden two starts back over track/trip and it will be interesting to see how the form works out a race earlier. Each way shout
- 5. OPALINSKA** - A filly that is open to making marked improvement now having her peak run over a trip that could be what she desires. Place chance
- 6. EURYTHMICAL** - Finished a well beaten 6th over track/trip last time out and more is required if she is to get involved. Others make more appeal
- 7. DANSE S Y** - This colt has had eight outings so far and having gone over further in his last two, he now drops in trip but will need to improve. Unlikely type
- 8. SUNWHITE** - Followed up his win with a cracking 3rd placed finish and he is coming along the right way. Leading claims
- 9. PETE THE GARDENER** - Shaped up with a lot more encouragement when dropped in trip to 1600m last time out so the step back up in trip is questionable. One to pass by
- 10. DREAM ANGEL** - Won in impressive fashion over 1850m last time out in a claiming race but will need to show more now upped in trip/class. Others are more persuasive
- 11. KOLPLET** - Fifteen performances in which he has failed to capture many followers attention and there isn't much to fancy about his form. Would be a shock winner
- 12. KREAM DU LARGE** - He finished 5th over 2400m last time out but was beaten by 23L and would need a huge turnaround to earn. Would be a shock winner

Summary: SUNWHITE (8) is open to quite a bit of improvement and should deliver another bold performance in search of a two timer. OUI JE L ADORE (1) is more at home over this trip and will be there or thereabouts. RECOLEROS (4) is a track/trip winner and could mount a challenge. RAJMAMAILLE (2) is capable of improving and could earn.

SELECTIONS

SUNWHITE (8) - OUI JE L ADORE (1) - RECOLEROS (4) - RAJMAMAILLE (2)