

# FRIDAY, 09/02/24

## C1 - PRIX DES ALGUES - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,000

**1. QUINDIANO** - Capable on his day but is currently out of sorts. Could do better dropped 2,5kg in the weights/ratings but is best watched for now having finished 15th over 1500m on this course on 6 January

**2. RED GRACE** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 2nd over 1700m on this course on 30 January. Winning chance

**3. DAYSANIYA** - Lightly raced filly with sufficient means to be competitive in a race of this nature, despite her wide draw. Finished 7th in handicap on this over 1700m on 27 January

**4. STEPASIDE BELL** - Inconsistent but capable sort. Showed enough when 7th in a claiming race over 1300m at Deauville on 25 January on his reappearance to warrant respect here

**5. WAY TO MARSEILLE** - Capable but is currently out of sorts. Could do better dropped in the weights/ratings after finishing 11th over 2400m on this course on 27 January

**6. RECOLEROS** - Unreliable colt with sound references off a similar mark (rating). Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 7th in a handicap on this course over 2400m on 30 January

**7. VINO BELLO** - Unreliable and has gone off the boil recently but has dropped another 1kg in the weights/ratings having finished 11th over 2100m on this course over 2100m on 8 December

**8. KING MOTIF** - Inconsistent but, judged on an old value, could have a role to play in a race of this nature. Finished 6th in a turf handicap over 2100m at Angers on 27 October

**9. BAFANA LINNGARI** - Honest veteran, competitive off his current mark with sound references at this level and on this surface. Finished 5th on this course over 2400m on 18 January

**10. CRISALSA** - Hard-knocking sort who proved his form and well-being by finishing 5th in a PSF handicap over 1900m at Deauville on 25 January

**11. GUADALEST** - Won a turf handicap over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers in April but has struggled since. Finished 12th over course and distance on 14 November

**12. DRIP** - Unreliable type who won a similar contest over course and distance three starts back but has struggled under a penalty since. Finished 10th in a handicap on this course over 2400m on 18 January

**13. GREAT TONIO** - Capable veteran in his pomp but currently out of sorts. Could do better dropped in the weights/ratings but is best watched for now having finished 11th over 2400m on this course on 18 January

**14. FIRST DREM** - Unreliable veteran mare with sound references at this level and proven competitiveness off her current mark. Finished 6th in a handicap on this course over 1700m on 30 January

**15. RAISE THE STAKES** - Unreliable veteran mare who has continued to blow hot and cold recently. Returned to winning ways in a 1700m handicap on this course on 30 January but faces a tough task under a 2,5kg penalty

**16. ZHIVAGO** - SHowed signs of improvement in first-time headgear last time, finishing 6th in a handicap over 1700m at this venue on 30 January. Others preferred

**Summary:** Victory in this opening event is likely to be fought out between RED GRACE (2) and BAFANA LINNGARI (9), both of whom are competitive on this track and in good shape. Consistent CRISALSA (10) is capable of posing a threat to those rivals, as is STEPASIDE BELL (4) whose means are sure but whose form is questionable. DAYSANIYA (3) appeals most of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

RED GRACE (2) - BAFANA LINNGARI (9) - CRISALSA (10) - STEPASIDE BELL (4)

# FRIDAY, 09/02/24

**C2 - PRIX DES CEPHALOPODES - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000**

- 1. ATLANTICA** - Has regained momentum recently and finished 4th on this course over 1700m on 30 January. Will be a factor
- 2. ROCHEUX** - Inconsistent but, judged on an old value, could have a role to play in a race of this nature. Finished 10th over 1900m at Deauville on 25 January
- 3. FLIGHT DE JUILLEY** - Capable veteran but is currently out of sorts. Could do better dropped in the weights/ratings but is best watched for now having finished 13th over 3100m on this course on 27 January
- 4. STELLAR JAY** - Inconsistent but capable sort who proved her form and well-being by finishing 3rd on PSF over 2100m at Chantilly on 24 January. Has claims here despite a wide draw
- 5. PEYTON PLACE** - Proven under these conditions and on this track over a range of distances. Runner-up here over 1700m on 30 January
- 6. PENNBLE** - Honest veteran, competitive off his current mark with sound references at this level and on this surface. Finished 4th on this course over 2400m on 18 January
- 7. UN SOIR D'ORAGE** - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 2nd over 2400m on this course on 18 January. Warrants respect
- 8. COL NEM** - Inconsistent but, judged on an old value, could have a role to play in a race of this nature. Finished 12th over 1700m on this course on 30 January but is capable of better
- 9. RED DUMA** - Unreliable veteran mare with better references in claiming races, although has been out of sorts at that level recently. Finished 10th in a claimer on this course over 1700m on 18 January
- 10. MIENGO** - Won a PSF handicap here over 2400m back in October but has been inconsistent/unreliable since. Was 13th over 2400m on this course on 18 January
- 11. VENT DU REVE** - Honest veteran, capable of getting a look in here off his current mark having finished 5th on this course over 2400m on 18 January
- 12. ONCLE FERNAND** - Capable but currently out of sorts and is best watched for now having finished 7th in a PSG handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 25 January
- 13. LE GITAN** - Inconsistent but, judged on an old value, could have a role to play in a race of this nature. Finished 9th in a PSF handicap over 1700m on this course on 30 January
- 14. RIVER DAVEN** - Has regained momentum and recently finished 3rd on this course over 2400m on 18 January. Not taken lightly
- 15. KAHOUNA** - Found form and consistency on this surface recently, finishing 3rd and 4th in two starts at this venue before a last-start 2nd on PSF over 1900m at Deauville on 25 January. Dark horse
- 16. BURN ONE DOWN** - Capable veteran but is currently out of sorts. Could do better dropped in the weights/ratings but is best watched for now having finished 13th over 1700m on this course on 30 January

**Summary:** A big field and several with claims here, though none make more appeal than PEYTON PLACE (5) who has performed very well on this course recently and could return to success. ATLANTICA (1) and STELLAR JAY (4) demonstrate commendable consistency and deserve to be rewarded with success sooner rather than later. PENNBLE (6) and UN SOIR D'ORAGE (7) are capable of getting into the picture too.

## SELECTIONS

**PEYTON PLACE (5) - ATLANTICA (1) - STELLAR JAY (4) - PENNBLE (6)**

# FRIDAY, 09/02/24

**C3 - PRIX DES BUQUARDES - 2400m (a1m 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 12,000**

**1. WIEBKE** - Proven under these conditions - on PSF and in the claiming category. Finished 3rd in a claiming event at Marseille over 2600m on 3 November

**2. MARSHALL LESSING** - Has proven stamina and finished 3rd in a claiming race over 2400m on PSF at this venue on 8 December. Keep safe

**3. VERTISMANN** - Inconsistent sort who finished a modest 15th over 1900m on PSF at Deauville on 25 January. Others are preferred

**4. MANDURINO** - Consistent for the most part on turf and did win his only outing in the claiming category. Should not be taken lightly in his first start on PSF, despite finishing 8th at Durtal over 2300m on 17 December

**5. LE BOLERO** - Runner-up over 2100m at this venue two starts back and finished 2nd again over 2500m at Deauville on 26 January. Has a winning chance

**6. GOLD DES SOURCES** - Inconsistent but has revealed sufficient means on this surface and in his only appearance in a claiming race. Not taken lightly, despite finishing 16th on PSF over 3100m at Pornichet on 27 January

**7. KAMSSIO** - On a long losing run and has been out of sorts for some time, so has tumbled down the weights/ratings. Could fare better off a reduced mark after finishing 14th over 3100m on 27 January

**8. DARIYANGEL** - Has found form and consistency in recent outings at this venue on PSF and proved his competitiveness off this mark by finishing 2nd in a handicap on this course over 2400m on 18 January

**9. ARMORIGENE** - Hard-knocking veteran with sound references but will need to improve having only achieved a 6th over 2500m on PSF at Deauville on 26 January

**10. PROELIA** - Won a claiming race over 2400m at this venue off a similar mark three starts back but was a well-beaten 9th in a handicap over course and distance on 18 January

**Summary:** Consistent DARIYANGEL (8) proved he remains competitive off his current mark by finishing 2nd in a handicap last time at this venue and he ought to continue his momentum by fighting for victory. LE BOLERO (5), runner-up in his last two starts, is likely to lead the opposition with reliable WIEBKE (1), proven under the conditions and from a stable in good form, also capable of playing a leading role. MARSHALL LESSING (2) and GOLD DES SOURCES (6) appeal most of the remainder.

## SELECTIONS

**DARIYANGEL (8) - LE BOLERO (5) - WIEBKE (1) - MARSHALL LESSING (2)**

# FRIDAY, 09/02/24

C4 - PRIX DE L'AMANDE DE MER - 1700m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **THIENE** - Finished an encouraging 5th on PSF at Deauville over 1400m on debut back in August (8th) and ought to have improved since. Dark horse

2. **ALKINA** - Improved with each start in sprint races last year, finishing 3rd over 1100m at Chateaubriant on 17 July. Bred to improve over this distance so could be worth following on her reappearance

3. **WHILAND** - Finished an encouraging 5th on debut (turf) at Nantes last year but has regressed in both subsequent outings, finishing 11th on PSF at Chantilly on 14 November. Outsider

4. **GRAND ANGEL** - Made no impression on debut when finishing 11th on PSF at Deauville over 1500m on 21 January. Best watched for now

5. **ATTENTIVE** - Has improved in both comeback outings on PSF this year and finished a creditable 6th over 1600m at Cagnes on 23 January. Should have a role to play here

6. **SEVEN ANGELS** - Unplaced in each of her four starts but has improved her finishing position with every outing. Finished 8th on PSF at Deauville over 1500m on 26 January

7. **DAROMY** - Experienced filly with references on PSF over 1800m at Lyon-La Soie. Was a disappointing 9th last time at Deauville over 1900m

8. **LILITH** - Has been unplaced in both outings on PSF at Deauville over shorter distances. Finished 8th over 1300m on 12 January

9. **QUEEN'S ANGEL** - Showed signs of improvement when finishing 9th on PSF at Deauville over 1900m on 19 January. Needs to make further progress

10. **SCARLETTA** - Was an encouraging 4th on debut over course and distance before finishing a respectable 6th on PSF at Deauville over 1900m on 29 November. Place chance

11. **WASAYA** - Maurizio Guarnieri-trained Toronado filly who benefits from the 1,5kg allowance of rider Maryline Eon

12. **LOVECAYAN** - Well-related Shalaa newcomer from the stable of Yann Barberot, who has engaged Anthony Crastus to ride. Keep safe

13. **SEDSER** - Well-bred Joël Boissard-trained Zarak debutante that has to be watched closely on debut with Hugo Lebouc booked to ride

**Summary:** ALKINA (2) showed last year that she has the speed to put rivals of this ilk to the sword and, as such, is given the nod on her reappearance. ATTENTIVE (5) has improved in both starts since her comeback and showed enough at Cagnes last time to suggest that she could fight for victory. Newcomers SEDSER (13) and LOVECAYAN (12) aren't without a chance either, while likely improver THIENE (1) is another to consider.

## SELECTIONS

ALKINA (2) - ATTENTIVE (5) - SEDSER (13) - LOVECAYAN (12)

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C5 - PRIX DES DAUPHINS - 3100m (a2m) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 13,000

1. **YOR** - Acquitted himself well in defeat in both outings over course and distance - didn't go unnoticed on either occasion. Finished 6th here on 17 December

2. **NOUM LISES** - Unplaced in each of his four outings, including his last three starts on PSF. Was a well-beaten 10th over course and distance on 18 January

3. **GRUSHENKA** - Proved his effectiveness over this distance by finishing 2nd over track and trip on 18 January. Was 7th at Chantilly last time over 2400m and should play a leading role here

4. **KEND** - KNowS this track well, having raced here twice in December, but did finish unplaced on both occasions. Will need to improve to have a say after finishing a modest 11th over 2400m on 27 December

5. **PIPER'S HILL** - Relatively consistent sort with sound references, including a creditable 3rd over course and distance on 18 January. Needs to bounce back after a disappointing 7th over 2400m here on 30 January

6. **BELLBIRD** - Versatile filly with solid form credentials on both turf and PSF, including sound references over similar distances on this surface. Runner-up over 2700m on PSF at Chantilly on 24 January - one to beat

7. **COVENT GARDEN** - Unplaced in three starts on the flat before being pulled up in a hurdles race over 3400m at Angers on 9 December. Others preferred

8. **WAIT THE STORM** - Made an encouraging start to her career by finishing 5th over track and trip on her debut on 18 January. Ought to improve with that experience under her belt

9. **PENSE A MOI** - Warren Levesque rides this Elm Park debutante for trainer Xavier-Louis Le Stang. Best watched for now

**Summary:** Consistent BELLBIRD (6) is still on the up so looks good value to open her account here having finished 2nd in her last start for the second time in three outings. Back on a track that he enjoys, GRUSHENKA (3) should also play a leading role over a distance he has already proved himself effective. Likely improver WAIT THE STORM (8) and capable PIPER'S HILL (5) ought to give cheek to the aforementioned principals.

## SELECTIONS

BELLBIRD (6) - GRUSHENKA (3) - PIPER'S HILL (5) - WAIT THE STORM (8)

# FRIDAY, 09/02/24

C6 - PRIX DE L'ETOILE DE MER - 1700m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 16,000

**1. CREW DRAGON** - Has returned to form recently and finished 3rd behind GALIK (2) at Deauville on 26 January over 1500m. Will be a factor

**2. GALIK** - Consistent sort with sound references in this category, including a last-start 2nd at Deauville last time on 26 January. Winning chance

**3. CHOP VAL** - Honest veteran with sound references on this surface. Has regained freshness after finishing 9th in a PSF handicap at Marseille on 9 December

**4. LA PELEMOISE** - Consistent for the most part and has run well on this course, including a last-start 3rd over 1700m in a conditions race at this venue. Should have a role to play in this category

**5. MOLINO** - Capable veteran who won a turf handicap two starts back but showed his limits off this mark last time (11th) over 2000m at La Teste on 23 July. Has no references on PSF

**6. TIME TO PARLEY** - Started his career in England but looked more effective at a lower level in Germany last year. Runner-up on turf at Hamburg on 1 July and is making his first start on French soil on his reappearance

**7. STRAKO** - Won consecutive outings on turf at Lyon-Parilly in 2022 and has finished unplaced in back-to-back starts on PSF this year since resuming. Ought to fare better dropped in grade off a reduced rating - beware

**8. MISS MAI TAI** - Finished 3rd in her first start on French soil over 1300m but failed to confirm that when only 8th over 1500m at Deauville on 26 January. Others preferred

**9. BARON DE MOUSSY** - Finished 4th on debut at Nantes in 2021 but failed to build on that promise when only 7th in his next start over 1850m at ParisLongchamp on 21 April 2022. Best watched for now after another layoff

**Summary:** GALIK (2) is confirmed in this category and ought to reconnect with success here having finished 2nd last time out. CREW DRAGON (1) is closely matched with that rival on the form of their recent Deauville meeting and is likely to fight for victory. LA PELEMOISE (4) returned to form last time and should have a role to play with a repeat of that performance. STRAKO (7) completes the shortlist.

## SELECTIONS

**GALIK (2) - CREW DRAGON (1) - LA PELEMOISE (4) - STRAKO (7)**

# FRIDAY, 09/02/24

C7 - PRIX DES COQUILLAGES - 1700m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 21,000

**1. SEMPER FI** - Made some improvement in his second start to finish 6th over 1500m on PSF at Deauville on 26 January and could get into the picture if making further progress

**2. ALBERI** - Finished an encouraging 3rd on debut over track and trip on 18 January. That experience should stand him in good stead

**3. SOROWEN** - Made no impression on debut, finishing 10th over 2100m on this track on 27 January. Needs to improve

**4. GRAND CITY** - Made marked improvement by finishing 5th over 1500m on PSF at Deauville on 26 January. Ought to be competitive

**5. CITY OF GOLD** - Runner-up over 2100m in his first start on PSF on 7 January but failed to confirm that improvement last time when only 6th over the same distance on this track on 27 January. Drop back in distance may suit

**6. DURYTHME** - Well-bred Anodin gelding trained by Christopher Head. Not to be taken lightly with the aid of the 3,5kg allowance of Ebbe Verhestraeten

**7. BORGHAL** - This Joel Boissnard-trained Al Wukair gelding should not be underestimated on debut with the aid of the 1,5kg allowance of Maryline Eon. Keep safe

**Summary:** ALBERI (2) caught the eye here last month when a promising debut 3rd over this course and distance and should, with the benefit of that experience, improve to fight for victory. However, GRAND CITY (4) is improving and will also have a leading role to play. Both will need to be wary, though, of newcomers DURYTHME (6) and BORGHAL (7) who represent formidable stables.

## SELECTIONS

ALBERI (2) - GRAND CITY (4) - DURYTHME (6) - BORGHAL (7)