

THURSDAY, 07/03/24

C1 - PRIX DE LA GASCOGNE - 2000m (a1m 1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 53,000

1. **MOONWALK STEP** - Finished 3rd over 3200m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 handicap on the 7th of February 2024. Should run a good race
2. **CALAS** - Finished 3rd over 1500m at Chantilly in a Class 3 course qualifier on the 24th of January 2024. Place claims
3. **NEKOLETO** - Poor run when finishing 8th over 1900m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 15th of February 2024. Would be a surprise winner
4. **O'SSITOT** - Weak effort in 11th spot over 1900m at Chantilly in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 15th of February 2024. Others make more appeal
5. **KAR VERT** - Bolted up over 2000m in a Class 3 divided handicap at Marseille Borely on the 27th of February 2024. Big player
6. **MOUTARDE** - Finished 4th over 1900m at Deauville in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 3rd of February 2024. Place chance
7. **CHIAREGGIO** - Runner up over 1900m at Chantilly in a divided handicap on the 14th of November 2023. Capable of earning
8. **HOLLYWOOD AFRICANS** - Finished 8th over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 26th of January 2024. One to pass by
9. **TRABUCO** - Winner over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 26th of January 2024. Big runner
10. **MORSAN** - Well held in 3rd spot over 2000m at Marseille Borely in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 27th of February 2024. Outside place claims
11. **LOU MAN** - Runner up over 2000m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 12th of February 2024. Solid winning chance
12. **VILLA DARYA** - Finished 6th over 2000m at Saint Cloud in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 24th of November 2023. Money chance
13. **EL MANIFICO** - Ran no type of race when back in 11th spot over 1900m at Deauville in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 29th of November 2023. Others make more appeal
14. **YOU ROCK** - Finished 10th over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 26th of February 2024. Upset potential
15. **RIDWAAN** - Comfortably held in 3rd place over 2000m in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 27th of February 2024. Others make more appeal
16. **ANOLINE** - Finished 13th over 1900m at Deauville in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 3rd of February 2024. Would be a surprise winner

Summary: TRABUCO (9) arrives in pleasing form and looks to be a contender for top honors on the basis of his latest outing. LOU MAN (11) has found one two good in his last two outings and he looks to be ready to notch up another win. MOONWALK STEP (1) has the right credentials and should produce another solid effort. KAR VERT (5) put his opposition to the sword last time out and is terrific value despite rising in class.

SELECTIONS

TRABUCO (9) - LOU MAN (11) - MOONWALK STEP (1) - KAR VERT (5)

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**C2 - PRIX SAINT-SIMON - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Newcomers - Flat - EUR €
27,000**

- 1. DARBASAN** - Dam won once over 1200m which came on debut but this colt could need a run or two before showing his best. Others preferred
- 2. OZAT** - Dam won three times over in the UK including a Group three which came over 1200m and 1400m. Go well on debut
- 3. SHARDANA** - Dam raced nine times without any success and this colt is unlikely to be competitive on debut. Others make more appeal
- 4. GOLDEN ROCK** - Dam won four times from 1000m - 1300m and this colt doesn't shape up as one that could win on debut. One to pass by
- 5. KIARO** - Son of Guignol who could be worth keeping an eye on and needs to be followed in the market. Could be anything
- 6. NAXOS** - Son of Territories who gets the services of a top jockey which could indicate that there might be some expectations. Follow the market
- 7. DELIRE** - Well bred son of Siyouni who could be ready to strike on debut. Dam won once over 1500m. Big player

Summary: DELIRE (7) is bred to be useful and could show up very prominently on debut. He is certainly very interesting here. OZAT (2) is well bred and races for a lethal combination which could see him show a promising effort. KIARO (5) and NAXOS (6) both warrant market checks in a race that could be worth following.

SELECTIONS

DELIRE (7) - OZAT (2) - KIARO (5) - NAXOS (6)

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**C3 - PRIX DUSHKA - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Newcomers - Flat - EUR €
27,000**

- 1. SARIMARES** - Daughter of the talented Recoletos, this filly could be of interest on debut. The market is our best guide
- 2. IRIDIA** - Dam was unraced and this filly seems as a the type that may need an educational run. Others inspire more confidence
- 3. LA CELESTIALE** - Dam won three times in France ranging from 1500 - 2400m. She could be well set up to go close. Follow the market
- 4. SEEYOUAGAIN** - Dam raced four times without any success but this filly comes from a yard that can ready them at the first time of asking. Include in the play
- 5. SAHIRAH** - Nicely bred daughter of Ten Sovereigns who gets the services of a top jockey for her debut. Watch the market
- 6. LA MANDALA** - Dam was unraced and this filly could need a couple of runs before showing her true potential. Others preferred
- 7. LYBOVKA** - Dam was unraced and this filly gets the services of a 4kg claiming apprentice. One to pass by
- 8. MONBE** - Dam won twice over 1000m and 1200m as well as being raced in Group events. Trip is a question mark
- 9. BEST OFFER** - Dam raced seven times without any success so this filly remains as a bit of an unknown. Watch for any support
- 10. CHIVERE** - This filly gets the services of an apprentice on debut which could signal that she may need a few runs before shaping up. One to pass by
- 11. CARTIMANDUA** - Dam raced eight times for zero wins but this filly has a powerful combination which makes her of interest. Could be a big runner

Summary: SAHIRAH (5) has the pedigree to suggest that she will be suited by this trip on debut and stands out with Christophe Soumillon aboard. LA CELESTIALE (3) hails from an inform yard and could be quite forward. SARIMARES (1) is very interesting on debut and needs to be followed closely in the market. SEEYOUAGAIN (4) could be anything and bears close watching.

SELECTIONS

SAHIRAH (5) - LA CELESTIALE (3) - SARIMARES (1) - SEEYOUAGAIN (4)

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**C4 - PRIX ROSE DE MAI - 2000m (a1m 1/4) - TURF - Listed - Flat - EUR €
55,000**

1. SIMADA - Won well over 2100m at Pornichet in a Class 2 conditional on the 30th of January 2024. More to come

2. KEEN APPROACH - Won a nice race over 1900m at Deauville in a maiden contest on the 3rd of February 2024. Would be a surprise winner

3. ITSY BITSY - Finished 2nd over 1600m at Toulouse in a Listed race on the 11th of November 2023. Will run well

4. FUN WITH FLAGS - Winner over 1500m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 2 conditional against older company on the 15th of January 2024. One to beat

5. HARMONY GREY - Produced a promising performance when winning over 1600m at Pornichet in a Class 2 conditional. Should be involved

6. DARKILLA - Winner on debut over 1900m at Deauville against maiden company on the 19th of January 2024. Will need to up her game

Summary: FUN WITH FLAGS (4) is unbeaten and looks to be a very progressive type that could go through the divisions. She rates the one to beat. ITSY BITSY (3) has been tested at this level and has the experience over her rivals which could aid her cause. SIMADA (1) is improving and getting better with racing so looks to be a serious threat. HARMONY GREY (5) has the ability and should appreciate stepping up in trip.

SELECTIONS

FUN WITH FLAGS (4) - ITSY BITSY (3) - SIMADA (1) - HARMONY GREY (5)

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**C5 - PRIX GRIS PERLE - 2000m (a1m 1/4) - TURF - Class 2 - Flat - EUR €
28,000**

1. PURPLE MOOD - Progressive sort who improved to win both outings on the PSF over 1900m at Deauville last year, the latest of which was on 15 November. Should have more to offer on his reappearance

2. SHAMARKAND - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd over 1800m by improving to win over 2000m at Vichy when last seen on 25 September. Open to any amount of further progress

3. SADAK - Improved with the benefit of an introductory over 1500m and for the step up to 1900m (both outings on PSF) to finish 3rd at Chantilly on 9 December. One to note on his return with progress expected

4. PARIOLO - Debut winner on PSF over 2100m at Pornichet on 16 February. Would have gained plenty from that experience so cannot be underestimated

5. FAST TRACKER - Improving last-start winner on the turf at Cagnes over 1500m on 17 February. Gave the impression that this step up in distance could unlock further progress

6. MON FLAMANT - Improved on his debut 8th over 1900m on PSF at Deauville in December to win over 2100m on that surface at Pornichet on 7 January. Unknown quantity on turf with scope to improve

Summary: A small but competitive field of six, including five last-start winners. None, however, make more appeal than improving FAST TRACKER (5) who impressed over 1500m at Cagnes last month when giving the impression that the step up to this distance will unlock further progress. PURPLE MOOD (1) won back-to-back starts over 1900m on the PSF late last year and is one of several others open to improvement on his reappearance. The same can be said of both SHAMARKAND (2) and SADAK (3) who also warrant respect on their returns to action.

SELECTIONS

FAST TRACKER (5) - PURPLE MOOD (1) - SHAMARKAND (2) - SADAK (3)

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C6 - PRIX ALTIPAN - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Listed - Flat - EUR € 52,000

1. BREIZH EAGLE - An honest performer with references at this level, including a 2nd in a Listed race on heavy ground at this venue in his most recent outing on 17 November

2. MARHABA YA SANAFI - Group I winner last year of the Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Absent since finishing 4th in the Group II Prix Niel over 2400m at ParisLongchamp on 10 September

3. HALF HALF - Consistent performer who maintained his form and consistency at this level last year. Needs to raise his game on his reappearance after finishing 6th in a 1400m PSF handicap at Deauville in November

4. ARCANDI - Showed promise as a two-year-old but raced only once last year before arriving on French soil from Germany. Finished 5th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Chantilly on 16 February

5. ANTHORUS - Consistent performer with sound references, which includes finishing 3rd in consecutive Listed races on both surfaces. Finished 3rd in a 1500m PSF Listed event at Deauville on 3 December last time out

6. AMERICAN FLAG - A specialist performer on heavy ground with form references at Group level. Not seen since finishing 6th on this course in a Group III race on 22 October

7. TOPGEAR - Has proven he runs well fresh as well as his competitiveness at this level. Joined Christopher Head after finishing 11th in the Group I Prix de la Forêt at ParisLongchamp on 1 October

8. RUSSIPANT FAL - Lightly raced individual whose competitiveness at this level is beyond doubt. Could, however, be in need of this run having been off since finishing 5th in a 1600m Listed race at Vichy on 21 July

Summary: AMERICAN FLAG (6) has proven himself very efficient on heavy ground so is capable of making a winning reappearance. He will, however, have to thwart the likely challenge of TOPGEAR (7) who was impressive on his reappearance last year, proving he does run well fresh, and MARHABA YA SANAFI (2), last year's victor of the Group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains. ANTHORUS (5) and BREIZH EAGLE (1) complete the shortlist for this competitive Listed renewal.

SELECTIONS

AMERICAN FLAG (6) - TOPGEAR (7) - MARHABA YA SANAFI (2) - ANTHORUS (5)

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C7 - PRIX DU POTAGER DU DAUPHIN - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 25,000

- 1. MEISHO VELITE** - Won a 1600m conditions event at Vittel in August but regressed in two subsequent starts, and could only finish 6th on handicap debut over 2000m on this course back on 24 November
- 2. FAMILIAR** - Debut winner on turf and remained consistent in both subsequent starts on the PSF at Chantilly last year. Not seen since finishing 4th over 1800m on 9 December
- 3. GOODEVENINGMRBOND** - Acquitted himself well on handicap debut at Chantilly over 1300m on the PSF, finishing 3rd on 24 February. Has claims
- 4. PURPLE STAR** - Won on debut on the turf and only recently Christophe Escuder's stable after winning a 1600m PSF claimer at Cagnes on 25 February
- 5. GOLD O'BOY** - Has lost his way recently in three starts on PSF - the most recent of which (13th) was over 1300m on 15 December at Deauville
- 6. SABROSO** - Ultra-consistent performer who deserves to open his account after several near misses. Finished 2nd at Deauville over 1300m on PSF before his last-start 4th over that track and trip on 2 February
- 7. PICANES** - Made an encouraging reappearance over 1300m on PSF at Chantilly on 23 February and should have more to offer now, especially with Marie Vélon's 1,5kg allowance
- 8. DARLENE** - Inconsistent in three outings on the PSF after a creditable debut 4th on turf at Nancy in October. Best watched for now
- 9. ARPENTEUR** - Revealed sufficient means in four starts as a two-year-old last season, albeit without winning and is likely to be competitive after finishing 2nd on handicap debut at ParisLonchamp on 29 October
- 10. MEHLANGO** - Unplaced in all three starts to date, the most recent of which was over 1500m on PSF at Deauville on 5 December
- 11. MANOIR** - A relatively consistent performer on both turf and PSF. Has finished 4th in both starts this year - most recent of which over 1500m in a conditions race on turf at Cagnes on 21 February

Summary: SABROSO (6) has the form and experience that should see him fight for victory on his return to the handicaps at a mark 2kg less than before. PICANES (7) ought to improve after an encouraging comeback outing so could pose a threat along with ARPENTEUR (9), whose competitiveness at this level is beyond doubt. GOODEVENINGMRBOND (3), who was 3rd at this level recently, and last-start winner PURPLE STAR (4) will be competitive for the places.

SELECTIONS

SABROSO (6) - PICANES (7) - ARPENTEUR (9) - GOODEVENINGMRBOND (3)

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C8 - PRIX DU PERIGORD - 2000m (a1m 1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 27,000

1. **QUICK FLASH** - Inconsistent but undeniably capable of acquitting himself competitively in a race of this nature, and on rain-affected ground in particular. Finished 11th over 2100m on this course on 17 November
2. **VAYDENA** - Inconsistent but showed her form and well-being by finishing 4th in a 2400m PSF claimer at Cagnes on 12 February. Returns to the scene of her latest success (September 2023)
3. **NARCOS** - An honest veteran performer with sound references at this level of the handicap and off his current mark. Finished 6th over 2500m at Cagnes on 21 February and should have a role to play here
4. **JOLI COUP** - Consistent for the most part and has a particular liking for this racecourse. Finished 11th over 2500m at Cagnes on 15 January but would have needed that outing after a rest so should do better here
5. **OASIS BAY** - Finished 6th in back-to-back handicap races in October last year, the latest at ParisLongchamp over 2200m on 29 October. Dark horse
6. **KARAKORUM** - Inconsistent but capable veteran competitive off this reduced mark, so can't be underestimated. Finished 8th over 2400m at Toulouse on 4 December
7. **MI C'INFILLO** - Effective on heavy ground and boasts sound form references. Finished 6th off a higher mark in a 2000m handicap at Mareille-Bordely on 27 February
8. **RUUDJE** - Unreliable veteran who finished 10th in a PSF handicap over 2500m at Deauville on 5 December. Has better references on turf
9. **CLEVER ACTRESS** - Rejuvenated veteran mare whose partnership with rider Margot Romary has blossomed. Won 2400m handicaps at Toulouse on her last two outings, the latest of which was on 6 February
10. **MR RIEM** - Inconsistent but isn't incapable off this reduced mark, so can't be underestimated. Finished 9th over 2150m on the PSF at Lyon on 2 December
11. **LA YOMOGUINNESS** - Could only finish 10th over 2100m on this course in a conditions race on 17 November. Best watched for now
12. **NEVA NEVADA** - Lightly raced mare with references at a lower level, including a last-start 7th at Machecoul over 2950m on 3 February
13. **JUBILE** - Last-start winner of a 2100m handicap at Tarbes on 23 February. Has more to do at this level
14. **DESIRE FOR EVER** - Consistent mare with sound/consistent form references, though has been hard to win with (has just 1 victory in 16 starts). Finished 4th at Machecoul over 2950m on 25 February
15. **ATHINEOS** - Won on this course over 2100m in October but finished unplaced in each of her 4 subsequent starts under a penalty. Was only 11th over 2700m on PSF at Chantilly on 16 February
16. **LIGHTS COME ON** - Finished a reassuring 4th over 2500m in a turf handicap at Cagnes on 21 February. Can get into the picture
17. **BREATH OF FIRE** - Inconsistent but capable veteran competitive off this reduced mark, so can't be underestimated. Finished 6th over 3200m at Cagnes on 26 February
18. **LA WOOD** - Capable veteran mare with sound references on turf and PSF, including a reassuring 3rd over 3100m in a PSF handicap at Pornichet on 27 January. Dark horse

Summary: JOLI COUP (4) closed out 2023 with two competitive performances on this racecourse and is a lot better than his latest comeback outing suggests. Having already proven his efficiency on heavy ground and with Maxime Guyon engaged, it could pay to side with him in this concluding event. NARCOS (3), with the aid of his rider's 1,5kg allowance, looks likely to pose the biggest threat, though the list of potential dangers also includes QUICK FLASH (1) and CLEVER ACTRESS (9). Of the remainder, LIGHTS COME ON (16) and VAYDENA (2) appeal most.

SELECTIONS

JOLI COUP (4) - NARCOS (3) - QUICK FLASH (1) - CLEVER ACTRESS (9)