

WEDNESDAY, 19/07/23

C1 - PRIX VICHY DESTINATION - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 28.000

1. **CLAIR DE LUNE** - Finished a reassuring 2nd on handicap debut last time and should play a leading role if confirming
2. **GERMINAL** - Rewarded for consistency with a maiden victory in a 2500m handicap last time. Tougher up 2,5kg
3. **COLADA FIRST** - Has struggled to make an impression in handicap races off her current mark, so can be ruled out
4. **TEOUMAMOU** - Confirmed the improvement of his previous start (win) with a 2nd last time. Can have a say again
5. **BECQUANIENTE** - Took advantage of her reduced rating to win a handicap last time but has more to do upped 2,5kg
6. **MUSIC DAY** - More effective at a lower level so is hard to make a case for now pitched into a handicap. Overlook
7. **LOVE TRUE** - Non partante
8. **TWIN SCAT** - Has not gone unnoticed in either outing this year and get a look in here if improving. Place chance
9. **SUBLIME ATTRACTION** - Inconsistent but has shown enough to warrant consideration and could get into the picture. Lurker
10. **ALLEZ LULU** - Lightly raced colt with scope for improvement. Not beaten far recently and must respected on his handicap debut off a lenient mark
11. **SANBER** - Maintaining form and consistency after winning three starts back. Close-up 2nd last time, respect
12. **DOCTEUR TOURNESOL** - Sets the standard here on good recent form and his rider's 3,5kg allowance. Has a winning chance
13. **YANAWAY** - Handicap debutante raised 1kg for winning over 2900m at Cavailon recently. Must raise her game
14. **FASHIONED GIRL** - Has appeared rather limited to this point and is unfavourably drawn at No 17, so can be ruled out
15. **SWING THE RING** - Returned to form when 4th in a similar contest last time and is dangerous to dismiss on that form
16. **PLUIE D'ETOILES** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time, so her chances are limited in this grade/company
17. **MASTER LIGHT** - Has improved recently over similar distances but is probably best watched on his handicap debut
18. **BREIZH WOOD** - Finished a reassuring 2nd in a conditions race last time but has more to do at this level. Outsider

Summary : DOCTOR SUNFLOWER (12) was involved in a drawn-out fight with the useful Lempira recently, finishing 2nd to that rival Aix-les-Bains, and need only repeat such a performance to fight for victory again. CLAIR DE LUNE (1), runner-up over this trip on handicap debut last time, is also likely to mount a serious challenge. ALLEZ LULU (10) is well placed off his current mark and ought to make his presence felt too. SANBER (11) has already proven his competitiveness at this level so can get into the picture along with TEOUMAMOU (4) who arrives in good form.

SELECTIONS

DOCTEUR TOURNESOL (12) - CLAIR DE LUNE (1) - ALLEZ LULU (10) - SANBER (11)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA SOREC - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 17.000

1. **MARZOUK** - Runner-up in three of his four starts and should again play a leading role in the finish here. Include
2. **WHIP DRALLIV** - Finished an encouraging 4th on debut and would have gained plenty from that experience. Ought to improve
3. **A CANNES** - Caught the eye on debut when an encouraging 3rd and with any improvement could well open his account
4. **SHURAYK** - Runner-up on debut but has failed to build on that promise, finishing 5th twice. Needs to reaffirm
5. **HENNEZIS** - Finished 2nd on debut last year but has only managed to finish 5th in both starts this year. Can do better
6. **SACRED FLOWER** - Made her debut at Doncaster before leaving Charlie Appleby. Respected in her first start on French soil
7. **MQSE DE MASCARILLE** - Made an encouraging debut (4th) and is likely to have come on with that run. Should have more to offer
8. **SACAYA** - Has made no impression in either outing so is hard to make a case for here. Others are preferred
9. **SKATHI** - Has improved with each outing, building on her comeback 4th to finish 2nd last time. Shortlisted

Summary : A CANNES (3) caught the eye late on debut once the penny had dropped and ought to build on that effort, so it could pay to follow his progress here. To do that, though, he will need to thwart the likely challenges of MARZOUK (1), who has both the form and experience to fight for victory, and returning Godolphin filly SACRED FLOWER (6) in her first start on French soil after leaving Charlie Appleby's yard. Improving SKATHI (9) and MQSE DE MASCARILLE (7) can also get into the picture.

SELECTIONS

A CANNES (3) - MARZOUK (1) - SACRED FLOWER (6) - SKATHI (9)

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C3 - PRIX IMPERATRICE EUGENIE - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 55.000

1. **TREIZIEME MOIS** - At the top of his game, winning well at Deauville recently albeit in a slightly lower grade. Up 4kg but is better to have with than against
2. **SEA BREAKER** - After a perfect start to her career in conditional races, this pupil of Henri-Alex Pantall made an interesting Quinte+ debut in handicaps at Deauville (5th). High on the shortlist
3. **GANIBET** - Convincing winner on the grass before a break and has run in the Czech Republic 3 times since. Difficult to assess in this grade/company
4. **MANADA** - Was deemed good enough to debut in the Prix de Chaillot. Has proved herself in conditions races, crossing paths with several useful sorts, so warrants respect
5. **WAY TO MARSEILLE** - Disappointed in Quinte+ last month having brilliantly opened his account at his previous start. Judged on his best form, he should get onto the podium
6. **CHERGUI** - Gutsy winner on his debut in the handicaps and confirmed his good form when finishing 3rd last time despite a 3kg penalty. Has a say
7. **LE TROPIC** - Ran better than indicated by his finishing position (8th) at ParisLongchamp last time. Profile of the track will suit him, so is dangerous to dismiss
8. **BEAUTIFUL MEMORY** - Claimed by Gérard Augustin-Normand following his last performance and is making her handicap debut. Has prove herself at this level
9. **TREATWOOD** - Unexosed colt who begins in the handicaps off an attractive mark. Could get into the picture from a good starting stall
10. **RICHARD HORNIG** - Whispered ahead of debut in the handicaps but frankly could not accelerate to the finish. Can still tempt lovers of outsiders
11. **AIXELLENCE** - Progressive filly who easily opened her account in the South-East last time. Makes handicap debut off what could prove a lenient mark - watch out
12. **PURE POWER** - Opened his account at Wissembourg last time when wearing Australian blinkers for the first time. Held by TREATWOOD (9) on his earlier form
13. **ANNA CARIBEA** - Hold-up type who always gives of her best and has proven her competitive over 2400m. Wide gate and has no margin off her current mark, outsider
14. **GOLDEN RIVER** - Inconsistent filly who returned to winning ways in a claiming race last time. Tries this distance for the first time but others make more appeal
15. **WARELIA** - Runner-up in a competitive Strasbourg Class 2 but let the side down in a Clairefontaine handicap last time. For lovers of outsiders
16. **AUTHODIDACTE** - Made a strong impression in an event reserved for apprentices on her handicap debut. With Théo Bachelot aboard, cannot be discounted

Summary : SEA BREAKER (2) finished a creditable 5th in her first start at Quinte+ level and, on that evidence, is likely to have the measure of this field if repeating that performance from a good starting stall. WAY TO MARSEILLE (5), whose last-start failure must be put into perspective, and potential frontrunner MANADA (4) are likely to pose a threat. Recent winner TREIZIEME MOIS (1) is in good order and also promises to be competitive, so too consistent CHERGUI (6) and another last-start winner AIXELLENCE (11). After winning on handicap debut last time, AUTHODIDACTE (16) seems capable of holding her own at this level too. TREATWOOD (9) has done nothing wrong and can make life difficult for her rivals.

SELECTIONS

SEA BREAKER (2) - WAY TO MARSEILLE (5) - MANADA (4) - TREIZIEME MOIS (1)

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C4 - PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET DES JOUVENCELLES - BERNARD FERRAND - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Flat - EUR € 60.000

- 1. WOOTTON VERNI** - Impressive winner on debut over a similar trip and is likely to have a lot more to offer. Can remain unbeaten
- 2. LIGHTNING LEO** - Won debut over this trip before being outclassed in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot. This looks easier
- 3. MAN WITH THE PLAN** - Has revealed good form and consistency in his three starts to date over 1300m and 1350m. Place chance
- 4. EMPLOY** - Showed promise in two starts over 1000m before improving to open her account going 1400m last time. More to come
- 5. LES PAVOTS** - Promising filly with solid form credentials, including a good 3rd at Group III level last time. Respect
- 6. ROSE ACADEMY** - Has improved to finish 2nd in her last two starts but needs to raise her game to be competitive in this grade/company. For another day
- 7. TULIPA CHOPE** - Debut winner over 1200m before confirming that promise with a good 3rd in quality company. Has claims
- 8. VIVE LA REINE** - Was runner-up on debut over 1100m and finished 2nd again over 1300m last time. Dangerous to dismiss
- 9. GEE WHIZZER** - Confirmed the improvement of her previous start victory by finishing 3rd last time. More needed here

Summary : Well-related WOOTTON VERNI (1) put experienced rivals to the sword when making an impressive winning debut and is taken to confirm his great potential by remaining unbeaten in this Listed event. TULIPA CHOPE (7) made a winning introduction and she lost nothing in defeat when finishing 3rd at Lyon-Parilly last time. She is likely to pose a threat, along with LES PAVOTS (5) has revealed his potential and consistency in competitive fields. LIGHTNING LEO (2), who comes from England, is dangerous to dismiss.

SELECTIONS

WOOTTON VERNI (1) - TULIPA CHOPE (7) - LES PAVOTS (5) - LIGHTNING LEO (2)

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**C5 - PRIX DE PARAY-LE-MONIAL - LONGINES FEGENTRI WORLD CHPT
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14.000**

1. L'INDOMPTABLE - Consistent for the most part and arrives in good form. Supplemented for this race, the one to beat

2. HIGHEST MOUNTAIN - Finished a disappointing 8th last time but is capable of better than that. Chance on earlier form

3. BONNIE HOPPS - Unplaced over 1800m and 1850m at ParisLongchamp recently but should do better back at 2000m in this grade/company. Keep safe

4. MARITOT - Has improved to finish 4th in her last two starts and is back at the track of her last success. Respect

5. FAZZANO - Unplaced and well beaten in his last two starts, so is hard to make a case for and needs to reaffirm

6. AL ZAHIRA - Has made no impression in each of her three starts this year, finishing unplaced. Others preferred

7. TARCENAY - Has been struggling for some time now and is unlikely to trouble the judge. Others are preferred

8. MYSTIC CHOP - Has nothing noteworthy to his name for a considerable period now so can be ruled out. Overlook

9. MARY WHITE - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so her chances are limited even at this level

Summary : L'INDOMPTABLE (1) ran well back in a handicap off this mark last time and will be formidable here if repeating that performance. BONNIE HOPPS (3) is out of sorts but, judged on her best form, is likely to lead the opposition ahead of MARITOT (4) who has already won at this track. HIGHEST MOUNTAIN (2) is better than his recent 8th suggests and is dangerous to dismiss.

SELECTIONS

L'INDOMPTABLE (1) - BONNIE HOPPS (3) - MARITOT (4) - HIGHEST MOUNTAIN (2)

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C6 - GRAND PRIX DE VICHY - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Group 3 - Group - Flat - EUR € 80.000

1. MONTY - Well-performed veteran who gets on well with his rider, Gérald Mossé. Should have a role to play here

2. HOOKING - Returned to form when refitted with headgear last time, finishing 2nd in a Group III event. Capable

3. NARANCO - Consistent in the UK, France, and most recently in Spain winning two of three starts this year. More to do

4. BOLTHOLE - At the top of his game of late, winning three of his last four starts, and is unbeaten on French soil. Will be a factor

5. KERTEZ - Consistent, high-class performer with solid form credentials. Sets a good standard, the one to beat

6. WONDERFUL TIMES - Consistent filly who has maintained her form in France since arriving from the UK. Must raise her game

7. ONE FOR BOBBY - Capable but inconsistent Frankel filly who has the means to get into the picture. Not taken lightly

8. HARRY WAY - Has won three of nine starts and finished 2nd in the other six, including three consecutive Group III contests recently. Keep safe

Summary : KERTEZ (5) has been finishing close-up for several weeks now, including at Group II last month, and this light ease in grade should bring about a return to winning ways. BOLTHOLE (4) is at the top of his game and likely to pose a threat to the selection after consecutive wins at Listed level recently. Both HOOKING (2) and MONTY (1) have both the form and experience to get into the fight.

SELECTIONS

KERTEZ (5) - BOLTHOLE (4) - HOOKING (2) - MONTY (1)

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**C7 - PRIX KENWAY - GRAND PRIX DES CAVALIERES DE VICHY - 2400m
(a1 1/2m) - TURF - Handicap Claiming - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 14.000**

- 1. MASALA** - Showed improvement when fourth last time out. This shorter distance can suit and could fight out the finish
- 2. GEORGIA** - Only fair of late but is more at home in claimers and her last win was a claimer last year. Not out of it
- 3. FREE BREATH** - Failed to carry her penalty when sixth in a handicap last time out. Has picked up three wins this year including a claimer and has a winning chance
- 4. KING MOTIF** - Has lost his way of late since last win but should do better back in a claimer and could be the surprise package of the race
- 5. FASHIONSPAN** - Picked up a couple of wins in 2022 but has only been modest in four runs this year and others are preferred
- 6. GO FAST** - Not disgraced when sixth last time out. Has won at this course before and dropped to a claimer should run a big race
- 7. LADY MAG** - Well tried this year and has won three times. Not disgraced when fourth in a claimer last time out and is not out of it
- 8. QUEEN BAY** - Fifth in a handicap last time out. Disappointing this year but has run well in claimers before and has a place chance

Summary : A competitive looking race. GO FAST (6) was not disgraced when sixth last time out. This is weaker and he can score. MASALA (1) ran well when fourth over 3000m and will prefer this shorter distance so deserves some respect. GEORGIA (2) runs well in claimers and has a winning chance. FREE BREATH (3) has been in good form all year and won a claimer the last time he contested one.

SELECTIONS

GO FAST (6) - MASALA (1) - GEORGIA (2) - FREE BREATH (3)

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C8 - PRIX DE L'UNION DES AQPS DU CENTRE-EST - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Group 3 Aqps - Flat - EUR € 35.000

- 1. JET BLUE** - Looked good in his two wins last year. Consistent without winning but cannot be ruled out of it. Respect
- 2. JORIS** - Unbeaten in two starts including at this course last time out. Has every chance of completing the hat-trick
- 3. JIMY DES GENIEVRES** - Has improved of late and was not disgraced when runner-up last time out. These look stronger but might play a minor role
- 4. JACARANDA** - Consistent since winning in May and is distance suited. He should contest the finish once again
- 5. JEU DE THAIX** - Has not done much wrong in his three starts. Fair third in penultimate start and won either side of that. Has a winning chance
- 6. JORDANS** - A good debut win last month. This is a lot tougher but he does deserve respect for that win
- 7. ISTAR** - Only win was over 3000m. Not disgraced when fourth last time out but may need to do more to win this race
- 8. JEANNETTE** - Won twice last year but has not shown that this year. Consistent of late but needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 9. ICONE ANGEVINE** - Unbeaten in two starts and the latest was when returning from a break. Clearly talented and can follow up
- 10. JAIM** - Not disgraced when runner-up last time out and that was much better than his only win of the year which was a claimer. Place chance
- 11. IMAGINE D'ALENE** - Has yet to win a race but has been fair in both starts this year. This is a tough task and others are preferred
- 12. IN THE MIX** - Only win to her name was last year. Consistent this year but needs to do more to beat these rivals. Place chance
- 13. JUDGELAND** - Two wins in 2022 but has not been as good this year so far. Fair fourth last time out but needs to do more to win this race

Summary : ICONE ANGEVINE (9) returned from a break with a good win last time out and she also won at this course last year. She could be the right one but there are many in-form and improving runners. JORIS (2) is unbeaten in two starts and has also won at this course so will not be a surprise winner. JEU DE THAIX (5) has only been beaten once in three starts and that was at this track but has shown promise and is not out of it. JACARANDA (4) has been consistent since winning and has a shot at this.

SELECTIONS

ICONE ANGEVINE (9) - JORIS (2) - JEU DE THAIX (5) - JACARANDA (4)