



VINCENNES - 11th January

Trainer of the day : **Franck Leblanc** (501, 804, 806)

Jockey of the day : **Franck Nivard** (104, 311, 402, 505, 604)

Horse of the day : **Gréco Simardière** (206)

Dark Horse : **Flore Mérité** (303)

Race 1

1. A BRAVE HEART - Respectable in both starts here this winter but stays shod this time and can be passed over
2. SPICKLEBACK FACE - Hardy nordic type that seldom lets the side down when applied. Has not raced for over two months though and may need the outing
3. ETERNELLE DELO - Has pleased for the most part this meeting but the presence of foreign horses will do her chances no favours
4. TRANSCENDENCE - Hardy Swedish type that has encouraged in both starts here this winter. Has previously beaten (9) THE BUCKET LIST F. at home and should have a good hand to play

5. ESMONDO - Moderate sort that has struggled of late and again appears to be biting off more than he can chew
6. EPIC JULRY - Respectable when he can keep his action together but has never imposed here. Is barefoot for the first time though and will be one to note
7. EXCELLENT - In the frame in two of three this term but stays shod on this occasion and unlikely to shake things up
8. ELSA DU POMMEREUX - Capable but not the most reliable. Disappointing since returning to competition and must raise her game
9. THE BUCKET LIST F. - Classy Swedish sort that appreciates Vincennes profile. Secured a Class A over track and trip last time and returns fresh with a chance of doubling up
10. ELENA DE PIENCOURT - Not the most reliable but has nothing to prove at this level. Showed her form in a Gr.2 early December and if applied should not be far off the mark
11. EXTASY D'OURVILLE - Regularly gives everything she has. Fourth to (13) ELNINO MONTAVAL on re-entry last month and should be able to get a look in
12. ELECTRA JET - Regularly in the thick of things when she can maintain stride. Not up to the task behind (18) EXTRA LIGHT last time though and chances limited
13. ELNINO MONTAVAL - Beat a number of others here over shorter a month ago when barefoot for the first time and in similar form should again get in on the action
14. EVRIK DE GUEZ - Serious sort that has never been bested over 2850m here. Can prove a handful but seldom disappoints when unshod behind and can impose
15. FLYING FORTUNA - Good class of horse but has yet to make his mark here. Untested over such a long trip and chances appear limited
16. ERODE LUDOIS - Handy sort that missed out by little to (17) ETHIEN DU VIVIER here last month. Comes here fresh and even in the absence of Bazire will have his supporters
17. ETHIEN DU VIVIER - Unplaced in a Gr.1 last month but otherwise has excellent credentials on the main track. Is clearly in form and can challenge for a spot in the frame
18. EXTRA LIGHT - Fine consistent mare that finished third in a fillies Gr.2 over 2700m here last time. Could not hope for a better entry and must be afforded respect

Summary

Winner of four from six at Vincennes and unbeaten over the distance here (14) EVRIK DE GUEZ lost his action ten days ago but if applied may just have the edge over the dynamic Swedish import (9) THE BUCKET LIST F. who won a Class A in style over course and distance last time out. (10) ELENA DE PIENCOURT drops back down the class ladder following a failed attempt in the Criterium Continental and will be considerably more competitive. (17) ETHIEN DU VIVIER finished behind her that day but has consistency on his side and will have his chances. (13) ELNINO MONTEVAL showed his form over shorter last month and with four shoes off again must be respected.

Selections

(14) EVRIK DE GUEZ - (9) THE BUCKET LIST F. - (10) ELENA DE PIENCOURT - (17) ETHIEN DU VIVIER - (13) ELNINO MONTEVAL - (4) TRANSCENDENCE - (18) EXTRA LIGHT - (11) EXTASY D'OURVILLE

Race 2

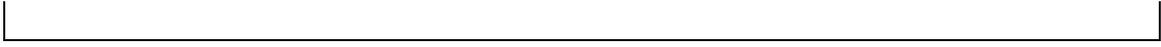
1. GIANT MESLOIS - Untried colt that showed little in qualification and in this company will have his work cut out
2. GENERAL DE BOSTON - Sanctioned in three of four to date - latterly on ridden debut - and chances slim at best
3. GABIANO - Yet to show any particular aptitude for either code and can be passed over
4. GREZILLON D'URFIST - Debuted respectably when second to (10) GALEO DU TORDOIR here eight days ago. Has more to find but should still give an honourable account
5. GALA TEJY - Useful colt that recently set his personal best under harness. Takes his first competitive steps in the discipline and could pick up a cheque
6. GRECO SIMARDIERE - Won his debut superbly on the short course early December. Has had time to freshen up and can double his money
7. GILMOUR - Can prove a handful but has shown promise in the other code and debuts under the saddle with legitimate ambition
8. GOLD DE LA COTE - Quality colt making first appearance under the saddle after four good harness performances. Comes here fresh and looks a serious proposition
9. GALOPIN DE CONDE - Showed early promise but has since lost his way. Makes first start in the discipline but chances limited
10. GALEO DU TORDOIR - Headed by (6) GRECO SIMARDIERE here last month but has since gone on to win and again looks competitive for a place

Summary

(6) GRECO SIMARDIERE won in very good order on debut here early last month and a similar performance would see him wrap this up. (10) GALEO DU TORDOIR finished second to him that day and has since imposed but he may have to defer to (8) GOLD DE LA COTE who takes his first steps in the specialty after having shown considerable class under harness. (7) GILMOUR has a similar profile and although somewhat delicate still looks a decent place prospect.

Selections

(6) GRECO SIMARDIERE - (8) GOLD DE LA COTE - (10) GALEO DU TORDOIR - (7) GILMOUR



Race 3

1. FLOWER BALL - Decent filly that makes her first appearance since trotting third in a Class D over the distance here mid-November. Stays shod and best to monitor this time
2. FLOWER BY MAGALOU - Got back down to business with a superb course and distance victory early December. Less at ease last weekend but must still be taken seriously
3. FLORE MERITE - Has come good on her promise over past month with two successes here - including over the distance. Courageous third recently and expected to give another competitive account
4. FLEUR DE LYS DELO - Unremarkable filly that seldom makes her presence felt and is not about to buck the trend
5. FALLING IN LOVE - Blows hot and cold but gave a good account behind (14) FORAYA DE CAHOT here last time. Is better on the short track but is first time unshod all four and should not be far off the mark
6. FIESTA DANCER - Not the easiest to handle but solid when focused. Lost her action in the race of reference when full of running and if more applied this time can make amends
7. FABULEUSE ADEMA - Handy sort on a good day and has twice won here but better a level down and others preferred
8. FERIA DIBAH - Has demonstrated good aptitude for these conditions. Can prove a handful but Raffin knows her well and with application can make the frame
9. FAMILOTE - Tricky type but has ample ability. Finished a valiant fourth in a similar event ten days ago and can confirm
10. FOSCA LUDOISE - In the frame in three of four harness starts. Returns to the discipline after a stint under the saddle but unlikely to spring any surprises
11. FLEUR FATALE - At the top of her game since the autumn. Won smartly over track and trip early last month and comes here fresh with a realistic chance of winning this
12. FACTICE MONTAVAL - Unraced since finishing a beaten second over track and trip late November. Comes here fresh but still no more than a minor place prospect
13. FRAMBOISE - Just one success in 21 starts but has ability. Encouraged on last appearance under these conditions but still has more to find
14. FORAYA DE CAHOT - Exceptional since her first steps on the track. Won well on debut here three weeks ago and can again go close

15. FLORA QUICK - Twice a winner on the short course here. Somewhat below-par mid-December but should not be too hastily judged. Is barefoot this time and can impose

Summary

Despite failing to fire at the same level on the short course mid-December (15) FLORA QUICK is nonetheless a filly for the future and going barefoot for the first time can more than make amends. Gelormini will however want to keep a watchful eye on (11) FLEUR FATALE who carried out her duties professionally over course and distance early last month. (8) FERIA DIBAH was not the luckiest here ten days ago when full of running and with application will have her chances. (5) FALLING IN LOVE is another promising type and the new shoeing formula can only work to her advantage.

Selections

(15) FLORA QUICK - (11) FLEUR FATALE - (8) FERIA DIBAH - (5) FALLING IN LOVE

Race 4

1. WELL DONE LA MARC - Decent Scandinavian type with good references at home but has yet to get into her stride since coming south and must reaffirm
2. MAMASAN - Quality Swedish import that raced better behind (5) UGOLINAST last time than the result suggests and with more luck in running could well make the frame this time
3. DAYLIGHT - No slouch on a good day but has never finished closer than 5th over 2700m here. In better company and can be passed over
4. EVENING PRAYER - Has ability but not the most reliable. Prefers a more even surface and can expect to have few takers
5. UGOLINAST - On a superb run in recent months. Good second to (9) DASTAVIA DE GUEZ here last month and deserves to win a race of this category
6. BAMBINA FORTUNA - A complete write-off since returning to competition in the autumn and has no realistic chance
7. CARESSSE - Courageous mare that has been acquitting herself well of late and while unlikely to make the frame this time can still pick up some stake money
8. UNE ETOILE GAR - Consistent for the most part but yet to make her mark at the venue. Is fresh though and going barefoot for the first time could get a look in
9. DASTAVIA DE GUEZ - Classy mare that has won her last four races but stays shod on this occasion and others preferred
10. CARINA DU PARC - Not as productive this winter as she was during the autumn but will still have her supporters
11. DEMOISELLE MIKA - Consistently gives everything she has. Placed just once in four over the distance here but still not to be ruled out
12. COMETE DES VAUX - Quality mare with a good record over the main course. Won shod late last month and with shoes off this time will not be available at 60-1
13. DONA NINA - Mixes the good with the less good but is proven under these conditions and in current form can break into the first five
14. DEUX ETOILES GEDE - Complicated but has nothing to prove at this level. Drops back in class following a solid effort over longer here and even though shod still looks a player
15. CHIC ET BELLE - Productive during the spring and summer but has since lost her way and chances slim at best

Summary

A quality Italian trotter that has shown a liking for the Vincennes main track (5) UGOLINAST put in a superb performance behind a barefoot (9) DASTAVIA DE GUEZ on her return to the venue last month and with Bazire's mare racing shod this time can open her French account. (12) COMETE DES VAUX sprang something of a surprise when winning over course and distance on Christmas day and with shoes off will justifiably bid to prove it was not just a flash in the pan. (14) DEUX ETOILES GEDE takes a dip in class following an encouraging Class A performance over 2850m here last weekend and similarly appears to be in with a decent shout. (2) MAMASAN has the wherewithal to improve on her performance behind the selection last month.

Selections

(5) UGOLINAST - (12) COMETE DES VAUX - (14) DEUX ETOILES GEDE - (2) MAMASAN

Race 5

1. FREEMAN DE HOUELLE - Winner over track and trip mid-December before faulting next time. Goes barefoot for the first time though and must be afforded considerable respect
2. FAKIR BONNETIERE - Sanctioned as often as not but has ability. Runner-up to (8) FINGER DE RODREY early December before catching the eye behind (5) FIDELE AMOUR and if focused should figure prominently
3. FIRST GEDE - Complicated type that trotted second to (5) FIDELE AMOUR last month before losing his action early last weekend. Can finish in the money if he can keep his action together
4. FAKIR DES MANIS - Useful sort when focused but very disappointing last time on the inner track and has a lot more to find
5. FIDELE AMOUR - Imposed with authority over track and trip on ridden debut last month. Goes barefoot this time and can confirm
6. FAST RASTID - Quality individual with good references under these conditions. Should be fully fit by now and with application can play a role
7. FOOT DES GLENAN - Moderate sort that has found the going tough of late. First time barefoot but still not an obvious choice
8. FINGER DE RODREY - Winner over course and distance early December before being sanctioned in the race of reference when full of running and with application can go far
9. FACTO TURGOT - Impressive in both codes and winner of only ridden start to date. Is barefoot with A.Abrivard in the saddle and can make a big splash
10. FRANCKYSHAI MESS - Delicate sort but has won under these conditions. Finished a place behind (11) FOREVER SPEED on Christmas day and with hind shoes off this time will be more competitive
11. FOREVER SPEED - Regular for the most part when applied. Showed improvement on the short course late last month and can again get in on the action

Summary

Dynamic in his first two (5) FIDELE AMOUR subsequently lost his way but reassured with a superb course and distance success on ridden debut here last month and going barefoot this time can double his money. (9) FACTO TURGOT has shown excellent aptitude for both codes to date and is unbeaten in the specialty. He gets an Alexandre Abrivard ride here and looks dangerous. (3) FIRST GEDE may be a delicate soul but he trotted second to the selection on his penultimate start and with application should again make the frame. Sanctioned

that day (1) FREEMAN DE HOUELLE has nonetheless taken particularly well to his new vocation and may yet prove something of a spoiler.

Selections

**(5) FIDELE AMOUR - (9) FACTO TURGOT - (3) FIRST GEDE - (1) FREEMAN
DE HOUELLE**

Race 6

1. GIRLY MARANCOURT - Has some ability but sanctioned more often than not and the inside draw only compounds matters
2. GOLDY MARY - In the frame in her last three. Good third against the boys at Cagnes last time and in their absence looks dangerous from the 2-spot
3. GLORIOUS STORM - Solid in both racecourse appearances so far. Unseen since early October but the draw favours her and could get a look in
4. GAMMA DU CHENE - Good consistent sort and proven at this level. Has an excellent spot in front and can defy her record in autostart events
5. GRINCHEUSE - Unexceptional type that completely failed to fire in either start at the venue and chances again limited
6. GERA - Lightly raced but has shown considerable ability. Solid here last time and is sufficiently well placed to open her metropolitan account
7. GIVE ME AMERICA - Has finished in the frame just once in ten starts and recent Vincennes performance will have convinced few
8. GOFESCA BUISSONAY - Acquitted herself very well over course and distance last month and despite the wide draw is still good enough to challenge for the win
9. GABIA JOSSELYN - Sanctioned on debut before acquitting herself well in a decent bunch at Cagnes next time. Not blessed with the draw here but must be treated with respect
10. GAVARNIE LEBEL - Qualified superbly last month before being sanctioned early on recent debut here. Goop has maintained faith and must be worth a consideration
11. GABY PASSION - Yet to show any particular aptitude for the game and can be confidently passed over
12. GAELIQUE GIRL - Unremarkable type that finished 6th to (6) GERA here recently and will need to find more
13. GOLDEN SAM - Sanctioned two for two. Never had any chance here last time and already looks outclassed
14. GERGOVIE QUESNOT - Untried filly that set off no fireworks in qualification and from the second line will be facing a stiff test
15. GLAMOUR PERLE - Out of the picture in all three public appearances so far and has no realistic chance
16. GISELA DE LOU - Disqualified in both starts to date and the draw will do her no favours. Disregard

Summary

Winner on debut at Laval early December (6) GERA acquitted herself very well behind two good fillies here nine days ago and given her decent spot behind in front could well have her way this time. (8) GOFESCA BUISSONAY showed a liking for these conditions last month and even though starting wide this time can still play an important role. The consistent (2) GOLDY MARY is better positioned behind the car and should logically continue her productive run. (4) GAMMA DU CHENE has the plum spot in front and can challenge for a place on the podium.

Selections

(6) GERA - (8) GOFESCA BUISSONAY - (2) GOLDY MARY - (4) GAMMA DU CHENE

Race 7

1. CYGNUS DU GUELIER - Previously a decent sort but has struggled for some time and must get his house in order
2. CANNELLEDOR - One of the least productive horses here and no chance on first appearance since the break
3. COLOMBO BELLO - Modest trotter that has done nothing noteworthy in last six starts and even at this level looks outclassed
4. DEMON DE BABEL - Impressed twice during the autumn but well beaten in last three and not easy to make a case
5. CINOR - Has placed just twice in ten claiming starts. Unraced for three months and chances limited
6. DEUXIEME SOUFFLE - Has looked decidedly ordinary since returning from a long enforced layoff and will have nothing to offer
7. DORIA DE VAUVILLE - A complete write-off this term and looks to have no realistic chance
8. CHICAGO TURGOT - Has done nothing of note at any level for some time. Is back barefoot though and will generate some interest
9. CESARIO VICI - Disappointed on lone claiming start but is in decent shape and going barefoot on return to the specialty can only work to his advantage
10. CACHOU D'OCCAGNES - Has shown marked improvement of late since dropping in class. Went close in an amateur event last time and looks a player
11. COOPER DE GUEZ - Won a claimer here early December and showed form at a superior level six days ago. Is barefoot again and looks the horse to beat
12. CANYON CASTELETS - Finished a beaten fifth to (11) COOPER DE GUEZ here early December before being thrashed next time and can be confidently ruled out
13. CLARA DU BOCAGE - Consistently gives a solid account at this level of competition and must be taken seriously
14. DYNASTIE ALDO - Reliability not her strong suit but seldom fails to produce the goods in the category and is not incapable of winning

Summary

Winner of a similar event over shorter early last month (11) COOPER DE GUEZ was by no means disgraced in better company here last weekend and can have his way. Stablemate (14) DYNASTIE ALDO has excellent credentials in the claiming division and looks the principal threat. Barefoot and dropping

considerably in class (9) CESARIO VICI appears to have a good hand to play.
(10) CACHOU D'OCCAGNES has shown improvement of late and going barefoot for the occasion will do his prospects no disservice.

Selections

**(11) COOPER DE GUEZ - (14) DYNASTIE ALDO - (9) CESARIO VICI - (10)
CACHOU D'OCCAGNES**

Race 8

1. DIRKY EVER - Capable on a good day but unthreatening 4th to (4) DELICIEUX DU CEBE here two weeks ago and must find more
2. DIAMANT DE LARRE - Proven in the specialty but regularly displays a lack of discipline and will not be easy to trust
3. DIGITALE - Hardy sort that got the meeting off to a good start but trounced in last two and must reaffirm
4. DELICIEUX DU CEBE - Like a horse reborn over past fortnight. Comes here on a hat-trick and if applied could yet pull it off
5. DERBY SHOW - Showed marked improvement when third to (11) DUC DU LUPIN here late last month but still no more than a minor place chance
6. DIS MOI DE HOUELLE - Good class of mare dropping in category for the occasion and should not be far off the mark
7. DEDE AU CHALET - Good class of trotter that rarely lets the side down when barefoot but Dauverne opts to race him shod and no threat
8. DAKAR DU RIB - Eminently capable in this branch of the business but can prove tricky. Stays shod but if focused can make the first five
9. DIANE DE FREDLAU - Solid over the summer but very disappointing since and unlikely to shake things up
10. DORGALI - Nothing short of dynamic since the autumn. Winner of his last five and looks eminently capable of adding another score to his tally
11. DUC DU LUPIN - Particularly impressive since switching codes and close runner-up to (10) DORGALI early December. As comfortable on the short track as on the long and with shoes off can again push him hard

Summary

Unbeaten in his last five racecourse appearances - including all three this meeting - (10) DORGALI make his debut on the short course and should be able to make it six on the trot. (11) DUC DU LUPIN has taken particularly well to his new vocation and will be in a position to apply the pressure. The delicate (4) DELICIEUX DU CEBE comes here on a hat-trick and backs up after just four days with justified ambition. (6) DIS MOI DE HOUELLE always gives her best and at this level should not be far off the mark.

Selections

(10) DORGALI - (11) DUC DU LUPIN - (4) DELICIEUX DU CEBE - (6) DIS MOI

DE HOUELLE

PAU - 11th January

Trainer of the day : **François Nicolle** (305, 402, 407, 507, 806)

Jockey of the day : **Jonathan Plouganou** (508, 601, 804)

Horse of the day : **Roncey** (104)

Dark Horse : **Fransir des Mottes** (207)

Race 1

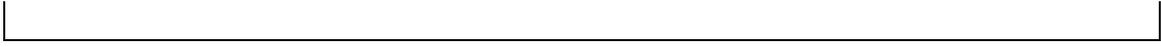
1. SKALLETO - Dual winner from nineteen. Modest last two starts but down in grade and can bounce back
2. MIND THE GAP - A decent sort in Spain but has not run on french soil for a long time. Hard to assess
3. MILK BAR - Won two handicaps at the venue last winter including one over course & distance. Has claims
4. RONCEY - Won his last three outings. Is proven on this surface and looks hard to oppose
5. FIRUN - Italian import who was well beaten on his sole start in France at Toulouse last month. Has a bit to find
6. RED SEA - Unplaced at 39/1 on debut at Deauville last month. Vast improvement needed
7. FLEURDELUNE - Course & distance winner. Useful in the handicap division and can pick up a check
8. ECCELLA - First-time starter by Vespone. Is likely to need the run and can be overlooked

Summary

(4) RONCEY has some solid credentials to his name. He has not run for fifteen months but won't need to be at his peak form to wrap this up. (1) SKALLETO was disappointing in his two most recent starts last back end but he has freshened up since and can be worth a look in. (3) MILK BAR and (7) FLEURDELUNE can feature.

Selections

(4) RONCEY - (1) SKALLETO - (3) MILK BAR - (7) FLEURDELUNE



Race 2

1. SOLITARY MAN - Has demonstrated ability on both turf and fibresand. First time in handicap
2. BAIE D'ARGUIN - A close second to (4) BREIZHOUN over course & distance last time out. Has two pounds to reverse the form
3. FANEUR - A winner of his last two starts on turf at Toulouse. Upped in the handicap and first run on fibresand
4. BREIZHOUN - Hard-fought win over course & distance last month. Has a four pounds penalty to defy
5. GIOVANNI DAL PONTE - Eight-start maiden who was well beaten when third of sixteen in the race of reference run over track and trip last month. Has room for progress
6. MR GUALANO - Effective in this division. Got boxed-in in the race of reference last time and can be given another chance
7. FRANSIR DES MOTTES - Consistent gelding who is confirmed this surface and in this class of event. Leading claims
8. DECIPHER - Beaten five lengths when third to (3) FANEUR at Toulouse. Lightly-raced and tries the fibresand
9. GERBOISE VERTE - Good last run in a claimer at Pornichet but appears held by the handicapper and others are preferred
10. MAGIC WHY - Well beaten off that same mark over shorter last time out. Needs to show progress
11. ZABAWA - Has been consistent so far but yet to win a race after eleven starts. Can pick up a check
12. DANTZIG CHOP - Has become more effective in the claiming division at present and will have limited aspirations
13. L'IMPROBABLE - One time winner in Spain last year. Well beaten in an identical race here last time. Look elsewhere

Summary

(2) BAIE D'ARGUIN was not beaten far last time out when second to (4) BREIZHOUN over this course & distance. He is two pounds better off this time and can reverse form with his rival. (6) MR GUALANO was very unlucky that same day and must be given another chance. (7) FRANSIR DES MOTTES comes in on the back of two solid efforts at Pornichet and is respected too.

Selections

**(2) BAIE D'ARGUIN - (6) MR GUALANO - (7) FRANSIR DES MOTTES - (4)
BREIZHOUN**

Race 3

1. FILS DE L'EAU - Posted two modest efforts on the flat last year. First time over jumps. See betting for clues
2. FEELING FAST - Beaten a long way on both starts over hurdles last month at the venue. First time over the fences
3. FADDEX - Newcomer by Saddex whose dam is a maiden winner on the flat. Has been supplemented
4. FLAVIUS - Unplaced in a bumper back in October. Down the field on hurdle debut at the venue last month
5. FEARLESS LADY - Trounced the field when off the mark on fourth attempt over hurdles last month. Big expectations on chase debut

Summary

Judged on the way she scored over hurdles at the venue last month, (5) FEARLESS LADY is expected to make a big splash in her first run over the bigger obstacles. She faces nothing exceptional in this race and neither (4) FLAVIUS and (2) FEELING FAST that have shown little of note over the hurdles can expect to beat the selection.

Selections

(5) FEARLESS LADY - (4) FLAVIUS - (2) FEELING FAST

Race 4

1. BARONNE D'ANJOU - Six time winner from seventeen including three over the fences. Pulled-up at the venue last time
2. LADY DE ROCHE - Won first time over the fences at Fontainebleau back in November. Finished third to Master Dino in next outing at Auteuil
3. ELLE EST SACREE - Erratic mare but not devoid of ability. First run at the venue. Outside chance
4. NAOURA - Three time winner in this code back in 2017. Posted some fair efforts over hurdles last year. Disappointing in last two at the venue
5. DIVA NOIR - No better than fifth in four starts over the fences. Not a priority
6. PRUNELLE BLEUE - Posted three creditable efforts in this code back in 2017. Returns from an eighteen months absence. Plouganou in the irons is worth noting
7. SANTA FIX - Went off the mark on fourth attempt over hurdles at Toulouse one month ago. Scored easily that day and is respected on chase debut

Summary

After registering two victories over hurdles last spring, (2) LADY DE ROCHE went very well on both her starts over the fences last November and can be slightly preferred to stablemate (7) SANTA FIX who is expected to run a big race on her chase debut following an impressive maiden success over hurdles at Toulouse last month. (1) BARONNE D'ANJOU and (3) ELLE EST SACREE can pick up a check.

Selections

(2) LADY DE ROCHE - (7) SANTA FIX - (1) BARONNE D'ANJOU - (3) ELLE EST SACREE

Race 5

1. DALYOPOLI - Posted a creditable first-start effort over course & distance last month. Has to be considered
2. SPEEDY DATE - Newcomer by Candidate out of an unraced mare. First foal to run
3. MISTER JO - One time winner on the flat. Failed to impress on hurdle debut at the venue one month ago
4. KERIZUR - Two modest efforts in this discipline last year and is unlikely to trouble the judge
5. ARRIVISTE - won handicap on the flat in July last year. Has yet to make an impact after three starts over hurdles
6. MAJAKADEX - Beaten a long way in all three starts over hurdles so far and looks hard to make a case for
7. CAMBIKO - Two modest efforts on the flat prior to a good debut race over hurdles at Angers one month ago. Player
8. MISTER KAP ROCK - Newcomer by Kap Rock whose dam is a winner over fences. Top-connections and is one to watch closely

Summary

Both (7) CAMBIKO and (1) DALYOPOLI have demonstrated ability in their initial start over hurdles and look set for a good run once again but they are vulnerable to any decent newcomer and this could just be the case for the well-related (8) MISTER KAP ROCK whose yard is enjoying an exceptional run of form at Pau this winter.

Selections

(8) MISTER KAP ROCK - (7) CAMBIKO - (1) DALYOPOLI - (2) SPEEDY DATE

Race 6

1. SAHAM - Course specialist who posted a good re-entry run last month. Leading claims
2. BOHORT DES ARACHIS - Has taken well to this new discipline. Won ahead of many of today's rivals last time. Player once again
3. ALPHA RISK - Course winner who was not beaten far in the race of reference last month. Enters the equation
4. UN D'USSEL - A distant fourth of ten in the race run on 16 December. Has too much to find
5. BIMBO DE CANDALE - Won two from her four starts in this code last winter including one at the venue. Not so effective recently
6. DJAHILOR - Unseated rider in the race of reference run on 16 December. Jumped off at 66/1 that day
7. CHAMROCK PONTADOURE - Thirty-three starts maiden whose recent efforts at the venue do little to inspire confidence
8. ULK DE LA BRUNIE - Has long been sidelined and his two efforts since returning from the break are not good enough to warrant any support

Summary

There was not much between (2) BOHORT DES ARACHIS, (1) SAHAM and (3) ALPHA RISK in the Prix Pierre Riviere d'Arc run at the venue over shorter last month. Depending on how the race unfolds but it is likely to see these three horses feature prominently once again. (5) BIMBO DE CANDALE will have to show significant progress to make the frame.

Selections

(2) BOHORT DES ARACHIS - (1) SAHAM - (3) ALPHA RISK - (5) BIMBO DE CANDALE

Race 7

1. SPIRIT NESS - Creditable fourth in an identical race last time out at the venue. Enters the equation
2. CORRENTOSO - Won three from twenty-six on the flat. Pulled-up on sole start over hurdles in May last year
3. SUNDAY ROYAL - Disappointed on both starts at upper grade at Cagnes sur Mer last month. Has ability though and can be given some thoughts
4. CAVISTO - Had long been sidelined before returning to competition in June last year. Placed once (over the fences) in three outings since then
5. DUBAI DREAM - Posted a couple of fair efforts over the obstacles last summer but off since 7 August and not a priority
6. CUZCO DE PINGUILY - Thirteen start maiden who was not disgraced in his last two over hurdles. Can pick up a cheque
7. BABALSHAMS - A very promising horse in his early days. Has ability but unseated rider in his last two and must reaffirm
8. NATAGAIMA - Useful on the flat in Spain before a successful switch to hurdling at the end of last year. First time in a claimer. Returns from a nine months break
9. DEUX DE CROIXNOIRE - cannot be worth any consideration on paper and is easily passed over
10. LONG BREEZE - Pulled-up in last three over hurdles including latest at the venue. Hard to like
11. LHENY - Has done nothing of note in three starts at the venue this winter and is best to overlook
12. CHATELAINE - Has not run since July 2016 and cannot be given any consideration. Pass over
13. DIANE DU CHENET - Twenty-five starts without a win but pops-up every now and again. Can be in the mix
14. HER BREIZ - Was well in the race when falling three from the finish in an identical race last time here. Can be given another chance

Summary

Although she has not raced since April last year, the talented (8) NATAGAIMA won't need to be fully fit to win a race like this and is given the vote to make a successful return to competition. (7) BABALSHAMS had shown plenty of ability in his early days and is one to be closely monitored. (1) SPIRIT NESS and (6) CUZCO DE PINGUILY can be in the mix.

Selections

**(8) NATAGAIMA - (7) BABALSHAMS - (1) SPIRIT NESS - (6) CUZCO DE
PINGUILY**

Race 8

1. NINA DE L'ORME - Off the mark over hurdles at Saint-Malo on second attempt last August. Subsequently posted two creditable efforts at Compiegne and Auteuil
2. CASTANELLA - Posted two creditable efforts over hurdles before running below-par at the venue last month
3. HAPPY MAIA - Broke maiden tag in this code at Saint-Brieuc on seventh attempt last November. Subsequently ran well at Auteuil in a competitive condition hurdle
4. LATERANA - Scored easily on winning debut over course & distance last month. Can follow up
5. MAKE A DREAM - Showed a nice rebound of form at Angers when third to (6) FRUSTRATED DESIRES one month ago
6. FRUSTRATED DESIRES - Six lengths winner when off the mark on second outing at Angers last month. Has plenty more to offer
7. ROAD MIX TAVEL - Posted two creditable efforts in this code last back end. Enters the equation
8. MORENA DU BERLAIS - Placed once in three starts over hurdles. Pulled-up on chase debut last month
9. JANAJKA - Showed promise on the flat before failing to shine in two starts over hurdles. Look elsewhere

Summary

The well-related (4) LATERANA was an impressive first-start winner over this course & distance last month. She obviously has plenty more to offer and gets the vote to remain unbeaten. Nonetheless it is best to keep an eye on (6) FRUSTRATED DESIRES who showed plenty of progress when off the mark at Angers. She is also open to progress and warrants the utmost respect.

Selections

(4) LATERANA - (6) FRUSTRATED DESIRES - (2) CASTANELLA - (3) HAPPY MAIA

MARSEILLE-VIVAUX - 11th January

Trainer of the day : **Fabrice Vermeulen** (102, 308, 601, 606, 705, 803)

Jockey of the day : **Maxime Guyon** (110, 203, 302, 502, 603, 705, 803)

Horse of the day : **Skalleti** (501)

Dark Horse : **Jackson En Bois** (212)

Race 1

1. BEAUTIFUL NANA - Reasonably consistent filly in the handicap division. Has not got the best of form on fibresand though
2. BERUSKA - Won a Class G handicap here in November. Disappointing seventh at Lyon La Soie last month
3. PIERRE PRECIEUSE - Registered her last success back in May at Marseille Borely. On a fair mark again
4. FORMI - Gained a deserved first success in a handicap at Pornichet in October and a few fair efforts since. Respected
5. REDING - Enjoyed a productive 2018 in Corsica but was well beaten in a handicap at Pau nine days ago
6. KING DOUNA - Five time winner from twenty eight starts and was sixth in a handicap here last time out in October
7. JACK SPARROW - Well tried last year and did win twice including one on the PSF here. Well handicapped
8. PIEDI DI ORO - Raised 2.5kg after winning a handicap here in October and disappointed here last month
9. GLORIEUX - Disappointing last of eleven behind Dark Road in a conditions race here last time out
10. OSCAR DES AIGLES - Best career effort to date when runner up to Perle Et Or in a handicap here last month. Consider
11. TY COBB - Well tried last year without winning but did run well a few times here and could play a role today
12. HERMELINA - Placed seven times in Belgium but will need to do much better here to get any way close
13. DAUPHINE DE FRANCE - Five time scorer from sixty two starts. Runner up in a handicap at Le Croise-Laroche in November

Summary

After a creditable first effort in a handicap here in November (10) OSCAR DES AIGLES produced his best career effort to date when runner up to Perle Et Or here last month. Her can go one better today. (11) TY COBB ran well a few times here last year and is not without a chance today. (2) BERUSKA and (4) FORMI can make the frame.

Selections

(10) OSCAR DES AIGLES - (11) TY COBB - (2) BERUSKA - (4) FORMI

Race 2

1. CAMILLA MY LOVE - Half a dozen wins from forty five career runs, the last of which came here in October of 2017
2. FAMOUS CHOP - Runner-up in his previous two races before a poor effort last time out. Not without a chance today
3. SHAKILA GREEN - Runner up behind Salerno in a Class G handicap here last time out. Can be in the mix
4. ADJUDANT CHEF - Fourth behind Campione in a Class G handicap here last time out. Could run in to a place
5. ADMIRALTY ARCH - Three time winner from thirty four career starts but will need to improve on recent form
6. FLASHING HOOFS - Placed seven times last year but still to win after twenty eight outings. Place prospects
7. BONNET BRETON - Sole win came in February of 2016. Well beaten fourteenth in a claimer at Deauville last month
8. FORMENTOR - Runner-up twice here in October and a couple of decent efforts here since then. Consider
9. ROBIN BLOOD - Victorious here last February but has been a bit disappointing of late
10. JETON - Broke his duck early last year year at Cagnes-sur-Mer but unlikely to add to that tally today
11. MIHARO - Half a dozen wins from eighty career starts but can be hit and miss so easy to take on
12. JACKSON EN BOIS - Fifth behind Zorra Chope in a Class G handicap here six days ago. Well handicapped at present
13. VICTORIANVALENTINE - Well beaten ninth behind Adona in a Class G handicap here last time out on October 6th

Summary

A winner of a Class G handicap here last February (12) JACKSON EN BOIS has been sliding down the handicap ever since. He ran well in a handicap here six days ago and gets a tentative vote today. (2) FAMOUS CHOP was runner up in a handicap here early last month and cannot be ruled out. (8) FORMENTOR and (3) SHAKILA GREEN can fill the minor placings.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Selections</u></p>

**(12) JACKSON EN BOIS - (2) FAMOUS CHOP - (8) FORMENTOR - (3)
SHAKILA GREEN**

Race 3

1. SHOCKING BLUE - Dual winner from thirteen runs. Runner up in a Class G handicap at Lyon La Soie last time out
2. DOWNEVA - Runner up behind Royal Bowl in a Class G handicap here early last month. Not ruled out
3. ZANGOKARI - Scored at Hyeres in September and two creditable efforts here since then. Place prospects
4. SILVER BALL - Won three in a row at Deauville last Summer. Climbing up in the weights but is respected
5. MAN OF LETTERS - Four wins from eighteen starts including a handicap here in November. Tough task today
6. ELLERMAN - Enjoyed a fruitful 2017 season. Not so effective last year but remains a plausible candidate
7. LE BANDIT - Half a dozen wins from forty four career starts and was placed six times during 2018
8. ATLANTIDE - Very consistent of late on the PSF and is likely to be involved at the the finish once again
9. ZANZIBAR - Two successes from nineteen starts including a comfortable win in a conditions race here last month. Consider
10. FANKAIROS RANGER - Runner-up in three of his last four races here and was third in the other. Must be respected
11. MAEGHAN - Won a Saint-Cloud claimer in November and a couple of fair efforts in handicaps since
12. CHERIES AMOURS - Raised 3 Kg today for her win in a Class E handicap at Amiens last time out in November. Tough ask
13. AMERICAN SONG - In very good form and did won three times last year but looks up against it here today

Summary

In what is a competitive handicap a chance is taken on (9) ZANZIBAR who had been running well at this track before a comfortable win in a conditions race here last month. He can get the better of (2) DOWNEVA who was runner up behind Royal Bowl in a Class G handicap here early last month. (10) FANKAIROS RANGER and (8) ATLANTIDE are two more to consider.

<u>Selections</u>

(9) ZANZIBAR - (2) DOWNEVA - (10) FANKAIROS RANGER - (8) ATLANTIDE

Race 4

1. ABORIGENE - Unplaced in all three career outings so far and will do well to get involved in this
2. RED SPOT - Disappointed at Durtal and Lyon Parilly in November and likely to find a few too good again today
3. TACOMA - Unplaced in all three of her career starts to date including a maiden here in October. Needs to improve
4. RONAZZA ONE - Still a maiden after seventeen but was runner up in a claimer at Lyon La Soie in November
5. CHARMING VOICE - Well beaten fourth of ten behind Lyronada in a maiden race at Lyon La Soie last time out
6. THEOCHOP - Best effort from four was last time when fourth in a claimer at Toulouse in November. Place claims
7. TOUDARGENT - Down the field in all three appearances including a claimer at Pornichet nine days ago
8. HOT SPOT - Runner-up in a claimers here and at Lyon La Soie last year. Can be in the mix again today
9. MELUSINA - One success from thirteen career starts. Fifth of fifteen in a claimer at Lyon La Soie last month. Respected
10. BAIE GREEN - Won in this grade at Pornichet-La Baule in August and runner up here last month. Leading contender

Summary

A winner in this grade at Pornichet-La Baule last August (10) BAIE GREEN was runner up behind Evasive Night in a claimer over course and distance here last month. She can get the better of (8) HOT SPOT who was runner-up in two claimers on the PSF last year and looks the main danger. (9) MELUSINA and (6) THEOCHOP can fill the minor placings.

Selections

(10) BAIE GREEN - (8) HOT SPOT - (9) MELUSINA - (6) THEOCHOP

Race 5

1. SKALLETI - Unbeaten in both starts late last year at Nimes and then this venue. Every chance
2. COREMY - In excellent form here late last year winning twice in a row and just denied in hat trick bid
3. ASSONANCE - A three time winner from eighteen runs. Has been tackling decent company and will find this easier
4. ROCK OF CAP FERRAT - Fourth on debut at Nimes late last season and appeals more of a handicapping type later on
5. EVALINO - Mother was a poor maiden but yet three of her four foals to race have been winners
6. MAXIMUS FIRE - Finished seventh and sixth on both runs here to date and much more will be needed to get close
7. LEGION D'HONNEUR - Dam was an average triple winner. This will be her first foal to hit the recetrack

Summary

The old adage of never opposing an unbeaten animal comes into play here with the two time scorer from as many efforts, (1) SKALLETI, lining up. The gelding beat the same rival both times. He just scraped home on debut at Nimes but then bolted up here over the distance last time. It all looks rosy for the hat trick. (2) COREMY and (3) ASSONANCE in turn look some way clear of (5) EVALINO.

Selections

(1) SKALLETI - (2) COREMY - (3) ASSONANCE - (5) EVALINO

Race 6

1. ETALONDES - Nine time winner from sixty six and particularly likes it around here
2. SCANDALEUX - Four wins from thirty three and a better placed effort in a Pornichet claimer last time
3. NEVER CAUGHT - Just the one success from twenty three but was running really well at the end of last season. Looks good
4. CELLALANDO - Seven time winner from seventy three and had a good season last year all the same
5. WIN ON SUNDAY - Four time winner from sixty five but looks to have it all to do on recent numbers
6. SPIRIT OF EAGLE - One success from nine but only the one unplaced effort late last year after time off
7. FLY DE CERISY - One success from twenty five but latest effort was below par so has work to do at this stage
8. FRENCH REFLECTION - Just the one victory from sixteen and form has been going the wrong way for some time now
9. MOULI - Still a maiden after nineteen runs and such types are always worth opposing

Summary

(3) NEVER CAUGHT has the making of a cracking good bet in this contest. The six year old gelded son of Tapit finished out 2018 in a very good run of placed efforts and a repeat of any of those efforts will see him in the number one spot today. (1) ETALONDES can make it a grand forecast with (2) SCANDALEUX and (6) SPIRIT OF EAGLE next best.

Selections

(3) NEVER CAUGHT - (1) ETALONDES - (2) SCANDALEUX - (6) SPIRIT OF EAGLE

Race 7

1. TERYAG - Five time winner from thirty two but well beaten last time out at Chantilly
2. VERTI CHOP - Three time winner from fifty but does not look ready to add another one today
3. BETTER ON SUNDAY - Four time winner from thirty three but looks a likely outsider for this assignment
4. MISS DD - Just the one win from twenty two and can be forgiven a below par effort last time
5. GREEN CURRY - Four time scorer from twenty six. Has the overall form to be a key player here
6. CARDOLAN - Fifteen time winning veteran from a multitude of starts but doubtful another today
7. EZPELETAKO - Good strike rate with ten wins from eighty. Below par last time so a bit to prove now
8. POWER BECQUA - Four victories from twenty three. Won two in a row here earlier last season
9. BAHAR - Four time winner from nineteen and must surely be a proper contender for honours here
10. BOYWAY CERISY - Eight time winner from seventy four. Latest few efforts though are of major concern
11. LISNAVAGH - A four time winner from fifty nine and will have a big chance if on a going day

Summary

A claimer for older horse and with none of the major contenders in flying form, it is a little bit unpredictable. (11) LISNAVAGH just might make it home in front if putting her best foot forward as she has the back form required to win such an event as this. (5) GREEN CURRY and (9) BAHAR will take advantage if the selection misfires. (4) MISS DD has some sort of a shout as well.

Selections

(11) LISNAVAGH - (5) GREEN CURRY - (9) BAHAR - (4) MISS DD

Race 8

1. GOLD CAPTAIN - Finished sixth on both starts so far which came last November. Showed some promise in those
2. SCOOBY CHOP - Third on debut at Chantilly in December and will likely play a very big part here
3. TORTUGA - Placed in all of his three runs late last year and deserves a lot of respect for this bid
4. MONI - Placed in three of his nine outings but others are much less exposed so passed over
5. BONNET BLEU - Placed in four of his nine starts and should be well up to winning at some point in career
6. OCAGNA - Placed in the first five of her six outings and will be one of the more likely ones here today
7. INGLEWOOD - Placed in half of her six runs and that is perhaps her best chance here today also
8. SPEAOBLUE - Beaten four lengths on debut when runner up here in November. Should come on from that

Summary

This early season three year old maiden is interesting with many of them looking to have a chance. (2) SCOOBY CHOP makes the greatest appeal having the greater scope for improvement following a debut third at Chantilly last month. There is bound to be a lot of improvement to come. (3) TORTUGA will not be a maiden for much longer. (6) OCAGNA and (8) SPEAOBLUE are serious players also.

Selections

(2) SCOOBY CHOP - (3) TORTUGA - (6) OCAGNA - (8) SPEAOBLUE