

LA TESTE DE BUCH - 14 August

Race 1

1. **GREY FROST** - Inconsistent type. Nose second at Dax two starts back but well beaten since. Hard to predict.
2. **BLUEBERRY** - Ran in some competitive events at Meydan. This is easier and of interest amongst this field.
3. **QAYES** - Only modest form figures of late. Poor winning record and can be opposed with confidence.
4. **EL JUNCO** - 5.5L second at Mont De Marsan. Upped in grade and needs more.
5. **MOUNTAIN GUARD** - Resumes following 1073 day absence for new trainer. Market check advised on return.
6. **FINSBURY SQUARE** - Placed on two of three starts this campaign. Honest overall record and beaten 1.75L at Vichy latest. Big player on that form.
7. **MORNING BASMA** - Well beaten on recent starts. Drops in grade however and can bounce back.
8. **HOLLABACK GIRL** - Of interest on debut for new yard. Check market to determine what is expected.
9. **CHASING DREAMS** - Won first two career starts but struggled since. Likely best watched.

Summary

BLUEBERRY (2) was highly tried last campaign. This looks more realistic and is a leading chance in this field. FINSBURY SQUARE (6) is likable and this former Group winner maintains an honest overall record. Placed at this level in latest and rates a solid pick. MORNING BASMA (7) has been below best but drops in grade so will find this more suitable. Each way. MOUNTAIN GUARD (5) resumes from a lengthy absence. With strong form in the book is worth a market check to determine whether he retains ability.

Selections

**BLUEBERRY (2) - FINSBURY SQUARE (6) - MORNING BASMA (7) -
MOUNTAIN GUARD (5)**

Race 2

1. **MUJAZIF** - Beaten 3.75L on debut. With good trainer and should progress from that. Interesting.
2. **ALARISH** - Down the field first up. Not without his supporters that day and clearly felt capable of better. Potential improver.
3. **NAMOUS DE MONLAU** - Showed little on debut. Can be opposed with confidence.
4. **ALSUHAIL** - 0.25L second at this track on debut. That was a great run and should only improve.
5. **SHAMAKH** - 1.25L third on debut. Didn't progress as anticipated second up but still ran well. Keep safe.
6. **KHATEER** - Mid-field on debut at this track. Should progress but has a lot to find on that form.
7. **HAZZAM** - Looks up against it in this field on debut. Best watched.
8. **A'THEM BAHAR** - Nicely bred son of Af Albahar. Apprentice claim a help so of interest first up.
9. **MUQLA** - Head second at this track last time. That form is strong and should continue progressing. Solid pick.
10. **YAQHAR** - Well beaten both starts so far and hard to fancy.
11. **HAOUDA DE NIELLANS** - Well beaten in a G3 at this track last time. This easier and may show more now.
12. **HOGGAR DE L'ARDUS** - Bred to have ability and worth a market check.
13. **ALBEDAA** - First time starter by Dahess. Market check advised.
14. **LWOBARAH** - Unraced filly by Mister Ginoux. Best opposed unless market extremely positive about chance.

Summary

ALSUHAIL (4) looked a smart prospect when beaten 0.25L at this track on debut. Could improve and rates as the one to beat. MUQLA (9) finished a head into second at this track and that form is strong. May do better yet. Solid pick. SHAMAKH (5) placed on debut but didn't progress second up. Worth another chance and rates each way. HAOUDA DE NIELLANS (11) is clearly held in

high regard having contested a G3 in latest. Downfield that day but will find this easier. Each way hope.

Selections

ALSUHAIL (4) - MUQLA (9) - SHAMAKH (5) - HAOUDA DE NIELLANS (11)

Race 3

1. **LADY PRINCESS** - Looked a smart prospect, winning four of five career starts and placing on the other run. Went clear for 11L victory at Doha (Qatar) when last seen and can do better yet. Keep safe.
2. **MEETHAG** - Resumes after eleven months. Can go well fresh however so no fitness concerns. Will enjoy conditions and should run well.
3. **MIN'HA** - 2.5L winner at this track in G2 last time. If anything this is easier and should go close.
4. **ALMAJDAH** - 4.5L third in G3 company on return. Should improve and a threat to all on that form.
5. **RYME AL CHAM** - Game nose winner at this track on just second career start. Looked a nice prospect but been absent for over a year and hard to predict how much ability will remain now. Check market.
6. **UM TAJ** - 2.5L second at this track in a G2 on reappearance. Should improve for that run. Each way.
7. **ARTEMIS** - Finished second on both starts this campaign. Looks overdue a victory on that form and in particular 0.75L second at Chantilly was a good run. Keep safe.
8. **DIHYA DE MONLAU** - Placed on both starts this campaign. Looks overdue a victory and now third up should be primed to strike.
9. **L'EAU ENCHANTEE** - Only a modest run on reappearance. Must improve upon that.
10. **QAMRIYAH** - 0.5L winner over course and distance last time. This is a lot tougher now but on the upgrade and hard to rule out.

Summary

A competitive affair in which the market will prove the best guide. LADY PRINCESS (1) is a high class filly who has won four of her five career attempts. Likely plenty more to come and will take beating. ARTEMIS (7) finished second on both outings this campaign. Beaten 0.75L in a stronger race and now third up could be primed. Keep safe. MIN'HA (3) went clear for an impressive 2.5L win at this track. Not consistent but is a threat to all if improving upon that. UM TAJ (6) shaped well when placing on reappearance. May strip fitter and do better as a result. Each way player.

Selections

LADY PRINCESS (1) - ARTEMIS (7) - MIN'HA (3) - UM TAJ (6)

Race 4

1. **GRIS D'ARGENT** - Unappealing form figures and must bounce back. Good record for this jockey however so may well do so.
2. **RIZZICHOP** - Beaten a head at this track last time. Could not have come much closer to breaking through than that and could easily go one better here.
3. **LA MARINIERE** - Well beaten both runs this campaign. Needs more.
4. **ASCOT ANGEL** - Enjoys running at this journey. Good effort when beaten 3.75L at this track in strong race last time. Can improve and go closer in easier race now.
5. **SENROR CHARLY** - 3.5L second at this track two starts back. That was a great run as was in better grade. Only fair run since but returned here should give a bold showing.
6. **RELIABLE SON** - Below best in three starts this campaign. Must bounce back now.
7. **MOONLIGHTPAINTER** - Long-neck second at Clairefontaine. That is good form and can do better.
8. **PICNIC ROYAL** - 2.75L fifth at Vichy last time. Will enjoy conditions and has each way claims.

Summary

RIZZICHOP (2) powered home only to be doing his best work when it was too late beaten a head at this track. Extra distance will suit and is the one to beat. MOONLIGHTPAINTER (7) was beaten a long-neck at Clairefontaine. Remains unexposed so can do better yet. Keep safe. SENROR CHARLY (5) holds form claims based on a 3.5L second here two starts back. Threat to all in this easier contest. ASCOT ANGEL (4) is consistent. Rates well here and receives handy apprentice weight claim. Each way.

Selections

RIZZICHOP (2) - MOONLIGHTPAINTER (7) - SENROR CHARLY (5) - ASCOT ANGEL (4)

Race 5

1. **DARRAAS** - 3.75L third at this track last time. That was a good run and can improve again. Shortlist.
2. **PADIRAC** - Unfancied and well beaten on debut. Best watched.
3. **GRILO** - Was sent off favourite for similar race at Dax but beaten 1L into second. Should improve and looks the one to beat.
4. **CHOP VAL** - Consistent colt that has placed on six of eight career starts. 2L second at Castera-Verduzan last time and has big winning claims following that.
5. **BLANC BUISSON** - Rates well in this field. Good 1.5L second two starts back and fair run since. Keep safe.
6. **BOARD MEMBER** - Showed only modest form so far and must improve if he is to play a part.
7. **SHALAMBA** - 1.6L third at Fontainebleau on debut but if anything regressed next time. Been freshened and expected to show more.
8. **MA NOSTALGIE** - 6L fifth at this track on debut. Should improve for that run and has place claims.
9. **OLYMPIC FIRE** - 5.5L third on debut. Struggled second up but had excuses that day and can bounce back.

Summary

GRILO (3) was beaten only 1L second. That form is strong and being open to any amount of further improvement is the one to beat. OLYMPIC FIRE (9) placed on debut and then had excuses disappointing second up. Expected to show more again so keep safe. CHOP VAL (4) placed on six of eight career starts. Admirably consistent and certainly has the ability to win in this grade. Solid pick. BLANC BUISSON (5) rates well on form of a 1.5L second here two starts back. Each way player.

Selections

GRILO (3) - OLYMPIC FIRE (9) - CHOP VAL (4) - BLANC BUISSON (5)

Race 6

1. **FOFIE DU PECOS** - 8.75L fourth on only start last campaign. Can go well fresh and has each way claims.
2. **KISSMELANDE** - Rates well in this field. Gets to the right race now and can take a step forwards. Shortlist.
3. **SAVAGE CHAMPCOURT** - Game long-neck winner at Castera-Verduzan two starts back. Disappointed at this track since but that came in tougher race. Can do better again.
4. **FANFARE DE BREJOUX** - Well beaten on reappearance. Hard to fancy following that.
5. **FOREZIENNE** - 4.5L third at Gabarret on return from long absence. Should only improve now and is worth holding safe.
6. **GOLDEN FOREZ** - Bounced back to form when placing at Gabarret. This is tougher but hard to rule out.
7. **GEISHA DU LAC** - Runs third up and yet to miss the frame when running at this stage. Well below best so far this campaign and must bounce back before considering.
8. **AREDIENNE** - Struggling this campaign. Best watched.
9. **EAUPIUM** - Out of form this campaign and likely best watched once more.
10. **HINDIHYNA** - Improved with each run so far this campaign. 3L victory at Gabarret last time and worth a try in better race now.
11. **PETITE ROBE NOIRE** - Struggled in this grade last time and likely best watched.
12. **FAIRYLINE D'AYZA** - Winless after 21 starts. Unlike to change that statistic now.

Summary

HINDIHYNA (10) has improved with each start this campaign and was impressive when going clear for a 3L victory. May do better yet and is the one to beat. SAVAGE CHAMPCOURT (3) disappointed in latest having been in better form prior. Won two starts back and is a threat to all if putting line through that last run. KISSMELANDE (2) drops in grade. Rates well in this field and is easy to fancy. FOREZIENNE (5) placed on reappearance from a two year absence. Set to improve. Each way.

Selections

**HINDIHYNA (10) - SAVAGE CHAMPCOURT (3) - KISSMELANDE (2) -
FOREZIENNE (5)**