

MOULINS [R-H] - 29 August

Race 4 - PRIX DE MOULINS - 1400m CLM. Purse EUR €12,500.

1. **SNOWBOARD** - Daughter of Ardad from Snow Angel making her debut. Prefer to see her under race conditions.
2. **DOM DUARTE** - Last appeared when he finished third over 1600m at Saint-Malo on July 27. Ready to win after a solid performance last time out.
3. **FIVE DAYS** - Last appeared when she finished seventh over 1400m at Vichy on August 15. Can make amends.
4. **ALIGHT** - Last appeared when she finished sixth over 1400m at Clairefontaine on July 23. Among the winning hopes on best form.
5. **SHAMAMIYAH** - Resumes after a spell of three months. Did little in her maiden campaign culminating in a sixth over 1400m at Compiègne. Worth another chance.
6. **SODAPOP** - Last appeared when she finished tenth over 1300m at Deauville All Weather on August 16. Can improve on recent efforts.

Summary: A moderate claimer where DOM DUARTE (2) is taken to build on a fair 6L third in a similar event at Saint-Malo last outing. Major appeal. ALIGHT (4) has shown enough ability in three starts to date to be involved for leading connections. FIVE DAYS (3) holds strong claims revisiting claiming company. SHAMAMIYAH (5) made the running when sixth tackling this trip at Compiègne and could prove dangerous if allowed to dictate.

Selections

DOM DUARTE (2) - ALIGHT (4) - FIVE DAYS (3) - SHAMAMIYAH (5)

Race 5 - PRIX DE PARAY LE MONIAL - 2200m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **TRES RUSH** - Last appeared when he scored over 2300m at Royan La Palmyre on August 14. Hard to beat again.
2. **COSQUER VRAS** - Recent form has been good with a win most recently over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers following a sound second at Rochefort-sur-Loire two starts back. Hard to beat again in this sort of form.
3. **RISKY JANE** - A sequence of wins was broken last time out when she finished seventh over 1900m at Argentan. Has top-three claims.
4. **BOWLING GREEN** - Went down narrowly last start when second at Vichy over 2000m. In the mix again.
5. **SHATTERHAND** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when seventh over 2400m at Clairefontaine three-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 7 lengths. Capable of sharp improvement.
6. **PERFECT ROSE** - Hasn't won in more than a year. Must improve off a last-start fourth over 2000m at Vichy to feature in the finish.
7. **DANDY RIVER** - Has been out of the placings in recent runs. Last start finished 7 lengths from the winner over 2800m at Compiègne. Others preferred.
8. **SUNSET LOVER** - Resumed in reasonable order two runs back but was comfortably accounted for last start when 12th over 2100m at Le Touquet. Can't have on that form.

Summary: COSQUER VRAS (2) built on a pair of decent efforts winning a 2000m Class Four handicap by 1.25L at Le Lion-d'Angers last-time-out. Taken to defy a 2kg rise in the weights on current form. Fellow last start winner TRES RUSH (1) could remain competitive following a Class Four claiming handicap success at Royan La Palmyre. RISKY JANE (3) was below par in latest but would have to be of interest if replicating her win over the main selection prior. BOWLING GREEN (4) is respected.

Selections

COSQUER VRAS (2) - TRES RUSH (1) - RISKY JANE (3) - BOWLING GREEN (4)

Race 6 - PRIX DE LIGNIERES - 2200m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **IDEE FIXE** - Drops in journey from the latest outing when fourth over 2400m at Clairefontaine finishing 1.4 lengths off the winner. Must be respected.
2. **KER WELEN** - Two victories from 20 starts. Last start finished seventh over 1900m at Deauville All Weather beaten 2.75L. Among the chances.
3. **SHOWERSOFBLESSING** - Beaten 6 lengths into ninth when resuming last start over 2400m at Vichy. Plenty of improvement to come.
4. **JOEY UP** - Returned from a break over 2100m at Vittel last start winning. Could go on again.
5. **ICI VINDECY** - Hasn't won in 14 months. Finished third beaten 2.25 lengths last start over 2400m at this track. Better placed and expected to be in the finish.
6. **TOTEM** - Is three from six over this trip and holds each-way claims off this mark.
7. **CAZALLA** - Finished midfield last start at Vichy over 2000m 5.5 lengths from the winner. Stretches out over further today. Looking to others.
8. **GREAT TONIO** - Returns after a spell of six months. Form at the end of last prep was not strong the most recent effort a eighth over 3100m at Pornichet. Others make more appeal.
9. **SOR LUN** - Disappointed last start but if he can find the form that saw him finish third at Lignieres two runs back he is in the mix.

Summary: IDEE FIXE (1) won a Class Four conditions event at Lignières before finishing an excellent close-up fourth in a Class Two handicap over 2400m at Clairefontaine. Top claims back down in standard. ICI VINDECY (5) finished runner-up to the main selection at Lignières and could be involved having produced back-to-back placings since. TOTEM (6) is three from six tackling the trip and holds each-way claims off this mark. KER WELEN (2) can return to form following a disappointing effort last start.

Selections

IDEE FIXE (1) - ICI VINDECY (5) - TOTEM (6) - KER WELEN (2)

Race 7 - PRIX VIDEO ROCK - 2400m . Purse EUR €16,500.

1. **JUMPING ROCK** - Was safely held on debut last start when fourth and beaten 5 lengths over 2700m at Les Sables-d'olonne. Needs to lift.
2. **JACKO DES PLAGES** - Finished third on debut last start at Les Sables-d'Olonne. Worth consideration.
3. **JIMMY DU SEUIL** - Debut last start when fifth over 2500m at Saint-Malo. Thereabouts but others rate better.
4. **JOHNIG** - Debut 7 lengths back in fifth over 2400m at Saint Brieuc at his only run three-and-a-half months ago. Prefer to see again.
5. **JALNA COKO** - Showed promise on debut last start when beaten just one length into second over 2400m at Vittel. Plenty of upside and is among the leading contenders.
6. **JETJOY** - Resumes today after a disappointing debut on March 13 finishing eighth over 2400m at Lignieres. Faces a tough task.
7. **JOKER DE MAI** - Balko gelding from Divine De Stpierre on debut. Watch market closely.
8. **JOLIVENT** - Unraced gelding by Balko out of Theme Song. No surprise if he measured up.
9. **JEDUSOR** - Cokoriko gelding from Quelle Mome on debut. Worth watching for a market push.
10. **JOUR DE TONERRE** - Unraced gelding by Arakan out of Nikitta. Looks set to run well.
11. **JOUR DE BUIS** - Cokoriko gelding from Olmantina on debut. Worth watching for a market push.
12. **JUSTE VRAI** - Unraced gelding by Free Port Lux out of Une Histoire. Nice profile and capable of featuring.

Summary: The betting will help to guide with plenty of these making their respective debuts. Emmanuel Clayeux saddles no fewer than four of the twelve and with course experience expected to prove telling his JALNA COKO (5) may build on a good debut second at Vittel. Notable chance. Stablemates JOUR DE BUIS (11) and JEDUSOR (9) look interesting newcomers while JUSTE VRAI (12) would be of note if seeing market support.

Selections

JALNA COKO (5) - JOUR DE BUIS (11) - JEDUSOR (9) - JUSTE VRAI (12)

ARGENTAN [R-H] - 29 August

Race 1 - PRIX DE SAINT-CLOUD - 2900m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **SUCCESS STORY** - Broke through for an overdue win last time over 2800m at Sillé-le-Guillaume. Back in form but this might test.
2. **RUSSIAN TWIST** - Last appeared when he scored over 2650m at Saint-Jean-de-Monts on August 21. Impressive win last start and is in the mix again.
3. **BEECHWOOD** - Has had two runs since a break the latest a fifth over 3000m at La Teste De Buch beaten 8 lengths. Has the job ahead this time.
4. **AMIATA** - Changes rider since being well held last time in ninth over 2400m at Moulins. Has upside and could improve.
5. **FLUTE EN SOL** - Last start 4th in a small field at Royan La Palmyre beaten 3.5L. Before that 6th of 15 at Mont-de-Marsan. Well placed here.
6. **GOLDY MAKER** - Stayer now having had two runs back and looking for further the latest when win over 2900m at Guerlesquin. Racing well and can be included.
7. **OK BOOMER** - Last appeared when she finished fourth over 2500m at Saint-Malo on July 27. Not far away last time. In the mix again.
8. **SILVER CONDOR** - Form in recent times has been moderate including a last start sixth over 2100m at Le Touquet. Must improve to play a role.
9. **HAVANA WAY** - Resuming today after a lengthy spell. Doesn't usually fire early in the campaign. Maybe later.
10. **DELTA BAIE** - Hasn't won in 16 months. Finished third beaten 1L last start over 2900m at Royan La Palmyre. Rates highly and is among the chances.
11. **CONTESSA SENORA** - Turned in a better run last time out when third over 3100m at Granville-St-Pair-sur-Mer beaten 0.6 lengths. Likely to measure up.
12. **ELYT OF GOLD** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 5L into sixth over 3100m at Granville-St-Pair-sur-Mer. Strips fitter and is among the chances.
13. **PRINCESSE SCARLET** - Last appeared when she finished second over 2700m at Dinan on August 7. Should go well in this line up.
14. **GUYLVESTRE DU ROC** - Last started 21 months ago when into pulled up over 3800m at Angers in a hurdle. Has transferred to the Loic Guilloux stable since that appearance. Will be better for this outing.

Summary: RUSSIAN TWIST (2) won a Class Four qualifying handicap over 2650m at Saint-Jean-de-Monts eight days ago. Consider. GOLDY MAKER (6) could be thereabouts on the back of a convincing Class Four conditions success at a country venue. PRINCESSE SCARLET (13) finished second to a subsequent winner at Dinan. One to note. OK BOOMER (7) is in the mix following a good Class Four handicap fourth at Saint-Malo.

Selections

RUSSIAN TWIST (2) - GOLDY MAKER (6) - PRINCESSE SCARLET (13) - OK BOOMER (7)

Race 2 - PRIX DE CRAON - 1300m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **KIWI KISS** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when fifth over 1300m at this track a week-and-a-half ago beaten 2.75 lengths. Great chance to atone.
2. **CLOUD EIGHT** - Back sharply in trip last time and didn't feature when tenth over 1300m at Deauville All Weather. Doubt he will offer up too much of a challenge to the top few.
3. **GHAYADH** - Followed a win at Clairefontaine two starts ago with a third last start over 1300m at Vittel beaten 1.5 lengths. Hard to leave out on current form.
4. **MY LADY ROCK** - Resumed in reasonable order two runs back but was easily accounted for last start when eighth over 1600m at Clairefontaine. Must lift to be competitive.
5. **VEGA DREAM** - Finally broke through for a maiden win two starts back after 48 attempts before finishing second last time over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Worth another chance.
6. **SAFIYANN** - Well held last start when 14th over 1300m at this track to continue a run of plain efforts. Better than recent runs suggest. Can feature.
7. **ROXY MUSIC** - Unable to find the winners' circle this campaign. Last start was beaten 16 lengths into seventh over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Looks safely held.
8. **BELLE IMPRESSION** - Well held last start when sixth over 1300m at this track to continue a run of plain efforts. Key runner in this line-up and expected to feature if finds best form.
9. **MEHANYDREAM** - Struggling to find form including last start when beaten 10 lengths into sixth over 1300m at Le Touquet. Capable of a better run this time.
10. **JAYADEEVA** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when seventh over 1300m at Vittel three weeks ago beaten 11 lengths. Prefer to see him back in form.

Summary: GHAYADH (3) followed up a Class Four handicap win at Clairefontaine with a good fourth off this mark attempting 1300m at Vittel last start. Major appeal in what looks a suitable contest. VEGA DREAM (5) looms a threat on the back of a good Class Four handicap second over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. KIWI KISS (1) showed up nicely when a close fifth in a Class Three course and distance handicap. Hard to ignore down in standard. BELLE IMPRESSION (8) may make the frame.

Selections

GHAYADH (3) - VEGA DREAM (5) - KIWI KISS (1) - BELLE IMPRESSION (8)