

LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H] - 08 August

Race 1 - PRIX DU PRESIDENT JEAN-LOUIS HISS - 1400m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **CHAPELIER** - Came from a wide gate and could only manage to finish fourth last time over 1500m at Tarbes. Right in the mix.
2. **ALTA CHOP** - Yet to fill a placing in two runs, the latest when sixth over 1400m at Dax. Will need to improve sharply.
3. **FAMOSO** - Solid effort last start, beaten 0.3 lengths into second over 1500m at Tarbes. Won't be far away.
4. **TRESCALCETINES** - Safely accounted for at each of his four runs to date. No threat when fifth over 1200m at Dax last time out. Looking elsewhere.
5. **LIDISBARN** - Maiden galloper yet to fill a placing in three runs. Not far away last time when beaten 2.25 lengths into fourth over 1300m at Longchamp. Further improvement is on the cards.
6. **EMERSON** - Has ability and is racing well with two placings from four starts. Finished second at his most recent appearance over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan. Perfectly placed to get off the mark.
7. **DAYAK** - Unraced gelding by Dariyan out of Skalya. Nice profile and capable of featuring.

Summary: FAMOSO (3) was narrowly denied when runner-up in a 1500m maiden at Tarbes. Set to get off the mark with blinkers added. CHAPELIER (1) shaped well finishing fourth in that contest and looks a major player once more with blinkers fitted for the first time also. EMERSON (6) changed stables since a decent claiming second at Mont-de-Marsan. Expected to be thereabouts. LIDISBARN (5) is also considered.

Selections

FAMOSO (3) - CHAPELIER (1) - EMERSON (6) - LIDISBARN (5)

1. **LONG KE WAN** - Finished 8 lengths back in seventh on debut over 1400m at Dax two weeks ago. Out of her depth again.
2. **RECORD ME BELLE** - Finished third at the latest appearance, beaten 2.5 lengths over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan. Looks well placed.
3. **ATALAYAS SPIRIT** - Finished midfield at her first start last time out over 1200m at Toulouse, 3.5 lengths from the winner in fifth. Others rate better.
4. **CARMEN SANDIEGO** - Scored her maiden win last time over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan. Is generally thereabouts in her races. Heading the right way and should measure up again.
5. **FIRST LADY TIME** - Showed good early speed on debut last start but couldn't maintain the pressure, winding up in fourth over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Likely improver with strong claims.
6. **EVAMIS** - Racing well and although without a win has been in the money two times from three races. Finished third at her most recent appearance over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan. One of the chances.
7. **AMERIYAH** - Unraced filly by Shalaa out of Berroscoberro. Interesting newcomer.
8. **AMAYITA** - Debutant by Nathaniel from the good race mare Mix And Mingle who was a Group 3 winner on the track. Tough test at her first outing.
9. **ENCHANTRES** - Filly by Al Wukair from Great Artist on debut. Purchased for EUR 38,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale). Respect any positive betting move.

Summary: CARMEN SANDIEGO (4) continues to run among maiden company despite a recent 1.5L success tackling this trip at Mont-de-Marsan. Top chance to follow up and make a winning start for a new yard. Shalaa newcomer AMERIYAH (7) represents top connections and is worth noting. FIRST LADY TIME (5) displayed ability when 6L fourth in a Class Two conditions event on debut at Le Lion-d'Angers. Interesting. RECORD ME BELLE (2) holds each-way claims.

Selections

CARMEN SANDIEGO (4) - AMERIYAH (7) - FIRST LADY TIME (5) - RECORD ME BELLE (2)

1. **PALETUVIER** - Son of Elusive City from Van Catskill making his debut. Respect any positive betting move.
2. **HERMAGEDON** - Elusive City gelding from Hedoniste on debut. Can give a bold sight.
3. **DAKAROV** - Colt by Olympic Glory from Phoebe Buffay on debut. Consider.
4. **EYGALIERES** - Gelding by Taareef from Melilot on debut. Watching brief this time around.
5. **SEA OF LAU** - Unraced colt by Born To Sea out of Lauline. Worth consideration.
6. **JEWELLED SEA** - Australia filly from Tereschenko on debut. Watch the market carefully.
7. **LERY** - Daughter of Pedro The Great from Loin Devant making her debut. Might just need this hitout.
8. **KERDINA** - Debutant daughter of Anodin from Vernissage who was purchased for EUR 11,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale). Betting is only guide to chances.
9. **MAGIC EAGLES** - Filly by Gleneagles from Prairie Blossom on debut. Can give a bold sight.
10. **CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY** - Unraced filly by first season sire Churchill out of Tribune Libre. Likely to be primed for this.
11. **LUXU** - Unraced filly by Seahenge out of Cocolux. Should be ready to run well.
12. **BECQUANIENTE** - Unraced filly by Seahenge out of Mofa Bere. Faces a tough test.

Summary: No form to go on in this newcomers event so the market is sure to prove crucial. CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY (10) is by first season sire Churchill and looks set to be involved for top trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. Gleneagles filly MAGIC EAGLES (9) is worth noting representing a good stable while JEWELLED SEA (6) could prove interesting as a daughter of Australia. DAKAROV (3) cannot be ruled out.

Selections

CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY (10) - MAGIC EAGLES (9) - JEWELLED SEA (6) - DAKAROV (3)

1. **ICHAN DE BOZOULS** - Finished sixth over 1400m at Dax on June 24. Well held last time and facing tough task today.
2. **AL FAISAL** - Came from a wide gate and could only manage to finish tenth last time over 2000m at Chantilly. Not a great draw again but capable of a bold run.
3. **GHALLIEAH** - Progressive type who is unbeaten after two starts, the latest over 1600m at Abu Dhabi. Big chance.
4. **JALIL** - Good effort last start to win his maiden over 1700m at Pompadour by 7 lengths. Fitter again but this looks harder.
5. **FLEUR DU SOLEIL** - Last appeared three-and-a-half months ago when she finished 8 lengths from the winner in fifth over 2000m at Toulouse. Expect she will go well.
6. **NA'AMAN AL CHAM** - Back from a spell of ten months. Last raced when beaten 6 lengths into third over 2500m at Agen. Among the chances.
7. **SHAHM AL CHAM** - Resumes after a spell of eight months. On debut was ninth over 2000m at Pau AW. Likely to need this hitout.
8. **SOUKAINAH** - Went for a spell after winning on debut at Sharjah over 1700m on February 26. One of the better chances.

Summary: A tricky race to assess with numerous horses changing stables coming off a break. GHALLIEAH (3) remains unbeaten in two starts to date including winning a conditions race by 1.25L at Abu Dhabi in February. Expected to continue the winning streak. Stablemate SOUKAINAH (8) narrowly prevailed on debut in a Sharjah maiden and is worth including. This could be more suitable for AL FAISAL (2) who was last seen downfield in the G1 Qatar Derby des Pur-Sang Arabes de 4 Ans at Chantilly. FLEUR DU SOLEIL (5) might get involved back to a lesser standard.

Selections

GHALLIEAH (3) - SOUKAINAH (8) - AL FAISAL (2) - FLEUR DU SOLEIL (5)

1. **RYSK TOUT** - Ready to tackle another feature after finishing fifth in the at her latest appearance over 1900m at this track, beaten 6 lengths in a G1. Terrific chance to return to form.
2. **GHURAT AL ZAMAN** - Tackled the elite level for the first time last start and finished fourth over 1900m at this track, beaten 6 lengths. Looks a strong top-three prospect.
3. **ZARRA STAR** - Finished sixth last start in a G1 over 1900m at this track, beaten 10 lengths. Major player on best form. Worth including.
4. **ELAF** - Ready to tackle another feature after finishing third at her latest appearance over 1900m at this track, beaten 3 lengths in a G1. Must respect.
5. **TEEMA** - Just denied by Lady Princess at her latest outing in a G1 over 1900m at this track. In form and looks a top chance again.

Summary: All five contested the G1 Sheikh Mansoor Festival - Criterium des Pouliches over 1900m here and it's entirely possible they could finish in the same order. TEEMA (5) fared best that day when runner-up. Maintains a consistent profile and can uphold form. ELAF (4) finished back in third and is sure to be in the mix once more. GHURAT AL ZAMAN (2) was fourth but had beaten the aforementioned pair in the G2 Qatar Prix de l'Elevage at Toulouse prior. More than capable. RYSK TOUT (1) rounds out the shortlist.

Selections

TEEMA (5) - ELAF (4) - GHURAT AL ZAMAN (2) - RYSK TOUT (1)

1. **MUNTJAC** - Resumes today. Last appeared at Marseille Borely over 1700m when sixth five months ago. Makes plenty of appeal.
2. **MAROON SIX** - Ran a better race last start to finish fourth over 1600m at this track. Among the chances.
3. **DOM BERTRAND** - Promising colt who last start finished a head away in second over 1600m at this track. Well placed and sure to be in the finish.
4. **CHILI FLAG** - Has been out of the money of late including last time when sixth over 1500m at Tarbes two weeks ago, beaten 5 lengths. Hard to fault if at her best.
5. **JAAQOOS** - Well beaten last start when unwanted in betting over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Makes no appeal.
6. **JAGUAR FLEURY** - Last appeared when he finished seventh over 2400m at Compiegne on July 26. Will need plenty of improvement to feature.
7. **MADDI FONG** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when fifth over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 8 lengths.

Summary: DOM BERTRAND (3) was denied a head in a similar course and distance conditions event. Expected to gain compensation maintaining a consistent profile tackling this class. MUNTJAC (1) was expected to make a winning turf debut among Class Two company at Marseille-Borely in March however could only finish sixth that day. Did shape better than the bare result beaten 1.75L and is impossible to dismiss on ratings. MAROON SIX (2) finished fourth behind the main selection in latest and might be in the mix. CHILI FLAG (4) is next best eased slightly in grade.

Selections

DOM BERTRAND (3) - MUNTJAC (1) - MAROON SIX (2) - CHILI FLAG (4)

1. **DAMNED ELUSIVE** - Continued her consistent form with a last start placing over this journey at Mont-de-Marsan. Has two wins and 12 placings from 18 runs. Looks one of the chances.
2. **LE TAMADA** - Tends to mix his form but improved last start to score over 3000m at Mont-de-Marsan. Can play a big role again.
3. **GOT TOUCH** - Scored a well-deserved win last start over 2800m at Compiegne after a close third two runs back. No reason she cannot get the job done again.
4. **BEECHWOOD** - Nice return last start when third at Corlay over 3100m on July 10. Fitter and worth following up.
5. **HONOR BERE** - Hasn't won in 17 months. Finished third, beaten 1.2 lengths, last start over 3000m at Vichy. Has ability and can run a forward race.
6. **TIRTZA** - Did well to finish a head away in second when resuming over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan on July 20 last start. Good return but may struggle.

Summary: A competitive handicap. LE TAMADA (2) made all the running when beating DAMNED ELUSIVE (1) by 1L tackling this trip at Mont-de-Marsan. The former would be dangerous if allowed an easy time up front however the latter is selected to reverse form on these better terms. GOT TOUCH (3) finished powerfully when winning a 2800m Class Three handicap at Compiegne. Must be respected despite a 3kg rise. HONOR BERE (5) cannot be dismissed following a good third over the distance at Vichy.

Selections

LE TAMADA (2) - DAMNED ELUSIVE (1) - GOT TOUCH (3) - HONOR BERE (5)

Race 8 - PRIX DANIELE CAZENAVE - 1900m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **SAVE YOUR BREATH** - Good win two starts back then missed the placings last time when eighth in a Listed Race at Vichy over 2000m. Major player on best form.
2. **VIATORE** - Last appeared when he finished second over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly on June 26. Has the ability to be in the finish.
3. **BLACK WALL** - Handy colt who is racing well, including a win last start over 2000m at Vichy. Expected to measure up.
4. **INDYA** - Was below her best two back at Vichy then ran a much better race last start when third over 1850m at Longchamp. Sure to measure up.
5. **LASTRADA** - Resumed at Tarbes over 2100m last time out and finished fifth, beaten 4 lengths. Rates highly and expected to do much better with that run under her belt.
6. **GRAINE DE PASTEL** - Won at Bordeaux then beaten 5 lengths into third last start over 2000m at this track. In a race where she can be competitive.
7. **DEJA VUE** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished 12th over 1600m at Chantilly on June 23. Hard to make a case.
8. **BON APPETIT** - Returned from a spell and was safely held when tenth over 1600m at Vichy. Still early in the prep and needs another run or two.

Summary: VIATORE (2) finished with a subsequent winner in behind when making a successful debut. Probably bettered that effort finishing second in a Class Two at Lyon-Parilly and rates a chance representing notable connections. Top-rated SAVE YOUR BREATH (1) shaped nicely managing 4.25L eighth in the Listed Prix Madame Jean Couturie at Vichy. Huge claims on figures. INDYA (4) is hard to ignore on the back of a good Longchamp handicap second while GRAINE DE PASTEL (6) cannot be discounted.

Selections

VIATORE (2) - SAVE YOUR BREATH (1) - INDYA (4) - GRAINE DE PASTEL (6)

1. **TRUJILLO** - Solid effort last start, beaten 0.6 lengths into third over 1700m at Marseille Borely. One of the chances.
2. **ASCENSION DIRECTE** - Finished midfield last start at Mont-De-Marsan over 1400m, 2.5 lengths from the winner. Stretches out over further today. Prefer to see her back in form.
3. **IRON ROCK** - Fought on well last time and finished not too far off the winner when second over 1400m at Mont-De-Marsan. Others rate better here.
4. **THE FUNK BIBLE** - Experienced performer who wasn't far away last time when fifth over 1400m at Mont-De-Marsan. Going okay but others preferred.
5. **ANDINO** - Returned in good order last start, beaten only a head when second at this track over 1600m. Sure to be right there at the business end.
6. **KALEOROUNA** - Hasn't won in 14 months. Finished 13th, beaten 12 lengths, last start over 1400m at Mont-De-Marsan.
7. **WHIPPIERRE** - Has been in the market at his last couple of starts but hasn't made an impression, most recently finishing seventh over 1600m at this track. Likely to measure up.
8. **RIONEGRO** - Has struggled to make his mark of late, the most recent effort a sixth over 1400m at Dax two weeks ago. Will be winding up strongly.
9. **BELLE IMPRESSION** - Battled last start to finish tenth over 1400m at Le Lion-D'angers, adding to a sequence of plain results. Struggling to make an impact and happy to risk again.
10. **LAGERTHA GIBRALTAR** - Stepping back in trip after finishing ninth over 1400m at Dax last time out. Can improve and is worth thought.
11. **SERAPHIM** - Brought up her second career win two starts back but missed the frame last time when fourth over 1400m at Dax. Finished with some of these in behind when narrowly scoring over course and distance two starts ago. Solid claims.
12. **AL RASSOUL** - Missed the frame two back when fifth at Clairefontaine but turned in a better effort last time to finish in the money over 1600m at Vichy. Must be included.

Summary: SERAPHIM (11) finished with some of these in behind when narrowly scoring over course and distance two starts ago. Solid claims having managed a good fourth off this mark at Dax since. ANDINO (5) was runner-up tackling that track and trip contest and looks a genuine hope receiving a swing in the weights. TRUJILLO (1) is hard to dismiss. Managed a good third in a 1700m Class Four handicap at Marseille-Borely. AL RASSOUL (12) can be considered as a four-time winner attempting this journey.

Selections

SERAPHIM (11) - ANDINO (5) - TRUJILLO (1) - AL RASSOUL (12)