

VICHY [R-H] - 27 September

Race 1 - PRIX DE LAPALISSE - 1000m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **FALEH** - Promising fourth over 1200m at Chantilly on debut. Major appeal.
2. **L'OPEN** - Good effort last start to finish fifth over 1300m at Argentan six weeks ago. Chance.
3. **IRISHKAMAYA** - Fair fifth over 1100m at Dieppe. Not dismissed.
4. **MAADHELI** - Fair third over 1100m at La Teste De Buch. Claims.
5. **SHELBYLANDOR** - Must improve since being beaten 12 lengths over 1100m at Dieppe on debut. Hard to make a case.
6. **LOOKINGFORTROUBLE** - Yet to fill a placing in six runs. Beaten 6 lengths into sixth over 1100m at Dieppe at her last appearance. Won't feature on current form.
7. **COMTESSE DU BARRY** - Fair fifth over 1200m at Deauville last time out. Each-way.
8. **TERANGA** - Showed promise on debut at La Teste De Buch over 1100m. May progress.
9. **SAGGEZZA** - Finished just 2 lengths away in third last start over 1100m at Le Croisé-Laroche. Can go well.

Summary: FALEH (1) shaped with plenty of promise when fourth over 1200m at Chantilly on debut. Leading hope with progress expected. L'OPEN (2) has shown ability in four starts to date. Can go close with blinkers fitted for the first time. MAADHELI (4) showed up nicely when a 4L third over 1100m in a maiden at La Teste. Noted under a top rider. SAGGEZZA (9) is also considered.

Selections

FALEH (1) - L'OPEN (2) - MAADHELI (4) - SAGGEZZA (9)

Race 2 - PRIX NATURE - 1000m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **HY DREAM** - Fifth over 1200m at Nimes two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 8 lengths. Could place.
2. **SVOUL** - Scored before a decent fourth last time out over 1000m at this track. Major chance.
3. **DER GRAUE** - Scored two runs back but was easily accounted for last start when tenth over 1100m at Dieppe. Must bounce back.
4. **LAWRENCE** - Last start finished second over 1000m at this track. Among the chances.
5. **STANTO** - Held eighth over 1400m at Le Lion-d'angers. Tested on recent form.
6. **SHOT IN THE DARK** - Fair fifth over 1100m at Chateaubriant. Frame chance.
7. **HURRY HARRY** - Finished fourth over 1200m at Chantilly on September 17. Not ruled out.
8. **ASTURIAS ROAD** - Good fourth over 1100m at Le Croisé-Laroche four days ago. Player.
9. **TENORIO** - Dropped back in trip last start and was well held over 1100m at Le Croisé-Laroche. Doubt he will offer up too much of a challenge to the top few.
10. **MEHANYDREAM** - Fair seventh over 1300m at Saint-Cloud. Goes well here with two wins and a placing from four runs. May bounce back.

Summary: SVOUL (2) backed up a narrow course and distance Class Three handicap success with a fair fourth under the same conditions. Major appeal. LAWRENCE (4) finished runner-up in that track and trip handicap and cannot be ignored. ASTURIAS ROAD (8) produced a good fourth over 1100m at Le Croisé-Laroche four days ago. Player. Another to note is MEHANYDREAM (10) with a good record at this venue.

Selections

SVOUL (2) - LAWRENCE (4) - ASTURIAS ROAD (8) - MEHANYDREAM (10)

Race 3 - PRIX AGENT DOUBLE - 1000m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **WEJDAN** - Freshened up since finishing third at La Teste De Buch over 1200m five-and-a-half weeks ago. Leading hope.
2. **HALLOWED TIME** - Held 13th last time out over 1100m at Dieppe. Drops in class.
3. **SANTI DEL MARE** - Held last start at Deauville All Weather over 1300m when 14th. Capable of better but needs it.
4. **GAMGOOM** - Fair third over 800m at Chantilly. Goes well here. Player.
5. **MONSIEUR BEAULIEU** - Good effort last start when second over 1200m at Mont-de-Marsan. Recent efforts sound and looks a top-three prospect.
6. **KENTISH WALTZ** - Moderate effort last time when 6 lengths from the winner in fifth over 1100m at Dieppe. Place.
7. **KENZYDANCER** - Raced below his best last time when 12th over 800m at Chantilly. Won here prior.
8. **DROGO** - Finished tenth over 1200m at Chantilly a week-and-a-half ago when beaten 4 lengths. Not written off.
9. **ISMAEL PAINT** - Scored last time over 1200m at Chantilly. Comes back in journey today. Player.
10. **CRISTAL MARVELOUS** - Finished eighth over 1200m at Chantilly a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 2.75 lengths. More needed.
11. **GLICOURT** - Held 11th over 1200m at Chantilly a week-and-a-half ago. Capable of better.

Summary: WEJDAN (1) was a decent third at La Teste De Buch over 1200m five-and-a-half weeks ago. Leading contender. GAMGOOM (4) produced a fair third in a Class Three claimer over 800m at Chantilly. Major chance with some strong course form. It's hard to knock MONSIEUR BEAULIEU (5) following a good Class Three second over 1200m at Mont-de-Marsan. Last-time-out winner ISMAEL PAINT (9) is respected.

Selections

WEJDAN (1) - GAMGOOM (4) - MONSIEUR BEAULIEU (5) - ISMAEL PAINT (9)

1. **JARDIN BLEU** - Non-runner.
2. **PRINCE DE MONTFORT** - Good third over 2000m at Compiègne. Top chance.
3. **PUMPY GIRL** - Finished second over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains. One of the major hopes.
4. **NUIT D'ORAGE** - Fair third on the latest appearance over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains three-and-a-half weeks ago. Each-way.
5. **CALAS QUEEN** - Unseated rider last start at Divonne-les-Bains when resuming. Market check.
6. **BREIZH ANGEL** - Form since resuming has been disappointing last start finishing seventh over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Will need to lift.
7. **SAINTE MARIE** - Made her debut over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains last start when fourth. Looking to others.
8. **MISS HIMALAYA** - Beaten a long way into sixth over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains. More needed.
9. **SOLANIA** - Finished seventh in the Listed Px Luth Enchantée-Fonds over 2400m at Clairefontaine. This is easier. Genuine chance.

Summary: PRINCE DE MONTFORT (2) arrives following a good third in a Class Two conditions event over 2000m at Compiègne. Genuine chance. The drop in grade should see SOLANIA (9) in better light after a fair seventh in the Listed Px Luth Enchantée-Fonds over 2400m at Clairefontaine. PUMPY GIRL (3) was fourth in a Class Four at Divonne and could find the frame while CALAS QUEEN (5) needs a market check.

Selections

PRINCE DE MONTFORT (2) - SOLANIA (9) - PUMPY GIRL (3) - CALAS QUEEN (5)

1. **GREY TORNADO** - Finished fourth beaten 7 lengths over 1800m at Dieppe on debut. The race experience will be invaluable. One of the contenders.
2. **DUPLIKAT** - Kicked off his career with a moderate sixth, beaten 9 lengths, over 1600m at Deauville five-and-a-half weeks ago. May improve.
3. **LONDON WAY** - Debuted at Dieppe on August 30 and was beaten 11 lengths into sixth over 1800m. May improve with that run under his belt.
4. **LOKI** - Held on debut over 1600m this track when fourth, beaten 9 lengths. Should know more this time around.
5. **BLESS** - Safely held on debut last start when seventh and beaten 10 lengths over 1300m at Deauville. Expect more this time around.
6. **KEATIME CAUVELIERE** - Tailed off on debut over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan last start. Opposed.
7. **QUEEN SAO** - Good second over 1650m at Craon. One of the main chances.
8. **HADLEIGH** - Son of Myboycharlie from Kirklandi making his debut. Market will guide.
9. **ALEXANDRE LE GRAND** - Two-year-old colt by first season sire Ribchester having first race start. Betting will guide.
10. **FANTAISISTE** - Son of Olympic Glory from Cape Florida making his debut. Betting can guide.
11. **INDIAN GOLD** - Unraced filly by The Grey Gatsby out of Indian Cat. Interesting.

Summary: QUEEN SAO (7) has finished runner-up on both starts to date including when beaten 0.75L in a 1650m maiden at Craon latest. Obvious appeal. GREY TORNADO (1) showed promise when fourth over 1800m at Dieppe on debut. Can improve with that experience gained. INDIAN GOLD (11) is an interesting newcomer while BLESS (5) is worth noting.

Selections

QUEEN SAO (7) - GREY TORNADO (1) - INDIAN GOLD (11) - BLESS (5)

1. **WEBINAR** - Solid effort last start when beaten 1.75 lengths into third over 2000m at Compiegne. In the mix.
2. **EAGLEHAWK** - Finished second over 2000m at Compiegne. Key chance.
3. **SIRIUS BLACK** - Turned in a creditable run on debut back on April 10 when second over 2100m at Longchamp. Can play a leading role.
4. **SOLIMAN** - Showed promise when beaten 6 lengths into fifth over 2200m at Clairefontaine. May progress.
5. **AREGAI** - Last raced when beaten 17 lengths into eighth over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly. Must replicate debut effort.
6. **ARTURO** - Not raced since finishing one length away in second over 2000m at Fontainebleau on April 27. Can be involved.
7. **SAGHIRA** - Easily accounted for over 2000m at Chantilly on debut. Maybe later.
8. **RADIANT SKY** - Made her debut three-and-a-half months ago when an ordinary ninth over 1600m at Compiegne. Might need more time.
9. **WINTERLINDE** - Finished third over 2200m at Baden Baden on September 4. Place.
10. **HENT KASTELL** - Tailed off 12th on debut over 1400m at Fontainebleau last start. Cannot recommend.
11. **KIND JULIET** - Promising fourth on debut over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on June 1. Major chance.
12. **LEHMAN** - Three-year-old colt by leading sire Galileo out of a top class mare. Fascinating runner.

Summary: Frankel filly KIND JULIET (11) showed plenty of ability when fourth over 2000m in a newcomers event at Saint-Cloud in June. Major appeal with progress likely. LEHMAN (12) represents the same connections and looks a fascinating debutant by Galileo out of Goldikova. SIRIUS BLACK (3) made a promising start when runner-up over 2100m at Longchamp on debut. Player. EAGLEHAWK (2) cannot be ruled out.

Selections

KIND JULIET (11) - LEHMAN (12) - SIRIUS BLACK (3) - EAGLEHAWK (2)

Race 7 - PRIX DE SAINT CHRISTOPHE - 1600m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **VALMER MAGIC** - Last appeared four months ago when he finished 4 lengths from the winner in third over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly. Top chance on ratings.
2. **SNOWBLIND** - Ninth in the Listed Prix Amandine over 1400m at Deauville. Not written off.
3. **J'ACCLAME** - Last start finished half a length away in second over 1600m at this track. Player.
4. **THE BIG SHORT** - Last seen when finishing fifth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather last start. Bit more needed.
5. **LOUIS DE BAVIERE** - Finished off last campaign with a maiden win by 5.5 lengths over 2000m at Pau All Weather on December 28. Interesting.
6. **FRANK STELLA** - Broke through for his maiden win over 1600m at La Teste De Buch last time out. Facing a stiffer test this time but could be up to the task.
7. **JOHEN** - Form in recent times has been moderate including a last start ninth over 1600m at Compiegne. Needs to do more.
8. **SIMPLY SOUTHERN** - Good third over 1600m at Toulouse on March 26. Can play a major role.
9. **KANIFUSHI** - Finished well back in 12th over 1400m at Le Lion-d'angers when resuming last start. Needs to turn the form around sharply to be competitive.
10. **KATOUCHA** - Good fifth over 1600m at Compiegne on June 10. Not without claims.

Summary: VALMER MAGIC (1) finished behind a pair of subsequent winners when third over 1600m in a Class One conditions event at Lyon-Parilly latest. Obvious contender on ratings. FRANK STELLA (6) made all to win a maiden over this trip at La Teste. Expected to go well upped in class for a top trainer. KATOUCHA (10) produced a good fifth over 1600m at Compiegne. Strong claims in this suitable grade. SIMPLY SOUTHERN (8) completes the shortlist.

Selections

VALMER MAGIC (1) - FRANK STELLA (6) - KATOUCHA (10) - SIMPLY SOUTHERN (8)

1. **LA FLACA** - Good fourth at Lyon-Parilly over 1350m. Not dismissed.
2. **OLAF THE BIG ONE** - Fair fourth over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux three weeks ago. One to note.
3. **ROSE DES SABLES** - Scored last time by 1.75 lengths over 1400m at Dax. Leading player again.
4. **SPAIN SAGE** - Close second at this track over 1400m. Leading hope.
5. **CRAZYVORES** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 7 lengths into 11th over 1600m at Longchamp. More required.
6. **DON FALCO** - Narrow second over 1500m at Deauville All Weather on August 23. Genuine hope on best form.
7. **AEROSTACH** - Held seventh over 1400m at Saint-Cloud in May. Opposed.
8. **MOUNIA** - Won two starts back at Clairefontaine but was well held last start beaten 6 lengths into ninth over 1300m at Deauville All Weather. Others preferred.
9. **HEART SHINING** - Sixth over 1800m at Salon-de-Provence latest. Best watched.
10. **SPEED CHOP** - Last start finished third over 1000m at Lyon-Parilly. Upped in trip.
11. **KATHALINA** - Scored by half a length at this track over 1400m. Strong winning hope.
12. **MAPONUS** - Improved last start to finish second over 1300m at Saint-Cloud. Can go well.
13. **PEARL OF CHOP** - Last appeared when he finished fourth over 1600m at La Teste De Buch on September 3. Place.
14. **NOTRE HISTOIRE** - Returned from a spell last start and finished fifth over 1600m at La Teste De Buch. Could improve but probably needs to.
15. **JOYEUSE DE ROMAY** - Last appeared when she finished sixth over 1500m at Deauville All Weather on August 23. Hard to make a case on recent form.
16. **WOLOWITZ** - Finished third over 1600m at Aurillac two back then missed the frame last time out over 1200m at Dax. Will need to do a bit more.
17. **RECORD THE SHAW** - Held seventh over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly three weeks ago. Best watched.
18. **MAPLE GIRL** - Last appeared when she finished ninth over 2000m at Marseille-Borely on September 8. Hard to enthuse.

Summary: KATHALINA (11) and SPAIN SAGE (4) finished first and second in a course and distance handicap last-time-out. The former should put up a bold effort once more but the latter could well reverse the form with this swing in the weights. ROSE DES SABLES (3) won a Dax handicap over this trip last outing and can be firmly involved. Recent Lyon-Parilly claiming third SPEED CHOP (10) is interesting upped 400m.

Selections

KATHALINA (11) - SPAIN SAGE (4) - ROSE DES SABLES (3) - SPEED CHOP (10)