

VICHY [R-H] - 20 July

Race 1 - PRIX VICHY COMMUNAUTE - 3000m HCP CL2. Purse EUR €50,000.

1. **PALUS ARGENTEUS** - Second over this distance two runs back before fifth over 2800m Compiègne. Can be involved.
2. **ARISTOCRATE** - Seventh after a break at Saint Cloud in May. Needs to improve.
3. **SHEHIYR** - Second two runs back but only fourth next time. Chance on first attempt at this distance.
4. **CACOPHONOUS** - Third on previous two outings but is likely to find this more competitive. Needs to improve.
5. **JUST A FORMALITY** - Yet to win this year and has finished down the field in recent starts. Could prove vulnerable.
6. **BELGIAN PRINCE** - Winner two runs back before struggling at Chantilly over 2400m next time. Back down in class and considered.
7. **ELECTRON LIBRE** - Fourth in a big field at La Teste De Buch over 2400m last month. Could find a place.
8. **BUBBLE SMART** - Deserved 1L success at Compiègne tackling 2800m recently. Not ruled out.
9. **LE HOYO** - Won on return to action but has been unable to maintain that form. Prefer to watch.
10. **LOOTAH** - Back to form when beaten a head into second at Saint Cloud over 2400m. Can be competitive.
11. **ROCCA YOU** - Not been able to build on a victory three runs back and will need to improve.
12. **COSMIC CITY** - Down the field on previous two outings and makes little appeal in this contest.
13. **COTE JARDIN** - Won two in a row before struggling this grade at Compiègne tackling 2800m. Can be given another chance.
14. **RANNAN** - Well beaten in recent outings and yet to prove stamina at this distance. Others preferred.
15. **PATZEFREDO** - Finished third on both runs since returning from a break and could make the frame again.
16. **ANECDOTIC** - Failed to make an impact in two runs in this grade and could struggle again.

Summary: SHEHIYR (3) was only fourth as favourite at Nantes last time however a previous second at Bordeaux over 2400m gives him strong claims. LOOTAH (10) put in a better effort when a head second at Saint Cloud tackling 2400m recently. Can be competitive. PATZEFREDO (15) finished third in both attempts since a break and might be involved once again. BELGIAN PRINCE (6) could not complete a hat-trick at Chantilly last month but warrants another chance back in this grade.

Selections

SHEHIYR (3) - LOOTAH (10) - PATZEFREDO (15) - BELGIAN PRINCE (6)

Race 2 - PRIX DE NERIS-LES-BAINS - 1000m CLM. Purse EUR €12,500.

1. **MADAME BABETTE** - Back to back wins over 1100m earlier in the year. Third over 1200m when beaten 3.5L last time.
2. **LAGOONE CHOPE** - Deserved success over 1200m by 2L recently. Has a chance to follow up.
3. **FELI CHOP** - Six-race maiden who takes a significant drop in trip. Could be competitive.
4. **LE SHALAA** - Yet to find a place in two career runs. More needed but has a chance to improve.
5. **PANDORA** - Unplaced in four career outings and looks likely to struggle in this contest.
6. **CARNET ROYAL** - Better effort when beaten 2.25L into third over 1200m. Could find another place.
7. **BAILEYS BLESSING** - Not progressed since finishing second on debut and others make more appeal in current form.
8. **LET'S PARTY GIRL** - Finished fourth in a handicap over 1000m at Longchamp earlier this month. More needed.

Summary: LAGOONE CHOPE (2) gained a third career success by 2L over 1200m last time. Chance to win again. FELI CHOP (3) is yet to win in six attempts however drops back in journey and could show improved form. MADAME BABETTE (1) won twice over 1100m earlier in the year and a return to this sort of distance could see her finish closer. CARNET ROYAL (6) put in a career best effort when third. Might have more to offer.

Selections

LAGOONE CHOPE (2) - FELI CHOP (3) - MADAME BABETTE (1) - CARNET ROYAL (6)

Race 3 - PRIX HUBERT BAGUENAUT DE PUCHESSE - 7EME ETAPE DU DEFI DU GAL - 2400m OPEN. Purse EUR €52,000.

1. **ATEEM** - Returned from a break when second in a Listed race at Lyon-Parilly over 2400m last time. Should go close.
2. **NARCOS** - Listed winner over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly last month. Likely to be involved.
3. **GOOD QUESTION** - Fourth behind a couple of these rivals at Lyon-Parilly and may have to settle for a place.
4. **MYKISS** - Winner two runs back but only fifth at Longchamp tackling 2250m next time. More needed.
5. **OR GRIS** - On a long losing run at present and could prove vulnerable to less exposed rivals.
6. **OPASAN** - Three from three in his career but this represents a significant step up in class. Interesting contender but likely to need improvement.
7. **FOLAMOUR** - Winning run came to an end when second at Compiegne over 2800m. Return to this journey will help.

Summary: FOLAMOUR (7) won three in a row before a third-placed finish over 2800m at Compiegne. Drops back in trip and is a leading contender. ATEEM (1) ran second after a break in this grade at Lyon-Parilly tackling 2400m last month. Can build on that effort. NARCOS (2) was a Listed winner last time out and is likely to be competitive once again. GOOD QUESTION (3) finished fourth in the same contest as Narcos and Ateem recently. May have to settle for minor honours once more.

Selections

FOLAMOUR (7) - ATEEM (1) - NARCOS (2) - GOOD QUESTION (3)

1. **CHERNAK** - Last of seven on debut at Longchamp tackling 1800m. Prefer to see more before including.
2. **MYSAK MIKY** - Unplaced in four career starts but ran well for a long way when fifth at Saint Cloud over 2100m. Could find a place.
3. **DRIFTWOOD** - Third on debut but struggled when only ninth next time. Could bounce back.
4. **NAMASTE** - Placed in two of seven starts and recently finished fifth over this distance. Minor claims.
5. **LOUP ROYANS** - Struggled on debut and showed gradual improvement when fifth next time. Needs to take another step forward.
6. **KING MOTIF** - Recent run can be forgiven but previous efforts this campaign could see him be involved.
7. **BALMORAL** - Finished third on both outings most recently when beaten 5.5L at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m. Leading contender.
8. **KEAT** - May have needed the run when fourth last month and should be fitter in this contest.
9. **BEAU FRANCK** - Looks to face a tough ask on debut and would prefer to watch.

Summary: BALMORAL (7) finished third on both starts including over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly in latest. Back up in trip and can make the breakthrough. KING MOTIF (6) was unfortunate to fall last time. Might be competitive if none the worse for that mishap. MYSAK MIKY (2) is yet to find a place but ran well to finish fifth tackling 2100m at Saint Cloud. Could be involved. KEAT (8) was 4L fourth after a break and may build on that effort.

Selections

BALMORAL (7) - KING MOTIF (6) - MYSAK MIKY (2) - KEAT (8)

Race 5 - PRIX CHRISTIANE HEAD - 2000m MDN. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **DAIDALAA** - Missed the frame on both starts over 1600m but has the potential to improve upped in trip.
2. **ELISE MA BELLE** - Failed to make an impression in three runs so far and more needed to feature in this contest.
3. **CHIC CHERIE** - Well beaten when 16L back in fifth at Compiègne. Will need to improve.
4. **BESIBERRI** - Down the field on return to action last month and would like to see more before including.
5. **MOON FLOWER** - Seven on both outings over shorter distances so far and hard to consider at present.
6. **LA YOMOGUINESS** - Off the track since finishing down the field at Chantilly over 2400m in April. May need this run.
7. **AVENIDA** - Placed on all three outings at Lyon-Parilly most recently over 2200m. Should go close.
8. **HILLARANTE** - Better effort when fourth over 1800m at the second attempt. Has more to offer.
9. **CHINCHILLY** - Last of six on debut at Marseille Borely and not one to include on that effort.
10. **MARY ROSE** - Missed the frame in fourth in both career starts. Could find a place back up in trip.
11. **SOIREE DU TANGO** - Showed some promise when sixth on debut at Compiègne tackling 1600m. Likely to improve.
12. **SUNDORO** - Faces rivals with experience on debut but no surprise to see her feature prominently.

Summary: AVENIDA (7) found the frame for the third consecutive time when second over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly. Sets the standard and could make the breakthrough. SUNDORO (12) is a newcomer in the contest. Would not have to be anything special to make an impression. One to note in the betting. HILLARANTE (8) improved second up when 2.75L fourth. More to come at this journey. MARY ROSE (10) after two runs is yet to place but could pick up minor honours in this event.

Selections

AVENIDA (7) - SUNDORO (12) - HILLARANTE (8) - MARY ROSE (10)

Race 6 - PRIX KRAFFT (PRIX PAUL COUTURIER) - 1600m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **KICK BOXING** - Out of form in three runs this campaign but could finish closer in this easier contest.
2. **TESS** - Third two runs back but finished last of eight next time. Needs to bounce back.
3. **FRUEHLINGSBOTE** - Fourth on previous two outings and could sneak a place in this contest.
4. **AUTUMN TWILIGHT** - Consistent performer who was 4L back in fourth recently. Should be thereabouts.
5. **ROCHELAISE** - Has not been able to build on a victory at Chantilly earlier in the year. Others appeal more.
6. **A GIBRALTAR** - 5L sixth after a break in May. Has been off the track since and would prefer to watch.
7. **WOOLACOMBE** - Off the mark with all the way success over 1800m earlier this month. Can cope with shorter journey.
8. **TROBREIZH** - Not beaten far when fourth at Lyon-Parilly over 1350m in May. Can be competitive.
9. **SINAKHA** - Winner two runs back but down the field over 1400m next time. Return to this journey is a positive.
10. **SAOLINK** - Five-race maiden who was down the field first time up. Needs to improve.
11. **BENI KHIAR** - In consistent form at Lyon-Parilly in recent starts and could reach the frame in this contest.
12. **OTAMBURA** - First win when scoring by 0.5L at Lyon-Parilly tackling 1350m last time. Could follow up.
13. **RED LIGHT** - Unplaced in four career starts but remains with potential and is not ruled out.
14. **CAPTAIN DE CERISY** - Missed the frame when fifth over 1350m last time. Yet to prove stamina for this distance.
15. **SO YOU SAY** - Only sixth at Nantes recently and wide draw in this contest could harm her chances.
16. **LOU MCDOWELL** - Showed little in three runs so far and hard to include.

Summary: WOOLACOMBE (7) gained a first victory by 2L over 1800m last time out. Drops in trip but rates a key chance to follow up. AUTUMN TWILIGHT (4) missed the frame when beaten 4L fourth however is a consistent runner who could remain competitive. SINAKHA (9) won over this journey two runs back before struggling to make an impact tackling 1400m. Can bounce back at this distance. FRUEHLINGSBOTE (3) is knocking at the door on recent starts and may pick up a placing.

Selections

WOOLACOMBE (7) - AUTUMN TWILIGHT (4) - SINAKHA (9) - FRUEHLINGSBOTE (3)