

MONT-DE-MARSAN [R-H] - 21 July

Race 1 - PRIX JEAN LARRE (PRIX DES GRANDS PINS) - 1400m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **CREEDMOOR** - Seventh beaten 7.75L in this class at Bordeaux in April. Has placed at this level in the past so could bounce back.
2. **NOELLE** - Achieved a hat-trick of wins before a solid effort in a handicap. Should feature based on ratings.
3. **SELKET** - Won three weeks ago in a Longchamp 1400m claimer by a head. The second has won since and not ruled out up in class.
4. **PLUS GRANDIR** - Well beaten on last two outings in a higher class. Tough to have.
5. **ZIMANIYA** - Resuming after a 263 day break but won at Pau by 4L in a 1400m AW maiden after making all. Top connections and should go close.
6. **SAMRAH** - Fifth beaten 7.75L at Nantes in this class just under two weeks back. Likely to need more.
7. **AZUR AS WELL** - Won at Agen in a lower class after a short break. Has previously placed at this level.

Summary: ZIMANIYA (5) was an impressive 4L winner of a Pau maiden after making all in October. Returns after a break and the top trainer is expected to have her ready. NOELLE (2) struggled in a competitive handicap tackling a shorter trip at La Teste. Won three in a row previously and is worth another try. SELKET (3) steps up in class after a claiming win at Longchamp by a head over 1400m. The second has since won. Include. AZUR AS WELL (7) found success after a short break in a lower grade at a country track. Can improve second up.

Selections

ZIMANIYA (5) - NOELLE (2) - SELKET (3) - AZUR AS WELL (7)

Race 2 - PRIX DUNIXI - 1600m . Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **ZAFRAAN QARDABIYAH** - 11L sixth in the G2 Coupe de France des Chevaux Arabes at Chantilly over this trip last month. This is a suitable target.
2. **JOSKO** - Down the field in a similar 1400m event first up at La Teste two weeks ago. Something to find.
3. **CHEEKY AMBER KRF** - Got off the mark in a similar La Teste 1400m contest on reappearance two weeks ago. Firmly in the mix.
4. **SAFWAH** - Held sixth when debuting in a 1400m La Teste affair earlier this month. May improve.
5. **IMPEDOR DE BOZOULS** - Down the field in both starts to date. Steps up in trip.
6. **ZF ALMUZON** - Two placings prior to a fair fourth at La Teste over 1400m. Each way claims.
7. **INEXTREMIS** - 8.5L seventh when debuting in a Pompadour event over 1200m seventeen days back. Improvement required.
8. **ILAINE DU CROATE** - Beaten 15L on debut at Pompadour over 1200m. Significant progress needed.
9. **ISIS DU CROATE** - Improved fourth on third start in a Pompadour 1200m contest seventeen days ago. Place chance.
10. **SOLENZANA** - Fair 2.25L sixth first up at Toulouse over this journey in May. Contender.
11. **IROKA DE BOZOULS** - Mahabb debutante from a good stable. Key player if strong in the market.

Summary: CHEEKY AMBER KRF (3) impressed when scoring on second start at La Teste over 1400m. Could have further progress. Rates highly. SOLENZANA (10) delivered a fair debut run with a sixth at Toulouse. Leading claims with any improvement. ZAFRAAN QARDABIYAH (1) was sixth in the G2 Coupe de France des Chevaux Arabes at Chantilly. May make the frame attempting this suitable level. IROKA DE BOZOULS (11) is one to note debuting for a good stable. Market check advised.

Selections

CHEEKY AMBER KRF (3) - SOLENZANA (10) - ZAFRAAN QARDABIYAH (1) - IROKA DE BOZOULS (11)

Race 3 - PRIX DE LA NAVARRE - 2000m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **BIALYSTOK** - Highly consistent and dropping down in grade after a second beaten 0.5L in a class one at Marseille Borely over 2000m. Top claims.
2. **PUNTA CANAILLE** - Resuming after a 205 day break. Third beaten 3.25L at Deauville (AW) in a claimer over 1900m last December. Minor chance.
3. **GOLD** - Fourth beaten 4.75L at Nantes in a class one over 2400m. Dropping down in trip and is one from one at this distance.
4. **JET ITO** - Sixth beaten 6.5L at Compiegne in this level over 2000m nineteen days ago. May need a bit more.
5. **CALLIOPE** - Second at Dax beaten 1.25L in a 2300m handicap ten days ago. Going fairly but a bit to find at the ratings.
6. **SHADOW** - Lacklustre at Longchamp in a 2100m handicap when well beaten in May. Had shown better form prior so could bounce back.
7. **KERGRIST** - Second beaten 1.25L at Toulouse in a class one over 2000m a month ago. Down in grade and should go close.
8. **CANDELAS** - Well beaten at Tarbes in a 1500m maiden five weeks ago and does not look an obvious winner.

Summary: BIALYSTOK (1) is consistent. Ran second missing by 0.5L at Marseille Borely over 2000m and is top rated. Hard to beat representing Jean Claude Rouget. KERGRIST (7) was 1.25L second at Toulouse in a higher graded 2000m contest. Consider. GOLD (3) went well at Nantes beaten 4.75L tackling a 2400m class one event. Drops to a distance which he won his sole start attempting. In the mix. PUNTA CANAILLE (2) finished third beaten 3.25L at Deauville in a claimer. Looks best of the rest up in class.

Selections

BIALYSTOK (1) - KERGRIST (7) - GOLD (3) - PUNTA CANAILLE (2)

Race 4 - CRITERIUM DES LANDES - 2450m . Purse EUR €32,000.

1. **FREE VOLO** - Sixth in a higher class at La Teste in June beaten 3.5L. Down a level and could feature.
2. **GOLD DE LA BRUNIE** - Fourth behind Angelo de l'Abbaye in a higher class at La Teste. Not dismissed.
3. **HORUS DE LA BRUNIE** - Third beaten 4.5L at Dax in a lower class behind Sissillien and Crouzille 26 days ago. Needs a bit more.
4. **ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE** - Ended a run of four straight seconds with a win at La Teste in a higher class beating a number of these rivals. Top claims.
5. **CROUZILLE** - Second beaten 0.5L at Dax in a lower class behind Sissillien over 2300m. Can go close once more.
6. **CALINE DE CAJUS** - Returned from a long break with a seventh at Dax behind a number of re-opposing rivals. Needs a lot more.
7. **GRAVURE ANGLAISE** - Well beaten at La Teste last month and needs first time blinkers to bring a lot of improvement.
8. **SISSILIEN** - Beat a number of these at Dax by 0.5L with first time blinkers four weeks ago. Can go close once more.
9. **HAYA DE FAUST** - Has 8.5L to find with Angelo de l'Abbaye from La Teste and is passed over.

Summary: ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE (4) won at La Teste tackling a higher level in June with GOLD DE LA BRUNIE (2) back in fourth. Both are expected to go well once more. SISSILIEN (8) and CROUZILLE (5) were first and second at Dax in a lower graded contest and are entitled to take their chances up in standard.

Selections

ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE (4) - GOLD DE LA BRUNIE (2) - SISSILIEN (8) - CROUZILLE (5)

Race 5 - PRIX PAT, DICK, ALFRED ET WILLY KALLEY - 2450m CLM. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **KUROS** - Well beaten in a 1600m claimer at Lyon-Parilly six weeks ago and has a bit to prove.
2. **ANAZ** - Mild promise on pedigree but makes her belated debut in a claimer.
3. **ALTAR OF THE SUN** - Third beaten 2L at Agen in a 2500m claimer in June. Could place.
4. **EL CORRO** - Well beaten at Dax in a 2300m handicap. Given a spell since but needs a lot more now.
5. **CITY REV** - Struggled to find the frame at country tracks of late and this looks difficult.
6. **CRYSTAL AWAY** - Struggling at country tracks of late and passed over.
7. **PEYTON PLACE** - Fourth at Compiegne beaten 4.5L in claiming company over 2400m eleven days ago. Solid claims in a weaker contest.
8. **ALMERIAC** - Fourth beaten 4L at Dax in a handicap beaten 2300m ten days ago. Holds claims down into a claimer.
9. **ILLIRIHA** - Fourth at a country track beaten 8.25L. This is not the strongest and is not dismissed.

Summary: PEYTON PLACE (7) finished fourth beaten 4.5L at Compiegne in a claimer over 2400m. Has found a weak event and can win. ALMERIAC (8) is dropping from a handicap to a claimer after a solid fourth beaten 4L. More than capable in this. ILLIRIHA (9) was 8.25L fourth at a country track in a claimer. One to consider. ALTAR OF THE SUN (3) is one that could fill the placings.

Selections

PEYTON PLACE (7) - ALMERIAC (8) - ILLIRIHA (9) - ALTAR OF THE SUN (3)

Race 6 - PRIX DE LA MADELEINE - 2450m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **REDLAKE** - Reached the placings in a Castera-Verduzan claimer over 2400m earlier this month. More on plate here.
2. **HYGROVE DAN** - Good runner up in a better grade Nantes 2400m handicap thirteen days ago. Strong claims having won over sole track and trip start.
3. **MACHISTADOR** - 3.5L sixth in a weaker 1700m handicap at the start of this month at a country venue. Others make more appeal.
4. **ASANDROS** - Hit the frame on previous pair of turf handicaps prior to a fair fifth at Chantilly AW a fortnight ago. Thereabouts.
5. **BAFAITI** - Mixed form since a breakthrough La Teste win three runs back. Not ruled out with an unexposed profile.
6. **BABY DES CHAMPS** - 5.75L third in a similar Toulouse 2400m handicap last month. Player with a top record at this track.
7. **TEXANITO** - Dramatic improvement to score in a Toulouse 2400m handicap last month. Contender if able to replicate from a higher weight.
8. **SWEET OR BITTER** - Beaten a long way in two handicaps since resuming. Look elsewhere.
9. **MI BELLA** - Unplaced in all eleven outings. Opposed.
10. **SEE THE SUN** - 3.25L fifth in a weaker 2400m contest ten days ago. Others preferred.
11. **SHAKSTORMY** - Inconsistent mare who finished down the field at Toulouse last month. Respected if back to previous form of a third placing.
12. **GOLDEN TEA** - 22 race maiden was third in a minor Montauban event over 2250m a month ago. Placing at best.

Summary: HYGROVE DAN (2) arrives in good form after a second at Nantes tackling 2400m. Notable runner with an unbeaten record over this course and distance. ASANDROS (4) should give a bold sighting back on turf with two placings prior to a fifth at Chantilly AW. Thereabouts. BABY DES CHAMPS (6) was behind TEXANITO (7) at Toulouse over 2400m. Shortlisted with a top record at this venue. The latter is one to keep safe if able to replicate his previous win from a higher weight.

Selections

HYGROVE DAN (2) - ASANDROS (4) - BABY DES CHAMPS (6) - TEXANITO (7)