

## NANTES [L-H] - 21 September

**Race 1 - PRIX DES ESPOIRS - 1600m MDN.** Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **WASSIM** - Good 2.5L third over 1800m at Evreux on debut. Notable contender.
2. **STORMY SPIRIT** - Stepped up on debut effort when 0.75L second over 1600m at Saint-Malo in July. Strong claims.
3. **SPEEDY CHARM** - Fifth when beaten 3.25L over 1400m in a conditions race at Le Lion-d'Angers twelve days ago. Claims on earlier form.
4. **URI** - Held 4L eighth over 1400m in a Le Lion-d'Angers maiden last month. Best watched.
5. **LITTLE WONDER** - Fair 7.25L fifth over 1400m at Deauville in a maiden contest last month. Improvement required.
6. **MUSKATEER THREE** - Placed in the UK but disappointed when 13L ninth in a 1400m maiden at Le Lion-d'Angers when debuting for this yard early last month. Blinkers tried for the first time.
7. **PORTBAIL** - Below par 10L sixth over 1600m in a Deauville maiden just under four weeks ago. Improvement likely.
8. **SOGYNT** - Last on both previous racecourse appearances including when beaten 16L eighth over 1600m at Saint-Cloud earlier this month. Cheekpieces tried for the first time.
9. **PANAMA CITY** - Failed to shine when 24L fifth over 1300m at Vittel in July. Claims if reproducing the form he showed when runner-up over the same trip at Longchamp on debut in May.
10. **AGGENSTEIN** - Unraced Amaron colt. Likely to improve for the race.
11. **MARGESSION** - Fair 7L sixth in a 1300m newcomers race at Deauville last month. Likely to find a few too good.

**Summary:** STORMY SPIRIT (2) can go one better than when 0.75L second tackling 1600m at Saint-Malo and take this contest. WASSIM (1) may shine following a 2.5L third in an Evreux 1800m maiden. SPEEDY CHARM (3) enters calculations on the back of a 3.25L fifth in a 1400m conditions race at Le Lion-d'Angers. MUSKATEER THREE (6) is another to consider with blinkers tried. Ran 13L ninth in a 1400m Le Lion-d'Angers maiden.

### Selections

**STORMY SPIRIT (2) - WASSIM (1) - SPEEDY CHARM (3) - MUSKATEER THREE (6)**

**Race 2 - PRIX MELLINET - 1600m CL3 QUALIF HCP.** Purse EUR €15,000.

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1. **BLACK MORNING** - Fair 3.75L in an 1850m handicap at Longchamp earlier this month. Likely to find a few too good.
2. **JACQUES COEUR** - Nose second in a 1650m handicap at Craon seventeen days ago. Has won both previous starts at this venue.
3. **JAAYIZ** - Debuting for a new trainer having won by a nose in a 1900m handicap at Deauville AW at the end of last month. Claims if replicating that form.
4. **CHUBASCO** - Winner by 1L over 1800m at Clairefontaine just over a month ago. Bold show expected.
5. **LE SOLAIRE** - Put a couple of below par efforts behind him when 0.75L third over 1400m at Clairefontaine last month. Not certain to appreciate the step up in distance.
6. **CHAMBONAS** - Faded when 7L thirteenth over 1200m at Deauville just over five weeks ago. Place claims on earlier form.
7. **BLACK CESS** - Placed second on her first three starts this spell and had excuses when 19L eleventh over 1650m at Craon latest. Top chance.
8. **MOUT** - Changed trainer since finishing 4.75L eighth in a 1600m claiming handicap at Clairefontaine last month. Others make more appeal.
9. **PITTY POT** - Badly hampered at a crucial stage when 5.25L seventh over 1650m at Craon earlier this month. Notable runner.
10. **ANDINO** - Cheekpieces tried for the first time having finished 4.75L ninth over 1500m at Deauville AW at the end of last month. Improvement required.
11. **ELWIND** - Held 4L eighth over 1200m in a claiming handicap at Evreux at the start of the month. Step forward needed upped in trip.

**Summary:** BLACK CESS (7) can take this having finished 1.5L second over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers on her penultimate start. JACQUES COEUR (2) is unbeaten in two starts at this circuit and may play a role following a nose second tackling 1650m at Craon. CHUBASCO (4) is noted. Won by a head tackling 1800m at Clairefontaine. PITTY POT (9) is another to consider. Ran 5.25L seventh attempting 1650m at Craon.

**Selections**

**BLACK CESS (7) - JACQUES COEUR (2) - CHUBASCO (4) - PITTY POT (9)**

**Race 3 - PRIX DE LA BAIE DE BOURGNEUF - 2400m MDN.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **IRISH SOUL** - Fair 5L fourth over 2150m in a maiden at a minor venue last month. More needed.
2. **PEDRO DES DUCS** - Held 13L sixth over 2900m in a Clairefontaine maiden just over four weeks ago. Others preferred.
3. **IZGOR DE VIETTE** - Good 1L third over 3000m in a maiden at Le Lion-d'Angers at the end of July. Strong claims.
4. **MILLENIAL** - Good 2.75L third over 2400m in a handicap at Vittel just over six weeks ago. Leading contender.
5. **NORTH AND SOUTH** - Held 21L ninth over 2500m in a Saint-Malo maiden last month. Step forward needed.
6. **JIMALIYAH** - Short-head second in a 2650m conditions race at Auch earlier this month. One to note.
7. **KHENDEVIL** - Improved on debut effort when 11L fifth over 2400m in a Beaupreau maiden 24 days ago. Further improvement required.
8. **MA LILI** - Fourth when beaten 7.5L over 2400m at Beaupreau on debut. Likely to have improved for the experience.
9. **PANTHERE** - Good fourth on debut but disappointed when 21L sixth over 2800m at Moulins last month. Top chance down in trip.
10. **STARLUC** - Unraced Lucayan gelding. Others hold more obvious claims.
11. **MISTER CLEMENT** - Unraced Thewayyouare gelding. Minor role likely.
12. **ILE DU ROUME** - Unraced Montmartre filly. Of note on first racecourse appearance.

**Summary:** MILLENIAL (4) can deliver a victory following a 2.75L third in a 2400m handicap at Vittel debuting for a new trainer PANTHERE (9) can play a role in the finish down in trip having finished 21L sixth over 2800m at Moulins. IZGOR DE VIETTE (3) enters calculations on the back of a debut 1L third in a 3000m Le Lion-d'Angers maiden. Montmartre newcomer ILE DU ROUME (12) is another to consider.

**Selections**

**MILLENIAL (4) - PANTHERE (9) - IZGOR DE VIETTE (3) - ILE DU ROUME (12)**

**Race 4 - PRIX DE LA COTE D'AMOUR - 2400m HCP CL4.** Purse EUR €14,000.

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1. **SPIRIT OF DANCE** - Held 4.75L fifth over 2700m at Les Sables-d'Olonne at the end of last month. More needed.
2. **STADE VELODROME** - Good 2.25L third over 2200m in a Craon conditions race earlier this month. Strong claims.
3. **STROMBOLI** - Sixth when beaten 2.5L over 2250m at Longchamp nineteen days ago. Notable contender.
4. **FLIGHT DE JUILLEY** - Followed up a Deauville AW success with a 4.25L fourth over 3000m at Longchamp twelve days ago. Of note in this race.
5. **REBEL QUEEN** - Runner-up when beaten 2.5L over 2500m at Evreux just under three weeks ago. Top chance.
6. **SOWGAY** - Held 20L ninth over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers earlier this month. Best watched.
7. **DREAM DEVIL** - Failed to shine when 15L thirteenth over 2500m at Evreux at the start of May. Minor role likely.
8. **DJIDJI L'AMOROSA** - Faded when 30L sixth over 2700m at Les Sables-d'Olonne 23 days ago. Others preferred.
9. **LEE DRAGON** - Runner-up when beaten 1.5L over 2700m at Les Sables-d'Olonne 23 days ago. Leading contender.
10. **WHAT A STORY** - Midfield finish when 11L seventh over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Has run well at this track in the past.
11. **GOLDIFROST** - Down the field 6.75L ninth over 2400m at Clairefontaine 25 days ago. Looking for a first victory at the fourteenth time of asking.

**Summary:** REBEL QUEEN (5) can go one better than when 2.5L second over 2500m at Evreux. LEE DRAGON (9) makes the shortlist. Finished 1.5L second in a 2700m handicap at Les Sables-d'Olonne. STADE VELODROME (2) looks up to playing a role on the back of a 2.25L third tackling 2200m at Craon. STROMBOLI (3) is another to consider having been beaten 2.5L sixth in a 2250m handicap at Longchamp.

**Selections**

**REBEL QUEEN (5) - LEE DRAGON (9) - STADE VELODROME (2) - STROMBOLI (3)**

**Race 5 - PRIX DE L'ARC ATLANTIQUE - 2400m HCP CL3.** Purse EUR €18,000.

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1. **IRISH STORM** - Nose second over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers five weeks ago. Top chance.
2. **SRIFANELOGREEN** - 7L second in a 2300m handicap at Pompadour last month. Return to turf is a positive.
3. **VANCOUVER DU GUERN** - Returned to form with a nose second over 2700m in a Les Sables-d'Olonne claimer 23 days ago. Has won three times here in the past.
4. **LINNGARIA** - Triple course winner won by a nose over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers five weeks ago. Claims despite a 2.5kg rise in the weights.
5. **GOT TOUCH** - Held 10L seventh over 2400m at Clairefontaine last month. Debuting for a new trainer.
6. **ROCK OR BUST** - Slightly disappointing 13L fourth in an 1800m handicap at Saint-Malo just over a month ago. Needs to put that effort behind him.
7. **HYSTERIQUE** - Fair 6.5L fourth over 2400m at Clairefontaine 25 days ago. Of note in this race.
8. **TRES RUSH** - Below par 11L sixth over 3000m at Le Lion-d'Angers last month. Capable of better.
9. **NEVER COME BACK** - Placed third when beaten 3.25L over 2400m at Clairefontaine early last month. Leading contender.
10. **HERISHEF** - Successful by 3L in a 2200m claiming handicap at Niort sixteen days ago. Strong claims.
11. **GREAT TONIO** - Placed second when beaten 1.5L over 2200m in a conditions race at Craon earlier this month. More needed back in a handicap.

**Summary:** IRISH STORM (1) can defy top weight having finished a nose second over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. NEVER COME BACK (9) makes the shortlist. Ran 3.25L third tackling 2400m at Clairefontaine. HERISHEF (10) may play a role. Won by 3L attempting 2200m at Niort. LINNGARIA (4) is another to consider finding success by a nose in a 2400m contest at Le Lion-d'Angers.

**Selections**

**IRISH STORM (1) - NEVER COME BACK (9) - HERISHEF (10) - LINNGARIA (4)**