

COMPIEGNE [L-H] - 27 July

Race 1 - PRIX DES HAUTS-DE-FRANCE - 1800m HCP CL2. Purse EUR €50,000.

1. **HOOKING** - Won in this grade three runs back at Longchamp. Below par in higher level events since. Claims to bounce back in this company.
2. **ROYAL FORCE** - Bids for a hat-trick after two handicap wins at Longchamp (1800m) and Saint Cloud (1600m). Contender.
3. **EPISODIA** - Fair 2.5L seventh in this handicap grade at Longchamp over 1850m a month ago. Down 1kg. Shortlisted.
4. **STRANGER** - Last of twelve at Chantilly three weeks ago tackling 1600m. Progress needed second up.
5. **SANDYSSIME** - Not disgraced when 6.75L seventh in a Saint Cloud 1600m handicap in this grade five weeks ago. Could build on that effort.
6. **SINILGA** - 3.5L twelfth in a Longchamp 1400m handicap in this level 44 days ago. Needs to be at best to sneak a place.
7. **HALIPHON** - 6.5L tenth in a Saint Cloud 2400m handicap just over three weeks ago in this class. Down in trip.
8. **WOW** - Mixed form this season. Below par 7.5L thirteenth in this grade at Longchamp over 1800m seven weeks back. Needs more.
9. **THE MANAGER** - Up in class after a 9L fifth in a Saint Cloud 1600m class three event 23 days ago. Current weight can help.
10. **JAMILYA** - Disappointing handicap debut when 4.25L thirteenth of fourteen in this level at Longchamp a month ago. New trainer now and may progress.
11. **BAGEL** - 2L winner of a Saint Malo 1800m class four contest 23 days ago. Could struggle in this grade.
12. **WOOT CITY** - Good head third in this class tackling a Lyon-Parilly 2000m handicap four weeks ago. In the mix.
13. **L'AIGLE** - 0.75L winner of a Longchamp 2100m class three qualifying handicap six weeks ago. Consider up in grade.
14. **IPHITOS** - Good 1L third in a Marseille Vivaux 2600m AW handicap five weeks back. Up in level but holds claims down in trip. Supplemented runner.
15. **RONALDO** - Successful by 0.5L in a Saint Cloud 2000m handicap eighteen days ago. Up in class but holds a good draw.
16. **SHUT DOWN** - Sixteenth of seventeen at Chantilly five weeks ago over 1800m in class one handicap company. Down in grade and a new trainer.

Summary: A market check could prove helpful for this open principle handicap. ROYAL FORCE (2) bids for a hat trick after two handicap wins at Longchamp (1800m) and Saint Cloud (1600m). Contender. EPISODIA (3) produced a fair 2.5L seventh in this handicap grade at Longchamp over 1850m. Down 1kg. Shortlist. WOOT CITY (12) showed ability at Lyon-Parilly when a head third in this class tackling a 2000m handicap. In the mix. HOOKING (1) won in this grade three runs ago at

Longchamp. Holds claims to bounce back. RONALDO (15) was successful by 0.5L in a Saint Cloud 2000m handicap. Up in class and receives a good draw.

Selections

ROYAL FORCE (2) - EPISODIA (3) - WOOT CITY (12) - HOOKING (1) - RONALDO (15)

Race 2 - PRIX PELLEAS - 2000m OPEN. Purse EUR €55,000.

1. **MEDIA STREAM** - Won a Saint Cloud 2000m class one event before a fair 5.25L fifth in the Longchamp 2200m G2 Prix Hocquart in May. Makes appeal down in grade.
2. **CALGARY** - Supplemented after a 9L sixth in the G2 Prix Hocquart at Longchamp in May. Won all three previous career efforts. Holds claims to bounce back.
3. **SILVER SILK** - Fair 5.25L fifth when fading late in a Saint Cloud 2400m class one event three weeks ago. Struggled in this level prior however.
4. **SASSOON** - Two runs back produced a good 2.75L fourth in the 2200m Longchamp G2 Prix Hocquart. Struggled in the G1 Deutsches Derby since at Hamburg. Claims in this level.
5. **CAPRICE DES DIEUX** - Promising 2L second in the G2 Prix Eugene Adam over this trip at Saint Cloud 23 days ago. Open to further progress. Include.
6. **ALASTOR** - 2.5L winner of a Saint Cloud 2000m maiden just over three weeks ago. Big rise in class. Place hope if improving again.

Summary: MEDIA STREAM (1) may take this Compiègne feature event. Delivered a Saint Cloud 2000m class one success prior to a fair 5.25L fifth in the Longchamp 2200m G2 Prix Hocquart in May. Serious contender down in grade. SASSOON (4) showed ability when 2.75L fourth in the aforementioned G2 Prix Hocquart. Struggled in the G1 Deutsches Derby since at Hamburg however holds claims in this grade. CALGARY (2) has been supplemented after a 9L sixth in the G2 Prix Hocquart. Won all three previous career efforts. Consider. CAPRICE DES DIEUX (5) was 2L second in the G2 Prix Eugene Adam over this trip at Saint Cloud. Open to further progress. Include.

Selections
MEDIA STREAM (1) - SASSOON (4) - CALGARY (2) - CAPRICE DES DIEUX (5)

Race 3 - PRIX DE LA THIERACHE - 1400m MDN. Purse EUR €27,000.

1. **PRETEXTE** - Promising 4.25L third on debut in a Saint Cloud 1200m newcomers event eighteen days ago. Open to progress.
2. **AMERICAN KING** - 19L eighth of nine on first career attempt sixteen days back in a Senonnes 1350m maiden. Others appeal more.
3. **ASCOT FOREVER** - Fair 8.5L third on debut in a Deauville 1200m turf class two event a fortnight ago. Can find this easier and improve.
4. **BALNIKHOV** - Improving type who has placed on last two runs including two weeks ago when 1.25L third in a Longchamp 1300m maiden. In the mix.
5. **NEVER DIES** - Good 0.75L second on debut in a Chantilly 1400m newcomers contest twenty days ago. Leading contender for top connections.
6. **WALBERG** - Midfield effort when 6.75L seventh in a 1400m maiden here four weeks back. May improve.
7. **ACREGATE** - Nicely-bred newcomer by Ribchester from the Stakes-winning mare Green Speed. May show promise first up.

Summary: NEVER DIES (5) showed ability on first career attempt when 0.75L second in a Chantilly 1400m newcomers contest. Leading contender for top connections. PRETEXTE (1) produced a promising 4.25L third on debut in a Saint Cloud 1200m newcomers event. Open to progress. Include. BALNIKHOV (4) is improving. Placed the past two runs including when 1.25L third in a Longchamp 1300m maiden. Thereabouts. ACREGATE (7) may show promise on first racecourse appearance. Watch for market support.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEVER DIES (5) - PRETEXTE (1) - BALNIKHOV (4) - ACREGATE (7)</p>

Race 4 - PRIX DE L'AVESNOIS - 1400m MDN. Purse EUR €27,000.

1. **ARABIAN MUSIC** - Midfield effort on debut five weeks ago when 9.5L seventh in a Chantilly 1100m newcomers event. May improve switching yards.
2. **TXOPE** - Runner up on both career outings so far including at this course and distance prior to a Chantilly 1200m run. Shortlisted.
3. **FARAHNAZ** - Fair 3.75L sixth on debut in a Chantilly newcomers contest over this trip twenty days ago. Can progress for a top trainer.
4. **FLEUR D'IRIS** - Good 2.75L fourth when tackling a Chantilly 1400m newcomers event beating stablemate Farahnaz. Contender with improvement likely.
5. **KISSWOOD** - Fair debut fifth prior to an eighth in a Saint Cloud 1200m maiden six weeks ago. Up in trip may help but still needs more.
6. **CITADELLA** - Major improvement shown when a 4L winner of a Saint Cloud claimer over this journey eighteen days ago. Holds claims if repeating.
7. **DAMINA** - Fair 3.5L fifth on first career attempt in a Chantilly 1400m newcomers race twenty days back. Can improve for notable connections.
8. **SATISFACTION** - Two-year-old filly having a first racecourse appearance. By Johnny Barnes. Watch for any market support.

Summary: TXOPE (2) indicated promise with two runner up efforts on both career outings so far including over course and distance on debut. Shortlist to go one place better. FLEUR D'IRIS (4) produced a good 2.75L fourth when tackling a Chantilly 1400m newcomers event beating stablemate Farahnaz. Contender with improvement likely. FARAHNAZ (3) still ran well in that race when 3.75L sixth. Can progress for a top trainer. DAMINA (7) was a fair 3.5L fifth in a Chantilly 1400m newcomers race. May improve representing notable connections.

Selections

TXOPE (2) - FLEUR D'IRIS (4) - FARAHNAZ (3) - DAMINA (7)

Race 5 - PRIX ETOILE DE LA REINE - 1400m HCP. Purse EUR €23,000.

1. **ZAIRE** - Found success by 2L in a Clairefontaine 1600m claimer two weeks ago. Holds claims if repeating returning to a handicap.
2. **THE LAWYER** - Supplemented after a 1.25L victory in a Chantilly 1600m handicap 24 days ago. In the mix.
3. **BESTING** - 8.25L 12th of fifteen in a Deauville 1300m AW handicap last October. New trainer now may bring progress. Others appeal more.
4. **CHICA ENERGICA** - Fair 1.5L sixth of sixteen here tackling a 1600m handicap six weeks back. Could build on that effort.
5. **TIME TO RUN** - Below par 7.5L ninth in a Longchamp 1400m class three event nineteen days ago. Needs progress.
6. **PRINCESSE VERA** - Mixed form this season but won at this course and distance by 2L two runs ago. Fair seventh since at Deauville. Consider.
7. **FOLLOW THE LIGHT** - Won a Craon 1650m maiden prior to a 4.5L sixth in a Longchamp 1400m class three event. Place at best.
8. **YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK** - Supplemented after a 1.5L third in a Aix-les-Bains 1200m class three handicap sixteen days ago. Same weight and jockey booking worth noting. Include.
9. **QUELLE CHARM** - Not shown much in five career outings so far. Needs improvement.
10. **MEARAS STYLE** - Changed yards since a 15L eighth in May at Saint Cloud in a 1600m claimer. Others appeal more.
11. **IMPOSSIBLE** - Good 0.5L second two runs back in a Lyon-Parilly 1350m handicap prior to a below par ninth at Deauville. Could bounce back.
12. **ASTONISHER** - Fair 4L fifth in a Chantilly 1600m handicap 24 days ago. Can build on that effort. Place hope.
13. **MIGHTY FINE** - Not shown much in five career starts so far. Needs improvement.

Summary: THE LAWYER (2) has been supplemented for this race after a 1.25L victory in a Chantilly 1600m handicap. Shortlist. YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK (8) produced a 1.5L third in a Aix-les-Bains 1200m class three handicap. Same weight and secures a jockey booking worth noting. Include. IMPOSSIBLE (11) was a good 0.5L second two runs back tackling a Lyon-Parilly 1350m handicap prior to a below par ninth at Deauville. Can bounce back. ASTONISHER (12) ran a fair 4L fifth in a Chantilly 1600m handicap. May build on that effort. Place hope

Selections

THE LAWYER (2) - YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK (8) - IMPOSSIBLE (11) - ASTONISHER (12)

Race 6 - PRIX EULALIE - 1400m HCP. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **ENNAKHIL** - 12L 15th in a Saint Cloud 1600m handicap at the start of May. Progress needed.
2. **VOLER DE NUIT** - 11L thirteenth of seventeen after a small break twelve days ago in a Chantilly 1600m handicap. Improvement required.
3. **DIA DE MUERTOS** - Faded with 400m to go in a Strasbourg 2000 claimer at the start of last month to be 16L seventh of eight. Needs more.
4. **KATUCHA** - Good 1.25L third in a Strasbourg handicap over this trip at the start of last month. Can build on that effort with a notable jockey booking.
5. **SWEET DAMIANA** - Fair 3.5L fifth in a Longchamp 1000m handicap nineteen days ago. Open to progress back up in distance.
6. **DIVINE EMOTION** - Faded 5L fourth in a Chantilly 1600m handicap 24 days ago. Filled the same position over this trip at Strasbourg prior.
7. **TRISZNA** - Struggled at this venue seven weeks ago over 1800m when beaten 31L. Others appeal more.
8. **LA NEVA** - Not shown much this season but may improve having a first attempt at this track. Progress still needed.
9. **LA KAHENA** - Midfield effort when 5.5L sixth in a Lyon-Parilly 1350m handicap four weeks ago. Could build on that run. Place at best.
10. **BISCOTTINO** - Fair 5.75L fifth tackling a Nantes 1600m handicap five weeks back. Each way claims.
11. **ELEA'S RIVER** - Not shown much this campaign however is open to progress having a first run at this course and first attempt at the trip.
12. **IXE BELIN** - Disappointing this season and is unplaced from nine career outings. Improvement needed.
13. **RIVER DEE** - Faded inside the final 400m here six weeks ago when eighth of thirteen in a 1800m handicap. Down in weight. Place at best.

Summary: KATUCHA (4) produced a good 1.25L third in a Strasbourg handicap over this trip. Can build on that effort with a notable jockey booking. Contender. SWEET DAMIANA (5) ran with credit at Longchamp when 3.5L fifth in a 1000m handicap. Open to progress back up in distance. DIVINE EMOTION (6) was not disgraced when 5L fourth in a Chantilly 1600m handicap. Filled the same position tackling this journey at Strasbourg prior. In the mix. BISCOTTINO (10) might make the frame if at best.

Selections

KATUCHA (4) - SWEET DAMIANA (5) - DIVINE EMOTION (6) - BISCOTTINO (10)

LES SABLES-D'OLONNE [L-H] - 27 July

Race 1 - PRIX DJARVIS - 2700m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **SANTA ZOO** - Back to back thirds. Most recently at Nantes in a handicap beaten 6.5L. Not ruled out.
2. **LADY LIZZY** - Sixth beaten 6.5L at Sables after a short break in a class three over 2700m. Needs a bit more.
3. **NOORMANDY** - Fourth beaten 3.5L at Sables in a handicap over 1950m. Not entirely ruled out.
4. **SORTOSVILLE** - Won by 2.5L at La Teste in a handicap over 2400m. The second has since won and the 3kg rise might not be enough to stop him.
5. **FOLLY FOOT** - Eleventh at Nantes in a handicap beaten 7.25L. Back up in in trip.
6. **PANDEMONIUM** - Seventh at Mont de Marsan in a handicap beaten 3.5L over 3000m. Dropped 1kg and was not far away.
7. **THE MAGIC MAN** - Second at La Teste in a handicap beaten 1L over 2400m. Consistent and should not be far away.
8. **LAST BRIGHT** - Second beaten 3.5L at Compiègne in a handicap over 2800m. In form at present.
9. **LINNGARIA** - Seventh beaten 3.75L at Nantes in a handicap over 2400m. Up in trip and unexposed.
10. **SPIRIT OF DANCE** - Well beaten at Sables recently and hard to trust.
11. **HERISHEF** - Fourth at Lignieres in a class four beaten 3L over 2400m. This looks harder.

Summary: SORTOSVILLE (4) bids for a hat-trick after winning at La Teste in a handicap over 2400m by 2.5L. The second has since won and looks the one to beat off a 3kg higher mark. SANTA ZOO (1) increases in trip for the first time after a third beaten 6.5L at Nantes in a 2200m handicap. Include. THE MAGIC MAN (7) was runner up at La Teste in a 2400m handicap beaten 1L. Lightly raced and can improve again. NOORMANDY (3) delivered a better effort latest at Sables when fourth beaten 3.5L. Place chance.

Selections

SORTOSVILLE (4) - SANTA ZOO (1) - THE MAGIC MAN (7) - NOORMANDY (3)