

R3 STRASBOURG [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 - Steeple Chase - EUR €
24,000**

1. MARECHAL DE L'AIR - A faller last time out in a Class 3 Conditions Chase at Moulins over 3700m on 18 September. Successful before that and can score again

2. PHILADELPHIE - Outclassed the opposition in a Class 3 Condition Chase at Lyon-Parilly over 3,400m on 15 September. Improving and can double up

3. MELCHIOR DU LARGE - Kept to hurdles so far and was 6th in a Handicap Hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m on 12 September. Can be a threat trying fences

4. MONNAIE COURANTE - Unreliable so far and was unplaced in a Handicap Hurfle at Auteuil over 3600m on 12 September. Needs to find a few lengths to score on chase debut

Summary: PHILADELPHIE (2) was an impressive winner in her first attempt over fences and looks the one to beat. She will nevertheless need to be wary of MELCHIOR DU LARGE (3), who has shown plenty of ability over hurdles. Unlucky at Moulins last time, MARECHAL DE L'AIR (1) will be looking to bounce back and is a threat.

SELECTIONS

PHILADELPHIE (2) - MELCHIOR DU LARGE (3) - MARECHAL DE L'AIR (1) - MONNAIE COURANTE (4)

C2 - PRIX DU CANAL DE LA MARNE AU RHIN - 1550m (a1m) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **IN SPACE** - Returned to form and came home 4th in a Maiden at Salon-De-Provence over 1,800m on 25 September. Can earn some more money
2. **BEST FIGHTER** - Finished fifth on debut at Cologne over 1400m on 11 September. Likely to improve and should be a real threat
3. **TOOCOOLTOBECOOOL** - Has won a claimer and finished sixth last time out in that division at Le Mans over 1400m on 11 September. Can earn some minor money
4. **CARMONTELLE** - Finished 12th on debut in Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 1500m on 18 September. Capable of improvement and could surprise
5. **CARLA VELOSSO** - Showed improvement when fourth in a Maiden at Saint-Cloud over 1,400m on 11 September. Capable of scoring with further improvement expected
6. **SEXXY** - Finished 7th in a Maiden at Deauville over 1,200m on 30 August. Has only been modest so far and is capable of improvement. Not out of it
7. **FLYING MAN** - A two-year-old colt by Soldier Hollow out of Flamingo Art who is making his debut. His dam was unraced in France. Might need this experience
8. **TOUNGE** - A two-year-old filly by Gleneagles out of Toungi who is making her debut. Her dam won four times, including a Listed race. Might make the frame
9. **KIANGA** - A two-year-old filly by Waldpfad out of Kiki Dee who is making her debut. Her dam won once in Germany. Could make the frame

Summary: CARLA VELOSSO (5) finished fourth in a maiden at Saint-Cloud and should be capable of making her presence felt at this level. BEST FIGHTER (2) made a respectable debut in Germany and represents a powerful stable, so should be respected. In a race that lacks depth, KIANGA (9) is worth a mention on her racecourse debut. SEXXY (6) will be looking to make a positive impression for her new connections.

SELECTIONS

CARLA VELOSSO (5) - BEST FIGHTER (2) - KIANGA (9) - SEXXY (6)

C3 - PRIX D'AUTEUIL - 4200m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 - Steeple Chase - EUR € 21,000

1. LE GENE BLEU - Not disgraced when fifth in a Handicap Chase at Nantes over 4300m on 29 May. Returns from a break but has won over this track and trip and is a lively danger

2. KWELAFE - May have just needed the last run when fifth in a Handicap Chase at Moulins over 3800m on 18 September. Fitter now and could be a real threat

3. PIPER'S HILL - Unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap at Pornichet over 3,100m on 22 December 2024. Returns from a lengthy break and could need this run

4. IN VICTIS - Has struggled of late and was unplaced in a Handicap Chase at Compiègne over 3850m on 9 September. Drops in class and cannot be ruled out

5. BONITA DE LA SERRE - Excellent runner-up in a Class 2 Condition Chase at Clairefontaine over 3,900m on 17 June 2025. Returns from a lengthy break but can go one place better

Summary: BONITA DE LA SERRE (5) boasts the strongest form references and goes well fresh, so she could make a winning return to action. KWELAFE (2) made a perfectly respectable comeback at Moulins and should be sharper for that outing. Despite carrying top weight, LE GENE BLEU (1) can still make the frame. IN VICTIS (4) will be ready to capitalise on any mistakes and is another possible winner.

SELECTIONS

BONITA DE LA SERRE (5) - KWELAFE (2) - LE GENE BLEU (1) - IN VICTIS (4)

**C4 - PRIX LES ENTREPRENEURS - CPME DU BAS-RHIN (PRIX DE LA MODER) - 1400m (a7f) - TURF -
Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300**

1. CANET DE SALARS - Unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap at this track over 1,550m on 20 September. Not reliable but is capable of earning some money

2. BEST LOOKING - In good form and finished 3rd in a Class 4 Handicap at this course over 1,550m on 20 September. Can be competitive once again

3. FIREMAN - Has only been modest of late and finished 8th in a Handicap at this course over 1550m on 20 September. Capable of a surprise when in the right mood

4. PLACEHOLDER - Unplaced in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,500m on 20 August. Unreliable but is capable of a surprise when in the right mood

5. MAAVAH - Came home 5th in a Class 4 Handicap at this course over 1,550m on 20 September. Successful before that and has a place chance

6. LITTLE LADY - Outclassed the opposition in a Class 4 Handicap at this track over 1,550m on 20 September. Carries a penalty and could double up

7. KNOSSINGTON - Threatening to win and was runner-up in a Class 4 Handicap at this course over 1,550m on 20 September. Can go one place better

8. KARINAS DREAM - Finished 7th in a Class 4 Handicap at Strasbourg over 1,400m on 16 June. Returns from a short break and could need this run

9. AGRI - Showed improvement when third in a Class 4 Handicap at this track over 1,550m on 27 May. Returns from a break and could need this run

10. AUDELADESETOILES - Finished 14th in a Class 3 Handicap at Chantilly over 1,200m on 19 September. Not reliable but can earn some money

11. WILMOT - Has only been moderate of late and finished 7th in a Handicap at this course over 1550m on 20 September. More is needed to win

12. TOOGOODFORSCHOOL - Showed some improvement when second in a Class 4 Handicap at this track over 1,550m on 20 September. Can make the frame

Summary: KNOSSINGTON (7), narrowly beaten in a key race, can land her third handicap success of the year. Her main rivals are likely to be LITTLE LADY (6) and BEST LOOKING (2), who may even be better suited by this distance. Trained by the in-form Jess Parize, TOOGOODFORSCHOOL (12) has the ability to make the most of her light weight and should contest the finish.

SELECTIONS

KNOSSINGTON (7) - LITTLE LADY (6) - BEST LOOKING (2) - TOOGOODFORSCHOOL (12)

C5 - PRIX MID DANCER - 3600m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 - Hurdles - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KARAFON** - Yet to win a race but was fourth last time out in a Conditions Chase at Dieppe over 3900m on 30 August. Can contest the finish
- 2. LIDOCAINE DE COTTE** - Successful last time out in a Class 3 Conditions Hurdle at Vittel over 3800m on 12 August. Capable of following up
- 3. KYD BILL** - Yet to win but was fourth in a Handicap hurdle at Dieppe over 3800m on 30 August. Might play a minor role at best
- 4. PHAM** - Returned to form and finished third in a Handicap Hurdle at Vittel over 3,800m on 7 July 2025. Returns from a break but is not out of it
- 5. LIBECCIO** - Finished 7th in a Handicap Hurdle at Auteuil over 3,900m on 25 June 2024. Returns from a lengthy break but can score if fit enough
- 6. KERMILLIS** - Not reliable and was unplaced in a Conditions Chase at this course over 4200m on 20 September. Can be competitive back over the hurdles
- 7. FILZMOOSERIN** - Unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap on the flat at Strasbourg over 3,000m on 13 September. Tries a hurdle race and others are preferred
- 8. VIOLET HILL** - Disqualified last time out in a Handicap Hurdle at Lyon-Parilly over 3800m on 15 March. Could need this run returning from a break
- 9. LOLLYPOP DE COTTE** - A faller last time out in a Class 4 Conditions Hurdle at Le Touquet over 4100m on 12 September, Might play a minor role

Summary: Absent since June 2024, LIBECCIO (5) has contested much stronger races than this and could make his class tell on his return. A proven performer in Britain, KARAFON (1) made a satisfactory return to action in France and is entitled to improve from that run. Another making her reappearance, LIDOCAINE DE COTTE (2) catches the eye, as does the Clayeux-trained KERMILLIS (6).

SELECTIONS

LIBECCIO (5) - KARAFON (1) - LIDOCAINE DE COTTE (2) - KERMILLIS (6)

C6 - PRIX COUPE DE L'EST - 2100m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

- 1. GREAT SPIRIT** - Has some fair form and came home 4th in a Maiden at this course over 2,000m on 20 September. Can be competitive on handicap debut
- 2. CHARMING CECILIA** - In good form and finished third in a Handicap at this track over 2000m on 13 September. Should contest then finish
- 3. OCEAN STAR** - Threatening to score and was runner-up in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2000m on 13 September. Can go one place better
- 4. MARAKANA** - Has only been modest of late finished 7th in a Maiden at Moulins over 2,400m on 28 August. Capable of doing better. Might place
- 5. IRON TRIUMPH** - Yet to win a race but did show improvement when fourth in a handicap at Vittel over 2400m on 24 August. Can have more to offer and could earn some money
- 6. PEGASUS D'AZUR** - Has not shown much so far and was unplaced in a Maiden at Strasbourg over 2,000m on 20 September. Needs to find a few lengths to score
- 7. LIONESSE** - Has not shown much of late and finished 8th in a Handicap at this course over 2000m on 13 September. Needs to do a bit more to score
- 8. ROI DU CIEL** - Finished 6th in a Handicap at Fontainebleau over 2200m on 20 September. Very consistent before that and is a threat
- 9. MUST BE CRACKERS** - Successful twice in last three starts, including last time out in a claimer at Dieppe over 2400m on 23 June. Tougher task but is not out of it
- 10. SMOLAR** - Unreliable and was unplaced in a Handicap at Saint-Cloud over 2500m on 11 September. Capable of doing better and could make the frame
- 11. FILLE DE LOUISE** - Has only been modest so far and was 8th in a Handicap at Vittel over 2400m on 24 August. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 12. HELLO SPRING** - Has not shown much so far and finished 9th in a handicap at Fontainebleau over 2200m on 29 September. More is needed to score
- 13. SECRET QUEEN** - Has struggled so far and was tenth in a Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m on 2 September. Others make more appeal

Summary: OCEAN STAR (3) and CHARMING CECILIA (2) finished in that order in a similar handicap last time. The extra 100 metres could help Michel Krebs' charge reverse the form with her rival. A prolific winner in claiming races, Murphy-trained MUST BE CRACKERS (9) will be looking to prove he can be just as effective in handicaps. SMOLAR (10) should not be judged on his recent failure at Saint-Cloud and can also shine.

SELECTIONS

OCEAN STAR (3) - CHARMING CECILIA (2) - MUST BE CRACKERS (9) - SMOLAR (10)

C7 - PRIX DU DABO - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,400

- 1. JURMALA** - Unplaced in a Class 3 Handicap at Compiegne over 2,800m on 20 June. Returns from a short break and needs to find a few lengths to score
- 2. INDIAN SUNSET** - Showed some improvement when fifth in a Handicap over this track and trip on 13 September. Can be competitive in an open looking race
- 3. ANTINEA** - Finished 16th in a Class 4 Handicap at this course over 2,350m on 16 June. Could need this run returning from a break
- 4. CIRCO MASSIMO** - Excellent runner-up in a Class 4 Handicap at Compiegne over 1,800m on 24 September. Can go one place better
- 5. MALYA** - Unreliable but finished 3rd in a Class 4 Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2,000m on 8 September. Can be a threat to these rivals
- 6. ARRASAGE** - Finished 8th in a Class 4 Handicap at Vittel over 3,400m on 24 August. Has not shown much so far and others are preferred
- 7. AFTERGLOW** - Threatening to win and was runner-up in a Class 4 Handicap at Strasbourg over 2,350m on 20 September. Unreliable but can score
- 8. LADY MADEIRA** - Finished 11th in a Class 4 Handicap over this course and distance on 13 September. Capable of doing better but others make more appeal
- 9. KALEOBAYANE** - Holding form and finished 4th in a Class 4 Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2,000m on 8 September. Can earn some more money
- 10. GO FOR IT** - Finished ffth in a Class 4 Handicap at this track over 2,350m on 20 September. Unreliable and others make more appeal
- 11. BLESSED BIRD** - Unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap at this course over 2,350m on 20 September. Has yet to show much and others make more appeal
- 12. AS DE JUILLEY** - Not disgraced when third in a Class 4 Handicap over this course and distance on 13 September. Can be a threat yet again
- 13. ACATANA** - Outclassed the opposition in a Class 4 Handicap over this track and distance on 13 September. Carries a penalty but can double up
- 14. LADY ACE** - Finished 7th in a Class 4 Handicap over this track and trip on 13 September. Might need to do a bit more to score
- 15. SEVENTH WONDER** - Has yet to win a race but was fifth in a Handicap at this course over 1550m on 20 September. More is needed to beat these rivals

Summary: This is a fairly open contest. AFTERGLOW (7) comes here on the back of an excellent effort and should be even better suited by the step up to 2,000 metres. Improving INDIAN SUNSET (2) could give him plenty to think about with the benefit of pacifiers. AS DE JUILLEY (12) will be looking to reverse the form with ACATANA (13).

SELECTIONS

AFTERGLOW (7) - INDIAN SUNSET (2) - AS DE JUILLEY (12) - ACATANA (13)

**C8 - PRIX AGRITEAM (PRIX RICHARD HARTLEY) - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap
- Flat - EUR € 19,200**

- 1. FANTASTIC STAR** - Outclassed the opposition in a Class 4 Handicap at Vittel over 2,400m on 11 August. Carries a penalty but can follow up
- 2. XIOMARA** - Has only been moderate of late and finished 9th in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1800m on 7 July. Might play a minor role
- 3. VIVRE LIBRE** - Finished 9th in a Class 3 Conditions race at Deauville over 1,900m on 22 August. Capable of bouncing back to score
- 4. SEA THE MAN** - Not reliable and was 6th in a Handicap at Baden-Baden over 2000m on 29 August. Can be a lively danger on best form
- 5. SIR WALTER** - Unplaced in a Class 4 Handicap at Strasbourg over 2,000m on 13 September. Has struggled of late and others are preferred
- 6. LALOU** - Has some fair form and finished 4th in a Claimer at Fontainebleau over 2,600m on 20 September. Can earn some more money
- 7. ANTICIPATION ZERO** - Successful last time out at Billigheim over 2250m on 20 September. Tougher task this time and others are preferred
- 8. ZOLIA** - Has only been modest of late and finished 7th at Ostende over 2100m on 20 July. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 9. GLORY WOOD** - Came home 6th in a Class 4 Handicap at this track over 1,550m on 20 September. Has only been modest of late and more is needed to score
- 10. CAMELOR** - Off form and came home 9th in a Class 4 Handicap over this course and distance on 13 September. Might play a minor role
- 11. FURY BOXING** - Not disgraced when fifth in a Maiden over this track and trip on 27 May. Returns from a break but has a place chance
- 12. COGOLIN** - Showed some improvement when 4th in a Class 4 Handicap at Strasbourg over 2,000m on 13 September. Can do even better this time around
- 13. VALLANDO** - Not reliable but was successful in a Handicap at Biden-Biden over 2000m on 29 August. Capable of doubling up
- 14. STORM STAR** - Off form and finished tenth in a Handicap over this track and trip on 13 September. Makes little appeal
- 15. THARPE** - Successful in a Class 4 Handicap at this course over 2,350m on 20 September. Carries a penalty but must be respected in this line-up
- 16. PANZER** -

Summary: FANTASTIC STAR (1) is almost faultless at this level and looks another solid option for combination bets. His main rivals could come from the bottom of the weights, with veterans COGOLIN (12) and VALLANDO (13) both well treated at the weights. Formerly trained by Francis-Henri Graffard, SEA THE MAN (4) could find his niche at this level and must be considered for this lucky last race

SELECTIONS

FANTASTIC STAR (1) - COGOLIN (12) - VALLANDO (13) - SEA THE MAN (4)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day

LIBECCIO (505)

Outsider of the day

CANET DE SALARS (401)

Reverse forecast

KWELAFE (302) - BONITA DE LA SERRE (305)

Three pick of the day

PHILADELPHIE (102) - LIBECCIO (505) - FANTASTIC STAR (801)