

R3 VICHY [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DU PARC NAPOLEON III - 3200m (a2m) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

- 1. NIAGARO** - Finished 13th in a handicap at Saint-Cloud over 2400m on 28 June. Better over this distance and could score.
- 2. EL CANEY** - Returned to form and was runner-up in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 3100m on 28 June. Can go one better.
- 3. ODEMAR** - Remains in good form and was runner-up in a qualifying handicap at Saint-Cloud over 3000m on 8 July. Should fight out the finish.
- 4. MON VIEUX LEON** - Holding form and finished 4th in a Conditions race at Angers over 3000m on 8 June. Clearly not out of it.
- 5. MOZART DES BRIERES** - Finished 10th in a handicap at this course over 2800m on 23 July. Battling to find best form and others are preferred.
- 6. VENDOMYA** - Finished 4th in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 3000m on 25 April. Returns from a break but can make the frame if fit.
- 7. DARLYVI** - In good form and finished 3rd at Aix-les-Bains over 2500m on 14 July. Capable of getting into the mix.
- 8. CAPMAN FAL** - Finished 3rd in a claimer at this track over 2400m on 25 July. Tougher task this time but might play a minor role at best.

Summary: urchased for €8,000 at recent sales, NIAGARO (1) looks capable of making an immediate impact for his new connections, even under a hefty weight. ODEMAR (3), already proven on this track, arrives in excellent form and should be a major player. EL CANEY (2) showed encouraging signs at Saint-Cloud at the end of June and has room for progress. MON VIEUX LEON (4), after a six-month winter break, has quickly returned to form and cannot be overlooked.

SELECTIONS

NIAGARO (1) - EL CANEY (2) - ODEMAR (3) - MON VIEUX LEON (4)

**C2 - PRIX DE SAINT-DIDIER-LA-FORET - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 11,500**

- 1. SEA THE WOOD** - Consistent of late and finished 3rd in a Conditions race at Plestin over 2600m on 5 July. Can earn some more money.
- 2. UP AND UP** - Showed some improvement when 4th in a claimer over this track and trip on 25 July. Can earn some more money.
- 3. REVENTADOR** - Has only been modest of late and finished 6th in a handicap at this track over 2800m on 23 July. Might play a minor role.
- 4. HOWABOUTHATNOW** - Not disgraced when 5th in a handicap at this track over 2800m on 23 July. Yet to win but does have a place chance.
- 5. LA HAUTE ISLE** - Finished 5th in a handicap at this track over 2000m on 21 July. Can do better this time and is not out of it.
- 6. VAS Y LEZ** - Holding form and finished 4th in a Conditions race at Vitteaux over 2600m on 5 July. Yet to win but can contest the finish.
- 7. POET'S BLACK** - Finished 14th in a handicap at this track over 2000m on 23 July. Has struggled of late but is a course winner and cannot be ruled out.
- 8. DREAM ANGEL** - Runner-up in a claimer at Pompadour over 2400m on 12 July. Tougher task this time but might earn minor money.

Summary: UP AND UP (2) finished strongly along the rail in a tight race on July 25th and looks ready to go close again. LA HAUTE ISLE (5), supplemented for the occasion and boasting four podium finishes from seven starts at Vichy, should appreciate the return to a more conventional distance. SEA THE WOOD (1), after a solid showing on a Channel beach track, has the profile to perform well back on the banks of the Allier. HOWABOUTHATNOW (4), who lacked a clear run last time, could be a threat with a smoother passage.

SELECTIONS

UP AND UP (2) - LA HAUTE ISLE (5) - SEA THE WOOD (1) - HOWABOUTHATNOW (4)

C3 - PRIX ANTOINE NUCERA - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

1. LOVING QUEEN - Did not show her best when 6th in a handicap over this course and distance on 21 July. Capable of better and not out of it.

2. THE MAGPIE - Very consistent and was runner-up in a qualifying handicap at Compiègne over 2400m on 25 May. Returns from a short break but has claims if fit.

3. PRIORY ROSE - In good shape and finished 3rd in a handicap at Chantilly over 2000m on 7 July. Yet to win but should be competitive.

4. SKALI - Not reliable and finished 7th in a handicap at this track over 2000m on 22 July. Needs to do more to beat these rivals.

5. SPRING LAUREL - Finished 4th in a handicap at Dieppe over this distance on 13 July. Improving and can do better.

6. GLORIO - Finished 7th in a claimer at Clairefontaine over 2400m on 3 August. Needs to do more to beat these rivals.

7. LINDEN BLOSSOM - Showed improvement when runner-up in a handicap at Vittel over this distance on 19 July. Can go one better.

Summary: A very pleasing finisher at Chantilly over 2,000 meters in early July, PRIORY ROSE (3) appears well treated for this handicap and could finally open her account. LOVING QUEEN (1), a brave sixth in a recent handicap over this track and trip looks the main threat. THE MAGPIE (2), ultra-consistent, should make her presence felt on her return. SKALI (4), eased slightly in the weights after her first handicap outing, has the potential to show improvement and get closer this time.

SELECTIONS

PRIORY ROSE (3) - LOVING QUEEN (1) - THE MAGPIE (2) - SKALI (4)

C4 - PRIX DE SAINT-PALAIS - 1850m (a1m1/8) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 15,600

- 1. NUTALL** - Finished 5th in a Conditions race at Pompadour over 2600m on 25 July. Might play a minor role at best.
- 2. LASHKER** - Has only been modest so far and finished 7th in a Conditions race at this track over 2000m on 23 July. Might earn minor money.
- 3. ST MARKSMAN** - Not reliable and finished 7th in a Conditions race at Dieppe over 1400m on 13 July. Needs to do more to score.
- 4. MAKAN** - Not disgraced when 5th in a Conditions race at ParisLongchamp over 2000m on 30 April. Returns from a break but could score if fit.
- 5. LOUIZA** - Finished 4th in a Conditions race at Compiègne over 1800m on 16 July. Fit and could get involved again.
- 6. SILVER JEWEL** - Finished 11th in a handicap at Compiègne over 1800m on 9 June. Unreliable but capable of minor money.
- 7. DINA QUEEN** - Finished 4th in a Conditions race at Aix-les-Bains over 1800m on 7 July. Has run well and is not out of it.
- 8. TASTEFUL** - Threatening to score and was runner-up in a Conditions race at Aix-les-Bains over 1800m on 7 July. Can go one better.
- 9. KING OF POP** - Three-year-old gelding making his debut. Could need this experience.
- 10. SWEET SUMERLY** - Three-year-old filly making her debut. Could need this experience.

Summary: LOUIZA (5) made a highly encouraging debut when finishing close behind the unbeaten Mazzala and looks capable of taking a step forward. MAKAN (4), absent since the end of April, showed strong form earlier in the year when taking on some talented colts and returns with solid claims. TASTEFUL (8), after a promising start with the Wertheimer brothers, has just produced his best effort for his new connections and remains of interest. DINA QUEEN (7) has performed well in both starts and can also make the frame.

SELECTIONS

LOUIZA (5) - MAKAN (4) - TASTEFUL (8) - DINA QUEEN (7)

C5 - PRIX SAINT-POURCAIN-SUR-SIOULE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 11,000

- 1. KING WOOD** - Successful in a Conditions race at Castera-Verduzan over 2400m on 12 July. Improved and could follow up.
- 2. NUEVO QUARTZ** - Finished 13th in a handicap over this track and trip on 22 July. Disappointing since debut win and others preferred.
- 3. FIRST LADY STAR** - Not reliable and finished 7th in a handicap at this track over 2400m on 21 July. Capable of better and not out of it.
- 4. DECLA** - Finished 5th in a handicap at La Teste-de-Buch over 1600m on 11 July. Capable of better and should fight out the finish.
- 5. TSAR NICOLAS** - Has some fair form and finished 4th in a Conditions race at Granville over 2400m on 26 July. More needed to win.
- 6. PRINCESS ALICE** - Unreliable and finished 10th in a handicap at Vittel over 2400m on 19 July. Has a place chance on best form.
- 7. NAOS MOON** - Out of form and finished 12th in a Conditions race at this track over 2400m on 24 July. Needs to do more.
- 8. MELIORA** - Finished 3rd in a Conditions race at Pompadour over 1600m on 5 July. Tougher task but might play a minor role.

Summary: Judging by her best performances in the first half of the year, FIRST LADY STAR (3) holds strong claims in this conditions race. DECLA (4), who has finished second five times from ten starts, should appreciate the return to 2,000 metres and looks a serious contender. MELIORA (8) has continued to improve this season and must be respected. TSAR NICOLAS (5), set to be ridden by Fabrice Véron for the first time, should be capable of building on his promising fourth-place finish at the end of July.

SELECTIONS

FIRST LADY STAR (3) - DECLA (4) - MELIORA (8) - TSAR NICOLAS (5)

C6 - PRIX DE DURTOL - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

1. **LEVER DE RIDEAU** - Needed last run when 12th in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 1600m on 2 July. Fitter now and can bounce back to score.
2. **TEUCH WIN** - Finished 6th in a handicap at La Teste-de-Buch over 1600m on 11 July. Not reliable but capable of making the frame.
3. **VALTRADA** - In good form and finished 3rd in a handicap at La Teste-de-Buch over 2000m on 16 July. Should fight out the finish again.
4. **SANTA LUZIA** - Threatening to score and was runner-up in a claimer at this track over 1400m on 20 July. Can make the frame.
5. **NEW RISK** - Disqualified last time out in a handicap at this track over 1400m on 20 July. Capable of an upset on best form.
6. **GOLDEN MAZEL** - Finished 12th in a handicap at Compiègne over 1600m on 16 July. Has struggled this year and others preferred.
7. **PERCEVAL** - In good form and finished 3rd in a handicap at Compiègne over 1600m on 16 July. Can be competitive again.
8. **ANAHEIM** - Finished 11th in a handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 1600m on 27 January. Returns from a break and may need this run.

Summary: PERCEVAL (7) looks particularly well treated after two starts with Martin Protti and benefits from his young rider's valuable allowance. LEVER DE RIDEAU (1) has to shoulder a hefty weight but is dropping to a more suitable level and should not be dismissed. TEUCH WIN (2), a handicap winner in the spring, makes the trip with legitimate ambitions. VALTRADA (3) has been a model of consistency since joining the Gérard Augustin-Normand stable and is another to consider.

SELECTIONS

LEVER DE RIDEAU (1) - TEUCH WIN (2) - VALTRADA (3) - SANTA LUZIA (4)

**C7 - PRIX DES PROPRIETAIRES DE PARAY-LE-FRESIL - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Divided
Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,400**

- 1. ELUSIVE GLORY** - Not disgraced when fifth in a handicap over this track and trip on 25 July. Can be competitive in this line-up.
- 2. CERVARO** - Returned to form and finished third in a handicap at this course over 1400m on 20 July. Can be a threat to these rivals.
- 3. APOLLON** - Finished 6th last time out in a handicap at Saint-Malo over 1800m on 1 August. Has run well over this course and distance and can upset.
- 4. JOYEUSE DE ROMAY** - Not reliable and was tenth in a handicap over this course and distance on 25 July. Needs to find a few lengths to score.
- 5. CRACK CITY** - Unreliable and finished 8th in a handicap at this course over 1400m on 20 July. Needs to do more to beat these rivals.
- 6. IDAHO JAMES** - In good shape and finished third in a handicap over this course and distance on 25 July. Should be competitive again.
- 7. HEMATITE** - Out of form and finished 13th in a handicap at this course over 2000m on 21 July. Makes little appeal in this line-up.
- 8. COTE D'OR** - Battling to find best form and finished 8th in a handicap over this course and distance on 25 July. Others are preferred.
- 9. TERANGA** - Showed some improvement when 6th in a handicap at Lion-d'Angers over 1400m on 24 July. Could be the surprise package.
- 10. LORLISALSA** - Finished 6th in a handicap over this course and distance on 25 July. Might play a minor role at best.
- 11. SILVER SCHNOK** - Returned to form when runner-up in a handicap over this track and trip on 25 July. Can go one better.
- 12. TEPITO** - Not reliable and finished 11th in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2000m on 2 July. Capable of an upset at this course.

Summary: With four runners in the race, Franck Forési holds a strong hand, notably with IDAHO JAMES (6), who looked on the verge of success over this course and distance at the end of July. CERVARO (2) also shaped well when finishing third here recently and should be competitive again. TERANGA (9) caught the eye at Lion d'Angers last time, arrives with solid ambitions. APOLLON (3) has the chance to bounce back and be a lively danger.

SELECTIONS

IDAHO JAMES (6) - CERVARO (2) - TERANGA (9) - APOLLON (3)

**C8 - PRIX RENE & JACQUES BEDEL - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR €
16,300**

- 1. BREIZH MOON** - Has struggled of late and was 12th in a handicap at this course over 1400m on 20 July. Needs to find a few lengths to score
- 2. OLYA** - Not reliable but was third in a claimer at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m on 8 May. Might play a minor role at best
- 3. SPORT COUPE** - Knocking at the door and was runner-up in a handicap over this course and distance on 25 July. Likes this track and can go one better
- 4. KENZAL** - Has only been modest of late and finished 7th in a handicap over this track and trip on 25 July. More is needed to beat these rivals
- 5. IRBIS** - Showed some improvement when fourth in a handicap at this course over 1400m on 20 July. Can make the frame once again
- 6. CHOP VAL** - Threatening to score and was runner-up in a handicap over this track and trip on 25 July. Should fight out the finish
- 7. DAVALLIA** - Unreliable but finished fourth in a claimer at ParisLongchamp over 1600m on 9 July. Might earn some minor money
- 8. REDSIA FAL** - Has struggled this year and was 13th in a handicap at Nantes over this distance on 11 May. Could need this run returning from a break
- 9. FIREMAN** - - Unreliable but was victorious last time out in a claimer at ParisLongchamp over 1600m on 9 July. Can earn some money
- 10. SWEEP AWAY** - In good shape and finished third in a handicap over this course and distance on 25 July. Can get involved in the finish again
- 11. MORUS** - Not reliable and finished 13th in a handicap at this course over 1400m on 20 July. Makes little appeal in this line-up
- 12. WICKBURY** - Has only been modest of late and was 6th in a handicap over this track and trip on 25 July. Needs to do more to win
- 13. EKTORIA** - Has only been moderate of late and finished 9th in a handicap at Saint-Malo over 1800m on 22 July. Others make more appeal

Summary: A competitive lucky last race. Franck Forési will be represented by five runners, with the trainer-jockey taking the ride on SPORT COUPE (3), who has finished in the first two in five of his six starts at this course and looks a strong contender. His stablemates CHOP VAL (6), returning to form, and SWEEP AWAY (10), who shaped well last time out, could provide the main opposition. IRBIS (5) has an excellent record on this track, having always finished in the top four and deserves respect for that.

SELECTIONS

SPORT COUPE (3) - CHOP VAL (6) - SWEEP AWAY (10) - IRBIS (5)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

**Horse of the day
LOUIZA (405)**

**Outsider of the day
OLYA (802)**

**Reverse forecast
MAKAN (404) - LOUIZA (405)**

Three pick of the day

NIAGARO (101) - PRIORY ROSE (303) - LOUIZA (405)