R7 MONT DE MARSAN [R-H]

C1 - PRIX SAMARITAIN - 3450m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 - Hurdles - EUR € 20,000

1. NOUS AUTRES - Finished 2nd at Jarnac over 3,200m on 11 October in a Claiming Hurdle. He has work to do in a better race

2. KA ZAR - Fourth at Dax over 3,500m on 20 September in a Class 3 Conditions Chase. Consistent over hurdles and fences and is hard to ignore

3. TOUCHING - Game success at Castera-Verduza. over 3,100m on 12 October in a Class 4 Conditions Hurdle, and a win before that on debut. She is seeking a hat-trick and sets the standard

4. NEPTUNE BELLEVUE - Gelding by Castle Du Berlais, the dam was unraced in France. His trainer can ready a newcomer to strike at the first time of asking and he is worth a market inspection. Merits close attention

5. NELSON DE LESTRADE - Came home 6th at Castera-Verduzan over 3,100m on 12 October in a Class 4 Conditions Hurdle. He will need to improve to be involved

6. SPES ENERGICHOEUR - Finished 11th at Fontainebleau over 3,550m on 3 October in a Class 4 Conditions Hurdle. Second try over hurdles and improvement can be expected

Summary: TOUCHING (3) has won both of her starts to date, most recently battling on gamely to score at Castera-Verduzan in mid-October. She looks capable of maintaining her unbeaten record at the expense of KA ZAR (2), who has finished in the places on his last five outings and deserves a change of luck. NEPTUNE BELLEVUE (4) makes plenty of appeal on paper, and his astute trainer should have him well prepared for his hurdling debut.

SELECTIONS

NOUS AUTRES (1) - KA ZAR (2) - TOUCHING (3) - NEPTUNE BELLEVUE (4)

C2 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DE GEMOZAC - 4200m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Steeple Chase - EUR € 12,000

1. MELEZE HANA - Finished 5th at Castera-Verduzan over 3,800m on 31 October in a Class 4 Conditions Chase. Among the leading chances

2. NIL D'AUNOU - Ran 6th at Clairefontaine over 3,700m on 27 July in a Claiming Chase., and two unplaced efforts previously. Can be on the premises

3. BIG TWIX - Came home 4th at Castera-Verduzan over 3,800m on 31 October in a Class 4 Conditions Chase. 2nd previously behind MAJOR STAR (4) in a chase at the same track. Key chance

4. MAJOR STAR - Victorious at Castera-Verduzan over 3,800m on 12 October in a Class 4 Conditions Chase. Honest performer who can not be excluded

5. MADE IN BLACK - Finished 7th at Nancy over 3,800m on 11 October in a Class 4 Conditions Hurdle. Unlikely to be a threat

Summary: BIG TWIX (3) ran well when finishing second at Castera-Verduzan in early October on his penultimate start, just half a length behind MAJOR STAR (4). The step up in distance could help him turn the tables this time. MELEZE HANA (1), who finished third in the same race, is expected to give another good account of himself. NIL D'AUNOU (2) is better than recent form figures and he looks the pick of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

MELEZE HANA (1) - NIL D'AUNOU (2) - BIG TWIX (3) - MAJOR STAR (4)

C3 - PRIX PONS - 3650m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 21,000

1. AZAAN DE ROCHE - Failed to complete last time over 3800m in a Class 4 chase at Castera -Verduzan on October 31. Two decent efforts in September and October in claiming events and he has to be respected

2. MACALISTER - Finished 2nd at Machecoul over 3,500m on 18 October in a Claiming Hurdle. He might find a few of these too smart

3. MAYRA DU PECOS - Runner-up at Dax over 3,500m on 2 October in a Handicap Hurdle on her latest start. She can get off the mark this time

4. PYRAVOL LAUJAC - Finished 6th at Nantes over 3,500m on 14 October in a Class 3 Conditions Hurdle. He is better than his form figures and warrants respect

5. LA LETTRE - Finished 2nd at Castera-Verduzan over 3,800m on 31 October in a Class 4 Conditions Chase. Ought to be in the shake-up

6. MAHARAJA ROCHELAIS - Finished 4th at Le Touquet over 4,000m on 4 October in a Class 3 Conditions Chase. He can make the frame at nice odds

7. MASTER DORE - Fell last time at Machecoul on October 18, 4th before that over 3400m on September 27 in a handicap hurdle. Hard to recommend

Summary: MAYRA DU PECOS (3) has been in good shape recently with two solid placed efforts. She can get off the mark at the expense of AZAAN DE ROCHE (1) , who failed to complete the course on his latest start late last month over fences, but he won over hurdles in September and is sure to play a leading role. PYRAVOL LAUJAC (4) is better than his form figures and he has dropped to a workable handicap rating. LA LETTRE (5) looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

AZAAN DE ROCHE (1) - MACALISTER (2) - MAYRA DU PECOS (3) - PYRAVOL LAUJAC (4)

C4 - PRIX CHARLES ET ANTOINE ARMAND - CHALLENGE DE L'OBSTACLE EQUINAXY - 4200m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 - Cross - EUR € 20,000

1. KUSHINDA - Fell last time over 4500m in a Class 3 cross-country course at Pompadour on August 30. One to avoid

2. FIRST COKO - Showed promise and was third at Saumur over 4,500m on 18 October in a Class 4 Condition Cross-Country Chase. Honest performer who can make his presence felt

3. BABAORUM - Second at Dax over 3,800m on 17 October in a Handicap Chase. He has won over cross-country fences before over this track and trip in 2023. Player

4. GORVISKA - Failed to complete the course last time at Castera-Verduza in a Class 4 cross-country on July 19 over 4200m. A better effort is anticipated

5. ELLIE'STAR - Finished 4th at Castera-Verduza over 4,900m on 12 October in a Class 3 Cross-Country Chase on her return from a long layoff. She won twice in 2023 and can improve for her latest outing after a three year absence

Summary: BABAORUM (3) made a pleasing return when second over regulation fences at Dax last month in a handicap. Back over this discipline on a track he has won over in 2023, he gets the nod over FIRST COKO (2), who is a threat, and arrives after two nice runs in cross-country races. GORVISKA (4) is also a previous winner over this track and trip in 2025, and is capable of putting her latest below par efforts behind her.

SELECTIONS

KUSHINDA (1) - FIRST COKO (2) - BABAORUM (3) - GORVISKA (4)

C5 - PRIX PMU DES PARIEURS (PRIX LANDIMAT) - 3650m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 - Hurdles - EUR € 16,000

1. DEMOISEL DE PARIS - Ran 7th at Dax over 3,800m on 17 October in a Handicap Chase. Switches back to hurdles and she looks vulnerable

2. SUNNSHINE - He won on his latest start at Machecoul over 3900m in a Class 4 hurdle on October 18. She is on an upward curve and can follow up

3. BAR TENDER - In good form and finished 3rd at Saint Brieuc over 4,200m on 25 October in a Class 4 Conditions Chase. Returns to hurdles and can play a leading role

4. MOONDI LISES - Fifth at Machecoul over 3,900m on 18 October in a Class 4 Conditions Hurdle behind SUNNSHINE (2). He will be sharper for his last outing and can be on the premises

5. LOULOU D'ALENE - Came home 5th at Saumur over 3,200m on 1 November on the flat in a conditions race. Back over hurdles and can be opposed

6. LAKIKA - Fell on her latest start at Castera-Verduza over 4200m in a Class 3 cross-country chase on October 31. Placed form over hurdles and is one to keep onside

Summary: SUNNSHINE (2) has taken well to jumping hurdles. She won on the flat and scored over hurdles at Machecoul by five lengths on her latest start in a Class 4 race. She can edge this over BAR TENDER (3), who ran with credit when third over fences at Saint-Brieuc 13 days ago and he can keep the selection honest. MOONDI LISES (4) was fifth behind SUNNSHINE (2) on her seasonal return and she can improve fitness wise for that outing and is worthy of consideration.

SELECTIONS

DEMOISEL DE PARIS (1) - SUNNSHINE (2) - BAR TENDER (3) - MOONDI LISES (4)

C6 - PRIX DOLLY - 4200m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 - Steeple Chase - EUR € 16,000

1. FIRESTORM - Two unplaced efforts of late over fences, a win before that on April 12 in a handicap chase over this track and trip. Hard to rule out

2. SOISFRANC - Failed to complete the course over 3800m in a handicap chase at Dax last time out, course and distance winner in April of a handicap chase. In the mix

3. MAGIC THEYSS - Finished 4th at Landivisiau over 3,900m on 11 October in a Class 4 Conditions Chase. She might find a few too smart

4. MAGIC DAVIER - Came home 4th at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 3,800m on 8 October in a Claiming Chase. This will be more of a test

5. NUAGE BLEU - Finished 2nd at Dax over 3,800m on 7 September 2024 in a Class 3 Conditions Chase. He will be fit to go and can make a winning return

Summary: NUAGE BLEU (5) makes his return after a lengthy absence of over two years. With fitness taken on trust he is preferred ahead of FIRESTORM (1), who scored over this track and trip in April in a handicap chase and can bounce back after two recent below par efforts. SOISFRANC (2) was a pleasing second two runs back in a Class 3 chase early last month and is capable of being involved at the business end.

SELECTIONS

FIRESTORM (1) - SOISFRANC (2) - MAGIC THEYSS (3) - MAGIC DAVIER (4)

C7 - PRIX MONPILOU - 3650m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 - Hurdles - EUR € 16,000

1. MINNIE DE VERGNE AA - Finished 9th at Dax over 3,800m on 2 October in a Class 3 Conditions Hurdle. Winning hurdler last year and she can make her presence felt

2. MISTER DE BERCE AA - Second at Dax over 3,800m on 2 October in a Class 3 Conditions Hurdle. He will improve and looks like the one to beat

3. TOP PABAN'JAC AA - Second at Langon over 2,500m on 19 June on the flat in a conditions race. Tries hurdles and he is one to pay attention to

4. HATILIA TROIS AA - Ran 6th at Toulouse over 2,400m on 11 November 2025 on the flat in a conditions race. Placed on the flat and she is one to consider each-way on her hurdles bow

5. LUPIN D'OC AA - Not disgraced when third at Dax over 3,800m on 2 October in a Class 3 Condition Hurdle. He will strip fitter for that outing and holds leading claims

6. ZIGOTTO AA - Unplaced at Dax over 3,800m on 2 October in a Class 3 Conditions Hurdle. Flat winner that needs to progress to make the top-three

7. LUBIANA AA - Finished 7th on her latest start over 3800m at Dax in a Class 3 hurdle on October 2, Others look better equipped

8. ROSE DE BOSDA AA - Finished 6th at Tarbes over 2,300m on 18 October on the flat in a conditions race. Her second run over fences and she is best watched for now

Summary: MISTER DE BERCE AA (2) made a winning debut on the flat in August before finishing a respectable second on his hurdling debut at Dax early last month. Expected to improve, he looks capable of getting the better of LUPIN D'OC AA (5), who finished a few lengths behind in third in the same race and can progress from that outing. MINNIE DE VERGNE AA (1), a hurdle winner last year, is capable of better than her two most recent performances. TOP PABAN'JAC AA (3) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MINNIE DE VERGNE AA (1) - MISTER DE BERCE AA (2) - TOP PABAN'JAC AA (3) - HATILIA TROIS AA (4)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
BABAORUM (403)

Outsider of the day
MINNIE DE VERGNE AA (701)

Reverse forecast
MAYRA DU PECOS (303) - LA LETTRE (305)

Three pick of the day
MAJOR STAR (204) - MAYRA DU PECOS (303) - BABAORUM (403)