

R5 LE MANS [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE COULAINES - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 14,400

1. **OROPENDOLA** - A moderate 7th in a Claimer over 1,300m at Chantilly on September. His best run was a third place over 1400m at Dieppe
2. **SABIRA** - Finished 7th in a Maiden at Le Touquet over 1,300m on 16 August 2026. That was not a great debut as there were only eight runners, but she could show some improvement with that experience under her belt
3. **SLIPPER ORCHID** - Ran 6th in a Class 2 at Du Lion D'Angers over 1,400m on 9 August 2026. Will need to up her game
4. **LA BARAKA** - Finished third in a Claimer over 1,300m at Chantilly on 4 September. Did well when dropped back to 1300m last time on the all-weather and could be right there having been supplemented into this race
5. **TOOCOOLTOBECOOOL** - Threatening to win and was runner-up in a Maiden at Pompadour over 1,200m on 30 August 2026. That was a great follow up to her Claimer win at Vichy and she should have more to offer
6. **MORO NAABA** - A disappointing 8th in a Handicap over 1,600m at Lyon-Parilly on 2 September. Has shown little so far and is best overlooked
7. **APPEN** - Came home 9th in a Maiden at Clairefontaine over 1,400m on 21 August 2026. She was claimed after winning her penultimate start and deserves another chance
8. **FIZZY** - A decent fourth in a Claimer over 1,000m at Moulins on 8 August. Based on her last run she should benefit from racing over the longer distance
9. **ONE SHOT** - Unplaced in a Maiden at Deauville over 1,200m on 30 August 2026. All three runs have been poor so cannot be taken seriously
10. **SKYWARDS** - Came home 8th in a Maiden at Pompadour over 1,200m on 30 August 2026. Finished tailed off in that debut run and will need to make massive improvement to feature
11. **BAILYCHKA** - Finished 4th in a Claimer over 1,600m at Vichy on 3 August. Showed greenness on her debut run and should come on from there
12. **OBSCURE** - Finished 5th in a Maiden at Pompadour over 1,200m on 9 August 2026. She was unlucky in her penultimate start over this distance and clearly found 1200m too short last time

Summary: TOOCOOLTOBECOOOL (5) should lead the pack in this race after following up a win in a Claimer with a promising second in a Maiden. She displays fighting qualities and looks the one to beat. The main threat should come from APPEN (7) who has also won at this level and should improve on her last start. OBSCURE (12) has the benefit of a light weight and makes her Claimer debut. LA BARAKA (4) ran well last time and has been supplemented into this race.

SELECTIONS

TOOCOOLTOBECOOOL (5) - APPEN (7) - FIZZY (8) - OBSCURE (12)

C2 - PRIX BERNARD CHAUSSE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 14,400

- 1. CLEMENZA** - Successful in a Class 4 Handicap at Moulins over 1,400m on 28 August 2026. Finished strongly to grab the win but now has to deal with a 2kg penalty
- 2. AIR DE SAMBA** - Finished 12th in a Class 4 Handicap at Deauville over 1,100m on 9 August 2026. She lacks consistency but could do well if in the right mood
- 3. IRIDIA** - In good form and finished 3rd in a Maiden at Vichy over 1,400m on 19 August 2026. That was an improved run but she is a bit erratic
- 4. GALILEE DREAM** - Did not show much when eighth in a Class 3 Handicap over 1,800m at Clairefontaine on 9 August. Will need to improve on recent form to have any chance
- 5. EL PROFESSOR CHOP** - Won in a Class 3 Handicap at Clairefontaine over 1,400m on 21 August 2026. Led all the way to win that race but will battle to confirm the form with runner-up CIACCINO (8)
- 6. GALIK** - Unplaced in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,500m on 2 August 2026. Is best overlooked on current form
- 7. NIIA** - Finished 5th in a Class 4 Handicap at Clairefontaine over 1,600m on 14 August 2026. Has been in reasonable form and is not without a place chance
- 8. CIACCINO** - Excellent runner-up in a Class 3 Handicap at Clairefontaine over 1,400m on 21 August 2026. Beaten just one length by EL PROFESSOR CHOP (5) and is now much better off at the weights so should easily turn that around
- 9. BLACK MAGIC WOMAN** - Finished 13th in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,500m on 20 August 2026. Cannot be considered on recent form
- 10. GARMi** - Excellent runner-up in a Class 4 Handicap at La Teste De Buch over 1,600m on 10 August 2026. Was beaten 2.5 lengths in that event and has won her only start at this track, but that was in 2024
- 11. ZAAHIR** - Unplaced in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,600m on 1 September 2026. Seems to keep his best form for the all-weather tracks so is unlikely to feature
- 12. KAVAKNEY** - Finished 7th in a Class 3 Handicap at Clairefontaine over 1,400m on 21 August 2026. He is held by others on that run but has finished in the top two in both his runs at this course
- 13. MARQUISE VERA** - Fourth in a Class 4 Handicap at Mont De Marsan over 1,400m on 29 July 2026. Produced a powerful finish in that race and is expected to be right there at the end
- 14. MINO PICO** - Finished 5th in a Class 4 Handicap at La Teste De Buch over 1,600m on 10 August 2026. Has not placed since January and looks unlikely to get it right this time
- 15. ATLANTA** - Came home 8th in a Class 4 Handicap at La Teste De Buch over 1,600m on 10 August 2026. Has her work cut out to have a say in this event

Summary: MARQUISE VERA (13) had to overcome a wide draw when fourth at Mont-de-Marsan but was finishing powerfully. This time she is drawn well and has been supplemented into the race. CIACCINO (8) looked good when a one-length second last time and will be ridden by Lorette Gallo who will take a further 1.5kg off his back. EL PROFESSOR CHOP (5) will battle on form after landing a penalty for his last win but should still feature prominently. KAVAKNEY (12) has a good record at this course.

SELECTIONS

MARQUISE VERA (13) - CIACCINO (8) - EL PROFESSOR CHOP (5) - KAVAKNEY (12)

C3 - PRIX DE SAINT-SATURNIN - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 16,300

- 1. ECLAIRE LA VIE** - Ran 7th in a Class 4 Handicap at Tarbes over 1,400m on 29 August 2026. Has not been in the best of form in his last few races
- 2. PIANO BAR** - A moderate 11th in a Class 4 Handicap over 1,800m at Saint Malo. His form is poor and he will struggle to be competitive
- 3. MAYA CHOP** - Outclassed the opposition in a Class 3 Handicap at Clairefontaine over 1,400m on 21 August 2026. Led all the way and held on gamely to win and is capable of overcoming the 3kg penalty
- 4. REGALIENNE** - Unplaced in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,600m on 1 September 2026. Form is poor so is best overlooked
- 5. VITESSE** - A poor 15th in a Class 3 Handicap over 1600m at Compiègne on 20 May. Cannot be recommended based on current form
- 6. IDEE DE CHEVAL** - Second in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,300m on 13 August 2026. His rating has come down and the effect could be seen in his improved last race
- 7. CLOSE UP** - Came home 4th in a Maiden at Pompadour over 1,600m on 30 August 2026. Will battle to be competitive in this field
- 8. DRACO** - Finished 2nd in a Class 4 Handicap at Moulins over 1,400m on 28 August 2026. Ran on nicely in that event and should make an impact on this field
- 9. LIGHT WAKEUP** - Victorious in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,600m on 1 September 2026. Fought hard to win that race and has incurred a penalty but will benefit from his jockey's 1.5kg allowance
- 10. NOCE D'OR** - Unplaced in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,300m on 13 August 2026. Will need to up his game to feature
- 11. COSTARMORICAIN** - Came home 5th in a Class 3 Handicap at Deauville over 1,300m on 13 August 2026. He could show more stepping up in trip this time
- 12. THE CAT'S** - Finished 4th in a Class 3 Handicap at Clairefontaine over 1,400m on 21 August 2026. Not beaten far by MAYA CHOP (3) in that race and is now 3kg better off
- 13. LA BILLEBAUDE** - Unplaced in a Class 3 Handicap at Clairefontaine over 1,600m on 14 August 2026. She failed to get well placed early on last time and could not get into the race.
- 14. TOOGOODTOBEROOD** - Came home 7th in a Class 4 at Saint Malo over 1,800m on 28 August 2026. Form is not good enough to be considered
- 15. PENNYGRAPHIE** - Finished 2nd in a Maiden at Pompadour over 1,600m on 30 August 2026. She does face stronger but could place

Summary: This is quite an open event as many of the runners have some competitive form. However, MAYA CHOP (3) was a gallant winner last time and will again have the advantage of Ambre Molins' weight allowance. THE CAT'S (12) was not far off the selection last time and is weighted to challenge that result. DRACO (8) improved in his first run for a new trainer and should have more to come. LIGHT WAKEUP (9) won well last time and part of his penalty will be offset by Delphine Santiago's weight allowance.

SELECTIONS

MAYA CHOP (3) - THE CAT'S (12) - DRACO (8) - LIGHT WAKEUP (9)

C4 - PRIX CLAUDE BROSSEAU - 3200m (a2m) - TURF - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 20,100

1. SWEET FOR ME - Came home 4th in a Class 1 at Du Lion D'Angers over 2,000m on 14 May 2026. Won at this course in March but has been out of action for almost four months

2. EBIYAR - Finished 4th in a Class 2 at Clairefontaine over 2,400m on 7 August 2026. Has yet to win as a three-year-old but has placed in very strong fields and now tries further

3. SUMACO - Came home 5th in a Class 2 at Clairefontaine over 2,400m on 7 August 2026. Was beaten 1,25 lengths by EBIYAR (2) last time and has proved himself over 3000m with a comprehensive win at Dieppe

4. BLACK MOR - Winner of an event for unraced horses over 2,400m at Clairefontaine on 3 August. Was a surprise 0,50-length winner so is hard to assess, but he does need to be respected.

5. TESTANA - Came home 6th in a Class 3 at Le Touquet over 2,100m on 26 July 2026. Won his penultimate start but will struggle against a field at this level

6. EXTRAGALACTIC - Successful in a Class 4 at Pompadour over 2,600m on 15 August 2026. Got it right last time but does face a lot stronger

7. LACRA - Outclassed the opposition in a Maiden at Du Lion D'Angers over 2,400m on 9 August 2026. She won well by 0,75 lengths and could place in this field

Summary: EBIYAR (2) looked to have a bright future when winning on debut but has failed to live up to expectations. However, he is classy and looks set to claim another victory. He finished ahead of SUMACO (3) in their last run but the latter has proven his ability over this sort of distance and should provide the main challenge. Talented SWEET FOR ME (1) returns from a four-month break but looks talented, while BLACK MOR (4) was a debut winner last time but will be tested at this level.

SELECTIONS

EBIYAR (2) - SUMACO (3) - SWEET FOR ME (1) - BLACK MOR (4)

C5 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE LA CHARTRE-SUR-LE-LOIRE - 1950m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

- 1. MIDNIGHT MAGIC** - Finished 7th in a maiden over 1800m at Saint-Malo on the 18th of August 2026. In with a fighting chance to make the backend of the frame
- 2. GREY REIGN** - Hearty 6th in a Handicap over 1800m at Saint-Malo on the 28th of August 2026. Has the ability to inch closer
- 3. ROSA MIA** - Inconsistent 6th in a Handicap over 2400m at Lion D'Angers on the 20th of August 2026. Erratic but capable
- 4. FEE ZELEE** - Pleasant 5th in a maiden over 1800m at Saint-Malo on the 18th of August 2026. Place chance on form
- 5. CAPITOL HILL** - Best to put a line through when running 12th in a Handicap over 1900m at Deauville on the 27th of August 2026. Can be involved in the mix
- 6. DEVIL'S STORY** - Positive 3rd in a Handicap over 1900m at Deauville on the 13th of August 2026. Strong winning chance
- 7. STILL LOVING DREAM** - Difficult 14th in a Handicap over 2000m at Compiègne on the 5th of June 2026. May need the comeback run after a break
- 8. NOVA DU CHENET** - Ran 5th in a maiden over 1950m at Les Sables on the 6th of August 2026. Hard to make a confident case for
- 9. MISSES LILY** - Honest 4th in a Handicap over 2100m at Tarbes on the 29th of August 2026. Can fight for the quartets
- 10. MELIORA** - A winner in a Class 3 Condition over 2000m at Vichy on the 6th of August 2026. Can follow up here
- 11. KOELLE ALAAF** - Ran 5th in a Handicap over 1300m at Deauville on the 20th of August 2026. One to respectfully pass by
- 12. KARLITO** - Tough 7th in a Handicap over 2000m at Vichy on the 3rd of August 2026. Best to look elsewhere on form

Summary: DEVIL STORY (6) has been a model of consistency and been knocking on the door. This time around, he meets the right field where the winning doors could welcome him. GREY REIGN (2) is a filly that knows what winning is about being a three-time winner and she could absolutely give the top elect a run for his money. FEE ZELEE (4) is lightly raced and has the form to make her presence felt in the places. MELIORA (10) conquered her opposition last time out and can spook this field as her confidence could be on the rise.

SELECTIONS

DEVIL'S STORY (6) - GREY REIGN (2) - FEE ZELEE (4) - MELIORA (10)

C6 - PRIX MONT BLANC - 1950m (a1m1/4) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **ECLIPTIC** - Hard trying 10th on debut in a Claimer over 1600m at Deauville on the 18th of August 2026. Will seek improvement
2. **JAMINUS** - Considerable 6th in a maiden over 1600m at Saint-Cloud on the 31st of August 2026. Can go closer here
3. **STATE KING** - Tough debut into 10th in a maiden over 1600m at La Teste-Bassin Arcachon on the 26th of August 2026. Top choices look more attractive
4. **GADZART** - Polished into 5th as he stepped further over 1800m in a maiden at Saint-Malo on the 18th of August 2026. Will enjoy the step up
5. **DILJIT** - Respectable debut finishing 4th in a maiden over 1800m at Saint-Malo on the 18th of August 2026. Winning chance
6. **MALAVELLO** - Finished 6th in a maiden over 1800m at Saint-Malo on the 18th of August 2026. Best to look elsewhere
7. **NAKAIA** - Finished 12th on debut in a maiden over 1600m at Vichy on the 19th of August 2026. Another who will seek to polish on debut effort
8. **HAPPY TAJ** - This gelding is out of the three-time winning mare Happy Valley who won her fair share in Handicaps. He could be anything
9. **HOT MAN** - This colt is out of the one-time winning mare Mille Fois Merci who found success over the 2400m. Follow the betting

Summary: DILJIT (5) delivered a respectable debut effort when finishing fourth and with the experience out the way, He looks like the right sort to get onto winning ways in his second time of asking. JAMINUS (2) was not disgraced in his penultimate when finishing fifth in a Listed and would be no surprise if had to snatch victory in this field. He must be acknowledged. HOT MAN (9) makes his debut and is best to follow the betting support for this young soldier. GADZART (4) made the necessary improvement in his second start and will absolutely cherish the further step in trip. He has the ability to make a big splash.

SELECTIONS

DILJIT (5) - JAMINUS (2) - HOT MAN (9) - GADZART (4)

C7 - PRIX JEAN COUTURIE - 2300m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Condition - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. **NOEL DES OBEAUX** - This gelding is out of the one-time winning mare Shifra who found success on the flat surfaces. He could be anything
2. **NEUF FOIS SUR DIX** - Good 3rd in a maiden over 2300m at Senonnes on the 31st of July 2026. Has the credentials to be lethal
3. **NARCO D'AINAY** - Encouraging debut finishing 3rd in a maiden over 2500m at Saint-Malo on the 18th of August 2026. Strong winning chance
4. **NEW YORK GRACE** - This gelding is out of the mare Grace A Toi who raced once for a seventh place. Others preferred here
5. **NINETY ROSES** - Better run into 2nd over the 2400m at Granville on the 23rd of August 2026. Each way chance on last run
6. **NO BED OF ROSES** - Bold 2nd on debut over 2400m in a maiden at Lion D'Angers on the 5th of April 2026. Returns after a break but can run well fresh
7. **NON STOP FOREZ** - Ran 7th on debut in a maiden over 2400m at Lignieres on the 7th of March 2026. Returns after a break and will seek improvement
8. **NUANCE GABY** - Finished 8th on debut in a maiden over 2400m at Lignieres on the 7th of April 2026. One to overlook here

Summary: NARCO D'AINAY (3) caught the eye on debut when flashing home for third and all the limelight points to him here as looks to take a power of beating. NEUF FOIS SUR DIX (2) delivered a credible effort into third and is packed with the right accolades to run a cracker again. He must have a solid each way chance. NINETY ROSES (5) adored the flat conditions last time out and could blossom once again. She must be given serious consideration. NO BED OF ROSES (6) wraps up the quartet mix.

SELECTIONS

NARCO D'AINAY (3) - NEUF FOIS SUR DIX (2) - NINETY ROSES (5) - NO BED OF ROSES (6)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
TOOCOOLTOBECOOOL (105)

Outsider of the day
COSTARMORICAIN (311)

Reverse forecast
EBIYAR (402) - SUMACO (403)

Three pick of the day
TOOCOOLTOBECOOOL (105) - MARQUISE VERA (213) - DEVIL'S STORY (506)