

R5 VICHY [R-H]

C1 - PRIX DU CHAROLAIS - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

1. **JUST FOR MEME** - Finished 6th in a Class 1 Conditions race at Marseille-Borely over 2,000m on 12 June. Needs to do a bit more to score
2. **PERSIANA** - Holding form and finished fourth in a handicap at Salon-de-Provence over 2000m on 17 June. Can earn some more money
3. **NONNABELLA** - Not disgraced when fourth in a Conditions maiden at Dieppe over 1,800m on 23 June 2026. Has claims first time in a handicap
4. **BLACK THUNDER** - Unreliable and finished 6th in a handicap at Chantilly over this distance on 7 July. Not out of it on best form
5. **SUGARCANE** - Off form and finished 8th in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 21 June. Needs to find a few lengths to score
6. **CATHERINE LA MER** - Returned to form and was third in a claimer at ParisLongchamp over 2000m on 2 July. Could play a minor role
7. **MARIE LA CROIX** - Successful twice in a row, the latest in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m on 6 June. Can complete the hat-trick
8. **STAN LE GRAND** - Not reliable and was 7th last time out in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2200m on 18 June. Can be competitive in this line-up
9. **BLACK WALL SHADOW** - Showed some improvement when third in a Conditions Maiden at Aix Les Bains over 2,000m on 30 June 2026. Capable of making the frame on handicap debut
10. **OTONIA** - Did not show her best when 9th in a Conditions race at Aix-les-Bains over 1800m on 7 July. Capable of better and might play a minor role
11. **INVENTER** - In good shape and finished third in a handicap at Salon-de-Provence over 2000m on 17 June. Has a place chance once again
12. **BACHEROVKA** - Not disgraced when third in a claimer at Chantilly over 1600m on 7 July. Can get involved with the finish once again
13. **SKALI** - Not disgraced when fourth in a Conditions Maiden at Marseille Pont De Vivaux over 2,000m on 20 June. Might need to do a bit more to beat these rivals
14. **WALMORYA** - Finished 4th in a Class 3 Conditions race at La Teste De Buch over 1,800m on 26 June. Capable of playing a minor role
15. **VALLOIRE** -

Summary: A very interesting handicap for three-year-olds. NONNABELLA (3) finished close up in a strong maiden recently and looks fairly treated for her first attempt in this category. BACHEROVKA (12), now in Christophe Escuder's yard and partnered by Maxime Guyon, should be competitive. STAN LE GRAND (8) ran well at ParisLongchamp over a slightly longer trip, while BLACK WALL SHADOW (9) appears to have been specifically aimed at this meeting.

SELECTIONS

NONNABELLA (3) - BACHEROVKA (12) - STAN LE GRAND (8) - BLACK WALL SHADOW (9)

**C2 - PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX & JOUVENCELLES - BERNARD FERRAND - 1400m (a7f) - TURF -
Listed - Flat - EUR € 54,900**

- 1. WITCHWAY** - Consistent and was third in a Class 2 Conditions race at La Teste De Buch over 1,200m on 1 July. Has a place chance in this line-up
- 2. LITERARY SONG** - Made short work of rivals in a Class 3 Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 1,350m on 22 June . Improving and can be a threat to these rivals
- 3. PALAIS BYZANTIN** - Showed promise when runner-up on debut in a Conditions race at Compiègne over 1400m on 20 June. Looking to get his revenge
- 4. MEDRONHO** - Showed good improvement when scoring in a Conditions maiden at La Teste De Buch over 1,400m on 1 July. Tougher task this time
- 5. SKYRIDGE** - Successful in a Class 3 Conditions race at Strasbourg over 1,400m on 16 June. Impressed that day and could follow up
- 6. UN VRAI VENUSIEN** - Looked good when scoring on debut in a Conditions race at Compiègne over 1400m on 20 June. Can remain unbeaten
- 7. KASSAB** - Did not show his best when 6th in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 1400m on 28 June. Needs to do a bit more to score
- 8. ALGBRE** - In good form and finished 3rd in a Listed race at Deauville over 1,400m on 4 July. Should contest the finish once again
- 9. SOONAK** - Victorious second time out, in a Class 3 Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 1,350m on 22 June. Can earn some minor money
- 10. LAUGH IS ENOUGH** - Threatening to win and was runner-up in a Class 3 Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1,400m on 15 June. Tougher task this time and others are preferred

Summary: A TRUE VENUSIAN (6) and BYZANTINE PALACE (3) produced a striking performance at Compiègne, clearly outclassing their rivals, and look capable of stepping up in grade with success. Another strong contender from the Christopher Head stable, ALGBRE (8), is a colt of considerable talent. SKYRIDGE (5), who appears to have a powerful engine, is also worth close attention.

SELECTIONS

UN VRAI VENUSIEN (6) - PALAIS BYZANTIN (3) - ALGBRE (8) - SKYRIDGE (5)

C3 - PRIX SOREC - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 14,400

1. WOODWAY - Finished 10th on debut in a Class 3 Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 1,200m on 23 May. Can improve but others are preferred

2. BOUDECHOU - Finished 7th in a Class 3 conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 1,350m on 22 June. Capable of winning at this low level

3. KARLOVSKY - Has only modest of late and finished 8th in a Class 3 Conditions race at Cholet over 1,350m on 30 June. Likely to improve dropped to a claimer and could be a threat

4. GALAYO - Unplaced on debut in a Conditions maiden at La Teste De Buch over 1,400m on 1 July. Capable of improvement but others are preferred

5. SAID EL FNA - Has only been modest so far and was 7th in a Conditions maiden at Clairefontaine over 1,600m on 3 July. Capable of improvement and could make the frame

6. FLYING FLASH - Not disgraced when fifth in a Conditions race at Aix-les-Bains over 1200m on 7 July. Can contest the finish trying further

7. SHE'S BOX OFFICE - Finished 10th in a Conditions race at Compiègne over 1,400m on 10 July. Did win twice in a row in this division before that and can bounce back to score

8. TINY JOY - A two-year-old filly by Blackbeard out of Yearly who is making her debut. his Dam never raced in France. Others make more appeal

Summary: In this category, SHE'S BOX OFFICE (7) looks like a solid contender, especially over this new distance. KARLOVSKY (3), disappointing twice despite strong market support, deserves another chance at this easier level. With Pierre-Charles Boudot in the saddle, FLYING FLASH (6) is capable of improvement. SAID EL FNA (5) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

SHE'S BOX OFFICE (7) - KARLOVSKY (3) - FLYING FLASH (6) - BOUDECHOU (2)

C4 - PRIX DU BRIONNAIS - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

- 1. PAUL DE TARSE** - Yet to win a race but was third last time out in a handicap at compiegne over 2000m on 5 June. Consistent and capable of scoring
- 2. CHARLES KEN** - Unplaced in a Conditions maiden at Marseille-Borely over 1,700m on 12 June. Likely to improve and could be a threat
- 3. TARASOFT** - Not disgraced when fifth in a Conditions race aided at Aix Les Bains over 2,000m on 30 June. Capable of earning some money
- 4. ALLIANCE ROYALE** - Has only been modest so far and finished 8th in a handicap at Clairefontaine-Deauville over 1800m on 3 July. Capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 5. NUEVO QUARTZ** - Not disgraced when 7th in a claimer at ParisLongchamp over 2000m on 2 July. Has won a race and is not completely out of it
- 6. BI BOISY** - Has struggled so far, finishing 7th in a Conditions maiden at Lyon-Parilly over 2,000m on 13 June. Needs to do a bit more to score
- 7. MEXICANA** - Unreliable and was 7th in a handicap at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 2 June. Has a place chance in this line-up
- 8. ANDUGAL** - Not reliable and was 5th in a claimer at Salon-de-Provence over 2400m on 17 June. More is needed to beat these rivals
- 9. JIVEDA** - Only modest of late and finished 7th in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2400m on 22 June. Can earn some more minor money
- 10. QUEEN LUNA GAME** - Only modest so far and finished 7th in a Class 3 at Niort over 2,250m on 20 June. Might play a minor role at very best
- 11. IZAWAY** - Showed some improvement when fourth in a claimer at Aix-les-Bains over 2000m on 26 June. Capable of more and is not out of it
- 12. TREIZE ACTIVE** - Off form and finished 9th in a handicap at Salon-de-Provence over this distance on 17 June. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 13. LA BELLE OTERO** - Has only been modest so far and was 8th in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 1800m on 15 June. Can make the frame fitter this time
- 14. PULP FICTION** - Yet to win a race and was third in a claimer at Aix-les-Bains over 1800m on 7 July. Capable of earning some more money

Summary: PAUL DE TARSE (1) has already proven his competitiveness at this level and should not be long in getting his head in front. Behind him, the race looks wide open. Nicolas Perret's decision to engage Cristian Demuro aboard CHARLES KEN (2) catches the eye. IZAWAY (11) finished strongly last time at Aix-les-Bains and is worth close attention on her return to handicaps. LA BELLE OTERO (13), well treated at the bottom of the weights, is an appealing outsider.

SELECTIONS

PAUL DE TARSE (1) - CHARLES KEN (2) - IZAWAY (11) - LA BELLE OTERO (13)

C5 - PRIX DE VERNUSSE - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 15,600

1. **SANAWARI** - Unplaced last time over 1200m at Deauville in a handicap on July 12 on turf. Others make more appeal
2. **NIEDERBRONN** - Unplaced in a Class 2 at Longchamp over 1,600m on 4 October 2025 when last seen. He will improve for this run after a layoff
3. **HADITOUNI** - Two unplaced runs of late, the most recent over 1800m at Aix Les Bains in a maiden race on July 7. Hard to recommend
4. **NOVA LUXOR** - In good form and finished 3rd in a Maiden at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 17 April. Can get off the mark
5. **KILLWINING** - Only modest of late and finished 6th in a Maiden at Lyon-Parilly over 1,600m on 22 June. Faces a stiff task
6. **KANEWKO** - Fourth in a Maiden at Marseille Pont De Vivaux over 2000m on 12 November 2025 on his only run. Showed nice promise on debut and warrants respect
7. **LOFTY TALES** - Second in a Maiden at Cholet over 1350m on 30 June 20. Has a bit more to come and is among the leading chances each-way
8. **XAARTA** - Five unplaced runs so far, the latest when 11th at Chantilly in a handicap on October 11 last year over 1200m. Look elsewhere
9. **SURPRISE ETOILEE** - Showed some improvement when fourth in a Maiden at Wissembourg La Harot over 1,350m on 25 May. More is needed in what looks a stronger race
10. **HIRAYA** - Unplaced in a Maiden at Chantilly over 1,600m on 25 February on her sole start. Vast progress needed to make the frame
11. **HOLD MY DREAMS** - Colt by Oasis Dream, the dam was unraced in France. Likely to improve for this run and is best watched with the future in mind
12. **PARDO BAY** - Colt by New Bay, the dam won 3 races including a Listed race. One to consider if the betting vibes are active with a top-class jockey booked to ride
13. **AUBERVILLE** - Filly by Kendargent, the dam won 2 races and was Listed placed. Looks good on paper and from a good stable. The betting can be informative
14. **LACE FLOWER** - Filly by Sea The Stars, the dam won 3 races including a Listed and a Group 2 race and was second in a Group 1. Choice pedigree and from a stable that can produce winners on debut
15. **ABERDEEN** - Filly by Time Test, the dam won 3 races including a Listed race. Nice profile and she is worth a market inspection on her debut

Summary: NOVA LUXOR (4) has been gelded after two promising runs in the spring, the latest when third at Saint-Cloud in a competitive maiden. He is given the nod over the well-bred LACE FLOWER (14), who is out of a classy mare that won a Listed and a Group 2 race and was placed in a Group 1. She will be well tuned, as will ABERDEEN (15), who has some good aspects to her profile and can have a say in the finish. KANEWKO (6) is another to consider after showing promise on debut last year.

SELECTIONS

NOVA LUXOR (4) - LACE FLOWER (14) - ABERDEEN (15) - AUBERVILLE (13)

C6 - GRAND PRIX DE VICHY - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 73,200

- 1. WOODCHUCK** - Recent win over 2000m in a Group 3 race at Milan (ITA) on June 21. Warrants respect and can be on the premises
- 2. ZAYDANN** - He has won his last four races, the latest a Listed at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on May 23 over 1900m. Hard to overlook
- 3. CASAPUEBLO** - Ran well to be 2nd at Parislongchamp over 2000m in a Group 3 race on June 7, and two wins before that, including a Listed race. Player
- 4. MISS OF CHANGE** - Several unplaced runs of late, the latter 1600m at Deauville in a Listed race on July 4 . She looks out of her depth
- 5. EUBOA** - Decent 2nd in the Prix Corrida (Group 2) at Parislongchamp over 2100m on May 24 when last seen. Can feature

Summary: ZAYDANN (2) has been in top form having won his last four starts, the most recent in a Listed race at Bordeaux Le Bouscat in late May. His main threat could be CASAPUEBLO (3) who was a decent third in a Group 3 race last time out in June at Parislongchamp. WOODCHUCK (1) arrives after a good win in Milan (ITA) in a Group 3 race and can be expected to give another good account of himself.

SELECTIONS

ZAYDANN (2) - CASAPUEBLO (3) - WOODCHUCK (1) - EUBOA (5)

**C7 - GRAND PRIX DES CAVALIERES DE VICHY - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR €
13,400**

1. HURRICANE - Has been low key on the last three runs, the most recent when a well held 14th at Parislongchamp in a Class 4 handicap on June 4. Hard to fancy

2. BOOMERANG - Two placed runs of late, 3rd on the most recent over 1800m at Aix Les Bains in a Class 4 handicap on July 7. Others rate higher

3. EL MEASTRO - Finished 4th in a Class 4 Handicap at Nantes over 1,600m on 1 July when last seen and having won this race last year with the same rider he can get back on track

4. CHIVERE - Three unplaced runs of late, the latter when 7th at Lyon Parilly in a Class 4 handicap on June 21. Needs to bounce back to form

5. PICANES - Finished 6th in a Class 4 at Granville over 1700m on 28 June when last appearing. One to pay attention to each-way

6. ATSANA - Only modest and finished 7th in a Class 4 at Nort Sur Erdre over 1800m on 25 May on her latest start. Can be opposed

7. KAKHOVKA - Finished 3rd last time over 1200m at Aix Les Bains in a Class 4 handicap on July 7. Ought to be in the shake-up

8. ZIPPERE - Creditable 5th last time over 1400m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 4 handicap on July 5. One to keep onside

9. EL PROFESSOR CHOP - Excellent runner-up in a Class 4 Handicap at Saint-Cloud over 1400m on 5 July. Has to enter calculations

Summary: EL MEASTRO (3) won this race last year with today's rider on and he is the tentative selection to get back to winning ways. His main threat could be KAKHOVKA (7), who shaped well at Aix Les Bains when she was third earlier this month in a Class 4 handicap on her latest start. ZIPPERE (8) could be one for the each-way backers to take seriously after a creditable effort at Saint-Cloud 17 days ago. EL PROFESSOR CHOP (9) was second in the same race and can not be ruled out.

SELECTIONS

EL MEASTRO (3) - KAKHOVKA (7) - ZIPPERE (8) - EL PROFESSOR CHOP (9)

**C8 - PRIX DE L'UNION DES AQPS DU CENTRE-EST - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR €
32,000**

- 1. LUCKY PRINCE** - Recent success over 2400m at Lyon Parilly in a conditions race on June 21. More needed in what could be a stronger race
- 2. LEIKA** - Two wins and a 2nd on the latest start from her three starts this year, her latest effort at Prunelli over 2400m in a conditions race on June 14. In the mix
- 3. MISSION SMART** - Finished 13th in a Class 3 Handicap at Clairefontaine over 2900m on 3 July last time, and a win before that in May at Le Lion D'Angers over 2400m. Outside place chance
- 4. MOLLY DE GASCOGNE** - Recent win over 3100m at Nantes in a conditions race on July 1 by two lengths. On an upward curve and has to be respected
- 5. MANON DU MESNIL** - Three placed runs this year, 4th on the latter over 2400m at Craon on June 4 in a conditions race. Others rate higher
- 6. MAHAURI SEA** - Placed 4th on the last run over 2900m at Clairefontaine in a Class 3 handicap on July 3. She has won over this distance in May at Nantes. Enters each-way calculations
- 7. LASKATALL** - Consistent performer who has been 3rd on her three runs this year, the most recent over 2800m at this track on May 24 in a conditions race. Player
- 8. LEGENDE LOUED** - Finished 4th in a Class 4 at Rostrenen over 2,850m on 24 May on her last outing. Unlikely to trouble the principles
- 9. MABRISKA** - Ran well to be 3rd last time over 2400m at Le Lion D'Angers in a conditions race on May 14. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 10. MAGIQUE FLY** - She has been 2nd on her last two runs, the most recent over 2600m at Morlaix in a conditions race on June 14. Might need a few to falter
- 11. MAMAOUTE** - Well beaten on the one run this year over 3100m at Nantes in a conditions race on July 1. Looks to be of limited talent
- 12. MERCI GABY** - Pleasing 2nd over 3100m at Nantes in a conditions race on June 16 when last seen. Drops in trip but can not be ruled out
- 13. MELEAGRINE** - Knocking hard at the door with four 2nd place runs this year, the latter over 3100m at Niort in a conditions race on June 20. Hard to rule out

Summary: LASKATALL (7) has been in excellent form, finishing third on all three starts this year, including a strong effort in a Group 3 AQ contest in April. This looks a good opportunity for her to break her maiden. MELEAGRINE (13) has been admirably consistent and is expected to provide the main threat. MABRISKA (9) produced her best performance of the year when runner-up at Le Lion-d'Angers in mid-May and is capable of another bold showing. MOLLY DE GASCOGNE (4) impressed when scoring at Nantes on 1 July and can be involved.

SELECTIONS

LASKATALL (7) - MELEAGRINE (13) - MABRISKA (9) - MOLLY DE GASCOGNE (4)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

**Horse of the day
LASKATALL (807)**

Outsider of the day

WALMORYA (114)

Reverse forecast

ZAYDANN (602) - CASAPUEBLO (603)

Three pick of the day

UN VRAI VENUSIEN (206) - ZAYDANN (602) - LASKATALL (807)