

Starters List

S2-1 **8:33 P.M.**
HK TIME
 (11.8.2024)

(FR Race 2)

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Prix Gontaut-Biron Hong Kong Jockey Club (Group 3) Deauville, France - Turf - 2000 Metres (Right-handed)






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Approximate Prize Money in HKD: \$676,100

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馬號 Card	歷季及近仗成績 Career Record & Form	排位 Draw	馬名 Horse Name	年齡/性別 Age/Sex	配磅 Wt.	評分 Rating	練馬師 Trainer	騎師 Jockey	參考賠率 Ref. Odds	
1	12 (4-4-0) 44126		4	快跑哈拉 Woodchuck (FR)	4g	128	[110]	包朗建 Nicolas Bellanger	龐楠喬 Simon Planque	14
2	9 (4-1-0) 41442		3	神尊全智 Al Hakeem (GB)	5h	126	[109]	盧傑 Jean-Claude Rouget	杜滿樂 Cristian Demuro	2.7
3	10 (3-2-2) 85332		2	火上加油 Feed The Flame (GB)	4c	126	[117]	巴利 Pascal Bary	貝知仁 Alexis Pouchin	2.1
4	12 (4-2-1) 14493		5	公主難追 Elusive Princess (FR)	4f	122	[106]	杜本善 Jean-Philippe Dubois	巴米高 Mickael Barzalona	8.0
5	10 (3-0-1) 07831		1	志同心合 Sacaya (FR)	4f	122	[108]	博蓓蓓 Carmen Bocskai	鮑志樂 Theo Bachelot	5.0

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Betting Pools : Win (outbound commingling), Place (2 dividends)(outbound commingling), Quinella, Forecast, Trio, Tierce, 1st Double.

Overseas Expert Column by Bill Esdaile

FEED THE FLAME is yet to get his head in front this season, but he can make the most of a significant drop-in class in the G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron Hong Kong Jockey Club over 2,000m at Deauville. The Pascal Bary-trained 4YO has been campaigned at the highest level on three of his four starts this season including when finishing a close up second on his most recent outing behind DUBAI HONOUR in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud over 2,400m. This will be the first time that the son of KINGMAN, who won the G1 Grand Prix de Paris over 2,400m just over a year ago, has raced over 2,000m since returning a beaten favourite on his comeback in the G2 Prix d'Harcourt. With the going described as soft, which will bring his stamina into play, and his form the strongest on offer, he looks set to make a bold bid.

AL HAKEEM is likely to strip much fitter for his second in the G3 La Coupe over 2,000m at ParisLongchamp in June which was his first start in 427 days. The Jean-Claude Rouget-trained 5YO moved well for much of his last start before his lack of race fitness told in the closing stages. Unlike his four rivals the Al Shaqab Racing-owned colt is already a winner over course and distance having landed the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano over 2,000m back in 2022. With his reappearance behind him, and all of his best form over 2,000m, expect him to mount a serious challenge.

ELUSIVE PRINCESS made an encouraging return to action in France following a stint in America when finishing third behind SACAYA in a Listed race over 2,100m at Chantilly last month. The daughter of MARTINBOROUGH signed off her previous stint for Jean Philippe-Dubois with victory in the G3 Saratoga Oaks Invitational Stakes over 1,900m on soft ground in August last year. Although beaten in all three of her starts while in America each of those losses came on quick ground. With conditions more to her liking she can show her true colours under Mickael Barzalona, who has won two races from four starts on her.

SACAYA took her form to new levels when defeating ELUSIVE PRINCESS last time out and she will bid to prove that effort is no fluke stepping back up in class. She finished third in the G3 Premio Del Giubileo over 2,000m in Milan two starts ago, which suggests she can be competitive at this level under Theo Bachelot, who was on board for her last victory.

SELECTIONS: 3. FEED THE FLAME, 2. AL HAKEEM, 4. ELUSIVE PRINCESS & 5. SACAYA**1ST DOUBLE SELECTIONS (4 unit bets):****S2-1: Multiple** – 3. FEED THE FLAME & 2. AL HAKEEM**S2-2: Multiple** – 7. HAMLET'S NIGHT & 3. MONNA VANNA**Tipsters' Selections**

Nick Reeves – AFP	Jonathan Landi – World Racing Service	Fabien Cailler – Turfcom
2 Al Hakeem	2 Al Hakeem	2 Al Hakeem
3 Feed The Flame	3 Feed The Flame	3 Feed The Flame
5 Sacaya	4 Elusive Princess	4 Elusive Princess

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1 快跑哈拉 (TT)
WOODCHUCK (FR) 4 b g
 (14) Birchwood (IRE) – Reinedetroite (FR) (Dunkerque (FR))
 Owner(s): D Dromard

128 魔楠喬 (4)
[110] Simon Planque
 Lifetime : 12 (4-4-0) Turf : 12 (4-4-0) NH Rules : 0 (0-0-0)
 2024 : 4 (1-1-0) Non-Turf : 0 (0-0-0) GF+ : —
 1st Up : — Dist : 9 (2-4-0) G : —
 Earnings : HK\$1,606,970 Track : 1 (0-1-0) Y : —
 Trk/Dist : 1 (0-1-0) S/Hvy : —

Pos	Date	Race Details	Track	Dist/Course/Going	Wt.	Jockey	Dr.	Race Sectional Time	Race Time	Pos in Running	Finish & Margin	Odds	Gear	Winner/Second/Third	Comments
4/6	27Oct23	L Grand Prix du Nord 3yo EUR55,000	CHY, FR	2000 RH H Turf	129	Simon Planque	2	- - 28.84 25.17	2.12.81	4	4 3 4	3.3 4.2	TT	Birr Castle (FR) Syrakus (FR) Azka (FR)	Good Position; Evenly
4/8	14Apr24	L Prix Jacques Laffitte 4yo+ EUR52,000	LCH, FR	1850 RH VS Turf	130	Simon Planque	6	- - 23.74 23.46	1.59.00	8	8 4 4	1.8 20	TT	Mose de Seville (IRE) Skalleti (FR) Andromede (FR)	Held up; Best Stride Late
1/8	19May24	G3 Premio Presidente Della Repubblica 4yo+ EUR154,000	ROM, ITY	1800 RH S Turf	128	Simon Planque	4	- - - -	1.50.20	-	- - 1	1.5 2.59F	TT	Woodchuck (FR) See Hector (GER) Estrosa (IRE)	dwl't s: settled in rr of midfield: pushed along and hdwy on outer under 3f out: rdn over 2f out: led fr over 1 1/2f out: r.o
2/9	23Jun24	G3 Gran Premio di Milano 3yo+ EUR132,000	MIL, ITY	2000 RH S Turf	131	Simon Planque	4	- - - -	2.06.70	-	- - 2	Hd 3.87	TT	Flag's Up (IRE) Woodchuck (FR) Tempesti (ITY)	midfield: rdn along over 2f out: sn short of room: renewed effrt fr 1 1/2f out: hdwy to ld 30yds out: hdd almost immediately: no ex
6/9	17Jul24	G3 Grand Prix De Vichy 3yo+ EUR80,000	VHY, FR	2000 RH GS Turf	131	Simon Planque	3	- - - -	2.06.70	-	- - 6	3 4	TT	Quest the Moon (GER) Trafalgar Square (FR) Une Perle (IRE)	Mid-division, went second over 3f out, ridden under 2f out, weakened final 150yds

In good form at a G3 level in Italy, with an 1800m victory in Rome and a close miss in Milan. Not as good as in Vichy last time, and more needed. Slow ground wanted.



2 神尊全智
AL HAKEEM (GB) 5 b h
 (2.7) Siyouni (FR) – Jadhaba (IRE) (Galileo (IRE))
 Owner(s): Al Shaqab Racing

126 杜滿樂 (3)
[109] Cristian Demuro

Lifetime : 9 (4-1-0) Turf : 7 (2-1-0) NH Rules : 0 (0-0-0)
 2024 : 1 (0-1-0) Non-Turf : 2 (2-0-0) GF+ : —
 1st Up : — Dist : 4 (2-1-0) G : —
 Earnings : HK\$5,452,319 Track : 2 (1-0-0) Y : —
 Trk/Dist : 1 (1-0-0) S/Hvy : —

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4/15	5Jun22	G1 Prix du Jockey Club 3yo EUR1,500,000	CHY, FR	2100 RH S Turf	128	Cristian Demuro	11	- - 24.12 24.13	2.06.65	13	13 12 4	6.5 5		Vadeni (FR) El Bodegon (IRE) Modern Games (IRE)	Held up; Best Stride Late
1/6	15Aug22	G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano 3yo EUR400,000	DEA, FR	2000 RH GS Turf	128	Cristian Demuro	4	- - 25.36 23.12	2.07.58	4	4 1 1	0.5 2F		Al Hakeem (GB) Junko (GB) True Testament (IRE)	Close Up; Inside-800m; Driving
4/20	2Oct22	G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe 3yo+ EUR5,000,000	LCH, FR	2400 RH VS Turf	125	Cristian Demuro	4	- - 26.21 27.00	2.35.71	3	3 2 4	2.8 21		Alpinista (GB) Vadeni (FR) Torquator Tasso (GER)	Close Up; Held Well
4/7	9Apr23	G2 Prix d'Harcourt 4yo+ EUR130,000	LCH, FR	2000 RH GS Turf	126	Cristian Demuro	4	- - 23.27 22.12	2.03.39	4	4 5 4	4 1.8F		Simca Mille (IRE) Iresine (FR) Kertez (GB)	In touch on outside, took slightly closer order from 5f out, shaken up 2 1/2f out, no impression on leaders
2/8	9Jun24	G3 La Coupe 4yo+ EUR80,000	LCH, FR	2000 RH G Turf	126	Christophe Soumillon	2	- - 23.24 22.43	2.04.07	6	6 3 2	2.5 4.5		Calif (GER) Al Hakeem (GB) Zarir (IRE)	Held up towards rear, ridden and steady headway from under 3f out, kept on well final furlong, took second 100yds out, no impression on winner

Some terrific performances – including fourth in the 2022 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe – must give him live chances if back to near his best. On his first start for around 14 months, he was a good second to a subsequent G1 winner in a 2000m G3 at ParisLongchamp in June.



3 火上加油
FEED THE FLAME (GB) 4 b c
 (2.1) Kingman (GB) – Knyazhna (IRE) (Montjeu (IRE))
 Owner(s): Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard


126 貝知仁 (2)
[117] Alexis Pouchin

Lifetime : 10 (3-2-2) Turf : 10 (3-2-2) NH Rules : 0 (0-0-0)
 2024 : 4 (0-1-2) Non-Turf : 0 (0-0-0) GF+ : —
 1st Up : — Dist : 1 (0-0-0) G : —
 Earnings : HK\$5,786,658 Track : 0 (0-0-0) Y : —
 Trk/Dist : 0 (0-0-0) S/Hvy : —

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8/15	1Oct23	G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe 3yo+ EUR5,000,000	LCH, FR	2400 RH GS Turf	125	Christophe Soumillon	2	- - - -	22.05 2.25.50	7	7 7 5	8 6 14		Ace Impact (IRE) Westover (GB) Onesto (IRE)	Took keen hold, in touch in midfield, ridden and effort under 2f out, no extra final furlong
5/7	7Apr24	G2 Prix d'Harcourt 4yo+ EUR130,000	LCH, FR	2000 RH H Turf	126	Cristian Demuro	2	- - - -	26.36 2.14.39	7	7 5 5	7 3.2F		Zarakem (FR) Horizon Dore (FR) Birr Castle (FR)	Held up in rear, ridden 2 1/2f out, no real impression on leaders, never really dangerous
3/9	28Apr24	G1 Prix Ganay 4yo+ EUR300,000	LCH, FR	2100 RH VS Turf	128	Cristian Demuro	6	- - 24.48 23.48	2.13.16	9	9 7 3	0.5 11		Haya Zark (FR) Zarir (IRE) Feed The Flame (GB)	Held up in rear, ridden over 2f out, kept on from over 1f out, not quite able to reach leaders towards finish
3/5	31May24	G1 Coronation Cup 4yo+ GBP445,000	EPS, GB	2405 LH GS Turf	128	Cristian Demuro	5	- - - -	2.42.12	-	- - 3	7 6/1		Luxembourg (IRE) Hamish (GB) Feed The Flame (GB)	Held up in last, headway on outer and went third over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong
2/7	30Jun24	G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud 4yo+ EUR400,000	STC, FR	2400 LH GS Turf	128	Alexis Pouchin	6	- - 24.04 21.95	2.30.30	4	3 1 2	1.8 6.1		Dubai Honour (IRE) Feed The Flame (GB) Point Lonsdale (IRE)	Prominent on outer, ridden 2 1/2f out, ran on, led narrowly 1 1/2f out, headed final 150yds, no extra towards finish

A 2400m G1 winner at ParisLongchamp last year, this classy colt hasn't quite lived up to that since but some good runs in defeat including a G1 Saint-Cloud second last time. Will want a brisk pace at this lesser trip but surely a major player.

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4 公主難追
ELUSIVE PRINCESS (FR) 4 b f
 (8.0) Martinborough (JPN) – Elusive Action (FR) (Elusive City (USA))
 Owner(s): LNJ Foxwoods SC

杜本善
Jean-Philippe Dubois [106]

122 巴米高
Mickael Barzalona (5)

Lifetime : 12 (4-2-1) Turf : 12 (4-2-1) NH Rules : 0 (0-0-0)
 2024 : 3 (0-0-1) Non-Turf : 0 (0-0-0) GF+ : —
 1st Up : — Dist : 2 (1-1-0) G : —
 Earnings : HK\$3,340,898 Track : 0 (0-0-0) Y : —
 Trk/Dist : 0 (0-0-0) S/Hvy : —

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1/10	4Aug23	G3 Saratoga Oaks Invitational S. 3yo fillies USD400,000	SAR, USA	1900 LH S Turf	121	Flavien Prat	3	25 ⁰² 24 ⁹⁹ 25 ⁰⁶ 18 ⁴⁶	1:57.08	6	6 1 1 3.3	2.35F		Elusive Princess (FR) American Sonja (GB) Papilio (IRE)	ins,rally11-12wide3/16
4/9	14Oct23	G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. 3yo fillies USD600,000	KEE, USA	1800 LH G Turf	121	Flavien Prat	2	24 ⁴⁶ 24 ¹⁷ 23 ⁷⁵ 12 ⁴²	1:48.06	2	2 3 4 2.5	3.5		Mawj (IRE) Lindy (FR) Mission of Joy (USA)	stalk 2w,bid,yield btw
4/6	9Mar24	G2 Hillsborough S. 4yo+ f&m USD225,000	TAM, USA	1800 LH F Turf	119	Junior Alvarado	5	26 ⁷³ 25 ³³ 23 ⁹¹ 11 ²⁷	1:52.62	4	5 5 4 1	3.5		Sparkle Blue (USA) Aspen Grove (IRE) Fluffy Socks (USA)	bmp brk,4p2nd,outkickd
9/10	13Apr24	G1 Jenny Wiley S. 4yo+ f&m USD600,000	KEE, USA	1700 LH G Turf	123	Junior Alvarado	3	24 ⁴⁷ 25 ²⁰ 23 ²⁰ 05 ⁶⁵	1:42.90	9	10 9 9 10	13.47		Beaute Cachee (FR) English Rose (IRE) Didia (ARG)	stdy early,ins,4-6p2nd
3/8	14Jul24	L Prix de la Pepiniere 4yo+ f&m EUR48,000	CHY, FR	2100 RH GS Turf	128	Alexis Pouchin	2	- - 24 ⁴² 22 ²³	2:11.45	6	6 5 3 2.8	4.3 H		Sacaya (FR) Ardent (USA) Elusive Princess (FR)	Good Position; Late Rally

Taken to Saratoga last August for an impressive G3 victory on a soft surface. But to win this will need to improve on her third (behind Sacaya) in Listed company at Chantilly last month.



5 志同心合 (TT)
SACAYA (FR) 4 ch f
 (5.0) The Grey Gatsby (IRE) – Sassicaia (GER) (Doyen (IRE))
 Owner(s): Stall Primos

博積蕎
Carmen Bocscai [108]

122 鮑志樂
Theo Bachelot (1)

Lifetime : 10 (3-0-1) Turf : 8 (3-0-1) NH Rules : 0 (0-0-0)
 2024 : 3 (1-0-1) Non-Turf : 2 (0-0-0) GF+ : —
 1st Up : — Dist : 5 (2-0-1) G : —
 Earnings : HK\$624,079 Track : 0 (0-0-0) Y : —
 Trk/Dist : 0 (0-0-0) S/Hvy : —

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11/14	6Oct23	L Prix Charles Laffitte 3yo fillies EUR55,000	CMP, FR	2000 LH S Turf	123	Hugo Besnier	9	- - 25 ⁵⁴ 25 ⁴⁷	2:06.19	5	7 10 11 12.5	11 TT		Tasmania (GER) Izник (FR) Ermesinde (IRE)	Good Position; Weakened
7/8	31Oct23	Class 1 3yo EUR35,000	CHY, FR	1900 RH ST Polytrack	122	Hugo Besnier	5	- - - 22 ⁵²	1:53.87	7	7 5 7 7.5	21 TT		Beshtani (FR) Make Me King (FR) Dire La Verite (FR)	Held up ; Raced Keenly; Good Position; Weakened
8/10	6Apr24	Class 1 4yo+ EUR38,000	LYV, FR	1800 RH ST Fibresand	120	Mickael Forest	3	- - - - 1:51.09	1	1 5 8 5.3	59 TT		Russipant Fal (MOR) Wally (IRE) Caramelito (FR)	Set Pace; Weakened	
3/9	9Jun24	G3 Premio Del Giubileo 4yo+ f&m EUR100,100	ML, ITY	2000 RH G Turf	126	Michael Forest	2	- - - - 2:01.70	-	- 3 2.8	20.44 TT		Une Perle (IRE) Peace of Rose (GER) Sacaya (FR)	led: rdn over 2f out: drvn and hdd over 1f out: kpt on fnl f: lost 2nd 75yds out	
1/8	14Jul24	L Prix de la Pepiniere 4yo+ f&m EUR48,000	CHY, FR	2100 RH GS Turf	125	Theo Bachelot	5	- - 24 ⁴² 22 ²³	2:11.45	1	1 1 1 1.8	24 TT		Sacaya (FR) Ardent (USA) Elusive Princess (FR)	Led Throughout; Driving

Has definitely improved this year, especially when – despite starting as an outsider – she comprehensively defeating seven rivals in a 2100m Listed event at Chantilly last month.

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