

## BORDEAUX [R-H] - 02 April

**Race 1 - PRIX JACQUES DOGNY - 1900m CL1.** Purse EUR €30,000.

1. **GAODIO** - Progressive type who was a winner at this course and distance last time, scoring by a long neck. Key chance.
2. **ACE IMPACT** - Won on debut with a bit to spare at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather over 2000m back on January 26 and has not been produced since. Great chance to make it two for two.
3. **ENDS OF THE EARTH** - Finished fourth last start over 2000m at Saint-Cloud when resuming. Maxime Guyon goes aboard. Likely to play a big role.
4. **KAMINO** - Modest effort first up last start, finishing fifth and beaten 4 lengths over 1900m at this track. Looking to others.
5. **OAHU** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in fifth over 1200m at Toulouse two weeks ago. Still early in the prep and might need more time.
6. **TURN CARTWHEELS** - Promising filly who ran well over 1900m at this track after winning only run last preparation. Fitter and is expected to be further improved.
7. **PERAMA** - Finished a respectable third behind Gaodio when resuming over 1900m at this track last time out. Will need to step up to be competitive in this field.

**Summary:** ACE IMPACT (2) caught the eye with a pleasing debut win at Cagnes-sur-Mer all-weather when scoring by 3.5L. Switches to turf with leading claims. GAODIO (1) shed the maiden tag with a course and distance success. Advantage of racecourse experience over other rivals and capable of featuring in the finish. TURN CARTWHEELS (6) was a 3.5L winner on debut at La Teste de Buch over 1800m in September. Returned after a spell with a second behind Gaodio in the aforementioned track and trip contest. Would need to improve to reverse placings. ENDS OF THE EARTH (3) produced a winning debut at Chantilly AW tackling the same distance. Since finished fourth at Saint-Cloud and holds each way claims.

### Selections

**ACE IMPACT (2) - GAODIO (1) - TURN CARTWHEELS (6) - ENDS OF THE EARTH (3)**

**Race 2 - PRIX FRANCIS DE LUZE - 1400m CL2.** Purse EUR €22,000.

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1. **WABAL** - Good effort last start to win his maiden over 1600m at this track by 2.5 lengths. Fitter and can measure up again.
2. **ZALACAIN** - Not the most reliable. Moderate effort last time when 14 lengths from the winner in eighth over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan.
3. **SZAFRAN** - Lightly raced colt who progressed nicely last start with a win by a head over 1600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. One of the major players.
4. **ROYAL SAXO** - Scored over 1600m at this track last start when lining up for the first time. Promising type who will be hard to hold out again.
5. **ARDITO** - Won his maiden two back at Deauville All Weather then could only manage fifth last start over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather. Useful type and worth another chance.
6. **MR DREAMER** - Last appeared four months ago when he finished 7 lengths from the winner in eighth over 1300m at Deauville All Weather. Unlikely to feature.
7. **FAIS NOUS PLAISIR** - Finished third over 1400m at Dieppe at his latest run on November 1. Holds claims.
8. **NOLITO** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 1400m at Compiègne on March 12. Among the winning chances.
9. **MICHELANGELO** - Back from a spell of five months. Has not been produced since finishing 7 lengths back in third over 1600m at Saint-Cloud. Very good fresh performer. In the mix.
10. **KIMI ORENDA** - Last appeared five months ago when she won over 1500m at Deauville All Weather. Cannot make a strong case now.
11. **LALAAKEY** - Good effort last start to win her maiden over 1600m at this track by 4.5 lengths. Fitter and worth following up.

**Summary:** ROYAL SAXO (4) represents leading connections and made a winning start to career when scoring by 1L over course and distance. May prove difficult to beat with conditions known to suit. SZAFRAN (3) has progressed with each racecourse start. Broke through for a maiden victory when scoring by a head at Cagnes-sur-Mer AW latest. Firmly in the mix. ARDITO (5) was unable to follow up a maiden success when fifth at Chantilly AW tackling this distance. Holds each way claims with tongue-tie applied. FAIS NOUS PLAISIR (7) scored at Deauville over 1600m in August. Returned with a third at Dieppe in November. Place chance.

<b>Selections</b>
<b>ROYAL SAXO (4) - SZAFRAN (3) - ARDITO (5) - FAIS NOUS PLAISIR (7)</b>

**Race 3 - QATAR PRIX MASSOUD - 1400m PSA.** Purse EUR €18,000.

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1. **MADJWAN AL ASHAI** - Unraced colt by Madjani out of Anhoura Lerem. Will be better for this outing.
2. **MATRIX AL ASHAI** - Unraced colt by Metrag out of Najma Tourettes. Faces a tough test.
3. **GHASSAN II** - Unraced colt by Tabarak out of Coulha Zine. Rates well here on profile and bold showing expected.
4. **KASSOU HIPOLYTE** - Unraced colt by Al Mouwaffak out of Al Sharyah. Worth consideration.
5. **KHADIM DU LOUP** - Son of Mister Ginoux from Tarika Du Loup making his debut. Respect any positive betting move.
6. **SCHALIMAR D'IBOS** - Son of Al Tair from Mamsel D'ibos making his debut. Looks a key player on debut.
7. **MOKHLIS** - Unraced colt by Thakif out of Haanoof. Rates well here on profile and bold showing expected.
8. **NAFJAH** - Unraced filly by Mister Ginoux out of Nyriad. Anticipating strong market support.
9. **KAMANA DU POUY** - Filly by Al Mamun Monlau from Kamana on debut. Happy to watch this time.
10. **KADIRA DU CROATE** - Unraced filly by Af Albahar out of Emeraude Du Croate. It will pay to keep an eye on the betting.
11. **IKRAAM** - Unraced filly by Thakif out of Nakhwat Al Reef. Betting to provide the best guide.

**Summary:** The market will prove the best guide in a field of first race starters. MOKHLIS (7) represents a leading stable and looks to be the pick of the trainer's two runners. Ioritz Mendizabal booked to ride. Leading claims. Stablemate GHASSAN II (3) should give a bold sight on debut. By Tabarak and capable of featuring. Both SCHALIMAR D'IBOS (6) and NAFJAH (8) hold each way claims on their first racecourse outing.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>MOKHLIS (7) - GHASSAN II (3) - SCHALIMAR D'IBOS (6) - NAFJAH (8)</b>
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**Race 4 - PRIX ROMANTISME - 3700m HDLE CL4.** Purse EUR €23,000.

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1. **CHIVATOR** - Promising type with some good efforts to date including a second last month at Saint Briec. Rates highly.
2. **JAMES DE BAUNE** - Yet to threaten in two starts to date, the latest a 13 length sixth in a hurdle (3400m) at Angers. Cannot be ruled out.
3. **ASCOT CHOP** - Steps out on debut here for a new stable off the back of a 203 day break. Others preferred at this stage.
4. **JAB DE BERCE** - Faced the starter for only the second time and was first-up from a spell of 64 days when he could only manage fifth in a 3000m flat race at Mont-de-Marsan last time. Goes over the obstacles for the first time today.
5. **KANKALE** - Good effort to finish 3.5 lengths away in third in a hurdle (3600m) at Agen recently, erasing the forgettable debut. Fitter and makes appeal.
6. **PEDRA** - Was making her jumps debut last start when fresh from a spell. Could only manage fourth on that occasion, beaten 6 lengths in a hurdle (3500m) at Toulouse. Leading chance.
7. **BENNY** - Four-year-old gelding who debuted in a hurdle at this track over 3700m and was safely held. Faces tough task.
8. **JOYAU DE LARREDYA** - Spanish Moon gelding who was well in the market on debut last time out and finished fifth (2950m) at Machecoul. Likely to appreciate the transition to jumping.
9. **ALENTEJO** - Gelding by Saint Des Saints out of Aubana Celeste. The in-form H Lageneste & G Macaire stable is likely have him primed. Worth watching closely.
10. **BURROWS DIANE** - Didn't threaten on debut at Fontainebleau 40 days back when pulled up. This looks too tough.

**Summary:** PEDRA (6) drops significantly in grade after finishing fourth in a Class Two hurdle at Toulouse on reappearance following a four month break. Showed some useful form on the Flat and looks a winning chance against easier rivals. ALENTEJO (9) makes first racecourse start for the leading Lageneste & Macaire stable. Will be ready to produce a bold bid on debut. KANKALE (5) improved from a disappointing debut when pulled up to finish third at this level latest. Can continue to make headway. CHIVATOR (1) has placed on all three career starts. Second at Saint Briec on jump debut earlier in the month. Each way claims.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>PEDRA (6) - ALENTEJO (9) - KANKALE (5) - CHIVATOR (1)</b>
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**Race 5 - PRIX DU BASSIN D'ARCACHON - 1600m HCP CL3.** Purse EUR €20,000.

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1. **SAY GOOD BUY** - Resuming from a spell of three-and-a-half months. Would prefer him over further with a run or two under the belt.
2. **HURRICANE** - Lightly raced four-year-old gelding who recorded an impressive win first up last start over 1600m at this track, scoring with something in reserve. Will be the testing material again.
3. **OXIANA** - The winner of four races from 12 starts but didn't measure up at Chantilly All Weather last time out, finishing fifth and 3 lengths from the winner. Well placed to bounce back to form.
4. **GIFT OF THE G** - Narrowly beaten last time when second at this track, finishing just half a length from the winner. Right in the mix again.
5. **EL TORERO** - Has been knocking on the door including a last start second over 1600m at Toulouse when only half a length from the winner. Has ability and can run a forward race.
6. **LARIS** - Experienced performer who wasn't far away last time when second over 1600m at Toulouse. Still has plenty to offer and can feature in the finish.
7. **SILVER SILENT** - Last appeared five months ago when she finished 0.8 lengths from the winner in second over 1600m at this track. Did win first-up last prep at La Teste. Keep in mind.
8. **OXALIS** - Recent form has been pretty ordinary and he is now 413 days without a win. Finished ninth, beaten 5.5 lengths in the latest outing over 1400m at Toulouse. Hard to be enthused.
9. **TRUJILLO** - Has ability but the wins are rare. Has just two wins and six placings from 23 starts. Better effort last time when fourth over 1600m at Toulouse. Can feature in the finish.
10. **CHARM KING** - Last start finished third over 1600m at Toulouse. Has recorded just 3 victories from 46 starts. Has ability and is a top-three hope.
11. **KATHALINA** - Last appeared four-and-a-half months ago when she finished 9 lengths from the winner in sixth over 1400m at Toulouse. Looking to others.

**Summary:** HURRICANE (2) is chasing a fourth consecutive success in conditions which suit. Broke through for an eye-catching 3.5L victory over course and distance on reappearance following a three month spell. May prove difficult to beat in current form. EL TORERO (5) has finished runner-up on last three outings including when denied by 0.5L at Toulouse tackling the same trip. Consider. GIFT OF THE G (4) drops in distance following a good second over 1900m at this venue. Firmly in the mix. OXIANA (3) has produced fair efforts in two starts since a success. Last seen finishing 3L fifth at Chantilly AW tackling 1400m. Equally effective over this trip.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>HURRICANE (2) - EL TORERO (5) - GIFT OF THE G (4) - OXIANA (3)</b>
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**Race 6 - PRIX CYRLIGHT - 3800m STPLE CL2.** Purse EUR €30,000.

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1. **PIC SAINT** - Did a reasonable job when he finished second in a steeplechase (3400m) at Nimes two runs back. Improved sharply to score by 2.5 lengths in a steeplechase (3800m) at Nimes at the latest outing. Should be there at the business end.

2. **TARGUI** - Unplaced two runs ago in a in a steeplechase (3400m) at Nimes. Found some form at the latest outing when second in a steeplechase (3500m) at Toulouse, beaten 1.5 lengths. Likely to play a major role.

3. **BULLE BLEUE** - Was unplaced two back in a steeplechase (3900m) at Pau then again missed out in a steeplechase (3500m) at Auteuil last start. Big task ahead.

4. **NELSON DU MATHAN** - Two runs this prep have been moderate. Resumed with an unplaced effort in a hurdle (3600m) at Compiegne then weighed-in fifth last start in a steeplechase (3700m) at Angers. Looking to others.

5. **CHOEUR DESAINTONGE** - Yet to threaten in two starts to date, the latest a 21 length fifth in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau. Right in the mix.

6. **CHIEF COVE** - Is a strong first-up performer returning from a 120-day layoff. Kicked off with a win in a hurdle (3400m) at Cholet when last in work. Nicely-placed and expected to go very well.

**Summary:** CHIEF COVE (6) resumes after a four month absence. Last seen finishing sixth in a Listed handicap hurdle at Auteuil when beaten 13L. Faces considerably easier opposition and rates as a winning chance. PIC SAINT (1) has been racing well at Nimes with a win and a second from his last two outings. Steps up in class. TARGUI (2) improved from a reappearance fourth to finish runner-up in a Class Three chase at Toulouse. Each way claims. CHOEUR DESAINTONGE (5) is yet to place in two career starts. Could take advantage of any jumping errors from the top three selections. Fifth at Fontainebleau over hurdles last start.

**Selections**

**CHIEF COVE (6) - PIC SAINT (1) - TARGUI (2) - CHOEUR DESAINTONGE (5)**

**Race 7 - PRIX DU COMMANDANT BACQUE - 1600m HCP CL4.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **WHEEL OF CHANCE** - Didn't threaten when resuming from a spell last time out, finishing eighth over 2200m at Fontainebleau. Has won second up before and can improve sharply.
2. **IDAHO JAMES** - Scored a determined win last time over 1600m at Mont-de-Marsan. Leading hope again.
3. **PEDRO DES AIGLES** - Still a maiden after finishing 13th last start over 1200m at Agen. Has had plenty of chances and happy to pass.
4. **WHIPPIERRE** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in 12th over 1600m at Toulouse three weeks ago. Fitter but hard to see him featuring.
5. **THE FUNK BIBLE** - Last start finished 14th over 1600m at Toulouse, beaten 17 lengths. Others rate better.
6. **VICOPISANO** - Returned from a spell and was safely held when 13th over 1800m at Compiègne. Fitter but unlikely to threaten.
7. **BEACON TOWERS** - Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 53 starts. Last start finished sixth over 1350m at Senonnes-Pouance. Well placed this time and should play a big role.
8. **PINK GOLD** - Returned to winning form second up last start, scoring by half a length over 1600m at Toulouse. Improvement in store. Rates highly.
9. **FARZANEH** - Struggling to break through this campaign, beaten 7 lengths last start when seventh over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan. Can improve and play a big role.
10. **DON'T TELL TALES** - Started this campaign in poor form, last start finishing tenth and beaten 16 lengths over 1900m at this track. Struggling to make a case.
11. **DUNYA** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished seventh over 1200m at Agen on March 13. Didn't fire last start but is capable of better.
12. **VICTORY CAT** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when tenth over 1600m at Toulouse three weeks ago, beaten 6 lengths. Capable of sharp improvement.
13. **LA CATELLA** - Struggling to find form including last start when beaten 9 lengths into ninth over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Well-placed today and is open to plenty of improvement.

**Summary:** PINK GOLD (8) was disappointing on reappearance over a distance shorter than ideal. Returned to 1600m when scoring by 0.5L at Toulouse second-up. Can continue to make headway in conditions which suit. IDAHO JAMES (2) is aiming for back to back wins after scoring by a head on soft ground at Mont-de-Marsan. Had been racing over shorter trips previously. Contender. VICTORY CAT (12) is better than recent performances would suggest. Only beaten 3.5L into sixth at Mont-de-Marsan two starts back. Holds each way claims with a low weight. BEACON TOWERS (7) has been found a very open race and could sneak into the placings if finding some improvement. Showed useful form last campaign.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>PINK GOLD (8) - IDAHO JAMES (2) - VICTORY CAT (12) - BEACON TOWERS (7)</b>
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**Race 8 - PRIX DE BACALAN - 3300m HDLE UNR.** Purse EUR €26,000.

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1. **GOLDORAK CHOP** - Colt by Panis out of Griffyn. Likely to be well fancied.
2. **KAADAM** - Gelding by Saint Des Saints out of Fiestine. Market watch advised.
3. **BUMBASIA** - Did little on debut over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan and makes jumps debut here. Hard to see her featuring in the finish today.
4. **BLUE SHADE** - Makes her debut over the jumps. Returned from a spell last start when fourth over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Has transferred to the Francois Nicolle yard since. Key chance.
5. **DUNE VERTE** - Filly by Pastorius out of Dance Roque. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.

**Summary:** BLUE SHADE (4) makes jumps debut but has the advantage of racecourse experience over other rivals. Fourth on the Flat at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 2150m when last seen and has since switched to the Francois Nicolle yard. Top chance. Stablemate GOLDORAK CHOP (1) makes racecourse debut. Tongue-tie applied and capable of a bold bid. Both KAADAM (2) and DUNE VERTE (5) are having their first racecourse starts. Betting market likely to prove the best guide to their respective chances.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BLUE SHADE (4) - GOLDORAK CHOP (1) - KAADAM (2) - DUNE VERTE (5)</b></p>
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