STRASBOURG [R-H] - **02 October**

Race 1 - PRIX MID DANCER - 3300m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €22,000.

- 1. **THE DUDE** Six start maiden who was fourth over 3000m at Auteuil and steps up in journey here. Best efforts give him a chance.
- 2. **LE ROI DAVID** Hasn't raced since finishing 5 lengths away in fourth at Compiegne five months ago. Should be prominent.
- 3. **VINYANN ST LAURENT** Has been finishing at the tail of the field in most recent outings, the latest in a 3200m hurdle at Compiegne. Prepared to risk here.
- 4. **QUINELLO** Tackled a hurdle last time over 3300m at this track but jockey was unseated. Worth another chance.
- 5. **DUKE CHOP** Resumed from a spell last start in a Listed hurdle and was beaten 16 lengths into seventh at Auteuil over 3600m. Worth consideration in this easier level.
- 6. **SCAMPALO** Pulled up at his first start in a jumps race in a hurdle at this track. Confidence may have taken a hit.
- 7. **MADARA** Resuming after having just one career start. Safely held at only appearance when eighth in a hurdle at Auteuil back in March. Can only be improved.
- 8. **JUMPER GRENETIERES** Yet to show much in two starts to date, the latest a 36 length seventh in a hurdle over 3300m at this track. Needs more.
- 9. **GO FAST DU BERLAIS** Gelding by Kapgarde out of Polly's Present. H Lageneste & G Macaire debutant who profiles nicely.
- 10. **JIGTSAR PAM** Not disgraced at first start, finishing midfield but not too far from the winner when a 5.5 lengths fourth over 3200m at Dieppe. Should be improved but place prospects appear best.
- 11. **TIGER DE JUILLEY** Unplaced on debut then improved sharply at the latest appearance to score over 3400m on the flat at Vittel, getting home by 6 lengths. Key contender.

Summary: GO FAST DU BERLAIS (9) is selected to debut with a victory with the Kapgarde gelding representing a leading stable. DUKE CHOP (5) looks up to challenging for the win following a 16L seventh in the Listed Prix Finot over 3600m at Auteuil on hurdling debut. TIGER DE JUILLEY (11) won by 6L in a 3400m flat race at Vittel. Rates a big threat on hurdles and stable debut. THE DUDE (1) came home 28L fourth in a 3000m hurdle at Auteuil. Dangerous on the form he showed when 3.5L third in the 3000m Prix Wild Monarch at Auteuil on debut.

Selections

GO FAST DU BERLAIS (9) - DUKE CHOP (5) - TIGER DE JUILLEY (11) - THE DUDE (1)

- 1. **DEEP PURPLE STEEL** Made steady improvement last time out at his second career start to finish third over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Progressing well and makes appeal.
- 2. **STATE OF MIND** Made little impression on debut over 1600m Lyon-Parilly when eighth, beaten 11 lengths. Others look better prospects.
- 3. **WINELATO LAUJAC** Made little impression on debut over 1600m Lyon-Parilly when tenth, beaten 15 lengths. Drawn wide and likely to struggle.
- 4. **BASSOON** Went forward on debut last start over 1800m at Dieppe and gave a sight but wound up in eighth, beaten 16 lengths. Has a claiming apprentice aboard. Likely improver.
- 5. **A STOLEN KISS** Fair fourth and beaten 7 lengths over 1400m at Munich (Germany). The race experience will be invaluable. One of the contenders.
- 6. **BEAUTIFUL MEMORY** Finished just 1.2 lengths away in fourth last start over 1800m at Chantilly. Among the top chances.
- 7. **BARZELONA** Did little on debut when beaten 8 lengths into sixth over 1600m at Vittel. Don't think she will trouble this field.
- 8. KARAFON Gelding by Karaktar from Labartoli on debut. Can give a bold sight.
- 9. CHANDOS HOPE Filly by Ito from Chandos Rose on debut. Happy to watch this time.
- 10. MONTY CITY Victory Song filly from Dolce Bambina on debut. Respect any positive betting move.
- 11. KAMMURI DIAMOND Unraced filly by Nathaniel out of Kellemoi De Pepita. Looks set to run well.

Summary: BEAUTIFUL MEMORY (6) is selected to break her maiden at the fourth attempt following a 1L fourth in an 1800m maiden at Chantilly. Leading chance. A STOLEN KISS (5) looks capable of challenging for the win on the back of a 7.75L fourth over 1400m at Munich (Germany) on debut. DEEP PURPLE STEEL (1) placed third in a 2000m claimer at Marseille-Borely. Warrants close consideration. Nathaniel newcomer KAMMURI DIAMOND (11) may deliver a victory on her first outing.

Selections

BEAUTIFUL MEMORY (6) - A STOLEN KISS (5) - DEEP PURPLE STEEL (1) - KAMMURI DIAMOND (11)

- 1. **IGLOO D'ESTRUVAL** Kicked off this campaign nicely in a hurdle at Clairefontaine nearly three weeks ago, finishing third over 3600m. Won't have to improve much to feature. Leading chance.
- 2. **CONSPIRACY THEORY** Did a reasonable job when he finished fourth in a hurdle at Clairefontaine over 3600m last time, following a win in a hurdle at Chateaubriant. Finds a nice race and can bounce back.
- 3. **EZILDA** Four-year-old filly who recorded a strong win in a Vittel hurdle to get off the mark prior to a spell. Resumes after three months break. Could sneak into the finish.
- 4. **JOSHUA'S SPIRIT** Well beaten when 11th last time in a hurdle at Auteuil after a good second over 3400m at Clairefontaine two starts back. Shapes as an each-way chance.
- 5. **LOQUAS** Has shown minimal form in recent runs, the latest over 3600m in a hurdle at Auteuil. Looking elsewhere.
- 6. **MICMAC** Jumper who was unplaced first-up two starts back in a hurdle at Aix-les-Bains. Improved and filled a minor prize last start at Vittel in a hurdle over 3800m, beaten 0.8 lengths. Hard to fault on his best form.
- 7. **I RUN** Things went amiss last start when she fell in a steeplechase at Auteuil. Wasn't beaten too far when second two runs back in a steeplechase over 3700m at Clairefontaine. Cannot be written off.
- 8. **JOLYMIN** Gelding by Muhaymin out of Jolie Lola. Tough assignment at first outing and tempted to favour others.
- 9. **INSTAR DE REVE** Gelding by Crillon out of Unike De Reve. Might just need this first run but watch market for best guide.
- 10. **TRANSFORMER** Has been out of action for 16 months. Last appeared when he ran an improved race to clock-in third over 3400m in a hurdle at Clairefontaine. Looks tested in this line-up.
- 11. **BENITA** Is facing a winning drought of two years, last time out finishing seventh and beaten 17 lengths in a hurdle over 3600m at this track. Long time since a win and needs to do more.
- 12. **GAZELLE DE CERISY** Pulled up over 3600m at Auteuil last start. Capable enough and can figure in the finish if at best.

Summary: IGLOO D'ESTRUVAL (1) is taken to concede weight to his rivals following a 4.25L third in a 3600m hurdle at Clairefontaine. Leading player. CONSPIRACY THEORY (2) raced from the front when finishing 2.75L fourth in a 3600m handicap hurdle at Clairefontaine. Rates a big danger with similar tactics expected. Unraced Crillon gelding INSTAR DE REVE (9) is of note debuting for a useful stable. JOSHUA'S SPIRIT (4) gets a chance down in grade following a 17L eleventh in the Listed Prix Alain Et Gilles de Goulaine handicap hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil.

Selections

IGLOO D'ESTRUVAL (1) - CONSPIRACY THEORY (2) - INSTAR DE REVE (9) - JOSHUA'S SPIRIT (4)

- 1. **MODERN VALUE** Went down by just 0.8 lengths when fourth at Saint-Cloud over 2400m last time out. Tough to beat.
- 2. **DARLING CHALLENGE** Ran below par last time when 12th over 2200m at Longchamp and beaten 23 lengths. Has ability but needs to do more.
- 3. **DIAMAND DE VINDECY** Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished sixth over 2400m at Compiegne on September 14. Place claims.
- 4. **DORTHE** Ran below her best two starts back but hit form again last time when second, beaten one length, over 2400m at Compiegne. Worth including.
- 5. WINGS OF FIRE Finished a good third over 2400m at Chantilly. Among the chances.
- 6. **DEEP SPACE** Fair effort last start when resuming, beaten 2.5 lengths into second over 2400m at Zweibrucken (Germany). Among the chances.
- 7. PLAINE D'ESPOIR Fell last start at this track. Better than that recent performance suggests.
- 8. **HEDRA** Returned from a spell and was safely held when fifth over 2350m at this track. Still early in the prep and might need more time.
- 9. **SCHERWOOD** Ran a better race last start to finish third at this track over 2350m. Will need further improvement to trouble these.
- 10. MAYZEE CHIC Struggled over 1900m at Deauville All Weather last time. Hard to enthuse.
- 11. **GO GO BLITZ** Wasn't expected to do much when fresh from a spell last start at this track over 2350m and wound up in sixth. That run was a bit plain.
- 12. **JECTOT** Good third over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly. Top-three contender.

Summary: MODERN VALUE (1) delivered a 0.75L fourth in a 2400m handicap at Saint-Cloud. Selected to register a first victory. DORTHE (4) came home 1L second in a claimer over 2400m at Compiegne. Dangerous switched to a handicap. DEEP SPACE (6) enters calculations on the back of a 2.5L second tackling 2400m at Zweibrucken (Germany). Supplemented runner WINGS OF FIRE (5) is another to consider following a third over 2400m at Chantilly.

Selections

MODERN VALUE (1) - DORTHE (4) - DEEP SPACE (6) - WINGS OF FIRE (5)

Race 5 - PRIX MARCEL MICHEL - GRAND STEEPLE CHASE DE STRASBOURG - 4200m STPLE QUALIF HCP. Purse EUR €48.000.

- 1. **GROOM BOY** Returned from a 96-day spell last time out with a placing in a 3800m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly. Generally goes well second up. Has the ability to play a big role.
- 2. **FONZI CONTI** Found winning form second up and has won his last two, scoring in a Moulins steeplechase last time by 2.5 lengths over 3800m. Can make it a winning hat-trick.
- 3. **CREALION** Finished last campaign with a fifth at Perth (UK) over 4042m and makes his return today. Can pose a serious challenge.
- 4. **FOX TROT** Had a winning run broken last time out when third in a Pompadour steeplechase. Get chance to return to winning form.
- 5. **HANNALISA** Finished seventh the start before last in a steeplechase at Auteuil. Did a better job last time when she won in a steeplechase at this track over 4200m. Interesting.
- 6. **SWAPOLIE DU MATHAN** Did fairly well when she finished second in a steeplechase at Vittel two runs back. Improved sharply to score a dominant win by 20 lengths over 4200m last time out in a steeplechase at Vittel. Include.
- 7. **APPLE'S CAT** Did well to clock-in second two back in a hurdle at Pompadour. Improved to score in a hurdle at Lyon-Parilly over 3800m 25 days ago, arriving 5 lengths ahead of his rivals. Must be a chance again.
- 8. **HOLD UP TIEPY** Was in the money here last start, beaten a long neck in a steeplechase over 4200m. Looks tested in this line-up.

Summary: SWAPOLIE DU MATHAN (6) won by 20L when racing from the front in a 4200m chase at Vittel. Taken to register a third win in her last four starts. Top chance. APPLE'S CAT (7) delivered a 5L victory in a 3800m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly. Looks capable of playing a hand in the finish. FONZI CONTI (2) completed a double when winning by 2.5L in a chase over 3800m at Moulins. Dangerous for a good yard. CREALION (3) holds claims following a 27L fifth in a 4042m handicap chase at Perth (UK).

Selections

SWAPOLIE DU MATHAN (6) - APPLE'S CAT (7) - FONZI CONTI (2) - CREALION (3)

- 1. **BAY OF EAGLES** Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 4.5 lengths into fifth over 2000m at this track. Strips fitter and expected to feature.
- 2. **LUCKY CHARLIE** Resumes today after filling a placing two times from three starts in his maiden campaign. At the latest outing he finished third over 2000m at this track on May 18. Makes appeal.
- 3. **MOODY CHOP** Was pretty ordinary first-up when 68 lengths away in tenth over 2350m at this track. Not keen on his prospects.
- 4. **NINJO** Disappointing last time when 32 lengths ninth at Compiegne, maintaining the maiden status after 12 runs. Tested again.
- 5. **VADIRUM** Has not raced since finishing a nose away in second over 2400m at Vichy on July 30. Not without claims first-up.
- 6. **CHRISTAL D'ANS** Has not raced since finishing 16 lengths away in fourth over 2600m at Chatillon-Chalaronne on May 23. Expect a bold showing.
- 7. **NANTUCKET** Made her debut over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains last start and was well in the market but could only finish fifth, beaten 4 lengths. Back in journey and can improve.
- 8. **UNA NOVA** Encouraging effort last time when third over 1800m at Evreux. Best efforts give her a live chance.
- 9. **SECRET GLORY** Easily beaten at her last run before spelling and didn't fare any better when resuming over 2350m at this track three weeks ago, beaten 38 lengths into ninth. Can't recommend.
- 10. **GO FOR IT** Has started just twice and hasn't done a great deal, last start finishing fifth and beaten 11 lengths over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly. Can't see her troubling these.
- 11. **ELIZABEA** Hasn't been far away in two career runs, the latest when 1.3 lengths away in fourth over 2000m at this track. Among the better hopes.
- 12. **MILAD'ID** Yet to fill a placing in two career runs and was well beaten last time when 10 lengths back in seventh over 2200m at Amiens. Open to improvement however.
- 13. MONTGINO Gelding by It's Gino from Sesilja on debut. Prefer to see.
- 14. MURMILLO Gelding by Morandi from Cristal Gem on debut. Tough assignment.

Summary: UNA NOVA (8) showed good form when 1.5L third in an 1800m maiden at Evreux. Selected to register a victory stepping up in distance. VADIRUM (5) rates a big threat debuting for a new trainer on the back of a nose second in a 2400m claimer at Vichy. LUCKY CHARLIE (2) placed third when beaten 3.5L tackling a 2000m maiden here. Warrants close consideration. ELIZABEA (11) is another with claims following a 1.25L fourth in a 2000m claiming contest at this circuit.

Selections

UNA NOVA (8) - VADIRUM (5) - LUCKY CHARLIE (2) - ELIZABEA (11)

- 1. **SIXIEME SENS** Last appeared four months ago when he finished 11 lengths from the winner in fourth over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly. May well prove too smart for these first-up.
- 2. **KARYNIA** Was out of the placings two back but turned things around more recently, beaten a head when second over 2100m at Vittel. Worth including.
- 3. **ROUGE DESIR** Has been in the market but missed the frame at his last two starts, the latest when fifth over 2350m at this track. Looks safely held.
- 4. **MY BUDDY** Good effort first up then ran below his best last time, finishing ninth at this track over 2350m. Better than the last start suggests.
- 5. **LINSOUMIS** Ran a better race last start to finish second at Vichy over 2000m. One of the leading chances.
- 6. SILVER MAGIC Good second over 2400m at Vittel. Has ability and is a top-three hope.
- 7. **BEB'S** Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a seventh over 2500m at Nancy, beaten 3.5 lengths. Not keen on his chances.
- 8. **DORALICE** Continued her solid form last time out when third over 2100m at this track, 1.2 lengths from the winner. Racing well and can go on with it.
- 9. **MONALIE** Returned from a spell with fair effort last start when fourth, beaten 3.5 lengths, at this track over 2350m. Prefer others at this stage.
- 10. **HACKLE SETTER** Current form mediocre and he is now winless in 554 days. Finished fourth in his latest appearance over 2500m at Nancy. Can't tip off that performance.
- 11. **BUXUS** Has not raced since finishing 9 lengths away in fourth over 2100m at Limoges in October 2019. Betting can guide.
- 12. **ALWAYS DANCING** Has been out of the placings in recent runs. Last start finished 5.5 lengths from the winner in tenth over 2100m at this track. Has ability and can do much better.
- 13. **IXE BELIN** Didn't do much resuming at Lyon-Parilly 10 days back. Hasn't won for 14 months now. Looks to have a big job ahead again.

Summary: KARYNIA (2) performed well when a head second in a 2100m claiming handicap at Vittel. Looks capable of registering a second win at this venue. SILVER MAGIC (6) delivered a 2L second in a 2400m handicap at Vittel. Expected to challenge for the win. Top weight SIXIEME SENS (1) is expected to take a step forward switched to a handicap following an 11L fourth in a 2400m conditions race at Lyon-Parilly. DORALICE (8) registered a 1L third in a 2100m handicap at this circuit. Warrants close consideration.

Selections

KARYNIA (2) - SILVER MAGIC (6) - SIXIEME SENS (1) - DORALICE (8)

- 1. **KIAZ APAPA** Has had one run back from a break and was well held in fifth over 1900m at Chantilly AW two weeks ago. Fitter but unlikely to threaten.
- 2. **FEARLESS** Handy stayer fitter for two runs back, the latest when seventh over 2000m at Saint-Cloud. Will be improved on the two runs in.
- 3. **SA SAL** Has been very ordinary since winning at Aix-les-Bains four starts back. Beaten 11 lengths when 18th over 2000m at Longchamp last start. Prepared to overlook.
- 4. **CALCUTTA CUP** Hasn't won in two years. Finished sixth, beaten 3.5 lengths, last start over 2000m at Longchamp. Has ability and looks one of the major players.
- 5. **INNIS** Races well over this distance. Won last time out by 0.8 lengths over 2100m at this track. Rates highly.
- 6. **JAZZMEN** Finished second over 3000m at this track at his latest appearance on May 30. Can return with a bold run.
- 7. **EARLY SURPRISE** In the money at Vittel when resuming two runs back then could only manage seventh at Divonne-les-Bains over 2400m four weeks ago. Great chance to atone.
- 8. **AGENDA** Returned form a break over 2100m at this track last start and finished 15th, beaten 41 lengths. Better for that run but others rate better.
- 9. **RHEKAS** Still chasing his that elusive win after 12 career starts. Last appeared when third over 2350m at this track on September 18. Hard to make a case.
- 10. **AGNELLI** Turned in a better run last time out when third over 2100m at Vittel, beaten a long neck. Cannot be disregarded.
- 11. **MOTORSPORT** Returned from a spell and was safely held when sixth over 2100m at this track. Still early in the prep and might need more time.
- 12. **TRULY GLORIOUS** Has not raced since finishing 57 lengths away in 14th over 2100m at Vittel on July 11. Betting can guide.
- 13. **TARCENAY** Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished sixth over 2000m at Vichy on September 26. Will need to find plenty of improvement.
- 14. **RUNNING RAINDROP** Bidding for a hat-trick of wins after scoring by a head over 2100m at this track on September 11. Rates highly.

Summary: INNIS (5) completed a hat-trick when winning by 0.75L over 2100m at this circuit. Taken to continue his winning run. RUNNING RAINDROP (14) looks up to challenging for the win having won by a head over 2100m in a handicap here. JAZZMEN (6) raced from off the pace when 2.5L second tackling a 3000m handicap at this venue. Shortlisted. CALCUTTA CUP (4) showed good form prior to a 3.5L sixth over 2000m at Longchamp. Capable of performing well.

Selections

INNIS (5) - RUNNING RAINDROP (14) - JAZZMEN (6) - CALCUTTA CUP (4)