MARSEILLE BORELY [L-H] - 04 September

Race 1 - PRIX ALL IS VANITY - 1800m CL2. Purse EUR €27,000.

- 1. **START IN FRONT** Second in this class at La Teste beaten 3.5L over 1400m five weeks ago. The third has since won. Solid claims.
- 2. **PURPLEPAY** Runner-up at Vichy eleven days ago beaten 0.5L over 1600m in this grade. In the mix once more.
- 3. **SOLID SPIRIT** Second beaten 0.75L at Vichy in a maiden over 1600m four weeks ago. Needs a bit more to break his maiden.
- 4. **SECRET FEELING** Fourth beaten 5L in this level at Vichy eleven days back. Handicap winner the time before. First time ear plugs. Consider.
- 5. **RECORD THE SHAW** Well beaten on last three outings and difficult to have.
- 6. **BARRUA** Third beaten 1.25L at Mont-de-Marsan in this grade tackling 1400m in July. More than capable.
- 7. **NORWEGIA** Fifth beaten 5.75L at Vichy in this class eleven days ago. This was an improved effort but still needs a bit more.

Summary: PURPLEPAY (2) was runner-up beaten 0.5L at Vichy in this class over 1600m. Could go close once more. START IN FRONT (1) is lightly raced. Finished 3.5L second in this grade tackling 1400m at La Teste. The third has won since and looks solid. BARRUA (6) managed a 1.25L third at Mont-de-Marsan attempting 1400m in this level. One to consider. SOLID SPIRIT (3) produced a second at Vichy in a 1600m maiden. Needs more to win but might place.

Selections

PURPLEPAY (2) - START IN FRONT (1) - BARRUA (6) - SOLID SPIRIT (3)

- 1. **MISTER GRENADINE** Tried to make all at Aix-les-Bains in a maiden over 1800m when fifth beaten 3.75L in July. Solid claims.
- 2. **NIGHTS ON BROADWAY** Well beaten on last two outings in handicaps. Going back to a maiden but needs more.
- 3. **CAIRNS** Solid debut at Vichy when fifth beaten 2.75L over 1850m seventeen days ago. Entitled to improve for that and can go close.
- 4. **KALAOS** Midfield in a Clairefontaine 1800m maiden when fifth beaten 8L last week. This looks weaker.
- 5. **KEAT** Sixth beaten 3.25L at Vichy in a maiden over 1850m seventeen days back. One to consider.
- 6. MISS COQUIN Not shown enough in two maidens to date to suggest she can win.
- 7. **TREATY** Tenth beaten 7.5L at Vichy in a handicap over 1600m three weeks ago. Back to a maiden and may find this easier.
- 8. **BUSINESS PLAN** Struggled in a maiden here over 2000m when eighth beaten 8.25L at the end of June. Requires more.
- 9. **HILLARANTE** Fourth beaten 1.75L at Vichy in a maiden over 2000m in July. The second has won since and holds top claims.

Summary: MISTER GRENADINE (1) was 3.75L fifth at Aix-les-Bains in a maiden over 1800m. Likes to make the running and could be hard to beat. HILLARANTE (9) is lightly raced. Finished fourth beaten 1.75L in a Vichy 2000m maiden. Solid chance once more. CAIRNS (3) managed a 2.75L fifth at Vichy in a 1850m maiden and can progress second up. KEAT (5) ran sixth in a maiden beaten 3.25L at Vichy. Place candidate.

Selections

MISTER GRENADINE (1) - HILLARANTE (9) - CAIRNS (3) - KEAT (5)

- 1. **COUPABIA** 11L seventh behind re-opposing rivals in a 1400m maiden at Vichy on debut in July. Progress needed.
- 2. **PERLE ROUGE** Back-to-back placings in maiden company prior to a disappointing run over this trip at Vichy eleven days ago. Could be involved if bouncing back.
- 3. **ALIEN** Improving type and finished a good 1.5L second in a maiden over this trip at Vichy four weeks back. Key chance under a good jockey.
- 4. **BLUE WINGS** 1.75L runner up behind a subsequent winner in a 1400m maiden at La Teste on debut in July. Leading claims for a good yard.
- 5. **MAMMALINA** Shaped better than the bare result when 10L sixth in a 1200m newcomers event at Saint-Cloud in May. Should find this more suitable but upped in trip.
- 6. **SEPTANTE** Showed up nicely when 5L third (Alien second) in a maiden over this distance at Vichy 29 days back. Open to improvement.
- 7. **GIACOSA CAVALLA** Well-held on debut beaten 18L behind some of these. Major improvement required.
- 8. **ALROMY** Runner up in three of her four career outings including when in-front of Alien in a 1400m maiden at Vichy in July. Leading chance.
- 9. **BEAUTY QUEEN** 5L third in a 1300m newcomers event on debut at Deauville eighteen days ago. Key player.

Summary: A tricky 1600m maiden with plenty of possibilities and the market may prove a valuable guide. The consistent ALROMY (8) finished second in three of her four career outings including when ahead of Alien attempting a 1400m maiden at Vichy in July. Leading claims with experience a positive. The formerly mentioned ALIEN (3) is progressing with racing. Finished a good 1.5L runner up in a maiden over this trip at Vichy. Key contender under a good jockey. The once-raced pair BEAUTY QUEEN (9) and BLUE WINGS (4) are open to improvement and must be respected.

Selections

ALROMY (8) - ALIEN (3) - BEAUTY QUEEN (9) - BLUE WINGS (4)

- 1. **RAISE THE STAKES** Missed the placings in a pair of tougher handicaps but a frame contender on earlier course form.
- 2. **DANCE COLONY** 2.75L fifth in a stronger level Clairefontaine handicap over this journey (soft) seventeen days ago. Consider eased in grade.
- 3. **BLACK WIDOW** Mixed handicap form this term but has been behind subsequent winners in each of her previous six outings. Not ruled out for a placing.
- 4. **NAVALIS** Down the field in a couple of AW handicaps but could find progress back on turf from a reduced mark.
- 5. **MISTER JINGLE** Infrequent winner who finished down the field at Vichy over 1000m fourth up. Others readily preferred.
- 6. RIBOT DREAM Three underwhelming efforts since resuming. Others make more appeal.
- 7. **ROBIN DES PLAGES** 6L sixth in this company at Cavaillon over the same distance two weeks ago. Step forward required.
- 8. **CHEEKY TRAOU LAND** Mixed handicap form from this weight recently. Each way appeal with a favourable course record.
- 9. ITS ALL CLASS Unplaced in twelve course and distance outings thus far. Hard to enthuse.
- 10. **NIGHT OF THE OPERA** Down the field in previous three runs at this level. Minor role likely.
- 11. **CALADIYNA** Never threatened in a trio of course handicaps before an absence. Best watched for a new trainer.
- 12. **EMPERATOR** 4.5L eighth in this grade here three starts ago. Could lead for a long way edging down the weights.

Summary: DANCE COLONY (2) delivered a 2.75L fifth at Clairefontaine among tougher company over this trip. Expected to go close dropping in class tackling a winnable event. RAISE THE STAKES (1) holds major claims attempting this easier level after a pair of outings in stronger handicaps. Brings good course form. EMPERATOR (12) is of note. Capable of setting the pace and may make the frame. CHEEKY TRAOU LAND (8) races well at this venue. Capable of a bold showing if giving best.

Selections

DANCE COLONY (2) - RAISE THE STAKES (1) - EMPERATOR (12) - CHEEKY TRAOU LAND (8)

Race 5 - PRIX ANDRE GREGORI - 1200m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

- 1. **ELEVEN O TWO** Beaten a long way on reappearance in an Marseille Vivaux AW handicap over 1500m. Could improve dropped in trip second up.
- 2. **MANAROLA** Seventeen race maiden who ran second in a Vichy handicap at this level over 1400m. Each-way appeal.
- 3. **EMPIRIC** Improved 2L fifth dropped to this distance at Argentan last month. Leading hope eased 0.5kg.
- 4. **LA KAHENA** Two placings from twelve career outings. Continues to slide down the weights so cannot be ignored for a placing.
- 5. VIA CAPPELLA Infrequent winner who has been off the track for 551 days. Entitled to need this.
- 6. **LA VENELLOISE** 29 race maiden who has finished fourth in each of her previous two handicap outings over further. Drop to a new journey could spark progress with a top jockey booked.
- 7. LOVE TO EXCEL Dual winner over this distance and fairly consistent at this level. One to note.
- 8. **ASTERION** Experienced campaigner who has finished down the field in previous pair of similar handicaps. Others preferred.
- 9. **MEHANYDREAM** Improved 0.75L runner up in this grade at Argentan five days ago. Thereabouts with a similar effort.
- 10. **MIRASOL** Down the field in this company prior to an absence. Prefer to watch on her comeback.

Summary: LOVE TO EXCEL (7) is dual winner over this distance. Maintains consistent form at this standard and is one of the main chances given the right run. MEHANYDREAM (9) improved with a second among this company at Argentan. Expected to go well. EMPIRIC (3) was another who progressed in latest. Key player from a 0.5kg drop in the weights. MANAROLA (2) might yet be without a win however could find a placing if replicating a good Vichy second.

Selections

LOVE TO EXCEL (7) - MEHANYDREAM (9) - EMPIRIC (3) - MANAROLA (2)

Race 6 - PRIX COLONEL MALDAN - 1200m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €17,000.

- 1. **WASACHOP** 3kg higher than when successful over 1100m in this grade earlier in the campaign. Not ruled out.
- 2. MUCHO MACHO Impressive 4.5L success two starts ago at this level. Major claims if replicating.
- 3. **YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK** Below par effort at Compiegne over 1400m 39 days ago. Could bounce back having scored on sole course and distance effort.
- 4. **BESTING** Two moderate 1400m efforts since resuming. Significant improvement required.
- 5. **GALOUBET** Down the field but not beaten far at Vichy over 1400m last month. Could cause a surprise with an unbeaten record over this track and trip.
- 6. CAP ROCAT 2.5L fifth in this class over the same distance at Aix-les-Bains 55 days ago. Solid pick.
- 7. **SAMURAJ** Consistent in similar handicaps this term. Each way respect with a record of four placings from nine attempts at the journey.
- 8. **DREAM LIFE** Behind Mucho Macho at Aix-les-Bains over this distance 52 days ago. Entitled to go close.
- 9. MAKALIA No threat in three handicap starts at this level since resuming. Step forward needed.
- 10. **ACTUALLY IN LOVE** Fair 2.5L fifth in a similar level Vichy 1400m handicap last month. Consider with a good track record.

Summary: MUCHO MACHO (2) could confirm placings with DREAM LIFE (8) after finishing 2L ahead at Aix-les-Bains. Strong claims if forgiving a below par effort in latest. The latter should get close to the main selection this time and boasts sound credentials. CAP ROCAT (6) is respected after a 2.5L fifth in this company. Looks the key pace angle in the race. YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK (3) holds each way appeal if able to replicate a win on sole course and distance outing. Include.

Selections

MUCHO MACHO (2) - DREAM LIFE (8) - CAP ROCAT (6) - YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK (3)