

LYON LA SOIE - 05 January

Race 1

1. **ANOTHER PLANET** - 7L seventh in a claimer here three starts ago. Unlikely to feature.
2. **BOKEN** - 1L fifth at this level here over the same trip on penultimate start. Place chance.
3. **ERNAN CORTES** - One from two on this surface. Could be capable of a forward showing.
4. **HOMME DEBOUT** - No worthwhile form at this venue thus far. Look elsewhere.
5. **BOUMMA DREAM** - Placed once in four outings. Needs progress.
6. **BASSETTE** - Solid placed form in maiden company but prefer to watch on handicap debut.
7. **PRODIGIOUS** - 4L fourth in a Marseilles-VivauX claimer latest doesn't inspire confidence.
8. **LIGHT THE FUSE** - Infrequent winner who needs sharp progress following a break.
9. **AFTER RAIN SUN** - No worthwhile form in claimers since resuming. Look elsewhere.
10. **CHIQUITITO** - Yet to place in six AW outings. Others preferred.
11. **GRAZ** - 3L sixth in a Marseilles-VivauX handicap 13 days ago over 1500m. May have more to offer.
12. **SHAPE OF YOU** - One place from seven outings. Unlikely to trouble the principles.
13. **LAMALINK** - 3L scorer here three back prior to 4L defeat here latest. Considered.
14. **GALAXIE QUEST** - 6L fourth in a Marseilles-VivauX maiden over 2000m 20 days ago. Opposed.
15. **NEVERENDING STORY** - Unplaced in eight career starts. Others preferred.
16. **KING HAPPY** - No worthwhile form thus far. Best watched.

Summary

ERNAN CORTES (3) suggested a liking for the surface winning once from two visits to this circuit and looks likely to be involved in the finish. Top chance. LAMALINK (13) won by 3L here three runs ago. Could make the frame. BOKEN (2) is close to a victory after a 1L fifth at this venue two back. Thereabouts. GRAZ (11) can go well after some good recent form.

Selections

ERNAN CORTES (3) - LAMALINK (13) - BOKEN (2) - GRAZ (11)

Race 2

1. **COMETIC STAR** - One from three on the AW with a course win over 2150m three back. Thereabouts.
2. **LALYROSE** - Unplaced in nine AW starts. Look elsewhere.
3. **ZEPHIR** - One place from nine attempts at this distance. Others preferred.
4. **CAPCHOP** - 4L runner-up over course and distance 18 days ago. Each way.
5. **RAYODOR** - 2L scorer over track and trip on penultimate start. Considered.
6. **MAKHZEN** - One place from 14 AW outings. Needs improvement.
7. **THYMIAN** - Unplaced in both AW starts. Best watched.
8. **LYCAN** - Unplaced in all eight starts. Best ignored.
9. **FAMOUS CHOP** - Three places from 19 AW outings. Others have stronger claims.
10. **BLACK PRINCESS** - Decent form this term but disappointed on this surface two back. Prepared to overlook.
11. **SPOTTED CAT** - 12L defeat here on penultimate outing. Needs to prove effectiveness on Fibresand.
12. **NACHT** - 6L fourth at this level second up. Can make the frame.
13. **RAMSES** - 7L ninth here two back and others have more obvious chances.

Summary

RAYODOR (5) produced a 2L victory over track and trip on penultimate outing. Looks the one to beat. COMETIC STAR (1) maintains chances judging on a course win three starts ago. Thereabouts. CAPCHOP (4) was a 4L runner-up here tackling the journey when last seen. Each way claims. Keep NACHT (12) in mind for a placing if able to replicate some fair form since resuming.

Selections

RAYODOR (5) - COMETIC STAR (1) - CAPCHOP (4) - NACHT (12)

Race 3

1. **PORSENNA** - Eight-time AW winner who demands respect but could needs this after lengthy absence.
2. **GLOBAL PASSION** - 2L tenth in a stronger AW handicap at Deauville over 1900m 19 days ago. Each way.
3. **PAKISTAN TREASURE** - Narrow second over course and distance 32 days ago. Firmly in the mix.
4. **AZACHOP** - Took advantage of a drop in class over track and trip latest. Tougher up in grade.
5. **AERION** - 2L fourth over track and journey 32 days ago. Place option.
6. **MADE TO ORDER** - 16L defeat at this level on reappearance. Minor role likely.
7. **JASNIN** - Mixed claiming form including a win three back. More needed back in handicap company.
8. **HOPALONG CASSIDY** - Kept on well with a third over course and distance 32 days ago. Could run into a place.
9. **FIONA** - 1L scorer at this level prior to disappointing last time out. May bounce back.
10. **DEVIL'S BOY** - Placed three times in 13 AW starts. Others preferred.
11. **LOS ALTOS** - 2L winner in weaker company here 16 days ago. Drops in trip for this rise in class.
12. **SEBECOURT** - Mainly out of form since winning a claimer earlier this season. Looks up against it.

Summary

PAKISTAN TREASURE (3) delivered a close second over course and distance and a reproduction of that effort could be enough. Firmly in the mix. GLOBAL PASSION (2) makes the shortlist following a 2L defeat in a stronger Deauville handicap over 1900m. Each way. FIONA (9) scored here on penultimate outing and might bounce back from latest effort. LOS ALTOS (11) looks capable of making the frame after a last start victory.

Selections

PAKISTAN TREASURE (3) - GLOBAL PASSION (2) - FIONA (9) - LOS ALTOS (11)

Race 4

1. **GULAAN** - 16L defeat here over 1800m on debut 18 days ago. Work to do up in distance.
2. **FOREVER D'ANS** - Yet to place in three maidens. Needs improvement.
3. **MONSIEUR EMILE** - 8L seventh in a similar Marseilles-Vivaux maiden 20 days ago. Others preferred.
4. **LE GARDOLOT** - Sixth in a Deauville maiden on first start. Could progress.
5. **MONJULES** - Beaten a long way in all three outings. Look elsewhere.
6. **HESPEROS** - 9L seventh on first start at Salon-de-Provence. Up in trip.
7. **ATHOUSANDKISSES** - Beaten a long way first time out. Needs marked improvement.
8. **SAOLINK** - Two fair efforts at this venue prior to 1L runner-up latest. Key player.
9. **FOX CHALLENGER** - Improved second up with a narrow defeat here. Go well up in journey.
10. **DESIR WAY** - Unplaced in all three starts. No appeal.
11. **AMICALINO** - 5L fourth on debut at Salon-de-Provence. Each way candidate.
12. **EUSTACHE** - 10L defeat in first career run 57 days previously. Needs sharp progress.
13. **FASTOCH** - 27L reversal on sole outing. Hard to recommend.
14. **GLOBAL MAN** - Beaten out of sight here on debut 47 days ago. Hard to enthuse unless significant improvement.
15. **DARLO** - Belardo gelding on first start. Market check advised.
16. **KALON BREIZH** - Son of Penny's Picnic. Unlikely on first outing unless market speaks favourably.

Summary

SAOLINK (8) put in two fair efforts at this venue prior to a 1L runner-up effort in latest. Key player with a form edge over the rest of the field. FOX CHALLENGER (9) stepped up on a modest debut to produce a narrow margin second here. May go well up in trip. LE GARDOLOT (4) was sixth in a Deauville maiden on first attempt and is not to be taken lightly with progress expected. AMICALINO (11) might secure a placing after displaying ability on debut.

Selections

SAOLINK (8) - FOX CHALLENGER (9) - LE GARDOLOT (4) - AMICALINO (11)

Race 5

1. **WINMAN IN GREY** - Placed three times in 13 runs on the AW and narrow winner two back. Could go well with jockey claim.
2. **HACKLE SETTER** - Yet to win in 13 outings on the AW. Needs more to feature here.
3. **BEST BOWL** - Ran better than his form position suggested in a Deauville handicap 19 days ago. Interesting eased in class.
4. **ELYPSON** - Third on both starts over course and distance including at this level. Place option.
5. **FEUERLILIE** - 10L runner-up in an Amiens claimer on penultimate start. Others have stronger claims.
6. **SCARLETT OF TARA** - 4L fourth when last seen in this company at this venue. Step forward required.
7. **TICKLISH** - Modest efforts in this grade on previous two starts. More needed.
8. **ZADRAK** - Yet to win in 20 AW outings. Shouldn't be a factor.
9. **UN BEAU MEC** - Struggled since resuming including a 13L defeat in a Pornichet claimer two weeks ago. Others more reliable.
10. **INCITATUS** - 12L defeat in a Pau handicap over 2000m on reappearance. Should strip fitter but improvement needed.
11. **UNDER ATTACK** - Career best 2L fourth on reappearance at Lyon-Parilly prior to lengthy absence. Best watched.
12. **TAKE A GUESS** - 4L runner-up over course and distance two back. Each way contender.
13. **HAPPY TO BE** - Beaten a long way in Pornichet claimer two weeks ago. Others more persuasive.
14. **CHIQUIT INDIAN** - Down the field over track and trip latest. Tough task.
15. **GLYSANDRINE** - 20L fourth in Mulheim event over 2200m 10 days ago. Limited appeal.

Summary

BEST BOWL (3) performed better than his form position suggested finishing a 2L twelfth in a Deauville handicap. Interesting eased in class. WINMAN IN GREY (1) was a narrow winner two back and could go well with a capable claimer onboard. One for each way support is ELYPSON (4) who has finished third on both track and trip events. TAKE A GUESS (12) can place on best form.

Selections

BEST BOWL (3) - WINMAN IN GREY (1) - ELYPSON (4) - TAKE A GUESS (12)

Race 6

1. **NAWA THEEQ** - 6L defeat in this standard here 32 days ago. Unlikely to feature.
2. **THUNDER DRUM** - Placed in a Yarmouth (GB) novice event 77 days ago. Interesting.
3. **HEAVEN'S FAIR LADY** - Four places from eight starts. Vulnerable to unexposed types but could make the frame.
4. **LASSANA** - Twice a runner-up here including at this level. Each way claims.
5. **ZILLIPOM** - 11L defeat on debut in a stronger Saint-Cloud maiden. May improve.
6. **MISS HIMALAYA** - 8L fourth in a course maiden over 1800m 18 days ago. Up in distance.
7. **LA BOCA** - Down the field in a stronger Deauville maiden 24 days ago. Others preferred.
8. **ROCHELAISE** - 3L sixth in a course maiden on reappearance. Should strip fitter.
9. **YAKA CHOPE** - 3L eighth in a course claimer on reappearance. Work to do.
10. **RAVAGEUSE** - Down the field in both starts prior to absence. Step forward required.
11. **GREEN SAONOISE** - Saonois filly having first start. Favourable market support would be notable.
12. **MONA LISA** - Unraced Air Chief Marshal filly. Market can guide chances.

Summary

THUNDER DRUM (2) placed in a Yarmouth (GB) novice event. Interesting on stable debut with improvement likely upped in trip. Top chance. LASSANA (4) twice finished runner-up here including at this level. Each way claims. MISS HIMALAYA (6) was 8L fourth on first attempt and may improve. HEAVEN'S FAIR LADY (3) arrives with four placings from from eight runs. Experience could count.

Selections

THUNDER DRUM (2) - LASSANA (4) - MISS HIMALAYA (6) - HEAVEN'S FAIR LADY (3)

Race 7

1. **LEGAL RIGHTS** - Three-time claiming winner including 4L victory at Le Croise Laroche latest. Needs to prove effectiveness on this surface.
2. **CHARMING PRINCE** - 6L ninth in a course handicap over 2400m last month. Drops in class.
3. **MATTINA FORZA** - 1L third in a course handicap over 2400m 18 days ago. Could go well on first attempt at this distance.
4. **BLEUSKY** - 2L third over course and distance on penultimate start. Each way.
5. **MIXOLOGIST** - Down the field in handicaps here over 2400m prior to absence. Interested down in grade and trip.
6. **FRENCHY** - 1L runner-up in Agen claimer two back. Others stronger on this surface.
7. **HAPPY STAR** - 6L defeat when last seen in a claimer. Others preferred.
8. **WELLINGTON ROSE** - Unplaced in eight starts. Others have more convincing profiles.

Summary

MATTINA FORZA (3) finished 1L third in a course handicap over 2400m and may go well on first attempt at this distance. Interesting easing in grade. BLEUSKY (4) went well over track and trip two back. Each way prospect. Don't dismiss MIXOLOGIST (5) who receives a drop in class and distance. CHARMING PRINCE (2) is considered for a placing.

Selections

MATTINA FORZA (3) - BLEUSKY (4) - MIXOLOGIST (5) - CHARMING PRINCE (2)

Race 8

1. **KIAZ APAPA** - 1L third in this standard here 32 days ago. In the mix.
2. **SHUT DOWN** - 1L defeat in a bunched finish at Deauville in a higher grade latest. Interested dropped in class.
3. **FAKE** - Promising 4L fifth in a stronger contest at Salon-de-Provence latest. In the mix.
4. **WHISKEY LULLABY** - Beaten a long way in this class at Le Croise Laroche 34 days ago. Others more persuasive.
5. **PRINCESSE DAUPHINE** - 6L ninth in a Marseilles-Vivau handicap over 2000m 26 days ago. Step forward required.
6. **CINQUANTE ET UN** - Down the field in Pornichet maiden 10 days ago. Sharp progress needed.
7. **TRUE LOLITA** - Went close two back but disappointing 14L defeat in a Limoges maiden latest. May sneak a place.
8. **FRAGA** - Down the field at this level on penultimate outing. Unlikely to feature.
9. **AGENDA** - Twice a runner-up in low-grade German events over 2000m this term. Considered.

Summary

KIAZ APAPA (1) finished among the placings with a 1L third at this level here. In the mix. FAKE (3) could have plenty more to offer after a 4L fifth in a stronger event last time. Interesting facing increased trip. SHUT DOWN (2) could go well down in standard after running better than the finishing position suggested at Deauville latest. AGENDA (9) might deliver a placing first up since a narrow second in Germany.

Selections

KIAZ APAPA (1) - FAKE (3) - SHUT DOWN (2) - AGENDA (9)

