PORNICHET [L-H] - 05 March

Race 1 - PRIX CHALLENGE APGO 2023 (PRIX DU CHATEAU DE LA GROULAIS) - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

- 1. **LUNATICOS** Scored three runs back but has been disappointing in two subsequent efforts, the latest when seventh over 2400m at this track. Out of form and unlikely to threaten.
- 2. **MONSIEUR GEORGE** Finished sixth two runs ago at Deauville All Weather but found form last time out when he scored by 0.8 lengths over 3100m at this track. Excellent prospects in this suitable race.
- 3. **ANGELO DREAM** Last appeared three-and-a-half months ago when he finished 5.5 lengths from the winner in fourth over 4000m at Angers. Don't underestimate.
- 4. **MON VIEUX LEON** Hasn't raced since finishing fourth over 2400m at this track 12 weeks ago. Can return with a bold run.
- 5. **MEANDRO** Ran a solid race last time when 0.9 lengths back in fifth over 1700m at this track. Going okay but others preferred.
- 6. **ROMANCE DE PARIS** Comes here after finishing ninth last time at this track and trip, beaten 6 lengths. Open to plenty of improvement.
- 7. A NOS SOUVENIRS Lightly raced gelding progressing well. Scored his maiden win last start by a nose over 2400m at this track. Key chance.
- 8. **KAPTAIN NORDIK** Won two starts back at this track then finished third last time out over 2400m at this track. Tough to beat on best form.
- 9. **JYCROIS BELLEVUE** Resumes today after filling a minor placing three times from seven starts in his maiden campaign. At the latest outing he finished fourth over 2400m at Bordeaux on November 7. Not keen this time.
- 10. **FIRST DREM** Ran below her best two starts back but hit form again last time when second, beaten a head over 1700m at this track. Should go well again.
- 11. **SPIRIT OF DANCE** Seven-year-old gelding who drops in trip from the latest effort when third over 3100m at this track, finishing 0.9 lengths off the winner. Sure to prove tough to beat.
- 12. **MILORD DE BAREL** Hasn't made an impact in the two appearances since resuming, the latest effort a mediocre seventh over 2400m at this track.
- 13. **ESTIBERE** Last appeared 12 weeks ago when he finished 1.75 lengths from the winner in third over 2400m at this track. Certainly one for the multiples.
- 14. **ONCLE FERNAND** Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when 14th over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather eight days ago, beaten 8 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.

Summary: KAPTAIN NORDIK (8) placed third when beaten 3L over 2400m here. Taken to record a victory having won over the same track and trip prior. MONSIEUR GEORGE (2) looks a danger following a 0.75L triumph in a 3100m handicap here. SPIRIT OF DANCE (11) came home 0.75L third when attempting to make all over 3100m at this venue. Strong claims of returning to winning ways. FIRST DREM (10) is considered following a close second tackling 1700m at this circuit.

Selections

KAPTAIN NORDIK (8) - MONSIEUR GEORGE (2) - SPIRIT OF DANCE (11) - FIRST DREM (10)

- 1. **PREFERENCIA** Returns after a spell of ten weeks. Form at the end of last prep was not flash, the most recent effort a seventh over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Others make more appeal.
- 2. **SPEED OF THOUGHT** Has shown little in two efforts this preparation. Finished 7 lengths from the winner in 13th last time out over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Wait until he produces something more before considering.
- 3. **SERMANDAKFI** Has been out of the money of late including last time out when fourth over 2400m at this track three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 0.9 lengths. Tough to beat if near her best.
- 4. **SASHEMY** Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when fifth over 2100m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 4 lengths. Can turn things around.
- 5. **VOLYNKA** Finds it hard to win. Has just one success to her name but has recorded seven placings from 33 starts. Better effort last time when sixth over 2400m at this track. Among the chances on best form.
- 6. **BURN ONE DOWN** Not a prolific winner with just four victories from 45 starts. Last start finished third over 2100m at this track. Well placed this time and expected to measure up.
- 7. **DEPENDE** Seven-year-old gelding who drops in journey from the last start when third over 2700m at Chantilly All Weather, finishing 4 lengths off the winner. One of the leading chances.
- 8. **LEE DRAGON** Resuming today after a lengthy spell. Usually needs a run or two to find his best form. Maybe later.
- 9. **SEMEUR** Broke a drought when he scored last start over 2100m at this track. Back in form and can go on with it.
- 10. **IGGY CHOP** Has been out of the winners' circle for some time. Last raced when eighth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather, 5 lengths from the winner. Likely to struggle.
- 11. **PARK SQUARE** Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a 13th over 2100m at this track, beaten 7 lengths. Looking to others.
- 12. **BOKRA FIL MISHMISH** Has been below her best for a long time and is now without a win in 541 days. Safely held last time out when eighth over 2100m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago. Looking elsewhere.
- 13. **MIENGO** Has just three wins and three placings from 40 starts. Last start finished 16th over 2100m at this track, beaten 50 lengths. Looking to others.
- 14. **ASTON** Has not raced since finishing half a length away in second over 2100m at Limoges on November 26. Worth noting he filled a minor placing first-up last prep at Limoges. Can return with a bold run

Summary: SEMEUR (9) triumphed by 2L in a 2100m handicap at this circuit. Looks up to completing a double with the step up in distance no issue. BURN ONE DOWN (6) placed third when beaten 3.5L over 2100m here. Bold show looks likely. DEPENDE (7) delivered a 3.75L third having raced from off the pace tackling 2700m at Chantilly AW. Shortlisted. Dual course winner SASHEMY (4) is another to consider following a 3.75L fifth over 2100m at this venue.

Selections

SEMEUR (9) - BURN ONE DOWN (6) - DEPENDE (7) - SASHEMY (4)

Race 3 - PRIX CLUB PHOTO DE PORNICHET (PRIX DU CHATEAU DE BREHET) - 1700m MDN. Purse EUR €13,000.

- 1. **PEDRO WHIP** Back from a break of 11 weeks. Form at the end of last prep was not flash, the most recent effort a tenth over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather. Prefer to see how he has returned.
- 2. **BILBAO** Didn't inspire again last start, beaten 21 lengths over 2100m at this track. Tested on recent form.
- 3. **SIBAWAYH** Returns from a spell after finishing fourth at her last appearance over 2100m at this track on December 8. Can kick off with a big run.
- 4. **BONNY GLITTERS** Yet to finish in the placings from six career runs, the latest effort a eighth over 1300m at Deauville All Weather. Shortlisted on best efforts.
- 5. **BLUES BIRD** Resumes after a spell of nine weeks. Only had one run in the maiden prep and was easily accounted for over 1900m at Deauville All Weather.
- 6. **STAR LUCE** Yet to find the frame in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a eighth over 1700m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago. Major player.
- 7. **ENDLESS CHAIN** Returned from a spell last start with a solid second, beaten one length at this track over 1700m. Fitter and is a leading contender.
- 8. **GLOBAL CONTEXT** Steps out to 1700m for the first time today after a modest effort last time out, finishing 6 lengths away in seventh over 1200m at Nimes. Further improvement is anticipated.
- 9. GARDEN CREEK Unraced gelding by Bow Creek out of Plantation. Keep safe.
- 10. **STAR OF JENNIFER** Has done nothing in three runs to date, the latest when beaten 42 lengths into seventh over 3500m at Pau. Unlikely to threaten.
- 11. **LA PELEMOISE** Unraced filly by Magneticjim out of Meshadora Pelem. No surprise if she measured up.

Summary: ENDLESS CHAIN (7) looks well placed to score following a 1L second in a 1700m handicap at this venue. Leading player. SIBAWAYH (3) rates a big threat having delivered an 8L fourth in a 2100m maiden at this circuit. BONNY GLITTERS (4) came home 10L eighth over an inadequate 1300m at Deauville AW. Better expected back up in distance. GLOBAL CONTEXT (8) showed ability in the UK last year. Step forward likely following a 6.5L seventh tackling 1200m at Nimes on her debut for her current stable.

Selections

ENDLESS CHAIN (7) - SIBAWAYH (3) - BONNY GLITTERS (4) - GLOBAL CONTEXT (8)

Race 4 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE RANROUET - 1700m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

- 1. AROWN Last start scored an upset win over 1700m at this track. Big chance to go back-to-back.
- 2. **PIERRE PREMIER** Won his maiden two back at this track then could only manage fourth last start over 2100m at this track. Has ability and is a top-three hope.
- 3. **DAYAK** Has a sound record on this surface, including a solid second at his latest run over 1700m at this track. Well placed and is worth including.
- 4. **NUITSBLANCHES** Returned from a spell last start with a solid third, beaten 3.5 lengths at Deauville All Weather over 1500m. Sure to run well.
- 5. **FLEXIBILITY** Is back from a spell after showing plenty of ability in the maiden campaign, registering two wins from seven starts. At the latest outing she finished fifth over 1600m at Toulouse on November 11. Likely to measure up.
- 6. **DEAU COEUR** Has not raced for ten weeks. Has figured in the placings when fresh in the past but looks a bit out of her depth.
- 7. **JANARA** Scored her maiden success last time as favourite when resuming from a spell over 1650m at Machecoul. Has upside and can make it two on the trot.
- 8. **TOOGOODFORSCHOOL** Finished midfield last start at Deauville All Weather over 1500m, 3.5 lengths from the winner. Taking this longer journey for the first time. Will need to do a bit more.

Summary: NUITSBLANCHES (4) placed third when beaten 3.25L in a 1500m handicap at Deauville AW. Looks up to registering a second career success. AROWN (1) is expected to challenge for the win following a 1.5L victory in a handicap over this course and distance. Main danger. JANARA (7) rates a threat on the back of a 0.75L victory in a 1650m maiden at Machecoul. DAYAK (3) is another to consider following a 1.5L second at this track and trip. Holds claims.

Selections

NUITSBLANCHES (4) - AROWN (1) - JANARA (7) - DAYAK (3)

Race 5 - PRIX PMU LE PARIS SPORT (PRIX DU SALON DE L'HABITAT DE PORNICH - 2100m MDN. Purse EUR €21,000.

- 1. **DSCHINGIS GRACE** Encouraging first-up run when runner-up at this track over 2100m on February 14. Further improvement in store.
- 2. **SELECTION BIAS** Back from a break of three-and-a-half months. Form at the end of last prep was not flash, the most recent effort a eighth over 1700m at this track. Plenty of more attractive propositions in this race.
- 3. **FAVELA** Drew a poor gate on debut last start over 2100m at this track and finished 7 lengths from the winner in fourth. Can improve.
- 4. **SPEED DE CERISY** Had to contend with a wide draw at her latest run and finished seventh over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer.
- 5. **MOON WAY** Modest efforts in three runs during her maiden campaign and returns for a second prep after a break of 12 weeks. Has upside and can go on to better things this season.
- 6. **PRINCESS LAURA** Well beaten at each of her starts to date. No threat when fourth over 2100m at this track last time out. Looking elsewhere.
- 7. **ARTEMIS HOPE** Back from a spell of four months. Last raced when beaten 7 lengths into fifth over 1900m at Cholet. Maybe later.
- 8. **LUCAN FAST** Started at lengthy odds on debut last start and was pretty plain when 25 lengths back in ninth over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather. Better for that run but others look better placed.
- 9. **KASIMSKA** On debut last start and finished sixth beaten 3.5 lengths over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Tackles a longer journey this time. Improvement likely.
- 10. **LOFSONGUR ISLANDE** Unraced filly by Zarak out of Irlanda. Profiles nicely. Market watch advised.

Summary: DSCHINGIS GRACE (1) suffered a head defeat when runner-up over this course and distance. Selected to go one place better. Top chance. FAVELA (3) debuted with a 7.5L fourth in a newcomers event over this track and trip. Expected to play a part in the finish. MOON WAY (5) looks a threat following a 3.75L sixth over 1900m at Chantilly AW. KASIMSKA (9) is another with claims with improvement likely on the back of a 3.25L sixth in an 1800m maiden at Lyon-la-Soie on debut.

Selections

DSCHINGIS GRACE (1) - FAVELA (3) - MOON WAY (5) - KASIMSKA (9)

Race 6 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE LA BRETESCHE - 2100m MDN. Purse EUR €21,000.

- 1. **SERBER** Resumed from a spell last start with a seventh over 1700m at this track. Will benefit from that run and can feature in the finish.
- 2. **WHITE GLORY** Resumes. Finished off last campaign with an eighth over 1650m at Craon on September 25. Others look to have the edge.
- 3. **SWISS MONEY** Showed he has some talent on debut last start when he found one better when second at Chantilly All Weather over 1900m. Will take a lot from that run. Worth following.
- 4. **CAMAVINGA** Made a promising debut at this track last start finishing runner-up over 2100m. Open to improvement and expected to go on with it.
- 5. **DRUIDE** Resumes today after a disappointing debut on December 28 finishing ninth over 1700m at this track. Others are preferred.
- 6. **GALIWAY D'ANGE** Lines up for the first time since December 8. Closed the last campaign in lukewarm fashion, with a ninth over 1700m at this track the latest offering. Prefer to see how he has returned.
- 7. **PORT OF ENTRY** Beaten 3.5 lengths into seventh when resuming last start over 1500m at Deauville All Weather. Fitter and is expected to do much better.
- 8. **HUBERT** Resumes after a spell of nine months. Only had one run in the maiden prep and was easily accounted for over 1300m at Craon. Can improve so not to be underestimated.
- 9. **QWENKALY** Gelding by Panis who was bought for EUR 1,000 (Arqana 2021 February Mixed Sale) and kicks off here. May pay to keep an eye on betting moves.

Summary: CAMAVINGA (4) performed well when 2L second in a 2100m newcomers race here on debut. Looks capable of breaking his maiden at the second attempt. SWISS MONEY (3) registered a second when debuting over 1900m at Chantilly AW. Strong claims of going one place better. PORT OF ENTRY (7) is likely to show improvement following a 3.5L seventh over 1500m at Deauville AW. Unraced Panis gelding QWENKALY (9) is another to consider.

Selections

CAMAVINGA (4) - SWISS MONEY (3) - PORT OF ENTRY (7) - QWENKALY (9)

Race 7 - PRIX DU CHATEAU DE CAREIL - 2100m HCP. Purse EUR €20,000.

- 1. **LES MOTS BLEUS** Has not raced since finishing 5 lengths away in fourth over 2000m at Angers on November 20. Expected to play a major role.
- 2. **MOON RIDER** Finished midfield over 1500m at Deauville All Weather last time, 3.5 lengths from the winner. Solid top-three prospects.
- 3. **DREAM WUKAIR** Good effort last start when she finished a close second at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather over 2000m. Shapes as a key runner.
- 4. **LIXI** Has not raced since finishing 6 lengths away in sixth over 1400m at Chantilly All Weather on September 21. Worth noting she filled a minor placing first-up last prep at Chantilly. Prefer others.
- 5. **GWENN HA DU** Missed the frame two back when eighth at Deauville All Weather but turned in a better effort last time to finish in the money over 2100m at this track. Hard to beat on that latest effort.
- 6. **OUI JE L ADORE** Won her maiden two back at this track then could only manage fifth last start over 2100m at this track. Disappointing last time and will need to lift.
- 7. **WITH THE STARS** Has not raced since finishing 16 lengths away in eighth over 1350m at Cholet on October 4. Did place first-up last prep at Rochefort-sur-Loire. Will take a lot from this run.
- 8. **KASTIN DES SOURCES** Has not raced since finishing 10 lengths away in fifth over 1900m at Cholet on November 5. Must be included.
- 9. **MUSICANA** Started this campaign in poor form, last start finishing eighth and beaten 11 lengths over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather. Others rate better.

Summary: GWENN HA DU (5) placed second when beaten 2L in a 2100m maiden at this circuit. Taken to deliver a first victory on his second handicap start. Top weight. LES MOTS BLEUS (1) looks a threat on handicap debut having finished 4.75L fourth in a 2000m conditions event at Angers. DREAM WUKAIR (3) warrants consideration on the back of a 0.5L second tackling a 2000m AW claimer at Cagnes-sur-Mer. In the mix. MOON RIDER (2) may take a step forward following a 3.25L sixth in a 1500m maiden at Deauville AW.

Selections

GWENN HA DU (5) - LES MOTS BLEUS (1) - DREAM WUKAIR (3) - MOON RIDER (2)