CHOLET [R-H] - **05 November**

Race 1 - PRIX LORD MAGIQUE - 2950m . Purse EUR €22,000.

- 1. **ICEMAN TO WIN** Handy galloper who has been thereabouts, placing last time at Cluny over 2450m. Expected to run well.
- 2. **ITHANNO** Kicked off this campaign last time out with a ninth over 2400m at Saint Brieuc. Strips fitter this time and can play a role in the finish.
- 3. **HE LA VOILA** Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she scored over 2450m at Cluny on October 8. Can measure up again.
- 4. **HELLO SUN** Didn't inspire again last start, beaten 17 lengths over 2500m at Saint-Cloud. Prepared to risk on recent form.
- 5. **IMA KELLE** Recorded her maiden success three back but has missed the placings at the last two appearances, most recently when seventh over 2500m at Saint-Cloud. Capable of turning things around down significantly in grade. Player.
- 6. **HYDROPUCE** Last seen when finishing ninth over 2950m at this track. Jerome Cabre goes on this time. Key runner on her best efforts.

Summary: IMA KELLE (5) has tackled G1 and G2 company since making a winning debut over 3000m at Le Lion-d'Angers in June. Key contender back down in grade. HE LA VOILA (3) had ICEMAN TO WIN (1) 0.75L behind when winning a 2450m Cluny conditions race four weeks ago. The former looks up to confirming the form although the pair should be involved. HYDROPUCE (6) can feature on the pick of her form.

Selections

IMA KELLE (5) - HE LA VOILA (3) - ICEMAN TO WIN (1) - HYDROPUCE (6)

Race 2 - GRAND PRIX DE CHOLET - 1350m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

- 1. **LANAKEN** Has chalked-up wins at his last two starts, the latest over 1400m at Bordeaux by 3 lengths. Going well and can measure up again.
- 2. **O TRASNO** Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished second over 1400m at Bordeaux on October 15. Right in the mix again.
- 3. **PIMENTO** Just a plain effort first up when seventh over 1200m at Chantilly. Generally goes well with that run under the belt. Will take a lot from that run and is in the mix.
- 4. **BAYOUN** Consistent type much improved by two runs back from a spell. Last start finished fourth beaten 4 lengths over 1400m at Bordeaux. Fitter but needs to do more.
- 5. **LUPO NERO** Resumed over 1400m at Bordeaux where he was well held in sixth and beaten 6 lengths. Fitter and may be worth another chance.
- 6. **CREW DRAGON** Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished second over 1300m at Saint-Cloud on October 11. Winning chance.

Summary: It could pay to stick with the hat-trick seeking LANAKEN (1) who can follow up Class Three and Two conditions wins over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers and Bordeaux. Top claims. CREW DRAGON (6) finished runner-up in a Class Three conditions race over 1300m at Saint-Cloud latest. Key player. PIMENTO (3) finished behind Crew Dragon in a 1200m Class Two at Chantilly but is capable of better. Genuine hope on the figures. LUPO NERO (5) is considered in a tight contest.

Selections

LANAKEN (1) - CREW DRAGON (6) - PIMENTO (3) - LUPO NERO (5)

Race 3 - PRIX DU COEUR VOLANT - 1900m MDN. Purse EUR €16,000.

- 1. **SIXFIVESEVEN** Showed promise on debut last start when beaten just one length into third over 2000m at Compiegne. Should be in the finish.
- 2. **DAMASCO** Made some progress last start to finish sixth over 2000m at Angers when lining up for just the second time. In the mix.
- 3. **GALIWAY D'ANGE** Finished 20 lengths back in eighth on debut over 1400m at Le Pin Du Haras last start. Will take a lot from that outing.
- 4. **PREMIER ORDRE** Went down by just half a length when second at Lyon-la-Soie over 1800m last time out. Shapes as a key runner.
- 5. **KASTIN DES SOURCES** Finished sixth last start over 1900m at this track when he had to contend with an awkward draw. Can improve and holds claims.
- 6. **QUIET DREAM** Went forward on debut last start over 1800m at Nort-sur-Erdre and gave a sight but found one better, beaten 2 lengths. Shapes as a leading chance.
- 7. **WOOD KAY** Son of Birchwood from Elusive Kay on debut. Purchased for EUR 7,000 (Arqana 2021 V.2 Yearling Sale). Tough test at his first outing.
- 8. O'SSITOT Gelding by Olympic Glory from O'keefe on debut. Maybe later.
- 9. **FRENCH ATOLL** Unraced gelding by French Fifteen out of Kendala. Will be better for this outing. Interesting.
- 10. ZILIA REBEL Unraced colt by Le Rebel out of Zillione. Might need this run.

Summary: It was a pleasing debut SIXFIVESEVEN (1) produced when third over 2000m at Compiegne. Leading hope with that experience under his belt. PREMIER ORDRE (4) has finished runner-up on both starts to date at Pornichet AW and Lyon-la-Soie AW. Player switched to turf with first-time cheekpieces fitted. KASTIN DES SOURCES (5) would be firmly involved on the form of his debut fourth over 1950m at Le Mans. FRENCH ATOLL (9) needs a market check first-time-out.

Selections

SIXFIVESEVEN (1) - PREMIER ORDRE (4) - KASTIN DES SOURCES (5) - FRENCH ATOLL (9)

- 1. **TOP DAAY** Two-year-old filly who has been thereabouts at each appearance to date. Last time out finished second over 1600m at Longchamp. Key runner and can get off the mark.
- 2. **FULL COLOUR** Changes rider since being well held last time in tenth over 1600m at Saint-Cloud. Can feature prominently on best form.
- 3. **MOON WAY** Kicked off her career with a moderate sixth, beaten 13 lengths, over 1950m at Le Mans five-and-a-half weeks ago. Needs more time.
- 4. **FUN COUPON** Kicked off her career with a moderate ninth, beaten 12 lengths, over 1500m at Tarbes three weeks ago. Favour others.
- 5. **TERRA BELLA** Wasn't far away on debut, beaten only 2 lengths into sixth over 1900m at this track. Promising type with upside.
- 6. **KOUKLAMOU** Well held at both runs, most recently when beaten 17 lengths into eighth over 1600m at Clairefontaine. Must improve sharply.
- 7. **ARTEMIS HOPE** Did little on debut when beaten 19 lengths into ninth over 1950m at Le Mans. Others look better prospects.
- 8. **MRS RHAPSODY** Finished seventh, beaten 4 lengths, over 1900m at this track on debut. Has upside and can sneak into the finish.
- 9. **LAY LADY LAY** Daughter of Attendu from Pink Shuttle making her debut. Watch the market carefully.
- 10. IRMINA Filly by Seabhac from Riynaaz on debut. Might just need this outing.
- 11. LA BELLE CREOLE Saonois filly from Baie Mahaut on debut. Watch the market carefully.
- 12. **CORONA DOREE** Unraced filly by Herald The Dawn out of Criniere Doree. No surprise if she measured up.

Summary: TOP DAAY (1) is selected to get off the mark at the fifth attempt having been supplemented following a good second off the front in a 1600m Longchamp maiden latest. Notable claims. FULL COLOUR (2) finished a held tenth on handicap debut at Saint-Cloud but will be much more at home returned to maiden company. Key player on the pick of her form. TERRA BELLA (5) was only beaten 2L when sixth over course and distance on debut. Open to improvement. Market support for LAY LADY LAY (9) would be of note.

Selections

TOP DAAY (1) - FULL COLOUR (2) - TERRA BELLA (5) - LAY LADY LAY (9)

- 1. **PHILOSOPHY** Has been well held at the last couple starts, the latest when beaten 13 lengths into ninth over 2000m at Saint-Cloud. May improve now however back at this course. Consider.
- 2. **GORMLAITH** Winner two back but couldn't go on with it last start when 12th over 1950m at Les Sables. Can bounce back and rates highly.
- 3. **LE GARDOLOT** Has been below his best for a long time and is now without a win in 369 days. Safely held last time out when 14th over 2900m at Clairefontaine two-and-a-half weeks ago. Won't be bothering these.
- 4. **TOP GLORY** Fitter for two runs from a break but hasn't done a lot this campaign, last start beaten 14 lengths into 12th over 1600m at Clairefontaine. Improvement to come.
- 5. **FAN ZONE** Finished midfield last start at Clairefontaine over 1600m, 12 lengths from the winner. Steps up in distance today.
- 6. **CREAM ICE** Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished eighth over 2250m at Niort on October 23. Finds the right race to bounce back.
- 7. **ILDOUCE FLECHOIS** Finds it hard to win. Last start finished tenth at Clairefontaine beaten 7 lengths. Worth another chance.
- 8. **JONH FOR ALWAYS** Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when 12th over 1350m at this track two weeks ago, beaten 19 lengths. Prefer to see him back in form.
- 9. **DEEP STATE** Finding it hard to break through, finishing 11th last time out over 1900m at Deauville AW. Unlikely to threaten.
- 10. **AL RASSOUL** Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 1950m at Les Sables on October 16. Likely to play a big role.
- 11. **LE DEPUTE** Finds it hard to win. Has just six wins to his name but in the placings a further nine times from 70 career starts. Last start finished ninth at Niort beaten 13 lengths.
- 12. **RUE DAUPHINE** Four placings from 44 career starts but just the one win. Last start finished sixth at Saint-Malo beaten 4 lengths. Can feature with the right run.
- 13. **MAGIC SENORA** Failed to fire when resuming from a break last start over 1950m at Les Sables, finishing a well-beaten ninth. Unplaced in two prior second-up attempts. Happy to risk.
- 14. **NANAWEST** Form since resuming has been disappointing, last start finishing tenth over 1900m at Deauville AW. May make amends.
- 15. **RAVEN RIDGE** Hasn't won in two years. Finished seventh, beaten 9 lengths, last start over 2250m at Niort. Rates well.

Summary: GORMLAITH (2) won back-to-back Class Fours prior to showing absolutely nothing when twelfth over 1950m at Les Sables. Could be worth chancing her bouncing back to form in what looks a suitable event. AL RASSOUL (10) finished third in that Les Sables Class Four handicap and cannot be ignored. PHILOSOPHY (1) needs to bounce back but is two from three at this venue. ILDOUCE FLECHOIS (7) could find the frame.

Selections

GORMLAITH (2) - AL RASSOUL (10) - PHILOSOPHY (1) - ILDOUCE FLECHOIS (7)

- 1. **THINDY** Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished sixth over 2600m at Fontainebleau on October 15. Beaten comfortably last time out but this suits.
- 2. **BAILEYS DIAMANT** Stepping up in trip after finishing seventh over 2100m at Toulouse last time out. Can improve on the latest effort and is expected to be in the finish.
- 3. **GOLD D'AZE** The latest effort a seventh over 3400m at Les Sables. Likely improver who is among the place chances.
- 4. **KENOTE** Pulled up over 3600m at Saint Brieuc. Getting beaten too easily and looks tested again.
- 5. **MONTE CINTO** Has ability but wins are rare. Has just two wins to his name but in the placings a further 12 times from 45 career starts. Last start finished eighth at Le Croise-Laroche. Among the chances if brings best form.
- 6. **JECK YEAH** Unplaced at all three runs this prep, the latest when seventh over 2200m at Craon five-and-a-half weeks ago. Hard to fault if at his best.
- 7. **ELYT OF GOLD** Bidding for a hat-trick of wins after scoring by 4.5 lengths over 2400m at Pornichet on October 5. Rates highly and can feature in the finish.
- 8. **ANTAIOS** Made it three unplaced runs from three starts this prep when fourth over 2600m at Landivisiau four weeks ago. Can turn things around.
- 9. **MOUSSON D'EVAILLE** Hasn't threatened in two runs back from a spell. Pulled up last time out over 2800m at Moulins. Likely to struggle again.
- 10. **PROUD PENELOPE** Hasn't raced since finishing 11th over 3100m at Pornichet ten months ago. Others preferred.
- 11. **IRISH RAMBO** Has ability but wins are rare. In the placings six of 27 career starts but just the one win. Better effort last time when second at Clairefontaine. Can contest for a minor placing.
- 12. **PERLE DE VATI** Two wins to her name but in the placings a further six times from 35 career starts. Better effort last time when fourth at Clairefontaine. Holds claims.
- 13. **GUYLVESTRE DU ROC** Unplaced in 10 career starts. Hard to see his poor record changing today so preferring others.
- 14. **MRS SARA BARELIERE** Steps out to 2950m for the first time today after a modest effort last time out, finishing 21 lengths away in 12th over 1800m at Nort-sur-Erdre.
- 15. **SUN DE L'ORME** Recent form has been below par. Last start finished 9 lengths adrift in seventh over 2900m at Clairefontaine. Looking elsewhere.

Summary: ELYT OF GOLD (7) had a subsequent winner behind at Sables-sur-Sarthe before following up in a 2400m Class Four handicap at Pornichet AW. Could be up to completing the hat-trick in current form. IRISH RAMBO (11) was narrowly beaten when runner-up in a 2900m Class Three handicap at Clairefontaine. Obvious appeal with the winner having scored since. THINDY (1) would be in the mix if replicating his Amiens handicap third two starts ago and PERLE DE VATI (12) looks an interesting eachway option.

Selections

ELYT OF GOLD (7) - IRISH RAMBO (11) - THINDY (1) - PERLE DE VATI (12)