AUTEUIL - 07 March

Race 1

1. **METASEQUOIA** - Put an unseat behind him when winning a 3900m chase by 10L at Pau (heavy) at the start of last month. Bold show expected.

2. HELOY DELABARRIERE - Successful by 2L in a 3700m chase at Pau (soft) in January. Strong claims.

3. **HOSOKAWA SPORT** - Returning from a break when winning by 2L in a 3700m chase at Angers (very heavy) just under three weeks ago. One to note.

4. MISTER DINO - 2L second over 3700m at Angers (very heavy) last month. Step forward required.

5. HEVA ROSE - Fair 11L third in a 3500m hurdle at Pau (heavy) four weeks ago. Improvement required.

6. SAINT PATIS - Absent since a 1L victory in a 3700m hurdle at Bordeaux (soft) in November. Of note in this stronger looking affair.

7. IL RIDOTO - Nose winner of a 3500m handicap hurdle at Pau (heavy) just under four weeks ago. Claims on debut over fences.

8. TRHELIGA - Successful by 8L in a 3500m chase on very heavy ground at Toulouse in October. Leading contender.

Summary

TRHELIGA (8) may complete a double having won by 8L a 3500m chase at Toulouse. METASEQUOIA (1) makes the shortlist on the back of an impressive 10L triumph in a 3900m chase at Pau. HELOY DELABARRIERE (2) enters calculations having delivered a 2L success in a soft ground chase over 3700m at Pau. HOSOKAWA SPORT (3) is respected following a 2L victory in a 3700m chase at Angers.

Selections

TRHELIGA (8) - METASEQUOIA (1) - HELOY DELABARRIERE (2) - HOSOKAWA SPORT (3)

1. MELCHIEF - Delivered an easy 8L victory in a 4100m hurdle at Angers (very heavy) just under four weeks ago. Top chance.

2. HAPPY MONARCH - 15L third in the 5300m Listed Grand Steeple-Chase de Bordeaux at Bordeaux (soft) in November. Strong claims down in trip.

3. **DAKAR** - Absent since a 52L 11th in the Listed Prix Violon II handicap hurdle chase over 4400m on soft ground here in September 2019. Others preferred.

4. **NIBLAWI** - 2L second in a 4124m selling hurdle at Leicester (soft) in December. Noted on debut for a yard who do well with their French runners.

5. **KING ELVIS** - Off the track since an 8L fourth in a 3600m hurdle on soft going at Clairefontaine in August 2019. Likely to improve for the race.

6. ESTONIA SPORT - Struggled 27L tenth in a 2350m conditions race at Machecoul (soft) last month. Likely to struggle in this grade.

7. **THRILLING** - Held 44L seventh in the G3 Prix Morgex chase over 4400m on heavy ground here in November 2019. Better expected on return to hurdles.

Summary

MELCHIEF (1) may complete a double following an easy 8L victory over 4100m at Angers. HAPPY MONARCH (2) is considered back hurdling having finished a 15L third in the 5300m Listed Grand Steeple-Chase de Bordeaux at Bordeaux. THRILLING (7) might play a role in the finish returning to hurdling after a 44L seventh in the G3 Prix Morgex over 4400m on heavy ground at this circuit. NIBLAWI (4) warrants thought delivering first start for new connections having been beaten 2L into second in a 4124m selling hurdle at Leicester (UK).

Selections

MELCHIEF (1) - HAPPY MONARCH (2) - THRILLING (7) - NIBLAWI (4)

1. **CAFERTITI** - Faded late when 5L fourth in the G3 Grand Prix de la Ville de Nice over 4600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer (very heavy) in January. Claims on best form.

2. **GABORIOT** - Victorious by 9L in a 4400m chase on very heavy ground here in November. Strong claims on seasonal reappearance.

3. **STERNKRANZ** - Caught the eye when 2L third in the G3 Grand Prix de la Ville de Nice over 4600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer (very heavy) in January. One to note.

4. FRET D'ESTRUVAL - DQ in a 4000m handicap chase on very heavy ground at Pau in January. Claims on earlier form.

5. **ENFANT ROI** - 4L fourth in a 4000m handicap chase on very heavy going at Pau just under seven weeks ago. Leading contender back up in trip.

6. EDIBOUM - 5L third in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) a month ago. Notable runner.

7. **MILANESCA** - Fallen on her two most recent starts including in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) last month. Others look more reliable propositions.

8. **DIFFLY RIVER ANN** - 12L third in a track and trip handicap chase on very heavy ground in December. Likely to improve for his seasonal reappearance.

9. FANFARON SPECIAL - Held 22L fifth in a course and distance handicap chase on very heavy ground in November. Minor role likely.

10. DOUX DINGUE - Below par 52L eighth in a 4400m handicap chase on very heavy going here in November. Others preferred.

11. **TSAR NOIR** - Successful by 6L in a 3800m handicap chase on very heavy ground at Cagnes-sur-Mer in January. 3.5kg higher in the weights.

12. SERGENT PEPPER'S - Winner of a 4400m chase on very heavy going here by 1L in November. Open to improvement.

13. BANDERO - Fair 12L fourth in a heavy ground 4000m handicap chase at Pau last month. Likely to find a few too good.

14. **ESPION DE VINDECY** - Absent since a 77L sixth in a track and trip handicap chase on very heavy ground here in October. Best watched.

15. **FILOVENT** - Winner two back but struggled in a track and trip handicap chase on very heavy ground here in November. Best watched.

16. **DROP FLIGHT** - Pulled up on two of his last three starts including in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) last month. Improvement required.

Summary

ENFANT ROI (5) may deliver a victory revisiting this distance following a 4L fourth in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau. GABORIOT (2) makes the shortlist having delivered a 9L track and trip success on very heavy going. EDIBOUM (6) can play a role in the finish following a 5L third in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau. Representing a top stable SERGENT PEPPER'S (12) enters calculations. Won a 4400m chase by 1L on very heavy going at this circuit. STERNKRANZ (3) is considered after a 2L third in the G3 Grand Prix de la Ville de Nice over 4600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer.

Selections

ENFANT ROI (5) - GABORIOT (2) - EDIBOUM (6) - SERGENT PEPPER'S (12) - STERNKRANZ (3)

1. PLANTEUR DAVIER - Down the field in a 1300m handicap at Chantilly in January. Best watched switched to hurdles.

2. FULL COURT PRESS - Struggled 15th over 1600m at Saint-Cloud (heavy) in November. Minor role likely on first hurdles start.

3. BEST BOWL - Fair 5L sixth over 3200m at Cagnes-sur-Mer (very heavy) in January. Likely to improve for the experience.

4. **GKING** - 7L seventh in a 3000m maiden at Fontainebleau (soft) on debut in February last year. Others preferred on first jumps start.

5. BLISS FOR EVER - Held 8L 11th in a 2000m handicap at Fontainebleau (soft) in September. Strong claims on jumping debut for a top stable.

6. GOLD CONTI - 27L sixth in a 3000m conditions race at Angers (very heavy) last month. Step forward needed on hurdles debut.

7. KINOCHKA - Unraced Martaline gelding. Claims with a top jockey booked on debut.

8. SENATORIAT - Held 18L fourth in a 2000m claimer at Aurillac (good-to-soft) in August 2019. Best watched.

9. KISS DE LIAF - Unraced Forthe Millionkiss gelding. Minor role likely.

10. GOLDEN TWIG - Unraced Noroit mare. Others make more appeal.

11. **NAT KING** - Dual Flat winner was beaten 22L seventh in a 2000m conditions race at Saint-Cloud (heavy) in November. Stable debut.

12. BACHELIER - Unraced Coastal Path gelding. Bold show expected on debut.

13. GRANDE RAFFLES - Unraced Kapgarde mare. Claims on first start.

14. GOLDEN WITCH - Fair 8L ninth in a 2000m handicap at Pau six weeks ago. Others make more appeal.

15. FOREARMED - 4L fourth in a heavy ground 1600m handicap at Compiegne last October. Stable debut.

Summary

BLISS FOR EVER (5) can make a winning debut over hurdles having joined a top jumps trainer since an 8L eleventh in a 2000m handicap at Fontainebleau. BACHELIER (12) is a yet to race Coastal Path gelding who is considered for the win. KINOCHKA (7) warrants thought. This Martaline gelding secures a leading jockey for his first outing. NAT KING (11) won twice on the flat and may deliver a big effort on stable debut.

Selections

BLISS FOR EVER (5) - BACHELIER (12) - KINOCHKA (7) - NAT KING (11)

1. GUARDAMAR - Held 14L seventh in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) last month. Claims on earlier form.

2. GERYVILLE - Fair 10L fourth in a 3600m chase at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. More needed.

3. GREEN LINK - Good 3L second in 3800m chase on soft-to-heavy going at Angers last month. One to note.

4. GEORGES SAINT - Victorious by 3L in a 4000m chase at Pau (heavy) just over five weeks ago. Top chance.

5. GNAFRON - Ended last year with a 6L third in a 4400m chase on very heavy going here in November. Claims on return to action.

6. GALOP DU BOSC - Faded when 30L third in a 4000m hurdle at Cagnes-sur-Mer (heavy) in early January. Others make more appeal.

7. HARDI BLUE TROIS - Successful by 1L in a 3700m chase at Pau (very heavy) in January. Notable runner.

8. **GENTLEMAN WINNER** - Failed to finish both previous starts including when falling in a 3800m chase at Angers (very heavy) last month. Others hold more obvious claims.

9. GOOD WORK - Head second in a 3850m chase at Craon (very heavy) in November. Bold show expected.

10. GOAS MAT - Delivered a 4L victory in a 3800m claiming hurdle at Pau (heavy) in January. This looks a tougher affair.

11. **GRAND SUD** - G3 hurdles winner in Italy in 2019 and is making his French debut following a third in a 3500m hurdle at Pisa in January.

12. GRACE DE DIEU - Good 5L second in 3800m chase at Angers (very heavy) just under three weeks ago. One to note.

Summary

GOOD WORK (9) may go one better than when beaten a head into second in a 3850m chase at Craon. The winner that day was GRACE DE DIEU (12) and she is respected after finishing 5L second in a 3800m chase at Angers last start. GEORGES SAINT (4) makes the shortlist having won a 4000m chase at Pau by 3L. GREEN LINK (3) is one to note following a 3L second in a very heavy ground 3800m chase at Angers.

Selections

GOOD WORK (9) - GRACE DE DIEU (12) - GEORGES SAINT (4) - GREEN LINK (3)

1. **GALOP MARIN** - Ended last year with a 1L victory in the G1 Grand Prix d'Automne over 4800m on very heavy going here in November. Leading contender.

2. **PAUL'S SAGA** - Disappointing 19L second in the Listed St Marys Land Warwick Mares' Hurdle over 4225m at Warwick (heavy) last month. Strong claims of making amends.

3. FLYING STARTANDCO - Victorious by 2L In the G3 Prix Leopold d'Orsetti at Compiegne (heavy) in November. Bold show expected.

4. **BERJOU** - Successful by 1L in the G3 Grand Prix de la Ville de Nice chase over 4600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer (very heavy) in January. Others preferred on return to hurdles.

5. **LE MANS** - 4L third in the Listed Grande Course de Haies de Cagnes over 4300m at Cagnes-sur-Mer (very heavy) in January. More needed.

6. **POLIRICO** - Absent since pulling up in the G3 Prix Leopold d'Orsetti over 3800m at Compiegne (heavy) in November. Minor role likely.

7. **BECQUARAINBOW** - Completed a double when winning the Listed Prix Francois de Poncins over 3600m on very heavy ground here at the start of December. One to note.

8. **TENERIFE SEA** - 2L victory in the Listed Grande Course de Haies de Cagnes over 4300m at Cagnes-sur-Mer (very heavy) in January. This looks a tougher affair.

9. LORADAME - Victorious by 2L in the G3 Prix Andre Michel over 3600m on very heavy ground here in November. Notable runner on seasonal reappearance.

10. **GRAND MESSE** - Faded when 12L sixth in the G1 Prix Renaud du VIvier over 3900m on very heavy going here in November. Improvement required.

Summary

The benefit of a run may see PAUL'S SAGA (2) register a victory following a 19L second in the Listed St Marys Land Warwick Mares Hurdle over 4225m at Warwick. GALOP MARIN (1) is respected having won the 4800m G1 Grand Prix d'Automne by 1L on very heavy going here. FLYING STARTANDCO (3) makes the shortlist after winning the 3800m Prix Leopold d'Orsetti by 2L at Compiegne. BECQUARAINBOW (7) is considered upped in grade securing a win by 6L in the 3600m Listed Prix Francois de Poncins on very heavy going at this circuit.

Selections

PAUL'S SAGA (2) - GALOP MARIN (1) - FLYING STARTANDCO (3) - BECQUARAINBOW (7)

1. NO RISK FOR YOU - 5L fourth in a 3800m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) 17 days ago. Of note having been supplemented for this event.

2. **FATAL BEAUTY** - Returning from a break when 10L fourth in a 3850m handicap chase at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. Others make more appeal.

3. BERYL BAIE - Good 3L second in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) last month. Strong claims on stable debut.

4. LE GRAND VERT - Ended last year with a 1L second in a 4400m chase on very heavy going here in November. Bold show expected.

5. EASTER BOY - Pulled up in a 3850m handicap chase at Fontainebleau (soft) 17 days ago. Capable of better.

6. GALET DES FOSSES - 7L third in a 3600m chase on very heavy ground here in early December. Stamina to prove upped in trip.

7. **RADIOLOGUE** - Fair 14L fourth in a heavy ground 3800m handicap hurdle at Pau at the end of January. Others make more appeal.

8. BELHOM DE JUILLEY - Good 10L second in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) just under a month ago. Notable contender.

9. EVERY BERE - Struggled 26L ninth in a 3900m hurdle on very heavy ground here in November. More needed.

10. WELL DONE D'OC - Pulled up in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) early last month. Others hold more obvious claims.

11. FEU DU LARGE - Faded when 25L sixth in a 3900m chase on very heavy going at Pau in December. Improvement required.

12. TOUZ DAY - Pulled up in a 3800m hurdle on very heavy ground at Pau in January. Minor role likely.

13. **FEU FOLLET SIVOLA** - 11L second in a 3850m claiming chase at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. Looking for a first victory at the 26th time of asking.

14. GUNAR - Pulled up in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) last month. Others preferred.

15. ACTA EST FABULA - Absent since a 20L third in a 3700m chase on very heavy going here in December. Claims back in a handicap.

16. DON CORLEONE - Held 19L fourth in a heavy ground 4000m handicap chase at Pau last month. Improvement required.

17. **ROYAL NAVY WARSHIP** - 22L fifth in a 4200m handicap chase at Cagnes-sur-Mer (heavy) at the end of December. Minor role likely.

18. BENEVOLAT - Struggled 31L seventh in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) last month. Others preferred.

Summary

LE GRAND VERT (4) may deliver a victory having been beaten 1L into second in a 4400m chase on very heavy going at this track. BERYL BAIE (3) is considered after finishing a 3L runner-up tackling a 4000m handicap chase at Pau. BELHOM DE JUILLEY (8) is respected following a 10L second in a handicap chase over 4000m at Pau. Supplemented runner NO RISK FOR YOU (1) is noted having ran 5L fourth in a 3800m Fontainebleau hurdle.

Selections

LE GRAND VERT (4) - BERYL BAIE (3) - BELHOM DE JUILLEY (8) - NO RISK FOR YOU (1)

1. **KERFANY** - Pulled up in a 3800m handicap hurdle at Pau (very heavy) in January. Others preferred.

2. ALCATRAZ ISLAND - Impressive 11L winner of a 4000m hurdle at Cagnes-sur-Mer (heavy) in January. Strong claims.

3. **PACHA SENAM** - Good 6L second in the 4400m G3 Prix Morgex chase on very heavy going at this track in November. Top chance.

4. **PRINCE DU ROUME** - Held 14L seventh in the Listed Prix Guillaume de Pracomtal over 3600m on very heavy going here last October. Claims on earlier form.

5. HOUADH - 2L second over 4000m at Cagnes-sur-Mer (heavy) in January. One to note.

6. ANGE DE JUILLEY - Successful by 2L in a 3800m hurdle at Angers (very heavy) just under three weeks ago. Notable runner.

7. **SAIGNON** - Completed a double when victorious by 8L in a 3800m chase at Cagnes-sur-Mer (heavy) two months ago. Bold show expected.

8. LORD DRAGON - Held 23L fifth in a 3800m chase at Cagnes-sur-Mer (heavy) in January.

9. **DIABLE D'AUTEUIL** - Successful by 2L in a 3600m hurdle on very heavy going here last November. Has to defy a 3.5kg rise in the weights.

10. PANDORO - Down the field 42L 12th in a 3600m handicap hurdle on very heavy going here six days ago. Improvement likely.

11. GARDE ROYALE - Pulled up in a 3400m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly (soft) last November. Best watched.

12. CAPODIMONTE - 11L second in a 4000m chase at Pau (heavy) just under four weeks ago. One to note.

13. GRIS SECRET - Returning from a break when 12L sixth in a 3800m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. Minor role likely.

14. BETONG EMERY - Good 5L third in a 3500m handicap hurdle at Pau (heavy) last month. Step forward required.

15. HIMOLA - Fair 5L fifth in a 3800m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. More needed.

16. **GRAIN DE BONHEUR** - Returning to hurdles when 6L fifth in a 3550m event at Fontainebleau (soft) at the start of November. Likely to improve for the race.

Summary

Representing a top stable PACHA SENAM (3) could make a winning return to hurdles having finished 6L second in the G3 Prix Morgex steeplechase over 4400m on very heavy going here. ALCATRAZ ISLAND (2) enters calculations after a 11L victory of a 4000m hurdle at Cagnes-sur-Mer. SAIGNON (7) is respected on the back of an 8L triumph over 3800m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. ANGE DE JUILLEY (6) is considered following a 2L win on very heavy going in a 3800m hurdle at Angers.

Selections

PACHA SENAM (3) - ALCATRAZ ISLAND (2) - SAIGNON (7) - ANGE DE JUILLEY (6)