LYON LA SOIE [R-H] - 08 October

Race 1 - PRIX YUMPAL - 2400m CLM. Purse EUR €12,000.

- 1. BOTAS Made all for a 1.75L success in a Pornichet 1700m AW maiden a fortnight ago. In the mix.
- 2. **OPTIMISM** Good 0.75L third tackling a Marseille Borely 2600m maiden four weeks ago. Top jockey booked again. Include.
- 3. MARGUNS 9.5L fifth of eight at Vichy in a 1850m claimer twelve days back. New trainer and may progress.
- 4. **SALT LAKE** 7.75L fifth of seven at Deauville 40 days ago attempting a 2500m AW claimer. May build on that effort. Place at best.
- 5. **BENITA** Good 2.5L second at Cologne (Germany) over 2100m before a 14L fifth at Compiegne tackling this trip. Consider.
- 6. **DEWI SANT** 5.5L eleventh of fifteen in a Deauville 1900m AW handicap six weeks back. Down in grade. Others appeal more.
- 7. HAYATON 9.25L sixth of seven at Cluny in a 1900m maiden four weeks ago. Needs improvement.
- 8. **CLEO D'ARGENT** Solid 1L runner up behind a subsequent winner at this level at Divonne over same trip a month ago. Contender.
- 9. **RAYMONDE** 15L sixth in the same race as Cleo d'Argent two runs ago. Fair fourth at the same track (Divonne) since. Interesting if at best.
- 10. **ZASTER FOR ALL** Midfield effort at Longchamp when 12L sixth in a 2200m maiden three weeks ago. Good placed form prior. Not dismissed.

Summary: CLEO D'ARGENT (8) produced a solid 1L runner up effort behind a subsequent winner tackling this level at Divonne. Contender. OPTIMISM (2) showed ability at Marseille Borely when 0.75L third tackling a 2600m maiden. Top jockey booked again. Include. BOTAS (1) made all for a 1.75L success in a Pornichet 1700m AW maiden. In the mix. BENITA (5) was a good 2.5L second at Cologne (Germany) over 2100m before a 14L fifth at Compiegne. Consider.

Selections

CLEO D'ARGENT (8) - OPTIMISM (2) - BOTAS (1) - BENITA (5)

- 1. STYLEDARGENT Nose second at Dax in this level over 2300m three weeks ago. Shortlisted.
- 2. **LE PRESIDENT** Nose runner up at Moulins over 2200m before a 3.75L eighth in a Lyon-Parilly 2400m handicap. Conditions suit but needs to be at best.
- 3. **PIET** Solid 1.5L third tackling a Chantilly 1900m AW claimer three weeks ago. Good AW record. Not out of this.
- 4. **MOPUTO** 2L Marseille-Vivaux AW winner in a 2600m handicap before a below par Chantilly turf run. May bounce back.
- 5. **ANIL BABA** 0.5L third at Divonne nineteen days ago over 2400m. Back up in grade and needs more at this level.
- 6. **TASHAAR** 3.25L eighth in a Deauville 1900m AW Class One handicap in early August. Significant drop in grade. Has claims.
- 7. MISS LIBERTY Fair and consistent form in Germany in recent months in handicaps. Interesting candidate.
- 8. **SPECIAL APPEAL** 8L eighth of nine at Leipzig (Germany) in the 1850m Listed Leipzig Classics in June. Unbeaten in three starts at this venue. Consider.
- 9. **ZAINATA** Only little promise shown in two racecourse appearances so far both at Divonne. Needs progress.

Summary: STYLEDARGENT (1) showed plenty of ability at this level when a nose second at Dax over 2300m. Serious player. PIET (3) produced a solid 1.5L third tackling a Chantilly 1900m AW claimer. Good AW record. In the mix. MISS LIBERTY (7) holds fair and consistent German handicap form in recent months. Interesting candidate. SPECIAL APPEAL (8) is unbeaten in three starts at this venue. Consider.

Selections

STYLEDARGENT (1) - PIET (3) - MISS LIBERTY (7) - SPECIAL APPEAL (8)

- 1. **LOUIS** 7.75L eleventh of fifteen in a Deauville 2500m Class Two handicap in August. Down in grade and trip.
- 2. **MAIDOMO** 8.75L sixth of eight at Vichy eleven days ago over 1850m in Class Two conditions company. Needs to be at best.
- 3. **DRAGONET** Consistent type who produced a fair 3L fifth at Deauville in a 2500m Class Two handicap 50 days ago. In the mix.
- 4. **QU'HUBO** 4L eleventh of seventeen at Longchamp four weeks back in a 1400m Class Three handicap. Needs to take a step forward.
- 5. **MAKI MAKI** Fair comeback run when 3.75L fifth in a Saint-Cloud 2100m Class Three handicap in May. Has had another break.
- 6. **FRENCHY** 1L Longchamp winner over 1850m in this grade before a disappointing Lyon-Parilly effort. May bounce back.
- 7. **GIN GEMBRE** Below par 5.25L eighth of eighteen at Longchamp in this class over 1400m in June. Place hope if at best.
- 8. **POET'S BLACK** Holds a good track and AW record but below par two weeks ago at Lyon-Parilly. Needs to be at best.
- 9. **EDITED** Faded 2L fifth in a Marseille-Vivaux 2000m AW Class Four handicap. Up in grade but holds claims with a jockey booking worth noting.
- 10. AERION Fair 1L fourth in a Vichy 1600m handicap in this company in July. Consider.
- 11. **KATAFONIC** Dissapointing on last six outings. Others have stronger claims.
- 12. **STRATEGIE BLEU** Not disgraced at Chantilly when 4.5L ninth of seventeen in a 1800m AW handicap in this grade a fortnight ago. Down in the weights. Interesting.
- 13. **ANDERSSON** Ran with credit at Chantilly when 2.5L sixth in a 1800m AW handicap two weeks ago in this class. Less weight now. Not dismissed.
- 14. **MONI** 1L runner up at Hyeres tackling a Class Four 1850m conditions event three weeks ago. Up in level but worth a second look.
- 15. **KING DREAM** 2L winner of a Marseille-Vivaux 2000m AW handicap a month ago. Shortlisted despite a wide draw.
- 16. SI SENORITA 6L third at Hyeres three weeks back when behind Moni. Place again looks likely.

Summary: DRAGONET (3) is consistent. Produced a fair 3L fifth at Deauville in a 2500m Class Two handicap. Likely player. KING DREAM (15) was a 2L winner of a Marseille-Vivaux 2000m AW handicap and makes the shortlist despite a wide draw. STRATEGIE BLEU (12) was not disgraced at Chantilly when 4.5L ninth in a 1800m AW handicap. Down in weights. Interesting. EDITED (9) faded finishing 2L fifth in a Marseille-Vivaux 2000m AW Class Four handicap. Up in grade but holds claims with a jockey booking worth noting.

Selections

DRAGONET (3) - KING DREAM (15) - STRATEGIE BLEU (12) - EDITED (9)

Race 4 - PRIX FRANCOIS DE ROMANET - 1800m UNR. Purse EUR €18,000.

- 1. KUBILAI Two-year-old colt first-starter by Sommerabend. Races from stall three. Consider.
- 2. **ANOTHER YOUNI** Siyouni gelding who was a EUR 65,000 purchase having a first racecourse appearance now. Include.
- 3. AMIBOY Colt by Myboycharlie. Worth a second look if supported in the betting.
- 4. MAGIC ENZO Unraced colt by Scissor Kick. Races from stall two. Interesting.
- 5. ATOME Two-year-old gelding first-starter by Attendu running for top connections. Likely player.
- 6. PINK BIRTHDAY Elusive City filly on debut. Races from stall one and may show promise. Consider.
- 7. **TOUTE CHIC** Unraced filly by Violence. Trainer worth noting as operating at a solid 26% winning strike rate in last 50 runners. Respected.
- 8. **SUNSET APPROACH** Daughter of Dawn Approach from Testina on debut. Yard in fair form. Worth a second look.

Summary: A tricky yet fascinating two year old newcomers event where the market to prove a helpful guide. TOUTE CHIC (7) is a filly by Violence. Trainer worth noting as operating at a solid 26% winning strike rate the past fifty 50 runs. Respect. ATOME (5) makes for appeal as a two-year-old gelding first-starter by Attendu running for top connections. Likely player. ANOTHER YOUNI (2) holds claims as a Siyouni gelding who was a EUR 65,000 purchase. Include. SUNSET APPROACH (8) is a daughter of Dawn Approach. Yard in fair form. Consider.

Selections

TOUTE CHIC (7) - ATOME (5) - ANOTHER YOUNI (2) - SUNSET APPROACH (8)

- 1. **SATORIE** Well beaten at Compiegne on heavy ground in a 1400mm handicap. Has been dropped 1kg. Has a win and a placing from three all-weather outings. Can bounce back.
- 2. **INJERA** Tenth beaten 8.25L at Chantilly on handicap debut over 1800m. Dropped 1.5kg and first time blinkers. Still unexposed.
- 3. GORDIAN Seventh beaten 8.75L at Chantilly over 1800m in a handicap. May need to find more.
- 4. **CAPTAIN DE CERISY** Fourth beaten 4.75L at Lyon Parily over 2000m in a handicap. The winner has won again. Interesting.
- 5. **CHANDLER'S SONG** Second beaten 1.25L at Auch in a Class 3 over 2000m. Well beaten the time before in a handicap but still unexposed.
- 6. **MYDAVI** Fourth beaten 1.75L at Deauville (AW) in a handicap over 1900m. The third has won since. Interesting.
- 7. **LA CINTURA** Won by a neck at Strasbourg in a claimer over 2000m. Consistent and off a lower mark than last time in a handicap.
- 8. **AZAMHAN** Sixth beaten 7.75L at Chantilly over 1800m in a handicap. Runner-up three starts back but not at that level since.
- 9. **MOUTRAKI** Third beaten 0.5L at Salon de Provence in a handicap over 1800m. First time blinkers and can go well.
- 10. **ZYGFRYD** Won three starts back in a handicap but shown little since.
- 11. HYBRID Shown nothing on last four starts dropping 4kg in the weights. Best watched.
- 12. **SIMARUBA** Seventh beaten 3.75L at Strasbourg over 1400m in a claimer. Struggled in a handicap two starts back. First time blinkers.

Summary: CHANDLER'S SONG (5) finished second beaten 1.25L at Auch in a 2000m Class 3. Still unexposed and placed on only outing tackling the AW. CAPTAIN DE CERISY (4) ran 4.75L fourth at Lyon Parily in a 2000m handicap. The winner has won again to frank the form. MYDAVI (6) is consistent. Enjoyed the AW at Deauville placing two starts back and can go well again. SATORIE (1) produced a poor effort in latest however revisitis the AW where he holds a win and a placing from three outings. Expect improvement.

Selections

CHANDLER'S SONG (5) - CAPTAIN DE CERISY (4) - MYDAVI (6) - SATORIE (1)

Race 6 - PRIX DE LUNEAU - 1800m CLM. Purse EUR €12,500.

- 1. **JOLIENENE** Runner-up at Clairefontaine in a claimer over 1600m beaten a head. Going well at present and the one to beat.
- 2. **IL MAESTOSO** Tried to make all at Marseille Vivaux (AW) in a maiden over 1500m beaten 5.5L. Back to a claimer and can place.
- 3. TAFSER Third beaten 3.75L at Mont de Marsan over 1600m in a maiden. First time in a claimer.
- 4. MR GNOK BARNES Seventh at Divonne in a maiden beaten 5.75L over 2000m. This looks tougher.
- 5. **FLASH IS BACK** Not shown much in two maiden runs at Mont de Marsan. Debut in a claimer and first time blinkers.
- 6. **DULSIE BRIDGE** Second beaten 5L at Fontainebleau over 1800m in a claimer. Interesting four days later.
- 7. LILIE BELLE Tenth beaten 14L at Divonne in a maiden over 2000m. First time blinkers.
- 8. **DEAR MR FANTASY** Third beaten 3L at Salon de Provence in a claimer over 1800m. Third start and of interest.

Summary: JOLIENENE (1) finished runner-up bidding for a hat-trick at Clairefontaine in a 1600m claimer. Looks the one to beat. TAFSER (3) ran 3.75L third at Mont de Marsan in a 1600m maiden. Consider on claiming debut. DULSIE BRIDGE (6) was runner-up beaten 5L at Fontainebleau over 1800m in a claimer. Solid. DEAR MR FANTASY (8) managed third at Salon de Provence in a 1800m claimer. Still unexposed and may go well.

Selections

JOLIENENE (1) - TAFSER (3) - DULSIE BRIDGE (6) - DEAR MR FANTASY (8)

- 1. **THANIELLA** Seventh beaten 3L at Lyon Parilly over 1600m in a handicap. The winner has won again. Should go well.
- 2. **GREEN VIEW** Seventh beaten 3L at Marseille Vivaux (AW) over 2000m in a handicap. Shouldn't be far away.
- 3. **CINEPHILE** Tenth beaten 4L at Deauville (AW) in a handicap over 1500m. Not been beaten far. Can be considered.
- 4. KONGASTET Struggled on last six outings and easily passed over.
- 5. **EMBAJADORES** Sixth beaten 4.25L at Lyon Parilly over 2400m in a handicap. Dropping down in distance and can go well again.
- 6. **RIVER OF SILVER** Bidding for a hat-trick after winning at Chantilly (AW) over 1800m in a handicap by a neck. Raised 3.5kg which makes this tougher but in good form.
- 7. DIRTY DOZEN Sixth beaten 2.75L at Chantilly (AW) in a handicap over 1800m. Place claims.
- 8. SAXONE Well beaten in last four and easily ruled out.
- AVEC LAURA Seventh beaten 2.5L at Saint Cloud over 1600m in handicap. Back to back placings prior to that.
- 10. **NORTHERN FOX** Sixth beaten 7.75L at Divonnes in a claimer over 1700m. Tough back to a handicap.
- 11. CHARLY Sixth beaten 5L in a handicap over 2100m at Strasbourg. Better record on the all-weather.
- 12. CAPCHOP Beaten 19L at Vittel in a handicap and this looks tough.
- 13. DIAM SPIRIT Showed nothing in a Divonne claimer recently and best watched.
- 14. HAPPY STAR Second beaten 8.5L at Divonne in a handicap. Place.
- 15. SPEAK NOW Only beat one home at Vichy in a handicap latest. Easily dismissed.
- 16. ZEPHIR Sixth beaten 9.75L at Strasbourg over 1400m in a handicap. Needs to do more.

Summary: THANIELLA (1) backed up a win at Vichy with a seventh at Lyon Parilly in a 1600m handicap beaten 3L. The winner has won again and is considered once more. GREEN VIEW (2) finished 3L seventh in a Marseille Vivaux (AW) claimer. Time before was beaten 2.25L at Clairefontaine in a 1600m handicap. Interesting off a 0.5kg lower mark. EMBAJADORES (5) ran sixth beaten 4.25L at Lyon Parilly in a 2400m handicap. Interesting back in trip. RIVER OF SILVER (6) managed consecutive handicap wins and is still off interest despite the 3.5kg rise.

Selections

THANIELLA (1) - GREEN VIEW (2) - EMBAJADORES (5) - RIVER OF SILVER (6)