MARSEILLE VIVAUX [L-H] - 10 January

Race 1 - PRIX DU GENERAL BONNAFE - 2600m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €17,000.

- 1. NAMASTE Fair fourth over 2600m at this track. Won back-to-back races prior and rates highly.
- 2. **FERNOBOY** Scored by half a length at Lyon-la-Soie two starts ago. Disappointed last time at Nancy when 6 lengths from the winner in sixth. May bounce back.
- 3. VILLA ROYALE Last start finished eighth over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie. Frame possibilities.
- 4. **KASAMAN** Solid third beaten 3.5 lengths at this track over 2600m. Strong chance.
- 5. **IPHITOS** Back in winning form last start over 2600m at this track. Can play a role in the finish.
- 6. **ROI DE CALAS** Below his best last time out when sixth over 2600m at this track. Better than the last run suggests and could build on that.
- 7. BEN DE DIANE Finished sixth over track and trip when beaten 4 lengths. Bit more needed.
- 8. MISS CAYSSIE Last appeared when fifth over 2600m at this track on December 13. Place best.
- 9. **SANCHO** Finished fourth last start but was beaten only 1.1 lengths over 2600m at this track. Rates highly and is one of the major players.
- 10. WOLFMASTER Recorded his first win last time out over 2600m at this track. Can go well.
- 11. MOMOUR Finished seventh over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie. Hard to see him featuring.
- 12. CARTER AND GO Held 13th over 2000m at Marseille-Borely when last seen. Best watched.
- 13. **VOILA POURQUOI** Last appeared when he finished seventh over 2500m at Deauville All Weather on December 15. More needed.

Summary: NAMASTE (1) looks capable of returning to winning ways following a 4.25L fourth over course and distance in a stronger contest. Leading claims. SANCHO (9) rates a big threat having finished 1L fourth tackling track and trip. KASAMAN (4) came home 3.5L third attempting a 2600m handicap here. Danger to all. FERNOBOY (2) enters calculations revisiting the AW after finishing 6.5L sixth in a 2000m handicap at Nancy.

Selections

NAMASTE (1) - SANCHO (9) - KASAMAN (4) - FERNOBOY (2)

Race 2 - PRIX DE L'HUVEAUNE - 2000m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €12,000.

- 1. **MOUTRAKI** Tailed off when 15th over 1900m at Deauville All Weather two-and-a-half weeks ago. Capable of better.
- 2. **ALPINO** Comes here after finishing 11th last time at this track and trip when beaten 16 lengths. Can do better.
- 3. THE MANAGER Not far away last time when third over 2000m at this track. Can go close.
- 4. MY NEST Finished 5 lengths away in fourth over 2600m at this track on June 12 2021. Interesting.
- 5. ALFIERI Last outing fifth over 2000m at this track. Could feature.
- 6. VERTI CHOP Scored last start over 2000m at this track. Back in form and can be competitive.
- 7. **PERISTERA** Six-year-old mare who drops in journey from the latest effort when seventh over 2600m at this track finishing 1.75 lengths off the winner. Frame contender.
- 8. MAKALIA Last start finished third over 2000m at this track. One of the major players.
- 9. PANISA Six start maiden yet to place. Others rate better.
- 10. **GIANTISSIME** Last time out finished 2.5 lengths away in fifth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Bit more needed.
- 11. **BERETS VERTS** Finished 9 lengths off the winner in 11th at Pornichet over 1700m. Looks up against it here and prefer others.
- 12. **WAYNE** Stepping up in trip after finishing fifth over 1600m at Pau All Weather last time out. Worth including.

Summary: MAKALIA (8) finished 2.5L third in a course and distance handicap. Selected to register a fourth win at this venue. VERTI CHOP (6) looks capable of challenging for the win following a neck triumph tackling track and trip. THE MANAGER (3) raced from off the pace prior to delivering a 0.75L third in that contest. Rates a danger once more. Debuting for a new trainer MY NEST (4) is another with claims on the back of a 5L fourth in a 2600m claimer here.

Selections

MAKALIA (8) - VERTI CHOP (6) - THE MANAGER (3) - MY NEST (4)

- 1. VANILLE BLEUE Fair fifth last time out over 1500m at this track. Claims on prior second here.
- 2. **DREAM OF EMERAUDE** Hekd last time out when seventh over 1500m at this track three weeks ago beaten 3.5 lengths. Looking to others.
- 3. **AMANDERO** Won two starts back at this track but was unplaced over 1500m at Deauville All Weather last time. Could bounce back.
- 4. **MYSTICAL PRINCE** Finished fifth over 1500m at this track beaten 2.5 lengths. Key runner on his best form and can feature in the finish.
- 5. **VIPIN** In the money two starts back at this track but was unplaced over 1500m at this track last time. Capable of being involved.
- 6. MUTUAL Last start finished 11th over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie beaten 13 lengths. Others rate better.
- 7. **MY RIVER** Comes here after finishing 12th last time at this track and distance beaten 11 lengths. Place claims on prior second.
- 8. **NIGHT OF THE OPERA** Good effort last start when he finished a close third at this track over 1500m. Expected to feature.
- 9. **MAKHZEN** Held last time out when ninth over 1500m at this track three weeks ago beaten 3.5 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.
- 10. MURRAYFIELD Last start finished seventh over 1500m at this track beaten 3.5 lengths. Place chance.
- 11. **CHANT D'AUTOMNE** Finished third two back then could only manage 12th last time over 1500m at this track beaten 5 lengths. Can do better.
- 12. **EMPIRIC** Finished midfield last start at Deauville All Weather over 1300m 4.5 lengths from the winner. Frame chance.
- 13. **CHEEKY TRAOU LAND** Held last time out when 11th over 1500m at this track five weeks ago beaten 11 lengths. More needed.
- 14. LOVE TO EXCEL Well held over 1200m at Nimes last time. Others preferred.

Summary: NIGHT OF THE OPERA (8) finished a short-head third in a 1500m handicap at this venue. Can secure third win over course and distance. VANILLE BLEUE (1) came home 4L fifth tackling a track and trip conditions event. Danger to all back in a handicap. VIPIN (5) finds a good opportunity on the back of a 2.75L sixth over course and distance. MYSTICAL PRINCE (4) warrants consideration having faded late when 2.5L fifth here attempting the journey.

Selections

NIGHT OF THE OPERA (8) - VANILLE BLEUE (1) - VIPIN (5) - MYSTICAL PRINCE (4)

Race 4 - PRIX DE SALON-DE-PROVENCE - 1500m CLM CL4 HCP. Purse EUR €12,000.

- 1. **CHITOSE** Moderate effort last time when 7 lengths from the winner in 12th over 1400m at Chantilly All Weather. Not dismissed on best efforts.
- 2. **SPEED CHOP** Last start finished seventh over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Top-three hope.
- 3. MONI Finished fourth last start when beaten only 2.25 lengths over 2000m at this track. Worth including.
- 4. PARIGI Scored last time at this track over 1500m. Player.
- 5. **HURRICANE LIGHT** Finished 13th last start over 1500m at Deauville All Weather. Key claims on prior form.
- KENZYDANCER Offered little last start over 1500m at this track. Makes limited appeal.
- 7. **SAPIENS** Latest effort a solid second over 1500m at this track. One of the major players.
- 8. **MUGUETTE GIRL** Latest effort a sixth over 1500m at this track beaten 6 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.
- 9. **LA VENELLOISE** Comes here after finishing sixth last time at this track and trip beaten 4 lengths. Place claims.
- 10. **FEEL THE FEVER** Well held last time in 11th over 1500m at this track. Last run worth forgiving. Can bounce back.
- 11. FULLDITCH Held last start at Lyon-la-Soie over 2150m when ninth beaten 19 lengths. Opposed.

Summary: PARIGI (4) won by 0.5L in a similar race to this over course and distance. Looks capable of completing a double. SAPIENS (7) placed second on that occasion and is expected to deliver another big effort. HURRICANE LIGHT (5) finished 3.5L third in that contest. Held excuses from a wide draw when downfield at Deauville following up. FEEL THE FEVER (10) was successful by a head over 1200m at Nimes on her penultimate start. Better expected than when eleventh here subsequently.

Selections

PARIGI (4) - SAPIENS (7) - HURRICANE LIGHT (5) - FEEL THE FEVER (10)

Race 5 - PRIX DES CANDOLLES - 2600m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

- 1. **CHANPOUR** Scored over 2400m at Biguglia four months ago. Can go well.
- 2. LA BRUXELLOISE Better effort last time to finish second over 2000m at this track. Sure to be thereabouts.
- 3. FICHA LIMPIA Last start finished eighth over 2600m at this track beaten 2.75 lengths. Each-way hope.
- 4. **BOWLING GREEN** Good second at his latest appearance at this track over 2600m. Key runner.
- 5. YELLOW SAMBA Finished eighth over 3200m at Lyon-la-Soie. Place looks best.
- 6. **SUCCESS STORY** Last appeared when she finished fourth over 2400m at Pornichet on December 8. Cannot be ruled out.
- 7. **MOKO** Good 0.9 length fourth at her latest appearance at this track over 2600m. Shapes as a key runner.
- 8. **LILY APPLE** Has been out of sorts including last time when 12 lengths away in eighth over 2000m at this track. Fully tested again.
- 9. **LOVELY DOLLY** Finished tenth over 1700m at Marseille-Borely last start. Will need to show more than the last effort.
- 10. VABELLINO SUCCES Last start finished tenth over 2600m at this track. Capable of more.
- 11. TAEKWONDO Last start finished 13th over 2000m at Vichy beaten 45 lengths. Looking to others.
- 12. **DEER BERE** Latest effort a solid second over 2600m at this track. One of the major players.
- 13. MALECON Offered little last start over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Hard to enthuse.

Summary: BOWLING GREEN (4) finished 0.5L second tackling a track and trip handicap. Selected to register eleventh career success. Top weight CHANPOUR (1) rates a threat switching to the AW following a win by 1.5L at Biguglia in Corsica. MOKO (7) finds a good opportunity on the back of a 0.75L fourth in a course and distance handicap. Veteran DEER BERE (12) placed second beaten 2.5L here attempting the journey. Warrants close consideration.

Selections

BOWLING GREEN (4) - CHANPOUR (1) - MOKO (7) - DEER BERE (12)

Race 6 - PRIX HENRI ROUVIERE - 2000m CLM CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

- 1. BENI KHIAR Looking for a hat-trick of wins after scoring by 0.8 lengths over 2000m at this track on January
- 2. Rates highly and expected to run well.
- 2. **CHAILLOUE** Eight-year-old gelding who drops in trip from the last start when fourth over 2400m at Pau All Weather finishing 1.3 lengths off the winner. Sure to go well.
- 3. EDITED Beaten 0.7 lengths into third at this track two starts ago. Contender on best form.
- 4. GAMECHANGER Well held over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. More needed.
- 5. MAJORDOMO Finished sixth over 2600m at this track. Not entirely dismissed.
- 6. **BURATTINA** Scored by half a length over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie when last seen. Rates highly and expected to run well.
- 7. MISS BELIEVE Finished second over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence two back. Not ruled out.
- 8. TRIPTAJIKA Last start fifth at this track over 2600m. Among the better chances.
- 9. ELEHONORE DE DIANE Unraced filly by White Curtain out of Diane Du Sud. Looking to others.

Summary: BENI KHIAR (1) completed a handicap course and distance double winning by 0.75L here. Selected to register a third consecutive victory. BURATTINA (6) won by 0.5L a conditions race over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie a year ago. Rates a big threat on return to action. CHAILLOUE (2) finished 1.25L fourth in a 2400m Pau handicap. Shortlist. TRIPTAJIKA (8) holds claims following a 5.5L fifth attempting a 2600m claiming handicap here.

Selections

BENI KHIAR (1) - BURATTINA (6) - CHAILLOUE (2) - TRIPTAJIKA (8)

Race 7 - PRIX DES PERCE-NEIGES - 2000m CLM. Purse EUR €12,000.

- 1. NYMPHE D'EROXENE Scored by 2 lengths over 2000m at this track latest. Bold showing expected.
- 2. **VILLA JOALI** Finished 7 lengths away in seventh over 2000m at this track. One of the major players on best form.
- 3. **ONDINE** Maiden success last time out over 1500m at this track. May well be worth following up.
- 4. **SURPRIZE ME** Six-start maiden who was eighth last start beaten 7 lengths over 2000m at this track. Can do better.
- 5. **HADLEIGH** Most recent effort a fifth over 1500m at this track eight days ago. Genuine contender under these conditions.
- 6. FIZZI TOF Well held in all five career runs to date. Others preferred.
- 7. **CELEBRATION DREAM** Finished third last start but was beaten only 2.25 lengths over 1500m at this track. Solid prospects.
- 8. **DON'T PANIC** Ran a better race last start to finish third at this track over 2000m. Nicely placed and rates highly off that run. Expected in the finish.

Summary: NYMPHE D'EROXENE (1) won by 2L a 2000m claiming event at this venue. Selected to register a third win from her past four starts. DON'T PANIC (8) finds a good opportunity following a 2.5L third in that contest. VILLA JOALI (2) holds claims wearing first time blinkers having finished 7L seventh in a 2000m handicap here. HADLEIGH (5) faded late when 3.5L fifth in a 1500m claimer here. Worth noting.

Selections

NYMPHE D'EROXENE (1) - DON'T PANIC (8) - VILLA JOALI (2) - HADLEIGH (5)

Race 8 - PRIX MICHEL FRUCTUS - 2000m CL3. Purse EUR €15,000.

- 1. BY THE WAY Held 12th last start over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Worth another chance.
- 2. FORBIDDEN SECRET Good third over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather. Sure to go very well.
- 3. **CLEOD'OR** Course and distance winner who last start finished fourth beaten 1.75 lengths over 2000m at this track. Major hope.
- 4. **MONA LISA** Most recently finished fifth beaten 2.25 lengths at Pau All Weather over 2000m. Can be involved.
- 5. **DENIA** Scored over 1500m at this track by a head last time out. Can measure up in this line up.
- 6. PADRON Fair fifth over 2000m at this track four weeks ago beaten 2.5 lengths. Frame chance.
- 7. **MUELHEIMER PERLE** Held last time out when sixth over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather four weeks ago. Bit more required.

Summary: CLEOD'OR (3) ran a 1.5L fourth in a 2000m handicap at this venue. Selected to register a third course win. FORBIDDEN SECRET (2) looks a threat following a 1L third in a 1600m claimer at Chantilly AW. DENIA (5) enters calculations having returned with a head triumph in a 1500m handicap here. BY THE WAY (1) produced a couple of solid fourth placed finishes at Deauville AW prior to disappointing on turf at Salonde-Provence. Better expected.

Selections

CLEOD'OR (3) - **FORBIDDEN SECRET** (2) - **DENIA** (5) - **BY THE WAY** (1)