

LE MANS - 10 May

Race 1

1. **ILLUMINATING** - Unraced Hunter's Light colt. Likely to improve for the experience.
2. **ANA MARTINA** - Unraced Martinborough filly. Others preferred.
3. **BARYNIA** - Two year old Mastercraftsman filly. Of note for a top stable.
4. **SASHIKO** - Unraced Iffraaj filly. Bold show expected for a trainer worth noting.
5. **MARRANTE** - Unraced Dark Angel filly. Leading contender.
6. **DREAM BAHAMA** - Two year old filly by Recorder. Notable runner.
7. **BLUSHING** - Unraced Zelzal filly. One to note.

Summary

A field of newcomers with the market likely to provide a good guide regards expectations. MARRANTE (5) is a daughter of Dark Angel. Could make a winning debut for a leading stable. SASHIKO (4) represents top connections and may get off the mark at the first time. Stablemate BARYNIA (3) a daughter of Mastercraftsman is another to consider. DREAM BAHAMA (6) is also noted with the Recorder filly racing for a useful stable.

Selections

MARRANTE (5) - SASHIKO (4) - BARYNIA (3) - DREAM BAHAMA (6)

Race 2

1. **LADY CAT'S** - Held 3.25L seventh over 1300m in a claimer at Deauville AW last month. Others preferred.
2. **NICCOLO DES PLACES** - Failed to shine in three starts this spell including 11L tenth over 1200m at Chantilly (good-to-soft) just under three weeks ago.
3. **AZABA** - Fifth beaten 2.25L over 1400m at Moulins (soft) eighteen days ago. Likely capable of better.
4. **TRISZNA** - 17L tenth over 1800m at Compiègne (good-to-soft) seventeen days ago. Cheekpieces applied for the first time on handicap debut.
5. **AL QUDWA** - Held 7L eighth over 1350m in a soft ground Senonnes maiden last month. Handicap debut.
6. **BELLE SIDDONS** - 8.25L eighth in a 1600m maiden at Lyon-Parilly (good-to-soft) 25 days ago. Making her first handicap start.
7. **NEW AND EXCLUSIVE** - Fair 2.75L sixth over 1200m at Chantilly (good-to-soft) just under three weeks ago. Looking for a first victory at the 13th time of asking.
8. **BELLE ANNEE** - Good 2.25L fourth in a 1400m handicap at Moulins (soft) eighteen days ago. Bold show expected.
9. **KATUCHA** - 10L ninth over 1200m at Chantilly (good-to-soft) when making her handicap debut last month. Supplemented for this.
10. **LILLY DREAM** - Fair 3.75L seventh in a 1400m handicap at Moulins (soft) last month. Competitive in claiming events prior.
11. **TURTLE CHOPE** - Impressive 3L winner of a 1600m claimer at Chatillon (good) just over two weeks ago. Strong claims.
12. **GRIBARIANE** - Held 10L 11th over 1400m at Moulins (soft) last month. Best watched.

Summary

BELLE ANNEE (8) may take this following a 2.25L fourth over 1400m at Moulins. On the shortlist. TURTLE CHOPE (11) enters calculations. Impressed when victorious by 3L in a good ground 1600m claimer at Chatillon. LILLY DREAM (10) is another to consider managing a 3.75L seventh in a 1400m contest on soft going at Moulins. NEW AND EXCLUSIVE (7) might record her first victory following a 2.75L sixth tackling 1200m at Chantilly.

Selections

BELLE ANNEE (8) - TURTLE CHOPE (11) - LILLY DREAM (10) - NEW AND EXCLUSIVE (7)

Race 3

1. **NEBUCHADNASSER** - Good 1L third in a 1600m Chantilly AW handicap at the start of last month. Needs to put a subsequent disappointment on turf debut behind.
2. **IT'S TIME TO RUN** - Fair 3.75L fifth over 1350m at Senonnes (soft) last month. More required.
3. **ITALO** - Faded 8.5L sixth in an 1800m maiden at Fontainebleau (good) a month ago. Improvement needed.
4. **MR MEDICINE** - Last of eleven in a 1900m newcomers race at Bordeaux (good-to-soft) when debuting 23 days ago. Others preferred.
5. **THINK POSITIVE** - Fifth beaten 12L over 1200m at Fontainebleau (good-to-soft) in a maiden sixteen days ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
6. **FIELD OF DIAMONDS** - 31L last of eleven over 1200m at Chantilly (good) five weeks ago. Unlikely.
7. **TIME TO RUN** - Fair 7L sixth over 1400m at Strasbourg (soft) when debuting last month. Improvement likely.
8. **HEROIC STAR** - Good 3.25L third having tried to make all in a 1400m maiden at Compiegne (good-to-soft) last month. Leading contender.
9. **ASHEN** - Promising 4.5L third to a subsequent winner in a 1600m newcomers race at Toulouse (good) end of March. Top chance.
10. **CASIMIA** - Fourth both previous starts including when beaten 2.5L over 1300m at Chantilly AW in January. One to note on turf debut.
11. **LAURA MARS** - Good 1.75L third over 1400m in a maiden at Chantilly AW in March. Bold show expected.
12. **KAVIARE** - Third beaten 1.75L in a 1350m maiden at Senonnes (soft) last month. Strong claims on second career start.
13. **GOLENA** - 20L last of eight over 1200m in a newcomers race at Chantilly (heavy) on debut last October. Changed stables since.
14. **ANANTA** - Runner-up on debut but held both subsequent starts including 4L fifth over 1400m at Compiegne (good-to-soft) last month. Likely to find a few too good.
15. **BENIGNE** - Unraced French Fifteen filly. Likely to improve for the experience.

Summary

HEROIC STAR (8) may break her maiden following a 3.25L third in a 1400m event at Compiegne. ASHEN (9) looks up to delivering a big effort having finished 4.5L third in a 1600m newcomers contest at Toulouse on debut. KAVIARE (12) showed ability when 1.75L third in a 1350m maiden at Senonnes making her first start. Could register a victory second up. LAURA MARS (11) is another to consider. Ran 1.75L third in a 1400m maiden at Chantilly AW.

Selections

HEROIC STAR (8) - ASHEN (9) - KAVIARE (12) - LAURA MARS (11)

Race 4

1. **FAYONA** - Held 6.5L eighth over 2400m at Le Lion-d'Angers (good-to-soft) just over five weeks ago. Better expected.
2. **LADDIES** - Successful by 1L in a 1600m maiden at Marseille-Borely (good-to-soft) at the end of March. Bold show expected.
3. **VERDERON** - Promising 4.5L third in a 1500m newcomers race at Deauville AW in December. Notable runner on seasonal return.
4. **SMART EAGLE** - 42L last of sixteen in a valuable 1600m conditions race at Longchamp (heavy) in October. Best watched.
5. **POLLY SHINE** - Neck winner of a 1900m newcomers race at Bordeaux (good-to-soft) just over three weeks ago. Strong claims.
6. **COEUR DAVIER** - Held 12L seventh over 1600m at Nantes (soft) in October. Others hold more obvious claims.
7. **RICLA** - Good 0.75L second in a 2200m maiden at Fontainebleau (good-to-soft) 24 days ago. Claims dropping in distance.

Summary

LADDIES (2) may take this following a 1L victory in a 1600m Marseille-Borely maiden. Leading contender. POLLY SHINE (5) can remain unbeaten. Won over 1900m on good-to-soft going in a Bordeaux newcomers race. Makes appeal. VERDERON (3) is another of note following a 4.5L third tackling 1500m at Deauville AW on debut. RICLA (7) could go one place better than when 0.75L second in a 2200m maiden at Fontainebleau.

Selections

LADDIES (2) - POLLY SHINE (5) - VERDERON (3) - RICLA (7)

Race 5

1. **ZAAHIR** - Good 0.5L second over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers (good-to-soft) last month. Bold show expected.
2. **MIGHTY WEST** - Held 21L seventh over 2000m in a claimer at Compiègne (heavy) first up. Others make more appeal.
3. **PEACEFUL CITY** - Runner-up beaten 2L over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly (good-to-soft) last month. Strong claims.
4. **JEU CELEBRE** - Faded 9L tenth over 2100m at Saint-Cloud (good) three weeks ago. Others preferred.
5. **STADE VELODROME** - Fifth beaten 3L in a 2000m conditions race at Compiègne (good-to-soft) seventeen days ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
6. **TRES BELAFFAIR** - Midfield finish when 4.5L eighth over 2100m at Cholet (soft) on last month's seasonal debut. Improvement needed.
7. **DALSTAR** - Below par 8.75L 12th in an 1800m handicap at Chantilly AW just under four weeks ago. Others preferred.
8. **BAFANA LINNGARI** - Absent since finishing 2.75L fifth over 1900m at Deauville AW in November. Minor role likely.
9. **WYOMIA JASMIN** - Failed to shine when 24L 14th in a heavy ground 1600m handicap at Saint-Cloud in November. Likely to improve for the run.
10. **MYBOYGILLES** - Ended last year with a 1.75L success in a 2100m AW handicap at Pornichet in December. One to note if sharp for his return.
11. **PAINT ISLAND** - Fair 4.5L sixth over 1600m in a Royan (soft) claimer last month. This looks more competitive.
12. **EL TANGO BELLO** - Victorious by 0.75L in a 2100m handicap at Cholet (soft) just under three weeks ago. Leading contender.
13. **BARSHAM** - Below par 10L 16th over 1900m at Chantilly AW just under four weeks ago. Others make more appeal.
14. **ROCHENKA** - Given a break since finishing 4.25L eighth over 2100m on the AW at Pornichet in January. Placed on her only previous run at this venue.
15. **CHIEF'S APP** - Runner-up beaten 2L over 1900m at Bordeaux (good-to-soft) 23 days ago. Top chance.

Summary

EL TANGO BELLO (12) may take this following a 0.75L success over 2100m at Cholet. Leading contender to follow up. CHIEF'S APP (15) enters calculations on the back of a 2L second tackling 1900m at Bordeaux. ZAAHIR (1) can defy top weight having delivered a 0.5L second in a 1400m contest at Le Lion-d'Angers. PEACEFUL CITY (3) is also considered. Finished 2L second in a 2000m handicap at Lyon-Parilly and holds claims.

Selections

EL TANGO BELLO (12) - CHIEF'S APP (15) - ZAAHIR (1) - PEACEFUL CITY (3)

Race 6

1. **STEPASIDE BELL** - Faded 11L sixth over 2400m at Chantilly (soft) just under four weeks ago. Capable of better.
2. **HIGH IMPACT** - 14L 11th over 1400m at Saint-Cloud (soft) last month. Stepping up in distance.
3. **PIC SYLVER** - Good 2.25L third in a 2000m claimer at Fontainebleau (good-to-soft) last month. Strong claims.
4. **JUMAY** - Held 4.5L seventh over 1900m at Bordeaux (good-to-soft) on handicap debut 23 days ago. Good form in conditions races prior.
5. **NORVILLE** - Victorious by 2.5L in a claimer over 2000m at Fontainebleau (good-to-soft) sixteen days back. Bold show expected on handicap debut.
6. **FIRST CREATION** - Blinkers tried for the first time on handicap debut following a 13L ninth over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly (good-to-soft) 25 days ago.
7. **OD KAKO** - 5.25L tenth in a 2100m maiden at Senonnes (soft) 26 days ago. Cheekpieces worn for the first time that day are dispensed with for his handicap debut.
8. **PAMIX** - Blinkers tried for the first time having finished 20L 13th over 1800m in a claimer at Evreux (soft) nine days ago.
9. **IMPERIAL BEAUTY** - Fair 4.75L eighth over 2100m at Saint-Cloud (good) twelve days ago. More required.

Summary

PIC SYLVER (3) may deliver a victory following a 2.25L third in a 2000m claimer at Fontainebleau. Shortlisted. NORVILLE (5) enters calculations on initial handicap outing having won by 2.5L in a 2000m claimer at Fontainebleau. JUMAY (4) is worth considering. In good form prior to a 4.5L seventh attempting 1900m at Bordeaux when making her handicap debut. STEPASIDE BELL (1) holds claims delivering a first handicap run at this shorter distance. Faded 11L sixth over 2400m at Chantilly.

Selections

PIC SYLVER (3) - NORVILLE (5) - JUMAY (4) - STEPASIDE BELL (1)

Race 7

1. **SCRIBNER CREEK** - Runner-up beaten 0.75L in a 2100m handicap at Cholet (soft) nineteen days ago. Leading contender.
2. **LA WOOD** - Victorious by 3L in a 2500m handicap at Evreux (soft) nine days ago. Bold show expected.
3. **ARIA LAFORLONGEUSE** - Held 11L seventh in a 2600m conditions race at Morlaix (good-to-soft) last month. More needed second up.
4. **CARRY OUT** - Fair 9L sixth over 1600m in a Chatillon (good) claimer just over four weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
5. **INFOX** - Successful by a neck in a soft ground 1800m handicap at Evreux this month. Notable runner.
6. **BELLE DE CADIX** - Good 2.25L third having raced from the front in a 2100m handicap at Cholet (soft) nineteen days ago. Top chance.
7. **SHARELA** - Blinkers tried for the first time following a 10L last of eight over 1800m at Evreux (soft) nine days ago.
8. **GORMLAITH** - 9.75L seventh in a 1800m conditions race at Saint-Malo (good-to-soft) two weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
9. **SPIRIT JO** - Fair 4L sixth in a 2100m handicap at Cholet (soft) nineteen days ago. One to note.
10. **WOLF DU LEMO** - 23L ninth in a 2400m conditions race at La-Roche-Sur-Yon (good) just over two weeks ago. More required on handicap debut.
11. **HOLOCENE BERE** - Held two most recent starts including 13L 13th over 2400m at Compiègne (good-to-soft) last month. Best watched.
12. **AGOSTA** - 21L 12th over 2100m in a handicap at Cholet (soft) first up. Improvement likely.
13. **DANAROSA** - Returning from a break when 5L eighth over 1800m at Fontainebleau (good-to-soft) sixteen days ago. Capable of better.
14. **DON PAPA** - Returned to form with a 3.75L third in an 1800m handicap at Fontainebleau (good-to-soft) last month. Of note.
15. **BARSSA NOIRE** - 7L ninth over 1650m at Amiens (very heavy) six weeks ago. Cheekpieces tried for the first time.

Summary

SCRIBNER CREEK (1) delivered a 0.75L second in a 2100m handicap at Cholet. May go one place better. BELLE DE CADIX (6) is considered having finished 2.25L third in the aforementioned Cholet 2100m handicap. Can successfully make all. LA WOOD (2) enters calculations off a mark 2.5kg higher than when winning by 3L in a 2500m handicap at Evreux. INFOX (5) is considered having won by a neck off a 1kg lower mark in an 1800m handicap at Evreux.

Selections

SCRIBNER CREEK (1) - BELLE DE CADIX (6) - LA WOOD (2) - INFOX (5)