

LE LION-D'ANGERS - 13 May

Race 1

1. **CAID DU PORTO** - Victorious by 1.5L over 3550m hurdle at Chateaubriant (soft) seventeen days ago. Top chance.
2. **NAYAK** - Fair 9.25L eighth in the Listed Prix Gaston Branere handicap hurdle over 3600m at Compiegne (soft) two weeks ago. Notable runner.
3. **TROU NORMAND** - Returning from a break when 10L fourth over 3600m hurdle at Compiegne (heavy) last month. Likely to have improved.
4. **BALLING TO WIN** - Successful by 1.5L in a soft ground 3500m hurdle at Royan last month. This looks a tougher affair.
5. **SEA THAT HORSE** - Pulled up in a 3600m hurdle at Argentan (soft) end of March. Claims on form he showed when fourth on debut at Saint-Brieuc (very heavy) prior.
6. **MIRACLE DE HOUELLE** - Promising 6.75L fifth in a 3400m hurdle at Clairefontaine (soft) in September. Step forward required.
7. **ZANZETI** - Pulled up in a 3600m hurdle at Senonnes (soft) when debuting last month. Improvement needed.
8. **ANDROMEDA** - Good 1.5L second in a 3550m hurdle at Chateaubriant (soft) seventeen days ago. Bold show expected.
9. **HELLO DARLING** - Runner-up beaten 1.75L over 3600m hurdle at Senonnes (soft) four weeks ago. Improving with racing.
10. **BAKALAI** - Held 15L fifth in a 3400m hurdle on very heavy going at Angers in February. Likely capable of better.
11. **ETOILE DU PILORI** - Debuting for a new trainer on her first start since finishing last of twelve in a 2900m maiden on the Flat at Angers (soft) when on debut in June last year.

Summary

CAID DU PORTO (1) may register a second victory. Won by 1.5L in a soft ground 3550m hurdle at Chateaubriant. ANDROMEDA (8) can play a role in the finish following a 1.5L second in the aforementioned Chateaubriant hurdle. HELLO DARLING (9) is considered having demonstrated improved form when 1.75L second in a 3600m hurdle at Senonnes. NAYAK (2) warrants thought in what looks an easier event than when 9.25L eighth in the Listed Prix Gaston Branere handicap hurdle over 3600m at Compiegne.

Selections

CAID DU PORTO (1) - ANDROMEDA (8) - HELLO DARLING (9) - NAYAK (2)

Race 2

1. **MYBOYELIE** - Held 10L eighth over 2100m in a newcomers race at Cholet (soft) just over three weeks ago. Others preferred.
2. **KER WELEN** - Runner-up beaten 0.75L in a 2100m maiden at Senonnes (soft) last month. Holds claims.
3. **GRACE BAY** - Good 0.5L third in a 1600m claimer at Saint-Cloud (good) last month. Step up in trip looks likely to suit on debut for new connections.
4. **TAKARIAN** - Third beaten 4L in a 2100m newcomers race at Cholet (soft) 22 days ago. Leading contender.
5. **NISRY** - Third on both previous starts including beaten 5.5L over 2400m at Nantes (good-to-soft) just over a month ago. Notable contender.
6. **NOUVEL ATOUT** - Struggled 24L 15th in a 1500m newcomers race at Deauville (good) on debut last month. Best watched.
7. **RAKEEZ** - Returning from a break when last of fourteen in a 1900m handicap at Deauville AW five weeks ago. Claims on form he showed at two.
8. **CABAL** - Promising 2L fifth having raced prominently in a 2000m newcomers race at Lyon-Parilly (soft) last month. Strong claims.
9. **PENNYBAKER** - Runner-up beaten 1L in a 1900m maiden at Cholet (soft) 22 days ago. Top chance.
10. **MARASTAR** - 10L 11th over 2100m at Saint-Cloud (good) two weeks ago. Placed in a similar race to this here prior.

Summary

TAKARIAN (4) may deliver a victory following a 4L third in a 2100m newcomers race at Cholet. Shortlisted. PENNYBAKER (9) looks likely to register a big effort having been beaten 1L runner-up over 1900m at Cholet second up. GRACE BAY (3) makes debut for new connections. Finished 0.5L third in a 1600m claimer at Saint-Cloud prior. CABAL (8) showed promise when 2L fifth tackling 2000m in a soft ground newcomers race at Lyon-Parilly. Consider.

Selections

TAKARIAN (4) - PENNYBAKER (9) - GRACE BAY (3) - CABAL (8)

Race 3

1. **COOPER DES ONGRAIS** - Registered a 4L victory in a 5000m cross country chase at Nancy (good-to-soft) nineteen days ago. One to note.
2. **ALECTIBO** - Made all when seeing off a subsequent winner by 7.5L in a 4900m cross country chase at Durtal (good-to-soft) a month ago. Bold show expected.
3. **DOLINIGHT** - Successful by 4L in a 4500m cross country chase on soft going here early last month. Strong claims.
4. **POKER DE BALLON** - Runner-up beaten 4L in a 4500m cross country chase on soft going here in July last year. Likely to improve for the run.
5. **BRIN DE COTTE** - Unseated rider in a 4500m cross country chase on soft going here last month. Has placed on five of his eight starts at this track.
6. **NADAY IDEF** - Course winner fell in a 5200m event on soft going here last month. Claims on best form.
7. **CAMELION** - Good 3L third in a 4800m cross country chase on soft going at Segre in October last year. Likely to find a few too good first up.
8. **BILBO D'ASSAULT** - Pulled up in a 4100m contest at Le Pin-au-Haras (good) eleven days ago. Needs to put that effort behind him.
9. **ECOUTILLE** - Held 13L sixth over 4500m on soft ground here last month. Improvement likely second up.
10. **ELTON DU GRANIT** - Below par 33L fifth in a 4900m cross country chase at Durtal (soft) eighteen days ago. Minor role likely.
11. **DEFI CHOPE** - Faded 10L third over 4650m at Mont-de-Marsan (soft) in March. More needed.

Summary

ALECTIBO (2) may register a third win in four cross-country starts having found success by 7.5L over 4900m at Durtal. DOLINIGHT (3) makes the shortlist. Won by 4L in a soft ground course and distance event. Include. ECOUTILLE (9) is expected to deliver an improved effort following a promising 13L sixth tackling 4500m on soft going here on seasonal debut. COOPER DES ONGRAIS (1) holds claims after finishing 4L clear of his rivals attempting 5000m at Nancy.

Selections

ALECTIBO (2) - DOLINIGHT (3) - ECOUTILLE (9) - COOPER DES ONGRAIS (1)

Race 4

1. **HYALIN DE KERZA** - Good 6L second in a 3400m chase on soft going here last month. Strong claims up in distance.
2. **HYDE MADRIK** - Held 37L last of four in a 3400m chase at Compiègne (soft) just over five weeks ago. This looks an easier event.
3. **HENYA** - Good 1L second in a 3500m chase at Montluçon (soft) eleven days ago. One to note.
4. **LE BEAU THEO** - Made all when winning by 1.25L over 4000m chase at Paray-le-Monial (good-to-soft) just under four weeks ago. Top chance.
5. **LITTLE QUEENIE** - Fair 13L third in a 3450m chase at Compiègne (soft) two weeks ago. Claims having won on soft going over 3800m at Meral prior.
6. **HARMONIE DE COTTE** - Third on each of her last three starts including beaten 9L over 3400m chase on soft ground here 24 days ago. Likely to find at least one too good.
7. **ADSUM** - Victorious by 2L in a 4100m chase at Blain (good) last month. Open to improvement.
8. **HAPPYDENUO** - Held 16L fourth in a heavy ground 3500m chase at Meslay-du-Maine in March. Better ground forecast here a positive.
9. **HADDEXA DES OBEAUX** - Fourth all three starts this spell including when beaten 13L in a 3400m chase here last month. Others preferred.
10. **HAIE D'HONNEUR** - Auteuil hurdle winner last Autumn and finished a fair 10L fourth in a 3700m chase at Angers (soft) on chase debut in March. Leading contender.

Summary

HAIE D'HONNEUR (10) placed in a Listed hurdle and may improve following a promising 10L fourth in a 3700m chase at Angers on seasonal and chase debut. LE BEAU THEO (4) can register a victory having made all when victorious by 1.25L over 4000m at Paray-le-Monial. HYALIN DE KERZA (1) is considered. Ran 6L second tackling 3400m on soft going here. HENYA (3) could produce a big effort on the back of a 1L second in a 3500m chase at Montluçon.

Selections

HAIE D'HONNEUR (10) - LE BEAU THEO (4) - HYALIN DE KERZA (1) - HENYA (3)

Race 5

1. **GIRLISH DE GRUGY** - Held 10L eighth in the G3 Prix d'Estruval over 2500m at Saint-Cloud (good) two weeks ago. Capable of better.
2. **GOLDIE STAR** - Fair 3.5L fifth over 2500m in the G3 Prix d'Estruval at Saint-Cloud (good) last month. One to note.
3. **GOLDY MAKER** - Held 22L seventh in a 3600m hurdle at Angouleme (soft) just over a month ago. Others preferred.
4. **GIGA STAR** - Victorious by 3.5L in a 2900m event at Durtal (soft) last month. Down the field in the G3 Prix Bango over 2500m at Saint-Cloud (soft) prior.
5. **HURRICANY** - Good 3L second in a 2600m conditions event at Lyon-Parilly (good-to-soft) two weeks ago. Strong claims.
6. **GIVE ME FLOWERS** - Faded 13L sixth having tried to make all in a 3500m hurdle at Vichy (soft) in September. Likely to improve for the run.
7. **GELVILLE** - Season return when 3.5L second in a 3600m hurdle at Argentan (soft) in March. Making her first Flat start since October.
8. **GATINE DE TOUCHETE** - Struggled 17L sixth in a 2850m contest at Loudeac (good) early last month. Best watched.

Summary

HURRICANY (5) may go one place better than when 3L second over 2600m at Lyon-Parilly. GOLDIE STAR (2) looks up to delivering a big effort having finished 3.5L fifth in the G3 Prix d'Estruval tackling 2500m at Saint-Cloud. GELVILLE (7) is considered revisiting the flat. Ran 3.5L second in a 3600m hurdle at Argentan. GIRLISH DE GRUGY (1) could improve following a 10L eighth in the 2500m G3 Prix d'Estruval at Saint-Cloud.

Selections

HURRICANY (5) - GOLDIE STAR (2) - GELVILLE (7) - GIRLISH DE GRUGY (1)

Race 6

1. **SPEEDY DATE** - Faller in a 4700m cross country chase at Compiègne (soft) a week ago. Others preferred.
2. **SACHA GREEN** - Good 7.5L second when dead-heating for that position over 4900m cross country chase at Durtal (good-to-soft) last month. This looks much tougher.
3. **DEEJAY MECENE** - Fair third beaten 16L over 5200m cross country chase on soft going here 24 days ago. More needed.
4. **SURDOUE DE BALLON** - Good 6L third over 4500m cross country chase on soft going here early last month. Stepping up in distance.
5. **BOMARI** - Disappointing 25L seventh in the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase Cross-Country de Fontainebleau over 6000m at Fontainebleau (soft) early last month. Has won here in the past. Notable runner.
6. **BUTTERFLY DU MOU** - Pulled up in this race last year but was successful by 1.5L in a 5200m cross country chase on soft going here 24 days ago. Leading contender.
7. **OTCHOA ROUGE** - Winner of the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase Cross-Country de Fontainebleau over 6000m at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. Bold show expected.
8. **DAFFODIL ROSE** - Good 3L third in the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase Cross-Country de Fontainebleau over 6000m at Fontainebleau (soft) early last month. One to note.
9. **BLASON D'OR** - Held 19L fifth over 5200m cross country chase on soft going here last month. Others make more appeal.
10. **EMERAUDE DE KERZA** - Unseated rider over 5200m here last month. Strong claims having finished runner-up in this race last year.
11. **DEAUSEILLE** - 29L eighth in the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase Cross-Country de Fontainebleau at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. Needs to put that effort behind.
12. **DYLANE** - Runner-up beaten 1.5L in a 5200m cross country chase on soft going here 24 days ago. Claims if replicating.

Summary

BUTTERFLY DU MOU (6) may deliver a victory having won by 1.5L in a 5200m cross country chase on soft going here. Runner-up in this race last year EMERAUDE DE KERZA (10) can go one place better despite unseating at this venue in the previously mentioned 5200m contest. OTCHOA ROUGE (7) is considered. Managed a 1.5L success in the 6000m Listed Grand Steeple-Chas Cross-Country de Fontainebleau at Fontainebleau. Disappointing when 25L seventh that day was BOMARI (5) who enters calculations winning among Listed company in the past.

Selections

BUTTERFLY DU MOU (6) - EMERAUDE DE KERZA (10) - OTCHOA ROUGE (7) - BOMARI (5)

Race 7

1. **HALLATIENNE** - Held 11L sixth in the G3 Prix des Guilledines over 2300m at Durtal (very heavy) last October. Claims on earlier form.
2. **HART SO BIG** - Victorious by 4L in a 2400m conditions event on good-to-soft going here last month. Top chance.
3. **HELLO BALL** - Runner-up beaten 3.5L over 2900m at Durtal (soft) eighteen days ago. Notable contender.
4. **HAXO** - Neck winner of a 2350m conditions race at Le Pin-au-Haras (good) earlier this month. One to note.
5. **HESPACITA** - Debut winner finished 1.5L fourth over 3000m at Angers (soft) in November. Bold show expected.
6. **HAYMINA** - Faded 9.5L eighth over this track and trip on good-to-soft ground last month. Needs to put that effort behind her.

Summary

HART SO BIG (2) may complete a double following a comfortable 4L victory over 2400m on good-to-soft going here. HESPACITA (5) makes the shortlist. Ran 1.5L fourth tackling 3000m at Angers. Can build on that effort and holds claims. HELLO BALL (3) can play a role in the finish having been beaten 3.5L runner-up in a 2900m contest at Durtal. HAXO (4) is another to consider. Won by a neck in a 2350m event at Le Pin-au-Haras.

Selections

HART SO BIG (2) - HESPACITA (5) - HELLO BALL (3) - HAXO (4)