

AIX-LES-BAINS - 13 June

Race 1

1. **GLOBAL PASSION** - Third at Strasbourg beaten 4L in a handicap over 1400m. Has previously struggled over this further distance.
2. **TAKE A GUESS** - Won at Lyon la Soie in a claimer over 1800m by a neck. Last three efforts in claimers have been strong but was down the field last time in a handicap.
3. **BEST STEP** - Fourth beaten 3.5L at Saint-Cloud in a claimer. Time before was sixth at Compiègne in a handicap beaten 1.75L. Not out of this.
4. **GET SET** - Made all to win at Chantilly in a handicap over 1800m beaten a head. Up 3kg but still one to consider.
5. **LORLISALSA** - Down the field at Marseille Borely beaten 7.5L in a handicap. Has been dropped 0.5kg but needs a bit more.
6. **VENERE** - Fifth at Lyon Parilly in a handicap beaten 5.5L over 2400m. Time before made all to win a handicap. Not out of this.
7. **STRATEGIE BLEU** - Second at Compiègne over 1600m beaten 1.25L. Is two from four over this further distance and should feature.
8. **MARADAN** - Sixth at Nancy beaten 2.75L in a handicap over 1950m. Place claims.
9. **ELYPSON** - Ninth beaten 5L at Marseille Borely in a handicap and has subsequently been dropped 0.5kg. Place claims.
10. **DIAM SPIRIT** - Resuming after a 256 day break. Last start eighth beaten 8.5L at Lyon la Soie in a handicap. Has been dropped 2.5kg but a bit to prove.
11. **BRANDY EYES** - Well beaten in a class three conditions stakes at Fontainebleau over 2200m. Placed the time before in a handicap but in a lower class.
12. **JOAN JET** - Sixth beaten 12L at Strasbourg wearing the first time tongue tie in a handicap over 1400m. First time up in trip but not an obvious winner.

Summary

STRATEGIE BLEU (7) finished second in a 1600m handicap at Compiègne beaten 1.25L. Remains off the same mark and maintains a better record over this longer trip. Key player. GET SET (4) made all the running at Chantilly to score by a neck in a handicap tackling 1800m. Up 3kg but could still feature here. BEST STEP (3) ran sixth beaten 1.75L in a 1800m handicap. Subsequently fourth in a claimer at Saint Cloud and is not out of this. VENERE (6) managed a solid fifth at Lyon Parilly attempting 2400m beaten 5.5L. Will not be far away.

Selections

STRATEGIE BLEU (7) - GET SET (4) - BEST STEP (3) - VENERE (6)

Race 2

1. **URBAN DESIGN** - Third at Limoges in a maiden beaten 1.5L over 1900m. Claims on handicap debut.
2. **PLACE COLETTE** - Second at Cluny in a maiden beaten 0.75L. First time tongue tie for handicap debut and should not be dismissed.
3. **IT SPLITS THE BISE** - Twelfth at Lyon Parilly beaten 9L over 2200m on a handicap debut. Second up but does need to improve.
4. **IDA DE BONCOEUR** - Midfield on all five career outings. Hard to have despite making her handicap debut.
5. **L'INTELLO** - Beaten 25L at Longchamp in a handicap over 2100m. First start for a new trainer but best watched.
6. **CLEO D'ARGENT** - Fourth behind Place Colette in a maiden at Cluny beaten 1L. Handicap debut.
7. **CALAS QUEEN** - Seventh on handicap debut over 1600m beaten 4.25L. Has been dropped 1kg and first time tongue tie could bring improvement.
8. **HESPEROS** - No form in four career outings to date and best watched despite handicap debut.
9. **MISS HIMALAYA** - Seventh beaten 2.5L in a maiden at Cluny behind re-opposing rivals. First time tongue tie and handicap debut.
10. **MOREPEPPER** - Seventh at La Roche in a claimer beaten 7.5L. This could be tougher.
11. **IXE BELIN** - Well beaten at Compiègne over 1800m in a handicap beaten 19L. Has shown form prior to this so could be worth another try.
12. **MONSIEUR EMILE** - Fourth beaten 6.25L at Compiègne over 1800m. This is not the strongest event and could be thereabouts.

Summary

CALAS QUEEN (7) ran seventh in a Lyon Parilly handicap over 1600m beaten 4.25L. Drops 1kg and may use his experience to advantage. PLACE COLETTE (2) was second in a Cluny maiden beaten 0.75L and is of interest on handicap debut. URBAN DESIGN (1) delivered a solid third at Limoges beaten 1.5L in a maiden on third outing. Can be considered now handicapping. CLEO D'ARGENT (6) finished behind Place Colette in a Cluny maiden last start. Warrants thought.

Selections

CALAS QUEEN (7) - PLACE COLETTE (2) - URBAN DESIGN (1) - CLEO D'ARGENT (6)

Race 3

1. **LIGHTS COME ON** - Well beaten at Marseille Borelly in a handicap latest. Was second three starts back in a handicap so not entirely out of this.
2. **BEB'S** - Won at Vitteaux in a handicap by 1.5L. Has been raised 3kg but this looks a suitable event.
3. **IN FOR DINNER** - Won six starts back but has been badly out of form since. Now 1.5kg below last winning mark.
4. **GLORIOUS BAY** - Sixth at Strasbourg beaten 11L over 2000m in a handicap. Bit more needed.
5. **FRENCHY** - Has lost form in last four outings and has dropped 5kg in the ratings in her last four outings.
6. **LADY ARKADINA** - Third beaten 1.75L at Vitteaux in a handicap just behind Beb's. Interesting.
7. **THANIELLA** - Tenth beaten 14L at Longchamp over 1600m. Has been dropped 1.5kg and has found a weaker event.
8. **AGNOSTIC** - Fourth at Nancy in a handicap beaten 4.75L over 1950m. The form has been franked since and can go well.
9. **SANDY DREAM** - Out of form at present and does not look an obvious winner.
10. **LALYROSE** - Second at Vichy beaten a head in a handicap over 1850m. Strong claims off the same mark.
11. **CORAL SLIPPER** - Tried to make all of the running at Marseille Borelly over 1600m in a handicap beaten 2.25L when fifth. Place.
12. **HODENG** - Not going well at present and should not trouble them back into a handicap.

Summary

AGNOSTIC (8) was beaten 4.75L in a Nancy handicap over 1950m beaten by Beb's who has subsequently franked the form. LALYROSE (10) managed a neck second at Vichy in a 1850m handicap. Can go well again. LADY ARKADINA (6) ran third at Vitteaux in a handicap behind the winner BEB'S (2) who is now 3kg worse off. Both may feature in this.

Selections

AGNOSTIC (8) - LALYROSE (10) - LADY ARKADINA (6) - BEB'S (2)

Race 4

1. **KAPRAD** - Resuming after a 569 day break and was pulled up when last seen in a claiming hurdle. Best watched unless market says otherwise.
2. **MEASURE OF A DAY** - Fourth beaten 7.5L in a handicap hurdle at Lyon Parilly over 3800m. Not out of this on that form.
3. **PRADORO** - Fifth beaten 9.75L at Vichy in a handicap hurdle over 3700m. Time before won a Nancy chase. One to consider.
4. **GRANDE LEGENDE** - Seventh at Wissembourg over 3800m beaten 11L. Will need more.
5. **GALOPIN DES OBEAUX** - Second beaten 5L at Strasbourg in a hurdle over 3800m. Similar event and not ruled out.
6. **GOLDEN TWIG** - Better effort at Strasbourg when fourth beaten 15L in a conditions hurdle. Strong jockey booked and still unexposed.
7. **GIOTTO DES PLACHIS** - Behind a couple of these at Strasbourg in a conditions hurdle and will need more.
8. **AMBRE DE NUIT** - Back to back thirds in handicap hurdles at Lyon Parilly and holds big claims in this.
9. **MASTER ONE** - Beaten nearly 20L behind a couple of these at Strasbourg in a hurdle and not an obvious winner.

Summary

AMBRE DE NUIT (8) was only beaten 4.5L in a Lyon Parilly handicap hurdle over 3800m. Consistent and has to be included. PRADORO (3) ran fifth beaten 9.75L at Vichy in a handicap hurdle. Time before won a conditions chase at Nancy. Will not be far away. GALOPIN DES OBEAUX (5) beat a number of these including GOLDEN TWIG (6) when runner up at Strasbourg in a conditions hurdle. Both can feature.

Selections

**AMBRE DE NUIT (8) - PRADORO (3) - GALOPIN DES OBEAUX (5) -
GOLDEN TWIG (6)**

Race 5

1. **TABULARASA** - Second at Nancy in a class three over 1950m beaten 2L. Won the time before at Saint Malo and looks to have a big chance.
2. **ADAMANTIUM** - Makes delayed debut and unlikely to feature unless market suggests otherwise.
3. **GRIFFONE** - Well beaten at Lyon-Parilly in a handicap over 1600m. Has won previously in native Germany.
4. **CANOEING** - Well beaten in a top tier handicap over 1700m at Longchamp in May. Tongue tie on and in a much weaker event. Expect improvement.
5. **SANTURIN** - Well beaten at Hannover in a Listed event. Has a 294 day lay off but has more than enough ability for this level.
6. **DANCE WITH DEVILS** - Fourth beaten 31L at Nimes in a claimer. Easily passed over.
7. **VALROSE** - Tenth at Baden-Baden back in September in a Listed race. Time before was ninth. Returning in a much lower class. Could feature.

Summary

TABULARASA (1) managed a runner-up effort at Nancy in a class three beaten 2L over 1950m. Finds a lesser event for the level and is the one to beat. CANOEING (4) drops back from a top tier handicap at Longchamp when finishing downfield. Tackles an easier contest. SANTURIN (5) and VALROSE (7) are both returning from long breaks having raced at Listed level.

Selections

TABULARASA (1) - CANOEING (4) - SANTURIN (5) - VALROSE (7)

Race 6

1. **ALLIED FORCE** - Second at Strasbourg in a handicap chase over 4200m beaten 0.75L. In the mix.
2. **TEXARD** - Down the field in the Listed Prix Le Parisien in a handicap hurdle. Significant class drop and back over fences and should not be far away.
3. **BAL EXPRESS** - Sixth beaten 10L in a claiming chase at Compiègne. Minor claims.
4. **RESPLENDOR** - Pulled up in the G1 Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil. Second the time before at Compiègne in a valuable conditions hurdle. Strong claims.
5. **WORLD AMIRAL** - Struggling on the flat in recent outings and needs the return to fences to bring improvement.
6. **FRENCH BIRD** - Third at Nancy beaten 3.75L in a hurdle after a long lay off. Two from six over fences and should improve second up.

Summary

RESPLENDOR (4) pulled up among G1 company at Auteuil. Time before was second in a hurdle beaten 0.75L. Key player back over fences. TEXARD (2) finished well beaten in a Listed handicap hurdle at Auteuil in May. Won the time before by 5L in a handicap chase and may appreciate a return to fences. ALLIED FORCE (1) ran second in a handicap chase at Strasbourg and will be thereabouts again. FRENCH BIRD (6) managed third on return from a long break at Nancy attempting a hurdle contest. Maintains a better record with fences and is expected to improve.

Selections

RESPLENDOR (4) - TEXARD (2) - ALLIED FORCE (1) - FRENCH BIRD (6)

Race 7

1. **LADY AUSTRALIA** - Fifth at Lyon Parilly in a claimer beaten 5.75L. Has two wins in claimers this season and cannot be ruled out.
2. **FOREVER CLEMENTINE** - Fourth at Nimes in a claimer beaten 1L with first time tongue tie. May need a bit more.
3. **BY THE ROSE** - Tenth at Longchamp in a handicap beaten 6.25L. Not ruled out dropping back into a claimer.
4. **SAUKITTEN** - Shown little in two maidens to date. First time blinkers and tongue tie but requires a lot more.
5. **SAMSTRONG** - Fourth at Lyon Parilly in a claimer beaten 4.5L. Unexposed on only third outing and can be considered.
6. **GEORGIA** - Twelfth at Longchamp in a handicap beaten 7.25L. Debut at claiming level and will find this easier.
7. **OLYPA** - Won at Nimes by 0.5L recently. Has three wins in last four so proven at claiming class.

Summary

LADY AUSTRALIA (1) produced a solid fifth at Lyon Parilly in a claimer beaten 5.75L. Won twice this year at the same level and will feature once more. SAMSTRONG (5) managed a good effort when fourth at Lyon Parilly in a claimer beaten 4.5L. Still unexposed. BY THE ROSE (3) and GEORGIA (6) were both midfield in big handicaps at Longchamp. Might appreciate the drop to claiming level.

Selections

LADY AUSTRALIA (1) - SAMSTRONG (5) - BY THE ROSE (3) - GEORGIA (6)

Race 8

1. **ESTCOURT** - Won at Pompadour over 2400m in a class four by 0.75L. May struggle now handicapping.
2. **EMBAJADORES** - Fifth at Vitteaux beaten 19L in a class four. Struggled in handicaps before this.
3. **MISS SPRINGSTEEN** - No form in last four outings in handicaps and easily dismissed.
4. **AMANDA** - Second at Lyon la Soie in a handicap beaten 1.5L three starts back. Not been at that level since.
5. **PEPINA** - Fifth beaten 3.25L at Saint-Cloud beaten 3.25L in a handicap. Has to be considered in this line up.
6. **SPEED'S ADDICT** - Ninth beaten 4.25L at Bordeaux in a handicap over 2400m. Has been dropped 0.5kg and can go well.
7. **MONFRERE** - Well beaten latest but was fifth beaten 3.25L at Lyon Parilly in a handicap the time before. Can bounce back.
8. **MARIE D'ARGONNE** - Won a class four at a country track by a long neck. May need a bit more handicapping.
9. **ERMINA** - Ninth last week beaten 9.25L over course and distance. Needs more to feature.
10. **THE LAST HARD MAN** - Out of form in two starts since returning from a break.
11. **SUPERIOR BADOLAT** - Fifth beaten 8.5L at Hyeres in a class four. Gone ok off this mark in the past and first time blinkers could bring improvement.
12. **LADIE SALSA** - Second at Vitteaux beaten 6.5L in a class four. Midfield in handicaps before that and not ruled out.

Summary

PEPINA (5) ran fifth at Saint-Cloud in a more competitive handicap beaten only 3.25L. Looks the one to beat. SPEED'S ADDICT (6) finished ninth at Bordeaux in a May handicap beaten 4.25L. This looks a more moderate affair and likely to go well. MONFRERE (7) struggled latest however was a solid fifth the time before at Lyon Parilly in a handicap beaten 3.25L. Can rediscover form here. SUPERIOR BADOLAT (11) is one to note with first-time blinkers applied.

Selections

**PEPINA (5) - SPEED'S ADDICT (6) - MONFRERE (7) - SUPERIOR
BADOLAT (11)**