

TOULOUSE [R-H] - 18 March

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA CROIX FALGARDE - 2100m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **PARABAK** - Finished midfield last start at Bordeaux over 1900m. Stretches out over further today. More needed.
2. **GAHERIS** - Returned at long odds last start and finished 3.5L adrift in fourth over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Didn't do enough first up to raise hopes.
3. **YQUELON** - Back from a break over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan last start and finished third. Unlikely to threaten.
4. **MEXICAN DREAM** - Finished midfield last start at Bordeaux over 1900m. Stretches out over further today. Look for a much better performance.
5. **THECLIMB** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when sixth over 1900m at Bordeaux three-and-a-half weeks ago. Needs to lift.
6. **KAURI CLIFFS** - Had been working up to a win and it came last start over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan. Contender.
7. **BALEGRIO** - Has ability but the wins are rare. Can hit the frame with the right run.
8. **XARUN** - Fitter for recent racing and looks close to a win after finishing fourth over 1900m at Bordeaux last time. Major player.
9. **GRISGRISES** - Back to favoured distance. Place at best.
10. **SUPER CUTE** - Finished midfield last start at Bordeaux over 1900m. Taking on this longer journey for the first time. Looks tested again.
11. **VERLAN** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fourth over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux on February 21. More required.
12. **WAIPA** - Doesn't win out of turn. Latest run finished eleventh over 2400m at Pau All Weather. Looking to others.
13. **PASTICHOP** - Improving with each run this campaign. Scored on his latest appearance over 2000m at Pau All Weather.
14. **SELLY** - Top-three strike-rate of almost 50%. Good effort when second last start at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m. Will take plenty of beating.
15. **ALMERIAC** - Has a poor strike rate and hasn't scored for 14 months. Well held last time when fourth at Mont-de-Marsan over 2000m. Out of form and impossible to recommend.

Summary: SELLY (14) has been making progress with recent runs including a good second over 2400m at Mont-de-Marsan. Found a winnable opportunity. Could find improvement with application of first time cheekpieces. PASTICHOP (13) is aiming for back to back wins after a narrow victory at Pau tackling 2000m. In good form since a break and has won twice at this course in the past. XARUN (8) holds each way claims based on a recent fourth at Bordeaux over 1900m. KAURI CLIFFS (6) was an impressive 5L winner of a lower grade Mont de Marsan handicap. Tries tougher competition with a fair mark.

Selections

SELLY (14) - PASTICHOP (13) - XARUN (8) - KAURI CLIFFS (6)

Race 2 - PRIX DE LA COTE PAVEE - 3900m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **ICARE D'ILLIAT** - Was unplaced two back in a hurdle (3900m) at Nimes. Bounced back last time to finish third in a hurdle (3650m) at Mont-de-Marsan. Place.
2. **CHERNABOG** - Was unplaced two back in a hurdle (3800m) at Pau then again missed out in a hurdle (3650m) at Mont-de-Marsan last start. Looking to others.
3. **IVANOHE** - Bounced back with a very competitive second in a hurdle (3800m) at Pau last start. Can continue to go close.
4. **KHAZAR LISES** - Improved to score in a hurdle (3800m) at Saint Brieuc. That was on the back of an unplaced effort on the flat two runs ago. Can add to the recent impressive result.
5. **NICE BALLADE** - Resumes after a break of 10 months. Finished off last campaign with a fifth in a hurdle (3800m) at Angouleme. Looks a top-three chance.
6. **SAINT SIRE** - Was disappointing again last time when fifth. Unlikely.
7. **BATAILLON** - Was ordinary on debut in a hurdle over 3800m at Pau. Prepared to risk until he shows something.
8. **ICARE DE BRABOIS** - Gelding by Robin Du Nord out of Star Du Charme. Tough assignment on his first outing so tempted to favour others.
9. **HAYAO** - Eased out of the race two starts back. Bounced back and wasn't beaten far when second in a steeplechase (3800m) at Nimes last time out. Major player again.
10. **MIRALINK** - Made debut as a long shot in a hurdle (3800m) at Pau and was comfortably beaten. Others looks better placed this time.

Summary: KHAZAR LISES (4) made a winning start to hurdling career when scoring by 3.5L at St Brieuc. Takes a well-deserved step up in grade and capable of going back-to-back. IVANOHE (3) is having first start for a new trainer. Good second in a claimer at Pau last start. Well-beaten fourth in a six runner Listed contest earlier in the campaign. Bold bid anticipated. HAYAO (9) bounced back from being pulled up at Pau to finish a narrow runner-up in a Class Four event at Nimes over fences. Switches back to hurdles with a place chance. NICE BALLADE (5) holds each way claims for a new trainer.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KHAZAR LISES (4) - IVANOHE (3) - HAYAO (9) - NICE BALLADE (5)</p>
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Race 3 - PRIX YOUNG TIGER - 1600m UNR. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **ATHANASIA** - Filly by Lope De Vega from Aseel on debut. Expected to measure up.
2. **LOVE TRUE** - Ectot filly who was purchased for EUR € 70,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale) and makes her debut. Top chance.
3. **SALEYA** - Unraced filly by Cityscape out of Lastuce. Will be better for this run.
4. **SORIANE** - Nicely-bred debutant by sire Kheleyf from the stakes-winning mare Fligane. Prefer to see.
5. **HOLLY LAW** - Unraced filly by Lawman out of Holy Romane. No surprise if she measured up.
6. **SCATTY JOY** - Unraced filly by Seabhac out of Shanakilla. No surprise if she measured up.
7. **EBAUCHE** - Unraced filly by Saxon Warrior out of Esquisse. Favouring others.

Summary: Market will provide the best guide in a field of first race starters. LOVE TRUE (2) was an expensive purchase at Arqana Yearling Sales and is expected to make a winning start to career. ATHANASIA (1) wears headgear for debut. By Lope de Vega and likely to enjoy the conditions. Both SCATTY JOY (6) and HOLLY LAW (5) hold each way claims in what looks to be an open race with no stand-out candidate.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOVE TRUE (2) - ATHANASIA (1) - SCATTY JOY (6) - HOLLY LAW (5)</p>

Race 4 - PRIX FEU CROISE - 3500m STPLE AA. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **SOCRATE** - Missed the placings last time out on the flat over 2500m at Agen. That was on the back of a good win in a steeplechase (4000m) at Pau. Must be respected back over the jumps.
2. **JAILLO** - Finished third two back in a steeplechase (3900m) at Pau then could only manage fifth last time in a steeplechase (3900m) at Pau. More needed.
3. **IREMMA** - Back from a break. Finished off last campaign when seventh on the flat. Resuming in tougher grade. Needs to find best to be competitive here.
4. **MESARIA** - Mixed luck of late. Two starts back found one better in a hurdle (3500m) at Pau. All set to bounce back after unseating.
5. **FINCH HATTON** - 10L away in second last time out in a steeplechase (3900m) at Pau. Another bold showing likely.

Summary: MESARIA (4) finished runner-up on first three starts over hurdles before unseating on steeplechasing debut at Pau when winning. Expected to make amends in a very winnable contest. FINCH HATTON (5) has placed on last two outings including a second at Pau over 3900m. Improvement required to shed maiden tag but firmly in the mix. SOCRATE (1) followed up a comfortable 4000m steeplechase success at Pau with a sixth on the Flat. Interesting returned to fences. JAILLO (2) holds each way claims after a fifth at Pau.

<p>Selections</p>

<p>MESARIA (4) - FINCH HATTON (5) - SOCRATE (1) - JAILLO (2)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX DE LA GARONNE - 2100m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **CORIMBO** - Has been in the market but safely held at his last couple of starts. Needs more.
2. **MYTH STYLE** - Has been very ordinary since winning at Auch four starts back. Prepared to overlook.
3. **TCHUCKY CHOP** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fourth over 2400m at Bordeaux on March 3. Not a bad effort last time and is open to improvement.
4. **BAILEYS DIAMANT** - Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell. Can turn things around.
5. **WHERE CHOP** - Resumed over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan last start and finished 6L away in fifth. Expected to be in the finish this time.
6. **SCHWANENSEE** - Plain of late including last start when well held over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan. This looks a nice assignment so expect improvement.
7. **FINEHA** - Looks close to a win after finishing second over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan last time. Needs to take another step to compete against these.
8. **CAVANI KAIZEN** - Lines up for the first time since December 14. Plenty of more attractive propositions in this race.
9. **SAVILE ROW** - Finds it hard to win. Would need to show more to feature.
10. **AGAMEMNON** - Has not raced since finishing 7L away in ninth over 2000m at this track on November 15. Place on best form.
11. **BECQUANON** - Has struggled to make his mark of late. Could sneak into the finish.
12. **LEVANT** - Finished midfield last start at Bordeaux over 1900m. Tackles a longer journey this time. Nicely placed and expected to go well.
13. **MOLINO** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when fourth over 1900m at Bordeaux three-and-a-half weeks ago. Capable.
14. **YAZD** - Hasn't been competitive lately. Prepared to risk.

Summary: TCHUCKY CHOP (3) showed a good level of form when 2L fourth at Bordeaux over 2400m. Drops back in trip and expected to be competitive. MOLINO (13) demonstrated improvement when fourth at Bordeaux over 1900m. Excellent record at this track with two wins from three starts. Can improve from a low weight. WHERE CHOP (5) returned after a short spell with a fifth at Mont de Marsan. Entitled to improve for race fitness. BAILEYS DIAMANT (4) holds each way claims if repeating recent fifth at Bordeaux when beaten 2L.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TCHUCKY CHOP (3) - MOLINO (13) - WHERE CHOP (5) - BAILEYS DIAMANT (4)</p>
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Race 6 - PRIX PROVINCIAL - 1200m CL1. Purse EUR €30,000.

1. **OAHU** - Has not raced since scoring over 1207m at Newcastle All Weather on October 25. Can go on to better things this campaign.
2. **REVE DE VALLARSA** - Last appeared five months ago when he won over 1200m at this track. Expected to play a major role.
3. **DABBIYA** - Returned from a spell and was easily accounted for when fifth over 1400m at Bordeaux. No easier this time and happy to leave out.
4. **TOMILA** - Resumes. Finished the campaign with a well-beaten ninth in a Listed Race over 1000m at Longchamp five months ago. Open to improvement this time.
5. **LOVA** - Resumed in impressive fashion last start when scoring by 0.8L at Fontainebleau over 1100m. Can play a big role again.
6. **ZUDU SPIRIT** - Resumes today after a successful maiden preparation scoring three times from seven starts. Last start finished tenth over 1000m at Longchamp on October 27. Place chance.

Summary: OAHU (1) is having first start for a new yard. Been campaigned solely in the UK thus far with a win and a placing from five starts. Last seen scoring by 2.75L at Newcastle AW over 1207m. Interesting on French debut. REVE DE VALLARSA (2) has won twice and placed twice from four career starts. Finished ahead of a subsequent winner when scoring by 0.5L over course and distance last start. Capable. LOVA (5) returned after a six month spell with a win at Fontainebleau in a Class Two conditions. Entitled to improve for fitness and deserves to try tougher competition. TOMILA (4) returns to conditions company after a ninth in a Listed race. Won a maiden at Fontainebleau prior. Place chance.

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Race 7 - PRIX SAUNHAC - 1400m CLM. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **DABIRADJA** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she scored over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan on February 24. Rates highly again.
2. **ARAMITZ** - Returned from a spell last start with a modest eighth over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Strips fitter.
3. **DAZZLE AT DAWN** - Beaten 3.5L into third at Deauville All Weather two starts ago then eighth. Not keen on his chances.
4. **MALIPARMI** - Finished 4L back in sixth on debut over 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer last start. Has claims with the benefit of that run.
5. **OLYMPE DE GOUGE** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when fourth over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan three weeks ago. Place on best form.
6. **SEGERA** - Back from a spell of four-and-a-half months. Last raced when beaten 6L into seventh over 1400m at Pau All Weather. Needs to lift.
7. **NIGHT CHOPE** - Won two races in her maiden campaign. Returned from a spell last start with a well-beaten seventh over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan. Needs to do more.

Summary: DABIRADJA (1) rates highly as a last start winner at Mont de Marsan. Likes this level of competition. Been found a small field winnable opportunity. ARAMITZ (2) was in good order prior to a three month break with a Bordeaux claiming win followed by two placings in handicaps. Struggled on reappearance in a Pau handicap when seventh and will appreciate switch to claimers. MALIPARMI (4) was sixth on debut at Cagnes sur Mer. Cheekpieces applied and improvement likely. OLYMPE DE GOUGE (5) holds each way claims based on a recent fourth at Mont-de-Marsan.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">DABIRADJA (1) - ARAMITZ (2) - MALIPARMI (4) - OLYMPE DE GOUGE (5)</p>

Race 8 - PRIX DE SAINT-SERNIN - 3000m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **NOLIVER** - Not a bad run last start when sixth at Deauville All Weather over 2500m. Has strong credentials over today's trip. Solid top-three prospects.
2. **SANCHO** - Scored two starts back at Cagnes-sur-Mer before finishing 2.5L from the winner in third last time over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux. Shapes as a top chance on recent form.
3. **DUX** - Last start well held over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Hard to ignore the recent efforts so others preferred.
4. **MONZALVOS** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in ninth over 2400m at Pau All Weather six weeks ago. Unlikely.
5. **JARDIN BLEU** - Finished midfield last start at Bordeaux over 2400m. Jumps up in journey today. Place chance on best form.
6. **BLACK GAIA** - Form in recent times has been moderate. Must improve to play a role.
7. **WINMAN IN GREY** - Last start finished third over 2400m at Bordeaux. Has recorded just 6 victories from 64 starts. Capable enough on his day and is a key runner.
8. **KINGS OF LEON** - Hasn't done much in recent times. Likely to find this out of reach.
9. **PAQUOS** - Winner on the flat and over the jumps and will find this easier than when unseating at Angers over 4100m. Can do much better.
10. **CAFE SAIGON** - Steps out to 3000m for the first time today after a modest effort last time out when seventh over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Needs more.

Summary: SANCHO (2) backed up a Cagnes-sur-Mer handicap win with a third over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux. In good order and expected to go close. WINMAN IN GREY (7) bounced back from two midfield efforts with a third at Bordeaux over 2400m. Excellent record at this track with a win and two placings from four attempts. Consider. PAQUOS (9) unseated over hurdles last start. Fourth at St Brieuc prior. Two placings from three attempts at this course. Place chance. NOLIVER (1) could defy top weight to finish in top three. Sixth at Deauville AW when last seen.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SANCHO (2) - WINMAN IN GREY (7) - PAQUOS (9) - NOLIVER (1)</p>
