

STRASBOURG - 18 April

Race 1

1. **CREALION** - Beat a subsequent winner by 2L in a steeplechase over 3800m at Angers. Key player for a top trainer and jockey combination.
2. **VENT DU SOIR** - Unplaced in 14 career outings. Others preferred.
3. **SAPANORIA** - 3.5L success over 4100m at Lyon-Parilly on chase debut. Key player with more to come. Supplemented runner.
4. **GINO DINO** - Pulled-up in the Listed Prix Marc Antony hurdle when last seen 154 days ago. Unexposed over fences and may show more dropped in grade.
5. **TITE GOUL** - Back-to-back thirds over fences the latest beaten 18L over 4000m at this venue. Place claims.
6. **GONDOR DE KERSER** - Showed ability over hurdles in four starts to date and may progress on chase debut. Booking of Felix De Giles a positive.
7. **GLAM DES CHARMILLE** - Little form in three starts to date over obstacles. More needed.
8. **GUERRE DES GAULES** - Beat a subsequent winner by 1.25L in a hurdles event at Auteuil last year and was not disgraced when seventh on chase debut recently. One to note.

Summary

CREALION (1) beat a subsequent winner by 2L in a steeplechase over 3800m at Angers. Unexposed with fences and rates a leading contender for a top trainer and jockey combination. The form of a GUERRE DES GAULES (8) 1.25L hurdles success at Auteuil last year is solid. Not disgraced when seventh on chase debut and could have more to offer for a good yard. The supplemented SAPANORIA (3) is respected on a 3.5L success over 4100m at Lyon-Parilly making chase debut. The booking of Felix De Giles is a positive for GONDOR DE KERSER (6) and cannot be ruled out on first chase outing.

Selections

CREALION (1) - GUERRE DES GAULES (8) - SAPANORIA (3) - GONDOR DE KERSER (6)

Race 2

1. **SARDASHT** - Runs well over this trip. 0.75L third over course and distance 18 days ago. Key player in similar event.
2. **RIYAK** - Two best efforts to date have come over track and trip. Each way claims following a 150 day break.
3. **GOLD SHIVA** - Faded badly in a course and distance maiden last start but holds place claims on prior form.
4. **ACCLAM** - Promising 3L second in a maiden over this trip at Moulins on debut 15 days ago. Top chance with more to come for a good yard.
5. **FREE BIRD** - One placing in six starts but that was a good effort when second to a subsequent winner in a handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Not ruled out.
6. **DIMA** - Stepped up on debut effort when 0.5L runner up over track and trip recently. Key player with course form.
7. **BRESSE'SAONE** - Well beaten on debut and remains best watched.
8. **GENETIQUE** - Not discounted on early form and remains of note for a powerful stable.
9. **TIME TO RUN** - Unraced gelding by American Devil. Not ruled out.
10. **DONNA MALIA** - Unraced filly by Masterstroke. Market can guide.

Summary

ACCLAM (4) produced a promising 3L second in a maiden over this trip at Moulins on debut. Leading player with more to come for a good yard. The experience of SARDASHT (1) will stand him in good stead. Runs well over this trip including a 0.75L third at course and distance. Key player in this similar event. DIMA (6) improved on debut effort when 0.5L runner up tackling track and trip recently. Notable runner with course form a positive. FREE BIRD (5) would be dangerous to dismiss if replicating the form of a good handicap second at Cagnes-sur-Mer.

Selections

ACCLAM (4) - SARDASHT (1) - DIMA (6) - FREE BIRD (5)

Race 3

1. **BLACK'N ROSES** - Capable of going well at this grade and should strip fitter for reappearance effort in first-time blinkers (now removed).
2. **DUNQUIN** - 6.5L winner of a 6000m cross-country chase at Lignieres 35 days ago. Respected with a good record in these events.
3. **VENT DES DUNES** - Back-to-back cross-country victories at Vittel prior to unseating rider at Vichy 212 days ago. Not discounted if sharp enough on return.
4. **DIESEL D'ALLIER** - 12L third behind the re-opposing Dunquin 35 days ago. Each way claims.
5. **GRILLON D'ESTRIVAL** - Unexposed in this sphere after two victories and a second from three cross-country starts. Leading player for a top yard.
6. **CAPRICE LA CHENEAU** - Fell on both starts this campaign but not ruled out if putting in a clear round. Eye-catching jockey booking.
7. **FAYAS** - Good 10L fourth in the Listed Grand Cross de Pau Reverdy at Pau 70 days ago. One to note dropped in class.
8. **BRUNCH ROYAL** - 8.5L winner on cross-country debut at Lyon-Parilly. Top chance with more to come.
9. **CESAR DE PRETOT** - More needed on the form shown this campaign but holds each way claims with a good record over this distance.

Summary

GRILLON D'ESTRIVAL (5) remains lightly raced in this sphere after producing two victories and a second from three cross-country starts. The latest was a 6L runner up effort to a subsequent winner at Pau 104 days ago. Leading player for a top yard. BRUNCH ROYAL (8) made the perfect start in cross-country racing when running out an 8.5L winner at Lyon-Parilly. Top chance with further progress expected. DUNQUIN (2) scored by 6.5L in a 6000m cross-country chase at Lignieres. Notable runner with a solid record in this discipline. FAYAS (7) is one to note dropping in grade after a break.

Selections

GRILLON D'ESTRIVAL (5) - BRUNCH ROYAL (8) - DUNQUIN (2) - FAYAS (7)

Race 4

1. **FOREVER D'ANS** - Faded late when a 1.75L third to a subsequent winner in a course and distance claimer just under two weeks ago. One to note.
2. **TCHEQUE KING** - Two moderate efforts to date and more needed on stable debut.
3. **SHANAKILL** - Improved on debut run when 3.5L third over 2500m at Langon Libourne. Not ruled out for a top trainer.
4. **DJANGO UNCHAINED** - Sent off favourite when 11L fourth in a stronger maiden over this trip at Saint-Cloud last November. Key player eased in class following a break.
5. **ARTAX** - Shaped with promise when seventh on debut at Lyon la Soie. Each way claims on stable debut.
6. **SERAPHIEL** - Shaped nicely when 4L third in a 1950m maiden at Nancy on debut three weeks ago. Leading contender with further progress expected.
7. **LA CINTURA** - Just behind Seraphiel when fourth in a maiden at Nancy 21 days ago. Should strip fitter and one to note for a good yard.
8. **AZAZEL** - Well beaten on debut and major improvement needed to feature.
9. **DIVAN** - Unraced colt by Isfahan. Market can guide to chance.
10. **FEARLESS** - First starter by Evasive. May need the run.
11. **MEDIATOR** - Unraced colt by Excelebration. Not discounted if attracting market support.
12. **IVOIRE DU SEUIL** - Filly by Masked Marvel making her first start. Market check required.

Summary

DJANGO UNCHAINED (4) was well fancied when 11L fourth in a stronger maiden over this trip at Saint-Cloud last November. Top chance eased in class following a break. SERAPHIEL (6) showed a good level of form to produce a 4L third in a 1950m maiden at Nancy on debut. Leading player with further progress expected. SHANAKILL (3) stepped forward from initial outing when 3.5L third over 2500m at Langon Libourne. One to note for a top trainer. FOREVER D'ANS (1) is not discounted with form at course and distance a positive.

Selections

DJANGO UNCHAINED (4) - SERAPHIEL (6) - SHANAKILL (3) - FOREVER D'ANS (1)

Race 5

1. **SECRET STYLE** - Well beaten on chase debut 20 days ago and the majority of hurdles form has come in claimers. Others hold stronger claims.
2. **TREZY GIRL** - 0.75L success of a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau with subsequent winner back in third. One to note after a 146 day break.
3. **ONIX D'AUMONT** - Unexposed type who made-all for a 2.5L hurdling victory over 3400m at Nancy last November. Considered with progress likely.
4. **MISTER BINT** - Three placings from six starts over hurdles including in a similar class. Place claims.
5. **GAMBIE TIEP** - Pulled-up on hurdling debut at this venue two starts ago. Not discounted if translating flat form.
6. **MAGIC LEG'S** - Below par on both starts this campaign but may show more back at this venue (Placed twice from two outings).
7. **GALANT BELIN** - No form to note on the flat and impossible to recommend on hurdling debut.
8. **ONE CALL AWAY** - Only career success came over track and trip last June. Each way claims following a 206 day break.
9. **GALERANDE** - 5L third in a hurdle race over this trip at Auteuil 413 days ago. Top chance eased in grade on reappearance.
10. **GAZEE DE BEDON** - Displayed limited ability in four flat starts to date. Best watched on stable and hurdling debut.
11. **FINJAANS ROSE** - Fair ability on the flat and not discounted on first start over hurdles having been supplemented.
12. **HIRAM DES OBEAUX** - Unplaced in five outings on the flat thus far. More needed on hurdling debut.
13. **HALO ON FIRE** - Promising debut when 4L third here over hurdles but pulled-up twice subsequently. Not ruled out eased in standard on return.
14. **ON THE EDGE** - Showed ability when sixth on hurdling debut over 3550m at Fontainebleau 23 days ago. Each way player with progress plausible.
15. **HANNALISA** - Narrowly denied when runner up here on debut prior to a late fall at Auteuil last October. Place claims on her return from a 172 day break.
16. **WALHALLA** - Unplaced in six flat starts to date and others preferred on first attempt over hurdles.

Summary

The unexposed ONIX D'AUMONT (3) made-all for a 2.5L hurdling victory over 3400m at Nancy last November. Key player and progress likely with prominent tactics a positive. GALERANDE (9) produced a 5L third in a hurdle race over this trip at Auteuil 413 days ago. Leading contender eased in grade on reappearance. TREZY GIRL (2) scored by 0.75L a claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau with a subsequent winner back in third. Shortlist with more to come after a 146 day break. HALO ON FIRE (13) would be dangerous to dismiss if replicating promising debut run at this venue.

Selections

ONIX D'AUMONT (3) - GALERANDE (9) - TREZY GIRL (2) - HALO ON FIRE (13)

Race 6

1. **REBEL D'ANS** - Held the last twice but ran out a 2L winner in a higher grade handicap prior. Not ruled out in this class with a good record at the track.
2. **SALSA QUEEN** - Safely accounted for on AW debut last start but should show more back on the turf. First handicap outing.
3. **CANALETTO** - Well beaten on last two AW outings. Each way claims with the return to turf a positive.
4. **SMART COOKIE** - 2.75L fourth in a class three claimer over 2800m at Compiegne. Not discounted dropped in journey with a good record in blinkers.
5. **DECBOU** - Held on reappearance but should strip fitter. One to note in first-time cheekpieces for a top yard.
6. **AS DE JUILLEY** - Fair fourth in a class three handicap over 2000m at this venue 13 days ago. Lightly raced and considered with further progress.
7. **MISS SPRINGSTEEN** - Beaten out of sight on return but has the form to be involved in this grade. May bounce back with that run under her belt.
8. **MORTREE** - One from two at this venue and holds each way claims on her best form in this grade.
9. **KAILYN** - 4.25L fourth in a class three handicap behind a pair of subsequent winners at Cagnes-sur-Mer two back. One to note if replicating.
10. **SWEET MASTER** - 0.5L winner of a class four conditions race over 2400m at Paray-Le-Monial. Shortlisted back in a handicap.
11. **SCARLETT OF TARA** - Held in claimers when last seen 68 days ago. Others preferred.
12. **PONT AU CHANGE** - Good 2.5L fourth in a class two handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer prior to a disappointing run latest. Capable of bouncing back over a suitable trip.
13. **WELL DE VINDECY** - Beat a subsequent winner by 0.75L in a class three course and distance conditions race 18 days ago. Two from two over this trip. Top chance.
14. **ROUGE DESIR** - Fair fifth over track and trip recently. One to note with course form a positive.
15. **ZARYA** - Two placings from 15 starts. Frame claims on best form.
16. **ISKANDAR** - Faded when a 5.75L third over track and journey 18 days ago. Key player with course form a plus.

Summary

WELL DE VINDECY (13) managed a 0.75L success with re-opposing rivals behind in a class three course and distance conditions race. Beat a subsequent winner there and is two from two over the journey. Top chance. ISKANDAR (16) faded when finishing third in the aforementioned track and trip event. Key player with course form a positive and more patient tactics possible from stall sixteen. SMART COOKIE (4) produced a 2.75L fourth in a class three claimer attempting 2800m at Compiegne. Not to be discounted dropping in journey maintaining a good record in blinkers. PONT AU CHANGE (12) completes the shortlist.

Selections

WELL DE VINDECY (13) - ISKANDAR (16) - SMART COOKIE (4) - PONT AU CHANGE (12)

Race 7

1. **HEAVEN'S NIGHT** - Infrequent hurdle scorer but has multiple placings in similar events. Could find a minor place eased in class.
2. **FANFAN DU SEUIL** - Pulled up in a stronger Auteuil hurdle second up. Plenty to prove in current form.
3. **EDEN DU SEUIL** - 6L third in a track and trip hurdle eighteen days ago. In the mix.
4. **ZUCKERPRINZ** - Pulled up in a course and distance hurdle eighteen days ago. Best watched.
5. **HIGHEST STATE** - Yet to find any worthwhile form in three hurdle starts. Ignored.
6. **MAURREN** - 8.5L fourth in a course and distance hurdle 158 days ago. May need this.
7. **CRACK DE LA CHENEAU** - One placing from six hurdle starts and plenty to find after a held ninth on reappearance.
8. **ALLIED FORCE** - Good chase form with success in a stronger event 283 days ago. Contender if sharp on hurdle debut after an absence.
9. **CESARE DI ROMA** - Fell when well held in previous hurdle start 331 days ago. Minor role likely.
10. **BACQUEVILLE** - 14L fourth in a course and distance hurdle eighteen days ago. Consider with fitness on side second up.
11. **BELLE CITY** - Yet to reach the frame in ten hurdle outings. Look elsewhere.
12. **FAMOUS NORD** - Two hurdle wins from five starts and fair sixth on reappearance at this venue. Player.
13. **BONFOU D'AIRY** - 21L defeat in a similar handicap hurdle at this venue first up. May improve.
14. **MASTER ONE** - 0.5L runner up in a track and trip hurdle thirteen days ago on good to soft ground. Attractive chance.
15. **GAROU DE JUILLEY** - Pulled up in previous three hurdle starts. Something to prove but may fare better after an absence.
16. **DIDJI DU LAC** - One placed effort from ten hurdle starts. Others readily preferred.

Summary

MASTER ONE (14) is the one to beat after an improved 0.5L runner up effort at course and distance thirteen days ago. Key player in a moderate handicap hurdle if able to replicate. EDEN DU SEUIL (3) delivered a 6L third over track and trip. In the mix. ALLIED FORCE (8) comes with good chase form delivering first hurdle start. Capable of going well if sharp enough on reappearance. BACQUEVILLE (10) may improve on a good fourth at this venue in latest.

Selections

MASTER ONE (14) - EDEN DU SEUIL (3) - ALLIED FORCE (8) - BACQUEVILLE (10)

Race 8

1. **LINARDO** - 18L defeat in a stronger Saint-Cloud turf handicap on good ground twelve days ago. May improve down in class.
2. **HALLO WIEN** - 4.75L sixth in a 2000m Cagnes-sur-Mer AW handicap third up. In the mix eased in company.
3. **LOMAO** - Infrequent winner who finished eighth in a better track and trip handicap last month. Others make more appeal.
4. **ARCHITECT** - Well held ninth over course and distance eighteen days ago. Hard to enthuse.
5. **AUEN ADVENTURE** - Strike a line through latest effort. Respected as a dual track and trip scorer down in class. Top chance with blinkers back on.
6. **COMMANDEUR** - Nineteen race maiden who finished fifth on reappearance at Dusseldorf. Place at best second up.
7. **AMBOISE MENANTIE** - Unplaced in ten career starts. Dramatic improvement needed.
8. **RUNNING RAINDROP** - Beaten a long way in a 2000m handicap here 155 days ago. Hopes pinned on improving after a break.
9. **BESIDE** - Heavy defeat in a similar Nancy handicap third up. Minor role likely.
10. **HORSE BOREAL** - Fair 4.25L sixth in this class on reappearance at this venue. Firmly in the mix.
11. **DIVAHORA** - Ran better than finishing position suggested here latest. Not discounted for a placing.
12. **BEB'S** - Yet to reach the frame in eight career outings. Prepared to overlook.
13. **RONAZZA ONE** - Runs well here with four placings from six starts. Capable of going close on best form down in standard.
14. **SKYLER WHITE** - Struggled in a pair of AW contests prior to a break. Better expected returning to turf.
15. **SAINTE CECILE** - Improved third on second start since resuming at Amiens. Each way option with blinkers retained.
16. **DIABOLO DANCER** - Down the field in a similar course handicap over 2000m eighteen days previously. Others preferred.

Summary

AUEN ADVENTURE (5) is worth forgiving a rare below par effort last time. Holds a good record at this venue as a dual track and trip winner previously. Top chance with blinkers back on. HORSE BOREAL (10) delivered a fair 4.25L sixth in this class on reappearance at this course. Attractive option in a moderate handicap. HALLO WIEN (2) is one to note eased in standard after a 4.75L sixth on the AW at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Keep RONAZZA ONE (13) in mind for a placing revisiting a track where she excels.

Selections

AUEN ADVENTURE (5) - HORSE BOREAL (10) - HALLO WIEN (2) - RONAZZA ONE (13)