

LA TESTE DE BUCH - 18 June

Race 1

1. **L'AVVOCATO** - 2.5L second at this track first up was a very good debut. Leading player for a good yard.
2. **PRECIOUS ROCK** - Took a step forwards to place second up. Should continue progressing and has each way claims in this field.
3. **NEW BARNES** - Down the field on recent debut but should improve for that experience. Good jockey booked and not one to entirely rule out.
4. **MASSA CHOP** - Well supported in the market but struggled and was ultimately beaten 9L. Not discounted if attracting market support once more.
5. **CASEY** - Modest form in two starts so far. Happy to oppose.
6. **ASAD ZABEEL** - With top trainer and made an extremely promising start to his career when a 4L third here. On breeding this extra distance should suit so look to keep safe.
7. **LUCTOR** - First time starter by Planteur. Market check advised.
8. **SKIN IN THE GAME** - Inexpensive colt by Al Wukair. Happy to just watch on debut.

Summary

L'AVVOCATO (1) shaped with promise when a 2.5L second on debut. That was still an extremely promising start to his career so with likely progression he can take the beating. ASAD ZABEEL (6) represents a top trainer and placed on debut. Expect improvement and is certainly worth holding safe. MASSA CHOP (4) was notably well supported for debut but failed to live up to that. Clearly felt capable of better however so a potential threat to all here. PRECIOUS ROCK (2) placed second up and holds each way claims.

Selections

L'AVVOCATO (1) - ASAD ZABEEL (6) - MASSA CHOP (4) - PRECIOUS ROCK (2)

Race 2

1. **TAFSER** - Fifth at Toulouse in a maiden over 1200m beaten 3.5L. Well bred filly and hold solid claims once more.
2. **EASY SKANKING** - Eighth beaten 11L at this venue over 1000m in a newcomers race. Up in distance after a lay off.
3. **BARRUA** - Fourth beaten 2.75L in a maiden over 1200m in May. Should not be far away.
4. **ABELIE** - Solid debut when fourth here over 1200m beaten 7.5L in a maiden. Entitled to improve.
5. **CHOPE LA GAGNE** - Daughter of Kheleyf out of a Soave mare. Best watched on debut.
6. **DJENABA** - By Siyouni out of a Dalakhani mare and has to be considered for top trainer Jean-Claude Rouget.
7. **GRACEFULNESS** - A daughter of Charm Spirit hailing from a yard who can ready one first up.
8. **SUNSHINE MEADOW** - By Zarak out of a Clodovil mare and likely to need this debut experience.
9. **COPIE** - Half sister to a Listed winner and has to be considered for top connections on debut.

Summary

This looks a maiden where newcomers appear to hold the key. COPIE (9) is a half sister to a Listed winner and owned by the Wertheimer brothers. Expected to go close on debut. DJENABA (6) and GRACEFULNESS (7) both represent top yards and should feature on debut. TAFSER (1) has shown ability in two starts to date including a fifth at Toulouse beaten 3.5L in a maiden. Not ruled out.

Selections

COPIE (9) - DJENABA (6) - GRACEFULNESS (7) - TAFSER (1)

Race 3

1. **SAN PABLO** - Thriving recently and has won two of last three starts. Nose winner at Longchamp in what was actually a stronger looking race than this. Will take the beating.
2. **HURRICANE LIGHT** - Won four starts ago but not yet built upon that. Drawn well however and has each way claims.
3. **QUDILLERO** - Powered clear for impressive 6L victory at Auch. This is tougher but should give another bold showing.
4. **CANADA** - Generally only modest form this campaign but win three starts ago here reads as good form. Potential threat to all if repeating that run.
5. **UCEL** - Admirable overall record although has trailed the field on last two starts. Needs too bounce back.
6. **USAIN BEST** - Honest gelding. Should give usual running and has each way claims in this field.
7. **WETROV** - 1.3L winner at Dax when last seen. This is only slightly tougher so look to keep safe.
8. **SI SENORITA** - Out of form and happy to oppose at present.

Summary

SAN PABLO (1) scored in a better race than this at Longchamp last time out. The one to beat. QUDILLERO (3) could not have been any more impressive than when going clear for a 6L victory. Deservedly in better race now but remains easy to fancy. WETROV (7) ran out a 1.3L winner at Dax last start. Solid claims. HURRICANE LIGHT (2) is drawn well. Each way chance.

Selections
SAN PABLO (1) - QUDILLERO (3) - WETROV (7) - HURRICANE LIGHT (2)

Race 4

1. **ISSART** - Well beaten on debut at a country track and unlikely to feature.
2. **FOOTIX** - Sixth beaten 3.75L at Vichy in a maiden four weeks ago over 1600m. Place claims.
3. **PITERAQ** - Third beaten 0.75L at Bordeaux in a newcomers maiden over 1900m. Entitled to improve second up.
4. **KENDY TIME** - Third beaten 3.25L at Longchamp in a claimer over 1700m. May need a bit more back into a maiden.
5. **NARVAEZ** - Son by Zanzibari who is entitled to need this debut experience.
6. **AMERICAN STORY** - Down the field at Fontainebleau in a maiden over 1800m. First run for a new yard but needs to improve.
7. **LOU BALICOT** - Well beaten at a country track in a maiden in May and unlikely to feature.
8. **VALLEE D'ENFER** - Second at Toulouse in a maiden beaten a long neck. Maiden after six but placed on five occasions. In the mix.
9. **OPTIMUMM** - Runner-up on debut at Bordeaux in a newcomers race beaten 0.75L. Well bred and she is entitled to improve. Key player.
10. **ILLIRIHA** - Sixth beaten 5L at this venue over 1800m in a maiden. Solid debut and can progress.
11. **HILLARANTE** - Fifth at Vichy in a maiden over 1600m beaten 2.5L. Expected to improve and holds big claims.
12. **KEPPARTI** - Second beaten 1L at Toulouse over 2100m in a maiden. Got headed late on and this drop in trip could suit.
13. **CAPRIGLIO** - Newcomer by Dabirism but does not appear an obvious winner on paper.
14. **ALLIYADH DUBREAU** - A daughter of Alianthus and best watched on debut.

Summary

KEPPARTI (12) has shown ability in two career outings to date. Most recently runner-up at Toulouse over 2100m in a maiden. Drop in distance looks likely to suit. OPTIMUMM (9) finished second at Bordeaux in a newcomers race over 1900m beaten 0.75L. Should improve second up and can go close. HILLARANTE (11) was fifth at Vichy in a maiden over 1600m beaten 2.5L. Noted up in distance. ILLIRIHA (10) was only beaten 5L on debut at this venue and can progress.

Selections

KEPPARTI (12) - OPTIMUMM (9) - HILLARANTE (11) - ILLIRIHA (10)

Race 5

1. **EILEAN DUBH** - Running with credit in this grade recently but will need to improve for anything more than a place.
2. **AKAMU** - 2L sixth at Saint Cloud last time was a good run and has some form in much stronger races than this. Each way player.
3. **CAMPANIE** - Disappointing in three starts this campaign. Needs to improve sharply.
4. **SINAKHA** - Long-neck winner at Toulouse. Impressed that day and may be able to defy rise in the weights.
5. **HARDANCE** - Placed on reappearance but not yet built upon that. Each way claims on best form.
6. **KENZAL** - Won modest event two starts back but failed to progress next time. Needs more at this level.
7. **PLACE D'IENTA** - Resumes at preferred distance and has won fresh in the past. Very much of interest.
8. **CRYSTAL LADY** - Impressive 2L winner at La Roche-Posay last time in a maiden. This is a lot tougher but improving filly that can show up well once more.
9. **PASSALITO** - 7L third at Fontainebleau two starts back was best run yet. Needs more to factor amongst this field.
10. **ROSA PARKS** - 1L winner three starts back but struggled since subsequent weight rise.
11. **WHAT A HULLABALOO** - 12 race maiden but has run some good races in defeat. Threat to all if near best.
12. **VALARICA** - Trained the field on reappearance and happy to oppose following that.
13. **KALEOROUNA** - Struggling this campaign but is drawn well and has a great racing weight so would not be one to entirely rule out.
14. **THOUSAND DREAMS** - A lot of promise second up when a 4.5L fifth. Extra distance should suit and has each way claims.

Summary

CRYSTAL LADY (8) impressively won a maiden by 2L last time out and is very interesting in a handicap now. The one to beat. AKAMU (2) was beaten 2L last start and has been contesting stronger races than this recently. Solid chance. SINAKHA (4) held rivals for long-neck victory latest. No surprise if he was to defy weights rise. PLACE D'IENTA (7) has a good record fresh. Conditions should suit and looks a threat to all on return.

Selections

CRYSTAL LADY (8) - AKAMU (2) - SINAKHA (4) - PLACE D'IENTA (7)

Race 6

1. **ULTIMATUM** - Third over 1900m at this venue three weeks ago in a handicap. Drop in distance not an obvious positive.
2. **GRISGRISES** - Well beaten in a class four at Agen twelve days ago. Went well the time before in a handicap.
3. **KANTALUNA** - Eighth beaten 5L in a handicap at Toulouse over 1600m. Maiden after 21 but could place.
4. **DON'T TELL TALES** - Made all of the running to win a Bordeaux handicap over 1600m by 0.75L. Raised 2kg but still of interest.
5. **PRINCE DU GOYEN** - Fourth at Toulouse over 1600m in a handicap behind Kenshow beaten 1L. Chance.
6. **AL RASSOUL** - Won a handicap in February but has show little in five subsequent outings. Now back on a winning mark.
7. **RAVEN RIDGE** - Well beaten on return at Lion D'Angers over 1400m in a handicap. Entitled to have improved for that and will appreciate the return up in trip.
8. **INSEO** - Third nine days ago at this venue beaten 1.75L in a handicap. Chance back up in trip.
9. **KENSHOW** - Runner-up at Toulouse after a short break in a handicap beaten 1L over 1600m. Should progress second up.
10. **JONH FOR ALWAYS** - Fifth at Toulouse beaten 2.5L in a handicap over 1600m. Maiden after 25 but could place.
11. **LLOYD** - Eighth at a country track in a handicap beaten 5.5L. This is tougher but can run well at this level.
12. **TIROLIENNE** - Well beaten in last two outings and easily ruled out.
13. **PRESS OFFICER** - Seventh beaten 4.25L at Marseille Borely over 2100m in a handicap. Small drop in the weights and could find the frame.
14. **KILLING ZOE** - Won a handicap nine days ago at this venue over 1400m. Raised 2kg for that effort but should be considered. 66% strike rate at this venue.
15. **LARANZA** - Midfield at this venue over 1900m in a handicap recently. Not an obvious improver down in trip.
16. **AZORIN** - No form in last six outings and has dropped 10.5kg in the weights over that time. First-time blinkers.
17. **SERAPHIM** - Fourth at Royan in a handicap beaten 4.75L in a handicap. Minor claims.
18. **DESERT EAGLE** - Struggled recently at Moulins in a handicap and only has two placings from fifteen starts.

Summary

DON'T TELL TALES (4) scored at Bordeaux after making all the running in a 1600m handicap last start. Can defy the 2kg rise in ratings. PRINCE DU GOYEN (5) was fourth at Toulouse in a handicap beaten 1L by KENSHOW (9) and both are expected to go well again. INSEO (8) finished third at this venue recently beaten 1.75L behind KILLING ZOE (14) and can reverse the form now on more favourable terms.

Selections

DON'T TELL TALES (4) - PRINCE DU GOYEN (5) - KENSHOW (9) - INSEO (8) - KILLING ZOE (14)

Race 7

1. **REPONSE EXACTE** - Ran below market expectations on return but would be one to note should the money come once more.
2. **UNAMUNO** - Long-neck winner at Longchamp on reappearance. In easier contest now and should give another bold showing despite extra weight.
3. **TRIMEUR** - Progressed with each start this campaign and ran out a nose winner at Auch last time. In a better race here but hard to rule out.
4. **DANN** - Head winner at Bordeaux two starts back and not disgraced since. Apprentice claim now utilised to good effect and can take a step forwards.
5. **ASCENSION DIRECTE** - 1.3L second at Tarbes in April. Each way claims.
6. **VICTORY CAT** - Stayed on into midfield last time so could be well suited to the extra distance. Each way chance.
7. **CAFE SAIGON** - Rates highly on best form although recent efforts not at that level. Threat to all if near best.
8. **ROYAL VATI** - Unfancied and well beaten first up this campaign. May just have needed that run however and can do better now.
9. **KUKO** - Not disgraced on reappearance although will need to progress from that if he is to factor.
10. **FLY D'ASPE** - Resumes after five month break. Has the ability to factor amongst this field if primed for return. Not ruled out.
11. **HEAVEN CITY** - Shaped with promise on both preps and now third up should be primed to strike. Big chance.
12. **ACHILLEA** - Struggled so far this campaign and needs to improve to factor.
13. **LA CATELLA** - Modest reappearance effort and will need to improve to factor.

Summary

UNAMUNO (2) won a much stronger race than this last time out at Longchamp. Will take the beating once more. HEAVEN CITY (11) has shaped well on recent starts and now third up should be primed. Keep safe. VICTORY CAT (6) will prove well suited to the step back up in trip. Each way player. FLY D'ASPE (10) resumes in a suitable contest. Threat to all if primed for return.

Selections

UNAMUNO (2) - HEAVEN CITY (11) - VICTORY CAT (6) - FLY D'ASPE (10)

Race 8

1. **HARRY DE LA BRUNIE** - Bidding for a hat-trick after winning a conditions race at Bordeaux. Likes to make the running and will be hard to pass.
2. **HORUS DE LA BRUNIE** - Fifth at Toulouse over 2400m in a lower class. Needs a bit more.
3. **FREE VOLO** - Sixth at Bordeaux behind a number of re-opposing rivals and will need to improve.
4. **GRAVURE ANGLAISE** - Seventh over course and distance beaten 15L in this class. Needs to improve.
5. **ENTOINETTE D'AYZA** - Badly out of form out of form and impossible to fancy.
6. **ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE** - Runner-up at Bordeaux behind Harry de la Brunie in this class beaten 0.5L. Solid chance again.
7. **GOLD DE LA BRUNIE** - Third beaten 4L at Bordeaux behind a couple re-opposing rivals and should not be far away.
8. **FINLEY DU PECOS** - No form in three career outings and best watched.
9. **ENVOL DE TANUES** - No form in last two and needs to improve.
10. **HAYA DE FAUST** - Behind a few of these latest and needs to improve.
11. **AIR DE MUSIC** - Fourth at Bordeaux in this class and should not be far away.

Summary

This race revolves around the Bordeaux contest on 29th May. HARRY DE LA BRUNIE (1) beat ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE (6) by 0.5L over 2400m in that event. GOLD DE LA BRUNIE (7) and AIR DE MUSIC (11) filled the third and fourth spots on that occasion and cannot be ruled out in this similar event.

Selections

HARRY DE LA BRUNIE (1) - ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE (6) - GOLD DE LA BRUNIE (7) - AIR DE MUSIC (11)

Race 9

1. **PANDEMONIUM** - No form in last three since winning a Bordeaux handicap. May find this level easier.
2. **DUBAI EMPIRE** - Second at Salon de Provence over 2400m in a handicap. In form and worth including.
3. **MICHLIFEN** - Won a claimer at Nimes by 2.5L three weeks ago. Solid claims.
4. **DUSTY MEN** - Third beaten 0.75L at Agen in a class four. Has a lot to do on ratings.
5. **HERE COMES SUMMER** - Well beaten at Lyon Parilly recently and needs to bounce back.
6. **NUUK** - Sixth at Salon de Provence in a 2400m handicap. First time up in trip but needs to improve.
7. **TITO** - Not shown much in three starts to date.
8. **LE RAFALE** - Out of form at present and best watched.
9. **OURAGAN INDIEN** - Badly out of form and impossible to fancy.
10. **FLUTE EN SOL** - Well beaten latest at Saint-Cloud but was third the time before at this venue in a handicap. Won on sole outing over the trip. Include.
11. **COCASSERIE** - Back to back seconds. Most recently beaten 2.5L in this class at Bordeaux. Chance.
12. **LAST BRIGHT** - Struggled on return and best watched.

Summary

FLUTE EN SOL (10) was well beaten latest but was placed here the time before in a handicap over 2400m. Big chance at the weights. COCASSERIE (11) finished runner-up beaten 2.5L in this class at Bordeaux and remains unexposed. Can progress further. MICHLIFEN (3) ran out an easy winner of a Nimes claimer latest and is expected to go well again. DUBAI EMPIRE (2) was a solid second at Salon de Provence recently in a handicap and hold good claims at this level.

Selections

FLUTE EN SOL (10) - COCASSERIE (11) - MICHLIFEN (3) - DUBAI EMPIRE (2)