

Lyon-la-Soie [R-H] - 02 March

Race 1 - PRIX CARNAVAL - 1800m MDN. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **TO GO** - Finished 5 lengths back in sixth on debut over 1800m at this track last start. Will take a lot from that outing. Big run expected.
2. **SIR ALEXANDER** - Talented type who has finished in the money at both career runs to date, the latest when second over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Progressing well and expected to measure up again.
3. **KAPETANIOS** - Recorded his second minor placing in a row last time out when third over 1800m at this track. Going well and another bold showing is expected.
4. **PHOENIX CHOP** - Didn't inspire again last start, beaten 5.5 lengths over 1800m at this track. Better than recent form suggests and he can improve sharply.
5. **COLADA FIRST** - Resumes after a spell of five months. Did little in her maiden campaign, culminating in a tenth over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly. Will be better for the run.
6. **KARMA D'OLIVATE** - Well held on debut over 1800m this track when ninth, beaten 7 lengths. Doubt she will trouble these.
7. **ALMOND CHOUQUETTE** - Kicked off her career with a moderate seventh, beaten 6 lengths over 1800m at this track five-and-a-half weeks ago. Worth another chance.
8. **ADDICTION DREAM** - Finished midfield at her first start last time out over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather, 4.5 lengths from the winner in fourth. Stretches out in trip. Much better for that experience and can open her account.
9. **RHEBOK** - Willywell filly from Guapa Lucia on debut. Wait and see how she presents.

Summary: ADDICTION DREAM (8) shaped nicely on debut when fourth over 1600m at Chantilly AW twenty-four days ago. Strong hope with considerable improvement expected from this daughter of Siyouni. SIR ALEXANDER (2) has placed on both starts to date including when a solid runner-up tackling 1900m at Deauville AW last month. Major appeal. The more experienced KAPETANIOS (3) should be on the premises following a course and distance third while ALMOND CHOUQUETTE (7) could build on a fair debut effort.

Selections

ADDICTION DREAM (8) - SIR ALEXANDER (2) - KAPETANIOS (3) - ALMOND CHOUQUETTE (7)

Race 2 - PRIX PRESIDENT MARGE - 2150m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **SENEPARK** - Stepping up in trip after finishing seventh over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather last time out. Can improve on the latest effort.
2. **LA VALETTA** - Unable to find the winners' circle this campaign. Last start was beaten 9 lengths into tenth over 2150m at this track. Will need to improve sharply.
3. **QUINELLO** - Fair effort two starts back at this course and distance when fifth, beaten 3.5 lengths. Couldn't repeat the dose last time when down the track at Chantilly All Weather over 2100m. Well-placed and can make amends.
4. **EMBAJADORES** - Is coming back sharply in journey after he finished third last start over 3200m at this track. Expect a strong showing.
5. **INVERTED SWAN** - Has not raced since finishing 4 lengths away in fourth over 2400m at this track on November 19. Must be included.
6. **BANCO FORLONGE** - Last appeared 12 weeks ago when he finished 22 lengths from the winner in 11th over 2100m at Pornichet. Others rate better.
7. **ANATH** - A long time between drinks. Last start finished 2 lengths back in third over 2400m at this track. Not far off a win and is a definite winning hope.
8. **MOREMI** - Couldn't back up at the second run of the campaign last start over 1800m at Chantilly All Weather after winning two back at this track. Capable of bouncing back.
9. **CRAZYVORES** - Has not appeared since she was safely held in 15th over 1800m at this track on December 19. Maybe later in the prep.
10. **CALAS QUEEN** - Hasn't been able to break through for over a year, the latest offering a 11th over 3200m at this track. Rates highly on best form and can show something here.
11. **MEJAEN** - Quick back up after returning to form with a close win at Chantilly All Weather. Rates highly.
12. **CENIZA** - Battled last start to finish ninth over 2000m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather, adding to a sequence of plain results. Prepared to risk on recent form.
13. **TICKLISH** - Broke through for an overdue win last time over 1800m at this track. Confidence back and can sneak into the finish again.
14. **MARGUNS** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when seventh over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux three weeks ago, beaten 3 lengths. Can turn things around.

Summary: EMBAJADORES (4) arrives in good form at present and produced a fine effort to finish third over 3200m here last-time-out. Top hope dropped in trip (three from ten over course and distance). ANATH (7) holds claims on the back of a 2L third in a 2400m Class Four claiming handicap at this venue. Three-time course scorer MEJAEN (11) has been supplemented following a narrow Chantilly AW (2700m) handicap win and must be respected alongside MARGUNS (14).

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EMBAJADORES (4) - ANATH (7) - MEJAEN (11) - MARGUNS (14)</p>

Race 3 - PRIX ORTOLAN - 2150m CLM. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **MOLLY WEASLEY** - Handy filly who is racing well, including a solid third last start over 2100m at Chantilly All Weather. Likely to feature.
2. **HADLEIGH** - Course and distance winner two starts back but didn't flatter last time when fifth and beaten 4.5 lengths over 2100m at Chantilly All Weather. Good enough on his day and can do much better.
3. **OLYMPIC DANCER** - Form since resuming has been disappointing, last start finishing eighth over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Must lift.
4. **LIDISBARN** - Finished midfield last start at Pornichet over 1700m, 6 lengths from the winner. Jumps up in journey today. Strong contender on his best form.
5. **MAUBEUGE** - Three-year-old struggling to find form. Rates poorly so happy to avoid.
6. **KANELLE BERE** - Yet to fill a placing in seven runs, most recently when 6 lengths back in sixth over 2100m at Pornichet. Finds a suitable race and can feature without surprising.
7. **AL KANDOO** - Didn't inspire again last start, beaten 25 lengths over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Tested on recent form.

Summary: MOLLY WEASLEY (1) followed up a narrow Marseille-Vivaux claiming success with a good third in a similar event at Chantilly AW thirteen days ago. Leading claims in what looks a suitable affair. HADLEIGH (2) finished fifth behind the selection at Chantilly AW last-time-out and could prove the chief threat having made all over course and distance prior. LIDISBARN (4) is respected at this level and cannot be ignored following a fair claiming fourth over 1700m at Pornichet AW. KANELLE BERE (6) heads the remainder.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOLLY WEASLEY (1) - HADLEIGH (2) - LIDISBARN (4) - KANELLE BERE (6)</p>
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Race 4 - PRIX DU PRESIDENT BOURJAILLAT - 2150m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **LEJENDARIO** - Course and distance winner two starts back but didn't flatter last time when sixth and beaten 4 lengths over 2000m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Rates among the leading chances.
2. **ROMANELLO** - Hasn't won in 16 months. Finished eighth, beaten 3.5 lengths last start over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather. Rates highly and is among the chances.
3. **GAMECHANGER** - Broke back into the top-three last start when third at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather over 2400m, beaten 1.2 lengths. No surprise if he was in the finish.
4. **SOUTHWEST HARBOR** - Last appeared three-and-a-half months ago when she finished 9 lengths from the winner in sixth over 2400m at Salon-de-Provence. Conditions favour. Expect a forward showing.
5. **PAGES** - Was beaten just a head when second at his latest appearance at Deauville All Weather over 1900m. Shapes as a key runner.
6. **GIDEON GREY** - Has looked good in his six career starts, most recently scoring by half a length over 2150m at this track. Sure to measure up here.
7. **FEUERHERZ** - Fell last start at this track. Will be doing best work late.
8. **JUPITER LE DUN** - Comes here after finishing fifth last time at this track and distance, beaten 6 lengths. Happy to overlook.
9. **PINK BIRTHDAY** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when fourth over 2150m at this track five-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 3.5 lengths. Might struggle again.
10. **SIMARUBA** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when ninth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 3 lengths. Not keen on her chances.
11. **BLACK WALL** - Offered little last start over 2400m at Pau All Weather. Makes no appeal.
12. **LADYBUG** - Six-year-old mare who drops in distance from the latest effort when fourth over 2400m at this track, finishing 3 lengths off the winner. Winning hope.
13. **REAL WILD CHILD** - Not a bad run last start when sixth at this track over 1800m, beaten 2.5 lengths. Well-placed and is among the chances.
14. **PURPLE LADY** - Has a poor strike rate and failed to improve on it last start when she finished 13th over 2000m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Looking to others.
15. **KARRY BRADSHAW** - Placed two starts back at this track but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1800m at this track last time. Can atone.

Summary: There could quite possibly be more to come from GIDEON GREY (6) who was having just his six career start when winning a course and distance Class Four qualifying handicap in January. Notable chance from a good draw in stall three. Top-weight LEJENDARIO (1) backed up a track and trip Class Three handicap success with a solid sixth at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Player back at this venue. PAGES (5) finished runner-up to Gideon Grey prior to being denied a head in a Class Three handicap at Deauville AW. Firmly in the mix off an unchanged mark. LADYBUG (12) looks a live each-way contender.

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Race 5 - PRIX DU VIEUX-LYON - 2400m CL3. Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **DIXAN SENORA** - Was below his best last time when midfield over 2400m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Generally going well however with placings at eight of 16 starts this preparation. Has ability and is well placed to atone.
2. **SUPER QUARTZ** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 3200m at Chantilly All Weather on January 14. Big chance.
3. **WEMATCH** - Finished ninth two runs ago at Deauville All Weather but found form last time out when he scored by 6 lengths over 2400m at Pornichet. Leading contender.
4. **VIRTUS** - Resumes today after a successful preparation, scoring two times from six starts. At the latest outing he finished sixth over 2500m at Deauville All Weather on December 26. Can play a major role.
5. **AIR SEA** - Promising filly who last start finished 5.5 lengths away in fourth over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Solid top-three hope.
6. **TAFSER** - Has failed to fill a placing at her last few runs, the latest when fourth, beaten 4.5 lengths over 2150m at this track. The 1.5kg claim won't be enough to put her into contention.
7. **BOUM BOUM BOUM** - Last appeared three-and-a-half months ago when he finished 22 lengths from the winner in sixth over 3000m at Angers. Likely to play a major role.
8. **KOSSOVO** - Started short at Divonne-les-Bains last start and has done little of late to suggest he can play a major role in this affair and would prefer to see.
9. **PERFECT LIFE** - Unraced filly by Naaqos out of Kali Perfect. Happy to risk this time.
10. **ALIEN** - Is a six-time placegetter in 10 career starts but still a maiden. Resumes today after eight months. Last appeared when third over 3500m at Auteuil.

Summary: Front-runner WEMATCH (3) never saw another rival when clearing away for a 6L Class Three conditions race success over this trip at Pornichet AW recently. Key contender with every chance of being able to dictate terms out in-front. SUPER QUARTZ (2) won a 3100m Chantilly AW handicap before finishing third in a similar event at the same venue. Expected to measure up. It's tough to ignore the class-dropping BOUM BOUM BOUM (7) after a break now making his AW debut and VIRTUS (4) shouldn't be far away based on ratings alone.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">WEMATCH (3) - SUPER QUARTZ (2) - BOUM BOUM BOUM (7) - VIRTUS (4)</p>
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Race 6 - PRIX ROBERT CHRISTOPHE - 2400m CLM CL4 HCP. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **TRAOULANDLIVESKILL** - Finding it hard to break through, finishing sixth last time out over 3100m at Pornichet. Can bounce back.
2. **ZARICA** - Hasn't put a foot wrong this campaign and remains undefeated, the latest success coming over 2400m at this track. Looks to have more to give. Can continue the winning run.
3. **ROYAL MONARCH** - Not the most reliable. Moderate effort last time when 6 lengths from the winner in tenth over 2000m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Will find this more suitable and can improve sharply.
4. **LE PIN** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when fourth over 2400m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 2 lengths. Hard to fault if at his best.
5. **COMMANDEUR** - Well held second up after finishing fourth when resuming over 3200m at this track. Needs to turn form around sharply to be competitive.
6. **MALAAW** - Has not raced since finishing 3 lengths away in second over 2400m at Vittel on July 17. A big run would not surprise.

Summary: There looks little reason to oppose ZARICA (2) who completed a hat-trick when winning a course and distance Class Four claiming handicap last outing. Selected to make it four on the bounce and continue this rich vein of form. ROYAL MONARCH (3) looms the obvious danger on ratings and drops significantly in grade having finished tenth in a Class Two handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer. MALAAW (6) finished second in a claiming handicap at Vittel when last seen in July and cannot be dismissed. LE PIN (4) is four from eight over track and trip and also considered.

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Race 7 - PRIX SENEGALI - 2400m MDN. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **MAGIC TUNIS** - Fair effort last start when resuming, beaten 3 lengths into fourth over 2150m at this track. Solid top-three chance.
2. **DOCTOR CHOPPER** - Yet to fill a placing in two career runs and was well beaten last time when 52 lengths back in ninth over 2100m at Pornichet. Needs to do more.
3. **GALLERIST** - On debut last start and finished fifth beaten 5 lengths over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather. Tackles a longer journey this time. A win wouldn't surprise.
4. **IDATEN** - Progressive colt resuming today after two runs in his maiden campaign, the latest effort a second over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence on November 22. Has ability and is sure to have come on over the break.
5. **BOLTES FAL** - Returned from a spell last start with a solid third, beaten 2 lengths at this track over 2150m. Further improvement in store.
6. **SALSA DU DEMON** - Safely accounted for at each of her five runs to date. No threat when seventh over 2100m at Pornichet last time out. Hard to have.
7. **MARIE TREZY** - Has been missed the frame in both runs to date, the latest effort a fifth over 1800m at this track. The longer journey should suit so watch for sharp improvement.
8. **KFE KREOL** - Unraced gelding by Robin Du Nord out of Rire Jaune Hugaux. Nice profile and capable of featuring.
9. **BATTLE CONNEXION** - Son of Battle Of Marengo from Hotspot Hotspot on debut. Purchased for EUR 12,000 (Arqana 2021 Autumn Sale). Wait and see how he presents.
10. **DAHLIE** - Filly by Protectionist from Donatella on debut. Maybe later.

Summary: This is probably weaker than the Chantilly AW newcomers event GALLERIST (3) finished fifth in on debut. That experience should do this son of Zoffany plenty of good and he can take a sizeable step forwards. BOLTES FAL (5) and MAGIC TUNIS (1) finished third and fourth in a 2150m course maiden last outing. The former is more experienced and likely to be in the mix once more but the latter is open to plenty of improvement upped in trip. Another stepping up in distance that cannot be ignored is MARIE TREZY (7).

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<p style="text-align: center;">GALLERIST (3) - BOLTES FAL (5) - MAGIC TUNIS (1) - MARIE TREZY (7)</p>
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