LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H] - 20 August

Race 1 - PRIX CHATEAU GRAND BERT - 1600m UNR. Purse EUR €18,000.

- 1. **WAR DIAMOND** Is the sibling to a black type performer and if boasting similar ability to that rival then he could certainly factor.
- 2. **BEL OUEST** Already gelded son of Reliable Man. That would be a concern but don't entirely rule out on debut.
- 3. PRALOGNAN Colt by Dabirsim. This trip should suit and he looks to hold each way claims on debut.
- 4. **MOUTARDE** Six figure purchase and certainly bred to be smart. Found a winnable opportunity on debut and is worth holding safe.
- 5. THE RECORD €16,000 purchase as a yearling. Perhaps will need debut but not entirely ruled out.
- 6. SIRANA Smartly bred daughter of Siyouni. With top yard and likely to be primed. Keep safe.
- 7. **MARMARAH** Good jockey booked for debut and yard can ready one. Wide stall not ideal but has an each way chance.
- 8. **ALIYAHJONH** Related to multiple winning siblings although tongue-tie on debut a slight concern. Place chance.
- 9. **MERDARGENT** Inexpensive yearling purchase but has gone to top yard. Drawn well and very much of interest. Apprentice booking would suggest she is the second string here however.
- 10. BATZ Unraced filly for good yard. Likely to be fit for debut and is easy to fancy here.
- 11. **VON DER LEYEN** €16,000 purchase as a yearling. All siblings to have raced have won and she is easy to fancy.
- 12. **MORNING KISS** Yard would not be assosociated with debut winners so likely best watched unless market is strong.

Summary: SIRANA (6) represents a top yard and is likely to be primed for this. Can take beating on racecourse debut. MOUTARDE (4) was an expensive purchase as a a yearling. Bred to have ability and is likely to finish close up on initial outing. BATZ (10) is likely to be primed for first attempt. Conditions to suit and is easy to fancy. MARMARAH (7) secures a good jockey. Rates an each way chance.

Selections

SIRANA (6) - MOUTARDE (4) - BATZ (10) - MARMARAH (7)

Race 2 - PRIX PIERRE SCHOCRON - CHATEAU D'EYRAN - 1600m CL1. Purse EUR €30,000.

- 1. **PINWHEEL** Disappointed last time but had progressed with each start before that. Worth another chance and remains a decent prospect. Shortlist.
- 2. **PONT DE RUDA** Colt by Zoffany bought for 50,000gns as a yearling. Concerning he is yet to make the track but don't rule out without a market check.
- 3. **JUREER** Won a maiden earlier in the year and resumed after two month break with good 2L second at Vichy. Can improve again and has a big chance.
- 4. **CREEDMOOR** 1L success at Mont-de-Marsan on reappearance. This is slightly tougher but stayed on well that day and extra 200m should suit. Interesting.
- 5. **ANTOLYA** Secured second win from four starts at this trip last time. Gamely held rivals for long-neck victory land can progress further. Keep safe.
- 6. **WARNING AT SEA** 2.25L third last time was best run yet. This is a lot tougher however so likely best watched.

Summary: ANTOLYA (5) represents top yard and is both talented and consistent. Continues to progress and is the one to beat once more. PINWHEEL (1) can be excused a disappointing run in latest however did look a nice prospect before that. Big chance if bouncing back. JUREER (3) shaped well finishing second on reappearance. Expected to improve again and is worth keeping safe. CREEDMOOR (4) steps up in grade following a game 1L win last time. Threat to all.

Selections

ANTOLYA (5) - PINWHEEL (1) - JUREER (3) - CREEDMOOR (4)

- 1. AL MUWAIJI Seventh beaten 8L in this class over this course and distance. Not ruled out entirely.
- 2. **GHADANFFAR AL CHAM** Fifth beaten 1L in the G3 Prix Tidjani over course and distance. Interesting once more.
- 3. **SALWA** Beaten a head in the G3 Prix Tidjani over course and distance. Open to plenty of improvement.
- 4. KALIFANO DE GHAZAL Fourth beaten 1.75L in this class recently and not ruled out.
- 5. **OL PY** Third beaten 1L over course and distance. Top claims.
- 6. MONSIEUR ONE Well beaten on debut and needs to show a lot more.
- 7. MOSHRIF Sixth beaten 8.75L over 2300m in this class. More needed.
- 8. ALTHAGAB Three-year-old colt (Tm Fred Texas Farh) making his debut. Best watched.
- 9. **IGUAR DE BOZOULS** Three-year-old colt who is first starter by Muguet De Pascade out of Guarfa De Bozouls. Needs assessing.
- 10. ISMEE DE BOZOULS Well beaten on on last two outings. More needed despite the class drop.
- 11. **SERAPHINE DE CERE** Showed little on debut and not an obvious winner.

Summary: SALWA (3) was beaten a head in the G3 Prix Tidjani recently over course and distance. Sets the standard. GHADANFFAR AL CHAM (2) ran fifth in the same event only missing by 1L and may go close as well. OL PY (5) produced a 1L third on debut in this class and can be considered. KALIFANO DE GHAZAL (4) finished 1.75L fourth tackling track and trip. Set to improve.

Selections

SALWA (3) - GHADANFFAR AL CHAM (2) - OL PY (5) - KALIFANO DE GHAZAL (4)

Race 4 - PRIX CHATEAU MARTINON - 1900m CL2 QUALIF HCP. Purse EUR €20,000.

- 1. **NIGHT FEVER** Won three of last five starts and is clearly thriving at present. Remains in suitable grade and has big winning claims once more.
- 2. **TRIMEUR** Game nose winner at this track and trip last time. Upped in grade but remains a potential threat to all.
- 3. **URWALD** This looks easier than races this gelding has been contesting. Mid-field recently and will need to improve for win purposes.
- 4. **REVE DE CHOP** 28 race maiden and recent form figures make little appeal. Best watched.
- 5. **PANDEMONIUM** Recent form figures make little appeal. Happy to just watch.
- 6. **DANN** Won five starts ago but regressed subsequently. Needs to re-find form.
- 7. **SENOR CHARLY** 1L winner at this track two starts ago and ran with credit in better race since. Each way chance here with handy apprentice weight allowance utilised to good effect.

Summary: NIGHT FEVER (1) delivered three wins from the past five starts and is expected to take beating once more. TRIMEUR (2) held on for a nose victory at this journey last time. Clearly in good form and can give another bold showing. URWALD (3) has been running with credit this campaign and is a threat to all. SENOR CHARLY (7) is consistent. Holds each way claims.

Selections

NIGHT FEVER (1) - TRIMEUR (2) - URWALD (3) - SENOR CHARLY (7)

Race 5 - PRIX NEVADOUR - 1900m OPEN. Purse EUR €20,000.

- 1. **ALAWSJ** Resuming after 117 days. Previously a G1 winner two starts back and could bounce back from sub par effort latest.
- 2. **JALELA** Likes to make all and won a G2 at Toulouse in April. Beaten since but not ruled out at this level.
- 3. GHURAT AL ZAMAN Making debut in a tricky event and passed over.
- 4. GIBOULEE DU JURA Won by a neck at a country track in June. More needed at this level.
- 5. **JANNAH** Won on debut at a country track over 2000m. Interesting second up.
- 6. ZARRA STAR Well beaten on last three and is now going up in class.
- 7. **ELLIE DU PAON** Sixth beaten 12L in June in a lower class. Previously only beaten 2.75L in a G2 at Toulouse. Can improve.
- 8. PETITE LEIA Second beaten 1L at La Teste in a lower class. Harder but remains unexposed.
- 9. **ELAF** Well beaten in a G1 at Chantilly. Time before was runner-up in a G2 at Toulouse behind Jalela. Consider.
- 10. **TEEMA** Third in October beaten 0.75L behind Alawsj in a G1 over 2000m. Lightly raced and can improve.

Summary: ALAWSJ (1) finished downfield after a break. Time before won a G1 at Saint-Cloud in October beating a number of these including TEEMA (10) who was back in third. Both can feature again. JALELA (2) was a front runner who found success by 2.5L at Toulouse in a 2000m G2. Well beaten since but might go well. ELAF (9) managed second in a G2 two starts back. Struggled since. Interesting with the class drop.

Selections

ALAWSJ (1) - **TEEMA** (10) - **JALELA** (2) - **ELAF** (9)

Race 6 - PRIX CHATEAU CARDINAL - 1800m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

- 1. **SUPER CUTE** Freshened up since disappointing here last time. Likely to give a much improved run and is easy to fancy.
- 2. **OK BOOMER** Finished last campaign with two wins from three starts. Threat to all if primed after three month break.
- 3. **VALLEE D'ENFER** Placed twice and won in three starts last campaign. Victory came at this track and resumes with handy apprentice weight claim. Keep safe.
- 4. **GAGNESIRY** Down the field either side of game victory at Tarbes. This demands a big career best and hard to trust given inconsistent profile.
- 5. **KINDWINA** 1.5L fourth at this track last time. Needs to do more to be a winning chance but a place wouldn't surprise.
- 6. **CHANDLER'S SONG** Won a maiden last campaign but disappointed upped to this grade. Needs more if he is to trouble the judge.
- 7. **BALEGRIO** Impressed when going clear for 3.5L success at Castera-Verduzan. This is a lot tougher but worth holding safe once more.
- 8. **KATCHI** Back to back placings earlier in the campaign but only mid-field recently. Place likely best once more.
- 9. GIRLS CHOPE Uninspiring recent form figures and happy to oppose.

Summary: VALLEE D'ENFER (3) is talented and consistent. Only missed a placing once in seven attempts and is the one to beat. SUPER CUTE (1) can be excused one poor run. Now freshened and expected to return to best. Keep safe. OK BOOMER (2) ended previous campaign with two wins in three starts. Progressive and a threat to all on return. BALEGRIO (7) steps back up in grade following an impressive maiden victory. This is tougher but rates an each way chance.

Selections

VALLEE D'ENFER (3) - SUPER CUTE (1) - OK BOOMER (2) - BALEGRIO (7)

- 1. FESTIVALIER Struggled this campaign but drawn well and is not entirely ruled out here.
- 2. **ACEMANAN** 4.5L fifth at Castera-Verduzan. In a better race here and unlikely to factor despite good course record.
- 3. **EVINERUDE** 1L fourth second up was promising and now third up should take another step forwards. Drawn well and has big winning chance.
- 4. **SEMEUR D'ESPOIR** Beaten 1L at Mont-de-Marsan last time and does not have much to find following that. Big each way player.
- 5. SISSI DOLOISE No better than mid-field recently and happy to just watch here.
- 6. **TAKEDOWN** Won five starts ago and placed next time but has regressed since. Needs to re-find form.
- 7. **FEE DU BIEN** 0.5L winner at Dax in this grade last time. Can overcome weights rise in current form and is worth holding safe.
- 8. **BABY DES CHAMPS** Running creditably whilst always looking likely is falling short of a win. Solid place claims.
- 9. PROPHETS PRIDE Won four starts ago but disappointed all starts since. Needs to re-find form.
- 10. **CROSS WITS** Resumes after near two year absence. Struggled when last seen and easily opposed here.
- 11. **MISTER GABRIEL** Won four starts ago and has placed twice since. Clearly thriving at present and is easy to fancy.
- 12. SEE THE SUN Disappointing last time but in better form prior. Place claims if bouncing back.
- 13. **VIENTIANE** Steadily progressive this campaign although needs a big step forwards to trouble the judge here.

Summary: FEE DU BIEN (7) was a game 0.5L winner at Dax last time. Rise in weights is fair and rates a big chance of going back to back. MISTER GABRIEL (11) won four starts ago. Placed twice since and is expected to go close once more. EVINERUDE (3) shaped well racing second up and can take another step forward. Keep safe. SEMEUR D'ESPOIR (4) just missed the placings last time. May progress. Each way.

Selections

FEE DU BIEN (7) - MISTER GABRIEL (11) - EVINERUDE (3) - SEMEUR D'ESPOIR (4)

Race 8 - PRIX CHATEAU DE CHANTEGRIVE - 2400m . Purse EUR €26,000.

- 1. **FORCE SPECIALE H** Sixth beaten 11L in a higher class back in May. Interesting going down in grade.
- 2. HARDROCK FOREZ Second beaten 2L at a country track over 2200m. More needed.
- 3. GOLDEN FOREZ Likes to make all and won at Le Dorat recently by 2L. Interesting up in class.
- 4. HEURE D'HIVER Second beaten 1.25L at this venue over 2400m in a higher class. Of Interest.
- 5. CHIPIE BLUE This Nombre Premier filly is a four-year-old having her first start. Passed over.
- 6. **QUEEN MARGAUX** Fifth beaten 3.5L in a higher class over 2400m at this venue. Consistent and not ruled out.
- 7. **PETITE ROBE NOIRE** Down the field on last two outings and not an obvious winner.
- 8. LOU MALPIC No form in three runs this campaign. Passed over.
- 9. GOODTIME PONTADOUR Coming up in class and will need to improve.
- 10. HAPPYLANDE Well beaten on debut and needs massive improvement.
- 11. HISTORIENE LAUTEIX Fifth at a country track beaten 8.75L. Easily rruled out.

Summary: GOLDEN FOREZ (3) won last time out and goes up in class. Likes to make all and may prove hard to beat. FORCE SPECIALE H (1) drops in grade and is proven at this level including a win four starts back at Toulouse. HEURE D'HIVER (4) and QUEEN MARGAUX (6) are two to also consider.

Selections

GOLDEN FOREZ (3) - FORCE SPECIALE H (1) - HEURE D'HIVER (4) - QUEEN MARGAUX (6)