

LYON LA SOIE - 20 December

Race 1

1. **BODNAKOV** - Consistent gelding that looks overdue a victory. Will enjoy conditions and is easy to fancy.
2. **VINTAGE SPIRIT** - Unappealing recent form figures. Likely best ignored.
3. **RAINBOY** - Made promising start to his career but recent performances disappointing.
4. **HERMES DE L'AUTROT** - 2L fourth at Saint Galmier last time was better. Interesting if able to build upon that. Tougher here.
5. **SRIFANELOGREEN** - Disappointed last time but drops back in grade and will find this more suitable. Interesting.
6. **RESTELO** - Not progressing as hoped and can be opposed.
7. **FURIOSO** - German raider. Modest form in both starts this campaign though and happy to oppose.
8. **AS DE JUILLEY** - Unfancied and well beaten on debut. Would have to improve sharply.
9. **ASSAYER** - Finished second on last four start and looks overdue a victory. Clearly in great form and expected to finish close up.
10. **ZARYA** - Consistent filly. 3L fourth here when last seen and would have each way claims if improving now.
11. **AGREED** - Placed on five of nine career starts. Has a lot of ability and rates well. Include.
12. **BIG SIN** - Mid-field finishes generally this campaign and similar performance looks likely here.
13. **O REN ISHII** - Placed first up but yet to progress. Must do so if she is to factor.
14. **PRETTY DOC** - Beaten a long way on debut. Happy to oppose following that.
15. **HIGH STAR** - Nicely bred colt by Sea The Stars. Market check advised on debut.

Summary

ASSAYER (9) has finished second on last four starts and looks overdue a victory. Finds right race and easy to fancy. BODNAKOV (1) just missed the placings last time. In good form and can do better yet. Keep safe. AGREED (11) is a consistent type. Each way in this field. HIGH STAR (15) is a nicely bred debutant. Yard can ready one and market confidence would be a big positive.

Selections

ASSAYER (9) - BODNAKOV (1) - AGREED (11) - HIGH STAR (15)

Race 2

1. **SRILANDAGREEN** - Has good winning record and this is a lot easier than some of the races she has contested previously. Has to be excused recent poor runs but a genuine threat to all at best.
2. **PLAIN BEAU** - 1.75L fourth here last time. Has good jockey booked and no surprise to see further improvement. Interesting.
3. **HONGBAO** - 1.3L second here two starts back reads as good form. Threat to all if running similarly here.
4. **MARTIAN PINK** - Placed at Saint Galmier two starts back but modest run since. This is tougher again and needs more.
5. **MIRASTAR** - Failed to finish on last three starts when hurdling. Reverts to the flat and could easily do better now. Shortlist.
6. **DEVIL'S EYE** - Honest overall record and enjoys running at this track. Needs to improve upon recent performances however.
7. **MAGNENTIUS** - Well beaten only start last campaign. Limited racing of late and a market check may prove best guide here.
8. **BALLINDINAS** - Mid-field in Germany on only start so far. Will need to improve upon that form.
9. **LEATICA** - Interesting on 2.5L second at Saint Galmier two starts ago. Gets handy apprentice weight claim and is hard to rule out.
10. **BAIRA** - Yet to even place after 13 starts. Happy to oppose.
11. **ROSIERES** - Has shaped well on both starts so far. Now third up will be primed and she can improve again. Big chance.

Summary

MIRASTAR (5) should enjoy the switch back to the flat having been struggling to finish over hurdles of late. Has some strong form and looks the one to beat here. PLAIN BEAU (2) just missed the placings here last time. Generally been running well this campaign and finds the right race. Keep safe. ROSIERES (11) is unexposed after two starts. Shaped well on both runs and can improve again. Shortlist. HONGBAO (3) was second here two starts ago. That form is strong and rates each way.

Selections

MIRASTAR (5) - PLAIN BEAU (2) - ROSIERES (11) - HONGBAO (3)

Race 3

1. **LA FIBROSSI** - Game head winner here two starts ago. Likeable mare that is a threat to all in current form.
2. **COOKILAYONE** - Long-neck second here two starts ago. That form reads well and easy to fancy here.
3. **SPEEDYWELL** - Has finished third on last three starts. Looks overdue another success and was beaten 2L last time. Big winning chance.
4. **LOS ALTOS** - 2.5L fourth in similar contest last time. Good jockey booked and can progress. Interesting.
5. **SIMFAUST** - Placed at Toulouse two starts ago but found better race too tough only start since. Worth another chance back at this level and does have good record for this jockey.
6. **IGGY CHOP** - Struggled on both preps this campaign and will need to improve significantly now third up.
7. **VISIONARY DREAMER** - Generally only modest performances this campaign. Happy to take on.
8. **LALYROSE** - Run last time was disappointing but better than that and step up in trip suits.
9. **SAX** - Struggling this campaign and easily opposed.
10. **INTO THE ROCK** - 3.5L fifth here latest. Interesting if able to improve upon that.
11. **FLORISSANTE** - 2.5L second at Marseilles Vivaux. That form looks strong and she can do better yet. Keep safe.
12. **FAMOUS CHOP** - Rates highly at best but a long way off that recently. Must bounce back.
13. **C'EST ELLE** - Shaped slightly better last time but will need another big step forward if she is to challenge.
14. **CHIQUIT INDIAN** - Long time since last victory and unlikely to change that here.
15. **MANU CHOP** - Resumes here and has needed first run in the past. Happy to oppose.
16. **FRIZZANTO** - String of poor runs and easily opposed.

Summary

FLORISSANTE (11) has been improving with racing this campaign. Expected to continue progressing and looks the one to beat. SPEEDYWELL (3) looks overdue a victory having placed on last three starts. Clearly in good form and looks set to give another bold showing. COOKILAYONE (2) was beaten a long-neck here two starts back. That form reads well and would be a threat to all if running similarly here. LOS ALTOS (4) just missed the placings in a similar contest last time. Can improve again and looks a big each way player.

Selections

FLORISSANTE (11) - SPEEDYWELL (3) - COOKILAYONE (2) - LOS ALTOS (4)

Race 4

1. **POET'S BLACK** - Consistent gelding. Should give usual running but a place likely to prove best.
2. **BALLET QUEEN** - Nicely bred filly that has shown significant promise so far. Drops in grade for this and expected to give another bold showing.
3. **PAPAKURA** - 3.5L fourth at Chantilly last time. Rates well on that form in this easier company. Keep safe.
4. **AMA WILD LIFE** - Running consistently this campaign without looking likely to trouble the judge at all. Similar performance expected here.
5. **TO BE QUEEN** - Just missed the placings at Nancy last time. Unexposed filly after just four starts and likely best days remain ahead of her. Interesting.
6. **RISKY JANE** - Won on reappearance but struggled since. Receives handy apprentice weight claim and not the biggest surprise were she to bounce back to form in this field.
7. **OVER TOP LOVE** - Modest form in three starts so far. Happy to oppose.

Summary

BALLET QUEEN (2) boasts a nice pedigree and holds strong form. Set to continue progressing and looks hard to oppose in this field. PAPAKURA (3) rates well. Good run last time and can do better yet. Keep safe. TO BE QUEEN (5) is an interesting runner. Yet to build on a win second up. Shaped better last time and can improve again now. Threat to all. POET'S BLACK (1) is consistent. Place chance.

Selections
BALLET QUEEN (2) - PAPAKURA (3) - TO BE QUEEN (5) - POET'S BLACK (1)

Race 5

1. **HOMME DEBOUT** - Placed on debut but well beaten both subsequent runs. Must bounce back.
2. **CIMA DES PLACES** - Modest form all starts so far and happy to oppose.
3. **PRESSBURG** - 4L second at Le Mans on debut. Should improve for that effort and may yet prove a class above this field. Big chance.
4. **TIRENVILLE** - 4L sixth at this track on reappearance. That was promising and interesting if able to improve.
5. **HADEWIN** - Form of debut placed finish in Germany is questionable. Needs more on first start in this country.
6. **REVENTA** - German raider that placed on last start there. Well beaten all previous runs in this country though and happy to oppose.
7. **FAULTLESS LADY** - Uninspiring form figures and easily opposed.
8. **FADIESE** - Ended last campaign with back to back placed finishes. Is progressing so a threat to all if doing so once more on return.
9. **DUNE DE CERISY** - Modest form all three starts so far. Must improve sharply.
10. **PREMIERE NATION** - Finished second on last two starts and looks overdue a victory. Beaten just 1.5L at Toulouse last time so will not need to improve much now. Keep safe.
11. **NICE PAULA** - Placed on five of nine starts. Generally a consistent type and looks overdue a first career success. No surprise were she to achieve that here.

Summary

PRESSBURG (3) placed on debut. That was a great start to her career and can improve. The one to beat. PREMIERE NATION (10) placed on four of past six starts. Finished second in latest two attempts and is overdue a victory. Worth keeping safe. NICE PAULA (11) enjoys this track. Consistent and holds each way claims once more. TIRENVILLE (4) shaped well when beaten 4L here on reappearance. Threat to all if building upon that.

Selections

PRESSBURG (3) - PREMIERE NATION (10) - NICE PAULA (11) - TIRENVILLE (4)

Race 6

1. **TORTOLA** - Won twice from four starts already. Looks a talented prospect and far from disgraced in listed company last time. Big chance back down in grade.
2. **CALGARY** - Game 0.75L winner on debut at Marseille Borely. Promising. Sure to be well fancied in bid to make it two from two.
3. **COOBIRD** - Game 2L winner at Moulins two starts back but struggled when upped to this grade last time. Needs further improvement.
4. **FORBIDDEN SECRET** - Game long-neck winner at Chantilly. Progressing with racing and can do better yet. Keep safe.
5. **WINVALCHOPE** - Modest form figures lately and needs to re-find form of early starts.
6. **LILY FOR EVER** - Game long-neck winner over course and distance when last seen. That was a major improvement on all other runs and interesting if able to progress again.
7. **SMOOTH WATER** - Down the field in recent preps. Now third up will be primed but needs to take a step forward.
8. **LASSANA** - Placed three starts ago but only modest performances since. Needs more.

Summary

CALGARY (2) is a perfect one from one. Is progressive and likely to further improve. Expected to take beating. FORBIDDEN SECRET (4) gained an overdue success last time. That came delivering first start for new connections and likely better to come yet. Keep safe. TORTOLA (1) is already twice a winner. This likable filly was highly tried in latest and will prove suited to the drop in grade. Easy to fancy. LILY FOR EVER (6) took a big step forward winning latest. This is tougher so will need more again though is hard to rule out.

Selections

CALGARY (2) - FORBIDDEN SECRET (4) - TORTOLA (1) - LILY FOR EVER (6)

Race 7

1. **BACCHUS DES AIGLES** - 1.5L second at Limoges two starts back. Each way claims on that form.
2. **JUNIUS BRUTUS** - Drops significantly in grade having been far from disgraced in better race last time. Should remain in good form and is expected to take beating now.
3. **KENMOR** - Beaten 1.25L over course and distance last time. That form reads well and a big chance he will go one better now.
4. **LUCKY BREAK** - Has placed on last four starts and looks overdue a victory. Resumes after 6 month absence but expected to be primed for return finish close up once more.
5. **EL REY BRILLANTE** - Won second up in similar race to this but all other runs this campaign have been modest. Inconsistent type but a threat to all at best.
6. **POLDI'S LIEBLING** - Promising reappearance but modest form both other runs this campaign. Needs more.
7. **ANDERSSON** - Beaten just a long-neck at Mons (BEL) last time. This is tougher but in good form and hard to rule out.
8. **NERIANO** - 24 race maiden. Has placed on six of those runs however so clearly has ability. Filling that position once more looks very possible.

Summary

JUNIUS BRUTUS (2) is an honest gelding. Highly tried in latest and whilst coming up short that form still reads strongly. The one to beat revisiting easier company. KENMOR (3) was a good second at this journey last time. Receives handy weight claim and is drawn well. Keep safe. LUCKY BREAK (4) looks overdue a victory having placed past four attempts. Resumes in a nice grade and expected to go close. ANDERSSON (7) placed last start and holds each way claims if improving once more.

Selections

JUNIUS BRUTUS (2) - KENMOR (3) - LUCKY BREAK (4) - ANDERSSON (7)