

ANGERS - 22 February

Race 1

1. **GIGA STAR** - 2L G3 scorer over 2400m prior to fair fourth in the 2019 Saint Cloud G1 Prix Jacques De Vienne. Rates highly if ready after lengthy absence.
2. **HUFLOWER** - Off the mark on third career start over 2400m at Pornichet 69 days ago. May have more to offer.
3. **GAVRINIS** - No show in two career outings to date. Impossible to recommend.
4. **GUERRIER ROSE** - Unraced five year old Rail Link gelding. Best watched unless positive market support.
5. **GOLD CONTI** - 6L runner up in a weaker event over this distance on debut. Open to progress but more needed.
6. **HABIT JAUNE** - Placed on all three starts and won a minor conditions race here over 2200m on penultimate run. Needs to raise game up in standard.
7. **HORCALIN** - Regressed from a promising debut when a held sixth on reappearance at Machecoul. Others have achieved more.
8. **HAZY DAY** - Improved 2L fifth in the Fontainebleau G2 Prix Du Bourbonnais on second start following a maiden victory. Could go well.

Summary

GIGA STAR (1) resumes following a good fourth in the G1 Prix Jacques De Vienne prior to an absence. Rates highly as a previous G3 scorer. Top chance if sharp enough. HAZY DAY (8) progressed with a decent 2L fifth in the Fontainebleau G2 Prix Du Bourbonnais on second career attempt subsequent to a maiden win. Entitled to go close. HUFLOWER (2) could improve. Produced a maiden victory and might have more to come up in class. HABIT JAUNE (6) is one to note for a placing.

Selections

GIGA STAR (1) - HAZY DAY (8) - HUFLOWER (2) - HABIT JAUNE (6)

Race 2

1. **HARMONIE DE COTTE** - 11L third in a similar Pau chase over this distance 23 days ago. Each way contender.
2. **SAURA** - One placing from four chase starts and struggled in a stronger Pau event five weeks back. Could place eased in class.
3. **AEDESIA** - Held 9L fifth in a 3800m Cagnes-sur-Mer chase on penultimate outing. Frame challenger.
4. **ARPEGGIONE** - Dual placer over hurdles but something to find on chase debut after a short break.
5. **BE STRONG GIRL** - 49L defeat on sole racecourse appearance in a Pau 3500m hurdle last month. Plenty to find on chase debut.
6. **HAPPYDENUO** - Took a backward step with a pulled up effort on third hurdle start at Pau 49 days ago. Prefer to watch on chase debut.
7. **HAPPY MACRI** - Unplaced in six career outings over hurdles thus far. Needs switch to chasing to dramatically improve form.
8. **LITTLE QUEENIE** - 1L second in a 3500m claiming hurdle at Machecoul earlier this month. Prepared to overlook up in class for chasing debut.
9. **HORSA D'AIRY** - Pulled up on previous two starts including on chase debut at Pau a month ago. Not entirely dismissed as a previous hurdle winner.

Summary

HARMONIE DE COTTE (1) finished third in a similar Pau chase over this journey. May build on that to gain a first chase victory. AEDESIA (3) was well held in a stronger Cagnes-sur-Mer chase two starts back. Open to improvement dropping to a suitable level. SAURA (2) is one to consider for an each way role eased in grade after struggling among better company. HORSA D'AIRY (9) can be forgiven two previous pulled up efforts. Keep in mind to bounce back for a placing.

Selections

HARMONIE DE COTTE (1) - AEDESIA (3) - SAURA (2) - HORSA D'AIRY (9)

Race 3

1. **GREEN LINK** - 12L third in a similar Pau chase over 4000m last month. Leading chance.
2. **FRELON D'ESTRIVAL** - One placing from seven chases thus far. Place angle after an absence.
3. **FEUX DE BOIS** - Beaten a long way on previous two starts in chases of similar nature. Needs improvement.
4. **FACTEUR CHEF** - Beaten out of sight in a minor chase 85 days previously at Maure De Bretagne. Limited appeal.
5. **GLORICE** - Fair 10L third on chase debut in a stronger Compiegne 3800m event in November. Open to progress.
6. **FACEBOOK JERSEY** - Down the field in previous chase starts at Pau since resuming. Readily opposed.
7. **FEZ** - Two minor placings from seven hurdle starts to date. Prepared to overlook on first chase run.
8. **GENTLEMAN WINNER** - Pulled up on first chase experience at this venue last week. Best watched.
9. **GOOGLE DE LOUED** - One completion from four hurdle starts to date. Ignored on chase debut.

Summary

GREEN LINK (1) finished 12L third in a similar 4000m chase at Pau last month. Leading player. GLORICE (5) could provide the most resistance to the aforementioned rival following a decent third on chase debut at Compiegne. Rates well with improvement to come. FRELON D'ESTRIVAL (2) may find it tough to challenge the front pair but could have a say for the minors. FACTEUR CHEF (4) might secure a placing on best form.

Selections

GREEN LINK (1) - GLORICE (5) - FRELON D'ESTRIVAL (2) - FACTEUR CHEF (4)

Race 4

1. **CUVEE DU GOLFE** - Won in this class three starts ago but modest fourths subsequently at Pau. May find a couple too strong.
2. **GUMPCHOP** - Second on both starts in this class since resuming over 3300m at Pau. Firmly in the mix under suitable conditions.
3. **MARBLE EYES** - Poor effort two weeks ago but respected on previous 2L triumph in this grade at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Shortlisted.
4. **PRINCE VERT** - Successful on hurdle debut at Castera-Verduzan over 3100m 225 days ago. Open to progress if sharp enough on return.
5. **HALDO** - Pulled up on hurdle debut at Pau over 3500m start of last month. Blinkers enlisted.
6. **DANCE WITH DEVILS** - Completed once in previous four hurdle starts including at this level. Hard to enthuse.
7. **BUCK'S BOBINE** - Unraced Buck's Bo Bo (Dam) filly. Could go well. Worth a market check.
8. **HOOPA** - Yet to find a placing from four hurdle starts. Others preferred.
9. **BELLE DE L'ORME** - No show in two hurdle events thus far. Look elsewhere.
10. **SINDALA** - Off the mark on fourth hurdle attempt in a similar event at Machecoul earlier this month. Solid chance of replicating.
11. **BRIGHT LIGHTS** - Unsighted in two hurdle starts to date. Thoroughly passed over.
12. **FAIRY OF LIGHT** - Two placings at this level from five hurdle starts including at Pau over 3300m three weeks back. Frame visit possible.
13. **MISS KADIX** - No form in three hurdle outings thus far. Needs significant improvement.

Summary

MARBLE EYES (3) can leave behind a poor run following a success in this grade previously at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Entitled to go close under favourable conditions. PRINCE VERT (4) is unbeaten after a winning debut in a 3100m hurdle at Castera-Verduzan. Needs to prove fitness resuming from an absence but is considered. GUMPCHOP (2) might be in the mix after filling second place on both starts in this level since resuming. Thereabouts. SINDALA (10) rates among the chances after scoring on fourth hurdle attempt. Could replicate.

Selections

MARBLE EYES (3) - PRINCE VERT (4) - GUMPCHOP (2) - SINDALA (10)

Race 5

1. **HONDLEEN** - Two decent hurdle efforts thus far with a fourth in stronger company 90 days ago at Compiègne. In the mix.
2. **HEDESH** - 4L third in a Dieppe hurdle over 3400m 242 days ago. May need this after lengthy absence.
3. **HAUT LIEU** - Unraced Jeu St Eloi gelding. Market check advised for top connections.
4. **HICKSTEAD** - Held 16L sixth in a stronger 3500m Pau hurdle last month. Open to progress.
5. **HOCK NOIR** - Al Namix gelding have his first start. Best watched unless the market speaks favourably.
6. **HAIKO** - Pulled up on hurdle debut 103 days previously at Machecoul. Hard to enthuse.
7. **HERMINE VAUZELLE** - Unraced Tiger Groom filly. Market check advised.
8. **HARIBOISE** - Unseated rider four from home on hurdle debut at Pau penultimate start. Best watched.
9. **HYMNE A LA JOIE** - Placed 10L third in a Fontainebleau 2600m conditions flat race 159 days ago. May need this on hurdling debut.
10. **HOSANA CONTI** - Unraced Masterstroke filly. Respected for a trainer who does well here.
11. **HESPERIS** - Pulled up on hurdle debut at Cholet 163 days ago. Others readily preferred.
12. **HALTEAS DEBELAIR** - Falco debutante. Worth keeping safe.
13. **HAHNVILLE** - Filly by Fame And Glory on debut. Market check advised.

Summary

HONDLEEN (1) delivered two promising hurdle runs so far including a fourth at Compiègne. Entitled to go close with improvement possible. HICKSTEAD (4) is among the leading hopes after performing better than the finish position suggested in a Pau hurdle. In the mix. HAUT LIEU (3) is respected on debut for top connections. Keep in mind. Similar comments apply to HOSANA CONTI (10) who might deliver a fair effort representing a trainer who does well here.

Selections

HONDLEEN (1) - HICKSTEAD (4) - HAUT LIEU (3) - HOSANA CONTI (10)

Race 6

1. **DERBY DES PICTONS** - 3L third in the 4600m Listed Prix Gaston Despres chase here prior to pulled up in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau. Entitled to go well eased in grade.
2. **PRINCE DE BELLOUET** - Dual course and distance winner last year in this company prior to a fair sixth on reappearance in a Nantes 3900m hurdle. Player.
3. **SPIDERMAN** - Fair 14L fifth in the Listed Grande Course De Haies De Cagnes hurdle two runs back and a three time chase winner previously. In the mix.
4. **BERNARDO BELLOTTO** - Placed in four of five chase starts including in a higher level at Auteuil. Top chance if sharp enough on return.
5. **MONTEPERTUSO** - 19L third in this standard at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 4200m 52 days ago. Appeals for a placing.
6. **SAVOYARD** - Reached the frame in all six chase outings including twice at this distance. Solid each way option.
7. **BACARA DES BOIS** - Down the field in two hurdle events but returns to chasing as a three time winner including a dominant Toulouse success three runs back. Rates highly.
8. **PROMESSE D'UN SOIR** - Held eighth in a course hurdle over 4100m last week but could progress back in a chase with two wins in this sphere. Place chance.
9. **MISTER SPEED** - Made the frame in six of 10 chase starts including twice last summer. Work to do up in grade.
10. **BLAIN** - 18L fifth in a stronger Cagnes-sur-Mer 3800m handicap chase last month. Consider.

Summary

BACARA DES BOIS (7) returns to chasing as a three time winner including a dominant Toulouse success three runs back. Rates highly. Among the chances is SAVOYARD (6) who made the frame in all six chases to date. Solid each way prospect. BERNARDO BELLOTTO (4) is one to note delivering placings in four of five chase starts including at a higher level in Auteuil. DERBY DES PICTONS (1) produced a 3L third in the 4600m Listed Prix Gaston Despres chase here prior to pulled up in a 4000m handicap chase at Pau. Entitled to go well eased in grade.

Selections

BACARA DES BOIS (7) - SAVOYARD (6) - BERNARDO BELLOTTO (4) - DERBY DES PICTONS

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Race 7

1. **APOLLO CREED** - Steadily improved since resuming with a fair third in stronger company at Pau last month. Genuine contender.
2. **SORAL DE KERZEL** - 4L third in an easier 3900m hurdle at Machecoul start of this month. Others preferred.
3. **FRIPON DE BALLON** - Second career success in a course and distance hurdle 72 days ago. Not guaranteed to replicate given overall profile.
4. **EVERY WHERE** - Won at Pau in a stronger event in previous hurdle start prior to disappointing midfield chase run. Notch above rivals if sharp enough on return.
5. **HIP HOP TRAOU LAND** - Pulled up in a Pau 3500m claiming hurdle on reappearance five weeks ago. Impossible to recommend.
6. **MELCHIEF** - Reverts to hurdles following a fall at Saint Brieuc in November. Respected eased significantly in grade.
7. **MILORD DE CARCOUET** - Contending when falling at the last on hurdle debut 742 days ago here. Holds ability if sharp enough after a lengthy absence.
8. **DAKLONDIKE** - 22L ninth of ten in a similar Pau hurdle over 3500m on reappearance a month ago. Could strip fitter.
9. **DATCHA** - Beaten 56L in a hurdle here over 3800m when last seen 1039 days back. Hard to enthuse after huge layoff.
10. **MADDORE** - Unplaced in five starts to date. Not expected to show up well on hurdle debut.

Summary

EVERY WHERE (4) rates a notch above his rivals on all known form. Successful in a stronger Pau hurdle prior to a below par chase outing. Notable runner on reappearance. APOLLO CREED (1) is expected to put in a bold display after steady improvement since resuming. Warrants thought. MILORD DE CARCOUET (7) returns after a long absence. In the mix when falling at the last hurdle on debut. May place if fit. MELCHIEF (6) holds each way claims easing in standard.

Selections

**EVERY WHERE (4) - APOLLO CREED (1) - MILORD DE CARCOUET (7) -
MELCHIEF (6)**