STRASBOURG [R-H] - 22 March

Race 1 - PRIX DU RIED - 3300m HDLE CL2. Purse EUR €30,000.

- 1. **JAGUAR LAGRANGE** Was unplaced two runs ago in a hurdle (3500m) at Pau. Made amends last time when he scored in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau. In the mix.
- 2. **JOLIVENT** Was most recently at the races four months ago. Closed the last campaign with a win in a hurdle (3400m) at Nancy, getting home by 4 lengths. Set to run well again while fresh.
- 3. **SCAMPALO** Four-year-old gelding who returns from a break. Finished off last campaign when pulled up in a hurdle (3400m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Tougher class here and not expected to threaten.
- 4. **JEELO DU SEUIL** Was most recently at the races 10 months ago. Closed the last campaign with a win in a hurdle (3200m) at Compiegne, getting home by 5 lengths. Another bold showing expected.
- 5. **NOT NOW KANNE** Was lining up for just the second time when successful by 1.5 lengths (3000m) at this track back on November 11 at his most recent appearance. Strong contender.
- 6. **NERUAS** First up from a spell today for a new yard and is making his jumps debut. Expect a bold showing.
- 7. **CHRISTAL D'ANS** Last start was in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau when eased out of the race. Not expected to threaten.
- 8. **VOIX SAINTE** Never looked like troubling them last time when fifth at Nimes. Would need to improve sharply.
- 9. **KIANNA** Hasn't raced since finishing 24 lengths away in sixth in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil five months ago. Should be prominent.
- 10. **POMM GOLD** Filly by It's Gino out of Pommbelle. Likely to be well fancied.
- 11. **HAITI DU BERLAIS** Improved nicely and finished a competitive fourth in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau on November 15 at just her second start. Can pose a serious challenge.
- 12. JAWINNA Filly by Lord Du Sud out of Lafolie D'airy. Doesn't profile as the likely winner.

Summary: A competitive opener with a narrow preference for JOLIVENT (2). The four-year-old drew away nicely in the closing stages to win a Class Three conditions hurdle by 4L at Nancy in November. Leading claims with further progress likely. Stablemate POMM GOLD (10) would be interesting if attracting support on debut while recent Fontainebleau scorer (Class Four conditions hurdle) JAGUAR LAGRANGE (1) is respected. JEELO DU SEUIL (4) won a Compiegne claimer by 5L last summer and could feature on reappearance.

Selections

JOLIVENT (2) - POMM GOLD (10) - JAGUAR LAGRANGE (1) - JEELO DU SEUIL (4)

- 1. **BAILA CONMIGO** Had to contend with a wide draw at his latest run and finished out of the placings over 1300m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Can improve.
- 2. **WHAT ELSE CHOP** Wasn't expected to do much when fresh from a spell last start at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather over 1600m and wound up in sixth, beaten 9 lengths. Expecting him to kick on with that first run out of the way.
- 3. **BALLERINA** Has looked good in her 10 career starts, most recently scoring by one length over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Sure to measure up here.
- 4. **ELEGATO** Has only raced once, back on July 31 when a well-beaten fifth over 1400m at Munich (Germany). No surprise to see him in the finish.
- 5. **RISE ABOVE** Finished tenth when fresh from a spell last start, beaten 17 lengths over 1600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Will come on from that run.
- 6. **LA TERREUR** Hasn't threatened in two career runs, the most recent a tenth over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather. Looking to others.
- 7. SWAG GIRL Unraced filly by Worthadd out of Silver Songstress. Prepared to watch this time.
- 8. **FRECCETTA** Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 4 lengths into sixth over 1600m at Saint-Cloud. Strips fitter and should be in the mix.

Summary: BALLERINA (3) goes well at claiming level and always looked to be in command when scoring over 1500m on the AW at Marseille-Vivaux in February. Top hope. The drop in standard looks a massive positive for BAILA CONMIGO (1) who was by no means disgraced when fifth in a Class One conditions event at Cagnes-sur-Mer AW latest. Claims with further progress possible on just her fourth outing. RISE ABOVE (5) was placed twice in claimers last year and cannot be dismissed alongside WHAT ELSE CHOP (2).

Selections

BALLERINA (3) - BAILA CONMIGO (1) - RISE ABOVE (5) - WHAT ELSE CHOP (2)

- 1. **GALOPIN DES OBEAUX** Filled a minor prize two back in a steeplechase (4000m) at Pau then could only manage sixth last time in a steeplechase (4100m) at Compiegne, beaten 13 lengths. Holds claims.
- 2. **IOUM ROCHELAIS** Finished fourth two back in a steeplechase (3800m) at Angers then again missed out in a steeplechase (3500m) at Toulouse last start. Cannot be left out in this more suitable contest.
- 3. **CUTTING KING** Resumes after a break of four months. Finished off last campaign with a seventh in a hurdle (3800m) at Nancy, beaten 49 lengths.
- 4. **HOLD UP TIEPY** Hasn't raced since finishing 15 lengths away in eighth in a steeplechase (4400m) at Fontainebleau four months ago. Can feature in the finish.
- 5. **MARECHAL DESJY** Resumes after a break of three months. Finished off last campaign with a fifth in a steeplechase (3800m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer, beaten 24 lengths. Prepared to watch this time.
- 6. **TONNERRE DE DIEU** Did well to finish third two back in a steeplechase (3800m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer but could only manage sixth in a steeplechase (3700m) at Auteuil last time, arriving 7 lengths behind the winner. Can do a lot better.
- 7. **ASSAD LAWAL** Finished eighth when fresh from a spell last start in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil. Requires further improvement.
- 8. **BONFOU D'AIRY** Fair fourth when last seen in a 4200m handicap chase here last November. Holds claims.
- 9. **GEDEON MADRIK** Returns from a spell of four months. Concluded last campaign with a minor placing in a hurdle (3800m) at Nancy, beaten a long neck. Can run a bold race fresh.
- 10. **PRINCE D'ORAGE** Was pulled up in a steeplechase over 4100m at Lyon-Parilly at the last run before a break. This looks too tough.
- 11. **POMM RUN** Resuming. Struggled last few runs, finishing off the preparation with a pulled up in a steeplechase (3800m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Not overly keen on her chances in this.
- 12. **AL INEA** Has returned in fair form. Placed when resuming two starts back in a hurdle (3800m) at Pau then was beaten 20 lengths into fifth in a steeplechase (3800m) at Pau five weeks ago. Might find this a bit too tough.
- 13. **TITE GOUL** Returns from a spell of three months. Concluded last campaign with a minor placing in a hurdle (4000m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Looks set to run well.

Summary: TITE GOUL (13) arrives following back-to-back placings in 4000m Cagnes-sur-Mer handicap hurdles over the winter. Strong chance back chasing having been supplemented after a break. GALOPIN DES OBEAUX (1) shaped nicely enough when sixth in a stronger handicap chase at Compiegne eight days ago. Notable claims. TONNERRE DE DIEU (6) finished sixth in a Class One conditions event over 3700m at Auteuil seventeen days back. Interesting back handicapping down in grade. BONFOU D'AIRY (8) holds each-way claims.

Selections

TITE GOUL (13) - GALOPIN DES OBEAUX (1) - TONNERRE DE DIEU (6) - BONFOU D'AIRY (8)

- 1. **HYPNOTIZED** Often among the minors but finds it hard to win. Last start finished 11th at Pornichet beaten 14 lengths. Can feature with the right run.
- 2. **CADORINO DES PLACE** Has ability but the wins are rare. Has three wins and 12 placings from 52 starts. Last start finished fifth over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly, beaten 1.2 lengths. Can play a role in the outcome.
- 3. **KANDERAS** Good effort last start when he finished a close second at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather over 1300m. Tough to beat.
- 4. **WIND OF CHANGE** Had been close to the mark before breaking through last time over today's journey at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather for his first win of the campaign. Confidence high and is a leading player again.
- 5. **LAURA TREZY** Didn't do much resuming at Chantilly All Weather 15 days back. Winless in 14 months now. Prepared to take her on again today in this company.
- 6. **SAKHARAH** Has a poor strike rate and failed to improve on it last start when he finished second over 1300m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Has ability and can measure up.
- 7. **FLASH IS BACK** Last appeared nine months ago when he finished 3 lengths from the winner in eighth over 1600m at Chantilly. In the mix on best form.
- 8. **JOYEUSE DE ROMAY** Returns after a break of four months. Finished her last campaign impressively, scoring by 4 lengths over 1400m at Nancy. A bright return to the track is anticipated.
- 9. **MAAVAH** Was a first-up winner last start at Nancy, scoring by 2.5 lengths over 1400m. Back in great shape and will be tough to beat.
- 10. **DELACHANCE** Lines up for the first time since March 15 2022. Form at the end of last prep was not flash, the most recent effort a seventh over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Might need a run or two.
- 11. **MUCH STYLE** Has been out of the placings in recent runs. Last start finished 14 lengths from the winner in sixth over 1800m at Dortmund (Germany). Others preferred.
- 12. **STIRLING** Drops in journey from the latest outing when third over 1600m at Fontainebleau, finishing 2.25 lengths off the winner. Winning hope.
- 13. **ZION** Has not raced since he was safely held in tenth over 1400m at Baden-Baden (Germany) on September 4. Wait and see how he returns.
- 14. **WHY CHOPE** Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a fifth over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather, beaten 1.75 lengths. Looking to others.
- 15. **LOVELY ANGEL** Good effort first up then ran below her best last time, finishing tenth at Chantilly All Weather over 1300m. Can atone.
- 16. **POLDINA** Last start finished 12th over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather, beaten 3.5 lengths. Needs more.

Summary: JOYEUSE DE ROMAY (8) placed on her sole outing here and impressed when winning a 1400m handicap at Nancy in November. Key contender. WIND OF CHANGE (4) won a 1300m Class Three handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer AW a month ago. Notable hope up 2kg with the third home of that event scoring since. KANDERAS (3) went down narrowly in a Class Three claiming handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer AW last-time-out. Hard to ignore. MAAVAH (9) needs respect on the back of a 1400m Class Four claiming handicap win at Nancy ten days ago.

- 1. **GONDOR DE KERSER** Filled a minor prize two back in a hurdle (3500m) at Pau then could only manage seventh last time in a hurdle (3800m) at Pau, beaten 9 lengths. Must be a chance.
- 2. **FAUT PAS REVER** Back after a spell of 11 months. Ended a short campaign last start with a fifth in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil. Best form stacks up nicely. Sure to run well.
- 3. **LORD DRAGON** Missed the frame two runs ago in a G3 steeplechase (5300m) at Pau then finished fourth most recently in a steeplechase (4000m) at Pau. Hard to beat in this suitable event.
- 4. **IMPERIUM** Sixth of nine tackling a 3600m Class Two steeplechase at Auteuil a year ago. Could feature if at best on return.
- 5. **ZEVEN FALLS** Has been a shade disappointing at the last couple of runs on the flat. Missed the frame two back over 1700m then was fourth over 1800m at Dortmund (Germany), 7 lengths behind the winner.
- 6. **KONIG DE NOE** Couldn't find the top three two back in a hurdle (3900m) at Machecoul then again missed out in a hurdle (3800m) at Saint Brieuc last time. Not sure he is up to this.
- 7. **MESSI BLUE** Couldn't find the top three two back in a hurdle (4000m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer then again missed out in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil last start. Hard to have on recent efforts.
- 8. **COMPLET THON** Resuming here from a long spell for a new yard. Happy to watch here.
- 9. **VENT DU SOIR** Returns from a spell and is due for his maiden jumps success. Closed the last campaign with a minor placing in a steeplechase (4200m) at Nancy. Has claims with the right run.

Summary: The reappearing FAUT PAS REVER (2) finished a sound fifth behind two subsequent scorers in a 3600m Class One conditions hurdle at Auteuil last April. Leading claims. LORD DRAGON (3) remains a maiden but needs respect after a solid 7L fourth in a handicap chase over 4000m at Pau recently. Expected to measure up. Market support behind IMPERIUM (4) would be of note having shown some good form a year ago in stronger contests. Another to note is GONDOR DE KERSER (1).

Selections

FAUT PAS REVER (2) - LORD DRAGON (3) - IMPERIUM (4) - GONDOR DE KERSER (1)

- 1. **SWEET DEVILDARLING** Ran a little better last time when fifth over 2000m at Fontainebleau. Could have turned the corner and is in the mix on best efforts.
- 2. **VIDALGO** Resumed over 2000m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather last start and finished 3 lengths away in fifth. Fitter and looks set to improve sharply.
- 3. **SERIENMOND** Resumes after a break of three-and-a-half months. Nice run on debut then failed to threaten when eighth over 1800m at Baden-Baden (Germany) at the last outing prior to a spell. Big chance with improvement likely.
- 4. **EL PROFESSOR CHOP** Form either side of a break has been very ordinary. Resumed last start and was beaten 40 lengths over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Expect he'll find this too tough.
- 5. **JUWEL** Has not raced since on debut over 1600m at Dortmund (Germany) and finished seventh, beaten 8 lengths. Tackles a longer journey this time. Looks tested.
- 6. **PHOENIX CHOP** Form since resuming has been disappointing, last start finishing eighth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Struggling to make a case.
- 7. **PURE POWER** Returns after filling a minor placing on debut at this track over 2000m on November 11. Winning chance on his return.
- 8. **BELLE FAUSTINE** Resumes after a spell of five-and-a-half months. Form in the maiden campaign was unimpressive, the latest effort a tenth over 1400m at Nancy. Maybe later.
- 9. **MARIE TREZY** Had to contend with a wide draw at her latest run and finished out of the placings over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie.
- 10. **ZARQANA** Improved on the debut performance last time out when seventh over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather. Needs more time.
- 11. **ROBINIE** Resumes today after filling a minor placing two times from three starts in her maiden campaign. At the latest outing she finished second over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather on October 30. Shapes up nicely.
- 12. ASGARD Son of Seabhac from Inarretable making his debut. Tough assignment.
- 13. **QUEEN'S BOY** Son of Sea The Moon from Queen Viktoria making his debut. Expected to measure up.
- 14. **CASTLE CREEK** First-starter by sire Seabhac from the Stakes-winning mare Casaca. Market watch advised.
- 15. **KARIA DES BLAISES** Filly by Jeu St Eloi from Karmina Burana on debut. Watch the market carefully.
- 16. **CRACKLIN'ROSIE** Unraced filly by Gustav Klimt out of Dactilo. Nice profile and capable of featuring.

Summary: ROBINIE (11) looks the one to side with on reappearance having showed up well when runner-up in a 1900m Chantilly AW maiden in October. Top chance. Sea The Moon colt QUEEN'S BOY (13) makes appeal on debut and PURE POWER (7) will likely feature if building on a sound debut third in a Class Two conditions event over course and distance. SERIENMOND (3) is worth considering.

Selections

ROBINIE (11) - QUEEN'S BOY (13) - PURE POWER (7) - SERIENMOND (3)

- 1. **ANGEL PARK** Has not raced since finishing 19 lengths away in fifth over 2000m at Munich (Germany) on November 19. Definite winning chance first-up.
- 2. **VIVA DU BUET** Turned in a better run last time out when fifth over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather, beaten 1.2 lengths. Solid top-three chance.
- 3. **GLOBAL PASSION** Last start finished sixth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Has recorded 5 victories from 64 starts. Well placed this time and expected to measure up.
- 4. **TRUST ON HIM** Seasoned galloper who hasn't broken through for 11 months. Wasn't far away last time when second over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Gets his chance.
- 5. **TRIPTAJIKA** Has struggled to make her mark of late, the most recent effort a seventh over 1900m at Deauville All Weather a week-and-a-half ago.
- 6. **PERFECT LIAISON** Has ability but the wins are rare. Last start finished tenth over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather, beaten 5.5 lengths. Looks tested.
- 7. **BLUE HORIZON** Has finished midfield at his last few starts, most recently finishing eighth over 2000m at Compiegne. Unlikely to be playing a role in the finish.
- 8. **MOREMI** Struggling to find form including last start when beaten 8 lengths into ninth over 2150m at Lyon-la-Soie. Well-placed today and is open to plenty of improvement.
- 9. **HACKLE SETTER** Won by a head at Chantilly All Weather two starts ago. Disappointed last time at Chantilly All Weather when 8 lengths from the winner in 15th. Expect he will make amends.
- 10. **DORALICE** Has not raced since finishing 11 lengths away in fourth over 2350m at this track on November 11. This is an ideal race to kick off. Top hope.
- 11. **TICKLISH** Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished eighth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie on March 14. Deserves another chance.
- 12. **CONTESSA VERDE** Finished midfield last start at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 1500m, 8 lengths from the winner. Tackles a longer journey this time. Looking to others.
- 13. **MARY WHITE** Has ability but the wins are rare. Better effort last time when 11th over 2150m at Lyon-la-Soie. Looks tested.
- 14. **DELIVER STORM** Six-year-old stepping out for his 5th run back from a spell looking to snap an ordinary run of current form. Prepared to leave alone today.

Summary: This looks weaker than the Class Three handicap TRUST ON HIM (4) went down narrowly in when second at Cagnes-sur-Mer last start. Selected to go one place better. DORALICE (10) finished fourth in a similar handicap here when last seen in November. Chance after a break. The supplemented TICKLISH (11) is noted having won a Lyon-la-Soie AW handicap three starts ago and GLOBAL PASSION (3) could find the frame.

Selections

TRUST ON HIM (4) - DORALICE (10) - TICKLISH (11) - GLOBAL PASSION (3)

- 1. **THE CHOSEN ONE** Has been out of the money recently including last time out when tenth over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather two weeks ago, beaten 4.5 lengths. In the mix.
- 2. **INNIS** Last appeared when easily accounted for at this track on October 2 which was a disappointing end to a solid campaign. Can find winning form while fresh.
- 3. **JOLIENENE** Has not raced since finishing 2.5 lengths away in second over 2000m at Nancy on November 21. This is an ideal race to kick off. Top hope.
- 4. **GOLDEN HEART** Last appeared five months ago when she finished 21 lengths from the winner in 12th over 1950m at Longchamp. Must be included.
- 5. **FEARLESS** Has not raced since he was safely held in ninth over 2150m at Lyon-la-Soie on January 12. Will be better for this run.
- 6. **MI C'INFILO** Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when sixth over 2000m at Saint-Cloud two weeks ago, beaten 6 lengths. Worth following up.
- 7. **LA YOMOGUINESS** Resumed at Chantilly All Weather over 2100m last time out and finished seventh, beaten 3.5 lengths. Strips fitter and expected to feature.
- 8. **SUPER ZOOM** Returns after a break of four months. Usually comes to hand quickly and has won when fresh in the past. Closed last prep in good style, scoring by 2.5 lengths over 2000m at Nancy. Expecting he will pick up where he left off.
- 9. **ROSIERES** Returns after a break of three-and-a-half months. Finished her last campaign impressively, scoring by 1.3 lengths over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Expect she is primed for a big first-up performance.
- 10. **NANA GINA** Resumes today. Last appeared at Compiegne over 2800m when successful nine months ago. Expected to go well.
- 11. **ANTRIM** Finished third over 2000m at Nancy at his latest appearance on November 21. Very strong performer at this stage of the prep. Has to be respected.
- 12. **CONCERTO** Resuming from a spell. Yet to find the placings in two first-up runs. Later on perhaps.
- 13. **MR RIEM** Has not raced since finishing 9 lengths away in 11th over 2100m at this track on September 11. Not keen on his chances.
- 14. **POLDI'S LIEBLING** Has not raced since finishing ninth over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather on December 13. Will need this run.
- 15. **LAKE NAIVASHA** Beaten 4.5 lengths when fifth at Cagnes-sur-Mer two runs ago then was comfortably held last time over 2000m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Can't see her figuring in the finish.

Summary: There should be more to come from NANA GINA (10) this season who was only having her second handicap outing when winning over 2800m at Compiegne. Rates highly on reappearance. SUPER ZOOM (8) had JOLIENENE (3) back in second when taking out a 2000m event on handicap debut at Nancy in November. The former is respected after a break with improvement possible and the latter should be in the mix once more. ROSIERES (9) beat two subsequent winners in a Lyon-la-Soie AW Class Four handicap in December and cannot be dismissed.

Selections

NANA GINA (10) - SUPER ZOOM (8) - JOLIENENE (3) - ROSIERES (9)