# TOULOUSE [R-H] - 22 March

## Race 1 - PRIX DE LA CITE MONDINE - 1200m HCP. Purse EUR €20,000.

- 1. **GARDEN PARK** Beaten 4.5 lengths into fourth when resuming last start over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather. Fitter and looks set to improve sharply.
- 2. **MONCAYO** Has been in the mix at his last couple of runs. Has enjoyed a let-up since finishing third at Pau All Weather over 1400m on February 19. The one to beat.
- 3. **MAAYAFUSHI** Resumed over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather last start and finished 2.75 lengths away in eighth. Strips fitter and should be in the mix.
- 4. **MRS PINK** Was a placegetter first-up last start over 1400m at this track, beaten 3.5 lengths. Back in good shape and can measure up in this line up.
- 5. **IERY** Unplaced at all four runs to date, the latest when beaten 10 lengths over 1600m at Bordeaux. Happy to avoid.
- 6. **RISKI CHOPE** Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished third over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan on February 24. Sure to improve again. Top chance.
- 7. **GO JOHNNY GO GO GO** The most recent effort a fourth over 1200m at Marseille-Borely six days ago. No surprise if she was in the finish.
- 8. **MANDY** Has been out of the money recently including last time out when tenth over 1400m at Pau All Weather two months ago, beaten 4.5 lengths. Will need to do a bit more.

**Summary**: MONCAYO (2) placed third when beaten 1L in a 1400m maiden at Pau AW. Taken to get off the mark on handicap debut. Top weight GARDEN PARK (1) looks up to challenging for the win on handicap debut following a 4.5L fourth in a 1300m claimer at Chantilly AW. RISKI CHOPE (6) enters calculations on the back of a 4.75L third tackling a 1400m claiming race at Mont-de-Marsan. MRS PINK (4) registered a 3.5L third contesting a 1400m handicap here. Warrants close consideration.

#### **Selections**

MONCAYO (2) - GARDEN PARK (1) - RISKI CHOPE (6) - MRS PINK (4)

#### Race 2 - PRIX DE TOURNEFEUILLE - 1400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

- 1. **GOLD CAPTAIN** Finished third at Mont-de-Marsan two back before missing out at this track last time out over 1600m. Very fit and sure to run well.
- 2. **SAPIENS** Missed the frame two back when fifth at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather but turned in a better effort last time to finish in the money over 1200m at Marseille-Borely. One of the chief contenders.
- 3. **OXALIS** Recent form has been pretty ordinary and he is now without a win in 402 days. Finished seventh, beaten 5.5 lengths in the latest outing over 1600m at this track. Hard to be enthused.
- 4. **MERRI** Lightly raced four-year-old filly who recorded an impressive win first up last start over 1400m at this track. Ready to take the next step. Top chance.
- 5. **RAPIDO PRESTO** Often among the minors but finds it hard to win. Last start finished fifth at Mont-de-Marsan beaten 1.75 lengths. Looking to others.
- 6. **CAESARS PALACE** Was a first-up winner last start at this track, scoring by a head over 1600m. Back in great shape and is likely to feature.
- 7. **VILLERS** Promising gelding who last start finished 3.5 lengths away in second over 1400m at this track. One of the better chances.
- 8. **YAVAIKA** Ran a better race last start to finish third at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 1500m. One of the main hopes.
- 9. **NATHAN** Has ability but the wins are rare. Made nice progress last time when fourth over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Prepared to risk in this line-up.
- 10. **WERSEILLER** Scored over 2000m at Pau All Weather two back then missed the frame last time out over 2100m at Pornichet. Looks tested again.

**Summary**: MERRI (4) looks capable of debuting for a new trainer with a victory following a 3.5L triumph in a course and distance claiming handicap. Top chance. SAPIENS (2) performed well when 1.25L third over 1200m at Marseille-Borely. Expected to go well upped in distance. YAVAIKA (8) caught the eye when 3.5L third in a 1500m handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Shortlisted. CAESARS PALACE (6) gets a chance to justify being supplemented for this having won by a head tackling 1600m here.

## Selections

MERRI (4) - SAPIENS (2) - YAVAIKA (8) - CAESARS PALACE (6)

#### Race 3 - PRIX MISTER CONWAY - 1600m CL3. Purse EUR €15,000.

- 1. **FLY D'ASPE** Finished third over 1600m at Pau All Weather two back then missed the frame last time out over 1900m at Bordeaux. Hard to fault if at his best.
- 2. **ROMANTIC MOON** Placed two starts back at Pau All Weather but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather last time. Holds claims.
- 3. **GAVIAL** Honest type who has filled the minors money on both runs this season. Last start finished second beaten 3.5 lengths over 1600m at Bordeaux. Fitter and is right in this.
- 4. **ASCOT ANGEL** Was unplaced and well beaten in all runs last campaign, the latest when 15th over 1600m at Chantilly six months ago. Worth keeping safe.
- 5. **WALKING PAINTING** Nice return last start when third at Bordeaux over 1600m on February 23. Further improvement in store.
- 6. **MAMA IMELDA** Unwanted in the market when resuming last start at Pau All Weather over 1600m and finished eighth. That run was a bit plain so prefer her later on.

**Summary**: GAVIAL (3) placed second when beaten 2.5L over 1600m at Bordeaux. Taken to deliver a victory. WALKING PAINTING (5) placed third when beaten 6.5L in that Bordeaux contest. Expected to challenge for the win. FLY D'ASPE (1) looks a major danger on the back of a 6.5L fourth tackling 1900m at the same venue. In the mix. ASCOT ANGEL (4) has struggled in a couple of highly competitive handicaps of late. Better expected in a small field.

#### **Selections**

GAVIAL (3) - WALKING PAINTING (5) - FLY D'ASPE (1) - ASCOT ANGEL (4)

- 1. **JONH SIX** Placed two starts back at Pau All Weather but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather last time. Hard to have in this tough line-up.
- 2. **GREY TORNADO** Has not raced since finishing a long neck away in third over 1500m at Deauville All Weather on November 22. Expect he will go well.
- 3. **KOVROV** Promising type who is unbeaten after two runs, the latest over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Sure to go well.
- 4. **VERITABLE** Resumes today. Last appeared at Lyon-la-Soie over 1800m when third three months ago. Shapes well and worth following up.
- 5. **ONYXKA** Talented galloper who won two races in her maiden campaign. Returned from a spell last start with a well-beaten tenth over 1600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Wait until she shows something.
- 6. **NASELLA** Went for a spell after recording her maiden win on July 19 at Vichy over 1600m. All set for a bright return.

**Summary**: KOVROV (3) completed a double when winning by 1.5L over 1600m at Pau AW. Taken to make a winning turf debut. NASELLA (6) looks a major threat for top connections following a maiden win over 1600m at Vichy last July. VERITABLE (4) delivered a 3.75L third in an 1800m AW event at Lyon-la-Soie. Bold show looks likely. GREY TORNADO (2) gets a chance having finished a neck third to two subsequent winners tackling 1500m at Deauville AW. Holds claims.

**Selections** 

KOVROV (3) - NASELLA (6) - VERITABLE (4) - GREY TORNADO (2)

- 1. **GRECIAN BONANZA** Lightly raced colt who progressed nicely last start with a win by a nose over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Key runner.
- 2. **WAY TO MARSEILLE** Finished second at Cagnes-sur-Mer two runs back then turned in a handy run again when third over 2000m at Marseille-Borely last start. Must come into consideration over this longer journey.
- 3. **MAKANAO** Progressive three-year-old colt who broke through for his maiden win last start over 2500m at Hyeres. Capable of going to the next level this time.
- 4. **COLOMBIANA** Was below par two back at Pau All Weather then bounced back with a win over 1900m at Bordeaux last time out. Bold showing expected.
- 5. **GOLDENSIM** Is racing well this campaign without winning but has been in the placings at his last three starts, including a third over 2000m at Pau All Weather last start. Rates highly.
- 6. **SUPERIOR BEAUTY** Resumed over 1900m at Bordeaux last start, beaten 8L. Capable of improvement but others still far more appealing.
- 7. **ROI DU MONDE** Well beaten at each of his starts to date. Was not a factor last start at Lyon-la-Soie when eighth over 2150m. Looking elsewhere.
- 8. **PINTXOPOTE** Has done nothing in three runs to date, the latest when beaten 9 lengths into seventh over 2100m at this track. Makes very little appeal.
- 9. **KOLPLET** Yet to find the top-three in six career runs but was not far away last time when fourth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Further improvement is on the cards.

**Summary**: GRECIAN BONANZA (1) won by a nose when contesting an 1800m maiden at Lyon-la-Soie. Selected to make a winning handicap debut. GOLDENSIM (5) performed well when 2L third in a 2000m maiden at Pau AW. Rates a threat on his return to handicap company. COLOMBIANA (4) won by 0.5L when contesting a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux. Shortlisted. WAY TO MARSEILLE (2) is another to consider following a 4L third in a 2000m maiden at Marseille-Borely.

#### **Selections**

GRECIAN BONANZA (1) - GOLDENSIM (5) - COLOMBIANA (4) - WAY TO MARSEILLE (2)

- 1. **PAPER TROPHY** Last appeared four-and-a-half months ago when he finished 19 lengths from the winner in 13th over 2400m at this track. Worth noting he filled a minor placing first-up last prep at Mont-de-Marsan. Has solid claims while fresh.
- 2. **PORT ETIENNE** Good effort last start when he finished a close second at Mont-de-Marsan over 2000m. Expected to be very competitive.
- 3. **DE LA FAYETTE** Last start was back on March 4 2022 when fourth over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Has since switched stables. A bright start to the prep is anticipated.
- 4. **CALLIOPE** Has not raced since finishing 12th over 2400m at this track on November 11. Has a strong record when fresh, claiming two wins from four runs. Has to be respected.
- 5. **NOTRE HISTOIRE** Finished midfield last start at Pau All Weather over 2000m, 4 lengths from the winner. Tackles this longer journey for the first time. Prefer to see him back in form.
- 6. **THAT'S MY POWER** Didn't threaten when resuming from a spell last time out, finishing ninth over 2200m at Fontainebleau. Is a second up winner in the past but this looks a bit rich.

**Summary**: Supplemented runner PORT ETIENNE (2) is selected to go one place better than when 0.75L second over 2000m in a Mont-de-Marsan conditions race. Leading chance. DE LA FAYETTE (3) looks a big threat following a 2.75L fourth tackling 2500m in a Deauville AW claimer. CALLIOPE (4) showed good form prior to a twelfth over 2400m here. Gets a chance to make amends. PAPER TROPHY (1) has been out of form of late. Claims on the form he showed when winning attempting 3200m at Deauville in August.

**Selections** 

PORT ETIENNE (2) - DE LA FAYETTE (3) - CALLIOPE (4) - PAPER TROPHY (1)

### Race 7 - PRIX AIZAVOSKI - 2400m CLM CL4 HCP. Purse EUR €12,000.

- 1. **EL INGRATO** Hasn't won in 13 months. Finished second, beaten 5 lengths last start over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan. Better placed and expected to measure up.
- 2. **PLATEADO** The latest effort a 13th over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Fitter but happy enough to avoid.
- 3. **FREE BREATH** Has been in the mix at his last couple of runs. Has enjoyed a let-up since finishing third at Pau All Weather over 2400m on February 3. Big chance to find winning form.
- 4. **ASPEN** Placed two starts back at Marseille-Borely but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 2100m at Marseille-Borely last time. Sure to be thereabouts.
- 5. **WHITE CARD** Moderate effort first up when she was unwanted in the market and was easily accounted for in eighth over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Might find this a bit too tough.
- 6. **PANDEMONIUM** Last appeared six months ago when he finished 5.5 lengths from the winner in fourth over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. In the mix on best form.
- 7. JAMES WHISTLER First up. Safely held two runs last prep. Prefer others.

**Summary**: EL INGRATO (1) placed second when beaten 5L in a 2000m claiming handicap at Mont-de-Marsan. Selected to go one place better. FREE BREATH (3) delivered a 0.5L third in a 2400m handicap at Pau AW. Looks to hold strong claims with the winner that day scoring subsequently. ASPEN (4) delivered a 2.5L fifth in a 2100m claimer at Marseille-Borely. Shortlisted. PANDEMONIUM (6) recorded a 5.25L fourth tackling 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Of note.

**Selections** 

EL INGRATO (1) - FREE BREATH (3) - ASPEN (4) - PANDEMONIUM (6)

- 1. **JAFAR D'ESCAR** Talented galloper who won two races in his maiden campaign. Returned from a spell last start with a well-beaten seventh over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Has ability so worth following up.
- 2. **HARDY PETIT** Failed to feature last time out over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan when sixth, beaten 8 lengths. Will appreciate returning to this course where he has a win and two placings from three starts. One of the contenders on his best form.
- 3. **JOCKER DE TANUES** Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 7 lengths into fifth over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Fitter and looks set to improve sharply.
- 4. **JADE** Resumes today. Last appeared at Agen over 2500m when third four-and-a-half months ago. Improver who can go on with it.
- 5. **IDOLE DE TANUES** Didn't do much resuming at Mont-de-Marsan 18 days back. Winless in 21 months now. Prepared to take her on.
- 6. **IRUN PONTADOUR** Last appeared a year ago when he finished 13 lengths from the winner in sixth over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Did place first-up last prep at Bordeaux. May need the run.
- 7. **JAKARTA TROIS** Returned after filling a minor placing on debut at Agen over 2500m on November 28. Top-three chance.
- 8. **FUSILLEE** Returned from a spell last start with a solid third, beaten 5 lengths at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m. Further improvement in store. Leading contender.

**Summary**: FUSILLEE (8) placed third when beaten 5L over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Selected to return to winning ways. JOCKER DE TANUES (3) lost his unbeaten record when 7.75L fifth in that contest. Rates a major threat in this event. JADE (4) delivered a 4.5L third to two subsequent winners in a 2500m race at Agen. Strong claims on reappearance. JAFAR D'ESCAR (1) delivered an 11L seventh in the previously mentioned Mont-de-Marsan contest. Better expected now.

#### **Selections**

FUSILLEE (8) - JOCKER DE TANUES (3) - JADE (4) - JAFAR D'ESCAR (1)