

WEDNESDAY, 22/05/24

R3 NANCY [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE L'EST REPUBLICAIN - 5000m (a3m1/8) - TURF - Class 3
Race - Cross - EUR € 26,000**

1. CESAR DE PRETOT - Probably at very best over a bit shorter but was not disgraced when third last time out in a Cross-country at Le Pin au Haras over 4600m on 8 May. Not out of it

2. INVITE D'HONNEUR - On a very long losing run but is in good form and was third last time out in a Cross-country at Angoulême over 4200m on 14 April. Goes further this time but deserves respect

3. MISS SADDEX - Unreliable but did run well when runner-up last time out in a Conditions Cross-country at Cluny over 4600m on 13 April. Has won over this track and trip and can bounce back to score

4. DISCO DE VAUT - On a very long losing run and was 6th last time out in a Conditions chase at Wissembourg over 3900m on 1 May. Has run well this track and trip so has a place chance

5. I RUN - Dislodged her rider last time out in a Conditions Cross-country at Lyon-Parilly on 9 May. Won her penultimate start and can bounce back to score

6. FREYDIS - Disappointing form of late and was unplaced last time out in a Conditions Cross-Country at Cluny over 4600m on 16 May. Needs to find a few lengths to win

7. IRONIE DU LAC - On a very long losing run and was 9th last time out in a Conditions chase at this course over 3200m on 5 May. Tries a Cross-country and others are preferred

8. JACOU DE BALME - Fit after some chases this year and was 7th last time out in a Conditions chase at Wissembourg over 3900m on 14 April;. Tries a Cross-country and could improve

Summary: I RUN (5) won well in her penultimate start so it is probably best to the last start mishap. Se can bounce back to beat these rivals. MISS SADDEX (3) has won over this course and distance before and was not disgraced last time out when only finding one better. CESAR DE PRETOT (1) is arguably better over shorter than this but is not out of it. INVITE D'HONNEUR (2) is in good form but goes further this time.

SELECTIONS

I RUN (5) - MISS SADDEX (3) - CESAR DE PRETOT (1) - INVITE D'HONNEUR (2)

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C2 - PRIX CLAIRE ET JACQUES LECLERC - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 12,000

- 1. SIXUNION** - Much improved of late and was a winner of a claimer last time out at Loudéac over 2850m on 21 April. Has been supplemented for this race so deserves some respect
- 2. SWEET BETSY** - Very consistent in handicaps this year and was runner-up last time out over this track and trip on 5 May. Be right there at the finish once again
- 3. LOVEBIRD** - In good form and was runner-up last time out in a Conditions race at Wissembourg over 2400m on 1 May. Can contest the finish again
- 4. SCHERWOOD** - Struggling to regain best form and was 6th last time out in a handicap over this course and distance on 5 May. More is needed to win this race
- 5. SAINT AMOUR** - Has not shown much in four starts and was 8th last time out in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2100m on 16 May. Others are preferred
- 6. VISIONARY DREAMER** - Disappointing of late and was 7th last time out in a handicap at Strasbourg over 3000m on 8 May. Likes this track and is not out of it
- 7. GOODNIGHT BABY** - Disappointing form this year and was 12th last time out in a handicap at Strasbourg over 3000m on 8 May. Supplemented for this race so could surprise

Summary: LOVEBIRD (3) is in very good form and looks very likely to fight out the finish again. The supplemented SIXUNION (1) is much improved and can be involved with the finish yet again. SWEET BETSY (2) and VISIONARY DREAMER (6) both like this course and hold winning hopes. Even though this a small field we should be treated to a competitive finish.

SELECTIONS

LOVEBIRD (3) - SIXUNION (1) - SWEET BETSY (2) - VISIONARY DREAMER (6)

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C3 - PRIX VOSGES MATIN - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 26,000

1. SAN GUIDO - Well beaten on French debut and dislodged his rider last time out in GR.2. hurdle at Auteuil over 3900m on 27 April. Could improve and is one to watch

2. POMPANO - Unreliable but did show his best when winning a Conditions hurdle last time out at Saint-Brieuc over 3800m on 9 May. Can follow up if in the same mood

3. GAREPENA DE LA VIC - Holding his form and was fourth last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Moulins over 3500m on 5 May. Can contest the finish again

4. KALITE PREMIERE - Unreliable but was not disgraced when fourth last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Moulins over 3500m on 5 May. Place chance

5. GALIDOR DU MOULIN - Much improved last run when third in a Conditions hurdle at Strasbourg over 3600m on 8 May. Could finish in the money again

6. SEAL ROCKS - Unreliable but was not disgraced when runner-up last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Jallais over 3600m on 4 May. Can contest the finish again

7. KRISLAURE - Runner-up on debut in a Conditions chase at Orléans over 3500m on 5 May. Can go one better over these smaller obstacles

8. SANNY - Has now shown much in two starts and was unplaced last time out in a Conditions hurdle at Strasbourg over 3600m on 8 May. Others are much preferred

Summary: POMPANO (2) is unreliable but won full of running last time out and that suggested a follow-up win was on the cards. SAN GUIDO (1) has been a disappointment on French soil so far but did win in Ireland and should be a threat. SEAL ROCKS (6) only found one better last time out but is unreliable. GAREPENA DE LA VIC (3) is holding form and can contest the finish again.

SELECTIONS

POMPANO (2) - SAN GUIDO (1) - SEAL ROCKS (6) - GAREPENA DE LA VIC (3)

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C4 - PRIX DE NEUVES-MAISONS - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. VINO** - Fair form so far and was fourth last time out in a Conditions race at Marseille-Borély over 2000m on 3 May. Big chance trying further on handicap debut
- 2. LEXOVIENNE** - Much improved of late and was third last time out in a Conditions race at Le Croisé-Laroche over this distance on 19 May. Should fight out the finish
- 3. BIMBO** - Showed improvement when stepped up in trip to be runner-up in a claimer at Dieppe on 13 May. Supplemented for this race so deserves some respect
- 4. BELHAD JELOIS** - Yet to win and was 6th last time out in a handicap at this course over 2000m on 5 May. Could like this longer distance and has a place chance
- 5. LIYA CHOPE** - Showed some improvement when fourth in a handicap over this distance last time out at Evreux on 24 April. Can do even better this time around
- 6. RUE SURCOUF** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when fourth last time out in a conditions race at Senonnes-Pouancé over 2900m on 14 April. Can contest the finish trying a handicap
- 7. CORALBA** - Consistent this year and was runner-up last time out in a Conditions race at Carcassonne over 2650m on 1 May. Can go one better on handicap debut

Summary: LEXOVIENNE (2) has been much improved of late and gets a narrow vote to score. VINO (1) has been fair, without winning so far but could go close stepped up in distance on handicap debut. The supplemented BIMBO (3) showed improvement when trying further last time out so could go one better. LIYA CHOPE (5) is improving and is another that has to be respected.

SELECTIONS

LEXOVIENNE (2) - VINO (1) - BIMBO (3) - LIYA CHOPE (5)

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C5 - PRIX LEONARD ERMANN - 2500m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. SIGRUNE** - Disappointing last run when 6th last time out in a Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m on 27 April. Capable of better and is not out of it
- 2. KAR VERT** - Disappointing of late and was 7th last time out in a Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 2100m on 1 May. Capable of better but others are preferred
- 3. LEMPIRA** - A winner of two of his last three starts including last time out in a handicap at Chantilly over 2700m on 21 November. Returns from a break but deserves the utmost respect
- 4. POSEIDONOS** - May have found the trip too far when 6th last time out in a Conditions race at ParisLongchamp over 3000m on 18 April. Has over this track and trip and can bounce back to score
- 5. EASTERN STAR** - Disappointing last run when 9th last time out in a Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m on 27 April. Better this distance and is not out of it
- 6. ADELIADÉ** - Her only win was in 2022 but she was not disgraced when 5th last time out in Conditions race at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 5 April.
- 7. NASSANDRES** - Did not show her best in her final start of 2023 when 7th in a Conditions race at ParisLongchamp over 2800m on 7 September. Had good form before that and can win returning from a break
- 8. GAMBIA SUN** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when runner-up in a Conditions race last time out at Limoges over 2400m on 5 May. Might play a minor role

Summary: NASSANDRES (7) returns from a break but is best on the ratings and could score if fit and well. ADELIADÉ (6) was not disgraced when 5th last time out but looks distance-suited and can contest the finish. LEMPIRA (3) was at the top of his game before his break but does deserve the utmost respect. POSEIDONOS (4) has won over this course and distance and is not out of it.

SELECTIONS

NASSANDRES (7) - ADELIADÉ (6) - LEMPIRA (3) - POSEIDONOS (4)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA PORTE HERE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. TWO O'CLOCK JUMP** - Has not shown much in two starts and was 9th last time out in a Conditions race at Le Croisé-Laroche over 1800m on 20 April. Capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 2. CANDYMAN** - Not disgraced when fourth last time out in a handicap over this track and trip on 5 May. Can contest the finish again
- 3. ALVAR** - Runner-up on debut in a Claimer at Chantilly over 1900m on 7 May. Tries the turf but can contest the finish again
- 4. LET'S GO GIRL** - Well beaten in both starts and was tenth last time out in a Conditions race at Craon on 2 September. Can improve returning from a break
- 5. BALZANE DEUX** - Unreliable but was not disgraced when 5th last time out in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 29 October. Could make the frame returning from a break
- 6. LEYLA CHOPE** - Has only been modest so far and was 6th last time out in a claimer at Strasbourg over 1400m on 22 March. Tries a lot further and can improve
- 7. BEG MEIL** - Did not show much when 11th on debut in a Conditions race at Strasbourg over this distance on 22 April. Can improve but others are preferred
- 8. COSMIC FRONT** - Not disgraced when 5th on debut in a Conditions race at ParisLongchamp over 1850m on 5 May. Should improve and fight out the finish
- 9. GAUD** - A three-year-old gelding by Anodin out of Polissonne who is making his debut. Watch the betting
- 10. DONAMAY** - A three-year-old filly by Areion out of Djumay who is making her debut. Watch the betting

Summary: ALVAR (3) was not disgraced when runner-up in a claimer last time out and can go one better but there are many in with a winning chance. COSMIC FRONT (8) should have learnt from his debut and looks likely to do a lot better this time around. DONAMAY (10) makes her debut but is well-bred and could be a lively danger. CANDYMAN (2) ran well in a handicap last time out and is capable of scoring.

SELECTIONS

ALVAR (3) - COSMIC FRONT (8) - DONAMAY (10) - CANDYMAN (2)

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C7 - PRIX DE PONT-A-MOUSSON - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. PARK AVENUE** - Disappointing form this year and was 12th last time out in a handicap at Saint-Cloud over 2400m on 12 April. Capable of a surprise this distance
- 2. RED NUREYEV** - Needed the last run when tenth in a Conditions race at Fontainebleau over 1800m on 3 May. Fitter this time and could improve but others are preferred
- 3. AERION** - Kept to the PSF of late and was 7th last time out in a handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 26 April. Seems better on the turf and deserves respect
- 4. LOVELY TESS** - Yet to win a race and was 8th last time out in a handicap at Strasbourg over this distance on 22 April. Did better before that and can contest the finish
- 5. AS DE JUILLEY** - Returned from a break in fine form and was a winner of a handicap at Strasbourg over this distance on 22 April. Can follow up carrying a 2.5kg penalty
- 6. MAKENO** - Disappointing form of late and was 7th last time out in a handicap at Wissembourg over 1350m on 1 May. Capable of better and could play a minor role
- 7. BREMONTIER** - Has been kept to the PSF for some time now and struggled last time out in a handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 9 April. Can surprise back on the turf
- 8. MILAD'ID** - Returns from a lengthy break and was 7th last time out in a handicap at Chantilly over 2100m on 17 December 2022. Others are preferred
- 9. WHERE CHOP** - Disappointing last run when 11th in a handicap at Saint-Cloud over 2500m on 6 May. Distance suited and could upset
- 10. CORAL SLIPPER** - Has struggled twice since winning and was tenth in a handicap last time out at Chantilly over 1600m on 29 April. Did win over this course and distance last month and can upset

Summary: AS DE JUILLEY (5) looked better than ever when returning from a break and scoring at Strasbourg. The 2.50kg penalty he carries for that win may not be enough to anchor him. AERION (3) seems better on the grass so should contest the finish. LOVELY TESS (4) did better in her penultimate start and could be the surprise package of the race. PARK AVENUE (1) has been disappointing this year but could improve.

SELECTIONS

AS DE JUILLEY (5) - AERION (3) - LOVELY TESS (4) - PARK AVENUE (1)

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C8 - PRIX DE LA PLACE STANISLAS - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

- 1. LET THERE BE ROCK** - Has struggled in his last two handicaps but was a winner last time out in a Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over this distance on 9 May. Not out of it
- 2. MELBORA** - Has lost her way and was 8th last time out in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2100m on 5 May. Needs major improvement to win
- 3. MOONFLIGHT** - Returned to his best with a handicap win last time out over this track and trip on 5 May. Carries a 2.50kg penalty for that win and could make the frame
- 4. SEVEN O SEVEN** - Always gives of his best and was 5th last time out in Germany. Needs to find a few lengths to beat these rivals
- 5. KALIFE ALAPLACE** - Improving and was a winner last time out in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over this distance on 27 April. Carries a 2kg penalty but can follow up
- 6. SUPER ZOOM** - Unreliable of late and was 7th last time out in a handicap at Strasbourg over this distance. Capable of an upset on best form
- 7. TWILIGHT** - Has done best in claimers and was 7th last time out at Evreux over 1800m on 24 April. Needed that run and is capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 8. MASTARS** - Has improved of late and was victorious in a Claimer last time out at Loudéac over 2200m on 21 April. Can follow up
- 9. FITZCARRALDO** - Seems to prefer the PSF these days and was well beaten last time out in a handicap at Strasbourg over this distance on 22 April. Best watched for now
- 10. ANTRIM** - On a long losing run but is knocking hard at the door and was runner-up last time out in a Conditions race at Strasbourg over this distance on 8 May. Be right there at the finish
- 11. JOLI COUP** - Has struggled this year and was well beaten last time out in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2100m on 9 May. Others are much preferred

Summary: MASTARS (8) has improved of late and can follow up on a good win in a claimer last time out. A confident pick for the lucky last race. KALIFE ALAPLACE (5) is improving and carries a 2kg penalty for his win last time out. LET THERE BE ROCK (1) has disappointed twice in a row but is distance-suited and deserves respect. ANTRIM (10) is in good form and should be right there at the finish.

SELECTIONS

MASTARS (8) - KALIFE ALAPLACE (5) - LET THERE BE ROCK (1) - ANTRIM (10)