CHOLET [R-H] - 22 October

Race 1 - PRIX DU CHATEAU - 2100m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

- 1. **ZANNDABAD** Has looked good in his nine career starts most recently scoring by 2 lengths over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Key chance expected to feature.
- 2. **KINGDOM** Was below his best on resuming then failed to improve second-up last start. Can place today on what he showed last campaign but needs to lift.
- 3. **COASTER** Will be improved by his two starts in the latest when fourth over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers on a soft track and now looking for further. Unexposed and can progress.
- 4. **MIDNIGHT FEVER** Lightly raced filly who was beaten 2 lengths into second last start over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly. Sure to measure up here.
- 5. **WOOZHYNA** Scored two starts back at Vichy before finishing 1.5 lengths from the winner in second last time over 2200m at Craon. Looms as a real threat.
- 6. **SHOW LIGHTS** Three-year-old filly who may have needed the run last start when resuming at Saint-Cloud over 1600m into ninth. Likely to find this out of reach.
- 7. **WOODWIND DAVIS** Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when 11th over 2000m at Saint-Cloud two-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 5.5 lengths. Will need to do a bit more.
- 8. **JORDANELLA** Moderate effort to finish fourth last time over 1650m at Craon when first up from a spell. Steps up in distance today. Strong top-three chance.

Summary: ZANNDABAD (1) made all of the running to win by 2L in a Class Three at Salon-de-Provence over 2000m. Has found a good opening up in grade and won't be easy to pass. MIDNIGHT FEVER (4) finished second at Lyon-Parilly in a Class One over 2400m. Down a level and can go close once more. COASTER (3) was fourth beaten 3.75L in this class at Lion d'Angers in August. Still unexposed and can progress further. WOOZHYNA (5) ran second in this class at Craon last month. At least a place chance.

Selections

ZANNDABAD (1) - MIDNIGHT FEVER (4) - COASTER (3) - WOOZHYNA (5)

- 1. **GOLD AND CASH** Returned from a spell with fair effort last start when fourth beaten 6 lengths at Amiens over 1650m. Faces tough task.
- 2. **SAND** Fair effort last start when resuming beaten 2.25 lengths into third over 1600m at Angers. Among the chances.
- 3. **LISSANDRIA** Won her maiden two back at Montier-en-Der then could only manage fourth last start over 1600m at Nantes. Has ability and can atone.
- 4. YA LA BYE Resumes today after filling a minor placing three times from six starts in her maiden campaign. At the latest outing she finished sixth over 1600m at Mont-de-Marsan on July 16. Has upside and can go on with it.
- 5. **JARIKA** Lightly raced filly who was beaten 16 lengths into eighth last start over 2200m at Craon. Each way.
- 6. **ARZAKENA** Landed her maiden win last time when resuming from a spell over 1700m at Saint Brieuc. Shapes as a chance again.
- 7. **NUMERAIRE** Finished second over 1900m at this track two back then missed the frame last time out over 2150m at Lyon-la-Soie. Best form stacks up nicely and deserves another chance.
- 8. **LA LOUVE** Scored two starts back at Mauron before finishing 2.75 lengths from the winner in third last time over 2400m at Craon. Can be in the finish.
- 9. **SOTHIS** Last appeared five months ago when she finished 10 lengths from the winner in ninth over 2100m at Angers.
- 10. **BLACK GAIA** Has failed to fill a placing at her last few runs the latest when fifth beaten 1.75 lengths. Looks too tough.
- 11. **LENALOV** Returned from a spell and was easily accounted for when fifth over 1950m at Le Mans. Still early in the prep and might need more time.

Summary: SAND (2) makes handicap debut after a third beaten 2L at Angers in a maiden over 1600m. Stepping up 300m in trip and open to plenty of improvement. LISSANDRIA (3) ran fourth at Nantes beaten 9.5L in a Class Three. Unexposed for handicap debut. YA LA BYE (4) was second in a handicap at Bordeaux beaten a long-neck three starts back. Performed well in maidens since and now 0.5kg lower. ARZAKENA (6) won by a head at Saint-Brieuc in a Class Three over 1700m. Interesting first timing handicapping.

Selections

SAND (2) - LISSANDRIA (3) - YA LA BYE (4) - ARZAKENA (6)

- 1. **VEDASKA** Was safely held on debut last start when tenth and beaten 12 lengths over 1800m at Chantilly. Will take a lot from that hitout. Big run expected.
- 2. **MAGIC EAGLES** Handy filly who finished third last start but was beaten only 2 lengths over 1600m at Toulouse. Among the top chances.
- 3. **APODICTIQUE** Finished 5.5 lengths back in fifth on debut over 1650m at Craon last start. The race experience will be invaluable. Solid contender.
- 4. **LADIVA** Ran a much better race last time when facing the starter for just the second time finishing second over 1950m at Le Mans. Further improvement likely and must be respected.
- 5. **PETRA STAR** Finished 12 lengths back in 11th on debut over 1650m at Craon last start. Others rate better.
- 6. **ANTONINAS** Was beaten just a long neck when second at her latest appearance at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m. First try at this longer trip. Winning chance.
- 7. PRINCESSE BLONDE Unraced filly by Planteur out of English. Looking to others.
- 8. MISSY Unraced filly by Olympic Glory out of Maisons. Watch for positive market moves.
- 9. **VILLA GUIBERT** Unraced filly by Gleneagles out of Ingot Of Gold. Was a EUR10,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale) purchase. Looking to others.
- 10. TERRA BELLA Filly by Seabhac from Love Over Gold on debut. Can give a bold sight.
- 11. **MRS RHAPSODY** Daughter of Mr. Owen from Anna Platini making her debut. Prefer to see her under race conditions.
- 12. **COCOPICNIC** Penny's Picnic filly from Cocopalm on debut. Prefer to see her under race conditions.

Summary: MAGIC EAGLES (2) ran third at Toulouse in a maiden over 1600m beaten 2L. Only third outing and can improve once more. LADIVA (4) was runner-up beaten 5L over 1950m in a maiden. This isn't the strongest and shouldn't be far away. APODICTIQUE (3) finished fifth at Craon in a maiden over 1650m on debut. Improvement expected on second outing. VEDASKA (1) ion debut was in the market at Chantilly last month before disappointing. Well-bred and into a weaker event. Worth another try and come on from the experience.

Selections

MAGIC EAGLES (2) - LADIVA (4) - APODICTIQUE (3) - VEDASKA (1)

- 1. **SHAWAHEEN** Was safely held on debut last start when fifth and beaten 6 lengths over 1800m at Morlaix. Will take a lot from that hitout.
- 2. **TREZY BOUNTY** Finished midfield last start at Craon over 1650m 5 lengths from the winner. First look at this longer trip. Worth following up.
- 3. **MASKEN** Resumes today after a disappointing debut on June 10 finishing tenth over 1400m at Compiegne. Improvement expected. In the mix.
- 4. **STORM HEART** Showed promise on debut last start when beaten just half a length into second over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan. Plenty of improvement to come and is a major player.
- 5. **KASTIN DES SOURCES** Didn't do a bad job last start when fourth on debut over 1950m at Le Mans. Useful type who will prove hard to beat.
- 6. **BELON** Now based in France. Resumes today after filling a minor placing twice from four starts in his maiden campaign. At the latest outing he finished sixth over 1408m at Newbury on August 19. Has upside and can go on with it.
- 7. **ZAKOUSKI** Made an impressive debut last start beaten just 0.6 lengths when third over 1950m at Le Mans. Likely improver with top-three prospects.
- 8. **DURANGO** Unraced gelding by leading sire Dark Angel out of Cersei. Prefer to see how he performs.
- 9. **SHALAM** Unraced gelding by Shalaa out of Nimpheas. Was a EUR10,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale) purchase. Might need this run.
- 10. **DUNSBOROUGH** Gelding by Cloth Of Stars from Deitee on debut. Purchased for EUR60,000 (Argana 2021 October Yearling Sale). Prefer to see him under race conditions.
- 11. **DIYASHAL** Unraced gelding by Shalaa out of Diyakalanie. Worth consideration.
- 12. **DE FLORIO** Debutant son of Muhaarar from Vereri Senes who was purchased for GNS17,000 (Tattersalls 2020 December Foal Sale). Hard to recommend without a market push.
- 13. FRENCH ATOLL Unraced gelding by French Fifteen out of Kendala. Will be better for the run.

Summary: STORM HEART (4) runner-up at Mont-de-Marsan on debut over 2000m in a newcomers race beaten 0.5L has top claims second up and looks the one to beat. ZAKOUSKI (7) ran third at Le Mans first up in a maiden over 1950m beaten 0.5L after making most the running. First time ear plugs and tongue tie. Improvement expected. TREZY BOUNTY (2) was fourth at Craon in a maiden over 1650m. This isn't the strongest and is at least a place chance. KASTIN DES SOURCES (5) out in a solid debut at Le Mans behind Zakouski when fourth. First time cheekpieces and can go well.

Selections

STORM HEART (4) - ZAKOUSKI (7) - TREZY BOUNTY (2) - KASTIN DES SOURCES (5)

- 1. **LE GITAN** Returned from a spell and was safely held when 11th over 1650m at Craon. Fitter but others are better placed.
- 2. **ATLANTICA** Scored two starts back but was below her best last time when 10 lengths away in ninth over 1400m at Saint-Cloud. Rates highly and is among the chances.
- 3. **BEACON TOWERS** Finished third two starts back then could only manage 12th last time over 1800m at Compiegne beaten 6 lengths. Good enough to make amends.
- 4. **STANTO** Turned in a better run last time out when third over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather beaten 1.5 lengths. One of the chances.
- 5. **PINK GOLD** Last appeared 12 weeks ago when she finished 5 lengths from the winner in seventh over 1400m at Mont-de-Marsan. Expect a bold showing.
- 6. **MISS TICHE** Last appeared ten months ago when beaten 8 lengths into seventh over 1700m at Pornichet. Returns for new trainer Loic Guilloux. Wait and see how she comes back.
- 7. **HURRICANE LIGHT** In the money two starts back at Saint-Cloud but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1400m at Saint-Cloud last time. Sure to be thereabouts.
- 8. **SHOT IN THE DARK** Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell the latest effort a sixth over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche a week-and-a-half ago. Prefer to see him back in form.
- 9. **ETEL DU NINIAN** Last appeared when she finished second over 1400m at Saint-Cloud on September 30. Good effort last start and can build on that performance.
- 10. **VEGA DREAM** Last appeared when he finished tenth over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather on October 12. This looks too tough.
- 11. **JONH FOR ALWAYS** Has failed to fill a placing at his last few runs the latest when sixth beaten 5 lengths over 1600m at Toulouse. Will need to improve many lengths to feature.
- 12. **SKADE** Last appeared when she finished eighth over 2200m at Amiens on October 10. Should be right in the finish.
- 13. **CAP SKIRRING** Last appeared when she finished 12th over 1700m at Pornichet on October 5. Worth another chance.

Summary: STANTO (4) put in an improved effort in a Chantilly (AW) handicap over 1300m when third beaten 1.5L after trying to make the running. This is easier and looks the one to beat. BEACON TOWERS (3) was well-beaten at Compiegne last week over 1800m. Previously had been in good form and expected to bounce back dropping in trip. HURRICANE LIGHT (7) sixth beaten 8.25L at Saint-Cloud in a 1400m handicap. This is a lower level event and won a stronger event four starts back. SHOT IN THE DARK (8) ran sixth beaten 2.5L at Le Croise-Laroche in a handicap over 1100m. Won't be far away.

Selections

STANTO (4) - BEACON TOWERS (3) - HURRICANE LIGHT (7) - SHOT IN THE DARK (8)