

## Lyon-la-Soie [R-H] - 23 March

**Race 1 - PRIX SHIKANI - 2150m HCP.** Purse EUR €20,000.

1. **ANNA CARIBEA** - Lightly raced filly who was beaten 4 lengths into fifth last start over 2000m at Fontainebleau. Looks tested without further improvement.
2. **BOLTES FAL** - Racing well and although without a win has been in the money three times from six starts. Finished second at his most recent appearance over 2400m at this track. Ready to break through.
3. **CARMEN SANDIEGO** - Scored three runs back but has been disappointing in two subsequent efforts, the latest when fifth over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Out of form and happy enough to avoid.
4. **QUEEN REGINE** - Still a maiden after four runs, last start finishing sixth over 2100m at Pornichet. Don't discount lightly.
5. **HARALD** - Unplaced at all five runs to date, the latest when beaten 6 lengths over 2100m at Pornichet. Finds a suitable race and can sneak into the money.
6. **SUPREME** - Ran a much improved race last time to break his maiden over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan. Among the top chances again.
7. **LIDISBARN** - Scored over 2150m at this track two back then found one better last time out over 2400m at this track. Well placed here. Can return to winning form.
8. **PRETTY WARRIOR** - Fair effort last start, beaten 2.75 lengths into third over 2150m at this track. Won't be far away.
9. **MARIA CHARME** - Lines up for the first time since December 19. Closed the last campaign in lukewarm fashion, with a fifth over 1800m at this track the latest offering. Doubt she will have much to offer first up.

**Summary:** BOLTES FAL (2) placed second in a 2400m maiden at this venue. Looks capable of registering a victory switched to a handicap. LIDISBARN (7) looks a threat on the back of a 1L second in a 2400m claiming contest here. SUPREME (6) impressed when seeing off a subsequent winner by 3.5L in a 2000m claimer at Mont-de-Marsan. Dangerous debuting for a new trainer. PRETTY WARRIOR (8) is another to consider following a 2.75L third over 2150m in a claimer here.

### Selections

**BOLTES FAL (2) - LIDISBARN (7) - SUPREME (6) - PRETTY WARRIOR (8)**

**Race 2 - PRIX MERMOZ - 2150m HCP CL4.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **AMANDERO** - Was beaten just half a length when third at his latest appearance at Deauville All Weather over 1900m. Expected to be very competitive.
2. **FRENCHY** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when 15th over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 10 lengths. Worth following up.
3. **EVAGRO** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when fourth over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 9 lengths. Expect he will make amends.
4. **QUINELLO** - Comes here after finishing sixth last time at this track and distance, beaten 5.5 lengths. Open to plenty of improvement.
5. **EMBAJADORES** - Nine-year-old gelding who drops in trip from the last start when second over 3200m at this track, finishing a nose off the winner. Sure to be in the thick of things again.
6. **LA VALETTA** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when eighth over 2150m at this track three weeks ago, beaten 7 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.
7. **AZAZEL** - Unwanted in the market when resuming last start at Chantilly All Weather over 1600m and finished 15th. Looks a fair way off peak form so others are preferred.
8. **MY RIVER** - Comfortably held last start over 1600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Happy to risk.
9. **MARGUNS** - Five-year-old who has had 30 starts and is yet to break through. Struggled again last start when beaten 55 lengths into ninth over 2400m at Paray-le-Monial. Unlikely to trouble these.
10. **PAPA WINNER** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when fourth over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 1.75 lengths. Best form stacks up nicely so worth another chance.

**Summary:** EMBAJADORES (5) is taken to make amends for a nose defeat when runner-up in a 3200m handicap here. Leading contender. AMANDERO (1) caught the eye when 0.5L third having raced from off the pace over 1900m at Deauville AW. Expected to play a hand in the finish. PAPA WINNER (10) enters calculations following a 1.5L fourth over 1900m at Chantilly AW. EVAGRO (3) came home 2L fourth tackling 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux on his penultimate start. Of note in this field.

**Selections**

**EMBAJADORES (5) - AMANDERO (1) - PAPA WINNER (10) - EVAGRO (3)**

**Race 3 - PRIX SANS-SOUCI - 2150m HCP CL3.** Purse EUR €19,000.

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1. **LEJENDARIO** - Has been in the market but missed the frame at his last two starts, the latest when 14th over 2150m at this track. Worth including if at best.
2. **QUEEN CLEMENCE** - Hasn't struck a blow in two runs since a spell, the latest when beaten 17 lengths into 11th over 2700m at Chantilly All Weather. Useful type but a win doesn't look likely.
3. **EL ROY** - Not doing a lot this campaign including a very underwhelming last start tenth over 2000m at Saint-Cloud, beaten 11 lengths. Looks safely held.
4. **MAKE GOLD** - Ran a better race last start to finish second at this track over 1800m. Nicely placed and rates highly off that run. Can do one better.
5. **POET'S BLACK** - Six-year-old gelding who drops in journey from the latest outing when second over 2500m at Nancy, finishing 4 lengths off the winner. Terrific chance to find winning form.
6. **REAL WILD CHILD** - Looks close to a win following a sound second over 2150m at this track, beaten a head. In the mix.
7. **LADYBUG** - Good effort last start when she finished a close third at this track over 2150m. Expected to feature.
8. **AFTERGLOW** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when 15th over 2100m at Chantilly All Weather two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 14 lengths. Might struggle again.
9. **SENEPARK** - Seasoned galloper who ran a solid race last time when 1.5 lengths back in fifth over 2150m at this track. Worth including.
10. **VICTOR LAZZLO** - Finished midfield last start at Chantilly All Weather over 1600m, 4.5 lengths from the winner. Jumps up in journey today. Prefer to see him back in form.

**Summary:** LADYBUG (7) recorded a 0.5L third in a 2150m handicap at this venue. Taken to deliver a first AW victory. POET'S BLACK (5) looks a major danger on the back of a 4L second on turf at Nancy. Can go close. MAKE GOLD (4) delivered an eye-catching nose second over 1800m at this circuit. Strong claims stepping up in distance. REAL WILD CHILD (6) enters calculations on the back of a head second in a 2150m contest here.

<b>Selections</b>
<b>LADYBUG (7) - POET'S BLACK (5) - MAKE GOLD (4) - REAL WILD CHILD (6)</b>

**Race 4 - PRIX DE MONTCHAT - 2150m CL3.** Purse EUR €15,000.

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1. **HAPPY HARRY** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished second over 2100m at Marseille-Borely on March 16. Poised to win after a narrow defeat last time.
2. **ALLURRE** - Poor effort last time when well beaten in 16th, 12 lengths from the winner over 2000m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Better than that and can sneak into the finish.
3. **ANTE POST** - Drops in trip from the last start when fifth over 2700m at Chantilly All Weather, finishing 4 lengths off the winner. Going well and should be prominent again.
4. **TOTALLY GOLD** - Talented galloper who won two races in her maiden campaign. Returned from a spell last start with a well-beaten sixth over 2500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Has ability so worth following up.
5. **TAFSER** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when fourth over 2400m at this track three weeks ago, beaten 2.75 lengths. Worth following up.
6. **LIVING NELSON** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when fifth over 2200m at Fontainebleau three weeks ago, beaten 3.5 lengths. Will need to do a bit more.
7. **ALMANARAH** - Encouraging first-up run when third at Bordeaux over 1900m on March 3. Fitter and is a leading contender.
8. **AZADORE** - Form either side of a break has been pretty average. Resumed last start and was beaten 13 lengths over 2100m at Chantilly All Weather. Hard to get excited about her chances.

**Summary:** HAPPY HARRY (1) came home 0.5L second in a 2100m claimer at Marseille-Borely. Taken to score here having been supplemented for this race. ALMANARAH (7) registered a 1.75L third in a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux. Bold show looks likely. ANTE POST (3) enters calculations having finished 1.25L second over 2500m at Deauville AW on his penultimate start. TAFSER (5) came home 2.75L fourth tackling a 2400m conditions event here. Consider for the win.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>HAPPY HARRY (1) - ALMANARAH (7) - ANTE POST (3) - TAFSER (5)</b>
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**Race 5 - PRIX CEREALISTE - 2400m MDN.** Purse EUR €21,000.

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1. **HAMSIYANN** - Has not raced since finishing 1.4 lengths away in third over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather on October 30. Looks a key runner while fresh.
2. **SACRED SPIRIT** - Resumes today after a disappointing debut on December 9 finishing 11th over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. With some improvement can figure in the placings.
3. **DOCTOR CHOPPER** - Has been beaten by some big margins of late, most recently when seventh over 2400m at this track. Pass.
4. **ACATANA** - Resuming after a spell of nine months. Needs to have come a long way since being beaten 11 lengths over 1100m at Dieppe at her only start. Others preferred.
5. **SALSA DU DEMON** - Yet to fill a placing in six runs, most recently when 9 lengths back in fourth over 2400m at this track. Finds a suitable race and can do much better.
6. **DAHLIE** - Well held on debut over 2400m this track when fifth, beaten 11 lengths. Doubt she will trouble these.
7. **TO TEN METERS** - Continues to race well, the latest effort a third beaten 4 lengths over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Well placed. Should prove hard to beat.

**Summary:** HAMSIYANN (1) sets the standard on form and looks up to breaking his maiden following a 1.25L third over 1900m at Chantilly AW last October. TO TEN METERS (7) is capable of going well following a 4L third in a 2150m claimer at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Representing a top yard SACRED SPIRIT (2) is expected to show better form than when 11L eleventh tackling 1900m at Deauville AW on debut. SALSA DU DEMON (5) registered a 9.5L fourth over 2400m in a maiden here. May spring a minor surprise.

**Selections**

**HAMSIYANN (1) - TO TEN METERS (7) - SACRED SPIRIT (2) - SALSA DU DEMON (5)**

**Race 6 - PRIX DU SEMINAIRE COMMUNICATION FNCH (PRIX DES CORDELIERS) - 2400m CLM CL4.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **MAGNENTIUS** - Has chalked-up wins at his last two starts, the latest over 2500m at Deauville All Weather by one length. In great form and can go on with it.
2. **WEMATCH** - Won two starts back at Pornichet then finished second last time out over 2400m at this track. Terrific chance to return to winning form.
3. **LORD OF THE ALPS** - Handy gelding who is racing well, including a solid fourth last start over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Happy to risk this time.
4. **MARCAN** - Winner three back at Deauville All Weather but hasn't gone on with it of late. Needs to improve on last couple to feature in the finish.
5. **ZARICA** - A winning run was broken last time out when she finished third over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Big chance.
6. **NORTH HUNTER** - Didn't threaten when resuming from a spell last time out, finishing fifth over 2000m at Fontainebleau. Second up record is sound and is among the genuine chances.

**Summary:** MAGNENTIUS (1) won by 1L when contesting a 2500m claiming race at Deauville AW. Selected to complete a hat-trick. WEMATCH (2) looks a big danger following a head second over 2400m at this circuit. ZARICA (5) won four consecutive starts prior to a 2.25L third over 2500m in a claiming contest at Deauville AW. Shortlisted. NORTH HUNTER (6) is another with claims following a 3L fifth tackling 2000m in a Fontainebleau claimer.

**Selections**

**MAGNENTIUS (1) - WEMATCH (2) - ZARICA (5) - NORTH HUNTER (6)**

**Race 7 - PRIX GUILLERMAIN - 1800m MDN.** Purse EUR €21,000.

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1. **SHAHBANDAR** - Finished seventh last start over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer when he had to contend with an awkward draw. Can improve. Rates highly.
2. **ZILRAK** - Has been comprehensively beaten in both career starts. Safely held on debut then put away again before finishing 11th at Fontainebleau when fresh last time. Needs to show significant improvement.
3. **ROI MERCURE** - Finished midfield last start at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 1500m, 3.5 lengths from the winner. Taking on this longer journey for the first time. Expect he can make amends.
4. **SEE THE LIGHT** - Returned in good order last start, beaten only a nose when second at Chantilly All Weather over 1600m. Right in the mix.
5. **SHEHNA** - Finished 10 lengths back in fifth on debut over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather last start. Will take a lot from that outing. Big run expected.
6. **SUPER STAR** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished seventh over 1500m at Deauville All Weather on February 4. 1.5kg claim will not be enough.

**Summary:** ROI MERCURE (3) recorded a 3.25L fourth in a 1500m maiden at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Selected to break his maiden at the fourth attempt. SHAHBANDAR (1) showed good form when a head second over 1600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Dangerous despite disappointing on turf subsequently. SEE THE LIGHT (4) went into many notebooks when a nose second in a 1600m handicap at Chantilly AW. Rates a big threat switched to a maiden. SHEHNA (5) is expected to show improvement having contested a useful looking newcomers race when 10L fifth over 1900m at Chantilly AW on debut.

**Selections**

**ROI MERCURE (3) - SHAHBANDAR (1) - SEE THE LIGHT (4) - SHEHNA (5)**