

THURSDAY, 23/05/24

R3 LE LION D'ANGERS [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX MON MOME - 3700m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Hurdles -
EUR € 30,000**

- 1. KADOVER** - Good 3rd in a Class 2 hurdle at Compiegne on May 5th when last seen, having won before that on debut over hurdles in April. Live player
- 2. HACKER DU BERLAIS** - 5th last time in a Class 2 hurdle at Compiegne on May 7th over 3200m. Can make an impact
- 3. DAVID'S STORM** - 7th on hurdle debut at Chateaubriant on May 12th over 3550m when showing promise. Can improve and make the top four
- 4. TARMELO** - 5th at Auteuil in a claiming hurdle over 3000m on the sole start so far on May 4th. Can improve and has place claims
- 5. STYLE AROMA** - 2nd last time in a Class 4 hurdle at Vitre over 3800m on August 5th. Has a long absence to overcome
- 6. LIZZY DU QUARTIER** - Newcomer by Conillon, stable runners tend to need a run or two for experience. Any market support should be noted
- 7. LADY LADY LAY** - 4th on debut over 3400m on April 20th at Lyon Parilly over hurdles. Can improve a good deal and play a lead role
- 8. LESLIE DES MOTTES** - Newcomer by Gemix, the dam won over hurdles and was placed over fences. Stable runners warrant respect. Watch the betting for clues
- 9. LILI WAVE** - Unraced by Silverwave, the dam won on the flat. From a good stable who knows how to ready a newcomer. Any market support should be noted

Summary: KADOVER (1) has the best form on offer and was a good third in a Class 2 hurdle last time at Compiegne on May 5th. He can score from LADY LADY LAY (7) who caught the eye with a promising debut fourth in late April at Lyon Parilly. She will be more focused after that experience and looks a threat. HACKER DU BERLAIS (2) shaped well enough in a Class 2 hurdle earlier this month when last seen and looks like the each-way option. DAVID'S STORM (3) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KADOVER (1) - LADY LADY LAY (7) - HACKER DU BERLAIS (2) - DAVID'S STORM (3)

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C2 - PRIX ETIENNE FOUCHER - 3700m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 27,000

- 1. DICENTRA** - 6th last time over 3500m at Pau in a Class 3 hurdle on January 31st. One to pay attention too
- 2. TRIM** - Nice win in a Class 4 chase at Saint-Brieuc on May 9th over 3600m last time. Can be competitive back over hurdles
- 3. WILAYA** - Three runs so far showing promise over hurdles, the latter in a Class 2 race at Auteuil over 3500m on April 11th. Player
- 4. VERONA DU BERLAIS** - Did well when 5th in a Class 2 hurdle last time at Auteuil over 3500m on May 4th. First try in a handicap and will be involved
- 5. NEPTUNE DU LUY** - 2nd on the last two runs, the latter in a Class 2 handicap hurdle at Lyon Parilly over 3800m on May 9th. Can not be discounted
- 6. SERBER** - Has several unplaced runs over hurdles, the latter over 3800m in a Class 4 race on May 9th. Looks of limited ability
- 7. KLASSACTION SIVOLA** - Has four unplaced runs so far, the latter at Auteuil in a Class 2 handicap on March 24th over 3600m. Needs vast improvement to feature
- 8. KLIPPER** - Won over 3400m in a Class 4 chase last time at Pontchateau on May 1st. Place chance
- 9. ALEOPPE PELEM** - Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 3400m in a Claiming hurdle at Loudeac on April 1st. Hard to fancy
- 10. LITOTE DU LANNIER** - Three unplaced runs since a 3rd on debut over 3500m in a Class 4 hurdle at Nantes on November 27th. Opposable

Summary: TRIM (2) can follow up in this after scoring over fences at Saint-Brieuc earlier this month in a Class 4 chase. She has more to come. VERONA DU BERLAIS (4) will likely make the selection work hard for success and could be the main danger. DICENTRA (1) is also one to keep safe and ought to be involved at the finish. WILAYA (3) looks best of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

TRIM (2) - VERONA DU BERLAIS (4) - DICENTRA (1) - WILAYA (3)

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C3 - PRIX CHRISTIAN DE TREDERN - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. PIU DREAM** - 5th last time, won before that over 1100m in a Class 3 race at Angouleme on April 14th. Place chance
- 2. CITYLANDOR** - 4th on the latest run over 1600m at Loudeac on May 11th in a maiden. Opposable
- 3. CHUNKA WAKAN** - Three unplaced runs of late, won before that over 1200m at Pompadour on August 15th in a maiden race. Others preferred
- 4. RUN FOR HOME** - Fair 5th last time at Saint-Cloud over 1600m in a claimer on May 14th. Can have a say in proceedings
- 5. STORMYGO** - 4th last time over 1300m at Deauville on December 15th in a handicap. Others rate higher
- 6. SEDSER** - Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 1350m at Senonnes on March 23rd in a maiden. Player
- 7. LIBERTE** - 6th last time in a Class 3 race over 1100m at Dieppe on May 13th. Will not lack for fitness and can feature
- 8. JERSEY PARADISE** - Unplaced on the three starts so far, has shown some talent with a credible 7th at Moulins two starts ago on April 14th over 1000m

Summary: LIBERTE (7) could be the answer to this moderate affair. She has credible form of late and is given the vote ahead of JERSEY PARADISE (8) who has only had three starts so far although a bit below par last time, she has ability and can be a threat. SEDSER (6) has shown more than enough to give a good account of herself on her four runs so far. RUN FOR HOME (4) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

LIBERTE (7) - JERSEY PARADISE (8) - SEDSER (6) - RUN FOR HOME (4)

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C4 - GRAND STEEPLE PRIX ALAIN DU BREIL - PRIX DE L'ASSELCO - 4600m (a3m) - TURF - Listed Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 74,000

1. POLINUIT - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that in a Grade 1 chase at Merano (ITA) over 5000m on September 24th. Can make presence felt

2. TWIST DE LA BARRE - Has won his last two races, the latter a Listed chase at Le Lion D'Angers on May 8th over 4600m. Looks in good heart and hard to dismiss

3. FANFARON SPECIAL - Unplaced last time, 4th over hurdles before that over 3800m in a Class 3 race at Fontainebleau on March 29th. Outside place chance

4. MASTER NONANTAIS - 5th last time in a Class 3 chase at Dieppe over 3900m on May 2nd. Needs to be more consistent

5. AS MAGNETIC - 4th last time over 4300m in a Class 1 chase at Nantes on May 6th. Others rate higher

6. HERMITAGE - 5th last time in a Class 3 chase at Lyon Parilly over 4100m on April 20th. Useful performer and can feature

7. MADAME DE LAMBALLE - 3rd last time in a Class 2 chase over 3900m at Compiègne on April 23rd. Can not be overlooked

8. IGUANE DES ONGRAIS - 3rd on the last two runs, the latter in a Class 1 chase at Nancy over 4200m on May 5th. Needs a few to falter

9. HEROINE SMART - 3rd last time, won before that over 4200m in a Class 4 chase on April 14th at La Roche-Sur-Yon. Opposable

Summary: TWIST DE LA BARRE (2) looks like the best option having scored in his last two races and was a good winner of a Listed chase two starts ago on May 8th over 4600m at Le Lion D'Angers. He can get the hat-trick ahead of the likely main threat POLINUIT (1) who was third in a Grade 1 chase two starts ago at Merano in Italy last September. MADAME DE LAMBALLE (7) and HERMITAGE (6) are both useful chasers and can fight it out for minor honours.

SELECTIONS

TWIST DE LA BARRE (2) - POLINUIT (1) - MADAME DE LAMBALLE (7) - HERMITAGE (6)

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C5 - PRIX RENE COUETIL - 3000m (a2m) - TURF - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,000

1. MAC LA TAMBOUILLE - Won a 3400m PSF handicap in November off this mark. Ought to improve after a much-needed comeback (11th) in a 2800m handicap at ParisLongchamp on 28 April

2. IL EST DIVIN - Caught the eye when finishing 2nd over 2850m on his reappearance in March but has to bounce back from a disappointing 10th in a 3700m Nantes handicap on 6 May. Outsider

3. MORNING FIVE - Hard-knocking handicapper who acquitted himself well (5th) in a 2400m conditions race at a higher level on 10 May at Saint-Cloud. Will be a factor

4. BLUE STYLE - A 17-start maiden who showed little in 4 starts on the flat and has struggled over obstacles since. Pulled up in a 3800m hurdles race at Senonnes on 14 April

5. GOOD DES LANDES - Runner-up in a 3100m PSF handicap in December off a slightly higher mark but soundly beaten in both her subsequent outings, the latest (12th) over 2400m on PSF at Pornichet 2 March. Best watched for now

6. ALABAA - Last-start winner of a 2650m handicap at Châteaubriant on 12 May. Ought to remain competitive, despite a 2,5kg penalty

7. MYKAN - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th over 2500m in a handicap at Saint-Cloud on 6 May. Has obvious claims, especially with Florent Guy in the saddle

8. TIGRE ROUGE - Bounced back to form after a disappointing (12th) previous start to finish an improved/encouraging 3rd in a 2400m handicap at Bordeaux on 4 May. Winning chance here on that form

9. FLIGHT DE JUILLEY - Unreliable veteran but has shown signs of improvement after dropping considerably in the weights/ratings, confirmed as much with a respectable 6th in 1 2650m Châteaubriant handicap on 12 May. Dark horse

10. PRINCESSE SCARLET - Inconsistent veteran mare whose best references have been achieved at a lower level. Needs to improve to make her presence felt after a modest 6th over 2850m at Loudéac on 11 May

Summary: TIGRE ROUGE (8) has already proven his competitiveness at this level off his current mark and, having finished an encouraging 3rd over 2400m last time, could belatedly double his tally with the aid of his rider's 2kg allowance. MORNING FIVE (3) is another with sound references off his current mark so could pose a threat, while MYKAN (7) has regained momentum with each of three comeback appearances this year and is also capable of making his presence felt with Florent Guy engaged to ride. ALABAA (6) completes the shortlist after his recent Châteaubriant success.

SELECTIONS

TIGRE ROUGE (8) - MORNING FIVE (3) - MYKAN (7) - ALABAA (6)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA ROUSSELIERE - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. JUSTUNE STAR - Consistent for the most part and boasts solid form credentials/references, including a comeback 2nd in a 2500m Group III. Ought to bounce back from a disappointing 11th over 2500m at Saint-Cloud on 19 April

2. JUST A LITTLE LONE - Ultra-consistent mare, represents the formidable 'Poggionovo-Couétil' combination, with sound references and solid form credentials which include a last-start 2nd on PSF over 2400m at Pornichet on 16 November

3. JESUBA - Finished an eye-catching 2nd in a 2500m Group III on her reappearance at Saint-Cloud on 19 April. Should have more to offer

4. JAKARTA DE FROM - Won on debut at Paray-le-Monial in November last year and returned to winning ways at Wissembourg over 3000m on 1 May. Not taken lightly

5. JUDGELAND - Unreliable mare but isn't incapable of getting into the picture, judged on her best references. Finished 12th over 2500m at Saint-Cloud on 19 April when reverting to the flat

6. KEL TEL - Debut winner at Saint-Brieuc over this trip in May last year and has, for the most part, acquitted herself well in four subsequent outings - the latest (5th) over 3000m at Angers on 22 November 2023

7. JOAQUINA DICI - Lightly raced and inconsistent mare who finished 5th in a Group I over 2400m last year. Failed to build on an encouraging comeback (4th) when only 10th over 2500m at Saint-Cloud on 19 April

8. JINOV - Won on debut over 2600m at Morlaix in June last year and finished an encouraging 3rd on her reappearance over 2850m at Loudéac on 31 March. Dark horse

9. JOIE DES OBEAUX - Pulled up in a 3700m hurdles race at Le Lion-d'Angers when returning from a very lengthy layoff on 31 March but did show considerable promise on the flat back in 2022. Attractive outsider

Summary: JESUBA (3) caught the eye when finishing 2nd in a 2500m Group III on her reappearance and, with any improvement given the benefit of that comeback outing, will be hard to beat. JUSTUNE STAR (1) was disappointing that day but did finish 2nd prior to that at Group III level, so is likely to pose the biggest threat if reproducing a similar performance. JUST A LITTLE LONE (2) ought to make her presence felt too if tuned up on her belated reappearance. JOAQUINA DICI (7) finished 5th at Group I level last year so shouldn't be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

JESUBA (3) - JUSTUNE STAR (1) - JUST A LITTLE LONE (2) - JOAQUINA DICI (7)

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C7 - PRIX DU PASSAGE DE LA FLAMME OLYMPIQUE (PRIX EDMOND FORESTIER) - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. BAD ROMANCE - Showed promise on debut when finishing 3rd over 2400m on PSF at Pornichet in March but hasn't been as effective in two subsequent starts on turf - the latest (6th) over 2350m at Le Pin au Haras on 8 May

2. INTELLITA - Has failed to build on the promise of her debut 4th in two subsequent (unplaced) appearances, the latest (9th) over 1800m on PSF at Chantilly on 9 December

3. SILLABUB - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, especially in her four starts this year - one victory, twice 3rd (both in handicaps) and a last-start 2nd in a 1950m conditions race at Châteaubriant on 12 May. Sets the standard

4. ROUDOUDOU - Finished an eye-catching 3rd behind BRAMANS (6) in a 2000m handicap at Angers on 4 May. Leading light

5. TENYEARSATER - Didn't finish far off the mark in three appearances before an encouraging 4th on his handicap debut over 2000m at Angers on 4 May. Keep safe

6. BRAMANS - Has improved with each turf/handicap outing and confirmed as much by finishing 2nd in a 2000m handicap at Angers on 4 May. Candidate for success

7. MADAME LYDIA - Has more experience than most and that should stand her in good stead. Will need to improve to make her presence felt after finishing 6th over 2300m at Tarbes on 20 April - place chance

8. ANNA MANDARA - Consistent performer on both surfaces with sound references in claimers and conditions races, including a last-start 4th over 1800m in a conditions race at Langon on 1 May. Not taken lightly on her handicap debut

9. KENPIC - Unplaced in all 5 outings, though did show some improvement when 5th over 2400m at La Roche-Posay on 1 May. More needed

Summary: SILLABUB (3) is enjoying a fruitful spell and, on the strength/consistency of her recent form, is a serious candidate for success. ROUDOUDOU (4) performed well to finish 3rd at this level last time and could prove best of the rest, though BRAMANS (6) isn't incapable of filling the runners-up berth either after an encouraging last start (2nd). TENYEARSATER (5) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

SILLABUB (3) - ROUDOUDOU (4) - BRAMANS (6) - TENYEARSATER (5)