

SUNDAY, 24/03/24

C1 - PRIX DES CORDELIERS - 2400m (a1m 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. VADIRUM - Was beaten for the first time this year (three starts) when finishing 2nd to KALAOS (11) over track and trip on 3 March. Can turn the tables on 2kg better terms

2. KAPANI - Consistent for the most part so should not be condemned for his recent failure (9th) on heavy ground over 3000m at Fontainebleau on 2 March. Keep safe

3. HASTY SAILOR - Has remained consistent in four starts on French soil since arriving from England last year. Finished 5th in a 2700m PSF conditions race at Chantilly on 16 February

4. BAZOQUES - Inconsistent mare but has sound references off higher marks and didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th in a course-and-distance handicap on 3 March

5. VIDALGO - Won well on this track at the start of the year before finishing unplaced in consecutive Quinte+ handicaps in subsequent starts - was 14th over 2000m on PSF at Cagnes on 17 February. Dark horse

6. WILLY WINNER - Progressive individual with an impeccable record on this track. Has won consecutive course-and-distance outings and should remain competitive under a 2kg penalty for winning over track and trip on 3 March

7. VIRTUS - Inconsistent but has references off a higher mark. Absent since finishing 7th in a 3000m turf handicap at Toulouse on 26 November

8. COTE JARDIN - Has not been seen since finishing 11th in a 2800m turf Quinte+ handicap at Vichy on 20 July. Watch for now

9. FORBIDDEN SECRET - Penalised 1,5kg for winning back-to-back 2400m claimers at Cagnes in January (20th) and February (12th). Ought to remain competitive back in a handicap

10. SOLIMAN - Has rediscovered form and consistency dropped in the weights/ratings to his current mark and confirmed as much by staying on to finish 3rd in a 2000m handicap on this course on 17 March

11. KALAOS - Last-start winner of a course-and-distance handicap on 3 March. Ought to remain competitive despite a 2kg penalty

12. SAINTE RITA - Consistent mare with sound references, which include not finishing worse than 5th in 14 appearances at this venue. Runner-up over 3200m on this course on 15 March

Summary: VADIRUM (1) and KALAOS (11) renew rivalry with the former good value to turn the tables on the latter, last-start conqueror, on 2kg better terms. Hat-trick seeking WILLY WINNER (6) is at home on this course and likely to pose a threat, along with consistent SAINTE RITA (12) whose last-start 2nd bodes well for her chances here. KAPANI (2) and VIDALGO (5) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

VADIRUM (1) - KALAOS (11) - WILLY WINNER (6) - SAINTE RITA (12)

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C2 - PRIX DE MONTCHAT - 1800m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. MAMAMOUCI - Won a 1500m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux in January but has finished unplaced in all three subsequent outings, though didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th over that track and trip last time (14 March)

2. ALLURRE - Last-start winner of a course-and-distance handicap on 3 March. Should, on the evidence of that victory, play another leading role under a 2,5kg penalty

3. ACCLAM - Runner-up to ALLURRE (2) in a handicap over this course and distance on 3 March. Should have a role to play

4. CHANCE - Hard-knocking veteran with sound references at this level and solid form credentials off his current mark. Improved to finish 6th in a 1900m PSF claimer at Chantilly on 23 February in his second appearance this year

5. SPOTLIGHT - Improving last-start winner who opened his account over 1500m on the PSF at Chantilly on 9 February. Not taken lightly

6. MORCOTE - Finished a reassuring 4th over track and trip last time (3 March) having dropped in the weights/ratings to his current mark. Can get into the picture

7. JAGDA - Finished with running in her when only 7th in a handicap over track and trip recently (3 March) and remains capable of a lot better. Keep safe

8. DAMASK BLADE - Consistent, lightly raced veteran who only narrowly failed to win in each of his last two outings - finished 2nd at Cagnes last month and 3rd in a 2000m PSF at Marseille-Vivaux on 14 March. Winning chance

9. GEOPOLITIC - A 16-start maiden unlikely to open his account here but seldom finishes far off the mark. Needs to improve after finishing 7th in a 1600m PSF conditions event at Cagnes on 19 February

10. HOLLY HAPPY - Has improved with each outing but has not been seen since finishing 3rd over 1200m at Fontainebleau in October 2022. Has no references on PSF either so is best watched for now

11. WILD SWEETHEART - Arrives in good form and physical condition after finishing 2nd over 1850m at Hyeres on 3 March. Dark horse

12. VALYRIAN STEEL - Made a winning start on French soil at Saint-Malo in July last year but has finished unplaced in each of his 5 subsequent outings. Could only finish 10th in a 1500m PSF handicap at Marseille - Vivaux on 14 March

13. THREE DREAMS - Recently found form after dropping in the weights/ratings to her current mark. Finished a reassuring 3rd in a 1500m PSF handicap at Marseille -Vivaux on 14 March

Summary: Consistent DAMASK BLADE (8) gets the nod marginally ahead of ALLURRE (2) and ACCLAM (3), who finished in that order on this course recently. JAGDA (7) was unlucky not to have finished closer in that race and is another capable of playing a leading role. WILD SWEETHEART (11) has finished 2nd in two of her three starters this year, including her latest outing, so is dangerous to discount under a light weight.

SELECTIONS

DAMASK BLADE (8) - ALLURRE (2) - ACCLAM (3) - JAGDA (7)

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C3 - PRIX SANS-SOUCI - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

1. FREE BREATH - Consistent for the most part and shouldn't be judged on his latest appearance - finished 14th in a 2400m handicap on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud on 16 March. Should have a role to play here

2. KAPETANIOS - Consistent performer with blinkers on and is confirmed on this course - has finished 3rd and 2nd twice in three starts on this course, including his latest (2nd) in an 1800m handicap on 8 February

3. MARCAN - Won a 2000m PSF handicap at Cagnes last month and shouldn't be hastily condemned following a disappointing 11th over 2400m on this course last time (3 March). Dark horse

4. LIVING NELSON - Went off the boil late last year and has been soundly beaten in each of his last five appearances. Finished 15th in a 2000m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 5 February

5. MOMO NELSON - Carries a 2kg penalty for winning a course-and-distance handicap on 3 March. Ought to remain competitive

6. LEJENDARIO - Won a 2000m PSF handicap at Cagnes last month and wasn't disgraced despite finishing 10th in a similar race there last time (19 February) under a 2,5kg penalty

7. KARRY BRADSHAW - Consistent course-specialist whose competitiveness at this level of the handicap off her current mark is beyond doubt. Finished 3rd over track and trip on 3 March and will be a factor once more

8. POLDI'S LIEBLING - Consistent and well-traveled veteran with sound references at a lower level. Finished 3rd in a 1600m handicap on heavy ground at Munich on 25 November

9. MARGUNS - Consistent and hard-knocking mare whose competitiveness in handicaps off her current mark is beyond doubt. Finished 3rd in an 1800m handicap on this course on 15 March

10. FETE JOYEUSE - Sparingly raced mare who has not been seen since finishing 11th in a 3200m conditions race on this course on 24 January last year

11. LOVELY DOLLY - Finished 2nd in an 1800m PSF handicap on this course in October but went off the boil - soundly beaten in each of her last three starts (15th over track and trip on 3 March). Others preferred

Summary: KAPETANIOS (2) only narrowly missed out on victory on this course last time so could be rewarded if reproducing a similar effort. He gets the nod ahead of KARRY BRADSHAW (7), who has displayed commendable consistency, and FREE BREATH (1) who shouldn't be hastily condemned for his recent Saint-Cloud failure. Last-start winner MOMO NELSON (5) ought to remain competitive along with Jean-Pierre Gauvin's runners MARCAN (3) and LEJENDARIO (6).

SELECTIONS

KAPETANIOS (2) - KARRY BRADSHAW (7) - FREE BREATH (1) - MOMO NELSON (5)

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C4 - PRIX MERMOZ - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. UNION SQUARE - Has yet to win a race but is in good form and was third last time out in a handicap at this course over 2400m on 15 March. Be right in the mix once again

2. CHONATA - Only win was on the grass and was 6th last time out in a handicap at this course over 1800m on 16 March. Can play a minor role

3. CALAS QUEEN - On a very long losing run since only win but was runner-up last time out in a handicap over this track and trip on 3 March. Can go one better

4. AIRA - Only win was a claimer in 2022 and was 11th last time out in a handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 2400m on 2 March. Capable of contesting the finish when in the mood

5. SIBUYU - Better on the turf these days and was 5th last time out in a Handicap at Compiègne over 1400m on 19 March. Others are preferred

6. SALERNO - Has really struggled this year and was well beaten last time out in a handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 14 March. Others are much preferred

7. VENT DU REVE - A bit of a disappointment last time out when 6th in a handicap at Pornichet-La Baule over 2400m on 2 March. Better this distance and can make the frame

8. GO GO BLITZ - Yet to win a race and struggled last time out in a handicap at Compiègne over 2400m on 10 March. Needs major improvement to win

9. LADIE SALSA - Unreliable but did run well when third last time out in a handicap over this course and distance on 3 March. Not out of it

10. TENDER WINNER - On a very long losing run and was 9th last time out in a handicap at Fontainebleau over 3000m on 15 March. Unreliable but could play a minor role

Summary: A weak race . CALAS QUEEN (3), close to her race and only had one ahead of her last time out. UNION SQUARE (1) is consistent and should be a big threat to these rivals. LADIE SALSA (9), who came between them on March 3, should again fight out the finish. AIRA (4) is capable of running well when in the mood so has to be considered a possible winner.

SELECTIONS

CALAS QUEEN (3) - UNION SQUARE (1) - LADIE SALSA (9) - AIRA (4)

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C5 - PRIX ORTOLAN - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12,000

1. KEDUREV - Yet to win a race but showed up well last time out when runner-up in a Claimer at this course over 1800m on 3 March. Can go one better

2. CARDINALE - Disappointing last run when 11th in a handicap at Deauville over 1900m on 26 January. Supplemented for this race and can close to winning

3. KALI JEM - Has not shown much in two starts and was well beaten last time out in a Conditions race at Le Mans over 1950m on 11 March. Capable of improvement

4. JUBBAH - Disappointing last run when 9th in a claimer at Tarbes over 2100m on 23 February. Did better before that and should fight out the finish

5. LA NUIT - Well beaten in both starts and was 13th last time out in a Conditions race at Deauville over 1900m on 19 January. Can make vast improvement dropped to this division

6. AMAGI - Modest debut when 5th in a Conditions race at Mons over 1500m on 23 November. Tries further and could play a minor role

7. CORALBA - Poor first three starts and was 9th last time out in a claimer at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 1600m on 25 February. Best watched for now

8. TESUMI - Mostly modest form and was 7th last time out in a Conditions race at this course over 1800m on 15 March. Place chance in a claimer

9. SOLTANA BELIEVE - Has not shown much in six starts and was 11th last time out in a claimer at Chantilly over 2100m on 5 March. Others are preferred

Summary: Back in a category in which he is competitive, CARDINAL (2) looks the one to be with and he has been supplemented for this race. KEDUREV (1) showed good improvement last time out and can go one better. Supplemented, LA NUIT (5) deserves attention for her first crack at a Claimer. JUBBAH (4) should not be condemned for her recent failure on the grass and can bounce back and contest the finish.

SELECTIONS

CARDINALE (2) - KEDUREV (1) - LA NUIT (5) - JUBBAH (4)

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C6 - PRIX PRESIDENT BUFFAUD - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. STANGHELI - Talented and consistent colt whose means are undeniable. Has not been seen since finishing 3rd in the Prix Haras Bouqueto Arqana Series race over 1600m at ParisLongchamp on 30 September

2. AL DAAYEN - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd by winning his next start over 2100m on PSF at Pornichet on 27 January

3. PARADISE STORM - Consistent performer to this point with refercens on both turf and PSF. Finished 5th in a 2000m conditions race on PSF at Cagnes on 25 February

4. FANATIC - Well-bred No Nay Never colt related to champion Solow. Made a winning debut over 1900m on the PSF at Chantilly on 15 February - confirmation awaited

5. SHALOA - Won over 2000m on PSF at Cagnes in January and proved that was no fluke by finishing 3rd over that course and distance on 25 February

Summary: Well-bred FANATIC (4) impressed when winning on debut and, with the benefit of that experience, could improve to win again. He will, however, be tested by quality returnee STANGHELI (1) and the only filly in the race SHALOA (5), who has also revealed great promise in her two starts to date.

SELECTIONS

FANATIC (4) - STANGHELI (1) - SHALOA (5) - AL DAAYEN (2)

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C7 - PRIX SHIKANI - 1800m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. MIA GRANDE - Inconsistent twice-placed colt from four starts. Finished an encouraging 3rd on PSF over 1600m at Chantilly on 16 February

2. SABROZURA - Consistent for the most part but has no references on PSF. Improved in his second start after a layoff to finish 4th over 1800m at Marseille-Borely on 27 February

3. NASDAQ - Looked to be on the right track before fulfilling his lines over 1500m on heavy ground at Cagnes on 26 February. Can set the record straight

4. THOR LIGHTNING - Recently joined Stefan Richter's stable after finishing an improved 2nd in a 1600m PSF claimer at Cagnes on 25 February

Summary: NASDAQ (3) blotted his copybook when finishing unplaced on heavy ground at Cagnes last time but that efforts was probably too be to true, so he ought to redeem himself back on this surface. MIA GRANDE (1) and THOR LIGHTNING (4) and are likey to pose the biggest threat after improved recent displays.

SELECTIONS

NASDAQ (3) - MIA GRANDE (1) - THOR LIGHTNING (4) - SABROZURA (2)