

LA TESTE DE BUCH [R-H] - 26 March

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA SOREC - 1000m UNR. Purse EUR €23,000.

1. **GRAND GIOMAR KODI** - Unraced colt by Kodi Bear out of Shasta Daisy. Looks set to run well.
2. **JOHN STEED** - Recorder colt from Extra Charge on debut. Market watch advised.
3. **SNOW GHOST** - Son of Donjuan Triumphant from Snow Spirit making his debut. Looks a key player on debut.
4. **ZORKEN** - Colt by Goken from Zorra Chope on debut. Interesting.
5. **SUBLIME CHOPE** - Daughter of Panis from Sublimossi making her debut. Expected to measure up.
6. **ELUGO** - Unraced filly by Goken out of Elusive Waltz. Looking to others.
7. **CHATAIGNE** - Unraced filly by Seabhac out of Pestagua. Nice profile and expected to measure up.
8. **DAIQUIBERRY** - Unraced filly by Al Wukair out of Strawberrydaiquiri. Worth consideration.
9. **MA GRISE** - Olympic Glory filly from Kenwysa on debut. Prefer to see.
10. **ECLAIRE LA VIE** - Daughter of Trade Storm from Chope La Vie making her debut. Happy to watch this time.
11. **DEMI TRAOU LAND** - Unraced filly by Taj Mahal out of Houteville. Market can guide.
12. **DANTZARIA** - Filly by Dabirsim from Rush Hour on debut. Betting will guide.

Summary: A newcomers race for two-year-olds where the market should be informative. SNOW GHOST (3) is a son of Donjuan Triumphant whose progeny generally are sharp first up. Notable claims. ZORKEN (4) and SUBLIME CHOPE (5) both make an appeal on paper while CHATAIGNE (7) is worth considering on debut.

Selections

SNOW GHOST (3) - ZORKEN (4) - SUBLIME CHOPE (5) - CHATAIGNE (7)

Race 2 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE TOULOUSE - 1600m MDN. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **VIDISHA** - Finished 7 lengths back in fifth on debut over 2000m at Pau All Weather last start. Will take a lot from that experience. Can measure up this time.
2. **YATIMA** - Made her debut over 1600m at Bordeaux when fourth beaten 4.5 lengths. No surprise to see her in the finish.
3. **FAIAL** - Turned in a creditable run on debut back on October 20 when third over 1600m at Deauville. Great chance to get off the mark.
4. **CONTRESCARPE** - Held on debut when 11th over 1500m at Deauville All Weather. Not keen on what we have seen to date.
5. **TAWAFUQ** - Fair debut fifth beaten 5.5 lengths over 1600m at Bordeaux. Claims.
6. **MRS JENNEY** - Finished 8 lengths back in sixth on debut over 1600m at Bordeaux last start. Will need to improve.
7. **EVAMIS** - Finished fourth over 1600m at Bordeaux three-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 12 lengths. Will need to do a bit more.
8. **LA MARAZUELA** - Ran an improved race at her second career start when fourth over 1400m at Pau All Weather. Could place.
9. **FRAICHE** - Good third at Deauville AW in August. Leading chance.
10. **PINTER SANDS** - Daughter of Seabnac from Shimmering Sands making her debut. Market check.

Summary: FAIAL (3) finished a 1L third on debut at Deauville over 1600m. Expensive purchase as a yearling and looks the one to beat with that experience gained. FRAICHE (9) has placed on both outings to date. Most recently at Deauville in a maiden over 1500m when beaten 2.5L. Should go close once more. VIDISHA (1) showed signs of ability on debut at Pau over 2000m when beaten 7.5L. Represents a top trainer and should have progressed for that outing. TAWAFUQ (5) was fifth over 1600m at Bordeaux in February on debut and holds place claims.

Selections

FAIAL (3) - FRAICHE (9) - VIDISHA (1) - TAWAFUQ (5)
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Race 3 - PRIX JEAN-FRANCOIS BERNARD - 1600m MDN. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **SAYED** - Promising debut over 1500m at Deauville All Weather when fourth beaten 6 lengths. Open to plenty of improvement.
2. **BLOODY SUNDAE** - Did little on debut when beaten 10 lengths into seventh over 1600m at Bordeaux. Don't think he will trouble this field.
3. **ARTAIOS** - Resumed last start and was beaten 5 lengths over 1600m at Bordeaux. Hard to get excited about his chances.
4. **TEOUMAMOU** - Made debut when sixth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Sure to have improved.
5. **FAMOSO** - Resumed over 1600m at Bordeaux last start and finished 4 lengths away in fourth. Rates highly and expected to be involved.
6. **FIRST PAGE** - Most recently finished 0.8 lengths away in second five weeks ago over 1400m at Pau All Weather. Claims.
7. **SEA OF LAU** - Finished sixth over 1600m at Toulouse. Can improve and not to be underestimated.
8. **AXIOME** - Last outing was beaten just 0.8 lengths when second at Toulouse over 2100m. Leading prospect.

Summary: AXIOME (8) has finished second on both outings to date including in a maiden when beaten 0.75L over 1800m at Toulouse. More than capable of getting his head in front. SAYED (1) showed up well in a newcomers maiden over 1500m when beaten 6.5L into fourth at Deauville AW. This is potentially weaker and can progress with that run under his belt. FAMOSO (5) finished fourth on return at Bordeaux in a maiden over 1600m when beaten 4L. More exposed than some of these but can still feature. FIRST PAGE (6) was a 0.75L runner-up at Pau AW over 1400m on his third outing. Improving and can go well.

Selections

AXIOME (8) - SAYED (1) - FAMOSO (5) - FIRST PAGE (6)

Race 4 - PRIX HYPER U-GUJANMESTRAS.COM - 2EME ETAPE DU DEFI DU GALOP - 2000m CL1.
Purse EUR €38,000.

1. **RUSSIPANT FAL** - Scored at his most recent appearance over 1650m in a Listed event at Craon on September 25. Can return with a bold sight.
2. **ASSIER** - Finished ninth over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather a week-and-a-half ago when beaten 5 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.
3. **GLAER** - Last start finished second beaten 1.3 lengths over 2000m in Listed grade at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Rates highly and must be respected.
4. **PRINCE ANODIN** - Consistent type jumping up in grade today. Not entirely dismissed but will need more.
5. **WATCH HIM** - Fair fourth over 2000m at Saint-Cloud two-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 2.5 lengths. Can go well.
6. **KAHUNA** - Scored two back at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Genuine hope.
7. **BOSIOH** - Returned to winning form last time when he scored by a nose over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. One to note.
8. **AMBOISE** - Returns after a break of five-and-a-half months. Finished her last campaign impressively scoring by 1.5 lengths over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Genuine contender.

Summary: GLAER (3) finished a 1.25L runner-up at Cagnes-sur-Mer (AW) in a Listed contest over 2000m. Won a Class Three conditions event prior and looks interesting dropping back in class. KAHUNA (6) won a Class Two at Cagnes-sur-Mer (AW) over 2000m before finishing fifth in the previously mentioned Listed event. Key player. RUSSIPANT FAL (1) is returning from a 182-day break. Ended the last campaign with a Listed win by 1.5L at Craon over 1650m. Can go close on reappearance. PRINCE ANODIN (4) has three wins in the last four outings and comes off a 0.25L Class Two victory at Bordeaux. Cannot be ruled out.

Selections

GLAER (3) - KAHUNA (6) - RUSSIPANT FAL (1) - PRINCE ANODIN (4)

1. **MURANO** - Got home by 2 lengths at Pau All Weather two starts ago. Last time at Cagnes-sur-Mer was 2.25 lengths from the winner in fifth. Could be in the mix.
2. **MA CHALLA** - Resumed over 1900m at Bordeaux last start and finished 6 lengths away in seventh. Strips fitter but will need a step forward.
3. **BLACK COSMO** - Finished midfield over 1300m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather last time 4 lengths from the winner. More needed.
4. **AMERIYAH** - Returned from a spell with reasonable effort last start when eighth beaten 3 lengths at Pau All Weather over 1400m. Not dismissed if building on that.
5. **MORE** - Finished 6 lengths away in eighth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Better than the last run suggests and can bounce back.
6. **PORT ADRIANO** - Continues to race well the latest effort a second beaten one length over 1400m at Toulouse. Sure to improve again. Key chance.
7. **PIANINO** - Fair effort last start beaten 2.5 lengths into second over 1600m at Bordeaux. Worth including.
8. **BECQUANIENTE** - Held 12th over 2000m at Fontainebleau. Capable of better.
9. **FRENCH ATOLL** - Scored last time when resuming from a spell over 1650m at Machecoul. Could make it back-to-back wins.
10. **GOOD VICTORY** - Good third over 1600m at Pau All Weather latest. One to note.
11. **VILLEMACHO** - Returned from a spell and was safely held when seventh over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather. Bit more needed.
12. **MA PRECIEUSE** - Others look to have better credentials.
13. **GENNY DANCE** - Last start finished third over 1600m at Bordeaux on March 3. Others preferred here.
14. **ADELA** - Yet to finish in the placings from four career runs. Back from a spell last start and finished fifth over 1600m at Bordeaux. Opposed.

Summary: FRENCH ATOLL (9) won a Machecoul maiden on his fourth start by a head over 1650m. Makes his handicap debut and is open to plenty of improvement. PORT ADRIANO (6) was only beaten 1L at Toulouse in a handicap over 1400m earlier this month. An extra 200m should not be an issue and can feature. MORE (5) disappointed on soft ground at Bordeaux on handicap debut when beaten 6.5L into eighth over 1900m. Dropping in trip and down 0.5kg. Can go well. PIANINO (7) finished runner-up at Bordeaux in a maiden over 1600m and needs including back in handicap company.

Selections

FRENCH ATOLL (9) - PORT ADRIANO (6) - MORE (5) - PIANINO (7)

Race 6 - PRIX DE CHELTENHAM - 3900m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **FRET D'ESTRIVAL** - Did well to finish second two back in a steeplechase (4700m) at Pau. Key player on that form.
2. **FUEGO DE SOMOZA** - Returns from a 263-day spell. Finished off last prep with a win in a hurdle (3600m) at Senonnes-Pouance scoring by 0.8 lengths. Strong contender.
3. **BENI GODS** - Not raced since finishing 28 lengths away in eighth in a steeplechase (3900m) at Clairefontaine nine months ago. Might need this outing.
4. **THE PAINTER** - Won a steeplechase (4200m) at Saint Briec when last seen. Top hope.
5. **HAMERSLEY** - Pulled-up last time out in a hurdle (3800m) at Pau. Opposed.
6. **LA REMONTADA** - Finished off last campaign when sixth in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil. Not ruled out at this level.
7. **SAINT SIRE** - Last outing was fourth in a hurdle (3900m) at Toulouse 4 lengths behind the winner. Can feature.

Summary: THE PAINTER (4) impressed at Saint-Briec after a year's absence when winning by 11L in a Class Four chase over 4200m. Coming off another lay-off but can go close once more. FRET D'ESTRIVAL (1) was well beaten in a Class One chase at Pau over 4700m. Time before finished second in a Class Two and looks interesting dropped in standard. FUEGO DE SOMOZA (2) is returning from a nine-month break having won a Senonnes handicap hurdle over 3600m by 0.75L. Interesting. SAINT SIRE (7) heads the remainder.

Selections

THE PAINTER (4) - FRET D'ESTRIVAL (1) - FUEGO DE SOMOZA (2) - SAINT SIRE (7)

Race 7 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE MONT-DE-MARSAN - 1900m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €20,000.

1. **PORT AU PRINCE** - Last appeared when he scored over 1900m at Bordeaux on March 3. Claims.
2. **HARIASA** - Latest effort was a sixth over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan a month ago. Worth following up.
3. **POCA GEN** - Finished second at Pau All Weather then was fourth at Bordeaux over 1900m when beaten 2.25 lengths. Key chance.
4. **BRANA** - Drops in trip from the latest effort when eighth over 2100m at Chantilly All Weather finishing 4 lengths off the winner. Claims.
5. **MISS COSY** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished fifth over 1900m at Bordeaux on March 3. Must be respected.
6. **LAUPER** - Latest effort was a fifth over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan a month ago. One to note.
7. **CATALINA** - Finding it hard to break through finishing seventh last time out over 2000m at Fontainebleau. More needed.
8. **NOIRE DESIRE** - Finished seventh over 1900m at Bordeaux. Generally goes well with that run under the belt. Could feature.
9. **VOYAGEUSE DU MATIN** - Got home by a neck at Pornichet two starts ago. Each-way hope if bouncing back.
10. **COMTESSE VERA** - Held eighth last start at Bordeaux over 1900m. Others are preferred.
11. **SHALAWAY** - Finished tenth over 1900m at Bordeaux most recently. Opposed.
12. **JARDINIER** - Held when 12th over 2400m at Toulouse. Hard to get too confident until he shows a little more.
13. **TITE NANA** - Finished a mile back at her latest appearance over 1900m at Bordeaux. Makes no appeal.

Summary: PORT AU PRINCE (1) won by 0.5L at Bordeaux over 1900m on a return to handicap company. Potentially still well-handicapped and can go well. MISS COSY (5) was only beaten 2.5L at Bordeaux in a handicap recently when fifth. Expected to go well again. POCA GEN (3) shaped better than bare result at Mont-de-Marsan in a claimer recently and should not be too far away. BRANA (4) finished eighth when beaten 4L in a stronger handicap at Chantilly (AW) recently. Can find this easier.

Selections

PORT AU PRINCE (1) - MISS COSY (5) - POCA GEN (3) - BRANA (4)

Race 8 - PRIX DU PALAIS ROHAN - FONDATION CLAUDE POMPIDOU - 3400m HDLE CL2. Purse EUR €30,000.

1. **JOIE D'OR** - Pulled up in a hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil at the last run before a break. Can bounce back.
2. **BAKALA** - Scored in a hurdle (3400m) at Cholet. This tougher but not dismissed.
3. **JOLY GIRL** - Finished a modest seventh in a hurdle (3500m) at Pau last start. Worth another chance eased in standard.
4. **HOLINDA HAS** - Good debut effort when fourth at Pau on December 27. Obvious claims.
5. **JOANNA COLLONGES** - Held on debut in a hurdle (3600m) at Agen finishing sixth and beaten 22 lengths. Would have to improve sharply to feature in the finish.
6. **LUMI LOL** - Safely accounted for in each of her 13 career outings to date. Hard to have.
7. **JAZZ** - Debuted in a hurdle (3600m) at Agen 13 days back and was easily beaten in fifth place. Could show improved form.

Summary: HOLINDA HAS (4) finished fourth beaten 9.5L at Pau in a newcomers hurdle. Represents a top yard and could take some beating second time out. JOLY GIRL (3) won on debut at Saint-Brieuc but has not been at that level since in two stronger races. Interesting in a weaker contest. JOIE D'OR (1) pulled-up in a valuable handicap hurdle at Auteuil when last seen. Won a Class Three at Chatenbriant prior. Interesting down in grade. JAZZ (7) showed mild promise at Agen-le-Passage on debut when fifth. Could improve for that experience.

Selections

HOLINDA HAS (4) - JOLY GIRL (3) - JOIE D'OR (1) - JAZZ (7)