

LE LION-D'ANGERS - 26 June

Race 1

1. **JOLI COUP** - 2.5L success in this grade tackling 1200m prior to a fourth over this trip at Saint-Cloud (good). Key player.
2. **SAM BLASTER** - Minor 1000m La teste maiden winner 44 days ago. More needed upped in trip at this level.
3. **AL WAKRAH** - Dramatic improvement to get off the mark second up over 1100m at Chateaubriant (soft) a month ago. Consider.
4. **KENNYA** - Went close in a Durtal maiden over 1200m six days ago third up but more on plate in this.
5. **ACOUSTIC** - Dabirsim filly making her first start. Keep safe if attracting market support.
6. **ANSWER ME** - Iffraaj filly making her debut in a weak event. Not dismissed.

Summary

JOLI COUP (1) delivered a 2.5L victory in this company at Saint-Cloud over 1200m two starts back. Top chance in a winnable event. AL WAKRAH (3) displayed dramatic improvement to get off the mark second up at Chateaubriant. Strong claims. ACOUSTIC (5) is a well bred Dabirsim filly making her debut. Respected especially if attracting any market support. KENNYA (4) holds claims as an improving type who went close in a Durtal maiden. Can make the frame.

Selections

JOLI COUP (1) - AL WAKRAH (3) - ACOUSTIC (5) - KENNYA (4)

Race 2

1. **GUNFIGHT** - Breakthrough victory in a weaker chase over 4200m last month. Top chance upped in class with confidence boosted.
2. **THOU GRIS** - Fair third at this level three starts ago prior to falling at Senonnes last month. Not ruled out.
3. **GALAXIE SURF** - Ultra consistent chaser who has made the frame in all six starts over fences. Key place chance.
4. **STRING QUARTET** - Beaten a long way in a weaker Carhaix 4500m chase last month. Others preferred.
5. **GASTIBELZA** - Fifth in a pair of cross-country chases since resuming. Return to a conventional chase unlikely to help.
6. **PRINCE DU ROUME** - 2.5L winner of the Listed Prix Rose Or No handicap hurdle winner at Auteuil three starts ago. Attractive chance on chase debut.
7. **GASCONNE** - Third on both chase starts since resuming. Chance to improve raised in journey.

Summary

GUNFIGHT (1) has already shown a good level of ability over fences and made a breakthrough success in a weaker 4200m chase last month. Top chance with plenty of experience on side. PRINCE DU ROUME (6) will be feared most as a Listed hurdle winner three starts ago. Tough to beat if translating that form to chasing. GALAXIE SURF (3) is a consistent type tackling fences. Likely to challenge strongly for a frame spot. THOU GRIS (2) is one who could improve if completing.

Selections

GUNFIGHT (1) - PRINCE DU ROUME (6) - GALAXIE SURF (3) - THOU GRIS (2)

Race 3

1. **SARANAC** - Faded 6L fifth tackling 2400m at Compiègne (heavy) just over a month ago. Likely capable of better.
2. **BELLACIAOCIAO** - Broke her maiden when winning by 1L over 1800m at Marseille-Borely (good-to-soft) in April. Bold show expected.
3. **JOYFUL MOMENT** - Failed to figure when 30L eighth over 2400m at Nantes (soft) nineteen days ago. Others make more appeal.
4. **TEMPS FANTASTIQUE** - Toulouse maiden winner on her penultimate start and finished a fair 7L fifth over 2000m here subsequently. One to note.
5. **FORBEARING** - Faded 8.75L seventh over 1600m at Longchamp (soft) just under a month ago. Of note up in distance.
6. **COEUR DAVIER** - Runner-up both starts this spell including when beaten 6L over 2400m at Nantes (soft) nineteen days ago. Claims.
7. **KIMINA** - Third on three of her four starts to date including when beaten 1.25L over 2650m at Chateaubriant (soft) four weeks ago. More required.
8. **CAREL QUEEN** - Making her seasonal debut when 6L fifth in a 1600m conditions race at Nantes (good-to-soft) early last month. Likely to have improved.

Summary

BELLACIAOCIAO (2) can complete a double upped in trip following a 1L success over 1800m at Marseille-Borely. Contender. COEUR DAVIER (6) looks capable of making an impact having finished 6L second tackling 2400m at Nantes. FORBEARING (5) is suited by the terms of this event on his first attempt at this distance having finished 8.75L seventh attempting 1600m at Longchamp. TEMPS FANTASTIQUE (4) is another to consider having been beaten 7L fifth here in a similar race to this.

Selections

BELLACIAOCIAO (2) - COEUR DAVIER (6) - FORBEARING (5) - TEMPS FANTASTIQUE (4)

Race 4

1. **FRIPONNE DE BELAIR** - Held 11L sixth over 4000m chase at Durtal (soft) last month. Has won or placed in four of her five previous starts at this venue.
2. **ECRINROSE** - Good 7L third in a Strasbourg 4200m handicap chase on good ground at the start of the month. Claims with a top jockey up.
3. **ROSE DES BRIERES** - Bidding to complete a hat-trick when falling in a 4500m handicap chase at Morlaix (good-to-soft) two weeks ago. Strong claims.
4. **GUS DE GENE** - Placed third beaten 1.25L in a 4200m claiming chase at Corlay (soft) earlier this month. Finished fourth in a 4500m handicap chase at Lignieres prior.
5. **DOUGLASS** - Good 2.25L third in a 4200m chase at Corlay (soft) just under three weeks ago. Likely to find life tougher back in a handicap.
6. **ECOUTE EN TETE** - Held 26L third in a 4300m chase at Nantes (soft) nineteen days ago. Claims on earlier form.
7. **MISTER MO** - Victorious by a nose in a 4500m chase at Carhaix (good-to-soft) at the end of last month. Bold show expected.
8. **FIRONICA** - Winner of a 3900m chase at Morlaix (good-to-soft) by 3L two weeks ago. One to note switched to a handicap.
9. **FIGHTER JET** - Good 3.5L second in a 3900m handicap chase at Dieppe (soft) earlier this month. Leading contender.
10. **FROSTINATOR** - Faded 13L seventh over 4500m chase at Carhaix (good-to-soft) at the end of last month. Drop in trip is a positive.
11. **BLUE CRYSTAL** - Held 46L ninth in a 4400m handicap chase at Auteuil (very heavy) three weeks ago. Won over this course and distance in April.
12. **BARONNE D'ANJOU** - Supplemented for this following a pulled up effort in a 4200m chase at a country venue (good) six days ago. Others hold more obvious claims.

Summary

FIGHTER JET (9) can go one place better than when 3.5L second in a 3900m handicap chase at Dieppe. Top chance. ROSE DES BRIERES (3) could put a fall at Morlaix behind her having won over 3900m at the same venue prior. MISTER MO (7) is considered for the win having delivered a nose success over 4500m at Carhaix. ECRINROSE (2) holds claims on the back of a 7L third tackling a 4200m handicap chase at Strasbourg.

Selections

FIGHTER JET (9) - ROSE DES BRIERES (3) - MISTER MO (7) - ECRINROSE (2)

Race 5

1. **VAZY NINIAN** - Held 13L 13th over 1700m on the AW at Pornichet in October. Likely to improve for the run.
2. **ROYAL VATI** - Returning from a break when last of fifteen over 1400m at La Teste (good-to-soft) earlier this month. More required.
3. **PATCHEWOLLOCK** - 6L 14th over this course and distance on good-to-soft going last month. Wide draw to overcome.
4. **TRACY** - Fair 6.5L fifth at this track and trip on good-to-soft ground just under five weeks ago. Capable of better.
5. **POUR LIBRANNO** - Impressive 11L winner of a 1700m handicap at La Roche-Posay (good) at the end of last month. Draw could have been kinder.
6. **GOOD TO TALK** - Below par 9.25L 11th in a 1600m handicap at Compiegne (good-to-soft) eleven days ago. Drawn widest of all.
7. **QUEENCITY** - Runner-up beaten 1.5L over 1650m at Craon (good-to-soft) nine days ago. Strong claims.
8. **LEFKADA** - Fair 6.5L sixth over 1650m at Amiens (very heavy) at the end of March. Debuting for a new trainer.
9. **LATE COMER** - 30L 17th over 1600m at Compiegne (good-to-soft) eleven days ago. Minor role likely third up.
10. **GOUTTE DE LUNE** - Fair 5.5L seventh over 1850m at Vichy (very heavy) five weeks ago. Drop in trip no issue.
11. **SOPHRONE** - Neck second in a 1600m handicap at Royan (soft) last month. Notable contender.
12. **INCOGNITO** - 16L 13th over 2400m at Longchamp (good-to-soft) just under two weeks ago. This distance looks more suitable.
13. **ZAYA DE LA PLATA** - Tried to make all when 1.5L second over this track and trip on good-to-soft ground last month. Leading contender.
14. **BONUSDARGENT** - Fair 5L fifth over this course and distance on good-to-soft going in April. Step forward needed.
15. **BEACON TOWERS** - Nose second in a 1600m handicap at Compiegne (good-to-soft) eleven days ago. Bold show expected.
16. **SUGAR BAY** - Faded 12L 14th tackling 1600m at Toulouse (soft) just over three weeks ago. Others preferred.

Summary

ZAYA DE LA PLATA (13) can go one place better than when 1.5L second at this track and trip to take this competitive handicap. Stablemate QUEENCITY (7) looks well placed following a 1.5L second over 1650m at Craon. BEACON TOWERS (15) delivered a nose second tackling 1600m at Compiegne. Looks capable of playing a role in the finish. SOPHRONE (11) is considered having gone down by a neck when runner-up over 1600m at Royan on seasonal debut.

Selections

ZAYA DE LA PLATA (13) - QUEENCITY (7) - BEACON TOWERS (15) - SOPHRONE (11)

Race 6

1. **TONNENCOURT** - Midfield finish when 3.5L seventh over 1600m at Angers (soft) in November. Others preferred.
2. **O'GOSHI** - Making his seasonal debut when 9.75L sixth over 1500m at Niort (good) two weeks ago. Improvement required.
3. **MIARKA** - Good 0.75L third over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly (good) last month. Wide draw to overcome.
4. **JUKEBOX DANCER** - Returning from a break when 6.5L eighth over 1400m at La Teste (good-to-soft) earlier this month. Improvement expected.
5. **TABELLION** - Failed to shine when 11th over 2200m at Vannes (good-to-soft) at the end of last month. Others hold more obvious claims.
6. **AUTUMNAL** - Ended last year with a 16L ninth over 1100m in a Le Croise-Laroche (heavy) claimer in December. Best watched.
7. **WELCOME MOON** - Gelded since finishing 6.75L ninth over 1600m at Saint-Cloud (heavy) in November. Minor role likely.
8. **EXCLUSIVE BAIO** - 12L 12th over 1400m at La Teste (good-to-soft) seventeen days ago. Strong claims with cheekpieces replacing blinkers having placed at this track and trip prior.
9. **KOUKIBOY** - Midfield finish when 4L eighth over 1300m at Longchamp (good-to-soft) at the end of last month. Notable contender up slightly in distance.
10. **EMMA POINT** - Fair 6L sixth over 1600m at Compiègne (good-to-soft) eleven days ago. Likely to find a few too good.
11. **STANTO** - Lightly raced in recent years and was returning from nearly two years off when last of fifteen at this track and trip just under five weeks ago. Others preferred.
12. **MINIKING** - Successful by a nose in a course and distance event on good-to-soft ground last month. Top chance despite a 2kg rise in the weights.
13. **SUAVE STORY** - Supplemented for this having finished 6L seventh over 1600m at Compiègne (good-to-soft) eleven days ago. Step forward needed.
14. **MARKLAND** - Down the field in a 1650m handicap at Craon (good-to-soft) last week. Others make more appeal.
15. **ENTAUMRY** - Given a break since finishing a nose second in a 1300m AW handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer in February. Leading contender.
16. **BE THE MAM** - Held 5.25L eighth over 1650m at Craon (good-to-soft) nine days ago. Dropping in trip.

Summary

ENTAUMRY (15) can go one place better than when a nose second in a 1300m AW handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer. MINIKING (12) looks capable of playing a hand in the finish having won by a nose over this track and trip. Include. The return to this venue combined with the return of cheekpieces can see EXCLUSIVE BAIO (8) deliver a big effort following a disappointing performance at La Teste. KOUKIBOY (9) is another to consider with the extra distance likely to suit following a 4L eighth tackling 1300m at Longchamp.

Selections

ENTAUMRY (15) - MINIKING (12) - EXCLUSIVE BAIO (8) - KOUKIBOY (9)