Lyon-la-Soie [R-H] - 26 October

Race 1 - PRIX ROUVIGNAC - 1800m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

- 1. **MARISTO** Stepped up to 2200m last time and raced on the speed, battling on well to win at Cavaillon. Capable of another top-three finish.
- 2. **ULTIME NONANTAISE** Has been out of the placings in recent runs. Last start finished 3.5 lengths from the winner in fourth over 2150m at this track. Has ability and can do much better.
- 3. SINNDARILLO Battled last start to finish 12th over 2000m at Compiegne, adding to a sequence of plain results.
- 4. **HEWILLGET IN** Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 1700m at Pornichet on October 5. Place claims.
- 5. **AUCTAVIA FIRST** Tends to mix her results a bit although first visit to this track last start yielded a win. Should put in a bold showing on latest run.
- 6. **BREMONTIER** Has been out of the money of late including last time out when ninth over 1800m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 8 lengths. Needs more.
- 7. **AZUCARERA** Finished a mile back at her latest appearance when unwanted in betting over 1950m at Le Mans. Makes no appeal.
- 8. **CASLANA** Showed ability in the maiden campaign and is back from a spell today. At the latest outing she finished second over 1600m at Chantilly on July 2. Open to improvement and expected to feature.
- 9. **TWO DOOR SALOON** Finished fifth last start over 2000m at Compiegne when she had to contend with an awkward stall. Consider.
- 10. **KISSWOOD** Was underwhelming last start but if she can find the form that saw her finish third at Longchamp two back she is right in contention.
- 11. **FEUERHERZ** Did well to finish 1.1 lengths away in third when resuming over 1600m at Cavaillon on September 25 last start. Good return and holds claims.
- 12. **PLASNES** Out-of-form gelding who has been well beaten in both runs back from a spell. Can't recommend in this.
- 13. VICTOR LAZZLO Good effort to finish third last time over 2000m at Nancy. Interesting runner.
- 14. **RASCALLION** Unwanted in the market when resuming last start at Mont-de-Marsan over 2000m and finished tenth. Looks tested on the first up effort.
- 15. **LILOU CHOPE** Fitter for recent racing and looks close to a win after finishing fourth over 1950m at Longchamp last time. Worth including.
- 16. **MOUNIA** Was well held last start, finishing seventh over 1400m at Nancy. Yet to fire on this surface so she has the job ahead.

Summary: MARISTO (1) kept on nicely to win a Class Three conditions event over 2200m at Cavaillon seventeen days ago. Notable contender on handicap debut with first-time blinkers fitted from a good draw in stall six. AUCTAVIA FIRST (5) won a 2150m claimer here last-time-out and cannot be dismissed back in handicap company. CASLANA (8) split subsequent winners when runner-up over 1600m at Chantilly on handicap debut in July. Interesting runner. KISSWOOD (10) would hold solid each-way claims on the form of her Longchamp third last month.

Selections

MARISTO (1) - AUCTAVIA FIRST (5) - CASLANA (8) - KISSWOOD (10)

- 1. **PRINCESS DARIYA** Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished sixth over 1700m at Pornichet on October 5. Can do a lot better than that last run.
- 2. **BAILEYS BELLE STAR** Last start finished eighth over 1300m at Saint-Cloud. Has recorded just 2 victories from 24 starts. Among the chances.
- 3. **MONTASIA** Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished eighth over 1650m at Amiens on October 10. Others going much better leading into this.
- 4. **FAZZANO** Has been out of the money of late including last time out when sixth over 1800m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 6 lengths. Place likely best.
- 5. **VARINKA** Ran a better race last start to finish third at Saint-Cloud over 1600m. Nicely placed and rates highly off that run. Further improvement expected.
- 6. **MARALINKO** Finding it hard to break through, finishing seventh last time out over 2150m at this track. Can bounce back.
- 7. MILAD'ID Unwanted in betting at her last couple of outings and has performed accordingly. Not keen.
- 8. **JOYEUSE DE ROMAY** Reasonable effort last time, finishing 3 lengths back in fourth over 1400m at Nancy. Well-placed and is among the chances.
- 9. **MARE NOSTRO** Finished 11th last time out over 1600m on at Angers, beaten 31 lengths. First try on synthetic today.
- 10. **AMIBOY** Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when eighth over 2000m at Nancy two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 4 lengths. Could make amends.
- 11. **PERFECT LIAISON** In the minors three of 19 career starts but just the one win. Last start finished 11th at Nancy beaten 8 lengths. Looks tested.
- 12. **SAQSAYWAMAN** Has a poor strike rate and failed to improve on it last start when she finished eighth over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Not keen.
- 13. **BOARDING TIME** Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fourth over 2200m at Cavaillon on October 9. Nicely placed to put the record straight.
- 14. **STAR IS BORN** Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished fourth over 1700m at Divonne-les-Bains on September 3. Consider.
- 15. **CAPERCAILIE** In the money two starts back at Marseille Vivaux but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 2100m at Marseille-Borely last time. Holds claims.
- 16. **DULSIE BRIDGE** Scored two starts back but was below her best last time when 11 lengths away in tenth over 1800m at this track. Has ability and can make amends.

Summary: VARINKA (5) has run well in both handicap outings to date including when third over 1600m at Saint-Cloud a month ago. Leading hope off the same mark having been supplemented. CAPERCAILIE (15) finished third and fourth behind subsequent winners at Marseille-Borely and Marseille-Vivaux AW in recent starts. Interesting player dropped in trip. JOYEUSE DE ROMAY (8) is respected after a good handicap fourth over 1400m at Nancy. BAILEYS BELLE STAR (2) makes for place appeal.

Selections

VARINKA (5) - CAPERCAILIE (15) - JOYEUSE DE ROMAY (8) - BAILEYS BELLE STAR (2)

- 1. **GREEN CURRY** Below par last time when 12th over 1900m at Deauville AW and beaten 11 lengths. Needs to be at best form.
- 2. **ERNAN CORTES** Won two starts back at Strasbourg but was well held last start, beaten 21 lengths into 14th over 1400m at Saint-Cloud. Faces another tough assignment.
- 3. **DRAGON LOVE** Last start finished sixth over 1800m at Evreux. Has recorded just 3 victories from 39 starts. Has ability.
- 4. **POLDINA** Missed the frame two back when seventh at Chantilly AW but turned in a better effort last time to place third over 1800m at this track. Solid top-three hope.
- 5. **SAXONE** Hasn't raced since finishing 12th over 1600m at Vittel three-and-a-half months ago. Looks tested.
- 6. **MURRAYFIELD** Has been out of the winners' circle for some time. Last raced when ninth over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux, 7 lengths from the winner. Others make more appeal.
- 7. **AMANDERO** Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 37 starts. Last start scored a rare win over 1800m at this track. Well placed this time and expected to be in the finish.
- 8. **TAURUS** Below par last time when 11th over 1850m at Cologne (Germany) and beaten 16 lengths. Has ability but needs to lift.
- 9. **MUST BE AN ANGEL** Had to contend with a wide draw at her latest run and finished out of the money over 1700m at Pornichet. Needs more.
- 10. **SENEPARK** Won first up two starts ago at Chantilly AW but couldn't go on with it last start when fifth over 1900m at Deauville AW. Can improve and must be included.
- 11. **SAINT FIACRE** Not a regular in the winners' stall and hasn't scored for two-and-a-half years. Last start was a long neck away in second over 1900m at Cluny. Rates highly.
- 12. **CAPCHOP** Recent form has been pretty ordinary and he is now 659 days without a win. Finished seventh, beaten 9 lengths, in the latest outing over 1800m at this track. Cannot recommend.
- 13. **GALLARDISE** Was 17 lengths from the winner in 12th when returning from a break last start over 1800m at this track. Has a solid second up record but looks tested again.
- 14. **RIVER LILLY** Scored three runs back but has been disappointing in two subsequent efforts, the latest when fifth over 1900m at Cluny. Finds a nice race and cannot be overlooked.

Summary: AMANDERO (7) had POLDINA (4) back in second when winning a Class Four course and distance event by 2L last-time-out. The former can uphold the form on 2kg worse terms although the latter may be capable of getting closer. SAINT FIACRE (11) was just denied in a Class Four qualifying handicap over 1900m at Cluny and could go well. SENEPARK (10) is not dismissed.

Selections

AMANDERO (7) - POLDINA (4) - SAINT FIACRE (11) - SENEPARK (10)

- 1. **EDITED** Has been out of the money recently including last time out when fifth over 2000m at Marseille-Borely two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 5 lengths. Expect he will make amends.
- 2. **THE CHOSEN ONE** Has not raced since finishing 2.25 lengths away in eighth over 1600m at Chantilly AW on March 31. Should be right in the finish.
- 3. **RAVEN'S SPIRIT** Form of late has been mixed and he tackles this trip for the first time. Finished eighth last time out over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux, beaten 4 lengths. Racing okay but look elsewhere.
- 4. **GET SET** Form has dropped off in last two after a win at Saint-Malo three runs back. Likely to struggle on recent form.
- 5. **CAZALLA** Last start scored a rare win over 1800m at this track. Has recorded just 2 victories from 20 starts. Well placed this time and expected to measure up.
- 6. **TAPETEN TONI** Last appeared nine months ago when he finished 8 lengths from the winner in 13th over 1300m at Cagnes-sur-Mer AW. May need this run.
- 7. **LOCKED N' LOADED** Finished third at Saint-Cloud two runs back then turned in a handy run again when third over 1500m at Chantilly AW last start. Must be considered.
- 8. **QU'HUBO** Won two times earlier on in his prep, most recently finished fourth beaten 1.75 lengths at Marseille Vivaux over 1500m. In the mix.
- 9. **AZAMHAN** Has a poor strike rate and failed to improve on it last start when she finished 13th over 1900m at Chantilly AW. Place likely best.
- 10. **SIR SPARKALOT** Latest form hasn't been up to scratch and he is now without a win in 620 days. Could only manage 13th over 2000m at Saint-Cloud last start. Not likely to threaten.
- 11. **FRUEHLINGSBOTE** Returned in good order last start, beaten only a head when third at this track over 1800m. Not to be taken lightly.
- 12. **MIKYPHELPS** Stepping up in trip after finishing fourth over 1400m at Saint-Cloud last time out. In the right race this time and is definitely worth including.
- 13. **AMICALINO** Easily beaten at his last run before spelling and didn't fare any better when resuming over 1800m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 11 lengths into 12th. Not keen.
- 14. **MUCH STYLE** Won two starts ago then back to earth last time when fifth over 1800m at Chantilly AW. Has ability and is solid top-three hope.

Summary: A competitive handicap. A chance is taken on THE CHOSEN ONE (2) who wasn't beaten far when eighth in a Class Two handicap over 1600m at Chantilly AW last outing. Expected to put up a bold bid to defend his unbeaten course and distance record. CAZALLA (5) dead-heated for first over track and trip in a Class Three handicap last start. Key chance. Five-time AW scorer QU'HUBO (8) can be involved after two solid efforts at Marseille-Vivaux AW and LOCKED N' LOADED (7) is worth noting.

Selections

THE CHOSEN ONE (2) - CAZALLA (5) - QU'HUBO (8) - LOCKED N' LOADED (7)

- 1. **GREY D'ARS** Stepping up in trip after finishing fourth over 2150m at this track last time out. Can improve on the latest effort and is well-placed to take this out.
- 2. **ETERNAL OPTIMIST** Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished tenth over 2100m at Chantilly AW on September 29. Looks safely held on recent runs.
- 3. **PLATEADO** Below par in two runs since a win three back, last start finishing tenth over 1900m at Bordeaux. May need more.
- 4. LADYBUG Well held last start when friendless in betting over 2000m at Nancy. Makes no appeal.
- 5. **WILDER** Did a good job last start to finish just a head away in second at his first run back over 1800m at Le Croise-Laroche. Facing a tough assignment.
- 6. **CAPABLE** Has chalked-up wins at her last two starts, the latest over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux by half a length. Rates highly and can feature in the finish.
- 7. **WILLY BOY** Closed last prep in good style but was well below his best first up last time out when 11th over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly. Fitter and cannot be underestimated.
- 8. **SAINTE RITA** Scored over 2600m at Marseille-Borely two back then missed the frame last time out over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly. Worth following up.
- 9. **TARCENAY** Didn't inspire again last start, beaten 15 lengths over 2900m at Clairefontaine. Will need to improve sharply on recent form.
- 10. MOMOUR Good effort to finish third last time over 3150m at Lyon-Parilly. Leading player.
- 11. **LAQUYOOD** Started this campaign in poor form, last start finishing 11th and beaten 9 lengths over 2100m at Chantilly AW. Among the place chances.
- 12. **GALAXIE QUEST** Has just three wins to his name but in the minors a further nine times from 46 career starts. Last start finished fifth at Marseille-Borely beaten 6 lengths. Among the chances if brings best form.
- 13. MONFRERE Down the field over 2600m at Marseille-Borely last time. Last run is a concern.
- 14. **DILAR** Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished fifth over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly on October 9. In the mix.
- 15. **SUDDEN DEATH** Was below his best when resuming last start, beaten 10 lengths into seventh over 2500m at Evreux. Is a second up winner in the past and a better run is expected.
- 16. **NAMAR** Veteran galloper fitter for two runs from a spell, the latest over 2100m at Chantilly AW when won. Shortlisted.

Summary: GREY D'ARS (1) has been in decent form in recent starts including a good fourth in a Class Four claiming handicap over 2150m at this venue nineteen days ago. Leading hope with the winner having followed up subsequently. The hat-trick seeking CAPABLE (6) must enter the reckoning following a 0.5L handicap success on the AW at Marseille-Vivaux. Player with two wins from three starts in cheekpieces. WILLY BOY (7) disappointed on reappearance but would be of note on the pick his handicap form over the summer. MOMOUR (10) is hard to ignore as a seven-time winner over the trip.

Selections

GREY D'ARS (1) - CAPABLE (6) - WILLY BOY (7) - MOMOUR (10)

- 1. **NISRY** Handy gelding who finished fourth last start but was beaten only 1.5 lengths over 2500m at Hyeres. Rates highly and should run well.
- 2. **EL COMANDANTE** Drops in journey from the last start when fourth over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux, finishing 1.5 lengths off the winner. Sure to be thereabouts.
- 3. **WIEBKE** Hasn't won in 14 months. Finished third, beaten 1.5 lengths, last start over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux. Has ability and looks one of the chances.
- 4. **MISS FEYA** Five-year-old mare who drops in distance from the last start when fifth over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux, finishing 3.5 lengths off the winner. Must be respected.
- 5. **CALAS QUEEN** Continued the disappointing campaign last start when tenth and beaten 48 lengths over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly. Needs to do more.
- 6. **MASTER JACK'S** Returned from a spell and was easily accounted for when seventh over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly. No easier this time and happy to leave out.
- 7. **BROKEN TWIN** Drops in journey from the latest outing when third over 2600m at Marseille-Borely, finishing 2.5 lengths off the winner. Worth following up.
- 8. **HONGBAO** Has been inconsistent of late. Beaten 8 lengths in latest at Saint-Cloud when in the market over 2400m. Would need to improve.
- 9. **SEIRY** Has been out of the money recently including last start when ninth over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 8 lengths. Looking to others.
- 10. **LINSOUMIS** Handy stayer who has been plain of late including last start when well held over 2900m at Clairefontaine. This looks a nice assignment so expect sharp improvement.
- 11. **EMBAJADORES** Returns after a spell of six months. Form at the end of last prep was not flash, the most recent effort a tenth over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly. Doubt he will have much to offer first up.
- 12. **ITALIE DE KERSER** Stepping up in trip after finishing fourth over 2200m at Cavaillon last time out. Can improve and is worth thought.
- 13. **FEEDESREVES** Has not raced since finishing 5 lengths away in ninth over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly on June 21. Betting can guide.
- 14. **CHARMING ORO** Finished just 0.7 lengths away in fourth last start over 2400m at Biguglia. Has ability and is expected to run well again.
- 15. **ALWAYS DANCING** Finished midfield last start at Strasbourg over 2100m, 9 lengths from the winner. Stretches out over further today. Prefer to see her back in form.
- 16. **LADIE SALSA** Was underwhelming last start but if she can find the form that saw her finish third at Divonne-les-Bains two back she is right in contention.

Summary: EL COMANDANTE (2) sole success came over course and distance and he shaped well when a 1.5L fourth in a 2600m Class Four handicap at Marseille-Vivaux AW twenty-six days ago. Obvious appeal on stable debut. WIEBKE (3) finished third in that Marseille-Vivaux event and should be on the premises back down 200m. NISRY (1) can be in the mix on AW debut following a solid fourth in a claiming handicap at Hyeres. Each-way claims go the way of CHARMING ORO (14).

Selections

EL COMANDANTE (2) - WIEBKE (3) - NISRY (1) - CHARMING ORO (14)

Race 7 - PRIX DU COMITE - 2400m CLM CL4 HCP. Purse EUR €12,000.

- 1. **NINJA WONDER** Resumes from a break of five months. Finished fifth at his most recent appearance over 2400m at Compiegne. Capable of a bold showing.
- 2. **MAGNENTIUS** Narrowly beaten last time when second at this track, finishing just 0.8 lengths from the winner. Likely to feature again.
- 3. **ZARICA** Winner two back at Nancy then repeated the dose last start over 2700m at Chantilly AW. Racing well and looks a key chance.
- 4. **FERNOBOY** Fitter for recent racing and looks close to a win after finishing second over 2000m at Compiegne last time. Must be included.
- 5. **LOS ALTOS** Easily beaten at his last run before spelling and didn't fare any better when resuming over 2150m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 6 lengths into fifth. Not keen.
- 6. **ICI VINDECY** Switches to synthetic for the first time. Finished 10 lengths back in ninth on turf over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly most recently. Terrific chance to win this time.

Summary: ZARICA (3) recorded a first AW success when taking out a Class Three claiming handicap over 2700m at Chantilly a fortnight ago. Selected to complete the hat-trick in current form. MAGNENTIUS (2) has an excellent record over this distance and looks a huge player on the back of a good second to a subsequent scorer tackling 2150m here last outing. FERNOBOY (4) is respected with a first-time tongue-tie and blinkers fitted. NINJA WONDER (1) is next best.

Selections

ZARICA (3) - MAGNENTIUS (2) - FERNOBOY (4) - NINJA WONDER (1)

- 1. **CLEOD'OR** Out of character performance last time out when sixth over 2000m at Marseille-Borely, beaten 7 lengths. Better than that last effort and cannot be underestimated.
- 2. **MONA LISA** Average effort last start when 12th and beaten 8 lengths over 2000m at Vichy. Prepared to overlook that last run. Expecting sharp improvement.
- 3. **NEPALAIS** Finished second over 1800m at Le Croise-Laroche two back then missed the frame last time out over 2000m at Longchamp. Sure to be thereabouts.
- 4. **MOAI** Hasn't raced since finishing seventh over 1600m in the G3 Prix Daphnis at Deauville 14 months ago. Looks a key runner if ready for this comeback.
- 5. **ROBERTO MOUNT** Resumed over 2500m at Le Croise-Laroche last start and finished 7 lengths away in fourth. Strips fitter and expected to feature.

Summary: With 9.5kg to spare overhis nearest pursuer on official ratings MOAI (4) can make a winning return to the track. Top chance having finished a fair seventh in the G3 Prix Daphnis over 1600m at Deauville when last seen 431 days ago. NEPALAIS (3) looks the one to side with for the second spot having not been disgraced in a Class One handicap at Longchamp latest. ROBERTO MOUNT (5) and CLEOD'OR (1) can fight out the minor honours.

Selections

MOAI (4) - NEPALAIS (3) - ROBERTO MOUNT (5) - CLEOD'OR (1)