

LYON LA SOIE - 27 November

Race 1

1. **CAVAN JOA** - Off the track since disappointing over this distance in September. Prefer to watch.
2. **ESTCOURT** - Beaten a head at Pornichet 2400m last month. Should go close with a similar effort.
3. **SCARLETT OF TARA** - Second at Strasbourg 2350m earlier this month and has won at this track before. Can go well.
4. **CURVER** - Placed on four outings since a break including over course and distance 39 days ago. Likely contender.
5. **EMBAJADORES** - Course and distance winner who was third over 2150m at this track last week. Should appreciate return to this journey.
6. **GOLD BERE** - Placed on previous two runs at this track including nose second over 2150m last week. Thereabouts.
7. **PERFECT ROSE** - Without a win this year but drops down in class having finished fifth in Class two 18 days ago. Minor claims.
8. **RAJ DE BOISTRON** - Course and distance winner recently when scoring by a neck. Up in grade but not ruled out.
9. **BLUE PEGASOS** - Winner at this track two runs back and may have found drop in journey against him next time. Worth another chance.
10. **GOLDSTONE** - Out of form this campaign and makes little appeal on recent 3.5L fifth at Chantilly AW 2100m nine days ago.
11. **ROGER THE SHRUBBER** - Down the field on previous three outings and looks one to avoid.
12. **HONGBAO** - Beaten 1L when second in Class four over course and distance last month. More needed.
13. **COOKILAYONE** - Second over course and distance two runs back but lesser effort at Chantilly AW 2100m next time.
14. **GOLDPARK** - Longstanding maiden and looks vulnerable for win purposes.
15. **ZIMBALDINO** - Has been off the track since February and is likely to need this run.
16. **DEVIL'S EYE** - Two years with success and hard to recommend on recent efforts.

Summary

CURVER (4) went close without success recently including when second at this course and distance. Leading contender. RAJ DE BOISTRON (8) scored by a neck over 2400m at this track last start. Holds claims following up. GOLD BERE (6) finished a nose second in a 2150m contest at this venue. Could be involved attempting this longer journey. BLUE PEGASOS (9) can be excused for latest defeat. Respected back at this track. COOKILAYONE (13) and SCARLETT OF TARA (3) have place claims.

Selections

**CURVER (4) - RAJ DE BOISTRON (8) - GOLD BERE (6) - BLUE PEGASOS
(9) - COOKILAYONE (13) - SCARLETT OF TARA (3)**

Race 2

1. **LOOTAH** - Scored by 4L in a claimer over 2500m earlier this month. Has claims of following up.
2. **BLEUSKY** - Better effort when 2.5L third over 2150m at this track 11 days ago. Could build on that run.
3. **DECBOU** - Well beaten in a 2900m class two event last month. Prefer to watch.
4. **ZORMY** - Well beaten in two claiming runs at this track recently. Hard to consider on those efforts.
5. **FREE BREATH** - 3L handicap winner at Pau AW before second over 2000m last week. Back up in trip and can go well.
6. **SHE'S A UNICORN** - Claiming win two runs back before struggling at Chantilly 2000m last month. Could bounce back.
7. **GOMMERVILLE** - Well beaten on return to action at Chantilly AW 1900m three weeks ago. Could finish closer switched to a claimer.
8. **NIKOFOTO** - Improved effort when third in a handicap over 2150m at this track last week. Can be competitive.
9. **THALYA DU WAL** - Drops in class having struggled in Class 1 race at Saint Cloud earlier this month. Needs to improve.
10. **KUNDRIE** - 0.3L second over course and distance two runs back and can be considered on that effort.

Summary

FREE BREATH (5) scored by 3L over this distance two runs back before finishing second at Pau in a 2000m contest next time. Back up in trip and holds leading claims. BLEUSKY (2) improved when third at this track over 2150m. Could go well with a similar effort. LOOTAH (1) was a 4L winner over 2500m in latest and is respected despite this shorter journey. KUNDRIE (10) is not without a chance judging on a course and distance second two outings ago.

Selections

FREE BREATH (5) - BLEUSKY (2) - LOOTAH (1) - KUNDRIE (10)

Race 3

1. **WINMAN IN GREY** - Class three winner at Compiègne 2400m last month when scoring by 1.75L. Strong chance to strike again.
2. **BRUNLUKKA** - Still a maiden but placed on previous two outings. Could be involved.
3. **OUTRUNNER** - Well beaten recently and has shown limited ability so far. More required.
4. **HUANG HO** - All the way 0.8L success at Pau AW 2400m last month. Likely contender if in the same form.
5. **SOWGAY** - Without a win this year but has found the frame on a handful occasions. Could prove vulnerable on this surface.
6. **ZITA DES ECHANULT** - Unable to land a blow over course and distance on recent starts and may struggle again.
7. **YONCA** - Shown very limited ability in four runs so far and makes little appeal.
8. **ISLANDOR** - Without a win this year but ran with credit when fourth over this distance last month Pau AW. Could find a place.
9. **MISTER MARIO** - Longstanding maiden who looks unlikely to be gaining a first victory in this.
10. **ABORIGENE** - Out of form recently and is hard to fancy despite this drop in class.
11. **MOUHJIM** - May have needed the run when returning at Saint Cloud earlier this month. Needs to take a step forward.
12. **FAMILY MONEY** - Well beaten on return at Pont De Vivaux but could prove fitter for the run.
13. **DANSE A RIO** - Two years without a victory and could prove vulnerable once again.
14. **BOLD DINO** - Unplaced in eight career starts and impossible to include on current form.
15. **ONE YOUMZAIN** - Has not be able to prove ability still remains on efforts this year. Makes little appeal.
16. **XELLENT** - Back to form when second at Nancy 1950m two weeks ago and could pick up minor honours.

Summary

WINMAN IN GREY (1) scored in Class three company with a 1.75L success at Compiègne over 2400m. Could be hard to beat at this level. HUANG HO (4) made all the running when winning at Pau at this distance recently and may be difficult to pass if getting an easy lead. BRUNLUKKA (2) is yet to win but placed on her last two starts. Can be competitive. XELLENT (16) finished second at Nancy over 1950m. May find another place. FAMILY MONEY (12) and ISLANDOR (8) complete the shortlist.

Selections

**WINMAN IN GREY (1) - HUANG HO (4) - BRUNLUKKA (2) - XELLENT (16)
- FAMILY MONEY (12) - ISLANDOR (8)**

Race 4

1. **INCENDIERE** - Sixth in a Class 2 race over 1600m last month. Back in a handicap but needs to improve.
2. **TALISMAN TOUCH** - Off the mark by 4L in a maiden at Durtal 2000m last time. More to come in handicaps.
3. **ZERO MAYBE HERO** - Likely to have needed the run when seventh over 2150m at this track last week. Should prove fitter for the run.
4. **KATAFONIC** - Finished second on previous two outings including when beaten 4L at Lyon-Parilly three weeks ago. Thereabouts.
5. **BOKEN** - Down the field in a handicap at Saint-Cloud 1600m earlier this month. Would like to see more.
6. **ERNAN CORTES** - Claiming win at this track two runs back but could only finish sixth at Chantilly AW 1900m next time. Return to this track may help.
7. **THANIELLA** - Last of sixteen in a handicap at Chantilly AW 1600m recently. Longer journey could see an improved effort.
8. **EXPLORAR** - Four-time winner this campaign but is yet to prove himself at this distance. Fair record on the AW and should go well.
9. **JACK O'BOY** - Finished fourth on previous two outings both in claimers. Could find a place judged on 3L third at Durtal 2000m.
10. **BEAUTIFUL TIMING** - Well beaten on last two outings and nine-race maiden could prove vulnerable once again.
11. **TRIPOO** - Better effort when beaten 6L into third in a claimer at Nancy 1950m three weeks ago. Could find a place.
12. **BASTILLE FORLONGE** - Ten-race maiden who has plenty to find judged on recent efforts. Others are preferred.
13. **BERING PALACE** - Fair effort when beaten 5L into fifth at Saint-Cloud 1600m on return. Should improve for that.

Summary

KATAFONIC (4) was beaten 4L second at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m. May go one place better. EXPLORAR (8) maintains a good record on this surface though is yet to win at this distance. Holds chances. TALISMAN TOUCH (2) scored by 4L in a maiden at Durtal. Could have more to offer now switching to handicaps. BOKEN (5) struggled at Saint-Cloud over 1600m. Might find this test more suitable.

Selections

KATAFONIC (4) - EXPLORAR (8) - TALISMAN TOUCH (2) - BOKEN (5)

Race 5

1. **LE PETIT GEGENE** - Scored by 2L in a maiden at Cholet 2950m last month. Could have more to offer in handicaps.
2. **ANNODYME** - Finished third in a maiden over 3200m at Le Croise when beaten a neck. Should be competitive.
3. **AYDA** - Has not been able to build on a victory three runs back. Can look elsewhere.
4. **PETOCHE** - Returning from a break when third over 2200m earlier this month. Should be fitter this time and can improve.
5. **BLEKARAIN** - Class 3 winner at Nancy 1950m a fortnight ago when scoring by 5L. Upped in trip but not ruled out.
6. **AMIATA** - Out of form recently and finished sixth at this track over 2150m. Needs to rediscover best form.
7. **GARIGLIANO** - Maiden who was beaten 1.75L at Chantilly AW 2700m three weeks ago. Can be involved.
8. **PETIT BISCUIT** - Five-race maiden who is yet to find a place. Needs to improve for this longer journey.
9. **CHRISTINA** - Struggled in a maiden over 2500m 54 days ago. Hard to consider on that effort.
10. **WALHALLA** - Last of thirteen at this track earlier in the month. Makes little appeal.
11. **AMICALINA** - Nine-race maiden who again looks vulnerable.

Summary

LE PETIT GEGENE (1) was off the mark in a 2950m maiden at Cholet by 2L. Moves into handicaps and could have more to offer. ANNODYME (2) showed ability in recent outings including when beaten a neck over 3200m. Open to further improvement. In the mix. PETOCHE (4) might prove fitter for recent run over 2200m finishing third. May secure another placing. BLEKARAIN (5) scored by 5L at Nancy though will have stamina questions to answer at this distance.

Selections

LE PETIT GEGENE (1) - ANNODYME (2) - PETOCHE (4) - BLEKARAIN (5)

Race 6

1. **JACQUES COEUR** - Seventh in a claimer over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly in September. Stamina to prove.
2. **PALIMERO** - German winner who was sixth over 1700m earlier this month. Could be an interesting runner.
3. **GREAT DEAL** - Sixth of eight at Saint Cloud 1600m last month. Should find this easier and not ruled out.
4. **CLASSIC MIND** - Still a maiden and was well beaten on his only run at this track. Hard to consider.
5. **VEGA MAGIC** - 2L winner over 2150m at this track 11 days ago. Not without a chance dropped in journey.
6. **TRUE PEARL** - Unplaced in four runs and looks to plenty to find.
7. **NYAKIM** - Landed a handicap by a nose at Nancy 1350m two weeks ago. Stamina concerns at this journey.
8. **RHODE BAY** - Well beaten in a handicap at Chantilly AW 1900m earlier this month but previous form in claimers gives him a chance.
9. **BOURDAIN** - Showed limited ability in four runs so far and would prefer to see more before including.
10. **ARROGANTE** - May have needed the run at Compiègne last month. Drops in class but needs to improve.
11. **PRINCESSE ILIA** - Missed the frame in a couple of handicaps recently but could finish closer in a claimer.
12. **SOFT MELODY** - Eleven-race maiden who could prove vulnerable. May find a place.
13. **AFTER RAIN SUN** - Below best in two runs since a break and best watched on this occasion.
14. **SHISO** - 1.5L second on return from a break over 1700m at Montier-En-Der. Should be fitter.

Summary

VEGA MAGIC (5) scored by 2L at this track over 2150m in latest. Maintains strong claims despite tackling a shorter journey. GREAT DEAL (3) finished sixth at Saint Cloud but might find this easier and is not discounted. NYAKIM (7) produced a narrow win at Nancy in a 1350m contest. Rates a chance if stamina holds out. RHODE BAY (8) proved unable to get involved in a competitive 1900m handicap at Chantilly. Consider revisiting a claimer. PALIMERO (2) and JACQUES COEUR (1) might also feature.

Selections

**VEGA MAGIC (5) - GREAT DEAL (3) - NYAKIM (7) - RHODE BAY (8) -
PALIMERO (2) - JACQUES COEUR (1)**

Race 7

1. **MISS BELIEVE** - Finished fourth in a claimer at Chantilly AW 1600m earlier this month when beaten 2L. Likely to need more.
2. **KAMARON** - May have found 2400m against him last time and previous third would give him a chance.
3. **BY THE WAY** - Has been off the track since finishing fifth at Deauville 2000m in May. Likely to need this run.
4. **POET'S BLACK** - Missed the frame when fourth in a handicap over 2400m at this track 11 days ago. Could find a place.
5. **LIGHT IN THE DARK** - May prove fitter when seventh at Angers 2300m last month. Needs to take a step forward.
6. **LA JAVANAISE** - Could not complete a hat-trick when sixth over 2500m at Le Croise-Laroche. Two from two at this track and could bounce back.
7. **JUPYRA** - Won both starts including over 2350m this month at Machecoul. Tougher race but should go well.

Summary

LA JAVANAISE (6) won both her starts at this track. Ran only sixth last time over 2500m. May return to best form revisiting this venue. JUPYRA (7) secured victory on both career outings so far including by 1L in a 2350m contest. Could have further improvement to come. POET'S BLACK (4) missed the frame when fourth here over 2400m. May sneak a placing. KAMARON (2) drops back in trip and is not without a chance.

Selections

LA JAVANAISE (6) - JUPYRA (7) - POET'S BLACK (4) - KAMARON (2)