

## LA TESTE DE BUCH - 28 April

### Race 1

1. **DUCK'S BOUILLE** - Third at Royan beaten 21L on hurdle debut over 3500m ten days ago. Can improve.
2. **LYSON DES AIGLES** - Winner on the flat in February at Machecoul two outings back and can be considered on hurdle debut.
3. **JUST A GAME** - Unraced three-year-old filly by Kingston Hill. One to note for a leading yard.
4. **NINABELA HAS** - Seventh on debut at Auteuil in a 3000m newcomers hurdle three weeks ago. This is a significant class drop.
5. **COMETE DU BRIZAIS** - Fell on hurdle debut at Fontainebleau eight days ago in a 3000m claimer. Best watched.

### Summary

NINABELA HAS (4) drops in grade following a 13L seventh over 3000m at Auteuil on debut. This looks a more suitable event and rates highly with progression expected for a top yard. Stablemate JUST A GAME (3) is a yet to race three-year-old filly by Kingston Hill. Respected for this trainer. LYSON DES AIGLES (2) won on the flat in February. Not to be ruled out on initial hurdling attempt. DUCK'S BOUILLE (1) could improve on her first career effort. Completes the shortlist representing a good stable.

### Selections

**NINABELA HAS (4) - JUST A GAME (3) - LYSON DES AIGLES (2) - DUCK'S BOUILLE (1)**

## Race 2

1. **TOY ROOM** - Fifth at Bordeaux on return in a 1200m handicap beaten 5L. Entitled to improve second up.
2. **VISIR IZNOGUD** - Sixth at Bordeaux in a 1200m handicap beaten 6.5L behind a couple of these rivals. Place claims.
3. **MOUNTAIN GUARD** - Eighth at Bordeaux in a class four 1400m event beaten 12L. Will need significant progress.
4. **SAINTE COLERE** - Well beaten when 15L ninth at Bordeaux eighteen days ago. Needs significant improvement.
5. **EVERSWEET** - Won at Senonnes in a handicap by 1.5L over 1350m a fortnight ago. Won with ease and not ruled out down in trip.
6. **KANNON** - Fifth at Marseille Vivaux in a claimer over 1500m beaten 5.25L. Down in trip on stable debut.
7. **WINK OLIVER** - Third at Royan in a claimer beaten 1.5L over 1600m. May find this tough back into a handicap.
8. **KENTISH WALTZ** - Sixth at Fontainebleau in a 1100m handicap beaten 1.25L. Proven sprinter and has to be considered off the same mark.
9. **BECQUAMIS** - Ninth at Salon-de-Provence beaten 2.5L in a 1100m handicap. Better than the bare result and may improve.
10. **ORKAAN** - Behind a number of these on comeback run at Senonnes in a handicap beaten 12L. Will need to improve.
11. **BASSIM** - Sixth at Senonnes beaten 3.25L over 1350m in a handicap two weeks ago. Not ruled out dropped 0.5kg.
12. **FLYLEYF** - Third on return from a break at Bordeaux beaten 3.5L in a 1200m handicap. 1kg drop in the weights a positive.
13. **QAYES** - Seventh at Salon-de-Provence beaten 4.75L over 1100m in a handicap. Not out of this.
14. **VENUSSIO** - Beaten distances in three starts this campaign and impossible to fancy.

### Summary

EVERSWEET (5) ran out a comfortable 1.5L winner of a 1350m handicap at Senonnes. Top chance down in trip. The 1kg drop in the weight looks a positive for FLYLEYF (12) following a 3.5L third in a Bordeaux handicap on reappearance. One to note. Proven sprinter KENTISH WALTZ (8) warrants respect racing off the same mark after a fair 1.25L sixth at Fontainebleau. KANNON (6) may have more to offer down in journey on stable debut.

### Selections

**EVERSWEET (5) - FLYLEYF (12) - KENTISH WALTZ (8) - KANNON (6)**

## Race 3

1. **MINAKIYA** - Solid fourth at Nantes in a hurdle beaten 7.5L over 3500m. Key player into a handicap.
2. **MOI PRESIDENTE** - Won at Angers in a maiden hurdle over 3400m by 0.5L last December. Unexposed for handicap debut.
3. **GIORGINA** - Sixth at Auteuil in July in a 3500m conditions hurdle beaten 21L. Numerous winners came from that race however. Cannot be ignored.
4. **BLACKWOOD** - Third beaten 7.5L at Nantes in a conditions hurdle over 3500m a month ago. Not out of this.
5. **SOLEIADO** - Fifth at Toulouse in a hurdle beaten 9.5L over 3500m. Handicap debut but may need a bit more.
6. **VALSYS** - Sixth at Auteuil in a 3500m claiming hurdle beaten 16L. Resuming after 188 days and may need more.
7. **POPLAR SQUARE** - Sixth at Toulouse in a 3500m conditions hurdle beaten 11L three weeks back. More needed.
8. **FOLIMANKA** - Fourth after a break at this venue over 3400m beaten 7L in a conditions hurdle. Can improve.
9. **HAUT DE GAMME** - Well beaten at a country track seventeen days ago and not an obvious winner.
10. **GOUD CHOP** - Down the field at Royan in a conditions hurdle beaten 18L over 3500m ten days ago. More required.
11. **ARMITAGE** - Fifth at Royan in a 3500m conditions hurdle ten days ago and needs to improve on handicap debut.

## Summary

MINAKIYA (1) produced a 7.5L fourth in a 3500m Nantes hurdle. Top chance with more to come on handicap debut for a leading trainer. BLACKWOOD (4) finished just ahead of the former when third in that event. Bold bid can be expected with a similar effort. The improving MOI PRESIDENTE (2) scored by 0.5L in a 3400m maiden hurdle at Angers. One to note. GIORGINA (3) was behind a handful of subsequent winners when sixth in a conditions hurdle at Auteuil. Not to be ruled out.

## Selections

**MINAKIYA (1) - BLACKWOOD (4) - MOI PRESIDENTE (2) - GIORGINA (3)**

## Race 4

1. **JANECHOPE** - Ninth at Toulouse over 2100m in a handicap beaten 11L. Should appreciate a return to claiming company.
2. **ILLOIS** - Fourth at Tarbes in a claimer beaten 8.75L over 2100m. Unexposed and one to note for a top yard.
3. **ALTAR OF THE SUN** - Sixth at Tarbes beaten 9.75L over 2100m in a claimer. May need a bit more.
4. **RHUMTEQCAHOUTTE** - Ninth at Bordeaux in a newcomers race beaten 9.5L over 1900m. Bit more needed despite the drop to claiming level.
5. **SUNNERY** - Eighth at Toulouse in a newcomers race beaten 14L. Significant improvement needed.
6. **ALLSET** - Tried to make all at Tarbes in a claimer beaten 5.25L into third over 2100m. Solid claims.
7. **ALIZAY** - Third in a country track maiden beaten 3.25L after racing close up over 1800m. Unexposed.
8. **FALADO** - Down the field at Pau in a claimer and not an obvious winner.
9. **LE TERRIBLE CAT** - Well beaten at Tarbes in a claimer over 2100m on debut. Passed over.
10. **GREEN SWIFT** - Twelfth on return at Bordeaux over 1900m beaten 12L. Could improve into a claimer second up.
11. **PLUS GRANDIR** - Seventh at Marseille Vivaux in a maiden beaten 9L. Debut for new yard but does need to improve.
12. **RUE JONAS** - Sixth at Nantes thirty days ago in a handicap beaten 7.5L. Second has won since and the drop to a claimer makes her of interest.
13. **TETE D'OR** - Minimal promise in two Royan maidens to date. Passed over.

### Summary

ALLSET (6) attempted to make all when 5.25L third in a 2100m claimer at Tarbes. Strong claims with more patient tactics likely and further improvement possible for a leading yard. The unexposed ALIZAY (7) finished third in a country track maiden when beaten 3.25L tackling 1800m. Warrants respect up in trip. JANECHOPE (1) is considered with the drop back to claiming level a positive. ILLOIS (2) could have more to offer representing a good stable. Not to be discounted.

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<b>ALLSET (6) - ALIZAY (7) - JANECHOPE (1) - ILLOIS (2)</b>
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## Race 5

1. **THE MAGIC MAN** - Sixth at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m in a class three beaten 6L. Could improve.
2. **GRILO** - Sixth at Bordeaux beaten 6.25L in a handicap after trying to make all. Interesting down in class.
3. **KUKO** - Well beaten at Pau in November and this looks tough.
4. **INCOGNITO** - Ninth at Loudeac in this class beaten 21L. Massive improvement requirement.
5. **TROP DE CHARME** - Fifth at Mont de Marsan beaten 5.5L over 2000m in a higher class. Solid claims down a level.
6. **PARDONNE MOI** - Beaten nearly 40L at Bordeaux in this class. Has subsequently been gelded but needs to find a lot of improvement.
7. **MARLOW MAN** - Fifth at a country track beaten 1.5L in a claimer over 1800m. Unexposed and could be considered.
8. **DREAM OF STARS** - Won at Mont-de-Marsan in a higher class in March by 1L over 2450m. Bred to be significantly better than this and the one to beat.
9. **STEVE MALPIC** - Wasn't disgraced on debut when sixth at Craon beaten 11L. Not out of this second up.
10. **BAFAITI** - Shown very little in two career outings and easily passed.
11. **SCHWANENSEE** - Showed promise in first two career outings but disappointed on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud. Could bounce back on better ground.
12. **HAGWAAT** - Beaten 50L at Royal on return but was fourth at Clairefontaine over 2400m beaten 6L in a newcomers race. Could bounce back.
13. **TRACY** - Showed promise on debut when twelfth beaten 6.25L over 1900m. Has found a winnable opening for her return.
14. **CHARTWELL** - Well beaten at Royan last time and passed over.
15. **COQUINE DU NINIAN** - Beaten 80L at Machecoul latest and impossible to fancy.
16. **SASSENACH** - Filly by Canford Cliffs who makes her belated return. Best watched.
17. **VALENTINE NINIAN** - Sixth at Bordeaux beaten 6.25L in a handicap over 1900m. Interesting down in class.
18. **TITE PRINCESSE** - Filly by Elusive City making her debut and easily dismissed.

### Summary

DREAM OF STARS (8) won second up at Mont-de-Marsan in a higher class. This well bred daughter of Sea the Stars may prove better than her rivals. THE MAGIC MAN (1) returned at Mont-de-Marsan with a 6L defeat in a class three 2450m event. Can improve second up. SCHWANENSEE (11) disappointed at the end of her three year old campaign. Placed twice prior to this. Consider. TRACY (13) was beaten 6.25L on debut at Deauville. Set to find this much easier.

### Selections

**DREAM OF STARS (8) - THE MAGIC MAN (1) - SCHWANENSEE (11) - TRACY (13)**

## Race 6

1. **ALMAFJAR** - Won at Tarbes in a conditions race over 1500m by 2L. Up in class but can be considered.
2. **ABBES** - Ended last campaign at Saint-Cloud when a neck second in the 2000m G1 Arabian Trophy Des Poulains. Top claims on return.
3. **SAFI AL ZAMAN** - Fifth at Toulouse in a 2100m conditions event and unlikely to feature.
4. **MUNIR DU SOLEIL** - Won by 3L in a valuable race in Qatar. Cannot be ruled out.
5. **ALSAHER** - Third beaten 1.25L in the 2000m G1 Arabian Trophy Des Poulains at Saint-Cloud in October. Significant chance.
6. **HOGGAR DE L'ARDUS** - Impressive winner at Toulouse in March by 5.5L over 2100m. Stepping up in class but holds claims.
7. **SOKO** - Second at Toulouse in November in a 2000m conditions race. Needs a bit more.
8. **ALRAZEEN** - Makes his debut in a tough contest and easily passed over.
9. **HAOUDA DE NIELLANS** - Down the field twelve days ago at this venue. Impossible to fancy.

### Summary

ABBES (2) just missed victory in the Saint Cloud G1 Arabian Trophy Des Poulains in October over 2000m. ALSAHER (5) was third on that occasion. Both drop from G1 level and can battle out the finish. HOGGAR DE L'ARDUS (6) impressed when winning at Toulouse in March by 5.5L in a conditions race. Up in class and could be considered. MUNIR DU SOLEIL (4) won at Doha in Qatar in a valuable handicap. Holds claims.

### Selections

**ABBES (2) - ALSAHER (5) - HOGGAR DE L'ARDUS (6) - MUNIR DU SOLEIL (4)**

## Race 7

1. **GOUT SUCRE** - Tenth beaten 8.5L in a class two over 1600m. Back into a maiden but may require more.
2. **KING SOLOMON** - Seventh at Nantes beaten 8.25L over 1600m on debut eighteen days ago. Entitled to improve but will need to.
3. **CRYSTAL AWAY** - Fourth at Toulouse in a handicap beaten 7L over 2100m. Place claims back into a maiden.
4. **KENDY TIME** - Ninth beaten 11L on debut in a 1600m maiden here five weeks ago. Needs to improve.
5. **BALEGRIO** - Beaten a distance at Royan in March in a maiden. Impossible to fancy.
6. **VIYELNA** - Fifth at Toulouse in a 1600m newcomers maiden four weeks ago beaten 10L. Entitled to improve. Top claims for a leading yard.
7. **BENGALI** - Fifth at this venue over 200m shorter beaten 2.75L in a maiden. One to note.
8. **VERBENA** - Ninth at Pau AW on return beaten 15L over 1600m on French debut in January. Needs a lot more.
9. **LOU BALICOT** - Showed little promise on debut at Toulouse in a 1600m maiden last November. Others preferred.
10. **JENEREGRETTERIEN** - Fifth on return at Tarbes beaten 3.75L in a maiden over 1500m. Should feature up in trip.
11. **UNRUFFLED** - Sixth at Tarbes in a maiden beaten 4.75L over 1500m. Has to be considered.
12. **RUE DES IRLANDAIS** - Unraced filly by Outstrip. Market can guide.
13. **TRANSCENDENTAL** - Unraced filly by Goken. Not discounted for a good yard.

### Summary

VIYELNA (6) shaped with promise when 10L fifth in a newcomers maiden at Toulouse. This daughter of Siyouni could improve for the experience and rates highly representing a top yard. UNRUFFLED (11) produced a 4.75L sixth in a 1500m maiden at Tarbes. Warrants respect upped in journey for a good stable. Similar comments apply to JENEREGRETTERIEN (10) who finished just ahead of the former at Tarbes. One to note. TRANSCENDENTAL (13) requires a market check on debut for a good trainer.

### Selections

**VIYELNA (6) - UNRUFFLED (11) - JENEREGRETTERIEN (10) - TRANSCENDENTAL (13)**

## Race 8

1. **FRISSON BLEUE** - Second at Toulouse in November beaten a head. Two from three over this course and distance. Consider.
2. **DIVIN DE CAJUS** - Resuming after a 633 day break. Was second at Zonza in August 2019 but likely to need this.
3. **FREE VOLO** - Third on return at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m beaten 4L. Fitter second up and holds a chance.
4. **HARRY DE LA BRUNIE** - Fourth beaten 6L at Toulouse in November over 2400m after trying to make all. Could be dangerous if getting the lead.
5. **MANGHO** - Second beaten a neck at Tarbes over 2300m in a conditions race two weeks ago. Can place.
6. **FOU DU PECOS** - Well beaten on all recent outings and is easily dismissed.
7. **GRAVURE ANGLAISE** - Fifth at Tarbes behind a number of these rivals in a 2300m conditions race beaten 3.5L. Needs a bit more on season return.
8. **ENTOINETTE D'AYZA** - Showed little on comeback run at Mont-de-Marsan and would need massive improvement.
9. **GOLD DE LA BRUNIE** - Fifth at Toulouse beaten 7.25L over 2400m in a conditions race. Likely to need more on season return.
10. **ENVOL DE TANUES** - Fourth on return at Mont-de-Marsan beaten 5.25L a month ago. Entitled to improve.
11. **ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE** - Second at Mont-de-Marsan beaten 0.5L over 2450m. Similar class and cannot be dismissed.
12. **PRINCE DU MAS** - Better effort second up at Tarbes when fifth beaten 2.5L over 2300m. This is a tougher contest however.
13. **HORIZON D'ESTIVAUX** - Solid return when placing at Bordeaux but struggled since when seventh at Mont-de-Marsan. Needs to improve.
14. **SILAS ANGEL** - Fifth at Mont-de-Marsan behind a number of these rivals. Will need to improve.
15. **EUGENE DE TANUES** - Well beaten on comeback run and would need to show a lot more second up.
16. **HAYA DE FAUST** - Down the field at Mont-de-Marsan and has lengths to find with a number of these.
17. **AIR DE MUSIC** - Beat a number of re-opposing rivals at Mont-de-Maran a month ago tackling 2450m and is the one to beat again.

### Summary

AIR DE MUSIC (17) found success by 0.5L at Mont-de-Marsan over 2450m beating ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE (11). Both are expected to be close at the finish again. FRISSON BLEUE (1) ended his previous campaign with a good second beaten a head at Toulouse. That contest was won by Air de Music. Big claims first up. HARRY DE LA BRUNIE (4) was fourth in that event after trying to make all. Could prove dangerous from the front. Include.

### Selections

**AIR DE MUSIC (17) - ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE (11) - FRISSON BLEUE (1) - HARRY DE LA BRUNIE (4)**



## Race 9

1. **LE BASTAN** - Scored by 1.25L in this grade and trip at Bordeaux prior to a below par effort under the same conditions. Key contender if bouncing back.
2. **JOE BLINING** - Held on reappearance and yet to find the frame racing on turf. Look elsewhere.
3. **CARDIEL** - Well beaten on both starts this campaign. Others preferred.
4. **SUGAR BREEZE** - Narrow runner up in a class four claimer at Loudeac ten days ago. Not ruled out back in a handicap.
5. **NOCTIS MAJ** - Veteran who was well held in ninth over this journey at Bordeaux 26 days ago. Others preferred.
6. **VIM** - 1L second in a class four handicap over 2300m at Tarbes 24 days back. Shortlisted in the same grade off the same mark.
7. **CURLY CHOP** - Good third at Tarbes prior to a disappointing effort over 2000m here. Not ruled out if bouncing back.
8. **ISLANDOR** - Held on last five outings and may need mark to slide further.
9. **ROYAL BOWL** - Inconsistent sort who would have claims on his front-running fourth over 2300m at Tarbes two runs back.
10. **PROPHETS PRIDE** - 2.25L sixth in a 2000m class four handicap twelve days ago here. Each way claims on just second start at this venue.
11. **HEMIARTON** - Well beaten over 2000m in this grade twelve days ago. Place claims on earlier efforts.
12. **SHAKSTORMY** - 3.5L tenth in a class four handicap over 2100m at Toulouse. Outside place claims back up in trip.
13. **QUILARO** - 2.5L fifth over 3100m at Saint-Cloud a fortnight ago. Key player eased in class and distance.
14. **MISTER GABRIEL** - Unplaced in nineteen starts. Look elsewhere.

### Summary

LE BASTAN (1) scored by 1.25L tackling this grade and trip at Bordeaux prior to a below par effort under the same conditions. Leading contender if bouncing back. QUILARO (13) produced a 2.5L fifth over 3100m at Saint-Cloud a fortnight ago. Key player eased in class and journey. VIM (6) finished 1L second in a class four 2300m handicap at Tarbes. Warrants respect in the same grade off the same mark. CURLY CHOP (7) was a good third at Tarbes prior to a disappointing run over 2000m here. May bounce back.

### Selections

**LE BASTAN (1) - QUILARO (13) - VIM (6) - CURLY CHOP (7)**

## Race 10

1. **SENOR CHARLY** - Second on return at Toulouse in a handicap over 2100m. Fitter second up and been dropped 0.5kg. Holds claims.
2. **ICE KEN** - Third at Bordeaux in a class three event beaten 3.25L after finishing strongly. May need a bit more back into a handicap.
3. **GOLDEN BRIDGE** - Well beaten at Bordeaux over 2400m in a handicap. Very difficult to fancy on that evidence.
4. **FLUTE EN SOL** - Fifth at Bordeaux in a class three race beaten 4L over 2400m. Has dropped 2kg from last time in a handicap. Holds claims.
5. **PANDEMONIUM** - Made a lot of the running when winning at Bordeaux in a handicap over 3000m. Has been raised 2kg however. In the mix.
6. **VAN HALO** - Thirteenth at Deauville (AW) in a 1900m handicap but only beaten 6.5L. Better than the bare result and could be considered.
7. **FIAMELCA DOLOISE** - Eighth at Pau AW beaten 6L in February over 2400m. Small break to overcome and requires more.
8. **MR BOLD** - Eighth at Toulouse in a handicap beaten 7L over 2100m. Needs the step up in trip to bring improvement.
9. **FRENCH PLAISIR** - Well beaten at Pau in February in a AW handicap and not an obvious winner.
10. **REDLAKE** - Fourth at Ponrichet over 2100m beaten 8.25L in a claimer. Back into a handicap and debut for new trainer.
11. **SISSI DOLOISE** - Eighth at Bordeaux on comeback run beaten 6.5L in a handicap over 2400m. Has been dropped 1kg and can be fitter second up.
12. **GIRLY PEARL** - Second at this venue over 2000m beaten 1L in a handicap. Time before made all the running to win. Should feature up in trip.
13. **BABY DES CHAMPS** - Eighth at Royan in a class four 2300m event beaten 12L. This is much tougher.
14. **CELTIC GLORY** - Eighth at Bordeaux behind a number of these rivals when beaten 11L over 3000m. The return to 2400m looks to be a positive.

### Summary

SENOR CHARLY (1) made a solid return when runner up at Toulouse in a 2100m handicap beaten a neck. Holds a good record tackling 2400m and can be fitter second up. PANDEMONIUM (5) won a Bordeaux 3000m handicap by 1L. Only up 2kg and not to be discounted down in trip. CELTIC GLORY (14) struggled up in journey behind Pandemonium. Placed at Bordeaux the time before attempting 2400m. Consider revisiting this trip. GIRLY PEARL (12) finished 1L second in a 2000m handicap. Holds claims facing an increased in distance.

### Selections

**SENOR CHARLY (1) - PANDEMONIUM (5) - CELTIC GLORY (14) - GIRLY PEARL (12)**