MARSEILLE VIVAUX [L-H] - 28 November

Race 1 - PRIX DES CRIQUES - 1500m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

- 1. **SO GOLD** Has not raced since finishing a long neck away in second over 1400m at Moulins on August 12. Winning chance while fresh.
- 2. **PRIME ELIOT** Racing well and although without a win has been in the money twice from three races. Finished second at his most recent appearance over 1500m at this track. Leading chance.
- 3. **LE TROPIC** On debut last start but missed the placings finishing sixth over 1200m at Nimes. Big improvement needed.
- 4. **MACHITO** Finished third over 1204m at Redcar two back then missed the frame last time out over 1421m at Southwell All Weather. French debut. Worth following up for leading stable.
- 5. WAZIERS Ran a better race last start to finish second over 1200m at Nimes. Won't be far away.
- 6. **OPERA** Last start but could only manage fourth beaten 6 lengths over 1200m at Nimes. Stretches out in trip. Better for that experience and can improve.
- 7. **GO JOHNNY GO GO GO** Has been about the mark of late filling a minor placing at this track two runs back then finishing third last start over 1200m at Nimes. Each way.
- 8. **MARIE** Debuted at this track three-and-a-half weeks ago and turned in a handy run when 2.5 lengths away in second over 1500m. Rates highly and can go on with it.
- 9. **KYNADA** Debut last start before finishing sixth beaten 5 lengths.
- 10. ISADORA Unraced filly by Showcasing out of Iowa Falls. Happy to risk this time.
- 11. KALEOMIYA Unraced filly by Recoletos out of Bamiya. Prepared to watch this time.

Summary: SO GOLD (1) finished runner-up in a 1400m Moulins maiden beaten a long-neck. Comes here after four straight placings and finds a good opening to break his maiden. PRIME ELIOT (2) was 1.5L second over course and distance in a maiden. Progressing with each outing and now wearing first time ear plugs. WAZIERS (5) managed second missing by 3L at Nimes in a 1200m maiden ahead of re-opposing rivals. May go well. MARIE (8) produced a good debut tackling track and trip in a claimer 2.5L second. More than capable of improving second up.

Selections

SO GOLD (1) - PRIME ELIOT (2) - WAZIERS (5) - MARIE (8)

- 1. **LAWRENCE** Missed the frame two back when eighth at Deauville but turned in a better effort last time to finish in the money over 1200m at Nimes. Hard to beat on that latest effort.
- 2. **DRAGON LOVE** Put the writing on the wall last start when he finished a close second at Chantilly All Weather over 1600m. Shapes as a key runner.
- 3. **MYSTICAL PRINCE** Last start finished 12th over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Has recorded 8 victories from 112 starts. Outside claims.
- 4. **MAKALIA** Was underwhelming last start but if she can find the form that saw her finish second at this track two back she is right in contention.
- 5. **ART PREMIER** Has been safely held at his last few runs the latest a well-beaten 11th over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Has ability and is an each way.
- 6. **ENZO** Hasn't won in 14 months. Finished fourth beaten 3.5 lengths last start over 1500m at this track. Has ability and looks one of the major players.
- 7. **GIANTISSIME** Resuming from a spell. Yet to find the placings in three first-up runs. Likely to need this outing.
- 8. **MURRAYFIELD** Hasn't won in 15 months. Finished seventh beaten 10 lengths last start over 2000m at this track. Looking to others.
- 9. **TOUTELUSIVE** Finding it hard to break through finishing fifth last time out over 1200m at Nimes. Unlikely to threaten.
- 10. **NIGHT OF THE OPERA** Finished tenth last start over 1200m at Nimes. Winner three starts back but struggled past two. Is a previous course and distance winner.
- 11. **ENJOY THE SILENCE** Finds it hard to win. Last start finished fourth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie beaten 1.5 lengths. Well placed to play a major role. Each way.
- 12. **MEHANYDREAM** Has been safely held at his last few runs the latest a well-beaten 12th over 1400m at Le Mans. Disappointing form likely to continue.
- 13. **BISSIN** Returned from a spell with reasonable effort last start when sixth beaten 6 lengths at Cavaillon over 1600m. Will struggle against these.

Summary: DRAGON LOVE (2) finished runner-up at Chantilly (AW) in a handicap over 1600m beaten a long-neck. Looks the one to beat. LAWRENCE (1) was 3.5L third at Nimes in a 1200m conditions race. The second has since won boosting form. Holds top claims back handicapping. ENZO (6) managed fourth here attempting a 1500m handicap beaten 3.25L with MAKALIA (4) in second. The latter has since disappointed but both are expected to be thereabouts.

Selections

DRAGON LOVE (2) - LAWRENCE (1) - ENZO (6) - MAKALIA (4)

Race 3 - PRIX DE SAINT-CHARLES - 1500m CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

- 1. **NEPENTE** Returned from a spell last start with a solid second beaten 2 lengths at this track over 1500m. Fitter for that run and will be tough to beat.
- 2. SPLENDID Fair effort last start beaten 2.5 lengths into third over 1600m at Cavaillon. Worth including.
- 3. **GAME RUN** Consistent three-year-old gelding who added to his impressive record last start when successful over 1500m at this track. Finds a nice race and should be right there at the business end.
- 4. **AVE MARIA** Scored her maiden success last time out over 1200m at Nimes after adding cheek-pieces. Worth following up.
- 5. **VANILLE BLEUE** Form has been poor the latest effort a well-beaten 12th over 1700m at Marseille-Borely two weeks ago. Happy to risk.
- 6. **INVESTISSEUR** Resumed over 1500m at this track last start and finished 3 lengths away in fourth. Strips fitter and should be in the mix.
- 7. **FOUNTAIN WOMAN** Finished a mile back last start when unwanted in betting over 1400m at Longchamp. Happy to risk.
- 8. **YAVAIKA** Racing well and although without a win has been in the money twice from three starts. Finished eighth at her most recent appearance over 1600m at Cavaillon. Tested in this line-up.
- 9. **WESTMINSTER CAT** Finished 3.5 lengths back in eighth on debut over 1300m at Deauville All Weather last start. Has winning claims with the benefit of that run.

Summary: NEPENTE (1) finished runner-up over course and distance in this class beaten 2L after a short-break. Wears first time cheekpieces and can be considered. AVE MARIA (4) won a Class Three by 2.5L at Nimes over 1200m. Interesting up in trip tackling the same class. SPLENDID (2) tried to make all at Cavaillon in a maiden beaten 2.5L. Interesting once more applying similar tactics. GAME RUN (3) won a course and distance claimer by a head. Makes debut for a new yard and may enjoy this level.

Selections

NEPENTE (1) - AVE MARIA (4) - SPLENDID (2) - GAME RUN (3)

- 1. **FASHIONSPAN** Handy stayer who has been plain of late including last start when well held over 2500m at Saint-Cloud. Well-placed so she can bounce back.
- 2. **NAMASTE** Broke a long drought last time when he scored by 1.5 lengths at this track over 2600m. Last start winner who rates highly again.
- 3. **MONT STEELE** Returned to winning form second up last start scoring by 0.8 lengths over 2600m at this track. Has scope for further improvement. Rates highly and can play a major role.
- 4. **DIANA** Finished third over 2600m at this track two back then missed the frame last time out over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie. Tough to beat on best. Can atone.
- 5. **VILLA ROYALE** Last start finished seventh over 2150m at Lyon-la-Soie beaten 7 lengths. Can find the frame with the right run.
- 6. **LE PIN** Yet to hit his straps in two runs this time in work the latest effort a sixth over 2600m at this track. Capable enough and could fill a place.
- 7. **MISS ROAZHON** Sseventh over 2600m at this track beaten 4.5 lengths. This is no easier and she needs to do more.
- 8. **KASAMAN** Scored three runs back but has been disappointing in two subsequent efforts the latest when fifth over 2600m at this track. Finds a suitable race and can turn things around.
- 9. **STORMY BABY** Has had one run back from a break and was well held in seventh over 1850m at Hyeres three weeks ago. No easier this time and is likely to struggle.
- 10. MISS CAYSSIE Went close last time when second over 2600m at this track. Right in the mix again.
- 11. IPHITOS Disappointed when 9 lengths away in seventh over 1900m at Nimes. Looking elsewhere.

Summary: NAMASTE (2) won a Class Three by 1.5L tackling track and trip. Has a win and four placings from five outings attempting the journey here. More than capable revisiting a handicap. MONT STEELE (3) found success in a course and distance handicap by 0.75L beating MISS CAYSSIE (10) and DIANA (4) into second and third. The former is only raised 2kg and all three are expected to feature.

Selections

NAMASTE (2) - MONT STEELE (3) - MISS CAYSSIE (10) - DIANA (4)

- 1. **AOUR** Lightly raced gelding who was beaten 2 lengths into eighth last start over 1500m at this track. Key chance expected to feature.
- 2. **SPEED CHOP** Comes here after finishing 11th last time at this track and trip beaten 6 lengths. Open to plenty of improvement.
- 3. **LE QUEEN** Has been out of the money recently including last time out when sixth over 1700m at Marseille-Borely two weeks ago beaten 2.5 lengths. Hard to beat on his best form.
- 4. **SPACE FORCE** Handy gelding who finished sixth last start but was beaten only 1.4 lengths over 1500m at this track. Has ability and shouldn't be far away.
- 5. **LETSGO** Returned from a spell last start with a solid third beaten 0.6 lengths at this track over 1500m. Further improvement in store.
- 6. **JOUEUSE DE BLUES** Finished well back in eighth over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly when resuming last start. Fitter but needs to improve sharply.
- 7. **FULL GAIN** Handy filly fitter for two runs back. Better effort last time out when second over 1500m at this track. Ready to show her best.
- 8. **MAPLE GIRL** Out of the placings in two runs since scoring her maiden win the latest effort a 13th over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Capable of turning things around.
- 9. **I DARE** Yet to strike form this campaign well held in both runs including last start when eighth over 1000m at Lyon-Parilly. Looking for return to form here and could find some old form.
- 10. **PANISA** Form either side of a spell has been pretty average. Resumed last start and was beaten 22 lengths over 1900m at Nimes. Expect she'll find this too tough.
- 11. **MAZAL TOV** Comes here after finishing tenth last time at this track and trip beaten 3.5 lengths. Not likely to threaten.

Summary: LE QUEEN (3) finished 2.5L sixth at Marseille-Borely in a handicap over 1700m. Drops back to a claimer and may go close. FULL GAIN (7) and LETSGO (5) were second and third respectively in a course and distance claimer. Under 0.5L separated the pair on that occasion and both warrant thought. SPACE FORCE (4) was sixth in the aforementioned claimer and only 1.25L off the win. Might be thereabouts.

Selections

LE QUEEN (3) - FULL GAIN (7) - LETSGO (5) - SPACE FORCE (4)

- 1. **IZASTEP** Stepping up 300m in distance after a good last start win at Marseille-Borely. Facing a 3.5kg hike in the weights from the last start but still makes plenty of appeal.
- 2. **ETERNEL** Scored two back at this track then just missed last time when second over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Expected to go well again.
- 3. **BAILEYS ECLAIR** Won two starts back at this track then finished third last time out over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Capable of taking this out.
- 4. **VILLA JOALI** Good effort last start to win her maiden over 2000m at this track by one length. Fitter and is a leading player.
- 5. **SOSPIRIA** Has been knocking on the door including a last start second over 2000m at Marseille-Borely when only a nose from the winner. Honest galloper who cannot be underestimated.
- 6. **FEEL JOY** Easily beaten at her last run before spelling and didn't fare any better when resuming over 2000m at this track three-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 8 lengths into eighth. Outclassed.
- 7. **SURPRIZE ME** Heading in the right direction. Last start finished 4.5 lengths away in third over 1500m at this track. Each way.
- 8. **SPIRIT CUTTER** Stepping up in trip after finishing fourth over 1400m at Chantilly All Weather last time out. Can improve and is a top-three contender.
- 9. **CARMEN SANDIEGO** Has been behind the placegetters of late most recently when fifth over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Unlikely to be playing a role in the finish.
- 10. **XQUISE** Safely accounted for at each of her three runs to date. No threat when seventh over 1500m at this track last time out. Not doing enough.

Summary: IZASTEP (1) bids for a hat-trick after finding success at Marseille-Borely by 1.5L on handicap debut. Raised 3.5kg for that however is still unexposed and looks the one to beat. ETERNEL (2) ran second at Marseille-Borely in a Class Two over 2000m. One from one at this venue tackling AW and expected to go close. VILLA JOALI (4) showed notable improvement on third outing winning a course an distance claimer. Interesting making handicap debut delivering his fourth start. BAILEYS ECLAIR (3) ran third at Marseille-Borelly in a maiden beaten 2.75L. May go close on handicap debut with the second managing to win since.

Selections

IZASTEP (1) - ETERNEL (2) - VILLA JOALI (4) - BAILEYS ECLAIR (3)

Race 7 - PRIX DE TOURNEFORT - 2000m CLM CL4 HCP. Purse EUR €12,000.

- 1. **TALAP** Last start scored a win over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Well placed this time and expected to be in the finish.
- 2. **L'AMOUR CODE** Modest effort last time when 6 lengths away in tenth over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Yet to fill a placing on the all weather so others preferred.
- 3. **HADEWIN** Finished midfield last start at Chantilly All Weather over 1600m 2.25 lengths from the winner. Up in journey. Hard to fault if at his best.
- 4. **RAVEN'S SPIRIT** Last start finished sixth at Lyon-la-Soie beaten 4.5 lengths. Looks suited here and can sneak into the minors.
- 5. **SPORT COUPE** Missed the frame two back when fifth at Marseille-Borely but turned in a better effort last time to finish in the money over 2000m at this track. Excellent prospects in this suitable race.
- 6. **EDITED** Has been very ordinary since winning at this track four starts back. Beaten 13 lengths when 13th over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie last start. Prepared to overlook.
- 7. **MARBOOT** Finished tenth two runs ago at Lyon-la-Soie but found form last time out when he scored by 1.5 lengths over 2000m at this track. One of the chief contenders.
- 8. **ARUM** Finished 11 lengths back when a disappointing tenth last time over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Worth another chance.
- 9. **HANK MOODY** Stepping up in trip after finishing sixth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie last time out. Can improve on the latest effort and is a key runner.
- 10. **TRIMLIGHT** Beaten 3 lengths into third at Clairefontaine two starts ago then appeared at Toulouse last time and finished 9 lengths from the winner in eighth. Can do much better this time.
- 11. **INTERIEUR** Doesn't win out of turn and ran below par last time when fourth over 1850m at Hyeres and beaten 8 lengths. Disappointing of late and others rate better.

Summary: TALAP (1) found success by 2L at Marseille-Borely attempting a handicap last month. Raised 3.5kg however holds top claims with the second in that contest winning since to boost form. MARBOOT (7) defeated SPORT COUPE (5) by 1.5L over 2000m in latest. Both warrant consideration and hold chances. HANK MOODY (9) ran 1.75L sixth at Lyon-la-Soie (AW) in a handicap. Won't be far away.

Selections

TALAP (1) - MARBOOT (7) - SPORT COUPE (5) - HANK MOODY (9)

- 1. GALAXIE QUEST Third last time out over 2500m at Hyeres and this is harder.
- 2. **FICHA LIMPIA** Last start finished 11th over 2000m at Toulouse. Two wins from past five races. Among the chances at odds.
- 3. **BOWLING GREEN** Last appeared nine weeks ago when he finished 9 lengths from the winner in 12th over 2000m at Vichy. Not good enough for these.
- 4. **LIGHTS COME ON** Made it three unplaced runs from three starts this prep when ninth over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie nine days ago. Likely to find this out of reach.
- 5. **MARGUNS** Last appeared five months ago when she finished 28 lengths from the winner in ninth over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly. Not ready yet.
- 6. **HARIQ** Ran below his best two starts back but hit form again last time when second beaten one length over 2400m at Toulouse. Key runner.
- 7. **PERISTERA** Scored three runs back but has been disappointing in two subsequent efforts the latest when fifth over 1900m at Nimes. Finds a suitable race and should be prominent.
- 8. **YELLOW SAMBA** Has been out of the winners' circle for some time. Last raced when sixth over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie 4.5 lengths from the winner. Not to be discounted in this line-up.
- 9. **ELYPSON** Has just missed the top-three at his last few runs the latest when fourth beaten 4 lengths over 2250m at Montauban. Rates highly on best form and gets his chance to feature.
- 10. **VABELLINO SUCCES** In the money two starts back at Cavaillon but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 2500m at Hyeres last time. Tough to beat on best. Can atone.
- 11. **MON JULES A MOI** Finished midfield last start at this track over 2000m 6 lengths from the winner. Up in journey today. Expect he can make amends.

Summary: HARIQ (6) second at Toulouse in a handicap over 2400m beaten 1L. Highly consistent and will be difficult to beat. YELLOW SAMBA (8) sixth at Lyon-la-Soie (AW) in a handicap over 2400m beaten 4.5L. Won't be far away. MON JULES A MOI (11) fifth beaten 6.5L in a handicap over 2000m. Previously won over course/distance so the extra distance won't be an issue. VABELLINO SUCCES (10) is one for the placings.

Selections

HARIQ (6) - YELLOW SAMBA (8) - MON JULES A MOI (11) - VABELLINO SUCCES (10)