

STRASBOURG - 31 March

Race 1

1. **FILOVENT** - Gets sizeable drop in grade following 17L fifth at Auteuil. Conditions to suit and expected to give a bold showing.
2. **CRACK MATH** - Struggled on reappearance but switches to a track where he has a good record at and could easily improve.
3. **CUTTING KING** - Pulled up on reappearance. Is a lot better than that however so expect a much better showing second up.
4. **DOREMI** - 5L second in similar chase contest at Nancy. Is both talented and consistent and has each way claims.
5. **ANDOINS** - Inconsistent gelding. Happy to oppose given poor record when fresh.
6. **ESPOIR DE FLEUR** - Second on both recent outings at Bordeaux (Hurdle) and then Saint Brieuc (Chase) and looks overdue a victory. Keep safe.
7. **ARDCROSS** - Not been seen for over a year. Finished amongst the frame on last five starts before however and a threat to all if retaining his ability.
8. **RAPID REBEL** - Lost his way last campaign and likely best watched on return.
9. **CANAILLE DE VAUT** - Pulled up at this venue on only start last campaign. Would need to see positive market signs.
10. **VALUE AT RISK** - Now 12 it is likely best days are in the past. Honest overall record though and just missed the placings on reappearance. Not discounted.
11. **TITE GOUL** - 5.5L third at Nancy earlier this month was arguably a career best. May build upon that. Holds claims.

Summary

FILOVENT (1) drops in grade following a 17L fifth at Auteuil. Leading contender with conditions to suit. ESPOIR DE FLEUR (6) has finished runner up on both starts this campaign and is easy to fancy. DOREMI (4) produced a 5L second in similar chase contest at Nancy and cannot be ruled out with Felix De Giles booked to ride. ARDCROSS (7) is one to note on stable debut following a lengthy absence.

Selections

FILOVENT (1) - ESPOIR DE FLEUR (6) - DOREMI (4) - ARDCROSS (7)

Race 2

1. **GALLOON** - 2.5L victory at Marseille Vivaux last month over 1500m. Upped in class but likely to give another bold showing.
2. **BOB THE KING** - Out of form and likely best watched.
3. **BEST SPIRIT** - 3.5L winner at Baden Baden tackling 1200m last September. Upped in grade but hard to rule out.
4. **ZUCESSO** - 4L third at Compiegne earlier this month over 1400m. That was a promising return and could build upon that.
5. **EN DANSANT** - Resumes after four month absence. Inconsistent mare but has won and placed three times from five starts at this track. May improve.
6. **AMADEUS WOLFE TONE** - Loves running at this trip. At 12 years old his best days are likely behind him but is an honest type and can run well.
7. **ARGUIN** - Down the field on reappearance at Deauville AW over 1300m three weeks ago. Should strip fitter. Place hope if at best.
8. **SIGLO DE ORO** - Placed on last two starts and looks overdue a victory. Beaten just a head second at Cagnes-sur-Mer AW five weeks ago. Big chance.
9. **RIVERWING** - Winless after 32 starts but has placed on ten of those runs so clearly has ability. Each way claims once more.
10. **LAVINIA** - Struggling this campaign and unlikely to factor.
11. **WARRIOR** - Has won and placed on previous starts at this trip. This a lot tougher than he usually contests in Germany however. Needs more.
12. **JOAN JET** - Game 0.5L winner at Marseille Vivaux four weeks ago over 1500m. That was a pleasing effort. Holds claims.
13. **ATHENA STAR** - Recent form figures make little appeal. Happy to take on.
14. **WHITE ELUSIVE** - Limited four year old filly. Easily opposed in current form.
15. **AFTER RAIN SUN** - 7L fifth at Marseille Vivaux six weeks back was a slightly better effort. May build upon that.
16. **THUNDERDOME** - Winless after 23 starts and recent form figures make little appeal. Up against it.

Summary

SIGLO DE ORO (8) has placed on his last two starts including when denied a head at Cagnes-sur-Mer AW. Top chance. ZUCESSO (4) produced a 4L third on reappearance and is one to note with further improvement likely second up. GALLOON (1) showed ability when scoring by 2.5L. Can go well upped in class with Theo Bachelot a positive jockey booking. EN DANSANT (5) holds a good record at this venue. Each way player.

Selections

SIGLO DE ORO (8) - ZUCESSO (4) - GALLOON (1) - EN DANSANT (5)

Race 3

1. **LORD DU NORD** - Won on debut but failed to build on that in two further runs last campaign. Freshened now however. Worth another chance.
2. **LOUP NONANTAIS** - Nose winner at Fontainebleau on debut a month ago. Looked a smart prospect that day and is open to significant improvement. Big chance.
3. **HENIWAY** - Notably well supported for reappearance in a higher level. Came up short that day but will find this easier and gets apprentice weight claim.
4. **LOVE BEAUTIFUL** - First time starter by Montmartre. Has apprentice booked and may prove best watched unless seeing market support.
5. **MASTER DANCER** - First time starter from the Emmanuel Clayeux stable. Market check advised.
6. **HYDRO LINK** - Well beaten on debut and whilst likely to improve it is unlikely to be enough.
7. **NAT KING** - Smart type on the flat and shaped promisingly when 12.5L sixth at Auteuil three weeks ago. Progression anticipated. In the mix.
8. **STERN IDOL** - Struggled in some strong races last campaign. Eased in grade for this and has good jockey booked. Worth a second look.
9. **FULL JUNIOR** - Filly by Cat Junior. Set tough assignment for debut but hard to rule out.
10. **MISS LOVELY** - 3L third at Lyon Parilly on debut eleven days ago. That was a very promising and should only improve. Each way claims.
11. **DOCTOR SAGA** - Looked limited in all three starts so far. Happy to take on.

Summary

HENIWAY (3) has some strong form in the book and a bold bid can be expected down in class. Contender. LOUP NONANTAIS (2) is a perfect one from one and could be anything at this stage. Big chance with further progress likely. MISS LOVELY (10) makes appeal with more to give after a 3L third on debut at Lyon-Parilly. NAT KING (7) holds some smart flat form. Promising signs when midfield effort over hurdles. Each way player.

Selections

HENIWAY (3) - LOUP NONANTAIS (2) - MISS LOVELY (10) - NAT KING (7)

Race 4

1. **SARDASHT** - Been highly tried in native Germany. Remains a maiden but certainly has the ability. Chance.
2. **SINSINSIN** - Modest colt that is unlikely to factor amongst this field.
3. **GOLD SHIVA** - Close to a victory based on 1.3L second at Cagnes-sur-Mer AW five weeks ago. Wide draw not ideal but in the mix.
4. **CAPTAIN DE CERISY** - Moderate promise all starts so far. Place likely best amongst this field.
5. **ATREUS** - Well beaten at Chantilly AW on both starts so far. Unlikely to play a part.
6. **ARAMIS D'AZUR** - Well beaten on both outings so far. Up against it after a 123 day break.
7. **FREE BIRD** - 1L second at Cagnes-sur-Mer was a career best five weeks back. Can improve further. In the mix.
8. **KATUCHA** - Looks out of her depth in this grade. Happy to take on.
9. **SPECIAL FORCE** - Looked limited on both starts so far and easily opposed following a five month absence.
10. **DIVINE EMOTION** - Down the field in all three starts so far. Happy to take on.
11. **DIMA** - Un-fancied and struggled on debut at Deauville AW four weeks ago. Unlikely to improve enough.
12. **MAGIC KEY** - 5L fourth at Fontainebleau over 1400m three weeks ago. That was a promising effort and if anything this looks easier. Shortlisted.
13. **LIBERTY ISLAND** - First time starter by Maxios. Market check advised.

Summary

SARDASHT (1) has contested some strong races in Germany. Respected with conditions to suit now. Contender. FREE BIRD (7) posted a career best when a narrow-margin second at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Keep safe with further progress expected. MAGIC KEY (12) shaped well on reappearance. Can improve upon that and looks a genuine threat to all. GOLD SHIVA (3) is a progressive type. Each way claims.

Selections

SARDASHT (1) - FREE BIRD (7) - MAGIC KEY (12) - GOLD SHIVA (3)

Race 5

1. **DERBY DE TENDRON** - 0.3L second at Lyon Parilly two starts back came in much stronger race. Been freshened and easy to fancy in this grade.
2. **BELLE CAPITAINE** - Has some good form in the book but not stood much racing of late. This is first start for ten months and market check will prove best guide.
3. **SANTA KLARA** - Down the field in all starts in this country so far. Easily opposed.
4. **FORTUNATE WAY** - Yet to even place but this grade looks more suitable. Place likely best.
5. **ZUCKERPRINZ** - German raider. 21 start maiden however and unlikely to play much of a part.
6. **EDEN DU SEUIL** - Mid-field finishes in deep contests of late. This looks easier and can take a step forward. Each way player.
7. **LE SEVEN** - Off the track for almost two years. Gets handy apprentice weight allowance and is worth a market check on return.
8. **MICK PETRA** - Placed in both starts last campaign here. Enjoys running at this track and gets apprentice weight allowance. Worth a second look.
9. **GIPSY DE L'AUNAY** - Pulled up at Auteuil but of interest if judged on a placing at Angers on reappearance. Each way hope.
10. **FAMOUS NORD** - Looked a nice prospect early in his career but absent for four years and not looked the same horse in two starts since. Best watched.
11. **BACQUEVILLE** - Been freshened but not even placed in nine first up runs. Up against it.
12. **BONFOU D'AIRY** - Modest winning record but loves running at this track and both career wins have come here. Generally needs first start back however.
13. **DEAD HEAT DE BEDON** - Off the track for over 1000 days. Market check advised on return.
14. **DIDJI DU LAC** - Well beaten in an easier contest last time. Happy to oppose following that.
15. **VALMY DE VAUT** - Placed on eighteen of thirty-nine career starts but remains a maiden. Generally a consistent type but a place likely best once more.

Summary

An open looking contest. MICK PETRA (8) placed third both starts last campaign. Resumes in a suitable contest and is expected to finish close up. DERBY DE TENDRON (1) holds a great record with this jockey and is easy to fancy on top figures. EDEN DU SEUIL (6) drops in grade and will find this more enjoyable. Each way player. GIPSY DE L'AUNAY (9) made the frame on reappearance. Disappointing run since can be easily excused and could bounce back. Threat to all.

Selections

MICK PETRA (8) - DERBY DE TENDRON (1) - EDEN DU SEUIL (6) - GIPSY DE L'AUNAY (9)

Race 6

1. **ROUGE DESIR** - 5.5L fifth at Nancy on reappearance. Expected to strip fitter and has won in the past for this jockey. Holds claims.
2. **KENOHOPE** - Honest gelding that won by 0.8L at Nancy earlier this month. Upped in the weights and in a higher grade but hard to rule out.
3. **AUEN ADVENTURE** - Game long-neck winner at Nancy just over two weeks ago. Upped in grade now but has won twice from three starts here. Shortlisted.
4. **ZARYA** - Well beaten on last two starts and easily opposed.
5. **ISKANDAR** - 0.8L third nine months ago at Le Lion-D'angers. Good jockey booked for return and holds each way claims.
6. **SILVER MAGIC** - 25 race maiden. Happy to oppose on reappearance given modest record when fresh.
7. **LOMAO** - Better effort when 4L fourth at Chantilly AW. Switch to the turf not sure to suit. Holds claims.
8. **ARCHITECT** - 5L fifth at Nancy was best run this campaign. Place claims down in trip.
9. **SHARP ROCK** - Placed first up but regressed from that level when down the field at Chantilly AW. Needs to bounce back.
10. **WELL DE VINDECY** - 4L fourth at Nancy was promising. Should strip fitter and improve for that run. Big each way player.
11. **VICTIM OF LOVE** - Modest reappearance effort but may have needed that run. Drawn well and should do better.

Summary

AUEN ADVENTURE (3) held rivals for a long-neck victory at Nancy. Clearly in great form and switch to this track suits. The one to beat. WELL DE VINDECY (10) shaped well when 4L fourth on reappearance. Big chance if progressing as anticipated. ISKANDAR (5) looks well weighted. Top jockey booked for comeback outing suggests a big run is expected. Keep safe. KENOHOPE (2) scored at Nancy. Upped in both grade and weight but hard to rule out.

Selections

AUEN ADVENTURE (3) - WELL DE VINDECY (10) - ISKANDAR (5) - KENOHOPE (2)

Race 7

1. **FUTURE** - Long-neck second at Nancy. That was a good effort and this is no tougher. Big chance.
2. **LINSOUMIS** - Impressive 4L victory at Chantilly AW two starts back and not disgraced in a higher level there since. Include.
3. **BLEKARAIN** - Down the field on reappearance but is a lot better than that and may have needed the run. Threat to all if progressing.
4. **MY BUDDY** - Won first up this campaign and proved he remains fairly treated when placing at Nancy. Big each way claims.
5. **MANGAN** - In good form last campaign and may now improve further having been freshened. Keep safe.
6. **SANCHO** - Modest outings and is easily opposed despite now running third up.
7. **MAGNETIQUE** - Won at Cagnes-Sur-Mer three starts ago but two disappointing runs since. Needs more from this weight.
8. **COUNTRY CAESAR** - 4L fifth at Lyon La Soie in January. Each way claims if resuming in similar form.
9. **KENMOR** - Placed on three of last five starts and looks overdue a victory. Holds claims.
10. **MAKENZO** - Running consistently well this campaign and has placed twice already for this top jockey. Each way hope.
11. **FEDERSPIELER** - Ended last campaign badly out of form. Resumes in suitable contest however and is hard to entirely rule out.
12. **SILVERHAWKS** - Yet to place when running first up. May prove best watched on return.
13. **KARYNIA** - Honest mare that is drawn well for this. Each way claims.
14. **AMBOISE MENANTIE** - Yet to even place after nine starts. Not without ability but hard to really fancy.
15. **HYAPAXA** - Could not have come any closer to a win than when beaten a nose at Chantilly AW. Big chance with similar performance.
16. **BELEAVE YOU** - 5.5L third at Saint Cloud was best run for some time ten days ago. Holds claims if able to build upon that.

Summary

HYAPAXA (15) has finished second on her last two starts including when beaten a nose at Chantilly AW. Key player over a suitable journey. FUTURE (1) is still a maiden but has some good placed form including at Nancy. One to note. MY BUDDY (4) holds each way claims on the form he has shown this campaign. BLEKARAIN (3) struggled on reappearance but is expected to improve significantly for that effort. Threat to all.

Selections

HYAPAXA (15) - FUTURE (1) - MY BUDDY (4) - BLEKARAIN (3)

Race 8

1. **GLORIOUS WARRIOR** - Modest form this campaign but has good record for this jockey.
2. **NEVERENDING STORY** - 1L third at Lyon La Soie on final start last campaign. Threat to all if building upon that having been freshened.
3. **ARCTIC SUN** - Resumes following five months absence. Market check will give best guide on return.
4. **HORSE BOREAL** - Has won at this journey in the past. Resumes after four months but has won fresh in the past. Worth a second look.
5. **CRYSTAL BEACH ROAD** - Enjoys running at this track. Needs return here to spark improvement.
6. **MOTORSPORT** - Ended last campaign with head second at Fontainebleau in October. Resumes in easier contest now and looks a genuine threat to all.
7. **INTO THE ROCK** - Disappointing last time but in great form prior and was a game head victor at Cagnes-Sur-Mer AW previously. Can bounce back.
8. **DIVAHORA** - String of modest efforts this campaign and easily opposed.
9. **RONAZZA ONE** - Modest winning record and struggling of late. Happy to take on.
10. **RISE HIT** - Struggling in recent outings and is easily opposed.
11. **DAUPHINE DE FRANCE** - 6L fifth at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on turf last month. That was a better effort and may be able to build upon that.
12. **BOIS COMBRAY** - 1.5L sixth at Marseille Vivaux was a good effort nine days ago. Drawn well and gets eye-catching jockey booking. Each way player.
13. **RADIEC** - Good 4L third at Nancy on reappearance. Remains unexposed and is open to further progression. Keep safe.
14. **NACHT** - Placed on reappearance but not yet built upon that. Needs more.
15. **DIABOLO DANCER** - String of modest efforts and needs to improve sharply.
16. **XELLENT** - String of modest runs. Happy to oppose.

Summary

MOTORSPORT (6) placed when a head second in a stronger race than this on his final start last campaign. Key player if sharp enough on reappearance. RADIEC (13) produced a good 4L third on his return and is one to note with more to come second up. NEVERENDING STORY (2) posted a 1L third at Lyon La Soie on her final outing last season. Considered with a positive jockey booking. INTO THE ROCK (7) was below par latest but is not discounted on her head victory at Cagnes-sur-Mer prior.

Selections

MOTORSPORT (6) - RADIEC (13) - NEVERENDING STORY (2) - INTO THE ROCK (7)