

LE LION-D'ANGERS [L-H] - 31 March

Race 1 - PRIX EDREDON BLEU - 3700m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **ISLA PERLA** - Last start was in a hurdle (3800m) at Saint Briec when eased out of the race. Looks safely held.
2. **IDYLLE MAG** - Five-year-old stepping out for her third run back from a break and looking to snap an ordinary run of current form. Doesn't look one of the main chances.
3. **IMENA BELLA** - Finished sixth when fresh from a spell last start in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil with today's rider Johnny Charron aboard. Fitter and expected to go close this time.
4. **JAZZY VIVA** - Unable to find the top three in four career runs. Place claims.
5. **JOYEUSE EMOTION** - Filly by Bathyrhon out of Caye Teulte. Pay to watch the market moves closely.
6. **JEWEL DE KERZA** - Has not raced since she finished fourth on her first jumps appearance in a maiden hurdle (3400m) at Craon on December 21. Prior to that run the four-year-old had moved to the Gabriel Leenders stable. Will prove tough to beat.
7. **JUSTICE DE LANCRAY** - Filly by Free Port Lux out of Unesco Nivernaise. Market watch advised.
8. **JUSTE RAISE** - Needs to improve from debut fifth.
9. **JUMIRIKO** - Has not raced since she finished twelfth on her first jumps appearance in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil on September 24. That run came after a switch to the Anne-Sophie Pacault stable. Needs more.
10. **JIMKA MORIVIERE** - Comes here 20 days after a 53L ninth first-up in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil at just her second day at the races. Facing a stiff test.
11. **JEANNE DALBIUS** - Not seen since finishing eighth over 3000m at Angers on November 20. Lining up over the jumps for the first time. Expected to be competitive.

Summary: Bathyrhon newcomer JOYEUSE EMOTION (5) is selected to debut with a victory. JEWEL DE KERZA (6) faded when 42L fourth in testing conditions in a 3400m maiden hurdle at Craon on debut. Expected to show improved form. IMENA BELLA (3) rates a threat following a 9L sixth in a 3500m hurdle at Auteuil. JAZZY VIVA (4) registered a 16L seventh in that Auteuil contest. Of note in this field.

Selections

JOYEUSE EMOTION (5) - JEWEL DE KERZA (6) - IMENA BELLA (3) - JAZZY VIVA (4)

Race 2 - PRIX MERCIER-LA VENDEE - 1100m UNR. Purse EUR €23,000.

1. **C COMME CA** - Unraced colt by Penny's Picnic out of Noella. Was a EUR € 17,000 (Arqana 2022 September Yearling Sale) purchase. Will be better for this run.
2. **EVERSTAR** - Colt by Seabhac from Quatuor on debut. Watch the market carefully.
3. **STARZO FAL** - Colt by Starspangledbanner out of Zomara. Purchased for EUR € 55,000 (Arqana 2022 August Yearling Sale) and makes his debut. Looks set for a strong run.
4. **SIMPLY FOR FUN** - Ivawood gelding from Just For Fun on debut. Might just need this run.
5. **RUE MIA** - Unraced filly by Penny's Picnic out of Cherish Burg. Faces a tough test.
6. **CARAJONES** - Unraced filly by Birchwood out of Caramanta. Likely to have plenty of support.
7. **GOFAS** - Unraced filly by Fas out of Goona Chope. Looks set for a bright start to her career.
8. **FASNY** - Unraced filly by Fas out of Corny. Keep safe.
9. **LADYSHOW** - Filly by Recorder from Femme De Venise on debut. Worth watching for a market push.
10. **L AMICALEMENT** - Daughter of Whitecliffsofdover from Amiga Intima making her debut. Happy to watch this time.

Summary: Unraced Fas filly GOFAS (7) is selected to deliver a victory on her first start for a good stable. Birchwood filly CARAJONES (6) looks the pick of the two Joel Boisnard runners. Can produce a big effort on racecourse debut. STARZO FAL (3) gets a chance to shine on her first outing. FASNY (8) hails from a stable who have plenty of two-year-old winners. Noted in this contest.

Selections

GOFAS (7) - CARAJONES (6) - STARZO FAL (3) - FASNY (8)

Race 3 - PRIX DE CHENILLE-CHANGE - 3900m STPLE CL3. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **CHAT PITRE** - Placed first-up two starts ago in a steeplechase (4200m) at Maure-de-Bretagne then was a minor placegetter again last time in a steeplechase (3500m) at Meslay-du-Maine. Tougher test.
2. **HAPPYDENUO** - Resumed after a spell last start with a modest eleventh in a steeplechase (4100m) at Compiègne. Needs more.
3. **FALCAO FOLISH** - Missed the frame when resuming two back in a hurdle (3900m) at Machecoul. Atoned for that run last time to get the prize in a steeplechase (4100m) at Saumur by 3.5L. Only needs to jump well to be right in the finish.
4. **IDEAL D'ALLIER** - Returned from a 103-day spell last start with a win in a hurdle (3800m) at Fontainebleau with today's rider Angelo Zuliani steering. Fitter and will be tough to beat.
5. **GALET D'OUDAIRIES** - Not setting the world on fire of late. Two starts back wound-up in fifth in a hurdle (3800m) at Fontainebleau. Hopes of a rebound were dashed when he was eased out of the race more recently in a hurdle (3900m) at Auteuil. Looking elsewhere.
6. **NATURE VALLEY** - Missed the frame two back in a hurdle (3900m) at Machecoul. Made amends last time to get the prize in a steeplechase (4200m) at Pontchateau by 4.5L. Place.
7. **GOLDEN WITCH** - Struggling a bit of late. Two runs back finished seventh in a Listed hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil. Things didn't improve when she parted ways with the rider last start at Compiègne. Drops in class.
8. **KHELI LIGHT** - Returns after spelling for four months. Opened the last campaign with a second in a steeplechase (3500m) at Dieppe.

Summary: IDEAL D'ALLIER (4) won by a head when contesting a 3800m hurdle at Fontainebleau. Selected to make a winning return to chasing. FALCAO FOLISH (3) provided his trainer with his first winner when scoring by 3.5L in a 4100m chase at Saumur. Looks a threat in this contest. GOLDEN WITCH (7) unseated in the Listed Prix Solitaire over 3800m at Compiègne. Strong claims in what looks an easier event. NATURE VALLEY (6) may complete a double following a 4.5L win in a 4200m chase at Pontchateau.

Selections
IDEAL D'ALLIER (4) - FALCAO FOLISH (3) - GOLDEN WITCH (7) - NATURE VALLEY (6)

Race 4 - PRIX ETALON ESTEJO - HARAS DU LION (PRIX ARSENE THIBAUT) - 3400m STPLE CL3. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **JAZZ FESTIVAL** - Missed the placings in a steeplechase (3600m) at Fontainebleau two back then improved to wind-up third in a steeplechase (3700m) at Angers last time out. In the mix.
2. **JOLICOEUR DU GOUET** - Returned from a 145-day spell last start and lost the rider in a steeplechase (3600m) at Lignieres. Well placed here and pay to follow up.
3. **BLADE** - Resumes after a five month spell. Showed some useful form last campaign including a fourth in a Listed handicap hurdle at Auteuil.
4. **MAO BOY** - Finished eighth when fresh from a spell last start in a hurdle (3600m) at Compiegne with today's rider Damien Thomas piloting. Place claims.
5. **COUR SUPREME** - Was very good when returning from a 119-day layoff most recently when second in a steeplechase (3600m) at Fontainebleau. Consider.
6. **CORPS CELESTE** - Filled a minor prize two back in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau then could only manage fourth last time in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau. Needs to lift.
7. **TREE BAR** - Resumed after a spell last start with a modest fourth in a steeplechase (3600m) at Saint Brieuc. Will strip fitter but needs to go up a notch.
8. **LILLA** - Others are better placed.

Summary: JOLICOEUR DU GOUET (2) ran out in a 3600m chase at Lignieres. Looks up to making amends with victory here. BLADE (3) performed well when 12L fourth having raced from the front in the 3600m Listed Prix Robert Weill handicap hurdle at Auteuil. Dangerous on his debut over fences. COUR SUPREME (5) gets a chance to shine following a 5L second in a 3600m chase at Fontainebleau. JAZZ FESTIVAL (1) came home 1.5L third in a 3700m at Angers. Consider for the win.

Selections

JOLICOEUR DU GOUET (2) - BLADE (3) - COUR SUPREME (5) - JAZZ FESTIVAL (1)

Race 5 - PRIX MAURICE FOUCHER - 4500m P2P CL3. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **HARRY BROWN** - Returns from a 145-day spell. Finished off last prep with a win in a cross-country (5300m) at Saumur when scoring by 1.75L. Makes plenty of appeal.
2. **BUTTERFLY DU MOU** - Returns from a 309-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh with two wins and four placings from nine first-up runs. Kicked off last prep with a sound second in a cross-country (4500m) at this track.
3. **VERY SPEED** - Resuming. Form over this journey too good to ignore. Capable and looks an each way chance this line-up.
4. **ABBAREZT** - Nine-year-old gelding who has been well held recently including when finishing seventh last time at Fontainebleau. Can't make a case for him today.
5. **POKER DE BALLON** - Returns from a spell. Closed the last campaign with a minor placing in a cross-country (4600m) at this track. Looks tested this line-up.
6. **CHORAIL DEBELAIR** - Returns after a break for a new stable. Worth keeping in mind.
7. **CAMERISE** - Returned from a 96- day spell most recently and pulled up in a steeplechase (4200m) at Pontchateau. Won't find this easy.

Summary: HARRY BROWN (1) ended last year with a 1.75L victory in a 5300m contest at Saumur. Selected to resume with a victory. BUTTERFLY DU MOU (2) performed well when 10L second in the 7300m Listed Prix Anjou-Loire Challenge at this circuit. Dangerous first up. CHORAIL DEBELAIR (6) debuts in this sphere having finished 10L fourth in a 3900m handicap hurdle at Toulouse. Shortlist. VERY SPEED (3) has won twice here in the past. Consider on his first start since pulling up at Segre in October.

Selections

HARRY BROWN (1) - BUTTERFLY DU MOU (2) - CHORAIL DEBELAIR (6) - VERY SPEED (3)

Race 6 - PRIX OLIVIER BOURGEOIS - 2400m MDN. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **WHITE GLORY** - Returned from a spell with fair effort last start when fifth at Pornichet over 2100m. Faces tough test.
2. **CAMAVINGA** - Was impressive on debut three starts back when a narrow second but was very disappointing at Pornichet last start. Holds each way claims.
3. **SHAZAM** - Returned from a spell last start and finished sixth over 2200m at Fontainebleau. May need to find more.
4. **SILOGIQUE** - Unplaced in a dozen career starts. Hard to see him turning it around enough to feature here.
5. **SHARP RISE** - Was uninspiring on debut when he was beaten 14L into eighth over 1500m at Saint-Cloud on October 31. Expected to return in a lot better order.
6. **LIGHT WAVE** - Started his racing career on a positive note when finishing second last start over 2400m at Pornichet. Will appreciate the 2.5kg claim by jockey and looks a capable type. Best chance to date to break the maiden status.
7. **KAPRILIA** - Was a placegetter first-up last start over 2350m at Machecoul. Tougher test.
8. **GRAND KISS** - Comes here second-up. Safely accounted for on each of her three runs to date. Was not a factor last start at Chantilly All Weather when ninth over 1900m. Making up the numbers.
9. **MAGIC STARS** - Went for a spell after a good third on debut at Fontainebleau over 1800m four-and-a-half months ago. Rates highly and can break through.
10. **DESPACITO** - Gelding by Elm Park from Lady John John on debut. Tough assignment.
11. **KROKODILE DUNDEE** - Gelding by Jeu St Eloi from Penkinella on debut. Worth watching for a market push.
12. **ZEPHYR DE LA MARE** - Unraced colt by Seahenge out of Litura. Looks set for a bright start to his career.
13. **VILLA MELANA** - Unraced filly by Zanzibari out of Shippawa. Faces a tough test.

Summary: LIGHT WAVE (6) placed second when beaten 2.5L in a 2400m maiden at Pornichet. Selected to make a winning return to turf. SHARP RISE (5) is expected to show better form than when 14L eighth over 1500m in a Saint-Cloud newcomers race on debut. MAGIC STARS (9) caught the eye when 1.5L third in an 1800m newcomers contest at Fontainebleau on debut. Shortlist. Seahenge colt ZEPHYR DE LA MARE (12) is another to consider for a stable who were in the winners enclosure with a successful debutant recently.

Selections
LIGHT WAVE (6) - SHARP RISE (5) - MAGIC STARS (9) - ZEPHYR DE LA MARE (12)

Race 7 - PRIX HENRI BARBIN - 2400m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **TARCENAY** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 2350m at Saint-Galmier on March 24. Well placed to take this out.
2. **FLIGHT DE JUILLEY** - Finds it hard to win. Has just five wins to his name but has been in the minor end of the prize a further 14 times from 55 starts. Made nice progress last time out when fifth over 2100m at Pornichet. Can play a role in the outcome.
3. **TRES RUSH** - Handy stayer who has been plain of late including last start when well held over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. Finds a suitable contest this time.
4. **BELLA FLORIDA** - Last start finished out of the placings over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Better than that run suggests.
5. **HYSTERIQUE** - Done little of late to suggest she can play a major role in this affair and would prefer to see.
6. **LADY MAG** - Was beaten just a nose when second on her latest appearance at Saint-Galmier over 2350m. Winning chance.
7. **DIHASTI** - Has not raced since finishing twelfth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather on November 29. Looking to others for the winner.
8. **CUBA LIBRE** - Last appeared five months ago when he finished 3L from the winner in third over 3100m at Saint-Cloud. Expect a bold showing.
9. **AHMED PRIDE** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when sixth over 2400m at Saint-Cloud eight days ago. Needs to lift.
10. **SEMEUR** - Raced below his best last time when eleventh over 2400m at Pornichet. Can atone.
11. **LEE DRAGON** - Heading in the right direction after finishing fourth second up over 3000m at Fontainebleau last time. This looks a tough test.
12. **ALF A STAR** - Has ability but the wins are rare. Last start finished eighth over 2400m at Saint Briec. Looks tested in this line-up.

Summary: LADY MAG (6) delivered a second place finish in a 2350m conditions event at Saint-Galmier. Selected to produce a sixth career win. TARCENAY (1) enters calculations following a third place in a conditions race over 2350m at Saint-Galmier. BELLA FLORIDA (4) placed second when beaten a head in a 2700m handicap at Chantilly AW. Dangerous switched to turf. CUBA LIBRE (8) registered a 3L third in a 3100m handicap at Saint-Cloud. Shortlist.

Selections

LADY MAG (6) - TARCENAY (1) - BELLA FLORIDA (4) - CUBA LIBRE (8)

Race 8 - PRIX PIERRE CADEAU - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **KARAKORUM** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished fifteenth over 2400m at Saint-Cloud on March 23. Rates highly this time.
2. **BERNOUVILLE** - Produced a better run last time out when fourth over 2400m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. In the mix.
3. **CHELSEA DU NINIAN** - Has not raced since finishing eleventh over 3000m at Fontainebleau on November 25. Cannot enthuse.
4. **GREAT TONIO** - Placed two back then ran below his best last time when fifth and beaten 13L at Fontainebleau over 3000m. Better than last start so he deserves another chance.
5. **EYE LOVE YOU** - Resumes today. Last appeared at Pornichet over 2100m when fourth three months ago. Improvement to come and looks hard to beat.
6. **ARMENIO** - Returned from a spell last start with a solid third at Machecoul over 2350m. Fitter and worth following up.
7. **KALAMAZOO RIVER** - Has been very ordinary since winning at Deauville All Weather four starts back. Beaten 5L when fifth over 3100m at Pornichet last start. Prepared to overlook.
8. **FIRST CREATION** - Stepping up in trip after finishing fourth over 2000m at Saint-Cloud last time out. Can improve and should figure in the finish.
9. **PUTUMAYO** - Scored two starts back but was below his best last time when 10L away in tenth over 2000m at Saint-Cloud. Looking to others.
10. **SIDE TO SIDE** - Yet to fill a placing in five runs. Safely held.
11. **GOT FLIGHT** - Back in winning form last start over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Has confidence back and worth thought again.
12. **INDIAN SONG** - Returns after a break of six-and-a-half months. Finished her last campaign impressively with a wide margin win over 2500m at Evreux. Expect she is primed for a big first-up performance.

Summary: ARMENIO (6) placed third when beaten 6L in a 2350m conditions contest at Machecoul. Taken to deliver a victory switched to a handicap. KARAKORUM (1) won by 4L over 2500m at Nancy on his penultimate start. Expected to go well despite a below par Saint-Cloud effort subsequently. EYE LOVE YOU (5) registered a 4.5L fourth in a 2100m handicap on the AW at Pornichet. Warrants close consideration back on turf. INDIAN SONG (12) won his final three starts last spell. Dangerous in this contest.

Selections

ARMENIO (6) - KARAKORUM (1) - EYE LOVE YOU (5) - INDIAN SONG (12)
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