MARSEILLE VIVAUX [L-H] - **05 December**

Race 1 - PRIX ANDRE & ROLAND CHARBIT - 1500m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €18,000.

- 1. **DROIT DE PAROLE** Went down narrowly last start when second at this track over 1500m. Expected to feature.
- 2. **SCARFACE** Has not raced since finishing 14 lengths away in seventh over 1600m at Nantes on June 2.
- 3. HY DREAM Scored a determined win last time over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly. Big chance again.
- 4. **TOUR D'ECHELLE** Returned from a spell with a sound third last start over 1400m at Toulouse. Strips fitter and is definitely worth including.
- 5. **MONI** Put the writing on the wall last start when he finished a close fourth at this track over 1500m. Expected to feature.
- 6. **J'AURAIS DU** Last start finished 15th over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather. Has recorded 6 victories from 83 starts. Others make more appeal.
- 7. **SPANISH HONEY** Went down by just a long neck when second at Chantilly All Weather over 1600m last time out. Tough to beat.
- 8. **HIGHEST ROCKEUR** Resumed at this track over 1500m last time out and finished eighth beaten 8 lengths. More needed.
- 9. **ASTRACHEM** Finished 15 lengths back when a disappointing 13th last time over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly. Looks tested again.
- 10. **MAKE GOLD** Won two starts back at Nancy but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly last time. Each way.
- 11. **DESERT HEIGHTS** Battled last start to finish ninth over 1500m at this track adding to a sequence of plain results. Struggling to make an impact lately and others appeal more.
- 12. **LA VENELLOISE** Last start scored a win over 1500m at this track. Capable enough on her day and is one of the major players.
- 13. **MANAROLA** Ran a better race last start to finish second over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly. Worth including.
- 14. **DEGRISEMENT** Won two times earlier on in his prep most recently finished third beaten 0.6 lengths at this track over 1500m. Not likely to take this out.

Summary: LA VENELLOISE (12) recorded third win over course and distance scoring by 2L last-time-out. Notable claims up 3kg with the third home that day scoring since. Top-weight DROIT DE PAROLE (1) went down narrowly tackling track and trip last outing. Must enter calculations off the same mark. Narrow Lyon-Parilly Class Three handicap winner HY DREAM (3) could be in the mix once more though will need to replicate that form on the AW. Five-time course winner MONI (5) is considered.

Selections

LA VENELLOISE (12) - DROIT DE PAROLE (1) - HY DREAM (3) - MONI (5)

- 1. **MYSTIC CHOP** Has not raced since finishing 4 lengths away in fourth over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather on March 14. Expected to run well.
- 2. **TRENAVIN** Last appeared 11 months ago when beaten 12 lengths into 11th over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Returns for new trainer Jerome Reynier. Will be better for this outing.
- 3. **DIXAN SENORA** Yet to miss the top three in two runs at this distance. Last time out finished second over 2700m at Chantilly All Weather. Further improvement is anticipated.
- 4. **SILVER KNIGHT** Resumes today after showing glimpses of ability in his first campaign. At the latest outing he finished eighth over 2400m at Salon-de-Provence on May 27. Has upside and is expected to go well.
- 5. **EMERALD** Raced below his best last time out when eighth over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Yet to fire on this surface so he has the job ahead.
- 6. **CAPOBLANCO** Last appeared when he finished second over 1700m at Marseille-Borely on November 13. In the money at the latest appearance and is among the chances.
- 7. **ALPAGE** Nice return last start when third at Nimes over 1900m on November 1. Fitter and worth following up.
- 8. **MOMO NELSON** Last appeared when he finished sixth over 2150m at Lyon-la-Soie on November 19. Cannot be ruled out despite a lacklustre effort last time.
- 9. **CHONATA** Unplaced at all four runs to date the latest when well held over 3200m at Lyon-la-Soie. Others preferred.
- 10. PRINCESS ZIZOU Filly by Prince Gibraltar from Ziride on debut. Can give a bold sight.
- 11. **LETTRES PERSANES** Unraced filly by Recorder out of Texada. Profiles nicely and market watch advised.

Summary: DIXAN SENORA (3) is yet to miss the frame on four AW outings. Went well when 1.75L runner-up in a 2700m Chantilly AW handicap and holds major appeal back among maiden company. SILVER KNIGHT (4) would hold major claims on form shown when second over 2000m at Marseille-Borely in May. Key contender making AW debut. ALPAGE (7) might go well revisiting the AW and MYSTIC CHOP (1) cannot be ruled out having finished a sound fourth in a 1900m AW handicap at Chantilly when last seen.

Selections

DIXAN SENORA (3) - SILVER KNIGHT (4) - ALPAGE (7) - MYSTIC CHOP (1)

- 1. **LA FIBRE** Scored two starts back at Chantilly All Weather before finishing 1.5 lengths from the winner in fifth last time over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Likely to feature again.
- 2. **LILY APPLE** Has been beaten by some big margins of late most recently when ninth over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Not keen.
- 3. **VIPIN** Last start finished fifth over 1500m at this track. Well placed this time and expected to measure up.
- 4. **EXPLORAR** After a good effort two back was a disappointing ninth last start over 1200m at Nimes. Rates highly and can turn things around.
- 5. ENZO Last start finished fifth over 1500m at this track beaten 4.5 lengths. Place.
- 6. **TOUTELUSIVE** Has been a long time between win with 19 months since the last victory. Last raced when ninth over 1500m at this track beaten 5.5 lengths. Unlikely to turn it around here.
- 7. **CHEEKY TRAOU LAND** Last start finished seventh over 1200m at Nimes beaten 4.5 lengths. Prepared to risk in this line-up.
- 8. NAVALIS Ran a better race last start to finish fourth over 1200m at Nimes. Won't be far away.
- 9. **NIGHT OF THE OPERA** Won twice earlier on in his prep most recently finished second beaten a head at this track over 1500m. Ready to improve.
- 10. **ENJOY THE SILENCE** Broke through for an overdue win last time over 1500m at this track. Back in form and can make it two on the bounce.
- 11. ELEVEN O TWO Made progress last time out when sixth over 1200m at Nimes. Place prospect.
- 12. **MEHANYDREAM** Has been safely held at his last few runs the latest a well-beaten 11th over 1500m at this track. Disappointing form likely to continue.
- 13. **BISSIN** Comes here after finishing seventh last time at this track and distance beaten 4.5 lengths. Happy to overlook.

Summary: LA FIBRE (1) backed up a Class Three handicap win over 1600m at Chantilly AW with a solid 1.5L fifth on the AW at Lyon-la-Soie. Genuine hope in current form. Supplemented ENJOY THE SILENCE (10) managed to get the better of NIGHT OF THE OPERA (9) in a Class Four course and distance handicap a week ago. The former remains of interest but with a 3.5kg swing in the weights the latter could reverse form if replicating. VIPIN (3) is two from six tackling track and trip and needs including on the back of a fair Class Four handicap fifth here.

Selections

LA FIBRE (1) - ENJOY THE SILENCE (10) - NIGHT OF THE OPERA (9) - VIPIN (3)

- 1. **RISKI CHOPE** Has been out of the placings in recent runs. Last start finished 4 lengths from the winner in sixth over 1400m at Pau All Weather. Rates highly on best efforts and is among the chances.
- 2. **FLORIDA SPRING** Broke her maiden status three back at Nancy but hasn't taken the next step. Doesn't look likely to bring up her second win today.
- 3. **AL ET CHOP** Going well including last start when fourth over 1500m at this track finishing 5.5 lengths from the winner. Expected to finish much closer.
- 4. **ODIN** Drops in trip from the last start when sixth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie finishing 4.5 lengths off the winner. Strong top-three chance.
- 5. **OCTOBER CHOPE** Form either side of a break has been underwhelming. Resumed last start and was beaten 6 lengths over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Not keen on her chances.
- 6. **XQUISE** Yet to fill a placing in four runs most recently when 16 lengths back in ninth over 2000m at this track.
- 7. **MAUBEUGE** Has not been racing well lately the latest effort a 13th and beaten 25 lengths over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Needs to do a lot more.
- 8. **CLEMENZA** Found the frame two starts ago but couldn't match it last time when 11th and beaten 7 lengths over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Can atone.
- 9. **OLYMPE DE GOUGE** Has just missed the top-three at her last few runs the latest a fourth over 1600m at Toulouse beaten 2 lengths. Rates highly on best form and gets her chance to feature.
- 10. **VICTORIOUS SEA** Comes here after finishing fifth last time at this track and distance beaten 6 lengths. Looking to others.

Summary: RISKI CHOPE (1) made the running beaten 3.75L sixth in a Class Two conditions race over 1400m on the AW at Pau. Holds appeal. ODIN (4) commands respect from the ratings and arguably shaped better than the bare result when sixth making AW debut attempting 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Interesting contender wearing first-time cheekpieces. OLYMPE DE GOUGE (9) could be in the mix following a sound 2L fourth in a 1600m Toulouse claimer. There is progress to come from OCTOBER CHOPE (5) delivering just her fourth career outing.

Selections

RISKI CHOPE (1) - ODIN (4) - OLYMPE DE GOUGE (9) - OCTOBER CHOPE (5)

- 1. ALPINO Eleventh over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Won previous two. Each way.
- 2. **ALFIERI** Ran below his best last start when 13 lengths away in seventh over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. This is no easier and he may struggle again.
- 3. **KARIBBEAN DREAM** Well held last start when friendless in betting over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Happy to risk.
- 4. **TRACY** Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 5.5 lengths into seventh over 1400m at Le Mans. Strips fitter and should be in the mix.
- 5. **GREEN CURRY** Hasn't done much in recent times the latest effort a sixth over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather beaten 4 lengths but this is a lot easier.
- 6. **MOON FLOWER** Improved sharply last start over the longer journey to register her maiden win at Marseille-Borely. Sure appreciate the extra ground again this time. Can make it back-to-back wins.
- 7. **MAKHZEN** Recent form has been below par. Last start finished 6 lengths adrift in ninth over 1400m at Toulouse. Prefer others.
- 8. **SUPERIOR BADOLAT** Last appeared when he finished tenth over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie on November 19. Genuine chance this time around.
- 9. **TRUST ON HIM** Handy stayer who has been plain of late including last start when well held over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Well-placed so expect a lot more.
- 10. **IZANA BERE** Building to another win last time finishing fifth at Toulouse. Can contest for a minor placing.
- 11. **STANDBY FOR CHAOS** Has not raced since she was safely held in seventh over 1700m at Marseille-Borely on June 29. Wait and see how she returns.
- 12. **LA BRUXELLOISE** Resumes today. Last appeared at Aix-les-Bains over 2500m when tenth five months ago.

Summary: A tricky race to assess with no real standout. TRUST ON HIM (9) went well enough when 7L fifth over 2000m in a Class Four Salon-de-Provence handicap last outing. Interesting contender back on the AW with a record of three from six over course and distance. TRACY (4) won a Craon handicap off 2kg lower in September and may do better than when seventh attempting 1400m at Le Mans. Narrow Marseille-Borely handicap winner MOON FLOWER (6) can remain competitive off 2.5kg higher while six-time AW winner GREEN CURRY (5) makes for each-way appeal.

Selections

TRUST ON HIM (9) - TRACY (4) - MOON FLOWER (6) - GREEN CURRY (5)

- 1. **MARITOT** In the money two starts back at Marseille-Borely but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 2000m at this track last time. Certainly worth another chance.
- 2. **PIERRE LE GRAND** Improved at the second run back from a spell last start when third over 2000m at Marseille-Borely beaten 5.5 lengths. Fitter for recent racing. Key chance who should prove hard to beat.
- 3. **RIMBAULT** Last appeared three-and-a-half months ago when he finished 19 lengths from the winner in 14th over 1400m at Deauville. Solid each-way proposition.
- 4. **FOUNTAIN WOMAN** Didn't inspire again last start beaten 4.5 lengths over 1500m at this track. Needs to improve sharply.
- 5. **LILOU CHOPE** Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when 13th over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie five-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 12 lengths. Tough to beat if near her best.
- 6. **ALMANZONE** Went down narrowly last start when second at this track over 2000m. Winning chance.
- 7. **BIG BOUNCE** Yet to finish in the placings from 11 career runs. Back from a spell last start and finished 13th over 2500m at Le Croise-Laroche. Not among the main chances.
- 8. FELI CHOP Three-year-old struggling to find form. Likely to find this race too hard again.
- 9. **ILES HEBRIDES** Solid effort last start when second up from a spell beaten 1.4 lengths into fifth over 2000m at Saint-Cloud. Each way.
- 10. **CAPERCAILIE** Has been out of the money recently including last start when ninth over 2150m at Lyon-la-Soie two-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 14 lengths. Place.
- 11. **QUEENLY** Last start finished eighth over 2150m at Lyon-la-Soie beaten 13 lengths. Fills an occasional place.

Summary: This might prove a decent opportunity for ALMANZONE (6) to gain a second career success. Obvious appeal following a solid 0.5L second in a course and distance claimer. The supplemented LILOU CHOPE (5) disappointed at Lyon-la-Soie recently but is three from five tackling track and trip. Dangerous to dismiss and expected to bounce back. Marseille-Borely third PIERRE LE GRAND (2) could be thereabouts if replicating that effort on this surface while MARITOT (1) needs including on ratings having her first outing for this yard.

Selections

ALMANZONE (6) - LILOU CHOPE (5) - PIERRE LE GRAND (2) - MARITOT (1)

Race 7 - PRIX DE TRUFALDIN - 2600m CLM CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

- 1. **LOR BLANC** Last appeared nine weeks ago when he won over 2600m at this track. Expected to run well.
- 2. **MY LENNY** Won twice earlier on in his prep most recently finished fifth beaten 2.5 lengths at Lyon-la-Soie over 2400m. Can run a better race this time.
- 3. SADARAK Didn't fire last time when ninth over 2700m at Chantilly All Weather. Tested this line-up.
- 4. **SA TUNA** Finished second over 2600m at this track two back then missed the frame last time out over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Can atone.
- 5. **ANGELINO** Stepping up in trip after finishing seventh over 2150m at Lyon-la-Soie last time out. In the right race this time and is definitely worth including.
- 6. **MUSIC IS HER NAME** Finished midfield last start at Lyon-la-Soie over 2150m 8 lengths from the winner. First look at this longer trip. Might struggle again.

Summary: LOR BLANC (1) recorded a third success from past four starts winning a similar claimer here by 0.5L in September. Top contender with an outstanding record of four wins from eight outings over course and distance. MY LENNY (2) is entitled to be thereabouts on ratings and was a good fifth in a 2400m Class Three handicap at Lyon-la-Soie AW. Four-time AW winner SA TUNA (4) shaped well when a sound handicap fifth attempting 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. In the mix. ANGELINO (5) looks next best.

Selections

LOR BLANC (1) - MY LENNY (2) - SA TUNA (4) - ANGELINO (5)

- 1. **MAMMALINA** Handy filly who is racing well including a win last start over 1400m at Toulouse. One of the major players.
- 2. **MR GOODNIGHT** In the money two starts back at Marseille-Borely but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie last time. Hard to beat on his best form.
- 3. **SAINT HELLIER** Average effort last start when seventh and beaten 13 lengths over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly. Better than that and cannot be underestimated.
- 4. **HYGROVE LASS** Going well recently including a last start third beaten 2.75 lengths over 1400m at Toulouse. Has ability and can run a forward race.
- 5. BEIJINHO Fair effort last start beaten 2.5 lengths into second over 1600m at Cavaillon. Place.
- 6. **SPACE QUAKE** Well held at both runs this time in most recently when beaten 12 lengths into 16th over 1400m at Chantilly All Weather. Must improve sharply.
- 7. **SPEED CHOP** Comes here after finishing sixth last time at this track and trip beaten 3 lengths. Happy to overlook.
- 8. **VANILLE BLEUE** Yet to break through this campaign but hasn't been far away including a last start third over 1500m at this track. One of the chances.

Summary: It might pay to stay with the in form MAMMALINA (1) who completed a hat-trick winning a 1400m claimer at Toulouse by 2.5L last-time. Leading hope in current form as she bids to defend an unbeaten record over course and distance. MR GOODNIGHT (2) disappointed at Lyon-la-Soie but finished runner-up to the main selection in a Class Two conditions race attempting 1700m at Marseille-Borely prior. Cannot be ignored. HYGROVE LASS (4) was also behind the lead choice when third at Toulouse but could be involved with a first-time tongue-tie fitted. SAINT HELLIER (3) holds place claims.

Selections

MAMMALINA (1) - MR GOODNIGHT (2) - HYGROVE LASS (4) - SAINT HELLIER (3)