

FRIDAY, 04/10/24

R5 LYON LA SOIE [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX YUMPAL - 2150m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat -
EUR € 12,000**

1. SKADOOSH - Finished 8th in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2000m on 15 September. A track and trip winner in January. Returning to a Claimer and is capable of contesting the finish

2. ASRIEL - Well beaten 8th in a Handicap at Saint-Cloud over 1600m on 6 September. Yet to make the frame

3. HER CHRISTOPHER - Third in a Claimer at Chantilly over 1900m on 2 September. Improved effort in the latest and can be involved in the finish again

4. APOLINO - Finished 8th in a Handicap at La Teste-du-Buch over 1600m on 12 September. First-time Claimer that should make a bold bid for victory

5. BEST OFFER - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Vitteaux over 2600m on 22 September. Not in the best of form and is best watched for now

6. PUMP PUMP LADY - Finished 11th in a Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m on 17 September. The penultimate was a third in a Conditions race at Vichy and is not out of it

7. MIDDLE KICK - A winner in a Conditions race at Nimes over 2600m on 8 September. Seldom far off them and has confidence from the latest victory

8. SARIMARES - Finished 6th in a Handicap at Vichy over 2000m on 19 April. Others are preferred in this line-up

9. LADY OF NABEUL - Finished 7th in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2000m on 15 September. The only previous attempt in a Claimer resulted in victory. Will be fitter being the third run back from a break

10. GREEN PEAS - Finished 7th in a Claimer at Marseille-Borely over 1800m on 28 September. Others are preferred in this line-up

11. ALVAR - Well beaten 9th in a Conditions race at Strasbourg over 2000m on 8 September. Needs to find a few lengths to be competitive

12. CLOUDFALL - Well beaten 8th in a Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 2400m on 17 September. Three moderate efforts to date

13. FRENCH NANA - Well beaten 9th in a Claimer at La Croise-Laroche over 2500m on 19 September. Needs improvement to feature

Summary: First time in a Claimer for APOLINO (4) and he can make it a winning one. He was not disgraced in a handicap last time out. HER CHRISTOPHER (3) is the main danger and his trainer Jean-Pierre Gauvin is in fine form. PUMP PUMP LADY (6) is capable of being a threat, trying a Claimer for the first time. SKADOOSH (1) is another that can get into the mix at the finish

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APOLINO (4) - HER CHRISTOPHER (3) - PUMP PUMP LADY (6) - SKADOOSH (1)

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C2 - PRIX DU BOUSCAT - 2150m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. LORENZO DE MEDICI** - Third in a Conditions race at Royan La Palmyre over 2900m on 15 September. Improved in the latest effort and must confirm that
- 2. GAIDAR** - Finished 7th in a Claimer at La Croise-Laroche over 2500m on 17 September. Suited to the surface and the stable is in form
- 3. MORCOTE** - Fourth at Baden-Baden over 2000m on 31 August. Track and distance suited. Has sufficient means to fight for victory
- 4. ARTURO** - Finished 10th in a Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2400m on 11 September. Three poor efforts after a break
- 5. GLACIER PEAK** - Well beaten 9th in a Conditions race at Salon-de-Provence over 2400m on 20 May. Probably will need the run-back
- 6. JAGDA** - Finished 6th in a Handicap at Vichy over 2000m on 14 August. Has won twice at this track and deserves to be respected
- 7. KARMINA BELLA** - Third in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2000m on 13 June. Might need the run-back
- 8. ZILYA** - A runner-up in the last two, the latest in a Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2400m on 17 September. Twice a track winner and is proven at this level
- 9. ALAMSAR** - Finished 6th in a Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2400m on 17 September. Unreliable and can play a minor role at best
- 10. AGOUREIL** - Fourth in a Handicap at Salon-de-Provence over 1800m on 9 September. A track winner that will appreciate the step up in distance
- 11. MAGIC TUNIS** - Disappointed when unplaced in a Handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2000m on 15 September. The last two attempts on the sand at Deauville were good and returns to the sand
- 12. MARGUNS** - Third in a Conditions race at Vittel over 1600m on 25 August. In form and has won twice at this track. Can be involved in the finish again
- 13. BURWASH** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Salon-de-Provence over 1800m on 9 September. If ignoring the latest can play a minor role at best
- 14. FEUERHERZ** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 17 September. Might still need it
- 15. PUMPY GIRL** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Vichy over 2000m on 23 September. Others are preferred in this line-up

Summary: MORCOTE (3) is returning to the handicaps and in an open-looking event gets the narrow vote. GAIDAR (2) should appreciate the return to the PSF and can be involved in the finish. ZILYA (8) is twice a track winner and can have a say. MAGIC TUNIS (11) is another who can be involved in the finish as he is clearly better than his last run would suggest.

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MORCOTE (3) - GAIDAR (2) - ZILYA (8) - MAGIC TUNIS (11)

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C3 - PRIX DE LA CEPIERE - 2150m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. LEJENDARIO** - Third in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 7 September. In form and has won on this track. Will have supporters and can go close
- 2. VIZINDI** - Finished 6th at Baden-Baden over 2400m on 28 August. Third run back and has performed well on this track Can be involved in the finish
- 3. SIR WALTER** - Finished 9th in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2000m on 8 September. Well weighted and is track-suited. Could be a surprise package
- 4. SEA URCHIN** - Third in a Conditions race at Vannes over 2200m on 21 September. Holding form and deserves to be respected
- 5. WHIP DRALLIV** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 27 September. Others are preferred in this line-up
- 6. LONDON WAY** - A runner-up in a Conditions race at Vitteaux over 2000m on 22 September. Fair form of late but is not proven on the sand
- 7. DE QUEVEDO** - Finished 6th in a Handicap at Amiens over 2200m on 29 September. Needs to find a few lengths to be competitive
- 8. PEDROZIO** - Fourth in a Handicap at La Teste-du-Buch over 2400m on 12 September. In form and is sand suited. Will get his day soon
- 9. CALAS QUEEN** - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Deauville over 1500m on 25 August. Well drawn and is track-suited Has sufficient means to fight for victory
- 10. LE BOLERO** - Finished 9th in a Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2400m on 17 September. Poor form and is an unlikely winner
- 11. KISS QUEEN** - Well beaten 8th in a Handicap at Vichy over 2000m on 23 September. Needs to improve to feature
- 12. DOS DE MAYO** - Finished 7th in a Handicap at Le Mans over 1400m on 13 September. Yet to place this year and must improve
- 13. EUSTACHE** - Well beaten 8th in a Conditions race at Vitteaux over 2600m on 22 September. Unplaced since winning in February. Best watched for now
- 14. TERRE SACREE** - Improved effort when second in a Handicap at Salon-de-Provence over 1800m on 9 September. Must confirm the recent improvement

Summary: LEJENDARIO (1) has won on this track and is in good form. He is threatening to win again and deserves the utmost respect. CALAS QUEEN (9) is probably better on the PSF but can have a say in the finish. SEA URCHIN (4) is in form and deserves to be respected in this line-up. LONDON WAY (6) is another who is quite capable of winning a race like this.

SELECTIONS

LEJENDARIO (1) - CALAS QUEEN (9) - SEA URCHIN (4) - LONDON WAY (6)

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C4 - PRIX PIETRO - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. **ZARINA** - A winner in a Claimer at ParisLongchamp over 2100m on 5 September. Others are preferred in this line-up
2. **HAGLER** - Disappointing when unplaced in a Handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2000m on 13 July. Dropping by 1.5 Kg in the weights and is sand-suited. Deserves to be respected
3. **DESERT RHAPSODY** - Fifth at Avenches over 1600m on 14 September. Unplaced since winning in June and must do more
4. **TANTOMILE** - Fifth in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 21 September. Finished off the latest well and can get closer. Unproven on the sand
5. **MANOIR** - Finished 8th in a Conditions race at Compiegne over 1600m on 25 September. Seldom far off them without making the frame
6. **COMTE NOIR** - Well beaten 8th in a Claimer at ParisLongchamp over 1600m on 12 September. Needs to find a few lengths to be competitive
7. **RIO** - A consistent sort that was 5th in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 3 September. New stable and is sand-suited. Can make a winning start for the new stable
8. **OCEANO NOX** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Vichy over 2400m on 23 September. Probably needed the latest and will be fitter
9. **AKBAR** - Fourth in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 2000m on 15 September. The latest was on Handicap debut and can get closer this time
10. **MAITRE D'ARMES** - A runner-up in a Claimer at Saint-Malo over 1800m on 24 July. Handicap debut and his trainer is in good form on this track. Can go close again
11. **VIADIEPISPINI** - A runner-up in a Handicap at Strasbourg over 1400m on 15 September. In form and has run second on this track in April. Deserves to be respected
12. **PRINCESSE COLUMBIA** - Finished 8th in a Conditions race at Salon-de-Provence over 2000m on 9 September. A track winner in January that has been dropping in Handicap value. Can improve
13. **SI CAPO SI** - Unplaced in a Handicap at Fontainebleau over 2200m on 22 September. Poor last two and is best watched for now

Summary: MAITRE D'ARMES (10) can make a winning handicap debut. The stable is in good form and the last run in a claimer had merit. VIADIEPISPINI (11) has track experience and can go one better. HAGLER (2) is PSF-suited and can be involved in the finish. RIO (7) is having a first start for the new yard and with improvement expected she can some more money.

SELECTIONS

MAITRE D'ARMES (10) - VIADIEPISPINI (11) - HAGLER (2) - RIO (7)

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**C5 - PRIX DE LUNEAU - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat
- EUR € 12,500**

1. KENDJA - Won her second start at La Teste over 1400m on 3 July, beating recent Bordeaux scorer Aivlis Only 8th in a 1400m Class 2 event at Dax on 7 September but she should fare a lot better dropped to this class/category

2. EGGLESTON - Bought for €20,000 at a Breeze-Up Sale in the spring and has revealed sufficient means to be competitive at this level - finished 6th in both starts, the latest in an 1800m maiden at Chantilly on 16 September. Respect

3. FUJI HANA - Failed to confirm the form and improvement of her previous start (4th in a 1300m PSF claimer at Chantilly) when only 6th in a 1000m turf maiden at Vichy on 24 September. Better expected back at this level on PSF

4. LILAROSE - Has the form and experience to acquit herself competitively in a race of this ilk, having finished 4th and 6th twice each in her last 4 starts. Not disgraced when 6th in an 1800m Compiègne claimer on 17 September

5. MOONSHINE - Unplaced and soundly beaten in both appearances, the latest (9th) in a 1700m Divonne-les-Bains claimer on 1 September. Improvement needed in his first start on the PSF

6. GUAPAK - Improved when a career-best 3rd in a 1700m claimer at Divonne-les-Bains on 1 September before finishing unplaced (9th) in first-time headgear over 2000m in a Vichy conditions race on 23 September. Can do better

7. BANDIDA ESTRELLITA - Cracksman debutante from the stable of Gérald Geisler. Corentin Bergé takes a handy 1,5kg off the back

8. ALLABARA - Unplaced in all 7 starts, including 4 consecutive claimers - the latest (5th) over 1800m at Salon-de-Provence on 9 September. Headgear refitted

9. PERLE ARDENTE - Didn't go unnoticed on debut, finishing 6th of 11 in a 1700m claimer at Divonne-les-Bains on 1 September. Open to improvement with the benefit of that experience

10. ALNAIR - Elauryne Cury-trained Stellar Mass newcomer to be ridden on debut by Gabriele Congiu. Watch the betting

Summary: KENDJA (1), despite finishing a well-beaten 8th in a Class 2 conditions race at Dax recently, is best judged on her 1400m victory at La Teste in July when beating a subsequent winner. On the strength of that form, she ought to establish herself at this level and is good value to reconnect with success dropped to this class/category for the first time. FUJI HANA (3) finished 4th in this grade on the PSF at Chantilly in her penultimate outing and could fight for victory if bouncing back to that sort of form over this extended trip. LILAROSE (4), experienced in this category, and unexposed EGGLESTON (2), whose trainer rarely makes the trip to this course without good reason, aren't taken lightly.

SELECTIONS

KENDJA (1) - FUJI HANA (3) - LILAROSE (4) - EGGLESTON (2)

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C6 - PRIX DE VILLEURBANNE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. BELAFONTE - Won 2 of 4 appearances in this category, notably beating Central Park West (last Tuesday's Quinté+ winner) on the PSF at Deauville in early August. Showed his form and well-being by winning a 2100m handicap at Saint-Cloud on 27 September

2. PUMP PUMP CITY - Two-time course-and-distance winner in handicaps, including on his last visit here in November. Unplaced (9th) off his current mark in a 2000m handicap at Salon-de-Provence on 9 September - now drops in class

3. DUNSBOROUGH - Lightly raced 4-year-old gelding with sound PSF references, including a last-start 3rd at Chantilly when last seen on 11 October 2023. Best watched for now

4. BOLSHKINOV - Was returning from an 8-month absence when finishing 2nd, beaten 6 lengths by the winner, over 1400m at Dresden on 21 September. Fitter, has sound references at this level and is well treated under the conditions

5. WILMOT - Consistent performer in Germany with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th over 1800m at Baden-Baden on 28 August. Not taken lightly in his start on French soil and on this surface

6. ZAMNESIA - Rewarded for her consistency with a maiden career victory at München-Riem over 2000m on 12 September. Has more to do here

7. LOUBEISIEN - Lightly raced five-year-old who didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th in a 1600m claimer at Fontainebleau on 22 September. Place chance

8. EDITED - Well-performed veteran with 11 victories to his name and sound references at this level on the PSF, though he is no longer the force of old. Unplaced (6th) in a 2000m handicap at Salon-de-Provence on 9 September

9. ROYAL SAXO - Soundly beaten (14th) in a 1400m Quinté+ handicap on PSF at Deauville on 30 July but shouldn't be taken lightly on his reappearance given the significant drop in class. Keep safe

Summary: Stefan Richter has won and placed 3 times each with 8 runners at Lyon-La-Soie this year and that impressive record bodes well for the chances of BOLSHKINOV (4) who finished an encouraging 2nd on his reappearance at Dresden recently. He gets the nod ahead of top-weight BELAFONTE (1) whose candidacy/competitiveness in this category is beyond doubt. ROYAL SAXO (9) isn't taken lightly either and he should fare a lot better in this grade than he did when last seen in a Quinté+ at Deauville in July. Dual course winner PUMP PUMP CITY (2) completes the shortlist in his first start at this level.

SELECTIONS

BOLSHKINOV (4) - BELAFONTE (1) - ROYAL SAXO (9) - PUMP PUMP CITY (2)

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C7 - PRIX DE LA BALME - 2400m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. VADIRUM** - Boasts 2 wins and a 2nd in 4 visits to this track, including a course-and-distance claiming success. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th over 3000m at Le Lion d'Angers on 4 August and will find this trip more to his liking
- 2. SANTURIN** - Hard-knocking handicapper with sound form references/credentials, including 3 consecutive recent efforts in Quinté+ events - not beaten far in each, the latest (6th) over 2400m at ParisLongchamp on 1 September
- 3. RODAINAH** - Versatile filly with sound references on both surfaces, including a win and a 4th in 2 starts on this surface. Rewarded for consistency with a last-start win in a 2400m ParisLongchamp handicap and ought to remain competitive under a 2,5kg penalty
- 4. LISMORE** - Unplaced in both handicap appearances but is lightly raced and remains open to improvement. Proved her form and well-being by winning over 2850m at Sablé-sur-Sarthe on 15 September but will find this tougher
- 5. SAINTE RITA** - Honest performer with consistent form references/credentials, including 15 top-five finishes on this course. Acquitted herself well (5th) in a course-and-distance handicap on 11 September - can't be underestimated
- 6. KINGDOM** - Capable handicapper who finished 2nd in a handicap over track and trip on his last visit to this venue. Only 6th off his current mark (under a 2,5kg penalty) in a 2500m ParisLongchamp Class 3 event on 12 September
- 7. PANGAEA** - Unreliable and out of sorts, though did finish 2nd in his only attempt at 2400m (albeit off a lower mark). Finished a well-beaten 10th in a 2000m Saint-Cloud handicap on 13 September - dark horse over this trip
- 8. HONGUEMARE** - Lightly raced mare with references at a higher level - seldom far off the mark but has been hard to win with (just 1 win from 20 starts). Was a well-beaten 9th in a 2500m Class 3 at ParisLongchamp on 12 September
- 9. WILLY WINNER** - Consistent, versatile handicapper whose best references (both career victories) were achieved on the PSF. Caught the eye with a reassuring 4th off this mark in a 2400m turf handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 11 September
- 10. SIYOUCHKA** - Versatile filly with sound references/form credentials on both surfaces, including a course-and-distance 3rd in early January. Lost her way recently - unplaced in her last 3 starts, the latest (6th) in a 2350m handicap at Strasbourg on 15 September
- 11. FORBIDDEN SECRET** - Won back-to-back PSF claimers over this distance at Cagnes earlier this year off his current mark but hasn't been seen since finishing 6th in a course-and-distance handicap on 24 March. Best watched for now

Summary: Honest veteran SANTURIN (2) has acquitted himself well in considerably stronger Quinté+ handicaps in each of his last 3 starts and should prove even more competitive at this level, especially returning to this venue where he has already been successful. Last-start winner RODAINAH (3), a proven PSF performer, could make life difficult for the selection, despite her resultant 2,5kg penalty, along with course-and-distance specialist VADIRUM (1) who will enjoy this shorter trip after stretching out to 3000m at Le Lion-d'Angers in early August. WILLY WINNER (9) and SAINTE RITA (5) know this track inside out and can get into the picture.

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SELECTIONS

SANTURIN (2) - RODAINAH (3) - VADIRUM (1) - WILLY WINNER (9)