

TUESDAY, 28/01/25

C1 - PRIX DES GRILLONS - 2400m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

1. FORBIDDEN SECRET - Course and distance winner earlier last year in Class 4 races, he was a decent 4th last time out over 2400m in a Class 4 handicap at Lyon La Soie on January 9th. Key chance

2. MILLIONAIRE - Four unplaced runs of late, the latter of them over 2500m in a Class 2 race at Deauville on November 27th. Needs to get back to form

3. CATCH THE STARS - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 2400m at Lyon La Soie on January 6th in a Class 4 race. Ought to be thereabouts

4. ELAUNEIL - Won over 2000m in a Class 3 handicap at this track on January 18th. Leading chance if as effective over the extra distance

5. DAMASK BLADE - He was in decent form in 2024. He won over 2200m in April and was placed several times after that in Class 3 races. If fit from an absence of 7 months he can not be overlooked

6. MANNE - Four unplaced efforts recently, the latter at Deauville over 2500m in a Class 4 race on January 4th. Unlikely to be a threat

7. KINGORI - Two unplaced efforts since a 3rd at Deauville on October 21st over 1900m in a Class 3 handicap. He has place claims

Summary: FORBIDDEN SECRET (1) has had his last six runs at Lyon La Soie, he had two wins before that over course and distance, the latter in February 2024. He was fourth at Lyon la Soie in a Class 4 handicap 19 days ago and is preferred to DAMASK BLADE (5) who holds stronger form but has not been seen since June 2024. With fitness taken on trust, he can be competitive. CATCH THE STARS (3) and ELAUNEIL (4) both warrant respect and can fight it out for minor honours.

SELECTIONS

FORBIDDEN SECRET (1) - DAMASK BLADE (5) - CATCH THE STARS (3) - ELAUNEIL (4)

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C2 - PRIX HENRI VERAN (PRIX DE CARNOLES) - 1300m (a6f1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 23,000

- 1. CLEAN BOWLED** - 8th on his only run so far over track and trip on January 13th. He will need to of made rapid progress to trouble a few of these
- 2. LE MANHATTAN** - Two 2nd placed runs so far, both in Prague (CZE), the most recent over 1400m on November 9th. One to pay attention too
- 3. LA BILLEBAUDE** - 4th on her second start over track and trip in a maiden on January 15th. Needs a few to falter
- 4. TXIRIMIRI** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that at Deauville over 1300m on November 27th in a maiden race. In the mix
- 5. ASHERAH** - Good 2nd on her sole start over 1500m at this track on January 13th. She can improve and go one place better this time
- 6. RAFALE DE NUIT** - 8th on her one run over 1200m at Pau on January 4th in a maiden race. She will need vast improvement to be able to feature
- 7. LA CONSENTIDA** - Improved effort on her second start when she was 2nd over track and trip in a maiden 13 days ago. Hard to ignore
- 8. LA PAMPA** - Unraced by Kantharos, the dam won two races and was Listed placed. From a respected stable. Monitor the betting patterns for clues

Summary: ASHERAH (5) ran a race full of promise over course and distance 15 days ago when she was second in a conditions race. With progress from that run, she will be expected to score from LA CONSENTIDA (7) who was second over track and trip in a maiden 13 days ago. That was her second start. TXIRIMIRI (4) is better than she showed last time and is best judged on her second at Deauville on her penultimate start. LE MANHATTAN (2) is also worth considering.

SELECTIONS

ASHERAH (5) - LA CONSENTIDA (7) - TXIRIMIRI (4) - LE MANHATTAN (2)

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C3 - PRIX DE CAILLE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. SOPRAN PECHINO** - Two unplaced runs of late, he won before that over 2200m at Milan (ITA) in a conditions race on September 25th. One to consider
- 2. CLIFFS OF MOHER** - Nice 3rd in a Class 2 race over 2150m at this track 15 days ago and two wins before that at Marseille Pont De Vivaux. Player
- 3. CHARLESQUINT** - He has several unplaced runs of late, well beaten in a Class 2 handicap 13 days ago over course and distance. A dual Class 1 winner in the past and can not be ruled out if he finds his best form
- 4. MACHU PICCHU** - He won on his latest start over 2000m at Seville (ESP) in a conditions race on December 22nd. His first start in France and could be on the premises
- 5. AZOV** - Credible 4th in a Class 3 race at Pau on January 12th over 2000m, he has placed form at this track. One to keep safe
- 6. BAKHCHISARAY** - Four unplaced efforts since a 4th over 2400m in a Class 3 race at Dieppe on August 21st. Needs to recapture his form
- 7. CASA LUNA** - Two unplaced runs since a 2nd over 2450m at Wolverhampton (GBR) on December 9th. Looks hard to recommend
- 8. TREASURED SOUL** - 4th on the most recent start over 1600m at Rome (ITA) on December 24th in a conditions race. Has work ahead of him
- 9. AUTEUR** - Ran well on both of his starts, 2nd on debut in September and a recent 4th at Lyon La Soie in a Class 3 race over 2150m on January 6th. He has a good bit more to come
- 10. TREASURE STORM** - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that at Newcastle (GBR) over 20250m on December 17th in a conditions race. Looks vulnerable

Summary: CLIFFS OF MOHER (2) has been in top form recently with a couple of wins at Marseille Pont De Vivaux before the end of last year and a nice 3rd in a Class 2 race at this track 15 days ago. He can score from AZOV (5) who could be the main danger after a recent fourth at Pau just over two weeks ago. AUTEUR (9) is lightly raced and has plenty more to come. He can be involved. CHARLESQUINT (3) was a useful performer in his day. If returning to some form of old, he is a threat.

SELECTIONS

CLIFFS OF MOHER (2) - AZOV (5) - AUTEUR (9) - CHARLESQUINT (3)

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C4 - PRIX DU COL DE LA BONETTE - 1500m (a7f1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 24,000

1. RAWIYA - She was a winner last year in October at Toulouse and was then tried in two Class 2 races when not quite up to that. Her latest start on December 9th on the PSF can be forgiven and back on turf she can be involved

2. MISSION GAMMA - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1800m at Lyon La Soie on December 16th in a Class 2 race. One to keep safe back on turf

3. WESTMINSTER FOX - Ran well to be 4th in her handicap debut at this track over 1300m only 7 days ago. She is improving and can be competitive

4. EAGLE GATE - Fair 3rd over 1300m in a handicap at this track on January 21st on his last start. Place chance

5. TAVULLIA - Unplaced last time out, 3rd before that over 1500m in a handicap at Marseille Pont De Vivaux on December 7th. Needs a few to falter

6. PERGOLOR - He has several unplaced runs so far, the latter over 1300m in a handicap at this track 7 days ago. Others make more appeal

7. TAGA - Unplaced recently, 4th before that over 1500m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a handicap on January 2nd. Others rate higher

8. MAYA CHOP - He has five unplaced runs so far, the latest over 1600m in a claimer at this track on January 18th. One to pass over

9. HISTOIRE D'ARTOIS - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that at Lignieres in a maiden on November 30th. Looks vulnerable

Summary: WESTMINSTER FOX (3) showed improved form when she was fourth in a handicap 7 days ago at this track over 1300m. She will be suited by the extra 200m this time. RAWIYA (1) could be the main danger. She won her maiden last October and was then unplaced in a couple of Class 2 races, her latest start on the PSF can be forgiven. MISSION GAMMA (2) should also be considered after two runs on the artificial surfaces recently. EAGLE GATE (4) heads the rest.

SELECTIONS

WESTMINSTER FOX (3) - RAWIYA (1) - MISSION GAMMA (2) - EAGLE GATE (4)

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C5 - PRIX DE SORMIOU - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. QUEEN SINGER** - She has five unplaced runs of late, well beaten at Chantilly over 1600m in a handicap on December 30th last time out. One to avoid
- 2. SINDIA** - Unplaced last time out, won before that over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 3 handicap on January 3rd. Can make the top-three
- 3. VULDETRADE** - She has four unplaced runs of late, the latest when 5th at Lyon La Soie on December 2nd over 2150m in a handicap. Unlikely to threaten
- 4. HARRY GOLD** - Needed the race when he was 7th over 2000m in a Class 3 handicap at this track on January 13th. Best watched for now
- 5. MY OWN WAY** - Fair 5th over 2000m at this track in a Class 3 handicap on January 13th on the latest run. One to pay attention too
- 6. POMELEO** - He won on the turf last time over 2150m in a Class 3 handicap on January 18th. He handles the PSF and can not be overlooked
- 7. SWEET DREAMS** - He has two 2nd placed runs of late, the latter over track and trip on January 13th in a Class 3 handicap over 2000m. Player
- 8. APOPHTEGME** - 5th last time, he won before that over 2500m at Deauville on January 3rd in a Class 3 handicap. Outside place chance
- 9. ORFEO** - Fair 4th over track and trip in a Class 3 handicap on January 13th on his last start. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 10. BELHAD JELOIS** - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1800m in a claimer at Lyon La Soie on December 2nd. Others are better equipped
- 11. ARLINO** - Placed on his last four starts, the latter when he was 3rd at this racecourse on turf in a Class 3 handicap on January 18th. Needs a few to falter

Summary: MY OWN WAY (5) has been on the premises without a win of late and is the tentative selection in this open handicap. POMELEO (6) won recently at this racecourse on the turf 10 days ago. He looks like the main threat as he is versatile and acts well on the PSF. SWEET DREAMS (7) looks like a sensible option for the each-way backers. He ran well over track and trip when second 15 days ago. ORFEO (9) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MY OWN WAY (5) - POMELEO (6) - SWEET DREAMS (7) - ORFEO (9)

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C6 - PRIX DE MORGIOU - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 25,000

- 1. WELCOME CHARLY** - He was 3rd last time out over 1900m in a Class 1 race at Chantilly on the PSF on October 29th. One to keep safe
- 2. ELDIO** - Fair 5th in a Class 3 handicap over 1500m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux on January 2nd. Place chance
- 3. KYLOA** - She won narrowly over course and distance 15 days ago in a Class 3 handicap and can once again play a lead role
- 4. GANT** - Good 3rd over track and trip in a Class 2 handicap on January 13th. He handles the surface well and can not be overlooked
- 5. APOLINO** - Unplaced last time out, 2nd before that over 2150m in a claimer at Lyon La Soie on October 4th. He will strip fitter for a run 15 days ago and can make the frame
- 6. SKIMBLESHANKS** - Placed on his last two starts, 4th on the latest over 2150m in a Class 3 handicap on the turf at this racecourse. Among the leading chances
- 7. CARTIMANDUA** - Four unplaced runs of late, she won before that at Lyon Parilly in a maiden on March 17th, 2024. Needs to get back on track
- 8. BANSHIE** - Two unplaced runs since a 3rd over 2000m in a handicap at Marseille Pont De Vivaux on November 19th. Opposable
- 9. ARIGATO** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that at Lyon La Soie in a Class 3 race on December 6th. Needs more to be involved
- 10. PURPLE MOOD** - He has several unplaced runs of late, the latter over 2000m at this track in a Class 2 handicap on January 13th. Out of form and best left alone
- 11. HOUSTON STREET** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that at Lyon La Soie in a handicap over 2150m on December 2nd. Look for an alternative

Summary: GANT (4) was a pleasing third at this track earlier this month in a Class 2 handicap and handles the PSF well. He is given the vote ahead of KYLOA (3) who won over course and distance 15 days ago in a Class 3 handicap and can make her rivals work hard for success. APOLINO (5) needed the race when unplaced 15 days ago and can be on the premises. ELDIO (2) also warrants respect and can have a say in proceedings.

SELECTIONS

GANT (4) - KYLOA (3) - APOLINO (5) - ELDIO (2)

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C7 - PRIX DES MYOSOTIS - 1500m (a7f1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. ETERNEL** - 5th on his last start over 1500m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 handicap on January 2nd. Seems out of form and is hard to fancy
- 2. MAKENO** - Unplaced last time out, 2nd before that over 1800m at Clairefontaine on October 25th in a Class 3 handicap. Others seem more likely
- 3. SILVER SCHNOK** - Won on her last start over 1700m in a Class 4 handicap at Marseille Borely on November 10th. She will be fit after a nice break
- 4. SAKHARAH** - Credible 3rd in a Class 3 handicap over 1500m 8 days ago at this track and a win before that in November at Saint-cloud. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 5. LONG STORY SHORT** - Three placed runs of late, the latest when 3rd at this track 7 days ago in a maiden over course and distance. She can play a lead role
- 6. GRAY D'ALBION** - 6th on the last two runs, won before that at Cavailon over 1600m in a Class 4 race on October 27th. Has work to do
- 7. PRINCE DES DUNES** - Four unplaced runs since a 4th over 1400m at Compiegne in a Class 3 handicap on June 12th, 2024. Hard to trust at the moment
- 8. KAKHOVKA** - She has four unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1300m in a Class 4 race at Vittel on August 18th. Place chance
- 9. MEHANYDREAM** - Has several unplaced runs, 8th at this track over 1500m in a Class 3 handicap only 8 days ago. Makes no appeal
- 10. EL PROFESSOR CHOP** - Has shown no form of late, well beaten over 1500m in a Class 3 handicap on the latest start 8 days ago at this track. Can be overlooked
- 11. WHAT ELSE CHOP** - Back to form with a 2nd placed run over 1500m in a Class 3 handicap 8 days ago at this track. Merits consideration
- 12. MAKHZEN** - Three unplaced efforts of late, 3rd before that over 1900m at Nimes on November 1st in a Class 4 race. Unlikely to be a threat
- 13. REDRUNNER** - Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1400m at Compiegne on September 25th in a Class 4 handicap. Can make the top four

Summary: LONG STORY SHORT (5) was a pleasing third on her last start at this track 7 days ago. She can get off the mark this time. SILVER SCHNOK (3) could be the main danger. She won on her latest start at Marseille Borely in November and has had a nice break after that success. SAKHARAH (4) is one to include in all of the place bet permutations. WHAT ELSE CHOP (11) returned to form last time out when he was second and he can have a say at the finish.

SELECTIONS

LONG STORY SHORT (5) - SILVER SCHNOK (3) - SAKHARAH (4) - WHAT ELSE CHOP
(11)

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C8 - PRIX DES NENUPHARS - 1500m (a7f1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. ESSAI TRANSFORME** - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1400m at Strasbourg in a Class 4 handicap on November 11th. Looks vulnerable
- 2. WIND OF CHANGE** - Nice win over track and trip in a Class 3 handicap 8 days ago. He will be full of confidence after that success and can follow up
- 3. KENZAL** - He has been 4th on his last two runs, the latter over 1800m in a Class 4 handicap at Lyon La Soie on December 9th. Opposable
- 4. JOYEUSE DE ROMAY** - Two unplaced runs since a win over 1600m in a Class 4 handicap at Lyon Parilly on September 17th. Has the ability to make the frame at nice odds
- 5. MANA MAHA** - She won on her latest start over 1700m at Pornichet in a Class 4 race on December 29th. Competitive run expected
- 6. BLUFF** - Three unplaced runs of late, the latest when he was 6th over track and trip in a Class 3 handicap 8 days ago. He has eased to a good rating and can have a say
- 7. PISORNO** - Six unplaced runs of late, 7th on the latest at this track over 1500m in a Class 3 handicap 8 days ago. Has dropped to a fair rating and more can be expected this time
- 8. COLBY CHOP** - 2nd two runs back over 1500m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 handicap on January 2nd. Needs to be more consistent
- 9. RISING UP** - 6th on his last start over 1300m in a Class 3 handicap at this track on January 15th. He has dropped in the handicap but is not reliable
- 10. SHANNA ROSE** - She won on her latest start over 1600m at Chantilly on the PSF in a Class 3 handicap on November 19th. She is effective on turf
- 11. MAPLE GIRL** - Credible 2nd on her last start over 1400m at Toulouse in a Class 4 handicap on November 24th. Place contender
- 12. RED TORCH** - 4th on his last two runs, the most recent over 1500m at this track 8 days ago. One to consider each way
- 13. CRUELLA DE VIL** - She has several unplaced runs of late, well beaten over 1500m in a Class 3 handicap at this track 8 days ago. One to steer clear of

Summary: WIND OF CHANGE (2) scored by 3L over course and distance 8 days ago and will be in a good frame of mind after that confidence-boosting success. He is preferred to BLUFF (6) who has been given a chance by the handicapper and can bounce back to form. MANA MAHA (5) is also worth considering after a win on the PSF at Pornichet in late December. She can adapt to the turf. SHANNA ROSE (10) was also a winner on the PSF last time and heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

WIND OF CHANGE (2) - BLUFF (6) - MANA MAHA (5) - SHANNA ROSE (10)