R3 MARSEILLE-BORELY [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE L'ILE MAIRE - 2600m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

1. I AM MAELIA - Not reliable and finished sixth in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 21 October. Capable of bouncing back to score.

2. L'ABBAYE - Threatening to score and was runner-up in a Handicap over this track and trip on 17 October. Can go one place better.

3. THE MAGPIE - In good form and finished third in a Handicap over this course and distance on 17 October. Should fight out the finish once again.

4. LOVATREE PARIS - Unreliable and finished eighth in a Handicap at Saint-Cloud over 2000m on 8 October. Capable of playing a minor role.

5. SKALI - Has struck a purple patch of form with two good recent wins over this track and trip, the latest in a Class 3 Conditions race. Can complete the hat-trick.

6. JOYPHORIA - Unreliable and was only sixth in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 23 October. Might play a minor role at best.

Summary: Despite the wind, the ground is expected to be testing, and L'ABBAYE (2), who arrives at the end of the season relatively fresh, looks an obvious pick.THE MAGPIE (3) is thoroughly reliable and was comfortably beaten by our selection at this course, but will be looking to close the gap. SKALI (5), the only male runner in the field, and LOVATREE PARIS (4), who should benefit from the softer conditions, are also capable of making their presence felt.

SELECTIONS

L'ABBAYE (2) - THE MAGPIE (3) - SKALI (5) - LOVATREE PARIS (4)

C2 - PRIX DES GOUDES - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 14,400

1. TAKAVOR - Has struck form and was successful in a Claimer at Fontainebleau over this distance on 2 November. Looks capable of following up.

2. MARCH MADNESS - In good shape and finished third in a Claimer at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 7 October. Can contest the finish once again.

3. EXTRAWELL - Did not run too badly when fifth in a Handicap over this course and distance on 12 October. Capable of improvement and has a place chance.

4. LUCKY LOCO - Has struggled of late and was ninth in a Class 2 Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1900m on 29 October. Capable of a surprise back sprinting.

5. NAQOURA - Has shown little in two starts, the latest when 11th in a Maiden at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 23 October. Could do a lot better dropped back in distance. Might surprise.

6. BODY PHYSICAL - Not reliable and finished fifth in a Claimer at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 7 October. Capable of making the frame

7. SAINTE ROMY - Yet to win a race and was sixth in a Maiden over this course and distance on 26 October. Distance suits and could earn some money.

Summary: TAKAVOR (1) boasts the highest rating in the field and arrives in excellent form. If he handles the ground, he will be difficult to beat. MARCH MADNESS (2) is thoroughly reliable and an obvious danger. BODY PHYSICAL (6) is particularly effective at this venue and should not be far away at the finish. NAQOURA (5) showed considerable promise on his Lyon debut and with improvement expected could go close to scoring.

SELECTIONS

TAKAVOR (1) - MARCH MADNESS (2) - BODY PHYSICAL (6) - NAQOURA (5)

C3 - PRIX DE CUGES - 2600m (a1m1/2) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 15,600

1. WILLY WONKA STEEL - Finished seventh on debut in a Claimer at Divonne over 2000m on 18 October. Capable of improvement but others are preferred.

2. NO PAIN NO GAIN - Has only been moderate in two starts, the latest when sixth in a Maiden at this course over 2000m on 26 October. Capable of improvement and can be a threat.

3. KRISTAL - Yet to win a race but is in good form and finished runner-up in a Class 3 Conditions race over this track and trip on 26 October. Can break the ice.

4. PIKES PEAK - Remains in good shape and was third in a Class 3 Conditions race over this course and distance on 26 October. Should fight out the finish.

5. LE VICOMTE - Showed good improvement when runner-up in a Maiden at this course over 2000m on 26 October. Can go one place better.

6. HAREMOTION - Much improved last time out when runner-up in a Maiden at Cavaillon over 2200m on 11 October. Can contest the finish.

7. LEIA ORGANA - Holding form and finished fourth in a Claimer at Lyon-La Soie over 2400m on 23 October. Can earn some more money.

8. GOLDFLOWER - Finished seventh on debut in a Maiden over this course and distance on 12 October. Capable of improvement but others make more appeal.

Summary: LE VICOMTE (5) was beaten only by a promising rival at this course and should handle the ground conditions. The main question is whether he will stay this longer distance. If he does, he has a good opportunity to open his account. HAREMOTION (6) is progressing nicely and can give him a serious challenge. The consistent pair KRISTAL (3) and PIKES PEAK (4) will also make their presence felt and are unlikely to give anything away easily.

SELECTIONS

LE VICOMTE (5) - HAREMOTION (6) - KRISTAL (3) - PIKES PEAK (4)

C4 - PRIX DE LA MAJOR - 1700m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

1. MEFIE TOI - Remains in good form and was third in a Handicap over this track and trip on 17 October. Can fight out the finish once again.

2. SENTOSA - Successful last time out in a Maiden at Les Sables over 1950m on 13 October. Consistent and could follow up.

3. COUNSELOR - Remains in very good shape and was runner-up in a Handicap over this course and distance on 17 October. Should be right there at the finish yet again.

4. WARHOLM - Unreliable and finished fifth in a Claimer at Lyon-La Soie over 2400m on 28 October. Capable of doing better but others are preferred.

5. AL MA'IDA - Finished tenth in a Handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 22 May. Capable of better but might need this run returning from a break.

6. LE LANDIN - Not reliable but was runner-up in a Claimer over this track and trip on 26 October. Can get into the mix of things

7. RED SCOTCH - Off form and was 12th in a Handicap at Chantilly over 1800m on 15 October. Needs to find a few lengths to score.

8. OTONIA - Likes this track and finished third in a Maiden over this course and distance on 12 October. Could play a minor role.

9. L'ALTA ROCCA - Has only been moderate of late and was fifth in a Claimer over this course and distance on 26 October. More is needed to beat these rivals.

Summary: In this typically wide-open handicap, the in-form COUNSELOR (3) gets the vote, provided he handles the ground, which he will be encountering for the first time. MEFIE TOI (1) is now competitive in this grade, SENTOSA (2) is not deterred by having to travel long distances, and LE LANDIN (6) produced an excellent performance here on similar ground. All three are capable of giving the selection a serious challenge.

SELECTIONS

COUNSELOR (3) - MEFIE TOI (1) - SENTOSA (2) - LE LANDIN (6)

C5 - PRIX DES MICOCOULIERS - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. TOUESSROK - Has only been modest so far and was fifth in a Maiden at Clairefontaine over this distance on 20 October. Can improve and make the frame.

2. TROPHY WINNER - Not disgraced when fifth in a Maiden over this course and distance on 17 October. Capable of improvement and is not out of it.

3. NOOR AL AYN - Consistent so far and was runner-up in a Maiden over this track and trip on 17 October. Can go one place better.

4. AMBRE SULTAN - Finished 11th on debut in a Conditions race at ParisLongchamp over 1800m on 18 October. Likely to improve but others make more appeal.

5. ATARA - Ran well on debut when third in a Conditions race at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 21 October. Tries the grass but can score.

6. DALEN - A three-year-old colt by New Bay out of Dalkeya who is making his debut. His dam was unplaced in all three starts. Could challenge for top honours

7. CAMELOT CITY - A three-year-old gelding by Camelot out of Absolute City who is making his debut. His dam won four of 14 starts and was Group 3 placed. Can be a threat.

Summary: The state of the ground is clearly a concern for these colts, who have little or no experience. Otherwise, NOOR AL AYN (3) is improving with each run and looks close to a first victory. The well-bred newcomers DALEN (6) and CAMELOT CITY (7), representing powerful stables, are both worth watching. TOUESSROK (1) could also make a promising first impression on his debut in the region.

SELECTIONS

NOOR AL AYN (3) - DALEN (6) - CAMELOT CITY (7) - TOUESSROK (1)

C6 - PRIX DES PROPHETES - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. LIZA CHOPE - Showed improvement when runner-up in a Maiden over this course and distance on 17 October. Can get into the mix again.

2. ZELROMY - Has only been modest so far and finished seventh in a Maiden at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 6 October. Capable of improvement but others make more appeal.

3. GOODMONT - Finished sixth on debut in a Maiden at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 21 October. Might play a minor role with improvement likely.

4. MAX WIN - Improving and finished third in a Maiden over this track and trip on 17 October. Looks capable of scoring this time.

5. GEORGETTA'S WISH - Finished sixth on debut in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 17 October. Likely to improve and might make the frame

6. FELICIE D'OR - Not disgraced when runner-up in a Claimer at Dieppe over this distance on 17 September. Tougher task this time and others are preferred.

7. ELROMA - Showed improvement second time out when fourth in a Maiden over this track and trip on 17 October. Might make the frame

8. FATHIYYA - Did not show her best when seventh in a Maiden at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1600m on 8 October. Capable of doing better but more is needed to score.

9. SPIRIT OF ERIN - Finished seventh on debut at Vichy over 2000m on 21 September. Likely to improve and is capable of scoring

10. MAKADELA - A three-year-old filly by Makaloun out of Vadela who is making her debut. Her dam won once in 18 starts. Could need this experience.

11. LA BONNE ANNEE - A three-year-old filly by Galiway out of Anything Else who is making her debut. Her dam won once in 10 starts. Could need this experience.

12. OWANA DU MAUPAS - A three-year-old filly by Me Owen out of Shaking who is making her debut. Her dam won twice in 14 starts. Others make more appeal.

Summary: This is just as difficult a race to assess as the previous one, the colts' equivalent, with even more runners in the field. SPIRIT OF ERIN (9) gets the tentative vote, as she is expected to improve considerably on her debut. The form of the 17 October race here is worth following, with LIZA CHOPE (1), MAX WIN (4) and ELROMA (7) filling the minor places and capable of impovement.

SELECTIONS

SPIRIT OF ERIN (9) - LIZA CHOPE (1) - MAX WIN (4) - GEORGETTA'S WISH (5)

C7 - PRIX DU TUNNEL SAINT-LAURENT - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,400

1. BOOMERANG - Showed some improvement when fourth in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 21 October. Might earn some more money.

2. TIBERIANA - Has only been modest of late and finished seventh in a Handicap at this course over 2100m on 26 October. Has a place chance on best form.

3. STUNNING ANGEL - Has struggled of late and finished 11th in a Handicap at Vichy over 1400m on 20 July. Needs to do more to beat these rivals.

4. PORT SANTA PONSA - Battling to find best form and was sixth in a Claimer at Lyon-La Soie over 2400m on 21 October. Needs to find a few lengths to score

5. JOYEUSE DE ROMAY - On a very long losing run and was sixth in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 21 October. Might play a minor role at best.

6. IDAHO JAMES - Knocking loudly at the door and was runner-up in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 21 October. Can contest the finish.

7. MAPLE GIRL - Off form and finished ninth in a Handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 26 September. Capable of scoring if at best

8. MEPHISTO - Battling to find best form and finished seventh in a Class 4 Conditions race at Prunelli over 2400m on 24 October. Needs to find a few lengths to beat these rivals

9. BURWASH - Off form and was ninth in a Handicap at this course over 2100m on 26 October. Others make more appeal.

10. KING LUDWIG - Has only been modest of late and was fifth in a Class 4 Conditions race at Prunelli over 2400m on 24 October. Others are much preferred

11. SANKA CHOP - Not disgraced when fifth in a Handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 7 October. Can do even better thsi time around

12. PRINCE LOS - Not reliable and was eighth in a Handicap at Toulouse over 2000m on 26 October. Successful before that and is not out of it.

13. ROSISSIM - Battling to find best form and was seventh in a Handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 7 October. More is needed to score.

Summary: This could develop into a battle between Franck Forési's runners, IDAHO JAMES (6), SANKA CHOP (11) and JOYEUSE DE ROMAY (5), with ROSISSIM (13) also in the mix, although it is difficult to include them all. They are all well treated at the weights. Michel Planard also has runners in the field, but his representatives are inconsistent. IDAHO JAMES (6), however is in good form and clearly the one to be with.

SELECTIONS

IDAHO JAMES (6) - MAPLE GIRL (7) - SANKA CHOP (11) - PRINCE LOS (12)

C8 - PRIX DU TUNNEL CARENAGE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

1. BREIZH MOON - Not reliable and was sixth in a Handicap over this course and distance on 26 October. Did better before that and is not out of it

2. SAN TEODORICO - Victorious last time out in a Handicap at this course over 2100m on 26 October. Carries a penalty but can follow up.

3. GOWAY - Showed a return to form when third in a Handicap over this track and trip on 26 October. Has a chance in this line-up.

4. DENIA - Has some fair form and finished fifth in a Handicap at this course over 2100m on 12 October. Might play a minor role.

5. KENZAL - Has been in good form of late in Claimers, the latest when runner-up at Vichy over 1400m on 22 September. Can make the frame once again

6. WALDKAUZ - Has only been modest of late and finished sixth in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 2150m on 23 October. Needs to do a bit more to score.

7. KERNO QUATZ - Knocking very hard at the door and was runner-up in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over this distance on 21 October. Can go one place better.

8. NOVA KEN - Not reliable but was third in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over this distance on 21 October. Can earn some more money.

9. COME TI AMO - Did not show her best when seventh in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 21 October. Capable of doing better back on the grass and might play a minor role.

10. KAPETANIOS - In very good form and was runner-up in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over this distance on 23 October. Has a place chance

11. ATAVAMADA - Yet to win a race and was eighth in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 21 October. More is needed to score.

12. DENGIE - Has only been modest of late and finished fifth in a Handicap at Lyon-La Soie over 1800m on 21 October. Might need to do a bit more to score

13. COME ALONE - Consistent and finished fourth in a Class 3 Conditions race at Hyères over 1850m on 25 April. Could need this run returning from a break.

Summary: A very competitive looking lucky last race. GOWAY (3) caught the eye with his performance here around ten days ago and gets our vote. His stablemate SAN TEODORICO (2) is in excellent form and could continue to raise his game. Franck Forési has two consistent contenders in BREIZH MOON (1) and KENZAL (5. Both would not be surprise winners and must be given the utmost respect in this line-up.

SELECTIONS

GOWAY (3) - SAN TEODORICO (2) - BREIZH MOON (1) - KENZAL (5)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day
TAKAVOR (201)

Outsider of the day
GEORGETTA'S WISH (605)

Reverse forecast

IDAHO JAMES (706) - MAPLE GIRL (707)

Three pick of the day
L'ABBAYE (102) - TAKAVOR (201) - LE VICOMTE (305)