

## MARSEILLE-BORELY - 24th April

Trainer of the day : **Christophe Escuder** (308, 501, 602, 702)

Jockey of the day : **Franck Blondel** (101, 207, 301, 403, 602, 709)

Horse of the day : **Kenway** (101)

Dark Horse : **The Live Freedom** (302)

### Race 1

1. KENWAY - Runner up on debut at Saint-Cloud last month and a huge chance here on that form
2. HAS D'EMRA - Fourth on debut in a Saint-Cloud claimer last month but will need more here
3. PIXY DREAM - Finished fifth and last on debut here earlier in the month so needs to show a lot more
4. LOVE VEGA - Runner up on debut here earlier this month and will be taking a hand in finish here too
5. WHEELS ON FIRE - A newcomer by Sidestep. Dam was poor unplaced maiden. This is her first foal to race here today
6. ALTA ROCCA - By Rip De La Plata. Mother was unplaced average maiden. This is her first produce to hit the racetrack
7. FRENCHY - By French Navy. Mother was unraced and this is her first foal to come racing

### Summary

This two year old maiden race looks an absolute formality for (1) KENWAY. The wise old backers used always say that when a debutant locks horns with another rival and they pull more than three lengths of the third then they should never be opposed in their next start. Therefore, the selection cannot be opposed after doing just that when a neck second at Saint-Cloud last month and the first two were clear. (4) LOVE VEGA ought to be runner up in front of (5) WHEELS ON FIRE and (6) ALTA ROCCA.

### Selections

**(1) KENWAY - (4) LOVE VEGA - (5) WHEELS ON FIRE - (6) ALTA ROCCA**

## **Race 2**

1. BALRANALD - Much improved off debut when scoring at Cagnes-sur-Mer in January. Fifth next time before solid second at Toulouse last time. Big step up in trip
2. GROUP DEUX CREUX - Started racing in November. One win from four starts and never out of the frame. Runner up in last two. Every chance
3. SKAZINO - Won on debut last November but unplaced in three runs since. Has a bit to find with the favourites
4. ANIEL - Off the mark on the last of her three starts when just getting the job done at Mont-de-Marsan. This is harder
5. GINGER DES CHAMPS - All three runs have come this season and at Lyon-La-Soie. Steady improvement each time culminating with a win there last time. More to come
6. TARASIF - Just the one run and finished sixth here earlier this month shaping adequately enough. Needs to improve
7. CAPE PEARL - Won on debut at Nimes in February before a close second at Marseille-Vivau last time out in March. Chance
8. HANIDA - Just got up on debut to win at Agen last month. Plenty to like about that effort and sure to be involved at the business end

## **Summary**

Many of these are taking a big step up in trip but the one that is not is (8) HANIDA who made a winning debut at Angers last month where she just got the better of a very well bred fancied sort from a powerful yard and there is no reason at all why she will not improve from that. She quickened well when attacked late on and this extra yardage is perfect. (5) GINGER DES CHAMPS and (2) GROUP DEUX CREUX look next best in front of (7) CAPE PEARL.

### **Selections**

**(8) HANIDA - (5) GINGER DES CHAMPS - (2) GROUP DEUX CREUX - (7) CAPE PEARL**

### **Race 3**

1. CARTER AND GO - Both wins from eight came in his last two runs at Marseille-Vivauux and every chance
2. THE LIVE FREEDOM - Improving on each of three runs and did it nicely if narrowly at Salon Provence last time out from Kayzen
3. KAYZEN - Placed in all four outings and just denied by The Live Freedom at Salon Provence last time
4. ZIGLIARA - Placed in two of her half dozen starts and will need to eek out some more improvement
5. ON THE EDGE - A three time winner from fourteen runs. Fourth at Salon Provence last time out. More exposed than others
6. MOULT - One success from seven outings. Running to a similar level most of the time. Must find more
7. ARROZ - Won on debut last September at Divonne. Three runs since and third at Salon Provence last time earlier this month
8. PETIT SAM - Sole success from eighteen came at Lyon-La-Soie in February. Very consistent and runner up at Salon Provence last time

### **Summary**

A nice little three year old handicap here with (2) THE LIVE FREEDOM getting a pretty hopeful vote to confirm the form with (3) KAYZEN from their meeting at Salon Provence earlier this month. The selection made most of the running and won narrowly from today's rival but he had a little more in the tank and is totally unexposed. (1) CARTER AND GO and (8) PETIT SAM can place.

#### **Selections**

**(2) THE LIVE FREEDOM - (3) KAYZEN - (1) CARTER AND GO - (8) PETIT SAM**

#### **Race 4**

1. MONTAKHAB - One success from a total of five outings. Runner up in three more but only seventh last time at Chantilly
2. ROSISSIM - A dual winner from nine runs including a career best at Lyon-La-Soie last time so very much going the right way at present
3. RICHEMONT - Has had three starts. Runner up at Cagnes-sur-Mer and this venue during January and February before scoring easily at Marseille-Vivaux last month
4. PLACE ROUGE - Has won half of her six runs and taken on hot company at Group and Listed level in the others. Fourth in Listed last November beaten eight lengths
5. SALMANA - Third on debut at Lyon-La-Soie in February before running clean away with a maiden at Marseille-Vivaux last month
6. VAMIRA - All three runs this season ad steadily improving on each to win easily in a maiden at Marseille-Vivaux earlier this month
7. AUTHO PEARL - Just got up on debut at Marseille-Vivaux late last month but should improve even more now
8. PARTITI - Has had three career runs. Debut third at Cagnes-sur-Mer in January. Fourth here next time before winning nicely at Pau last month
9. OLYMPIC GAMES - Made winning debut when easily scoring by four lengths at Nimes last month and sure to be a major player again

#### **Summary**

This conditions event for three year olds looks a intriguing affair with some very progressive animals on view. Jean-Claude Rouget produced the Olympic Glory filly (9) OLYMPIC GAMES to win with ease on debut at Nimes last month despite running very green. She is sure to do even better today and will have to to take care of the likes of (3) RICHEMONT who is certainly a threat. (2) ROSISSIM and (5) SALMANA have lesser hopes.

#### **Selections**

**(9) OLYMPIC GAMES - (3) RICHEMONT - (2) ROSISSIM - (5) SALMANA**

## **Race 5**

1. IL PITTORE - A dual winner already this season including last time out at Lyon-Parilly. In great form
2. BAY OF BISCAINE - Four wins from twenty nine and fourth last time out at Salon-Provence. Noted
3. ITS ALL CLASS - Eight time winner from eighty seven and one place ahead of Bay Of Biscaine at Salon-Provence last time
4. EMPIRIC - Half a dozen victories from forty runs. Disappointed last time but can be forgiven that
5. PRESS OFFICER - Half a dozen wins from fifty starts. Form is not that obvious at the moment but could easily bounce back
6. PIERRE PRECIEUSE - Has won six times from ninety two efforts but form is not where it should be right now
7. SPIRIT OF TEOFILO - Eleven wins from ninety outings but cannot be fancied here right now
8. VISION D'OR - A three time winner from thirty five outings but can be a bit in and out form wise
9. SPOTTED CAT - Five time winner from seventy two. On a long losing run but was runner up last time at here so could do it

## **Summary**

A class three handicap for older horses. It might be worth chancing (1) IL PITTORE who is in tip top shape having won narrowly if cleverly at Lyon-Parilly earlier this month and may well follow up in this. (5) PRESS OFFICER could bounce back and be the biggest threat. (2) BAY OF BISCAINE and (3) ITS ALL CLASS also have definite chances.

### **Selections**

**(1) IL PITTORE - (5) PRESS OFFICER - (2) BAY OF BISCAINE - (3) ITS ALL CLASS**

## **Race 6**

1. BESLON - One win from twenty six starts. Fourth last time at Lyon-Parilly and over a length behind Asterion. That was a good run
2. ASTERION - Four victories from forty seven. Runner up last time at Lyon-Parilly and over a length ahead of Beslon so a bang in form candidate
3. DUBAI KNIGHTS - A dual winner from thirty eight. Fifth last time at Marseille-Vivaux and could be well handicapped
4. TOUCH OF REAL - Five time winner from fifty nine. Won three starts back but has disappointed in two subsequent runs
5. MAELINE - A dual winner from thirty three starts but not in the best of form right now at this point
6. GREENSHOE - A dual winner from thirty seven including last time out here so surely a big contender again
7. DARK ROAD - A three time winner from fifty five starts and a close third to Greenshoe here last time out
8. ODE ONE - Just the one victory from twenty eight starts. Can be hit and miss and difficult to know
9. VALENTINE CONDE - A triple winner from fifty six starts but an each way chance is only hope here

## **Summary**

(2) ASTERION and (1) BESLON were second and fourth respectively at Lyon-Parilly earlier this month and the likelihood is that they will be as close again as the length that separated them there but . Both of them are due a win on that single piece of form. with the same outcome. (6) GREENSHOE and (7) DARK ROAD can fill the frame.

### **Selections**

**(2) ASTERION - (1) BESLON - (6) GREENSHOE - (7) DARK ROAD**

## **Race 7**

1. COLDAY - Gained all four wins from twenty one in a great season last year. Needs to better first couple of runs this campaign
2. MISVA - A triple winner from twenty two starts. Two third place finishes from four runs this season including last time at Salon Provence
3. ULTRA PETITA - Has won twice from sixteen outings. Three poor runs this year punctuated by one solid third at Chantilly last month
4. FLORAVISE - A three time winner from fourteen outings. Sliding down the handicap and not so hot at Lyon Parilly last time either
5. SENOVILLE - Three wins from twenty five starts. Won at Pau in February but two average efforts since
6. VISION AVENUE - A triple winner from ten outings and can be forgiven a rare below par lapse last time at Salon Provence
7. PALAVAS - Placed in seven of eight outings but has been absent now since August of last season. Chance if ready
8. ROYAL GIFT - Has won three times from twenty one runs including two claimers already this season at Marseille-Vivau and Chantilly
9. GIANTISSIME - Only one win from twenty one starts. Better fourth at Salon Provence earlier this month which is a step in the right direction
10. CHANTE BLU - A dual winner from twenty eight starts. Placed a few times already this season but a poor effort last time out
11. BABY SILVY - Eight time winner from thirty two and has to be given some sort of chance here in a low quality event
12. TABOUK - A three time winner from twenty one outings but difficult to build a case for

## **Summary**

A four year old handicap and in all truth it is not that deep on quality. That still does not make it any easier to find the winner however. A small chance is taken on (2) MISVA who has some previous good back form and did run a good third at Salon Provence last time so maybe she is ready to deliver. (8) ROYAL GIFT has had a good year already. (3) ULTRA PETITA and (9) GIANTISSIME have chances too.

## **Selections**

**(2) MISVA - (8) ROYAL GIFT - (3) ULTRA PETITA - (9) GIANTISSIME**