

TARBES [R-H] - 12 May

Race 1 - PRIX JOSEPH PEYRELONGUE - 2300m CL3. Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **FANTASTIC SPIRIT** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished second over 1850m at Hyeres on April 2. Well placed. Should prove hard to beat.
2. **LE TAMADA** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when 12th over 2100m at this track a week-and-a-half ago beaten 8 lengths. Looking to others.
3. **PAPER TROPHY** - Failed to feature last time out over 2400m at Longchamp when eighth beaten 6 lengths. Can improve sharply.
4. **MAD RIVER** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when sixth over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux three-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 6 lengths. Capable of sharp improvement.
5. **SLAYER** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 1800m at Langon Libourne on May 1. The 2.5kg claim won't be enough to put him into contention.
6. **FIAMELCA DOLOISE** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 1800m at Langon Libourne on May 1. The 2.5kg claim assists and has a place hope.
7. **DARINFIANE** - Out of the money again last time but not too far away when seventh over 2000m at Auch. Getting better and is worth including.

Summary: It was undoubtedly disappointing FANTASTIC SPIRIT (1) could only finish second when sent off a warm order at Hyeres last-time out. That said he clearly remains in good form and Jean-Claude Rouget looks to have found an excellent opportunity for him to return to winning ways. The main danger may come from PAPER TROPHY (3) who shaped fairly when eighth in a Class One handicap at Longchamp latest. Hard to dismiss with an excellent record over course and distance. MAD RIVER (4) has ability to be involved on ratings while FIAMELCA DOLOISE (6) is next best.

Selections

FANTASTIC SPIRIT (1) - PAPER TROPHY (3) - MAD RIVER (4) - FIAMELCA DOLOISE (6)

1. **IZANA BERE** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when 18th over 2000m at La Teste De Buch a month ago beaten 15 lengths. Tested again.
2. **SCHWANENSEE** - Returned to the winners' circle after a long while in the wilderness last time out over 2000m at Auch scoring by 2.5 lengths. Rates highly and expected to go well again.
3. **CORIMBO** - Stepping back in trip after finishing tenth over 2100m at this track last time out. Finds a nice race this time and looks hard to beat.
4. **MAXISHINE** - Has failed to fill a placing at his last few runs the latest when fourth beaten 2 lengths over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather. Thereabouts last start and should be competitive.
5. **GRANACCI** - Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 31 starts. Last start finished third over 2000m at Auch. Others make more appeal.
6. **HONOR BERE** - Broke back into the top-three last start when third at Dax over 3000m beaten 2.5 lengths. Thereabouts last time out. Definite top-three prospect.
7. **GOUT SUCRE** - Has a poor strike and failed to improve on it last start when he finished second over 2100m at this track. Others make more appeal.
8. **BOUJOC** - Finished midfield last start at Toulouse over 2100m 10 lengths from the winner. Stretches out over further today. Hard to fault if at his best.

Summary: SCHWANENSEE (2) had a few of these behind when making all by 2.5L at Auch eighteen days ago. Top chance having been supplemented. HONOR BERE (6) ran well when third in a Class Four handicap at Dax latest. Should be firmly involved in this suitable affair. GRANACCI (5) goes well at this level and looks a fair each-way player following his 6L third behind Schwanensee last outing. MAXISHINE (4) would be of note if replicating his AW form on turf.

Selections

SCHWANENSEE (2) - HONOR BERE (6) - GRANACCI (5) - MAXISHINE (4)

Race 3 - PRIX OLZARTE DE COLLONGUES (PRIX DU GRAND TARBES) - 2300m AA. Purse EUR €17,500.

1. **IF VERGOIGNAN** - Last appeared ten weeks ago when he finished 70 lengths from the winner in 15th over 2450m at Mont-De-Marsan. May struggle.
2. **SMART CHOP** - Well held second up after finishing third when resuming over 2400m at Toulouse. Needs to improve sharply.
3. **MAELEK** - Made steady improvement last time out at his second career start to finish second over 2400m at Toulouse. Coming along well and is worth including.
4. **ISPAHAN DE LAGARDE** - Returns from a spell. Yet to break through but was in the money at all three starts during the maiden campaign. At the latest outing he finished second over 2450m at Mont-De-Marsan on February 28. Close to a win.
5. **HETNA DE LA BRUNIE** - Unraced mare by Jeu St Eloi out of Ciaobela De La Brunie. Worth consideration.
6. **IDEE NOIRE D'AYZA** - Third-up on the back of a couple of average runs this campaign. Finished sixth over 2450m at Mont-De-Marsan 53 days ago. Outclassed.
7. **LOU MALPIC** - Has not raced since finishing 7 lengths away in third over 2450m at Mont-De-Marsan on February 28. Did finish in the money first-up last prep at Mont-De-Marsan over 2450m. Winning chance while fresh.
8. **HOLBOL** - Resuming after a spell of 11 months. Has figured in the placings when fresh in the past but seems a bit out of his depth.
9. **IVANIA TROIS** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished tenth over 2650m at Auch on April 24. Cannot be ruled out despite a plain effort last time.

Summary: A race that looks to revolve around a similar event that took place at Mont-de-Marsan in February where MAELEK (3) was superior to both ISPAHAN DE LAGARDE (4) and LOU MALPIC (7). The winner was making his debut that day and has subsequently backed that up with a good second. Top claims with more to come. Ispahan de Lagarde is preferred of the remainder for a good yard and is yet to miss the frame in three outings. IF VERGOIGNAN (1) was strongly fancied for that contest but ran absolutely no race although is worth giving another chance to.

Selections

MAELEK (3) - ISPAHAN DE LAGARDE (4) - LOU MALPIC (7) - IF VERGOIGNAN (1)

Race 4 - PRIX DU CABERNET - 2300m MDN. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **LIFE ON FIRE** - Did little on debut when beaten 12 lengths into sixth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Others look better prospects.
2. **ALTANI** - Well fancied on debut last start but ran below expectations when eighth and beaten 23 lengths over 2100m at this track. Better for that run. Leading contender.
3. **PAPAGUANA** - Improved on the debut performance last time out when seventh over 2300m at this track. Needs more time.
4. **PATCHOU** - Made little impression on debut over 2300m this track when third, beaten 10 lengths. Others look better prospects.
5. **PREMIERE LIGNE** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished seventh over 1900m at Bordeaux on April 25. Swooper to watch for late in the piece.
6. **END GAME** - Three starts to date and he keeps progressing, most recently finishing fourth over 2300m at this track. Capable of going to the next level this time.
7. **TIRSO DE MOLINA** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished seventh over 2100m at Toulouse on April 5. Expected to finish much closer.
8. **REAL WILD CHILD** - Pushed forward on debut last start and boxed on well but found one better over 2300m at this track. Improver with plenty of appeal.
9. **JARRETON** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished ninth over 2400m at Toulouse on April 16. Will need to improve many lengths to feature.
10. **ATHELIA** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished fifth over 2100m at Toulouse on April 5. Has the ability to take this out.
11. **OLANA** - Mid-field at smaller venues. More needed.
12. **JAMILA** - Back from a spell of 11 weeks. Last raced when beaten 6 lengths into fourth over 1700m at Pornichet. Likely to need this run.
13. **VENUS** - Fair effort last start, beaten 2 lengths into second over 2300m at this track. Solid top-three chance.
14. **AICHE DE BRETEL** - Racing well but unable to break through this prep with two minor placings from three runs. Found one better most recently as favourite over 2100m at Toulouse. Racing well and will be hard to beat.

Summary: REAL WILD CHILD (8) wore cheekpieces when making his debut finishing runner-up over course and distance latest. Headgear is dispensed with but rates highly with a step forwards expected. PREMIERE LIGNE (5) was slightly below par at Bordeaux but would be firmly in the mix if replicating his narrow debut second at Toulouse. AICHE DE BRETEL (14) has finished second in maiden company on his last two outings and can be thereabouts. VENUS (13) completes the shortlist.

Selections

REAL WILD CHILD (8) - PREMIERE LIGNE (5) - AICHE DE BRETEL (14) - VENUS (13)

Race 5 - PRIX PABAN DE FRANCE - 2100m AA. Purse EUR €27,500.

1. **JOCKER DE LA BRUNIE** - Son of Petillo from Altica De La Brunie making his debut. Tough test at his first outing.
2. **HERITIERE D'OR** - Was in the money on debut two starts back at Mont-De-Marsan but followed up with a moderate performance when seventh over 2100m at this track last time. Big chance to turn things around.
3. **JADE DE LA BRUNIE** - Was in the money on debut two starts back at Mont-De-Marsan but followed up with a moderate performance when sixth over 2100m at this track last time. Use the debut performance as a guide. Will be hard to beat.
4. **HALDAWYSSA** - Pushed forward from a wide gate on debut last time out and eventually clocked-in fourth beaten 5 lengths over 2100m at this track. Anthony Crastus is engaged again. Happy to pass.
5. **JESSE JAMES D'AYZA** - Didn't impress after pulling up last start at this track. Will struggle to compete against the top handful.
6. **JAZZ BIBOULET** - Was safely held on debut last start when ninth and beaten 19 lengths over 2100m at this track. Looking to others.
7. **FURIEUSE** - Debuted last start with an impressive win by 3.5 lengths at this track over 2100m . Winning jockey Guillaume Guedj-Gay engaged again. Improvement in store and is one of the chances again.
8. **BOOMERANG** - Unraced colt by Savoir Vivre out of Hazanea. Likely to have plenty of support.
9. **JONNIMI** - Jeu St Eloi colt from Delta De La Brunie on debut. Watch the market carefully.
10. **FENOMENE** - Ran a much better race last time when facing the starter for just the second time finishing third over 2100m at this track. Improver who can feature prominently.

Summary: FURIEUSE (7) had plenty of these behind when impressing to score by 3.5L over course and distance on debut. Hard to fault. FENOMENE (10) finished back in third on that occasion and looks sure to be in the mix once more under a good rider. Unraced colt by Savoir Vivre BOOMERANG (8) would be of note if attracting market support. HERITIERE D'OR (2) could find the frame if replicating her debut second.

Selections

FURIEUSE (7) - FENOMENE (10) - BOOMERANG (8) - HERITIERE D'OR (2)

1. **CALISCO** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 1600m at Toulouse on April 16. Cannot be ruled out.
2. **PEARL OF CHOP** - Finished 17 lengths from the winner in ninth last start over 1400m at Toulouse his second unplaced effort in two career runs. Has plenty of upside and is worth including.
3. **MISTER KOOL** - Finished a mile back at his latest appearance when unwanted in betting over 1400m at Toulouse. Not among the chances.
4. **SQUARE CAPITAN** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in fifth over 1400m at Toulouse two-and-a-half weeks ago. Still early in the prep and might need more time.
5. **CHIEF RED CLOUD** - Has only been to the races three times but keeps improving. Good effort last time when second over 1350m at Senonnes-Pouance beaten one length. Coming along nicely. Big chance.
6. **ARCOS VANCOUVER** - Finished third last start over 1400m at Toulouse 11 lengths from the winner. Needs to lift on the last run to be competitive this time.
7. **POST GRAFFITI** - Has been in the market at his last couple of starts but hasn't made an impression most recently finishing fifth over 1600m at Royan La Palmyre. Among the chances.
8. **FAZZANO** - Out of the money again last time but not too far away when fifth over 2150m at Lyon La Soie. Not far away last time but needs to do more.
9. **EMPEROR MAXIMUS** - Has opened his career in good style with three minor placings from five starts. Finished sixth at his most recent appearance over 1600m at Toulouse. Great chance to break through.

Summary: CHIEF RED CLOUD (5) looks to be improving with racing and made the running when second at Senonnes last outing. Top claims for a leading yard. EMPEROR MAXIMUS (9) is yet to run a bad race in five maiden outings looks sure to be involved at the business end. CALISCO (1) showed up well when a 0.75L third over 1600m at Toulouse on his third career outing. Notable runner. POST GRAFFITI (7) was fourth behind a pair of subsequent winners latest and cannot be discounted.

Selections

CHIEF RED CLOUD (5) - EMPEROR MAXIMUS (9) - CALISCO (1) - POST GRAFFITI (7)

Race 7 - PRIX DE VIC-EN-BIGORRE - 1500m MDN. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **VISREYMA** - Finished sixth when fresh from a spell last start beaten 12 lengths over 1400m at Toulouse. Will come on from that run and is one of the leading chances.
2. **ALIYAHJONH** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished sixth over 1800m at Langon Libourne on April 18. Watch for sharp improvement.
3. **MYMART** - Has been beaten a combined 186.7L in two starts this campaign. Can't recommend in this.
4. **SPANISH CARA** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished ninth over 1600m at La Teste De Buch on March 23. Will need to improve many lengths to feature.
5. **RAINING** - Was safely held on debut last start when eighth and beaten 17 lengths over 1900m at Bordeaux. Will take a lot from that hit-out and shapes as one to consider.
6. **SHALADISSIMA** - Unplaced at all five runs to date, the latest when beaten 12 lengths over 1400m at Fontainebleau. Finds a suitable race and can feature without surprising.
7. **NOIRE DESIRE** - Came from a wide gate and could only manage to finish sixth last time out over 1600m at La Teste De Buch. Right in the mix.
8. **MISS COSY** - Put the writing on the wall last start when she finished a close third at Pornichet over 1700m. Winning chance.
9. **LAST BALL IN PLAY** - Drew wide over 1800m at Langon Libourne on debut last start so she pushed forward before finishing eighth beaten 10 lengths. Worth following from better draw.
10. **HAVERSHAM** - Resumes after a spell of three-and-a-half months. Only had one run in the maiden prep and was easily accounted for over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Sure to have improved and worth keeping safe.
11. **ETNA CHOPE** - Resuming today after an uninspiring tenth on debut over 2000m at Toulouse three months ago. Will struggle against these.
12. **DITREVILE** - Started at a big price on debut last start and was pretty plain when 31 lengths back in ninth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Better for that experience but prefer to see her again.
13. **AYUVEDA** - Nicely-bred debutant by sire Wootton Bassett from the stakes-winning mare Kelty In Love. Watching brief this time around.
14. **CHARM WRENS** - Filly by Charm Spirit out of Three Wrens. Purchased for EUR € 20,000 (Arqana 2020 Autumn Sale Flat Yearlings) and makes her debut. May pay to keep an eye on any market moves.

Summary: It is probably fair to say VISREYMA (1) has failed to live up to expectations following a very promising debut second at Saint-Cloud last September. The daughter of Kingman was ultimately well held when sixth at Toulouse after a break but should strip fitter and this looks a very good opportunity. MISS COSY (8) was just denied on the AW at Pornichet last outing and rates highly for a good yard. Wootton Bassett newcomer AYUVEDA (13) who ticks a few boxes on paper and cannot be dismissed. NOIRE DESIRE (7) certainly has the form to go well on stable debut.

Selections

VISREYMA (1) - MISS COSY (8) - AYUVEDA (13) - NOIRE DESIRE (7)

1. **MA PETITE TOSCANE** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when seventh over 1600m at Bordeaux two-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 4 lengths. Prefer to see her back in form.
2. **MILK BAR** - The first up run was just average finishing sixth and beaten 1.5 lengths over 1500m at this track. Will take a lot from that run and is in the mix.
3. **PINK GOLD** - Made it three unplaced runs from three starts this prep when sixth over 1600m at Saint Cloud six-and-a-half weeks ago. Easier and has claims.
4. **RIONEGRO** - In both runs this preparation he has loomed up then faded the latest when 13th over 1500m at this track. Strips fitter and good enough to test this field.
5. **NEW ADELE** - Solid effort last start beaten 0.7 lengths into third over 1500m at this track. Solid top-three chance.
6. **FOOTIX** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when 15th over 2100m at Toulouse three-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 23 lengths. Prefer to see him back in form.
7. **O GRE DES SAISONS** - Didn't inspire again last start beaten 5.5 lengths over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather. Well placed and can improve sharply on recent runs.
8. **THE FUNK BIBLE** - Hasn't won in 13 months. Finished 14th beaten 16 lengths last start over 2400m at La Teste De Buch. Has ability and looks one of the chances.
9. **HONG KONG STAR** - Form in recent times has been moderate including a last start seventh over 1400m at Toulouse. Unlikely to threaten.
10. **TERRITORIO** - Finished fifth last start over 1700m at La Roche-Posay when he had to contend with an awkward barrier. Starts closer in this time. Sure to be prominent.
11. **LA CATELLA** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when seventh over 1500m at this track a week-and-a-half ago beaten 1.75 lengths. Hard to beat on her best form.
12. **JONH FOR ALWAYS** - In the money two starts back at Toulouse but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1500m at this track last time. Strong contender on best form.
13. **QUENTOR** - In the money two starts back at Toulouse but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1500m at this track last time. Strong contender on best form.
14. **BASSIM** - In the money two starts back at Toulouse but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1500m at this track last time. Strong contender on best form.

Summary: A tricky handicap to assess where a chance is given to NEW ADELE (5) despite being a fourteen race maiden. The form of his Class Four course and distance handicap third recently should see him firmly involved at this level. PINK GOLD (3) shaped well when sixth in a stronger handicap at Saint-Cloud. One to note. THE FUNK BIBLE (8) has at least won three times in his career and would be thereabouts if replicating a third behind subsequent winners at Toulouse two back. MILK BAR (2) holds each-way claims.

Selections

NEW ADELE (5) - PINK GOLD (3) - THE FUNK BIBLE (8) - MILK BAR (2)