

Lyon-la-Soie [R-H] - 24 January

Race 1 - PRIX JEAN LYON - 1800m MDN. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **CLIFTON DOWN** - Third last start beaten 1.5 lengths over 1700m at Pornichet. Has ability and is among the leading hopes.
2. **SUPREME** - Drops in distance from the last start when second over 2000m at Pau All Weather finishing 1.5 lengths off the winner. Can improve enough to take this out.
3. **KALIFE ALAPLACE** - Has started just twice and hasn't done a great deal last start finishing sixth and beaten 6 lengths over 2000m at Toulouse. Open to plenty of improvement and might sneak into the top three.
4. **PHOENIX CHOP** - Resumes after a spell of six-and-a-half months. Form in maiden campaign was unimpressive the latest effort a sixth over 1350m at Senonnes-Pouance. Sure to have improved and worth keeping safe.
5. **BARRAMEDA** - Has been in the market but missed the frame at her last two starts the latest when tenth over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather. Cannot be disregarded.
6. **PABAYA** - Has been very ordinary in all four career runs to date. Expecting a similar result today.
7. **MARIE TREZY** - Unraced filly by Galiway out of Kendannemarie. Faces a tough test.
8. **ALMOND CHOUQUETTE** - Unraced filly by Almanzor out of Minted. Anticipating strong market support for Chantilly based trainer.

Summary: CLIFTON DOWN (1) performed well when 1.5L third over 1700m in a Pornichet maiden. Selected to score with a hood worn for the first time. SUPREME (2) rates a threat adopting first time blinkers on the back of a 1.5L second in a 2000m claimer at Pau. ALMOND CHOUQUETTE (8) is a notable newcomer by Almanzor. Warrants close consideration. PHOENIX CHOP (4) finished 10L sixth in a 1350m maiden at Senonnes. Of note returning from a break.

Selections

CLIFTON DOWN (1) - SUPREME (2) - ALMOND CHOUQUETTE (8) - PHOENIX CHOP (4)

Race 2 - PRIX DE CHAZEY-SUR-AIN - 2400m CL3. Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **NEED YOU TONIGHT** - Won two starts back at Pornichet then finished third last time out over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Capable of taking this out.
2. **MORTELLE ADELE** - Resumes. Last appeared at this track over 2400m when second three-and-a-half months ago. Likely improver with top-three prospects.
3. **PARURE DES SABLES** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when seventh over 2500m at Deauville All Weather six-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 5 lengths. Capable of sharp improvement.
4. **ZILYA** - Finished midfield when resuming from a spell last start over 2150m at this track. Steps up in distance today. Expected to do much better.
5. **JUPITER LE DUN** - Turned in a respectable run on debut back on March 25 when second over 2350m at Saint-Galmier. Was then turned out for a decent spell. Can go on with it.
6. **GENERAL MOON** - Two career starts to date have been quite plain and more than happy to risk at this stage.
7. **TALISSON** - Debuted 124 days ago beaten 17 lengths at Lyon-Parilly. Hard to have resuming today based on that one run. Looking elsewhere.
8. **WANATA** - Resumes from a break of six months. Finished fourth at her most recent appearance over 2400m at Vichy. Can return with a bold run.
9. **WILLIE L'INDIENNE** - Started at a big price on debut last start and didn't do a great deal when 10 lengths back in seventh over 2400m at this track. Won't find this any easier so she looks fully tested.
10. **IT'S ALWAYS** - Unraced filly by It's Gino out of Marie Clara. Prefer to see how she performs.

Summary: NEED YOU TONIGHT (1) finished 2.75L third over 2500m at Deauville AW. Looks up to recording a second career win. ZILYA (4) came home 3.5L fourth in a 2150m conditions event here. Strong claims of taking this. PARURE DES SABLES (3) faded when 4.75L seventh in a 2500m Deauville AW handicap. Better expected. MORTELLE ADELE (2) is considered debuting for a new trainer following a neck second in a 2400m conditions race at this track.

Selections

NEED YOU TONIGHT (1) - ZILYA (4) - PARURE DES SABLES (3) - MORTELLE ADELE (2)

Race 3 - PRIX OUROZ - 2150m CLM. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **VILLA JOALI** - Has been out of the placings in recent runs. Last start finished 6 lengths from the winner in fourth over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Rates highly on best form and is expected to do much better.
2. **MADENI** - Was well fancied last time but ran below par finishing fifth and beaten 14 lengths over 2100m at Pornichet. Best form stacks up so he can make amends.
3. **HADLEIGH** - Ran a better race last start to finish second at Marseille Vivaux over 2000m. Nicely placed and rates highly off that run. Further improvement expected.
4. **OLYMPIC DANCER** - Has not raced since his debut five months ago when beaten 24 lengths into sixth over 2000m at Divonne-les-Bains. Watch for improvement.
5. **MONTREAL** - Has started twice and hasn't done a great deal last start finishing 12th and beaten 31 lengths over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather. Needs to do more.
6. **UN PRINCE** - Yet to fill a placing in two career runs and was well beaten last time when 13 lengths back in tenth over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Open to plenty of improvement and might sneak into the top three.
7. **LIDISBARN** - Resumed at Deauville All Weather over 1900m last time out and finished sixth beaten 7 lengths. Plenty of improvement to come.
8. **GALI D'ANGE** - Debuted at huge odds 43 days back over 1800m at this track and was comfortably beaten. Can't see him playing a major role.
9. **PISTOUILLETTE** - Did nothing on debut when beaten 19 lengths into tenth over 1800m at this track. Others look better prospects.
10. **PRETTY WARRIOR** - Finished eighth over 1800m at this track. Placed prior to that. Minor claims.
11. **DON'T PANIC** - Was well fancied last time but ran below par finishing sixth and beaten 7 lengths over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Better than the last run suggests and is among the chances.

Summary: VILLA JOALI (1) finished 5.75L fourth in a 2000m claimer at Marseille-Vivaux. Taken to record a second victory among claiming company. HADLEIGH (3) looks a big threat following a 1L second in a claiming race attempting 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux. MADENI (2) ran 14L fifth in a 2100m maiden at Pornichet. Capable of better having finished 3L fourth over 1800m here prior. LIDISBARN (7) is another to consider following a 7.75L sixth tackling 1900m at Deauville AW.

Selections

VILLA JOALI (1) - HADLEIGH (3) - MADENI (2) - LIDISBARN (7)