LONGCHAMP [R-H] - 03 October

Race 1 - QATAR PRIX MARCEL BOUSSAC - CRITERIUM DES POULICHES - 1600m OPEN. Purse EUR €400,000.

- 1. **RACLETTE** Unbeaten in two starts including when winning by 4L over 1600m at Chantilly sixteen days ago. Top chance.
- 2. **ZELLIE** Good 1.5L second in the G3 Prix d'Aumale over this course and distance last month. Strong claims.
- 3. **TIMES SQUARE** Placed third when beaten 2.25L in the Listed Criterium du Fonds Europeen de l'Elevage over 1600m at Deauville in August. This looks a much tougher affair.
- 4. **FLEUR D'IRIS** 1.5L triumph in the G3 Prix d'Aumale over this track and trip 24 days ago. Bold show expected.
- 5. **AGARTHA** Good 0.75L second in the G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes over 1408m at The Curragh (Ireland) three weeks ago. Leading contender.
- 6. ACER ALLEY Successful by 0.5L in the G3 Prix La Rochette over 1400m here four weeks ago. One to note.
- 7. **OSCULA** Plenty of experience and has won or placed in seven of her eight starts to date including when 2L third in the G3 Rockfel Stakes over 1408m at Newmarket (UK) nine days ago. Consider.
- 8. **NATASHA** Completed a double when winning by 2.25L in a 1609m novice event at Sandown (UK) last month. Represents a top yard.
- 9. **WHO KNOWS** Stepping up in trip having won by a head in the G3 Prix Francois Boutin over 1400m at Deauville in August. Of note.

Summary: RACLETTE (1) can maintain her unbeaten record following a 4L victory in a Class Two contest over this trip at Chantilly. Top chance. AGARTHA (5) makes the shortlist. Placed at this level when runner-up in the 1408m G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes at The Curragh (Ireland). FLEUR D'IRIS (4) enters calculations on the back of a 1.5L triumph in the G3 Prix d'Aumale tackling this track and trip. ZELLIE (2) is another to consider following a 1.5L second in the aforementioned G2 Prix d'Aumale.

Selections

RACLETTE (1) - AGARTHA (5) - FLEUR D'IRIS (4) - ZELLIE (2)

Race 2 - QATAR PRIX JEAN-LUC LAGARDERE (GRAND CRITERIUM) - 1400m OPEN. Purse EUR €400,000.

- 1. **EBRO RIVER** Third beaten 4L in the G1 Vincent O'Brien National Stakes over 1408m at The Curragh (Ireland) three weeks ago. Notable contender.
- 2. **STONE AGE** Head second in the G2 Champions Juvenile Stakes over 1609m at Leopardstown (Ireland) 22 days ago. Supplemented for this contest and holds claims.
- ANGEL BLEU 0.75L victory in the G2 Vintage Stakes over 1408m at Goodwood (UK) at the end of July.
 Of note.
- 4. **NOBLE TRUTH** Successful by a nose over 1414m in the Listed Flying Scotsman Stakes at Doncaster (UK) last month. Claims stepping up in grade.
- 5. **THE WIZARD OF EYE** Fifth beaten 2.25L in the G3 Prix La Rochette over this course and distance four weeks ago. More needed.
- 6. **ARNIS MASTER** Good 1.5L second in the G3 Renate Und Albrecht Woeste Zukunftsrennen over 1400m at Baden-Baden (Germany) at the start of last month. Noted.
- 7. **ROCCHIGIANI** Maintained his unbeaten record when winning by 1.5L in the G3 Renate Und Albrecht Woeste Zukunftsrennen over 1400m at Baden-Baden (Germany) last month. Strong claims.
- 8. **ANCIENT ROME** Completed a hat-trick when taking the G3 Prix des Chenes over 1600m here 24 days ago. Top chance.
- 9. **ACCAKABA** Unbeaten in four starts including when winning by a head in the G2 Prix du Calvados over 1400m at Deauville in August. Leading contender.

Summary: ACCAKABA (9) can register a first win at the top level. Found success by a head in the G2 Prix du Calvados over this trip at Deauville. Leading contender. ANCIENT ROME (8) may play a role in the finish having won by 2L tackling the 1600m G3 Prix des Chenes here. ROCCHIGIANI (7) could show up well on the back of a triumph in the 1400m G3 Renate Und Albrecht Woeste Zukunftsrennen at Baden-Baden (Germany). NOBLE TRUTH (4) is also considered. Won by a nose over 1414m in the Listed Flying Scotsman Stakes at Doncaster (UK).

Selections

ACCAKABA (9) - ANCIENT ROME (8) - ROCCHIGIANI (7) - NOBLE TRUTH (4)

- 1. **NALINK** Good 3L third in the G1 Prix Dragon over this course and distance three weeks ago. Of note having won or placed in all four previous starts at this trip.
- 2. **RODESS DU LOUP** Held 8.5L sixth in the G1 Prix Dragon over this track and trip three weeks ago. More needed in first time cheekpieces.
- 3. MAXR Faded 46L last of ten over this track and trip in the G1 Prix Dragon here 21 days ago. Best watched.
- 4. **KHATAAB** Fair 7L fourth over 2000m in the G1 Doha Cup at Deauville in August. Bit to find with a few of his rivals on that form.
- 5. **MELABI** Returning from a break when 8L fifth in the G1 Prix Dragon over this course and distance last month. Improvement likely.
- 6. **MOUNJARED AL CHAM** Good 2.5L fourth in the Listed The President Of the United Arab Emirates Cup over 1600m at Baden-Baden (Germany) last month. This looks a tougher affair.
- 7. **TAYF** Third beaten 4.25L in the G1 International Stakes over 1609m at Goodwood (UK) in July. Of note having shown good form tackling this trip prior.
- 8. **KHATEER ALKHALEDIAH** Winner of three of his five starts to date including by a head in the Listed Prix Burkeguy over 1600m at Mont-de-Marsan in July. Stepping up in grade.
- 9. **EBRAZ** Winner of two of his three starts this spell including by a head in the G1 Prix Dragon over this track and trip three weeks ago. Leading contender.
- 10. **MESSI** Held 5.75L seventh in the Listed The President Of The United Arab Emirates Cup over 1600m at Baden-Baden (Germany) last month. Others preferred.
- 11. **ABBES** Blinkers tried for the first time having impressed when winning by 4.5L in the G1 UAE President Cup over 2067m at Doncaster (UK) just over three weeks ago. Top chance.
- 12. **SOKO** Successful by 5.5L in the G1 Doha Cup over this distance at Deauville in August. Bold show expected.
- 13. **HOGGAR DE L'ARDUS** Placed third when beaten 5.75L in the G1 Doha Cup over 2000m at Deauville in August. Noted.
- 14. **LADY PRINCESS** Given a break since winning by 3L in the 1609m G1 International Stakes at Goodwood (UK) at the end of July. Strong claims.
- 15. **AMWAJ AL KHALEDIAH** Impressive 9L winner of the G3 Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup over 2600m at Warsaw (Poland) in August. Notable contender.

Summary: A highly competitive Arabian G1 contest that can go the way of ABBES (11) who scored by 4.5L in the 2067m G1 UAE President Cup at Doncaster (UK). EBRAZ (9) makes the shortlist. Won by a head in the 2000m G1 Prix Dragon here. SOKO (12) warrants thought following a 5.5L triumph in the G1 Doha Cup over this trip at Deauville. LADY PRINCESS (14) is another to consider upped in journey having won by 3L tackling 1609m in the G1 International Stakes at Goodwood (UK).

Selections

ABBES (11) - **EBRAZ** (9) - **SOKO** (12) - **LADY PRINCESS** (14)

- 1. **TORQUATOR TASSO** The German trained Torquator Tasso has only been raced in Germany and deserves a shot in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (2400m) after his victory in the G1 Grosser Preis Von Baden (2400m) at Baden-Baden four weeks ago. He has been raced predominately over this distance and only finished out of the frame twice from ten career starts.
- 2. **DEEP BOND** Japanese runner, Deep Bond has been racing over longer distances in Japan including winning the G2 Hanshin Daishoten (3000m) in March. He was a comfortable 1.5L victor in the G2 Prix Foy over this course and distance three weeks ago beating the re-opposing Broome and Skalleti. That is a useful piece of form and the four-year-old cannot be ignored.
- 3. **BROOME** Broome took advantage of early season targets recording two victories in Irish Group events during April and May. He produced a career-best performance winning the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (2400m) in July but fell short when fourth in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2400m) at Ascot behind Adayar. He was a solid second in the G2 Prix Foy over course and distance on Arc Trials Day. Each way claims.
- 4. **TARNAWA** Tarnawa was undefeated during her four-year-old campaign including success in the G1 Breeder's Cup Turf (2400m) success at Keeneland (USA). She recorded two wins at Longchamp during 2020 including in the course and distance G1 Prix Vermeille (2400m). This year she has been quietly campaigned with only two races a win in the G3 Ballyroan Stakes (2400m) and a second behind St Mark's Basilica in the G1 Irish Champion Stakes (2000m). Leading contender.
- 5. **LOVE** Love completed the same treble (Epsom Oaks/Irish Oaks/Yorkshire Oaks) as stable-mate Snowfall in 2020 but was denied a run in this race last year due to injury. This year she has only won once from four attempts but has been racing predominantly over 2000m. A third behind Adayar in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2400m) at Ascot in July suggests she may have a bit to find however does receive the benefit of a sex allowance.
- 6. **RAABIHAH** The Jean-Claude Rouget trained four-year-old daughter of Sea The Stars is a high class individual who has made the frame on eight out of ten racecourse appearances. This season has been a solid run of form for the Shadwell owned filly including success in the G2 Prix de Pomone (2500m) six weeks ago at Deauville. She produced a great 4.25L fifth in last year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (2400m). Could be involved if at best.
- 7. **CHRONO GENESIS** Star Japanese racemare Chrono Genesis completed all three legs of the Japanese Fillies' Triple Crown as a three-year-old and won the G1 Takarazuka Kinen (2200m) in her four-year-old campaign. She travelled abroad for the first time in March when second behind Mishriff in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic (2400m) at Meydan and added a second victory in the G1 Takarazuka Kinen (2200m) in June. She will race in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (2400m) without a prep. Oisin Murphy has been booked.
- 8. **MOJO STAR** An interesting UK raider who comes into this lightly raced with just six starts so far. He ran an excellent 2.75L second behind Hurricane Lane at Doncaster (UK) in the G1 St Leger Stakes (2922m) three weeks ago. The son of Sea The Stars would need to be at best. Each way claims.
- 9. **BABY RIDER** Baby Rider was an eye-catching winner of the G2 Prix Greffulhe (2100m) prior to a disappointing run in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club (2100m) at Chantilly. He was fifth in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris (2400m) and bounced back to better order with a second in the G2 Prix Niel (2400m) the traditional three-year-old trial for the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Improvement required.
- 10. **ADAYAR** Adayar was a surprise winner of the G1 Derby (2400m) at Epsom Downs (UK) in June showing considerable improvement from his two trial races where he finished second. He subsequently defeated a strong field in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2400m) at Ascot (UK) comfortably including multiple G1 winners Mishriff and Love. The colt is potentially still improving and is the pick of William Buick. Include.
- 11. **HURRICANE LANE** Hurricane Lane has only suffered one defeat in his seven race career and that came when third behind stable-mate Adayar in the G1 Derby (2400m) at Epsom Downs (UK) in June. Since then the colt has been difficult to beat with victories in the G1 Irish Derby (2400m) G1 Grand Prix de Paris (2400m) and G1 St Leger (2900m). He backs up quickly after a comfortable 2.75L success in the Doncaster Classic though this is the same gap between his Curragh and Longchamp wins too. In the mix.

- 12. **SEALIWAY** Sealiway has not been seen on the track since an improved second in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club (2100m) at Chantilly behind subsequent multiple Group One winner St Mark's Basilica. He won the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere (1400m) as a juvenile but has been inconsistent as a three-year-old.
- 13. **ALENQUER** Alenquer has some interesting form in the book having beaten subsequent G1 Derby (2400m) hero Adayar in the G3 Classic Trial (2000m) at Sandown (UK) in April. He won the G2 King Edward VII Stakes (2400m) at Royal Ascot (UK) on heavy ground in June and has followed up with credible defeats at the top level third in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris (2400m) and second in the G1 International Stakes (2100m) behind Mishriff. Not entirely dismissed.
- 14. **BUBBLE GIFT** Bubble Gift had demonstrated promise when winning the G2 Prix Hocquart (2200m) in May here but struggled to dominate in two starts subsequently finishing midfield in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris (2400m). He returned to winning recording a success in the G2 Prix Niel (2400m) over course and distance though that form may not be strong enough.
- 15. **SNOWFALL** The stand-out filly of the season. Snowfall completed the G1 Oaks (2400m) and G1 Irish Oaks (2400m) double with record winning margins of sixteen lengths followed by eight and a half lengths respectively. She was a comfortable victor of the G1 Yorkshire Oaks (2400m) when tried against older female competition at York (UK) subsequently and her only defeat came in the G1 Prix Vermeille (2400m) when second behind Teona. Main danger.

Summary: TARNAWA (4) was undefeated during her four-year-old campaign culminating in a G1 Breeder's Cup Turf (2400m) success at Keeneland (USA). She recorded two wins at Longchamp during 2020 including over course and distance in the G1 Prix Vermeille (2400m). Likely to be primed with this race in mind this season. Top chance. HURRICANE LANE (11) has only suffered one defeat in his seven-race career and that came when third behind stable-mate Adayar in the G1 Derby (2400m) at Epsom Downs (UK) in June. Since then the colt has been difficult to beat with victories in the G1 Irish Derby (2400m) along with the G1 Grand Prix de Paris (2400m) and G1 St Leger (2900m). Main danger. SNOWFALL (15) has been the stand-out filly of the season as she completed the G1 Epsom Oaks (2400m) (UK) and G1 Irish Oaks (2400m) double with record winning margins. Include. CHRONO GENESIS (7) for Japan and SEALIWAY (12) for France are two that may be involved.

Selections

TARNAWA (4) - HURRICANE LANE (11) - SNOWFALL (15) - CHRONO GENESIS (7) - SEALIWAY (12)

- 1. **GRAND GLORY** Completed a double when winning by a nose in the G1 Prix Jean Romanet over this trip at Deauville in August. Looks set to play a leading role with a top jockey booked.
- 2. **AMBITION** Good 2L fourth in the G1 Prix Jean Romanet over 2000m at Deauville six weeks ago. Bit to find with a few of these if she is to register a victory.
- 3. **THUNDERING NIGHTS** Placed third when beaten 3L in the G2 Blandford Stakes over 2012m at The Curragh (Ireland) three weeks ago. Claims having finished 1.25L third in the G1 Prix Jean Romanet at Deauville prior.
- 4. **EUDAIMONIA** Fourth both starts this spell including when beaten 2L in the G3 La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte over this track and trip four weeks ago. More needed upped in grade.
- 5. **AUDARYA** Third in this race twelve months ago and ran well when a nose second in the G1 Prix Jean Romanet over 2000m at Deauville six weeks ago. Bold show looks likely.
- 6. **IKAT** 3L seventh in the G3 The Hokkaido Shimbun Hai Queen Stakes over 1800m at Hakodate (Japan) at the start of August. Intriguing runner.
- 7. **JOAN OF ARC** Last of seven beaten 15L in the G1 Prix Vermeille over 2400m at this track three weeks ago. Capable of better having finished 2L third in the G1 Nassau Stakes over 1991m at Goodwood (UK) prior.
- 8. **BURGARITA** Fourth beaten 2L over 2400m in the G1 Prix Vermeille at this venue three weeks ago. Of note having won two of her three starts here.
- 9. **PALMAS** Unbeaten in three starts including when winning by 6L the G1 Preis der Diana over 2200m at Dusseldorf (Germany) at the start of August. Strong claims.
- 10. **BABYLONE** Held 3.25L eighth in the G2 Prix de la Nonette over 2000m at Deauville in August. Looks up against it in this company.
- 11. **ROUGIR** Placed third when beaten a neck in the G2 Prix de la Nonette over 2000m at Deauville in August. More needed stepping up in class.
- 12. **ZEYAADAH** Fair 3L sixth in the G2 Prix de la Nonette over 2000m at Deauville six weeks ago. Performed well when 1.5L second in the G1 Nassau Stakes tackling 1991m at Goodwood (UK) prior.
- 13. **PENJA** Runner-up in the G2 Prix de la Nonette at Deauville when bidding to complete a hat-trick. Potential pacesetter on just her second start in this level.
- 14. **SIBILA SPAIN** Victorious by 2.5L in the 2100m Listed Prix de Liancourt here at the start of last month. Notable contender having finished a good 1.25L fourth in the G1 Prix de Diane over the same trip at Chantilly prior.
- 15. **INCARVILLE** Held 4.5L fifth in the G1 Prix Vermeille over 2400m here last month. Capable of better having won at this level in the Prix Saint-Alary at this track and trip in May.

Summary: GRAND GLORY (1) can complete a double having won by a nose the 2000m G1 Prix Jean Romanet at Deauville. Leading contender. THUNDERING NIGHTS (3) may play a role in the finish following a 3L third in the G2 Blandford Stakes over 2012m at The Curragh (Ireland). AUDARYA (5) makes appeal on the back of a nose defeat when runner-up in the aforementioned G1 Prix Jean Romanet. PALMAS (9) is aiming to maintain her unbeaten record. Found success by 6L in the 2200m G1 Preis der Diana at Dusseldorf (Germany). SIBILA SPAIN (14) warrants thought on return to G1 company following a 2.5L victory in the 2100m Listed Prix de Liancourt here.

Selections

GRAND GLORY (1) - THUNDERING NIGHTS (3) - AUDARYA (5) - PALMAS (9) - SIBILA SPAIN (14)

- 1. **WILD MAJESTY** Raced from off the pace when 3.75L third in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert over this track and trip three weeks ago. Similar tactics look likely.
- 2. **O TRASNO** Bidding to complete a hat-trick when 4.5L fifth in the G3 Prix de Meautry over 1200m at Deauville five weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims on his first attempt at this trip.
- 3. **A CASE OF YOU** Good 0.5L second over 1006m in the G1 Flying Five Stakes at The Curragh (Ireland) last month. Strong claims with further improvement likely on just his second start at this trip.
- 4. **URBAN BEAT** Good 1.5L third in the Listed Abergwaun Stakes over 1006m at Tipperary (Ireland) in August. Others make more appeal.
- 5. **BERNEUIL** Returning from a break when winning by 3L in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert over this course and distance three weeks ago. Top chance having won once and placed once from two attempts at this track.
- 6. **PONNTOS** Successful by 1L in a 1200m contest at Most (Czech Republic) just over five weeks ago. This looks a much tougher affair.
- 7. **PRADARO** 7.25L tenth in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert over this course and distance 21 days ago. Plenty to find with a number of his rivals on that form.
- 8. **AIR DE VALSE** Fair 4.75L fifth in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert over this course and distance last month. Improvement required.
- 9. **GLASS SLIPPERS** Neck second in this race last year and ran well when 0.75L third in the G1 Flying Five Stakes over 1006m at The Curragh (Ireland) three weeks ago. Bold show expected.
- 10. **LADY IN FRANCE** Returning from a break when fading into seventh beaten 5.75L in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert over this course and distance last month. Cheekpieces tried for the first time.
- 11. **ROMANTIC PROPOSAL** Winner of two of her last three starts including by 0.5L in the G1 Flying Five Stakes over 1006m at The Curragh (Ireland) three weeks ago. Looks likely to play a leading role.
- 12. **MO CELITA** Fourth beaten 4.25L over this course and distance in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert three weeks ago. Likely to find a few too good.
- 13. **WINTER POWER** Winner of the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes over 1006m at York (UK) on her penultimate start. Below par 7L tenth in the G1 Flying Five Stakes subsequently however. Needs to put that latest effort behind her.
- 14. **DANDALLA** Successful by 1.75L in the Listed Scottish Sprint EBF Fillies' Stakes over 1106m at Ayr (UK) sixteen days ago. Stepping up in grade.
- 15. **SUESA** Fourth beaten 2.5L in the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes over 1006m at York (UK) in August. Bidding to register a sixth win in eight career starts.

Summary: BERNEUIL (5) can complete a double having won by 3.5L tackling this track and trip in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert. Top chance. ROMANTIC PROPOSAL (11) may play a role in the finish. Found success by 0.5L in the 1006m G1 Flying Five Stakes at The Curragh (Ireland). GLASS SLIPPERS (9) ran second in this race last year and secures a second chance to go one better. Managed a 0.75L third in the previously mentioned G1 Flying Five Stakes. A CASE OF YOU (3) is another to consider. Beaten 0.5L runner-up also in the G1 Flying Five Stakes. SUESA (15) warrants thought. Impressed when winning by 3L the 1006m G2 King George Stakes at Goodwood (UK) on her penultimate start.

Selections

BERNEUIL (5) - ROMANTIC PROPOSAL (11) - GLASS SLIPPERS (9) - A CASE OF YOU (3) - SUESA (15)

- 1. **DUHAIL** Good 1.25L second in the G3 Prix de Meautry over 1200m at Deauville at the end of August. Strong claims having won four of his eight attempts at this distance.
- 2. **NJORD** Fourth beaten 1.25L over 1609m in the G2 Boomerang Mile at Leopardstown (Ireland) last month. Likely to find a few too good.
- 3. **KINROSS** Bidding to complete a hat-trick when 3.25L fifth over 1300m in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville in August. Step up in distance is a positive.
- 4. **CURRENT OPTION** Failed to shine when 5L thirteenth in the G2 Boomerang Mile over 1609m at Leopardstown (Ireland) last month. Looks up against it in this company.
- 5. **SPACE BLUES** Registered a 1.5L victory in the G2 City Of York Stakes over 1408m at York (UK) six weeks ago. Top chance for a stable who do well with their French runners.
- 6. **ENTSCHEIDEN** Faded late on when 1.75L fifth in the 1400m G3 Prix du Pin here last month. Needs to improve.
- 7. **COLOSSEO** Held 2.5L fifth over 1600m in the G3 Prix Daphnis at Deauville 43 days ago. Needs to put recent efforts behind him.
- 8. **ERASMO** Slipped up in the G3 Prix du Pin over 1400m at this circuit three weeks ago. Capable of better having won half of his six starts at this distance.
- 9. **RHYTHM MASTER** Held 5L fifth in the G2 Park Stakes tackling 1414m at Doncaster (UK) just over three weeks ago. Improvement needed.
- 10. **THUNDER MOON** Down the field ninth at Leopardstown (Ireland) when contesting the G2 Boomerang Mile over 1609m three weeks ago. Others preferred.
- 11. **SAGAMIYRA** Unbeaten in two starts at this venue including when winning by 1L in the G3 Prix du Pin over this course and distance last month. Leading contender with cheekpieces tried for the first time.
- 12. **TROPBEAU** Held 3.25L eighth in the G3 Prix du Pin over this course and distance 21 days ago. Looks up against it in this company.
- 13. **LAST EMPIRE** Surprise 0.5L winner of the G3 Oak Tree Stakes over 1408m at Goodwood (UK) at the end of July. More required stepping up in grade.
- 14. **PEARLS GALORE** Neck second in the G1 Matron Stakes over 1609m at Leopardstown (Ireland) three weeks ago. Good draw today and looks likely to play a leading role.
- 15. **SPEAK OF THE DEVIL** Third beaten 1L in the G3 Prix du Pin over this track and trip three weeks ago. Notable contender having finished third in the G1 Prix Rothschild (1600m) at Deauville prior.
- 16. **ONASSIS** Fourth beaten 4.5L in the G3 Supreme Stakes over 1408m at Goodwood (UK) five weeks ago. Step forward required upped in grade.

Summary: SPACE BLUES (5) can complete a double having won by 1.5L the 1408m G2 City Of York Stakes at York (UK). SAGAMIYRA (11) makes the shortlist. Found success by 1L tackling this track and trip in the G3 Prix du Pin. Receives a nice draw PEARLS GALORE (14) looks capable of delivering a big effort on the back of a neck second in the 1609m G1 Matron Stakes at Leopardstown (Ireland). DUHAIL (1) is considered following a 1.25L second in the 1200m G3 Prix de Meautry at Deauville. SPEAK OF THE DEVIL (15) warrants thought. Managed a 1L third in the G3 Prix du Pin over this course and distance.

Selections

- 1. **WE RIDE THE WORLD** Dropping in grade following a 3.25L fifth in the G3 Prix Quincey over 1600m at Deauville in August. Claims off top weight.
- 2. FRENCH CONTE Fair 3.25L sixth in a track and trip handicap last month. Step forward required.
- 3. **RODERICK** Midfield finish when 2.5L seventh tackling 1600m at Saint-Cloud just over two weeks ago. Placed on his only previous run at this course and distance.
- 4. **CALISTE** Fifth on his two most recent starts including when beaten 3.75L in a 1600m conditions race here last month. Of note on his return to handicap company.
- 5. **MON AMI L'ECOSSAIS** Good 1.25L fifth over 1600m at Saint-Cloud fifteen days ago. Has placed on three of his four starts tackling this distance.
- 6. **KING ROBBE** Good 2.25L fourth tackling 1200m at Fontainebleau last month. Strong claims having won off this mark over course and distance in the spring.
- 7. **KAVIARE** Sixth beaten 2L over this trip at Compiegne eighteen days ago. Open to improvement on just her fourth start in handicap company.
- 8. **TIBASTI** Fair 3L fifth in a 1300m conditions race at Deauville AW at the end of August. Step forward required.
- 9. **SAGA TIMGAD** Victorious by a head when racing from the front in a 1500m handicap at Deauville AW five weeks ago. Bold show expected with similar tactics likely.
- 10. MILLFIELD 9.5L fifteenth over this track and trip last month. Draw much kinder on this occasion.
- 11. **POWER JACK** Good 2L third over this course and distance last month. Claims if replicating that effort from stall eight.
- 12. **ALBA POWER** Registered a head success in a 1400m conditions race at Le Lion-d'Angers in August. Notable contender with a top jockey booked.
- 13. **HOOTTON** Eleventh over 1500m at Deauville AW at the end of August. Others make more appeal on his return to turf.
- 14. **FAVARITX** Given a break since finishing 3.5L second over 1300m at Deauville in July. Claims if sharp on his return.
- 15. **BROUILLARD** Successful by 1.25L over this track and trip last month. Good draw once more and rates a leading contender despite a 3.5kg rise in the weights.
- 16. **ALFIERI** Runner-up beaten 1.25L in a 1900m claimer at Chantilly AW sixteen days ago. Wide draw to overcome on debut for a new trainer.
- 17. TOIJK Midfield finish when 1.75L eighth over 1100m at Dieppe a month ago. Step up in trip a positive.
- 18. **BE MY DAY** Faded 5.25L seventh over 1600m at Deauville six weeks ago. Impressed when winning by 4L over 1600m here in July.

Summary: BROUILLARD (15) can complete a double having won over this track and trip. Proven contender under these conditions. SAGA TIMGAD (9) looks up to delivering a big effort following a head triumph over 1500m at Deauville AW. KING ROBBE (6) may challenge for the win on the back of a 2.5L fourth tackling 1200m at Fontainebleau. Top weight WE RIDE THE WORLD (1) gets a chance to shine having finished 3.25L fifth in the G3 Prix Quincey over 1600m at Deauville. ALBA POWER (12) is another to consider following a head success attempting this trip at Le Lion-d'Angers.

Selections

- 1. AL ULA Fifth beaten 2L over this trip at Compiegne last month. Step forward required.
- 2. THE CHAMP Held 8L fourteenth over this track and trip last month. Others preferred.
- 3. **TORPEN** Runner-up beaten 1.25L over this course and distance three weeks ago. Wide draw to overcome.
- 4. BURIDAN Faded late on when 3.25L fifth over this course and distance first up. Step forward expected.
- 5. **AMEERA** Victorious by 1.5L over 1600m in a Saint-Cloud claimer three weeks ago. Making his debut for a new trainer.
- 6. MARILLAMAN Good 1.75L third over this course and distance four weeks ago. Top chance.
- 7. **AGAPI MIA** Victorious by 1.5L having raced from off the pace in a 1600m handicap at Chantilly AW in May. Of note on return.
- 8. MAAVAH Successful by 1.25L at Le Lion-d'Angers 24 days ago. Noted on return to handicap company.
- 9. **DANTES** Completed a double when winning by a head over this course and distance three weeks ago. Leading contender despite a 3kg rise in the weights.
- 10. **STRANGER** Out of form of late including when 6.5L tenth over 1600m at Saint-Cloud last month. Minor role likely.
- 11. **HAVANA BOUND** Fair 3L seventh over this course and distance three weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
- 12. ROMANTIC MOON Held 4.25L seventh over 1400m at Deauville six weeks ago. Best watched.
- 13. UNTITLED Last of seven over this distance in a La Teste conditions race first up. Improvement needed.
- 14. **INDYCO** 11L sixteenth having raced from the front over this track and trip three weeks ago. Others preferred.
- 15. **DROGO** Good 2.25L fifth over 1200m at Fontainebleau last month. Stamina to prove tackling this distance.
- 16. **DOMAGNANO** 4.25L twelfth over this course and distance three weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
- 17. **GOLD CAPTAIN** Good 4L fourth in a 1400m conditions event at La Teste a month ago. Claims having won a handicap over this trip at Dax prior.
- 18. **AUTUMN TWILIGHT** Good 2.25L fourth over this trip at Compiegne eighteen days ago. Wide draw to overcome.

Summary: DANTES (9) can complete a treble having won by a head over this course and distance. Unbeaten since a break and can contine to hit top form. MARILLAMAN (6) could play a part in the finish following a 1.75L third in a track and trip handicap. AGAPI MIA (7) is shortlisted having won by 1.5L in a 1600m handicap at Chantilly AW. Remains fairly weighted in a competitive affair down in trip. MAAVAH (8) must be considered on the back of a 1.25L triumph in a 1400m conditions race at Le Lion-d'Angers.

Selections

DANTES (9) - MARILLAMAN (6) - AGAPI MIA (7) - MAAVAH (8)