

CLAIREFONTAINE - 12 July

Race 1

1. **AKAMU** - 1.75L sixth in this company at Saint-Cloud two starts ago. In the mix with a good record in blinkers.
2. **MAGIC EDOUARD** - Well held ninth in this company at Saint-Cloud over 2100m (heavy). Respected as a dual winner of this shorter distance.
3. **GUERRE D'AMOUR** - Two placings from four starts in stronger company since resuming. Top chance with a fine record at this journey.
4. **SUMMER FLY** - Placed in previous couple of races in this grade including at Compiègne over 2000m. In the mix.
5. **ZAIRE** - Down the field in both stronger events this term. This looks a more suitable target.
6. **BOUJOC** - Midfield efforts in previous four handicap starts. Hard to enthuse with a moderate record over this journey.
7. **BLUE ONE** - 2L runner up in a Pompadour maiden over 1700m (soft). More needed.
8. **RELEASE** - Beaten out of sight on reappearance at Lyon-Parilly. Ignored.
9. **CRYSTAL LADY** - Off the mark in a 1700m maiden prior to finishing down the field on handicap debut. Could bounce back.
10. **SINGAPOR STESA** - One placing from seven outings. Others make more appeal.

Summary

GUERRE D'AMOUR (3) rates highly with a good record over this distance. Reached the frame twice since resuming and is a key player. Among the leading hopes is MAGIC EDOUARD (2). Drops to this preferred journey and could go well. SUMMER FLY (4) is enjoying this grade and rates each way. AKAMU (1) cannot be ruled out if able to maintain fair form wearing blinkers. Include in multiples.

Selections

GUERRE D'AMOUR (3) - MAGIC EDOUARD (2) - SUMMER FLY (4) - AKAMU (1)

Race 2

1. **LONGVILLERS** - Reached the frame in all four starts including on handicap debut at Chantilly. Firmly in the mix.
2. **CENTRAL PARK WEST** - Down the field in a stronger Longchamp 1400m event eighteen days ago. This is a more suitable target.
3. **AZULENE** - Got off the mark in a Saint-Cloud maiden over this journey. Key player for notable connections.
4. **SHAFAAF** - 3L success in a newcomers event at Compiegne over this trip last month. Top chance.
5. **WHITE WHISKY** - Scored on debut by 1.75L in a Longchamp maiden over this distance. Leading hope.
6. **CROWDFUNDING** - Beaten a long way in the Listed Prix Marchand d'Or at Chantilly third up. Could improve eased significantly in grade.
7. **STAR OF INDIA** - Strong finishing fifth in this company at Saint-Cloud. Not dismissed for a trainer hitting some form.
8. **KAVIARE** - Close runner up at this standard 21 days ago. Firmly in the mix.
9. **TIMOTHEUS** - Held ninth in a Longchamp class one over 1400m (soft) third up. Drop in class could help.
10. **SKY SISTER** - 14L defeat in the Listed Prix Volterra at Longchamp over this distance last month. Respected in first-time blinkers.
11. **LIBERTINE** - 9.5L seventh in a stronger Longchamp event over 1400m. Place claims.

Summary

SHAFAAF (4) delivered a 3L victory in a Compiegne newcomers event over this trip. Key player for a top trainer. WHITE WHISKY (5) is another debut winner in a Longchamp maiden over this journey. Holds claims. LONGVILLERS (1) reached the placings on initial handicap outing at Chantilly. Strong each way prospect returning to this level. CROWDFUNDING (6) is of note dropping significantly in class. Respect.

Selections

SHAFAAF (4) - WHITE WHISKY (5) - LONGVILLERS (1) - CROWDFUNDING (6)

Race 3

1. **SOTTEVAST** - Le Havre debutante making her first start. Market check advised.
2. **NEVER GIVE WAY** - Unraced Camelot filly for a good stable. Keep safe if attracting market support.
3. **EL VIGIA** - Attractively-bred newcomer from a capable yard. Eyecatching jockey booking.
4. **PORTICADA** - Sea The Moon debutante for a good trainer and jockey combination.
5. **HOLA BLUE** - Great Pretender filly on first outing. Prefer to watch.
6. **BLEU MAJORELLE** - Betting may tell the tale for this Wootton Bassett newcomer. Keep in mind.
7. **MISEREY** - Unraced filly by leading sire Rajsaman. Among the chances.
8. **GOLDEN GLITTER** - Dubawi filly out of a Galileo mare. Notable runner from a top stable.
9. **SUNDORO** - Sea The Stars debutante. Expected to go well if strong in the betting.
10. **GOT GLORY** - Unraced Great Pretender filly. Others make more appeal on paper.
11. **A LA FOLIE** - Zoffany filly having a first start. Others make more appeal.
12. **ETOILES ROSES** - First-time starter for this Rosendhal filly. Happy to leave alone on debut.
13. **SURIMAR** - Well-bred newcomer by Sea The Stars out of a Listed-winning mare. Contender.

Summary

SURIMAR (13) rates highly on debut as a well-bred Sea The Stars newcomer out of a Listed-winning mare. Strong claims if attracting any market support. GOLDEN GLITTER (8) is expected to know her job first up representing a top stable. This Dubawi filly out of a Galileo mare demands respect. EL VIGIA (3) looks an attractively-bred newcomer from a capable yard. Jockey booking for SUNDORO (9) catches the eye and if the market speaks favourably take note.

Selections

SURIMAR (13) - GOLDEN GLITTER (8) - EL VIGIA (3) - SUNDORO (9)

Race 4

1. **SEA DREAMIN** - Sea The Stars colt making his debut. Worth noting the betting.
2. **DARIYABAD** - Well-bred colt for notable connections. Blinkers on for debut which may temper confidence.
3. **SARDAR** - Exceed And Excel colt making his debut. Worth keeping safe.
4. **MAGIC RHYTHM** - Unraced Lord Of England gelding. Not ruled out for an in-form trainer.
5. **LOVE YOUM** - Youmzain gelding debuting for a good trainer. Market confidence would encourage.
6. **LIFE IS TOO SHORT** - Pomellato gelding making a first start. Others make more appeal on paper.
7. **METAL DREAMS** - Unraced Evasive gelding. This looks a tough task.
8. **TRES SMART** - Unraced Montmartre gelding. Respect any market move.
9. **AGUIRRE** - Well-bred Camelot gelding. Expect a strong run if attractive market support.
10. **CAPE COD** - French fifteen gelding on debut. Betting is likely to tell the tale.
11. **ROI DE CALAS** - Goken debutant. Others make more appeal.

Summary

AGUIRRE (9) rates highly as a well-bred Camelot gelding. Key player if attracting any market support for a good trainer. SEA DREAMIN (1) is a three-year-old Sea The Stars colt making his debut. Could challenge strongly if sharp racing first up. DARIYABAD (2) catches the eye on pedigree from leading connections. Looks sure to be popular in the betting. CAPE COD (10) could go well as appeals on paper. Keep in mind.

Selections

AGUIRRE (9) - SEA DREAMIN (1) - DARIYABAD (2) - CAPE COD (10)

Race 5

1. **AVERNES** - Chasing a double after 0.75L success at Saint Cloud. Can overcome top weight with confidence boosted by maiden win.
2. **HUNTRESS** - Unable to follow up narrow success at Chateaubriant when fair 5.25L eighth at Le Lion d'Angers. Additional distance may suit.
3. **MOON WOLF** - Consistent performer. Placed twice from five career starts and could improve for longer trip.
4. **MELLOW** - Useful 4.5L second at Le Pin du Haras two back. Each way chance.
5. **FLASH TEMPO** - One win and two placings from last three outings. Proven contender at this level and must be a leading chance.
6. **TAZMA** - Chasing a double after 1.5L success at Orleans. Steps up in grade.
7. **MAC LA TAMBOUILLE** - Bounced back from a disappointing effort at Longchamp when 1L second at Saint-Cloud. Capable.
8. **DELAYNE** - Hard to recommend on two starts since a break.
9. **PERFIDIOUS ALBION** - Chasing a double after narrow victory at Le Lion d'Angers. Placed on only start at this track.

Summary

AVERNES (1) broke through for a well-deserved 0.75L success at Saint-Cloud after some fair efforts. Confidence will be boosted by maiden victory and capable of playing a major role. MAC LA TAMBOUILLE (7) returned to better order with a 1L second at Saint-Cloud against similar rivals. Proven stayer. TAZMA (6) is chasing a double after a 1.5L success at Orleans. Steps up in class and holds each way claims. HUNTRESS (2) managed a fair 5.25L eighth at Le Lion d'Angers after a win at Chateaubriant. Place contender.

Selections

AVERNES (1) - MAC LA TAMBOUILLE (7) - TAZMA (6) - HUNTRESS (2)

Race 6

1. **LILI SPIRIT** - Has been inconsistent. Place contender based on 0.5L second at Angers two back.
2. **SURREY WARRIOR** - Followed up a claiming win at Chatillon with a 2.25L fourth at Saint-Cloud. Proven stayer and rates highly.
3. **SERMANDAKFI** - Hard to recommend on two starts since a break.
4. **ESPRIT ESTULA** - Given a three month break since a 3.5L win at Chateaubriant. Big performance likely with a strong record at this distance.
5. **INCITATUS** - Chasing a double after 3.5L success at Tarbes. Drops significantly in distance.
6. **SARATI** - Mixed form. Potentially better over a shorter trip although has won once from two attempts at this venue.
7. **ZARICA** - Unable to follow up a win at Evreux when taking on tougher rivals at Compiegne. More needed.
8. **NICE STROKE** - Racing consistently without breaking through for a success. Place contender again.
9. **SPEED OF MOTIVATOR** - Three wins from last four outings. Hard to fault on recent performances and has excellent record at this trip (four wins from eight starts).
10. **PIVOINE ROSE** - Would need to show more after a seventh at Longchamp.
11. **DREAM WORD** - Struggling to feature.
12. **HONGBAO** - Recorded three back to back placings earlier in the campaign. Excellent place record at this distance.
13. **KISSING LIGHT** - Drawing closer to a win after two placings. Winner over course and distance.
14. **AMERICAN MASTER** - Making headway with each start since a break and placed third at Saint-Cloud latest. Consider.
15. **PUFF DAKOTA** - Hard to recommend on recent efforts.
16. **BRIGHT CRESCENT** - Unable to feature over a variety of distances. Unlikely.

Summary

SPEED OF MOTIVATOR (9) is hard to fault on recent form with three victories from the past four outings. Maintains a strong record at this distance with four wins and one placing in eight attempts. Winning chance. KISSING LIGHT (13) previously won over track and trip and is drawing closer to another success after two placings. Scored third-up in the past. NICE STROKE (8) is consistent. Holds each way claims based on a fifth against a competitive field at Craon. AMERICAN MASTER (14) continues to make headway and may place third-up.

Selections

SPEED OF MOTIVATOR (9) - KISSING LIGHT (13) - NICE STROKE (8) - AMERICAN MASTER (14)

Race 7

1. **RUUDJE** - 3.25L sixth in a class three handicap over 2100m at Saint-Cloud recently. Each way player.
2. **L'AS DE GREE** - Well held when sixth on reappearance but should strip fitter. Six placings from twelve starts over this trip.
3. **LINDA'S CAP** - 2.5L fifth in a 2000m class two handicap at Compiègne before a below par run recently. Dangerous if bouncing back. Supplemented runner.
4. **PARAPONERA JEM** - Good third in this grade when last seen but that was 501 days ago. Market can guide.
5. **WALENTY** - Runner up in a lower grade two back but held in this class recently. Best watched.
6. **SIMBAYA** - 1.75L success in a lower grade handicap over this trip at Lyon-Parilly a fortnight ago. Unexposed over the journey. Key player.
7. **MINNEHAHA** - 0.5L winner over 2800m in this class at Longchamp before taking a significant drop in distance when fourth at the same venue. Respected.
8. **CLARINBRIDGE** - Moderate form in three starts since resuming but capable on best form. Frame contender.
9. **RIQUET** - 4.25L third behind Simbaya when tackling this trip at Lyon-Parilly two weeks ago. In the mix.
10. **CHONBURI** - Runner up two back came in a lower grade. Outside place claims upped in class.
11. **ZIMBALDINO** - Unplaced in 21 career starts. Others preferred.
12. **CURILLINES** - Limited ability in fourteen career starts. Opposed.
13. **TEXAS BRIGHT MOON** - Capable of running well in this standard but needs to bounce back from a below par run.
14. **WALDENON** - Safely accounted for in four starts since resuming but continues to edge down the weights.
15. **PERLE DE VATI** - Beaten out of sight on both starts after a break. Look elsewhere.

Summary

SIMBAYA (6) had RIQUET (9) back in third when scoring by 1.75L in a lower grade handicap over this distance at Lyon-Parilly. The former remains open to improvement at this journey and is respected upped in class while the latter is capable of running well at the level and must be considered. MINNEHAHA (7) ran out a 0.5L winner attempting 2800m in this class at Longchamp before taking a significant drop in trip when fourth at the same venue. Shortlist revisiting this stiffer stamina test. RUUDJE (1) is one for the multiples.

Selections

SIMBAYA (6) - RIQUET (9) - MINNEHAHA (7) - RUUDJE (1)