CLAIREFONTAINE [R-H] - 14 September

Race 1 - PRIX GALOP BAIE (PRIX KAWAN) - 3600m HDLE QUALIF HCP. Purse EUR €21,000.

- 1. KHELIANA CHOPE Held 31L eighth in a 3900m handicap hurdle at Auteuil in April. More needed.
- 2. VISION D'ANJOU Good 3.5L second in a 3800m chase at Moulins just over two weeks ago. Top chance.
- 3. **GINGEMBRE MENTHE** Fair 11L fifth over 3900m in a Dieppe handicap chase in June. Looking for a first victory.
- 4. **SIDELSKIE** Runner-up when beaten 1.5L over 4100m in a Rochefort-sur-Loire hurdle in July. Of note switched to a handicap.
- 5. **PRAGELOR** Impressive 10L winner of a 4000m handicap chase at Le Lion-d'Angers last month. Leading contender on return to hurdling.
- 6. FLAG STAR Faller in a 4200m chase at Craon nine days ago. Others preferred.
- 7. **PEGGY** DQ in a 3800m handicap chase at Compiegne in April. One to note.
- 8. **TEL AVIV** Signs of a possible return to form when 11L third in a 3900m hurdle at Saint-Malo last month. Step forward required.

Summary: PRAGELOR (5) can make a winning return to hurdling following a 10L victory in a 4000m handicap chase at Le Lion-d'Angers. VISION D'ANJOU (2) may play a role having been beaten 3.5L runner-up tackling a 3800m chase at Moulins. GINGEMBRE MENTHE (3) is considered on the back of an 11L fifth in a 3900m handicap chase at Dieppe. SIDELSKIE (4) warrants thought following a 1.5L second in a 4100m hurdle at Rochefort-sur-Loire.

Selections

PRAGELOR (5) - VISION D'ANJOU (2) - GINGEMBRE MENTHE (3) - SIDELSKIE (4)

Race 2 - PRIX GROUPAMA SARTILLY (PRIX CDT GUY DE PIBRAC) - 3700m CLM STPLE. Purse EUR €17.000.

- 1. ABAYA DU MATHAN Victorious by 2L in a 3700m handicap chase at Craon ten days ago. Top chance.
- 2. **EAGLE STEAL** Faller in a 4000m handicap chase at Craon earlier this month. More required.
- 3. **PINACLOUDDOWN** Out of form so far this year including when 24L tenth in a 3600m handicap hurdle at this track at the end of July. Drop in grade is a positive.
- 4. **TEXARD** Failed to shine when 24L thirteenth in the Listed Prix Le Parisien handicap hurdle over 3900m at Auteuil in May. Top chance switched to a claimer.
- 5. **VOIX DU SOIR** Faded when 46L fifteenth in a 3900m handicap hurdle here in July. Others preferred.

Summary: TEXARD (4) might deliver a victory following a 24L defeat when thirteenth in the Listed Prix Le Parisien handicap hurdle over 3900m at Auteuil. Top chance eased in grade. ABAYA DU MATHAN (1) won by 2L a 3700m handicap chase at Craon. May play a role in the finish. PINACLOUDDOWN (3) can return to form having been beaten 24L tenth in a 3600m handicap hurdle at this track. VOIX DU SOIR (5) may sneak a podium finish after 46L fifteenth in a 3600m handicap hurdle at this venue.

Selections

TEXARD (4) - ABAYA DU MATHAN (1) - PINACLOUDDOWN (3) - VOIX DU SOIR (5)

Race 3 - PRIX HARAS DE LA BAIE (PRIX CHRISTIAN DE L'HERMITE) - 3600m HDLE. Purse EUR €22.000.

- 1. **SINNETIC** Fair 10L fourth in a 3600m handicap hurdle here in July. Notable contender.
- 2. **HEMEVOICI** Held 28L fifth in a 3500m chase at Auteuil at the end of March. Top chance back over hurdles.
- 3. **VIRGO CELESTIN** Winner of both previous starts including by 6L in a 3500m hurdle at Royan just under four weeks ago. Leading contender.
- 4. **SHAWINIGAN** Faded when 35L sixth in the Listed Prix Go Ahead over 3000m at Auteuil in May last year. Likely to improve for the race.
- 5. **DINOZAURE** Improved on previous efforts when 11L fifth in a 3400m hurdle here just over a month ago. Further improvement required.
- 6. AL NAKHIL Pulled up in a 3500m chase at Auteuil in April. Best watched.
- 7. **HARCADIAN** Unseated rider in a 3400m maiden hurdle at Angers in December last year. Step forward needed.
- 8. CESAR DE BALLON Unraced Doctor Dino gelding. Represents a top yard on debut.
- 9. **PRESIDENTSAINLOUIS** Faller at the last in a 3400m hurdle at Dieppe on jumping debut. Needs to put that mishap behind him.
- 10. MYSTICAL Held 38L fifth in a 3500m newcomers chase at Auteuil a month ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
- 11. **HONNEUR D'AJONC** Dropping markedly in grade following an 84L ninth in the G2 Adonis Juvenile Hurdle over 3219m at Kempton (UK) in February. Likely capable of better.

Summary: VIRGO CELESTIN (3) can maintain his unbeaten record following a 6L victory in a 3500m hurdle at Royan. HEMEVOICI (2) finds a suitable event back over hurdles following a 28L fifth in a 3500m chase at Auteuil. SINNETIC (1) is considered having finished 10L fourth in a course and distance handicap hurdle. HONNEUR D'AJONC (11) may take a step forward down in grade having been beaten 84L ninth in the G2 Adonis Juvenile Hurdle at Kempton (UK) in February.

Selections

VIRGO CELESTIN (3) - HEMEVOICI (2) - SINNETIC (1) - HONNEUR D'AJONC (11)

Race 4 - PX COMMUNAUTE D'AGGLOMERATION MONT-SAINT-MICHEL NORMANDIE(PX O - 3400m HDLE. Purse EUR €20.000.

- 1. **ILE DU LARGE** Placed third when beaten 1.75L in a 3500m event at Moulins fifteen days ago. Strong claims.
- 2. **DREAMMY LOVE** Fair 11L fourth over 3400m at Dieppe last month. One to note.
- 3. **NINABELA HAS** Improved on debut effort when 7L second in a 3400m maiden hurdle at La Teste in April. Top chance.
- 4. **HALTHIA DES OBEAUX** Promising 8.5L third in a 3400m hurdle at Dieppe last month. Hood tried for the first time.
- 5. **DE BONNE GRACE** Fifth when beaten 10L in a 3000m hurdle at Auteuil in April. Well bred filly who is likely capable of much better.
- 6. INES DU CHENET Unraced Spanish Moon filly. Likely to improve for the experience.
- 7. INDEPENDENCIA Unraced Coastal Path filly. Top jockey booked for debut.
- 8. IKORIKO Unraced Cokoriko filly. Of note on first start.
- 9. EZILDA Unraced Diamond Boy filly. Use of blinkers is a concern ahead of her debut.
- 10. **UNE PLACE A TABLE** Failed to shine when 33L sixth in a 3500m hurdle at Le Touquet nine days ago. Best watched.
- 11. **WONDER WOMAN** Good 2.25L fourth ina 3500m contest at Moulins when debuting at the end of last month. Bold show expected.
- 12. **MARIAUHA** Seventh when beaten 18L in a 2900m maiden here last month. Step forward expected on first start over hurdles.
- 13. **L'IRLANDAISE** Pulled up in the Listed Prix Wild Monarch (Pouliches) over 3000m at Auteuil in April. Improvement required.

Summary: NINABELA HAS (3) can go one better than when 7L second in a 3400m hurdle at La Teste. ILE DU LARGE (1) may play a role in the finish following a 1.75L third over 3500m at Moulins. WONDER WOMAN (11) enters calculations having been beaten 2.25L fourth tackling 3500m at Moulins. A full-sister to the top class De Bon Coeur DE BONNE GRACE (5) is considered after a 10L fifth in a 3000m contest at Auteuil on debut.

Selections

NINABELA HAS (3) - ILE DU LARGE (1) - WONDER WOMAN (11) - DE BONNE GRACE (5)

Race 5 - PRIX HARAS DE VAINS - ETALON RAIL LINK (PX DES ETANGS DE SAINT - 3700m STPLE. Purse EUR €22,000.

- 1. **HAVANEA** Runner-up when beaten 30L in a 3600m chase at Granville last month. This looks a much tougher affair.
- 2. LADY HANWELL Pulled up in a 3700m chase at Angers in March. Claims on the form she showed prior.
- 3. **MARGARET'S LEGACY** Good 5.5L second to a useful looking rival in a 3500m chase at Dieppe seventeen days ago. Top chance.
- 4. **MARTATOR** Runner-up when beaten 12L in the G1 Prix Alain du Breil hurdle over 3900m at Auteuil in May. Leading contender.
- 5. **DEXTER** Successful by 0.75L in a 3600m handicap hurdle here just over three weeks ago. Of note in this race
- 6. **BALKO SAINT** Registered a 5L victory in a 3600m hurdle at Compiegne in May. Making his debut over fences.
- 7. **HIGH FASHION** Good 1.75L fourth in a 3500m hurdle at Moulins at the end of last month. This looks a tough spot for her chase debut.

Summary: MARTATOR (4) can debut over fences with a victory following a 12L second in the 3900m G1 Prix Alain du Breil at Auteuil. MARGARET'S LEGACY (3) may play a role. Finished 5.5L second in a 3500m chase at Dieppe. DEXTER (5) holds claims having won by 0.75L a 3600m handicap hurdle at this track. BALKO SAINT (6) is considered. Registered a 5L victory in a 3600m hurdle at Compiegne.

Selections

MARTATOR (4) - MARGARET'S LEGACY (3) - DEXTER (5) - BALKO SAINT (6)

Race 6 - PRIX HARAS DU GRAND CHESNAIE - ETALON THE ANVIL (PRIX D'ANGLET - 3400m HDLE. Purse EUR €20.000.

- 1. WALFER Promising 5.75L fourth in a 3000m newcomers hurdle at Auteuil in March. Strong claims.
- 2. ISIDOR 9L third over 3500m in a hurdle at Le Lion-d'Angers 23 days ago. Open to improvement.
- 3. **BATHYSCAPHE** Given a break since finishing 8.25L fourth in a 3300m hurdle at Bordeaux in April. Step forward needed.
- 4. MAGIC MARVEL Faller in a 3500m chase at Dieppe last month. Looking for a first hurdles success.
- 5. SHOWLY Held 25L fifth over 3200m at Compiegne on debut. Improvement needed.
- 6. NA HAS Fifth when beaten 7L in a 3000m hurdle at Auteuil in March. Of note in this event.
- 7. **REDRESSEMENT** Nose second in a 3400m hurdle at Nimes at the end of May. This looks a tougher affair.
- 8. **IDEAL DU CHENET** Unraced Martaline gelding. Likely to improve for the experience.
- 9. ORANGE DIAMOND Fell three out in a 3400m hurdle at Dieppe last month. Others preferred.
- 10. **GOLDEN SAND** Fifth when beaten 6.5L in a 3000m claiming hurdle at Auteuil on jumping debut thirteen days ago. More required.
- 11. **TCHEQUE KING** Runner-up when beaten 1.5L in the Czech Derby over 2400m at Prague in June. Top jockey booked to ride on hurdling debut.
- 12. **INEDIT DE MEE** Held 17L sixth in a 3500m hurdle at Le Lion-d'Angers 23 days ago. Step forward required.
- 13. L'ANGELUS Unraced Elliptique gelding. Others hold more obvious claims.

Summary: MAGIC MARVEL (4) can put a fall over fences at Dieppe behind him and take this having won by 2L a 3700m chase at Questembert prior. WALFER (1) finds an opportunity to score. Finished 5.75L fourth in a 3000m hurdle at Auteuil. Representing a top yard is NA HAS (6) who enters calculations on the back of a 7L fifth in the aforementioned Auteuil race. TCHEQUE KING (11) is another to consider switching to hurdles. Was runner-up in the 2400m Czech Derby at Prague.

Selections

MAGIC MARVEL (4) - WALFER (1) - NA HAS (6) - TCHEQUE KING (11)

Race 7 - PRIX HARAS DE LA HETRAIE - ETALON ROMAN CANDLE (PRIX GRAND CRO - 3600m HDLE. Purse EUR €22.000.

- 1. **HADALINE** Good 5.25L third in a 3800m chase at Segre in June. One to note.
- 2. MISS BRALTAR Held 10L sixth in a 3600m hurdle at this track just over five weeks ago. More needed.
- 3. CHICHIOLINA Held 39L seventh in a 2900m claiming handicap here 27 days ago. Best watched.
- 4. **ADRIANA DU LYS** Runner-up when beaten 14L in a 3550m hurdle at Chateaubriant nineteen days ago. Bold show expected.
- 5. **IRONIE DU LAC** Failed to shine when 62L eighth in a 3600m hurdle at Auteuil at the end of April. Minor role likely.
- 6. MADO Placed third when beaten 9.25L over 3400m here 32 days ago. Strong claims.
- 7. **TWINKLETOES** Promising 8L third in a 3600m hurdle here just over five weeks ago. Notable contender.
- 8. **ADEI BASC** Caught the eye when 7.25L third in a 3600m claiming hurdle at this venue last month. Of note in this race.
- 9. FLAMME ROUGE Held 31L sixth in a 3500m hurdle at Pau in January. Minor role likely.
- 10. ROCK ME Last of eight in a 3600m chase at Lignieres when debuting 37 day sago. More required.
- 11. **EPERGNE** Debuting over hurdles following a 5.25L seventh in a 1600m handicap at Vichy (soft) in July. Others make more appeal.
- 12. **COME ON LOTTI** Down the field 25L tenth in a 2200m conditions race at Erbrary in June. Making his jumps and stable debut.
- 13. **GOLD CENT** Put two non-completions behind her when 15L fourth in a 3400m hurdle at Angers in early June. Likely to improve for her first start since March.

Summary: ADRIANA DU LYS (4) may go one better than when 14L second in a 3550m hurdle at Chateaubriant. MADO (6) is given a winning opportunity following a 9.25L third in a 3400m hurdle here. TWINKLETOES (7) enters calculations for a top stable having been beaten 8L third over 3600m at this track. HADALINE (1) can also be considered. Ran 5.25L third in a 3800m Segre chase.

Selections

ADRIANA DU LYS (4) - MADO (6) - TWINKLETOES (7) - HADALINE (1)