# **SAINT CLOUD** [L-H] - 14 September

# Race 1 - PRIX PEUT-ETRE - 2000m HCP CL2. Purse EUR €50,000.

- 1. **KHOCHENKO** Worth forgiving a down the field effort on the AW at Deauville. Edging down the weights and could sneak a placing at best.
- 2. FICELLE DU HOULEY 1.75L sixth in this grade and distance at Deauville (good) last month. In the mix.
- 3. **EPISODIA** Fair handicap form in this grade two starts ago over 1800m. Likely to find a couple too strong.
- 4. **SHAMSABAD** 1.5L success in this grade here at a longer journey four starts ago. Goes well at this track and worth thought.
- 5. **PALUS ARGENTEUS** Improved success in a Clairefontaine conditions event over 2900m last month. Strong claims back in handicap company.
- 6. **GO WITH THE WIND** Three consecutive placings at this level. Major contender eased 0.5kg.
- 7. **MISS BELIEVE** Completed a double in a Vichy handicap in easier company over 1850m. Consider up in class.
- 8. **AQUASTAR** 4L success in a Les Sables-d'Olonne conditions event over 1950m. More needed back in handicap company.
- 9. **RIDWAAN** Ran better than his finishing position suggests on handicap debut at Clairefontaine. One to note.
- 10. ALLEZ HENRI Improved efforts on the AW but something to find back on turf on overall form.
- 11. **BIG TAMAYA** Claiming success at Clairefontaine over 2200m eighteen days ago. Unexposed and enters handicaps on a handy looking mark.
- 12. **TARA** Down the field in this company at Clairefontaine over 2200m. Limited appeal unless finding improvement.
- 13. **PRINCE ANODIN** Supplemented after a held eighth in this grade at La Teste. Others boast stronger form.
- 14. **EL MANIFICO** Close 0.75L second in this class at Deauville over the same distance. Top claims if replicating from the same weight.
- 15. WOOT CITY Strong late run to finish fifth at this level 29 days ago. Among the main chances.
- 16. DARENNDI No threat in both handicap runs to date. Ignored.

**Summary**: GO WITH THE WIND (6) arrives after a fine set of placings at this standard. Can convert those solid runs into a deserved success eased 0.5kg in the weights. SHAMSABAD (4) delivered a 1.5L victory in the same grade four starts ago. Down in trip but enjoys this venue. Leading claims. EL MANIFICO (14) went close in this class at Deauville. Another of the main chances from the same weight. MISS BELIEVE (7) is progressing well after a double at Vichy. One to note raised in class. RIDWAAN (9) is worth keeping safe after running better than his position suggested latest.

# **Selections**

GO WITH THE WIND (6) - SHAMSABAD (4) - EL MANIFICO (14) - MISS BELIEVE (7) - RIDWAAN (9)

### Race 2 - PRIX DE LA COUR DES 49 - 2000m CLM. Purse EUR €23,000.

- 1. **ABOUT MIDNIGHT** Fine 0.75L third in a Vichy handicap over 1850m 21 days ago. Top claims with a runner up in this company previously.
- 2. **DE LA FAYETTE** Beaten a long way in a Deauville AW conditions race over 1900m. This looks a more suitable target.
- 3. LA PIENZA 37L defeat on debut in a Evreux maiden over 2100m. Significant improvement required.
- 4. **FAYONA** Placed in previous couple of stronger contests over longer trip. Each way chance.
- 5. **IRISH JAZZ** Passed beaten horses when eighth in a Deauville AW claimer over 1500m. Thereabouts raised in trip.
- 6. BOWDRA Tenth in a strong Dieppe handicap over 1800m 43 days ago. Each way contender.
- 7. **JACK OF TRADES** Two placings from seven outings in the UK. Prefer to watch after a lengthy absence.
- 8. **FOX CHALLENGER** Beaten a long way in a Dieppe conditions race over 2200m on reappearance. Consider eased significantly in class.
- 9. ELIOT DU PARADIS Son of Manbolix making his debut. Market check advised.
- 10. MARY ROSE 4L fourth in a similar Clairefontaine claimer over 1800m. Worth thought for a frame spot.
- 11. WISNA Behind a subsequent winner when fourth at Clairefontaine over 2200m third up. One to note.

**Summary**: ABOUT MIDNIGHT (1) delivered a solid third in a Vichy handicap and is expected to feature prominently with top form at this level previously. DE LA FAYETTE (2) was well held in a Deauville AW conditions race. This represents a big drop in grade and rates highly. WISNA (11) finished behind a subsequent winner when fourth at Clairefontaine. Notable runner with a key jockey booking. One to keep safe is FOX CHALLENGER (8) dropping down in class.

### **Selections**

ABOUT MIDNIGHT (1) - DE LA FAYETTE (2) - WISNA (11) - FOX CHALLENGER (8)

- 1. **BIALYSTOK** Supplemented after a Mont-de-Marsan 2000m success in this grade 55 days ago. Notable runner.
- 2. **BARATTI** 4.5L eighth in the Listed Prix Nureyev on reappearance at Deauville (good). Could take a lead forward for a leading trainer.
- 3. **BRISTOL HILL** Impressive 8L victory in a Pornichet maiden over this distance. More needed raise at this level but not dismissed for notable connections.
- 4. **OCEAN DIAMOND** Got off the mark on seventh outing in a Clairefontaine maiden over 2200m. Step up needed at this level but not dismissed for a place.
- 5. TRABUCO 12L fifth in a stronger course event over 2000m (good to soft). This is a more suitable target.
- 6. **JOEY UP** Completed a handicap double prior to a below par run reappearing at Longchamp over 2200m. Should strip fitter.
- 7. **VRIGNY** Easy 4L success in a Clairefontaine maiden over 1800m last month. Respected up in class having competed in top events earlier in the campaign.
- 8. **GALAWAY** Completed a hat-trick in a Moulins handicap over 2200m (soft). Something to find at the weights but steadily progressive and worth a chance.
- 9. **MARELLA** 0.5L success in a newcomers event at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m. Returns after a break but not ruled out.
- 10. **ROSE DE PHLIZZ** Well held in this company at Clairefontaine over 2200m (soft). This looks a tough assignment.
- 11. **SURIMAR** Built on a promising debut with a nose victory at Clairefontaine over 2200m. Unexposed and firmly in the mix up in grade.

**Summary**: BIALYSTOK (1) maintains excellent placed form. Delivered a deserved success in this grade at Mont-de-Marsan. Key chance who is likely to be strong at the finish. VRIGNY (7) was keeping top company this term prior to a 4L Clairefontaine maiden victory. Notable runner. SURIMAR (11) delivered a good start to her career with a nose win at Clairefontaine second up. Warrants respect with further improvement expected. GALAWAY (8) completed a hat-trick against easier rivals and is progressing nicely. One for the placings. MARELLA (9) cannot be ignored having scored on debut. Keep safe.

# Selections

BIALYSTOK (1) - VRIGNY (7) - SURIMAR (11) - GALAWAY (8) - MARELLA (9)

# Race 4 - PRIX DES TOURELLES - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE - 2400m OPEN. Purse EUR €52.000.

- 1. **TRES VALENTINE** Reached the frame in two of previous three Listed events including over this distance. Firmly in the mix.
- 2. JUPYRA Fifth behind Tres Valentine at Clairefontaine over this journey. Something to find.
- 3. **NOBLE MUSIC** 4.75L fourth in the G2 Grosser Preis Der Rp Gruppe at Mulheim over 2200m before a break. Player down in class.
- 4. **AGNES** 14L defeat before a couple of these at Clairefontaine on reappearance. Could take a step forward.
- 5. **SEA WATCH** 2L third behind Tres Valentine at Clairefontaine. Unexposed over this trip and a major contender.
- 6. **CONTROL TOWER** Reached the frame in four Listed starts since resuming. Hard to knock out of the placings.
- 7. **JANNAH FLOWER** Scored in a the Listed Prix Melisande prior to a fine reappearing fifth in the G3 Prix Minerve. Top claims with her weight allowance and tough to beat.
- 8. **ANY TIME SOON** Progressing nicely in conditions races prior to a lengthy absence. Could find improvement for notable connections.
- 9. **QUENELLE D'OR** Runner up in strong Goodwood handicap over 4212m last month. Something to find on the figures but cannot discount for a place.

**Summary**: JANNAH FLOWER (7) won the Listed Prix Melisande prior to a fine reappearing fifth in the G3 Prix Minerve. The one to beat on best figures. TRES VALENTINE (1) is placed in two of her previous three Listed starts. Leading candidate. SEA WATCH (5) was behind Tres Valentine at Clairefontaine. Can make the frame providing a similar run. CONTROL TOWER (6) maintains excellent placed form at this level. Trustworthy and likely to be involved at the finish. Include.

## **Selections**

JANNAH FLOWER (7) - TRES VALENTINE (1) - SEA WATCH (5) - CONTROL TOWER (6)

### Race 5 - PRIX DU HARAS DE LA HUME - 3000m HCP. Purse EUR €23,000.

- 1. **SWEET BETSY** Shown ability in a pair of conditions races since winning a Deauville AW newcomers event over 1900m. Keep safe if attracting market support on handicap debut.
- 2. **ARAZY** 2.5kg higher than when winning on sole track and trip start in this company. May find a couple too strong.
- 3. **SPRINGBOKS** Unplaced in a 2800m claimer at Argentan. Prefer to watch in handicap company.
- 4. **MELLOW** Finished ahead of a subsequent winner when runner up at Clairefontaine two starts ago. Each way claims.
- 5. MAKE MY DAY Improved second in an Argentan claimer over 2800m third up. Place chance.
- 6. **TANIYALA** Fair fifth on handicap debut over 2400m at Vittel. Could improve raised in trip under a top jockey.
- 7. MAC LA TAMBOUILLE 4.5L fourth in this company at Deauville (good) last month. Firmly in the mix.
- 8. **TESTIPEDRO** Held seventh in a weaker Vichy handicap over 2400m last month. Others preferred attempting this trip for the first time.
- 9. **DELAYNE** Got off the mark in a Deauville handicap over this distance last month. Raised 2.5kg but confidence high.

**Summary**: MAC LA TAMBOUILLE (7) delivered a 1.5L fourth at Deauville in the same grade last month when popular in the market. Worth another chance in a winnable contest. Rates highly. DELAYNE (9) was off the mark in a Deauville handicap over this distance. Confidence high and deserves maximum respect. TANIYALA (6) is a notable runner for a top jockey. Could find progress raised in journey delivering second handicap outing. Keep SWEET BETSY (1) in mind if given a market push on first handicap start.

**Selections** 

MAC LA TAMBOUILLE (7) - DELAYNE (9) - TANIYALA (6) - SWEET BETSY (1)

### Race 6 - PRIX MONARQUE - 2000m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

- 1. BELEAVE YOU Held seventh in easier company at Chateaubriant nineteen days ago. Plenty to find.
- 2. **AYANA** Nose runner up in a weaker Argentan 2100m handicap fifteen days ago. Serious prospect upped in class.
- 3. CALVIN No threat in handicap company since resuming but has dropped to a tempting low weight.
- 4. **SNOWY SUNDAY** Beaten a long way in a Deauville AW handicap last month. Could find a placing back on turf.
- 5. LA RACEUSE Improved victory in a weaker Compiegne 1800m handicap 74 days ago. Could follow up.
- 6. **HOLOCENE BERE** Fifth in previous three similar handicap starts from the same weight. Well handicapped on old form.
- 7. **HONEYMOON** Little appeal on overall record but could improve with a top jockey taking over.
- 8. **RISE HIT** Failed to build on a promising reappearance effort when eighth at Argentan fifteen days ago. Limited appeal.
- 9. **EXCLUSIVE BEAUTY** Infrequent winner who finished sixth in an easier Evreux handicap earlier in the month. Hard to enthuse.
- 10. MARAPUAMA Reached the frame in previous couple of easier handicaps. Keep safe.
- 11. **PAPA WINNER** Held seventh in a weaker Vichy handicap 53 days ago. Not out of the frame chances on earlier placed form.
- 12. **JENILAT CHANCE** 38 race maiden with has missed the placings on all attempts at this trip.

**Summary**: AYANA (2) arrives in top form after finishing second at Argentan over 2100m. Looks the testing material in a winnable contest. Rates highly. LA RACEUSE (5) is entitled to go close to back-to-back wins after landing a lesser Compiegne handicap. Up in class but finds a good opportunity. HOLOCENE BERE (6) ran fifth in the previous couple of similar outings. Well handicapped on old form so cannot be discounted. PAPA WINNER (11) is worth forgiving a below par effort as holds strong placed form earlier in the campaign.

**Selections** 

AYANA (2) - LA RACEUSE (5) - HOLOCENE BERE (6) - PAPA WINNER (11)

- 1. **BADEN ROCKS** Grabbed a placing in a Deauville AW handicap over 1900m. Others make more appeal back on turf.
- 2. **MOSCA D'OR** Placed on all starts over this journey including at this level. Strong claims after winning at La Teste.
- 3. NOSDARGENT Unplaced in seven outings at this track. Others more persuasive.
- 4. **ASTROLOGIA** Down the field in a better Deauville handicap over this trip (good) last month. Expected to improve eased in class.
- 5. **IDEAL KING** Behind a subsequent winner when third at this lever over course and distance 67 days ago. Notable runner.
- 6. KING OF TWIST Down 1kg after a pair of modest runs since resuming. Not expected to feature.
- 7. **SUNKAWAKAN** Fair 2.75L seventh in a Longchamp handicap over 2250m (good) twelve days ago. Could reach the frame.
- 8. **SOARING EAGLE** Runner up in previous couple of similar handicaps over shorter journeys. Of note from the same weight.
- 9. ON Y VA 3L fifth over track and trip at this level two starts ago. Could place if replicating.
- 10. **BENE BENE** Ran better than a ninth suggests at Longchamp over 2250m (good). could bounce back with strong winning form previously.
- 11. **NICE TO SEE YOU** Eased in the weights after midfield run at Longchamp in this company. Could find improvement back at this winning venue.
- 12. MAXI BELLO Something to prove after three down the field efforts in this grade. Others preferred.

**Summary**: MOSCA D'OR (2) has reached the frame over this trip three times from as many starts. Rates highly after scoring at La Teste among similar company and is expected to go close. ASTROLOGIA (4) can bounce back from a moderate effort at Deauville in a strong race. This is a more suitable target. BENE BENE (10) was impressive winning two starts ago. Ran better than it appeared latest. IDEAL KING (5) finished behind a subsequent winner in this class when last seen. Solid each way claims.

### Selections

MOSCA D'OR (2) - ASTROLOGIA (4) - BENE BENE (10) - IDEAL KING (5)

- 1. **CLEOSTORM** Shaped well into second at a higher level 21 days ago. One of the main chances with a top jockey taking over.
- 2. SRI LA FRIME Midfield in previous two Mons AW events over 2100m. Minor role likely.
- 3. **BE THE MAM** Surprise winner three back with a pair of modest runs subsequently. Others have achieved more.
- 4. GREAT DREAM Improved runner up in a Vichy claiming handicap fifteen days ago. Place appeal.
- 5. **JEU CELEBRE** Eased 0.5kg after a held ninth at Deauville AW. Not dismissed with a favourable place record at this journey.
- 6. **SCRIBNER CREEK** Held seventh after a break at Vichy last month. Should strip fitter and likely to go well at a favourable distance.
- 7. **ASANDA** Good 0.75L runner up in this class at Chateaubriant when strong in the market. Genuine contender.
- 8. **SPINNING MIST** Down the field in a pair of similar handicaps since winning on the AW. Something to find at this level.
- 9. **VIBRANT CHORDS** Missed the placings in four consecutive handicaps at this standard. Others readily preferred.
- 10. **JOAO** Faire previous couple of Clairefontaine handicap runs but yet to show any worthwhile form at this trip.
- 11. **LOVELY MISS** Well held ninth in previous pair of handicaps from this weight. May need some weight relief.
- 12. **MANTEGA** Consistent in weaker handicaps this term. Worth a crack at this higher level in a moderate affair. Frame chance.

**Summary**: CLEOSTORM (1) ran second in a stronger handicap at Deauville on good ground. Expected to go close eased in class with a top jockey taking over. ASANDA (7) finished in the placings at Chateaubriant over 1950m. Genuine player if replicating that effort. SCRIBNER CREEK (6) was held into seventh reappearing at Vichy. Can come forward from that over this preferred distance. MANTEGA (12) is raised in class but is consistent. Each way chance from a fair weight.

**Selections** 

CLEOSTORM (1) - ASANDA (7) - SCRIBNER CREEK (6) - MANTEGA (12)