

LA MARTINIQUE [L-H] - 16 October

Race 1 - PRIX OCTOBRE ROSE (PRIX DE LA FORET VATABLE) - 1400m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €6,400.

- 1. **PRINCES REBECCA** Recent form has been solid in easier company. Tougher this time and will to need improvement if she is to threaten.
- 2. **BECQUAPEARL** Finished a respectable third behind Princes Rebecca when resuming over 1600m at this track last time out. Tipping she will need to do more than that today to be competitive.
- 3. **TULIPE** Resumes from a break of three-and-a-half months. Finished fifth at her most recent appearance over 1400m at this track. Capable of a bold showing.
- 4. **BINT HABISSETT** Has been out of the money recently including last start when sixth over 1600m at this track three weeks ago beaten 5 lengths. Tough to beat if near her best.
- 5. **BUDDY CHOP** Finished second last time out 0.8 lengths from the winner over 1600m at this track to make it 31 career runs without success. Thereabouts last time but looks safely held here.
- 6. **CHOP LE RETOUR** Resumed with a respectable fifth over 1600m at this track beaten 2 lengths. He is capable of testing this field.
- 7. **WALLIS ET FUTUNA** Average effort last start when seventh and beaten 7 lengths over 1600m at this track. Happy to overlook.
- 8. **MEVALIK** Well in the market last but disappointed when 10 lengths away in eighth over 1600m at this track. Best form stacks up so she can bounce back.
- 9. **HYNNDAH** Has not raced since finishing 2.25 lengths away in fourth over 1600m at this track on May 8. Cannot make a strong case.
- 10. **EVERNA KID** Last appeared four-and-a-half months ago when she won over 1100m at this track. Did finish in the money first-up last prep at this track over 1400m. Don't dismiss lightly.
- 11. **SUNDAY HOLIDAYS** Returned from a spell last start with a modest ninth over 1600m at this track beaten 11 lengths. Strips fitter and should be right in the mix.
- 12. **MADININA LOVE** Last appeared three-and-a-half months ago when she finished 6 lengths from the winner in fifth over 1600m at this track. Worth noting she won first-up last prep at this track over 1600m. Top hope if back in good order.
- 13. **KILIROYAL** Won by 3.5 lengths at this track two starts ago. Disappointed last time at this track when 16 lengths from the winner in eighth. Sure to be thereabouts.

Summary: BINT HABISSETT (4) over 1600m at this track could only manage to finish sixth beaten 5 lengths. Certainly deserves another chance. Can bounce back. SUNDAY HOLIDAYS (11) resumed last start over 1600m at this track but could only manage to finish ninth beaten 11 lengths. Will improve second up. Consider. MEVALIK (8) was strongly fancied last start over 1600m at this track but could only manage to finish eighth beaten 10 lengths. Back in trip should suit. TULIPE (3) resumes in a similar race to her last run three-and-a-half months ago when fifth. Is in the mix.

Selections

BINT HABISSETT (4) - SUNDAY HOLIDAYS (11) - MEVALIK (8) - TULIPE (3)

- 1. **MISTER GRYSBI** Finished 2 lengths from the winner in second when fresh off a break last start over 1600m at this track. Has won second up in the past and is capable of building on that record.
- 2. **SMOKING BIANCO** Hasn't raced since finishing 12th over 1800m at Compiegne three-and-a-half months ago. Looks tested.
- 3. **SAINT ROMAIN** Finished fourth when fresh from a spell last start beaten 10 lengths over 1600m at this track. Will come on from that run and is among the better hopes.
- 4. **JOA DE GIBRALTAR** Finished third over 1400m at this track two back then missed the frame last time out over 1600m at this track. Certainly worth another chance.
- 5. **SALSA TIM** Placed for the first time when resuming at this track before being beaten 21 lengths at this track last start. He's still got plenty to find.
- 6. **FRY** Resumed from a spell last start with a fifth over 1400m at this track. Will benefit from that run and is sure to be thereabouts.
- 7. **ADEL SUN** Resumed from a spell last start with a fourth over 2100m at this track. Will benefit from that run and can measure up in this line up.
- 8. **SHIPMATE** Ordinary effort first up when eighth over 1600m at this track. Drops to his preferred distance this time. Has a decent second up record. Expect a far better result this time.
- 9. **FORBAN DU LARGE** Returned from a spell and was safely held when sixth over 1600m at this track. Fitter but looks a forlorn hope.
- 10. **CLAIR MATIN** Resumed from a spell last start and did well to finish third over 1600m at this track. Shaping up nicely and can measure up in this line up.
- 11. **LIBERTIN GRIS** Resumed from a spell last start with a ninth over 1600m at this track. Will benefit from that run and is one of the chances.

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- 13. **BEL TI BOUG** Consistent type much improved by two runs back from a break. Last start scored by a neck over 2100m at this track. Won't find this easy.
- 14. **ANTIGUA** Returned from a spell with fair effort last start when fourth beaten 1.1 lengths at this track over 1600m. Not keen.

Summary: SAINT ROMAIN (3) resumed last start over 1600m at this track but could only manage to finish fourth. Yet to miss the placings here at this trip including two wins. Expected to go very well. SHIPMATE (8) was strongly fancied when resuming last start over 1600m at this track but could only manage to finish eighth. Has a solid record at this circuit. Can run a big race today. JOA DE GIBRALTAR (4) started last time and ran below expectations finishing seventh at this track over 1600m. Can do much better this time. CLAIR MATIN (10) finished third last start when resuming over 1600m at this track. Will strip fitter second-up. Can improve today.

Selections

SAINT ROMAIN (3) - SHIPMATE (8) - JOA DE GIBRALTAR (4) - CLAIR MATIN (10)

Race 3 - PRIX CORSAIR (PRIX DE LA FORET DE MONTRAVAIL) - 1400m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €6,000.

- 1. **EL ALSACIAN** Was well fancied last time but ran below par finishing sixth over 2100m at this track. Best form stacks up so he can make amends.
- 2. **PYTHIE INFERNALE** Drops in journey from the latest outing when fourth over 1600m at this track finishing 5 lengths off the winner. Will be hard to beat.
- 3. **BAGOKEN** Resumes today after showing glimpses of ability in her first campaign. At the latest outing she finished second over 1600m at this track on November 13. Solid top-three chance.
- 4. **FLASH VICTORY** Seven-year-old mare who drops in distance from the latest effort when second over 1600m at this track finishing 2 lengths off the winner. In the mix.
- 5. **GOLDIVINE** Finished seventh when fresh from a spell last start over 2100m at this track. Will come on from that run and will be tough to beat.
- 6. **DEVNA** Has not raced since finishing sixth over 1400m at this track on July 10. Should run well.
- 7. **LADY ANGIE** Beaten 6 lengths into fifth when resuming last start over 1600m at this track. Rates highly and can do much better this time.
- 8. **CAPITAINE DEUX** Returned from a spell and was safely held when ninth over 1600m at this track. Fitter but hard to see him featuring.
- 9. **BAKHARA** Found a couple better at the latest appearance over 1600m at this track three weeks ago. Needs to lift on the last run to be competitive this time.
- 10. PALET BIEN Did nothing on debut when fifth over 2100m at this track. Doubt he will trouble these.
- 11. **LADY SAINJACQUES** Lines up for the first time since May 21 2017. Only raced twice last prep and was unplaced on both occasions the most recent result a seventh over 1900m at this track. Might need a run or two.
- 12. **TI SIROP** Has not raced since finishing sixth over 1100m at this track on June 5. Should be right in the finish.
- 13. **HURRICANE JONES** Hasn't won in more than four years. Finished seventh beaten 10 lengths last start over 1600m at this track. Looking to others.

Summary: TI SIROP (12) raced below par at his last appearance four-and-a-half months ago when sixth over 1100m at this track. Hasn't broken through over this course and distance but has managed three minor placings. Well placed and can be in the finish. GOLDIVINE (5) resumed over 2100m at this track but could only manage to finish seventh. Better than the last run suggests. EL ALSACIAN (1) ran below expectations last time out finishing sixth at this track over 2100m. Forgive last start and is a chance. BAGOKEN (3) is a four-start maiden who filled a minor placing at this track at the last run before spelling. Expect she has come on over the break. Has ability and is worth including.

Selections

TI SIROP (12) - GOLDIVINE (5) - EL ALSACIAN (1) - BAGOKEN (3)

Race 4 - PRIX GENYBET (PRIX DE LA FORET DE RABUCHON) - 1900m CL4. Purse EUR €7,200.

- 1. **COOBIRD** Ran a couple of nice races to start this preparation and then relished getting out to the mile last start when he won at this track. Further improvement in store. The one to beat.
- 2. **JENUFA** Second up from a spell. Very good effort to finish second when resuming last start over 1600m at this track. Has won second up in the past and is capable of building on that record.
- 3. ROAD TO THEROCK Resuming after a very long spell for a new yard. Will be better for this hitout.
- 4. **DADIDOM** Has had one run back from a break and was well held in fifth over 1600m at this track three weeks ago. Fitter but unlikely to threaten.
- 5. **KARABABA** A sequence of wins was broken last time out when he finished sixth over 1600m at this track. Has top-three claims.
- 6. **KIWI CHOPE** Scored at her most recent appearance over 1900m at this track on July 10. Racing well with a good strike rate.
- 7. **HARRY'S PRINCESS** Encouraging first-up run when third at this track over 1600m on September 25. Fitter and is a leading contender.
- 8. **DAVICHOP** Ordinary effort first up when eighth over 1600m at this track. Steps up to his preferred distance this time. Has a decent second up record. Will take a lot from that run and is in the mix.

Summary: HARRY'S PRINCESS (7) resumed over 1600m at this track for a third beaten 4.5 lengths. Form at this distance is strong with two wins from four starts and should be hard to stop. COOBIRD (1) was a dominant winner last time over 1600m at this track getting home by 2 lengths. Has a solid record here with two wins from six starts. Sure to go well. KIWI CHOPE (6) has good strike rate and can continue winning. JENUFA (2) finished second last start when resuming over 1600m at this track beaten 2 lengths. Will strip fitter second-up. Deserves respect.

Selections

HARRY'S PRINCESS (7) - COOBIRD (1) - KIWI CHOPE (6) - JENUFA (2)