DEAUVILLE [R-H] - 16 December

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA HALLE AUX POISSONS - 1900m CLM CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

- 1. **ROYAUMONT** Was out of the placings two back but turned things around more recently when beaten a long neck when second over 2100m at Chantilly All Weather. Rates highly on the latest effort.
- 2. **BAIKAL** Had been working up to a win and it came last start over 2100m at Chantilly All Weather. Bold bid likely.
- 3. **AL KHAMSIN** Has ability but the wins are rare. Last start finished tenth over 2000m at Pau All Weather and can show more.
- 4. **BOURDAIN** Wasn't expected to do much when fresh from a spell last start at Chantilly All Weather over 2100m and finished fourteenth. More required.
- 5. MEXICAN DREAM Has had one run back from a break and was well held in fourteenth. Unlikely.
- 6. **GO TO HOLLYWOOD** Form since resuming has been disappointing. Has ability and is expected to do much better.
- 7. MARJAAN Form since resuming has been disappointing. Could bounce back to best.
- 8. WOW Produced a better run last time out when third over 1800m at Chantilly All Weather. Worth including.

Summary: BAIKAL (2) is selected to complete a double following a neck victory in a 2100m claimer at Chantilly AW. ROYAUMONT (1) placed second in that contest. Expected to challenge for the win. GO TO HOLLYWOOD (6) rates a threat dropped to a claimer following a 5L twelfth in a 1600m handicap at Chantilly AW. AL KHAMSIN (3) placed second in a 2000m claiming handicap at Toulouse on his penultimate start. Shortlisted.

Selections

BAIKAL (2) - ROYAUMONT (1) - GO TO HOLLYWOOD (6) - AL KHAMSIN (3)

Race 2 - PRIX DE KILDARE - 1500m UNR. Purse EUR €27,000.

- 1. **FORTUNE GOLD** Colt by Estidhkaar from Cinema Paradiso on debut. Purchased for EUR 11,000 (Arqana 2022 Summer Sale). Tough assignment.
- 2. **ARDITO** Nicely-bred debutant by leading sire Siyouni from the stakes-winning mare Valasyra. Expected to run well.
- 3. **BRONCO** Colt by Kodiac who was bought for EUR 62,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale). Profiles well and bold showing expected.
- 4. **MURCIANO** Two-year-old gelding having first race start. Inclined to look elsewhere barring a strong market push.
- 5. VIVERNUS Unraced colt by Midshipman out of Aldara. Looking to others.
- 6. CUEROS Territories gelding from Baqqa on debut.
- 7. **TAYBET** Unraced colt by leading sire Zoffany out of Saladine. Was a EUR 34,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale) purchase. Keep safe.
- 8. LE CANNET Unraced gelding by Machucambo out of Beaute Absolue. Will be better for this run.
- 9. **ZELZEFYR** Unraced colt by Zelzal out of Burstingdalak. Was a GNS 26,000 (Tattersalls 2022 Guineas Breeze Up Sale) purchase. Looks set to run well.
- 10. **ROYAL WOOTTON** Unraced colt by Wootton Bassett out of Belle Riviere. Was a EUR 400,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale) purchase. Profiles nicely and should run well.

Summary: An intriguing newcomers race with Kodiac colt BRONCO (3) selected to score for a yard who have done well with their youngsters this year. Wootton Bassett colt ROYAL WOOTTON (10) hails from a top stable. Looks a big threat. Siyouni juvenile ARDITO (2) enters calculations first up. Zoffany newcomer TAYBET (7) is another with claims.

Selections

BRONCO (3) - ROYAL WOOTTON (10) - ARDITO (2) - TAYBET (7)

- 1. FOOTSTEPSANPIE Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell. Will need to do a bit more.
- 2. **MOASA** Scored three runs back but has been disappointing in two subsequent efforts. Out of form and unlikely to feature.
- 3. **GOT FROST** Has been out of the placings in recent runs including a fifth over 1600m at Chantilly All Weather. Place.
- 4. **SALSA CHIC** Hasn't won in 21 months. Finished 14th, beaten 8 lengths, last start over 1900m at this track. Rates highly and is worth including.
- 5. PRINCE DES DUNES Comes here after finishing fifth last time at this track and trip. Place at best.
- 6. MAKSEN SENORA Unplaced in 10 career starts. Place hope at best.
- 7. **TWIN BOY** Has a poor strike and failed to improve on it last start when he finished fourth over 1700m at Pornichet. Well placed this time and should play a big role.
- 8. **CLOUD EIGHT** Has not raced since finishing 2L away in fourth over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche on October 12. Expected to play a major role.
- 9. **BONUSDARGENT** Finds it hard to win. Last start finished twelfth over 1300m at this track. More required.
- 10. **SKADE** Drops in distance from the latest outing when sixth over 1700m at Pornichet. Improvement likely.
- 11. **KAABA STONE** Seven-year-old mare who has been well held in recent runs and can't see her playing a major role here.
- 12. **VEGA DREAM** Has been out of the money recently including last time out when fourth over 1700m at Pornichet eight days ago. Place at best.
- 13. **ZIPPERE** Showed a good level of form last time when a close second at Le Mans over 1400m. Will take beating.
- 14. **ENJOY THE SILENCE** Won two starts ago then sixth over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Disappointing last time but can do better.
- 15. MEHANYDREAM Has really struggled to recapture his best form of late. Hard to make a case.

Summary: ZIPPERE (13) performed well when 0.75L second in a 1400m handicap at Le Mans. Taken to register her first victory. CLOUD EIGHT (8) gets a chance to shine on the back of a 1.75L fourth over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche. TWIN BOY (7) holds claims following a 3L fourth tackling 1700m at Pornichet. SKADE (10) won the previously mentioned Le Mans event. Shortlisted having been supplemented for this following a 5L sixth over 1700m at Pornichet.

Selections

ZIPPERE (13) - CLOUD EIGHT (8) - TWIN BOY (7) - SKADE (10)

- 1. MATILDE Filly by Cracksman from Macarella on debut. Might just need this run.
- 2. PEARL HARBOUR Filly by Al Wukair from Petite Patch on debut.
- 3. **OMICRONE** Unraced filly by Zelzal out of Al Sailiyah. Was a EUR 75,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale) purchase. Will be better for the run.
- 4. **QUICKSTEP** Debutant daughter of Wootton Bassett from Dance Toupie who was purchased for GNS 350,000 (Tattersalls 2021 October Yearling Sale Book 2). Profiles well and bold showing expected.
- 5. **FIRST SNOW MOON** Unraced filly by Sea The Moon out of Marie Rossa. Was a EUR 85,000 (Arqana 2021 August Yearling Sale) purchase. Nice profile and expected to measure up.
- 6. **FLEUR DE SEL** Unraced filly by Belardo out of Guerande. Was a EUR 70,000 (Arqana 2021 August Yearling Sale) purchase. Will be better for the run.
- 7. SUNLIKE Unraced filly by De Treville out of Sunny Frankel. Looks set to run well.
- 8. **MAYLIN** Daughter of Footstepsinthesand from Mona Vale on debut. Purchased for EUR 20,000 (Arqana 2021 August Yearling Sale). A betting push will add to the confidence.
- 9. **STORYWOOD** Birchwood filly who was purchased for EUR 1,000 (Arqana 2021 November Yearling Sale) and makes her debut.
- 10. GALLIARA Unraced filly by Hunter's Light out of Galinka. Nice profile and capable of featuring.

Summary: QUICKSTEP (4) is an unraced Wootton Bassett half-sister to a couple of G3-placed performers. Selected to debut with a victory for top connections. MAYLIN (8) looks a threat with the Footstepsinthesand filly making her first start for a good yard. Stephane Wattel's AI Wukair filly PEARL HARBOUR (2) rates a threat on her first start. Stablemate FIRST SNOW MOON (5) is another worth considering.

Selections

QUICKSTEP (4) - MAYLIN (8) - PEARL HARBOUR (2) - FIRST SNOW MOON (5)

Race 5 - PRIX DE CHEFFRETEAU - 1500m HCP. Purse EUR €25,000.

- 1. **BOOK OF LIFE** Racing well but unable to break through this prep with four placings from four runs. Found a couple better most recently as favourite over 1300m at this track. Great chance to break through.
- 2. **ROSIE ROCKET** Handy filly who is racing well, including a win last start over 1200m at Fontainebleau. One of the major players.
- 3. **VOULEZ VOUS** Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished 13th over 1400m at Chantilly AW on November 18. Can atone.
- 4. **GRAND FETARD** Returned at long odds last start and finished 6 lengths adrift in fourth over 1300m at this track. Can do much better this time with the run under his belt.
- 5. **SUPER STAR** Fair effort last start, beaten 2.5 lengths into fourth over 1400m at Chantilly AW. Worth including.
- 6. **TREZY LAND** Well held second up after finishing fourth when resuming over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Needs to turn form around sharply to be competitive.
- 7. **VEGA STAR** Fair effort last start when resuming, beaten 2.25 lengths into fourth over 1400m at Le Mans. Among the chances.
- 8. **GOLDEN TRIP** Disappointing last time finishing seventh, beaten 13 lengths, over 1600m at Clairefontaine. Much better the start prior. Not far away latest but happy enough to avoid.
- 9. **LUNATICA** In the money two starts back at Le Croise-Laroche but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1300m at this track last time. Looks tested.
- 10. **LA CHIP** Has not made an impression in recent outings, last start finishing seventh over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche. Although up in distance is very hard to have.

Summary: BOOK OF LIFE (1) showed good form when 3.75L third in a 1300m maiden at this track. Selected to deliver a first victory. ROSIE ROCKET (2) won by 1.5L in a 1200m handicap at Fontainebleau. Looks a leading player with a hood tried for the first time. VOULEZ VOUS (3) has won twice in the past. Blinkers tried here and is capable of better than he showed when down the field over 1400m at Chantilly AW. GRAND FETARD (4) is another to consider following a 6.25L fourth in the previously mentioned 1300m maiden here.

Selections

BOOK OF LIFE (1) - ROSIE ROCKET (2) - VOULEZ VOUS (3) - GRAND FETARD (4)

- 1. **ON THE EDGE** Won at Compiegne three starts back but she hasn't been able to go on with it. Leaning to others today.
- 2. **RAKAN** Changes rider since being well held last time in seventh over 1300m at this track. Open to improvement and is among the place chances.
- 3. **ROMANELLO** Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a seventh over 1600m at Chantilly AW beaten 4 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.
- 4. **DOMAGNANO** Has been out of the money of late including last time when fifth over 1400m at Fontainebleau five-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 6 lengths. Contender on his best form.
- 5. **ROUVRAY** Changes rider since being well held last time in tenth over 1400m at Fontainebleau. Can bounce back.
- 6. **ZELOTE** Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 2 lengths into fourth over 1500m at this track. Rates highly and should do much better.
- 7. **KARKHOV** Last appeared ten weeks ago when he finished 9 lengths from the winner in 11th over 1500m at Chantilly AW. Best form gives him an each-way hope while fresh.
- 8. **SOARING EAGLE** Had been building to a win and it came last start over 1500m at this track. Got the job done last time and is a leading hope again.
- 9. **SAGE DREAM** Scored a determined win last time over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Rates highly and expected to go well again.
- 10. **MR SLICKER** Has been out of the money recently including last time when 11th over 1600m at Chantilly AW a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 3.5 lengths. Tested again.
- 11. **MYTHICAL CREATURE** Modest effort first up last start, finishing seventh and beaten 4 lengths over 1500m at this track. Others are preferred.
- 12. **MANTA BEACH** Has not raced since finishing 5.5 lengths away in tenth over 1400m at Clairefontaine on July 23. Faces a tough essay.
- 13. MANG'SEKO Wasn't far away last time when third over 1500m at this track. Rates highly.

Summary: ROUVRAY (5) showed good form prior to a 12L tenth over 1400m at Fontainebleau. Taken to bounce back with a victory. SOARING EAGLE (8) won by 0.5L in a similar race to this over course and distance. Expected to challenge for the win. SAGE DREAM (9) returned to form with a neck success in a similar event to this tackling 1500m at Marseille-Vivaux. Dangerous in this contest. MANG'SEKO (13) is another to consider following a 1.75L third at this track and trip.

Selections

ROUVRAY (5) - SOARING EAGLE (8) - SAGE DREAM (9) - MANG'SEKO (13)

- 1. **SAY GOOD BUY** Good win two starts back then missed the placings last time when seventh in a Listed race at Toulouse over 2400m. Strong contender on best form.
- 2. **BAKHCHISARAY** Handy gelding who is racing well, including a solid third last start over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Not to be underestimated.
- 3. **HOOKING** Delivered a better run last time out when third over 1900m at this track, beaten 0.6 lengths. Worth including.
- 4. **GREGOLIMO** Handy entire who is racing well, including a win last start over 2000m at Pau AW. Talented type who is among the leading hopes.
- 5. **INVINCIBLE LIGHT** Handy gelding who is racing well including a solid third last start over 1900m at Chantilly AW. Talented type who is one of the leading chances.
- 6. **IT'S ALL A DREAM** Lines up for the first time since May 10. Closed the last campaign in lukewarm fashion, with a 14th over 1600m at Chantilly AW the latest offering. Might need a run or two.
- 7. **ALESSANDRO** Beaten 3 lengths into fourth when resuming last start over 2000m at Pau AW. Fitter and rates highly.
- 8. **CHARLESQUINT** Ran well below his best last start when 28 lengths away in ninth over 1900m at Chantilly AW. Looking elsewhere.
- 9. **CHANCE** Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished 15th over 1400m at Chantilly AW on November 18. Fully tested on his recent run.
- 10. **KENWAY** Unwanted in the market when resuming last start at Chantilly AW over 1900m and finished fifth. Looks tested.
- 11. **IRSKA** Was below her best last time when 12th over 2000m in Listed company at Fontainebleau, beaten 8 lengths. Better than the last start suggests.
- 12. **TWIST** Handy gelding who is racing well, including a solid second last start over 1800m at Le Croise-Laroche. Right in the mix again.

Summary: TWIST (12) is well suited by the conditions of this race and is selected to go one place better than when 1.75L second over 1800m at Le Croise-Laroche. GREGOLIMO (4) is expected to go well on the back of a 0.5L victory in a 2000m conditions contest at Pau AW. INVINCIBLE LIGHT (5) placed third when beaten 2.75L in a nine runner event over 1900m at Chantilly AW. Dangerous in this field. ALESSANDRO (7) is a threat for a top yard following a 3L fourth in the previously mentioned Pau contest. BAKHCHISARAY (2) placed third in the 2000m Listed Grand Prix de Marseille at Marseille-Borely. Holds claims.

Selections

TWIST (12) - GREGOLIMO (4) - INVINCIBLE LIGHT (5) - ALESSANDRO (7) - BAKHCHISARAY (2)

- 1. **CREAM ICE** Broke through for a deserved win last time, scoring over 2100m at Chantilly AW. Ideally placed to make it two on the trot.
- 2. **HOT SUMMER** Finished midfield last start at Chantilly AW over 1600m, 6 lengths from the winner. Jumps up in journey today. Might struggle again.
- 3. **ZHIVAGO** Has been out of the money recently including last time when fourth over 1900m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 2.25 lengths. Certainly worth another chance.
- 4. **SENSIBLE** Has been out of the money of late including last time out when fifth over 1900m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 2.5 lengths. Consider.
- 5. **STRANGER** Could only manage 11th over 1900m at Chantilly AW last start to continue a run of ordinary form. Will need to improve sharply.
- 6. **SALERNO** Finished second over 2100m at Chantilly AW two back then missed the frame last time out over 1900m at Chantilly AW. Worth following up.
- 7. PAINT IT BLACK Ran a better race last start to finish fifth over 1900m at this track. Likely to measure up.
- 8. **AYANA** Has been out of the money recently including last start when ninth over 2100m at Chantilly AW three weeks ago, beaten 6 lengths.
- 9. **OK BOOMER** Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 24 starts. Last start finished fourth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Among the chances.
- 10. **PALOMBAGGIA** Still a maiden after 20 starts and was comfortably held last time out despite finishing third over 2100m at Pornichet. Capable of giving a tremendous sight.
- 11. **AVOIDING CHARLES** Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a eighth over 2100m at Pornichet, beaten 6 lengths. Looks tested.
- 12. **JACQUES COEUR** Has been thereabouts without winning, last start finishing second over 2100m at Pornichet. Rates highly and expected to be in the finish.
- 13. **TOP GLORY** Has been out of the winner's list for 13 months. Recent form only moderate including a last-start tenth over 1900m at Chantilly AW. Can't see him featuring in the finish.
- 14. **MISEREY** Unplaced at all seven runs to date, the latest when beaten 14 lengths over 1900m at this track. Others preferred.
- 15. **AYGUEMORTE** Returned to the winners' circle after a long while last time over 1650m at Amiens, scoring by 2 lengths. Rates highly and expected to go well again.
- 16. **REINE DE LUNE** Last start finished 12th over 1900m at Chantilly AW, beaten 5 lengths. Looks tested in this line-up.

Summary: CREAM ICE (1) won by a head in a 2100m handicap at Chantilly AW. Selected to defy a 2kg rise in the weights. JACQUES COEUR (12) performed well when 3L second over 2100m at Pornichet. Expected to challenge for the win. PALOMBAGGIA (10) enters calculations on the back of a 4.75L third tackling 2100m at Pornichet. AYGUEMORTE (15) won by 2L in a 1650m handicap at Amiens. Claims of following up.

Selections

CREAM ICE (1) - JACQUES COEUR (12) - PALOMBAGGIA (10) - AYGUEMORTE (15)