

FRIDAY, 17/11/23

R3 SAINT-CLOUD [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX PHARSALE - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat -
EUR € 30.000**

- 1. QUE BELLA** - Finished 8th on debut but showed enough to work with on that occasion. Should improve given that experience and the step up in distance will serve her interests
- 2. MIYALAA** - Stayed on encouragingly to finish 6th on debut at Le Mans and would've gained plenty from that experience. Keep safe
- 3. ROMANCE MARINE** - Has finished 6th in both starts and was not disgraced on either occasion. Could improve to play a role
- 4. DAME QUANT** - Has finished unplaced and been soundly beaten in both outings, so is hard to recommend. Watch for now
- 5. MORNING AIR** - Did not go unnoticed on debut (6th) and improved with that experience to finish 3rd last time. Should have more to offer stretching out to this distance
- 6. POPPIE SAN** - Failed to confirm the promise of her debut 4th when only 5th last time out. Remains capable of better
- 7. ROYAL ROSI** - Finished 7th on debut but regressed in her second start when unplaced and soundly beaten last time. Watch for now
- 8. LAURA BAY** - British filly who built on the promise of her debut 5th to finish 3rd last time. Wouldn't be racing here without legitimate ambitions
- 9. ISLA COLUMBRETES** - Protectionist debutante trained by Edouard Thueux, who has engaged Dorian Provost to ride. One to note

Summary : MORNING AIR (5) made encouraging improvement for the step up in distance in her second start at Clairefontaine and need only confirm that progress to win this opening event. LAURA BAY (8) also improved to finish 3rd last time and is likely to fight for victory if making further progress stretching out to this trip. MIYALAA (2) and QUE BELLA (1) didn't go unnoticed on debut and should have more to offer given that experience so complete the shortlist here.

SELECTIONS

MORNING AIR (5) - LAURA BAY (8) - MIYALAA (2) - QUE BELLA (1)

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**C2 - PRIX KANTAR - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR
€ 30.000**

- 1. LESSARD** - Would have gained plenty from the experience of his debut (7th) but is best watched for now. Place chance only
- 2. GRAN HABANO** - Open to improvement after finishing 7th on debut, though has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 3. DARING PRINCE** - Finished 6th on debut at ParisLongchamp and ought to have improved given that experience. Not taken lightly
- 4. WOOTTON WARRIOR** - Would have gained valuable experience from his debut outing so could improve to get a look in here. Dark horse
- 5. COLT PILOT** - Has more experience than most but is vulnerable here to less-exposed rivals, so has only a place chance
- 6. SHIRBAWI** - Has finished 4th either side of a 2nd in his three starts and that form is strong enough to have a say in the finish here. Respect
- 7. AOPHTEGME** - Improved from his debut 8th to finish 4th last time and, as a son of Adlerflug, should appreciate the heavy ground and extended distance. Keep safe
- 8. MISTER GATZ** - Finished an encouraging 4th on heavy ground in his only start and ought to have come on since. Should also appreciate this step up in distance
- 9. VAMOS LUIGI** - Started out well over 1500m at Saint-Cloud, finishing 5th on debut, and should appreciate this step up in distance. Beware
- 10. PROMETHEAN** - Caught the eye by running on very well to finish 3rd at Chantilly recently, which confirmed the promise of his debut 5th. Will have more to offer so is the horse to beat
- 11. KITO** - Has the most experience of these runners and improved to finish 4th last time but has no more than a place chance here
- 12. CYNIC** - Ought to have come on since his pleasing 5th on debut so could get into the picture here. Place chance

Summary : David Menuisier has two lively winning chances here with PROMETHEAN (10), who ran on well to finish 3rd on PSF at Chantilly last time, and MISTER GATZ (8) who also left a good impression when finishing 4th on debut. Both are likely to improve over this distance so could fight out the finish. SHIRBAWI (6), given his form and experience, and AOPHTEGME (7), who will enjoy the heavy ground, are capable of posing a threat to those principal stablemates.

SELECTIONS

PROMETHEAN (10) - MISTER GATZ (8) - SHIRBAWI (6) - AOPHTEGME (7)

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**C3 - PRIX HEROD - 1400m (a7f) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR €
60.000**

- 1. SON OF MAN** - Bounced back to form by finishing a good 3rd in a Group III race at Newmarket on heavy ground. Has a winning chance
- 2. LOCH PIKE** - Finished 6th in the Group III Prix Eclipse recently. This represents a slight ease in grade, so can't be discounted stepping up in trip here
- 3. ZOUM ZOUM** - Unbeaten British gelding who has won on the turf and PSF in his two outings. More required at this level but warrants respect
- 4. MICHIGAN FIRE** - Has improved markedly since finishing 8th on debut, winning his second start before finishing 3rd last time. More needed
- 5. PRINCESS CHILD** - Talented Spanish filly who has not finished out of the first three in seven starts, winning 3 times and finishing 2nd and 3rd twice each. Dark horse
- 6. THREE HAVANAS** - Talented German filly who proved her competitiveness at this level by finishing 2nd in a Group II contest in Milan, Italy. Keep safe
- 7. PEMBA BAY** - Has shown promise in two starts, finishing 3rd on both occasions. Must improve to get involved but does have scope to do so
- 8. ROSE ACADEMY** - Inconsistent but has more experience than most and boasts sound form references. Has a place chance

Summary : A competitive Listed race in which British raiders SON OF MAN (1), who has placed at Group III level, and unbeaten ZOUM ZOUM (3) set the standard. German filly THREE HAVANAS (6), 2nd in a Group II contest in Italy recently, also has a say here, along with LOCH PIKE (2) who has the form and experience to make his presence felt in the finish.

SELECTIONS

SON OF MAN (1) - ZOUM ZOUM (3) - THREE HAVANAS (6) - LOCH PIKE (2)

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**C4 - PRIX TANTIEME - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Condition Race - Flat - EUR
€ 52.000**

- 1. TRIBALIST** - Consistent colt who won his first three starts this year before finishing 3rd in a Group III race last time. Has the means to be competitive
- 2. MUHALIF** - Unreliable but is not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 3. AL MUBHIR** - Unreliable William Haggas-trained colt but one who is not devoid of ability. Wouldn't be making the trip without legitimate ambitions
- 4. MIGRATION** - Capable but, on the evidence of his last two outings, appears to have lost his way since making a winning start to the year. Watch for now
- 5. ANTHORUS** - Inconsistent although not incapable of getting into the picture. Seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day but has only a place chance here
- 6. CLIMATE CHANGE** - Consistent last-start winner comfortable on heavy ground. Will need a career-best performance to play a leading role here
- 7. SPARKS FLY** - Won a Listed race on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud recently by a whopping 12 lengths. Should be hard to beat with a repeat of that performance
- 8. SEA OF ASH** - Has won consecutive conditions races recently but has a lot more to do in this grade/company. Place chance only
- 9. RUN ZARAK RUN** - Runaway winner of just her second start, winning by 11 lengths on heavy ground at Redcar last time. Keep safe
- 10. AUTUMN STARLIGHT** - Has rediscovered her form recently by finishing 3rd in a Listed race at ParisLongchamp recently, having finished 2nd in a Group III event previously. Respected

Summary : SPARKS FLY (7) arrived from England to win a Listed race on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud and she is good value to follow up here at the expense of another British filly in RUN ZARAK RUN (9) who was a runaway on heavy ground at Redcar last time. Consistent TRIBALIST (1) was beaten for the first time this year (four starts) in a Group III event last time but lost nothing in defeat on that occasion (3rd), so is also a serious candidate for success. After regaining her form recently, AUTUMN STARLIGHT (10) ought to be competitive for the places.

SELECTIONS

SPARKS FLY (7) - RUN ZARAK RUN (9) - TRIBALIST (1) - AUTUMN STARLIGHT (10)

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C5 - GRAND PRIX DES APPRENTIS (FINALE CHMPT PARIS TURF DES APP & JJ) - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - TURF - Condition Race Qualifier - Flat - EUR € 23.000

- 1. BLACK MORNING** - Capable veteran mare in good form of late. Boasts solid form references but has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 2. MOONWALK STEP** - Thrives on very heavy ground and has a particular liking for Saint-Cloud especially. The horse to beat
- 3. QUICK FLASH** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 4. WINDJANA** - Won her penultimate start but struggled to confirm that form under a penalty last time. Needs to reaffirm
- 5. NOIRE DESIRE** - Has been inconsistent in her three outings after winning four starts back. Capable of better but unreliable
- 6. LA YOMOGUINESS** - Rewarded for consistency with a last-start victory and has a particular liking for heavy ground. Dark horse
- 7. DAIQUIRI DREAM** - Unreliable but did finish 7th in a Quinté+ last month and has solid claims here on that form. Not taken lightly
- 8. MARTIAL ART** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 9. NAISHAN** - Out of sorts recently but remains more than capable of acquitting himself competitively at this level on heavy ground
- 10. CHAMP DE MARS** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here so is not likely to trouble the judge
- 11. VEULES** - Bounced back to form by finishing 2nd at Hyères on her reappearance and will be competitive if confirming that improvement
- 12. ALJANAH** - Caught the eye by running on well to finish 4th at Lyon-La Soie last time in a conditions race. Has claims here on that form

Summary : MOONWALK STEP (2) has a particular liking for heavy ground so is good value to reconnect with success here. The race to fill the runner-up spot is likely to be a lot closely fought out between NAISHAN (9), DAIQUIRI DREAM (7) and ALJANAH (12) who are all capable of giving cheek to the selection. VEULES (11), runner-up on her return last time, comes next ahead of LA YOMOGUINESS (6) and QUICK FLASH (3).

SELECTIONS

MOONWALK STEP (2) - NAISHAN (9) - DAIQUIRI DREAM (7) - ALJANAH (12)

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**C6 - PRIX DE BAZEMONT - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - TURF - A RECLAMER - Flat
- EUR € 19.000**

- 1. DAZZLE AT DAWN** - Won a handicap race at Nancy recently and ought to remain competitive given this drop in class. One to beat
- 2. ZELINA** - Finished a disappointing 9th last time but is confirmed in this category. Finished 2nd in a similar race two starts back
- 3. VALENTINO FACE** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so isn't unlikely to trouble the judge
- 4. BRABUSACH** - Finished 2nd in four consecutive outings before his recent 7th in a handicap across the Channel. Could well distinguish himself at this level
- 5. WONDER OF YOU** - Unplaced and soundly beaten in Quinté+ recently but will surely fare better in this category. Keep safe
- 6. ZOUBAREVA** - Made no impression on debut so is hard to make a case for and is best watched for now. Others are preferred
- 7. MEDINA GOLD** - From a stable that usually does well when travelling to France. Unreliable but has the means to fight for victory
- 8. PORTRERO** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 9. MYTHOS** - Consistent for the most part with sound form references to his name. Remains capable of having a say here
- 10. TORINO BELLO** - Remains a maiden but did finish 3rd in his only starts at this level before finishing 3rd and 2nd in his last two starts in conditions races. Dark horse
- 11. LA SWISS** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so her chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
- 12. EDEN** - Won her penultimate outing at Argentan but struggled under a penalty last time (8th). Worthy of another chance here in her start at this level

Summary : DAZZLE AT DAWN (1) won a handicap at Nancy recently and is good value to follow up that success with another on his return to the claiming division. Amy Murphy's runners are usually formidable on their travels to these parts, so the chances of MEDINA GOLD (7) must be seriously respected. ZELINA (2), proven at this level, and BRABUSACH (4), whose recent 7th came after he finished 2nd in four consecutive outings, ought to be competitive too. EDEN (12) is another to note in her first start in this grade.

SELECTIONS

DAZZLE AT DAWN (1) - MEDINA GOLD (7) - ZELINA (2) - BRABUSACH (4)

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C7 - PRIX DES FALAISES DE CRAIE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23.000

1. **ON THE EDGE** - Inconsistent but has undeniable means to be competitive in a race of this nature. Finished 2nd at Compiègne two starts back and has a winning chance here on that form
2. **ROI DE L'AIR** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
3. **JACK O'BOY** - Unreliable but too soon to be written off given his liking for heavy ground as well as this course and distance. Keep safe
4. **MYSTERY** - Competitive off his current mark and is better suited to this distance. Ought to bounce back from a recent failure
5. **KENDY TIME** - From the stable of Jacques Piednoel who boasts a good record on his travels. Out of sorts but is seldom far off the mark
6. **OYAPOCK** - Twice unplaced but has also won twice from his last four starts. Unreliable and is drawn widest of all but his rider's 1,5kg allowance does help
7. **CRUELLA DE VIL** - Won three starts back but has struggled in her two outings under a resultant penalty. Best watched for now
8. **JACK OF TRADES** - Boasts some sound references/credentials on heavy ground, so is dangerous to discount. Not taken lightly
9. **ZELZALITA** - Has already proven that she can do well in this category and does appreciate this track and trip. Beware
10. **I'M ON MY WAY** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
11. **ORANGE VIF** - Consistent performer with sound form references. Doesn't have much margin to warrant victory but will be competitive for the places
12. **PETERHOF** - Has regained momentum and lines up here in good form and physical condition. Competitive at this level so should be a factor
13. **FOXLEY LADY** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
14. **MI C'INFILO** - Took advantage of a reduced rating to win last time so races under a 2kg penalty here. Does run well on heavy ground

Summary : A hard race to assess and, potentially, a toss-up between MYSTERY (4) and JACK O'BOY (3) to see who emerges with the honours. PETERHOF (12) and ON THE EDGE (1) are also serious candidates for success and likely to play leading roles, as are ORANGE VIF (11) and ZELZALITA (9) if judged on their best references. Although unreliable, both JACK OF TRADES (8) and KENDY TIME (5) are capable of having a say too.

SELECTIONS

MYSTERY (4) - JACK O'BOY (3) - PETERHOF (12) - ON THE EDGE (1)

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C8 - PRIX DES BOUCLES DE LA SEINE - 1600m (a1m) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 32.000

1. **SHIELDING** - No longer has any margin after back-to-back spring victories but his aptitude for heavy ground is reason enough to respect his chances
2. **ANTHARIS** - Has won three of his last five outings, including consecutive recent outings, and ought to remain competitive in his hat-trick attempt
3. **DANTES** - Former Quinté+ winner who, on the strength of his recent form, has a good opportunity to return to winning ways
4. **AFRICAN GREY** - Last-start winner currently in full possession of his means. Appreciates heavy ground so ought to remain competitive
5. **AMERICAN HOPE** - Unplaced in both outings after winning three starts back but did catch the eye last time so could get into the picture
6. **GOLDINO BELLO** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now, so his chances are limited even at this level. Ignore
7. **PANDIA SELENE** - Acquitted herself creditably in a Quinté+ in her first start off her current mark. Should be a factor
8. **LAURENT** - Undeniably capable but has gone off the boil in his last three starts, unplaced in each outing, so is best watched for now
9. **BECASSIO** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
10. **SCHWENDI** - Out of sorts but remains undeniably capable. Has tumbled in the ratings/weights to an attractive mark and will be suited by heavy ground
11. **KING HARTWOOD** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
12. **LARNO** - Finished a reassuring 2nd last time so could get a look in here if confirming that improvement. Outsider
13. **AIGUIERE D'ARGENT** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
14. **MORSAN** - Consistent veteran, runner-up in two of his last three starts. Will sport Australian blinkers on this occasion and thrives in testing conditions - beware

Summary : A wide-open handicap in which it could pay to side with inconsistent DANTES (3) who is undeniably capable at this level after a commendable attempt in a Quinté+ last time. PANDIA SELENE (7), proven on heavy ground and testing conditions, and SCHWENDI (10), who has dropped to an attractive mark (rating), are others with the means to fight for victory. AMERICAN HOPE (5) is better than his recent displays suggest and could resurface in this category. Both last-start winners ANTHARIS (2) and AFRICAN GRAY (4) ought to remain competitive and are high on the shortlist.

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DANTES (3) - PANDIA SELENE (7) - SCHWENDI (10) - AMERICAN HOPE (5)