CHANTILLY [R-H] - 19 November

Race 1 - PRIX DU LABYRINTHE - 2700m CL2. Purse EUR €31,000.

- 1. UTAMARO Fourth beaten 6L at Lyon-Parilly in a Class Two over 2200m. This is weaker.
- 2. **GALACTICA** Sixth after a break at Compiegne in a handicap over 2000m. Debut for a new yard and still unexposed.
- 3. **TESTA DIVA** Won on debut at Baden-Baden and backed that up with a second at Cologne in a handicap. Interesting on French debut.
- 4. **GLACIER PEAK** Third at Deauville in an AW claimer over 1900m beaten a long-neck. Yard debut but this is a step up.
- 5. **NEVER GIVE WAY** Won second up by a head at Chateaubriant over 2650m in a maiden. Interesting going up in class.
- 6. **ANY TIME SOON** Runner-up at Saint Cloud over 2400m in a Class Two three starts back. Has gone respectably in Black type company since. Top chance.
- 7. KAHAR Fifth beaten 4L at Le Mans in a claimer over 1950m. First time blinkers but is stepping up.
- 8. **IPOP FLEURY** Beaten distances on recent outings and impossible to fancy.

Summary: ANY TIME SOON (6) ran seventh beaten 8.5L at Compiegne in the Listed Prix Charles Laffitte over 2000m. Previously placed in a Class Two. Looks the one to beat. NEVER GIVE WAY (5) won by a head at Chateaubriant over 2650m in a maiden. Unexposed going up in class. GALACTICA (2) finished sixth beaten 6.75L at Compiegne in a handicap over 2000m. Interesting tackling a Class Two. TESTA DIVA (3) won and placed on two career starts in Germany. Interesting making French debut.

Selections

ANY TIME SOON (6) - NEVER GIVE WAY (5) - GALACTICA (2) - TESTA DIVA (3)

Race 2 - PRIX DE LA GRANDE FOLIE - 1900m CL2. Purse EUR €34,000.

- 1. **ANOBE** Stand-out horse on form with two wins and a placing from three career starts. Comfortable 3L winner over course and distance latest.
- 2. **INUIT** Built on a promising debut second at Bordeaux to win over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie by 3L. Further improvement expected.
- 3. **BALNIKHOV** Returned after a four month spell with a maiden victory over 1600m at Angers. Steps up to this distance for the first time.
- 4. **SOBER** Justified favouritism when winning by 0.75L at Le Mans on debut. Tougher test now but represents a leading stable.
- 5. **MYSTIC CHOP** Given a six month spell since a debut sixth at this venue on turf. Improvement required.
- 6. **ERMELIE** Improved considerably to shed the maiden tag with a 3.5L success at Lyon-Parilly latest.
- 7. PRETERITIC Solid fourth over course and distance on debut. Progression expected.

Summary: ANOBE (1) may prove difficult to beat after an impressive 3L success over course and distance. Rates highly with two wins and a placing from three career starts. INUIT (2) progressed from debut second at Bordeaux to score by 3L at Lyon-la-Soie tackling 1800m. Can continue to progress in a tougher contest. BALNIKHOV (3) shed the maiden tag after a four month spell at Angers attempting 1600m. Tries a longer distance for the first time. Holds each way claims. ERMELIE (6) completes the shortlist. Place contender after a win at Lyon-Parilly.

Selections

ANOBE (1) - INUIT (2) - BALNIKHOV (3) - ERMELIE (6)

Race 3 - PRIX DE LA MOTTE LOUVET - 1800m HCP. Purse EUR €40,000.

- 1. **WHITE WHISKY** 1.25L winner of a 1900m Class Two condtions race here seventeen days ago. Shortlisted on handicap debut.
- 2. **CENTRAL PARK WEST** Solid 0.5L third behind Susu's Dimples (second) in a course and distance AW handicap 23 days ago. Good AW record. In the mix.
- 3. **HAVOC** New trainer following a good 1L fourth in a 1300m AW claimer here three weeks ago. Interesting.
- 4. **VAL BASSETT** Found success by a neck at Deauville in a 1900m AW Class One handicap two weeks ago. Down in level and makes appeal.
- 5. **SUSU'S DIMPLES** Ran well after a small break when a head second in a course and distance AW handicap 23 days ago. Upped 0.5kg but shortlisted.
- 6. **QUARTILLA** Below par 4.25L eleventh of sixteen at Deauville in a 1500m AW handicap a fortnight ago. Lightly raced and may progress.
- 7. **SMUDO** Bids for a hat-trick after two victories in Germany including an impressive 27L success at Dortmund twelve days ago. Likely player.

Summary: SMUDO (7) bids for a hat-rick after two victories in Germany including an impressive 27L success at Dortmund twelve days ago. Likely player. WHITE WHISKY (1) was a 1.25L winner of a 1900m Class Two condtions race here. Shortlist on handicap debut. SUSU'S DIMPLES (5) ran well after a small break when a head second in a course and distance AW handicap. Upped 0.5kg but makes appeal. CENTRAL PARK WEST (2) finished a solid 0.5L third behind Susu's Dimples in the same course AW handicap. Good AW record. In the mix.

Selections

SMUDO (7) - WHITE WHISKY (1) - SUSU'S DIMPLES (5) - CENTRAL PARK WEST (2)

- 1. **ONE MORE NIGHT** 8L fifth here on turf last month. This looks easier now and can improve again. Expect a big run.
- 2. **KATHALINA** Won four of last five starts and is thriving at present. In a tougher looking race now but hard to rule out.
- 3. CITADELLA Won five starts ago but disappointed since. Needs to bounce back.
- 4. **LA TOUR DES REVES** Down the field in all starts in maidens. Now tries handicaps and may improve. Check for market support.
- 5. **DUBROVNIK** Run creditably well on all starts so far. Can progress further and has each way claims.
- 6. **MUSKATEER THREE** 6L sixth at Deauville AW was a fair effort and placed twice when previously trained in England. Each way chance.
- 7. **DOPPELGANGER** Good jockey booked and makes handicap debut here. Interesting.
- 8. **WINEHOUSE** No better than mid-field in maidens. Now goes handicapping and is drawn well. Interesting.
- 9. **KISSWOOD** Mid-field finish best effort so far in six starts. Needs to progress to trouble the judge.
- 10. **FORTUNA IMPERATRIX** Disappointing when well fancied last time but interesting on best form. Not easily ruled out.
- 11. **KENDRA** Trailed the field on reappearance and needs to improve sharply.
- 12. **LORNA CHOPE** Greatly outran market expectations when 6L fourth at Pau AW. Can improve again and looks to hold each way claims.
- 13. LE SHALAA Inconsistent colt. Beaten 16L into fourth last time and needs more.
- 14. BLOOD CHOPE 3L third at Cholet last time was career best effort. Interesting if improving again.
- 15. **JOYEUSE SAGE** Promise early in her career but gone the wrong way since. Prefer to just watch now.
- 16. **GRACEFULNESS** Uninspiring recent form figures and best watched.

Summary: An open looking contest in which many have claims. ONE MORE NIGHT (1) shaped well in a better race last time. Eased in grade and expected to improve. The one to beat. BLOOD CHOPE (14) stayed on into a placing last time. Can continue progressing and is easy to fancy. DUBROVNIK (5) has run to a similar level all starts so far. Each way chance. KATHALINA (2) won four of the past five starts. Thriving at present though this is harder. Threat to all at this level.

Selections

ONE MORE NIGHT (1) - BLOOD CHOPE (14) - DUBROVNIK (5) - KATHALINA (2)

- 1. **HOOLONG** Resuming after a 286 day break. Was fourth at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 1500m in a maiden. Interesting.
- 2. **YELLOWBLUE** Four straight thirds. Most recently at Longchamp beaten 2.25L in a handicap where the second has won since. Solid pick back to a maiden.
- 3. **LUCKY SIM** Promising debut when fifth beaten 4.25L in a newcomers race over 1400m. Debut for a new yard and needs a market check after the break.
- 4. **SPARGI ISLAND** Third at Lyon-la-Soie (AW) in a maiden over 2150m beaten 3L. Solid runner once more.
- 5. TIME TO RUN Well beaten at Saint-Cloud over 1600m in a Class Three. Needs more.
- 6. **PRINCESS ANNE** Seventh over 2400m in a maiden beaten 10L after fading badly. Dropping 800m which could help.
- 7. **BIG KITTY** Tried to make all over course and distance in a maiden when fourth beaten 13L. Requires more.
- 8. HOORAYANUPSHERISES No form in four career outings and easily ruled out.
- 9. **ROSE IN BLOOM** Second beaten a head here over 1900m in a handicap. Back into a maiden and not ruled out.
- 10. **BELLA LORILLIERE** Fifth beaten 8.5L at Le Mans in a maiden over 1950m. Still unexposed but needs more.
- 11. VERO AMORE Sixth beaten 7L at Vichy in a maiden. Will need to show improvement.
- 12. TAAL Beaten 42L at Le Mans on debut in a maiden. Needs massive improvement.
- 13. **MAGIC SOUND** Second over course and distance in a maiden beaten 2L. Christophe Soumillon booked for the first time. Makes appeal.

Summary: MAGIC SOUND (13) ran second beaten 2L over course and distance in a maiden. Consistent with four placings from six career outings. Could break her maiden now. YELLOWBLUE (2) managed a third beaten 2.25L at Longchamp in a handicap over 1600m. The second has won since and is interesting. SPARGI ISLAND (4) finished third beaten 3L at Lyon-la-Soie (AW) in a maiden over 2150m. Brings three career placings from seven attempts. Consider. ROSE IN BLOOM (9) was beaten a head over 1900m here in a handicap. Maintains a 60% strike place rate. Holds claims.

Selections

MAGIC SOUND (13) - YELLOWBLUE (2) - SPARGI ISLAND (4) - ROSE IN BLOOM (9)

- 1. **HEWILLGET IN** First time blinkers applied. Multiple winner earlier in the campaign including 1400m success at Clairefontaine. Returns to handicaps after two good efforts in conditions.
- 2. **DUBAI MEMORIES** Unable to follow up a 1400m Compiegne success in handicap company when down the field. May need to drop in the weights.
- 3. **MICOLEO** Useful 1L winner over 1300m at this venue prior to a second at Deauville over same trip. Comfortable on AW and worth consideration.
- 4. **BONHEUR BLEU** Useful 0.5L second at Marseille Vivaux over 1500m in a conditions and could be interesting on handicap debut.
- 5. **ZANOTCHKA** Aiming for back to back wins after 1L success at Deauville over 1400m. First handicap
- 6. **FLEUR DE BAILEYS** Struggled at Longchamp in a Class Two when last seen. Previous form indicates place potential.
- 7. **PEDROCHEC** Struggling in recent starts at different tracks. More required.
- 8. MATCH PLAY Given a break since a fair 3.5L sixth at Deauville over 1200m. Consider.
- 9. **RECORWOMAN** Three placings from last five outings including narrow defeat over this distance at Compiegne. Switches to the AW for the first time.
- 10. **CARLOUN** Racing with credit without finding the frame too often. Worth consideration after 4.25L fifth at Deauville over 1300m.
- 11. **LAKOTA SWEET** Struggled on first two runs since a break in claimers.
- 12. **BACCHILIDE** Unexposed after three starts at La Teste. Second over 1600m two back suggests some place potential.
- 13. SMART AND FAST Inconsistent performer and would need to show best to feature.
- 14. ARABIAN MUSIC Some useful form but recent runs suggest she may fall short.
- 15. **RESTLESS SPIRIT** Finished in the frame on last two outings in maiden company and could be interesting switching to handicaps with a low weight.
- 16. MAZAL TOV Useful second at this venue in a maiden last time and could sneak a place.
- 17. LOLIWOOD Second at Le Mans in a maiden last time and faces a tougher test.

Summary: RESTLESS SPIRIT (15) holds plenty of potential switching to handicaps for the first time with a low weight. Placed on past two outings including a 2L third over 1500m at this venue. BONHEUR BLEU (4) makes handicap debut after a useful 0.5L second over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Familiar with the surface and can play a major role. ZANOTCHKA (5) is chasing back to back wins following a 1L success at Deauville tackling 1400m. Warrants respect. FLEUR DE BAILEYS (6) can be forgiven a below par run at Longchamp and holds each way claims if reverting to previous form.

Selections

RESTLESS SPIRIT (15) - BONHEUR BLEU (4) - ZANOTCHKA (5) - FLEUR DE BAILEYS (6)

- 1. **JAAYIZ** 5L tenth at Deauville in a 1900m Class Two AW handicap two weeks ago. Needs to be at best.
- 2. **MOSCA D'OR** Consistent type who ran 5L fourth at Saint-Cloud in September tackling a 2000m handicap in this class. Interesting.
- 3. **MANNE** Solid 0.75L fourth at Deauville two weeks back in a 1900m handicap in this level. Holds claims.
- 4. **CHIEF MAMBO** Deauville 1900m AW handicap winner in this grade in August before a seventh on return there a month ago. Place likely best.
- 5. **YSSINGEAUX** 6.5L sixth at Deauville two weeks back in a 1500m Class Three AW claimer. May struggle in this standard.
- 6. **L'AIGLE** Good 2.25L fourth at Angers three weeks ago over 2100m in this handicap grade. Down 3kg. In the mix.
- 7. **GREEN CURRY** Fair 1.25L fifth a fortnight ago at Deauville attempting a 1900m Class Three AW claimer. Each way hope.
- 8. **VIVI BONNEBOUILLE** Showed ability in this level at Vichy in September when 2.75L fourth over 1600m. Include with the jockey worth noting.
- 9. **SILVER CRISTAL** 1.25L winner of a Lyon-La Soie 1800m Class Three AW handicap 23 days ago. Shortlisted with less weight.
- 10. IT'S ALL A DREAM Has been struggling on last three outings and hard to make a case for.
- 11. **INATTENDU** 8.25L twelfth of seventeen at this venue over 1600m in May. Minor role likely on return.
- 12. **KING OF TWIST** 3.5L 12th of sixteen at Deauville in a 1900m Class Three AW handicap two weeks back. May run on strongly at the finish.
- 13. **DAMANDA PRIDE** 13L 13th of fourteen at Baden-Baden (Germany) five weeks ago in an 1800m handicap. Others have stronger claims.
- 14. **CALACONTA** Not disgraced at Longchamp three weeks ago when 1.75L fifth in a 1900m Class Three handicap. Down 4.5kg. Consider.
- 15. **AGAPI MIA** Neck third at this venue 24 days ago in a 1600m AW Class Two handicap. Solid course profile and holds claims.
- 16. **INFINITE PASSION** 4.25L eighth at Deauville two weeks ago in a 1900m AW Class Two handicap. Needs a step forward.
- 17. **ONE MORE BREATH** Fair 2L fourth at Deauville a month ago in a 1900m AW Class Three handicap. Interesting.

Summary: A tricky and open handicap where some of the strongest claims come from VIVI BONNEBOUILLE (8) who showed ability tackling this level at Vichy in September when 2.75L fourth over 1600m. Likely player with jockey worth noting. SILVER CRISTAL (9) managed a 1.25L success in a Lyon-La Soie 1800m Class Three AW handicap. Shortlist. CALACONTA (14) was not disgraced at Longchamp when 1.75L fifth in a 1900m Class Three handicap. Down 4.5kg. Consider. AGAPI MIA (15) and MOSCA D'OR (2) both hold claims.

Selections

Race 8 - PRIX DU CLOS DE LA BARRE - 2700m CL2. Purse EUR €28,000.

- 1. **REINARDO** 2.5L third at Lignieres was a good effort. Has generally been running well this campaign and expected to give another bold showing.
- 2. **LORD ACHILLES** Down the field in the 3100m G1 Prix Royal Oak at Longchamp but this is a lot easier. Impressive 3.5L winner on start before in this grade. Key player back at this level.
- 3. **YOKER** Well beaten on both starts last campaign and prefer to watch following five and a half month absence.
- 4. **ALBIR** Disappointing the last twice and prefer to just watch following those efforts.
- 5. **TENNESSEE SONG** Disappointing last time albeit had excuses and likely better judged on 1.5L victory at Saint-Cloud on start before. Threat to all if bouncing back.
- 6. **SPEED OF MOTIVATOR** Could only manage a 5L sixth having been bidding for a third consecutive victory last time. Solid each way claims.
- 7. **THIRSTY** Likeable sort that has won four of nine career starts including only previous course appearance. Top jockey booked and is easy to fancy.
- 8. **GRAF MANAMA** Looked limited in all starts so far. Prefer to just watch.
- 9. ELTON DES ONGRAIS Well beaten on reappearance and unlikely to improve enough to factor.
- 10. **SANTURIN** Test on reappearance looked inadequate and now goes a further 1100m. Should improve.
- 11. **SPECIAL APPEAL** Game long-neck winner at Lyon-la-Soie on reappearance. This is tougher but has the ability to factor in this grade. Shortlisted.
- 12. MISS DIONA Well beaten on two runs this season and best ignored at present.

Summary: LORD ACHILLES (2) will find this easier having contested the 3100m G1 Prix Royal Oak at Longchamp. Outclassed that day but still sets the standard and is the one to beat. SPECIAL APPEAL (11) made winning reappearance. In a better class now but improving and is easy to fancy. THIRSTY (7) is expected to be primed for this. Goes well fresh and continues progressing. Keep safe. REINARDO (1) has been consistent this campaign. Each way player.

Selections

LORD ACHILLES (2) - SPECIAL APPEAL (11) - THIRSTY (7) - REINARDO (1)

- 1. **ART COLLECTION** Fourth beaten 1.5L at this venue in a handicap over 1300m. Interesting into a conditions race.
- 2. **DELACHANCE** Seventh beaten 5.25L at Lyon-la-Soie (AW) over 1800m in a handicap. Maybe one for the placings.
- 3. WADDAT Third beaten 1.5L at Marseille Vivaux (AW) in a claimer over 1500m. Solid runner.
- 4. **GREYWAY** Eleventh beaten 5L over course and distance in a handicap. Solid claims.
- 5. **PASSEFONTAINE** Sixth beaten 2L here over 1600m in a top tier handicap. Down in class and may find this easier.
- 6. **HAVANA BOUND** Winner four starts back at Deauville (AW) over 1300m. Inconsistent but not ruled out.
- 7. **MISTER CHARLIE** Eleventh beaten 4.25L at this track in a handicap over 1600m. Down in trip which could help.
- 8. **SNOWBALL JACKSON** Elventh beaten 3.5L at Deauville (AW) over 1300m in a Class Two. Down in class and could feature.
- 9. COCO CITY Tenth at Deauville over 1100m in a claimer beaten 7L. Had been in form prior to this.
- 10. **WAHIBA SANDS** Resuming after a 192 day break. Fifth beaten 3.25L here in a handicap over 1600m. Unexposed and interesting after the break.
- 11. ARABINO Beaten a distance at Saint-Cloud over 1400m in a handicap. Hard to have.
- 12. **MIARKA** Second beaten 0.5L at Deauville over 1400m in a handicap. Returning after a break but can go close.
- 13. **OSTIA** Ninth beaten 3L here over 1300m in a handicap. Going well enough to place.
- 14. **MAAVAH** Winner three starts back at Le Lion-d'Angers in this class by 1.25L. Not been at that level since but has two wins and two placings from eight starts over this trip.
- 15. **TOUR D'ECHELLE** Third beaten 2.75L at Longchamp in a handicap over 1400m. Going well and comes out very well at the weights.
- 16. **PERHAPS** Third beaten 0.75L at Vichy in a Class Three. Eighth since so needs to bounce back.
- 17. TARIDA Third beaten 1.5L at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m in a handicap. Solid chance at the weights.

Summary: TOUR D'ECHELLE (15) ran third beaten 2.75L at Longchamp in a 1400m handicap. Going well and interesting at the weights. TARIDA (17) was third beaten 1.5L at Lyon-Parilly in a handicap over 1600m. Cannot be dismissed. MAAVAH (14) finished ninth but only beaten 5.75L in a claimer over 1100m. Maintains a 25% strike rate up in trip and could go close. ART COLLECTION (1) has been going well in handicaps including two wins in September. Top claims. DELACHANCE (2) may place.

Selections

TOUR D'ECHELLE (15) - TARIDA (17) - MAAVAH (14) - ART COLLECTION (1) - DELACH