CHANTILLY [R-H] - 25 February

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA ROUTE DES SANGLIERS - 1900m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

- 1. **MY BUDDY** Has not raced since finishing 10 lengths away in 15th over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie on December 4. Not without claims first-up.
- 2. **BELEAVE YOU** Has had two runs since a break, the latest a eighth over 1800m at this track, beaten 5.5 lengths. Strips fitter.
- 3. **ORPANAMA DAVIS** Has not raced since finishing 3.5 lengths away in seventh over 2000m at Vichy on July 22. Needs more time.
- 4. **KAVAKNEY** Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a fifth over 1300m at Deauville All Weather three weeks ago. Will be harder to beat this time.
- 5. **BALONG BAY** Last appeared when she finished seventh over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer on January 25. Fully tested on her recent run.
- 6. **WHAT DO YOU SAY** Hasn't won in a year. Finished seventh, beaten 5.5 length last start over 1800m at this track. Rates highly and can break through.
- 7. **IVISHAK RIVER** Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 3 lengths into seventh over 2100m at this track. Fitter for that run and expected to be in the finish this time.
- 8. **PAPA WINNER** Has a poor strike rate and failed to improve on it last start when he finished tenth over 2100m at Pornichet. Capable enough on his day and is a key runner.
- 9. **WOOTTON GREY** Has not raced since she was safely held in eighth over 1400m at Strasbourg on November 11. Will improve on what she does here.
- 10. **FEE HISTORIQUE** Still a maiden after finishing 11th last start over 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Happy to risk.
- 11. **WISEITEN** No support in betting first-up when 11th over 1800m at this track. Must go to a new level to compete in this line-up.
- 12. **CORAL SLIPPER** Failed to impress last prep, finishing 15th over 1900m at Deauville All Weather at the last run.
- 13. **REINE DE LUNE** Not a regular in the winners' stall and hasn't scored for three years. Last start was 4 lengths away in fifth over 1800m at this track. Has ability and is one of the chances.
- 14. **SATURNO** Finds it hard to win. Better effort last time when sixth over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Others rate better.
- 15. **DELIVER STORM** Started this campaign in poor form, last start finishing ninth and beaten 6 lengths over 2100m at this track. Has ability and can break through on best form.

Summary: A chance is taken on PAPA WINNER (8) who needs to bounce back from a disappointment at Pornichet but he did finish a close-up third over 1900m at Deauville AW prior. Notable contender in a wide-open contest. KAVAKNEY (4) is unexposed over the trip and needs including following a sound fifth in a 1300m handicap on the AW at Deauville last outing. BELEAVE YOU (2) could feature eased 1kg under Anthony Crastus and IVISHAK RIVER (7) makes some each-way appeal.

Selections

PAPA WINNER (8) - KAVAKNEY (4) - BELEAVE YOU (2) - IVISHAK RIVER (7)

Race 2 - PRIX DU FOUR A TUILE - 1900m MDN. Purse EUR €27,000.

- 1. **DEVIL IN THE SKY** Finished third as favourite on debut over 1900m at this track back on November 16. Nicely placed to break through.
- 2. **SEVENNA'S KNIGHT** Failed to flatter at his only appearance back on October 6 finishing 12th over 1500m at Saint-Cloud. Can improve on that effort.
- 3. **WOODSTOCK CITY** Returns after filling a minor placing on debut at Saint-Cloud over 1500m on October 31. Rates highly.
- 4. **KAMCHATKA DU GUERN** Made some progress last start to finish fifth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather when lining up for just the second time. Needs more time.
- 5. **OLYMPIC GOAL** Showed improvement last start at the second run back, beaten 4.5 lengths when fourth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Still not quite there.
- 6. **ALAMSAR** Resuming today after finishing fourth on debut over 1900m at Deauville All Weather on December 9. Improvement likely this time in work. Worth plenty of thought.
- 7. **CAMERON** Has not raced since his debut on July 17 at this course on turf when he finished fifth of six over 1400m. Prefer to see again.
- 8. **KOVANOF** Progressive colt resuming today after two runs in his maiden campaign, the latest effort a second over 1600m at Longchamp on October 13. Progressive and expected to measure up.
- 9. MOHICAN Son of Toronado from Miss Bikini making his debut. Respect any positive betting move.

Summary: An open looking maiden with the majority open to plenty of improvement. KOVANOF (8) finished runner-up in a 1600m Class Two conditions event at Longchamp in October. There should be plenty more to come from this son of Dubawi stepping up in trip and he's selected to shed the maiden tag for notable connections. DEVIL IN THE SKY (1) made a pleasing debut finishing third over course and distance. Likely to feature if building on that. WOODSTOCK CITY (3) can improve on his Saint-Cloud (1500m) debut third now upped in trip and ALAMSAR (6) is considered under Soumillon.

Selections

KOVANOF (8) - DEVIL IN THE SKY (1) - WOODSTOCK CITY (3) - ALAMSAR (6)

- 1. **WILD GYPSY BOY** A long time between drinks. Last start finished 2.25 lengths back in third over 2100m at this track. Rates highly.
- 2. SALIES Has not raced since finishing 15 lengths away in 12th over 2650m at Chateaubriant on May 30.
- 3. **QUEEN'S OF MARSHAL** Veteran who has been well held at the last couple of outings, the latest when tenth and beaten 8 lengths over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Struggling and looking to others.
- 4. **SENEPARK** Was below his best two back at Deauville All Weather then ran a much better race last start when second over 1800m at this track. Hard to beat on that latest effort.
- 5. **CHARLOTTE TAGADA** Won two starts back at Deauville All Weather but was well held last start, beaten 5.5 lengths into seventh over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Faces another tough task.
- 6. **FIRST BIRST** Hit and miss type who improved last start to finish third over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Can continue the positive form trend.
- 7. **LAMALINK** Could only manage 11th over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie last start to continue a run of ordinary form. A better run is on the cards.
- 8. IT'S MAGIC Has not raced since finishing 15th over 1900m at Deauville All Weather on October 19.
- 9. **KARIOITAHI** Delivered a better run last time out when fourth over 2100m at this track, beaten 2.5 lengths. One of the chances.
- 10. **ONCLE FERNAND** Had to contend with a wide draw at his latest run and finished out of the money over 1800m at this track. Can do better.
- 11. **HOT SUMMER** Finished sixth last start over 1800m at this track and is now 260 days without a win. Low on confidence and hard to recommend.
- 12. **AYANA** Turned in a better run last time out when third over 2100m at this track, beaten 0.6 lengths. Won't be far away.
- 13. **HACKLE SETTER** Was below par two back at Lyon-la-Soie then bounced back with a win over 2100m at this track last time out. Sure to go very well.
- 14. **GIRLY PEARL** Good effort last start when she finished a close second at this track over 2100m. Big chance.
- 15. **BECH RIVER** Now 489 days without a win, the latest effort a tenth over 1600m at this track, beaten 2.5 lengths. Won't find this easy.

Summary: HACKLE SETTER (13) just got up late to deny GIRLY PEARL (14) in a 2100m Class Four handicap at this venue nineteen days ago and they could be the pair to focus on once more. The former will likely put up a bold bid but the latter was well fancied that day and can gain revenge with a 2kg swing in the weights. The step up in distance is a slight concern for SENEPARK (4) but he went close over 1800m here a fortnight ago and must be respected off an unchanged mark. Top-weight WILD GYPSY BOY (1) can go well.

Selections

HACKLE SETTER (13) - GIRLY PEARL (14) - SENEPARK (4) - WILD GYPSY BOY (1)

Race 4 - PRIX DE LA GRANDE GLACIERE - 1900m MDN. Purse EUR €27,000.

- 1. **CALIYZA** Was well in the market on debut at her only appearance four-and-a-half months ago over 1600m at Deauville but could only manage fifth, beaten 5 lengths. Shapes as a top-three chance.
- 2. **MATILDE** Kicked off her career on December 16 over 1500m at Deauville All Weather and finished 4.5 lengths away in sixth, her only appearance to date. Likely improver.
- 3. **BLACK HILLS** Handy filly who finished fourth last start but was beaten only 2.5 lengths over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Should run well.
- 4. **INKIOSTRO** Progressive filly resuming today after two runs in her maiden campaign, the latest effort a second over 1600m at Pau All Weather on December 7. Has ability and is sure to have come on over the break.
- 5. **RISKY LIGHT** Started at a big price on debut last start and was pretty plain when 16 lengths back in eighth over 1600m at this track. Won't find this any easier so she looks fully tested.
- 6. **MISS MUIR** Resumes after a spell of three months. Did little in her maiden campaign, culminating in a ninth over 1900m at this track. Doesn't bring the right form to the table.
- 7. **WE CAN FLY** Back from a spell of three months. Last raced when beaten 14 lengths into 11th over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Will improve on what she does here.
- 8. **MAYLIN** Last appeared when a reasonable seventh on debut over 1500m at Deauville All Weather on December 16. Look for improvement this campaign.
- 9. **ZARQANA** On debut last start and could only manage ninth, 5 lengths from the winner at Pornichet over 2100m. Better for that experience but looks tested in this line-up.
- 10. **HIGGLE** Unraced filly by leading sire Sea The Stars out of Haggle. Rates well here on profile and bold showing expected.

Summary: BLACK HILLS (3) backed up a promising debut third at Lyon-la-Soie with a solid fourth over this distance in a Deauville AW maiden recently. Major appeal. Newcomer HIGGLE (10) catches the eye on paper and this daughter of Sea The Stars should put up a bold showing on debut. INKIOSTRO (4) went down narrowly over 1600m in maiden company at Pau AW in December. Claims up in trip after a break with the third home in that event scoring since. Cracksman filly MATILDE (2) should improve tackling this stiffer stamina test.

Selections

BLACK HILLS (3) - HIGGLE (10) - INKIOSTRO (4) - MATILDE (2)

- 1. **GURZUF** Nice return last start when runner-up at Pornichet over 1700m on February 1. Fitter for that run and will be tough to beat.
- 2. **KOREM** Last appeared 12 weeks ago when he finished 22 lengths from the winner in ninth over 1700m at Pornichet. Hard to enthuse.
- 3. **ATLANTIGO** Has been out of the money recently including last start when seventh over 1600m at Pau All Weather three weeks ago, beaten 3.5 lengths. Expect he will make amends.
- 4. **STORM CITY** Handy gelding who finished fourth last start but was beaten only 2.5 lengths over 1300m at Deauville All Weather. Expected to measure up.
- 5. **BASEEMA** Kicked off her career on July 17 2021 over 1100m at Dieppe and finished 8 lengths away in fifth, her only appearance to date. Stretches out in trip. Has upside.
- 6. **PRIVATE LOUNGE** Resumed at this track over 1400m last time out and finished fourth, beaten 4.5 lengths. Fitter for that run and expected to be in the finish this time.
- 7. **LOVE THE STARS** Hasn't been competitive lately, last start finishing a 8 length 13th over 1800m at this track. Unlikely to threaten.
- 8. **BADINAGE** Was safely held on debut last start when 15th and beaten 15 lengths over 1900m at this track. Needs to lift.
- 9. **GOFAST** Form either side of a break has been disappointing. Resumed last start and was beaten 12 lengths over 1300m at this track. Not keen on her chances.
- 10. **SEE YOU PINK** Resumes today after showing glimpses of ability in her first campaign. At the latest outing she finished fourth over 1400m at Toulouse on November 27. Shapes well and worth following up.
- 11. **JAVA JAMES** Returns after a spell of five months. Closed the last campaign in lukewarm fashion, with a sixth over 1650m at Amiens the latest offering. Wait and see how she comes up.
- 12. **DISBELA** Debutant by Hunter's Light from the good race mare Tequila Frod who was a Listed winner on the track. Worth watching for a market push.
- 13. DREAM PLATINE Dream Ahead filly from Gallery's Platine on debut. Expected to measure up.

Summary: Likely front-runner GURZUF (1) had a next-time-out winner behind when runner-up in a 1700m maiden at Pornichet AW twenty-four days ago. Strong hope eased in trip with the first-time tongue-tie fitted. STORM CITY (4) only has 1kg to find with the former on ratings and looms a major threat on the back of a sound fourth in a Class Three 1300m AW conditions event at Deauville. Course and distance fourth (Class Three conditions race) PRIVATE LOUNGE (6) needs to be noted and market support for newcomer DREAM PLATINE (13) would be interesting.

Selections

GURZUF (1) - STORM CITY (4) - PRIVATE LOUNGE (6) - DREAM PLATINE (13)

- 1. **SALERNO** Usually reliable type who ran well below his best last start when 15 lengths away in 13th over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Worth another chance.
- 2. **KING OF TWIST** Hasn't inspired much confidence of late. Comes into this after finishing 3.5 lengths from the winner over 1900m at Deauville All Weather last start. Making up the numbers.
- 3. **GREEN CURRY** Broke a drought when he scored last start over 1800m at this track. Back in form and can make it two on the bounce.
- 4. **ZHIVAGO** Scored three runs back but has been disappointing in two subsequent efforts, the latest when fifth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Better than recent form suggests and worth including.
- 5. **EARLY SURPRISE** Easily beaten at her last run before spelling and didn't fare any better when resuming over 2500m at Deauville All Weather two weeks ago, beaten 17 lengths into 12th. Can't recommend.
- 6. **KUNDRIE** Six-year-old mare who drops in trip from the last start when sixth over 2500m at Deauville All Weather, finishing 4 lengths off the winner. Winning hope.
- 7. **LOU BALICOT** Moderate effort to finish 12th last time over 1600m at this track when fresh from a spell. Steps up in distance today.
- 8. **BONNIE HOPPS** Has ability but the wins are rare. Last start finished eighth over 1600m at Compiegne, beaten 5.5 lengths. Looking to others.
- 9. **THINDY** Veteran who has been well held at the last couple of outings, the latest when ninth and beaten 6 lengths over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Struggling of late and looking to others.
- 10. **ALBERT BRIDGE** Has not raced since scoring over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux on November 4. Worth noting he filled a minor placing first-up last prep at Pornichet. Expect a bold showing.
- 11. **FROSTY BAY** Hasn't won in two-and-a-half years. Finished second beaten 2 lengths last start over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Has ability and can run a forward race.
- 12. **PARIS AFFAIR** Back from a break of six months. Closed the last campaign in lukewarm fashion, with a eighth over 1800m at Le Croisé-Laroche the latest offering. Plenty of more attractive propositions in this race.
- 13. **LIGHT WAKEUP** Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a 11th over 1600m at this track, beaten 4.5 lengths. Looks tested in this field.
- 14. **STORMY BABY** Beaten 5 lengths into fourth when resuming last start over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Strips fitter and should be in the mix.
- 15. **SAGUARO** Last start finished eighth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Has recorded just 3 victories from 38 starts. Well placed this time and expected to measure up.

Summary: FROSTY BAY (11) produced a sound effort when finishing second in a Class Three handicap over this trip at Deauville AW three weeks ago. Notable contender off an unchanged mark from a good draw in stall three. Three-time course winner GREEN CURRY (3) scored over 1800m here last-time-out and can be involved off 2kg higher. All four of ALBERT BRIDGE (10) career wins have come on the AW and he could go well on this first outing since winning by 4L at Marseille-Vivaux AW (2000m handicap) in November. SAGUARO (15) holds claims from the foot of the weights.

Selections

FROSTY BAY (11) - GREEN CURRY (3) - ALBERT BRIDGE (10) - SAGUARO (15)

- 1. **BARON PALATCHI** Form either side of a break has been very ordinary. Resumed last start and was beaten 4.5 lengths over 1900m at this track. Not keen on his chances.
- 2. **MARVANCO** Hasn't raced since finishing sixth over 2200m at Clairefontaine six months ago. Looks a key runner.
- 3. **NARCISSUS** Yet to find the frame in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a eighth over 1600m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago. Holds claims on his best form.
- 4. **CAPE VERDE** On debut last start and could only manage tenth, 6 lengths from the winner at this track over 1900m. Looking elsewhere.
- 5. **ICATU** Debuted at this track on January 21 and was pretty plain when beaten 8 lengths into 13th over 1900m. Others rate better.
- 6. **MAGURO** Maiden galloper unplaced in all six runs this campaign, the latest beaten 4 lengths over 1900m at this track. Yet to show much and would need to improve sharply.
- 7. **MANARENIX** Resumes after a spell of ten months. Has finished seventh in both outings, the latest over 2000m at Strasbourg. Prefer others.
- 8. **LUX** Form either side of a break has been underwhelming. Resumed last start and was beaten 13 lengths over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Expect she'll find this too tough.
- 9. **MINO PICO** Opened her career in promising style two back with a minor placing at Pornichet. Disappointing in the follow up run three-and-a-half weeks ago when sixth over 1700m at Pornichet. Has ability.
- 10. **HAROYA** Resumed at Deauville All Weather over 2500m last time out and finished fourth, beaten 3.5 lengths. Rates highly.
- 11. **LA GALOPINE** Has done nothing in three runs to date, the latest when beaten 5 lengths into ninth over 1900m at this track. Happy enough to avoid.
- 12. **SILVER SIGN** Has been in the market but safely held at her last couple of starts, the latest when fifth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Likely to measure up.
- 13. PENDJARI PASSION Both runs back from a break have lacked merit. One to avoid.
- 14. **DIAMOND FOR REEL** Has not raced since finishing 9 lengths away in eighth over 2100m at Pornichet on November 14. Place chance first-up.
- 15. **BOTTECI** Filly by Bottega from Cisca Bere on debut. Happy to watch this time.
- 16. **SOKA D'ANS** First-starter by sire Dream Ahead from the Stakes-winning mare Chasing Stars. Respect any positive betting move.
- 17. **THEORETICAL** Daughter of Tamayuz from the Listed winning mare Game Theory on debut. Ready to

Summary: HAROYA (10) displayed a fair level of ability in Ireland before making a pleasing French and stable debut when fourth over 2500m at Deauville AW (maiden) in December. That was her first outing for seven months and she's entitled to improve for the run. Key claims for top connections. MARVANCO (2) disappointed when sixth at Clairefontaine in August. Sets the standard on her sound Class Two fourth last May and looks to hold every chance after a break with blinkers fitted. The unexposed MINO PICO (9) may yet have more to give and debutante THEORETICAL (17) is of note despite being drawn widest.

Selections

HAROYA (10) - MARVANCO (2) - MINO PICO (9) - THEORETICAL (17)

- 1. **MISTER X** Opened this campaign impressively last time out with a win over 2100m at Pornichet. Has won second up in the past and is capable of building on that record.
- 2. **YOUNG MAN** Won two times earlier on in his prep, most recently finished sixth beaten 1.3 lengths at Deauville All Weather over 1900m. Strong chance.
- 3. **OUT OF TIME** Has had one run back from a break and was well held in 13th over 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer three-and-a-half weeks ago. Still early in the prep and might need more time.
- 4. **QUELLO** Resuming. Only had the one run last prep and didn't make an impact, beaten 3.5 lengths into ninth over 1950m at Longchamp. Maybe later.
- 5. **DREAMS** Is back from a spell after showing plenty of ability in the maiden campaign, registering two wins from 14 starts. At the latest outing he finished third over 2200m at Longchamp on October 23. Has upside and is expected to go well.
- 6. INATTENDU Ran a better race last start to finish fourth over 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. In the mix.
- 7. **SHANAKILL** Last appeared when he finished seventh over 1900m at Deauville All Weather on January 13. Thereabouts last start and looks a definite winning hope.
- 8. **MAKTAVA** Beaten 0.9 lengths into third at Deauville All Weather two starts ago then appeared at Deauville All Weather last time and finished 7 lengths from the winner in 15th. Hard to have.
- 9. **BLACKBIRDFLY** Won by a nose at Pornichet two starts ago. Disappointed last time at this track when 6 lengths from the winner in 13th. Might struggle again.
- 10. **ROUVRAY** Beaten 0.8 lengths into second at Deauville All Weather two starts ago then appeared at Deauville All Weather last time and finished 4.5 lengths from the winner in 12th. Can atone.
- 11. **COMBERMERE** Reasonable effort first up last start, finishing fourth and beaten 0.8 lengths over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Needs something easier.
- 12. **ON Y VA** Finished just 2 lengths away in sixth last start over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Can sneak into the finish.
- 13. **BLEUSKY** Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when tenth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather six weeks ago, beaten 4 lengths. Tested again.
- 14. **HOOLONG** Was below par two back at Lyon-la-Soie then bounced back with a win over 1900m at Deauville All Weather last time out. Worth including.
- 15. **SEA WINGS** Finished third at Deauville All Weather two back before missing out at Deauville All Weather last time out over 1900m. Well placed to improve.
- 16. **RIYAK** Just one career win from 27 starts. Last start finished 3 lengths away in fifth over 1500m at this track. Has ability and is a definite top-three hope.

Summary: A chance is taken on SEA WINGS (15) despite needing to bounce back from a moderate effort over 1900m at Deauville AW last-time-out. This well-bred gelding by Sea The Stars finished a solid third off this mark over the same course and distance prior and looks up to scoring off this mark with stall three a positive. Top-weight MISTER X (1) won a Class Three conditions event over 2100m at Pornichet AW last start and would be dangerous if allowed to dictate off the front. YOUNG MAN (2) could go well if replicating his Class Two Deauville AW handicap second two starts ago while RIYAK (16) holds place claims. Another to note is DREAMS (5) who returns after a break for a new yard under top jockey Cristian Demuro.

Selections

SEA WINGS (15) - **MISTER X** (1) - **YOUNG MAN** (2) - **RIYAK** (16) - **DREAMS** (5)