CLAIREFONTAINE [R-H] - 27 August

Race 1 - PRIX DU JUST'EQUILIBRE (PRIX D'ELLON) - 2400m HCP. Purse EUR €40,000.

- 1. **KERGRIST** Good 3.5L fourth in a 2100m conditions race at Dax earlier this month. One to note.
- 2. **MOTAZZEN** Short-head winner of a 2650m conditions race at Chateaubriant earlier this month. Strong claims.
- 3. KYGO Placed second when beaten 0.5L over 2400m here nine days ago. Bold show expected.
- 4. **VILLA DARYA** Good 4L second over 1950m at Chateaubriant just under five weeks ago. Top chance back up in distance.
- 5. **PEARL TREE** Given a break since finishing last of five over 2400m at Nantes in May. Best watched.

Summary: VILLA DARYA (4) can take this following a 4L second over 1950m at Chateaubriant. Top claims back up in trip. MOTAZZEN (2) may play a role in the finish having won by a short-head in a 2650m contest at the same venue. KYGO (3) enters calculations on the back of a 0.5 second over course and distance. KERGRIST (1) ran a 3.5L fourth attempting 2100m at Dax. One to consider.

Selections

VILLA DARYA (4) - MOTAZZEN (2) - KYGO (3) - KERGRIST (1)

Race 2 - PRIX IPROTEC EXTINCTEURS (PRIX DES GLAIEULS) - 1600m CLM. Purse EUR €24,000.

- 1. **CONDRIEU** Fair 3L fifth over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers last month. Tackling claiming company for the first time.
- 2. **PEDRO CHOP** Third when beaten 4.5L over course and distance earlier this month. Debuting for a new trainer.
- 3. **GRACEFULNESS** Held 9.25L eighth over 1400m in a Mont-de-Marsan claimer four weeks ago. Others preferred.
- 4. **SPEED WAY** Failed to shine when 9.5L 12th over 1600m in a maiden at Vichy three weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
- 5. **JOLIENENE** Completed a double when winning by 0.5L in a 1600m claimer at Vichy twelve days ago. Top chance.
- 6. **FEE D'ESPOIR** Good 0.5L second in a 1600m claimer at Vichy earlier this month. Bold show expected.
- 7. KIAWOOD Held 6L fifth over 1300m in a claimer at Deauville AW fifteen days ago. Others preferred.

Summary: JOLIENENE (5) can complete a hat-trick having won twice at Vichy. Leading player in current form. FEE D'ESPOIR (6) may play a role in the finish following a 0.5L second over 1600m at Vichy. PEDRO CHOP (2) enters calculations after a 4.5L third over track and trip. CONDRIEU (1) is considered following a 3L fifth tackling 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers.

Selections

JOLIENENE (5) - FEE D'ESPOIR (6) - PEDRO CHOP (2) - CONDRIEU (1)

Race 3 - PRIX DES COEURS TOTEM DE XAVIER BERTIN (PRIX DES MAGNOLIAS) - 1600m HCP. Purse EUR €19,000.

- 1. ILLUSION DOREE Held 6L fifth over this track and trip eighteen days ago. One to note.
- 2. **BELLERA** Failed to shine when 10L sixth over 1800m at Saint-Malo just over three weeks ago. Improvement needed.
- 3. **PARISIAN BELLE** Disappointing 7L seventh over course and distance eighteen days ago. Needs to put that effort behind her.
- 4. **BOUTI** Struggled 20L seventh in a 1600m conditions race at Longchamp last month. Likely capable of better on handicap debut.
- 5. **AMANDERO** Struggled 23L eighth over 2000m at Vichy sixteen days ago. Others preferred.
- 6. **PRINCE DES DUNES** Down the field 11th over 2200m here at the start of this month. Dropping markedly in distance.
- 7. ABRASSO Held 11L fifth over 1900m at Argentan nineteen days ago. Step forward needed.
- 8. **ELEA'S RIVER** head second over this course and distance eighteen days ago. Leading contender.
- 9. **MISS MEDIA** Placed third when beaten 3.5L in a track and trip handicap earlier this month. Strong claims on that form.
- 10. KING OF LEGO Held 11L ninth in a 2200m claimer at Moulins eleven days ago. Handicap debut.
- 11. **BISCOTTINO** Eleven race maiden was beaten 12L when seventh in a 1600m maiden at La Teste last month. Others make more appeal.
- 12. **MAISONCELLES** Held 15L sixth over 1800m in a Saint-Malo claimer just over three weeks ago. Step forward required.

Summary: ELEA'S RIVER (8) may go one better than when a head second over track and trip. MISS MEDIA (9) finds a suitable opportunity following a 3.5L third tackling track and trip. ILLUSION DOREE (1) can be considered having been beaten 6L fifth attempting course and journey. BELLERA (2) is also noted after a 10L sixth in a 1800m contest at Saint-Malo.

Selections

ELEA'S RIVER (8) - MISS MEDIA (9) - ILLUSION DOREE (1) - BELLERA (2)

Race 4 - PRIX SOCIETE HAVRAISE DE PROTECTION DES ANIMAUX (PRIX DES OEIL - 1600m CLM CL3 HCP. Purse EUR €15,000.

- 1. **THE CHOSEN ONE** Fair 6L fifth over 1600m in a conditions race here three weeks ago. More needed.
- 2. **BLUE TANGO** Fifth when beaten 2L in a 1500m AW handicap at Mons (Belgium) just over five weeks ago. Others preferred.
- 3. **CLOUD** Good 1.5L third over 1750m at Dortmund (Germany) in June. One to note.
- 4. **BELLE IMPRESSION** Midfield finish when 4.5L seventh over 1600m here earlier this month. Likely to find a few too good.
- 5. LAVINIA ROSE Held 8.5L 11th over 1600m here last week. Others hold more obvious claims.
- 6. **MOUT** Below par 7.5L eighth in a 1400m handicap here nine days ago. Claims on her head victory over 1600m at Vichy prior.
- 7. **SHOWMETHEGIN** Failed to shine when 15L 14th over 1400m at Compiegne last month. Others hold more obvious claims.
- 8. **USAIN BEST** Fair 3.75L seventh over 1850m at Vichy just over two weeks ago. Capable of better.
- 9. **GAETANO DONIZETTI** Fourth when beaten 3.75L over 1400m at this track eleven days ago. Of note in this race.
- 10. **GREEN VIEW** Disappointing 6.75L ninth over 1600m here last month. Strong claims on earlier form.

Summary: GREEN VIEW (10) can play a role. Beaten a neck second over 1600m at Vittel on her penultimate start. GAETANO DONIZETTI (9) could perform well on the back of a 3.75L fourth tackling 1400m here. CLOUD (3) holds claims after a 1.5L third tackling 1750m at Dortmund (Germany). MOUT (6) may leave behind a below par 7.5L eighth in a 1400m contest at Vichy having won prior.

Selections

GREEN VIEW (10) - **GAETANO DONIZETTI** (9) - **CLOUD** (3) - **MOUT** (6)

Race 5 - PRIX DARTY DEAUVILLE (PRIX DES JASMINS) - 1600m HCP. Purse EUR €23,000.

- 1. **BECHO** Good 3.75L third over 1400m at Dax nine days ago. Bold show expected.
- 2. **LARCHAMP** Runner-up on debut but has struggled twice since including when 10L seventh over 1600m here just over three weeks ago. Handicap debut.
- 3. **DOS ARGENTE** Fourth when beaten 5.75L over 1600m in a maiden at this circuit 23 days ago. Of note on handicap debut.
- 4. **JENEREGRETTERIEN** Career best effort when 2L fourth over 1900m at Deauville AW on handicap debut just over two weeks ago. Claims switched to turf.
- 5. COOL MAN 5L third in an 1800m maiden here two weeks ago. One to note on first handicap start.
- 6. **STORMY BABY** Promising 4L fourth in a 1900m claimer at Deauville AW earlier this month. Handicap debut.
- 7. **LORD MONCHABLON** Below par 8.25L eighth in an 1800m maiden at Compiegne in June. More required on first handicap start.
- 8. **LA BOCA** Victorious by a head in a track and trip handicap eighteen days ago. Has to defy a 2kg rise in the weights if she is to follow up.
- 9. MI C'INFILO Fair 3.5L fifth over 1600m here eighteen days ago. Capable of better.
- 10. **MA LOUTE** Held 9.75L fifth over 1800m at Saint-Malo just over three weeks ago. Needs to put that effort behind her.
- 11. RUBIS GOLD Good 5.5L second over 1900m at Argentan nineteen days ago. Strong claims.
- 12. **L'INTELLO** Faded late on when 4.25L fourth over this course and distance earlier this month. Looking for a first victory at the 18th time of asking.

Summary: RUBIS GOLD (11) may go one better than when 5.5L second over 1900m at Argentan. BECHO (1) makes the shortlist. Finished 3.75L third tackling 1400m at Dax. DOS ARGENTE (3) can be considered following a 5.75L fourth in a course and distance maiden. JENEREGRETTERIEN (4) is another of note after a 2L fourth attempting 1900m at Deauville AW on handicap debut.

Selections

RUBIS GOLD (11) - BECHO (1) - DOS ARGENTE (3) - JENEREGRETTERIEN (4)

Race 6 - PRIX LA DAME BLANCHE (PRIX DES PAQUERETTES) - 2200m CLM CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

- 1. **TIRANO** Fair 5L sixth over 2400m at Dieppe just over a month ago. Claims on his 1.5L victory in a 2400m claimer at Compiegne prior.
- 2. KAYRAT Down the field 3.25L seventh over 1900m at Deauville AW first up. Step forward required.
- 3. **BIG TAMAYA** Held 6.25L fifth over 2200m in a small field conditions race here a week ago. Strong claims down in grade.
- 4. **MYFRIENDRICH** Given a break since finishing 2.5L sixth in a 2000m claimer at Saint-Cloud in April. Others make more appeal.
- 5. **CAPATINO** Down the field tenth over 1500m at Neuss (Germany) in December 2018. Making his stable and turf debut.
- 6. CARTER AND GO Good 1.75L fourth in a 2400m claimer at Vichy 16 days ago. Notable contender.

Summary: BIG TAMAYA (3) can register a victory here following ga 6.25L fifth in a 2200m conditions race at this track. CARTER AND GO (6) makes the shortlist. Ran 1.75L fourth over 2400m at Vichy. TIRANO (1) is another of note finishing 5L sixth in a 2400m handicap at Dieppe. KAYRAT (2) can show improved form second up having been beaten 3.25L seventh tackling 1900m at Deauville AW.

Selections

BIG TAMAYA (3) - CARTER AND GO (6) - TIRANO (1) - KAYRAT (2)

Race 7 - PRIX SAPEURS POMPIERS DE TOUQUES - CALVADOS (PRIX MONTAVAL) - 1800m MDN. Purse EUR €22,000.

- 1. **YELLOWBLUE** Good 0.5L second over 1600m in a maiden at Vichy at the start of the month. Top chance.
- 2. **LIKE YOU** Shown ability in three starts to date including when 4.25L fifth over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly in June. Making his debut for a new trainer.
- 3. **SAPONARO** Put a couple of disappointing efforts behind him when 3L second over 1600m here earlier this month. Bold show expected.
- 4. **KALAOS** Good 5L second in a 1600m claimer at Vittel 12 days ago. Of note on debut for a new trainer.
- 5. **THE NATURAL** Held 14L fourth in an 1800m maiden at Compiegne in early June. More required.
- 6. **IRONWITHERS** Good 5.5L third in an 1800m newcomers race at Dieppe just over a month ago. Notable contender.
- 7. **STAR DAYS** Good 2L fourth in a newcomers race over 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer in January. Subsequent absence is a concern.
- 8. HYAWATA Unraced Mawatheeq gelding. Others preferred on debut.
- 9. OYAPOCK Unraced Sidestep gelding. Likely to find a few too good.
- 10. **KENOTE** Unraced Choeur du Nord. Likely to improve for the experience.

Summary: YELLOWBLUE (1) can deliver a victory second up following a 0.5L second in a 1600m maiden at Vichy. SAPONARO (3) enters calculations on the back of a 3L second attempting a 1600m maiden here. IRONWITHERS (6) finished 5.5L third over 1800m at Dieppe. Looks up to delivering another big effort. STAR DAYS (7) may take a step forward following a 2L fourth tackling 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer on debut.

Selections

YELLOWBLUE (1) - SAPONARO (3) - IRONWITHERS (6) - STAR DAYS (7)

Race 8 - PRIX CLOTURE DU MEETING ESTIVAL (PRIX DE LA GARENNE) - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €21,000.

- 1. **ABAN** Victorious by 2L over 2200m here a week ago. Top chance.
- 2. GOT TOUCH Held 8L sixth over 2400m at Compiegne last month. Others make more appeal.
- 3. MIXOLOGIST Good 1.25L second in a 2900m claiming handicap here nine days ago. One to note.
- 4. **MISS MARPLE** Third when beaten 0.75L over this course and distance three weeks ago. Strong claims.
- 5. **GARIGLIANO** Failed to shine in two starts this spell including when 7.75L tenth over this track and trip three weeks ago. Step forward needed.
- 6. COUNTRY CAESAR Good 0.5L second over course and distance three weeks ago. One to note.
- 7. **UM ELNADIM** Struggled when last of 15 over 2400m at Longchamp in June. Improvement required.
- 8. **HYSTERIQUE** Fair 3.25L fifth over this course and distance three weeks ago. Successful in a minor contest at Guerlesquin prior.
- 9. PEPINA Good 0.5L third over this trip at Vittel 18 days ago. Notable contender.
- 10. **SAGA DE PAIL** Fair 5.75L fifth in a 2400m handicap at Le Lion-d'Angers ten days ago. Races off a 1kg lower mark here.
- 11. **BISON CROSSING** Held 9L 11th over this course and distance three weeks ago. Claims on earlier form.
- 12. **GOLD PALACE** Nose winner over this course and distance three weeks ago. Of note despite a 2kg rise in the weights.
- 13. ALERIA Held 12L ninth over this trip at Nantes in June. Improvement needed.
- 14. **LANCETTI** Successful by 1.25L in a 2050m handicap at Krefeld (Germany) earlier this month. Notable runner.

Summary: Supplemented runner ABAN (1) can complete a double having won by 2L over 2200m here. MISS MARPLE (4) finds a winning opportunity. Finished 0.75L third tackling track and trip. MIXOLOGIST (3) enters calculations following a 1.25L second in a 2900m contest here. LANCETTI (14) receives a low weight. Won by 1.25L attempting 2050m at Krefeld (Germany). Shortlist.

Selections

ABAN (1) - MISS MARPLE (4) - MIXOLOGIST (3) - LANCETTI (14)

Race 9 - PRIX CLAIREFONTAINE 2021 AU TOP (PRIX DE CLOTURE) - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

- 1. FEE HISTORIQUE Last of 15 over 1400m at Deauville last week. Others make more appeal.
- 2. **SITUMELEDEMANDAIS** 21 race maiden finished 3.5L third over this course and distance three weeks ago. Strong claims.
- 3. HARFLEUR Held 8L fifth over this track and trip 21 days ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
- 4. LIVE A PARIS Pulled up in a 3800m hurdle at Nancy last month. Best watched on Flat return.
- 5. RIVER BIRD Held 5.25L seventh over 2400m here three weeks ago. More required.
- 6. **PRESCY LIIA** Good 2L fifth over 2650m at Chateaubriant just under five weeks ago. Notable contender.
- 7. **MAESTRO CHOP** Failed to shine when 8.75L seventh over this track and trip earlier this month. Step forward required.
- 8. HALO ON FIRE Below par 9L eighth over 2400m at this track three weeks ago. Others preferred.
- 9. OKER BANE Nose second over this course and distance earlier this month. Top chance.
- 10. **PIETRA SERENA** Returning from a break when 1.25L fourth over 2400m at Rochefort-sur-Loire 19 days ago. Improvement expected.
- 11. **HEART BRAKER** Fair 3L fifth over 2200m here a week ago. Has run well over this distance in the past.
- 12. **VALHAIE** Disappointing last of 16 over 2800m at Compiegne last month. Claims on second over 2800m at Longchamp prior.
- 13. **GOLDIFROST** Held 13L tenth over 2200m here 11 days ago. More required.

Summary: OKER BANE (9) may go one better than when a nose second over 2400m at this track. SITUMELEDEMANDAIS (2) finds a winning opportunity following a 3.5L third tackling track and trip. PRESCY LIIA (6) can be considered on the back of a 2L fifth attempting 2650m at Chateaubriant. HEART BRAKER (11) is another to note having been beaten 3L fifth in a 2200m contest at this circuit.

Selections

OKER BANE (9) - SITUMELEDEMANDAIS (2) - PRESCY LIIA (6) - HEART BRAKER (11)