

SAINT-CLOUD - 10th October

Trainer of the day : **Waldemar Hickst** (204, 508)

Jockey of the day : **Cristian Demuro** (104, 204, 605, 811)

Horse of the day : **Afficionado** (301)

Dark Horse : **Ziveri** (108)

Race 1

1. ELECTRON LIBRE - Won an identical race over 10f last time at Longchamp. Unbeaten in two starts with blinkers
2. LARNO - Won a similar contest two starts back at Lonchamp but was well beaten last time out off new mark
3. A HEAD AHEAD - Unplaced in last three starts after winning a Quinte race at Deauville in July. Cheekpieces back on
4. HIGH DREAM - Has never made the frame in four outings in this class of event. Won latest but up in the weight and has a bit to find
5. RAJKUMAR - Three time winner from 8f to 9f. Good last two efforts in this division. Has a leading chance
6. MASSINA - Seldom finishes far off the action but has not run since 1 August and the mile seems the limit
7. SHIELDING - Course & distance winner who showed a nice rebound of form last time at Vichy mid-August. Off since then but ships a long way
8. ZIVERI - Has been placed several times in this class of event. One pound down from last start and can get a look in
9. WETROV - Just one place from five runs in this division. Trainer is said to be confident though so can surprise
10. VILARO - Has been very competitive in this division recently and will enjoy any extra cut in the ground. Leading claims
11. CHILL WIND - Very consistent performer in this class of event. Possibly better over 10f but cannot be ruled out
12. ULTRA COOL - Has been struggling off new mark since winning two consecutive handicaps last spring. Must reaffirm
13. MASCALINO - Four time winner from 6.5 to 8f. Was not disgraced in his last start in this division. Outside chance
14. NOSDARGENT - Has never made the frame in eleven runs in this division.

Keeps dropping in the weight though and can surprise

15. EL INDIO - Has not won a race since August last year but always gives everything he has. Place prospect

16. SHAMSABAD - Is confirmed in this division and off this mark. Off since end of July and would have preferred a longer distance

Summary

(5) RAJKUMAR had a poor draw in his last start but jumps off stall three today and that could make a big difference. He can resume winning ways ahead of the on-form (10) VILARO who will enjoy any extra cut in the ground. (1) ELECTRON LIBRE does not have much room for maneuver but he is a game horse and cannot be ruled out. Watch for both (8) ZIVERI and (15) EL INDIO.

Selections

(5) RAJKUMAR - (10) VILARO - (1) ELECTRON LIBRE - (8) ZIVERI - (15) EL INDIO - (4) HIGH DREAM - (11) CHILL WIND - (7) SHIELDING

Race 2

1. SEPTEMS - Eight starts without a win but consistently finishes in the thick of things. Off since 21 July
2. PERVIY - Posted a couple of nice efforts in maidens last March. Will enjoy any extra cut in the ground
3. GREEN SIREN - Posted a promising first-start effort on fibresand at Deauville over 9.5f three months ago. Player
4. DESIDERATA - Has made the frame in her last three starts in this division and will be a big player once again
5. GWENDOLA - Two places from four runs to date. Heavy ground would enhance considerably her chance
6. VAZY NINIAN - Unplaced in both starts last year and is easily passed over on return from a thirteen month absence
7. MEDITERRANEENNE - Finished last of thirteen first time out in a maiden at Compiegne last month. Has too much to find
8. ROLLI DEL'RAIS - Has posted two modest efforts in maidens so far and is unlikely to trouble the judge

Summary

(4) DESIDERATA has been the most consistent of today's runners so far and is clearly the one to beat in this line-up. She combines experience and ability but also has a preference for a surface on the soft side. (3) GREEN SIREN ran with a promise first time out on fibresand and is interesting to follow for the first time on turf.

Selections

(4) DESIDERATA - (3) GREEN SIREN - (1) SEPTEMS - (5) GWENDOLA

Race 3

1. AFFICIONADO - Easy winner of her last two starts. Last race form has since worked out well. Leading chance
2. MAITRE D'ARMES - Scored with ease when off the mark on third attempt at Dax one month ago. Can step up in grade successfully
3. L'ANGE DE MINUIT - Broke maiden tag on second start at Deauville last July over 6f. Returns from a 70 days break
4. DAYYAN - Went off the mark on third time of asking at Chantilly over 6f. Has more to offer
5. DELTA SPIRIT - Has made the frame in all five runs in maidens and was also fourth in a Listed race at Craon in August. Remains a maiden after six starts
6. BAHAMA DREAM - Finished fourth of seven first time out at Saint-Cloud on 18 September. Vast improvement expected

Summary

(1) AFFICIONADO was particularly impressive when she won a class 2 contest at Craon last time out. The runner-up that day went on to win in her next start and makes Jean-Claude Rouget's filly look like a solid winning prospect. Andre Fabre's (6) BAHAMA DREAM takes a big step up in grade but must have improved a lot since her debut at the venue.

Selections

(1) AFFICIONADO - (6) BAHAMA DREAM - (4) DAYYAN - (2) MAITRE D'ARMES

Race 4

1. CREATIVITY - Went off the mark over 10f at Chantilly one year ago. Good last two runs in Quinte races. This is easier today
2. LOOK BACK - Very consistent sort in the handicap division and is expected to be in the mix once more
3. SAINT POIS - Nine time winner from 6.5 to 9f. Going through a rough patch and is not easy to back
4. MIDGREY - Just the one win from fifteen runs but has been in excellent recent form and cannot be overlooked
5. FLECHETTE - Three time winner over a mile. Has been struggling off new mark and although down one pound, is probably best to watch
6. BE MY PRINCE - One time winner from sixteen. Has done little of note in five previous runs in handicaps
7. CALAF - Seven time winner from fifty-one. Disappointed last time at Longchamp in a similar contest over a mile
8. BEAUPREAU - Effective in this division and over this distance. Is on a competitive mark and should be in the mix
9. INSEO - Ten times winner from sixty-eight but has not scored since January 2018 and will need to up his game
10. HURRICANE LIGHT - Won a Quinte race back in May 2018. Took a long time to comeback to competition this year and has been unplaced in four starts since then
11. PRINCE DU GOYEN - Showed a nice rebound of form last time out in a similar contest at ParisLongchamp and shall confirm
12. SAMAGACE DU VIVIEN - Has been very effective in this class of event all summer. Aptitude to handle the soft ground remains in the balance
13. STREETS OF RIO - Very useful performer in this class of event but has never produced the good in three starts over course & distance
14. USAIN BEST - Eleven time winner from 8f to 11f. Has not had the best of year this season and others make more appeal

Summary

(11) PRINCE DU GOYEN showed an unexpected rebound of form in his last start when finishing a close second at 29/1 in a similar contest and will not be available at this price today. He is on a career-low mark and could resume winning ways at the expense of the consistent (4) MIDGREY who posted an eye-

catching effort at Compiègne last time out.

Selections

(11) PRINCE DU GOYEN - (4) MIDGREY - (8) BEAUPREAU - (1) CREATIVITY

Race 5

1. JECK YEAH - Has never run a bad race in three previous starts in claimers and has to be given consideration
2. NOVERCROSS - One place from eight starts to date. First run in a claimer. Barzalona in the saddle is worth noting
3. JIMMIE LEE - Showed some promise in maidens last June but unplaced in last two starts including in a claimer at Argentan twelve days ago
4. GOLD BERE - One time winner in UK who has never done anything of note in five starts for his new connections
5. SINNFIRST - Finished seventh of eleven first time out in a claimer at the venue one month ago. PC Boudot in the saddle today
6. SOUL SURVIVOR - Seven start maiden who showed nice improvement in first start in a claimer last time at Clairefontaine over 2900m
7. IDEAL MAN - Unplaced in three starts in maidens so far. First run in a claimer and can get a look in
8. SIMBAYA - Has finished on the podium in three of her four starts in Germany. Expected to play a big role

Summary

(6) SOUL SURVIVOR was a very close second in his first run in a claimer at Clairefontaine at the end of August. She should not be long before going off the mark and gets the vote despite the drop in distance. Except for his last run in a competitive handicap, (1) JECK YEAH has been in good heart all summer and should be closely involved at the finish.

Selections

(6) SOUL SURVIVOR - (1) JECK YEAH - (8) SIMBAYA - (5) SINNFIRST

Race 6

1. SARATI - Effective filly in the claiming division. First time in a handicap and first run for new yard
2. NOBLESSE D'ARGENT - Unplaced in three previous starts in handicaps but on a career-low mark now and can get a look in
3. JUST PROUD - Has been flying high in claimers recently. Won off higher mark he venue last year. Outside chance
4. LADY DYA - Went off the mark on thirteenth attempt at Chantilly last month. Has an eight pounds penalty to defy
5. SEBECOURT - Broke maiden tag over 10f in September last year. Good last two efforts and looks very competitive
6. DIRTY DOZEN - Eight start maiden who was placed off that same mark last April at Maisons-Laffitte. Cannot be overlooked
7. SOUVERAINE ELUSIVE - Has been in good heart all summer in this division and should be involved at the finish once again
8. RAJSAPOUR - Seventeen starts without winning but never finishes far from the action and can place once again
9. MUNDACA - Well beaten in two previous starts in handicaps but showed a nice rebound of form last time out and can get a look in
10. HEDIDIT - Broke maiden tag in May at Montlucon over 8.5f. Beaten a long way on handicap bow at the venue last month
11. WAKISASHI ONE - Four start maiden who was far from disgraced on handicap debut at Deauville in July. Off since then
12. ABORIGENE - Just the one win from seventeen but always finishes in the thick of things and cannot be ruled out
13. ROGER THE SHRUBBER - Has yet to win a race after eight starts but currently knocking hard and looks a big player
14. LADY FAIRY - One place from five runs and was beaten a long way on handicap bow at the venue last month. Others preferred
15. NATIONAL INTEREST - Unplaced in four starts to date including in a handicap last time out. Not a priority

Summary

Both (5) SEBECOURT and (13) ROGER THE SHRUBBER have been running very well of their respective marks and should be big players in this competitive handicap. Cristian Demuro's partner has already shown good aptitude for the soft

ground and can be slightly preferred. (7) SOUVERAINE ELUSIVE and (3) JUST PROUD look best of the rest.

Selections

**(5) SEBECOURT - (13) ROGER THE SHRUBBER - (7) SOUVERAINE
ELUSIVE - (3) JUST PROUD**