

CHANTILLY - 12th December

Trainer of the day : **Ludovic Rovisse** (314, 411, 508, 613)

Jockey of the day : **Mickaël Barzalona** (105, 207, 306, 811, 904)

Horse of the day : **Cassard** (1009)

Dark Horse : **Brazing** (612)

Race 1

1. SAFRAN - Newcomer by Dabirsim out of a Numerous dam that has already produced several winners
2. KALF - Newcomers from this yard generally need the run. Five pounds claimer on board
3. NATIONAL SERVICE - Newcomer by Elusive City out of a dam that has produced three winners. See betting for clues
4. FALL OF RAIN - Newcomer by Zoffany and is a half-brother to smart performer Dancing Rain
5. FIRST SIGHT - Colt by Siyouni and is out of Group III winner Espirita. Barzalona in the saddle is worth noting
6. BUTI - Newcomer by Elusive City and is a half-brother to smart performer Alfieri
7. LIBERTADORE - Newcomers from this yard tend to be ready and should be closely monitored in the betting
8. MR DE POURCEAUGNAC - Newcomer by Camelot out of Group II-placed Russian Hill. Should be respected
9. STANZO - Newcomer by Speightstown out of a Know Eights dam whose first foal was a winner first time out

Summary

A half-brother to several winners including German Oaks winner Dancing Rain, (4) FALL OF RAIN is certainly one to follow closely. Another well-related horse in the race is (8) MR DE POURCEAUGNAC who is already gelded. (5) FIRST SIGHT is out of Group III winner and has the assistance of Mickael Barzalona. (9) STANZO is worth a mention.

Selections

**(4) FALL OF RAIN - (8) MR DE POURCEAUGNAC - (5) FIRST SIGHT - (9)
STANZO**

Race 2

1. ALJUMAYLIYAH - Newcomer by Olympic Glory out of an Acclamation mare. Trained by Alex Pantall so will be fit and ready
2. STYLE SETTER - Filly by Style Vendome out of a High Chaparral mare who has never won in four starts in UK
3. PIONEER OF THE SKY - Newcomer by Pioneer of the Nile. Dam has produced three winners in the USA
4. MARDILLY - Newcomer by Le Havre out of a Sinndar dam that has produced winners
5. AZANZI - Newcomer by Zanzibari and is likely to need the run. Is probably best to watch
6. DELHI CHOPE - Filly by Captain Chop and is expected to need the run. Ignore unless local betting suggests otherwise
7. MAGICAL MOON - Filly by Darbisim and is a half-sister to Listed-placed Africa. Must be respected
8. PICNIC EN VILLE - Yard is not renowned for having success with newcomers and is best to overlook
9. WOOTTON SAGA - Filly by Wootton Basset out of a dam that has produced four winners from six to run
10. MADELEINE MOVES - Newcomer by Motivator out of a dam that was a winner in UK and has already produced a Listed winner
11. COUNTESS DE VEGA - Newcomer by Lope De Vega out of an unraced mare by Storm Cat. See local betting for clues

Summary

Mickael Barzalona has been retained to ride the well-related (7) MAGICAL MOON so that should be seen as a sign of confidence from her connections. The local betting will provide the best clues but it may also be wise to give some consideration to (3) PIONEER OF THE SKY who has the benefit of a five pound claiming rider. (1) ALJUMAYLIYAH and (9) WOOTTON SAGA could also be considered.

Selections

(7) MAGICAL MOON - (3) PIONEER OF THE SKY - (1) ALJUMAYLIYAH - (9) WOOTTON SAGA

Race 3

1. LAVINIA ROSE - Four time winner from forty. Is back on fibresand today but seems high in the weight
2. WAYNE - Seldom wins races in this division but is very consistent and should be in the mix
3. MAGIC MAC - Still six pounds above last winning mark. Poor recent form is reflective of her chances
4. ZEPHIR - Course & distance winner who is two pounds above his last winning mark. Modest last effort at Deauville
5. SHAMATORIO - Has not won a race since May 2018 but is on a workable mark at present
6. KING HARTWOOD - Has yet to finish in the frame after eight starts but was not beaten far at Deauville latest
7. SIGLO DE ORO - Flopped in all three starts since winning a handicap at Deauville last July
8. SWANSEA BEACH - Has done nothing of note since August but keeps dropping in the weight and cannot be ruled out
9. DUQUESA PENGUIN - Poor last effort but is generally effective on this surface and is on a competitive mark
10. MARK OF EXCELLENCE - Has not won a race for about a year but never finishes far from the action
11. GREEN CURRY - Showed a nice rebound of form in his last two on this surface and has a leading chance
12. AWESOME DAY - One time winner from fourteen. Needed the run last time and should be more competitive today
13. AIMEE - Enjoyed a productive last winter on this surface but has gone off the boil since July and must reaffirm
14. LANTIN - Nine start maiden who was narrowly headed in an identical contest in last start at Deauville. Can go one better
15. FABLED - Yet to win a race after thirteen starts but went close on a couple of occasions and cannot be ruled out
16. MISTER MARIO - Two places from fourteen starts. Keeps dropping in the weight but confidence remains low
17. HANDCHOP - Five time winner from 7f to 9f. Still competitive off current mark and cannot be ruled out

Summary

The form is usually the key factor in these contest and that certainly raises a serious case for both (11) GREEN CURRY and (14) LANTIN who went very close in their last starts with a slight preference for the former who already knows how to win races. The consistent (2) WAYNE could also be a good alternative for success.

Selections

(11) GREEN CURRY - (14) LANTIN - (2) WAYNE - (6) KING HARTWOOD - (4) ZEPHIR

Race 4

1. NOSTALBOWL - Showed a nice rebound of form on turf last time out. Is confirmed this distance and must have a big chance
2. FORTUNE DE FLANDRE - Won well over same distance two starts back but seems high in the weight at present
3. DOUVILLE - Won two consecutive handicaps this term and as a result seems high in the handicap
4. SAINT SACRE - Long time maiden that has suffered a long break. Not sighted in three runs these term
5. CABALGATA - Nine starts without a win. Disappointed in last two and must reaffirm at present
6. VERSALINE - Course & distance winner who has long been struggling with form. One pound below last winning mark
7. MEHYT - Posted a couple of good efforts in this division early in the year but has done nothing of note since
8. SHAYANDI - Runner-up in his last three including one over course & distance. The one to beat
9. PROPHETS PRIDE - Eighteen victories from seventy three starts. Showed better intentions in last start after a lean patch
10. SPEED SHIFT - Unplaced on return from a 4 1/2 years absence last month. Ignore
11. NATURE'S ORDER - Seldom wins races but never finishes far from the action. Can pick up some money
12. DEELEY'S DOUBLE - Not devoid of ability but is hard to trust and his last two starts do not inspire confidence
13. FIVE BY FIVE - Has failed to make the frame since winning an identical race over 2700m at the venue last January
14. MAGESQ DRALLIV - Five time winner from sixty. Showed a nice rebound of form in last start at Marseille. Enters the equation
15. PARKORI - Veteran gelding who is not as effective as he used to be and a minor place chance at best
16. CALAJANI - Went throughout a purple patch last winter but has been off the boil for months and is not easy to back
17. BRIDJNAIA - Not sighted in three starts since registering a seventh career success at the venue in October

Summary

(8) SHAYANDI has comeback on the flat in great order after a couple of good efforts over hurdles and looks the one to be on. He is proven over this course and distance and is expected to garner most of the support. His main rivals include by order of preference (9) PROPHETS PRIDE, (11) NATURE'S ORDER and (1) NOSTALBOWL.

Selections

**(8) SHAYANDI - (9) PROPHETS PRIDE - (11) NATURE'S ORDER - (1)
NOSTALBOWL - (14) MAGESQ DRALLIV**

Race 5

1. COSMIC CITY - Boasts a sound record over course & distance and looks a solid place prospect
2. BONFIRE HEART - Runner-up in an identical race over course & distance two starts back. Best to forget last effort
3. SPIRIT'S REVENCH - Veteran gelding who has become unreliable but has Guyon in the plate and can get a look in
4. SAINT NICOLAS - Easy winner at Deauville last time out. Is on a career high mark at present but a player all the same
5. CUTTY PIE - Has generally been in fine form all season and looks interesting back on fibresand
6. DAME D'ID - Creditable fifth in a Quinte race latest. This is easier today
7. SANCHO - Modest recent effort in a claimer does not look inspiring. Vast improvement needed
8. MY LENNY - Has shown a solid rebound of form in last two. Tries the trip and upped in weight but remains a player
9. POUR LIBRANNO - Has pleased more than once in 2019 but flopped in last two and must reaffirm
10. SUDFAA - A very close third behind (2) BONFIRE HEART in her last start over course & distance. Respected
11. BUNOOK - Veteran gelding who could be high in the weight at present. Place chance at best
12. GO FAST - Has done nothing of note for almost one year and is best to watch for now
13. SON PARDO - Showed some promise last back end but has done nothing of note in three runs this term
14. SAGA OUATINA - Sixteen starts without a win but never finishes far from the action and can get a look in
15. MONFRERE - Comes in on the back of a good sequence and is only two pounds above his last winning mark
16. RAJ DE BOISTRON - Very effective on this surface last winter. Modest last two but cannot be ruled out

Summary

- (8) MY LENNY has never run over such distance but the way he scored at

Deauville over 2500m leaves little doubts about his ability to stay two miles. He gets the vote ahead of the consistent (1) COSMIC CITY. (2) BONFIRE HEART and (10) SUDFAA are closely matched on paper and should also feature prominently.

Selections

**(8) MY LENNY - (1) COSMIC CITY - (2) BONFIRE HEART - (4) SAINT
NICOLAS - (10) SUDFAA**

Race 6

1. CRY BABY - Smart mare on this surface. Needed the run last time on re-entry and may yet need this one too
2. WALEED - Bounced back to form with a last start victory over 1900m. Has been penalized six pounds
3. DHEVANAFUSHI - Beaten a long way on re-entry at Angers last month and is hard to fancy on the back of this effort
4. FUEGO DEL AMOR - Showed a nice rebound of form in a competitive condition race at Deauville in last start. Is proven in this division and cannot be ruled out
5. TROIZILET - Has run only once in past four months. Seems on a workable mark at present and can spring a surprise
6. KIHAVAHFUSHI - Won a Quinte race last winter at Cagnes Sur Mer. Posted a good re-entry run at Nantes in October before flopping at Angers. Must reaffirm
7. LEONIO - Three time winner from twenty-five. Good last two in handicaps but has it all to prove in this division
8. VILARO - Has been very consistent in this division since July and should have no problem switching back to the fibresand
9. JUMPIN'JACK FLASH - Is confirmed in this division and on this surface but may not have much room for maneuver off current mark
10. IMPERIAL TANGO - Placed in an identical race off higher mark last March. Not sighted in three starts for new yard and is best to watch
11. J'AURAI DU - A proven sort on this surface. Good last two runs in handicaps and has to be considered
12. BRAZING - One win from fourteen. Best to forget last run without blinkers. Headgear back on today and is respected
13. HARMLESS - Four time winner from ten. Posted a promising first run in a Quinte race last month at Chantilly. Hugely respected
14. THE CHOSEN ONE - Won an identical race on turf last summer but has subsequently struggled off his new mark. Down two pounds but still a bit to find
15. DARSHANO - Won one race in Germany last year. Still unexposed and could be the surprise package
16. NOORDHOUT - Dual winner over this distance. Modest last two and must show significant progress

Summary

(13) HARMLESS has progressed nicely for his new connections and his last effort in a Quinte race suggests that he will not be long before winning a contest of this nature. (12) BRAZING should have wore blinkers in his last run should his connections had not forgotten to declare it. He has the headgear back on today and should show his true ability. (11) J'AURAIS DU, (8) VILARO and (7) LEONIO are est of the rest.

Selections

**(13) HARMLESS - (12) BRAZING - (11) J'AURAIS DU - (8) VILARO - (7)
LEONIO - (9) JUMPIN'JACK FLASH - (5) TROIZILET - (1) CRY BABY**

Race 7

1. FAIRMONT - Two victories including one over course & distance from six starts. Two places in Listed races
2. RELIABLE SON - Has been very consistent since his debut and although runs for the first time on fibresand, has every chance
3. TRUCO - Won ahead of (4) SA SAL when off the mark over course & distance on fourth attempt. Has more to offer
4. SA SAL - Broke maiden tag on ninth run at Deauville ten days ago following a close runner-up effort to (3) TRUCO
5. GOT WIND - Showed early promises but has failed to fare up to expectations recently and must reaffirm
6. SEMARIYA - Two victories in the provinces from six starts. Well held in a Listed contest in last start at Toulouse
7. FREEDOM RISING - Went off the mark last May in Germany. Has blown hot and cold since then
8. SIMON'S SMILE - Hinted at ability in UK last year but has generally been disappointing this season
9. ANTIogene - Last of twelve on debut at Dax last June and does not look a realistic proposition here
10. PIETRA DELLA LUNA - Had a good start to her career in Germany last spring but did not live up to expectations since

Summary

(1) FAIRMONT is not only a proven horse at upper grade he is also a course and distance winner. Although he has not been seen since last May, he is given a confident vote to record a third career success. (6) SEMARIYA ran below-par at Toulouse probably due to the ground condition and is expected to make amends.

Selections

(1) FAIRMONT - (6) SEMARIYA - (2) RELIABLE SON - (3) TRUCO

Race 8

1. PARIGOTE - Three time winner from thirty four. Erratic filly but can always pop-up
2. GOLDINO BELLO - Won one race in UK last year. Has been running well in French handicap and can be in the mix once again
3. KEY TO MAGIC - German raider who flopped in his last start in France in a Quinte race. This is easier here
4. EL CALIENTE - Dual winner from thirteen. Went close last time out in a Quinte race. Leading chance
5. HODENG - One success from eight starts. Is consistent and looks interesting on handicap debut
6. GLORIA - Won three consecutive handicaps on fibresand last winter. Has been in poor form since August
7. CHARNOCK RICHARD - Very consistent gelding in this class of event and should once again feature prominently
8. LONG ISLAND - Dual winner from twenty one. Lacks consistency but can win if in the mood
9. BLUE TANGO - Blows hot and cold but is competitive off current mark and cannot be ruled out
10. DOMAGNANO - Italian import who has yet to win a race on French soil. Flopped in last start and must reassure
11. CLOUD DANCER - Just the one win last year but has generally done well in handicaps in 2019. Enter calculations
12. HOUSE CAPTAIN - Registered a fifth career success in his last start at Deauville but has been severely penalized six pounds for that
13. NOSDARGENT - Somewhat reassured in his last start at Longchamp following a lean patch but remains hard to trust
14. MASCALINO - Down two pounds after last run but still does not seem to have much room for maneuver. Others preferred
15. GOUREL - A complete write-off since September and is unlikely to spring any surprise
16. ARGUIN - Placed off higher mark in a Quinte race last summer. Off since August and could need the run
17. SHAMSABAD - A one time winner from thirty five. Not so good last time but not out of this

Summary

A close second in a Quinte race for three years old only last time out, (4) EL CALIENTE could make a big splash on his first start against his older counterparts. He generally runs well at the venue and should give a good account from draw eleven. (11) CLOUD DANCER did not get the best of run in his last start and can be given another chance. (7) CHARNOCK RICHARD is not one to be overlooked.

Selections

**(4) EL CALIENTE - (11) CLOUD DANCER - (7) CHARNOCK RICHARD - (3)
KEY TO MAGIC - (2) GOLDINO BELLO**

Race 9

1. BEAUPREAU - Enjoyed a productive first part of the season but has gone cold in last four
2. ROYAL VATI - Three time winner from forty two. Has run well in both previous starts with blinkers
3. FIRE AT MIDNIGHT - Ten start maiden. Has it all to prove in handicaps and is off since 5 September
4. WALDLICHT - Broke her maiden tag on this surface last back end. Was far from disgraced in her last start in this division
5. MONTFIQUET - Has done little of note in eight starts in 2019 and is not easy to back
6. ONCLE FERNAND - Has won two handicaps this year. Could still be high in the weight but cannot be ruled out for a place
7. SENATOR FROST - Registered a fourth career success at Pornichet last month. Has a four pounds penalty to defy
8. NAVALMORAL - Fifteen start maiden who showed a nice rebound of form in his last run at Pornichet. Enters the equation
9. INSEO - Ten time winner veteran gelding. Unreliable at present but can always pop-up
10. VIVA POLONIA - Has failed to impress since registering a fourth career victory in January last year
11. SHAMDOR - Just the one win from twelve. Flopped in heavy ground last time out and is expected to make amends
12. ULTIMATUM - Just the one place - in a claimer last June - from seven runs to date. Look elsewhere
13. CROP OVER QUEEN - Seldom wins races but never finishes far from the action and can get a look in
14. BARHEIN - A winner of his last two starts on this surface. Has a six pounds penalty to defy
15. LE GITAN - Six time winner from thirty eight. Confirmed recently that he is still competitive off his new mark
16. LAUDERDALE - Went off the mark in a claimer last June. Has done little of note since then
17. MEDITERRANEENNE - Not sighted in four starts to date. Well beaten on handicap debut recently

Summary

Although he was beaten two lengths in his last start at Deauville, (8) NAVALMORAL showed a nice turn of foot that day and in similar form could well register a first career victory. A winner of his last two starts on fibresand, (14) BARHEIN can possibly defy the six pounds penalty. (4) WALDLICHT has been knocking at the door and cannot be excluded of the equation.

Selections

**(8) NAVALMORAL - (14) BARHEIN - (4) WALDLICHT - (7) SENATOR FROST -
(2) ROYAL VATI**