

CLAIREFONTAINE - 14th August

Trainer of the day : **François Nicolle** (615, 801, 806)

Jockey of the day : **Mickaël Barzalona** (102, 402, 510)

Horse of the day : **Agua** (502)

Dark Horse : **Da Vinci Hand** (602)

Race 1

1. GET SHIRTY - Very consistent so far. Ran well off his mark last time out over this distance. Should contest the finish once again
2. CHACARANDA - Not disgraced when third in her latest starts. First time in a handicap but is not out of it
3. GRACIAN - Fair fourth last time out over this distance. Has to do a bit more than that to win this race but could contest the finish
4. SALMANA - Fit and well and has won twice this year. Latest win was over further and has a penalty to carry for the win
5. BEESWAX - Fifth over the course and distance last time out. Only win was on the PSF though. Others are preferred
6. RICHEMONT - Has struggled a bit off his current mark in his last two starts but the step up in distance could suit. Go close
7. KAYRAT - Ran well when third over this distance last time out. Fit and well and has a winning chance
8. MIRABELLE - Seems to be improving and was not disgraced when fifth last time out. Could play a minor role
9. ISKANDERHON - Has yet to win in a race. Has only been fair of late and is battling off his current mark. More is needed from him
10. DARVIN - May have just needed his last run. First run in a handicap and is clearly not out of it
11. SMART LADY - Improving and won well last time out. First time in a handicap for her. May have more improvement to come this distance
12. SAVOIR AIMER - Improved to win his latest start. This is a tougher task for him and he was well beaten when trying this distance in June
13. BECQUARAINBOW - Struggled off a penalty last time out. Very consistent before that and does have a place chance
14. MAOZU SHIINA - At the top of her game and won well over this distance last

time out. Has a bit more to do under a penalty this time

15. GIMME JOY - Looking for a hat-trick after some nice recent wins but steps out of a claimer to tackle some in form runners in a handicap

16. RAJAH - Struggled in his come back run. First time this distance and and others are preferred

Summary

(1) GET SHIRTY gets a narrow vote in a very competitive race. He was not disgraced when runner-up over this distance last time out>he will win off his current mark. (2) CHACARANDA is lightly raced and could be better than her opening handicap mark so must be considered. She may have just needed her last run. (3) GRACIAN, (5) BEESWAX and (7) KAYRAT have all done enough to have a winning chance.

Selections

(1) GET SHIRTY - (2) CHACARANDA - (7) KAYRAT - (3) GRACIAN - (5) BEESWAX

Race 2

1. HERODION - Fit and well and is coming off a nice handicap win. Should contest the finish
2. SIMILAIRE - Has struggled in some handicaps recently but does have a winning chance dropped to a claimer
3. ZEBZARDEE - Has yet to win after 10 attempts. First time in a claimer of this UK recruit. Could improve
4. MONEY BACK - Moderate first two runs but should improvement dropped to a claimer. Might place
5. SEBECOURT - Struggled on the PSF last time out. Has done better on the turf. Could play a minor role
6. PINACLOUDDOWN - Has yet to win and has been struggling in this division this year. Others are preferred
7. OBE LI - First run for a Planteur filly out of Lin Dai. May need the experience
8. KOKOCHA - Improving and has already proved herself in this division. Has a winning chance once again
9. WYOMIA JASMIN -
10. ADELIZ - Fit and well but did struggle in a claimer last time out and needs to find a few lengths to win

Summary

(8) KOKOCHA has done well in claimers and won nicely last time out. She could well follow up in this line-up. (2) SIMILAIRE should improve dropped to a claimer and must be respected. (1) HERODION is coming off a confidence-boosting win and does have a winning chance. (3) ZEBZARDEE is also capable of improving.

Selections

(8) KOKOCHA - (2) SIMILAIRE - (1) HERODION - (3) ZEBZARDEE

Race 3

1. FOXY POWER - Disappointed in some handicaps recently. She has done better in claimers and does have a winning chance
2. DAATIS - Good recent runs in Germany. Big chance dropped to a claimer and is fit and ready. Supplemented
3. HOLBOX - Holding form. Fair third in a claimer last time out and does have a winning chance
4. I CAN DREAM - A bit disappointing last time out. Promising debut before that. Might place
5. BLACK ABBEY - Has yet to win. Fair fourth in this division last time out. More needed to win
6. PURPLE VICTORY - Not disgraced when fifth in his come back run. Fitter now and should fight out the finish
7. CHEF D'ETAT - Fit and well but only has moderate form recently. Unlikely to win this race
8. MISTER GABRIEL - Well beaten in all three of his start which included two hurdles races. Others are preferred
9. STANZIE KATE - Good last win when dropped to a claimer last time out. Deserves respect in this line-up
10. DELTA BRAVO - Only fifth in a claimer on the PSF last time out. Back on the turf. Might place
11. MISS FIZZ - Only seventh on her debut. Returns from a break and could be the surprise package

Summary

(2) DAATIS has done well in Germany and there is no real reason to suggest he cannot pull off a win in France as well. (6) PURPLE VICTORY will improve on his last run and dropped to a claimer should run a decent race. (9) STANZIE KATE won a claimer last time out and must be considered. (3) HOLBOX is holding form and could finish in the money.

Selections

(2) DAATIS - (6) PURPLE VICTORY - (9) STANZIE KATE - (3) HOLBOX

Race 4

1. DILUVIEN - Has struggled a bit this year. Did a lot better last year and does have a winning chance
2. TIME TO STUDY - Well beaten in his last two starts. Drops in class and does have a winning chance
3. AUZEBOSC - Has struggled this year. Did a lot better last year and is capable of earning some money
4. GALOPE AMERICANO - Probably needed both of his recent runs. Could improve and earn some minor money
5. SERIENSCHOCK - Fit and well. Has won a couple of flat races but does tackle a tough field this time
6. BONAPARTE SIZING - A bit disappointing in hurdles races. Returns to the flat. Tough task in this line-up
7. FLEUR IRLANDAISE - Has struggled on the flat and is better in a Hurdles race. Others are preferred
8. FOREVER YOURS - Needed her last start. Fitter now and could regain her winning form. Big chance

Summary

(8) FOREVER YOURS needed her come back start. Her form before that was good winning her last three starts. (2) TIME TO STUDY drops in class after some disappointing recent runs. He can go close in this line-up. (1) DILUVIEN is better than his last run when sixth. That was his first run of the year and he will improve.

Selections

(8) FOREVER YOURS - (2) TIME TO STUDY - (1) DILUVIEN - (4) GALOPE AMERICANO

Race 5

1. BIERZO - Long-time maiden who tends to run in and out of the minor money placings
2. AGUA - Triumphant on the second time of asking and has since finished third in two consecutive starts. Player
3. DURBLING - Although inconsistent, she has won 50 percent of last four outings. Be in the shake-up
4. ALTER POSEIDON - Followed up penultimate third with a close-up second. On this evidence, should finish in the shake-up
5. JOE BLINING - Has really battled since winning on the second time of asking. Best watched for now
6. RAJSAPOUR - Remains win-less after fifteen performances and considering he has only run a place twice, others are preferred
7. STUNNING PEARL - Placed in two of six starts and was second at Clairefontaine in penultimate. Consider
8. VISIONARY DREAMER - Dual winner whose last three results fail to inspire any confidence. Others preferred
9. PATNA DREAM - Has been threatening in last two outings, registering a second, a third and two fourths. Can earn
10. GOLDPARK - Very good showings when runner-up in last two starts. Be in the shake-up
11. MONTAIGU - Yet to win a race or run a place in nine starts. Unlikely to trouble the market leaders
12. SPEED LADY - Remains a maiden after six appearances and considering she has only run a place once, others are preferred

Summary

(2) AGUA was successful on the second time of asking and has since finished third in two consecutive appearances - big player. (3) DURBLING has won 50 percent of last four outings. Be in the shake-up and (7) STUNNING PEARL obviously has ability having placed in two of six starts and she was runner-up in penultimate at Clairefontaine in so warrants respect. (10) GOLDPARK can place

Selections

(2) AGUA - (3) DURBLING - (7) STUNNING PEARL - (10) GOLDPARK