

CLAIREFONTAINE - 14 August

Race 1

1. **GALOP CHOP** - Attempted to make all when a head second over this trip at Mont-De-Marsan (good) last month. Bold show expected.
2. **VENTS CONTRAIRES** - Ran well when 3L third in a course and distance conditions event 17 days ago. Leading contender.
3. **PLACE D'IENA** - Down in grade following 8L sixth in a G3 over this trip at Deauville (good) at the start of this month. Capable of better.
4. **PIC SYLVER** - Decent 2L fifth 1200m maiden at Deauville (good) at the start of this month. Likely more needed upped in trip.
5. **WHOLELOTAFUN** - Showed decent form 2L third 1500m claimer on the AW at Deauville eight days ago. More needed back on turf.
6. **MISS LOUNA** - Placed second on her last three starts including when beaten 1L in a yielding ground claimer at Longchamp over 1300m last month. One to note.
7. **GIULINA** - Unraced Rosendhal filly is probably best watched on racecourse debut.
8. **FEELIE WIN** - Debut winner at Deauville and placed third on two most recent starts including when beaten 2L 1300m claimer at Longchamp (yielding) just over three weeks ago.
9. **ETHIOPIA** - Improved on debut effort when 4L fifth in a 1300m provincial maiden last month. Others hold more obvious claims.
10. **LADY CAT'S** - Struggled 9L seventh 1100m claimer at Dieppe (soft) on debut last month. Minor role likely upped in distance.

Summary

GALOP CHOP (1) finished runner-up in a conditions race and can go well from the front in this claiming event. MISS LOUNA (6) placed in a similar race at Longchamp and holds strong claims of improving on the second delivered that day. VENTS CONTRAIRES (2) drops in grade following a good placed effort in a conditions race here. May show up well once more. FEELIE WIN (8) placed in a similar contest at Longchamp and is considered in this event.

Selections

**GALOP CHOP (1) - MISS LOUNA (6) - VENTS CONTRAIRES (2) - FEELIE
WIN (8)**

Race 2

1. **SUAVE STORY** - Fair 3L seventh in a valuable 1800m handicap at Compiègne (yielding) 18 days ago. Interesting in this race.
2. **MIARKA** - Made all when winning by 2L in a 1700m AW maiden at Pornichet last month. Represents a decent yard.
3. **AMOUR EN POEME** - Well beaten 19L eighth in a 1600m maiden at Saint Cloud at the start of last month. Others make more appeal.
4. **HALIPHON** - Making his seasonal debut when 1L third in a 1600m maiden at Vichy (start) nearly two weeks ago. One to note.
5. **ETE DE CARL** - Well beaten 11L 11th 1500m maiden at Cagnes-Sur-Mer (soft) in February. Minor role likely.
6. **VAL FEX** - Broke her maiden by a neck in an 1800m conditions race at Chantilly (yielding) four weeks ago. Bold show expected.
7. **SEVEN SONGS** - Decent 2L fifth provincial maiden over 1300m last month. Interesting to see how he fares.
8. **CROQUEMBOUCHE** - Down the field 17L ninth 2200m handicap at Dieppe (soft) on seasonal debut just over three weeks ago. This trip more suitable.
9. **METAPHORE** - Improving with racing and took a 1600m provincial conditions event by 2L on soft ground at the end of last month. Strong claims.

Summary

HALIPHON (4) delivered a placing at Vichy on seasonal debut and can be considered in this competitive event. METAPHORE (9) broke her maiden in a provincial contest and may build on that. A change of tactics worked with VAL FEX (6) at Chantilly and could enjoy racing close to the pace once more. MIARKA (2) came good on the AW and is another to consider in what looks a tougher event.

Selections

HALIPHON (4) - METAPHORE (9) - VAL FEX (6) - MIARKA (2)

Race 3

1. **CONDOR GRIS** - Never involved when 8L tenth in a 1500m maiden at Pont De Vivaux when debuting in June. Best watched switched to turf.
2. **DIVA DU DANCING** - Won two of her last three starts including by a head in a 1600m claimer at Longchamp (yielding) 22 days ago. Bold show expected.
3. **CORVUS GLAIVE** - Back from a break when 3L fourth in a 1500m AW claimer at Deauville at the start of this month. This looks tougher.
4. **GET SET** - Sole victory in 13 starts came at this venue and he ran well when 2L second in a 1600m claimer at Vichy (soft) 11 days ago. Top chance.
5. **JENUFA** - Registered a 1L victory in a 1400m claimer at Vichy just over three weeks ago. Notable runner.
6. **MINNIPA** - Made all in an 1800m handicap at Deippe (soft) on penultimate start but struggled in a tougher event at Saint Cloud subsequently. Returning from a break.
7. **GIANGLE** - Out of form in three starts since returning from a break including when 7L ninth in a 2100m provincial maiden last month. Minor role likely.
8. **WEDREAM** - Won two of his last three starts including by a head in an 1800m provincial claimer at the end of last month. Can go well once more.
9. **LADY RED MOON** - Good 1L second in a 1400m claimer at Vichy (yielding) 23 days ago. Interesting to see how she fares.
10. **TREE OF STARS** - Struggled in three maiden starts so far most recently when 31L eighth in a 2250m provincial event last month.
11. **VILLA ROYALE** - Put a below par handicap debut behind her when a neck third in a 2000m claimer at Vichy (yielding) just over three weeks ago. Drop in trip not certain to suit.

Summary

DIVA DU DANCING (2) registered a second win from her past three outings when triumphant at Longchamp and can go well in this contest. WEDREAM (8) is another to have won twice in recent times including a provincial claimer just over a fortnight ago. Looks capable of recording another big effort. GET SET (4) placed over this trip in claiming company and might be competitive once more. JENUFA (5) is a provincial claiming race winner who is to be considered in this stronger affair.

Selections

DIVA DU DANCING (2) - WEDREAM (8) - GET SET (4) - JENUFA (5)

Race 4

1. **STELVIO** - Completed a double with a head success in a 2400m claimer at Compiègne (soft) at the start of last month. Leading player.
2. **AWESOMENESS** - Fourth both previous starts including when beaten 4L in a 2200m maiden at Dieppe (soft) last month. One to note.
3. **LIBRE** - Good 2L third in a 3000m claimer at Vichy (yielding) just over three weeks ago. Interesting down in trip.
4. **VOILA POURQUOI** - Held all three starts to date including 7L ninth provincial 2500m claimer on soft-to-heavy in June. Others make more appeal.
5. **LANCETTI** - Beaten 6L when fourth in a 2000m event in Germany last month. Interesting to see how he performs.
6. **ROCCA YOU** - Off the mark with a head victory in a 3000m claimer at Vichy (yielding) 22 days ago. Notable runner dropping in distance.
7. **SPARROW HAWK** - Below par 14L fourth 2400m handicap at Chepstow (good) at the start of this month. Minor role likely.
8. **WELLINGTON ROSE** - Improved on previous efforts when 3L fourth in a course and distance claimer on good going last month. Of interest in this event.
9. **LILOU** - Broke maiden with 1L victory in a 2500m provincial claimer at the end of last month. This looks more competitive.

Summary

STELVIO (1) has demonstrated good form of late winning his two most recent starts. This previous course winner may show up well in this contest. LIBRE (3) placed over 3000m at Vichy and may enjoy this shorter trip. ROCCA YOU (6) won the aforementioned Vichy event and could improve dropping slightly in distance. AWESOMENESS (2) acquitted himself favorably in a maiden at Dieppe. Can be considered delivering first attempt at this trip.

Selections

STELVIO (1) - LIBRE (3) - ROCCA YOU (6) - AWESOMENESS (2)

Race 5

1. **GOLDEN RASH** - Suffered heavy defeats in top grade handicaps two most recent starts. Previously made all to win by 2L in 2400m handicap at Lyon-Parilly (soft-to-heavy) in June. Strong claims.
2. **SAMEER** - Beaten 6L when sixth in a 3200m handicap in Germany on seasonal debut just over a month ago. Notable runner.
3. **VICTAIR** - Struggled all three starts so far including 43L 15th 1800m claimer at Compiegne (soft) in June.
4. **ECLECTIC BIRD** - Absent since 3L sixth 2500m AW handicap at Deauville at the end of December. Can go well in what looks an easier event.
5. **MOTIVAROOM** - Beaten 7L when sixth in a 2000m claimer at Vichy (yielding) last month. Interesting contender.
6. **THE CHOSEN ONE** - Struggled 14L 13th 1900m handicap on the AW at Deauville ten days ago. Stamina to prove at this distance.
7. **GETAWAY MARIA** - Unraced Getaway mare is likely to prove better over further in time.

Summary

ECLECTIC BIRD (4) ran sixth in a competitive handicap at Deauville in December and may show up well on seasonal debut. SAMEER (2) is likely to have improved for seasonal debut and can take a hand in the finish dropping back in trip. GOLDEN RASH (1) finds an easier contest than what he's been contesting of late and could play a leading role. MOTIVAROOM (5) raced respectably in a claiming event at Vichy and is worth another try at this distance.

Selections

ECLECTIC BIRD (4) - SAMEER (2) - GOLDEN RASH (1) - MOTIVAROOM (5)

Race 6

1. **DARKOT** - Stepped up on sole start at two when a neck second in a 2400m maiden at Dieppe (soft) at the end of May. Bold show expected.
2. **ASTER ICE** - Fair 6L tenth 2000m maiden at Toulouse (good) at the end of May when making his debut. More needed.
3. **TREZY BOY** - Ran well both previous starts including 3L second 2400m maiden on good ground here early last month. Strong claims.
4. **ALGIERS** - Placed second both starts this year most recently when beaten a head in a 2000m maiden at Vichy (yielding) just over three weeks ago. Top chance.
5. **JERI** - Beaten a head at Fontainebleau (heavy) in an 1800m event on debut last November. Below par 11L seventh at Dieppe (soft) over 2200m last month on only subsequent start.
6. **HAVENVOUS** - Well beaten 8L seventh 2400m contest on soft ground when debuting here 17 days ago. Others make more appeal.
7. **ARTFUL MASTER** - Improved on debut effort when 4L seventh 2500m provincial maiden at the end of last month. Minor role likely.
8. **DEVERELL** - Struggled both starts since returning from a break including 19L eighth 1100m maiden at Deauville (good) last weekend.
9. **TURKISTAN EXPRESS** - Beaten 42L when last of 16 in a 2000m handicap at Compiègne (yielding) last month. Minor role likely.
10. **SALT ROCK** - Left debut effort well behind when neck third in a 2500m provincial maiden on good going just over a month ago. Interesting if replicating that effort.
11. **PULSE** - Tried to make all when a neck second in a 2500m provincial maiden 33 days ago. Notable runner down in trip.

Summary

DARKOT (1) placed over further at Dieppe in May and can go well resuming from a break. ALGIERS (4) delivered placings on both outings this campaign and can register another good effort. TREZY BOY (3) showed a liking for this track when runner-up here and may play a hand in the finish dropping in distance. PULSE (11) improved on debut effort when runner-up in the provinces last month. Dangerous if securing a front position.

Selections

DARKOT (1) - ALGIERS (4) - TREZY BOY (3) - PULSE (11)