

LA TESTE - 15th August

Trainer of the day : **Thierry Laurière** (307, 502, 701, 709)

Jockey of the day : **François-Xavier Bertras** (102, 307, 709)

Horse of the day : **Broadway Boogie** (201)

Dark Horse : **Malayan Tiger** (603)

Race 1

1. HELLENIC SPIRIT - One of three runners in the race from the stable of Alexandros Giatras. Roberto-Carlos Montenegro rides
2. CLOUD SURFING - Has been second three times in five starts. Likely to open her account sooner rather than later
3. GRAINE DE CRYSTAL - Entitled to improvement after comeback run but has not shown enough to warrant consideration here
4. RED CURRY - Runner-up on debut and third next time out before a disappointing last start. Capable of better
5. GRACE OF CLIFFS - Consistent and has solid form credentials, including over track and trip. Should be competitive
6. SHAMGIRL - Well beaten on debut here last year. Likely to need this run in her first start since - watch for now
7. EPISCOPALE - Not beaten far on debut and ought to have improved since. Place chance
8. INDIAN JEWEL - Was a tad disappointing last time having finished 3rd on debut. Capable of better - not discounted
9. KINGDOM OF GOLD - Alexandros Giatras-trained Intikhab gelding on debut. Antoine Werle rides
10. MAXIMUS XANDER - Gelded son of Lope de Vega on debut. Maxime Foulon rides for Alexandros Giatras

Summary

Tricky race to start. (2) CLOUD SURFING has shown useful means and, after three second-place finishes, should not be too long in opening her account. She did, however, fluff her lines when trying this distance so has it all to prove. (4) RED CURRY can challenge for honours if reproducing her best form but also has questions to answer after a disappointing last start. The same could be said of (8) INDIAN JEWEL who, having let the side down last time after a promising debut, ought to be better. (5) GRACE OF CLIFFS has shown enough to be competitive and could get a look in too.

Selections

(2) CLOUD SURFING - (4) RED CURRY - (8) INDIAN JEWEL - (5) GRACE OF CLIFFS

Race 2

1. BROADWAY BOOGIE - Distance suited and has won over this course and distance. Big chance in this line-up
2. PASTICHOP - Battling to regain some winning form but does like this course and could play a minor role
3. SENOR CHARLY - Fair form this year. Clearly did a lot better last year. Not out of it
4. BILWAUKEE - Only win was over this course and clearly like it as he was third last time out as well. Respect
5. ROYAL BOWL - Fair third last time out but has been struggling at this course and needs to do more to win
6. WIN BOY - Struggling of late. Capable of doing better and could play a minor role
7. GAROPABA - Probably needed both runs this year. Fitter now and a much better run can be expected.

Summary

(1) BROADWAY BOOGIE is better than her last run when fifth and dropping in grade should suit and she can return to winning form. (7) GAROPABA was in need of both outings this year and could be ready to strike form. She does have ability when in the mood. (3) SENOR CHARLY and (4) BILWAUKEE are not out of it but are more likely to place than win.

Selections

(1) BROADWAY BOOGIE - (7) GAROPABA - (3) SENOR CHARLY - (4) BILWAUKEE

Race 3

1. RIDER DU PETIT LAC - Confirmed improvement to win two starts back but soundly beaten last time and others preferred here
2. MOSSKY - Debut winner who has finished on the podium in both starts since. Has an eachway chance
3. MANITOPARK - Lost unbeaten record to (7) GOUDURISK LAUTEIX in hat-trick bid. Will pose a threat to that rival on these terms
4. ATLANTIDE - Confirmed promise of her debut 3rd when winning next time out. Likely improver
5. GOOGLE PONTADOUR - Holding form. Needs to improve to threaten the principals but could play a minor role
6. GOODLUCK PONTADOUR - Built on a modest debut to finish 4th last time out and is open to further progress
7. GOUDURISK LAUTEIX - Runner-up on debut but has won both starts since and could complete the hat-trick here
8. GARRIGOL - Improved with experience after debut 5th to win subsequent outing. Will have more to give

Summary

Fascinating contest for a small field. (7) GOUDURISK LAUTEIX has confirmed the promise of his debut 2nd with wins at his next two starts, most recently when getting the better of previously undefeated (3) MANITOPARK. Both are likely to improve and there should be little between the pair on these revised terms. The latter's stable companion (2) MOSSKY was not far off last time and should have another role to play here. Last-start winners (4) ATLANTIDE and (8) GARRIGOL could get a look in too with further progress also expected from them.

Selections

(7) GOUDURISK LAUTEIX - (3) MANITOPARK - (2) MOSSKY - (4) ATLANTIDE

Race 4

1. COCO CITY - Fair recent form. Did a lot better in 2018 but is the one to beat in this line-up
2. ANTONELLA - Had done better in Spain but is capable of contesting the finish in this line-up
3. SAINTE COLERE - Very consistent of late and did win over this course and distance last time out
4. EFFERATUS - Unreliable and needs to do more to win but does like this course. Place chance
5. QAYES - Has not won form some time and was well beaten over this distance in his latest start
6. HACKNEY ROAD - Not disgraced when fifth last time out. Consistent and can get involved with the finish
7. LOVER'S KNOT - Fair third over this distance last time out but faces a tougher field this time
8. MORNING BASMA - Always gives of her best and could finish in the money yet again. Consider
9. MISTY CAT - Has struggled in her last two starts. Drops in distance. Others are preferred

Summary

(1) COCO CITY did well in 2018 but has battled a bit this year. He was not disgraced in his last two starts and is the one to beat in this line-up. (2) ANTONELLA has been at her best in Spain but one of these days she can win a race in France. (3) SAINTE COLERE is in good form and should contest the finish once again.

Selections

(1) COCO CITY - (2) ANTONELLA - (3) SAINTE COLERE - (6) HACKNEY ROAD

Race 5

1. MAWAVE - Improving and did win nicely at this course last time out. Could complete the hat-trick
2. EMMA BELLE - Consistent of late. Normally finds one or two too good but can contest the finish
3. KISSMELANDE - Improved on her debut to win her second start. Further improvement likely and can go close
4. MELODIE CELESTE - Good recent form. This is a tougher task. May need to do more to win. Can place
5. EZA BELLE SAVE - Has been consistent in her four starts but has yet to win. Could play a minor role
6. FLORIDE ARROS - Consistent of late and is distance suited but may need to do more to win this race
7. GEISHA DU LAC - Showed some promise when winning on her debut but has disappointed twice since then
8. FAIRYLINE D'AYZA - Has had 11 unsuccessful attempts at winning a race but is holding form and could earn some minor money

Summary

(1) MAWAVE is clearly improving and is looking for to complete a hat-trick after two nice wins. She has a big chance of doing exactly that. (3) KISSMELANDE could be the danger as she won well last time out and was not disgraced when runner-up on her debut. (2) EMMA BELLE and (4) MELODIE CELESTE both come here in good heart and could get involved with the finish.

Selections

(1) MAWAVE - (3) KISSMELANDE - (2) EMMA BELLE - (4) MELODIE CELESTE

Race 6

1. THEOCHOP - Drops in class having run in strong Quinte races in last three starts. Will have more to offer here
2. NAADIRAH - Promising sort. Scored here two starts back before finishing second last time out - on the up
3. MALAYAN TIGER - Two from two with this headgear on - both at this track over 1600m. Warrants utmost respect
4. EARTH WIND - Consistent in this class of event and appears to be on a workable mark at present - place chance
5. COURTESY - Last-start winner in second start back this year. Open to further improvement
6. GOLDEN POWER - One-time winner but consistent place-getter of late and could have a role to play here
7. NINETY YEARS - Remains a maiden but has gone close in two of her last three starts. Place chance
8. ANGEL CITY - Shed maiden tag on fibresand at Pau during winter. Moderate recently and easily overlooked
9. NUANCE DE TROIS - Seldom far off the mark but must improve to feature and has no more than a minor role to play
10. BELCHA - Yet to open her account but does tend to finish in the minor money positions. Outsider
11. SATURNO - Has run well recently in both starts at handicap level and could get another look in here
12. QUEEN LIBERTY - Off the mark in a claimer two starts back but well beaten last time out. Others preferred

Summary

Course-and-distance (2) NAADIRAH has done little wrong in four starts. She is obviously above average and should improve with experience so gets the nod in a competitive handicap. (1) THEOCHOP should fare better at this level having contested stronger Quinte races recently, so must be respected with a 3kg claimer up. Consistent (6) GOLDEN POWER, recent improver (11) SATURNO and capable (6) GOLDEN POWER could play a role if building on recent displays, although hat-trick seeking (3) MALAYAN TIGER is unbeaten with blinkers on and not to be taken lightly either. Open!

Selections

(2) NAADIRAH - (1) THEOCHOP - (6) GOLDEN POWER - (11) SATURNO

Race 7

1. BLACK FIRST - Fit and well and is in good form. Can fight bout the finish once again
2. GRAVURE ANGLAISE - First run for a Carghese des Landes filly out of Ivanika. Deserves respect on debut
3. FLYER DU PECOS - Found his best form to win his latest start. Has to confirm that as his previous form was moderate
4. GALAXY DREAM - Disappointing last run. Did better before that and could be the surprise package
5. YLLICO - Fit and well but was disappointing last time out. Could finish in the money
6. FIRENZE DU PECOS - Good recent form. Should be suited to this course and distance. Big chance
7. GREATLOVE JIM - Won well on debut but did not repeat it in her next two starts. Best watched for now
8. SOLIWOOD - Fair recent form without winning. Needs to do more to win but could place
9. AREDIENNE - Improving and was not disgraced when fourth last time out. Could contest the finish

Summary

(6) FIRENZE DU PECOS is in good form and could step up on her runner-up berth last time out. She does look the one to beat in this field. (1) BLACK FIRST is giving the selection 3.50 kgs but can still make a race of it and must be respected. (2) GRAVURE ANGLAISE makes her debut but can be considered. (9) AREDIENNE is not out of it.

Selections

(6) FIRENZE DU PECOS - (1) BLACK FIRST - (2) GRAVURE ANGLAISE - (9) AREDIENNE

Race 8

1. RESOURCE - Holding form both in this division and racing off his current rating. Player
2. SOLITARY MAN - Has lost form and plummeted in the ratings as a result. Could do better off another reduced mark
3. YOUAREMINE - Consistent for the most part but only a one-time winner. Unlikely to add to his tally but can place
4. EL CAT BERE - Well beaten with blinkers removed in recent starts and unfancied here without the headgear again
5. HEMIARTON - Near peak fitness now after two comeback runs over shorter and should enjoy step up in trip. Include
6. VIM - Winner four starts back but disappointing in each outing since. Probably better on PSF - outsider
7. CARDIEL - Easy winner of a Bordeaux handicap on re-entry but has struggled for consistency since. Unreliable
8. DON'T TELL TALES - Capable but unreliable and struggling to string two good races together. Others preferred
9. SANDOSIDE - An admirable veteran who seldom finishes far off the mark. Could play a minor role
10. ERDISKA - Has not shown anything to get excited about and is easily overlooked. Others preferred
11. ELOAVE DES GOATS - Pleased on debut but has seemingly regressed since so is of very little appeal here

Summary

Nice race to end proceedings and it could be worth taking a chance on (5) HEMIARTON who has dropped in the ratings after two modest comeback runs over shorter. He had, however, run well over this distance (albeit on fibresand) off higher ratings last year so may have more to offer stepping up in trip. Top-weight (1) RESOURCE has been consistent at this level racing from his current mark and is likely to pose a threat. (3) YOUAREMINE is another running well at present and should have a role to play.

Selections

(5) HEMIARTON - (1) RESOURCE - (3) YOUAREMINE - (2) SOLITARY MAN