

DAX - 16th May

Trainer of the day : **Jean-Claude Rouget** (301, 608, 705)

Jockey of the day : **Ioritz Mendizabal** (302, 407, 602)

Horse of the day : **Prince Sumitas** (504)

Dark Horse : **Sindha** (209)

Race 1

1. BLACK FIRST - Improved on modest debut (9th) to finish 6th last time. More progress needed to feature
2. THE KING - Well beaten on debut. While he should be wiser to the task, is probably best watched for now
3. CADAMYR - Winner on debut at Mont-de-Marsan, beating several of these rivals. Has more to do on these terms but could improve to confirm
4. YLLICO - Improved last run with blinkers fitted. Headgear retained so should have more to offer
5. GUEPE DE TANUES - Has made little impression in both starts so is hard to make a case for. Others preferred
6. GALAXY DREAM - Improved to finish a career-best 3rd last time and with further progress can play a minor role
7. GEGE DE FAUST - Al Saoudi colt out of David Morisson's stable. Debuts with Ioritz Mendizabal in the saddle
8. L'ALBASERRADA - Runner-up to (3) CADAMYR on debut and is weighted to reverse that form. Player
9. SOLIWOOD - Was a creditable 4th in a stronger race last time and is not without a chance here either
10. HALADILA - Not beaten a long way when 3rd on debut behind (3) CADAMYR and (8) L'ALBASERRADA. Should be competitive again
11. PERLE DE CAJUS - Yann Hugué-trained-and-owned three-year-old debutante. Gabriel Bon rides
12. FRAPADINGUE - Well-related newcomer out of Xavier Thomas-Demeault's stable. Adeline Merou claims 1,5kg

Summary

(3) CADAMYR made a winning debut at Mont-de-Marsan, where he beat (8) L'ALBASERRADA and (10) HALADILA. Both rivals are weighted to reverse that form on these terms but they're all open to any amount of improvement and it could be worth taking a chance on the selection to get the better of those rivals again and remain undefeated. (4) YLLICO showed improvement in blinkers last time and can play a role with the headgear retained. Well-related newcomer (12) FRAPADINGUE warrants respect and could get a look in too.

Selections

(3) CADAMYR - (8) L'ALBASERRADA - (10) HALADILA - (4) YLLICO

Race 3

1. ARROW - On the up and should be hard to beat in this line-up. Looking for a hat-trick
2. ROSISSIM - Holding form. Steps up in distance and has been supplemented. Could earn some money
3. PICNIC ROYAL - Fair third in latest start. Step up in distance should not be a problem
4. NORATHIR - Disappointing last run. Has done a lot better before that. Not out of it
5. WEND'ID - Has not done much since a fair debut. Needs to find a few lengths to win
6. YOUNG CITY - Has yet to win after 11 attempts. Likely to need this race returning from a break

Summary

(1) ARROW has improved nicely since winning on debut and is seeking a hat-trick after two good wins. He should be hard to beat in this small field. (4) NORATHIR was unsuccessful in a Listed race last time out but is capable of better and could contest the finish. (2) ROSISSIM and (3) PICNIC ROYAL are two others that could get involved with the finish.

Selections

(1) ARROW - (4) NORATHIR - (3) PICNIC ROYAL - (2) ROSISSIM

Race 4

1. VAUB CHOP - Did not show much on debut. Could be smarter this time but others are preferred
2. HOLLY WHIP - Well beaten in both starts this year and does need major improvement to win
3. HONG KONG STAR - Did not show much on debut which was over this distance. Needs to do more to win
4. ELEGUA - Good first two runs. Step up in distance should not be a problem. Has a big winning chance
5. CHARM KING - First run for a Charm Spirit colt out of Shahad. Has a winning chance. Deserves respect
6. WASACHOP - First run for a Kheleyf colt out of Wa Zine. May need this experience
7. GRANACCINO - First run for a Evasive colt out of Coreliev. Must be given some respect on debut
8. SARRIYA - First run for a Kendargent filly out of Cherriya. Can contest the finish
9. VERTIBAIE - First run for a Vertiginous filly out of Divine Bay. Could need this experience

Summary

(4) ELEGUA has been runner-up in both of her starts. She looks likely to go one better this time and has a big winning chance. Her dangers look to be the newcomers (5) CHARM KING, (7) GRANACCINO and (8) SARRIYA. (8) SARRIYA could be the best of them and does look a threat if smart enough. (5) CHARM KING must be considered.

Selections

(4) ELEGUA - (8) SARRIYA - (5) CHARM KING - (7) GRANACCINO

Race 6

1. AL GARIYAH - Has improved with each race run and following a game second in latest, looks a massive contender
2. XIRA - Finished fourth in last two performances and will need to improve many lengths effort to be a contender. Look elsewhere
3. VERSIA - Finished seventh in both career starts so is very hard to make a case for
4. WAR TIGRESS - Yet to produce a solid effort in five career starts to date so can be overlooked
5. SPOKANE - Finished fifth in a twelve-horse field on the first time of asking. If she sparks further improvement could sneak into frame
6. LADYPARI - Followed up debut fifteenth with a much improved fifth. Place chance at best on recent form
7. SO WHEN - Has run into the minor money placings in four of HER eight career starts. Be in the shake-up
8. PERSONA - If she improves on recent effort when runner-up at Mont-de-Marsan she will be a massive contender for top honors
9. ULTIMA WOLF - Three-year-old filly by Amadeus Wolf and Ultima Lux who could be absolutely anything so follow the betting for further guidance

Summary

After a promising start to her career last year, it would be of little surprise were (1) AL GARIYAH to make a winning comeback. (8) PERSONA and (7) SO WHEN have both solid recent form and race fitness on their side, so should make their presence felt. (2) XIRA, (5) SPOKANE and (6) LADYPARI are entitled to improvement so could complete the minors.

Selections

(1) AL GARIYAH - (8) PERSONA - (7) SO WHEN - (2) XIRA

Race 7

1. FLYLEYF - Seldom far off the action. Improvement needed to win but has earning potential
2. SCOOBY CHOP - Has been beating at the door of a maiden win and should do so again here. Could be his day
3. PULSING DRAGON - Beaten a long way on re-entry and again last time. Makes little appeal, others preferred
4. SILVERED ANGEL - Has earned a cheque in his last five starts and could do so once more. Place chance
5. ANDUJAR - Disappointed last time after debut 3rd at Chantilly. Worth another chance
6. GRANACCI - Well beaten last time on Spanish sojourn to Madrid. Capable of better but watch for now
7. ALADIN - Has shown useful ability and is entitled to improvement after comeback run. Player
8. MARKHOR - Frankel colt on debut that Anthony Crastus rides for Philippe Sogorb. Respect
9. CHANTECLER - Canford Cliffs newcomer trained by Ramon Avial-Lopez and to be ridden by Marion Lanave
10. LE CRUZ - Gelded son of Siyouni making his debut. Valentin Seguy rides for Antoine de Watrigant

Summary

(2) SCOOBY CHOP is overdue a maiden win and deserves to see his consistency rewarded, which could well be the case here with his rider claiming 4kg. Top-rated (7) ALADIN is entitled to improvement after a comeback outing, so could thwart the selection's winning bid. (1) FLYLEYF has been holding form and is unlikely to be far from the action again. (5) ANDUJAR and (4) SILVERED ANGEL could complete minor money.

Selections

(2) SCOOBY CHOP - (7) ALADIN - (1) FLYLEYF - (5) ANDUJAR

Race 8

1. SWEET MAMBO - Good consistent mare in this class of event over 2400m. Chance if as effective this trip
2. SYRAH MALPIC - Rewarded for consistency with last-start win. Tougher task now given resultant 3kg penalty
3. URBAN RIVER - Enjoyed a productive 2018 at a lower level. Stays well but has been well beaten in each of his three 2019 starts - others preferred
4. MY SWEET LORD - Had gone off the boil before showing signs of a return to form last time. More needed
5. BAROU - Holding form, stays well and closely matched with (10) KENRISK. Leading player
6. LUZ ARDIDEN - Has no stamina doubts but needs to show some improvement to play a role here
7. FLASHY - Opened her account in a Toulouse claimer last November and has done nothing this year to warrant consideration
8. CHOCOLAT DAY - Well beaten in his last two starts at handicap level. Needs to reaffirm
9. PIXIE HOLLOW - Improved last run in her second start back. Could have a role to play is staying the trip
10. KENRISK - Long-time maiden but has gone close in last two starts. Looks ready to win
11. LA PRESABIA - On a long, unproductive run so hard to make a case for. Others preferred
12. AND BAROKE – No comment

Summary

An open event, as a case can be made for several of these runners. (10) KENRISK has resumed in good order this year and, after hitting the woodwork in his last two starts, deserves to open his account and score an overdue maiden win. (5) BAROU is closely matched, though, and there should be little separating the pair on these terms after a recent meeting over this trip at La Teste-de-Buch. (9) PIXIE HOLLOW and (1) SWEET MAMBO have been in good form over 2400m and will be competitive if seeing out the extra.

Selections

(10) KENRISK - (5) BAROU - (9) PIXIE HOLLOW - (1) SWEET MAMBO