

# CHOLET - 18th April 2019

Trainer of the day : **Jean-Claude Rouget** (104, 208, 301, 501)

Jockey of the day : **Soufiane Saadi** (101, 211, 304, 609)

Horse of the day : **Morning Basma** (102)

Dark Horse : **Pampa Bright** (406)

## Race 1

1. ARIFUSHI - Last-start winner on handicap debut when sporting first-time blinkers. Headgear retained
2. MORNING BASMA - Promising filly with solid form. Likely to improve after a pleasing comeback run
3. ADDICTED LOVE - Race fit and seldom far off the action. Has shown enough to get a look in
4. ELEVEN O TWO - Highly consistent throughout her two-year-old campaign. Benefits from her rider's claim
5. GOUTTE DE LUNE - Experienced maiden and likely to remain that way after this. Place chance
6. CARAMBOLE - Open to improvement but needs to show more to be competitive. Best watched for now

## Summary

Top-rated (2) MORNING BASMA caught the eye on her comeback when a pleasing 3rd at Maisons-Laffitte over a similar trip (1400m) and with the expected improvement should be hard to beat. Rouget-trained (4) ELEVEN O TWO is rated to pose a threat though if race ready on her seasonal reappearance. Last-start winner (1) ARIFUSHI has a shout too, despite top weight.

## Selections

**(2) MORNING BASMA - (4) ELEVEN O TWO - (1) ARIFUSHI - (5) GOUTTE DE LUNE**

## Race 2

1. FOLIGNO - Orpen colt on debut from the stable of Jerome Cabre. Eric Libaud rides
2. CAPITAINE COOK - Well-related Dawn Approach colt on debut. Alain Couetil trains and Mathieu Androuin rides
3. SCAR - Sarah Fournier's Le Havre colt on debut. Stephane-Melaine Laurent in the saddle
4. GALILEO DE VIETTE - Benjamin Hubert rides this Gemix newcomer for owner-trainer Gerard Lecomte
5. SEACLIFF - Christophe Ferland-trained Wootton Bassett colt on debut. Respected with Thomas Messina in the irons
6. SO JOY - Newcomer by Linngari trained and owned by Henri-Alex Pantall. Julien Guillochon rides
7. KERBILIGUET - Spanish Moon colt on debut. Olivier Silloray trains and owns, Jacky Nicoleau rides
8. VOLIYA - Sea The Stars debutante closely related to champion stayer Vazirabad. Watch closely
9. AL MARROUNA - Al Shaqab's Olympic Glory filly on debut. Hugo Journiac rides for trainer Fabrice Chappet
10. AKIMIE - Ludovic Gadbin-trained Dabirsim debutante who will be ridden by Damien Boche
11. BALLE ROMANCE - Godolphin-owned Poet's Voice filly from the stable of Henri-Alex Pantall. Soufiane Saadi rides
12. HOME SWEET HOME - Makfi newcomer from the stable of Christophe Lotoux. Alexandre Roussel rides

## Summary

A full field of newcomers so a hard race to assess as none of these runners have any form to go by. On pedigree, well-related Sea The Stars filly (8) VOLIYA should be useful so could be up to winning on debut. (2) CAPITAINE COOK is another bred to have serious means and must be respected having been supplemented to compete in this contest. (9) AL MARROUNA, (11) BALLE ROMANCE and (5) SEACLIFF are others to make note of.

### Selections

**(8) VOLIYA - (2) CAPITAINE COOK - (9) AL MARROUNA - (11) BALLE ROMANCE**

### **Race 3**

1. WAKEEL - Improved on comeback 3rd when hitting the woodwork (2nd) last time. Will go close again
2. RED QUERCUS - On the premises in most starts. Has the form and experience to feature if race fit after rest
3. PLATEADO - Finished 4th last time having been runner-up in a Deauville maiden previously. Player
4. LIMERICK - Please in both starts last year and was an encouraging 3rd on his return. More to come
5. RUE ST LOUIS - Well beaten in each of three starts and needs to show improvement. Watch for now
6. VANCOUVER DU GUERN - Modest 8th in debut. Entitled to improve with that experience but is best watched for now
7. MODRIC - Has not shown much in terms of form and ability and needs to make vast improvement
8. RAYON DE LUNE - Encouraging 3rd and likely to have come on since. Could have a role to play
9. MONTBRAY - Pleased when finishing 4th on debut and with improvement expected can stake a claim

### **Summary**

Good race. (1) WAKEEL makes the most appeal on exposed form and, with race fitness on his side, should be competitive. Top-rated (3) PLATEADO has shown more than enough, though, to contest the outcome. (4) LIMERICK will have more to offer after a pleasing comeback effort so could get involved, while (9) MONTBRAY and (8) RAYON DE LUNE are both open to improvement after fair debut efforts.

### **Selections**

**(1) WAKEEL - (3) PLATEADO - (4) LIMERICK - (9) MONTBRAY**

## Race 4

1. PRINCESS BIANCA - Belatedly opened her account last time and could be getting the hang of things now
2. MAROBOB - Showing signs of a return to form recently and in current shape should be competitive
3. ZAVERNA - Capable four-time winner when in the mood but her recent efforts have been modest
4. ESTEEM AUNAY - Capable mare on her day but not in any form at present to warrant consideration
5. QATAR REALITY - In no sort of form at present to be considered a threat. Others preferred
6. PAMPA BRIGHT - Blows hot and cold but more than capable of making her presence felt here if in the mood
7. HAPPY VALLEY - Has not been seen for a very long time but has an impressive record and can feature if ready
8. FOR ME DAVIS - Lightly raced and improving sort who has the form to contest the outcome. Player
9. SECRET PEARL - Broke her duck at Nantes in April last year and added to her tally in August. Lost form since
10. ROSE ABELLA - Won twice in as many starts last season but has struggled in each start since. Others preferred
11. INCLUSIVE LADY - Won last start in 2018, pleased on comeback but disappointed last time. Must reaffirm
12. TRUE REFLECTION - Has blown hot and cold since the turn of the year but is nearing a winning mark again. Blinkers on

## Summary

Tricky. (2) MAROBOB has shown encouraging signs of a return to form recently and further improvement should see her feature prominently. (8) FOR ME DAVIS went into the break in good order and resumed in similar fashion on her comeback. She should be competitive with improved fitness on her side. (7) HAPPY VALLEY can also stake a claim if not in need of the outing on her seasonal reappearance, while last-start winner (1) PRINCESS BIANCA could have more to offer. (6) PAMPA BRIGHT is capable on her day and could surprise after needing her last start.

### Selections

**(2) MAROBOB - (8) FOR ME DAVIS - (7) HAPPY VALLEY - (1) PRINCESS BIANCA**

## **Race 5**

1. LA BLOUTIERE - Runner-up on debut and was disappointing when 4th on seasonal comeback. Can make amends
2. EX NIHILO NIHILFIT - Bounced back to form when 2nd in last start and with further progress should be involved
3. IT'S THE WIND - Did not go unnoticed when 6th of 14 on debut at Saint-Cloud. Will improve after comeback run
4. ALF A STAR - Has not shown enough form or ability to warrant consideration here. Overlook
5. TOUR DE MAGIE - Was 5th on debut in a newcomers' race but failed to build on that run next time. Improvement needed
6. GINA CAUVELLIERE - Well beaten on debut at Pornichet and made no impression next time either. Others preferred
7. ASSEMBLY OF TRUTH - Appears to have regressed since hinting at early ability. Hard to make a case for
8. SERMANDAKFI - Made no impression on debut and needs to show improvement. Best watched for now
9. SARATI - Pleased when finishing 3rd on debut and should have come on since. Has a money chance
10. MARGUIT - Well beaten on debut and is best watched until showing improvement. Others preferred
11. STYLE ENDURES - Finished an encouraging 6th on debut. Will improve with the benefit of that experience
12. SPIRITIS - Was an eye-catching 2nd on debut and with improvement can contest the outcome
13. STYLE AMINA - Anthony Subileau's Style Vendome debutante to be ridden by Stephane-Melaine Laurent

## **Summary**

(1) LA BLOUTIERE disappointed on her seasonal reappearance when expected to win but she was not disgraced in finishing 4th and could make amends. However, she will need to show improvement to get the better of (12) SPIRITIS and (11) STYLE ENDURES who are both to any amount of improvement themselves after pleasing debut performances.

### **Selections**

**(1) LA BLOUTIERE - (12) SPIRITIS - (11) STYLE ENDURES - (2) EX NIHILO NIHILFIT**

## **Race 6**

1. HYGROVE DAN - Winner three start back but has disappointed in both starts since. Still has claims
2. L'IMPROVISTE - Pleased when 4th on reappearance and with improvement should have an important role to play
3. SENSAZIONE POY - Useful sort but likely to need this outing on seasonal reappearance. Watch
4. PHILOSOPHY - Entitled to improve after his 6th-place finish in comeback run. Place chance
5. PICCOLO RISTRETTO - Gelded son of Vision d'Etat on debut. Louisa Carberry trains, Fabien Lefebvre
6. TCHAPALO - Lightly raced gelding who was a fair 5th last time in first start this year. Improver
7. DEBATABLE - Finished 5th in seasonal reappearance and should have more to offer. Outsider
8. REBEL QUEEN - Promising filly with solid form credentials. Sets the standard here and will be hard to beat
9. ANTISANA - Encouraging 5th on debut and with likely improvement should have a role to play
10. TRANQUIL STORM - Twice 2nd in three starts this year and could stake a claim if making improvement
11. PEARL FLY - Julien Jouin's Dragon Dancer debutante who will be ridden by Anthony Bernard
12. DESTINATA - Open to improvement after finishing 6th in comeback run. Place chance

## **Summary**

Promising (8) REBEL QUEEN has confirmed early promise in recent starts and with further improvement expected looks ready to open her account here. (2) L'IMPROVISTE promises to pose a threat, though, after a pleasing comeback run in which he finished 4th. However, (1) HYGROVE DAN is another who has the means to fight for the first places in this lot.

### **Selections**

**(8) REBEL QUEEN - (2) L'IMPROVISTE - (1) HYGROVE DAN - (9) ANTISANA**

## Race 7

1. BRIGHT DINASTY - Bounced back to form last time in her first start this year. Should have more to offer
2. BALLDY D'AZE - Good consistent servant in the handicap division and must be on the shortlist
3. RODEIO - Winner of a Class E handicap at Craon in September last year. Seasonal reappearance
4. MONSIEUR ENZO - Won on the fibresand in August last year but has been in poor form since. Others preferred
5. COMME J AIME - Won on debut at Lyon-Parilly in 2017 but has not done enough since to warrant consideration
6. RISE HIT - Has not won for some time but recent form is good enough to play a role
7. GOLDY BABY - Well-performed veteran mare not without a chance on her return to action this year. Outsider
8. IRISH KALDOUN - Eight-time winning veteran of over 70 starts. In no sort of form though to pose a threat
9. SAN CALIMERO - Winner three starts back but has struggled since and may need the run after a break
10. OPALLIA - Has struggled to leave her mark in recent starts but is not incapable of earning a cheque
11. VOLZAPONE - Won two handicap races in a row last summer and is back on a reasonable mark. Place chance
12. EMELINA BELLA - Open to improvement after a pleasing comeback run. Should have a role to play
13. SHASLIKA - Had been a complete write-off since October last year but showed signs of a return to form last time. Must confirm
14. MLLE OUIDAH - Has placed just once in a dozen starts so is hard to make a case for here. Others preferred

## Summary

Stable companions (1) BRIGHT DINASTY and (2) BALLDY D'AZE caught the eye in their respective comeback runs and both should have more to offer. The former finished 2nd at Saint-Brieuc last month and is preferred to the latter who was 3rd at Nantes. Having finished 3rd in his second start this year, (6) RISE HIT could pose a threat with race fitness on his side.

## Selections

**(1) BRIGHT DINASTY - (2) BALLDY D'AZE - (6) RISE HIT - (12) EMELINA BELLA**

## **Race 8**

1. WIND SONG - Opened her account last time and appears to be getting the hang of things now
2. DOM TOMMY - In no sort of form to pose a threat and has nothing more than a minor role to play
3. SUR MA VIE - Won on debut at Limoges but has flattered to deceive since. Still unexposed, could improve
4. PARFAIT AVENUS - Long-time maiden but appears well handicapped so should be respected here. Player
5. ABOU DREAM - Won two in a row in 2017 and has run well in two of three comeback runs this year. Chance
6. ALTESSE THAIS - Raised 2kg for winning a Class 4 handicap at Pornichet last month. Finished 3rd behind (4) PARFAIT AVENUS recently
7. HARK - Moderate in recent claimers and hard to make a case for here on that form
8. L'AS DE GREE - Made no impression in last start after a break and must improve to feature
9. LINDA'S CAP - Just a one-time winner but does have good form credentials to suggest a chance here
10. ELYSEE D'OSVIN - Still without a win but has more scope than most and could improve to play a minor role
11. ESLA - Struggled on the whole during 2018 but has appeared to be recapturing some sort of form
12. SOWGAY - Exposed one-time winner but goes well on heavy ground. Outside chance
13. GREEN SAGA - A five-time winning veteran who showed signs of a return to form last time. Must confirm

## **Summary**

Good race. (4) PARFAIT AVENUS renews rivalry with (6) ALTESSE THAIS having finished ahead of that rival in a similar contest at Nantes recently. Little separates the pair on that meeting but there is nothing to suggest that the tables will be turned here and the former is marginally preferred. Last-start winner (1) WIND SONG should also have a role to play despite top weight. Consistent (9) LINDA'S CAP will not be far off the mark either.

### **Selections**

**(4) PARFAIT AVENUS - (6) ALTESSE THAIS - (1) WIND SONG - (9) LINDA'S CAP**