

## CHANTILLY - 21st February

Trainer of the day : **Hiroo Shimizu** (406, 507)

Jockey of the day : **Vincent Cheminaud** (406, 507, 706)

Horse of the day : **Furious des Aigles** (802)

Dark Horse : **Black Morning** (509)

### Race 1

1. LODI - Has won three of his four starts in 2020 and looks a serious player once again
2. IRON SPIRIT - Very productive on turf last season. Returns from a break and may need the run
3. FORBIDDEN CITY - Solid last two efforts in handicaps and has a leading chance stepping down in grade
4. ZAVERNA - Six time winner from forty five but showed improvement in last outing and can get a look in
5. POULFOS - Has not won a race since October but showed improvement in last two and can be given some consideration
6. NEWNTON LODGE - German raider who has been supplemented. Won a handicap off higher mark last year at Compiegne
7. POLE CELESTE - Won two handicaps early last year and has blown hot and cold since then
8. HYGROVE DAN - Won three turf claimers last season in the provinces. Has a bit to prove on fibresand
9. SQUARE THIERS - Went off the mark over 10.5f in a Pornichet claimer two starts back. Best to forget last run and can bounce back
10. DRAGON'S TEETH - A complete flop last year and is very hard to make a case for

### Summary

A winner over course and distance in December 2018, (3) FORBIDDEN CITY is back in full gear after a long dry spell and should feature prominently. (1) LODI has enjoyed a very productive winter on fibresand and could record his fourth success of the season. (9) SQUARE THIERS and (2) IRON SPIRIT are best of the remainder.

**Selections**

**(3) FORBIDDEN CITY - (1) LODI - (9) SQUARE THIERS - (2) IRON SPIRIT**

## Race 2

1. ARCTIUM - Sixteen runs without a win but improved in last two and can be shortlisted
2. STEMSTER - Has not finished in the frame since July 2018 and needs to best recent efforts
3. GODRIC - Missed 18 months before coming back in poor form last year. Look elsewhere
4. PAPA WINNER - Just the one win from fifty three but knocking at the door and is respected
5. DULCI D'UN REGARD - Unplaced in four starts in 2019 and is off since last June. Hard to fancy
6. MISS AUSTRALIA - Long time maiden who is far too unreliable to trust. Look elsewhere
7. XELLENT - Enjoyed a good sequence in this division last autumn but flopped in last two. On a redemption mission at present
8. THOMAS CROWN - Blows hot and cold but is competitive off this current mark and can be in the mix
9. ZARAGANTA - Twenty three starts without winning but showed vast improvement in last run at Pornichet
10. CELESTIAL HOUSE - A complete write-off since last March but is one pound below his last winning mark at present
11. SULAL NAIR - Never won a race after 29 starts and returns from a five months break. Can go well on fibresand though
12. KAZAK D'AUMONE - Long time maiden who was not disgraced in his last two starts of 2020 on turf
13. ELEVAZ - Just one place from twenty starts and is best watched on return from a 105 days absence
14. DEVILIN - Placed just once - in Belgium - in twenty two starts and can be overlooked
15. CHERIE COCO - Dual winner from 38. Missed most of 2019 and has come back in poor form. Ruled out
16. JOAN JET - A complete write-off since July 2018 and cannot be worth any consideration

## Summary

(4) PAPA WINNER comes in on the back of some decent efforts on fibresand and should be capable of winning a race of this nature. (9) ZARAGANTA is back on form but has a poor draw to overcome. (1) ARCTIUM showed nice progress in his last two starts on this surface and should not be too far off at the finish.

**Selections**

**(4) PAPA WINNER - (9) ZARAGANTA - (1) ARCTIUM - (2) STEMSTER - (12)  
KAZAK D'AUMONE**

### **Race 3**

1. KOOSTO - Went off the mark in handicap over course & distance last November. Six pounds higher today
2. BELEAVE YOU - Won twice over hurdles last season but a complete write-off on the flat since the new year
3. CHENE BOPPE - Veteran gelding who returns from an eight months break and will need the run
4. MISS RAFAEL - Has been in good form on fibresand this winter and can pick up some prize money
5. GREY SENSATION - Course a distance winner who showed a rebound of form in his last start at the venue. Can be in the mix
6. ISIS DE PETIVILLE - Has done little of note since the Autumn of 2017 and is not easy to fancy
7. JASMINE A LA PLAGE - One win from thirty two and although seldom finished far from the action, needs to improve to win
8. SIEGFRIED LINE - A complete write-off since March last year and is hard to fancy
9. L'AMI GABY - Was on a good sequence prior to his last run and can be given another chance
10. RUDEBAN - Got back down to business in last start at Pornichet over 1m4f. Has a four pounds penalty to defy
11. TUTTI - Good last run in a Belgian handicap at Mons but things look tougher today
12. LADY LANE - Good last effort at Mons but faces a much tougher assignment today
13. NOTORIOUS IMPERIAL - Erratic dual winner who has it all to prove on fibresand and is best watched
14. KONIG CHOUCHEM - Three time winner from fifty eight. Showed better intentions in last run at the venue over shorter
15. KINCADE - Still a maiden after twenty-six starts and needs to find a few lengths
16. ROUXEVILLE - Has done little of note since October 2018 and is not easy to fancy on that basis

### **Summary**

(10) RUDEBAN is back at the top of his game as shows his last success at Pornichet and although he has a four pounds penalty to defy, he should be capable of recording a second straight success. (5) GREY SENSATION seems to be back on the right path too and is one to watch very closely. (4) MISS RAFAEL has a good draw and should make her presence felt too.

**Selections**

**(10) RUDEBAN - (5) GREY SENSATION - (4) MISS RAFAEL - (9) L'AMI GABY  
- (14) KONIG CHOUCHE**

## **Race 4**

1. MAGIC TIMING - UK import who went off the mark over 6.5f at Cagnes two starts ago. First run in a French handicap
2. SNIFTER - Went off the mark at Pornichet two starts back and went well in a condition race over course & distance latest
3. JENUFA - Four starts maiden who showed ability on turf in the province. Has it all to prove on fibresand
4. LA REINE CATHERINE - Disappointed in last start at Chantilly after two creditable efforts in maidens. Down in trip
5. MONTE CINTO - Seven starts maiden who finished third in his only previous start in a handicap. Player
6. BRAVE SHIINA - Hinted at ability in maidens last year. On a workable mark in first start in a handicap
7. PERISTERA - Beaten a short head in a Pau maiden on re-entry last month. Enters the equation
8. BERETS VERTS - One place from four starts to date and looks on a fair mark on handicap debut
9. NORTH - Has hinted at ability in maidens on fibresand and looks interesting first time in a handicap
10. FULL TANGO - Showed some progress in last start at Cagnes Sur Mer. Well treated on handicap debut
11. ANTICS DEALER - Best effort from five runs is a fourth place in a maiden over 6f at Chantilly last month. Hard to assess
12. BROKEN STAR - Much improved in last start when beaten a head in a Pornichet maiden. Can be in the mix
13. PROJET CONCRET - Did not go unnoticed when fourth in a Deauville maiden last time out. Respected

## **Summary**

(2) SNIFTER has started 2020 the best possible way and is expected to confirm his good run of form. (7) PERISTERA was narrowly defeated at Pau and seems to be on a fair mark on handicap debut. (6) BRAVE SHIINA has been given some time off since his last run and will not be long before winning a handicap.

<h2><b><u>Selections</u></b></h2>
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**(2) SNIFTER - (7) PERISTERA - (6) BRAVE SHIINA - (12) BROKEN STAR**



## **Race 5**

1. ZELOTE - No better than fifth in three starts in this division thus far. Others preferred
2. EXCALIBUR - Three places from five starts last season. Has a bit to prove on fibresand
3. CELLINI - Never a factor in two starts to date. Drops in distance and remains hard to fancy
4. LIPSINK - Showed improvement in second career start when fourth of seven in a Longchamp maiden last October. Off since then
5. ENCHANTING - Has demonstrated some ability in turf last season but is off since July
6. RED FIFTY - One place - over course & distance - from four starts to date. Flopped last time out and must reaffirm
7. YOMOGI - Eight starts maiden who ended 2019 with a third place in a Group III at Maisons-Laffitte. Leading chance
8. DEMETER - Posted a solid first start effort over course & distance in November before flopping at Deauville over longer. Respected
9. BLACK MORNING - Showed vast improvement when third of thirteen in an identical contest over course & distance last time out
10. NEHOU - Newcomer by Rajsaman out of a dam that was Group-placed. See betting for clues
11. STONIA - Newcomer by Kendargent. Not much to fancy on the dam's side and local betting will prove the best guide

## **Summary**

Judged on her third-place effort in a Group III last back end, (7) YOMOGI should get off the mark if she is anywhere near the form she was in at the end of last season. (9) BLACK MORNING did not go unnoticed when she ran third over course and distance last time and looks a serious proposition. (2) EXCALIBUR benefits from a nice seven pounds claim.

### **Selections**

**(7) YOMOGI - (9) BLACK MORNING - (2) EXCALIBUR - (8) DEMETER**

## **Race 6**

1. JE SUIS CHARLIE - Is back in top form in last two starts and should be a player once again
2. JEU CELEBRE - Was in good form prior to his first run of 2020 and can be forgiven that effort
3. WAR ASSET - Nine time winner who failed by a nose in an identical race over course & distance last time out
4. SAGLYACAT - Obvious lack of consistency but is capable over this distance and is not without a shout
5. TEXANITO - Off the mark on 21st attempt at Deauville early January. Well beaten under the penalty in next start
6. QUIZ EVOLUTION - Bounced back to winning form at Mons in last start but this is much tougher today
7. NAMAR - Dual winner from twenty-five and needs to improve on recent runs to have a chance
8. SOWGAY - Ended 2019 on a high note but looks high in the weight at present. Outside chance
9. AVEC LAURA - Generally effective in this division. A clear second over course & distance last time out in a similar contest
10. VISION OF TWILIGHT - Very effective on turf in this division but has a lot to prove on fibresand
11. FORMI - Registered a second career success on turf last October but has struggled off his new mark
12. KARSADOR - Modest recent efforts in this division are probably reflective of his chances
13. EDITORIAL - Won a handicap hurdle at Cagnes on Christmas Eve and is not easy to back on return to the flat
14. PAILLEDEVANT - Has done nothing of note in eight starts to date and is easily passed over
15. SEMEUR - Modest recent efforts over hurdles do little to inspire confidence. Best to watch
16. SUNDAY WINNER - Has finished thereabouts in his last two starts in this division and will have his chances

## **Summary**

(3) WAR ASSET was beaten a nose on the wire in his last start over this course and distance. This is a similar contest today and he is expected to go one better. (1) JE SUIS CHARLIE has been in fine fettle this winter and should to feature prominently too. (2) JEU CELEBRE could also be an interesting contender.

**Selections**

**(3) WAR ASSET - (1) JE SUIS CHARLIE - (9) AVEC LAURA - (16) SUNDAY  
WINNER - (2) JEU CELEBRE**

## Race 7

1. LOCAL WHISKY - Won two handicaps last back end. Stays the trip and first start off new mark
2. NOBLESSE D'ARGENT - Very productive over the winter. Has a six pounds penalty to defy but a player all the same
3. MACWAY - One win from seven and looked very promising in this branch of the game on turf last year
4. BRIGHT CRESCENT - Showed vast improvement at the end of last season. Has it all to prove on fibresand but cannot be ruled out
5. FAITH OF HOPE - Went off the mark on thirteenth attempt last November at Amiens. Off since then
6. SILVER CONDOR - Yet to score after eleven starts but much improved in last two in this division and should be a big player
7. RIDISIA - Eight start maiden who disappointed in her last outing of 2020 in a handicap. May be best to watch on return to action
8. MAKSLEW - Lightly-raced gelding who was a game third in first run in a handicap last month
9. HEDIDIT - Totally transformed since switched to staying trips and will have his chances once again
10. RESTLESS - Posted some creditable efforts in maidens last year but flopped on re-entry in a handicap
11. BARSHAM - Showed early promise last spring but has failed to live-up to expectations
12. CORAL BOY - Just one place from ten runs but competitive for a small place off this current mark

## Summary

Second to (2) NOBLESSE D'ARGENT in his last run at the venue, the eleven start maiden (6) SILVER CONDOR has six pounds to reverse form with his rivals and is the choice to go off the mark today. (9) HEDIDIT has turned into a useful stayer since upped in trip and is another one that looks very interesting.

### Selections

**(6) SILVER CONDOR - (2) NOBLESSE D'ARGENT - (9) HEDIDIT - (3) MACWAY**