

## ANGERS - 21st November

Trainer of the day : **Alain Couétil** (512, 615, 802)

Jockey of the day : **Pierre-Charles Boudot** (403, 507, 610, 707, 804, 903)

Horse of the day : **Genola** (802)

Dark Horse : **Flober** (203)

### Race 4

1. HAPPY CHRISNAT - Just one win from fourteen and was far from disgraced when fifth of six in a Listed at Toulouse last time out
2. MRS DUKESBURY - Has been very effective in this division since racing for her new yard. Respected
3. HELLENISTIQUE - Went off the mark on third start at Le Croise-Laroche on 4 November. Must have more to offer and can be considered
4. MAT LA FRISTOUILLE - Trounced his rival when off the mark in heavy ground on second attempt at Durtal. Looks interesting
5. KOSKOV - Easy winner when off the mark at Le Croise-Laroche one month ago in very soft ground. Steps up in grade
6. MISS MAIA - Won first time out by 3/4 lengths at Le Pin one month ago. Faces a much tougher assignment today
7. SUMATRAN TIGER - Solid winner of her first start in very heavy ground at Clairefontaine one month ago. Leading chance
8. TURKISTAN EXPRESS - Two places from three runs including one in very heavy ground. Can be in the mix
9. CAPRICE SUPREME - Went off the mark in a claimer on third attempt at Niort last month. Unplaced in next start. Look elsewhere

### Summary

(7) SUMATRAN TIGER posted an eye-catching performance when she made a winning debut in heavy ground at Clairefontaine. She looked a very promising filly that day and with the natural improvement should be hard to beat. (2) MRS DUKESBURY has been very effective for her new connections and should play a feature role too.

### Selections

**(7) SUMATRAN TIGER - (2) MRS DUKESBURY - (3) HELLENISTIQUE - (8) TURKISTAN EXPRESS**

## **Race 5**

1. GENERATION MAGOT - Unplaced in both starts to date. Upped in trip and still plenty to find
2. HARMONIEUSE - Posted three creditable efforts so far but more is needed to win. Place chance
3. RAJA LUNA - One place from six runs and finished fifth in a claimer in last start
4. THE ARCHES - Was far from disgraced first time out at Argentan end of September. Will come on for the run
5. ARCHI NOVA - Only place from seven runs was in a claimer over a mile at Maisons-Laffitte last month. Not a priority
6. SOUL OF MARIA - Never a danger first time out on fibresand three weeks ago. Upped in trip but plenty to find still
7. SOFT MELODY - Showed vast improvement in heavy ground at Deauville last month when runner-up in a competitive maiden. Can go one better
8. CHEERLEADER - Tailed off last first time out at Deauville one month ago. Hard to fancy
9. ZAYA DE LA PLATA - Posted a promising first start effort at Le Mans thirteen days ago and must be given some consideration
10. LOCMARIA - One place in a claimer from two starts thus far. First run on turf and has a bit to prove
11. DIVINATION - Newcomer by Martaline and is a half-sister to G.III hurdle winner Messagere
12. NADIRA - Newcomer by Le Havre out of a Brazilian mare that has produced two winners from four to run

### **Summary**

(7) SOFT MELODY seems to have a particular liking for the heavy ground and is sure to garner most of the support in this contest. Nonetheless it is best to keep a close eye on the two newcomers (12) NADIRA and (11) DIVINATION who come from yard that know how to get horses ready. (9) ZAYA DE LA PLATA ran a good race at Le Mans recently and should be monitored as well.

### **Selections**

**(7) SOFT MELODY - (12) NADIRA - (11) DIVINATION - (9) ZAYA DE LA PLATA**

## Race 6

1. CASA ERIA - Never in sight first time out at Le Mans thirteen days ago. Things can only get better
2. PINNACLE - Two places from three runs and was not disgraced when fifth of seven in a class 2 over course & distance last time
3. AARHUS - Two places from six starts to date. Enjoyed the testing ground at Durtal in latest
4. CURANDERO - Finished third of ten first time out at Le Croise-Laroche at the beginning of the month. Enters the equation
5. DUBAI NEWS - Down the field first time out at the venue last month. Vast improvement needed
6. DECBOU - Never a factor first time out at Amiens three weeks ago. Improvement needed
7. IT'S TIMING - Beaten far first time out at Le Mans on 8 November. Has too much to find and others are preferred
8. HOUSTON BERE - Never a danger first time out at the venue one month ago and needs to show vast improvement
9. SECRET SQUARE - Two creditable efforts in claimers this autumn. Relishes the heavy ground and can spring a surprise
10. OTTAVIO - Posted a promising runner-up effort over a mile at the venue first time out last month. Can go one better
11. HURRICANE DREAM - Newcomer by Hurricane Cat and is the first foal to run out of a Siyouni mare
12. PEAK SPIRIT - Newcomer by Georges Vancouver out of a Shakespearean mare. See betting for clues
13. BUSSELTON - Newcomer by Mastercraftsman out of a Rock of Gibraltar mare that has produced two winners from three to run
14. INSIGNE HONNEUR - Newcomer by Manduro out of a dam that was a winner in USA and Ireland. Has produced several winners including Insandi and Courcy
15. CHAMPY CHARM - Newcomer by Charm Spirit out of a dam that was Group III-placed. See betting for more clues
16. GALIB - Newcomer by Nayef out of a dam who was a winner in Spain. Likely to need the race

## **Summary**

(10) OTTAVIO posted an excellent first start effort at the venue over one mile. He is by Nathaniel and should have no problem coping with the extra-distance. (12) PEAK SPIRIT has the assistance of Maxime Guyon and makes most appeal among the newcomers. (2) PINNACLE has claims too based on what he has achieved so far.

## **Selections**

**(10) OTTAVIO - (12) PEAK SPIRIT - (2) PINNACLE - (15) CHAMPY CHARM -  
(4) CURANDERO**

## Race 7

1. RONCEY - Eight time winner from sixteen. Finished second on first start for new yard at Cholet. Leading chance
2. COCO CITY - Registered a fifth career success in a Maisons-Laffitte handicap three weeks ago and has solid claims on that evidence
3. ROYAL DIPLOMAT - Went through a purple patch last spring but returns from a 3 1/2 months absence and is likely to need the run
4. JAZZ MELODIE - Consistent mare that was Listed-placed last year. Creditable last two efforts and must be considered
5. VICOPISANO - Five time winner from thirty one. Off since last March and may need the race
6. DAIMYO - Effective last year but has only been a shadow of himself this season. See betting for more clues
7. TRUE ROMANCE - Showed early promises back in 2017 but returns from a lengthy break. Boudot in the saddle is worth noting
8. DYLABAN - Consistent seven years old gelding who has not run for two months. Others make more appeal
9. ANOTHER BEAT - Looked a promising horse in Germany in his early days but returns from a 543 days absence and is best to watch
10. SINBAD - Effective in the big handicap division last year. Unplaced in a claimer on re-entry a fortnight ago

## Summary

Both (1) RONCEY and (2) COCO CITY comes in the race well and both horses relishes the heavy ground. However the former has a ten pounds advantage on Demuro's partner and such weight difference will be crucial in the final yards of the race. (4) JAZZ MELODIE and (7) TRUE ROMANCE that returns from a nineteen months break are two intriguing candidates.

### Selections

**(2) COCO CITY - (1) RONCEY - (4) JAZZ MELODIE - (7) TRUE ROMANCE**

## **Race 8**

1. GULIP - One win - over 2400M - and one place from two starts. Takes a big step up in distance
2. GENOLA - Won y a head first time out at Argentan over 14f at the end of September. Looks a promising sort
3. GIRLISH DE GRUGY - One success - over 13f - from four runs to date. Needs to improve to win today
4. GREAT WEDDING - Has been consistent without winning in this division so far. Place chance
5. GRANDE STAR - Scored by one lengths first time out at Lignieres four months ago. Off since then
6. GAMBADE GIL - Won a modest event last July but has finished unplaced in her five other starts
7. GALIPETT D'ARNOULT -
8. GALLYLEA - Posted a promising runner-up effort first time out at Durtal in heavy ground. Respected
9. GREEN LINK - One place from two starts and will have to improve significantly to win a race of this nature

## **Summary**

A winner of her first start at Argentan at the end of September, (2) GENOLA has a three pounds allowance from partner Maryline Eon and finds herself carrying the bottom-weight in this contest. She has bags of progress to offer and gets the nod to take punters home on a winning note. (1) GULIP and (8) GALLYLEA look the biggest dangers to the selection.

### **Selections**

**(2) GENOLA - (1) GULIP - (8) GALLYLEA - (4) GREAT WEDDING**