

BORDEAUX - LE BOUSCAT - 22nd February

Trainer of the day : **Guillaume Macaire** (101, 102, 302)

Jockey of the day : **Guillaume Guedj-Gay** (210, 404, 708)

Horse of the day : **American Beach** (207)

Dark Horse : **El Gringo** (306)

Race 2

1. HALLOWED SONG - Still a maiden after six runs but was placed in half of those to be fair
2. EKAITZANA - One third place finish from eight runs between this country and Spain. Much more needed
3. CAYRAS SIDE - Runner up on sole start at Cagnes sur Mer last month and sure to improve
4. MOUETTE MERISOISE - Unplaced on both her runs so far and will have a handicap mark following this
5. CAT ALEIGRIA - Unplaced on all three runs and surely looks an unlikely winner here too
6. JOLIE FRANCAISE - Unplaced on both starts at Deauville and Chantilly and will have a mark after this
7. AMERICAN BEACH - Placed in five of his seven runs including a Listed event last November and must have every chance
8. RED BERRIES - Runner up on debut at La Teste Buch but then only tenth at Toulouse so needs to bounce back
9. NUIT D'ALIENOR - Both runs have come at Pau and improved last time to finish second there
10. RAQUIRA - A newcomer by Elvstroem out of a Aqlaam mare. Dam was smart Group Three winner and this is her first foal. Interesting

Summary

(7) AMERICAN BEACH surely has the best form in the book to take this three year old maiden. It is slightly disconcerting that the son of American Post is still winless after seven starts and also finishing third a Listed contest but this looks so winnable. (3) CAYRAS SIDE and (8) RED BERRIES are fair types while (10) RAQUIRA has a lesser chance.

Selections

(7) AMERICAN BEACH - (3) CAYRAS SIDE - (8) RED BERRIES - (10) RAQUIRA

Race 4

1. TILSITT - Unplaced on both starts so far and will have a mark after this event so best watched
2. CHOP VAL - Has had two outings at Pau and finished third in both of those so must be a player
3. GALIO CHOP - Has had the six runs. Third on debut but it has been downhill since then
4. RICAURTE - Finished fourth on two runs so far at La Teste Buch and Pornichet so could improve
5. TEN AIR - Unplaced on both starts thus far and will have a rating following this event
6. KENMAYA - A bit disappointing on racecourse debut at Mont de Marsan earlier this month
7. VALSAIN - Sixth on debut at Marseille Borely and then third at Toulouse so on the improve
8. BRULLEMAIL - Finished fifth on both runs at Deauville and Mont de Marsan. Will be handicapped following this
9. RED THE WEST - Unplaced on both runs and surely seems to have a job of work on here too
10. WHEEL OF CHANCE - Out of the frame on all four starts but has run well in those and respected
11. XARUN - Finished eighth on both runs which came at Pau and surely those runs are not good enough
12. PLANISSIMO - One fourth place finish in three runs but looks rather exposed already

Summary

A three year old maiden here and it may pay to go with the bang in form yard of Jean-Claude Rouget trained (7) VALSAIN. The Anodin colt was beaten ten lengths into third on his second run at Toulouse in November but may have strengthened into his frame now. (2) CHOP VAL is a serious player and will be difficult to beat. (4) RICAURTE and (10) WHEEL OF CHANCE may be best of the others.

Selections

(7) VALSAIN - (2) CHOP VAL - (4) RICAURTE - (10) WHEEL OF CHANCE

Race 6

1. JOJOVA - A two time winner from thirty one runs and will look to play a very big part here
2. MALUPAU - Two successes from eighteen starts but basically form is completely gone
3. VA'ZY BARELIERE - Just the one win from nineteen runs and really needs to be doing better than of late
4. BELLA BARONESSA - Still a maiden after sixteen runs and looks one to avoid on recent efforts
5. CONVICTED - Seven time winner from fifty eight runs but is another struggling at this moment
6. MOCKLERSHILL - Four wins from eighty and can be hit and miss but definitely more miss lately. However still has big claims in bad contest
7. SANG ESPAGNOLA - Five wins from forty six. Placed in latest two at Pau and must be rated here
8. ZAMBACHA ROSETGRI - Just the one win from twenty one starts and might struggle to double that tally here
9. ATTILA LE TARTARE - Still a maiden after eighteen runs and if anything form seems to be worsening
10. GOSSIPE - A dual winner from forty one runs. Placed in last two at Pau and should be thereabouts
11. BELLA CANARIAS - Just the one win from twenty nine runs and that record is not encouraging
12. WAR TIGRESS - No place in eleven runs so basically has too many questions to answer here
13. ANADUN - Four time winner from seventy three and really latest few runs have not been that smart
14. LOUVE DANCER - Remains a maiden after fifty two but has gone close on several occasions
15. KAIO CHOP - Half a dozen wins from eighty three but looks difficult to fancy here
16. VARDARIS - Eight time winning veteran from over a century of runs. Unlikely hero today

Summary

A huge field and of course it is totally wide open. (6) MOCKLERSHILL is worth just a small interest as he can be very unpredictable but maybe he will put his best foot forward today. (1) JOJOVA has to be one of the favourites and rightly so on overall form. A case of sorts can be made for (7) SANG ESPAGNOLA and (3) VA'ZY BARELIERE. (10) GOSSIPE has an each way shout too.

Selections

**(6) MOCKLERSHILL - (1) JOJOVA - (7) SANG ESPAGNOLA - (3) VA'ZY
BARELIERE - (10) GOSSIPE**

Race 7

1. ACHILLEA - Seven time winner from fifty three runs. Third at Pau last time out and must be rated here
2. DANN - Five wins from twenty one which is a grand strike rate and might outrun price
3. FASTNET LIGHTNING - Has won three from fifteen. Just the two runs last year after an absence and they were inconclusive
4. SENATOR FROST - Five time winner from seventy one runs. Arrives here in really good form
5. RED DUMA - Seven time winner from three dozen starts and has won two of last four tries
6. CHARLOT THE KID - Thrice a winner from twenty one runs and has been absent for a year at this stage
7. USAIN BEST - A dozen wins from seventy six which is an excellent record and may be due another one soon
8. NOT A LADY - Three wins from two dozen starts and has been performing very well at Pau
9. ULTIMATUM - Placed in two of his ten runs but much more will be required here today for sure
10. FALCO DELAVILLIERE - A dual winner from thirty seven runs but difficult to be too bullish about chances here
11. RIGHTEOUS LOVE - Is zero from nine and looks impossible to make a very strong case for here
12. PETIT ZING - A three time victor from thirty three but form seems to be tailing off right now
13. AL RASSOUL - Two wins from thirty five runs. Basically has only small frame claims
14. SILVER POKER - Four time winner from sixty nine runs. Is very difficult to predict most of the time
15. MAGIC WHY - Just the one win from twenty three but did place in four of last five and therefore has a shout

Summary

This looks a complete lottery to be fair. It is difficult to know where to start. (8) NOT A LADY is a tentative vote as the five year old has been running very consistently at Pau and deserves a change of luck. (5) RED DUMA and (1) ACHILLEA are others that can be looked at with (15) MAGIC WHY also having a little hope.

Selections

(8) NOT A LADY - (5) RED DUMA - (1) ACHILLEA - (15) MAGIC WHY