

CLAIREFONTAINE - 28 July

Race 1

1. **SOUVERAINE ELUSIVE** - Won four of her last five races including by a neck at Lyon-Parilly (good) over this trip in May. Leading contender for a good yard.
2. **ROYALIST** - Held 6L sixth in a competitive handicap here earlier this month. Interesting in this race.
3. **SAVOIR AIMER** - Back from a break when 7L eighth over 2200m at this track three weeks ago. Improvement likely.
4. **GRACIAN** - Beaten 7L seventh in a valuable handicap here earlier this month. Interesting runner.
5. **BELLARIVA** - Made all on two of her last three starts including over 2800m on soft ground at Compiegne last month. Bold show expected.
6. **DEACON** - Victorious by 1L in a valuable handicap at this venue three weeks ago. Can go well once more.
7. **PIRATA TESORO** - Winner in this grade on his penultimate start but struggled last time. Needs to bounce back.
8. **COMBERMERE** - Completed a double when winning over 1900m at La Teste De Buch last month. Good 3L fourth here since and interesting once more.
9. **LA ROSELIERE** - Held in two starts this campaign including when 6L 12th at Chantilly (2100m) last month. Others make more appeal.
10. **MILLTOP** - Won two from three starts including by 4L in a 2000m race at Strasbourg in May. One to note upped in grade on handicap debut.
11. **AMAZING GRACE** - Good neck fourth on seasonal debut at Chantilly last month but struggled at this venue subsequently. Minor role likely.
12. **SIR GEORGE** - Built on a promising placed effort when 4L winner of a 2400m handicap at Nantes earlier this month. Interesting in this higher grade.
13. **LE HOYO** - Back to form with a head victory over 2200m here three weeks ago. Not certain to repeat that effort.
14. **TRENTINO** - Beaten a head when runner-up in this grade over 2200m at this track three weeks ago. Interesting contender.

15. **HIMOLA** - Down the field in a 3100m handicap at Longchamp at the start of this month. Drop in trip a positive.

16. **AGUA** - Built on a couple of second place finishes when winning by a head in a 2400m handicap at La Teste De Buch three weeks ago. Has run well in this grade in the past.

Summary

SOUVERAINE ELUSIVE (1) represents top connections. With further progress likely can play a leading role having recorded a fourth career success at Lyon-Parilly in May. MILLTOP (10) was also a winner in May and can go well in this big field handicap on just his fourth career outing. BELLARIVA (5) saw off seventeen rivals on her most recent attempt and is another to consider dropping back in distance. AGUA (16) receives weight and is of note having recorded an easy victory earlier this month. HIMOLA (15) should appreciate the drop back in trip.

Selections

SOUVERAINE ELUSIVE (1) - MILLTOP (10) - BELLARIVA (5) - AGUA (16)
- HIMOLA (15)

Race 2

1. **DARKNESS** - Improved on debut effort when 2L winner over 1400m at Saint Cloud end of last month. Bold show expected.
2. **BALLADE SONG** - Impressive 4L winner of a 1350m maiden at Senonnes just over two weeks ago. Notable runner in what looks a tougher event.
3. **VENTS CONTRAIRES** - Off the mark when winning by a head in a provincial 1300m event on soft going nine days ago. Notable runner for a leading yard.
4. **SKIP CHOP** - Held in all four starts to date and looks up against it having finished 5L seventh in a 1400m claimer at Compiegne earlier this month.
5. **OLYMPIC TROPHY** - Promising 4L fifth in a 1400m event here on debut three weeks ago. Improvement needed to take this event.
6. **GREEN GLORY** - Unraced Olympic Glory colt out of a Green Tune mare. Interesting to see how he performs on debut.

Summary

BALLADE SONG (2) impressed with a win when delivering initial attempt over 1300m and holds strong claims of maintaining his unbeaten record. DARKNESS (1) was a winner in latest and can go well for a leading stable. VENTS CONTRAIRES (3) built on a promising effort in the provinces on debut to secure victory earlier this month. OLYMPIC TROPHY (5) is likely to have improved for a fifth making first appearance.

Selections

**BALLADE SONG (2) - DARKNESS (1) - VENTS CONTRAIRES (3) -
OLYMPIC TROPHY (5)**

Race 3

1. **THOUSAND DREAMS** - Impressive 10L maiden winner over 1200m in the provinces nine days ago. Bold show expected.
2. **PERFECT** - Built on promising debut when 1L winner of a 1400m maiden here three weeks ago. Leading contender.
3. **LA GIOIOSA** - Narrowly beaten in a 1200m event in Paris when debuting just over a fortnight ago. Strong claims.
4. **ASPIRANTE** - Good 2L fourth in a 1400m maiden at this venue earlier this month. Interesting in this race.
5. **MAGNA MATER** - Beaten 2L when fifth in a 1200m event at Lyon-Parilly on debut in May. Improvement likely.

Summary

PERFECT (2) built on a good debut effort winning and can play a leading role for a top yard. THOUSAND DREAMS (1) took a provincial maiden on her most recent start and is of interest in what looks a tougher assignment. LA GIOIOSA (3) was narrowly beaten on first appearance and is likely to run well once more. MAGNA MATER (5) hails from a top yard and is likely to appreciate this step up in distance.

Selections

**PERFECT (2) - THOUSAND DREAMS (1) - LA GIOIOSA (3) - MAGNA
MATER (5)**

Race 4

1. **MINAKIYA** - Unraced Iffraaj filly out of a Sinndar mare. Notable runner for top connections on debut.
2. **HAGWAAT** - Unraced Le Havre filly and a half-sister to multiple winner Maytime. Interesting on first start.
3. **GOLDIFROST** - Unraced daughter of Silver Frost. Half-sister to two time winner Eau Du Large but probably best watched on debut.
4. **AVENIR ROSE** - Unraced Le Havre filly represents a useful stable on racecourse debut.
5. **JUSTE LIKE** - Unraced Sri Putra filly and a half-sister to G2 winner Tiberian among others. One to note on first racecourse appearance.
6. **GASTOUNETTE** - Unraced daughter of Manbolix. Probably best watched on debut.
7. **SAGA DE PAIL** - Unraced Creacadoir filly and a half-sister to dual winner Mario De Pail. Others hold more obvious claims.
8. **BEST WIN** - Unraced daughter of Red Dubawi and a half-sister to winner Somptueux. Looks up against it on debut.
9. **RIVIERE D'ETEL** - Unraced Martaline filly and a half-sister to multiple winner Kapcorse. Likely to need further in time.
10. **PUNTARELLE** - Unraced Zoffany filly is related to a couple of winners and is of interest on debut.
11. **CELTIC GIRL** - Unraced Manduro filly is likely to improve for this debut experience.
12. **HURRY MAG** - Unraced daughter of Falco is related to a number of winners including Extra Mag. Interesting contender on first start.
13. **ROYALE OFFENSE** - Unraced Al Kazeem filly is likely to improve for the experience.
14. **FRANKEL'S MAGIC** - Unraced Frankel filly is an interesting runner for a good yard on racecourse debut.
15. **KYRA** - Unraced Mastercraftsman filly is a half-sister to two time winner Cosmique. Represents a good yard.

16. **BUBBLE SMART** - Unraced Intello filly and a half-sister to G3 winner and G1-placed filly Bubble Chic. Notable runner on this occasion.

Summary

BUBBLE SMART (16) represents a good yard and looks capable of registering a big effort on racecourse debut. MINAKIYA (1) races for a leading owner and trainer combination and could perform well on first start. PUNTARELLE (10) is related to a couple of winners and is another of interest in this contest. JUSTE LIKE (5) looks the pick of this trainers two candidates for this event.

Selections

BUBBLE SMART (16) - MINAKIYA (1) - PUNTARELLE (10) - JUSTE LIKE (5)

Race 5

1. **SAGHIR** - Unraced Nathaniel gelding out of a G1 winning mare. Strong claims of making a winning debut.
2. **FATTAN** - Unraced Teofilo gelding and a half-brother to a number of winners. Interesting runner.
3. **NIKOFOTO** - Unraced Olympic Glory gelding and a half-brother to multiple scorer Jeu Celebre.
4. **L'OISEAU BLANC** - Unraced gelding by Olympic Glory. Others make more appeal.
5. **DENGUERRVILLE GREE** - Unraced Crossharbour gelding and a half-brother to a couple of winners. Likely to improve for the experience.
6. **SPEED OF SPIRIT** - Unraced gelded son of Charm Spirit. Probably best watched on debut.
7. **MARGARET'S LEGACY** - Unraced Prince Gibraltar gelding and likely to improve for the run.
8. **PETIT COMITE** - Unraced Le Havre gelding. Others hold more obvious claims.
9. **PETIT PARISIEN** - Unraced Montmartre gelding and a half-brother to dual winner P'ti Prince.
10. **DAMOISEAU CLISOU** - Unraced No Risk At All gelding unlikely to be seen to best effect in this race.
11. **HAVENVOUS** - Unraced gelding by Le Havre and a half-brother to Listed winner Djiguite. Interesting to see how he fares on debut.
12. **DOJO** - Unraced Le Havre gelding hails from a good yard and is a half-brother to G3 scorer Devant.
13. **BALTIMORE** - Unraced Dylan Thomas gelding is probably best watched on debut.
14. **CHALLENGE** - Unraced Pour Moi colt looks up against it on first racecourse appearance.
15. **KALMONIKO** - Unraced Vision d'Etat gelding. Others make more appeal on debut.

16. **WILANTOS** - Unraced Adlerflug gelding and a half-brother to dual winner Wotan.

17. **SEA BLAZER** - Unraced Rio De La Plata colt. Half-brother to a couple of winners but others hold more obvious claims in this race.

18. **SAGANO** - Unraced Anodin gelding is an interesting runner for a good yard on first racecourse start.

Summary

DOJO (12) is a half-brother to a Group race winner and looks capable of performing well on debut. SAGHIR (1) represents a leading stable and is out of a mare who was a winner at the highest level. NIKOFOTO (3) comes nicely bred as the half-brother to multiple winner Jeu Celebre and is another to consider. SAGANO (18) takes the eye on breeding. Racing for a good stable and is also worth considering in this big field.

Selections

DOJO (12) - SAGHIR (1) - NIKOFOTO (3) - SAGANO (18)

Race 6

1. **GLYSANDRINE** - Good neck second first up but struggled when 54L 12th at La Teste De Buch. Interesting if putting that latest effort behind her.
2. **TARASIF** - Victorious by 1L at Toulouse over 2100m on soft ground in March but struggled in a provincial race in May. Notable runner in this event.
3. **NOBLESSE D'ARGENT** - Down the field on all three starts since returning from a break and looks up against it in this company.
4. **SARATI** - Shown good form of late including when winning by 1L on good ground here three weeks ago. One to note upped in grade.
5. **INDIAN PACIFIC** - Came from off the pace to win at Marseilles Borely in a 2000m handicap last month. Interesting in this higher grade.
6. **ALBICELESTE** - Winner of his penultimate start but tailed off at La Teste De Buch subsequently. Others make more appeal.
7. **GOLD DES SOURCES** - Won his last two in the provinces including on the AW over 3100m earlier this month. Shorter trip no issue upped in grade.
8. **PORTA SARAGOZZA** - Impressive 6L provincial race winner over this trip in May but well beaten 14L tenth at here on only subsequent start.
9. **BARNEVILLE** - Put a below par effort behind her when 1L second in a 2400m claimer at Dieppe (soft) at the start of this month. Notable runner back in a handicap.
10. **SEA WINGS** - Finished runner-up on last three starts including when a neck second in a provincial conditions race earlier this month. Strong claims of going one better.
11. **STARSTRUCK** - Back from a break with a heavy defeat here three weeks ago. Others make more appeal.
12. **PLAGE KELLER** - Beaten 3L when ninth in a 2500m handicap at Saint Cloud earlier this month. More needed in this race.
13. **HERE COMES SUMMER** - Followed up a 3L Compiègne victory with a neck third in a 2800m claimer there earlier this month.
14. **HOME SWEET HOME** - Winner of a provincial handicap over 2400m on soft ground last month and beaten 3L when seventh here subsequently. Place chances.

15. **NEVER COME BACK** - Beaten 2L when sixth in a 2200m handicap at this venue three weeks ago. Interesting in this race.

16. **ULAN** - Good 2L second at Lyon-Parilly in May and ran well when 2L fourth at this track earlier this month. Leading player with a top jockey in the saddle.

17. **BAIRA** - Finished 2L seventh in a 2400m handicap at Lyon-Parilly (good) last month. Probably best watched at present.

18. **DREAM WORD** - Beaten a head when trying to make all in a 2200m claimer here last month. Good 2L fifth in a handicap there subsequently but more needed upped in grade.

Summary

ULAN (16) previously ran well in this grade and can play a leading role in this highly competitive handicap. SARATI (4) was a good ground winner at this venue earlier in the month. Holds strong claims. INDIAN PACIFIC (5) finished strongly winning over the 2000m journey. SEA WINGS (10) has placed second on his three latest attempts and may play a hand in the finish once more. On weight DREAM WORLD (18) can be considered.

Selections

**ULAN (16) - SARATI (4) - INDIAN PACIFIC (5) - SEA WINGS (10) - DREAM
WORD (18)**