CHATEAUBRIANT [R-H] - 23 June

Race 1 - PRIX JOSEPH SEVERE - 1100m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

- 1. **VOULEZ VOUS** Finished second at the latest appearance beaten 1.5 lengths over 1100m at Angers. Well placed to feature.
- 2. **GOT FOX** Yet to fill a placing in two career runs and was well beaten last time when 18 lengths back in fifth over 1200m at Saint Cloud. Open to plenty of improvement and might sneak into the top three.
- 3. **EMPATHIC** Promising colt with placings on both career runs to date. Last start was 6 lengths from the winner in third over 1300m at Longchamp. Rates highly is among the leading hopes.
- 4. MYRIADE She didn't show too much in her two career starts so happy to risk her here today.
- 5. **KALINE STAR** Did very little on debut last start beaten by a big margin over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly. Hard to recommend.
- 6. **TROIS POINT HUIT** Made steady improvement last time out at her second career start to finish third over 1100m at Dieppe. Has ability and is one of the chances.
- 7. **KHAHIRA** Made her debut over 1100m at Dieppe last start and was well in the market but found one better beaten 9 lengths. Has upside and is worth following up.

Summary: EMPATHIC (3) demonstrated good form when 6L third in a maiden over 1300m at Longchamp. Taken to get off the mark at the third attempt. KHAHIRA (7) rates a big threat on the back of a 9L second in an 1100m contest at Dieppe on debut. TROIS POINT HUIT (6) recorded an 11L third in that Dieppe contest. Previously debuted with a 7.5L fourth over 1100m at Le Mans. Shortlist. VOULEZ VOUS (1) placed second when beaten 1.5L at Angers second-time out. Form boosted when the third home that day won at Nantes on Monday.

Selections

EMPATHIC (3) - KHAHIRA (7) - TROIS POINT HUIT (6) - VOULEZ VOUS (1)



Race 2 - PRIX FRANCIS CHANTEBEL - 2650m MDN. Purse EUR €19,000.

- 1. **BRAMANTE** Has not been racing well lately the latest effort a eighth and beaten 13 lengths over 2000m at Nancy. Happy enough to avoid.
- 2. **MON RICIN** Has not raced since finishing 6 lengths away in fifth over 2100m at Pornichet on January 11. Capable of a big run.
- 3. **FASCINANT** Colt who has only had two career starts placing both times. Top chance.
- 4. **SOGYNT** Unplaced at all three runs this campaign the latest when sixth over 2200m at Craon a week-and-a-half ago. Opposed.
- 5. **PAIDEIA** Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 4 lengths into fourth over 2400m at Compiegne. Strips fitter and expected to figure prominently.
- 6. **DANTZA** Was well in the market on debut last start but missed the placings finishing sixth over 2700m at Orleans. Opposed.
- 7. **GALBEN** Was safely held on debut last start when fifth and beaten 8 lengths over 2400m at Saint Cloud. Could improve.
- 8. **JOLISTAR MORIVIERE** First-up following a break of eight months. Needs to have come a long way since being beaten 50 lengths over 1900m at Bordeaux at her only start. Needs more time.
- 9. **WHILEUWERESLEEPING** Last appeared when she finished third over 2200m at Dieppe on June 7. Among the winning chances.
- 10. **LORNE** Placed at both runs to start the preparation and had excuses for poor performance last start. Overlook that. Strong hope.
- 11. **STORMY FLOO** Comfortably held last start when friendless in betting over 2650m at this track. Has the task ahead.
- 12. VINHO VERDE Ivanhowe gelding from Vie Royale on debut. Wait and see how he presents.

Summary: FASCINANT (3) has placed on both previous starts including when 0.75L third over 2300m in a Le Mans maiden. Selected to break his maiden at the third attempt. WHILEUWERESLEEPING (9) registered an 8L third in a 2200m maiden at Dieppe. Rates a big threat in this field. The experienced LORNE (10) came home a 7.5L fifth in a 2600m Class Two at Fontainebleau. Big effort looks likely. GALBEN (7) showed ability when 8L fifth in a 2400m newcomers race at Saint-Cloud. Consider.

Selections

FASCINANT (3) - WHILEUWERESLEEPING (9) - LORNE (10) - GALBEN (7)



Race 3 - PRIX VIEUX MANOIR - 1950m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

- 1. **PRESA DIRETTA** Promising filly who last start finished 2.5 lengths away in third over 1800m at La Teste De Buch. Key chance and expected to run well.
- 2. **TAHLA** Four-start maiden who was fourth last start beaten 4 lengths over 2000m at Le Lion-D'angers. Looks safely held.
- 3. AK ISHAN Last appeared when he finished sixth over 2400m at Compiegne on May 27. Opposed.
- 4. **SHINKANSEN** Last appeared when he finished third over 1650m at Amiens on June 8. Genuine hope on latest effort.
- 5. **ACOUSTIC** Last appeared when she finished 13th over 1300m at Longchamp on June 9. Well held last time and facing tough task today.
- 6. **ROCHEUX** Last appeared when he scored over 2300m at Senonnes-Pouance on May 22. Impressive win last start and is in the mix again.
- 7. **PODIA DAZ** Last appeared when she finished fourth over 1700m at Granville-St-Pair-Sur-Mer on June 5. Noted.
- 8. **CONCERTO** Scored a well-deserved win last start over 1800m at Compiegne after a close second two runs back. Leading player in this sort of form.
- 9. **MARCELINE DESJY** Finished midfield last start at Craon over 1650m, 16 lengths from the winner. Jumps up in journey today. Rates highly and can improve sharply.
- 10. **CRIMSON** Well held second up after finishing fourth when resuming over 1400m at Strasbourg. Will need to show more than the last effort.

Summary: PRESA DIRETTA (1) is taken to defy top weight following a 2.5L third in an 1800m handicap at La Teste. Leading chance. CONCERTO (8) broke his maiden when taking an 1800m handicap at Compiegne by 1.5L. Expected to play a hand in the finish. TAHLA (2) came home 3.75L fourth in a maiden over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Warrants close consideration on handicap debut. Fellow handicap debutante PODIA DAZ (7) is considered on the back of a 2.75L fourth in a 1700m maiden at Granville.

Selections

PRESA DIRETTA (1) - CONCERTO (8) - TAHLA (2) - PODIA DAZ (7)



Race 4 - PRIX DE LA FEDERATION - 1950m MDN. Purse EUR €19,000.

- 1. **EDZEL** Kicked off his career with a moderate sixth beaten 6 lengths over 2000m at Saint Cloud three weeks ago. Fitter and can improve.
- 2. **NIGHTHAB** Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished sixth over 2200m at Dieppe on June 7. Capable of a strong showing.
- 3. **ALONE** Looks close to a win the latest effort a sound third over 1950m at this track. Not far away in either run and can figure in the finish.
- 4. **DREAM WINE** Was not far away when fifth on debut then gave a lacklustre effort to finish 6 lengths away in sixth over 1700m at Pornichet at the most recent outing. Best watched.
- 5. **SALERNITANO** Has not raced since finishing sixth over 1800m at Fontainebleau on April 12. Has to be respected.
- 6. **MARANADO** Fourth 6 lengths from the winner at this track over 1950m on debut. Expected to go well with that run under his belt.
- 7. **RIDAVIYA** Well fancied on debut when fourth and beaten 2.5 lengths over 2000m at Chantilly. Will take a lot from that. Can measure up this time.
- 8. **COCO SENORA** Last raced six months ago when a moderate fourth on debut over 1700m at Pornichet beaten 3.5 lengths. Place chance.
- 9. FOXY MUSIC Both career starts to date have been pretty ordinary. Looking to others for the winner.
- 10. DZARINA Showed ability when runner-up at Vannes on debut. Place claims on that form.
- 11. **VENIVICI** First-starter by sire Almanzor from the Stakes-winning mare Vadsariya. Watching brief this time around.

Summary: ALONE (3) performed well when 4.25L third in a similar race to this over course and distance. Selected to get off the mark at the third time of asking. SALERNITANO (5) rates a big threat despite a blow par 10L sixth in an 1800m maiden at Fontainebleau. RIDAVIYA (7) is expected to go well on the back of a 2.25L fourth in a 2000m newcomers race at Chantilly on debut. The experienced NIGHTHAB (2) faded when 15L sixth in a 2200m maiden at Dieppe. Warrants consideration back down in trip.

Selections

ALONE (3) - SALERNITANO (5) - RIDAVIYA (7) - NIGHTHAB (2)



Race 5 - PRIX DE LA METAIRIE NEUVE - 1950m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

- 1. **WHAT A FAIR FOOT** Narrowly beaten last time when third at Saint Cloud finishing just 0.9 lengths from the winner. In the mix again.
- 2. **NATHEPOLO** Fourth over 2200m at Rostrenen two-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 2 lengths. Sure to be thereabouts.
- 3. **DANDY COOL** Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when fifth over 1800m at Saint Malo four days ago beaten 6 lengths. Might struggle again.
- 4. **DRUBEC** Unplaced at all four runs to date the latest when beaten 46 lengths over 1600m at Nantes. Best watched for win purposes.
- 5. **FIRST BIRST** Has been out of the money of late including last time out when 12th over 1950m at Le Mans a month ago beaten 6 lengths. Sure to be thereabouts.
- 6. **EXPRESS POWER** Went close last time when second over 1850m at Longchamp. Big chance with a repeat of the latest effort.
- 7. **KAABA STONE** Hasn't been able to break through for over a year the latest offering a tenth over 1350m at Angers. Likely to struggle again.
- 8. **ILDOUCE FLECHOIS** Has not been racing well lately the latest effort a 14th and beaten 12 lengths over 1950m at Les Sables-D'olonne. Difficult to recommend.
- 9. **MADULAIN** Started at a big quote first up and finished a modest 15th over 1600m at Bordeaux three-and-a-half weeks ago. Hard to get too confident until she shows a little more.
- 10. **HIGHLAND SPIRIT** Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished sixth over 2200m at Rostrenen on June 5. Opposed.
- 11. **DUTCH DOCTOR** Last appeared six months ago when he finished 10 lengths from the winner in tenth over 2400m at Pau All Weather. Doesn't appeal.
- 12. **PINK LOTUS** Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell the latest effort a seventh over 2000m at Saint Cloud three weeks ago. Place best.
- 13. **VINGTCOEURS** Veteran who has been well held at the last couple of outings the latest when 11th and beaten 23 lengths over 2200m at Amiens. Others preferred
- 14. **BELLE CITY** Returned from a spell last start and finished ninth over 2600m at Savenay. Cannot recommend.

Summary: EXPRESS POWER (6) is selected to make amends for a head defeat when attempting to make all over 1850m at Longchamp. WHAT A FAIR FOOT (1) took a step forward when 0.75L third over 2000m at Saint-Cloud. Rates a big threat in this field. NATHEPOLO (2) was beaten 1.75L when fourth over 2200m in a Rostrenen conditions race. Considered switched to a handicap. FIRST BIRST (5) holds claims if reproducing her 2.5L fourth over 1900m at Chantilly AW on her penultimate start.

Selections

EXPRESS POWER (6) - WHAT A FAIR FOOT (1) - NATHEPOLO (2) - FIRST BIRST (5)



- 1. **BOURDAIN** Has been out of the money of late including last time out when sixth over 2000m at Longchamp a week-and-a-half ago beaten 2.25 lengths. Not keen on his chances.
- 2. **L'AIGLE** Had been knocking on the door and a deserved win came last start by 2 lengths over 2200m at Amiens. Hard to go past based on recent performances.
- 3. **ROUVRAY** Won two starts back at Saint Malo but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1600m at Angers last time. Place.
- 4. **SOUL DANCER** Returned from a spell with a sound second last start over 2000m at Baden Baden (Ger). Strips fitter and can feature in the finish.
- 5. **ZAAHIR** Finished midfield last start at Nantes over 1600m 4.5 lengths from the winner. Stretches out over further today. Will need to do a bit more.
- 6. **SAN PABLO** Will strip fitter following two outings since resuming from a spell. Finished fifth last start over this distance at Lyon-Parilly after finishing a long way back first-up. Top-three chance.
- 7. **BAMCALYB** Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished sixth over 2100m at Longchamp on April 28. Cannot be ruled out.
- 8. **GET SET** Yet to find the frame in two runs since resuming from a spell the latest effort a fourth over 1800m at Chantilly five-and-a-half weeks ago. Place best.
- 9. **VAN HALO** Won three times earlier on in this campaign most recently finished third beaten a head at Chantilly All Weather over 1900m. Frame chance.
- 10. **KENNY** Far from disgraced when fourth at Nort-Sur-Erdre last start after finishing third two runs back at Morlaix. Definite threat over this longer trip.
- 11. **HAPPY CHRISNAT** Hasn't won in 20 months. Finished tenth beaten 24 lengths last start over 3000m at Craon. Prepared to risk.
- 12. **LA GREGORIENNE** Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she scored over 2200m at Rostrenen on June 5. No reason she cannot go well again.
- 13. **MINISTRABLE** Had to contend with a wide alley at his latest run and finished 11th over 1950m at Le Mans. Fares better at the draw this time. Right in the mix.
- 14. **RED GRACE** Last appeared when she finished second over 2100m at Angers on May 31. Player.
- 15. FOLLEVILLE Ran a better race last start to finish third at Nantes over 1600m. Will be involved.

Summary: SOUL DANCER (4) registered a second place finish over 2000m at Baden-Baden (Germany). Looks capable of going one better on his first French start since August. L'AIGLE (2) delivered a 2L victory in a 2200m contest at Amiens. Big effort looks likely back in a handicap. KENNY (10) came home 3.75L fourth in an 1800m conditions affair at Nort-sur-Erdre. Danger to all. RED GRACE (14) raced from off the pace when 2L second in a 2100m claiming handicap at Angers. Warrants close consideration.

Selections

SOUL DANCER (4) - L'AIGLE (2) - KENNY (10) - RED GRACE (14)



CHANTILLY [R-H] - 23 June

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA TROUBLERIE - 1200m MDN. Purse EUR €27,000.

- 1. **KOKACHIN** Second in a newcomers race here over 1200m beaten 1.75L. Top claims.
- 2. **GOLD IN GREAT** Well fancied on debut last start but ran below expectations behind Kokachin. Worth another chance.
- 3. **ANTONINAS** Eighth beaten 6.5L over 1200m in a newcomers race at Saint-Cloud. The winner has won since but needs to improve.
- 4. **SODAPOP** Improved second up when a 1.75L fourth in a maiden over 1200m. Won't be the easiest to pass if getting a lead.
- 5. KHABESA Unraced filly by Al Wukair out of Khadima who represents a top yard. Market check.
- 6. **BOMBINA** Two-year-old filly by leading sire Dark Angel having first race start. Interesting for top connections.

Summary: KOKACHIN (1) showed plenty of ability when second beaten 1.75L in a newcomers race over 1000m here. Doesn't need to improve much to take this. SODAPOP (4) made most of the running at Lyon-Parilly over 1200m when a 1.25L fourth. More than capable. Newcomers KHABESA (5) and BOMBINA (6) both represent top connections and need to be considered.

Selections

KOKACHIN (1) - SODAPOP (4) - KHABESA (5) - BOMBINA (6)

