

R1 CHANTILLY [L-H]

C1 - PRIX RMC - PRIX D'ORGEMONT - 1100m (a5 1/2f) - TURF - Condition Race - Newcomers - Flat - EUR € 50.000

- **1. SHADIZI -** Well-related Siyouni colt who is the nephew of Shalanaya, winner of the 2009 Prix de l'Opéra. Will win many votes
- **2. DARLINGHURST -** Dark Angel colt who cost more than €250,000 last year and, as a son of a Group winner, should be followed from the outset
- **3. ADORE BLUE -** André Fabre-trained Blue Point newcomer who runs in the colours of Godolphin and is likely to have a say
- **4. ZELASQUIN -** Eddy Hardouin rides this Zelzal colt on debut for trainer Adelaïde Budka. For lovers of outsiders
- **5. MORALISTE -** Miroslav Nieslanik-trained Morandi colt to be riden on debut by Jaromir Safar. Probably an outsider
- **6. DAMIEN -** Lethal Force newcomer to be ridden by Tony Piccone for trainer Lionel Larrigade. For another day
- **7. HANTANO -** Victoria Head-trained Dubawi colt out of champion race mare Moonlight Cloud. Makes plenty appeal on debut

Summary: A most intriguing newcomers' race for two-year-old colts. DARLINGHURST (2), who is a son of Dark Angel and cost more than €250,000 as a yearling, will be entrusted to Christophe Soumillon and could shine from the outset in the colours of Jean-Etienne Dubois. The silks of Godolphin and His Highness Aga Khan, who are represented by Blue Point colt ADORE BLUE (3) and Siyouni newcomer SHADIZI (1) respectively, are also likely to be the fore. HANTANO (7) is a son of the phenomenal Moonlight Cloud.

SELECTIONS

DARLINGHURST (2) - ADORE BLUE (3) - SHADIZI (1) - HANTANO (7)



C2 - PRIX LA FLECHE - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Condition Race - Listed - Flat - EUR € 60.000

- **1. THE FIXER -** Smart colt with solid form references. Gives weight away but has the form and experience to play a role here
- 2. FLERS Showed good ability and a professional attitude when making a winning debut, so warrants utmost respect
- **3. SCAR CHOPE -** Debut winner over 1100m at Tarbes. Takes a big jump in class here but does have scope to improve
- **4. DOROTHY LAWRENCE -** UK raider who finished runner-up in both starts, including in a Listed race last time. Will be a factor
- **5. DANCE SIOUX -** Showed lightning speed to win over this course and distance last time, and should have more to offer
- **6. ZIGGY'S PHOENIX -** Has confirmed the promise of her debut 4th with consecutive subsequent victories. Dangerous to dismiss
- **7. GODESSA -** Built on the promise of her debut 3rd to win her second start over 1100m at Tarbes. More needed
- **8. HEED THE CALL -** UK-based filly who was 4th on debut at Bath before winning on the PSF at Kempton. More required back on the turf

Summary: DANCE SIOUX (5) showed smart progress from her debut 3rd to win next time out and is taken to confirm the form of that authoritative May 19 success with victory in this Listed event. After finishing 2nd in both UK starts, including at this level last time, DOROTHY LAWRENCE (4) arrives in France with legitimate ambitions and could fight for honours. THE FIXER (1), as the only male entrant, concedes weight all round but is likely to make his presence felt too. Debut winner FLERS (2) could be anything and is dangerous to dismiss.

SELECTIONS

DANCE SIOUX (5) - DOROTHY LAWRENCE (4) - THE FIXER (1) - FLERS (2)



C3 - GRAND PRIX DE CHANTILLY - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Group 2 - Group - Flat - EUR € 130.000

- **1. SIMCA MILLE -** Runner-up to Irésine in the Prix Ganay recently and has a good record at Chantilly. Sets the standard
- 2. MY LYKA Useful colt with consistent form references but has it all to do at the weights/ratings. Outsider here
- 3. HAYA ZARK Classy colt who has won 2 of his last 3 starts. More effective on softer ground but should be a factor
- **4. KERTEZ -** Finished 2nd to HAYA ZARK (3) in the Group III Prix d'Hédouville last time. Can get into the picture
- **5. LASTOTCHKA -** Smart filly who finished 2nd over 2800m on reappearance and goes on all grounds. Will be involved

Summary: SIMCA MILLE (1) has rediscovered his best form back on French soil and is hard to oppose here on the form his 2nd in the Group I Prix Ganay behind Iresine. HAYA ZARK (3) would've preferred a softer track but is in good form and capable of posing a threat, along with LASTOTCHKA (5) despite cutting back in distance. KERTEZ (4) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

SIMCA MILLE (1) - HAYA ZARK (3) - LASTOTCHKA (5) - KERTEZ (4)



C4 - GRAND HANDICAP DE CHANTILLY - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - TURF - Handicap - Class 1 - Flat - EUR € 70.000

- **1. PRINCE DE MONTFORT -** Gaining momentum now after a 5-month break and has proven competitive off his current mark. That said, he is probably more effective with the sting out of the ground
- **2. DIAMOND VENDOME -** Blows hot and cold in conditional races and is probably too high in the weights/ratings to be competitive here. Others preferred
- **3. FELLOW -** Consistent German horse who was 3rd in a Class 1 race last time. Has decent references on good ground and likes to race on the speed, so is dangerous to dismiss
- **4. BEHTAR -** Consistent and in good form, so much so that he was deemed worthy of participating in the 3100m Group III Prix de Barbeville. Can do better now in a handicap
- **5. GOLDEN CALL -** Imperious winner on his reappearance at Compiègne in March but has left his supporters hungry in 3 subsequent outings. Capable at handicap level, so is not taken lightly
- **6. LA FILLE DU SUD -** Has turned a corner in recent weeks and won the Quinté+ of 14 May with authority. Up 3kg for that victory so has more to do here but it'd be imprudent to dismiss his chances
- **7. HILLARANTE** Up a total of 8kg for her two successes in Quinté+ races and showed her limitations in the Grand Prix de Lyon-Parilly recently. Has only a place chance
- **8. PENDULUM VALLEY -** Absent since finishing 3rd in the coveted Listed Grand Prix du Département, so there are doubts regarding his fitness. Must now also prove himself in a handicap off his current mark
- **9. ABONDANT -** Capable of better than his effort in the Prix du Panthéon suggests, having previously proven his competitiveness at this level. Not discounted
- **10. GAIDAR -** Well-bred sort who has been disappointing in handicap races but André Fabre retains faith in him at this level. Capable of doing better over this distance
- **11. WILDWOOD -** Supplemented to participate in this event and lines up in full possession of her means. Confirmed at this level and is likely to be in the mix
- **12. UTAMARO -** Back on the rise after a break and has won at this level. Runner-up in this event last year and can go one better despite carrying an extra 3kg
- **13. THUNDERSPEED -** Noted in the Prix du Panthéon when finishing 5th despite an interrupted passage. Performs well on good ground and is dangerous off his current mark
- **14. BARBADIN -** Has looked better than ever this year but is more effective over distances from 2800m to 3200m, so can be ruled out here



Summary: After proving himself in handicap races last season, most notably when finishing 2nd at this meeting, UTAMARO (12) gets the nod here having been carefully prepared for this Quinté+ and is capable of winning again. THUNDERSPEED (13) caught the eye in the Prix du Panthéon last time and could give cheek to the selection if confirming that recent improvement. GAIDAR (10) has been unconvincing and hard to win of late but has the means to be competitive at this level and André Fabre would not be running him here without reason, so cannot be discounted. WILDWOOD (11) was supplemented for this race after winning last time and ought to make his presence felt, along with in-form FELLOW (3) and BEHTAR (4) who was deemed worthy of participating in a recent Group III event.

SELECTIONS

UTAMARO (12) - THUNDERSPEED (13) - GAIDAR (10) - WILDWOOD (11)



C5 - QATAR PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB - 2100m (a1 5/16m) - TURF - Group 1 - Group - Flat - EUR € 1.500.000

- **1. FLIGHT LEADER -** Has already won over this distance and was unsuited by a shorter trip last time. Capable of better and could get into the picture
- **2. MARHABA YA SANAFI -** Winner of the Group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains last time and will be a factor here if seeing out this distance. Dangerous to dismiss
- **3. RAJAPOUR -** Undefeated in 3 starts as a two-year-old but has not hit the heights once promised in either outing this term. Steps up in distance now
- **4. PADISHAKH -** Was 2nd to BIG ROCK (11) in the Group III Prix La Force but unsuited by sticky ground in the Group III Prix de Guiche last time. Can do better
- **5. FEED THE FLAME -** Undefeated and a potential star in the making. Has impressed in winning both starts and could add a 7th Jockey Club success to Pascal Bary's record
- **6. ACE IMPACT -** Unbeaten colt who completed his hat-trick when winning the Listed Prix de Suresnes unextended. Has to be respected
- **7. WINTER PUDDING -** Won a 2400m Listed race last time after finishing 2nd at that level over this distance on his return. Will need to improve but has the scope to do so
- **8. AMERICAN FLAG -** Stayed on after a tardy start to finish 4th in the Group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains and could have more to offer over this trip. Keep safe
- **9. CONTINUOUS -** Undefeated in two outings as a two-year-old and would've tightened up after a pleasing comeback outing (3rd) in the Group II Dante at York. Dark horse
- **10. EPICTETUS -** Highly regarded Kingman colt who was only 5th in Dante at York. Has a bit to find on CONTINUOUS (9) but represents the dynamic Dettori-Gosden duo
- **11. BIG ROCK** Strong frontrunner who has won all 4 starts since joining Christopher Head. Will be hard to reel in if allowed to dictate his own terms

Summary: High-class renewal of this prestigious Classic. Pascal Bary has won this race six times already and has supplemented undefeated star colt FEED THE FLAME (5) whose limits are unknown and is probably worth following until beaten. He will be severely tested, however, by Christopher Head's runner BIG ROCK (11), who has been impressive in winning 4 on the trot, and another unbeaten colt in ACE IMPACT (6) for Jean-Claude Rouget. AMERICAN FLAG (8), who was 4th in French Guineas, and winner of that race MARHABA YA SANAFI (2) could have more to offer stepping up to this distance, so also warrants the utmost respect. A race for the ages not to be missed!

SELECTIONS

FEED THE FLAME (5) - BIG ROCK (11) - ACE IMPACT (6) - AMERICAN FLAG (8)