



CHANTILLY (FR) – Sunday, October 1, 2017

Selections and Analysis



Race 1 - TOTAL PRIX MARCEL BOUSSAC - Gr1, Purse: \$360,000 - 2yo Fillies. (7 runners)
(turf) about One Mile (1600 meters)

1. **MAGICAL** - Won Curragh (IRE) Gr2 in August and a close second there in Gr1 last month. One for the short list today
2. **WILD ILLUSION** - Just a neck behind Efaadah when third to Soustraction here over course and distance in Gr3 last month
3. **ZONZA** - Suffered her defeat when fourth to Unfortunately in Deauville Gr1 last time out. Respected
4. **MISSION IMPASSIBLE** - Impressive winner of Listed race at Craon last month. Steps way up in class here today
- 5a. **POLYDREAM** - Unbeaten after two starts including Deauville Gr3 in August. Not without a chance
- 6a. **SOUSTRACTION** - Had a couple of these behind when winning Gr3 here last month. Respected
7. **NARELLA** - Unbeaten after two starts including Baden Baden (GER) Gr3 last month. Stiffer test on French debut

Summary: (1) *MAGICAL*, from the all powerful Coolmore team, kept on well when beaten a nose by stablemate Happily [entered against the boys in Race 2] in Irish Gr1 at the Curragh last time out. She was Gr2 winner there before that and won over this trip at Cork in August. She gets the vote ahead of (5a) *POLYDREAM* who has impressed in both her starts to date and has a huge reputation with a massive chance. (6a) *SOUSTRACTION* and (3) *ZONZA* are next best.

Selections: (1) **MAGICAL**, (5a) **POLYDREAM**, (6a) **SOUSTRACTION**, (3) **ZONZA**

Race 2 - PRIX JEAN-LUC LAGARDERE - Gr1, Purse: \$420,000 - 2yo Colts & Fillies. (6 runners)
(turf) about One Mile (1600 meters)

1. **OLMEDO** - Close second to Stage Magic in Gr3 here over course and distance last month. Place chance today; use in exotics
- 2a. **MASAR** - Stayed on well to win Gr3 at Sandown (GB) last month. Can be in the mix today
- 3a. **MYTHICAL MAGIC** - A close third in Gr2 race at Doncaster (GB) last month. Step up in trip should suit him today
4. **WOODMAX** - Won a Class 2 Allowance race at Maisons-Laffitte last time out. Steps up in class here today and will be overmatched
5. **FRANCESCO BERE** - A battling win over subsequent Gr3 winner Stage Magic in Listed race at Deauville last time out
6. **HAPPILY** - Stayed on well for a narrow victory in Gr1 at the Curragh last month. Step up to a mile will bring further improvement for this daughter of Galileo (IRE).

Summary: After finishing second to Magical in Gr2 at the Curragh in August (6) *HAPPILY* turned the tables on her with a hard fought victory in Gr1 race there last month. She faces colts for the first time, but note the performance of Magical in Race 1. Top choice of talented Coolmore juvenile team. (2a) *MASAR* stayed on well to win Gr3 at Sandown last time out and must be respected. (1) *OLMEDO* and (3a) *MYTHICAL MAGIC* are next best.

Selections: (6) **HAPPILY**, (2a) **MASAR**, (1) **OLMEDO**, (3a) **MYTHICAL MAGIC**

Race 3 - QATAR ARABIAN WORLD CUP - Arabian Gr1, Purse: \$1,200,000 - 4yo+ (16 runners)
(turf) about One and One Quarter Miles (2000 meters)

1. KAREEM KB - Well beaten seventh in Listed Arabian race at Craon last month. Slim chance today
2. HANDASSA - Won Arabian Gr2 race in Turkey last month. Arabian Gr1 winner at Meydan (UAE) earlier this year and respected here
3. BA'SIL - Has not won since January 2016 and has been in poor form so far this year
- 4a. AL MOUWAFFAK - Second in Arabian Gr2 race in Turkey last month. Will find a few too good today
- 5a. KHATAAB - Hard fought win in Arabian Gr1 at Deauville last time out. Not without a chance today
- 6a. METRAG - Second in Listed Arabian race in the Netherlands last time but faces much better today
- 7c. GAZWAN - Well beaten third behind Ebraz in Arabian Gr1 race last month. Can get closer today
- 8b. TAYF - Arabian Gr1 winner at Goodwood (GB) last time out on August 2nd. Will be in the mix here today, but step up from a mile in trip a slight concern
9. SNIPER DE MONLAU – Unraced since March when third in Meydan Arabian Gr1. First French start
10. AVONMOUTH - Ten wins from 11 career starts in Russia. Much stiffer test here on his French debut
11. LIGHTNING BOLT - Close second to Khataab in Deauville Arabian Gr1 last time out; has been competitive with best Arabians in Europe, but without winning. Respected here; use in exotics.
- 12a. MOTRAG - Third in Arabian Gr1s at Doncaster and Newbury (GB) in last two starts. Place chance
- 13c. **EBRAZ** - Impressive winner of Arabian Gr1 race over course and distance here last month. Distance suits and improving 4yo grey is today's Best Bet
- 14b. YAZEED - Six lengths second to Ebraz in Arabian Gr1 race over course and distance last month
15. SYLVINE AL MAURY - Third behind Khataab and Lightning Bolt in Deauville Arabian Gr1 last time
16. PRADA T - Third in Arabian Gr1 at Goodwood in August, but overmatched today

Summary: (13c) **EBRAZ** was beaten a nose by (8b) **TAYF** in Gr1 race at Goodwood in early August but can reverse those placings today. He has since been an impressive winner of Gr1 race here last month. (7c) **GAZWAN** was a well beaten third behind the selection last time out but should come on for that run and must be respected. (11) **LIGHTNING BOLT** and (2) **HANDASSA** are next best.

Selections: (13c) **EBRAZ**, (8b) **TAYF**, (7c) **GAZWAN**, (11) **LIGHTNING BOLT**, (2) **HANDASSA**



QATAR
PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE
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Race 4 - QATAR PRIX de L'ARC de TRIOMPHE - Gr1, Purse: \$6,000,000 - 3yo+ (18 runners)
(turf) about One and One Half Miles (2400 meters)

1. ZARAK - High class colt has been absent since winning the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in July on first try at this distance. Draw (18) is a problem even though Soumillon is confident about his chances
- 2a. DOHA DREAM - Unfortunate faller in Gr1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud when seemingly full of running and performed creditably since but looks to be only an each way shot today with others being preferred
3. ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN - Now a 5yo, ended last season with a good third in Hong Kong Vase and also scored a pair of Gr2 victories in a solid year. Light campaign this time round and is an outsider
4. ULYSSES - Trained by the genius Michael Stoute who excels with this type of horse. Put up huge performance in the Gr1 Juddmonte International last time having previously been runner up to Enable in the Gr1 King George at Ascot (GB). Stamina an issue plus low draw may not be helpful
5. CLOTH OF STARS - Very talented colt bounced back from dismal Gr1 Epsom Derby, beating Zarak in the Gr1 Prix Ganay. Lovely Arc prep behind Dschingis Secret in the Gr2 Prix Foy. Respected
6. SILVERWAVE - Classy winner of the Gr1 GP de Saint-Cloud last year and then runner up to Zarak in 2017 edition, but others look stronger today and a place seems the very best hope at this point
- 7b. IDAHO - Looked to be an absolute certainty in running during last year's Gr1 St Leger at Doncaster until falling and many feel he has never really recovered despite winning at Royal Ascot and finishing third to Enable in the Gr1 King George. There will be worse outsiders
8. DSCHINGIS SECRET - Followers of the clock were impressed by the manner of his victory over Cloth Of Stars in the Gr2 Prix Foy last time out. High class German stayer will relish the give underfoot
- 9c. SATONO DIAMOND - High class Japanese runner in his own country bidding to give Japan their first Arc winner. Hugely impressive in the Gr1 Arima Kinnen (JPN) last year, but flopped badly in his Gr2 Prix Foy trial and looks to have a tough task at Chantilly today
- 10c. SATONO NOBLESSE - Gr2 winner in Japan and stablemate of Satono Diamond is here primarily as a pacemaker for his illustrious companion, but failed to do the job in Prix Foy. Zero chance in Arc
11. IQUITOS - Very good older German stayer and a double Gr1 winner, including the Grosser Dallymar-Preis in July. Has form with the best of his compatriots, but this looks a step beyond
- 12b. ORDER OF ST GEORGE - Top class colt prepped for Arc with a runaway win in Gr1 Irish St Leger at The Curragh. Should have won the Gr1 Ascot Gold Cup but closed too late for a heartbreaking nose defeat. An excellent third in last year's Arc and a big player today
- 13d. SEVENTH HEAVEN - High class mare had a wonderful 2016 season, winning the Irish and Yorkshire Oaks before a close fourth in Gr1 Breeders Cup F&M Turf. Reappeared with second in Gr1 Sheema Classic (UAE) before a romp in Gr2 Jockey Club stakes, but failed miserably last time out
- 14a. BRAMETOT - After high class 3yo won Gr1 French Guineas and Gr1 Jockey Club (French Derby) looked to have the world at his feet. However he had a disastrous reappearance run after a layoff, yet comes here fresh after that lapse. The jury is out and could be a slow starter
- 15d. CAPRI - High class colt from Aidan O'Brien's army and toughed it out after an interrupted preparation to win the Gr1 Doncaster St Leger last month. Represents the best Epsom Derby form on offer and many will fancy him to go very close
16. PLUMATIC - Trained the French master Andre Fabre, this superbly bred colt has only four runs, but the fact that Fabre is running here signals he believes in him and who are we to disagree
17. **ENABLE** - An absolutely outstanding filly that has put her sire Nathaniel on the map with his first crop. She has won just about every Oaks out there and demolished Ulysses and Idaho in the Gr1 King George at Ascot. Has a perfect draw and will take this if the long season has not caught up with her
18. WINTER - Another top class filly and an intriguing entry from O'Brien as this will be her first shot at this distance and against the boys. Good chance for her to see out the mile and a half Arc trip based on her running style. Prepped for this in Gr1 Matron, having missed work prior to that. Excellent chance

Summary: *Absolutely mouthwatering renewal of Europe's greatest race. The big question is whether the long hard season will have caught up with (17) **ENABLE**. John Gosden seems to think not, having reported during the week that she has gained weight and is training better than at any stage of the campaign. She is versatile, will cope with anything thrown at her and has a plum low draw. (18) WINTER adds intrigue and can take second ahead of (12b) ORDER OF ST GEORGE*

Selections: (17) **ENABLE**, (18) **WINTER**, (12b) **ORDER OF ST GEORGE**, (8) **DSCHINGIS SECRET**, (4) **ULYSSES**, (5) **CLOTH OF STARS**, (3) **ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN**, (1) **ZARAK**

Race 5 - QATAR PRIX de L'OPERA LONGINES - Gr1, Purse: \$480,000 - F&M 3yo+ (14 runners)
(turf) about One and One Quarter Miles (2000 meters)

1. SHAMREEN - Gr3 and Gr2 winner at the Curragh in her last two starts. Trainer back in form
2. QUEEN'S TRUST - Third behind Enable in York Gr1 last time out in August. Not without a chance
3. THE BLACK PRINCESS - Unplaced behind Bateel last time but won April Gr3 over course and distance
4. SILVER STEP – Sixth in Maisons-Laffitte Listed race, but must improve on that to feature here
5. LEFT HAND – Third here behind Bateel in Gr1 Prix Vermille. Solid Group performer respected
6. HYDRANGEA - Just beat Winter in Leopardstown Gr1 last month. Extra 400m to travel here
7. SENGA - Won Gr1 Prix De Diane here in June. Third in Deauville Gr2 last time and place chances
8. LADY FRANKEL - Last behind Ribchester in Gr1 Prix Moulin last month. Might find a few too good
9. LACAZAR - Has won her last four in Germany including Dusseldorf Gr1 last time. Interesting
10. WUHEIDA - Fourth behind Hydrangea in Leopardstown Gr1 last month. Won Gr1 here last year
11. ONTHEMOONAGAIN - Second to Sobetsu in Deauville Gr2 last time out. Place prospects today
12. **RHODODENDRON** - Disappointing in her last two starts, but big chance if back to her best form
13. MELESINA - Needed the run when unplaced in Listed race last month. Hard to recommend today
14. ASHIANA - Won Gr2 race at Baden Baden last month but faces better opposition here today

Summary: (12) *RHODODENDRON* was pulled up in the Gr1 Prix De Diane here in June before needing the run when unplaced in a Leopardstown Gr1 last month. She was runner up behind the high class Enable and Winter earlier this year and can go close at a decent price. (2) *QUEEN'S TRUST* and (6) *HYDRANGEA* are obvious dangers. The German raider (9) *LACAZAR* is another to consider.

Selections: (12) **RHODODENDRON**, (2) **QUEEN'S TRUST**, (6) **HYDRANGEA**, (9) **LACAZAR**

Race 6 - QATAR PRIX de L'ABBAYE de LONGCHAMP - Gr1, Purse: \$420,000 - 2yo+ (13 runners)
(turf - straight course) about Five Furlongs (1000 meters)

1. DUKE OF FIRENZE - Ninth in Class 2 Doncaster handicap last month; overmatched again in this
2. BATAASH - Has won three from four this year including Gr2 and Gr3 and can be in the mix
3. SON CESIO - Won Gr2 at Baden Baden last month but will need to improve on that to figure here
4. SIGNS OF BLESSING - Impressive Deauville Gr3 winner. Furlong shorter but competitive today
5. PROFITABLE - Finished behind two of these when sixth in Gr1 Nunthorpe Gr1 at York last time out
6. DER GRAUE - Has won four handicaps this year but a big step up in class here today
7. LARGENT DU BONHEUR - Fifth to Lady Macapa in Gr3 race over course and distance last month. Needs to improve from that
8. FINSBURY SQUARE - Second to Signs Of Blessing in Deauville Gr3 last time out. Place prospects
9. QUEEN KINDLY - Unplaced in Haydock Gr1 last month. Hard to recommend in this company
10. FASHION QUEEN - A close third to Lady Macapa in Gr3 race over course and distance here last month. More required today
11. **MARSHA** - Gr1 winner at York last time out. Won this race last year and one for the short list again
12. ALPHABET - Runner up in her last two races at Naas and the Curragh. Tougher test here today
13. RIMINI - Won Gr3 over course and distance here last month but a big ask against his elders today

Summary: *The winner of this race last year (11) MARSHA arrives at Chantilly in great form having won the Gr1 Nunthorpe at York last month. She had a couple of these behind on that occasion and looks the one to beat again today. (4) SIGNS OF BLESSING is high class and will be staying on at the finish and cannot be ruled out. (2) BATAASH and (8) FINSBURY SQUARE can fill the minor placings.*

Selections: (11) **MARSHA**, (4) **SIGNS OF BLESSING**, (2) **BATAASH**, (8) **FINSBURY SQUARE**

Race 7 - QATAR PRIX de LA FORET - Gr1, Purse: \$360,000 - 3yo+ (10 runners)
(turf) about Seven Furlongs (1400 meters)

- 1a. KARAR - Got back to winning ways in Gr3 race here last month. Can be in the mix again today
- 2a. ZELZAL - Three of his four career wins have been on this track. Unlucky in running at Goodwood last time but leading player back at favorite track
- 3. BRANDO - Disappointing ay Haydock last time, but won Gr1 at Deauville in August. Respected
- 4. ACLAIM - Second to Brando at Deauville in August; won Doncaster Gr2 at last month. Big chance
- 5. TOSCANINI - Second in York Gr3 last time out but likely to find a few too good here today
- 6. ZALAMEA - Fourth behind Karar in Gr3 race here last month. Tough task today
- 7. SO BELOVED - Placed in Group races this year but has not won since May 2016. Others preferred
- 8. ATTENDU - Hard fought win in Gr3 race at Deauville last time out. Place prospects here
- 9. REALTRA - Has won two Gr3 races in Ireland this year but will have to improve again to feature here
- 10. DAME DU ROI - Third behind Karar in Gr3 race here last month. More required today

Summary: (2) ZELZAL did not get any luck in running at Goodwood last time out but still acquitted himself well. Three of his four career wins have been here and he will be hard to beat again today. (3) BRANDO was disappointing at Haydock last time out but was Gr1 winner at Deauville in August and cannot be discounted. (4) ACLAIM and (1) KARAR are next best.

Selections: (2a) ZELZAL, (3) BRANDO, (4) ACLAIM, (1a) KARAR

CHANTILLY TRACK FACTS

- Right-handed rail
- Flat races only



Features:

- Chantilly is one of the world's most beautiful sites, dedicated to the thoroughbred. The racecourse is located in France's main horse training area, on 65 hectares of land next to the Chantilly Forest, about 50 km in the north of Paris.
- The turf course is reserved for right-handed flat racing and also exceptional training every Tuesday for the neighbouring thoroughbred population.

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| Main track | Length: 2 400 m Finish line : 600 m Courses from 1 600 to 4 800 m |
| Medium-sized track | Length: 2 150 m Finish line on 550 m Courses from 1 600 to 2 600 m |
| Round track | Courses from 1 400m to 2 400m |
| Straight line | 1200 m (courses from 1 000 to 1 200 m) |