

# WEDNESDAY, 01/05/24

## R4 HYERES [R-H]

### C1 - PRIX PAUL GIOVANNA - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class F Race - Harness - EUR € 24,000

- 1. IVILLA BLUE** - 10th of 11 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély conditioner last week. Adores Hyères but races shod on this occasion and best to hold off
- 2. IBROX PARK** - Authoritative winner of a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class F 2 weeks ago and, from the 2-spot, can confirm
- 3. GALEO VENUS** - Sanctioned, when favourite, in a 2650m Oraison Class F 10 days ago. Is clearly in shape though, sports a new configuration, and the draw will do his prospects no disservice
- 4. INNOCENT DU BOURG** - Sanctioned in 4 of last 5, latterly a 2600m Cavailon Class F on 6 April, but has bags of ability, is ideally-positioned in front, and must not be underestimated
- 5. ISBA BESNOT** - Last of 9 when preparing shod for this in a 3000m Marseille-Borély amateurs Class F on 27 March. Shoes on again but benefits from a superb engagement and, from the 5-spot, is not going to be far off the mark
- 6. GIBSON DU SOLNAN** - Unremarkable trotter that came 6th of 9 in a 2650m Carpentras Class F mid-April and, even with hind shoes off, will struggle to make his presence felt
- 7. HELLO EL SOL** - Unseen since coming last of 11 in a 2300m Marseille-Borély Class D last September and, with shoes on, will have nothing to offer
- 8. INSTAGRAM** - Unraced since coming 5th of 12 in a 2950m Toulouse Class E on 10 February. In less-exalted company this time and, despite the draw, can play a leading role
- 9. IBERIQUE TURGOT** - 7th of 11 finishers, after faulting, in a 2400m Marseille-Borély Class F last week but can make amends if Nicolas Ensch successfully navigates the start
- 10. ISSALIO** - Debuts at the venue after coming 3rd in a 2575m Agen-Le Passage amateurs Class G 10 days ago. On the 2nd line but in this small field can strike a blow to the favourite's chances
- 11. HERMES DU DON** - Surprising 6th of 15 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class F a fortnight ago, but a repeat seems improbable

**Summary:** IBROX PARK (2) has enjoyed a new lease on life since last autumn, most recently flew up in Marseille, and has every chance of doubling his money. INSTAGRAM (8) may not have been seen in public since early-February but he is barefoot for the occasion and should take well to Hyères conditions. ISSALIO (10) is not the easiest of horses to handle but he appears to be back at his best and should not be too inconvenienced by the draw. INNOCENT DU BOURG (4), in contrast, has been handed the 4-spot and will be no pushover if Jean-Christophe Sorel manages to keep him trotting.

#### SELECTIONS

**IBROX PARK (2) - INSTAGRAM (8) - ISSALIO (10) - INNOCENT DU BOURG (4)**

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## C2 - PRIX DE LA METROPOLE TOULON PROVENCE MED - 2850m (a2m) - Class B Race - Harness - EUR € 43,000

- 1. FITZY DE VIVE** - Last of 11 when preparing for this in a 2925m Cagnes Class E early-March. Useful type at a lower level but bites off more than he can chew and can be passed over
- 2. HOT SUMMER** - Preparing, shod, for this when sanctioned in a 2525m Cavaillon Class D on 9 April. Barefoot this time, loves the venue, and will not be far from the action
- 3. EREGON DE JUPILLES** - Sanctioned when full off running in a 2600m Cavaillon monté Class D on re-entry 3 weeks ago. Has merit, boasts a good track-record at the venue and should not be ignored
- 4. FRONSAC** - Thrives at Hyères but has not been seen out since coming last of 12 in a 2925m Cagnes Class D early-January and will need the run
- 5. GOODMAN TURGOT** - Last of 9 in a 2650m Carpentras Class A, when being conditioned, mid-April. Is shod again and unlikely to spring any surprises
- 6. FEMTO DE VAUVERT** - Sanctioned, when still being conditioned, in a 2525m Cavaillon Class B 3 weeks ago. Goes barefoot with David Békaert reining and will have his chances
- 7. FOSTER WOOD** - 13th of 14 on comeback in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 13 April. Unshod this time, excels at Hyères, and can expect to garner the lion's share of support
- 8. FORBAN** - Sanctioned in a 2750m Ecommoy Class A a month back. Has good credentials racing right-handed and makes his Hyères debut with justified ambition
- 9. EQUIANO** - Would have finished 6th to FLEURON D'ACADIE (10) in a 2700m Vincennes Class C 2 months ago had he kept trotting. Comes here rested, has a good entry, and even though shod, can still play a small role
- 10. FLEURON D'ACADIE** - Won 2 from 3 before faulting in a 2700m Vincennes Class C on 29 March. Revised shoeing this time and, while not a priority from the 2nd line, will nevertheless be worth watching
- 11. GUEVARA DU PONT** - Pleasantly surprising second in a 2525m Cavaillon Class B 3 weeks ago and, even though starting on the back row, can still challenge for a place in the frame
- 12. DROP DES DURIEZ** - Drops marginally in category after coming 7th of 9 in a 2700m Vincennes Class B on 23 March. Has previously pleased here though and is not incapable of getting a decent look-in

**Summary:** Winner here last season before being sent for a well-earned holiday, FOSTER WOOD (7) has one race under his belt, is barefoot for the occasion and can make this his own. Christophe Martens will still want to be wary of FORBAN (8) who will be dangerous if he stays in stride. FEMTO DE VAUVERT (6) returns to a proven configuration for his first objective of the year and is unlikely to disappoint. GUEVARA DU PONT (11) left a very good impression at Cavaillon recently and must be taken more seriously this time.

### SELECTIONS

**FOSTER WOOD (7) - FORBAN (8) - FEMTO DE VAUVERT (6) - GUEVARA DU PONT (11)**

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## C3 - PRIX LEOPOLD RITONDALE - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 29,000

**1. GAUDI TIT** - Was not over-stretched when 11th of 15 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class F 2 weeks ago. Is confirmed here, has nothing to prove in the category, and is well-placed to give this a good go

**2. HABANERO DE VIETTE** - Full of running when sanctioned in a 2650m Carpentras Class A mid-April but form is not in doubt, returns to a proven formula, and from the 2-spot can wrap this up

**3. EURO MAKER** - Useful dual-discipline trotter but Jean-Marie Roubaud opts to race him with shoes on for the occasion and will have other priorities

**4. HISTOIRE DU MIDI** - Showed her form under these conditions before faulting in a 2650m Oraison Class F 10 days ago. 7 times in first 5 from 10 Hyères starts and, from the 4-spot, will be no easy touch

**5. FROU FROU** - Beat GOLD PEJI (6) at Toulouse before trotting 3rd of 11 in a 2050m Agen-Le Passage Class E 10 days ago. Is well-positioned in front and looks a solid first-3 prospect

**6. GOLD PEJI** - 7th of 15 in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class F 2 weeks ago, but nevertheless caught the eye in the final stages, and returns to a track he appreciates with a very good hand to play

**7. GALOPIN DES CHAMPS** - Solid in 3 here before flopping in a 2650m Class E at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue on 20 April. Has won 4 times at the venue and will have his supporters

**8. FAKIR DE LA CRIERE** - 3rd, a place behind HISTOIRE DU MIDI (4), over course and distance a month ago before coming a lacklustre 5th of 7 finishers in a 2850m Lyon-Parilly Class F mid-April, and can get a look-in

**9. GEORGIO LE FOL** - Returns to racing barefoot after coming 11th of 12 in a 2400m Marseille-Borély Class F last week but still not an obvious choice

**10. FOND OF YOU** - Capable on a good day but unplaced in last 2, most recently 9th behind GOLD PEJI (6) in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class F on 17 April, and must re-establish his credentials

**11. FICIMER** - Talented sort but somewhat below-par in last 2, most recently faulting in a Class F over course and distance, and with shoes on is unlikely to influence the result

**Summary:** Simply superior at Agen-Le Passage late-March, HABANERO DE VIETTE (2) lost his action next time out but, shod as he was at Agen, can set the record straight. Faithful for the most part and very much at home here, GOLD PEJI (6) is very easy to like, as is FROU FROU (5) whose recent return from a spell was most encouraging. Not as performant as usual a fortnight ago, GAUDI TIT (1) has otherwise been in fine fettle and can make up for his recent Borély clinker.

### SELECTIONS

HABANERO DE VIETTE (2) - GOLD PEJI (6) - FROU FROU (5) - GAUDI TIT (1)

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## C4 - PRIX CHRISTOPHE DOMINICI - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. JONA DE REVE D'OR** - Picked up this year where she left off last season. Sanctioned in a 2400m Marseille-Borély Class D last Friday and, barefoot or not, can be ruled out
- 2. INDIGIOUS DE NESLE** - Showed improvement when 6th of 8 in a 2750m Nîmes Class F on Sunday but nevertheless backs up with limited ambition
- 3. ICARE DE VAL** - Sanctioned on re-entry in a 2650m Isle-sur-la-Sorgue Class E 11 days ago and will have few friends in the markets
- 4. ILOMBA DU GUESCLIN** - Returned to winning ways in a 2650m Isle-sur-la-Sorgue amateurs Class G last Saturday but, in this company, will need to find more
- 5. JAGUAR ATOUT** - 3rd in a 2650m Oraison monté Class E 10 days ago. Has placed just once here but his form is hard to ignore. Place prospect
- 6. JANDICE STAR** - Drops back in category after trotting 4th of 7 in a 2525m Cavaillon Class C early last month and has a solid claim on a place in the frame
- 7. ICE DU LOIR** - 4th of 11 finishers in a 2650m Class E at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue on 20 April. Went close on lone appearance here and races barefoot as she did when winning at Bordeaux late last season. Claim
- 8. IPSON DU VERNAY** - One of the better elements here but sanctioned in last 2, most recently a 2650m L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue Class E on 20 April. Should appreciate Hyères profile though and, even from the back line, can make the first 5
- 9. JAVANAISE TURGOT** - Has not been seen out since coming 3rd of 11 in a 2925m Cagnes Class B 2 months ago but will have been kept on the boil and can win at Hyères for the 2nd time

**Summary:** Well-engaged here and clearly in excellent shape, JAVANAISE TURGOT (9) starts on the second line and can win this if she runs to her value. Opposition will take the form of ICE DU LOIR (7) who showed her form at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue late last month, and JANDICE STAR (6) who was by no means disgraced in a Class C 3 weeks ago. JAGUAR ATOUT (5) returns to the discipline in good condition, sports a new configuration and, from the front line will have a good hand to play.

### SELECTIONS

JAVANAISE TURGOT (9) - ICE DU LOIR (7) - JANDICE STAR (6) - JAGUAR ATOUT (5)

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## C5 - PRIX MARCEL JONIO - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. JOY FOR EVER** - Kicked the year off well before losing her way, coming a lacklustre 7th in a 2650m Marseille-Vivieux Class E late-March, and must first reaffirm
- 2. JO DE CAZOULENE** - Has come good since winning here 3 months ago, and latterly 2nd to JANGO SMART (3) in a 2650m Carpentras Class F last Thursday. Unlikely to impose but enjoys a decent draw and can pick up some prizemoney
- 3. JANGO SMART** - Won a 2650m Carpentras Class F last week in very good order. Left a good impression last time here and even with shoes on, still looks competitively well-in
- 4. JAZZ BLUE** - 2nd of 7 in a 2650m Oraison Class E 10 days ago. Gifted an advantageous draw, benefits from an excellent entry, and will have his chances
- 5. JAMOURE DEPE** - Honest mare that won her only start at the venue. Not in sufficiently good form to win this but will still give everything she has. First-5 prospect
- 6. JUST BLACK** - Never far from faulting but is presently at the top of her game, most recently flying up in a 2550m Bordeaux Class F mid-April. On the front line and can confirm
- 7. JOY MARGOT** - 6th to JAZZ BLUE (4) in a 2650m Oraison Class E 10 days ago and, even with shoes off for the occasion, still appears to have too much to do
- 8. JOKAI** - Came close to finishing 3rd of 8 in a 2050m Feurs Class E on 8 April. Not a priority but a repeat performance would see him pick up a minor place cheque
- 9. JAVA DE LIGNY** - Occasionally loses focus but otherwise going good guns lately, latterly 4th of 11 finishers in a 2575m Agen-Le Passage Class F mid-April, and does not make the long trip simply to return home empty-handed. Claim
- 10. JACKPOT DE MAHEY** - 6th of 8 finishers in a 2650m Class F at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue 11 days ago. Shoes on and no threat

**Summary:** Temperamental she may be but JUST BLACK (6) has been showing her form in both codes lately and given the nature of her recent victory, looks a marginally better bet than the less favourably-drawn JAVA DE LIGNY (9) who has been enjoying a decent run of form this year. In the frame in his last two, JAZZ BLUE (4) has been handed a good draw and Yannick-Alain Briand is unlikely to let the opportunity pass him by. Capable when barefoot and focused, JANGO SMART (3) has a lot going for him here and is not about to let the side down.

### SELECTIONS

JUST BLACK (6) - JAVA DE LIGNY (9) - JAZZ BLUE (4) - JANGO SMART (3)

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## C6 - PRIX DU PRESIDENT VERIGNON - 2850m (a2m) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 19,500

- 1. KING'S DAY** - Won at Vivaux before trotting 5th in race of reference. Unlikely to shake things up but can still play a small part
- 2. KALINKA GEDE** - Modest individual that lost her action in a 2525m Cavaillon Class E last month and is not about to influence the result
- 3. KARMAZOV** - Produced career-best harness performance when 3rd to KYLLIAN (11) in race of reference and, barefoot again, can get in on the action
- 4. KARTA KING** - Previously a decent sort but sanctioned in last 4, most recently in the race of reference, and will have few friends
- 5. KALSIE DES BAUX** - Sports a new configuration after coming 6th to KYLLIAN (11) in a 2650m Class E here on 13 April but still looks no more than an outside chance
- 6. KLEPPER DU LOIR** - Kicked the year off well before losing his way, latterly sanctioned, when spent, in a 2525m Cavaillon Class E 3 weeks ago, and can be passed over
- 7. KLUSAZ** - Sprang a massive surprise finishing runner-up to KYLLIAN (11) in a 2650m Class E here on 13 April and, if still on the boil, can repeat
- 8. KLOE REBELLE** - Would have finished in first 3 had she not faulted in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class E a fortnight ago. Sports front pads for first time, with Y-A Briand reining and, on better behaviour, can finish in the mix
- 9. KARMA DE BERTRANGE** - Finished 4th before being sanctioned in a 2525m Cavaillon Class E on 9 April. Cannot be considered a priority but is worth keeping an eye on
- 10. KISS QUICK** - Oddly out of sorts when 6th of 8 finishers in a 3000m Borély Class E but is clearly better than that and the revised configuration may be just the ticket
- 11. KYLLIAN** - Fine future prospect that met no resistance in a 2650m Class E here on 13 April and, even though racing at a slightly better level, still looks the pick of the field
- 12. KANEA DE L'ABBAYE** - Barring one sanction, has been as consistent as they come, most recently coming 5th of 12 in a 2525m Cavaillon Class E 3 weeks ago, and will be expected to apply the pressure on KYLLIAN (11)

**Summary:** Comfortable winner over shorter here mid-April, KYLLIAN (11) steps marginally up in category but still looks the one to beat. He is gong to face resistance from a trio of good fillies in KANEA DE L'ABBAYE (12) who has just once finished out of the frame, KLUSAZ (7) who defied her 194/1 odds to come second to Békaert's colt last month, and KISS QUICK (10) who is shod differently after disappointing at Borély two weeks ago.

### SELECTIONS

**KYLLIAN (11) - KANEA DE L'ABBAYE (12) - KLUSAZ (7) - KISS QUICK (10)**

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## C7 - GRAND PRIX DE LA VILLE DE HYERES - 2650m (a1m1/2) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 22,000

- 1. L'AMIRAL D'EURVAD** - Winner here last year but sanctioned in both this term, latterly a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class D mid-April, and can be passed over
- 2. LADY LONDON** - Yet to put a foot out of line, latterly 3rd in a 3000m Marseille-Borély Class D 2 weeks ago, and is well-placed to give this a good go. Place chance
- 3. LE GRAND BORNAND** - Won on debut but less-performant since, most recently 5th of 11 in a 2525m Cavaillon Class E 3 weeks ago and, in this company is unlikely to set off any fireworks
- 4. LANAKEN** - Sanctioned, on his first start since the break, in a 2050m Lyon-La Soie Class D late-March when clearly in shape, having shown significant potential last season. On good behaviour, the race should be his for the taking
- 5. LAUTREC TURGOT** - A place behind LINAS (6) at Borély before faulting, when on course for victory, in a 2325m Toulouse Class B on 12 April, and can put things right if Steve Stefano keeps him trotting
- 6. LINAS** - Defied his 17/1 to come 2nd in a 2300m Class D at Marseille-Borély late-March and in similar form can give LANAKEN (4) something to think about
- 7. LOUSTIC LA BORIE** - Got off the mark in a Class F over course and distance a month ago. In better company though, is not ideally-drawn, and looks more a minor place chance on this occasion
- 8. LYRE DE BEYLEV** - Sanctioned in first 2 before a reassuring 2nd in a 2050m Class F here mid-March. Unseen since, is pitted against some very good horses, but with front pads fitted could eke out a cheque
- 9. LUPIN DU BOURG** - 7th of 9 in a 2650m Class F at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue last Saturday and backs up with little to no chance

**Summary:** Absolutely not to be condemned for his re-entry sanction, LANAKEN (4) is a progressive colt with a good spot behind the car and, with application, can impose. Dylan Garcia will nevertheless be keeping a keen eye on LINAS (6) who was beaten only by a very good horse last time out, and a padded LAUTREC TURGOT (5) who finished a place behind him that day. LADY LONDON (2) produced a good effort against the boys a fortnight ago and the draw will do her prospects no harm.

### SELECTIONS

LANAKEN (4) - LINAS (6) - LAUTREC TURGOT (5) - LADY LONDON (2)

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## C8 - PRIX ANDRE CORMIER - 2850m (a2m) - Class G Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 6,000

- 1. GAETANE DU VIVIER** - Won a 2650m Carpentras amateurs Class F mid-April. Benefits from a front-row start and looks main threat to HANI BIRD (6)
- 2. IVANHOE RENKA** - 7th of 11 in a 2650m Carpentras Class E mid-April. Is plainly better than that though and can play a leading role on his amateur debut
- 3. HERCULE DE L'OISON** - Highly-complicated trotter that came 9th of 11 in a 2650m Class E at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue on 20 April and has no realistic chance
- 4. GIN KAS** - 3rd, a place behind GIBUS INDIEN (7), in a 2600m Cavaillon amateurs Class G early-March and should more than have his measure this time. Place chance
- 5. FARCHAT** - Quixotic sort that was sanctioned in a 2650m Oraison Class F 10 days ago and, even with 4 pads fitted, can expect to have few, if any, takers
- 6. HANI BIRD** - Lost his action in a 2650m Class E at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue 11 days ago after having imposed at Cavaillon. Excels with his amateur reining and, even from the back line, is unlikely to be bested
- 7. GIBUS INDIEN** - Showed improvement when 2nd of 6 in a 2600m Cavaillon amateurs Class G on 6 April. Has won 3 of 5 amateur races here and, even though on the back row, if there is a spoiler here, this is it

**Summary:** He has 25m more to travel than his main rivals, and is not to everyone's taste, but HANI BIRD (6) is better than most here, sports a proven configuration, and with Sophie Blanchetière reining, can complement his Cavaillon victory. On the front line and a veritable metronome when barefoot at this level, GAETANE DU VIVIER (1) is in with a realistic shout, and while IVANHOE RENKA (2) may not have any references in this category, he should be competitive for a place on the podium.

### SELECTIONS

**HANI BIRD (6) - GAETANE DU VIVIER (1) - IVANHOE RENKA (2) - GIN KAS (4)**