

R5 PONT DE VIVAUX [L-H]

C1 - PRIX D'AUBAGNE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 15,400

- 1. GRECIAN BONANZA** - Was 3rd in a Claimer over this course and distance on 22 March. Has proven himself over this track and trip and should finish close up again
- 2. THE DOCTOR** - Ran 5th in a Claimer over 2000m at this course on 22 March. Does look held by others on that last run but could place
- 3. RIGOLETTOS** - Winner of a Claimer over this course and distance on 22 March. Ran out a convincing winner of that race and can double up
- 4. KERNO QUATZ** - 6th in a Claimer over this track and trip on 22 March. Looks well held by others based on that last run
- 5. SOUS INFLUENCE** - Finished 5th in a Handicap over 1600m at Toulouse on 6 April. Has a 2nd place over this track and trip and deserves consideration
- 6. BOSIOH** - A well-beaten 5th in a Claimer over 2000m at Lyon Parilly on 13 April. Has a win a over this course and distance and will enjoy a return to the sand
- 7. MERCI ELIE** - A 3-length winner of a Claimer over 1800m at Salon Provence on 16 April. Has the form but is questionable on sand
- 8. HADEWIN** - A mediocre 9th in a Handicap over 1800m at Lyon La Soie on 21 March. Not in the best of form this season but his last win was over this course and distance
- 9. MUNGASHA** - Finished 4th in a Claimer over 11800m at Salon Provence on 6 April. Recent form has been moderate and looks unlikely to feature
- 10. MUELHEIMER PERLE** - A one-length second in a Claimer over this course and distance on 22 March. Did well in that race and looks the main threat

Summary: This is almost a replay of a Claimer over this course and distance on 22 March. RIGOLETTOS (3) was a one-length winner of that race but his penalty has virtually been negated by Marie Vélon's claim, so he looks the one to beat again. However, second-placed MUELHEIMER PERLE (10) is better weighted and remains the danger while GRECIAN BONANZA (1) is at his best at this course. SOUS INFLUENCE (5) is another to consider.

SELECTIONS

RIGOLETTOS (3) - MUELHEIMER PERLE (10) - GRECIAN BONANZA (1) - SOUS INFLUENCE (5)

**C2 - PRIX DU REDON - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR €
13,400**

- 1. BALAGAN** - Was 5th in a Claimer over 1850m at Hyeres on 6 April. She does have form over this course and distance at the end of last season so could place
- 2. TENDER THOUGHTS** - A reasonable 3rd in a Handicap over 2100m at Marseille Borely on 10 April. Has been moderate but should be competitive at this level
- 3. SANKA CHOP** - Well beaten when 10th in a Handicap over 1700m at Marseille Borely on 3 April. His two previous runs at this course were good and he looks a threat
- 4. DRAGON LOVE** - Did not run badly when 4th in a Handicap over 2100m at Marseille Borely on 10 April. Does perform best at this course and should run well again.
- 5. DISBAY** - Finished 4th in a Maiden over 1600m at Cavailon on 29 March. Did run 4th over this course and distance two runs back and could enjoy racing in this category for the first time
- 6. RABBAH** - Ran 5th in a Handicap over 1700m at Marseille Borely on 27 April. Finished a close-up 2nd in his last run over this course and distance
- 7. OLAF THE BIG ONE** - Never in it when 11th in a Handicap over 1600m at Lyon Parilly on 18 April. His rating has been coming down and that could make him more competitive
- 8. ILLOIS** - Ran 6th in a Conditions race over 2500m at Hyeres on 6 April. Looks held by others on his last few runs over this course and distance

Summary: This does look an open affair but while most of the runners are well exposed, DISBAY (5) has only raced three times and has the most room for improvement. She should enjoy the longer trip and this looks a perfect opportunity for her in her Handicap debut. TENDER THOUGHTS (2) and DRAGON LOVE (4) are capable on their day but are not reliable while SANKA CHOP (3) is another with decent form over this track and trip.

SELECTIONS

DISBAY (5) - TENDER THOUGHTS (2) - DRAGON LOVE (4) - SANKA CHOP (3)

C3 - PRIX DES COLOMBES - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 13,700

1. **SAINT LAURENT** - Game winner of a Handicap over 2000m at Deauville on 8 April. That win was on this surface but he has to give weight to all
2. **MAC TYSON** - A poor 14th in Handicap over 1800m at Salon Provence on 16 April. Did not run too badly in his only run at this course
3. **ALEKSANDROVKA** - Well-beaten 12th in a Handicap over 1800m at Salon Provence on 16 April. She did win her penultimate start over this track and trip so must be a live contender.
4. **ZELZANA** - A moderate 7th over this course and distance on 22 March. Has placed at this venue and on a good day could do so again
5. **LES PRINCES** - A moderate 10th over 1600m at Fontainebleau on 20 April. There is little in his form to offer much encouragement
6. **ANDUGAL** - Finished 11th in a Handicap over 1400m at Moulins on 9 April. Tries this distance for the first time but recent form is mediocre
7. **WHAKA** - A decent winner of a Maiden over 2000m at Auch on 12 April. Now that she has won, this filly could have gained confidence
8. **MARIE LA CROIX** - Finished 7th in a Handicap over 1600m at Fontainebleau on 20 April. Tries this trip for the first time
9. **BELLA CRACK** - Ran 7th in a Handicap over 1900m at Chantilly on 30 March. If she jumps on terms she will be hard to beat

Summary: With three runners in this race trainer Christophe Escuder could have the edge. Best of his trio looks to be BELLA CRACK (9), who needs to avoid conceding too much ground at the start to be effective, while ALEKSANDROVKA (3) has won at this course and must be respected. Top weight SAINT LAURENT (1) comes off a decent win at Deauville while WHAKA (7) shed her maiden tag last time and could arrive with her confidence boosted.

SELECTIONS

BELLA CRACK (9) - ALEKSANDROVKA (3) - SAINT LAURENT (1) - WHAKA (7)

C4 - PRIX DU JAS BLANC - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 14,400

- 1. MEFIE TOI** - A runaway winner of a Claimer over 1600m at Chantilly on 22 April. Has run well at this course but does have to concede a lot of weight
- 2. BALTA** - Finished 8th in a Handicap over 1400m at Moulins on 9 April. Has a win at this course but will be tested over the longer trip
- 3. SCHACHEN** - 11th in a Handicap over 1500m at Cagnes on 22 February. Racing fresh after a short break she should be ready for the challenge over this longer distance
- 4. ESPRONCEDA** - Not beaten far when 4th in a Claimer over 2400m at Moulins on 9 April. Trying this course for the first time
- 5. VALIENTE** - A decent 5th in a handicap over 1800m at Salon Provence on 16 April. He had MEFIE TOI (1) behind him in that race but needs to prove himself over this distance
- 6. POSSI** - Was 4th in a Claimer over 1200m at Marseille Borely on 10 April. Tries this trip for the first time and needs to prove she will see it out
- 7. NEVER LOST** - A promising 2nd in a Claimer over 2400m at Salon Provence on 16 April. That was her first run fitted with Australian blinkers and more improvement is possible
- 8. NYMPHEAS** - Ran 8th in a Claimer over 1800m at Nort-Sur-Erdre on 5 April. Her form so far has been poor and she will need to show more

Summary: SCHACHEN (3) returns from a break and her trainer has declared her fit and ready for this race. At this level she will be ideally suited to the conditions. MEFIE TOI (1) impressed with his victory in a Handicap on this surface at Chantilly but concedes lots of weight. VALIENTE (5), could be a massive runner if he sees out the distance while NEVER LOST (7) improved in blinkers last time but drops in trip.

SELECTIONS

SCHACHEN (3) - MEFIE TOI (1) - VALIENTE (5) - NEVER LOST (7)

**C5 - PRIX DE LA TREVARESSE - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming
Handicap - Flat - EUR € 11,500**

- 1. COTE D'OR** - 11th in a Conditions race over 1800m at Prunelli on 6 April. Will need to find more to feature
- 2. THAT'S LIFE** - A moderate 10th in a Handicap over 1600m at Lyon Parilly on 18 April. Little in her form to recommend her as a contender
- 3. IRELIA** - Ran 13th in a Handicap over 1600m at Lyon Parilly on 18 April. Has some form at this level and has a place chance
- 4. MAGIC TREVILLE** - Not beaten far when 4th in a Claimer over 1850m at Hyeres on 6 April. He form is not great but she does have a good opportunity to shine in a race at this level
- 5. CHIVERE** - A poor 13th in a Handicap over 1400m at Chantilly on 26 March. Her recent form is poor but her rating has come down and that could make her competitive again
- 6. DAYTON** - A promising 3rd in a Claimer over 2500m at Hyeres on 25 April. That was an improved run but does drop significantly in distance
- 7. NIGHT OF THE OPERA** - Ran 5th in a Handicap over 1600m at Lyon Parilly on 18 April. Has some reasonable form at this course and that puts him in the picture

Summary: This is a Handicap Claiming race and the level of competitors is very low so it could come down to who has the best of luck on the day. MAGIC TREVILLE (4) has shown some level of ability and this gives her an ideal chance to pick up a victory. CHIVERE (5) has not shown much recently but her rating has come down and if she can reproduce her old form she could be there. NIGHT OF THE OPERA (7) has run well at this course while DAYTON (6) showed improvement last time.

SELECTIONS

MAGIC TREVILLE (4) - CHIVERE (5) - NIGHT OF THE OPERA (7) - DAYTON (6)

C6 - PRIX DU PRINTEMPS - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 11,500

1. LE DOC - A narrow winner of a Claimer over 1600m at Lyon Parilly on 13 April. He performed well at this level last time and can win again

2. NOCTURNE BLOU - A 2-length winner of a Claimer over 1500m at this course on 16 December. She is coming back from a break but won well enough last time to give her a chance

3. HORNIG - Finished 11th in a Claimer over 1200m at Fontainebleau on 20 April. He will be having his first start for trainer Christophe Escuder and should run well at this level

4. BEWARE OF THE BEAR - A mediocre 7th in a Handicap over 1200m at Evreux on 15 April. He could have a place chance in this field

5. TEMADIVA - Finished 13th in a Handicap over 1400m at ParisLongchamp on 26 April. Has performed well on this course and could be competitive

Summary: Dropping to this level for the first time LE DOC (1) won well and could quite easily follow up. HORNIG (3), who is also now trained by Christophe Escuder, could provide the main challenge dropping in class. NOCTURNE BLOU (2) has been off since December but did end the season with a win at this course so could run fresh. BEWARE OF THE BEAR (4) could mount a challenge.

SELECTIONS

LE DOC (1) - HORNIG (3) - NOCTURNE BLOU (2) - BEWARE OF THE BEAR (4)

**C7 - PRIX RAYMOND MARTIN - 2600m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR €
19,200**

1. HEPBURN - A decent 4th in a Handicap over 2100m at Marseille Borely on 3 April. Has run well trying further and could be a factor

2. PERSIANA - A 0.75-length winner of a Handicap over 1800m at Salon-Provence on 16 April. Will be a factor in this race if she sees out the trip

3. BASQUIAT - A one-length winner of a Maiden over 2600m at Marseille Borely on 3 April. That was only his third run and having finished 2nd over this track and trip previously looks the one to beat

4. CATHERINE LA MER - A 0.75-length 2nd in a Handicap over 2100m at Marseille Borely on 3 April. She looks to have ability but is unknown over the distance

5. COUNSELOR - Finished 7th in a Handicap over 1800m at Salon Province on 16 April. Was beaten by PERSIANA (2) but could improve at this course over the extra distance

6. TOREBEK - Beaten just over 4 lengths when 4th in a Claimer over 2400m at Salon Provence on 16 April. Has more to do this time

Summary: The pace could well decide this Handicap with a small field but BASQUIAT (3) comes off a win over this distance in only his third run and looks to be progressive. Both CATHERINE LA MER (4) and PERSIANA (2) bring good form into this race but both will be tested over this distance. COUNSELO (5), is held on form but could improve over this course and distance.

SELECTIONS

BASQUIAT (3) - CATHERINE LA MER (4) - PERSIANA (2) - COUNSELOR (5)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

**Horse of the day
LE DOC (601)**

**Outsider of the day
COUNSELOR (705)**

**Reverse forecast
RIGOLETTOS (103) - MUELHEIMER PERLE (110)**

**Three pick of the day
SCHACHEN (403) - LE DOC (601) - BASQUIAT (703)**