

CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H] - 06 December

Race 1 - PRIX VALLON DES AUFFES - 3400m HDLE CL4. Purse EUR €20,000.

1. **QUEEN OF ELEGANCE** - Dramatic improvement to finish second in a Nancy hurdle over this trip 43 days ago. Consider.
 2. **PRINCESSE ETOILEE** - Distant third in a Fontainebleau claiming hurdle a fortnight ago. Others preferred.
 3. **DON'T CRY BABY** - Good placing on hurdle debut at Fontainebleau over 3550m. Notable runner for a leading trainer.
 4. **IRIS D'ARGENT** - Faller on two of three hurdle outings to date. Others more reliable.
 5. **LABELLE KAILLILA** - Unplaced in all three hurdle runs thus far. Improvement required.
 6. **OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS** - Sixth debuting in the Listed Prix Finot over hurdles at Auteuil 84 days ago. The one to beat eased significantly in grade.
 7. **MERCINETTE** - Crillon debutante who needs a market check first up.
 8. **NITWIT LA JOLIE** - Daughter of Authorized who makes plenty of appeal on paper. Betting likely to tell the tale.
 9. **EZILDA** - No show in a Clairefontaine hurdle over this distance. May improve.
 10. **NUIT DE FOLIE** - Filly by Gemix out of Danser Sur La Lune. Doesn't profile as the likely winner.
 11. **MASPEED** - Montmartre filly who catches the eye on breeding. Keep safe if given a market push.
- Summary:** OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS (6) can get off the mark second up after a promising sixth in the Listed Prix Finot at Auteuil. Golden opportunity eased significantly in standard. DON'T CRY BABY (3) rates a strong contender for a top trainer following a fine placing on hurdle debut at Fontainebleau. QUEEN OF ELEGANCE (1) could make the frame after huge improvement at Nancy. NITWIT LA JOLIE (8) is one to keep safe if given a market push on debut.

Selections

OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS (6) - DON'T CRY BABY (3) - QUEEN OF ELEGANCE (1) - NITWIT LA JOLIE (8)

Race 2 - PRIX DE L'UNION - 3700m CLM STPLE. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **TAKING POWER** - Breakthrough victory in this company at Compiegne eleven days ago. Could easily repeat.
2. **HAVANIA** - Completed a claiming hurdle double with a 9L success ahead of Shenta a fortnight ago. Leading claims on chase debut.
3. **PAINT PRINCE** - 5.5L third behind Taking Power over fences at Compiegne eleven days ago. Consider with an unexposed profile.
4. **BORN TO HONOUR** - Consistent place form in this class. Keep safe on chase debut for a notable trainer.
5. **UNDERSTATED** - Huge improvement to run second in a strong Fontainebleau hurdle last month. Key player if taking to fences.
6. **SHENTA** - 9L behind Havania in this grade over fences two weeks ago. More needed on second chase outing.
7. **CETENZA** - Beaten a long way debuting in this class over hurdles at Auteuil. Prefer to watch on chase debut.
8. **HUDSON PARK** - Scored in a minor hurdle before a heavy defeat on chase debut at Fontainebleau. Needs significant improvement.
9. **ANTIDOTE** - Ultra consistent in claiming hurdles this term. Among the place claims if taking to fences.
10. **SALVINIA** - 38L defeat on sole chase run two starts ago. Hard to enthuse.
11. **RUE DES ARTS** - Beaten out of sight on sole completion. Opposed.

Summary: UNDERSTATED (5) made giant strides to finish second in a strong Fontainebleau hurdle. Massive chance to make a breakthrough victory if taking to fences. BORN TO HONOUR (4) maintains excellent place form over hurdles in similar company. Among the main contenders on chase debut for a top trainer. TAKING POWER (1) scored for the first time at Compiegne. Keep safe with confidence up. PAINT PRINCE (3) completes the shortlist.

Selections

UNDERSTATED (5) - BORN TO HONOUR (4) - TAKING POWER (1) - PAINT PRINCE (3)

Race 3 - PRIX DE SAINT-LOUP - 3400m HDLE CL4. Purse EUR €20,000.

1. **FOU DU ROI** - Fell three out on second start after a promising debut. Worth thought after a break for a top trainer.
2. **TRESOR DE CHIRON** - Beaten a long way in four of five career starts. Opposed.
3. **INVENTIF** - Improved fourth on second hurdle outing at Fontainebleau. Not dismissed.
4. **KAMUS** - Pulled up on second start after leading for a long way at Auteuil over 3500m. Consider eased in class.
5. **PATRICK** - Heavy defeats in all seven outings. Impossible to recommend.
6. **L'INTELLO** - Fair fourth on hurdle debut at Nimes over this journey. Each-way appeal.
7. **LIFE IS TOO SHORT** - 17L sixth in claiming company at Fontainebleau. More needed.
8. **TONNERRE DE DIEU** - Son of Kapgarde who could go well in a moderate affair. Market check advised.
9. **MICMAC** - Fifth in a Nimes hurdle over this trip sixteen days ago. May improve.
10. **GARRYBELLO** - Ballingarry debutant who catches the eye for a good trainer and jockey combination. Keep in mind.
11. **JAZZ SPIRIT** - Spanish Moon gelding making his debut. Worth a market glance.
12. **LASSITER** - Galiway debutant who is of note for a good trainer and jockey combination.
13. **I LOVE YOU SIVOLA** - Shown little in three flat starts. Prefer to watch on hurdle debut.

Summary: Plenty of debutantes so a market watch on the first-starters. From those that have previously started FOU DU ROI (1) is prepared by a leading trainer and showed ability on debut before falling last start. Suited to this contest. INVENTIF (3) was an improved run last time and continues to head in the right direction. L'INTELLO (6) put in a promising run at a country track and can be considered each-way. KAMUS (4) was pulled up at Auteuil after leading. Will find this easier.

Selections

FOU DU ROI (1) - INVENTIF (3) - L'INTELLO (6) - KAMUS (4)
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Race 4 - PRIX GERARD PHILIPPEAU - 3800m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €34,000.

1. **ENJOY YOUR LIFE** - Moderate hurdle form this campaign. Expected to improve eased in class returning to fences.
2. **NORMANDE** - Three-time hurdle winner including in claiming company at Vichy before a break. Prefer to watch back in a handicap on chase debut.
3. **VERNON SUBUTEX** - Dual course winner who ran sixth in a stronger Compiegne handicap chase last month. Claims.
4. **ANCA** - 1kg higher than when third in a better Compiegne handicap chase before winning over hurdles on reappearance. Consider.
5. **HENYA** - Yet to win from thirteen starts but solid runner-up over fences on reappearance. Place appeal.
6. **HIGHEST LOVE** - Pulled up in a Compiegne claiming hurdle first up. Tough assignment back over fences.
7. **KALININGRAD** - Scored on second chase start in a minor event over 3500m. Mixed form subsequently and others make more appeal.
8. **HISTORIETTE** - Back-to-back seconds in claiming chases at Auteuil. One to note.
9. **VAUB CHOP** - Fair third on chase debut at Lyon-Parilly. Improvement within reach.
10. **DIAMANT AMERICAN** - Pulled up in an easier Lyon-Parilly chase over 4100m last month. Others preferred.
11. **IRONIE DU LAC** - Improved fourth in a stronger Auteuil handicap hurdle last month. Respected on chase debut.
12. **PAINTBALL** - Moderate form this campaign. Fully tested on chase debut.
13. **HARPE MAGIQUE** - One placing from seven chase runs to date. Unlikely to feature.
14. **MUSE DE LUNE** - Runner-up in a weaker chase on reappearance. One to consider for a place.

Summary: HISTORIETTE (8) arrives in top form. Delivered back-to-back claiming chase seconds at Auteuil and is expected to measure up revisiting handicap company in a winnable event. VERNON SUBUTEX (3) holds plenty of ability. Managed two course victories and may go forward from a fine sixth in a tougher Compiegne chase. Go close. ANCA (4) can be considered. Finished third in a better chase on penultimate start and arrives having won on reappearance. IRONIE DU LAC (11) could make the frame making chase debut.

Selections

HISTORIETTE (8) - VERNON SUBUTEX (3) - ANCA (4) - IRONIE DU LAC (11)

Race 5 - PRIX LOUIS BERNUS - 4000m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €40,000.

1. **LE MANS** - Fine sixth in the G2 Grand Steeple-Chase de Compiègne at the end of October. Notable candidate on old form.
2. **MAGNETO** - Consistent type who improved to win at Auteuil over 3500m before a break. Raised 3.5kg but thoroughly progressive.
3. **GREAT DU LARGE** - Four consecutive placings including second up in easier company at Moulins. More needed but could replicate.
4. **ECLAIR DU MAFFRAY** - Pulled up on second start since resuming at Auteuil over 3600m. Something to prove but well treated on old form.
5. **THURSTAN** - Heavy defeat in the Listed Prix Le Parisien - Prix Marc Antony at Auteuil over 3900m. One to note at this lower level dropped 2kg.
6. **CAMBIKO** - Completed a place double in a weaker Moulins hurdle over 4100m. Place.
7. **LIFE'S A BREEZE** - Fifth in previous couple of claiming hurdles. Flying too high here.

Summary: MAGNETO (2) looks set to replicate a victory at Auteuil over 3500m. Upped 3.5kg in the weights but is expected to maintain his progressive profile. Winning chance. LE MANS (1) ran sixth in the G2 Grand Steeple-Chase de Compiègne at the end of October. Top claims. THURSTAN (5) could bounce back from a heavy defeat in the Listed Prix Le Parisien - Prix Marc Antony. This is easier and comes favourably treated. GREAT DU LARGE (3) might sneak into the placings.

Selections

MAGNETO (2) - LE MANS (1) - THURSTAN (5) - GREAT DU LARGE (3)

Race 6 - PRIX HYERES III - 3800m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €34,000.

1. **ACHOUR** - Expected to step forward from a pulled up effort at Auteuil on reappearance. Notable runner with a strong track and trip record.
2. **GALKO DES MOTTES** - One from two over fences and scope for progress after solid form this campaign. Consider.
3. **BAL EXPRESS** - Fair third in a similar handicap chase three back. Could replicate from a 0.5kg lower mark.
4. **BRENUS D'ARTAIX** - Mixed hurdle form this term but likely to improve returning to chasing. Thereabouts.
5. **HULAPALU** - Shown ability with two chase victories from three attempts before a break. Leading claims for a top stable.
6. **AFFORTUNATO** - Shown ability at a lower chase level but may improve with first-time blinkers.
7. **FURIE D'AINAY** - Raised 0.5kg after a 2L success reappearing in a Fontainebleau hurdle. Major appeal.
8. **GREAT PARADE** - Fair fourth behind Furie d'Ainay at Fontainebleau 20 days ago. Solid each-way pick eased 2kg.
9. **TITE GOUL** - Sixth in a Strasbourg handicap chase over 4200m last month. More needed.

Summary: A tricky handicap chase. Davis Cottin holds the key to this race with two runners including FURIE D'AINAY (7) who improved to score first up at Fontainebleau. Maintains strong chase form and rates highly. Stablemate HULAPALU (5) may give the selection most to think about if returning in top condition after winning two of her three chase runs. ACHOUR (1) may step forward from a pulled up effort at Auteuil. Can be considered as enjoys track and trip. GALKO DES MOTTES (2) completes the shortlist.

Selections

FURIE D'AINAY (7) - HULAPALU (5) - ACHOUR (1) - GALKO DES MOTTES (2)

Race 7 - PRIX ALVARADO - 3500m HDLE CL2. Purse EUR €35,000.

1. **SINNETIC** - Held seventh in the Listed Prix Guillaume de Pracomtal before a break. Not ruled out down in class.
2. **HALEXANDRE MOME** - Beaten out of sight in an Auteuil chase second up. Could improve back over hurdles but others preferred.
3. **SANTO DOMINGO** - Unplaced in previous couple of Listed handicap hurdles. May progress at this standard.
4. **HASMAR BERE** - 39L defeat in a strong Auteuil handicap hurdle 46 days ago. Something to find on the figures.
5. **REVE DE PRINCE** - Midfield in previous couple of handicap hurdle runs at Auteuil. One to note eased in distance.
6. **BIRTHDAY TIC** - Improved fourth in claiming company at Compiegne. More needed.
7. **HALO ON FIRE** - 18L fourth in a weaker handicap hurdle fifteen days ago. Limited appeal.
8. **CELESTIN MERCURY** - Showed hurdle ability prior to a pulled up run at Compiegne. Could bounce back into a place.
9. **HONESTA** - Five placings from eight hurdle starts to date. May need this after a break.
10. **COME ON LOTTI** - Scored on third hurdle run at Fontainebleau over 3550m. Leading claims up in class.
11. **LADYSANE** - Won a minor Le Touquet hurdle earlier this term. This demands more after mixed form subsequently.
12. **TIRENVILLE** - Beaten a long way in all four hurdle starts. Ignored.
13. **HOPE KLASS** - Yet to place in five hurdle outings. Opposed.

Summary: COME ON LOTTI (10) is progressive. Scored on third hurdle start at Fontainebleau. Can continue to improve and rates highly up in class. REVE DE PRINCE (5) makes for plenty of appeal dropping in distance after showing up for a long way at Auteuil in latest. SINNETIC (1) could make his presence felt at this lower level. One to note. CELESTIN MERCURY (8) displayed ability before a pulled up run at Compiegne. Worth another chance.

Selections

COME ON LOTTI (10) - REVE DE PRINCE (5) - SINNETIC (1) - CELESTIN MERCURY (8)
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