

CAGNES-SUR-MER - 07 December

Race 1

1. **LULU AU TOGO** - Fair 15L third in a 3600m hurdle at Argentan (very heavy) last month. Interesting.
2. **COMPLET THON** - Absent since falling in a 3400m hurdle at Dieppe (soft) in August. Others preferred.
3. **JARRY WELLS** - Faller in a 3600m hurdle at Argentan (soft) just over six weeks ago. Interesting on 7L fourth at Nantes (soft) on debut prior to that.
4. **HOT CHOCOLATE** - Held 17L fifth in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) three weeks ago. Best watched.
5. **NONI STAR** - Fourth in a 3000m hurdle at Treviso (ITY) last month. Others preferred.
6. **SANDYBURG** - Struggled when seventh in a 3229m hurdle at Chepstow (good) when debuting in October. Making his first start for this yard.
7. **APAUSTAR** - Below par eighth in a heavy ground 3400m hurdle at Compiegne last month. Minor role likely.
8. **HIPPOMENE COLOMBE** - Unraced Cokoriko gelding. One to note.
9. **MORNE ROUGE** - Returning from a break when 8L fifth in a 2600m maiden at Nimes (soft) 26 days ago. Hurdling debut.
10. **QUINTIPOR** - Unraced Kapgarde gelding. Notable runner.
11. **LAST FINAL JACK** - Beaten 20L eighth in a 2400m maiden at Clairefontaine (soft) in October. Making his debut over hurdles.
12. **SINNETIC** - Below par 15L tenth in a 2200m maiden at Le Pin-au-Haras (soft) when making his debut in October. Interesting to see how he fares on debut over jumps.
13. **KALMONIKO** - Finds an easier looking event following a 19L sixth in the Listed Prix Finot over 3600m at Auteuil (soft) in September. Strong claims.

Summary

Dropping in grade KALMONIKO (13) is considered for the win following a 19L sixth in the Listed Prix Finot over 3600m at Auteuil on debut over jumps. LULU AU TOGO (1) placed third on both starts to date including over 3600m at Argentan. Shortlist. JARRY WELLS (3) may put a fall at Argentan behind him having been beaten 7L fourth on debut in a 3500m hurdle at Nantes prior. Yet to race Kapgarde gelding QUINTIPOR (10) hails from a yard who delivered a winner at the first jumps meet of the winter season here last week. Claims.

Selections

KALMONIKO (13) - LULU AU TOGO (1) - JARRY WELLS (3) - QUINTIPOR (10)

Race 2

1. **FURY ROAD** - Fair 8L fourth in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) in October. Interesting contender.
2. **LODDER** - Stepped up on hurdling debut effort when 6L second in a 3400m event at Nimes (soft) just under four weeks ago. Strong claims.
3. **DIAMOND CRUZ** - Fair 8L fourth in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) three weeks ago. Interesting contender.
4. **DIAMOND TEENE** - Beaten 17L fifth in a 3200m newcomers hurdle at Compiègne (heavy) when debuting in March. Likely capable of better.
5. **QUEEN DAVIER** - Held 26L seventh in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) in October. Best watched.
6. **ISA** - Improvement needed having faded when 15L sixth in a 3550m claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) two weeks ago.
7. **DELHI CHOPE** - Returning from a break when pulled up over 3400m at Niort (soft) in October. Minor role likely.
8. **MUSE DE LUNE** - Tried to make all prior to finishing 15L fifth in a 3600m chase at Fontainebleau (soft) two weeks ago. Others make more appeal.
9. **LA COMTESSE BLEU** - Struggled 53L last of 11 in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. More needed.
10. **MARBLE EYES** - Beaten over 45L when eighth in an 1800m maiden at Le Croise-Laroche (very heavy) on debut last month. Minor role likely on hurdling debut.
11. **EXIMIA** - Nose second in a 2000m claimer at Saint-Cloud (heavy) penultimate start. Bold show expected switched to hurdles following a disappointing seventh at Fontainebleau.
12. **MISS MAG** - Unraced Masterstroke filly. Likely to improve for the experience.
13. **GRIBBELL ISLAND** - Below par 99L ninth in a 3400m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly (soft) last month. Minor role likely.
14. **NEW SPRING** - Fair 23L sixth in a 3400m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly (soft) in October. Improvement needed.
15. **HOOPA** - Beaten 15L seventh in a 3550m claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) when debuting two weeks ago. Improvement needed.
16. **DAKHA** - Struggled 19L tenth in a 2400m handicap on the AW at Lyon-la-Soie just over five weeks ago. Interesting to see how she fares switched to hurdling.

Summary

LODDER (2) may play a leading role following a 6L second in a 3400m hurdle at Nimes. Hurdling newcomer EXIMIA (11) ran 7L seventh in a 2000m conditions race at Fontainebleau. May have a hand in the finish. DIAMOND CRUZ (3) produced an 8L fourth in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau. Shortlist. FURY ROAD (1) holds each-way claims beaten 8L when fourth in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau.

Selections

LODDER (2) - EXIMIA (11) - DIAMOND CRUZ (3) - FURY ROAD (1)

Race 3

1. **SAINT ANJOU** - Bidding to complete a hat-trick when 30L 13th in the Listed Prix Count Schomberg over 3600m at Auteuil (very heavy) just over four weeks ago. Notable runner.
2. **MY MAJ** - Fair 9L sixth in the Listed Prix Prince d'Eccouen over 3900m at Auteuil (very heavy) in October. Interesting.
3. **LE MANS** - Failed to finish in a couple of handicap chases at Auteuil two most recent starts. Interesting back at his favourite track.
4. **CURLY BASC** - Fifth both starts this spell including beaten 19L in a 3500m chase at Auteuil (very heavy) last month. More needed.
5. **MEREDITH** - Winner of three of her five starts here. Likely capable of better than she showed when 58L eighth in the Listed Prix Fondeur chase over 4400m at Auteuil (very heavy).
6. **TYZEFF** - Good 17L third in a 3900m chase at Dieppe (soft) in August. Strong claims on return from a break.
7. **CAPIVARI** - Placed third in the 5000m G1 Grand Steeplechase Di Milano at Milano (ITY) last month. Notable runner.

Summary

MEREDITH (5) may leave recent efforts well behind having shown good form at this circuit last campaign. TYZEFF (6) is considered for the win following a 17L third in a 3900m chase at Dieppe. SAINT ANJOU (1) makes the shortlist on the back of a 30L thirteenth in the Listed Prix Count Schomberg handicap hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil. Maintains chances. CAPIVARI (7) holds claims following a fourth in the G1 Grande Steeplechase Di Milano in Italy.

Selections

MEREDITH (5) - TYZEFF (6) - SAINT ANJOU (1) - CAPIVARI (7)

Race 4

1. **YMIR** - Held 32L fifth in the Listed Prix Roger de Minvielle over 3350m at Compiegne (heavy) last month. Interesting down in grade.
2. **CHIMENE** - Put a below par effort behind her when 14L fourth in a 3500m hurdle at Machecoul (heavy) 26 days ago. Step forward needed.
3. **INDIAN SONG** - Good 4L fourth in a 3400m chase at Nimes (good) just over two weeks ago. Notable runner.
4. **DANCE WITH DEVILS** - Beaten 11L fifth in a 3400m claiming hurdle at Clairefontaine (soft) at the end of July. More needed.
5. **TOPAZE MYSTIQUE** - Decent 10L fourth in a 3550m claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) two weeks ago. Strong claims.
6. **HI HA** - Pulled up in a 3600m hurdle at Saint-Brieuc (heavy) just over six weeks ago. Others preferred.
7. **APFELSTRUDEL** - Failed to finish both starts so far including when unseating three out in a 3600m chase at Fontainebleau (soft) a fortnight ago. Minor role likely.
8. **JOSHCO** - Faller four out in a claiming hurdle over 3550m at Fontainebleau (soft) 14 days ago. Step forward required.
9. **MONFALCON** - Decent 8L fourth in a 3450m claiming chase at Compiegne (heavy) just under a fortnight ago. One to note.
10. **KERADAM** - Put a pulled up behind him when 43L sixth in a 3550m claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. Others hold more obvious claims.
11. **HOPALLA CHOCOLAT** - Given a break since a 23L fourth in a 3500m claiming chase at Auteuil (very heavy) at the start of October. Bold show expected.
12. **COTE D'ALBATRE** - Ten race maiden has pulled up on her two most recent starts including in a 3450m claiming chase at Compiegne (heavy) 13 days ago.

Summary

HOPALLA CHOCOLAT (11) may have a hand in the finish following at 23L fourth in a 3500m claiming chase at Auteuil. TOPAZE MYSTIQUE (5) is considered. Ran 10L fourth in a 3550m claiming hurdle at Fontainebleau. INDIAN SONG (3) is another of note switching to a claiming contest after finishing 4L fourth in a 3400m chase at Nimes. YMIR (1) also receives a drop in grade. Can be competitive while beaten 32L fifth in the Listed Prix Roger de Minvielle over 3350m at Compiegne.

Selections

HOPALLA CHOCOLAT (11) - TOPAZE MYSTIQUE (5) - INDIAN SONG (3) - YMIR (1)

Race 5

1. **BAL EXPRESS** - Victorious by 1L in a 3500m claiming chase at Auteuil (very heavy) in October. Bold show expected.
2. **KIMRIVER** - Good 1L third having tried to make all in a 3800m chase at Bordeaux (soft) just over two weeks ago. Strong claims.
3. **VOLKOV JELOIS** - Beaten 3L third in the 3900m Listed Prix Marc Antony hurdle at Auteuil (very heavy) last month. Top chance.
4. **LORD DRAGON** - Runner-up in the G2 Premio Staffe d'Oro chase over 3600m at Milano (ITY) (heavy) last month. Notable runner.
5. **LORD SPIRIT** - Held on the Flat of late including 14L 11th in a 2400m AW handicap at Pornichet at the end of October. Best watched.
6. **BLAIN** - Beaten 30L fourth in a six runner 3800m chase at Compiègne (heavy) 13 days ago. Step forward required.

Summary

VOLKOV JELOIS (3) may prove hard to beat switching to fences following a 3L third in the 3900m Listed Prix Marc Antony at Auteuil. KIMRIVER (2) is considered having been beaten 1L when third in a 3800m chase at Bordeaux. LORD DRAGON (4) warrants thought having placed second in the G2 Premio Staffe d'Oro chase over 3600m in Italy. BAL EXPRESS (1) delivered a 1L success in a 3500m claiming chase at Auteuil and is also of interest.

Selections

VOLKOV JELOIS (3) - KIMRIVER (2) - LORD DRAGON (4) - BAL EXPRESS (1)

Race 6

1. **EDINSON** - Good 2L second in an 1800m conditions race at Marseilles-Borely (good-to-soft) last month. Interesting to see how he fares on return to hurdles.
2. **GEORGE FLASH** - Off the track since a 52L 13th in the Listed Prix Guillaume de Pracomtal handicap hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil (very heavy) at the start of October. More needed.
3. **GRANIT DE THAIX** - Decent effort 11L third in a 3500m hurdle at Nantes (heavy) last month. Strong claims.
4. **ALCATRAZ ISLAND** - Pulled up in the Listed Prix Marc Antony over 3900m at Auteuil (very heavy) last month. Capable of better.
5. **GLORIOUS WINGS** - Good 2L second in a 3400m chase at La-Roche-Sur-Yon (good) in September. Notable runner.
6. **KHELIANA CHOPE** - Successful by a nose in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) two weeks ago. One to note.
7. **LE MANOIR** - Down the field in 3550m hurdle races at Fontainebleau two most recent starts. Minor role likely.
8. **RUSSIAN MEMORY** - Struggled ninth in a 3800m chase on heavy ground here just over a year ago. Best watched.
9. **SPRING OF DREAM** - Returned to form with a 2L second in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) at the start of last month. Interesting if replicating that effort.
10. **TREMPOLINA** - Returning from a break when pulled up in a 3600m hurdle at Argentan (very heavy) 15 days ago. Improvement required.
11. **BOULE DE FLIPPER** - Showed improved form when 2L third in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) two weeks ago. Interesting contender.
12. **GAVOTTE LADY** - Held 43L seventh in a 3600m hurdle at Compiègne (heavy) just under four weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims.

Summary

GRANIT DE THAIX (3) was beaten by a subsequent winner when 11L third in a 3500m hurdle at Nantes. May play a leading role. GLORIOUS WINGS (5) can be considered for the win back hurdling following a 2L second in a 3400m chase at La-Roche-Sur-Yon. KHELIANA CHOPE (6) won by a nose a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau. Shortlist. ALCATRAZ ISLAND (4) may leave behind a pulled up effort in the Listed Prix Marc Antony at Auteuil having won by a nose a 3800m claiming hurdle at Moulins prior.

Selections

GRANIT DE THAIX (3) - GLORIOUS WINGS (5) - KHELIANA CHOPE (6) - ALCATRAZ ISLAND (4)

Race 7

1. **CELTIOR** - Good 7L third in the Listed Prix Count Schomberg handicap hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil (very heavy) just over four weeks ago. Top chance.
2. **CAFERTITI** - Below par 32L sixth in the Listed Prix General Donnio over 4400m at Auteuil (very heavy) last month. Others preferred.
3. **FAHAWRO** - Held 28L seventh in the Listed Prix Fondeur over 4400m at Auteuil (very heavy) at the end of October. Minor role likely.
4. **DIAMANT BRUT** - Good 3L fourth in the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase Ville de Deauville over 4500m at Clairefontaine (soft) in August. Strong claims.
5. **RASANGO** - Course winner was beaten 32L when 14th in the Listed Prix Count Schomberg over 3600m at Auteuil (very heavy) last month. More needed.
6. **SPIDERMAN** - Returning from a lengthy absence when 6L third in a 3900m hurdle at Machecoul (heavy) last month. Likely to have improved for that effort.
7. **BOWLER HAT** - Winner here last season and finished a decent 8L fourth in a 4000m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly (soft) 15 days ago. Bold show expected.
8. **STERNKRANZ** - Victorious in a 4000m cross-country race at Milano (ITY) (heavy) last month. Interesting to see how he fares.
9. **MONTEPERTUSO** - Runner-up both starts this spell including when beaten 20L in a 4200m chase at Meslay-du-Maine (heavy) 29 days ago. Interesting contender.
10. **MESTER** - Beaten 8L third in a 3850m claiming chase at Fontainebleau (soft) three weeks ago. Notable runner.
11. **FEU FOLLET SIVOLA** - 19 race maiden beaten 13L third in a 4400m chase at Auteuil (very heavy) last month. Likely to find at least one too good.
12. **TSAR NOIR** - Good form last year including when 6L second in the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase de Deauville over 4500m at Clairefontaine (soft). Returning from over 15 months off the track.
13. **VOISIN D'UN SOIR** - Put three non-completions behind him when 25L sixth in a 4200m claiming chase at Maure-de-Bretagne (soft) eight days ago. Step forward required.

Summary

CELTIOR (1) may play a leading role following a 7L third in the Listed Prix Count Schomberg over 3600m at Auteuil. BOWLER HAT (7) won here previously. Makes the shortlist following an 8L fourth in a 4000m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly. Returning from a break DIAMANT BRUT (4) is another of note having been beaten 3L fourth in the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase Ville de Deauville over 4500m at Clairefontaine. MONTEPERTUSO (9) holds each-way claims having been beaten 20L when runner-up on heavy ground in a 4200m chase at Meslay-du-Maine.

Selections

CELTIOR (1) - BOWLER HAT (7) - DIAMANT BRUT (4) - MONTEPERTUSO (9)