

MARSEILLE VIVAUX [L-H] - 09 December

Race 1 - PRIX DOMINIQUE GRISONI - 2000m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **WILD SWEETHEART** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 4.5 lengths into fourth over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Plenty of improvement to come.
2. **EVERMAN** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished 15th over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on November 17. Can do a lot better than that last run.
3. **O'MONERIE** - Has been plain of late including last start when well held over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Expect sharp improvement.
4. **BRANA** - Finished just 1.4 lengths away in sixth last start over 1800m at Chantilly AW. Rates highly and should be prominent.
5. **GINO** - Has looked good in his 10 career starts, most recently scoring by a long neck over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Key chance.
6. **MAX VERST** - Returned from a spell with reasonable effort last start when eighth, beaten 5.5 lengths, at Marseille-Borely over 1700m. Will need this run.
7. **FORCE TRANQUILLE** - Has been safely held at her last few runs, the latest a well-beaten fifth over 2400m at Salon-de-Provence. Disappointing form likely to continue.
8. **ABSOLUTE BASSET** - Promising filly who last start finished 4 lengths away in fourth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. One of the chances.
9. **ILONAS DINOSAUR** - Ran a better race last start to finish second at this track over 2000m. Nicely placed and rates highly off that run.
10. **ALROMY** - Broke a drought when she scored last start over 2000m at this track. Confidence back and can go on with it.
11. **SLAM POET** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when ninth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 9 lengths. Hard to have.

Summary: WILD SWEETHEART (1) returned from a short break with a solid fourth in a 1700m Class One conditions event at Marseille-Borely. Leading claims dropped in grade on AW debut. ILONAS DINOSAUR (9) finished a solid runner-up in a similar course and distance handicap last outing. Expected to be thereabouts. ALROMY (10) made it two from three over track and trip when winning a claimer in October and she should go well on stable debut from a good draw. Narrow Marseille-Borely handicap winner GINO (5) is also considered.

Selections

WILD SWEETHEART (1) - ILONAS DINOSAUR (9) - ALROMY (10) - GINO (5)

Race 2 - PRIX MARCEL RECORDIER - 2000m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **AL JAROUD** - Form since resuming has been disappointing, last start finishing 13th over 2700m at Chantilly AW. Others preferred.
2. **DREAM OF EMERAUDE** - Struggled to find form at the end of last preparation and wasn't much better resuming last start on soft going. Needs more.
3. **SEKKU** - Hasn't won in two years. Finished 12th, beaten 8 lengths, last start over 2100m at Pornichet. Has ability and looks one of the place chances.
4. **KARRY BRADSHAW** - Scored a determined win last time over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Hard to beat again.
5. **LE KAKOU** - Finished a close second at Marseille-Borely over 1700m. Shapes as a key runner.
6. **DRAGON LOVE** - Came from a wide gate and could only manage to finish eighth last time out over 1500m at this track. Place hope.
7. **RIP** - Going well at the moment, most recently finishing third over 2100m at Chantilly AW. Another big run is on the cards.
8. **MAKALIA** - Has been in the market but safely held at her last couple of starts, the latest when 13th over 1500m at this track. Don't underestimate.
9. **BEB'S** - Has four wins and four placings from 41 starts. Made nice progress last time out when second over 2500m at Nancy.
10. **DEER BERE** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when 14th over 2100m at Chantilly AW two weeks ago, beaten 8 lengths. Hard to have.

Summary: LE KAKOU (5) was narrowly denied when runner-up to a subsequent winner over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Strong claims off the same mark with the return to this surface no issue. KARRY BRADSHAW (4) has been in good form on the AW of late including a 1800m Class Four handicap win at Lyon-la-Soie recently. Genuine chance despite being 3kg higher here. RIP (7) has found the frame on the last three outings and needs including on the back of a Class Four handicap third tackling 2100m at Chantilly AW. Three-time AW scorer DRAGON LOVE (6) could be involved if bouncing back.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LE KAKOU (5) - KARRY BRADSHAW (4) - RIP (7) - DRAGON LOVE (6)</p>
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Race 3 - PRIX DE SAINTE-LUCIE - 2000m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **LA REBELLE** - Did nothing on debut when beaten 28 lengths into 12th over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Doubt she will trouble these.
2. **KIRENZA** - Came from a wide gate and could only manage to finish sixth last time out over 2000m at this track. Open to progress.
3. **SANTHIA** - Good effort on debut two runs back but was comfortably accounted for last start in ninth over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Others appeal more.
4. **GATSBYLA** - Finished 75 lengths back in 12th on debut over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence last start. Others rate better.
5. **SOSPIRIA** - Handy filly who finished fifth last start but was beaten only 1.75 lengths over 2000m at this track. Rates highly and should run well.
6. **TO TEN METERS** - Building up to a maiden win. In the money for the first time last start when second over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Ready to open her account this time.
7. **LA GITE** - Not far away two back but disappointed last time when fifth over 2000m at Lyon-Parilly. Place chance with the right run.
8. **ZAVADREAM** - Opened her career in promising style two back with a placing at this track. Disappointing in the follow up run two-and-a-half weeks ago when sixth over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Shortlisted to bounce back.
9. **LONG STORY SHORT** - Two-year-old filly stepping out for the second time after a debut run last start, beaten 19 lengths over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Look elsewhere.
10. **ISADORA** - Debutant daughter of Showcasing from Iowa Falls who was purchased for GNS 60,000 (Tattersalls 2021 October Yearling Sale Book 2). Worth keeping safe.
11. **JUST SLEEK** - Filly by Johnny Barnes from Sleekfontaine on debut. Market watch advised.
12. **J'EMBRASSE PAS** - Daughter of Invincible Spirit from Kiss Me Not on debut. Purchased for EUR 80,000 (Arqana 2021 August Yearling Sale). A betting push will add to the confidence.

Summary: The more experienced SOSPIRIA (5) had been running well at claiming level before finishing a close fifth in a course and distance handicap. Obvious appeal back in maiden company. ZAVADREAM (8) showed promise on debut when third over track and trip and wasn't disgraced when sixth at Salon-de-Provence. May fare better returned to an AW surface. Newcomer J'EMBRASSE PAS (12) could feature while TO TEN METERS (6) has form that ties in with Zavadream and cannot be ruled out.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SOSPIRIA (5) - ZAVADREAM (8) - J'EMBRASSE PAS (12) - TO TEN METERS (6)</p>

Race 4 - PRIX LUDOVIC MICHELON - 2000m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **CLEOD'OR** - Ran a better race last start to finish third at Saint-Cloud over 2000m. One of the main hopes.
2. **TALAP** - Races well over this distance. Safely held last time out when sixth over 2000m at this track. Terrific chance in a suitable contest.
3. **EDITED** - Five-year-old gelding with multiple wins at this journey. Good effort but found a couple better last time out, beaten 3.5 lengths, over 2000m at this track. Tough to beat on best form.
4. **WELLINGTON ROSE** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished second over 2400m at Salon-de-Provence on November 22. Likely to play a big role.
5. **INTERIEUR** - Broke a long drought last time when he scored by 2.5 lengths at this track over 2000m. Big chance to go back-to-back.
6. **RICHEMONT** - Is generally around the mark but last start finished sixth over 2400m at Salon-de-Provence. Worth another chance.
7. **BREIZH ANGEL** - Hasn't won in two years. Finished fourth, beaten 2.75 lengths, last start over 1900m at Nimes. Rates well.
8. **BOOMERANG** - Was well held last start, finishing ninth over 1600m at Longchamp. Yet to fill a placing on the all weather so others preferred.
9. **TRIMLIGHT** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when fourth over 2000m at this track a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 7 lengths. Will need to do a bit more.
10. **LES ALDUDES** - Yet to break through this campaign but hasn't been far away including a last start second over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Could go close.
11. **KENZAL** - Has recorded just one win from 20 career starts. Reasonable effort last start when a head away in second over 1900m at Nimes. Place likely best.

Summary: INTERIEUR (5) had EDITED (3) back in third when winning a course and distance Class Four claiming handicap eleven days ago. The former is selected to uphold the form off the same mark although the latter has been dropped 0.5kg and makes for plenty of appeal with an excellent course record. LES ALDUDES (10) goes well over this trip and must enter calculations following a sound handicap second at Salon-de-Provence. TALAP (2) may find the placings.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">INTERIEUR (5) - EDITED (3) - LES ALDUDES (10) - TALAP (2)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX DE L'ILE MAIRE - 1500m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **LAWRENCE** - Beaten 3.5 lengths into third at Nimes two starts ago then appeared at this track last time and finished 6 lengths from the winner in tenth. Major player on best form.
2. **VANILLE BLEUE** - Hasn't won in 20 months. Finished eighth, beaten 17 lengths, last start over 1500m at this track. Needs to do more.
3. **FEEL THE FEVER** - Last start scored a rare win over 1200m at Nimes. Has recorded just 3 victories from 34 starts. Has ability and is a top-three hope.
4. **FAIT MARQUAND** - Tends to mix his form but improved last start to finish third over 1200m at Nimes. Can continue the positive form trend.
5. **MYSTICAL PRINCE** - Finished fourth, beaten 2.75 lengths, last start over 1500m at this track. Better placed and expected to be in the finish.
6. **MY RIVER** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished second over 1200m at Nimes on November 20. Wasn't too far off the mark last time. In the mix again.
7. **CERVARO** - Could only manage 11th over 1400m at Chantilly AW last start to continue a run of ordinary form. Struggling to make an impact and happy to risk again.
8. **DULSIE BRIDGE** - Well held of late including last start when eighth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Making up the numbers.
9. **NIGHT OF THE OPERA** - Last start scored a rare win over 1500m at this track. Has recorded just 4 victories from 56 starts. Capable enough on his day and is expected to run well.
10. **MURRAYFIELD** - Finished third, beaten 2.75 lengths, last start over 1500m at this track. Better placed and expected to be in the finish.
11. **TOUTELUSIVE** - Yet to break through this campaign but hasn't been far away including a last start second over 1500m at this track. Major player.
12. **CHANT D'AUTOMNE** - Has ability but the wins are rare. Last start finished tenth over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Looks tested in this line-up.
13. **GUADAIZA** - Maiden galloper unplaced in all eight runs this campaign, the latest beaten 3.5 lengths over 1200m at Nimes. Yet to show much and would need to improve sharply.

Summary: NIGHT OF THE OPERA (9) went down a head here prior to going one better over course and distance just four days ago. Key contender having been supplemented in what looks a moderate affair. TOUTELUSIVE (11) finished 0.5L behind the selection in that recent track and trip event. In the mix if replicating. Possible pace angle MYSTICAL PRINCE (5) finished behind Night Of The Opera when fourth and cannot be ignored as a course and distance regular. MURRAYFIELD (10) may get involved if first-time cheekpieces have a positive effect.

Selections

NIGHT OF THE OPERA (9) - TOUTELUSIVE (11) - MYSTICAL PRINCE (5) - MURRAYFIELD (10)

Race 6 - PRIX D'AVIGNON - 1500m CLM CL4 HCP. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **KENZYDANCER** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished 14th over 1100m at Le Croise-Laroche on November 21. Prepared to overlook.
2. **HURRICANE LIGHT** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he scored over 1700m at Pornichet on November 14. Should be right in the finish.
3. **L'AMOUR CODE** - Has been out of the money of late including last time out when tenth over 2000m at this track a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 50 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.
4. **SAPIENS** - Honest entire. Course and distance winner whose latest effort was a fifth over 1500m at this track. Should run well.
5. **PARIGI** - Has been thereabouts without winning, last start finishing second over 1500m at this track. Has ability and is one of the major players.
6. **MUGUETTE GIRL** - Modest effort last time when 7 lengths away in 12th over 1400m at Toulouse. Unproven on this surface but deserves another chance.
7. **DEGRISEMENT** - Ran a better race last start to finish third at this track over 1500m. One of the main hopes.
8. **ENTAUMRY** - Has not raced since finishing 4 lengths away in eighth over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly on June 27. Has the ability to run well.

Summary: PARIGI (5) couldn't have gone much closer when second in a Class Four claiming handicap over course and distance last month. Top chance on this first outing for a new yard. Seven-time AW scorer DEGRISEMENT (7) finished a solid 0.5L third in that event and must enter calculations. The hat-trick seeking HURRICANE LIGHT (2) won a similar Pornichet AW event over 1700m twenty-five days ago and cannot be discounted. Another to include is SAPIENS (4).

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Race 7 - PRIX CHATEAU DE L'EMPERI - 2600m CLM. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **CHAAM** - Steps out to 2600m for the first time today after a modest effort last time out, finishing 7 lengths away in eighth over 2000m at Toulouse. Worth another chance.
2. **ASPEN** - Was out of the placings two back but turned things around more recently, beaten half a length when third over 2400m at Salon-de-Provence. Rates highly on the latest effort.
3. **DECIMA** - Has been about the money of late. Good third at this track over 2000m on October 28. Looks all set to run well again.
4. **LILIE BELLE** - Wasn't expected to do much when fresh from a spell last start at Lyon-la-Soie over 2400m and wound up in 11th, beaten 10 lengths. Looks a fair way off peak form so others preferred.
5. **MARALINKO** - Finding it hard to break through, finishing ninth last time out over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Has had too many chances.
6. **WOLFMASTER** - Mixed form galloper who ran well below best latest when a 50 length 12th over 2500m at Nancy. Worth including in the multiples.
7. **WUKOLINA** - Finds it hard to win. In the placings five times from 16 starts but has just the one win to her name. Last start finished tenth over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie.
8. **SAMAYA** - Was well held last start, finishing eighth over 2000m at Saint-Cloud. Yet to fire on the all weather but can do better this time.

Summary: ASPEN (2) made the running when third in a 2400m handicap at Salon-de-Provence seventeen days ago. Notable chance and may get his own way out in front from a decent draw. DECIMA (3) commands respect after a good 2L third in a 2000m claimer at this venue. Interesting upped in trip. CHAAM (1) ran well to finish third in a 1950m Le Mans claimer two starts ago and may be involved having been supplemented for this AW debut. SAMAYA (8) rounds out the shortlist.

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Race 8 - PRIX DES LECQUES - 2000m MDN. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **ROI DE FLANDRE** - Was beaten a fair way on debut last time out when fifth over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Big improver and expected to go well.
2. **DUNSBOROUGH** - Two-year-old gelding stepping out for the second time. Last start was beaten 15 lengths over 1900m at Chantilly AW. Hard to recommend.
3. **SUPREME** - Encouraging effort last time when third over 2000m at Toulouse. Can run a bold race.
4. **CHERALTAR** - Didn't do a great deal when 33 lengths back in ninth over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence. Better for that run but prefer to see him again.
5. **MACONDO** - Made little impression on debut over 2000m Salon-de-Provence when seventh, beaten 12 lengths. Don't think he will trouble this field.
6. **STRATUS** - Finished 7 lengths back in fifth on debut over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence last start. The race experience will be invaluable. One of the contenders.
7. **AIR FORCE ONE** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence on November 22. Sure to improve again. Top chance.

Summary: ROI DE FLANDRE (1) displayed ability when fifth in a Class Two conditions race over 2000m at Marseille-Borely on debut. Expected to go close in this easier affair with that experience under his belt. AIR FORCE ONE (7) has found the frame on four of his eight outings to date including when third in a 2000m maiden at Salon-de-Provence. Claims. STRATUS (6) may improve on a fair debut fifth in that Salon-de-Provence maiden and the experienced SUPREME (3) should go well.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROI DE FLANDRE (1) - AIR FORCE ONE (7) - STRATUS (6) - SUPREME (3)</p>
