

CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H] - 12 February

Race 1 - PRIX CIRBUS DES AIGLES - 1300m CL2. Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **INDYCO** - Bidding for a hat-trick of wins after scoring by 1.75 lengths over 1300m at this track on February 2. Rates highly.
2. **LE CADEAU** - Last appeared three months ago when he finished 2.25 lengths from the winner in sixth over 1400m at Chantilly All Weather. Definite winning chance first-up.
3. **BLU METAL JACKET** - Honest type unbeaten in two runs this season. Last start scored by 1.3 lengths over 1300m at this track. Solid credentials and certainly worth including.
4. **SLUZEWIEC** - Resumes after a spell of five months. Opened last prep with a fifth at Angers over 1600m. Has a good first-up record.
5. **CLEVER CANDY** - Beaten 2 lengths into third at this track two starts ago then appeared at this track last time and finished 3.5 lengths from the winner in sixth. Can atone.
6. **TCHORO** - Resumed with a lacklustre performance over 1300m at this track when 11th, beaten 8 lengths. Fully tested again.

Summary: The top-rated LE CADEAU (2) produced some sound form as a three-year-old including an excellent third in the G3 Barriere Prix de Meautry over 1200m at Deauville last summer. Major appeal down in grade after a break. INDYCO (1) looms a threat as he seeks a hat-trick following a Class Three handicap course and distance success. BLU METAL JACKET (3) made all to win a similar track and trip conditions event last-time-out and would be dangerous if allowed an easy lead. CLEVER CANDY (5) heads the remainder.

Selections

LE CADEAU (2) - INDYCO (1) - BLU METAL JACKET (3) - CLEVER CANDY (5)

Race 2 - PRIX DE FONTVIEILLE - 2150m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **SCENARISTE** - Won two starts back at Marseille Vivaux but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 2500m at this track last time. In the mix on best form.
2. **JOH SPIRIT** - Lightly raced filly who was beaten 3 lengths into third last start over 2150m at this track. Key chance.
3. **INTERSTELLA** - Has good credentials over this distance. Scored last time out by a head over 2150m at this track. Capable of taking this out.
4. **SAINTE RITA** - Has failed to fill a placing at her last few runs, the latest when fourth beaten 1.3 lengths over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Genuine chance on the back of the last effort.
5. **BRANA** - Placed two starts back at Deauville All Weather but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 1900m at Deauville All Weather last time. Tough to beat on best form.
6. **RUE DE VOLGA** - Beaten one length into third at this track two starts ago then appeared at this course last time and finished 4 lengths from the winner in fifth. Can do much better this time.
7. **L'INDOMPTABLE** - Was safely held when resuming over 2150m at this track, finishing fifth and beaten 4.5 lengths. Second up record is strong but this looks a bit rich.
8. **PERFECT ROSE** - Not a prolific winner with just five victories from 59 starts. Last start scored a rare win over 2150m at this track. Has ability and can measure up.

Summary: A tricky race to assess. INTERSTELLA (3) made it three from three over this 2150m trip when just getting the upper hand here eighteen days ago. Expected to measure up once more despite a further 3.5kg rise in the weights. Fellow last-time-out course and distance winner PERFECT ROSE (8) could feature from the foot of the weights while JOH SPIRIT (2) is considered following a conditions race third over track and trip. Recent Deauville AW handicap fifth BRANA (5) can be involved back on turf.

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Race 3 - PRIX ANTOINE CAPOZZI - 1600m HCP. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **ETERNEL** - Last appeared when he scored over 1500m on turf here on January 25. Leading hope again.
2. **BAILEYS ECLAIR** - Promising colt who last start finished 4 lengths away in seventh over 2000m at this track. Sure to go close.
3. **ROI DE FLANDRE** - Improved sharply last time to break through for a maiden win over 1600m at this track. Expected to be in the finish.
4. **MY RUNNER** - Promising colt who last start finished 3 lengths away in seventh over 1300m at Deauville All Weather. Key runner.
5. **AGRI** - Lightly raced colt who was beaten 2 lengths into second last start over 1600m at this track. Worth including.
6. **THREE DREAMS** - Far from disgraced when second on turf here last start after finishing second two runs back at Lyon-la-Soie. Back up in trip and is worth some thought.
7. **BIG LOG** - Not far away two back but disappointed last time when sixth over 1500m on turf here. Has some ability. Don't underestimate.
8. **SANTHIA** - Promising filly who last start finished 1.3 lengths away in third over 1300m at this track. Shapes up nicely.
9. **FORMIDABLE LE DUN** - Well held last start when seventh over 1500m on turf here to continue a run of plain efforts. Needs to improve sharply.
10. **FALCON** - Unwanted in the market when resuming last start at this track over 1300m and finished fourth. Looks a fair way off peak form so others are preferred.
11. **A STOLEN KISS** - Comes here second-up. She has been easily accounted for at each of her five career starts. Was not a factor last start at this track when eighth over 2000m. Making up the numbers.

Summary: ROI DE FLANDRE (3) narrowly prevailed in a course and distance maiden twenty days ago. Genuine hope with the tongue-tie fitted on handicap debut. ETERNEL (1) made all the running to score over 1500m (handicap) at this venue last outing. Can go well off 3.5kg higher. MY RUNNER (4) won a 1300m handicap at Deauville AW two starts ago and is likely capable of better than he showed off this mark subsequently. The drop in trip looks interesting for BAILEYS ECLAIR (2) under Soumillon.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROI DE FLANDRE (3) - ETERNEL (1) - MY RUNNER (4) - BAILEYS ECLAIR (2)</p>
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Race 4 - PRIX DES CAMPANULES - 1500m CLM CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **TRUE ROMANCE** - Stepping up in trip after finishing fourth over 1300m here on the All Weather last time. Finds a nice race this time and is right in contention.
2. **INAUGURAL** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time when ninth over 1600m here on the All Weather two-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 8 lengths. May improve.
3. **TILL WE DIE** - Last appeared when she finished eighth over 1300m here on the All Weather on February 2. Watch for sharp improvement.
4. **CARLTON CHOICE** - Returned from a spell last start and finished fourth over 1500m at this track. Fitter and is a genuine hope.
5. **OULTRADOR** - Son of Ultra from La Colombe D'or making his debut. Can give a bold sight.
6. **INATTENDU** - Has been out of the money of late including last time when ninth over 1500m at this track a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 1.75 lengths. Expect he will make amends.
7. **NATURE BOY** - Debutant son of Charm Spirit from Ella Fitz who was purchased for EUR 3,000 (Arqana 2020 October Yearlings Sale). May pay to keep an eye on any market moves.
8. **PEGASUS** - Has not raced since finishing 8 lengths away in 12th over 1800m at Chantilly on June 19. Should be right in the finish.
9. **MISS BELIEVE** - Has been out of the money of late including last time when fourth over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux a month ago, beaten 3 lengths. Capable of sharp improvement.
10. **BARTOLA** - Returned at long odds last start and finished 32 lengths adrift in 12th over 1600m here on the All Weather. Didn't do enough first up to raise hopes.
11. **LAKE NAIVASHA** - Placed two starts back at Baden-Baden (Germany) before struggling to win in easier grade here on the All Weather over 1600m last time. Hard to see her winning this.
12. **ANAWA** - Not firing at all recently, the latest effort a 25 length 11th over 1600m here on the All Weather on January 16. Prefer in something easier.

Summary: TRUE ROMANCE (1) won a Class Three claiming handicap before finishing a good fourth over 1300m on the AW here ten days ago. Genuine hope in what looks a suitable affair. The return to turf looks a positive for MISS BELIEVE (9) who looks a likely player following a 3L fourth in a 2000m Class Three claimer at Marseille-Vivaux AW. Market support for PEGASUS (8) would be interesting who drops in grade on reappearance for new connections. TILL WE DIE (3) rounds out the shortlist returning to turf.

Selections

TRUE ROMANCE (1) - MISS BELIEVE (9) - PEGASUS (8) - TILL WE DIE (3)
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Race 5 - PRIX DE LA CALIFORNIE - 1600m OPEN. Purse EUR €55,000.

1. **CAMBRONNE** - Finished a nose in-front of Mqse de Maintenon when winning a Class One course and distance conditions event latest. Obvious chance.
2. **VIVERNUS** - Made a winning debut over 1500m at Deauville AW. This is tougher.
3. **BRAVE EMPEROR** - First past the post over 1600m at Southwell AW (UK) when demoted to second for interference. Interesting contender.
4. **MACHITO** - Close fourth behind Cambronne three weeks ago over track and trip. Claims.
5. **MQSE DE MAINTENON** - Just denied by Cambronne before finishing a good fourth in a 2000m Class One here. Hard to ignore.
6. **ONYXKA** - 10L eighth in the Listed Criterium du Languedoc - Prix Bernard de Marmiesse over this trip at Toulouse in November. Not dismissed on the ratings. Makes AW debut.
7. **BOLIVIE** - Unexposed type who finished a good second in a 1600m conditions race at Pau AW. One to note with her fillies allowance.
8. **J'EMBRASSE PAS** - Runner-up in a Class Two 2000m conditions contest at Pau AW. Not ruled out but this probably has more depth.
9. **SHOWAY** - Just behind Cambronne and Mqse de Maintenon over course and distance (Class One) three weeks ago. Cannot be dismissed.
10. **ARIANE** - Won a 1400m Pau AW handicap last outing. Place hope.

Summary: A race that may revolve around a course and distance Class One conditions event three weeks ago. CAMBRONNE (1) was always well positioned when just getting the better of MQSE DE MAINTENON (5). The former looks progressive and is selected to follow up although the latter should be firmly involved after a solid fourth over 2000m here since. MACHITO (4) finished fourth in that event having been sent off favourite. Hard to ignore. English-raider BRAVE EMPEROR (3) looks progressive and is well worth a crack at this level.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAMBRONNE (1) - MQSE DE MAINTENON (5) - MACHITO (4) - BRAVE EMPEROR (3)</p>
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Race 6 - PRIX DE SORMIOU - 1500m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €17,000.

1. **MIRAGE** - Moderate effort first up when he was unwanted in the market and was easily accounted for in 14th over 1500m at this track. Must go to a new level.
2. **LE KAKOU** - Last start finished third over 1500m at this track. Well placed this time and expected to be in the finish.
3. **DONN CLIFS** - Last start finished sixth over 1500m at this track. Has recorded 2 victories from 20 starts. Has ability and can measure up.
4. **GAETANO DONIZETTI** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in 11th over 1500m at this track a week-and-a-half ago. No easier this time and not likely to threaten.
5. **PRESS OFFICER** - Returned to winning form second up last start, scoring by one length over 1500m at this track. Fitter for recent racing. Rates highly.
6. **RED THE WEST** - Comes here after finishing seventh last time at this track and trip, beaten 5 lengths. Happy to overlook.
7. **PRINCE LOS** - Last time was a fair fifth over 1500m at this track. The testing material on best form. Can improve sharply.
8. **LILY APPLE** - Dropped back in trip and ran a better race last start when third over 1500m at this track on January 31. Holds claims.
9. **NAVALIS** - Won two times earlier on in his prep, most recently finished second beaten one length at this track over 1500m. Can run a better race this time.
10. **CHEEKY TRAOU LAND** - Well held at the last couple of starts, the latest when beaten 4.5 lengths into sixth over 1500m at this track. Has ability.
11. **QUEEN OF THE NIGHT** - Finds it hard to win. Has just one success to her name but has recorded 13 placings from 48 starts. Last time was seventh over 1500m at this track. Looking to others.
12. **STAR DAYS** - Comes here second-up. Safely accounted for at each of her eight runs to date. Was not a factor last start at this track when 14th over 2150m. Not on that form.
13. **FEE HISTORIQUE** - Six-year-old mare third-up following a couple of average runs this campaign. Finished 12th over 1500m at this track last time.
14. **MEHANYDREAM** - Has been out of sorts including last time when 6 lengths away in eighth over 1500m at this track. Needs to do more.

Summary: PRESS OFFICER (5) had NAVALIS (9) 1L behind when winning a course and distance Class Four handicap twelve days ago. The former is now four from eleven over track and trip and may be capable of defying a 2.5kg rise. The latter makes obvious appeal once more although the bigger danger may come from PRINCE LOS (7) who finished a decent fifth on the same card (1500m handicap). LILY APPLE (8) was third in the aforementioned track and trip event behind Press Officer and cannot be discounted.

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<p style="text-align: center;">PRESS OFFICER (5) - NAVALIS (9) - PRINCE LOS (7) - LILY APPLE (8)</p>

Race 7 - GRAND PRIX DE LA RIVIERA COTE D'AZUR - JACQUES BOUCHARA - 2000m OPEN.
Purse EUR €60,000.

1. **FANTASTIC SPIRIT** - Nose winner of a Class Three handicap over 2000m at Pau AW last outing. Solid each-way hope on the figures.
2. **INDIAN PACIFIC** - Held eighth behind Hooking last start. Capable of better but needs to bounce back.
3. **DRAGONET** - Fifth behind two of these over 2000m here last start. Others preferred.
4. **BAKHCHISARAY** - Third behind Kahuna in a 2000m Class Two conditions event last outing here. Place contender.
5. **HOOKING** - Chases a hat-trick following a convincing 2L course and distance success last-time-out. Strong claims with the third in that event scoring since.
6. **GLAER** - 2L winner of a Class Three conditions race over 2000m at Pau AW latest. Three from five on the AW and hard to ignore for a top stable.
7. **SAINT HELLIER** - Held ninth in a Class Two handicap over 2150m on turf recently. Return to the AW a positive and holds each-way claims in this field.
8. **MR COALVILLE** - Took his record to five from eight on the AW when winning a Class One conditions event over 1900m at Chantilly AW. Right in the mix.
9. **WOODSTONE** - Finished sixth in a conditions event at Lyon-Parilly (2000m) last September. Market will guide.
10. **KAHUNA** - Unbeaten at this venue following a narrow Class Two conditions race win last outing. Thereabouts once more.
11. **HONGUEMARE** - Finished sixth behind Kahuna over 2000m here last outing. Likely remains capable of better but does have more to do to reverse the form.

Summary: The step up in trip won't pose an issue for HOOKING (5) who arrives on a hat-trick bid having beaten subsequent winners on the AW at Deauville and at this venue on his last two starts. Leading claims in current form. KAHUNA (10) made it two from two over course and distance when scoring by a neck in a Class Two conditions event three weeks ago. Key player. MR COALVILLE (8) won a Class One conditions race over 1900m at Chantilly AW in December and should be in the mix under Soumillon. GLAER (6) is three from five on the AW and needs including up in grade for notable connections.

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Race 8 - PRIX DE MORGIOU - 1500m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **WALDKAUZ** - Has not been racing well lately, the latest effort a tenth and beaten 11 lengths over 2000m here on the All Weather. Difficult to recommend.
2. **SCARFACE** - Went down by just a neck when third at this track over 1500m last time. Shapes as a key runner.
3. **AUTUMN TWILIGHT** - Was beaten just a nose when second at his latest appearance at this track over 1500m. Maxime Guyon retains the ride. Big chance.
4. **MORSAN** - Seven-year-old gelding with multiple wins at this journey. Scored last time out by a nose over 1500m at this track. Capable of taking this out.
5. **MANAROLA** - Not a prolific winner with just three victories from 38 starts. Last start finished eighth over 1300m here on the All Weather. Not keen.
6. **NOBLE AMBER** - Wasn't expected to do much when fresh from a spell last start at this track over 1500m and wound up in seventh, beaten 3.5 lengths. Can do much better this time.
7. **WASACHOP** - Returned after a spell last time out and finished fourth over 1500m at this track. Consider.
8. **HEALEY** - Ran a solid race last time when 1.75 lengths back in fifth over 1500m at this track. Can feature in the finish.
9. **HURRICANE LIGHT** - Well held at the last couple of starts, the latest when beaten 4.5 lengths into eighth over 1500m at this track. Struggling of late.
10. **MAFALDA STORY** - Last appeared four months ago when she finished 4.5 lengths from the winner in sixth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Expect a forward showing.
11. **MY FLINDERS** - Has a poor strike rate and failed to improve on it last start when she finished fourth over 1500m at this track. Among the chances.
12. **PRINCESSE VERA** - Resumed at this track over 1500m last time out and finished eighth beaten 5.5 lengths. Strips fitter and should be in the mix.
13. **HYBRID** - Recent form hasn't set the world on fire. Can't recommend on what he has been doing of late.
14. **LARNO** - Working towards a win, the latest effort a solid second over 1500m at this track. Rates highly.

Summary: There was very little to separate MORSAN (4) and AUTUMN TWILIGHT (3) over course and distance recently and they look the pair to concentrate on once more. The first mentioned narrowly prevailed on that occasion to record a third track and trip win from just five outings. He should be firmly in the mix again but the latter is weighted to reverse the placings and is selected to do so. SCARFACE (2) finished an excellent third in a Class Two course and distance handicap last-time-out and must enter calculations. Another to note is WASACHOP (7).

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">MORSAN (4) - AUTUMN TWILIGHT (3) - SCARFACE (2) - WASACHOP (7)</p>
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