

R1 CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE LA VESUBIE - 3300m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 3 - Hurdles - EUR € 34,000

- 1. MAJOR STAR** - Consistent so far and finished 3rd in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Can be competitive once again
- 2. ADES** - Showed some improvement when 3rd in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3400m on 3 December, Has a place chance
- 3. CHATEAU LA BARRE** - Showed improvement and was runner-up in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Improving and can go one place better
- 4. ALASTOR MAUGREY** - Very consistent and was third in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Capable of making the frame
- 5. VICTORY WIND** - In good form and was runner-up in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Victorious in November and can score again
- 6. MADISON RANSOM** - Did not show much on debut when 10th in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 7. MEURSAULT CHARME** - Holding form and finished 4th in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Might play a minor role
- 8. LITTLE PERFECT** - A three-year-old gelding by Bande out of Londinieres who is making his debut. His mother was unplaced in all five starts. Watch the betting
- 9. WHISKY MAX** - Unplaced on debut in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Second attempt and is capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 10. BRUN DE TZAR** - Finished 6th on debut in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 1 December. Needs to do better to win this race

Summary: CHATEAU LA BARRE (3) was an eye-catching finisher last time over the same course and distance on his debut over hurdles. He should come on plenty for the run and can get off the mark. A good second behind the selection on 1st December, MAJOR STAR (1) must be given plenty of consideration. VICTORY WIND (5) and ALASTOR MAUGREY (4) are closely matched as show their promising efforts at this course a fortnight ago and are two more for the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

CHATEAU LA BARRE (3) - VICTORY WIND (5) - MAJOR STAR (1) - ALASTOR MAUGREY (4)

C2 - PRIX DU MONT FALOURDE - 3700m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 - Steeple Chase - EUR € 32,000

- 1. MAIMIX** - Has only been modest so far and was 5th in a Conditions chase at this track over 3800m on 1 December. More is needed to beat these rivals
- 2. COLADAMASS** - Only modest of late and was 7th in a Conditions hurdle at this course over 3500m on 1 December. Might play a minor role
- 3. QUONSTANTINE** - Victorious on debut in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3300m on 3 December. Can double up trying a chase
- 4. FOLIE GOLITH** - Disappointing of late and was 9th in a Conditions hurdle at Compiegne over 3400m on 11 November. Needs to do more to win
- 5. MISS BORNINGRUN** - Showed some improvement when 5th in a Conditions hurdle at Argentan over 3600m on 9 November. Has room to improve on chase debut. Might place
- 6. DREAM WEAVER** - Not disgraced when 5th in a Conditions hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3550m on 2 December. Victorious back in November and can be a danger on chase debut
- 7. BELLINA DU BERLAIS** - Yet to win a race but was runner-up in a conditions hurdle at this track over 3500m on 1 December. Can go one better trying fences
- 8. JERUSALEMA** - Has struggled of late and was 9th in a Conditions hurdle at this course over 3500m on 1 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 9. HOLY WARRIOR** - Unplaced on debut in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3300m on 3 December. Capable of improvement but others are preferred
- 10. MALACA** - Finished 5th in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3500m on 1 December. A winner back in August and can be a threat trying the larger obstacles

Summary: Trainer David Cottin has a strong hand in this line-up with three runners. Placed in a Grade 3 Hurdle in October at Auteuil, BELLINA DU BERLAIS (7) makes plenty of appeal on her chase debut. QUONSTANTINE (3) is obviously talented having won her only start over hurdles but Johnny Charron has picked up the ride on BELLINA DU BERLAIS (7). MALACA (10) posted a promising run at this course last time. DREAM WEAVER (6) is from a strong yard and cannot be discounted.

SELECTIONS

BELLINA DU BERLAIS (7) - QUONSTANTINE (3) - MALACA (10) - DREAM WEAVER (6)

C3 - PRIX WUTZELINE - PEL.A - 3300m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 - Hurdles - EUR € 32,000

1. **KENTUCKY IDEAL** - Has struggled in both starts and was 11th in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3400m on 3 December. Others are much preferred
2. **RAZAMIX** - Showed some improvement when 4th in a Conditions hurdle at Nimes over 3400m on 11 November. Needs to find a few lengths to win
3. **ISAAC OF YORK** - Ran well on debut when 5th in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Likely to improve and could score
4. **MEROVEE** - Unplaced on debut in a claimer at this track over 3400m on 8 December. Needs major improvement to win
5. **CASTING ROYAL** - A faller on debut in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3400m on 3 December. Has room to improve and is not out of it
6. **WILD FUN** - Not disgraced when 6th on debut in a conditions over this track and trip on 1 December. Can improve and get involved with the finish
7. **MISTER MAEL** - Has struggled of late and was 10th in a conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
8. **MAX DE SIVOLA** - Dislodged the rider on debut in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Capable of improvement and could earn some money
9. **ESPOIR DE CERES** - 3 year old gelding by For Fun and Lespoir making their debut. Confidently backed by the trainers but is best left out against this lot
10. **CASTEVA DU GRENAT** - Not disgraced when 4th on debut in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3400m on 8 December. Should fight out the finish
11. **JUBILATION** - A three- year-old filly by Doctor Dino out of Kings Jewel who is making her debut. Her mother was unraced. Watch the betting
12. **KLARABELLE** - Has not shown much and was 7th in a Conditions hurdle and this course over 3400m on 8 December. Others are preferred
13. **SAINTE STYLEE** - Finished unplaced in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 3 December. Needs major improvement to win
14. **SANTORINI** - Showed some improvment when 6th in a Conditions hurdle at this course over 3400m on 8 December. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
15. **JOLIE CARTE** - Finished 10th on debut in a Conditions hurdle at this course over 3400m on 8 December. Others make more appeal

Summary: ISAAC OF YORK (3) showed plenty of promise on his debut race over the course & distance on 1st December and with the natural improvement can get the job done. CASTEVA DU GRENAT (10) is another who made an encouraging debut to her career and is one to keep safe. WILD FUN (6) is bred to jump and should go closer than he did first time out. CASTING ROYAL (5) was well in contention when he fell two from home on debut.

SELECTIONS

ISAAC OF YORK (3) - CASTEVA DU GRENAT (10) - WILD FUN (6) - CASTING ROYAL (5)

C4 - PRIX WUTZELINE - PEL.B - 3300m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 - Hurdles - EUR € 32,000

- 1. KING DE CERES** - Finished 8th on debut in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 2. CAMPO GRANDE** - Finished 7th on debut in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Needs to do a bit more to win
- 3. MAGIC DANCER** - Not disgraced when 5th in debut in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Likely to improve and has winning claims
- 4. PORTO GIUNCO** - Has struggled of late and was 11th in a Conditions hurde over this course and distance on 1 October. Others make more appeal
- 5. PYRAVOL LAUJAC** - Showed improvement when 5th in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3400m on 3 December. Can get involved with the finish
- 6. ZUNDER** - Finished 8th in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3400m on 3 December. Others are preferred in this line-up
- 7. VESCO** - Finished 9th on hurdles debut in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Victorious on the flat and could surprise
- 8. MON SEUL DESIR** - Showed improvement when 5th in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3400m on 8 December. Has won on the flat and should be a threat
- 9. SILVER SEED** - Not disgraced when 6th in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 3 December. Might play a minor role
- 10. MARQUISE DE L'EST** - Unplaced on debut in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 3 December. Needs to do a bit more to win
- 11. VOLSAINTE JELOIS** - Finished 8th on debut in a Conditions hurdle at Moulins over 3500m on 17 September. Needs to do a lot more to win this race
- 12. MADLY DU LIVET** - Has not show much in two starts and was unplaced n a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3400m on 8 December. Others make more appeal
- 13. RORY WILLONG** - Not disgraced when 5th in a Conditions hurdle over this course and distance on 3 December. Has room to improve and is not out of it
- 14. GUAPA DE CERES** - 3 year old female by Spanish Moon and Epona making her debut. Is expected to do well through her career but is best left out this time
- 15. MA BELLE D'OR** - 9th in a conditions at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 3300m on 3 December. Second attempt under the saddle and can contest the finish

Summary: MAGIC DANCER (3) did not go unnoticed when 5th over this course & distance first time out on 1st December. He is from a strong yard and with Johnny Charron up looks the one to be with. PYRAVOL LAUJAC (5) is another one who should improve plenty from a good debut race and can get a look in. RORY WILLONG (13) and MON SEUL DESIR (8) are two others that should be given some serious consideration.

SELECTIONS

MAGIC DANCER (3) - PYRAVOL LAUJAC (5) - RORY WILLONG (13) - MON SEUL DESIR (8)

**C5 - PRIX PHILIPPE LORAIN - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles - EUR €
83,000**

- 1. FAMILIAR** - Bounced back to his best with a Conditions hurdle win over this course and distance on 3 December. Can follow up
- 2. FAMILY SPEED** - Unreliable and was unplaced in a Listed hurdle at Auteuil over 3900m on 23 November. Capable of an upset on best form
- 3. SHALAA DANCER** - Has only been modest of late and finished 8th in a handicap hurdle at this track over 4000m on 3 December. More is needed to beat these rivals
- 4. SIGN OF STARS** - In good form and finished third in a Conditions hurdle at Compiègne over 3600m on 28 November. Be right there at the finish
- 5. KADOVER** - Knocking hard at the door and was runner-up in a handicap chase at this track over 3800m on 1 December. Can be competitive once again
- 6. LILETTE** -
- 7. KAMAKURA ONE** - Holding form and was third in a Conditions hurdle over this track and trip on 3 December. Can contest the finish again
- 8. LE COLOMBAR** - Has only been modest of late and finished 8th in a handicap chase at this course over 3800m on 1 December. Others make more appeal
- 9. LEVOILATIEP** - Unreliable and finished 7th in a handicap chase at this course over 3800m on 1 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
- 10. DINO STYLE** - Has only been modest of late and finished 7th in a Conditions chase at this track over 3800m on 8 December. Capable of a surprise on best form
- 11. CARGO DE NUIT** - Has really struggled of late and was unplaced in a Conditions chase at Auteuil over 4400m on 23 November. Others are much preferred
- 12. STORMY TANGO** - Victorious in a handicap hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Carries a penalty but is not out of it
- 13. LERIKA** - Dislodged the rider last time out in a handicap chase at this track over 3800m on 1 December. Others make more appeal
- 14. ROYAL PALOMA** - Very consistent and was runner-up in a handicap hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Can be competitive yet again
- 15. LULLY DU HUTREL** - Has struggled of late and was 9th in a Conditions hurdle race over this course and distance on 3 December. Unreliable and could play a minor role
- 16. MONTERRAT** - Unreliable and finished 5th in a handicap hurdle over this track and trip on 1 December. Might play a minor role

Summary: FAMILIAR (1) outclassed his rivals last time in a Class 3 Hurdle over the course & distance and seems to have plenty more to offer. He gets the vote ahead of KAMAKURA ONE (7) who finished 3rd to the selection on 3rd December but has a three kilos pull in the weight this time around. SIGN OF STARS (4) has shown improvement for his new trainers and warrants respect. KADOVER (5) posted a promising comeback run over fences early this month and is another one to keep safe, alongside STORMY TANGO (12) who is showing rapid progress.

SELECTIONS

FAMILIAR (1) - KAMAKURA ONE (7) - SIGN OF STARS (4) - KADOVER (5)

C6 - PRIX BERJOU - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 - Steeple Chase - EUR € 32,000

- 1. KING SAINT** - Unreliable and was unplaced last time out in a handicap hurdle at this track over 400m on 3 December. Has won a chase over this course and distance and is not out of it
- 2. IRON BARKS** - Unreliable and was 7th in a handicap chase over this course and distance on 1 December. Capable of making the frame
- 3. GURZUF** - A faller last time out in a Group 3 hurdle race at Auteuil over 4300m on 31 May. Returns from a break but is not out of it trying the fences
- 4. ZANHOWE** - Not disgraced when 5th in a Conditions chase over this track and trip on 3 December. Could earn some money
- 5. IRISH VOCATION** - Kept to hurdles so far and was runner-up in a Conditions hurdle at this track over 3500m on 3 December. A group 3 hurdles winner who can win on chase debut
- 6. WALFER** - Has shown very little of late and was unplaced in a Conditions chase over this track and trip on 3 December. Others are preferred
- 7. FOUDRE DELTA** - Unreliable and finished tenth in a Conditions chase over this course and distance on 1 December. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 8. YUTU** - Has really struggled of late and was unplaced in a Conditions chase over this course and distance on 3 December. Needs major improvement to win
- 9. MAURICIUS** - Did not show much when 9th in a Conditions chase over this track and trip on 3 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win

Summary: IRISH VOCATION (5) posted a solid return to action on 3rd December here after 19 months on the sidelines . He was a Grade 3 Hurdle winner in 2024 and warrants the utmost respect on his chase debut. GURZUF (3) returns from a layoff but he was a smart hurdler before and can make a huge impact on his first run over fences. A dual course & distance winner last winter, KING SAINT (1) should fare better than he did last time. IRON BARKS (2) can have each-way aspirations.

SELECTIONS

IRISH VOCATION (5) - GURZUF (3) - KING SAINT (1) - IRON BARKS (2)

C7 - PRIX AL CAPONE II - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 37,000

1. ILLAHO - Remains in good form and finished third in a Conditions chase over this course and distance on 3 December. Big chance

2. COUTE QUE COUTE - Victorious last time out in a handicap chase over this track and trip on 1 December. Can follow up

3. ASTORIUS - Not reliable and was 5th in a handicap chase over this course and distance on 1 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win

4. KUCHARSKY - Did not show his best when 11th in a handicap chase over this course and distance on 1 December. Can be competitive on best form

5. LOCKBATAN THOM - Returned to form and was third in a handicap chase over this course and distance on 1 December. Not out of it

6. BUBBLE PRETTY - Only modest of late and finished fifth in a handicap hurdle at this track over 3500m on 3 December. More is needed to win

7. PLANEUR -

8. PRIAM DU MESNIL - In good form and was runner-up in a Conditions chase over this track and trip on 8 December. Can contest the finish

9. MANIYSA BLEUE - Has only been modest of late and finished 6th in a Conditions chase over this track and trip on 8 December. Others are preferred

10. TWICKENHAM PARK - Victorious in a chase claimer at Fontainebleau over 3600m on 19 November. Tougher task but could earn some minor money

Summary: ILLAHO (1) loves this course and posted a very promising comeback effort on 3 December. He will have come on for the run and could be hard to oppose despite his top-weight. COUTE QUE COUTE (2) is a smart horse that won with ease last time on his first run at this course. He looks a serious threat to the selection. Both KUCHARSKY (4) and PRIAM DU MESNIL (8) will have to raise their game significantly to threaten the top choices.

SELECTIONS

ILLAHO (1) - COUTE QUE COUTE (2) - KUCHARSKY (4) - PRIAM DU MESNIL (8)

**C8 - PRIX JEAN-YVES BEAURAIN - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Divided Handicap - Hurdles -
EUR € 53,000**

- 1. LIGHT OF STAR** - Has struggled of late and was a faller last time out in a handicap chase at Vittel over 3600m on 20 July. Hard to trust and others are preferred
 - 2. CLOS MARGAUX** - Has struggled of late and finished tenth in a claiming hurdle at this track over 3400m on 11 December. Needs major improvement to win
 - 3. LES FLOTS BLEUS** - Battling to regain best form and was 9th in a claiming hurdle at this track over 3400m on 11 December. Needs to find a few lengths to win
 - 4. LITCHI ROQUE** - Unseated her partner at the first last time at this course. Previous form is solid and can go close if back at the top of her game
 - 5. VITUS BERING** - Consistent in chases and was fourth in a chase claimer at Fontainebleau over 3600m on 19 November. Others are preferred back in a hurdle race.
 - 6. LA PAGAILLE** - Not reliable and was 7th in a chase claimer at this track over 3800m on 11 December. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
 - 7. KAPKI** - Did not show his best when 8th in a handicap hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Had shown better form before that and could surprise
 - 8. NOUS** - Unreliable and was 7th in a handicap hurdle over this course and distance on 3 December. Might play a minor role at best
 - 9. AOPHTEGME** - Showed vast improvement when third in a handicap hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Can make the frame if repeating that performance.
 - 10. LEANDRO NONANTAIS** - Did not show his best when 7th in a handicap hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Capable of playing a minor role
 - 11. UP AND UP** - Holding form and was fourth in a handicap hurdle over this course and distance on 1 December. Can be competitive once again
 - 12. TENUTA** - Has really struggled of late and finished 8th in a Conditions hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3550m on 19 November. Needs to do a lot more to beat these rivals
 - 13. KISSY** - Has struggled of late and was 8th in a Conditions chase at this track over 3800m on 8 December. Needs major improvement to win
 - 14. LE PHOCEA** - Has shown some improvement of late and was fourth in a handicap chase at Nîmes over 3800m on 11 November. Might earn some minor money
 - 15. SIRENE SUCCESS** - Yet to win a race and was unplaced last time out in a handicap hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m on 5 November. Others are much preferred
 - 16. BRISE D'ETEL** - Showed vast improvement when runner-up in a Conditions hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3550m on 19 November. Can go one place better
- Summary:** LITCHI ROQUE (4) unseated her partner at the first obstacle last time on her handicap debut. Her previous form at Nantes is solid and she can make amends for this unlucky attempt. AOPHTEGME (9) showed some significant progress at this track over hurdles last time out and seems to be heading in the right direction. BRISE D'ETEL (16) failed by a nose in her last run at Fontainebleau and produced a career-best effort that day. She is short list material. UP AND UP (11) is in the upgrade and must be followed closely too.

SELECTIONS

LITCHI ROQUE (4) - AOPHTEGME (9) - BRISE D'ETEL (16) - UP AND UP (11)