

THURSDAY, 17/04/25

R3 SALON-DE-PROVENCE [R-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA COTE BLEUE - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF - Class 3 Race -
Flat - EUR € 23,000**

1. CHARMING CAT - Won on the only start over 900m in a claimer at Saint-Cloud on April 4th. First run for new connections and can put his experience to good use

2. THE BLACK STONE - Got off the mark on debut over 1000m at Marseille Borely on March 19th in a conditions race. Live contender

3. HELLO SPRING - Colt by Roman Candle, the dam won 3 races over jumps. Stable runners tend to need a run or two for experience. The betting can guide

4. FRAGRANCE - 6th on the only run over 900m at Lyon Parilly on March 16th. Needs to improve to make the top three

5. WHITE NIGHT - Well beaten on her debut over 1000m at Marseille Borely on March 19th. Unlikely to threaten

6. CLEA CHOPE - 6th on her debut at Marseille Borely on March 19th over 1000m behind THE BLACK STONE (2). Has work to do

7. REMEMBER CHOPE - Fair 3rd on her debut at Marseille Borely on March 19th behind THE BLACK STONE (2). She has just over a length to make up and warrants respect

8. ILE AUX ROSES - Filly by Goken, the dam ran a few times. Might need this run for experience and is best watched in the betting exchanges

9. PINK ROCHE - Unraced by Zelzal, the dam won 3 races over middle distances. Looks good on paper, and she should be monitored in the betting for clues

Summary: CHARMING CAT (1) won a claimer on his debut at Saint-Cloud earlier this month and is now racing for new connections. He can follow up in this non-claiming event. THE BLACK STONE (2) scored on debut at Marseille Borely in mid-March and looks like the main danger, with improvement expected. REMEMBER CHOPE (7) was third in the same race and can improve from that outing. PINK ROCHE (9) has a nice pedigree and could be worth watching in the betting for any support.

SELECTIONS

CHARMING CAT (1) - THE BLACK STONE (2) - REMEMBER CHOPE (7) - PINK ROCHE (9)

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C2 - PRIX D'EYGUIERES - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Newcomers Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. FINK PLOYD - Gelding by Threat, the dam never ran. From a leading trainer who will have this horse well-tuned for a bold show. The betting can be informative

2. BLACK TIE - Colt by Pinatubo, the dam won 1 race. Jean Claude Rouget his trainer, will have this colt well forward. The betting should be monitored for clues

3. NELLO - Gelded son of Elarqam, the dam was placed a few times. Likely to need this run for experience. Any market support should be noted

4. UNFURLED - Colt by Elarqam, the dam won 2 races. He will be expected to improve from this debut run. Watch the betting patterns

5. SAINT FLORENT - Gelding by Charm Spirit, the dam won 1 race. One to keep safe from a leading stable. Monitor the betting patterns

6. THE MOON'S ANGEL - Gelding by Madhmoon, the dam won 4 races, including a Listed race. Stable runners are not fully tuned on debut. The betting can be the most informative guide

7. ZELKOVA - Filly by Wooded, the dam won 3 races, including a Group 3 race. The stable runners warrant respect on debut. Watch the betting patterns

8. RUGLES - Filly by Romanised, the dam won 5 races. Looks good on paper and any market support should be noted

9. DENGIE - Filly by Kendargent, the dam won 4 races. She should know what is expected on her debut. The betting can be the best guide

10. DISBAY - Filly by New Bay, the dam won 1 race. Stable runners warrant respect on debut. Any market support should be noted

11. HOODWINK - Filly by Dariyan, the dam won 2 races. Respected trainer and any market interest should be noted

Summary: FINK PLOYD (1) makes plenty of appeal on paper, and his trainer is likely to have him well prepared for a bold debut. BLACK TIE (2) hails from the Jean-Claude Rouget yard and should know what's expected first time out—the betting can offer valuable clues. ZELKOVA (7) could be the most forward of the fillies; her dam was a talented performer and a Group 3 winner. RUGLES (8) is another to note—her dam was a five-time winner, and she merits a market check.

SELECTIONS

FINK PLOYD (1) - BLACK TIE (2) - ZELKOVA (7) - RUGLES (8)

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C3 - PRIX D'ARLES - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. FIUMICCINO - Two unplaced runs since a 2nd over 2000m in a maiden at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on January 27th. Has work to do

2. GREEN HEAD - Unplaced on the one run over 2000m at Vichy in a maiden on September 23rd. Hard to fancy

3. GOLDEN BROWN - Two placed runs this year, the latter when 3rd over 1600m at Toulouse in a maiden on February 24th. Player

4. BLACK BOSS - Two good 2nd placed runs so far, the latter over 2000m at Marseille Borely on March 19th. Looks ready to win

5. CANNOLO - 4th on his second start over 2600m on the PSF on March 13th on his latest start. Opposable

6. IL BIONDINO - Well beaten on the one run over 2400m at Lyon La Soie on March 30th in a maiden race. He needs vast progress to be involved

7. C'EST VRAI - Fair run when 5th on debut over 1600m at Toulouse on March 3rd. He will improve for that outing and is in the mix

8. DREAM IN BROOKE - 4th on her latest start over 1900m at Nimes in a maiden race on April 5th. Others make more appeal

9. ALMERIA - Showed talent when 4th on debut over 2000m at Marseille Borely in a maiden on March 19th. She will have learned from debut and can be involved

Summary: BLACK BOSS (4) has been knocking at the door with two second-placed runs so far. The latter over 2000m in mid-March at Marseille Borely. He looks ready to score. GOLDEN BROWN (3) has been placed on both of his runs this year and can make the selection work hard for success. C'EST VRAI (7) showed promise on debut when fifth and can make the top three. ALMERIA (9) caught the eye when fourth on her debut and heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

BLACK BOSS (4) - GOLDEN BROWN (3) - C'EST VRAI (7) - ALMERIA (9)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA SOCIETE DES COURSES DE SALON-DE-PROVENCE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Flat - EUR € 22,000

1. **PRADO** - Ran well to be 4th at Saint-Cloud on April 4th over 2400m in a handicap on the last start. Needs a bit more in a stronger race

2. **MONDO** - 4th on his seasonal return over 1600m in a Class 2 race on February 16th. Might find a few too smart

3. **ZARAKCHIC** - Nice return 4th in a Class 2 race at Marseille Borely on March 19th over 1700m. He can strip fitter for that and play a lead role

4. **MARCHEMALO** - Won on his sole start over 2000m at Marseille Borely on March 19th by 2.5L. He will improve and ought to be in the shake-up

5. **DIOPTASE** - Fair effort when 2nd in a Class 2 race at Marseille Borely on March 19th over 1700m. Hard to ignore

6. **STEF LE MAGNIFIQUE** - 6th last time, 2nd before that over 2150m in a class 1 race at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on January 27th in a Class 1 race. Looks vulnerable

7. **KLYCOT** - He won on his second start over 2150m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on February 25th in a maiden race. Live chance

Summary: ZARAKCHIC (3) can improve for his run at Marseille Borely in a Class 2 race in mid-March. He can edge this over MARCHEMALO (4), who scored on his racecourse debut at Marseille Borely by over two lengths on March 19th and will make progress from that experience. KLYCOT (7) won nicely on his second run at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in late February and looks promising. DIOPTASE (5) is another to consider after a solid run last time, when he was ahead of the main selection.

SELECTIONS

ZARAKCHIC (3) - MARCHEMALO (4) - KLYCOT (7) - DIOPTASE (5)

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C5 - PRIX DU CENTRE D'ENTRAINEMENT DE CALAS - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 17,000

1. **BOOGIE** - Courageous win over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 3 handicap on the 30th of March 2025. Goes for the hat-trick
2. **INTERSTELLA** - Winner over 2600m at Marseille Borely in a Class 3 handicap on the 19th of March 2025. Include in all bets
3. **ZLARA** - Cozy winner over 2400m at Lyon Parilly in a Class 3 handicap on the 8th of November 2024. Can outrun odds
4. **POLYSPEED** - Encouraging victory over 1800m at Lyon La Soie in a maiden on the 23rd of March 2025. Should go close
5. **BACK TO BLACK** - Finished 7th behind a reopposing sort over 2600m at Marseille Borely in a Class 3 handicap on the 19th of March 2025. Place chance
6. **MY CHARMING PRINCE** - Poor display in 10th over 2000m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 claimer on the 22nd of March 2025. Others make more appeal
7. **BLACK SAXON** - Finished a clear 6th over 2600m behind a reopposing sort at Marseille Borely in a Class 3 handicap on the 19th of March 2025. Outside place chance
8. **LADY MANA** - Beaten out of sight in 9th over 2150m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 30th of March 2025. Would be a surprise winner
9. **AMELIELYMPIQUE** - No show in 11th over 2400m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 25th of January 2025. Can pop up in this class

Summary: POLYSPEED (4) is a youngster that continues to improve with racing and won a very good race last time out which could turn out to be a decent launch pad for his career. He could be too good for these with plenty of scope for improvement. BOOGIE (1) arrives in career best form and won't be a pushover. He has won his last two and will be aiming to get his head in front once again. INTERSTELLA (2) returned to winning ways with a gusty victory and is worth including. BACK TO BLACK (5) has the right credentials to challenge for the placings.

SELECTIONS

POLYSPEED (4) - BOOGIE (1) - INTERSTELLA (2) - BACK TO BLACK (5)

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C6 - PRIX JEAN-JACQUES NAPOLI - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

1. **SHAMSABAD** - Runner up over 2600m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 11th of April 2025. Include in the play
2. **ALROMY** - Comfortable winner over 2200m at Cavaillon in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 23rd of March 2025. Could surprise again
3. **TIGRE ROUGE** - Finished a fair 4th over 3200m at Agen-La-Garenne in a Class 4 handicap on the 31st of March 2025. Each way chance
4. **DREAM OF EMERAUDE** - Held in 5th over 2400m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 25th of February 2025. Could sneak into a minor spot
5. **MOUTRAKI** - Finished 6th over 2000m at Marseille Borely in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 19th of March 2025. Difficult to assess
6. **BUSINESS PLAN** - Not seen to best effect in 9th over 2400m at Toulouse in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 7th of April 2025. Rating looks attractive
7. **FOR BETTY** - Runner up over 2500m at Hyeres in a maiden on the 27th of March 2025. Lots of scope for improvement
8. **HADLEIGH** - Well beaten in 4th over 2500m at Hyeres in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 27th of March 2025. Hard to recommend
9. **HASHTAG JOA** - Average effort in 5th over 2200m at Cavaillon in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 23rd of March 2025. One to pass by
10. **KALEOBAYANE** - Far from disgraced in 6th over 2350m at Strasbourg in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 22nd of March 2025. Can run into a minor position
11. **MAVALA** - Finished a clear 3rd over 2500m at Hyeres in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 27th of March 2025. Easy to look elsewhere

Summary: TIGRE ROUGE (3) has been a model of consistency and looks ready to notch up his first win for 2025 after what was a rather successful 2024 where he won four times. SHAMSABAD (1) is an old boy who showed a return to form last time out and with a repeat effort, he will be in the shake up. FOR BETTY (7) showed very good improvement at her latest outing and is likely to be suited by handicapping which she tries for the first time. BUSINESS PLAN (6) hasn't been in the greatest form but continues to drop in the ratings which leaves her lurking on a dangerous mark.

SELECTIONS

TIGRE ROUGE (3) - SHAMSABAD (1) - FOR BETTY (7) - BUSINESS PLAN (6)

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C7 - PRIX DE MIRAMAS - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. COTE JARDIN** - Moderate effort in 6th over 2500m at Deauville in a Class 3 course qualifier on the 10th of August 2024. Others inspire more confidence
- 2. AL HABISSET** - Finished 5th over 2600m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 22nd of March 2025. Place chance
- 3. ASPEN** - Finished a clear 3rd over 2600m at Nimes in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 5th of April 2025. One to pass by
- 4. GAMECHANGER** - Won a solid race over 2000m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 8th of March 2025. Include in all bets
- 5. INTO FAITH** - Finished close up in 4th over 2400m at Ajaccio in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 6th of April 2025. More needed at this level
- 6. LESSARD** - Runner up over 2600m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 22nd of March 2025. Can outrun odds
- 7. EXHIT** - No show in 8th over 3200m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 30th of March 2025. Work cut out to feature
- 8. JAGDA** - Runner up over 3200m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 30th of March 2025. Can run into the money
- 9. DOCTEUR TOURNESOL** - Finished 6th over 2600m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 22nd of March 2025. Should be in the firing line
- 10. SANCHO** - Finished 3rd behind a reopposing sort over 2600m at Marseille Borely in a Class 4 handicap on the 17th of February 2025. Should be in the shake up
- 11. AVERNES** - Fair effort in 4th over 2400m at Toulouse in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 19th of March 2025. Winning chance

Summary: DOCTEUR TOURNESOL (9) has been in the thick of things this year without winning but has given signs in recent outings that his next win isn't far away and this race could work out for him. AVERNES (11) produced a solid performance last time out and if repeating that, she will have a say in the outcome. GAMECHANGER (4) arrives in winning form having tasted success twice at his last three outings and he holds winning claims once again. SANCHO (10) comes into this race nicely treated at the weights and on his latest outing, he can turn the form around with Gamechanger who he is 6kgs better off at the weights with.

SELECTIONS

DOCTEUR TOURNESOL (9) - AVERNES (11) - GAMECHANGER (4) - SANCHO (10)

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C8 - PRIX CHRISTIAN FORNAROLI - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. **LOU MAN** - Pleasing effort in 4th over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 29th of March 2025. Bright winning chance
2. **BOBBYMURPHY** - Failed to feature in 12th over 1900m at Deauville in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 8th of April 2025. Better than last and can threaten
3. **ROYAL SAXO** - Non-Runner
4. **CLEOD'OR** - Not entirely disgraced in 6th over 1800m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 3 handicap on the 23rd of March 2025. Outsider for the placings
5. **ALBINE** - Outclassed in 5th over 2150m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 1 on the 2nd of February 2025. Should feature here
6. **RIO D'OCTOBRE** - Winner over 2000m at Marseille Borely in a Class 4 divided handicap on the 19th of March 2025. Good each way claims
7. **TASHANKA** - Runner up behind a reopposing sort over 2000m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 3 handicap on the 13th of March 2025. Strong place chance
8. **REMIX** - Gusty win over 1900m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat in a Class 4 divided limited handicap on the 28th of March 2024. Goes in search off a hat-trick
9. **QUEEN SINGER** - Won over 2000m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 22nd of March 2025. Can run into the money
10. **CARLSTON** - Fair effort in 3rd over 2150m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 30th of March 2025. Others make more appeal
11. **BEST SHALAA** - Runner up over 2000m at Marseille Pont De Vivaux in a Class 4 course qualifier on the 22nd of March 2025. Include in the play
12. **ARCUBIATU** - No show in 8th over 2000m at Saint-Cloud in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 29th of March 2025. Hard to recommend

Summary: LOU MAN (1) has been running against stronger than this and on the back off his latest outing when finishing off his race in good style, the drop in trip is in his favor and he should go well. REMIX (8) brings winning form to the table and despite rising in class, he is likely to be a huge threat once again. BEST SHALAA (11) has seldom been far off the action and comes in with a very light galloping weight which should see her challenging. ALBINE (5) met far better quality last time out and failed to feature but she will be a force to be reckoned with in this event.

SELECTIONS

LOU MAN (1) - REMIX (8) - BEST SHALAA (11) - ALBINE (5)