

R5 PONT DE VIVAUX [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX D'AUVERGNE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR €
14,400**

- 1. FOLLOW YOU** - Only modest of late and finished 9th in a handicap hurdle at Lyon-Parilly over 4000m on 6 June. Capable of an upset back on the flat
- 2. MAITRE DU JEU** - In good form and finished third in a handicap at Marseille-Borely over 1700m on 18 May. better on the grass but is capable of scoring
- 3. CELANOKEN** - Did not show his best when 10th in a class 4 Conditions race over this course and distance on 22 May. Capable of bouncing back to score
- 4. BLANCHE SACREE** - Disappointing form of late and was unplaced in a handicap at Toulouse over 2200m on 8 June. More is needed to score
- 5. MANDOKI** - Unreliable and finished 8th in a handicap at this track over 1500m on 6 June. Has won at this course and is not out of it
- 6. OLAF THE BIG ONE** - Not reliable and finished 6th in a class 4 Conditions race over this track and trip on 6 June. Has claims in this line-up
- 7. RABBAH** - Unreliable but was runner-up in a class 4 Conditions race at Hyeres over 1850m on 5 June. Capable of making the frame
- 8. SEKKU** - Off form and finished 9th in a handicap at this course over 2600m on 22 May. Needs to find a few lengths to score
- 9. CAPABLE** - Only modest of late and finished 7th in a handicap at this track over 2600m on 22 May. needs to do a bit more to beat these rivals
- 10. ILLOIS** - In good shape and was fourth in a class 4 Conditions race at Hyeres over 1850m on 5 June. Should be right there at the finish once again
- 11. JUSSIFER** - Unreliable and finished 7th in a class 4 Conditions race at Hyeres over 1850m on 5 June. might need to do more to win this race
- 12. PRINCE LOS** - Showed some improvement when fifth in a class 4 at Hyeres over 1850m on 5 June. Might play a minor role at very best

Summary: A competitive opening event. MAITRE DU JEU (2) deservedly got off the mark two runs ago and, judged on his latest effort at Marseille-Borély, looks capable of defying a mark like this. A proven performer around this course, OLAF THE BIG ONE (6) is given a good opportunity to bounce back. RABBAH (7) appears to be on an upward curve, while ILLOIS (10), who is competitive off this rating has to also be considered a possible winner.

SELECTIONS

MAITRE DU JEU (2) - OLAF THE BIG ONE (6) - RABBAH (7) - ILLOIS (10)

**C2 - PRIX DE RHONE-ALPES - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat -
EUR € 16,300**

1. **WILD HORSES** - A runner-up in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 2400m on 31 August. returns from a lengthy break and could need this run
2. **GOWAY** - Showed some improvement when third in a handicap at Marseille-Borely over 2600m on 12 June. Has a couple of wins over this track and trip and is not out of it
3. **KENZAL** - Has some fair form and finished fifth in a handicap at Vichy over 1600m on 13 May. Might need to do more to beat these rivals
4. **SPORT COUPE** - Off form and finished 8th in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 30 May. Others make much more appeal
5. **SAINT HELLIER** - Successful three times in a row, the latest in a class 4 at Biguglia over 2400m on 31 May. Tougher task this time but could score
6. **CHOP VAL** - Unreliable but was runner-up in a claimer at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m on 30 May. Likes this track and has a place chance
7. **SEVENDAY** - Not reliable but was third in a handicap at Marseille-Borely over 2000m on 18 May. Better on the grass and others make more appeal
8. **SIR GARSING** - Victorious in a class 4 Conditions race over this track and trip on 22 May. Loves this course and can follow up
9. **BEST SHALAA** - Unplaced in a handicap at Chantilly over 1900m on 28 April. Disappointing that day but is capable of winning a race of this nature
10. **GLAVIA** - Not reliable but was runner-up in a claimer at this course over 2600m on 6 June. Could earn some more money
11. **PLATA D OCTOBRE** - Holding form and finished fourth in a handicap at Salon-de-Provence over 2000m on 25 May. Can contest the finish
12. **RIDWAAN** - Likes this course and distance and was fourth in a class 4 conditions race on 6 June. Might play a minor role
13. **ROYAL ENCLOSURE** - Not reliable and finished 9th in a claimer at ParisLongchamp over 2100m on 30 April. Needs to find a few lengths to score

Summary: Back on the mainland after a productive spell in Corsica, SAINT HELLIER (5) goes in search of a fourth straight win. Hugo Besnier's partner will not have things all his own way, however, with the in-form SIR GARSING (8) set to provide stern opposition. PLATA D'OCTOBRE (11) scored over this course and distance on his sole previous visit and commands respect, while BEST SHALAA (9), returning fresh is also capable of scoring.

SELECTIONS

SAINT HELLIER (5) - SIR GARSING (8) - PLATA D OCTOBRE (11) - BEST SHALAA (9)

**C3 - PRIX RACE AND CARE (PRIX CORDOBA) - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR
€ 19,200**

1. BANSKY - Finished 6th on debut in a Conditions race at Salon-de-Provence over 2000m on 25 May. capable of improvement and could earn some money

2. HOUBLON - Knocking at the door and was runner-up in a Conditions race at Chantilly over 1600m on 8 November. Returns from a break but could score if fit enough

3. SKALI - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Marseille-Borely over 2600m on 18 May. Capable of improvement trying this surface and could make the frame

4. COUNSELOR - Only modest so far and was fifth in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m on 6 June. Has a place chance in this line-up

5. PERSIANROMY - Finished fourth in a handicap at this track over 2600m on 6 June. a long time maiden but can contest the finish

6. RUN AROUND - A three-year-old gelding by Whipper out of Prima Ballerina who is making his debut. His mother never ran in France. Could need this experience

7. OVER THE SKY - A three-year-old colt by Circus Maximus out of Disappointing who is making his debut. His Dam was unraced in France. Could make the frame

8. HAREMOTION - A three-year-old filly by Victor Ludorum out of Harem Mistress who is making her debut. Her mother was unraced in France. Could be a threat

Summary: A full brother to Group 3 winner Houquetot, HOUBLON (2) returns from a gelding operation and makes his debut for Jérôme Reynier. He makes a lot of appeal. His stablemate HAREMOTION (8), unraced so far, will look to follow in the footsteps of her well-related siblings Zarakem and Rabbit's Foot. The experienced PERSIANROMY (5) may have found the trip stretching her last time and is worth another chance. SKALI (3) is partnered by Hugo Boutin for the first time and could step forward and be a threat.

SELECTIONS

HOUBLON (2) - HAREMOTION (8) - PERSIANROMY (5) - SKALI (3)

**C4 - GRAND PRIX DE MARSEILLE-VIVAUX - GASTON DEFFERRE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER -
Class 1 - Flat - EUR € 34,800**

1. UN INSTANT - Not reliable but was runner-up in a class 1 Conditions race at Marseille-Borely over 1700m on 6 May. Can contest the finish again

2. MON FLAMANT - Returned to form with a victory in a handicap at Chantilly over 2000m on 31 May. Just as good on this surface and can follow up

3. REACH THE SKY - Did not show his best when 7th in a class 1 Conditions race at Chantilly over 1600m on 8 March. Returns from a break but is not out of it if fit enough

4. GRECIAN BONANZA - Finished fifth in a claimer at Salon-de-Provence over 1800m on 25 May. Needs to do a bit more to beat these rivals

5. KOVROV - Unplaced in a handicap at Chantilly over 2000m on 31 May. has been a disappointment of late but can make the frame in a race like this

6. COMME QUOI - Finished ffth in a handicap at Compiegne over 1600m on 25 May. Capable of doing better and has a place chance

7. TASHANKA - Unreliable and finished 8th in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 8 May. Likes this course and could earn some money

Summary: A game winner of a major handicap at the end of May, MON FLAMANT (2) has finished in the first two on each of his last seven starts on the all-weather and sets a solid standard. Less exposed on this surface, UN INSTANT (1) also has leading claims. Well treated on his return, REACH THE SKY (3) represents the Cottier-Besnier combination, successful in this race last year. KOVROV (5), a runner-up in the 2025 renewal of this Class 1, is another with a chance.

SELECTIONS

MON FLAMANT (2) - UN INSTANT (1) - REACH THE SKY (3) - KOVROV (5)

C5 - PRIX DE SALON-DE-PROVENCE - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 12,800

1. **CERVARO** - Has some fair form and was third in a handicap over this track and trip on 6 June. Should be involved in the finish once again
2. **DON FALCO** - In good form and was runner-up in a handicap over this course and distance on 6 June. Can go one better this time
3. **HALL OF FAME** - Did not show his best when 6th in a handicap over this course and distance on 6 June. Capable of doing better and is not out of it
4. **BELL SONG** - Often competitive and finished 5th over this track and trip on 6 June. Should contest the finish
5. **VIVE LA REINE** - Did not show her best when 6th in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly over 1350m on 23 May. Capable of doing better and could make the frame
6. **PIC PEN** - Unreliable and finished 9th in a handicap at La Teste-de-Buch over 1600m on 11 June. Needs to do more to score
7. **FOR WIN** - Disappointing last run when 7th in a handicap at Marseille-Borély over 1200m on 18 March. Better over this distance but is returning from a break
8. **RESOLUTION** - Returned to form and finished third in a Conditions race at Hyères over 1850m on 5 June. Can earn some more money
9. **GODESSA** - Has struggled of late and finished 14th in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 1400m on 3 May. Others are preferred

Summary: A very competitive race where a lot of these runners recently met. Fifth in that race, BELL SONG (4) could have finished closer with a clearer run in the straight. Runner-up and third that day on a track they know inside out, DON FALCO (2) and CERVARO (1) should provide the main opposition. Seen over a shorter trip recently, VIVE LA REINE (5) looks capable of restoring her reputation and can shine brightly.

SELECTIONS

BELL SONG (4) - DON FALCO (2) - CERVARO (1) - VIVE LA REINE (5)

C6 - PRIX PIERRE MASSOT - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 14,400

- 1. POSSENHOFEN** - Successful last time out in a Conditions race at Marseille-Borély over 1200m on 6 May. Can double up in this line-up
- 2. SANTA LUZIA** - Returned to form and finished 3rd in a handicap at ParisLongchamp over 1400m on 11 June. Should fight out the finish
- 3. DAR ES SALAAM** - In good shape and finished 3rd in a claimer at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 13 June. Can contest the finish once again
- 4. MADAME X** - Did not show much when 20th in a Class 4 at Newmarket over 1200m on 23 August. Returns from a break and could need this run
- 5. MELODIE ITALIENNE** - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Marseille-Borély over 1200m on 6 May. Capable of improvement and is not out of it
- 6. SEESHAUPT** - Has some fair form and finished 5th in a handicap over this track and trip on 6 June. Capable of making some money
- 7. MARCUS ATILIUS** - Has run well in both starts and was 3rd in a Class G at Madrid over 1500m on 16 November. Returns from a break and could need this run
- 8. COSMIC MOON** - Has not shown much and finished 8th in a claimer at Hyères over 1850m on 5 June. Needs to find a few lengths to score

Summary: POSSENHOFEN (1) is consistent at this course, performs well when fresh and was third on his only appearance at this level, he should make a bold bid at victory. SEESHAUPT (6), makes his debut in this category and deserves the utmost respect. Trainer Mathieu Pitart is doubly represented with SANTA LUZIA (2), who caught the eye recently at ParisLongchamp, and DAR ES SALAAM (3), who finished third at this level as recently as last Saturday.

SELECTIONS

POSSSENHOFEN (1) - SEESHAUPT (6) - SANTA LUZIA (2) - DAR ES SALAAM (3)

C7 - PRIX MELCHIOR ROUSSIER - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 13,700

- 1. BALTA** - In good form and finished 3rd in a handicap over this track and trip on 6 June. Should be competitive once again
- 2. BEWARE OF THE BEAR** - Not disgraced when 5th in a claimer over this course and distance on 22 May. Capable of scoring
- 3. OBLENSKHY** - Has struggled of late and finished 10th in a claimer over this track and trip on 22 May. Needs to find a few lengths to score
- 4. LARK** - Has only been modest so far and finished 7th in a Conditions race over this track and trip on 18 November. Could be a threat returning from a break
- 5. UNITED COLOR** - Only modest of late and finished 7th in a Conditions race at Marseille-Borély over 1200m on 12 June. Needs to find a few lengths to score
- 6. CHAKILYAH** - Off form and was 12th in a Conditions race at Lyon-Parilly over 1600m on 8 May. Needs to do more to beat these rivals
- 7. CHOCOLATE CHEETAH** - Showed some improvement when fourth in a handicap over this track and trip on 6 June. Can challenge for top honours
- 8. JOYPHORIA** - Showed some improvement when third in a Conditions race at Cavaillon over 1600m on 10 May. Has
- 9. TEMADIVA** - Not reliable and finished fourth in a claimer over this track and trip on 2 May. Might play a minor role
- 10. IRIA CHOPE** - Unreliable and finished 11th in a claimer at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1400m on 10 March. Could be a real threat returning from a break

Summary: BALTA (1) comes into this in solid form, having posted two good efforts over this course and distance, and looks a reliable anchor. Off the track for three months, IRIA CHOPE (10) pushed our selection all the way here on 4 March and should be competitive again. Supplemented for the race, JOYPHORIA (8) made a very strong impression over the mile at Cavaillon last month and commands respect. CHOCOLATE CHEETAH (7), is improving and could also get involved with the finish. A good lucky last race.

SELECTIONS

BALTA (1) - IRIA CHOPE (10) - JOYPHORIA (8) - CHOCOLATE CHEETAH (7)

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Horse of the day

HOUBLON (302)

Outsider of the day

GLAVIA (210)

Reverse forecast

SAINT HELLIER (205) - SIR GARSING (208)

Three pick of the day

MAITRE DU JEU (102) - HOUBLON (302) - MON FLAMANT (402)