R4 PONT DE VIVAUX [L-H]

C1 - HANDICAP DE MARSEILLE - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,300

- **1. VIVE LA REINE -** Finished 8th over the track and trip on December 6th. 3rd before that over the same on November 12th in a Class 3 handicap. Player
- **2. EXPERTISE** Fair 5th at this track over 1500m in a Class 4 handicap on December 6th last time out. Others make more appeal
- **3. WHY CHOPE -** Unplaced last time, 4th previously over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on November 18th. Course and distance winner in June. Key chance
- **4. LONG STORY SHORT -** 5th on her last three runs, the latter over track and trip on November 18th in a Class 4 handicap. Looks vulnerable
- **5. TOOGOODFORSCHOOL -** Three unplaced runs of late, the latter at Deauville over 1400m in a Class 3 handicap on December 3rd. Look for an alternative
- **6. SUPER TIE BREAK -** Finished 3rd at Chantilly on September 30th over 1600m in a Class 3 handicap. Capable of a good performance
- **7. IDAHO JAMES -** Several unplaced runs of late, well beaten over the track and trip on December 16th in a Class 4 handicap. Hard to recommend
- **8. NO TIME -** Two wins of late, the latter over 1400m at Nancy on November 30th in a Class 4 handicap. In the mix
- **9. TOUTELUSIVE -** Won at this track over 1500m in a Class 4 handicap on December 6th. Wide draw to deal with but is capable of scoring
- **10. BRAVEHEART -** Two unplaced runs since a 3rd at Deauville on August 12th in a Class 3 handicap over 1500m. Unlikely to be a threat
- **11. DON FALCO** Placed 2nd at this track over 1500m in a Class 4 handicap behind TOUTELUSIVE (9) last time on December 6th. Ought to be thereabouts

Summary: TOUTELUSIVE (9) scored over track and trip 15 days ago by one length, and despite a wide draw, she is marginally preferred ahead of SUPER TIE BREAK (6), who has form on the artificial surface and looks like the main threat to the selection. WHY CHOPE (3) is a previous course and distance winner and can once again give a good account of herself. VIVE LA REINE (1) is also one to pay attention to.

SELECTIONS

TOUTELUSIVE (9) - SUPER TIE BREAK (6) - WHY CHOPE (3) - VIVE LA REINE (1)

C2 - PRIX DE L'HIPPODROME DE LA CRAU - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 14,400

- **1. CERVARO** Placed on the last two runs, 3rd at this track over 1500m in a Class 4 handicap on the latest on December 6th. Capable of playing a lead role
- **2. LOKI -** 6th on his last run over the track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on December 6th. Among the leading each-way options
- **3. KHABESA** She has dropped in the handicap after several unplaced runs, 6th over course and distance on December 6th in a Class 4 handicap. Place contender
- **4. COTAL HERO -** Finished 4th over 1500m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on November 18th. Among the leading contenders
- **5. LOUVE PRECIEUSE -** Unplaced last time, a win previously over 1500m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on November 18th. One to keep onside
- **6. BOSQUET -** Fair effort when 2nd at this track over 1500m in a Class 4 race on December 16th. One to pay attention to
- **7. ASTERALE -** Out of form with several unplaced runs, 7th at Deauville on December 3rd in a Class 4 handicap on December 3rd. Others preferred
- **8. EL PROFESSOR CHOP -** Unplaced last time, 4th previously over 1400m at Le Mans on November 17th in a Class 4 handicap. He looks safely held
- **9. ALVAR -** He has been out of form with numerous unplaced runs, 7th at this track over 1500m in a Class 4 handicap on December 6th. Hardly inspiring form
- **10. TRIESTE -** Five unplaced runs recently, 7th at Lyon La Soie over 1800m in a Class 4 handicap on December 5th. Can be overlooked

Summary: CERVARO (1) has shaped well on the last two starts. He was a decent third over the track and trip 15 days ago and is the tentative selection in an open handicap. BOSQUET (6) can make things interesting and looks like the main danger to the selection. COTAI HERO (4) is another to consider strongly after a fourth in a Class 4 handicap in mid-November. LOUVE PRECIEUSE (5) won two runs back over course and distance and heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

CERVARO (1) - BOSQUET (6) - COTAI HERO (4) - LOUVE PRECIEUSE (5)

C3 - PRIX DE PELISSANNE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- **1. SEVERAC -** Three unplaced runs, 7th at this track over 1500m in a maiden on December 8th. He should be suited by the step up in distance
- **2. TACHELIHT -** Finished 8th at Salon Provence over 2000m in a maiden on November 27th on the sole start. Others make more appeal
- **3. ARKENSTONE** Two unplaced runs, 7th at Compiegne over 1800m in a maiden on October 10th. He has shown talent and warrants respect
- **4. MODELE ABSOLU -** Two solid 2nd place runs at this track over 2000m recently, the latest on December 6th in a maiden race. Leading player
- **5. BLANCA** Two unplaced runs, the latter over 2000m at Salon Provence in a maiden on November 27th. Hard to fancy
- **6. HEPBURN -** Placed on all five starts, 4th on the latest over 1600m at Pau on December 4th in a maiden race. Capable of winning
- **7. TEMADIVA -** Several unplaced efforts of late, 3rd three runs back over 1200m at Marseille Borely on October 18th being the best run in a handicap. She is not reliable
- **8. FONROMY -** Unplaced last time, 3rd previously over 2000m in a claimer at this track on November 5th. Hard to be enthusiastic about
- **9. ZELZANA -** Finished 7th over 2000m in a maiden on December 6th at this track last time, she won a claimer over 2000m at this track on November 5th. Hard to discount
- **10. PULP FICTION -** Unplaced last time, 4th previously over 1550m in a Class 2 race at Strasbourg on November 11th. Others seem better equipped
- **11. LA GRANDE JOA -** Finished 7th at Salon Provence on November 27th in a maiden race over 2000m on her sole start. Vast progress needed to make the frame
- **12. LACALAS -** Unraced filly by Stunning Spirit, the dam won 2 races. From a respected trainer who can ready a newcomer to strike on debut

Summary: HEPBURN (6) has been placed on all five of her starts and acquitted herself well on her first start on an artificial surface at Pau earlier this month when fourth in a maiden race. She can get off the mark and is preferred ahead of MODELE ABSOLU (4), who has solid placed form at this track with two seconds, the latest on December 6th in a maiden race. ARKENSTONE (3) has shown talent on the turf and can have a say on his debut on the all-weather surface. LACALAS (12) is also worth considering.

SELECTIONS

HEPBURN (6) - MODELE ABSOLU (4) - ARKENSTONE (3) - LACALAS (12)

C4 - PRIX HENRI CHAPELLE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 12,500

- **1. DORIANELLO -** Won on his last start over 1700m in a Class 4 race at Pornichet on December 5th. Capable of a competitive performance
- **2. LUCERO -** Credible 5th over 2400m in a Class 4 race at Lyon La Soie on December 7th. Has work to do to be involved
- **3. BLANC BLEU -** Fair 5th last time, a win before that over 2000m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on November 24th. Can make the top three
- **4. MUELHEIMER PERLE -** Two good runs of late, a win at Lyon La Soie two runs back on December 1st over 2150m in a Class 4 race. Leading player
- **5. MANDOKI -** Two unplaced runs since a win at Marseille Borely on October 31st in a Class 4 handicap over 1700m. Opposable
- **6. SWEEP AWAY -** Two credible runs of late, 4th at Lyon La Soie on December 7th over 1800m in a Class 4 race. Hard to rule out
- **7. INDIAN PACIFIC** Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd at this track over 2000m in a Class 4 claiming race on November 12th. Others make more appeal
- **8. BOOMERANG -** Several unplaced runs of late, the most recent when 8th over 2000m at this track in a Class 4 race on December 8th. Hard to recommend
- **9. CROCUS BORGET -** Three unplaced runs of late, the latter when 6th at this track over 2000m in a Class 4 race on December 8th. Looks vulnerable

Summary: DORIANELLO (1) could be the best option in this handicap. He scored on the artificial at Pornichet earlier this month and can score on his debut at this track. MUELHEIMER PERLE (4) looks like the main threat. She has solid placed form at this track and has shown her well-being recently. BLANC BLEU (3) has to be considered strongly and can not be ruled out of the top three. SWEEP AWAY (6) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

DORIANELLO (1) - MUELHEIMER PERLE (4) - BLANC BLEU (3) - SWEEP AWAY (6)

C5 - PRIX ALFRED RABAUD - 2600m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 12,800

- **1. SIR GARSING -** Finished unplaced over 2600m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 8 December. Needs to find form of penultimate run when victorious
- **2. KINGORI -** Supplemented for this race. Finished behind AL HABISSET (6) when ninth over 2600m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 8 December. May have to settle for the same result
- **3. DSCHINGIS HEIGHTS -** Finished second over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in Class 4 Handicap on 7 December. Well drawn and he should go close
- **4. KIND OF STAR -** Finished sixth over 2400m at Pau in Class 4 Handicap on 28 November. Can feature on best form shown
- **5. PATZESTEVE -** Finished third over 2600m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 8 December. Can finish on the podium
- **6. AL HABISSET -** Finished second over 2600m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 8 December. She has a good winning chance
- **7. POP LIFE -** Inconsistent individual. Finished behind AL HABISSET (6) when unplaced over 2600m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 8 December. Chance on penultimate run
- **8. LAGOONE CHOPE -** Finished unplaced against stronger over 2400m at Salon de Provence in Class 3 Handicap on 27 November. Chance on previous form
- **9. REVENTADOR -** Finished sixth over 2600m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 8 December. Others have a stronger winning chance
- **10. VOILA POURQUOI -** Finished unplaced over 2600m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 8 December. Drawn in pole position but has work to do
- **11. CAPABLE -** Finished unplaced over 2600m on this course in Class 4 Handicap on 8 December. Look elsewhere

Summary: AL HABISSET (6) comes off a good second-place finish over this course and distance. With luck in running, she can go one better. DSCHINGIS HEIGHTS (3) showed signs of a form return when second on the all-weather surface at Lyon La Soie. He is one of the leading contenders. POP LIFE (7) finished behind AL HABISSET (6) last time. She can feature if finding the form of her penultimate run. LAGOONE CHOPE (8) gets the blinkers fitted and can feature if reproducing her previous form.

SELECTIONS

AL HABISSET (6) - DSCHINGIS HEIGHTS (3) - POP LIFE (7) - LAGOONE CHOPE (8)

C6 - PRIX DE BELSUNCE - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 15,400

- **1. KERNO QUATZ -** Finished unplaced over 2000m on this course in Class 3 Handicap on 6 December. Needs to produce penultimate run
- **2. LUNANERA -** Victorious over 1400m on this course in Class 4 Claimer on 24 November. Merits healthy respect
- **3. CHOP VAL** Won over 1500m on this course in Class 3 Handicap on 8 December. Chance if confirming recent improvement
- **4. MY BLACK LADY -** Finished second over 1500m at Deauville in Class 3 Claimer on 13 December. She should give a good account of herself
- **5. NATIONAL SERVICE -** Finished behind LUNANERA (2) when second over 1400m on this course in Class 4 Claimer on 24 November. He can turn the form around
- **6. SMILE FOR ME -** Finished sixth over 1500m on this course in Handicap on 6 December. Others have a stronger winning chance
- **7. LADY MERA -** Not much promise shown to date. Finished ninth over 1800m at Lyon La Soie in Conditional Maiden on 5 December. Look elsewhere

Summary: NATIONAL SERVICE (5) showed good signs of a form return when second over this course and distance last time. Antonio Orani retains the ride, and he can go one better. LUNANERA (2) got the better of NATIONAL SERVICE (5) that day and there should not be much separating the pair at the finish. MY BLACK LADY (4) may not be in the class of the first two choices, but she comes off a good second-place finish. CHOP VAL (3) comes off a victory over this course and distance. He cannot be discounted.

SELECTIONS

NATIONAL SERVICE (5) - LUNANERA (2) - MY BLACK LADY (4) - CHOP VAL (3)

C7 - PRIX DES SOCIETAIRES - 2600m (a1m1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming - Flat - EUR € 15,400

- **1. GOWAY -** Winner of last two starts, the latest of which was over 2000m on this course in Class 3 Handicap on 6 December. Hat-trick chance
- **2. LOU MAN** Is better than latest when unplaced over 1900m at Deauville in Class 2 Handicap on 20 October. Chance on best form shown
- **3. WELCOME CHARLY** Winner of last two starts, the latest of which was over 2400m at Ajaccio in Class 4 Handicap on 9 November. Takes on stronger opposition
- **4. SOURCE YVETTE -** Finished fifth in last three starts, the latest of which was over 2700m at Chantilly in Class 4 Handicap on 6 December. Look elsewhere
- **5. SIGRUNE -** Finished sixth over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in Class 4 Handicap on 7 December. Others have a stronger winning chance
- **6. BAGAZ -** Finished fourth over 2600m on this course in Handicap on 16 December. Is looking for first career victory
- **7. BRIGHTON BEACH -** Finished unplaced over 2700m at Chantilly in Conditional Maiden on 6 December. May be outgunned

Summary: GOWAY (1) has very good recent form lines to his name. He is the class horse in this race and should take a power of beating. LOU MAN (2) is better than his last start in a Handicap. He may be the one to complete the exacta in this field. BAGAZ (6) is still a maiden but comes off a creditable fourth-place finish on this course. He carries a nice galloping weight with Marie Velon aboard. WELCOME CHARLY (3) is coming off two victories but faces stronger competition here. He can finish on the podium.

SELECTIONS

GOWAY (1) - LOU MAN (2) - BAGAZ (6) - WELCOME CHARLY (3)

C8 - PRIX EMILE RIBAL (PRIX DE MIRAMAS) - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200

- **1. AVENTINO -** Finished third over 1600m at Chantilly in Claimer on 8 November. First run for Christophe Escuder and can return to winning ways
- **2. ALMAROMY -** Finished fifth over 2150m at Lyon La Soie in Class 3 Conditional on 7 December. Others have a stronger winning chance
- **3. LOVER SONG -** Poor form. Finished ninth over 1100m at Fontainebleau in Claimer on 17 October. Others are preferred
- **4. NOCE DE RUBIS -** Finished third over 1800m at Salon de Provence in Handicap on 27 November. Is one of the leading contenders
- **5. DUBALAA -** Won over 1500m on this course in Conditional Maiden on 12 November. He has scope and merits obvious consideration
- **6. NOUVELLE TRIXIA** Finished third in last two starts, the latest of which was over 2000m on this course in Conditional Maiden on 24 November. Should produce another honest effort
- **7. WESTMINSTER LOVE -** Finished unplaced in last two starts, the latest of which was over 1600m at Chantilly in Claimer on 18 November. Look elsewhere
- **8. STUNNING ANGEL** Finished fifth over 1500m on this course in Handicap on 6 December. More is needed to win this

Summary: AVENTINO (1) is having his first run for Trainer Christophe Escuder and can bring up his first victory in 2025. NOCE DE RUBIS (4) has decent recent form lines to her credit. Marvin Grandin knows her well and she is expected to be competitive. DUBALAA (5) comes off a victory over this course and distance. He has scope and from pole position, he should run a big race. NOUVELLE TRIXIA (6) has finished third in her last two starts. She carries a nice weight and should produce another honest effort.

SELECTIONS

AVENTINO (1) - NOCE DE RUBIS (4) - DUBALAA (5) - NOUVELLE TRIXIA (6)