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R4 CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE DE LA TINEE - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Class -
Harness - EUR € 8.000**

- 1. FUCHSIA DU RIB** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 2. HEAVEN QUICK** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 3. GRAPPILLEUR** - Seldom finishes far off the mark so could get into the picture, though has no more than a place chance
- 4. GUIBSON DU SOLNAN** - Consistent for the most part and has acquitted himself well in this category since switching stables. Dark horse
- 5. FAKIR DE LARRE** - Confirmed in this category and is capable of a lot better than his last start (9th) suggests. Races unshod behind now so cannot be taken lightly
- 6. FEVER DU LOGIS** - Showed signs of improvement last time and could get a look in if confirming that progress. Place chance
- 7. GAETAN** - Has racked up a string of victories in this category and is hard to oppose here after five consecutive wins. One to beat
- 8. HARING OKINA** - Delicate but is certainly not devoid of the resources needed to play a leading role in a race of this nature. Chief threat
- 9. GOLD AND GREEN** - Made a winning return to action at Côte d'Azur and need only confirm that improvement to have a say in the finish here
- 10. HUNMEC SOMOLLI** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust so best watched for now
- 11. HANDY GOLD** - Rewarded for consistency with a last-start success in the professional ranks and gets along well with his partner. Keep safe
- 12. HODOSIS** - Complicated but remains capable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature if remaining wise. One to note

Summary : GAETAN (7) is prolific at this level and, although not a speed specialist, looks to have been found here an ideal opportunity to extend his winning sequence to six consecutive successes. HARING OKINA (8), for whom it remains a question of wisdom, has sufficient means to fight for victory but is seldom far from a fault. Last-start winners GOLD AND GREEN (9) and HANDY GOLD (11), with an established partner at the helm, are also candidates for a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

GAETAN (7) - HARING OKINA (8) - GOLD AND GREEN (9) - HANDY GOLD (11)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE DE LA VESUBIE - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 23.000

- 1. JACK SPARROW DREAM** - Sparked marked improvement under the saddle last time, finishing 2nd in this code. Needs only a repeat of that performance to fight for victory
- 2. JOLINOTE SY** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now and is often at fault so her chances are limited, even at this level. Ignore
- 3. JOBOURG MESLOIS** - Delicate but is not devoid of resources either. Needs only to avoid disqualification to stake a claim in the finish
- 4. JOY DES GARENNES** - Showed better application last time when finishing a reassuring 2nd under the saddle. Should have a role to play here with a repeat of that performance
- 5. JACOBS CREEK** - Finished a modest 6th under the saddle when switched to this category last time. Must improve to have a say here
- 6. JAVA DU VIVIER** - Races unshod switching to the mounted code now having looked rather ordinary in the harness category. Watch for now
- 7. JADE EL SOL** - Has looked distinctly ordinary for some time now and is often at fault so her chances are limited, even at this level. Ignore
- 8. JESCO DE LA VALLEE** - Unreliable in harness races but races barefoot in his first start under the saddle, so cannot be taken lightly
- 9. INGLORIOUS CARLESS** - Showed signs of improvement when finishing 3rd under the saddle last time so could get a look in here if confirming that form. Place chance
- 10. JEZABELLE BIE** - Made a necessary comeback in a harness race and will enjoy reverting to her preferred specialty. Warrants serious respect
- 11. HARMONIEUX HUB** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 12. JERICHO DE JARY** - Finished a reassuring 4th in a mounted race last time and has shown enough in this code to win a race of this nature. Winning chance

Summary : JERICHO DE JARY (12) returned to form with an improved 4th back under the saddle last time a repeat of that performance is likely to be good enough to fight for victory here, despite starting from the second post (25m handicap). From his ideal berth in front, JACK SPARROW DREAM (1) ought to pose a threat, especially if confirming the progress shown when finishing 2nd in this code last time. JEZABELLE BIE (10), after a necessary comeback outing, and JOY DES GARENNES (4), who is delicate but reassured with a good 2nd last time, also have the means to play a role. JOBOURG MESLOIS (3) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

JERICHO DE JARY (12) - JACK SPARROW DREAM (1) - JEZABELLE BIE (10) - JOY DES GARENNES (4)

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**C3 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE DE LA ROYA - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class -
Harness - EUR € 33.000**

- 1. JAURESS DE CANI** - Alternates between the two disciplines and is seldom far off the mark, though has no more than a place chance here
- 2. JOURNEY OF DREAM** - Unreliable although seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day when racing unshod, so best watched for now in this shoe fitting
- 3. JUMANJI SIBEY** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 4. INTENSE DE TILLARD** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 5. IDEM JIHEM** - Unplaced in his last two starts but has been consistent for the most part. With those comeback outings in his legs and all four shoes removed, he will appeal to lovers of outsiders
- 6. IDEFIX D'OLMEN** - Consistent for the most part with sound form references and is confirmed under these conditions. Can get into the picture
- 7. IRU FUSHI** - Sanctioned last time out but probably needed that comeback outing and is returning to the track and trip of his last success. Keep safe
- 8. INSERT DES MONTS** - Has only once (disqualified) finished off the podium in 11 outings on this track. Delicate but has sufficient means to play a leading role if remaining wise
- 9. I LOVE JOSSELYN** - Returned to form with a victory at Vincennes and boasts two wins from three outings at this venue. One to beat
- 10. IBRA MESLOIS** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th at Vincennes last time and should find this an easier task, so ought to fare better here. Dark horse
- 11. IRISH NICE ELGE** - Consistent sort with sound form references and the highest stakes earnings of the 11 horses engaged. Not taken lightly

Summary : I LOVE JOSSELYN (9) boasts sound references at a higher level and recently got back on track with a victory at Vincennes in a good time of 1'12"7. On the evidence of that display, and back at a course he enjoys, he is good value to follow up here at the expense of INSERT DES MONTS (8) and IRU FUSHI (7), both of whom are delicate but retain undeniable means. Beyond those, IRISH NICE ELGE (11) and IBRA MESLOIS (10) appeal most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

I LOVE JOSSELYN (9) - INSERT DES MONTS (8) - IRU FUSHI (7) - IRISH NICE ELGE (11)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE DES MERVEILLES - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 39.000

- 1. KELLY GEDE** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Has been off for 10 months so is best watched on her reappearance
- 2. KAKO GASCOGNE** - Consistent for the most part and is confirmed in this shoe fitting, so could get into the picture. Has only a place chance though
- 3. KRAK D'AZUR** - Unfortunately disqualified, for a second successive outing, at Vincennes last time but still showed enough to win a race of this nature if remaining wise throughout
- 4. KEROZEN** - A lightly raced, classy sort with two victories and a 2nd in three starts this year. Must be respected here on his reappearance
- 5. KOLBE DESBOIS** - Has been largely disappointing, having shown early promise in this shoeing configuration. Must reaffirm
- 6. KIRA BO FACE** - Unreliable but undeniably capable filly who won over 2875m at Enghien during the summer, so cannot be taken lightly here
- 7. KING OF CASH** - Usually does well when avoiding disqualification, as his last-start 2nd to KEEP GOING (10) at Lyon-Parilly will attest to. Has a 25m advantage on that rival here
- 8. KOLIBRI** - Has been a different proposition tried in this shoe fitting and his limits remain unknown. Ought to remain competitive
- 9. KANSAS DE LA COUR** - Delicate but is certainly not devoid of means. Finished a reassuring 2nd last time out so could get into the picture here
- 10. KEEP GOING** - Bounced back to form with a last-start victory at Lyon-Parilly and has never disappointed on this course. Should remain competitive

Summary : KRAK D'AZUR (3) didn't go unnoticed at Vincennes last time, despite his disqualification, and need only improve his diligence to reconnect with success here. He will, however, be tested by last-start winner KOLIBRI (8), at the top of his game of late, and KING OF CASH (7), who is seldom far from a fault but was a reassuring 2nd last time. KIRA BO FACE (6), although out of sorts, and KEEP GOING (10), even from the second post (25m handicap), are not taken lightly either.

SELECTIONS

KRAK D'AZUR (3) - KOLIBRI (8) - KING OF CASH (7) - KIRA BO FACE (6)

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**C5 - PRIX DU MERCANTOUR - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR
€ 29.000**

- 1. IN THE AIR DELO** - Honest sort with respectable form figures. Seldom finishes far off the mark but has only a place chance
- 2. INCAHUASI** - Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 3. ISBA BESNOT** - Unreliable but seldom far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust so best just to watch until another day
- 4. ILLICO DU JAS** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has no more than a place chance here
- 5. IMAGINE D'AR** - Seldom finishes far off the mark but is best watched for now, especially in this shoeing configuration. For another day
- 6. IAGO ROSE** - Unreliable but should not be condemned for his recent failure. Capable of redeeming himself with shoes removed
- 7. IBIS QUICK** - Inconsistent but certainly not incapable of playing a leading role in a race of this nature and will find this an easier task after recent outings at Vincennes. Contender
- 8. IZARA DE VIETTE** - Shone at this track last summer and is undeniably capable of a lot better than her recent 9th suggests. On the shortlist
- 9. IBIZA EVENING** - Unplaced in each of her three outings this year but is likely to have been prepared for this engagement. Not taken lightly
- 10. IKAROS** - Consistent for the most part and, although returning from a break, did perform well last winter with Jean-Charles Féron as his partner. Keep safe
- 11. IMPERATRICE VITELA** - Inconsistent and remains shod but is more than capable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. For the lovers of outsiders
- 12. IENA D'ORGERES** - Honest mare with sound form references. Seldom finishes far off the mark but has no more than a place chance
- 13. ISEO DE LOU** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but not ruled out either
- 14. INDIA SONG** - Has been out of sorts in both disciplines for some time now so is hard to recommend. Others make more appeal
- 15. INITIALE CASTELETS** - Versatile and consistent mare well engaged at the ceiling of earnings. Lines up in good form and physical conditions so is the horse to beat

Summary : Hardened by her time under the saddle, INITIALE CASTELETS (15) should be able to fully benefit from this tailor-made commitment to the sulky. The test nonetheless remains very open. IBIS QUICK (7), expected progress, IZARA DE VIETTE (8), comfortable on this route, or IKAROS (10), on the rise, are therefore logical choices. Watch out for IBIZA EVENING (9)!

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INITIALE CASTELETS (15) - IBIS QUICK (7) - IZARA DE VIETTE (8) - IKAROS (10)

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**C6 - PRIX DE LA SOLIDARITE - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR
€ 38.000**

- 1. GATSBY WIC** - Has been decidedly ordinary for some time now so his chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore
- 2. GREG DE NIRO** - Blotted his copybook last time out but, with David Békaert reunited, is good value to make amends. Worth another chance
- 3. FUTE BUROIS** - Rewarded for consistency with a well-deserved success at Bordeaux last time and is making the ambitious trip here with legitimate claims
- 4. GEGE BAROQUE** - Has not gone unnoticed recently, finishing 5th in consecutive outings and not far off the mark in either. Warrants respect
- 5. GEOFFREY D'AM** - Only recently joined trainer Régis Le Vexier and will be racing barefoot here on his stable debut. Beware
- 6. FARCEUR ACE** - Versatile sort who has held his own under the saddle recently and those races would've finetuned him for this commitment. Dark horse back in the harness category
- 7. GRAINE DE MAX** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 8. FORTISSIMOKO** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in, though has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 9. FULGURER** - Last-start winner who has been enjoying an extended spell of good form. Ought to play another leading role here
- 10. GARNEMENT BLEU** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge

Summary : GREG DE NIRO (2) won four and had finished 2nd in his five previous starts but fluffed his lines at Marseille-Vivoux recently. He should, however, not be hastily condemned for that faux pas and seems capable of getting back to winning ways, especially with David Békaert back in the sulky. FULGURER (9) is at the top of his game, though, and likely to give cheek to the selection. GEGE BAROQUE (4) and FUTE BUROIS (3), a recent winner, should also make their presence felt with GEOFFREY D'AM (5) best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

GREG DE NIRO (2) - FULGURER (9) - GEGE BAROQUE (4) - FUTE BUROIS (3)

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**C7 - PRIX DE L'ARRIERE-PAYS - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class - Harness -
EUR € 38.000**

- 1. ESPIT CHUPITOS** - Inconsistent but is undeniably capable and is returning to a track that he appreciates. Fully unshod from a good starting spot, he cannot be taken lightly
- 2. FARMER KERYVON** - Versatile sort who has maintained a respectable level of form and consistency alternating between codes. Outsider
- 3. FISTON D'AWAGNE** - Inconsistent and out of sorts although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here with all four shoes removed
- 4. FRAPPE FORT** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 5. HERMES DE CORDAY** - Last-start winner under the saddle but is more effective in that code, so best watched until reverting to the mounted category
- 6. ETIENOS DE CHENOU** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 7. EDJO DU MONT** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 8. EDITEUR LA RAVELLE** - Unreliable but retains sufficient means to play a role in a race of this nature, especially racing barefoot for the first time in two months
- 9. FEEL GOOD DESBOIS** - Has been carefully prepared for this engagement and finished a commendable 3rd in a mounted race last time. Will be a factor
- 10. EXTRA DU CHATELET** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 11. DOMINO D'AUVRECY** - Hard-knocking veteran with the form and experience to fight for victory. Ought to make a bold bid here on his return to Cagnes
- 12. DIRTY LOVING** - Capable veteran who, although out of sorts, ought to be competitive given these favourable conditions. Dark horse

Summary : Still competitive at the ripe old age of 10, veteran DOMINO D'AUVRECY (11) has a tailor-made opportunity to resume winning ways here. Versatile FEEL GOOD DESBOIS (9), after a reassuring 3rd under the saddle last time, is best equipped to challenge the selection. Presented barefoot this time, both EDITEUR LA RAVELLE (8) and ESPIT CHUPITOS (1) are also capable of having a say in the finish. FISTON D'AWAGNE (3) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

**DOMINO D'AUVRECY (11) - FEEL GOOD DESBOIS (9) - EDITEUR LA RAVELLE (8) -
ESPIT CHUPITOS (1)**

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**C8 - GRAND PRIX DE NOEL - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - European - Harness -
EUR € 80.000**

1. **EPSON D'ARIANE** - Capable but is a delicate sort seldom far from a fault. Well positioned in front but is best watched for now in this shoe fitting
2. **ESTERO** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
3. **GIROLAMO** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on his best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
4. **FRAGONARD DELO** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
5. **GIMY DU POMMEREUX** - Has only once finished off the podium in eight unshod appearances this season and lines up here in good form. Keep safe
6. **HORCHESTRO** - Consistent sort with sound form references, including a creditable 7th in the GNT final at the beginning of the month. Should have a role to play
7. **BORDEAUX S.** - Was still well in contention at the time of his fault last time at Vincennes. Will find this an easier task and is likely to win this if avoiding disqualification
8. **HONKY TONK BLUES** - Unplaced on his reappearance last time but should not be judged on that display. Will be fully unshod this time around, so cannot be taken lightly
9. **DESIR DE BANNES** - Struggling to regain any form or show signs of improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
10. **ECLAT DES NOIX** - Bounced back to form with a last-start victory at this venue and ought to remain competitive if confirming that improvement
11. **EBERTON** - Out of sorts for several weeks now but races barefoot and is not devoid of resources either. Place chance
12. **EL GRECO BELLO** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
13. **EDEN BASQUE** - Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one

Summary : BORDEAUX S. (7) was, arguably, on his way to victory at the time of his fault at Vincennes recently and, having won the Prix de la Côte d'Azur last winter, need only remain wise throughout to make amends here racing unshod with Christophe Martens at the helm. HORCHESTRO (6) is a tough campaigner and will keep the selection honest. HONKY TONK BLUES (8), barefoot now, and GIMY DU POMMEREUX (5), having rediscovered his form recently, will be competitive too for a spot on the podium.

SELECTIONS

**BORDEAUX S. (7) - HORCHESTRO (6) - HONKY TONK BLUES (8) - GIMY DU
POMMEREUX (5)**