

PONT DE VIVAUX - 23 November

Race 1

1. **RIBOT DREAM** - 2L fifth in better company over track and trip earlier this month. Ought to be in the mix.
2. **DESERT HEIGHTS** - 2L fifth over course and distance 16 days ago. Strong chance dropped in class.
3. **FILS DE L'AIR** - 1L third on comeback effort here earlier this month. Should strip fitter with a place chance.
4. **CHANTE BLU** - Fair 3L sixth at this venue earlier this month. Others have more obvious claims.
5. **DELACHANCE** - Down in grade after seventh over track and trip 16 days ago. Others preferred.
6. **JESSY LOVE** - Looks to flying too high following down the field efforts on previous three outings.
7. **GRAND SECRET** - Hard to fancy after heavy defeat on second start back last month.
8. **MYSTICAL PRINCE** - 1L fourth over course and distance earlier this month. Overall profile suggests unlikely.
9. **LAWRENCE** - Yet to win on the AW in eight attempts but could sneak a place.
10. **AS POSSIBLE** - 4L eighth here earlier this month. Unlikely to pose a threat.
11. **FIRE AT MIDNIGHT** - No show in previous four runs. Look elsewhere.
12. **DARK ROAD** - Ninth on second start since returning. Others preferred.
13. **BISSIN** - Recent 4L seventh needs improving to feature this time but has ability. Each-way option.

Summary

DESERT HEIGHTS (2) looks to be the key player. Holds solid recent form with a 2L fifth at course and distance. This represents a drop in class which could assist in gaining a fifth AW victory. Strong contender. RIBOT DREAM (1) performed with plenty of credit in a stronger handicap over track and trip. Entitled to be in the mix. Keep onside. LAWRENCE (9) is yet to win on the AW after eight attempts. Might place having provided some fair form to date on the AW. BISSIN (13) was a recent 4L seventh. Won three back and has ability. Placing on best form.

Selections

DESERT HEIGHTS (2) - RIBOT DREAM (1) - LAWRENCE (9) - BISSIN (13)

Race 2

1. **CASIVE** - 1L fourth over track and trip earlier this month was a welcome return to form. Place prospects.
2. **KENARTIC** - 2L fifth over course and distance latest but has ground to make on a few rivals. Others preferred.
3. **GAETANO DONIZETTI** - 0-8 on the AW and in poor form. Readily opposed.
4. **MISVA** - Consistent over track and trip on previous two outings including 1L third 16 days ago. Thereabouts.
5. **KANNON** - Warrants close attention judged on narrow runner-up two back here at this level. Each-way shout.
6. **ELEVEN O TWO** - Nose runner-up in a course and distance claimer 11 days ago. Progress needed.
7. **VERTI CHOP** - Cosy neck scorer in this grade prior to claiming sixth over course and distance 11 days ago. Good chance of bouncing back. Key player.
8. **CHARNOCK RICHARD** - Fifth in a course claimer 11 days ago following fair handicap effort. Others have better chances.
9. **LE MARAIS** - Has to put last month's 19L defeat behind him. Limited appeal.
10. **SANT ANGELO** - Fair 2L fourth at Lyon-Parilly on soft ground over 1350m latest. Unlikely to improve over this unsuitable trip.
11. **HIGHEST ROCKEUR** - Up in class following narrow course and distance winner 16 days ago. Could progress into a place.
12. **AMETHYST** - Recent form doesn't inspire confidence returning to the AW. Best watched.
13. **ALEGIA** - Rapid improver this term including course and distance win two back in this grade. Strong chance.

Summary

VERTI CHOP (7) outran his rivals two starts ago at course and distance. The neck winning margin flattered the second as he won with plenty in hand. Set to confirm that form and is a strong chance. ALEGIA (13) will have a good go from the front following a narrow defeat. Might prove hard to catch. MISVA (4) filled third position before the aforementioned pair last start. Each-way chance once more. KANNON (5) is in good form and warrants place respect.

Selections

VERTI CHOP (7) - ALEGIA (13) - MISVA (4) - KANNON (5)

Race 3

1. **JACKSON EN BOIS** - Could do better dropping in distance but overall profile suggest a place role likely.
2. **ANDUJAR** - 0-9 on the AW and below par efforts on last three outings. Best ignored.
3. **CAMAYPAUCHA** - 41L defeat here last month. Needs sharp improvement.
4. **MAKHZEN** - Inconsistent type who is yet to win from 11 AW starts. Look for others.
5. **LE RING** - Not far away with 1L third at Cagnes-Sur-Mer (AW) in February. Has ability but tough on return. Could place.
6. **PEAKY BLYNDER** - Three down the field efforts since returning. Look elsewhere.
7. **ROZANNE** - Beaten 9L in comeback run earlier this month. Hard to recommend.
8. **EVEREST HILL** - 4L fifth over course and distance three back but out of form in Prague last month. Hard to fancy.
9. **MIRASOL** - No worthwhile form since returning from absence. Readily opposed.
10. **ASTERION** - 18L defeat here 16 days ago in a similar handicap. Drop in trip needs to have significant impact.
11. **REVE TOUJOURS** - 4L fourth at Nimes over 1200m (yielding) 22 days ago. Poor strike-rate is a negative but at least is coming into form.
12. **CARDOLAN** - Beaten out of sight latest. Best watched.

Summary

Extremely modest contest. REVE TOUJOURS (11) was 4L fourth at Nimes over 1200m. Hitting top stride coming into this contest and is a key player among modest company. Top chance. LE RING (5) needs to show up on this return to action but was a good third at Cagnes-Sur-Mer (AW) in February. Don't underestimate. JACKSON EN BOIS (1) maintains ability to place dropping in distance. Include. EVEREST HILL (8) could show sharp improvement returning to this venue which yielded a 4L fifth three starts ago.

Selections

REVE TOUJOURS (11) - LE RING (5) - JACKSON EN BOIS (1) - EVEREST HILL (8)

Race 4

1. **SHERSHAB** - 8L eighth before an absence. Can't recommend on return unless significant improvement.
2. **SENS DU DEFI** - Not improving enough to suggest she will go close. Look elsewhere.
3. **INVINCIBLE IBRA** - Performed with credit on debut with 4L sixth at Chantilly (AW) over 1300m. Entitled to improve.
4. **BAD LIAR** - Showed improved form with 3L third here 23 days ago. Each-way claims.
5. **MIRAGE REVE** - Not progressing in six outings. Look elsewhere.
6. **ROXY MUSIC** - Caught late on in course maiden over 2000m 16 days ago. Drops in distance which could spark improvement. Each-way claims.
7. **RAVEN'S SPIRIT** - 1L runner-up at Marseilles-Borely last month over 1600m. Strong contender switched to the AW.
8. **PLUS GRANDIR** - Unraced Captain Chop colt. Market should guide.

Summary

RAVEN'S SPIRIT (7) could deliver a first career success on his third outing. Finishing 1L runner-up at Marseilles-Borely was an improvement from debut and looks poised to be involved. Rates highly. ROXY MUSIC (6) was caught after leading for a long way in latest. Might have more to offer over this shorter distance. Keep on side from an each-way perspective. BAD LIAR (4) is another who can produce a frame effort following improved form with a 3L third. INVINCIBLE IBRA (3) is set to progress from debut effort and is in with a place chance.

Selections

RAVEN'S SPIRIT (7) - ROXY MUSIC (6) - BAD LIAR (4) - INVINCIBLE IBRA (3)

Race 5

1. **AIMEF** - Drops in class following heavy class 2 defeat at Longchamp latest. Best watched.
2. **DIANA** - 3L third over course and distance in a claimer 11 days ago. One of the likely types.
3. **CLODARA** - 9L sixth on sole start before absence. Hard to recommend.
4. **TEXALY** - Three down the field efforts thus far. Needs sharp progress.
5. **NOELLE** - 4L fifth in Chantilly claimer over 1400m 44 days ago. Place chance but more unexposed types are preferred for the win.
6. **CHARLINETTA** - Modest maiden form to date. Needs improvement to be in the finish.
7. **INESS BERE** - Drops in trip following fifth over 2000m at Marseilles-Borely nine days ago. Others have more obvious claims.

Summary

A moderate AW maiden over 1500m. DIANA (2) brings solid form including a 3L third at course and distance. May back-up that effort and rates one of the more likely contenders. Include. INESS BERE (7) is interesting receiving a drop in trip after a fifth over 2000m nine days ago. Could find one too good but worthy of place consideration. NOELLE (5) made a favourable impression with a 4L fifth in a Chantilly claimer. If replicating would go close. AIMEF (1) can reach the frame. Faces a big drop in class.

Selections

DIANA (2) - INESS BERE (7) - NOELLE (5) - AIMEF (1)

Race 6

1. **LE GASTRONOME** - 2L fifth in Lyon-la-Soie handicap (AW) over 2150m 27 days ago. Solid contender.
2. **IAMAROCK** - Got going too late when 5L third over 1500m here 11 days ago. Extra distance looks a plus and warrants strong respect.
3. **EDITED** - Mixed maiden form but unlikely to threaten the principles this time.
4. **LEXINGTON REBEL** - 9L seventh in Lingfield (UK) handicap over 1208m in February. Has ability and wise to keep in mind on belated return.
5. **LOUVE** - Two down the field efforts since returning don't paint a pretty picture. Best watched.
6. **VISITE PRIVEE** - 2L runner-up in a course and distance claimer here 11 days ago. Place grabber if able to replicate.
7. **BASTILLE FORLONGE** - 6L seventh in Cavaillon handicap doesn't inspire in this contest. Look elsewhere.

Summary

IAMAROCK (2) seeks to improve on a recent 5L third over 1500m here eleven days ago. The extra trip may suit and a bold bid is expected. Strong contender. LE GASTRONOME (1) finished 2L fifth in a Lyon-la-Soie handicap (AW) over 2150m. That form looks decent in the context of this event and warrants each-way respect. VISITE PRIVEE (6) wasn't beaten far in a course claimer last outing. Keep on side. LEXINGTON REBEL (4) may surprise after producing some fair form in the UK.

Selections

IAMAROCK (2) - LE GASTRONOME (1) - VISITE PRIVEE (6) - LEXINGTON REBEL (4)

Race 7

1. **HAGAR BERE** - Underwhelming recent outings including 6L seventh in a Lyon-la-Soie claimer last month. Opposed.
2. **BELLAWAY** - Improving stayer with a progressive CV including neck runner-up over track and trip latest. Key player.
3. **IRINEKA** - 4L fifth in Saint-Cloud handicap over 2400m last month. Amongst the chances.
4. **LADY COQUINE** - 1L scorer on penultimate outing prior to a disappointing down the field effort at Saint-Cloud. Capable of bouncing back and rates well.
5. **GALAXIE QUEST** - 0-9 and little form to suggest a bold display is likely.
6. **CAPABLE** - Modest maiden form thus far. May be able to show more on first AW start.
7. **PONT D'OUILLY** - Sharp improvement when landing a narrow handicap success over track and trip 23 days ago. In the mix.
8. **BURN ONE DOWN** - 2L third over course and distance latest should give him a say in the finish this time.

Summary

LADY COQUINE (4) looks capable of bouncing back to form after racing downfield last start. Previous 1L win reads well and may deliver a bold showing. Top chance. BURN ONE DOWN (8) maintains credentials to be involved in the finish after a 2L third at course and distance in latest. PONT D'OUILLY (7) and IRINEKA (3) might be in the mix with both entitled to improve.

Selections

**LADY COQUINE (4) - BURN ONE DOWN (8) - PONT D'OUILLY (7) -
IRINEKA (3)**

Race 8

1. **IPHITOS** - 1L course and distance maiden victory 156 days ago. May need this after absence.
2. **SEMILLANTE** - Consistent individual after eight starts. Breakthrough success on last start with 4L victory in Cavaillon maiden. Improvement expected.
3. **VADABAD** - Unraced Dansili colt. Could show well especially if positive market vibes.
4. **TOULENSEMBLE** - Two heavy defeats thus far. Unlikely to threaten.
5. **NOLIVER** - Eased in company and trip following sixth at Deauville. Capable of improvement.
6. **BADR** - Beaten out of sight on return at Cavaillon. Easily dismissed.

Summary

Interesting staying contest despite the small field. SEMILLANTE (2) is the headline act following a breakthrough success by 4L at Cavaillon. Consistent and sure to improve. Strong chance. NOLIVER (5) might have more to offer easing in trip and grade this time. Don't discount. IPHITOS (1) holds ability but needs to show best form after an absence. Include for a placing. VADABAD (3) is interesting on debut. This Dansili colt needs a market check.

Selections

SEMILLANTE (2) - NOLIVER (5) - IPHITOS (1) - VADABAD (3)