

CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H] - 23 December

Race 1 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE DE LA TINEE - 2150m MOBILE G86 AM Harness. Purse EUR €8,000.

1. **EMILE DU VAR** - Disqualified last start at Marseille Vivaux. Frame chance on prior second.
2. **GRACE PARKER** - Narrowly beaten when resuming last start finishing second at Lyon-Parilly. Leading contender.
3. **DU SNOB** - Scored last outing by 1.3L at Amiens. In form and should feature in the finish again.
4. **EPICURIEN** - Last start finished fourth at Marseille Vivaux. Can be competitive.
5. **FAMILOTE** - Disqualified last start at Marseille Vivaux on December 7. Prepared to overlook until her racing manners improve.
6. **ELFE DE L'ITON** - Scored at Salon-de-Provence last time finishing 1.6L ahead of his rivals. Top hope.
7. **GORDON QUICK** - Last start finished ninth at Marseille Vivaux. Capable of more but needs to bounce back.
8. **FALKRIS** - Last seen when seventh at Marseille-Borely six-and-a-half months ago. Happy to watch this time.
9. **GLADIATOR D'AM** - Safely held last time at the first run of the campaign when 30.9L from the winner in 11th at this track. Opposed.
10. **EXTRA DE LUNOJO** - Finished fourth last time out at Marseille Vivaux. This looks tougher.

Summary: ELFE DE L'ITON (6) registered a 1.75L victory at Salon-de-Provence. Looks capable of completing a hat-trick. GRACE PARKER (2) rates a big threat on the back of a nose second at Lyon-Parilly. DU SNOB (3) put a Vincennes DQ behind him when successful by 1.25L at Amiens. Danger to all. EPICURIEN (4) is another with claims following a 1.25L fourth at Marseille-Vivaux.

Selections

ELFE DE L'ITON (6) - GRACE PARKER (2) - DU SNOB (3) - EPICURIEN (4)

1. **IMPRESS ME** - Might need this run following a spell of four months. Last raced when fifth at this track.
2. **IDEM DU PONT** - Disqualified last start at Marseille-Borely. Capable of going well on pick of his form.
3. **ILICO DE CASTELLE** - Disqualified last start at Marseille-Borely. Frame chance on fair third three starts ago.
4. **INATO PIERJI** - Finished fifth at Vincennes when beaten 5.1L last outing. Scored prior and rates highly.
5. **INGRID TURGOT** - Disqualified last start at Marseille-Borely on November 23. Prepared to overlook until her racing manners improve.
6. **IDEAL DU ROCHER** - Scored by 1.7L at Vincennes last start on the back of a solid 1.7L fourth at Laval the run before. One of the primary contenders.
7. **IVOIRE PRESTANCE** - Returns from a break after scoring at this track four months ago. Tough to beat.
8. **HUGO DU BOURG** - Last start was beaten 6.0L at Vincennes. Not discounted.

Summary: Unbeaten in ten starts IVOIRE PRESTANCE (7) won by 0.75L in a Class A event at this circuit. Taken to continue his winning run. IDEAL DU ROCHER (6) is expected to go well on the back of a 1.75L victory at Vincennes. INATO PIERJI (4) registered a 5.25L fifth in the G3 Letrot Open des Regions - 4 Ans at Vincennes. Strong claims. IDEM DU PONT (2) is of note in a new shoeing combination following a couple of disappointing efforts.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IVOIRE PRESTANCE (7) - IDEAL DU ROCHER (6) - INATO PIERJI (4) - IDEM DU PONT (2)</p>

Race 3 - PRIX DU MERCANTOUR - 2925m WALK-UP D102 Harness. Purse EUR €28,000.

1. **HOKIO** - Disqualified last start at this track on December 17. Prepared to overlook until his racing manners improve.
2. **HAPPY LYL** - Disqualified last start at Marseille Vivaux. Frame contender on pick of his form.
3. **HAFFIENOU** - Safely held last time when 8.9L from the winner in 11th at Vincennes. Facing a tough assignment.
4. **HECTOR DES BUTTES** - Disqualified last start at Marseille-Borely on May 10. Prefer to see him perform well before recommending.
5. **HIMOKO DU GOUTIER** - Improved to finish third at this track most recently. One to note.
6. **HAPPY LOVE** - Fair fourth at Mauquenchy last time out. Capable.
7. **HARLEY DES PRES** - Improved last start when second at Marseille Vivaux. Chance in this line-up.
8. **HOUSTON SISSI** - Decent second at Marseille-Borely when beaten 1.7L. Expected to be prominent.
9. **HIGH ROCK** - Most recently finished eighth at Marseille-Borely. Among the chances on his best form.
10. **HEART JEWEL** - Finished 11th at Vincennes last start after filling a placing at Marseille Vivaux two starts back. Can bounce back.
11. **HELIOS DES CHAMPS** - Last raced at this track on December 17 when he was disqualified. Opposed.
12. **HEROS D'YVEL** - Comes here off a last-start seventh first-up at Salon-de-Provence. Unlikely to threaten.
13. **HIRO MAGIS** - Seventh at Marseille-Borely last start after filling a placing at Marseille Vivaux two starts back. Could place.
14. **HEART OF GLASS** - Finished seventh last start at Vincennes. Strong record at this circuit scoring four wins from nine starts. Among the major players.
15. **HOLD UP DU SAPTEL** - Finished fourth last start at Marseille Vivaux. Strong contender.

Summary: HOLD UP DU SAPTEL (15) caught the eye when 7.25L fourth off a 25m handicap at Marseille-Vivaux. Selected to register a third victory of the year. HOUSTON SISSI (8) is shortlisted having chased home a subsequent winner when 1.75L second at Marseille-Borely. HEART OF GLASS (14) is expected to take a step forward to challenge following a 5L seventh at Vincennes. HIGH ROCK (9) delivered a 12L eighth at Marseille-Borely. Capable of better in this contest.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLD UP DU SAPTEL (15) - HOUSTON SISSI (8) - HEART OF GLASS (14) - HIGH ROCK (9)</p>

Race 4 - PRIX DE L'ARRIERE-PAYS - 2925m WALK-UP D225 Harness. Purse EUR €36,000.

1. **CALL JACK** - Disqualified last start at Vincennes on December 6. Prefer to see him perform well before recommending.
2. **DIMITRI NAY** - Made it back-to-back wins when he scored by 1.7L at Marseille Vivaux last time. Likely to be in the finish.
3. **ECKMUHL JACK** - Didn't do a lot when resuming last start finishing eighth at Lyon-Parilly beaten 4.5L. Expect a better performance this time.
4. **DIRTY LOVING** - Last start finished seventh at Marseille Vivaux. Cannot enthuse.
5. **ELAN D'HARCOUEL** - Form was solid prior to last time when 13th at Marseille Vivaux. Can bounce back and be involved.
6. **DARK SIDE** - Finished third last start at Salon-de-Provence on the back of a win at Marseille Vivaux two runs back. Strong contender.
7. **EQUIANO** - Much better run last time finishing third at Vincennes when beaten 3.0L. Noted.
8. **CABALLO D'AURE** - Safely held last time when 26.6L from the winner in 12th at Vincennes. Opposed.
9. **ELIXIR WIND** - Disappointed last start when eighth at Mauquenchy after winning on his previous two runs. Can do much better.
10. **EUREKA DU FOSSE** - Improved to finish third at Grenade-sur-G last time out. Can retain the good form.
11. **CHOUPETTE JALLERIE** - Safely held last time out in a disappointing result finishing seventh at Marseille Vivaux. In the mix on the form from two back.

Summary: DIMITRI NAY (2) completed a double when winning by 1.75L at Marseille-Vivaux. Selected to register a sixteenth career success. DARK SIDE (6) placed third when beaten 8.5L in the G3 Grand Prix de Salon-de-Provence at Salon-de-Provence. Rates a big danger in this field. EUREKA DU FOSSE (10) is shortlisted following a 2L third at Grenade. ELIXIR WIND (9) holds claims having won by a nose at Nantes on his penultimate outing.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DIMITRI NAY (2) - DARK SIDE (6) - EUREKA DU FOSSE (10) - ELIXIR WIND (9)</p>

1. **EDEN BASQUE** - DQ in a Class A at this circuit last weekend. Look elsewhere.
2. **DUEL DU GERS** - Registered a 5.25L fifth in the G3 Grand National du Trot Paris-Turf at Mauquenchy on his penultimate outing. Top chance.
3. **DIABLO DE CAPONET** - Third when beaten 5L in a Class A here last weekend. Not written off.
4. **ECUREUIL JENILOU** - Showed good form last spell including when winning by 1.25L here on his penultimate start. Leading contender following a break.
5. **CASH DU RIB** - Down the field fifteenth in the G2 Finale Grand National du Trot Paris-Turf at Vincennes earlier this month. Of note in this field.
6. **EL PRESIDENTE** - Held 6L sixth in a lower grade contest at Marseille-Borely. Others hold more obvious claims.
7. **FAKIR DU RANCH** - Fourth when beaten 1.25L in a Class C at Marseille-Borely eleven days ago. Improvement required at this level.
8. **JERRY MOM** - Fifth when beaten 4L at Vincennes in the G3 Prix des Cevennes. Bold show looks likely having finished 9.5L seventh in the mounted G3 Prix Auguste Francois at the same track subsequently.
9. **GLOBAL WARRIOR** - Failed to shine in two starts in Sweden in February. Minor role likely.
10. **DESIR DE BANNES** - Held 9.25L eleventh in a Class B Europeen event at Marseille-Vivau. Hopes appear to lie with a change of trainer bringing about improvement.
11. **MAD PRINCESS** - Failed to make an impact in two French starts to date including when 23L eleventh in a Class D European event at Vincennes eighteen days ago. Best watched.
12. **ALLEGRA GIFONT** - Delivered a fifth at Montegiorgio (Italy). Notable contender making his first French start for a good stable.
13. **MOON ZAPPA** - Winner of a minor event at Farjested (Sweden) in May. Below that form since and is overlooked on her first French start.

Summary: ECUREUIL JENILOU (4) suffered a DQ in the G2 Grand Prix du Departement des Alpes-Marit at this circuit in August. Taken to resume with a victory having shown good winning form prior. DUEL DU GERS (2) rates a big danger having finished 5.25L fifth in the G3 Grand National du Trot Paris-Turf at Mauquenchy on his penultimate start. JERRY MOM (8) delivered a 9.5L seventh in the mounted G3 Prix Auguste Francois at Vincennes. Strong claims back in a driven event. Making his French debut ALLEGRA GIFONT (12) is another to consider following a fifth at Montegiorgio (Italy).

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<p style="text-align: center;">ECUREUIL JENILOU (4) - DUEL DU GERS (2) - JERRY MOM (8) - ALLEGRA GIFONT (12)</p>

Race 6 - PRIX DE LA SOLIDARITE - 2150m MOBILE D197 Harness. Purse EUR €36,000.

1. **FORREST GEDE** - Disqualified last start at Marseille-Borely on December 12. Prefer to see him perform well before recommending.
2. **DUC PARENTIER** - Finished 3.7L back in sixth at his latest outing at Marseille Vivaux. One for the multiples.
3. **FOSSOYEUR** - Disqualified last start at Vincennes. Not written off.
4. **ECALGRAIN** - Finished 5.8L back in fifth at his latest appearance at Marseille-Borely. Capable of a better showing.
5. **ESTOURNEL MOURIEZ** - Finished third at Vincennes two starts back. Claims.
6. **FLECHE ETOILE** - Last start second at Lyon-Parilly when beaten 2.5L. Top chance in this line-up.
7. **EL PASO D'OCCAGNES** - Won two back at Marseille-Borely and maintained the good form with a minor placing last start at the same venue. Sure to go well again.
8. **FORMIDABLE MEC** - Disqualified last start at Marseille-Borely on December 12. Prefer to see him perform well before recommending.
9. **FELINE DE MIRANDA** - Good third beaten 3.3L at Toulouse. Will make her presence felt.
10. **ETOILE D'EOLE** - Last start finished eighth at Mauquenchy. Facing a tough assignment.

Summary: EL PASO D'OCCAGNES (7) placed second when beaten 3L by a subsequent winner at Marseille-Borely. Looks up to going one better. FLECHE ETOILE (6) rates a big threat having finished 2.5L second at Lyon-Parilly. ESTOURNEL MOURIEZ (5) showed good placed form prior to a 7.5L ninth at Vincennes. Shortlist. FELINE DE MIRANDA (9) is another with solid placed form following a 3.25L third at Toulouse.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p>EL PASO D'OCCAGNES (7) - FLECHE ETOILE (6) - ESTOURNEL MOURIEZ (5) - FELINE DE MIRANDA (9)</p>

Race 7 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE DES MERVEILLES - 2925m WALK-UP A100 HCP Harness. Purse EUR €39,000.

1. **JEZABEL JENILOU** - Fair fifth at Marseille-Borely latest. Worth including.
2. **JOKER DU MIDI** - Much better run last time finishing third at Marseille-Borely beaten 4.1L. Expected to go well again.
3. **JIGLIANA D'ARC** - Last produced when eighth at this track four months ago. Might need some time.
4. **JAVA DES AUGERIES** - Fair fourth at Mauquenchy. Could place.
5. **JAHIA** - Winner three back but has been safely held since the latest effort a ninth at Marseille-Borely. Would prefer to see a return to form before recommending.
6. **JOUEUR TURGOT** - Narrow second at Vincennes last start. Well-placed in this contest. Chance.
7. **JUDICIOUS WINNER** - Resumed last start and found a couple better at Lyon-Parilly when beaten 1.2L. Sure to play a major role.
8. **JOHN WICK** - Completed a hat-trick when defeating a subsequent winner by a nose at this venue. Selected to maintain his unbeaten record at this track.

Summary: JOHN WICK (8) completed a hat-trick when defeating a subsequent winner by a nose at this venue. Selected to maintain his unbeaten record at this track. JUDICIOUS WINNER (7) is expected to play a hand in the finish following a 1.25L third off a 25m handicap at Lyon-Parilly. JOUEUR TURGOT (6) came home a nose second at Vincennes. Shortlisted debuting for a new trainer. JOKER DU MIDI (2) placed third when beaten 4.25L at Marseille-Borely. Consider for the win.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JOHN WICK (8) - JUDICIOUS WINNER (7) - JOUEUR TURGOT (6) - JOKER DU MIDI (2)</p>

Race 8 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE DE LA VESUBIE - 2925m WALK-UP E50 HCP Monte. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **INVICTUS DESBOIS** - Last raced at Hyeres on November 6 when he was disqualified. Must bounce back.
2. **ITALIANO DREAM** - Disqualified last start at Grenade-sur-G. Capable but risky.
3. **IMHOTEP DE SOMOZA** - Finished 3.3L back in sixth at his latest appearance at Marseille-Borely. This looks a suitable assignment.
4. **HAZURENKO DE TEDD** - Fair fifth at Marseille Vivaux latest. Chance.
5. **IGOR DU PARC** - Effortless winner last time scoring by 5.5L at Vincennes. The one they have to beat.
6. **HIMALAYA** - Disqualified last start at Marseille Vivaux on December 3. Prepared to overlook until her racing manners improve.
7. **HODOSIS** - Comes here off a last-start ninth at Mauquenchy. Unlikely to threaten.
8. **IDEFIX D'OURVILLE** - Finished 8.4L away in sixth most recently at his first run back from a spell at Marseille Vivaux. Expect to see a much better run.
9. **I AM DES MOTTES** - Finished third two starts back at Marseille Vivaux then missed the frame last time out at Marseille-Borely. Looks a key player.

Summary: IGOR DU PARC (5) performed well when winning by 5.5L at Vincennes. Looks capable of following up. I AM DES MOTTES (9) delivered a 13L fifth in a Class A driven race at Marseille-Borely. Dangerous on mounted debut. HAZURENKO DE TEDD (4) is of note following a 3.25L fifth at Marseille-Vivaux on mounted debut. IMHOTEP DE SOMOZA (3) is a mounted debutant to consider on the back of a 3.25L sixth off a 25m handicap at Marseille-Borely.

Selections
IGOR DU PARC (5) - I AM DES MOTTES (9) - HAZURENKO DE TEDD (4) - IMHOTEP DE SOMOZA (3)