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R4 CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DES PALMIERS - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class F - Harness - EUR € 23,000

- 1. KASIMODO** - Ended 2025 on a low note. Has not raced for 2 months and is not about to create an upset
- 2. KALIE TEJY** - Produced a pair of good efforts here lately, most recently 5th in a 2925m Class F late last month. Races shod this time however and best to hold off
- 3. KARA MARIS** - 2nd to a very good horse in a 2925m Class E here on 16 January, his first objective of the winter. Has never raced over 2700m here, but appreciates the track and can give KIDNAPPING (5) something to think about. Chance
- 4. KLAIRE DE PLAY** - In less-elevated company after finishing well-beaten 6th behind KARA MARIS (3) in a 2925m Class E here mid-month. Has pulled an excellent number and cannot be discounted
- 5. KIDNAPPING** - Won 2 of last 3 starts at the venue, most recently dominating a 2150m Class F. Is clearly in rude health and can wrap this up as long as he keeps his action together
- 6. KEOPS DU CHATAULT** - Has yet to get his nose in front here but has enjoyed a decent run of form this term. Is barefoot for the occasion and the draw will do his prospects no disservice
- 7. KITKO TEJY** - Given a conditioner after failing to deliver here on 23 December. Starts in front, will be barefoot, and the mobile start can give him back his advantage. Place chance
- 8. KLEPPER DU LOIR** - Disappointing on the whole late last season. Starts for first time in 2 months and will have few, if any, friends
- 9. KYLLIAN** - Ran 3rd to KIDNAPPING (5) in a 2150m Class F here on 18 December. Has finished 3rd in all but one start here and, despite the draw, can continue the trend
- 10. KANDY CHAMPOSOULT** - Handy mare with respectable Cagnes form, but will be shod for re-entry and can be ignored
- 11. KEOPS JUTH** - Won an amateurs Class G here 3 weeks ago but has been eliminated in 2 since. Did not win the draw-lottery and is unlikely to influence the outcome
- 12. KAIROS DU GOUTIER** - Moderate element with respectable Cagnes credentials but makes first appearance since early-November and can be passed over
- 13. KONTIO DE LOU** - Has a pair of runs under his belt following a decent layoff, but is preparing for a monte campaign and will have nothing to offer
- 14. KENTUCKY VALLEY** - Drops back down the category-ladder after running a respectable but uneasy 6th in a 2925m Class D here early this month. Has been handed a rough draw but still has the wherewithal to get in on the action
- 15. KENTUCKY SCARLET** - Capable on a good day but has not had many of those recently. Heads south though to a track he should appreciate, and can play a role if Anthony Barrier successfully navigates the start

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16. KELAS DU CEBE - Useful at this level but has not been seen out since August and is going to need the race

Summary: For KIDNAPPING (5), it's often a case of all-or-nothing. He gave a fine account over shorter here last month though, is well-placed behind the car and, if applied, can confirm. Fourth to him that day and runner-up in 2 since, KEOPS DU CHATAULT (6) sports front pads for the first time and will be competitive, but may first have to defer to the well-positioned KARA MARIS (3) who got back in the game here mid-month, and KITKO TEJY (7) who will be barefoot as he was when victorious in Marseille in early-December.

SELECTIONS

KIDNAPPING (5) - KARA MARIS (3) - KITKO TEJY (7) - KEOPS DU CHATAULT (6)

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**C2 - PRIX DES CYCLAMENS - 2925m (a2m) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
38,000**

- 1. JAVA D'ECAJEUL** - Considerably better mare under the saddle. Races under harness for a change of scenery and can be ruled out
- 2. KOMPANY VINCENT** - Serious trotter that is hard to knock when barefoot. Has shown his form in both Paris and here recently and will be competitive for a place in the picture
- 3. I AM DES MOTTES** - Surprise 4th in a Class D over course and distance a week ago. Will be barefoot on this occasion and is not going to be available at 115-1 this time
- 4. IMPARTIAL** - Out of the picture in all 3 starts so far this term, all 3 of them at Cagnes, and can be confidently passed over
- 5. KENO PETTEVINIERE** - Hardy sort facing first target of the new year after being conditioned in Gr.3 Prix Michel Marcel Gougeon at Vincennes on 18 January. Is barefoot on this occasion, imposed last time here, and will be expected to play an active role. First 5
- 6. HAS DE COEUR** - Switches code after failing to deliver in a Vincennes monte Class D on 10 January, and is her for purposes of conditioning
- 7. KNOCKONWOOD** - Not as sharp as he once was and often bites off more than he can chew. Disregard
- 8. IDEM JIHEM** - Looked decidedly ordinary when 8th behind ILLICO DU JAS (12) in a 2150m Class D here on 5 January and appears to be out of his depth once more
- 9. KROONER D'HERIPRE** - Serious type whose Cagnes record is difficult to criticise. Left quite the impression in a Class C under these conditions on 2 January and is easy to fancy for the double
- 10. HANA D'OCCAGNES** - Pleased early last year before losing her way. Lacklustre in both 2026 starts and is not about to trouble the opposition
- 11. KOUFRA IRIS'EYES** - Sprang a 14-1 surprise when dominating a 2700m Vincennes Class B on 25 December. Is new to Cagnes but with form maintained should again figure prominently
- 12. ILLICO DU JAS** - Placed in first 2 return runs, including over shorter here. Showed his form before being eliminated in a Marseille-Vivaux Class E 10 days ago, but still represents no more than a minor place prospect
- 13. JOIE DE LA COTE** - Unplaced in an Agen Class B 11 days ago following a number of false-starts, but has otherwise been enjoying a productive run of form and is unlikely to be going home empty-handed
- 14. GAJAC** - Trounced in both starts following his lengthy hiatus. Benefits from a fine entry but still not an obvious choice
- 15. KOTKIE** - Fine mare that imposed last time at the venue. Returns south after coming 3rd in Gr.3 Prix Michel Marcel Gougeon at Vincennes on 18 January. Trainer could not have hoped for a better entry for her and, in similar form, can contest the finish

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Summary: A great battle of the 6 year-olds in store for us here and most of the money will be headed the way of the Cagnes-loving KROONER D'HERIPRE (9) who steps up in category after outclassing the field under these conditions early this month. He is set to be opposed though by the wonderfully-engaged KOTKIE (15) who ran 3rd in a Vincennes Gr.3 10 days ago, and the faithful KOUFRA IRIS'EYES (11) who also made her mark there on Christmas Day. A multiple winner under these conditions, KOMPANY VINCENT (2) is close to his race and is unlikely to be far off the mark.

SELECTIONS

KROONER D'HERIPRE (9) - KOTKIE (15) - KOUFRA IRIS'EYES (11) - KOMPANY VINCENT (2)

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**C3 - PRIX DES IMPATIENS - 2925m (a2m) - Class D - Harness - EUR €
38,000**

- 1. JORLANDO** - Won over course and distance a month back, then repeated in a Class E over 2700m 3 weeks ago. Takes on a better lot on this occasion but is hard to knock when focused and will be no shrinking violet. Chance
- 2. JAURESS DE CANI** - Ran good 2nd to JORLANDO (1) in a 2700m Class E here 3 weeks ago. Steps up in category but in current condition is still easy to like for a spot in the mix
- 3. JOSS CAPELLO** - Never far from faulting but has won 5 of the last 6 races he has finished and, barefoot for the occasion, it would be unwise to ignore his chances
- 4. JIGSAW PUZZLE** - Unremarkable individual starting for first time since last October and with shoes on can be ignored
- 5. GIVE ME QUICK** - Encouraging 3rd in a claimer over course and distance 2.5 weeks ago, however in this company he will have too much to do
- 6. ILLUSTRE FERM** - Dependably performant type facing first objective of the new season after prepping in a Class C here mid-month. Excelled with David Bekaert last season and has a decent claim on the race
- 7. JOURNEY OF DREAM** - Faithful campaigner that goes over any distance here. Benefits from having had a paced return to competition and can challenge for a place in the frame this time
- 8. HATLAS DE MOUTIERS** - Disappointing on the whole over past couple of months. Would have better prospects at a lower level and can be passed over
- 9. ISEO DE LOU** - Produced quite the surprise on comeback when 2nd of 8 in a Class C over track and trip on 2 January. Appreciates these conditions and has a realistic chance of opening his 2026 account
- 10. HELIOT DE GACHERE** - Ran 3rd here 3.5 weeks ago before being somewhat unlucky in Marseille next time. Is plainly in good shape though and can get in on the action if Nils Pacha keeps him out of harm's way

Summary: A good, honest servant that gave a fine account of himself on re-entry here earlier in the month, ISEO DE LOU (9) is known for his finishing speed which should serve him well against the likes of ILLUSTRE FERM (6) who simply excels when barefoot, and JORLANDO (1) who returns to the venue on a hat-trick. Never one to be underestimated, JOURNEY OF DREAM (7) will be barefoot following a pair of conditioners and will be no pushover.

SELECTIONS

ISEO DE LOU (9) - ILLUSTRE FERM (6) - JORLANDO (1) - JOURNEY OF DREAM (7)

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**C4 - GRAND PRIX DE VINCENNES - 2925m (a2m) - Gr3 - Harness - EUR €
80,000**

- 1. HONEY KING** - Seldom gets his nose in front these days but always gives his best. Encouraged in a 2700m Class C here mid-month but still not more than a minor place chance
- 2. IRU FUSHI** - Won a Class C over course and distance on 18 December but failed to confirm when eliminated here 9 days later, and others easier to trust
- 3. GOLDEN VISAIS** - Honest type that ran 6th behind HUDO DU RUEL (14) in a Class A under these conditions a week ago. Is not about to spring any surprises but with some luck in running, can get a look in
- 4. GERICAULT** - 6th behind IMPERATOR D'ELA (9) in Gr.3 Prix de la Côte d'Azur over course and distance 3 weeks ago. Has nothing to prove at this level and is not incapable of contesting the finish this time
- 5. ENJOY THE GAME** - Takes on a less-elevated bunch than he did in Paris late last month. Starts in front and has good speed, and enjoys a realistic chance of finishing in the mix
- 6. HELIOS SI** - Reassuring 3rd of 17 in a 2650m Bordeaux Class D on 22 December, however a repeat seems improbable
- 7. HARRY LE BEAU** - Eliminated early in Gr.3 Prix de la Côte d'Azur here 3 weeks ago. Not as sharp as he was here last summer and will need to raise his game
- 8. GREGOR** - Reliability not his strong suit but can trot. Competitively-shod following last week's conditioner and is not to be discounted
- 9. IMPERATOR D'ELA** - In the frame in last 4 starts, most recently 3rd in 2925m Gr.3 Prix de la Côte d'Azur here on 8 January. Is clearly close to his race and will be rewarded one of these days. Attention
- 10. GALANT DE CAREL** - Faces first target of the season, and first objective for new trainer, after a pair of re-entry runs. Seen more often than not racing clockwise but sports a fresh configuration and Maxime Tijou will be hoping to capitalise
- 11. HADES DE L'ITON** - Has enjoyed something of a renaissance since moving yards. Comes here fresh, is a tough nut to crack when barefoot, and the front-line start can make all the difference. Claim
- 12. HEROS DES MOTTES** - Trounced in Gr.3 Prix de la Côte d'Azur before disappointing again last week and has no possible chance
- 13. FICIMER** - Quality element returning to the Riviera ahead of a monte campaign and is unlikely to trouble the judge
- 14. HUDO DU RUEL** - Has been excelling since returning to Cagnes last month. Forced to incur the handicap but is in rude health and unlikely to let the side down. Chance
- 15. FAKIR MERITE** - Will be competitively-shod for just 2nd start back. Is no longer the horse he once was though and can be ruled out

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Summary: A terrific campaigner making his first start since early-November, HADES DE L'ITON (11) is just a few Euros from incurring the handicap and, if fully-fit, can make his Cagnes bow a successful one. Antonin Andre will still be legitimately wary of 2nd-row starter HUDO DU RUEL (14) who ran 2nd in Gr.3 Grand Prix de Noël last month, and the better-placed IMPERATOR D'ELA (9) who came 3rd to the good Harley Gema in the Gr.3 Prix de la Côte d'Azur 3 weeks ago. 6th that day after having imposed in Bordeaux, GERICAULT (4) is capable of a lot more and should not be underestimated.

SELECTIONS

HADES DE L'ITON (11) - HUDO DU RUEL (14) - IMPERATOR D'ELA (9) - GERICAULT (4)

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**C5 - PRIX DES NENUPHARS - 2925m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
22,000**

- 1. LIPSTICK QUICK** - Left a good impression when 3rd in a 2150m Class F last Friday. Will be fully-fit, is patently in competition-mode, and must be taken very seriously indeed
- 2. LIBERTANGO** - Difficult to fault when focused. Steps up in category after winning an Argentan Class F 3 weeks ago and, although not a priority, can still get in on the action
- 3. L'HEBUS** - Has 2 runs under his belt since being out of competition, but has yet to convince and others easier to back
- 4. LELOUP VALLEE** - Has done everything asked of him since returning from his autumn break. Runner-up in last 2 and the change of distance may be just what the doctor ordered. Chance
- 5. L'ANGE AIMEF** - Was going well when eliminated in a 2150m Class 3 weeks ago, on first mission of the year. Is twice a winner here when barefoot and, on good behaviour, can play a prominent part
- 6. LE BIEF** - Raced better in a Vincennes Class D on 18 December than the result would suggest. Is superior to most here and does not make the long trip for the sunshine. Claim
- 7. L'AMERICAIN** - Has not been seen out since falling at Nimes in mid-November and faces a very stiff test
- 8. LASER DE JOUDES** - Respectable but unthreatening in a Class D under these conditions on 2 January. Faces a much better bunch this time around and is unlikely to spring any surprises
- 9. LOMAC GEDE** - Runner-up in 2 of last 3, most recently a Class E over course and distance on 18 December. Takes on some moderately better horses this time but is still competitive for a cheque

Summary: A number in the running here but a small preference goes to the good LE BIEF (6). He has not been making his mark in Paris lately but should take well to the Cagnes track and can return to winning ways. Anthony Barrier will nevertheless be mindful of LELOUP VALLEE (4) who has been knocking at the door lately, and the amply able L'ANGE AIMEF (5) who should not be too hastily-condemned for faulting here 3 weeks ago. LIPSTICK QUICK (1) has raced little but has shown significant ability; she goes barefoot for the first time, but is clearly in good shape and could well get his nose in front.

SELECTIONS

LE BIEF (6) - LELOUP VALLEE (4) - L'ANGE AIMEF (5) - LIPSTICK QUICK (1)

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**C6 - PRIX DES JACINTHES - 2925m (a2m) - Class E - Harness - EUR €
22,000**

- 1. MAESTRO DE BENOISE** - Lightly-raced element with bags of untapped potential. Is considerably better than his latest result would imply and should not be sold short
 - 2. MONEY SIXTY ONE** - Looked rather ordinary when 4th of 5 finishers behind MISTER DES THUYAS (3) in a Marseille-Vivaux Class E 10 days ago. Sports front pads this time and is not a concern
 - 3. MISTER DES THUYAS** - Made up for course-and-distance elimination when 2nd in a Marseille-Vivaux Class E 10 days ago. Yannick-Alain Briand in the bike again and can be assured a competitive drive. First 5
 - 4. MILOU DE CAZOLENE** - Unexceptional element that seldom makes his presence felt and is most unlikely to begin now
 - 5. MIKADO D'AMOUR** - Has just the one race in him since last October. Is new to Cagnes and unlikely to cause an upset
 - 6. MAGIC DU SAPTEL** - Has yet to deliver for new trainer but goes first-time barefoot. Is unlikely to create an upset but can nevertheless start to make good on his promise
 - 7. MILLENIUM ROC** - Reliability not his strong suit but will race competitively-shod for the first time and can play an important role if Laurent Gout keeps him trotting
 - 8. MAD DREAM** - Has failed to deliver in 2 starts here this winter but has had some weight removed and can start to get back in the game
 - 9. MAJOR JENILOU** - Ran 2nd in a Class E over course and distance 2.5 weeks ago, on first association with Romain Derieux. Is plainly close to getting back in the winners' circle and could not enjoy a better opportunity
- Summary:** Beaten only by a very good horse here earlier in the month, MAJOR JENILOU (9) is ideally-engaged this time and, barring force majeure, has no reason not to win this. MAESTRO DE BENOISE (1) gets to race first-time barefoot and the Martens brothers can be quietly confident of a big run. MILLENIUM ROC (7) is never far from losing his action but has ample ability and the new configuration may be just the ticket. Bernard Grasset has opted to race MAD DREAM (8) barefoot and he looks eminently capable of contesting a place on the podium.

SELECTIONS

MAJOR JENILOU (9) - MAESTRO DE BENOISE (1) - MILLENIUM ROC (7) - MAD DREAM (8)

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**C7 - PRIX DES VIOLETTES - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class C - Harness - EUR €
24,000**

- 1. NALA DE SMARVES** - Dynamic winner of a Class F over course and distance on 23 December before coming 2nd in a 2925m Class C on 16 January, and looks a serious proposition once again
 - 2. NIMITZ D'HERIPRE** - Imposed on debut before running 2nd in a Bordeaux Class B on 22 December. Faces a tougher test against competitively-shod horses though and others preferred this time
 - 3. NORWEGIAN GIN** - Promising sort making first appearance since running 2nd at Hyeres last October. Is unlikely to be fully fit but is not incapable of getting a look in
 - 4. NICE TO SEE YOU** - Got back in the game early this month when 2nd in a 2050m Cabourg Class D. Makes his debut in the south with Gabriele Gelormini in the bike and must not be overlooked
 - 5. NAPOLI DU BOUFFEY** - Uneasy 2nd to NORIA DE BERTRANGE (7) in a Class D over course and distance on 5 January. Sports hind pads this time and even though in elevated company on this occasion, should still not be ruled out
 - 6. NARKOS DU CHATAULT** - Tenacious 2nd to a good sort in a 2150m Class F here last week. Anthony Barrier in the bike this time and is thoroughly capable of making the frame once more
 - 7. NORIA DE BERTRANGE** - Easy winner of an incident-filled Class D over course and distance on 5 January. Is pitted against better this time but still looks competitive for a place in the mix
 - 8. NISLANDA** - Made it 2 in a row when romping in a 2950m Toulouse Class B a fortnight ago. Will have passed his left-handed schooling test and can complete the hat-trick
 - 9. NOLAN QUESNOT** - Lost his maiden status at Grenade-sur-Garonne on 23 November but failed to confirm when eliminated in a Class C here mid-month, and is unlikely to generate much interest
- Summary:** Eye-catching winner in Toulouse mid-month, making it 2 on the trot, NISLANDA (8) goes left-handed for the first time and can secure the 3-timer. Louis Goetz will nonetheless be keeping a keen eye on the progressive NALA DE SMARVES (1) who is quite obviously close to winning another, and NORIA DE BERTRANGE (7) who got off the mark over track and trip earlier this month. NARKOS DU CHATAULT (6) showed great courage here a week ago and has earned the right to take his chances at this level.

SELECTIONS

NISLANDA (8) - NALA DE SMARVES (1) - NORIA DE BERTRANGE (7) - NARKOS DU CHATAULT (6)

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**C8 - PRIX DES NARCISES - 2150m (a1m1/4) - Class F Amateur Drivers -
Harness - EUR € 8,000**

- 1. KALLISTEE** - Serious mare that goes over any trip here. Ran surprisingly good 4th in an Agen Class F on first start following the spell. Has a lot going for her this time and is in with a realistic shout of imposing
 - 2. JADA MOKO** - Serious mare that has form here in both amateur and pro ranks. Enjoys good speed and from the front line can make a big splash
 - 3. ILLUSTRE BLUE** - Kicked off 2026 with an amateur success under these conditions. Has pleased twice in pro ranks since and from the 3-spot will be no easy touch
 - 4. HOPE COGLAIS** - Pleasant 5th of 10 in a Marseille-Vivaux amateurs Class F on 4 December before losing his action in 2 January race of reference, and will have few takers
 - 5. JOYAUX DU CHENE** - Returns to the amateur division after winning a claimer over track and trip on Sunday. Was eliminated on lone start over 2150m here but is clearly in excellent shape and backs up with legitimate ambition
 - 6. HAWK SPEED** - 8th on comeback to ILLUSTRE BLUE (3) in a similar event here on 2 January. Has had ample time to come on and is well-placed to give this a good go
 - 7. KING'S DAY** - Useful element making first start in the amateur class but is still in conditioning-mode and best to hold off
 - 8. KAVALE DU CHOQUEL** - Has yet to impose at this level but always gives what she can. Is not ideally-drawn but will have freshness on her side and, if applied, can play a part
 - 9. HEAVEN JIEL** - Has nothing to prove at this level but has been very disappointing here this winter and must first re-establish his credentials
 - 10. JAGUAR GEDE** - Ran 3rd in a Marseille-Vivaux Class F on 11 December prior to comfortably winning an amateurs Class G over course and distance last Friday. On back line this time but, with form maintained, can again figure prominently
 - 11. INO DE BREVOL** - Encouraging during the autumn but has since come off the boil and can be ruled out
 - 12. IDA DES MONTES** - Unexceptional mare that has failed to make any impression in last 2 and will have nothing to contribute
- Summary:** Solid on comeback at Agen recently, KALLISTEE (1) will be barefoot for her first appearance in the amateur category and can get straight down to business. That said, JADA MOKO (2) has a particular liking for these conditions and is marginally better-placed in front. ILLUSTRE BLUE (3) won at this level over longer early this month and will be no pushover, and neither should HAWK SPEED (6) following a much-needed freshener.

SELECTIONS

KALLISTEE (1) - JADA MOKO (2) - ILLUSTRE BLUE (3) - HAWK SPEED (6)