

CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H] - 29 December

Race 1 - PRIX DU CAP CAMARAT - 3400m CLM HDLE. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **IMAGINE CLERMONT** - Thriving at present chasing a hat-trick. Good 2L victory here latest. Top chance.
2. **NARKOZA** - 5L fourth here last time was arguably a career best. This is easier. Potential threat to all at this level.
3. **HOBBIT HAS** - Unfancied and well beaten on both starts. Happy to oppose.
4. **MA VISION BERVAL** - 6L fifth here last time. Place likely best now.
5. **SHENTA** - Midfield the last twice but rates well on best form and can improve now.
6. **QUEEN OF ELEGANCE** - Uninspiring recent form figures and happy to watch.
7. **PRINCESSE ETOILEE** - Placed three starts ago but failed to finish twice since. Interesting with an apprentice booked if able put in a clear round.
8. **SALVINIA** - Run to a consistent level so far having placed three times. Each way chance.

Summary: IMAGINE CLERMONT (1) has won the last two starts impressively and is clearly thriving at present. Sets the standard and looks hard to oppose in this field. SALVINIA (8) is a consistent sort. Should give usual running and finish close up. NARKOZA (2) just missed the placings last time out. Eased in grade and easy to fancy now. PRINCESSE ETOILEE (7) is a threat to all if able to put in a clear round of jumping.

Selections

IMAGINE CLERMONT (1) - SALVINIA (8) - NARKOZA (2) - PRINCESSE ETOILEE (7)

Race 2 - PRIX GOODEA - 3300m HDLE CL4. Purse EUR €31,000.

1. **KING OF DARK** - Fourth on both starts so far. Showed plenty of ability and can improve further. Each way player.
2. **KAMUS** - 2.75L third at this track on just third career start. Open to further progression. Easy to fancy.
3. **KELDOZ D HUMOUR** - 6L third here on just second career start. Can progress again. Keep safe.
4. **INDIGO DE KERSER** - Progressive in three starts on the flat but only a modest effort on hurdling debut. Must improve.
5. **SWEEPER CHOP** - 24L fifth here second up after a break. Needs to build on that.
6. **ILTAX** - Looked limited on all starts so far. Prefer to watch.
7. **NIGHT AWAY** - No better than midfield in three starts so far. Eased in grade here though and not entirely ruled out.
8. **MAGIC DAVIER** - Impressive 3L winner at Fontainebleau last time. Different test now jumping but clearly in good form and can show up well.

Summary: MAGIC DAVIER (8) has won twice on the flat and is expected to make up into a smart performer in this sphere. Key chance on hurdling debut. KAMUS (2) placed at this track last time out. That form reads well and easy to fancy. KING OF DARK (1) has shaped well on both starts so far and can progress further yet. Shortlist. KELDOZ D HUMOUR (3) looks a solid each way choice receiving an apprentice weight allowance.

Selections

MAGIC DAVIER (8) - KAMUS (2) - KING OF DARK (1) - KELDOZ D HUMOUR (3)
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Race 3 - PRIX DE LA PICARDIE - 4000m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €95,000.

1. **MONTY SAGA** - Won three of last four starts. Thriving at present and may well be able to defy another weight rise. Top chance.
2. **MYBOY** - 1.5L winner over track and trip two starts ago. Midfield after a weights rise last time and needs to improve again.
3. **PAOLO** - Consistent gelding who has won twice in the last four starts. Interesting upped in standard.
4. **CELTIOR** - 1.25L winner at this track two starts ago. Good run in this grade since. Solid each way claims.
5. **ECLAIR DU MAFFRAY** - Placings on last two starts and a similar finish looks likely in this field.
6. **BRIC** - Honest gelding that goes well at this track. Favourite for similar contest last time when falling. Sure to be well fancied once more.
7. **COOKILAYONE** - Won six starts ago and has placed three times since. Each way hope once more.
8. **BLAIN** - 2.75L third in a competitive contest latest. This looks tougher again but has each way claims.
9. **PEGGY** - Consistent performances this campaign. Similar midfield showing anticipated.
10. **FAN D'APPLE'S** - Beaten 14L into fourth last time and this is tougher. Prefer to watch.
11. **CIRANO DE PAIL** - 0.5L second over this journey in a good race at Auteuil. Can improve again. Easy to fancy.
12. **FALBALA LE DUN** - Long-neck winner over track and trip. No surprise were she able to follow-up.
13. **LIFE'S A BREEZE** - Stayed on for an 11L third here latest. Extra distance now will suit. Place likely best.
14. **SORAL DE KERZEL** - Placed on five of last six starts. Looks overdue a victory but winning record is a concern.
15. **ESPION DE VINDECY** - Pulled up here last time but in much better form prior. Worth another chance now.
16. **ORO D'ALLIER** - Likeable gelding. Races from a light weight in a better contest here. Not entirely ruled out.

Summary: CIRANO DE PAIL (11) rates highly on form of a close second in a similar contest at Auteuil latest. Can improve. Leading chance. MONTY SAGA (1) has won three of his last four starts and is thriving at present. Upped again in the weights but easy to fancy. BRIC (6) fell when favourite for a similar contest last time. Key chance if putting in a clear round of jumping. FALBALA LE DUN (12) held rivals for long neck victory at this journey last time. Threat to all following that.

Selections

CIRANO DE PAIL (11) - MONTY SAGA (1) - BRIC (6) - FALBALA LE DUN (12)
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Race 4 - PRIX DE LA BRETAGNE - 3300m HDLE CL4. Purse EUR €31,000.

1. **EZILDA** - Improved third in a stronger course and distance hurdle twelve days ago. Key chance.
2. **IDYLLE FLEURIE** - Fine second in a course chase two starts ago. Major player with a leading jockey up.
3. **IBELLE** - 42L defeat on hurdle debut here twelve days ago. Needs significant improvement.
4. **ISIS D'ARC** - Heavy defeats in both hurdle starts. No appeal.
5. **INGENIOUS MACHINE** - 37L defeat in a claiming hurdle here second up. Hard to enthuse.
6. **IDOLE ROQUE** - Ran fairly prior to a late unseat on debut at this venue. May improve.
7. **ICONE LOINTAINE** - Spanish Moon filly debuting in a moderate affair. Keep safe if given a market push.
8. **SKADE** - One place from eight flat runs before this hurdle debut. Watch the market for clues.

Summary: EZILDA (1) is expected to get off the mark after improving into the placings in a better track and trip hurdle. The one to beat. IDYLLE FLEURIE (2) ran a fine second in a course chase two starts ago. Major player returning to hurdles with a top jockey booked. ICONE LOINTAINE (7) is a Spanish Moon filly who is in need of a market check. IDOLE ROQUE (6) ran fairly before unseating the rider late debuting at this track. Can improve.

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<p style="text-align: center;">EZILDA (1) - IDYLLE FLEURIE (2) - ICONE LOINTAINE (7) - IDOLE ROQUE (6)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX DU PAYS DE LOIRE - 4000m CLM HDLE. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **FUNCKY BOY** - Got off the mark in a 3400m hurdle at this level here. Among the main players raised in journey.
2. **PSYCHOTIQUE** - Improved 5L handicap hurdle success at this track eight days ago. Notable runner.
3. **FURIMIX** - Placed in previous couple of claiming hurdle starts. May repeat.
4. **COEUR ELEPHANT** - Pulled up in three consecutive hurdle starts after a promising debut. Hard to enthuse.
5. **HISTORIETTE** - Poor last two chase runs after consistent form previously. Could bounce back reverting to hurdles.
6. **FOOD TRUCK** - Held sixth in a stronger course hurdle over 3500m eight days ago. Suitable target.
7. **TIRENVILLE** - Plenty to prove after a trio of poor hurdle runs.
8. **SALT ROCK** - Placed in three of previous four claiming hurdles. Worth forgiving a below par effort here.
9. **JOAILLERIE** - 16L fifth in a handicap hurdle here eight days ago. Place claims.
10. **LODDES** - Pulled up in both outings this term. Hard to enthuse.
11. **HOP LA DE SIVOLA** - Improved placing in a Nimes hurdle last month. Keep safe.

Summary: FUNCKY BOY (1) is improving after getting off the mark in a course hurdle over 3400m. Expected to prove hard to pass raised in journey. PSYCHOTIQUE (2) improved with a 5L victory in handicap company at this venue. Strong claims on the figures. FURIMIX (3) has solid place format this standard. In the frame mix. HISTORIETTE (5) is worth keeping safe for a minor placing.

Selections

FUNCKY BOY (1) - PSYCHOTIQUE (2) - FURIMIX (3) - HISTORIETTE (5)

Race 6 - PRIX DE LA VENDEE - 4200m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €35,000.

1. **DINDIN** - Scored in the Listed Prix President Michel Bodiguel Grand Steeple-Chase de Loire-At at Nantes in October. Noted.
2. **GREAT DU LARGE** - Two from three over fences and dangerous to dismiss on best form.
3. **BAL EXPRESS** - Unseated rider over course and distance twelve days back but could find the frame on best figures.
4. **COEUR NANTAIS** - 13L fourth in a Class One hurdle here eight days ago. Unexposed over fences.
5. **CAMBIKO** - Two from five over fences but only a moderate sixth here 23 days ago. Place claims.
6. **AFFORTUNATO** - 9L second in a course and distance handicap chase recently. In the mix.
7. **RHODAX** - Held seventh latest and only dropped 1kg. May need more.
8. **GREAT PARADE** - 14L fourth behind Affortunato over track and trip recently. Frame chances.
9. **BALLY STONE** - Three-time chase winner but pulled-up behind some of these latest.
10. **AS DE CARPAT** - 2L success in a claiming course and distance chase recently. Claims.
11. **LE ZINO** - 6L fourth behind As de Carpat over course and distance recently. Place.

Summary: DINDIN (1) scored in the Listed Prix President Michel Bodiguel Grand Steeple-Chase de Loire-At at Nantes in October. Not been at that level since but drops in grade. Claims. AS DE CARPAT (10) produced a 2L success in a claiming course and distance chase recently. Claims with conditions to suit. AFFORTUNATO (6) finished a good 9L second in a course and distance handicap chase recently. One to note. COEUR NANTAIS (4) cannot be dismissed.

Selections
DINDIN (1) - AS DE CARPAT (10) - AFFORTUNATO (6) - COEUR NANTAIS (4)

Race 7 - PRIX DE LA BOURGOGNE - 4000m HCP HDLE. Purse EUR €55,000.

1. **GODOMAR** - Tailed off over course and distance latest but could place on best hurdles effort.
2. **HENRY BRULARD** - Jockey going well at present and is a five-time hurdle winner. Well-handicapped.
3. **MANX** - 1.5L second in a handicap hurdle over course and distance recently. Noted.
4. **GLAMOURE** - Yet to place in twelve starts over hurdles and looks best watched on stable debut.
5. **ON YOUR MARKS** - Two places from ten starts over hurdles but could be involved from this mark.
6. **PYRAMID BURG** - 16L fifth in a chase here twelve days ago. Place claims on best hurdles form.
7. **LE METEQUE** - 28L third in a course and distance claiming hurdle. First-time blinkers.
8. **ARROZ** - Dropped 3kg since reappearing over course and distance. More required.
9. **BLUESACHA ROSETGRI** - Looks well held on recent efforts. Fails to complete often.
10. **GOLD AND FIRE** - Good second at Compiègne prior to a solid fifth over course and distance. Key chance.
11. **ECLAIR DES BRIERES** - Unseated rider in a claiming hurdle over course and distance. First-time tongue-tie fitted.
12. **SAINT MARS** - Well-handicapped but finished safely accounted over course and distance recently.

Summary: GOLD AND FIRE (10) finished a good second at Compiègne prior to a solid fifth over course and distance. Key chance off a workable mark. MANX (3) showed up well when a 1.5L second in a handicap hurdle over track and trip recently. Firmly in the mix. GODOMAR (1) was tailed off over course and journey latest but could find the frame on his best hurdles effort. ON YOUR MARKS (5) has the form to be in the mix on best form whilst LE METEQUE (7) holds each-way claims in first-time blinkers.

Selections

GOLD AND FIRE (10) - MANX (3) - GODOMAR (1) - ON YOUR MARKS (5) - LE METEQUE (7)
