

## C1 - PRIX ROGER LEYRAUD - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12,500

- 1. CLOSE COMBAT** - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing to win a 1200m claimer at Marseille-Borély on 3 May. Should have more to offer
- 2. EYWA** - Made encouraging improvement to finish 5th in a 1200m claimer at Marseille-Borély on 3 May. Could get into the picture
- 3. CYLENECHOPE** - Boasts sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd over 1200m at Lyon-Parilly on 8 May. Has a winning chance in this grade with headgear refitted
- 4. GOVINA** - Goken filly likely to improve after finishing 8th on debut at Marseille-Borély over 1000m on 24 April. Will have blinkers fitted
- 5. MARVELOUS BY NIGHT** - Yafta debutante from the stable of Nicolas Bellanger, who has engaged Ludovic Boisseau to ride this filly. Dark horse
- 6. EVERBLOOM** - Marc Pimbonnet-trained Dariyan filly to be ridden on debut by Rudy Pimbonnet. An attractive outsider
- 7. LINESKY** - Non partante
- 8. FUSEE DE PORCHE** -
- 9. CITE MONDINE** - Has finished 6th in both outings and didn't go unnoticed in the latest of those, a 1200m claimer on 3 May at Marseille-Borély. Place chance

**Summary:** CYLENECHOPE (3) has acquitted herself consistently/competitively in stronger races than this, so should take advantage of the drop in grade with headgear refitted. She gets the nod ahead of improving last-start winner CLOSE COMBAT (1), who shoulders a penalty for his recent claiming success. GOVINA (4) ought to have benefitted from the experience of an introductory outing and, as such, could make her presence felt in this category with improvement expected. LINESKY (7), supplemented for this race, isn't without a chance either after an improved/encouraging last start (2nd).

### SELECTIONS

CYLENECHOPE (3) - CLOSE COMBAT (1) - GOVINA (4) - EYWA (2)

**C2 - PRIX DE L'ASSOCIATION DES PROPRIETAIRES DU SUD-EST - 1100m (a5f1/2) - TURF -  
Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000**

1. **TILL WE DIE** - Returned to form an improved/encouraging 3rd at Lyon-Parilly on 8 May. Has claims here on that form
2. **HAARICIA** - Inconsistent handicapper who pops up from time to time but on both turf and PSF. Finished 10th over 1500m on the all-weather surface at Marseille on 5 April and hasn't raced on turf since June last year
3. **LUDDEN LASS** - Possesses lots of early speed so should do well over 1100m. Only 9th over 1400m at Fontainebleau last time (on 30 April) but can do better here
4. **WASACHOP** - Went off the boil last year after finishing 3rd in a 1200m turf handicap at Marseille-Borely. Unplaced in all five starts since, the latest (8th) at Lyon-Parilly on 8 May
5. **BIJLEE** - Has finished in the first five in each of her last eight races and finished 2nd in her last three starts. Runner-up over 1200m at Fontainebleau on 3 May
6. **VANILLE BLEUE** - Finished 3rd twice and a 2nd in three outings prior to her disappointing last start (9th) over 1200m on 8 May at Lyon-Parilly. Capable
7. **I DARE** - Disappointing 8th over 1200m at Marseille-Borely on 24 April but would have a chance her on the strength and consistency of her earlier form
8. **AS A CHARM** - Won a 1600m PSF handicap at Pau in November but has struggled (finished unplaced) in all four subsequent outings, the latest (12th) in a 1300m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 11 February
9. **THE DIG** - Inconsistent handicapper who pops up from time to time but remains unreliable. Finished 3rd in a 1200m handicap at Toulouse two starts back but absent since his 9th in a 1300m PSF handicap at Chantilly (29 Feb)
10. **YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK** - Consistent handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th over 1200m at Marseille-Borely on 24 April. Keep safe
11. **RISKI CHOPE** - Returned to form an improved/encouraging 4th over 1600m at Châtillon-sur-Chalarnonne on 22 April. Needs to confirm
12. **SANTI DEL MARE** - Course-and-distance winner in May last year but has lost his way since - finished 10th over 1100m on 6 March at Fontainebleau. Best watched for now
13. **JOHN STYLE** - Showed signs of improvement when finishing 4th over 1600m at Châtillon-sur-Chalarnonne on 1 May. Has to build on that progress
14. **EXPLORAR** - Won a 1200m turf handicap at Toulouse in February on his reappearance but has struggled (unplaced) in all 3 subsequent outings, the latest (12th) in a 1200m handicap at marseille-Borely on 24 April

**Summary:** BIJLEE (5) will be suited by the conditions (distance, state of the track, etc) and represents a jockey-trainer combination that is likely to enjoy a profitable day's racing, so is good value to break through and register an overdue first career win - a reward for her consistency. LUDDEN LASS (3) represents a formidable partnership too (Jérôme Reynier and Antonio Orani) and should fight for victory. VANILLE BLUE (6), on the evidence of her eye-catching penultimate outing, and I DARE (7), whose record at this track is encouraging, ought to make their presence felt too. YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK (10), TILL WE DIE (1) and RISKI CHOPE (11) appeal most of the remainder.

**SELECTIONS**

**BIJLEE (5) - LUDDEN LASS (3) - VANILLE BLEUE (6) - I DARE (7)**

**C3 - PRIX JEAN-CLAUDE NAPOLI - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR €  
21,000**

- 1. SHERKANE** - Has revealed considerable means in 4 outings, finishing 3rd twice and 2nd twice. Runner-up over 2100m at Toulouse last time out on 8 April - has a good chance to open his account
- 2. NO BAY** - Jérôme Reynier-trained gelding whose debut 6th over 2000m at Marseille-Borely on 3 May was encouraging. Progress expected
- 3. HASTA LA VISTA** - Failed to build on the promise of his debut 6th over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly when only 9th over 2000m at that venue when last seen on 2 November. Open to improvement on his reappearance - has been gelded since
- 4. ROCKET RISE** - Unplaced in two starts (finished 5th on debut at Deauville in August and 6th at Cavailon on 4 May) both over 1600m, though wasn't disgraced in either outing. Open to improvement over this extended trip
- 5. GALIGERA** - Runner-up in three of 4 outings, including consecutive recent starts - the latest in a 2600m conditions event at Marseille-Borely on 24 April. Has obvious claims
- 6. GOLDEN FLASH** - Didn't go unnoticed when an encouraging 5th on debut over 2600m at Marseille-Borely on 24 April. Ought to have improved with the benefit of that experience
- 7. SIR GARSING** - Nicolas Bellanger-trained Garswood gelding to be ridden on debut by Ludovic Boisseau. Not taken lightly
- 8. MISS PARANO** - Johnny Barnes debutante from the stable of Manon Scandella-Lacaille, who has engaged Marina Brunelli to ride this filly

**Summary:** SHERKANE (1) and GALIGERA (5) are likely to find themselves fighting for victory and neither would be winning out of turn after several near misses. Jérôme Reynier is double-handed and both his runners, GOLDEN FLASH (6) and NO BAY (2), should improve to make their presence felt too.

**SELECTIONS**

**SHERKANE (1) - GALIGERA (5) - GOLDEN FLASH (6) - NO BAY (2)**

## C4 - PRIX REGION PACA - 2400m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. WILLY WINNER** - Capable turf performer who has thrived on the PSF recently, finishing 2nd in back-to-back handicaps before winning consecutive PSF outings (all at Lyon-La Soie). Only 7th in a PSF 2400m handicap there on 24 March
- 2. TCHAKOVA** - Arrives at the top of her game, having won 3 (on PSF) of 5 starts this season, confirming the improvement of her seasonal reappearance (2nd). Finished 3rd in a Class 3 handicap over 3000m at Fontainebleau on 30 April
- 3. INTERSTELLA** - Last-start winner of a 2000m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 12 April. Carries a 3,5kg penalty for that win on her return to turf but has sound references on this surface - keep safe
- 4. SOLIMAN** - Returned to form with an improved/encouraging 2nd in a 2400m handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 8 May. Ought to be competitive with a repeat of that performance
- 5. BREIZH WOOD** - Inconsistent hard-knocker. Performed consistently throughout 2023 but has finished unplaced in all 5 starts this year, though didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 2600m in a handicap at Marseille-Borely on 3 May
- 6. BAILEYS ECLAIR** - Consistent, hard-knocking handicapper seldom far off the mark. Has finished 7th in consecutive handicaps recently, the latest in a 2000m handicap at Marseille-Borely on 3 May
- 7. GLACIER PEAK** - Unreliable performer but, judged on his best references, is undeniably capable of getting into the picture in a race of this nature. Only 9th in a 2000m handicap at Marseille-Borely on 3 May - should do better over 2400m
- 8. DIANE'S STAR** - Versatile handicapper with references in handicaps on both surfaces. Wasn't disgraced when finishing 7th in a 2400m Quinte+ handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 8 May so isn't without a chance - dark horse
- 9. PAIDEIA** - Performed inconsistently in handicaps last year. Hasn't been seen since finishing 13th in a PSF handicap over 1900m at Deauville on 19 October
- 10. ZILYA** - Caught the eye when finishing an improved/encouraging 2nd in a 2600m conditions race Nîmes on 28 April. Confirmation required

**Summary:** Lightly raced mare TCHAKOVA (2) is at the top of her game - all 3 of her career wins achieved on the PSF this year - and continues to improve. She proved her efficiency and competitiveness on the turf by finishing 3rd in a stronger race (handicap) off this mark last time, so needs only to repeat that performance to win this Class 4 conditions event. SOLIMAN (4), who was a reassuring 2nd in his latest outing, and last-start winner INTERSTELLA (3) are her obvious dangers, with the shortlist made up of BREIZH WOOD (5), GLACIER PEAK (7) and ZILYA (10) who are potential place-getters.

### SELECTIONS

**TCHAKOVA (2) - SOLIMAN (4) - INTERSTELLA (3) - BREIZH WOOD (5)**

**C5 - PRIX DE LA PATROUILLE DE FRANCE - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat -  
EUR € 21,000**

- 1. KOTGAR** - Has performed consistently/competitively in his 3 outings and did improve when finishing 3rd over 1800m at Marseille-Borély on 24 April. Will be a factor
- 2. COMTE DE LA ROSE** - Improved with the benefit of an introductory outing (9th) to finish an improved/encouraging 5th over 2000m at Marseille-Borély on 3 May. Could have more to offer
- 3. TOYOTOMI** - Confirmed the promise of his debut 3rd at Marseille-Borély over 200m by finishing 2nd over the same trip at Salon-de-Provence in November. Absent since finishing 3rd on PSF over at Marseille-Viavux on 9 January
- 4. COMME QUOI** - Runner-up on debut over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence and confirmed that promise by finishing 2nd again at Marseille-Borély over 1800m on 24 April. Can go one better
- 5. LIGHTS OF REBEL** - Likely to improve after finishing 7th on debut at Marseille-Borély over 2000m on 3 May. Dangerous to dismiss with progress on the cards
- 6. BAINADE** - Patrice Cottier-trained Calyx filly to be ridden on debut by Marvin Grandin. Shouldn't be underestimated
- 7. MIZ SWEET** - Birchwood debutante trained by Nicolas Bellanger, who has engaged Ludovic Boisseau to ride this filly. Best watched for now

**Summary:** A small but competitive field for this 1800m maiden, though it could pay to side with COMME QUOI (4) for whom it could be third time lucky after finishing 2nd in both starts - on debut at Salon-de-Provence and at Marseille-Borély last time. KOTGAR (1) ought to make life difficult for the selection. Jean-Claude Rouget's runner has the form and experience to fight for victory, which could also be said of TOYOTOMI (3). Improving COMTE DE LA ROSE (2) appeals most of the remainder.

**SELECTIONS**

**COMME QUOI (4) - KOTGAR (1) - TOYOTOMI (3) - COMTE DE LA ROSE (2)**

**C6 - PRIX DE LA VILLE DE SALON DE PROVENCE - RACE AND CARE - 1800m (a1m1/8) -  
TURF - Class 1 Race - Flat - EUR € 30,000**

- 1. RIDE THE SKIES** - Promising individual who improved to make a winning reappearance over this distance at Marseille-Borely on 24 April. Should have more to offer
- 2. LINA** - Talented filly with the best/strongest form references of the runners in this race - finished 4th in a Listed race over 2100m at Toulouse on 21 April. Will be a factor
- 3. SOKNA** - Last-start winner of a Class 3 conditions race over 1800m at ParisLongchamp on 5 May. Shoulders a 2,5kg penalty
- 4. PEPETE** - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials. Has finished 6th in all 3 starts this year, the latest at Marseille-Borely over 2100m on 10 May
- 5. DANCING QUEEN** - Opened her account over 1600m at La Teste in March, beating subsequent Tarbes maiden winner Baggala. Only 7th of 8 in a 1600m Class 1 conditions event at ParisLongchamp on 18 April - can improve going 1800m
- 6. FRANCAISE** - The second of Jean-Claude Rouget's runners in the race. Confirmed the improvement of her previous outing (victory) by finishing 2nd over 1800m at La Teste on 10 April - not taken lightly

**Summary:** On the evidence of his winning reappearance at Marseille-Borély last month, RIDE THE SKIES (1) is good value to follow up in this Class 1 conditions event with improvement expected of him. Jean-Claude Rouget is doubly represented and his runners ought to be competitive for the leading places, though preference is for LINA (2) who caught the eye (4th) in a Listed race at Toulouse last time. Stablemate FRANCAISE (6) shouldn't be underestimated either, while DANCING QUEEN (5) is unexposed and can make her presence felt too.

**SELECTIONS**

**RIDE THE SKIES (1) - LINA (2) - FRANCAISE (6) - DANCING QUEEN (5)**

**C7 - PRIX DU CONSEIL DEPARTEMENTAL - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Claiming  
Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,000**

- 1. ARCUBIATU** - Shot up the weights/ratings a total of 6kg after winning back-to-back handicaps in March before proving his competitiveness off this mark by finishing 4th in a 1600m conditions race at Lyon-Parilly on 17 April. Can win
- 2. VALYRIAN STEEL** - Well-traveled veteran with sound references, including a 1700m conditions race success at Marseille-Borely on 3 May. Finished 7th over 2000m at that venue last time (10 May)
- 3. AQUILON** - Ultra-consistent performer in two 2022 outings and throughout 2023 but hasn't been in the same form in his 4 starts this year, though did finish 4th at this level two starts back. Only 10th in a 2000m handicap on 3 May
- 4. GRECIAN STAR** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 6th in a 1600m claimer at Fontainebleau on 3 May. Could improve to have a say here
- 5. NOSHOWONFRIDAY** - Unplaced in all 5 starts this year and was soundly beaten in his last four - the latest (10th) over 1600m at Lyon on 17 April
- 6. KELLY KEY** - Won consecutive outings at Royan La Palmyre and Bordeaux last year but has been soundly beaten in her 2 starts this year - the latest (7th) over 1400m in a handicap at Toulouse on 21 April
- 7. MOUTRAKI** - Has finished in the first four in 9 of 13 appearances at Salon-de-Provence, winning four times. Caught the eye when 5th on a 2000m handicap at Marseille-Borely on 10 May
- 8. GOLDINO BELLO** - Won consecutive outings, albeit at a lower level, last month and showed his form/well-being by finishing 5th in a 2000m conditions race at Lyon-Parilly on 9 May. Will be a factor
- 9. KING OF MEADOWS** - Has achieved his best references (both wins) on the PSF but isn't incapable of finding the frame on turf after finishing 4th and 7th in consecutive 2000m races at this level recently - the latest at Fontainebleau on 30 April

**Summary:** Judged on the form of his back-to-back handicap victories at Saint-Cloud and Compiègne in March, ARCUBIATU (1) could be the one to side with in this claiming contest. GOLDINO BELLO (8), who also won consecutive starts before his latest outing (5th), is likely to pose the biggest threat to the selection. MOUTRAKI (7) enjoys this Salon-de-Provence layout and could make his presence felt along with inconsistent VALYRIAN STEEL (2) who isn't incapable of staking a claim either.

**SELECTIONS**

**ARCUBIATU (1) - GOLDINO BELLO (8) - MOUTRAKI (7) - VALYRIAN STEEL (2)**

**C8 - PRIX ROGER ET EDGAR CHASTIN - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR €  
20,000**

- 1. SKIMBLESHANKS** - Consistent performer with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 4th in a 2600m handicap at Marseille-Borely on 10 May. Keep safe
- 2. LINARIA** - Runner-up in three of her last four starts, including on handicap debut at Lyon-Parilly on 27 April over 2400m. Winning chance
- 3. DABASIR** - Ultra-consistent performer in the claiming category on both turf and PSF - finished 3rd in consecutive recent outings at that level, the latest over 2000m on turf at Marseille-Borely on 3 May
- 4. CLASH OF CURRENTS** - Built on the improvement made this season to open his account over 1700m at Marseille-Borely on 10 May. Should remain competitive under a 2,5kg penalty
- 5. INSTANTANEMENT** - Made a winning turf debut in a 2000m handicap at Marseille-Borely on 24 April. Not discounted under 2,5kg penalty
- 6. SOMMERDANCE** - Last-start winner of a minor 2000m conditions contest at Angoulême on 14 April. This demands more of her
- 7. MOUJDAB** - Showed signs of improvement when finishing 4th in a 1600m conditions race at Cavaillon on 4 May. Place chance
- 8. FACINATRICE** - Unplaced in all four outings this year, the latest (8th) in a 1600m conditions race at Cavaillon on 4 May. Others preferred

**Summary:** LINARIA (2) has finished 2nd in 3 of her last 4 starts, including her latest outing in a handicap over 2400m at Lyon-Parilly and, on the strength of that form, should prove too good for the opposition with a repeat of that performance over this shorter distance. DABASIR (3), who has achieved good results in the claiming category, reverts to the handicap division with legitimate ambitions. Consistent SKIMBLESHANKS (1), CLASH OF CURRENTS (4) and MOUJDAB (7) complete the shortlist.

**SELECTIONS**

**LINARIA (2) - DABASIR (3) - SKIMBLESHANKS (1) - CLASH OF CURRENTS (4)**