

WEDNESDAY, 24/04/24

R3 MARSEILLE-BORELY [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX DES COLOMBES - 1000m (a5f) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Flat -
EUR € 23,000**

- 1. PEPPONE CHOP** - Finished 7th of 9 runners on debut over 1100m at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Improvement needed here
- 2. BY SENSATION** - Stayed on well to finish an encouraging 5th on debut over 1100m at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Should have improved
- 3. SISSI IMPERATRICE** - Finished 3rd on debut 1000m and confirmed that promise with another 3rd over 1100m at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Sets the standard
- 4. BOUJEE FILLY** - Likely improver after a satisfactory introduction (7th) over 1000m at Lyon-Parilly on 17 April. Rider Marie Vélon's 1,5kg allowance will help
- 5. PLACE PRINCIPALE** - Well-bred Goken filly soundly beaten (9th) on debut over 1100m at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Would've gained plenty from that experience
- 6. EYWA** - Cheyenne Banz takes 3kg off the back of this Christophe Escuder-trained Fas debutante. Not taken lightly
- 7. QUEEN'S CITY** - Nicolas Perret-trained City Light newcomer to be ridden on debut by Anthony Crastus. Not to be underestimated
- 8. STUNNING ANGEL** - Rémi Fradet-trained Stunning Spirit newcomer to be ridden on debut by Marvin Grandin. Best watched for now
- 9. GOVINA** - Marina Brunelli takes 3,5kg off the back of this Goken debutante trained by Manon Scandella-Lacaille

Summary: SISSI IMPERATRICE (3) has revealed obvious means by finishing 3rd in both outings and she should open her account sooner rather than later, so is worth siding with in this opening event. BY SENSATION (2) made an encouraging introduction (3rd) at Salon-de-Provence and is likely to fight for victory with improvement expected. Well-bred PLACE PRINCIPALE (5) and BOUJEE FILLY (4) are others who ought to progress after a satisfactory debut, so complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

SISSI IMPERATRICE (3) - BY SENSATION (2) - PLACE PRINCIPALE (5) - BOUJEE FILLY (4)

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C2 - PRIX DES TOURNESOLS - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. KOTGAR** - Has shown promise in two starts this year, finishing 4th in both outings - the latest of those at Toulouse on heavy ground over 2100m on 4 March. Not taken lightly
- 2. PIERREPONT** - Finished 7th of 8 on debut over 2000m on heavy ground at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Best watched for now
- 3. RIDE THE SKIES** - Revealed obvious promise in two starts last year, finishing 3rd on both occasions. Absent since the latest at Chantilly on 28 September
- 4. SUPER TIE BREAK** - Runner-up on debut over 2000m at Marseille-Borley on 20 March. Can only improve with the benefit of that experience
- 5. KIND OF STAR** - Yet to win after 11 starts but is consistent with the form and experience to play a leading role. Reverts to turf after a good 3rd in a 2000m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivieux on 5 April
- 6. COMME QUOI** - Popular in the betting market when finishing a good 2nd on debut over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Ought to improve to fight for victory
- 7. A BEAUREGARD** - Caught the eye on debut when finishing 2nd over 1800m on PSF at Lyon-La Soie on 8 February. Open to improvement
- 8. NADYROSE** - Unplaced in both outings, the latest (7th) over 1800m on heavy ground at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Outsider
- 9. SISTERLAND** - Built on the promise of her debut (5th) to finish an improved 2nd over 1800m at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Winning chance
- 10. ABSOLUTE** - Jérôme Reynier-trained Teofilo debutante to be ridden by Manon Germain with the benefit of a 3,5kg allowance

Summary: SISTERLAND (9) has the size to play a leading role in this maiden, like COMME QUOI (6), a promising colt from Jérôme Reynier's training. SUPER TIE BREAK (4), which started well, also deserves credit. You should be wary of the quality RIDE THE SKIES (3). KIND OF STAR (5) and KOTGAR (1) have their say in such a lot.

SELECTIONS

SISTERLAND (9) - COMME QUOI (6) - SUPER TIE BREAK (4) - RIDE THE SKIES (3)

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**C3 - PRIX NOSTRADAMUS - 1800m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Flat -
EUR € 30,000**

1. SAINT AQUILIN - Confirmed the promise of his debut 6th in an Arqana Sales race by never finishing worse than 4th in 7 subsequent starts. Has the form and experience to play a leading role, including a last-start 2nd over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on 5 April

2. CAMBACERES - Improving Wootton Bassett colt with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd in a 1500m Listed race at Cagnes on 25 February

3. KINGSALE - Highly regarded Siyouni colt who justified his lofty reputation with a winning debut at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. One to beat

4. AQUILA VOLANTE - Experienced Gleneagles colt with sound references at this level, including a last-start 3rd in a Class 1 conditions event at Toulouse over 1600m on 20 March. Not taken lightly

5. PEPETE - Tailed-off last of 6 in a Class 1 conditions race at Cagnes over 2150m on 27 January - absent since. Watch for now

6. TIFFANYLI - Consistent filly with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 5th in a Class 1 conditions race at Marseille over 2000m on 20 March

7. DARLING DARLING - Showed signs of improvement in first-time blinkers (retained) to finish 5th in a Class 2 conditions event on heavy ground at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Outsider

Summary: Highly rated debut winner KINGSALE (3) is good value to confirm the promise of that Salon-de-Provence victory and remain undefeated. He is taken to get the better of SAINT AQUILIN (1) and top-rated CAMBACERES (2), both of whom have the form and experience to challenge/pose a threat to the selection. AQUILA VOLANTE (4) appeals most of the remainder.

SELECTIONS

KINGSALE (3) - SAINT AQUILIN (1) - CAMBACERES (2) - AQUILA VOLANTE (4)

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C4 - PRIX DES TURFISTES - 2000m (a1m1/4) - TURF - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. TREIZE** - Progressive sort bidding to complete a hat-trick of wins after back-to-back victories on turf and, more recently, on PSF in a 2000m handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 5 April. Keep safe
- 2. BAD BOY** - Consistent performer with sound references and form credentials on both surfaces. Reverts to the turf after finishing 2nd in a 2000m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 5 April
- 3. LE PHOCEA** - Consistent colt who has already proven his competitiveness in handicaps, albeit on the PSF - the latest at Chantilly over 1900m on 28 March. Lacks references on turf
- 4. TERRE BLANCHE** - Lightly raced and versatile filly whose last two outings in PSF handicaps, including her latest (2nd) at Lyon-La Soie over 2400m, proves she has what it takes to win a handicap of this ilk. Candidate for success
- 5. HOUSTON STREET** - Consistent, lightly raced colt who has already revealed sufficient means to warrant respect/inclusion on handicap debut. Didn't go unnoticed when 4th in his first start on turf over 1800m on heavy ground at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April
- 6. DALKAVA** - Improving last-start winner of an 1800m PSF conditions race at Lyon-La Soie on 6 April. Lacks references on turf but cannot be taken lightly
- 7. DELPHINE** - Improving last-start winner of a 1500m PSF conditions race at Marseille-Vivaux on 5 April. Makes her handicap debut off the same mark
- 8. I HAVE THE TOUCH** - Consistent filly, albeit in the claiming category. Finished 5th in a 2000m PSF claimer at Marseille-Vivaux on 12 April
- 9. EPIC** - Last-start winner of a 2500m claiming race at Hyeres on 3 March. Makes his handicap debut off a 2kg higher mark
- 10. INSTANTANEMENT** - Acquitted herself well on her handicap debut, finishing 5th over 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux on 5 April. First start on turf

Summary: Runner-up in three of his last four starts, including his most recent outing, top-rated BAD BOY (2) is worth siding with in this handicap, though consistent TERRE BLANCHE (4) is also a candidate for success. Hat-trick seeking TREIZE (1) also has the means to fight for victory, especially with his rider taking a handy 1,5kg off his back. DALKAVA (6), HOUSTON STREET (5) and INSTANTANEMENT (10) are competitive for the places.

SELECTIONS

BAD BOY (2) - TERRE BLANCHE (4) - TREIZE (1) - DALKAVA (6)

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C5 - PRIX PIERRE PUGET - 2600m (a1m1/2) - TURF - Maiden Race - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. LEGEND RACE** - Unplaced in both outings and needs to improve to have a say here after finishing 5th over 2400m at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April
- 2. IL CAPO** - Has failed to confirm the promise of his debut 2nd (at Nimes) but hasn't disgraced himself either in both subsequent outings - the latest (4th) over 2400m on heavy ground at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Place chance
- 3. LAVENDIN** - Built on the promise of his debut (6th) to finish an improved 3rd over 2400m at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Keep safe
- 4. PORT SANTA PONSA** - Improving sort whose last-start 3rd over 2000m at Marseille-Borely on 20 March was encouraging. Winning chance
- 5. GALIGERA** - Runner-up on the PSF over this distance on debut and confirmed that promise with another 2nd over 2400m on 3 April at Salon-de-Provence. Will be a factor
- 6. FOR BETTY** - Finished 6th of 7 runners on debut over 2600m on the PSF at Marseille-Vivaux on 14 March. For another day
- 7. TESUMI** - Relatively consistent performer in PSF claimers but lacks references on turf. Finished 4th in a 2000m PSF claimer at Marseille-Vivaux on 12 April
- 8. AMERICAN GLORY** - Unplaced in all three appearances and is unlikely to change her ways after finishing 6th at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April over 2400m
- 9. NEVER LEAVE** - Didn't go unnoticed when finishing 5th on debut over 2000m at Salon-de-Provence on 3 April. Ought to improve with the benefit of that experience
- 10. COMTE DE LA ROSE** - Fabrice Vermeulen-trained Machucambo gelding on debut with Anthony Caramanolis engaged to ride. Watch for now
- 11. GOLDEN FLASH** - Jérôme Reynier-trained Golden Horn filly out of a mare who placed at Group III level. Manon Germain takes 3,5kg off the back

Summary: This represents a good opportunity for PORT SANTA PONSA (4), who finished an improved 3rd last time, to open his account. Runner-up in 2 of her 3 starts, GALIGERA (5) has shown enough to fight for victory too. Improving LAVENDIN (3) and well-bred debutante GOLDEN FLASH (11) are others to consider for the leading positions. Both NEVER LEAVE (9) and IL CAPO (2) should not be underestimated either.

SELECTIONS

PORT SANTA PONSA (4) - GALIGERA (5) - LAVENDIN (3) - GOLDEN FLASH (11)

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**C6 - PRIX DU PRINTEMPS - 1700m (a1m1/8) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Flat -
EUR € 14,000**

1. MOUTRAKI - Course winner over 2000m in October last year but has struggled (finished unplaced) in all 3 subsequent outings. Could only finish 7th over 2600m on the PSF at Vivaux on 23 March

2. SOAN - Showed signs of a return to form recently when finishing 6th in a 1500m conditions event at Marseille-Vivaux on 23 March

3. LAKE NAIVASHA - Honest performer who has improved her form/consistency recently with blinkers fitted - confirmed as much by finishing 2nd on a 2200m Class 4 conditions race at Cavaillon on 6 April. Dark horse

4. SLEEPY SUZY - Ultra-consistent mare with sound references/form credentials in handicap, claimers and conditions races - which include a last-start 4th in a 1600m claimer on heavy ground at Compiègne on 29 March. High on the shortlist

5. MAFALDA STORY - Reverts to the turf after a long series of PSF races - finished 7th in a 1500m handicap in the latest of those on 5 April at Marseille-Vivaux

6. LES ALDUDES - Won a course-and-distance handicap on 13 February but has struggled (finished unplaced) in all 4 subsequent outings. Finished 12th in a 2000m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 12 April. Not taken lightly

7. COLBY CHOP - Versatile handicapper who has dropped in the weights/ratings to an attractive mark, having lost his form recently - only 7th in a 2000m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 12 April. Keep safe

8. TELL ME WHY - Showed early promise but has lost his way this year and finished unplaced in all 4 appearances - the latest (12th) on PSF over 1600m at Chantilly on 8 March

9. BOURDAIN - Veteran performer with better references at a lower level. Finished 8th in a 2500m conditions race at Hyeres on 13 April

10. VALYRIAN STEEL - Well-traveled veteran whose recent performances have left a lot to be desired. Finished 8th over 2000m in a PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 12 April

11. DENIA - Hard-knocking handicapper who has rediscovered her form/consistency with blinkers fitted - confirmed as much with a good 3rd in a Class 4 PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 12 April. Winning chance

Summary: Consistent DENIA (11) is one of three joint top-rated runners in the lineup but offers the most guarantees with Cristian Demuro a noteworthy jockey engagement. Reliable SLEEPY SUZY (4) and out-of-sorts COLBY CHOP (7) have shown enough to be competitive in a race of this nature. Enigmatic LES ALDUDES (6), last-start 2nd LAKE NAIVASHA (3) and inconsistent MAFALDA STORY (5) are three other mares capable of staking a claim too.

SELECTIONS

DENIA (11) - SLEEPY SUZY (4) - COLBY CHOP (7) - LES ALDUDES (6)

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C7 - PRIX DE SANARY-SUR-MER - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. WAZIERS** - Hard-knocking handicapper who seldom finishes far off the mark. Could do better over this shorter distance after finishing 7th in a 1400m handicap at Fontainebleau on 2 April
- 2. WHY CHOPE** - Inconsistent but capable mare with references on both surfaces. Ought to do better back on turf over this trip after finishing 16th over 1400m in a PSF handicap at Deauville on 10 April
- 3. WASACHOP** - Well-performed veteran who has been off the boil for some time now - finished 6th in a 1500m claimer at Cagnes on 18 January
- 4. HY DREAM** - Arrives in good form and physical condition, having run well (3rd) in a higher-level handicap over 1200m on 15 April at Chantilly
- 5. RED TORCH** - Inconsistent veteran who possesses sufficient speed and boasts three victories over 1200m. Didn't go unnoticed when 5th over 1500m in a PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 5 April
- 6. MAMMALINA** - Consistent mare supplemented for this engagement after finishing 4th in a 1500m PSF conditions race and returning over a shorter distance can only benefit it.
- 7. ASTRACHEM** - Well-performed veteran who seldom finishes far off the mark. Could do better over this shorter distance after finishing 8th in a 1500m PSF handicap at Vivaux on 5 April
- 8. VANILLE BLEUE** - Hard-knocking handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd over 1500m on PSF at Mareille-Vivaux on 12 April
- 9. I DARE** - Inconsistent mare with four victories over 1200m. Didn't go unnoticed when 3rd over track and trip on 20 March
- 10. NOBLE AMBER** - Consistent handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 3rd over 1400m at Saint-Cloud on 19 April
- 11. YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK** - Hard-knocking handicapper with sound references/form credentials, including a last-start 2nd over course and distance on 20 March
- 12. JOHN STYLE** - Unplaced in nine of his 10 starts, including all 5 appearances this year - was 11th at Chantilly over 1600m on 4 April. Others preferred
- 13. NIGHT OF THE OPERA** - Hard-knocking veteran handicapper who has been off the boil for some time now - finished 8th in a 1500m PSF handicap at Vivaux on 5 April
- 14. EXPLORAR** - Won a 1200m handicap at Toulouse on his reappearance but has struggled (finished unplaced) in both subsequent outings, though didn't go unnoticed when 5th over course and distance on 20 March

Summary: Judged on the form of his last-start 3rd at Chantilly, HY DREAM (4) looks a tough nut to crack in this 1200m handicap. NOBLE AMBER (10) has performed consistently since the beginning of the year and is likely to pose a threat. RED TORCH (5), who is confirmed over this distance, and VANILLE BLEUE (8), back to her best recently, are others with legitimate claims. MAMMALINA (6) and YAKAMETTE KOUKEBAK (11) complete the shortlist.

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HY DREAM (4) - NOBLE AMBER (10) - RED TORCH (5) - VANILLE BLEUE (8)

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C8 - PRIX DE BANDOL - 1200m (a6f) - TURF - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. INVESTISSEUR** - Mostly moderate form of late and was 5th last time out in a handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 12 April. Others are preferred
- 2. BLACK FALCON** - A winner of two claimers in last three starts including last time out at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 12 April. Tries sprinting and can be competitive in a handicap
- 3. CALIFANO** - Improving and won a handicap last time out over this track and trip on 20 March. Carries a 3.5kg penalty but can follow up
- 4. ACCLAM** - In good form of late and was runner-up last time in a handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 12 April
- 5. MONSIEURVALCHOP** - In very good form of late and was third last time out in a handicap over this track and trip on 20 March. Be right there at the finish
- 6. MAMAMOUCI** - Talented filly back in her day but has been off the boil for some time now - finished 8th in a 1500m PSF handicap at Vivaux on 12 April
- 7. PRECIOSITE** - Showed early promise but lost her way last year and could only finish 13th on her reappearance in a 1500m PSF handicap at Vivaux on 12 April
- 8. MANAROLA** - Unreliable but was third last time out in a handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 12 April. Might place
- 9. KADIYAC** - Disappointing last run when well beaten in a handicap at Chantilly over 1600m on 30 March. Good form before that and has a place chance
- 10. DON FALCO** - At the top of his game with two wins in last four starts and was a winner of a handicap last time out at Marseille-Vivaux over 1500m on 5 April. Not out of it
- 11. COUR DU ROI** - Disappointing last run when 9th in a handicap at Cagnes-sur-Mer over 1500m on 26 February. Might play a minor role
- 12. EXPERTISE** - Disappointing form of late and was 5th last time out in a handicap over this course and distance on 20 March. Place chance
- 13. TILL WE DIE** - Has won over this course and distance but was 5th last time out in a claimer at Chantilly over 1000m. Could play a minor role
- 14. LE ROZEL** - Relatively unexposed colt who has been sparingly raced, which suggests he has been plagued by soundness issues. Absent since finishing 5th over course and distance on 9 June 2023
- 15. INDYCO** - Disappointing form of late and was 7th last time out in a handicap over this track last time out on 20 March. Others are preferred

Summary: BLACK FALCON (2) was a very easy winner over 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux recently and won't be bothered by this shorter distance, so is given the nod to follow up. Consistent ACCLAM (4), twice 2nd in his last three starts, is also presented with legitimate claims of achieving a victory. DON FALCO (10) and MONSIEURVALCHOP (5) arrive in good form and physical condition, so are also likely to be competitive. CALIFANO (3) and EXPERTISE (12) complete the shortlist.

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BLACK FALCON (2) - ACCLAM (4) - DON FALCO (10) - MONSIEURVALCHOP (5)