

# SUNDAY, 05/01/25

## R4 CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H]

**C1 - PRIX CHRISTIAN FORNAROLI - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2  
Race - Hurdles - EUR € 40,000**

**1. LA VANILLE** - Credible 5th over 3700m in a Class 4 chase on December 12th at this track, and a win before that over hurdles at Fontainebleau in October. Can be competitive back over hurdles

**2. COCOTTE ROYALE** - Fair 3rd over fences on December 24th over 3700m in a Class 3 race and a win in a claiming hurdle before that at this track on December 9th. Can feature

**3. BITTERSWEET** - Unplaced last time, won before that over 3600m in a Class 4 hurdle at Argentan on November 17th. She has place claims

**4. BEATRIX LESTRANGE** - 5th over fences last time out, 2nd before that over 3400m in a Class 4 hurdle at this track on December 6th. Looks vulnerable

**5. FATU HIVA** - Two good runs at this track recently, the latest when she was 4th over 3300m in a Class 3 hurdle on December 16th. Looks ready to win

**6. BEAUTIFUL GLORY** - Failed to finish last time, 4th before that over 3300m at this track in a Class 3 hurdle on December 2nd. Others make more appeal

**7. MERI LILOU** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 3300m in a Class 4 hurdle on December 12th at this track. Place chance

**8. LOGUIVY DE LA MER** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3300m at this track in a Class 4 hurdle on December 12th. Others rate higher

**Summary:** FATU HIVA (5) has shaped encouragingly on her two starts at this track. Both of them last month. Her latest effort was when she was fourth in mid-December over 3300m. She can score at the expense of LA VANILLE (1) who reverts to hurdles after a recent run over fences in December when not disgraced. Back over hurdles could be to her advantage. MERI LILOU (7) is one for the each-way backers to be with. COCOTTE ROYALE (2) makes up the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**FATU HIVA (5) - LA VANILLE (1) - MERI LILOU (7) - COCOTTE ROYALE (2)**

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**C2 - PRIX CHRISTIAN DE L'HERMITE GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE DES 4 ANS - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Listed Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 77,000**

**1. SAIL ON** - 4th on the most recent start over 3700m in a claiming chase at this track on December 30th. Looks safely held

**2. LUCKY NONANTAIS** - He has won twice over fences at this track recently, the latter over 3800m in a Class 1 race on December 16th. He is improving and is in the mix

**3. ILLAHO** - Good win over 3700m in a Class 3 chase at this track on his last start on December 24th. Can be hard to beat

**4. KADOVER** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 3700m in a Class 4 chase on December 12th at this track. Needs a few to falter

**5. KUCHARSKY** - Solid effort to be 2nd behind LUCKY NONANTAIS (2) over 3800m in a Class 1 chase on December 16th. One to consider with more progress expected

**6. PLANEUR** - Placed on his last three starts, the latest when he was 4th in a Class 3 chase at this track over 3700m on December 24th. Opposable

**7. MASTER D'AUTAN** - Unplaced on the latest start, 4th before that over 3800m in a Class 1 chase at this track on December 2nd. Needs a few to misfire

**8. L'AMIRAL D'AINAY** - 5th on the last start over 3800m in a Class 1 chase behind LUCKY NONANTAIS (2) on December 16th. Will find it difficult to reverse that form

**9. LACRYMA CHRISTI** - Nice 2nd over 3700m in a Class 3 chase at this track on his last start on December 24th behind ILLAHO (3). She can once again give a good account of herself

**Summary:** ILLAHO (3) won with a bit to spare when he was last seen in a Class 3 chase at this track on Christmas Eve. He can follow up and confirm the form with LACRYMA CHRISTI (9) who was second when they met on the eve of Christmas and meets the selection on the same terms. LUCKY NONANTAIS (2) has scored twice at this track over fences and is improving with experience. KUCHARSKY (5) is lightly raced and has a bit more to come.

## SELECTIONS

**ILLAHO (3) - LACRYMA CHRISTI (9) - LUCKY NONANTAIS (2) - KUCHARSKY (5)**

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## C3 - PRIX ANDRE MASSENA GRANDE COURSE DE HAIES DES 4 ANS - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Listed Race - Hurdles - EUR € 72,000

**1. SHALAA DANCER** - He won well two starts ago over 3300m at this track over hurdles on December 2nd and was then 2nd behind PROUD LUCY (3) on December 16th. He was eased that day as though something was amiss, so if in good shape, he can be a threat

**2. ATRANI** - She scored by 4L at this track on December 16th in a Class 3 hurdle over 3300m on her latest start. She can improve further and play a lead role

**3. PROUD LUCY** - She has won her last two races at this track - the latter over 3500m on December 16th in a Class 1 hurdle. A hat-trick of wins over hurdles is very likely

**4. KAMAKURA ONE** - 3rd on her last run over 3300m at this track in a Class 3 hurdle behind ATRANI (2) on December 16th. Has work to do to reverse that form

**5. MIMETIQUE** - Two wins at this track recently, the latest over 3400m in a handicap hurdle on December 24th by 4L. One to pay attention too

**6. CITY OF GOLD** - 3rd on his last run over 3600m in a Class 2 hurdle on January 1st at this track. Others make more appeal

**7. NADURRA** - She has been 2nd on her last three starts, the latter over 3400m in a handicap hurdle behind MIMETIQUE (5) at this track on December 24th. Unlikely to trouble a few of these

**Summary:** PROUD LUCY (3) has won her two starts over hurdles, the latest over 3500m at this track in a Class 1 hurdle in mid-December. She scored by 16L that day and will be hard to beat. ATRANI (2) could be the main threat, she won nicely by 4L at this track on her latest start in mid-December and looks progressive. MIMETIQUE (5) is also a player and has done very little wrong with two wins at this track recently. SHALAA DANCER (1) is also dangerous to ignore.

### SELECTIONS

**PROUD LUCY (3) - ATRANI (2) - MIMETIQUE (5) - SHALAA DANCER (1)**

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## C4 - PRIX DES ILES DE LERINS - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 4 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 35,000

**1. MON EMPEROR** - Nice win over 4000m in a handicap hurdle on December 30th on his last start. He is a course winner over fences over 3700m in 2023. He can not be ruled out of the frame

**2. BLISSIMO** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 3800m in a handicap chase at this track on December 2nd. Should play a lead role

**3. LINEMIX** - Placed on his last two runs over fences at this track, the most recent over 3800m in a Class 1 race on December 24th. He has yet to get off the mark but could run into the frame

**4. WORTH A TEAM** - Course winner in 2023 over fences in a Class 1 chase. 2nd two runs back over 3800m in a handicap chase on December 12th. One to pay attention too

**5. IRON BARKS** - Recent success over 3500m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 16th. Top three chance if acting over fences for the first time

**6. NIKA NOWER** - He has four unplaced runs so far, the latter over 3800m in a claiming chase at this track on January 1st. Can be safely avoided

**7. BROOKS** - Failed to finish over hurdles last time, 3rd before that in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 16th over 3500m. Course winner over hurdles who tries fences for the second time

**8. FIRST POLAR** - He was unplaced on his last two runs, 2nd before that over 3300m at Merano (ITA) in a hurdle race on May 19th. Unlikely to be a threat

**9. CHOUPIX** - 5th over 3800m in a Class 1 chase at this track on December 24th on the latest start. She is still seeking her first win and others make more appeal

**10. KATE DES GENIEVRES** - 5th on her last start, 3rd before that over 3400m in a Class 3 hurdle at this track on December 12th. One to consider one her second try over fences

**11. DOUBLE EFFECT** - Won over 3400m at this track on December 12th in a Class 3 hurdle on her last start. She now tries fences and if adapting she can be competitive

**Summary:** BLISSIMO (2) has fluffed his lines on the last two starts, the latter over hurdles. He is back over fences today, which is a positive. If he repeats his run three starts ago on this track in early December when he was second, he can play a lead role. DOUBLE EFFECT (11) is a threat if taking to fences on a track she likes. She won over hurdles last month. WORTH A TEAM (4) has won over fences at this track in 2023 and warrants respect. MON EMPEROR (1) heads the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**BLISSIMO (2) - DOUBLE EFFECT (11) - WORTH A TEAM (4) - MON EMPEROR (1)**

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## C5 - PRIX PIERRE THOMAS - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Claiming - Hurdles - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MESSI BLUE** - Unplaced 6 days ago over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at this track and a win before that on December 12th of a claiming hurdle at this track over 4000m. One to pay attention too
- 2. CLAY** - Pleasing run when he was 3rd in a handicap hurdle at this track 6 days ago over 4000m. One to keep safe
- 3. SOPRAN LEGER** - He has been placed on his latest six starts, the most recent when 3rd over 4000m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 30th. Each way option
- 4. BONHEUR DU SUD** - Several unplaced runs of late over hurdles and fences, the latest over 3800m in a claiming chase on January 1st at this track. He seems out of form
- 5. JAIPALETEMPS** - Solid effort to be 2nd over 3800m in a claiming chase at this track on January 1st, and a win over hurdles before that in December at this track. Player
- 6. GOLD MOUNTAIN** - Four unplaced runs of late, 7th on the latest start over 4000m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 12th. He has been out of form of late
- 7. PASSION RETURN** - Three unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 3300m at Merano (ITA) on August 25th. Unlikely to feature
- 8. JOLICOEUR** - 4th on the last start over 4000m in a claiming hurdle on December 12th at this track. Place contender
- 9. LILLOU** - Ran well when 5th in a handicap hurdle at this track over 4000m on December 30th on his last run. Capable of a bold show
- 10. A CHOEUR JOIE** - Has been out of form of late, unplaced at this track over 4000m in a handicap hurdle on December 30th when last racing. Pass over
- 11. OKAPINA'S LIGHT** - Faired well to be 4th over 4000m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 30th on his last start. Needs to be more reliable
- 12. JAZZY BAIE** - Two unplaced runs since a 4th over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 2nd. Needs to be more reliable
- 13. LIVERPOOL PARK** - Credible 3rd over 3800m in a claiming chase at this track on January 1st when last racing. Back over hurdles this time and others seem more likely

**Summary:** LILLOU (9) is the tentative selection for this open claiming hurdle. He ran well when he was fifth in a handicap hurdle at this track on his last start at the end of last month. He is a marginal choice ahead of CLAY (2) who faired well when he was third in a handicap hurdle 6 days ago at this racecourse. SOPRAN LEGER (3) is the one to side with each way having been placed on his last six starts. JAIPALETEMPS (5) is also one to keep safe.

### SELECTIONS

LILLOU (9) - CLAY (2) - SOPRAN LEGER (3) - JAIPALETEMPS (5)

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## C6 - GRAND PRIX DE LA VILLE DE NICE - BERNARD SECLY - 4600m (a3m) - TURF - Gr3 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 154,000

- 1. LE ROI DAVID** - He has two good wins at this track of late, the latest over 4200m in a Listed chase on December 24th. He sets the standard
- 2. INSTAR DE REVE** - 3rd on the most recent start over 4200m at this track in a handicap chase on December 30th. Others seem better equipped
- 3. WHAT PATH** - He has been 3rd on his last four starts, all over fences-with the latest over 5900m at Ascot (GBR) on November 23rd. He faces a stiff task on his debut in France
- 4. KAMYADOR** - Credible 4th on his last run behind LE ROI DAVID (1) over 4200m in a Listed chase at this track on December 24th. Needs to find a few lengths but warrants respect
- 5. MANDINKO** - 5th last time over 4200m in a Listed chase at this track on December 24th. He might find this a bit too much
- 6. SUROIT** - Two unplaced runs in 2024, the latter over 4200m in a Listed chase at this track on December 24th. Unlikely to trouble a few of these
- 7. NYIRI** - Fair 3rd at this track on December 24th in a Listed chase behind LE ROI DAVID (1) over 4200m. In the mix
- 8. GREYM** - Ran well to be 2nd behind LE ROI DAVID (1) over 4200m in a Listed chase at this track on December 24th on her last start. She can once again be competitive
- 9. MOTU FAREONE** - Won a Class 4 hurdle at this track over 4000m on December 24th on her last start. She is a Grade 2 chase winner in June at Auteuil and can make her rivals work hard for success
- 10. IMAGINATION** - Won a Class 1 chase at this track on December 24th over 3800m on her latest start, and a hurdle race before that also in December. She will be a threat

**Summary:** LE ROI DAVID (1) has won his last two races over fences at this track. The most recent was a Listed race over 4200m on December 24th. He seems to be thriving at the moment and looks difficult to oppose. NYIRI (7) was back in third in the Listed chase recently and could be the one that gives the selection the most to do. GREYM (8) was one place ahead in second in the same race and on similar weight terms it will be interesting. MOTU FAREONE (9) can also make an impact.

### SELECTIONS

LE ROI DAVID (1) - NYIRI (7) - GREYM (8) - MOTU FAREONE (9)

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## C7 - GRANDE COURSE DE HAIES DE CAGNES - 4300m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Listed Race - Hurdles - EUR € 90,000

- 1. GURZUF** - 5th last time over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 30th. He should not be discounted and he can make the frame
- 2. CIRANO DE PAIL** - He has been placed on his last two runs, the latest when he was 3rd at this track in a Class 1 hurdle on December 16th. He is hard to rule out of the top four
- 3. LOU FAST** - Ran well to be 4th over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 30th when last racing. Competitive run anticipated
- 4. KAPTEEN** - 4th over 4200m at this track on his last start in a Class 4 chase on January 1st. He is a Listed hurdle winner in 2023 but seems to have deteriorated
- 5. KARTHAGE** - Nice win over 4000m in a Class 1 hurdle at this track on December 16th and a 2nd placed run over 3800m in a Class 2 chase before that on December 6th. He looks hard to ignore
- 6. PRINCE CHOP** - He has won his last two races, both at this racecourse, the most recent over 4200m in a Class 4 chase by 10L on January 1st. Capable of another success
- 7. JOUR POLAIRE** - Won over 3800m in a Class 4 chase on His last start on December 12th at this track. He has outside place claims
- 8. TONERRE DU TEMPS** - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 4000m in a handicap hurdle on December 9th. Others seem better suited
- 9. GRAND DE THAIX** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3800m in a Class 4 chase at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on December 12th. He is hard to fancy
- 10. ANGE PITOU** - Three placed runs of late, 3rd on the most recent over 4000m in a handicap hurdle at this track on December 30th. Ought to be thereabouts
- 11. KAJA** - Credible 3rd over 3800m in a Class 2 chase on her last run on December 6th at this track. One to pay attention too
- 12. SAMBRILLON** - She won at Fontainebleau over 3800m in a Class 2 handicap hurdle on December 10th when last seen. Up in class and others rate higher
- 13. LORCAN** - 2nd last time at this track over 3400m in a Class 3 hurdle on December 24th and a win over 3400m before that on December 6th. This is more difficult

**Summary:** PRINCE CHOP (6) has been in top form recently with a win over hurdles in December and a 10L bloodless victory in a Class 4 chase on January 1st over 4200m. He can win again under his regular rider Felix De Giles. KARTHAGE (5) won a Class 1 hurdle last month over this track and was a decent second over fences before that at this track on December 6th. He will be a threat. KAJA (11) is the each-way option. CIRANO DE PAIL (2) is also worth considering.

### SELECTIONS

**PRINCE CHOP (6) - KARTHAGE (5) - KAJA (11) - CIRANO DE PAIL (2)**