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R4 PONT DE VIVAUX [L-H]

C1 - PRIX JARDIN EN VILLE - 1500m (a7f 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16,000

- 1. RASTIGNAC** - Has been soundly beaten in both starts this year - the latest (10th) in a 1500m turf handicap at Cagnes on 26 February - and lacks references on this surface. Others preferred
- 2. EXPERTISE** - Could only finish 7th in a 1300m PSF claimer at Deauville on 5 January, in her first start on this surface. Ought to have benefitted from that outing and is ideally engaged as the highest-rated runner in the race
- 3. HAARICIA** - Won a 1300m PSF handicap at Deauville in August and has maintained a respectable level of form and consistency since. Has to improve after a modest last-start 7th in a 1200m handicap at Pau on 6 January
- 4. WAZIERS** - Inconsistent, although undeniably capable, on the turf but particularly appreciates the PSF. Finished 8th in a 1500m turf handicap at Cagnes on 26 February but will be more competitive at this level on the PSF
- 5. KADIYAC** - Caught the eye when finishing 4th in a similar contest on PSF over 1600m at Cagnes on 19 February. Keep safe
- 6. BELL SONG** - Consistent filly who has maintained her form on French soil after starting her career in England. Showed her form and well-being by winning at this level over 1600m on PSF at Cagnes on 19 February
- 7. CLARETINA** - Won a course-and-distance handicap in her only outing on this course (9 January) and finished 7th over 1400m on PSF at Deauville on 26 January in her only subsequent start. Not taken lightly
- 8. PURPLE RAIN** - Bounced back to form with an improved 5th in a competitive 1300m handicap at Cagnes on 25 February when reverting to the PSF. Will play a leading role here on that evidence
- 9. GO JOHNNY GO GO GO** - Won a claiming race over this track and trip in November and has remained fairly consistent/competitive in five starts since. Was 6th in a 1300m claimer at Cagnes on 17 February and could get into the picture
- 10. EKTORIA** - Won a course-and-distance maiden race in January and finished 4th on handicap debut at Cagnes over 1600m before a disappointing 12th in a 1500m turf handicap on 7 February. Will enjoy being back on PSF
- 11. GRAY D'ALBION** - Consistent performer on PSF in the claiming category. Has finished 4th in consecutive starts at that level recently over 1300m at Cagnes, the latest of which was on 17 February
- 12. QUEEN KAHINA** - Capable but inconsistent filly with sound references on PSF, including a 2nd in a course-and-distance handicap (January) and last-start 2nd over 1300m in a claimer at Cagnes on 17 February. Dark horse

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Summary: BELL SONG (6) was an authoritative winner of a similar race last time out and is, on the evidence of that display, good value to make a winning Pont-de-Vivoux debut. PURPLE RAIN (8), whose improved latest outing was encouraging, and WAZIERS (4), who ran well on this track during the winter, have the means to pose a threat. KADIYAC (5) is inconsistent but capable of playing a leading role too. CLARETINA (7) and EXPERTISE (2) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

BELL SONG (6) - PURPLE RAIN (8) - WAZIERS (4) - KADIYAC (5)

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C2 - PRIX DE FORCALQUIER - 2000m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. JUSSIFER** - Has improved in three starts this year with headgear fitted and confirmed as much by winning a 2000m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 19 February. Could remain competitive under a resultant 2kg penalty
- 2. LILOU CHOPE** - Unreliable mare who has performed inconsistently despite dropping below her last winning mark. Could only finish 10th in a course-and-distance handicap at this level when last seen on 26 May - watch for now
- 3. SELKET** - Unreliable but has references on this course and off higher marks. Finished 7th in a handicap on heavy ground over 1700m at Marseille-Borely on 13 February but ought to fare better here from stall No 1
- 4. DUX** - Appeared to have lost his way late last year after two unplaced efforts on this course over 2600m and finished a well-beaten 14th on his reappearance over that distance at Marseille-Borely on 27 February
- 5. ILLOIS** - Out of sorts and lacks references on PSF so is unlikely to trouble the judge, especially having finished a modest 11th over 1700m in a turf handicap at Marseille-Borely on 13 February
- 6. DRAGON LOVE** - Consistent veteran handicapper enjoying a good spell of form and consistency at this level on PSF. Was 2nd over 2000m on the PSF at Cagnes on 19 February last time out
- 7. KARIBBEAN DREAM** - Unreliable and out of sorts recently, finishing 10th in consecutive 1600m PSF handicaps in January. Was 3rd on this course over 1500m in December, so is capable of better
- 8. MOUDIR** - An honest veteran who took advantage of a drop in the ratings to finish a reassuring 3rd in a 1600m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 21 February. Dark horse
- 9. ALFIERI** - Well-performed veteran with 20 wins from 122 starts. Showed signs of improvement when finishing 3rd in a minor 1600m race on turf at Lignières on 18 February - more needed here
- 10. PRINCE LOS** - Inconsistent but has sound references on this course and has already proven his competitiveness off his current mark. Finished 13th in a 1500m handicap on turf at Cagnes last month (26 Feb), so must improve
- 11. GOLDEN BEACH** - In good form and physical condition after finishing 2nd in three consecutive recent handicaps - including over this course and distance. Runner-up over 1500m on turf at Cagnes last time (26 February)
- 12. WAYNE** - Honest veteran who finished a reassuring 4th on heavy ground in a 1700m handicap at Marseille-Borely on 13 February off his current mark. Not taken lightly
- 13. JONH FOR ALWAYS** - A veteran of 66 starts without a victory. Has not finished far off the mark in recent outings but will need to improve to get into the picture after finishing 6th in a 2400m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 17 February
- 14. CRAZYVORES** - A 23-start maiden mare with nothing on her record to suggest that she will have a role to play here. Has finished a well-beaten 9th in each of her last four appearances (latest over 1700m at Borely on 13 Feb)

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Summary: An open race in which GOLDEN BEACH (11) is the one to side with after finishing 2nd in three consecutive handicaps, which includes one over this track and trip in January. DRAGON LOVE (6), regular, can block his path to success just like SELKET (3) which has not always had a good run lately. Well placed in the stalls, it could pleasantly surprise. WAYNE (12) in his category and KARIBBEAN DREAM (7), third on this course, also have legitimate ambitions for places. PRINCE LOS (10) on a course he likes and JUSSIFER (1), recent winner, are also potential places.

SELECTIONS

GOLDEN BEACH (11) - DRAGON LOVE (6) - SELKET (3) - WAYNE (12)

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C3 - PRIX BARTHELEMY ET HENRI CABASSU - 2000m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

- 1. DE QUEVEDO** - Inconsistent but is a course-and-distance winner off a similar mark so could be worth siding with here at odds. Finished 14th on his reappearance in a 1600m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 21 February
- 2. VILLA JOALI** - Versatile filly effective on the turf and PSF. Won a 2400m turf handicap at Vichy in September but hasn't been as sharp under a 2kg penalty and was only 10th over 2400m at Lyon-La Soie on 8 February
- 3. MISS PROFILE** - Steadily come to hand now on French soil after arriving from Italy last year and dropped to an attractive mark in the ratings. Didn't go unnoticed when 6th in a 1600m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 21 February
- 4. MARVANCO** - Unreliable performer with references at a higher level, though has failed to take advantage of a big drop in the ratings. Severely hampered last time at Lyon-La Soie on 24 January so can't be written off just yet
- 5. INTERSTELLA** - Capable but unreliable mare whose references at a higher level give her a chance in a race of this nature. Has dropped in the ratings but was only 14th in a 2000m PSF handicap at Cagnes last time out (19 Feb)
- 6. HEART SHINING** - Runner-up in consecutive starts over track and trip at this level prior to his two unplaced appearances in February - the latest (7th) in a 2000m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 19 February. On the shortlist
- 7. SPORT COUPE** - Versatile performer effective on both the turf and PSF, although has achieved his best recent references at a lower level. Can be ruled out here after a modest 16th in a 2000m PSF handicap at Cagnes (on 5 Feb)
- 8. COLBY CHOP** - Consistent for the most part and has sound references at this level on both turf and PSF. Dropped 0,5kg after finishing 6th in a 1500m turf handicap at Cagnes on 7 February
- 9. LES ALDUDES** - Won a course-and-distance claimer in February 2023 and a 1700m turf handicap at Marseille-Borely last month. Struggled under a 2,5kg penalty last time when only 8th over 2000m at the venue on 27 February
- 10. BALAGAN** - Inconsistent mare with sound references, including a 2000m PSF handicap victory at Cagnes last month. Struggled under a resultant 3kg penalty last time when a well-beaten 15th at the venue on 19 February
- 11. EDITED** - Has registered six of his eight career wins on this course. Could only finish 8th in a course-and-distance handicap when last seen on 19 December but makes his reappearance here off a reduced mark
- 12. STADE VELODROME** - Consistent handicapper with a good record over course and distance. His last-start 11th in a 2000m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 19 February is actually a lot better than it reads
- 13. FORCE TRANQUILLE** - Consistent handicapper with solid form credentials and sound references on this course. Seldom far off the mark, confirmed by her last-start 6th in a 2400m PSF handicap at Cagnes on 11 February - keep safe

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14. ALROMY - Inconsistent mare on PSF, confirmed by her last-start 8th in a 2000m handicap on this surface at Cagnes on 19 February having finished 2nd over that track and trip in her previous start. Others preferred

Summary: Having dropped 1kg in the weights/ratings after a modest comeback outing, DE QUEVEDO (1) seems ideally entered under these conditions and could reconnect with success. He won over the course and distance last year off of an almost identical mark, so gets the nod here ahead of HEART SHINING (6), whose consistency will be rewarded sooner rather than later. Both STADE VELODROME (12) and COLBY CHOP (8), judged on their best references, also have the means to join that fight. Of the others, EDITED (11) and MISS PROFILE (3) make the most appeal.

SELECTIONS

DE QUEVEDO (1) - HEART SHINING (6) - STADE VELODROME (12) - COLBY CHOP (8)

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C4 - PRIX PAUL-ANTOINE DE SELIGNY - 1500m (a7f 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. HAYEJOHN - Top-rated runner in the race and, even with the aid of his rider's 1,5kg allowance, has to concede weight to his rivals. Finished an encouraging 4th over 1200m at Marseille-Borely on 13 February - one to be with

2. MAMAMOUCHI - Versatile filly with sound references on both the turf and PSF. Wore blinkers when a well-beaten 16th in a 1500m Quinte+ handicap on turf at Cagnes on 7 February - dangerous on PSF with headgear removed

3. CERVARO - Has regained freshness since finishing a creditable 7th in a 1400m Quinte+ handicap on PSF at Deauville on 19 January. Has the means to fight for victory

4. GRIEGOS - Honest veteran performer with solid references on this surface in the handicap and claiming categories. Raced without blinkers in a 1500m turf Quinte+ (12th) at Cagnes on 5 February - headgear refitted now

5. MANAROLA - Consistent for the most part and has three course-and-distance victories to her name. Wasn't disgraced when finishing 8th in a 1500m Quinte+ on turf at Cagnes on 26 February and cannot be underestimated

6. IDENTIFIED - Unreliable sort who lost his way after winning over 1300m at Saint-Moritz in February 2023 - unplaced in each of his 8 subsequent outings. Finished 12th over 1300m in a PSF handicap at Chantilly last month

7. BLANC BLEU - Versatile performer, effective on both turf and PSF. Finished an encouraging 5th in a turf 2000m Quinte+ handicap at Marseille-Borely on 27 February. Keep safe

8. ZOFFWALTZ - Looked back on the right track when finishing a reassuring 4th on the PSF at Deauville on 28 November. Makes her reappearance off a reduced (0,5kg) mark

9. VALYRIAN STEEL - Unplaced in both comeback runs this year but was supplemented for this race and does have the means to be competitive in a race like this on PSF. Was 13th in a 1500m turf handicap at Cagnes on 26 February

10. FULL GAIN - Most effective on the PSF so should fare better back on this surface after finishing a modest 10th on turf in a 1500m handicap at Cagnes on 5 February. Has only a place chance off her current mark

11. THREE DREAMS - Hard-knocking handicapper with sound references under these conditions and is competitive off of her current mark. Dropped 1kg after finishing 5th in a 1700m claimer at Marseille-Borely on 27 February

Summary: HAYEJOHN (1) bounced back to form with an improved 4th over 1200m on the turf but has already established himself over this distance and on this course, so is good value to confirm that recent improvement on his return to the scene of his latest success (over the same track and trip in June last year). CERVARO (3) wasn't disgraced (7th) in a 1400m Quinte+ handicap at Deauville in January and is capable of fighting for victory, having regained freshness since. BLANC BLEU (7), inconsistent at a higher level, retains undeniable means so ought to be more competitive given this ease in grade. VALYRIAN STEEL (9) and FULL GAIN (10) are also likely to be competitive for the places.

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HAYEJOHN (1) - CERVARO (3) - BLANC BLEU (7) - VALYRIAN STEEL (9)

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C5 - PRIX GERARD BIGENI - 1500m (a7f 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. EMBRACE ADVERSITY** - Finished 5th over 1200m at Marseille Borely in a limited handicap on the 13th of February 2024. Outside place chance
- 2. READY KING** - Finished 7th over 1500m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 qualifier on the 21st of February 2024. Can bounce back
- 3. SANARYEN** - Finished 5th over 1500m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 qualifier on the 21st of February 2024. Can make his presence felt
- 4. PRETTY BERRY** - Runner up over 1200m at Marseille Borely in a limited handicap on the 13th of February 2024. Should be in the shake up
- 5. LAFAYETTE** - Finished 8th over track/trip in a maiden contest on the 4th of January 2024. Would be a surprise winner
- 6. HOUBI** - Fluent winner over 1300m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a claimer on the 21st of February 2024. Can follow up
- 7. CLASH OF CURRENTS** - Poor performance in 10th spot over 1600m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a limited handicap on the 12th of February 2024. Hard to fancy
- 8. SINDIA** - Finished 12th over 1800m at Marseille Borely in a maiden on the 27th of February 2024. Would be a shock winner
- 9. CRICRI D'AMOUR** - Finished 9th over 2150m at Lyon La Soie in a claimer on the 24th of January 2024. Unlikely to feature

Summary: HOUBI (6) got the job done last time out and that win would have done her confidence a world of good so she could certainly kick on. SANARYEN (3) steps into a suitable race and should run a big race in search of that maiden win. PRETTY BERRY (4) was beaten by a better horse on the day but will be competitive against this lot. READY KING (2) is better than his recent form and can bounce with weight off the back.

SELECTIONS

HOUBI (6) - SANARYEN (3) - PRETTY BERRY (4) - READY KING (2)

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C6 - PRIX DE BOLLENE - 2600m (a1m 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

- 1. HELIOPOLIS** - Ran no type of race when finishing 16th over 2000m in a Class 2 at Marseille Borely on the 27th of February 2024. Should go well on previous form
- 2. LAOS** - Finished 10th over 2500m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 21st of February 2024. Others make more appeal
- 3. BAILEYS ECLAIR** - Not seen to best when finishing 10th over 2000m at Marseille Borely in a Class 2 event on the 27th of February 2024. Trip seems likely to suit
- 4. MY LENNY** - Finished 8th over 2500m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 21st of February 2024. Capable in this grade
- 5. DAMASK BLADE** - Runner up over 1600m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 4 qualifier on the 19th of February 2024. Trip is a concern
- 6. LOR BLANC** - Finished 3rd over track/trip in a Class 4 claimer on the 19th of December 2023. Place chance
- 7. TEOUMAMOU** - Held in 6th spot over 2400m at Claire Fontaine in a divided handicap on the 14th of August 2023. Place chance at best
- 8. KAYRAT** - Finished 6th over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in a Class 4 value claiming handicap on the 8th of February 2024. One to pass by

Summary: HELIOPOLIS (1) was a winner over track/trip three starts back so is best judged on that form which will see him go very close here. BAILEYS ECLAIR (3) ran in the same race as the top choice last time out when not seen to best effect and can bounce back to form with the trip likely to suit. MY LENNY (4) runs well over these distances and will be a factor on best form. TEOUMAMOU (7) remains with scope for improvement so is likely to show up better here.

SELECTIONS

HELIOPOLIS (1) - BAILEYS ECLAIR (3) - MY LENNY (4) - TEOUMAMOU (7)

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C7 - PRIX LILY'S CANDLE - 2000m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- 1. SAN REMO** - Well held in 6th spot over 1600m at Vichy in a maiden race on the 2nd of August 2023. Outside place chance
- 2. MIRADERO** - Finished 4th over 1500m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a maiden event on the 1st of February 2024. Will be in the shake up
- 3. HOUSTON STREET** - Fair run on debut when back in 3rd spot over 1800m at Lyon La Soie in a maiden race on the 6th of October 2023. Place chance
- 4. DREAM RONY** - Well beaten in 9th spot on debut over 1800m in a maiden contest on the 27th of February 2024. Hard to fancy
- 5. BLUE CHANEL** - Finished 7th over 2000m at Pau in a maiden on the 14th of February 2024. Unlikely to feature
- 6. MASSILIA** - Finished well downfield in 7th spot over 1700m at Marseille Borely on the 31st of October 2023. Would be a surprise winner
- 7. ROSE OF THE CITY** - Ran a solid race back in 2nd spot over 1600m at Pau in a maiden contest on the 4th of February 2024. Should go close

Summary: ROSE OF THE CITY (7) brings the best form figures into the race and this looks to be the ideal opportunity for this filly to get the job done. MIRADERO (2) has had his fair share of chances but looks set to earn again. HOUSTON STREET (3) remains open to improvement and should get involved in this small field. SAN REMO (1) needs to do more to challenge and looks to be best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

ROSE OF THE CITY (7) - MIRADERO (2) - HOUSTON STREET (3) - SAN REMO (1)

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C8 - PRIX DU FORT SAINT-JEAN - 2000m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden - Flat - EUR € 13,000

- 1. NO TIME TO DIE** - Weak effort on debut when finishing 10th over 1600m at Lignieres in a maiden on the 18th of February 2024. Difficult to recommend
- 2. BURSARD** - Finished 8th over 2000m in a Class 3 divided handicap at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on the 17th of February 2024. Place chance
- 3. MALLEOLUS** - Ran no type of race when finishing 15th over 2000m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 3 divided handicap on the 17th of February 2024. Place chance at best
- 4. GIMANZOR** - Far from disgraced in 6th spot over 2000m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in a Class 2 divided handicap on the 17th of February 2024. Should take some beating
- 5. MARDEN** - Finished 10th over 1500m at this venue in a maiden contest on the 4th of January 2024. Hard to fancy
- 6. JAMILA** - Finished 10th over 1500m at this venue back on the 9th of January 2024 in a Class 4 claiming handicap. Can earn a cheque
- 7. UNE DE BONNEVEINE** - No show when finishing 15th over 2600m in a Class 4 limited handicap on the 27th of February 2024 at Marseille Borely. Would be a shock winner

Summary: GIMANZOR (4) should win in what looks to be a very shallow contest. He brings the best form into this and is the one they all need to beat. BURSARD (2) is back against maidens and looks capable of running into the placings. MALLEOLUS (3) isn't reliable but can earn. JAMILA (6) is a moderate type that needs to do more to challenge.

SELECTIONS

GIMANZOR (4) - BURSARD (2) - MALLEOLUS (3) - JAMILA (6)