

SATURDAY, 12/10/24

R5 PONT DE VIVAUX [L-H]

C1 - PRIX INDIA SONG - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. MUELHEIMER PERLE - Hard-knocker with references in handicaps and course-and-distance claimers. Won a 2000m handicap at Salon-de-Provence last month and finished 4th under a penalty there in a conditions race on 30 September

2. GIRAFFE - Consistent and versatile filly with sound references in handicaps on both surfaces. Shouldn't be hastily condemned for a recent failure (10th) in a 1900m Quinté+ on PSF Chantilly on 1 October - not taken lightly

3. FORCE TRANQUILLE - Hard-knocking handicapper and last-start winner of a 2100m handicap at Marseille-Borely on 28 September

4. GIMANZOR - Absent since finishing 3rd at Vichy over 1850m on 19 August. Lightly raced gelding open to improvement on his reappearance

5. BURSARD - Won a 1600m Compiègne handicap in May but struggled under a penalty in 2 subsequent starts, the latest (10th) in a 1600m Vichy handicap on 20 July. Best watched for now

6. MAMA IMELDA - Honest hard-knocker with sound references in handicaps off a higher mark. Proved her form and well-being with a 2nd at Hyères over 1850m on 29 September

7. IVORY SPRING - New addition to Christophe Escuder's stable. Finished unplaced (9th) in a 1200m Marseille-Borely handicap on 2 September - headgear worn that day dispensed with

8. DENIA - A model of consistency since fitted with this headgear and should continue her momentum after a pleasing last-start 3rd in a 2100m turf handicap at Marseille-Borely on 28 September. High on the shortlist

9. MELBORA - Won a 1900m PSF handicap at Deauville in July and finished 3rd in both subsequent starts under a penalty (current mark), the latest over 1900m in a PSF handicap at Chantilly on 7 September. Candidate for success

10. WILD SWEETHEART - Won a 2000m Vichy handicap in August but struggled under a penalty in 2 subsequent starts, finished 8th on both occasions - the latest in a 2100m handicap at Marseille-Borely on 28 September. Others preferred

11. KENZAL - Unplaced and soundly beaten in 3 consecutive recent appearances, the latest (10th) in a 2000m handicap at Vichy on 23 September

Summary: GIMANZOR (4) is returning from a break but represents a stable enjoying a good spell so he gets the nod ahead of consistent DENIA (8) and in-form MELBORA (9). Versatile GIRAFFE (2) also has the form and experience to play a leading role, so cannot be underestimated. MUELHEIMER PERLE (1), who gets along wonderfully with Cheyenne Banz, isn't incapable of making her presence felt either.

SELECTIONS

GIMANZOR (4) - DENIA (8) - MELBORA (9) - GIRAFFE (2)

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C2 - PRIX DE L'OBELISQUE - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 17,000

1. THREE DREAMS - Disappointed recently, finishing 7th in consecutive starts - the latest at Toulouse on 18 September in a 1400m handicap. Has 3 podiums in 4 outings at this venue so shouldn't be hastily condemned

2. BELL SONG - Rarely seen on this surface and currently out of sorts in turf handicaps off a higher mark - finished 6th in a 1350m handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 11 September. Dangerous at this value on her return to the PSF

3. MAFALDA STORY - Veteran mare in good form and physical condition and a model of consistency on this track. Proven her form and well-being by finishing 3rd over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly on 29 September

4. BOOMERANG - Versatile hard-knocker who reaffirmed off his current mark by finishing 5th in a 1700m turf handicap at Marseille-Borely on 28 September. Not taken lightly

5. PURPLE RAIN - Soundly beaten in 7 consecutive appearances and unlikely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his last-start 11th in a 1300m PSF handicap at Deauville on 20 August

6. RED TORCH - Unreliable veteran who usually runs well at this venue. Dangerous to discount off his current mark, despite finishing 10th over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly on 11 September

7. COLBY CHOP - Won a 1600m Lyon-Parilly handicap last month and proved his competitiveness off this mark (under a 2,5kg penalty) by finishing 4th in a 1700m turf handicap at Marseille-Borely on 28 September. Dark horse

8. TOUTELUSIVE - Honest hard-knocker with sound references in handicaps off a higher mark - seldom far off the mark. Didn't go unnoticed when 7th in a 1200m turf handicap at Marseille-Borely on 2 September

9. CERVARO - Unplaced and downfield in each of his last 11 appearances, the latest (8th) in a 1000m turf handicap at Vichy on 24 September. Others preferred

10. HAARICIA - Has regained form/momentum in 2 recent starts off her current mark, the latest (4th) in a 1000m handicap at Vichy on 24 September. Keep safe

11. MICOLEO - Soundly beaten in 6 consecutive appearances and unlikely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his last-start 14th in a 1300m PSF handicap at Deauville on 8 August

12. ULTIMATE FIGHT - Well-performed versatile veteran handicapper but is currently out of sorts - unplaced (9th) in 1350m Class 4 conditions race at Lyon-Parilly on 29 September. Others preferred

Summary: BELL SONG (2), returning to the course of her last success, and MAFALDA STORY (3), who is at home on this track, could find themselves fighting for victory. However, HAARICIA (10) wouldn't be winning out of turn and could challenge those rivals for race honours. THREE DREAMS (1) enjoys this track and should acquit herself competitively while hard-knockers RED TORCH (6) and BOOMERANG (4) are competitive for the places.

SELECTIONS

BELL SONG (2) - MAFALDA STORY (3) - HAARICIA (10) - THREE DREAMS (1)

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**C3 - PRIX TWIG - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Maiden Race - Flat -
EUR € 23,000**

- 1. LORD OF DAY** - Has revealed sufficient means to fight for victory, having finished 4th in both starts - the latest over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly on 4 September. Keep safe
- 2. CALBIGNY** - Made no impression (9th) on debut over 1600m on turf at Lyon-Parilly on 11 September. Best watched for now
- 3. GEOPOLITICAL** - Caught the eye on debut (4th) in a 1600m newcomers' race at Chantilly on 21 September. Would've gained plenty from that experience
- 4. PERCALE** - Didn't go unnoticed when 5th on debut over 1200m at Marseille-Borély on 16 September. Not taken lightly
- 5. RED TOO HOT** - Caught the eye when 4th on debut in June and better was expected of her last time, when only finishing 6th over 1700m at Marseille-Borely on 28 September. Dark horse
- 6. SMILE FOR ME** - Confirmed the form/improvement of her handicap debut (4th) by finishing 2nd at Marseille-Borely last time over 1200m on 16 September. Candidate for success
- 7. IRELIA** - Finished unplaced in all 4 appearances, the latest (7th) over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly on 29 September. Others preferred
- 8. LOLA MONTES** - Runner-up over 1800m at Marseille-Borely last month and shouldn't be hastily condemned for her last-start 5th at that venue over 1700m on 28 September. Will be a factor
- 9. DEVIL'S MARBLE** - Unplaced in 2 starts, finished 9th on both occasions - the latest over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly on 29 September
- 10. ELUSIVE BELARDO** - Confirmed the promise of her debut 3rd by finishing a creditable 4th over 1600m at Vichy on 19 August. Not taken lightly

Summary: GEOPOLITICAL (3) caught the eye on debut in a newcomers' race at Chantilly and would've come on appreciably, so it could pay to follow his progress. He needn't improve much to get the better of the two "Escuder" runners, SMILE FOR ME (6) and LOLA MONTES (8), who ought to open their accounts sooner rather than later. ELUSIVE BELARDO (10), whose two outings at Vichy in the summer were encouraging, and RED TOO HOT (5) complete the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

GEOPOLITICAL (3) - SMILE FOR ME (6) - LOLA MONTES (8) - ELUSIVE BELARDO (10)

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C4 - PRIX GRIS DE GRIS - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20,000

1. SALALAH - Not disgraced in back-to-back Quinte+ handicap appearances recently, the latest (7th) at Compiègne over 1400m on 17 September. Warrants respect with her rider taking 1,5kg off the back

2. EMBRACE ADVERSITY - Boasts 3 wins and a 3rd from 4 appearances at this venue and should again play a leading role, after a recent 4th in a 1350m claimer at Lyon-Parilly on 4 September. High on the shortlist

3. SHOWPOWER - Finished 3rd in his only handicap appearance and improved in first-time headgear to finish 2nd in a 1600m claimer at Toulouse on 25 September. Not taken lightly

4. COEUR D'ARGENT - Appeared in need of her comeback outing (8th) over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers on 15 September. Could fare better

5. NEW YORK NEW YORK - Opened his account in style on handicap debut over 1200m at Marseille-Borely on 28 September. Ought to remain competitive for victory

6. VITESSE - Model of consistency with sound references/form credentials, including 3rd-place finishes in 4 consecutive appearances - the latest in a 1600m handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 11 September. High on the shortlist

7. BAIGNADE - Progressive filly at the top of her game, after consecutive victories - the latest in a 1400m Vichy handicap on 23 September. Big player in her hat-trick bid

8. DELPHINE - In good form and physical condition in the handicaps - confirmed as much with a good 2nd over 1600m in a handicap at Lyon-Parilly on 11 September. Dark horse

9. PATRICIA - Unplaced in both handicap appearances, the latest (7th) over 1200m at Marseille-Borely on 28 September

10. WILD CITY - An 11-start maiden unplaced in a ll 3 handicap appearances, the latest (7th) over 1400m at Vichy last month (on 23 September). Others preferred

11. MIXED APPROVAL - Opened her account at the 7th attempt with a last-start success at Cavaillon over 1600m on 22 September. Has more to do back in a handicap

12. VIVE LA REINE - Bounced back to form with a reassuring 3rd over 1200m in a handicap at Marseille-Borely on 28 September. Gets along well with Coralie Pacaut

13. PRINCIPITO - Soundly beaten in 5 consecutive appearances and unlikely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of his last-start 10th in a 1600m claimer at Royan on 15 September

14. RECREATE - Unplaced in all 7 handicap appearances, the latest (5th) over 1200m at Marseille-Borely on 28 September

Summary: A toss-up between EMBRACE ADVERSITY (2), a specialist on this course, and NEW YORK NEW YORK (5), who was a convincing winner last time out. VITESSE (6) also has the means to fight for victory judged by the strength and consistency of her recent form. BAIGNADE (7), in her hat-trick bid, and SALALAH (1) are contenders for the podium. VIVE LA REINE (12) and DELPHINE (8) appeal most of the remainder.

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EMBRACE ADVERSITY (2) - NEW YORK NEW YORK (5) - VITESSE (6) - BAIGNADE (7)

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C5 - PRIX MARCEL MASCHIO - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12,500

1. **NEW WAY BABY** - Current form has been on the decline over various distances and is therefore hard to make a case for. Pass by

2. **TERREMANA** - Finished 7th over 1400m in a claimer at Vichy last time and will need to do more for the win. Place claims

3. **CALA BONITA** - Good 2nd finish last time when racing over 1600m in a claimer at Ronan. Should be right there. Include

4. **DREAM TEST** - Finished 8th on debut over 1350m at Lyon Parilly last month . Scope to progress. Include as the value

5. **BOMBONERA** - Won on the 30th of September over 1800m in a Handicap and can follow up. Win

6. **BOHEMOS** - Ignore last run when downfield at Chantilly over 1900m on the 1st of October and way better can be expected. Place chance

7. **MIDNIGHT ESCAPE** - Only managed 9th place on debut over 1800m in a weak race. Prefer others

8. **SIREN'S SYMPHONY** - Has shown very little in three runs thus far and will need huge improvement on last run when 6th over 1900m at Nimes. Pass by

Summary: BOMBONERA (5) was victorious in her last start which was at Salon Provence over 1800m and can follow up. BOHEMOS (6) is still yet to win a race and can be forgiven for the last effort. Strong place chance. TERREMANA (2) can do way better than the last two runs and should be in the firing line. CALA BONITA (3) can be expected to finish in the first four.

SELECTIONS

BOMBONERA (5) - BOHEMOS (6) - TERREMANA (2) - CALA BONITA (3)

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C6 - PRIX DE CAROMB - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12,000

- 1. BLACK GANGSTER** - Ignore last run when 7th, was victorious over 2000m before that at Vichy and has a huge chance. Each way
- 2. ANTICO** - He was 5th over 1900m in a claimer field on the 1st of this month at Chantilly and can do more today. Place claims
- 3. ARTIFACT** - Only managed 8th place last time when running over 2500m at Hyeres and needs to do way more to threaten. No
- 4. CLASH OF CURRENTS** - Running well, holding form, placed 3rd over 1700m last time and can be in the mix again. Each way chance
- 5. RED COUNTESS** - Holding form, finished 2nd at Marseille Borely over 1800m in a claimer on the 28th of September and should go close. Big chance
- 6. CRICRI D'AMOUR** - Will need to do more than latest 6th place and far prefer others for the selection line. Pass by
- 7. ARLINO** - Long time maiden, seems to be battling and is hard to make a case for. Wait for progression and would be a shock winner
- 8. EARN AND BURN** - Finished 9th at the second time of asking and might be able to start improving. wait for progression before gambling on this one

Summary: BLACK GANGSTER (1) was a winner at the penultimate start but let the side down after that when 7th at La Teste. He can be forgiven and given another chance and is therefore the win choice. RED COUNTESS (5) is in mustard form, caught the eye when finishing 2nd over 1800m in a claimer last time and could easily go one more. Big chance. ANTICO (2) can do way more than has been served up lately and could well be the value for the minor money positions. CLASH OF CURRENTS (4) is holding form and must be respected and included for all bets.

SELECTIONS

BLACK GANGSTER (1) - RED COUNTESS (5) - ANTICO (2) - CLASH OF CURRENTS (4)

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C7 - PRIX DU CAP DE JARRE - 1500m (a7f1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 15,000

- 1. OPPORTUN** - Is capable of way better than latest 11th place over 1350m at Lyon Parilly and progression on that can be expected. Good chance
- 2. RISKI CHOPE** - Ignore last run when 9th at Fontainebleau over 1000m in Handicap company. Good chance on earlier form
- 3. CRACK CITY** - Is horribly off form currently and can be ignored from all bets. No
- 4. GRAY D'ALBION** - Solid form, placed 3rd over 1700m in a Handicap last time and has a bright winning chance
- 5. VENTURA VISION** - Managed only 6th over 1400m in a Handicap at Compiègne last time and can build on that to get way closer now. Chance
- 6. LONG STORY SHORT** - She is taking forever to get it all right. finished 5th over 1700m in a Handicap on the 28th of last month and has a chance. Should run well
- 7. BUTI** - Brings erratic form into the race and is therefore hard to assess and predict. Rather include others. Pass by
- 8. ENZO** - Was victorious 5 starts back over 1500m at this track in a Handicap but has been moderate thereafter. No
- 9. LIMONCELLA** - She is making us take notice of her. Her last effort when 2nd over 1300m at Deauville was good. Big runner
- 10. CHARM WRENS** - Last run was a winning one but back in July over 1400m. Might need a run or two to tighten up. Do not entirely dismiss
- 11. MAKHZEN** - Would be a shock winner based on current form and is hard to like. More than happy to pass by

Summary: GRAY D'ALBION (4) is taking time for the second career win but is making huge threats of achieving it soon. Last run was a 3rd over 1700m at Marseille Borely and he is the firm first suggestion. OPPORTUN (1) is a tad off form but is certainly capable of doing way better and must be considered for the shortlist. Place value for the quartet. VENTURA VISION (5) is a daughter of No Nay Never that has won a few times. Big runner. LONG STORY SHORT (6) has a first four chance and has to be included in the play.

SELECTIONS

GRAY D'ALBION (4) - OPPORTUN (1) - VENTURA VISION (5) - LONG STORY SHORT (6)