

Salon-de-Provence [R-H] - 24 September

Race 1 - PRIX ALL IS VANITY - 1800m UNR. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **VALSAD** - Unraced colt by leading sire Heart's Cry out of Vadaiyma. Fascinating runner.
2. **ARCUBIATU** - French Fifteen colt from Tamina Hanum on debut. Market check.
3. **PRIME ELIOT** - Unraced colt by Ectot out of Litaninne. Watch for positive market moves.
4. **KIRENSK** - Colt by Born To Sea from No Run No Pay on debut. Interesting.
5. **HORIZON DORE** - Unraced gelding by Dabirsim out of Sweet Alabama. Was a EUR 45,000 (Arqana 2021 August Yearling Sale) purchase. Nice profile and capable of featuring.
6. **XQUISE** - Daughter of Highland Reel from Xagere on debut. Purchased for EUR 75,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale). Not dismissed.
7. **MAGIC CUP** - Daughter of Tamayuz from Fee Du Hazard making her debut. Betting will guide.
8. **ONDINE** - Unraced filly by Mr. Owen out of Aquavenus. Betting check.
9. **LA TREILLE** - Unraced filly by Barastraight out of Pretoria. Market check.
10. **VILLA JOALI** - Unraced filly by Whitecliffsofdover out of Tina Nova. Will be better for the run.

Summary: No form on offer for these two-year-olds so a market check will prove valuable. VALSAD (1) is by top Japanese sire Heart's Cry and looks a fascinating contender on debut for top connections. Top chance. The Simone Brogi-trained pair KIRENSK (4) and MAGIC CUP (7) would be of note if seeing market support while Dabirsim gelding HORIZON DORE (5) is also considered.

Selections

VALSAD (1) - KIRENSK (4) - MAGIC CUP (7) - HORIZON DORE (5)

Race 2 - PRIX RAYMOND GODINEZ - 1800m CLM. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **AOUR** - Searches for a hat-trick of wins after scoring by one length over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux on September 5. Winning hope.
2. **INSTANTANE** - Performed a lot better two starts back when second at Vichy over 2000m. Likely to go well.
3. **CHOCOBELLO** - Finished fifth over 2000m at Vichy a month ago. Place chance.
4. **ARDLUASA** - Last appeared four months ago when he finished 15 lengths from the winner in tenth over 2000m at Compiègne. Looking to others for the winner.
5. **PURPLE LADY** - Resumed at Divonne-les-Bains over 1700m last time out and finished fifth beaten 4.5 lengths. Each-way.
6. **SEPTANTE** - Good third over 2000m at Marseille-Borely when beaten just 1.5 lengths latest. Going well.
7. **SIXTIES LOOK** - Progressed on each appearance since his debut three starts ago, most recently finishing fourth over 2300m at Dax. Interesting.
8. **JOHNNY DANCER** - Underwhelming last start ninth over 2100m at Tarbes when beaten 14 lengths. More needed.
9. **MARALINKO** - Won a handicap at Divonne-les-Bains two runs back. Not dismissed.
10. **BALAGAN** - Held seventh over 1700m at Divonne-les-Bains three weeks ago. Others preferred.
11. **CHINZ** - Finished third at Hyeres last start. Could place.
12. **WANHEDA** - Drops in journey from the latest effort when fourth over 2100m at Dax. Strong top-three chance.

Summary: AOUR (1) is selected to complete the hat-trick and follow up claiming wins at Clairefontaine and Marseille-Vivaux AW. Leading hope. INSTANTANE (2) is best excused a recent disappointment. Key claims on his narrow claiming second over 2000m at Vichy prior. The unexposed SIXTIES LOOK (7) is interesting tackling a claimer for the first time with cheekpieces fitted. SEPTANTE (6) is respected.

Selections

AOUR (1) - INSTANTANE (2) - SIXTIES LOOK (7) - SEPTANTE (6)

Race 3 - PRIX DE LA LIBERTE - 1800m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **SEHMARA** - Turned in a better run last time out when third over 1700m at Divonne-les-Bains beaten 1.75 lengths. Worth including.
2. **LA FIBRE** - Not the most reliable conveyance. Moderate effort last time when 19 lengths from the winner in 13th over 1900m at Chantilly All Weather. Not dismissed on peak efforts.
3. **PERISTERA** - Fair third over 2000m at Divonne-les-Bains. One to note.
4. **BECH RIVER** - Finished fourth last start over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Each-way chance.
5. **PRESS OFFICER** - Good third over 1700m at Marseille-Borely. Competitive of late. Chance.
6. **MAKALIA** - Last appeared when she scored over 1700m at Marseille-Borely on September 8. Player.
7. **VERTI CHOP** - Fair fourth over 2000m at Divonne-les-Bains eight weeks ago. Place.
8. **PEDRO DEL RIO** - Beaten 13 lengths when tenth over 2000m at Vichy last start. Prepared to overlook.
9. **KENRISK** - Moderate fourth over 2400m at Aurillac six weeks ago. Yet to win in 44 starts. Opposed.
10. **IT SPLITS THE BISE** - Last appeared when she finished fifth over 1700m at Montier-en-Der on September 4. Others hold stronger claims.

Summary: MAKALIA (6) was always doing enough when narrowly prevailing in a 1700m Class Four handicap at Marseille-Borely latest. Could be up to defy a 2kg rise. PRESS OFFICER (5) finished third when sent off favourite for that event. Expected to be firmly involved with a swing in the weights. SEHMARA (1) shaped well when filling the same position over 1700m at Divonne last outing. Thereabouts. PERISTERA (3) is next best.

Selections

MAKALIA (6) - PRESS OFFICER (5) - SEHMARA (1) - PERISTERA (3)

Race 4 - PRIX DES CIGALES - 2400m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **HAPPY HARRY** - Won two starts back at Deauville. Not dismissed.
2. **DEMARCAY** - Will find this much easier than when seventh in the G3 Prix du Lys Longines in June. Top chance.
3. **SHARK SAMURAI** - Scored over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Player.
4. **BIG GEORGE** - Narrow second to Shark Samurai over 2000m at Marseille-Borely. Capable of going well.
5. **SUPER QUARTZ** - Fourth last start at Marseille-Borely over 2000m. One to note.
6. **FORCE TRANQUILLE** - Held seventh last start at Lyon-Parilly over 2000m. May do better with the run under her belt.
7. **GIAVA DREAM** - Caused a huge shock when winning over 2200m at Cavaillon on August 21. This much tougher.
8. **SEASALT** - Fair fifth over 2200m at Lyon-Parilly three-and-a-half months ago. Interesting up in trip.

Summary: DEMARCAY (2) will find this much easier than when seventh in the G3 Prix du Lys Longines in June. Good second in a Class One conditions event over this trip at Lyon-Parilly prior. Tough to beat having been supplemented after a break. SHARK SAMURAI (3) just denied BIG GEORGE (4) in a 2000m handicap at Marseille-Borely latest and they look likely to be involved on ratings. The unexposed SEASALT (8) is open to progress upped in trip following a fair fifth in a Class Two conditions event.

Selections

DEMARCAY (2) - SHARK SAMURAI (3) - BIG GEORGE (4) - SEASALT (8)

Race 5 - PRIX DES SOCIETAIRES - 2000m CL3. Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **VIS LE REVE** - Not raced since finishing 4 lengths away in third over 1500m at Tarbes on June 11. Expect a forward showing.
2. **ALROMY** - Finished seventh over 2000m at Vichy. Could place.
3. **ZANNDABAD** - Handy gelding who finished third last start but was beaten only 0.6 lengths over 1800m at Le Croisé-Laroche. Hard to beat.
4. **VIRTUS** - Fair debut fourth over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains. This looks tougher.
5. **LA SAUZEE** - Lightly raced filly who progressed nicely last start with a win by half a length over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains. Chance.
6. **SOUNAINA** - Solid effort on debut beaten half a length into second by La Sauzee over 2400m at Divonne-les-Bains. Each-way chance.
7. **FETE JOYEUSE** - Third behind two of these at Divonne-les-Bains on debut. Place chance.
8. **JOH SPIRIT** - Daughter of The Great Spirit from Surfing Du Loire making her debut. Might just need this.

Summary: It was clearly disappointing that ZANNDABAD (3) failed to reward favourite backers when third at a short price in a Class Three conditions event at Le Croise-Laroche latest. That said this looks a golden opportunity for him to regain the winning thread and he's tough to oppose. VIS LE REVE (1) has shown enough ability in maiden company to suggest he can be involved on stable debut. LA SAUZEE (5) beat SOUNAINA (6) in a 2400m event at Divonne latest and both can feature.

Selections

ZANNDABAD (3) - VIS LE REVE (1) - LA SAUZEE (5) - SOUNAINA (6)

Race 6 - PRIX GERARD NOUGIER - 1100m HCP. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **PURPLE BLING** - Got home by 2.5 lengths at Chantilly two starts ago. Disappointed last time at Deauville in 12th. This represents a fair drop in standard. Leading hope.
2. **I DARE** - Not raced since finishing 5 lengths away in ninth over 1200m at Chantilly on July 12. Market will guide.
3. **SPLENDID** - Fair fifth over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Each-way hope on handicap debut.
4. **SPACE FORCE** - Narrow second over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly on September 7. Major appeal.
5. **SAKHARAH** - Well held last time when tenth over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly. Best watched.
6. **TILL WE DIE** - Well deserved win last start after a close second two starts back. Can run well again.
7. **MAZAL TOV** - Finished ninth over 1350m at Lyon-Parilly two-and-a-half weeks ago beaten 5.5 lengths. Capable of better.
8. **SPICY CITY** - Well held last start when eighth over 1700m at Divonne-les-Bains. Others preferred.
9. **VANILLE BLEUE** - Tailed off when tenth over 1600m at Vichy. Fitter but unlikely to threaten.
10. **CERVARO** - Yet to score in 20 career starts the latest effort a moderate fourth over 1000m at Lyon-Parilly. Likely to struggle.

Summary: PURPLE BLING (1) won a much stronger Chantilly 1200m handicap two starts ago. Expected to put a recent below par effort behind him. SPACE FORCE (4) was narrowly denied in a 1350m handicap at Lyon-Parilly last-time-out. Hard to knock and interesting with first-time cheekpieces fitted. Recent Lyon-Parilly claiming winner TILL WE DIE (6) can go well back in a handicap on stable debut. MAZAL TOV (7) looks well enough handicapped to find the frame.

Selections

PURPLE BLING (1) - SPACE FORCE (4) - TILL WE DIE (6) - MAZAL TOV (7)