

## CAGNES-SUR-MER [L-H] - 25 January

**Race 1 - PRIX DES CALANQUES - 1300m CL2.** Purse EUR €26,000.

1. **EUREKA** - Recorded her maiden success three back but has missed the placings at the last two appearances, most recently when fifth over 1300m at Deauville AW. Well placed so don't underestimate.
2. **HOXTON** - Nice return last start when runner-up at Lyon-la-Soie over 1800m on December 19. Fitter and is a leading contender.
3. **SWING FOR ME** - Resumed at Deauville AW over 1300m last time out and finished fourth beaten 4 lengths. Fitter and looks set to improve sharply.
4. **L'OPEN** - Still chasing that elusive win after 11 career starts. Last appeared when second over 1300m at this track on January 19. Has run out of chances.
5. **BOZZO** - Returned from a spell last start and finished just a long neck from the winner in second at Deauville AW over 1500m. Solid top-three chance.

**Summary:** SWING FOR ME (3) sets the standard on ratings and produced a sound effort when 4L fourth in a Class Two conditions event at Deauville AW in November. Top hope for a leading yard. The drop back in trip looks an interesting move for HOXTON (2) who finished a good runner-up in a Class Two at Lyon-la-Soie on AW debut. Notable claims. BOZZO (5) went down narrowly in a similar event at Deauville AW and should be on the premises. EUREKA (1) looks next best.

### Selections

**SWING FOR ME (3) - HOXTON (2) - BOZZO (5) - EUREKA (1)**

**Race 2 - PRIX DES CITRONNIERS - 1300m CLM.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **FORTUNE GOLD** - Finished 7 lengths back in sixth on debut over 1500m at Deauville AW last start. Needs to do more.
2. **RISKI CHOPE** - Was beaten just a head when second at her latest appearance at Marseille Vivaux over 1500m. Leading prospect.
3. **CLEMENZA** - Finished third over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux two back then missed the frame last time out over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Hard to have in this tough line-up.
4. **GO JOHNNY GO GO GO** - Arrives in mixed form including an eighth here over 1300m last Thursday. Needs to build on that effort. May place.
5. **BRAZIL** - Drops in trip from the latest outing when fourth over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux, finishing 2.75 lengths off the winner. One of the leading chances.
6. **COMTESSE DU BARRY** - Hasn't been competitive lately, last start finishing a 8 length 11th over 1300m at Chantilly AW. Needs to do more.
7. **SAGGEZZA** - Form in recent times has been moderate, including a last start seventh over 1300m at this track. Worth one more chance.

**Summary:** RISKI CHOPE (2) narrowly prevailed in a 1500m claimer at Marseille-Vivaux AW prior to finishing a good second over the same course and distance. Strong player in current form. BRAZIL (5) finished fourth behind the main selection last outing and remains open to plenty of progress. Expected to measure up. GO JOHNNY GO GO GO (4) is considered after a decent effort in handicap company over track and trip recently. SAGGEZZA (7) cannot be discounted.

**Selections**

**RISKI CHOPE (2) - BRAZIL (5) - GO JOHNNY GO GO GO (4) - SAGGEZZA (7)**

**Race 3 - PRIX DU COL DE LA BONETTE - 1500m HCP.** Purse EUR €22,000.

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1. **BALLERINA** - Has not raced since finishing 6 lengths away in fifth over 1700m at Marseille-Borely on October 3. Conditions favour. Expect a forward showing.
2. **NO LIMIT DREAM** - Resumes today. Last appeared at Pau AW over 1400m when seventh ten weeks ago. Improvement to come.
3. **THREE DREAMS** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished second over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie on December 12. Big chance.
4. **ETERNEL** - Changes rider since being well held last time in ninth over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Capable of a lot more.
5. **PIANINO** - Has five placings from seven runs this campaign but disappointed last start when midfield over 2000m at Pau AW. Rates highly.
6. **PAQUES TOT** - Has been thereabouts without winning, last start finishing second over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Worth including.
7. **PRINCE GEORGE** - Ran a better race last time out, finishing fourth over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Struggling to break through.
8. **AL ET CHOP** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished second over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux on January 2. Genuine chance.

**Summary:** BALLERINA (1) showed some sound form in Class Two conditions races over 1700m at Marseille-Borely last year. Notable chance now handicapping on her first outing for a new yard. The unexposed NO LIMIT DREAM (2) makes appeal with first-time blinkers fitted on handicap debut representing a top stable. Lyon-la-Soie AW (1800m) runner-up THREE DREAMS (3) is respected off the same mark and PAQUES TOT (6) can feature following a decent second on the AW tackling 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux.

**Selections**

**BALLERINA (1) - NO LIMIT DREAM (2) - THREE DREAMS (3) - PAQUES TOT (6)**

**Race 4 - PRIX DE LA CRAU - 1300m CL2.** Purse EUR €26,000.

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1. **MAROON SIX** - Has not raced since scoring over 1400m at Bordeaux on November 7. Did win first-up last prep at Bordeaux. Expected to play a major role.
2. **AMEDRAS** - Has just missed the top-three at his last few runs, the latest a fourth over 1500m at Chantilly AW beaten 2.25 lengths. Sharp improvement expected in this suitable contest.
3. **PURPLE BLING** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when she finished fifth over 1300m at Deauville AW on December 29. Well placed.
4. **CLEVER CANDY** - Six-year-old mare who drops in trip from the latest effort when seventh over 1500m at Chantilly AW finishing 4 lengths off the winner. Must be respected.
5. **WONDER BOY** - Has been thereabouts without winning, last start finishing third over 1600m at this track. Rates highly and can break through.
6. **HELP** - Has not raced since finishing 11 lengths away in tenth over 1000m at Lyon-Parilly on November 10. Did win first-up last prep at Most (Czech Republic). Hard to recommend.
7. **SMASH HIT** - Last started 18 months ago when beaten 8 lengths into ninth over 1614m at Newcastle AW (UK). Returns for new trainer Oa Anaya. Wait and see how he comes back.
8. **BLU METAL JACKET** - Opened this campaign impressively last time out with a win over 1300m at this track. Likely to come on from that run.
9. **ELUSIVE FOOT** - Has had one run back from a break and was well held in sixth over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux five weeks ago. No easier this time and not likely to threaten.
10. **ZEROSTRESS** - Three time a winner from 20 but will pay to ignore latest at Deauville AW. Didn't fire last time out but this suits.

**Summary:** MAROON SIX (1) chases a hat-trick following a 1400m Class One conditions race success at Bordeaux in November. Selected to make a winning AW debut. AMEDRAS (2) looks a likely contender on the back of a sound fourth in a Class Two over 1500m at Chantilly AW. Claims with the runner-up that day scoring since. PURPLE BLING (3) commands respect on the figures alone and produced a decent fifth in a 1300m Class One conditions contest at Deauville AW. Recent course and distance handicap winner BLU METAL JACKET (8) needs including.

**Selections**

**MAROON SIX (1) - AMEDRAS (2) - PURPLE BLING (3) - BLU METAL JACKET (8)**

1. **LOVELY DOLLY** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished 11th over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux on January 10. One of the prime contenders in a most suitable contest.
2. **GOVERNAIL** - Has been out of the winners' list for a long time, last start finishing tenth at Lyon-la-Soie over 2150m. Has ability and can feature on his best form.
3. **EMOTIVE** - Struggling to find form recently, the latest effort a 16th over 1900m at Deauville AW. Although up in distance is hard to have.
4. **YVETTE** - Dropped back in trip last start and was well held over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Unlikely to threaten these.
5. **STAR DAYS** - Has not raced since finishing 16 lengths away in 18th over 1800m at Clairefontaine on July 1. Not ready yet.
6. **ABORIGENE** - Struggling to find form including last start when beaten 6 lengths into eighth over 2150m at this track. Can bounce back.
7. **TAEKWONDO** - Eight-year-old gelding who was well held resuming last start over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux, beaten 7 lengths into tenth. Happy to dismiss.
8. **ALMAZORA** - Has not been racing well lately, the latest effort a 13th and beaten 9 lengths over 2150m at this track. Prepared to risk.
9. **DEER BERE** - Finished second over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux two back then missed the frame last time out over 2600m at Marseille Vivaux. Terrific chance to return to form.
10. **DARENIX** - Has been out of the money recently including last time when sixth over 2150m at this track nine days ago beaten 6 lengths. Strong contender on his best form.
11. **MONSIEUR EMILE** - Ran a better race last start to finish third at this track over 2150m. Nicely placed and rates highly off that run.
12. **BALONG BAY** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when she finished fourth over 2000m at Pau AW on December 27. Good effort last start and can build on that performance.
13. **FEE HISTORIQUE** - Has not raced since finishing 12 lengths away in 11th over 1650m at Amiens on September 22. Looks tested on form from last campaign.
14. **SUPERIOR BADOLAT** - Finds it hard to win. Has just two wins and three placings from 37 starts. Made some progress last time when ninth over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Looking to others.

**Summary:** A tentative vote goes to the longstanding maiden MONSIEUR EMILE (11) following a sound Class Three handicap third here nine days ago. ABORIGENE (6) finished eighth in that event but is well-handicapped and now gets Demuro taking over. BALONG BAY (12) was not disgraced when fourth at Pau AW and would be in the mix if able to back that up. The supplemented LOVELY DOLLY (1) holds place claims.

**Selections**

**MONSIEUR EMILE (11) - ABORIGENE (6) - BALONG BAY (12) - LOVELY DOLLY (1)**

**Race 6 - PRIX DES OLIVIERES - 1600m CLM CL3.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **HARRISON POINT** - Resumes from a break of 15 months. Finished seventh at his most recent appearance over 1400m in Listed company at Hannover (Germany). Strong top-three prospect.
2. **INAUGURAL** - Average effort last start when ninth and beaten 17 lengths over 1600m at this track. Worth forgiving and can turn things around.
3. **SAPHIRA DREAM** - Was below her best last time, finishing 12th and beaten 26 lengths over 1600m at this track. Certainly worth another chance.
4. **FORBIDDEN SECRET** - Finished 12th last start over 1600m at this track when he had to contend with an awkward draw. May improve.
5. **SWISS BANK** - Had to contend with a wide draw at his latest run and finished 12th over 1600m at Pau AW. Place hope.
6. **BENI KHIAR** - Stepping out at this course for the first time. Last appeared when he finished third over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux on January 10. This is well within his grasp.
7. **MUELHEIMER PERLE** - Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 21 starts. Last start finished sixth over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Has ability and can measure up.
8. **CONTESSA VERDE** - Started this campaign in poor form, last start finishing tenth and beaten 11 lengths over 1400m at Chantilly AW.
9. **INDYCO** - Has six wins and 12 placings from 41 career starts. Last start finished 12th at Deauville AW beaten 6 lengths. Expected to go close on best form.
10. **RIDWAAN** - Comfortably held over 2150m at Cagnes-sur-Mer 9 days back, finishing 10 lengths away in 15th. Not doing enough to warrant consideration.
11. **TWO THANK YOUS** - Yet to find the frame in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a seventh over 1300m at this track a week ago. Looking to others.
12. **BARTOLA** - Has not raced since finishing 11 lengths away in seventh over 2400m at Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic) on August 7. Worth noting she won first-up last prep. Not ready yet.

**Summary:** INDYCO (9) finished a held twelfth in a Class Two handicap over 1300m at Deauville AW. Could regain the winning thread down dramatically in standard. BENI KHIAR (6) failed to complete the hat-trick when third in a Class Three claimer over 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux AW fifteen days ago. Player in current form. Four-time AW winner SWISS BANK (5) finished fourth in a 1600m handicap at Pau AW two back. Not dismissed. INAUGURAL (2) could find the frame.

**Selections**

**INDYCO (9) - BENI KHIAR (6) - SWISS BANK (5) - INAUGURAL (2)**

**Race 7 - PRIX DE STERREBEEK - 2150m HCP CL3.** Purse EUR €17,000.

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1. **WINMAN IN GREY** - Disappointed last start but if he can find the form that saw him finish second at Toulouse two runs back he is in the mix.
2. **LA BRUXELLOISE** - Consistent mare who is generally about the mark. Good effort when second last start at Marseille Vivaux over 2600m. Respected.
3. **TARCENAY** - Better run last start when half a length adrift in second over 2150m at this track. Ready to win after a solid performance last time out.
4. **TCHUCKY CHOP** - Last start finished seventh over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie. Has recorded 6 victories from 68 starts. Well placed this time.
5. **TRUST ON HIM** - Has been struggling to find form including last start when 7 lengths from the winner in tenth over 2150m at this track. Others rate better.
6. **ASLAN SENORA** - Resumes after a lengthy break for a new trainer. Showed very little in his four starts last preparation. Prefer to see how he returns.
7. **PERFECT ROSE** - Last start finished fifth over 2150m at this track. Has recorded just 4 victories from 58 starts. Has ability.
8. **ANTINORI** - Well accounted for in both runs back from a break. Doubt she will do too much here.
9. **MORAL GAGNANT** - Has been plain of late including last start when well held over 1900m at Deauville AW. This looks a nice assignment.
10. **LADY VALOU** - Has recorded just one win from 30 career starts. Beaten 19 lengths when 14th last time over 1600m at Chantilly AW. Prepared to risk.
11. **CENIZA** - Offered little last start over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie. Makes no appeal.
12. **SYLVER SAMBA** - Has a poor strike rate and failed to improve on it last start when she finished tenth over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux. Among the place chances.
13. **BEB'S** - Not a prolific winner with just four victories from 43 starts. Last start finished fourth over 2150m at this track. Capable enough on his day and is one of the major players.
14. **SMART COOKIE** - Never looked like threatening over 2150m at this track at the latest appearance, beaten 13 lengths into 15th. Prepared to overlook.

**Summary:** TARCENAY (3) produced a decent effort when a 0.5L second tackling a Class Three handicap over course and distance nine days ago. Genuine hope in what looks a suitable affair. The fourth in that event BEB'S (13) shaped well and can play a major role with Maxime Guyon a positive booking. LA BRUXELLOISE (2) arrives following back-to-back seconds in handicap company on the AW at Marseille-Vivaux. Firmly in the mix. WINMAN IN GREY (1) would hold sound claims on his good second off this mark at Toulouse two starts ago.

**Selections**

**TARCENAY (3) - BEB'S (13) - LA BRUXELLOISE (2) - WINMAN IN GREY (1)**

## PAU [R-H] - 25 January

**Race 1 - PRIX DE THEZE - 2400m CL3.** Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **SHEHIYR** - Lines up for the first time since November 11. Form at the end of last prep was not flash, the most recent effort a 16th over 2400m at Toulouse. Might need a run or two.
2. **CAFE SAIGON** - Good fourth over 2400m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 7 lengths. Major player.
3. **PARABAK** - Fair effort two starts back at this track and distance when fifth, beaten 1.5 lengths. Couldn't repeat the dose last time when down the track at this track over 2400m. Must be considered.
4. **JAAFAR** - Last appeared six months ago when he finished 6 lengths from the winner in second over 2900m at Clairefontaine. Looks a key runner while fresh.
5. **QATAR RIVER** - Failed to feature last time over 2500m in Listed grade at Deauville AW when seventh, beaten 4 lengths. Will appreciate returning to this course where he has a win and a placing from three starts. Expected to improve sharply.
6. **QAISER** - Last appeared 17 months ago when he finished 0.8 lengths from the winner in second over 2800m at Deauville in Listed company. Expect a forward showing.
7. **JOHN LOCKE** - Unplaced at all three runs this prep, the latest when fourth over 3500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer two-and-a-half weeks ago. Hard to have.
8. **VITOR** - Recent form has been below par. Last start finished 32 lengths adrift in 12th over 2400m at Toulouse. Prefer others.
9. **CESAR JAGUEN** - Unraced gelding by Tiberius Caesar out of Bideeya. Keep safe.
10. **MOGILEVICH** - Continued his poor form first up last start when tenth over 2000m at this track. Looking elsewhere.

**Summary:** JAAFAR (4) has won twice and placed twice in just six starts. Smart prospect that remains open to any amount of further progression. Key player. QAISER (6) resumes from a lengthy absence. Placed in a Listed race when last seen however and looks a threat to all if fit on return. QATAR RIVER (5) was beaten 4L in the Listed Prix Arcangues. Drops in grade and has won here previously. Keep safe. CAFE SAIGON (2) is performing consistently well. Each way hope.

### Selections

**JAAFAR (4) - QAISER (6) - QATAR RIVER (5) - CAFE SAIGON (2)**