### PAU [R-H] - 05 February

### Race 1 - PRIX LOUIS-ALEXANDRE SERS - 4000m STPLE. Purse EUR €33,000.

- 1. **MENDELSOHN** Has been unable to get to the line at the last couple, including the most recent run when he fell in a steeplechase (3700m) at this track. Worth another chance.
- 2. **GIANICOLO** Returned from a layoff last time in a steeplechase (4700m) at this track, finishing fifth. That run was the first for the Fabien Lagarde stable. Has the ability.
- 3. **SOCRATE** Was returning from a 152-day layoff last start when he was pulled up in a steeplechase (3900m) at this track. Well placed now and pay to follow up.
- 4. **MANITOPARK** Going well this prep. Placed first-up two starts ago in a hurdle (3650m) at Mont-de-Marsan then filled a minor prize again last start in a steeplechase (4000m) at this track, beaten 11 lengths. Prospects look very bright.
- 5. **GARRIGOL** Two runs this prep have been moderate. Resumed with an unplaced effort in a hurdle (3600m) at Agen then finished fourth last time in a hurdle (3650m) at Mont-de-Marsan. Place hope.
- 6. **FOLK DU PECOS** Disappointing when sixth beaten 71 lengths in a hurdle at Toulouse at only run of last campaign before another break. Happy enough to avoid.
- 7. **GITANO** Genuine jumper who headed the market last time out but was pulled up in a steeplechase (4700m) at this track. A big rebound wouldn't surprise.
- 8. YLLICO Will start at long odds after two average efforts of late. Hard to enthuse today.

**Summary**: GITANO (7) was pulled up last time. Had won four consecutive starts previous to that however and remains the one to beat here. MANITOPARK (4) has placed on both outings this campaign. Now third up should be primed and is very easy to fancy. SOCRATE (3) weakened on reappearance. Likely just needed that run however and can do better now. Keep safe. GIANICOLO (2) has a good record at this journey. Potential threat to all.

**Selections** 

GITANO (7) - MANITOPARK (4) - SOCRATE (3) - GIANICOLO (2)

- 1. **PRINCE ANODIN** Bidding for a hat-trick of wins after scoring by 0.8 lengths over 2400m at this track on January 9. Going well and should prove hard to beat.
- 2. **LEXINGTON FORCE** Good effort last start when he finished third over 2000m at this track. Among the chances.
- 3. **GAHERIS** Back from a break of 12 weeks. Only raced twice last prep and was unplaced on both occasions, the most recent result a 14th over 2400m at Toulouse.
- 4. **MON OURAGAN** Resumes from a break of 11 weeks. Finished seventh at his most recent appearance over 2000m at this track. Has a strong record when fresh, claiming four wins from eight runs. Great chance.
- 5. **PORT ETIENNE** Finished second over 2400m in Listed grade at Craon at his latest appearance on September 6 2021. Looks a key runner.
- 6. **PORTOFINO** Resumes from a break of eight months. Finished fourth at his most recent appearance over 2300m at Dax. Has to be respected.
- 7. **EXTERIEUR** Comes here after finishing ninth last time at this track and trip, beaten 8 lengths. Happy to overlook.
- 8. **NUBIA** Ran a better race second up last time out when fourth over 2000m at this track. Fitter and ready to peak.

**Summary**: PRINCE ANODIN (1) is thriving at present. 0.75L winner here last time to make it two from two at this track. Top chance once more. MON OURAGAN (4) weakened on reappearance. Should improve significantly upon that. Keep safe. PORT ETIENNE (5) was beaten just 2.5L into second in a Craon Listed race when last seen. Key player on that form. LEXINGTON FORCE (2) placed on last two outings and does enjoy this journey. Each-way claims.

#### **Selections**

PRINCE ANODIN (1) - MON OURAGAN (4) - PORT ETIENNE (5) - LEXINGTON FORCE (2)

# Race 3 - PRIX ETALON GARY DU CHENET (PRIX LEON DARAN) - 3500m HDLE CL2. Purse EUR €38,000.

- 1. **JICA DE THAIX** Showed pleasing improvement last start when second in a hurdle (3500m) at this track. That followed an unplaced effort on debut in a flat AW race here. Can go right on with the job.
- 2. **PANAREA** Made a pleasing start to her career last start, filling a minor placing in a hurdle (3500m) at this track. Will be even better for the run and looks a key chance.
- 3. **JOURNEE DE REVE** After missing the frame at the first two runs after a break she improved nicely third-up when third in a hurdle (3500m) at this track. Well placed to find winning form.
- 4. **JETSEE** Fell on debut two starts back. Made amends to finish third in a hurdle (3500m) at this track last time out. Plenty of scope for further improvement.
- 5. **VOIX SAINTE** Was at long odds last time in a hurdle (3500m) at this track but failed to finish. Doesn't make much appeal.
- 6. **STAR OF JENNIFER** Pulled up on debut then pulled up most recently in a hurdle (3500m) at this track. Might find this a bit tough.
- 7. **JADE STONE** Filly by Joshua Tree out of Capstone. Daniela Mele trained debutant who profiles nicely. Market watch advised.
- 8. **TUTTI BELLA** Fell last time at this track on December 27. Rates well however and worth another try.

**Summary**: PANAREA (2) beaten just 0.5L here on debut. Showed a great attitude that day however and should only improve for that effort. May prove hard to beat second up. JICA DE THAIX (1) was beaten 0.75L at this track last time. Close to a win on that form and could make amends now. JOURNEE DE REVE (3) is steadily progressing. Each way player amongst this field. JETSEE (4) found the placings second up. Potential threat to all now.

Selections

PANAREA (2) - JICA DE THAIX (1) - JOURNEE DE REVE (3) - JETSEE (4)

- 1. **GAODIO** Last appeared three-and-a-half months ago when he finished 2 lengths from the winner in third over 1900m at Bordeaux. Did place first-up last prep at Bordeaux. Makes appeal.
- 2. **GRAND COURGEON** Debutant by Le Havre from the good race mare Hidden Cove who was a Listed winner on the track. Tough assignment.
- 3. **SANBER** Has ability and is racing well with four minor placings from six starts. Finished second at his most recent appearance over 2100m at Pornichet. In the mix.
- 4. **ALCATOSER** Lightly raced colt who was beaten 3.5 lengths into fourth last start over 2000m at this track. One of the chances.
- 5. **GOLDENSIM** Fair effort last start, beaten 2.25 lengths into third over 2000m at this track. Worth including.
- 6. **GRAND PRINCE** Has looked good in his two career starts, most recently scoring by a head over 2000m at this track. Key chance and expected to feature.

**Summary**: GAODIO (1) rates well in this field. Placed on reappearance at Bordeaux and should continue improving. Can prove hard to beat. GRAND PRINCE (6) represents a top yard. Showed a good attitude to hold rivals for a head success in maiden company here last time. This is tougher but worth holding safe once more. ALCATOSER (4) has run well at this track on last two starts. Easy to fancy returned here. GOLDENSIM (5) has been performing consistently well in four outings so far this campaign. Solid each way option.

#### **Selections**

GAODIO (1) - GRAND PRINCE (6) - ALCATOSER (4) - GOLDENSIM (5)

# Race 5 - PRIX ELAN BEARNAIS (PRIX JEAN ET RENE COUETIL) - 4100m P2P CL3. Purse EUR €31,000.

- 1. **ILLICO** Unplaced when resuming in a cross-country chase (4100m) at this track two runs ago. Comes here just 9 days after he made amends with a nose win in a steeplechase (3900m) at this course. Likely to figure once more.
- 2. **IVRESSE D'ESTRUVAL** Reliable type who was unplaced in a cross-country chase (4100m) at this track two starts back. Turned in a better effort last start when she scored in a cross-country chase (4100m) here by 4.5 lengths. Include.
- 3. **IRIDIA** Started favourite last start following a win in a cross-country chase (4100m) at this track but found one better when second in a cross-country chase (4100m) here. Can return to winning form.
- 4. **HIGH CROSS** Unplaced two starts ago in a cross-country chase (4100m) at this track then improved last time when fifth in a cross-country chase (4100m) here beaten 33 lengths. Big task ahead.
- 5. **JONCHOEUR DEBELAIR** Last start ran in a cross-country chase (4100m) at this track but was eased out of it. Capable enough and shouldn't be far away.
- 6. **DUCK'S BOUILLE** Unplaced two starts back in a cross-country chase (4100m) at this track then improved last time when fourth in a steeplechase (3900m) at this venue beaten 6 lengths. Worth including.
- 7. **GORVISKA** Finished a modest tenth in a cross-country chase (4100m) at this track last start. Unseated the rider two runs back. Looking elsewhere.
- 8. **IDEE ROCHELAISE** Finished a modest sixth in a cross-country chase (4100m) at this track last start. Looks to have the job ahead.
- 9. **EXTRABLEUCIEL** Unplaced two back in a cross-country chase (4100m) at this track then again missed out in a cross-country chase (4100m) here last time. Holds claims.
- 10. **SANTA CATALINA** Resuming after three months off and usually needs to race into fitness. Showed some promising signs towards the end of last preparation but needs to take another step forward.

**Summary**: ILLICO (1) showed a great attitude to hold rivals for a nose success last time. Switches to a cross country chase now but expected to go close once more. IVRESSE D'ESTRUVAL (2) powered clear for an impressive 4.5L victory last time. That made it four wins from last six starts and is clearly progressing rapidly. Keep safe. IRIDIA (3) has won and placed at this track recently. Expected to finish close up again. DUCK'S BOUILLE (6) has a good record in this sphere. Each way backers are advised to look closely.

#### Selections

ILLICO (1) - IVRESSE D'ESTRUVAL (2) - IRIDIA (3) - DUCK'S BOUILLE (6)

# Race 6 - PRIX PAU FOOTBALL CLUB (PRIX RENAUD DE TAUZIA) - 3900m STPLE CL3. Purse EUR €37,000.

- 1. **KENZO DU BRIZAIS** Finished a modest seventh in a hurdle (3500m) at this track last start. Looking elsewhere.
- 2. **NICE PRESAGE** Was most recently at the races three months ago. Closed the last campaign with a win (3400m) at Nimes, getting home by 8 lengths. Reliable jumper with two wins to her name from four appearances. Makes plenty of appeal.
- 3. **KING TO BE** Comes here nine days after a 14 length fifth first-up in a hurdle (3500m) at this track at just his second race-day appearance. Capable of a bold run.
- 4. **JAC JUMPER** Returning from a four months break. Has placed fresh before but seems a bit out of his depth here.
- 5. **INAYA JONES** Good on debut when successful in a hurdle (3500m) at this track last start. Shows promise and rates highly.
- 6. **JUTATHIR DU BREUIL** Didn't show a great deal on debut when pulled up at this track. Hard to enthuse off that effort.
- 7. **LE GRAND JOUR** Impressed when successful when resuming in a hurdle (3500m) at this track two back then finished seventh more recently in a hurdle (3500m) here beaten 49 lengths. In the mix if at best form.
- 8. **AELLE** Has won one of four career runs to date and is rarely far away. Was in a steeplechase (3900m) at this track last time and beaten 11 lengths into third. Expected to measure up.
- 9. **BULLE BLEUE** Unplaced two back in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil. Filled a minor prize last time in a much better performance in a steeplechase (3700m) at this track, beaten 17 lengths. Certainly worth another chance.

**Summary**: NICE PRESAGE (2) has powered clear for impressive wide margin victories at Castera-Verduzan and Nimes on last two starts. Hard to oppose following those wins. INAYA JONES (5) gamely held rivals for a nose success at this course on debut. Looks a smart prospect and holds a big chance. AELLE (8) placed at this track second up. Should now improve further. Each way player. LE GRAND JOUR (7) disappointed last time. Drops in grade though and may now re-find form. Potential threat to all.

#### **Selections**

NICE PRESAGE (2) - INAYA JONES (5) - AELLE (8) - LE GRAND JOUR (7)

#### Race 7 - PRIX SECTION PALOISE (PRIX DE BEUSTE) - 1600m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €21,000.

- 1. **EL TORERO** Good effort last start when he finished a close second at this track over 1600m. Leading prospect.
- 2. **GRAND BALCON** Hard to fault this campaign and is yet to miss the placings from three starts, the latest a good third over 2000m at this track. Doesn't need to improve a great deal to take this out.
- 3. **DON FALCO** Scored two starts back at this track before finishing 1.4 lengths from the winner in fourth last time over 1600m at this track. Key runner.
- 4. **VALINA** Has a poor strike rate and failed to improve on it last start when she finished ninth over 2000m at this track. Others make more appeal.
- 5. **MISS COSY** Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 8 lengths into seventh over 1400m at this track. Strips fitter and expected to figure prominently.
- 6. **RAFALE** Returned from a spell with fair effort last start when sixth, beaten 3 lengths at this track over 1400m. Others are preferred.
- 7. **ATLANTIGO** Form either side of a break has been underwhelming. Resumed last start and was beaten 14 lengths over 1400m at this track. Expect he'll find this too tough.
- 8. **EDIFIANT** Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a sixth over 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer two weeks ago. Expect he will make amends.
- 9. **TITE NANA** Closing in on a win, hitting the frame for the first time last start when third over 1600m at this track. Worth including on latest run.

**Summary**: EL TORERO (1) was beaten just 0.75L over course and distance last time. Close to a win on that form and may now make amends. GRAND BALCON (2) has placed on all three starts this campaign. With a top yard and set to give another bold showing. DON FALCO (3) impressed when a 1.75L winner at this venue two starts ago. Creditable effort since and may yet progress further. Shortlisted. TITE NANA (9) found the placings second up. Should now be primed. Potential threat to all.

#### **Selections**

EL TORERO (1) - GRAND BALCON (2) - DON FALCO (3) - TITE NANA (9)

# Race 8 - PRIX BILLERE HANDBALL (PRIX DE LOUVIE-SOUBIRON) - 2000m CL3. Purse EUR €18,000.

- 1. **TRITON** Performed well on both starts when brought over to France previously. Finished fourth at his most recent appearance over 2400m at Saint-Cloud. Shortlisted.
- 2. **GRAN BELGA** Has a record of three wins and four placings from ten starts in native Spain. Won at Dos Hermanas over 2200m when last seen. Very interesting brought over for this.
- 3. **LORDRECORD** Placed two starts back at this track but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 2000m here last time. Tough to beat on best form. Can atone.
- 4. **HARIASA** Resumes today after a successful preparation, winning four times from 25 starts. At the latest outing she finished 11th over 1900m at Bordeaux on November 20. Likely improver.
- 5. **FEELIN LUCKY** Below her best last time when sixth over 2000m at this track after a win here over this trip two back. Safely held.
- 6. **LIYANN** Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a sixth over 1400m at this track five weeks ago. Can turn things around.
- 7. **MOGILEVICH** Struggling to find his best form of late. Last raced when 21 lengths back in ninth over 2400m at this track a week-and-a-half ago. Outclassed again.
- 8. **WAGGAD** Last start was back on August 4 2021 when fourth over 1400m at Clairefontaine. Has since switched stables. A bright start to the campaign looks on the cards.
- 9. **DEGRACEETDELUMIERE** Unraced filly by Tin Horse out of Back Nelly. Prepared to watch this time.
- 10. **BABY CAT DU POUEY** Filly by Cat Junior from Babylone Bellevue on debut. Market watch advised.
- 11. **LADY MONTAIGU** Unwanted in betting at her last couple of outings and has performed accordingly. Hard to enthuse.
- 12. **LAUPER** Unfancied on sole previous start in France but shaped promisingly to finish fourth at La Teste. This is tougher however and more is required here.

**Summary**: LIYANN (6) runs third up and should now be primed. Not been at best recently but backform includes very good efforts in group company. Top chance on best form. TRITON (1) has performed well in Class One company on both previous starts in France. This is easier so look to keep safe. LORDRECORD (3) rates highly on form of a 2L third here two starts ago. Key player on that effort. GRAN BELGA (2) is a smart performer in native Spain. Threat to all brought over for this.

#### **Selections**

LIYANN (6) - TRITON (1) - LORDRECORD (3) - GRAN BELGA (2)

# Race 9 - 136EME GRAND PRIX DE PAU - BIRABEN FOIE GRAS (PRIX ANDRE LABAR - 5300m STPLE. Purse EUR €154,000.

- 1. **LA DANZA** Filled a minor placing two runs ago in a G3 hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil. Repeated the dose last time when third in Listed Prix Bernard De Dufau steeplechase (4700m) at this track, beaten 5.5 lengths. Rates well and easy to fancy.
- 2. **MAGRUDY** Weakened in the G2 Prix Georges Courtois steeplechase at Auteuil when last seen. Given mini break since but goes well fresh and can factor on return.
- 3. **HISPANIC MOON** Did a reasonable job when second in a G3 hurdle (3600m) at Compiegne two runs back. Game effort when 0.5L winner here last time and may yet improve further. Interesting.
- 4. **GARDONS** LE SOURIRE Won Listed race three starts back but has failed to build upon that in two subsequent starts. Interesting if now able to do so.
- 5. **YOUTWO GLASS** Has now won five races from 12 jumps starts. Impressive 3L scorer of the Listed Prix Bernard De Defau steeplechase and held some of these on that running. Extra distance no concern. Keep safe.
- 6. **BANDERO** Impressed when he scored two runs ago in a steeplechase (4000m) at this track. Did a good job to finish third more recently in a steeplechase (4000m) here beaten just 3 lengths. Might find this too tough.
- 7. **GALLOX** Resumed in great form. Won both starts this campaign and whilst now jumping in grade he may be able to factor.
- 8. **METASEQUOIA** Progressed with each start so far this campaign. Work to do to reverse form with Youtwo Glass whom he was behind last time.
- 9. **EDDY DE BALME** Denied by just a head in G2 Prix Georges Courtois steeplechase second up. Can improve further and this looks easier now. Leading chance.
- 10. **LORD DRAGON** Finished sixth two runs ago in a hurdle (4000m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer then could only manage eighth most recently in a steeplechase (4000m) at this track. This looks too tough.

**Summary**: EDDY DE BALME (9) sets the form standard having been beaten just a head in G2 company last time. The clear one to beat eased in grade. YOUTWO GLASS (5) is another with big claims. He has won last two starts including a Listed race last time. Look to keep safe. LA DANZA (1) has placed on last two outings. Consistent performer at this level and is easy to fancy. HISPANIC MOON (3) is a threat to all following a confidence boosting success here.

#### **Selections**

EDDY DE BALME (9) - YOUTWO GLASS (5) - LA DANZA (1) - HISPANIC MOON (3)

- 1. **YO** Failed to complete the course two starts back. Finished fifth last time, beaten 7 lengths in a hurdle (3800m) at this track. Looking elsewhere.
- 2. **JOHN LOCKE** Unplaced two back in a hurdle (3500m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Went to the flat more recently and missed again when fifth over 2400m on the AW here. Hard to fault on his best jumps form.
- 3. **RASANGO** Clocked-in second two runs ago in a hurdle (4000m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Repeated the dose last time when third in a hurdle (3800m) at this track, beaten 1.75 lengths. Prospects look very bright.
- 4. **DANSE AVEC JERSEY** Found the frame two back in a hurdle (3800m) at this track then could only manage ninth last time in a hurdle (3800m) at this track, beaten 40 lengths. Likely to figure on his best form.
- 5. **EMZO** Was at long odds last time in a steeplechase (3700m) at this track but failed to finish. Others rate better.
- 6. **HABANERO** Fell two starts back. Finished fourth last time, beaten 9 lengths in a hurdle (3500m) at this track. Big task ahead.
- 7. **ROYAL DEVIL** Failed to complete the course two starts back. Finished fourth last time, beaten 25 lengths in a hurdle (3800m) at this track. Confidence looks to be down.
- 8. **CAPIVARI** Finished a modest seventh in a hurdle (3500m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer last start. Must be given another chance.
- 9. **HOLBOL** Still a maiden but continues to make progress, last time out finishing third in a hurdle (3650m) at Mont-de-Marsan. Rates well on best form.
- 10. **HEXTRAWEL DU PORTO** Was unplaced two back in a steeplechase (3500m) at Auteuil then again missed out in a steeplechase (3700m) at this track last time. Likely to figure on her best figures.
- 11. **DISCO MOME** Fluctuating fortunes of late. Two starts back found a couple better in a steeplechase (3850m) at Craon. Things fell apart last start when pulled up in a hurdle (3800m) at this track. All set to bounce back.
- 12. **HERMES DES SOURCES** Unseated the rider two starts back. Made amends and wasn't beaten far when second in a hurdle (3500m) at this track last time. In the mix on best form.

**Summary**: RASANGO (3) has placed on four of last five starts and looks overdue a victory. Expect another bold showing. DISCO MOME (11) has placed at this journey previously. Pulled up tackling a competitive affair last time but worth another chance here. HEXTRAWEL DU PORTO (10) was notably well supported for similar contest last time. Just missed the placings that day but clearly felts capable of better. Interesting should the money come once more. DANSE AVEC JERSEY (4) disappointed last time. Best form this campaign however includes a creditable effort in Listed company. Threat to all if near best.

#### **Selections**

RASANGO (3) - DISCO MOME (11) - HEXTRAWEL DU PORTO (10) - DANSE AVEC JERSEY (4)

- 1. **CORIMBO** Has two wins and six placings from 18 career starts. Finished closer last time when second at this track. Expected to go close on best form.
- 2. **ALMERIAC** Has been well below her best for a long time now and hasn't won in 13 months. Last appeared when 11th over 2400m at this track, beaten 13 lengths. Out of her depth.
- 3. **MYTH STYLE** Has been out of the money recently including last start when sixth over 2000m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 5.5 lengths. Hard to have.
- 4. **LAMORNA COVE** Fitter for recent racing and looks close to a win after finishing fifth over 1600m at this track last time. Should measure up.
- 5. **KING'S CAPRICE** Back from a break of 11 weeks. Form at the end of last prep was not flash, the most recent effort a sixth over 1200m at Nimes. Others make more appeal.
- 6. **ASSIER** Has been plain of late including last start when well held over 1600m at this track. Rates well this time so expect sharp improvement.
- 7. **PRINCESSE CHARLINE** Well held last start when tenth over 2000m at this track to continue a run of plain efforts. Prepared to risk on recent form.
- 8. **SCRAT** Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a fourth over 2000m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago. Hard to beat on her best form.
- 9. **STADE VELODROME** Veteran gelding who has been well held at the last couple starts, the latest when beaten 6 lengths into sixth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather.
- 10. **L'ARCHET** Was beaten just a nose when second at his latest appearance at this track over 2000m. Tough to beat.
- 11. **BECQUANON** Has not been racing well lately, the latest effort a 12th and beaten 6 lengths over 2000m at this track. Needs to do more.
- 12. **LEVANT** Missed the frame two back when 11th at this track but turned in a better effort last time to finish in the money over 2000m at this track. Bold showing expected.
- 13. **A GIBRALTAR** Comes here after finishing 16th last time at this track and trip, beaten 26 lengths. Top-three candidate on best form.
- 14. **COCOA** In the money two starts back at this track but couldn't back that up when unplaced over 2000m at this track last time. Best form stacks up nicely and deserves another chance.
- 15. **KUKO** Has been in the market but safely held at his last couple of starts, the latest when fifth over 2000m at this track. In the mix.
- 16. **LORNA CHOPE** Looks tested again after some poor recent form, the latest when 44 lengths ad rift in 13th over 2000m at this track.

**Summary**: L'ARCHET (10) was denied by just a nose here last time. Could not have come any closer to a victory than that and rates as the one to beat now. CORIMBO (1) has found the placings on last two starts. Easy to fancy in current form. LEVANT (12) stayed on for a strong 2.5L second at this venue. Can build upon that so look to keep safe. SCRAT (8) runs third up and looks set to take a step forward now. Each way player.

#### **Selections**

**L'ARCHET** (10) - **CORIMBO** (1) - **LEVANT** (12) - **SCRAT** (8)