

# PAU - 08 January

## Race 1

1. **AZUR AS WELL** - Completed a double when winning a claimer over 1400m at Toulouse (very heavy) by a nose last month. Top chance.
2. **BELLA FLORIDA** - Held 11L eighth in a 1700m maiden at Pornichet when debuting last month. Others make more appeal.
3. **MORWENE** - Decent 3L sixth in a 1300m AW conditions race at Deauville end of November. Bold show expected back in a claimer.
4. **MADIDINA** - Unraced Manduro filly. Likely to improve for the experience.
5. **FALADO** - Returning from a break when 13L seventh in a 1600m maiden here 19 days ago. Step forward required.
6. **REY** - Eighth both previous starts including when beaten 11L in a 2000m maiden here last month. Minor role likely.
7. **ORCHILLA PURPLE** - 9L eighth in a 1600m maiden at Toulouse (soft) in November. Others preferred.
8. **GIRLS CHOPE** - Off the track since a 6L fifth in a 1000m claimer at Longchamp (good-to-soft) start of July. Interesting.
9. **DESIRABLE** - Fair 7L fifth in a 1400m claimer at Toulouse (very heavy) just over a month ago. Claims on best form.
10. **CHARMING QUEEN** - Followed up a 1400m claimer success at Dax in August with a 1L second in a similar race over 1600m at Clairefontaine (soft) later that month. Leading contender.
11. **CLELIE** - 12L 12th in a 2000m claimer on good ground at Toulouse in November. Bold show expected dropping in trip.
12. **GOT SIM** - Held 17L tenth in a 2000m maiden here ten days ago. Minor role likely.
13. **LOVE AFFAIR** - Decent effort 4L fourth in a 1500m claimer at Pont-de-Vivieux in November. Interesting.

## Summary

AZUR AS WELL (1) may complete a hat-trick following two nose victories at Toulouse including a 1400m claimer on very heavy going. CHARMING QUEEN (10) can play a part in the finish first up having been beaten 1L second in a 1600m claimer at Clairefontaine. MORWENE (3) is noted having finished 3L sixth over 1300m conditions race at Deauville. CLELIE (11) warrants close consideration back down in trip having been running well prior to a 12L 12th in a 2000m claimer at Toulouse.

## Selections

**AZUR AS WELL (1) - CHARMING QUEEN (10) - MORWENE (3) - CLELIE (11)**

## Race 2

1. **VELDENI** - Fair 8L fourth in a 1600m maiden at this circuit 19 days ago. One to note.
2. **DAMON CHOP** - Faded when 9L 12th in a 1500m AW handicap at Deauville four weeks ago. Better expected back in a maiden.
3. **BOBBY** - Returning from a break when 5L third over 1600m here. Leading contender.
4. **ELUSIVE PICNIC** - Promising 7L fourth in a course and distance maiden when debuting here end of October. Notable contender.
5. **DEVKA** - Held 8L fifth in a 1600m maiden here last month. Claims if replicating debut third over the same trip at Toulouse in November.
6. **LA MIRANDE** - 9L sixth in a 1400m claimer at Toulouse (very heavy) just over a month ago. More needed.
7. **LITTLE BEBENOU** - Struggled both previous starts including 21L 11th in a 2000m maiden here ten days ago. Best watched.
8. **JA JA DING DONG** - 6L seventh in a 1500m newcomers AW event at Deauville in November. Others hold more obvious claims.
9. **SUN GAZING** - Struggled 15L ninth in a 1600m maiden at Toulouse (good-to-soft) on debut in October. Others make more appeal.
10. **MOON TRAOU LAND** - Promising 5L fifth in a course and distance maiden on debut last month. Interesting.
11. **ROSA PARKS** - 10L ninth in a 1200m event at Nimes when debuting in November. Others make more appeal.

### Summary

BOBBY (3) may play a role in the finish following a 5L third in a 1400m maiden at this circuit. DAMON CHOP (2) enters equations having shown good form in maiden company prior to a disappointing 9L 12th in a 1500m handicap here. ELUSIVE PICNIC (4) demonstrated ability when 7L fourth in a course and distance maiden on debut. Could register a big effort. VELDENI (1) is considered down in distance having produced a 8L fourth over 1600m maiden at this track.

### Selections

**BOBBY (3) - DAMON CHOP (2) - ELUSIVE PICNIC (4) - VELDENI (1)**

### Race 3

1. **AURPAIR** - Pulled up in a 3500m hurdle at Auteuil (heavy) when debuting last March. Better expected.
2. **OHLESFILLES** - Struggled 59L eighth in a 3600m hurdle at Agen (good) in November. Others preferred.
3. **HARDI BLUE TROIS** - Pulled up in a 3600m chase on very heavy going at Auteuil five weeks ago. Strong claims having shown good form previously.
4. **GLORIAMINH LANLORE** - Pulled up in a 3700m chase on heavy ground here last month. Others make more appeal.
5. **CHIC PARKER** - Fair 23L fourth in a 3700m chase on soft going here four weeks ago. Interesting.
6. **BLACK FIRST** - Struggled 62L seventh in a 3700m chase on heavy ground here last month. Claims on earlier hurdle form.

### Summary

HARDI BLUE TROIS (3) can leave behind a disappointing pulled up effort in a 3600m chase at Auteuil and prove hard to beat on third start over fences. CHIC PARKER (5) might be involved in the finish following a 23L fourth in a 3700m chase at this circuit. AURPAIR (1) is capable of better than he showed when pulled up in an Auteuil hurdle on debut. BLACK FIRST (6) can be considered despite a seventh in a 3700m chase here.

### Selections

**HARDI BLUE TROIS (3) - CHIC PARKER (5) - AURPAIR (1) - BLACK FIRST (6)**

## Race 4

1. **SERKIYNA** - Absent since a 10L seventh in a 1600m conditions race at Marseilles-Borely (good) in September. Interesting.
2. **DESIGNED SURVIVOR** - Returning from a break when 11L sixth in a 1600m conditions race here in November. Step forward expected second up.
3. **CHOP VAL** - 30L 12th in a handicap over 1600m at Toulouse (heavy) last month. Claims on best form.
4. **PREMIERE NATION** - Runner-up last three starts including when beaten 1.5L over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie last month. Top chance.
5. **GIMS** - Fair 4L sixth in a 1600m handicap at Toulouse (heavy) last month. Making his AW debut.
6. **SALLY JANE** - Decent 2.25L third in a 1600m contest on rain-softened going at Toulouse last month. Interesting switched to the AW.
7. **VISIR IZNOGUD** - Completed a Toulouse double when victorious by 2L over 1200m on heavy ground 25 days ago. Notable runner up in distance.
8. **NUIT D'ALIENOR** - First start back from a break when 9L seventh over 1400m at Toulouse a month ago. Others make more appeal.
9. **ROCK CHOP** - Good 2L sixth in a 1500m AW handicap at Deauville start of last month. Bold show expected.
10. **BASSIM** - Given a break since a 19L eighth in a 1200m handicap at Dax (very heavy) in October. Others preferred.
11. **HALLOWED SONG** - 3L ninth in a 1500m AW handicap at Deauville start of last month. Better expected.
12. **CHAMAILLE** - Returning from a break having been beaten 10L seventh over 1300m at Longchamp (heavy) in October when last in action.
13. **DJANNABI** - Disappointing 13L last of nine in a 1500m claimer at Pont-de-Vivieux last month. Others hold more obvious claims.
14. **COVADONGA'S LAKES** - 15 race maiden finished a fair 6L eighth in a 1200m handicap at this track in November. Interesting up in trip.

### Summary

PREMIERE NATION (4) looks up to playing a leading role following a 1.5L second over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. ROCK CHOP (9) may play a part in the finish having been beaten 2L sixth in a 1500m handicap at Deauville. VISIR IZNOGUD (7) is chasing a hat-trick. Considered after a 2L triumph in a 1200m heavy ground handicap at Toulouse. DESIGNED SURVIVOR (2) is expected to take a step forward second up following 11L sixth over 1600m in a conditions race at this circuit.

### Selections

**PREMIERE NATION (4) - ROCK CHOP (9) - VISIR IZNOGUD (7) - DESIGNED SURVIVOR (2)**

## Race 5

1. **ROYAL CAYMAN** - Promising 7L third in a 3500m newcomers hurdle on very heavy ground here last month. Notable contender.
2. **STAR OF DESTINY** - Held 21L seventh in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy going here last month. Claims on hurdling debut third at Nantes prior.
3. **HALDO** - Fair 7L eighth in a 3200m maiden at Le Croise-Laroche (soft) in November. Interesting on debut over jumps.
4. **AKTEUR** - Decent 11L fourth in a newcomers hurdle over 3500m on very heavy ground here 19 days ago. Bold show expected.
5. **IL RIDOTO** - Couple of decent efforts over hurdles including 9L sixth in a 3550m event at Fontainebleau (soft) in October. One to note.
6. **FUNWAY** - Pulled up in a 3500m newcomers hurdle on very heavy ground here last month. Best watched.
7. **SPUTNIK** - Unraced Orpen gelding. Likely to improve for the experience.
8. **BLOODSTIC** - Stepped up on debut effort when 9L third to a subsequent winner in a 3500m claiming hurdle on very heavy ground at Auteuil last month. Interesting.
9. **GIMMICK** - Faded when 16L sixth in a 3500m newcomers hurdle here last month. Improvement required.
10. **HYGHLINER GREAT** - 23L eighth in a 3500m newcomers hurdle on heavy ground here a month ago. Likely capable of better.
11. **PACHAS** - Unraced Rail Link gelding. Interesting.
12. **MANVOLT** - Placed on the Flat and showed ability when 14L fifth in a 3500m newcomers hurdle on very heavy ground here last month. Open to improvement.
13. **PAMPACRET** - Unraced Secret Singer gelding. Likely to improve for the experience.

### Summary

AKTEUR (4) showed ability when 11L fourth in a 3500m newcomers hurdle here on debut. May have a hand in the finish. ROYAL CAYMAN (1) is considered following a 7L third in a 3500m debutantes hurdle on very heavy going at this track. IL RIDOTO (5) can take a step forward on the back of a 9L sixth over 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau. BLOODSTIC (8) holds claims having produced a 9L third in a 3500m claiming hurdle at Auteuil.

### Selections

**AKTEUR (4) - ROYAL CAYMAN (1) - IL RIDOTO (5) - BLOODSTIC (8)**

## Race 6

1. **BRANLE BAS** - Held 21L sixth in a 4700m event at Compiègne (very heavy) in October. Notable contender on return.
2. **ENERGIE DES OBEAUX** - Below par 24L ninth in a competitive 4100m race on heavy ground here a month ago. Others preferred.
3. **FAYAS** - Unseated rider in a 4100m race on very heavy ground here 15 days ago. Interesting second up.
4. **GRIS MINOIS** - Decent effort 5L fourth in a 5200m event at Granville (good) in August last year. Likely to improve for the run.
5. **CALIF D'OUDAIRES** - Decent 16L third in a soft ground 5200m event at Lyon-Parilly in November. One to note.
6. **VLO D'ARSA** - Failed to finish all four starts this spell including when pulled up here two most recent outings. Others make more appeal.
7. **DOULOS** - Nose second in a 4100m hurdle on very heavy ground at Angers four weeks ago. Interesting on return to cross-country.
8. **ELDORADO DE KERSER** - Fair 14L fifth in a 4100m event at this track just over two weeks ago. Leading contender.
9. **EMIRA DU GOUET** - Held 32L ninth over 4100m on very heavy going at this circuit last month. Step forward required.
10. **DAME SACRE** - Good 4L third in a 4200m contest on good going at Agen end of November. Likely to find this tougher.
11. **EAU DE VIE SIVOLA** - Put a fall behind her when a neck second in a 4500m event at Nancy (soft) in November. Bold show expected.
12. **POST SCRIPTUM** - Unseated rider in a heavy ground 4100m event here a month ago. Improvement required.

### Summary

ELDORADO DE KERSER (8) may have a hand in the finish following a 14L fifth in a 4100m event on very heavy going at this track. EAU DE VIE SIVOLA (11) makes the shortlist. Produced a neck second over 4500m on soft going at Nancy. BRANLE BAS (1) won here previously and can register a big effort after a 21L sixth in a 4700m very heavy ground contest at Compiègne. DOULOS (7) also warrants consideration having been beaten 14L fifth over 4100m here.

### Selections

**ELDORADO DE KERSER (8) - EAU DE VIE SIVOLA (11) - BRANLE BAS (1) - DOULOS (7)**

## Race 7

1. **BENSONN** - Pulled up in a 3500m hurdle on heavy ground here when debuting last month. Others preferred.
2. **POURQUOIPAS ROBERT** - Unraced Whipper gelding. Interesting for a leading stable.
3. **MARK NOVA** - Held 33L sixth in a 3400m chase on heavy ground here a month ago. Needs to put that effort behind.
4. **HONOR DE CAVALIERA** - Pulled up twice over hurdles at this circuit last month. Others preferred.
5. **BELCASTEL** - Pulled up in a 3900m chase on heavy going here ten days ago. More needed.
6. **BOUMKILA** - Returning from a break when pulled up in a 3400m chase on very heavy ground here last month. Others make more appeal.
7. **OUESSANT** - 32L ninth in a 3400m chase on very heavy ground last month. Likely to have improved for that experience.
8. **POPLAR SQUARE** - Pulled up two most recent starts including in a 3500m hurdle on heavy going here ten days ago. Capable of better.
9. **COLOSSE** - Good 3L third in a 3500m hurdle at Strasbourg (soft) when debuting in October. Strong claims despite pulling up in a 3400m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly (soft) since.
10. **GREATEST MISSES** - 19L fourth in a 3300m claiming hurdle on very heavy ground here 15 days ago. Others preferred.
11. **NOUVEAU MONDE** - Returning from a break when pulled up in a 3400m chase on very heavy ground here last month. Improvement needed.
12. **VERTI LOU** - Put a fall behind when 12L fifth in a 3400m chase at Nimes (good) in November. Interesting.
13. **LA VIERGE DE FER** - Pulled up both previous starts including in a 3300m claiming hurdle on very heavy going here 15 days ago.
14. **MIRABELLAS** - Failed to finish two most recent starts including when pulled up in a heavy ground chase over 3400m here a month ago.
15. **AMSSETOU** - Held 37L sixth in a 3300m claiming hurdle on very heavy going on debut 15 days ago. Minor role likely.
16. **GAMPARK** - Pulled up in a 3900m chase on heavy ground here ten days ago. Others hold more obvious claims.

### Summary

COLOSSE (9) may leave behind a Lyon-Parilly disappointment having produced a 3L third in a 3500m hurdle at Strasbourg on debut prior. OUESSANT (7) can be considered with improvement likely following a 32L ninth in a 3400m newcomers chase on very heavy going here. MARK NOVA (3) finished 33L sixth over 3400m chase at this venue. Step forward looks likely. Whipper gelding POURQUOIPAS ROBERT (2) warrants thought on first start representing top stable.

### Selections

**COLOSSE (9) - OUESSANT (7) - MARK NOVA (3) - POURQUOIPAS ROBERT (2)**

## Race 8

1. **ELLIPSE** - Placed all three starts this spell including 12L third in a 3800m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) in November. Bold show expected.
2. **FAMOUS D'OR** - Held 25L sixth in a 3800m hurdle at Angers (very heavy) last month. Needs to put that effort behind.
3. **FEZ** - Pulled up in a 3800m hurdle on very heavy ground at Angers last month. Strong claims on earlier efforts.
4. **PANIS MOON** - 13L fourth in a 4100m hurdle at Angers (very heavy) four weeks ago. Notable contender.
5. **JUST MOVE ON** - Absent since a 9L third in a 4000m chase at Durtal (heavy) start of November. Interesting.
6. **GEMOHIO** - Pulled up in a 3500m hurdle here last month. Interesting if putting that effort behind.
7. **SAINTLY QUEEN** - Returning from a break when pulled up in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy ground here last month. Better expected second up.
8. **L'HEURE DU CRIME** - Twice a winner this spell including by 5L in a 3800m handicap chase at Nimes (soft) in November. One to note.
9. **LA ROSSA** - Decent 11L fourth in a 3500m hurdle at Toulouse (good) in March 2019. Others preferred on return from a lengthy absence.
10. **LA RUFFIACOISE** - 10L fourth in a 2200m Flat race at Cazaubon in August 2019. Best watched on return to hurdling.
11. **DARARELLE** - Absent since winning by 1L in a 4600m cross-country race at Rostrenen (heavy) in June 2019. Others hold more obvious claims.
12. **L'IMPROBABLE** - 20L seventh in a 2300m claimer at Durtal (heavy) in November. Interesting on debut over hurdles.
13. **MILANESCA** - Good 2L second in a 3900m chase on very heavy ground here 19 days ago. Leading contender.
14. **HANOI HILTON** - Debut winner here in December 2019 but struggled 63L seventh in a 3500m hurdle on heavy ground here last month. Better expected.
15. **GALATEE DES BORDES** - Pulled up in a 3600m hurdle on soft ground at Auteuil when debuting in September. Improvement required.

### Summary

MILANESCA (13) may prove hard to beat following a 2L second in a 3900m chase on very heavy going here. ELLIPSE (1) warrants thought after a 12L third in a 3800m hurdle at Fontainebleau. FEZ (3) can leave behind a pulled up effort on very heavy going over 3800m at Angers. Produced good placed form prior. Multiple course winner PANIS MOON (4) is another of note having been beaten 13L fourth over 4100m hurdle at Angers.

### Selections

**MILANESCA (13) - ELLIPSE (1) - FEZ (3) - PANIS MOON (4)**