

## PAU - 09 February

### Race 1

1. **HEROS DES MERS** - Good 2L second in a 3700m chase on soft ground here 19 days ago. Bold show expected.
2. **HETRE ROUGE** - Victorious by 1L in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy going at this venue three weeks ago. Strong claims on return to chasing.
3. **HARDEQARDE** - Sixth both starts this spell including when beaten 19L over 3700m here last month. Others preferred.
4. **HYALIN DE KERZA** - Fair 13L fifth in a 3700m chase on soft going here last month. Others hold more obvious claims.
5. **HILLICO** - Unseated rider in a 3700m contest on debut over fences at this venue 19 days ago. Better expected.
6. **HO LA LA FOREZ** - Promising 13L fifth in a heavy ground hurdle over 3500m when debuting here five weeks ago. Open to improvement.
7. **HYSTRION** - Faded 30L ninth in a 3500m hurdle on heavy going when debuting here early last month. More needed.

### Summary

HEROS DES MERS (1) may go one better than when 2L second in a 3700m chase on soft going here. Include. HETRE ROUGE (2) might have hand in the finish switching to fences. Won a 3500m hurdle by 1L on very heavy going at this venue. HILLICO (5) is considered despite unseating on debut tackling fences at this track. HO LA LA FOREZ (6) can take a step forward having been beaten 13L fifth in a 3500m hurdle here on debut.

### Selections

**HEROS DES MERS (1) - HETRE ROUGE (2) - HILLICO (5) - HO LA LA FOREZ (6)**

## Race 2

1. **FIRA** - Dual Flat winner is unbeaten in two starts over hurdles including when victorious by 20L over 3500m on heavy ground here end of December. Hard to beat.
2. **HONNEUR A ESTIVAUX** - Stepped up on debut effort when winning by 6L in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy ground here three weeks ago. Strong claims.
3. **HAPPYDREAM LALANDE** - 77L seventh over 3500m on very heavy ground here last month. Others hold more obvious claims.
4. **HAKIM D'AIRY** - Making his debut when pulled up in a 3500m hurdle on heavy ground here end of December. Best watched.
5. **HAVANE ARISTO** - Failed to finish when contesting a 3500m hurdle on very heavy ground here last month. Improvement needed on second career start.
6. **LINE DE VERDUN** - Showed ability on first three starts over hurdles but pulled up in a heavy ground 3500m event here end of December. Needs to put that effort behind.
7. **OTAKELANDE** - Held 47L sixth in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy ground here three weeks ago. Minor role likely.
8. **HIREINE DE LAGARDE** - Fair 17L fifth in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy ground when debuting over obstacles last month. Likely to have improved.

### Summary

FIRA (1) impressed when winning by 20L at this course and distance on heavy ground. Likely to prove hard to beat. HONNEUR A ESTIVAUX (2) registered a 6L victory in a track and trip event on very heavy going. Could have a hand in the finish. HIREINE DE LAGARDE (8) looks capable of better than she showed when 17L fifth over 3500m making hurdling debut here. LINE DE VERDUN (6) is considered. Demonstrated ability in three hurdle starts prior to pulling up at this venue.

### Selections

**FIRA (1) - HONNEUR A ESTIVAUX (2) - HIREINE DE LAGARDE (8) - LINE DE VERDUN (6)**

### Race 3

1. **IL RIDOTO** - Returning from a break when winning by 6L over 3500m on very heavy ground here a month ago. Leading contender on handicap debut.
2. **PRINCE DES VALOIS** - Placed on all four starts this spell including 2L second over 3500m on heavy going here six weeks ago. Strong claims on first handicap start.
3. **SKINAYAN** - Fell two out in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy going here in December. Better expected switched to a handicap.
4. **DUR COMME FER** - Pulled up in a 3900m chase on very heavy ground here in December. Claims on his return to hurdling.
5. **TABALLERA** - Fair 20L second in a 3300m claiming hurdle here last month. Notable contender.
6. **MISTER DINO** - Pulled up in a 3900m chase on heavy ground here three weeks ago. Likely capable of better on return to hurdles.
7. **HISATYS** - Victorious by 12L in a 3700m claiming chase on heavy ground when making chase debut here 13 days ago. Interesting reverting to hurdles.
8. **HARMONIE ROQUE** - Runner-up twice over hurdles prior to a fall in a 3700m chase on heavy ground here ten days ago. One to note.
9. **CUVEE DU GOLFE** - Held 26L fourth in a 3300m claiming hurdle on heavy ground here last month. Improvement required.
10. **GET'EM GRAYCE** - Fell four out in a 3500m hurdle on soft ground here 19 days ago. Others make more appeal.

### Summary

PRINCE DES VALOIS (2) produced a 2L second in a 3500m hurdle on heavy ground here. May deliver a big effort on handicap debut. IL RIDOTO (1) is considered following an impressive 6L success in a very heavy ground 3500m hurdle at this venue. SKINAYAN (3) may leave behind a fall at this track two out in a 3500m hurdle. Switches to a handicap representing leading stable could help. TABALLERA (5) makes the shortlist with blinkers applied for the first time following a 20L runner up in a 3300m claiming hurdle at this circuit.

### Selections

**PRINCE DES VALOIS (2) - IL RIDOTO (1) - SKINAYAN (3) - TABALLERA (5)**

## Race 4

1. **SAINT GODEFROY** - Completed a double when winning by 2L over this course and distance on soft ground 19 days ago. Leading contender.
2. **GARETH DE LARACHI** - Successful over 4700m here penultimate start but fell in a soft ground cross country chase at this course and distance since. Bold show expected.
3. **FEELING FAST** - Good 2L second in a soft ground course and distance cross country chase three weeks ago. Strong claims.
4. **OTCHOA ROUGE** - Making his cross-country debut when delivering a 1L victory in a course and distance event on heavy ground 16 days ago. Notable runner.
5. **GORDON PYM** - Held 24L fourth in a course and distance cross country chase on heavy ground here last month. Capable of better.
6. **GOLDCHOP** - Below par 30L fifth over this course and distance on heavy ground 16 days ago. Best watched.
7. **GALCOFLAUR** - Put a couple of non-completions behind when 1L second on heavy ground at this course and distance last month. Top chance.
8. **FIGUE** - Beaten 10L when placed third at this course and distance on heavy going 16 days ago. Interesting contender.
9. **FREE ALLEN** - Decent effort 9L third in a course and distance cross country chase on soft ground here three weeks ago. Step forward required.
10. **TOMBEE DU CIEL** - Pulled up at this course and distance on heavy ground when making her cross-country debut in December. Better expected.
11. **GRANDE SOEUR** - Unseated rider in a course and distance cross country chase on heavy ground last month. Minor role likely.

### Summary

SAINT GODEFROY (1) won twice at this course and distance including by 2L on soft going. Contender. GALCOFLAUR (7) was beaten 1L runner-up in a heavy ground track and trip cross country chase and can go one better. FEELING FAST (3) could have a hand in the finish having produced a 2L second over 4100m at this venue. GARETH DE LARACHI (2) is another to consider. Won by 4L here tackling this journey prior to a fall.

### Selections

**SAINT GODEFROY (1) - GALCOFLAUR (7) - FEELING FAST (3) -  
GARETH DE LARACHI (2)**

## Race 5

1. **PORTENTOSO** - Decent 8L fifth in a 3800m hurdle here 11 days ago. One to note.
2. **YO** - Good 1L second in a 3800m hurdle on heavy ground here 11 days ago. Notable contender.
3. **AFFOBURG** - Returning from a break when pulled up in heavy ground 3700m claiming chase here end of December. Capable of better.
4. **ETOURNEAU** - Absent since a 40L tenth in a 3900m hurdle at Saint-Malo in August last year. More needed.
5. **EMZO** - Faded 15L fifth in a 3800m hurdle on heavy going at this venue 11 days ago. Improvement needed.
6. **BOLID DU MATHAN** - Absent since a 10L third in a 3500m chase on very heavy ground at Auteuil in November. Strong claims.
7. **FENCES** - Pulled up in a heavy ground 3800m hurdle here 11 days ago. Others preferred.
8. **BON ANJOU** - Held 56L seventh in a 3500m claiming hurdle on very heavy ground here last month. Others make more appeal.
9. **BALLIVERRY** - 24L eighth in a 3800m claiming hurdle on very heavy going at this circuit in December. More needed.
10. **KING DE RAY** - Pulled up on two of his three starts this spell including in a 4000m handicap chase on very heavy ground here last month. Best watched.
11. **BIG BOWL** - Pulled up both starts since returning from over a year off including in a 3800m hurdle on very heavy ground here five weeks ago. Better expected.

### Summary

AFFOBURG (3) may leave behind a disappointing effort when pulled up over fences in a 3700m event. Can play a leading role returning to hurdles. BOLID DU MATHAN (6) makes the shortlist following a 10L third in a 3500m chase on very heavy ground at Auteuil. YO (2) can be in the mix having been beaten 1L second in a 3800m hurdle here. Hailing from a top yard is BIG BOWL (11) who is expected to fare better with Kevin Nabet in the saddle.

### Selections

**AFFOBURG (3) - BOLID DU MATHAN (6) - YO (2) - BIG BOWL (11)**

## Race 6

1. **LE LUDE** - Fell at the last in a 3900m chase on very heavy ground here in December. Capable of better.
2. **GALOP DU LARGE** - Runner-up two most recent starts including when beaten 6L in a 3800m handicap chase on very heavy going at Cagnes-Sur-Mer last month. Bold show expected.
3. **GARFIELD** - Odds-on when 14L sixth in a 3900m chase on very heavy ground at this venue five weeks ago. Strong claims of making amends.
4. **PINACLOUDDOWN** - Disappointing 16L ninth in a 4000m handicap chase on very heavy ground at this circuit three weeks ago. Needs to put that effort behind.
5. **CAROUBIER** - Pulled up in the G3 134Eme Grand Prix de Pau over 5300m on heavy ground here 16 days ago. Leading contender with the drop in trip a positive.
6. **ITE MISSA** - Successful by 8L in a 3400m chase on very heavy ground here 26 days ago. This looks a tougher affair.
7. **CAPODIMONTE** - Off the mark at the first attempt over fences when victorious by 1L in a 3900m event on very heavy ground here a month ago. Interesting contender.
8. **ZEPLY** - Decent 8L third in a 3800m hurdle on very heavy ground here three weeks ago. Winner at Toulouse on his only previous start over fences.
9. **PROUD SUCCES** - Struggled so far including when pulled up in a 3500m chase on very heavy ground here four weeks ago. Best watched.

### Summary

GARFIELD (3) can leave behind a disappointing 14L sixth in a 3900m chase after winning at this circuit prior. The drop in trip and grade is a positive for CAROUBIER (5) who pulled up in the G3 134Eme Grand Prix de Pau over 5300m on heavy ground here. May deliver a big effort. GALOP DU LARGE (2) warrants thought following a 6L second in a 3800m handicap chase at Cagnes-sur-Mer. LE LUDE (1) is forgiven a late fall in a 3900m chase at this venue. Interesting.

### Selections

**GARFIELD (3) - CAROUBIER (5) - GALOP DU LARGE (2) - LE LUDE (1)**

## Race 7

1. **MY WAY** - Decent effort 5L fourth in a soft ground 3500m hurdle here 19 days ago. One to note.
2. **ARRY** - Third both starts this spell including 9L third in a 3800m hurdle on rain-softened going here last month. Top chance.
3. **AMOUR DU MATHAN** - Victorious by a neck in the Listed Prix Fondeur chase over 4400m at Auteuil (very heavy) in October. Strong claims dropping in distance.
4. **MARTY MCFLY** - Stepped up on debut effort when winning by 3L in a 3600m hurdle on heavy ground at Compiegne in November. Notable runner.
5. **GAIUS** - Pulled up in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy ground here in December. Step forward likely.
6. **CHABALKO** - Pulled up in a 4100m hurdle at Angers (very heavy) in December. Others hold more obvious claims.
7. **VADEMECUM** - Held 29L seventh in a 3800m claiming hurdle on heavy ground here two weeks ago. Others preferred.

### Summary

ARRY (2) can record a victory following a 9L third behind a G1 winning chaser in a 3800m hurdle on heavy ground here. AMOUR DU MATHAN (3) makes the shortlist. Won by a neck the 4400m Listed Prix Fondeur chase at Auteuil. MY WAY (1) registered a decent 5L fourth over 3500m on soft ground at this circuit. Consider. MARTY MCFLY (4) is another of note having found success by 3L in a 3600m hurdle at Compiegne.

### Selections

**ARRY (2) - AMOUR DU MATHAN (3) - MY WAY (1) - MARTY MCFLY (4)**

## Race 8

1. **BABY TURF** - Pulled up over this trip in a chase at Angers (very heavy) in December. Best watched.
2. **COMING ALONE** - Successful by 13L in a 4700m claiming chase on heavy ground here last month. Bold show expected.
3. **SAMBA NONANTAISE** - Pulled up in a 3900m chase on heavy going at this track six weeks ago. Better expected second up.
4. **FELISSA** - Followed up a 4L victory in a 3600m hurdle at Agen (good) with a 4L second over 3500m on soft going here 19 days ago. Strong claims.
5. **PELIGRIS** - Runner-up two most recent starts including when beaten 8L over 3400m on very heavy ground here last month. In the mix.
6. **ROAD MIX TAVEL** - Held 36L eighth in a 3800m hurdle on heavy ground here 11 days ago. Claims on earlier efforts.
7. **LA RUFFIACOISE** - Returning from over 16 months off the track when pulled up two out in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy ground here a month ago. Others preferred.
8. **HANOI HILTON** - Good 2L second in a 3500m hurdle on heavy going at this track ten days ago. More needed on debut over fences.
9. **GREEN DRAGONESS** - Victorious by 9L in a 3600m hurdle on soft ground when making her debut in May. Represents a top yard for first chase attempt.
10. **FLECHE ROUGE** - Good 2L second in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy ground here in December. Interesting contender on debut over fences.
11. **PERPETUEL MOVMENT** - Fair 9L seventh in a 3500m hurdle on soft ground here three weeks ago. Minor role likely on her second start over fences.

### Summary

The well-related GREEN DRAGONESS (9) could play a leading role switching to fences following an impressive 9L victory in a 3600m hurdle at Compiègne when debuting last spring. FELISSA (4) may deliver a big effort having been beaten 4L second in a 3500m hurdle here. COMING ALONE (2) enters calculations. Found success by 13L in a 4700m claiming chase at this circuit. PELIGRIS (5) is another of note finishing 8L runner-up in a very heavy ground 3400m chase at this track.

### Selections

**GREEN DRAGONESS (9) - FELISSA (4) - COMING ALONE (2) - PELIGRIS (5)**