

PAU - 11 January

Race 1

1. **BILWAUKEE** - Course and distance winner in easier company 27 days previously by a head. Top chance.
2. **SANDOSIDE** - Down the field over course and distance at this level on penultimate outing. Tough task.
3. **BECQUANON** - 1L third over track and trip in a class 4 last month. Likely to find a few too good.
4. **WAR ASSET** - 4L scorer in easier company at Lyon-la-Soie 24 days ago. Thereabouts.
5. **SAGA DAYDREAM** - One placing from five AW starts. Look elsewhere.
6. **TATANETTE** - Unplaced in five AW starts. Best ignored.
7. **FATOU** - Yet to fire since resuming. Needs obvious improvement.
8. **ROCK OF NORMANDIE** - Unplaced in three AW starts including here 11 days ago. Out of his depth.
9. **DANAROSA** - No show in two Lyon-la-Soie class 4 handicaps last month. Unlikely to feature.
10. **KHELEYF HONOR** - Two placings from 19 starts. Readily opposed.
11. **MISTER GABRIEL** - Yet to place in 16 outings. Ignored.
12. **CRACK MAMBO** - Two placings from previous three runs but best watched after lengthy absence.
13. **ARS SUCCESS** - 5L sixth in easier company here five days ago. Could sneak a place.
14. **HUDA** - Head runner-up over track and journey two attempts back. In the mix if repeating.
15. **QAYES** - Unplaced in eight AW outings. Looks up against it.
16. **ZAYAMINA** - Yet to make the frame in four AW runs. Hard to recommend.

Summary

BILWAUKEE (1) is one of several in this with good recent form. Previously managed a course and distance win among easier company and is a top chance with confidence high. WAR ASSET (4) is another former winner who is respected. Can take the class rise in his stride. Consider. HUDA (14) produced a runner-up effort over this track and trip two attempts back. In the mix. ARS SUCCESS (13) might place.

Selections

BILWAUKEE (1) - WAR ASSET (4) - HUDA (14) - ARS SUCCESS (13)

Race 2

1. **URBAN ROCK** - 8L seventh at this level here last week. Needs sharp progress.
2. **BALLE REELLE** - Had the perfect trip when 4L fifth over course and distance 27 days ago. Place option.
3. **ASCOT ANGEL** - Ran best AW run thus far with 4L third over track and trip a month ago. Each-way chance.
4. **GIOVANNI DAL PONTE** - Course winner who was worn down late on over track and trip 27 days ago. Thereabouts.
5. **TRUST IN YOU** - Down the field in two claimers since resuming. Needs to raise game.
6. **JUMPIN' JACK FLASH** - 2L fourth in a class below at Pornichet over 2400m 16 days ago. Could go well eased in distance.
7. **EVANAND** - 1L runner-up over course and journey on penultimate outing. Consider.
8. **PRIME TIME** - Three-time winner on turf this campaign. Needs to prove effectiveness on this surface.
9. **NOT A LADY** - 1L fifth over 1600m in this class here last month. Interested up in trip.
10. **I AM A DREAM** - Caught the eye staying on well 3L eighth over 1600m here four weeks back. Keep in mind.
11. **ELUSIVE PLANT** - 1L winner over track and trip in this grade four weeks ago. Key player.
12. **VESPAMAN** - Three solid efforts at this venue since resuming. Each-way factor.
13. **RIGHTEOUS LOVE** - One placing from 14 starts. Look elsewhere.
14. **PRINCE DU GOYEN** - 6L eighth in this company 27 days ago. Needs progress.
15. **IRONOR** - 2L fourth in this standard here last month. Thereabouts.
16. **CREEK OF ZAMBIA** - Two placings from seven AW outings. Needs improvement.

Summary

I AM A DREAM (10) is expected to show improvement upped in journey after staying on well over 1600m here. May go well at attractive odds. ELUSIVE PLANT (11) looks a contender following a 1L victory at this track and trip. Solid chance. NOT A LADY (9) caught the eye keeping on late in a 1600m contest. Rates an each-way chance. EVANAND (7) was second at this venue tackling this journey. Warrants consideration.

Selections

I AM A DREAM (10) - ELUSIVE PLANT (11) - NOT A LADY (9) - EVANAND (7)

Race 3

1. **CRISALSA** - 4L third here over 2000m last week. Each-way chance.
2. **FREE BREATH** - 3L course and distance winner three outings back and held form well subsequently. Rates highly.
3. **LOKHAR** - Yet to fire in four outings. Cheekpieces enlisted.
4. **THE FUNK BIBLE** - Unplaced in both AW starts. Need to improve following lengthy absence.
5. **ISOLATOR** - Career best when 1L fourth in a Deauville 2500m AW handicap 30 days ago. Could go well.
6. **LARICI** - Better effort latest at Agen 78 days ago 4L fifth over 2500m but best watched on AW debut.
7. **L'ARCHET** - 5L fifth over course and distance 72 days ago. Others preferred.
8. **BODNAKOV** - 3L fourth on handicap debut at Toulouse 46 days ago. Prepared to overlook on AW debut.
9. **NANCAY** - 3L third in a similar handicap here second up prior to absence. First-time cheekpieces may help.
10. **WHITE CARD** - Beaten a long way in recent starts. Others preferred.
11. **NATCHOPE** - Two decent claiming efforts on previous two starts. Tougher task back in a handicap.
12. **OLYMPIC FIRE** - Down the field on AW debut here 52 days ago. Needs to progress up in journey.
13. **BOARD MEMBER** - Claiming victory to his name but prepared to watch on AW debut.
14. **HOLLY WHIP** - Beaten out of sight in six starts. Ignored.
15. **EVINERUDE** - Ran best race to date over this distance on penultimate outing at Toulouse when 0.5L second. Could place.
16. **SOCCOA** - Beaten a long way in Toulouse handicap on reappearance four weeks back. Set for minor role.

Summary

FREE BREATH (2) produced a 3L course and distance victory three starts ago. Subsequently maintained form and rates highly. ISOLATOR (5) could give the selection most to do following a decent 1L fourth in a Deauville handicap. Might build on that and make the frame. EVINERUDE (15) can be included after running well over this trip previously. Keep NANCAY (9) in mind for a placing with first-time cheek-pieces enlisted.

Selections

FREE BREATH (2) - ISOLATOR (5) - EVINERUDE (15) - NANCAY (9)

Race 4

1. **A BABORD** - 9L success in a 3400m chase when supported in the market at this venue 34 days ago. Notable runner.
2. **LOLLY FLIGHT** - Nantes hurdle winner prior to good effort when runner-up in a stronger Auteuil event. Go well.
3. **AMAZING FILLY** - 2L scorer on hurdle debut here 27 days ago. Interesting.
4. **HOOLA HOOP** - Fell early on second hurdle start following a comfortable 6L Argentan 3600m success. Could surprise.
5. **MISS BRALTAR** - One placing from three hurdle starts. Up against it.
6. **HAUTE KLASS** - Unplaced in three hurdle starts. Tough ask.
7. **FIUMICINA** - Konig filly having first start. Best watched unless market speaks favourably.
8. **HARMONIE ROQUE** - Beaten a long way since resuming. Others preferred.
9. **PROMISE KAP** - No worthwhile form in three starts. Best ignored.

Summary

A BABORD (1) chases a hat-trick of wins following a 9L success when supported in the market at this venue. Notable runner. LOLLY FLIGHT (2) is improving. Ran second in a stronger Auteuil hurdle and can be considered. AMAZING FILLY (3) scored by 2L on hurdle debut and is an each-way chance. HOOLA HOOP (4) won her first two attempts prior to falling early in latest. Forgive that effort as shapes well here.

Selections

A BABORD (1) - LOLLY FLIGHT (2) - AMAZING FILLY (3) - HOOLA HOOP (4)

Race 5

1. **SIX ONE** - 10L third on chase debut here 18 days ago over 3900m. Could improve.
2. **VERY NICE SURF** - Hurdle winner who was beaten 14L on chase debut here 22 days previously. May progress.
3. **EL TAKTIKO** - 21L defeat in a course chase over 3400m five weeks back. Unlikely to feature.
4. **C'EST QUELQU'UN** - 22L defeat in a course 3900m chase on reappearance 18 days ago. Needs improvement.
5. **ANJOU BLEU** - Unplaced on chase debut 13 days previously here 23L sixth over 3900m. Limited appeal.
6. **BRIAC D'ECHAL** - Fell when well held on hurdle debut three weeks ago at this venue. Best watched.
7. **LULU AU TOGO** - 4L Cagnes-sur-Mer hurdle runner-up a career best on penultimate start. Needs improvement on chase debut.
8. **LISBONNE JELOIS** - Unplaced in three jump starts. Needs sharp improvement.
9. **HEROINE SMART** - 6L Saint-Malo hurdle winner earlier this campaign but regressive since. First start over fences may spark improvement.
10. **HIMALAYAS** - No show in two hurdle starts. Ignored.
11. **HORSA D'AIRY** - 11L Moulins hurdle scorer prior to pulled up here 18 days ago. Could improve on first chase start.

Summary

SIX ONE (1) is open to plenty of improvement following a 10L third on chase debut here. Bold bid possible. HORSA D'AIRY (11) impressed with an 11L hurdle success at Moulins prior to a pulled up effort at this circuit. Could go well on first chase outing. VERY NICE SURF (2) might progress. Beaten 14L on first chase attempt but can improve. HEROINE SMART (9) arrives as a previous hurdle winner who could make the frame on first chase outing.

Selections

SIX ONE (1) - HORSA D'AIRY (11) - VERY NICE SURF (2) - HEROINE SMART (9)

Race 6

1. **ALPHA RISK** - Five-time cross-country winner including at this venue. Narrowly denied here on reappearance but weighted well. Player.
2. **DOMINO DU RAYNAL** - 13L fourth behind three of these here over 4100m 27 days ago. Work to do to reverse form.
3. **DISMOITOUT D'OC** - Beaten a long way in a similar contest here 18 days ago. Best ignored.
4. **CONAN DOYLE** - Two from two in this discipline following 1L victory here 27 days ago. Strong player.
5. **GARETH DE LARACHI** - 8L third behind two of these rivals second up 27 days ago. Place option.
6. **AURFEVRE** - Dual cross-country winner but needs to bounce back from a fall 43 days back at Agen.
7. **ETINCELLE PRAIRIE** - One placing from three cross-country starts. Needs improvement.

Summary

ALPHA RISK (1) is weighted to reverse form with rival Conan Doyle after a titanic finish at this venue. Could prove hard to catch. CONAN DOYLE (4) arrives with two wins from two starts in cross-country events and may maintain his unbeaten record. GARETH DE LARACHI (5) was 8L behind the aforementioned pair in latest. Set to fill a place again. DOMINO DU RAYNAL (2) could secure a place on best form if stripping fitter third up.

Selections

ALPHA RISK (1) - CONAN DOYLE (4) - GARETH DE LARACHI (5) - DOMINO DU RAYNAL (2)

Race 7

1. **GRAND FRISSON** - Beaten out of sight in two chases since resuming. Tough task.
2. **GUARDAMAR** - 1L runner-up over course and distance 18 days ago. Contender.
3. **GALANTE D'ARTHEL** - Previously in good form prior to a fall and a pulled up effort 18 days ago here over 3900m chase. Needs to bounce back.
4. **GRAND MONSIEUR** - Unplaced in four chase starts. Look elsewhere.
5. **GRANDIOSO** - 32L defeat on hurdle debut 34 days ago over 3500m at this venue. Hard to recommend on first chase outing.
6. **GREEN LINK** - 4L Moulins chase win in easier company prior to falling in this level at Auteuil. Remains with potential.
7. **GEORGES SAINT** - Unplaced in three hurdle starts. Others preferred.
8. **GENGIS KHEL** - Yet to place in two chase outings. Needs pronounced improvement.
9. **GODIVA LADY** - 6L second in a weaker chase at Saumur two outings back. Could place.
10. **GARE A TOI** - Unplaced in four hurdle starts. Best watched on chase debut.

Summary

GUARDAMAR (2) warrants consideration after a 1L runner-up effort at this course and distance. GREEN LINK (6) was previously in good form delivering a 4L chase win among easier company. Holds chances. GALANTE D'ARTHEL (3) may progress after a couple of below par runs. Keep in mind with improvement possible. GODIVA LADY (9) finished second in an easier contest penultimate outing. A repeat might be enough to place.

Selections

GUARDAMAR (2) - GREEN LINK (6) - GALANTE D'ARTHEL (3) - GODIVA LADY (9)

Race 8

1. **WIN ON SUNDAY** - Fell in a claiming chase here 11 days ago over 3700m. Needs sharp progress.
2. **BERGERAC** - Yet to improve since resuming. This is a more suitable target.
3. **KOLANTAS** - Pulled up here a month ago but a decent 3L second over fences at Nimes prior. May bounce back.
4. **KAP ET PAS CAP** - 6L third in a stronger Auteuil 3500m chase 51 days ago. Notable runner eased in standard.
5. **MUTHTEMPS** - Fair 8L third on reappearance a month ago in a Angers 3800m chase. Each-way chance.
6. **TOURWELL** - Down the field in a course claiming event 11 days ago. Unlikely to feature.
7. **GREAT DU LARGE** - One win from two in chases but is up in class. May place.
8. **KING DE RAY** - One placing from six chase starts. Out of his depth.
9. **PROUD SUCCES** - No worthwhile form in three outings prior to absence. Best watched.

Summary

KAP ET PAS CAP (4) delivered a 6L third in a stronger Auteuil chase. Finds a good opportunity and is a notable runner eased in standard. BERGERAC (2) does not seem to be progressing since resuming however this looks easier and is a more suitable target. Could improve. KOLANTAS (3) is among the each-way chances following a good second over fences at Nimes on penultimate start. MUTHTEMPS (5) can be included after a fair reappearance.

Selections

KAP ET PAS CAP (4) - BERGERAC (2) - KOLANTAS (3) - MUTHTEMPS (5)

