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C1 - PRIX DES PYRENEES (GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE DES 5 ANS) -
3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Condition - Steeple Chase - EUR € 42,000

- 1. FOREST DU PECOS AA** - Four wins in 2025 and two placed runs, 4th on the latter over 3900min a chase at Pau on December 20th. Hard to overlook
- 2. LOKI DE LA BRUNIE AA** - Ran well when 2nd over 3900m at Pau on December 20th when beaten only half a length over fences. Player
- 3. LAVANDE AA** - Finished 4th at this track over 3500m in a Class 3 hurdle on January 3rd. Chasing debut and has work to do
- 4. SHERKARA AA** - Unplaced last time, a win before that at La Teste over 3900m in a Class 3 hurdle on June 27th. One to take seriously

Summary: FOREST DU PECOS AA (1) can bounce back after a couple of placed efforts, having previously won four races in a row earlier in 2025. He finished fourth at this track over fences in late December and is given the edge over LOKI DE LA BRUNIE AA (2), who finished ahead of him in second in their latest meeting here on December 20. SHERKARA AA (4) could also be competitive if she raises her level of performance.

SELECTIONS

FOREST DU PECOS AA (1) - LOKI DE LA BRUNIE AA (2) - SHERKARA AA (4) -
LAVANDE AA (3)

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**C2 - PRIX D'ANGLET - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Newcomers - Flat -
EUR € 19,200**

- 1. MA OUI CHOP** - A three-year-old gelding by Gutaifan out of Mayana Chope who is making his debut. His Dam never won a race after 6 starts. Others are preferred
- 2. EQUULEUS** - A three-year-old colt by Zelzal out of Ishraaqat who is making his debut. His Dam was unraced. Can contest the finish
- 3. TESTIFY** - A three-year-old gelding by Chachnak out of Sand Glory who is making his debut. His mother never won after 6 starts. Can be a threat on debut
- 4. SKALI** - A three-year-old gelding by Galiway out of Skallet who is making his debut. His Dam won four races including a Listed race. Can score on debut
- 5. OVER GROUND** - A three-year-old gelding by George Vancouver out of Yellow Ground who is making his debut. His mother won 3 of her 14 starts. Watch the betting
- 6. NORMANDICO** - A three-year-old gelding by Ardad out of Night Carnation who is making his debut. His Dam won a Group 3 and was Group 1 placed. Can be a lively danger
- 7. HAYA SAM** - A three-year-old filly by Zarak out of Haya of Fortune who is making her debut. Her mother won 4 of her 41 starts. Can be competitive

Summary: A small field of seven runners for this and they are all unraced. Trainer Jean-Claude Rouget sends out a well-bred SKALI (4) and he does look the one they all have to beat. TESTIFY (3) and EQUULEUS (2) both represent trainers that know what is needed from their runners to win first time out and must be respected for that. HAYA SAM (7) is out of a four-time winning dam and could also get involved with the finish.

SELECTIONS

SKALI (4) - TESTIFY (3) - EQUULEUS (2) - HAYA SAM (7)

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C3 - PRIX MAURICE FAGALDE - 4100m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 - Cross
- EUR € 33,000

- 1. KOUDOU** - Finished 5th over hurdles at this track on December 24th and success over 4200m in a handicap chase at Vittel on July 25th. Tries this new code and warrants respect
- 2. KATELL DES BLINS** - Placed 4th over 4100m at this track in a Class 1 cross-country on February 4th, 2025, and two wins before that at this track. Key chance
- 3. KING SAINT** - Fell only 4 days ago over track and trip in a Class 2 cross-country. He is trying this discipline for the second time and is one to consider
- 4. FIRST MARVEL** - Placed 3rd at Pau over this trip in a Class 2 cross-country on December 20th. Unlikely to trouble some of these
- 5. KAHID DE FREGANDE** - Won over the track and trip on December 20th in a Class 2 cross-country and is one to pay attention to
- 6. KADOR BAIE** - Placed on the last three runs, 2nd over the track and trip in a Class 2 cross-country on December 20th. Might find a few too smart
- 7. BUCK'S FIZZ** - Finished 5th over the track and trip on December 20th, and a win before that at Mont-De-Marsan over 4200m in a Class 3 cross-country on December 7th. Hard to fancy
- 8. KARESSE DU LARGE** - Unplaced last time, 4th previously over 3600m in a Class 5 hurdle at Cazaubon. Looks safely held by some of these

Summary: KATELL DES BLINS (2) was a decent fourth at this track in a Class 1 cross-country in early February last year and won twice before that at this track. He should be ready after almost 12 months away. KAHID DE FREGANDE (5) scored over the track and trip in a Class 2 cross-country in December and can feature. KOUDOU (1) tries this discipline for the first time and can be on the premises. KING SAINT (3) fell 4 days ago and can have a say if jumping more fluently.

SELECTIONS

KATELL DES BLINS (2) - KAHID DE FREGANDE (5) - KOUDOU (1) - KING SAINT (3)

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**C4 - PRIX EN ROUTE VERS L'AMERIQUE (PRIX D'ASPE) - 4700m (a3m) -
TURF - Claiming - Steeple Chase - EUR € 19,000**

- 1. BON CONSEIL** - Unplaced last time, a win before that over 4200m at Saint-Brieuc on November 11th in a Class 4 chase. Player
- 2. MANNEKEN KING** - Three unplaced efforts since a 4th at Dieppe on June 19th over 3500m in a Class 1 chase. Drops in grade and can be involved
- 3. KARNAVAL POINT** - Several unplaced runs of late, failed to complete the course over 3700m in a claiming chase at this track on December 20th. Others preferred
- 4. OUR DREAM** - Finished 6th at this track over hurdles in late December, a win before that over 4450m at Mont-De-Marsan on December 7th in a handicap chase. In the mix
- 5. ANGEL FIRST** - Three unplaced runs in cross-country races recently, the latter when 5th at Granville on June 29th in a Class 4 over 4200m. Look elsewhere
- 6. STATE OF MIND** - Three unplaced runs since a 2nd over 4200m at Mont-De-Marsan on March 2nd in a Class 3 chase. Unlikely to feature
- 7. BENI GODS** - Two poor efforts of late, failed to complete the course at Mont-De-Marsan over 4200m in a cross-country on December 7th. Hardly inspiring form
- 8. GINO DU MATHAN** - Placed 4th at Compiegne over 3800m in a claiming chase on November 28th. Can make the frame at nice odds
- 9. NEPTUNE DU LUY** - Placed on the last two runs, 2nd over 3700m in a claiming chase at this track on December 20th. Enters calculations

Summary: BON CONSEIL (1) scored at Saint-Brieuc in a Class 4 chase in early November on his penultimate start and should be able to score down in grade today. MANNEKEN KING (2) has been a tad below par since a pleasing fourth in a Class 1 chase at Dieppe last June, but is capable of making an impact in this division. OUR DREAM (4) won over fences in December and can not be dismissed. NEPTUNE DU LUY (9) is also worth considering.

SELECTIONS

BON CONSEIL (1) - MANNEKEN KING (2) - OUR DREAM (4) - NEPTUNE DU LUY (9)

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**C5 - PRIX DU CERCLE DE L'UNION - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER -
Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,200**

- 1. OCRA** - Victorious last time out in a Conditions race over this course and distance on 4 December. Can follow up on handicap debut
- 2. GENERAL CHOP** - May have needed the last run when 6th in a claimer at this track over 1400m on 2 January. Can contest the finish
- 3. LADY'ARMOR** - Only modest of late and finished 5th in a claimer at this course over 2000m on 2 January. Better this distance and can make the frame
- 4. PIANOTEUR** - Did not show his best when 6th in a Conditions race at this track over 2000m on 26 December. Better this distance and is not out of it
- 5. WOODWOODED** - Yet to win a race but has been holding form in claimers and was third at this track over 1400m on 2 January. Should contest the finish
- 6. HATRASNA FAL** - Has struggled of late and finished tenth in a Conditions race at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 8 October. Could need this run returning from a break
- 7. HISTO CHOP** - Has struggled of late and finished 12th in a Conditions race at this course over 2000m on 26 December. Can do better this distance and has a place chance
- 8. CAMPONANES** - Has not show much so far and finished 7th in a claimer at this course over 1400m on 2 January. Might play a minor role
- 9. LA FAMA** - Only modest of late and finished 7th in a claimer at this course over 2000m on 2 January. Needs to do a bit more to score

Summary: OCRA (1) was a good winner of a Conditions race over this track and trip last month. She gives weight away to all her rivals on handicap debut but may well be up to that task. GENERAL CHOP (2) disappointed at this track in a claimer at the beginning of the month but is a lot better than that and should be a real threat. WOODWOODED (5) has yet to win a race but is knocking at the door. LADY'ARMOR (3) is better over this distance and is another to consider.

SELECTIONS

OCRA (1) - GENERAL CHOP (2) - WOODWOODED (5) - LADY'ARMOR (3)

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C6 - PRIX ICI BEARN BIGORRE (PRIX DE MONTARDON) - 3500m (a2m1/4)
- TURF - Claiming - Hurdles - EUR € 19,000

- 1. BISTRROT HAS** - Unplaced last time, a win previously over 3800m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 24th. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 2. FURIOSO** - Two unplaced runs since a 3rd over 3800m at Cagnes-Sur-Mer on December 3rd in a Class 3 chase. Capable of being competitive
- 3. JUJU DEMONMIRAIL** - Two unplaced runs since a 3rd over 4000m at Cluny on September 27th in a Class 4 chase. Can make the top-three
- 4. KALINO BELLEVUE** - Unplaced last time, 2nd twice previously, the latter over 3650m in a handicap hurdle at Mont-De-Marsan on November 15th. One to keep onside
- 5. TAFEDNEY** - Credible 4th two runs back over 3650m at Mont-De-Marsan in a handicap hurdle on December 7th. Others seem better equipped
- 6. KRACK DU BONHEUR** - Two failed efforts of late, the latter over 3500m at this track in a Class 3 hurdle on December 24th. Look for an alternative
- 7. MY WAY** - Placed 3rd over 3800m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on September 29th in a claiming chase. Warrants consideration
- 8. EL MUNDO** - Three unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 3800m in a claiming hurdle at this track on December 24th. Pass over
- 9. KRAC A SEVILLE** - Placed 3rd at Mont-De-Marsan over 4450m in a handicap chase on December 7th last time out. Hard to recommend
- 10. CAVALIERE BLEUE** - Has been racing in cross-country races recently, 3rd two runs back at Le Lion D'Angers on June 9th over 4500m in a Class 3 race. In the mix

Summary: FURIOSO (2) is capable of scoring in a race of this nature. He won a Class 2 handicap hurdle at Auteuil last year and was a credible third at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in December in a Class 3 chase. KALINO BELLEVUE (4) has two second-place efforts recently and can make the selection work hard for the win. BISTRROT HAS (1) won two runs back at his course in a claiming hurdle and can have a say in proceedings. JUJU DEMONMIRAIL (3) heads the rest.

SELECTIONS

FURIOSO (2) - KALINO BELLEVUE (4) - BISTRROT HAS (1) - JUJU DEMONMIRAIL (3)

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C7 - PRIX GALLAZZINI (PRIX BELLABRE) - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER
- Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 16,500

- 1. TOIMY SON** - A winner of a handicap at this track over 1600m on 2 June. Tougher task this time but is clearly not out of it
- 2. DEMBEE** - Did not show his best when 9th in a Conditions race at this track over 2000m on 4 December. Consistent before that and might play a minor role
- 3. GEORGES VILLE** - Not reliable and finished 5th in a Conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan over 1600m on 15 November. Capable of earning some money when in the right mood
- 4. AIDAN'S PHONE** - In good shape and was runner-up in a Conditions race at Bordeaux-Le Bouscat over 1600m on 21 November. Be right there at the finish
- 5. LISICLES** - Unreliable of late but was runner-up in a Conditions race at Madrid over 1600m on 25 May. Might play a minor role at very best
- 6. WALLY** - Very consistent and was third in a Conditions race at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 21 June. Returns from a break but can win if fit enough
- 7. RAOULE** - Finished 6th in a Conditions race at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m on 16 December. Has won at this track and could make the frame
- 8. WIGMORE STREET** - Has not won since August 2024 and was 9th in a Conditions race at Madrid over 1600m on 21 June. Others are preferred
- 9. SIR TOMMY CEN** - Returned to form and finished third in a Conditions race at Chantilly over this distance on 19 December. Can be competitive once again

Summary: An interesting race. WALLY (6) is always at his best when returning from a break and does set the standard at a course he likes. AIDAN'S PHONE (4) won a Listed race in February and seems to be on a upgrade trajectory after a few months off. This is his first run on this surface. SIR TOMMY CEN (9) showed his best form early in his career but can contest the finish. TOIMY SON (1) picked up a solid handicap win at this track recently and is not out of it.

SELECTIONS

WALLY (6) - AIDAN'S PHONE (4) - SIR TOMMY CEN (9) - TOIMY SON (1)

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**C8 - PRIX DE GUETHARY - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 4 - Hurdles -
EUR € 32,000**

- 1. FRIANDE** - Placed 2nd over the track and trip on December 16th in a Class 4 hurdle, and is among the leading each way options
- 2. BELLE ETINCELLE** - Shaped well to be 3rd at this track over 3500m in a hurdle on December 31st. Placed on the flat and looks like an each way option
- 3. MERVEILLEUSE** - Ran well to be 2nd on her debut over 3500m over hurdles at this track on December 10th. Open to progress and can get off the mark
- 4. MASKA D'AIRY** - Nice debut to be 2nd over 3500m in a hurdle at this track on December 20th. Can be expected to play a leading role
- 5. MARIGNY** - Won on the flat over 2400m at Moulins on December 13th. Tries hurdles and can be expected to be well schooled, and is one to consider
- 6. LADY DE LA SERRE** - Placed 4th on her second start over 3500m at this track on December 10th over hurdles. Might find a few of these too smart
- 7. MIRA VIVA** - Two unplaced runs, failed to complete the course over 3300m at this track in a claiming hurdle on January 3rd. Hard to be enthusiastic about
- 8. MALTA** - Three unplaced runs, the most recent over the track and trip over hurdles on December 20th. Faces a stiff task
- 9. MATCH BALL** - Unraced filly by Elarqam, the dam won two races. From a respected trainer who knows the time of day. Monitor the betting patterns
- 10. J'EN SUIS DINGUE** - Two unplaced runs, the latter over 3550m at Fontainebleau on December 2nd in a Class 3 hurdle. Looks elsewhere
- 11. GOLDIE NOLIMIT** - Finished 9th on her debut over the track and trip on December 10th over hurdles. Others rate higher

Summary: MERVEILLEUSE (3) made a pleasing debut when second at this track over 3500m in a hurdle race on December 10th and looks like she will know more this time. She is preferred ahead of MASKA D'AIRY (4), who was also second on debut at this venue over the same distance on December 20th over hurdles too. BELLE ETINCELLE (2) was third here late in December and should make the top three. MARIGNY (5) won on the flat last time and can be expected to be well schooled.

SELECTIONS

MERVEILLEUSE (3) - MASKA D'AIRY (4) - BELLE ETINCELLE (2) - MARIGNY (5)