R2 PAU [R-H]

C1 - PRIX BELLABRE - 1400m (a7f) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Race - Flat - EUR € 18,000

- **1. SKYLIGHT BROCHARD -** Good 2nd last time at Chantilly over 1400m in a handicap on December 26th. Caught close to the line recently and looks ready to win
- 2. MAROON SIX He won a Class 3 race over 1600m at Mont-De-Marsan on November 16th on his last start. In the mix
- **3. IT'S CHICO TIME -** Decent placed form of late, 4th last time, he won over 1200m at Toulouse in a Class 3 handicap on October 31st and placed three times before that. Player
- **4. SEVENDAY -** Three promising runs in 2024, 3rd on the latest over 1600m in a Class 2 race at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on May 16th. Lacks a bit of experience but is talented
- **5. HOT SPOT -** Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 1400m in a Class 2 race at La Teste on June 27th. Not seen since late July and best watched for now
- **6. MONTIGNY -** Five unplaced runs of late, the latest over 1600m in a Class 3 handicap over 1600m at Pau on December 5th. Out of form and best avoided

Summary: SKYLIGHT BROCHARD (1) made the running on his latest start when second, he was caught close to the finish at Chantilly in December over 1400m. He can make amends and go one place better this time. IT'S CHICO TIME (3) could be the main danger. With decent placed form of late and a win at Toulouse in late October. SEVENDAY (4) is unexposed and his lack of experience and a recent run might count against him, but he has plenty of talent.

SELECTIONS

SKYLIGHT BROCHARD (1) - IT'S CHICO TIME (3) - SEVENDAY (4) - MAROON SIX (2)

C2 - PRIX DE BIELLE - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Race - Flat - EUR € 14,000

- **1. IAMICHOP -** He has been in top form recently, 2nd on his latest start over 1600m in a Class 3 race at Mont-De-Marsan on November 16th. Leading chance
- **2. SPEEDY RECORD -** Nice 2nd at Deauville 13 days ago on over 1900m in a Class 3 handicap. Ought to play a leading role
- **3. MASDREAM -** Five unplaced runs so far, the latest over 1600m at Pau in a handicap on December 5th. Hard to fancy
- **4. EL KALBITO -** Five unplaced runs of late, the most recent over 2400m at Pau in a handicap on December 29th. Out of form and best left alone
- **5. TIMMY TRUMPET -** Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 1600m in a Class 3 race at Lignieres on November 1st. Look elsewhere
- **6. ESKANDANI -** Credible 3rd over 2100m at Pornichet on January 5th on the latest start. One to keep safe
- **7. LOUIS D'ALICE -** Three unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 2600m in a Class 3 race on August 22nd. Needs to bounce back to form
- **8. ICONIC STARS -** He has four unplaced runs since a 3rd over 1850m at Agen on October 27th in a Class 3 race. Each way angle
- **9. NASHVILLE -** 5th last time over 1900m at Deauville in a handicap on December 18th. Among the leading place chances
- **10. KRUNGTHEPMAHANAKON -** Fair 4th at Pau over 2000m in a maiden on December 5th. Can make his presence felt
- **11. PADME -** Three unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 1600m at San Sebastian (ESP) on September 12th. Unlikely to feature
- **12. SEVEN ANGELS -** 4th on her last start over 1800m at Madrid (ESP) on December 27th in a conditions race. Has work to do
- **13. JUBBAH -** Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 1950m at Chateaubriant in a handicap on August 16th. Unlikely to feature
- **14. LEZAMA DREAMS -** Three unplaced runs, well beaten on the latest over 3000m at Mont-De-Marsan in a Class 3 race on November 16th. Has not shown much ability as yet
- **15. GOIZ ARGI -** Three unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that at Dax on September 29th. Makes limited sense
- **16. FORCE NAVALE -** Four unplaced runs so far, 7th over 1600m in a handicap at Pau on December 5th on her last run. Has shown ability and has place claims

Summary: IAMICHOP (1) has been in top form of late and was a pleasing second at Mont-De-Marsan when last seen in mid-November at Mont-De-Marsan. SPEEDY RECORD (2) could be the one that gives the selection the most to think about. He arrives after a good second at Deauville 13 days ago. ICONIC STARS (8) has placed form and has dropped in the weights after a few unplaced runs of late. He can make the frame. KRUNGTHEPMAHANAKON (10) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

IAMICHOP (1) - SPEEDY RECORD (2) - ICONIC STARS (8) - KRUNGTHEPMAHANAKON (10)

C3 - PRIX DE LA BIGORRE - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 43,000

- **1. MANAVA -** Fair 3rd over course and distance in a Class 1 hurdle on December 17th on her latest start. She won a claiming hurdle at Auteuil before that in November. Respect
- **2. MISS CHANA -** Off the mark at this track and trip in a Class 2 hurdle on December 31st when last racing. One to pay attention too
- **3. UNANIME -** Has won her last two races, both at Fontainebleau, the latest a Class 2 hurdle over 3550m on December 10th. Can continue to improve and play a lead role
- **4. QUEEN SISTER -** Won by 7L on her only start over 3500m at Pau on December 25th. She will improve from that experience and can be competitive
- **5. ASTORIUS -** Credible 4th over 3400m at this track over fences on December 29th on her last run. Others make more appeal
- **6. LADY D'ALLIER -** 4th on her sole start over 3500m at Pau on December 31st in a Class 2 hurdle. She can improve but might find a few of these too smart

Summary: QUEEN SISTER (4) won with authority on her only start over course and distance on Christmas Day. With natural progression, she will be expected to edge this from another promising filly in UNANIME (3) who has won her last two races and will make things interesting. MISS CHANA (2) showed improvement to win last time over track and trip late last month and is one to consider. MANAVA (1) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

QUEEN SISTER (4) - UNANIME (3) - MISS CHANA (2) - MANAVA (1)

C4 - PRIX DU PONT-LONG - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Claiming - Hurdles - EUR € 20,000

- **1. KARMA DE REVE -** Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 3650m in a Class 3 hurdle at Mont-De-Marsan on December 8th. Live contender
- **2. KEBEBASAN -** Unplaced last time, 2nd in a Class 2 hurdle over 3500m at Pau on December 11th. Outside place chance
- **3. KRACK DU BONHEUR -** Fair 2nd at Pau over 3500m on December 29th on his last start. Can make the top four at nice odds
- **4. HARGNAR** Won last time over 3500m at Moulins in a claiming hurdle on December 14th. Can not be discounted in this class of race
- **5. VALSE DU NORD -** Unplaced last time out, 2nd before that at Angers in a claiming hurdle on December 29th. Ought to be in the shake-up
- **6. KASTOR DE SIVOLA -** Unplaced on his last run over hurdles at Pau on December 21st in a Class 4 race. Unlikely to feature
- **7. STATE OF MIND -** 3rd on the latest start over 3700m in a claimer at Pau on December 29th. Unlikely to feature
- **8. NEPTUNE DU LUY -** Two unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that at Auteuil over 3600m in a handicap hurdle. Opposable
- **9. ROSE MELIMELO -** Won over 3700m in a claiming chase at this track on December 29th. Can make the switch back to hurdles and score
- **10. KLOE DE LAPRELLE -** Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3900m at Nimes in a Class 4 hurdle on March 24th. Others preferred
- **11. JARAKTAR -** Two unplaced runs of late, won before that on the flat over 3100m at Saint-Brieuc on October 6th. Needs to convince over hurdles
- **12. WINNER HORSE -** Nice 2nd on the latest start over 3500m in a claiming hurdle at Moulins on December 14th. In the mix
- **13. ASSORDA -** Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3500m at Auteuil on May 18th in a Class 2 handicap chase. Capable if in the mood
- **14. KISARA -** Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3500m at Pau in a Class 2 hurdle on December 11th. Has work to do
- **15. KOOL DESBOIS -** Failed to finish over 3500m in a Class 3 hurdle on December 31st. Looks out of his depth
- **16. SECERT DEFENSE -** Unplaced last time out, 4th before that over 3500m at Moulins in a Class 3 hurdle on December 14th. Pass over
- **17. BUCK'STAR -** Five unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3800m at Angers in a Class 3 handicap hurdle. Makes limited appeal
- **18. KARESSE DU LARGE -** Three unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 3800m in a Class 4 chase on October 27th. Capable of making the frame

Summary: ROSE MELIMELO (9) won a claiming chase at this track in late December on her last start and will have no issues with the return to hurdles. She looks like the best option for this claimer. KARMA DE REVE (1) could be the main threat. He has decent form over hurdles in non-claimers and was second two runs back in a Class 3 hurdle in early December. KARESSE DU LARGE (18) can be on the premises at the business end. HARGNAR (4) is dangerous to rule out.

SELECTIONS

ROSE MELIMELO (9) - KARMA DE REVE (1) - KARESSE DU LARGE (18) - HARGNAR (4)

C5 - PRIX D'URT - 4700m (a3m) - TURF - Condition Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 37,000

- **1. JOUR DE TONERRE -** Fair 4th over this track in a Class 3 hurdle on December 25th when last racing. Chase winner in September. Player
- **2. JOUR DE CHASSE -** 4th over 3900m at Compiegne in a Class 2 chase on November 11th on her last start. Has outside place claims
- **3. JAGUAR DU LARGE -** Decent 2nd on his last two runs, the latter over 3500m at this track in a Class 3 hurdle on December 25th. Chase winner in May. Respect
- **4. JARATATA DU DORAT -** 5th over 3900m in a Class 3 chase at this track on January 4th. Makes no appeal
- **5. JAPON -** Failed to finish at Auteuil on his chase debut in April, 3rd in the Prix Renaud (Grade 1) Hurdle in late March over 3900m. Can score back over fences
- **6. JUSTE UNE D'ATHOU -** Fair 3rd over 3500m at Pau in a Class 3 hurdle on December 25th and a win at Moulins over fences in September in a Class 3 event. One to keep safe
- **7. JUMPER DE SARTI -** Unplaced last time out, 4th before that over 4250m in a Class 4 chase at Argentan on October 20th. Others make more sense
- **8. JESPER -** Unplaced last time out, 2nd before that over 3650m in a handicap hurdle on December 8th at Mont-De-Marsan. Has work to do

Summary: Classy hurdler JAPON (5) will have been well-schooled since his mishap at Auteuil on his chase debut in April. He has been given some time and should be able to get off the mark over fences this time. JOUR DE TONERRE (1) can keep the selection honest and was a credible fourth over this track in a hurdle race when last seen on Christmas Day. He won over fences in September. JAGUAR DU LARGE (3) and JUSTE UNE D'ATHOU (6) both warrant respect and can duel for minor honours.

SELECTIONS

JAPON (5) - JOUR DE TONERRE (1) - JAGUAR DU LARGE (3) - JUSTE UNE D'ATHOU (6)

C6 - PRIX D'ACCOUS - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,000

- **1. TWIN SCAT -** Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 1800m at Chantilly in a Class 3 handicap on December 20th. Place chance
- 2. CHARM KING Fair 4th at this track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on December 21st on the last start. One to consider
- **3. PEDROZIO -** Credible 3rd over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap when not beaten far on December 21st. Can have a say
- **4. ROYAL ETINCELLE -** Won over track and trip on December 21st in a Class 4 handicap when last racing. Hard to overlook
- **5. MORELLO DI VENTO -** Four unplaced runs since a 3rd over 1600m at Pompadour in a Class 4 race on August 18th. Needs to get back on track
- **6. SUPER CUTE -** 6th on the last start over 2000m at Pau in a Class 4 handicap on December 21st. Unlikely to feature
- **7. MOREA -** 2nd on her last two runs, the latest over 2000m at Mont-De-Marsan in a Class 4 handicap on August 25th. Might prefer the turf to the PSF
- **8. COCOA -** 3rd on the last start over 2000m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on December 21st. Has outside place claims
- **9. TITE NANA -** Four unplaced runs in 2024, the latter over 2000m at Pau on December 21st in a class 4 handicap. Makes no appeal
- **10. KARKHOV -** Several unplaced runs of late, the latter over 2400m at Pau in a Class 4 race on January 8th. Opposable
- **11. GABIJA** Ran a much better race last time when she was 4th at this track over 2400m in a Class 4 handicap on January 8th. Can be competitive
- **12. DIRTY DOZEN -** Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 2400m at Pau in a Class 4 handicap on November 29th. Others rate higher
- **13. LE RAFALE -** Nice 3rd over 2400m at this track in a Class 4 handicap on January 8th. Ought to be in the shake-up
- **14. GRISGRISES -** Three unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 2400m at Toulouse on October 2nd in a Class 4 handicap. Hard to fancy
- **15. LA FILLE DE BERLIN -** Ran well to be 2nd over course and distance in a Class 4 handicap on December 21st. Can make the top four
- **16. TEN AIR -** Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 2650m at Carcassonne in a Class 4 race on May 5th, 2022. Has a long absence to overcome and is best avoided

Summary: GABIJA (11) returned to some kind of form when she was fourth over 2400m in a Class 4 handicap at this track 9 days ago. She has dropped in the handicap and is the tentative selection ahead of LE RAFALE (13) who was one place ahead of her when they met in the same race last time. The drop back in trip might suit the former best. ROYAL ETINCELLE (4) won over track and trip last month and can feature. PEDROZIO (3) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

GABIJA (11) - LE RAFALE (13) - ROYAL ETINCELLE (4) - PEDROZIO (3)

C7 - PRIX GUILLAUME DE PRACOMTAL - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Handicap - Steeple Chase - EUR € 56,000

- **1. QUINILAND -** Fair 2nd at Pau over 3900m in a handicap chase on December 11th on his last start. In the mix
- **2. KIF KIF BOURRICOT -** Won nicely at Auteuil over 3500m in a Class 3 chase on October 2nd when last appearing. Should be on the premises
- **3. IVOIRE DE BALLON -** 6th on his last start over 4400m in a Class 2 chase at Auteuil on November 24th. A Class 2 winner over fences in May who can be competitive
- **4. LE MERLOT -** Two nice runs of late, 2nd on the latest over 3900m at Pau in a Class 1 chase on December 31st. Ought to be in the shake-up
- **5. BOOM BOOM CIAO -** Five unplaced runs of late. 7th over 3900m at Pau on the latest in a Class 1 event, a chase on December 31st. Needs to get back on track
- **6. KALIBRE -** 4th on his last start over 3500m at Moulins in a Class 3 chase on December 14th. Might find a few of these too smart
- **7. L'ETOILEE -** Two unplaced runs since a win over 3900m in a handicap chase at Le Lion D'Angers on July 26th. Opposable
- **8. KISS KISS -** Placed on the last three starts, 2nd on the most recent over 3500m at Auteuil in a handicap chase on November 30th. Consider
- **9. STYLE DE WAY -** Placed on his last two runs, 2nd on the latest over 3700m in a claiming chase at Pau on December 29th. Hard to discount from the frame
- **10. STELLOMAKER -** Two unplaced runs of late, won before that over 3700m at Cholet in a handicap hurdle on November 3rd, and a win over fences before that in October. Place chance
- **11. FIRST MARVEL -** Two unplaced runs since a win over 3800m in a Class 4 chase at Maure-De-Bretagne on November 3rd. Others make more appeal
- **12. DEMON DU BERLAIS -** 5th on the latest run over 3400m at Pau in a Class 4 chase on December 17th. Might need a few of these to falter
- **13. KITOKO -** Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3600m in a Class 4 chase on March 29th at Fontainebleau. Pass over
- **14. KRAC DORE -** 3rd over 3850m on December 1st at Craon in a Class 3 chase on the latest start. Not the most reliable

Summary: IVOIRE DE BALLON (3) has been running credibly in good-class races recently at Auteuil. He won a Class 2 chase in May at Le Lion D'Angers. Back in calmer waters this time he should be good enough to get back on track. KIF KIF BOURRICOT (2) can be a threat and will be full of confidence after a win at Auteuil in early October on his last start. QUINILAND (1) is one for the each-way backers to look at. LE MERLOT (4) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

IVOIRE DE BALLON (3) - KIF KIF BOURRICOT (2) - QUINILAND (1) - LE MERLOT (4)

C8 - PRIX DE LA VALLEE D'OSSAU - 2000m (a1m1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

- **1. DAZZLE AT DAWN -** Four unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 2000m at Mont-De-Marsan in a claimer on July 5th. Others look better equipped
- **2. PAS RADINE -** Several placed runs recently, 3rd on the latest over 2000m at Pau in a Class 3 handicap on December 29th. Overdue another win
- **3. BELINSKOV -** Fair 4th over course and distance on December 29th in a Class 3 handicap on his last start. Bold show can be expected
- **4. PUERTO MADERO -** He has dropped a few kilos in the weights, 6th over track, and trip in a Class 3 handicap on December 29th on his last run. One to consider
- **5. MASSA CHOP -** Unplaced last time at Pau on December 29th over 2000m in a Class 3 handicap. Seems more suited to hurdles
- **6. PRESA DIRETTA -** 2nd on her last run over 1800m at La Teste in a Class 3 handicap on June 27th. Might need this outing after an absence
- **7. KOLPLET -** Won over track and trip on December 21st in a Class 4 handicap on his last start. Can make the frame at nice odds
- **8. ANGEL CHARLY -** Unplaced last time, won before that over 1900m at Deauville in a Class 4 race on November 27th. Outside place chance at big odds
- **9. AGAMEMNON -** Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 2000m at Toulouse on December 1st in a Class 4 race. In the mix
- **10. TWIN BOY -** 5th last time, 3rd before that at Pau over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on December 21st. Ought to be thereabouts
- **11. ZOKOA -** Four unplaced runs of late, 3rd before that over 2400m at La Teste on July 10th in a Class 3 race. Unreliable
- **12. FLY D'ASPE -** Several unplaced runs recently, the latest over 1600m at Pau in a Class 3 handicap on November 13th. Looks vulnerable
- **13. GREAT PROMISE -** Unplaced last time out, 2nd before that over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on December 21st. Hard to overlook
- **14. HEAVEN CITY -** Unplaced on the one run in 2024 at Deauville on December 18th in a Class 4 race. Hard to recommend
- **15. BALEGRIO -** Placed on his last two runs, 2nd on the latest over track and trip in a Class 4 handicap on December 21st. Place chance
- **16. MAD WHIP -** 5th last time, 2nd before that over 1850m in a Class 4 handicap at Agen on November 25th. Opposable

Summary: PAS RADINE (2) has been performing well without a win for some time. She was a decent third at this track and trip on her latest start late last month when beaten around one length. She can get a deserved success. PUERTO MADERO (4) has eased in the ratings recently but is more than capable of making an impact. BELINSKOV (3) is also one to keep safe after his fourth last time in the same race the main selection was third in, on December 29th. TWIN BOY (10) is another to respect.

SELECTIONS

PAS RADINE (2) - PUERTO MADERO (4) - BELINSKOV (3) - TWIN BOY (10)