

PAU [R-H] - 18 December

Race 1 - PRIX DE SOUMOULOU - 3300m HDLE AA. Purse EUR €31,000.

1. **YELLOW DE VERDUN** - Won on debut at Dax then kept a 100% top-three record intact last start when third in a hurdle (3500m) at Toulouse, beaten 19 lengths. In the mix.
2. **JAROUSSKY** - Made an impressive debut when a 11 length winner over 3500m in a hurdle at Toulouse. Rates strongly. Looks a top chance again.
3. **INDIA DE CANDALE** - Finished 52 lengths from the winner last start when safely held in fifth at Toulouse. Looking elsewhere.
4. **JADE DE LAGARDE** - Was disappointing first up last start in a hurdle (3500m) at Toulouse on November 11. Fitter but prefer to see more.
5. **MESARIA** - Made her jumps debut when returning from a spell last start and finished second beaten 11 lengths in a hurdle (3500m) at Toulouse. Plenty to like about her prospects.
6. **FINCH HATTON** - Returns from a 64-day spell. Finished off last prep with a win in a hurdle (3700m) at Bordeaux, scoring by a head. Sure to prove tough to stop.
7. **SEVILLAH** - Lightly-raced three-year-old who was unplaced on debut then failed to complete the course in a hurdle (3500m) at Toulouse last time out. Prepared to risk again.
8. **RAFAEL DE LA BRUNIE** - Was fair at his debut, finishing fourth and beaten 49 lengths over 3500m at Toulouse. Should be improved.
9. **MON BRAZIL** - Debuted 203 days back and was beaten 31L before being sent straight for a spell. Prefer to see again.
10. **JOLIE GIRL III** - In very strong form having missed the frame only once this season. Comes into this after filling third over 2300m in a flat race at Tarbes last time. Should be right in the finish.
11. **JAVA DE BRABOIS** - Filly by Carghese Des Landes out of Quanelle Brabois. Market watch advised.
12. **JAKSON** - Not seen since finishing second over 2500m on the flat at Agen nearly three weeks ago. Lining up over the jumps for the first time. Has transferred to the Daniela Mele stable since the last run.

Summary: JAROUSSKY (2) powered clear for an impressive 11L debut victory at Toulouse. Can improve further and likely to prove hard to beat. FINCH HATTON (6) has been freshened since a head success at Bordeaux. Big chance. YELLOW DE VERDUN (1) has won and placed on first two starts. Smart prospect that should finish close up once more. MESARIA (5) was behind Jaroussky last time. Each way hope.

Selections

JAROUSSKY (2) - FINCH HATTON (6) - YELLOW DE VERDUN (1) - MESARIA (5)

Race 2 - PRIX RAYMOND DE BOUGLON - 3400m STPLE UNR. Purse EUR €34,000.

1. **JIBRIL DES MOTTES** - Returns after a four months break. Strong campaign last preparation winning two times. Looks a leading contender.
2. **JIVARO DE KERSER** - Has not raced since he pulled up at his first jumps appearance in a hurdle (3200m) at Dieppe on May 11. That run came after a transfer to the Patrice Quinton stable.
3. **IL DIAVOLO** - Returns from a spell of four months and looks set for a good preparation. Concluded last campaign with a placing in a hurdle (3400m) at Clairefontaine. Should be about the mark.
4. **JAVUS D'OUDAIRIES** - Unplaced on debut two starts back then ran a reasonable race when beaten just 5.5 lengths into fourth in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau. Might find this a bit tough.
5. **JUSTE MILIEU** - Found the frame two back in a hurdle (3400m) at Nancy then could only manage fourth last time in a hurdle (3550m) at Fontainebleau, beaten 3.5 lengths. Strong each-way hope.
6. **MADARA** - Struggling a bit of late. Two runs ago clocked-in tenth in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil. Things didn't improve when he pulled up at Fontainebleau. Right in the mix if at best.
7. **MADAME DE LAMBALLE** - Last start winner at Fontainebleau after running a close second two starts back. Has the ability. Key chance again.
8. **QUEEN DINO** - Opened the campaign with a solid third in a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan then last start won a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan 20 days ago. Should be there at the business end.
9. **BISTROT HAS** - Returned from a 234-day spell last start and was pulled up in a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan. Others rate better.
10. **JOVIALE TIEPY** - Unseated the rider last time at Argentan over 3600m when well in the market. Tougher assignment here.

Summary: JIBRIL DES MOTTES (1) was smart over hurdles on first campaign. Open to significant progression now chasing. Key player. MADAME DE LAMBALLE (7) gamely held rivals for a 0.5L success at Lyon-Parilly. Now switches to fences but is easy to fancy. QUEEN DINO (8) powered clear for a 3.5L victory at Argentan. Big chance of going back to back. MADARA (6) is a potential threat to all on chase debut.

Selections

JIBRIL DES MOTTES (1) - MADAME DE LAMBALLE (7) - QUEEN DINO (8) - MADARA (6)

Race 3 - PRIX PIERRE DE LASSUS - 3500m HDLE UNR. Purse EUR €34,000.

1. **PANAREA** - Filly by Authorized out of I Should Care. Was a EUR 35,000 (Arqana 2020 Autumn Sale) purchase. The in-form Francois Nicolle stable is likely have her primed. Worth watching closely.
2. **AGATHEA** - Filly by Kamsin out of Miss Aubaline. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
3. **LADY PRETENDER** - Filly by Great Pretender out of Ahombros. Was a EUR 9,000 (Arqana 2020 Autumn Sale) purchase. Market watch advised.
4. **PARIOLI** - Filly by Wings Of Eagles out of Grivatique. Was a EUR 5,000 (Arqana 2020 Autumn Sale) purchase. Tough test at her first appearance so prefer to see.
5. **FLEURIEU** - Filly by Masked Marvel out of Talwin. Was a EUR 5,000 (Arqana 2020 Autumn Sale) purchase. Doesn't profile as the likely winner.
6. **ENCORE UNE BELLE** - Filly by Cokoriko out of Tes Belle. Tough assignment at her first outing so tempted to favour others.
7. **SWEET ROSETTA** - Filly by Kamsin out of Minirose. Was a EUR 40,000 (Arqana 2021 Summer Sale) purchase. The in-form H Lageneste & G Macaire stable is likely have her primed. Worth watching closely.
8. **HORAHORA HAS** - Filly by Doctor Dino out of Horabora Has. Trainer worth noting. Interesting.
9. **LUCKY LOVE** - Three-year-old filly who resumes here off a short 63 day break. Won her only start. Shapes well here and bold showing expected.
10. **JOYEUSE MAG** - Filly by Free Port Lux out of Cluny. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.
11. **AELLE** - Last raced when she scored a dominant win in a flat race over 2700m at Orleans back on June 26 following on from a solid second on debut 18 days earlier. Makes plenty of appeal.
12. **MAREZIA** - Making jumps debut. Last start ninth on the flat over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan and returns from a four months break. Faces a tough task.
13. **CELINE** - Filly by Olympic Glory out of Flying Flag. Was a EUR 13,000 (Arqana 2020 October Yearlings Sale) purchase. Watch the market closely as she hails from the in-form David Cottin stable.

Summary: LUCKY LOVE (9) looked a nice prospect when going clear for a 4L success at Les Sables. Should only improve again in which case will prove hard to beat. PANAREA (1) is related to multiple winners. With a good yard and likely to be primed for debut. Keep safe. AELLE (11) is interesting now making jumps debut having already shown ability. Winning claims. SWEET ROSETTA (7) is smartly bred. Potential threat to all.

Selections

LUCKY LOVE (9) - PANAREA (1) - AELLE (11) - SWEET ROSETTA (7)
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Race 4 - PRIX HUBERT DE NAVAILLES - 4700m P2P CL1. Purse EUR €34,000.

1. **LUCKY NET LOVE** - Resumes after having had just one run last campaign when fourth over 6000m in a Listed Cross-Country chase at Craon. Rates highly.
2. **SAINT GODEFROY** - Found success in February winning the Listed Grand Cross de Pau here tackling 6300m. Makes plenty of appeal.
3. **GAMSOUL** - Pulled up contesting the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase-Cross-Country de Compiegne (5400m) at Compiegne last start. Prefer to see him back in form.
4. **GALCOFLAUR** - Wasn't far away when resuming from a 310-day layoff last start, beaten a nose into second over 5300m at Saumur. Fitter and in the mix.
5. **ETONNANT** - Turned things around with a strong second in the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase-Cross-Country de Compiegne (5400m) at Compiegne last start. All set to return to the winner's list.
6. **VIF ARDENT** - Impressed when he scored two runs ago over 4800m at Segre. Did a good job to finish second more recently at Durtal beaten just 3.5 lengths. Respected.
7. **GODIVA LADY** - Took a fall last time at Vittel on July 31 before going for a spell. Fresh today. Has the ability and can sneak into the finish if finds best form.
8. **HOZORA** - Failed to finish at the final run last campaign over 4800m at Granville-St-Pair-sur-Mer. Others preferred.
9. **HARMONIE ROQUE** - Resumed after a spell last start with a modest tenth in a hurdle (3800m) at Compiegne. Each-way chance with added fitness.
10. **FLICKA D'OLIVATE** - Was unable to repeat the first-up win when she finished third over 5200m at Lyon-Parilly last time. Might find this too tough.
11. **COTE FLEURIE** - Resumes from a short spell after finishing third at Le Touquet. Can sneak into the finish with the right run.

Summary: SAINT GODEFROY (2) won all three starts last campaign and boasts a very good course record. Absent for ten and a half months but should be fit for reappearance and prove very hard to beat. ETONNANT (5) was beaten just 0.8L in the Listed Grand Steeple-Chase-Cross-Country de Compiegne. Big chance on that form. GALCOFLAUR (4) was beaten just a nose on reappearance. Should only improve upon that and clearly is close to a win. Keep safe. LUCKY NET LOVE (1) holds each way claims.

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<p style="text-align: center;">SAINT GODEFROY (2) - ETONNANT (5) - GALCOFLAUR (4) - LUCKY NET LOVE (1)</p>

Race 5 - PRIX COMTE DE SAINT CRICQ - 3800m HDLE CL1. Purse EUR €36,000.

1. **BERNARDO BELLOTTO** - Resumes today. Finished off last campaign with a sixth over 3800m in a steeplechase at Compiègne, beaten 41 lengths. Tough assignment.
2. **HISPANIC MOON** - Missed the placings in a G2 steeplechase (4100m) at Compiègne two back then did a better job to finish second in a G3 hurdle (3600m) at Compiègne last time. Ready to find peak form.
3. **HUPECA DE THAIX** - Wasn't far away when resuming from a 241-day layoff last start, beaten 0.8 lengths into second in a hurdle (4000m) at Lyon-Parilly. Can find winning form this time.
4. **BALADIN DE MESC** - Made it two wins on the bounce when he scored by 5.5 lengths in a steeplechase (4100m) at Lyon-Parilly last start. Hard to fault.
5. **KEEP HOPE DE ROCHE** - Returns from a 243-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh, with a win and two placings from four first-up runs. Place hope.
6. **NEW PRESIDENT** - Going well this prep. Placed first-up two starts ago in a hurdle (3800m) at Saint Brieuc then filled a minor prize again last start in a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan, beaten 17 lengths. Big task ahead.
7. **MUHTALAD** - Is a very good fresh performer returning from a 355-day layoff. Kicked off with a minor placing in a steeplechase (3900m) at this track when last in work. Capable of playing a role in the finish.
8. **HISTOIRE ROSE** - Resumed after a spell last start with a fourth in a steeplechase (3700m) at Auteuil. Second-up record reads well. Improvement in store.
9. **BEAU GOSSE** - Resumed after a 747-day spell last start with a strong second in a hurdle (3800m) at Saint Brieuc. Key runner.
10. **HAMERSLEY** - Was most recently at the races 571 days ago. Closed the last campaign with a win at Toulouse. Maybe later in the prep.

Summary: HISPANIC MOON (2) drops in grade having been beaten just 1L in the G2 Prix Leopold D'orsetti - Grande Course De Haies De Compiègne. That is very strong form and hard to oppose subsequently. BALADIN DE MESC (4) is thriving at present and searches for a third consecutive victory. 5.5L winner at Lyon-Parilly last time and is very easy to fancy. HUPECA DE THAIX (3) was beaten 0.8L into second at Lyon-Parilly first up. Should only progress so is worth holding safe. BEAU GOSSE (9) has won twice and placed twice in four starts for this jockey. Solid each way option.

Selections

HISPANIC MOON (2) - BALADIN DE MESC (4) - HUPECA DE THAIX (3) - BEAU GOSSE (9)

Race 6 - PRIX CHATEAU DE PAU - 4000m STPLE CL1. Purse EUR €45,000.

1. **ENJEU D'ARTHEL** - Yet to find the frame in two runs this preparation. Resumed with a seventh in a Listed handicap hurdle (3900m) at Auteuil then was 25 lengths away in the G1 Prix La Haye Jousselin steeplechase (5500m) at Auteuil five weeks ago. Major player on his best figures.
2. **SPANISH ONE** - Has kept to flat racing at his last 2 starts. The most recent appearance was on the flat at Limoges when he was second over 2400m. Others rate better.
3. **YOUTWO GLASS** - Made a strong return from a 223-day layoff last time in a Listed steeplechase (3500m) at Auteuil, finishing third. Has ability. Worth including.
4. **HADES** - Was unplaced two back in a Listed steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil. Filled a minor prize last time in a much better performance in a steeplechase (3700m) at Auteuil, beaten 2 lengths. Right in the mix if he is at his best.
5. **ECHQUIER** - Did a better job last time when he won a steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil. Will prove hard to beat on current form.
6. **METASEQUOIA** - Returned from a layoff last time out in a hurdle (3800m) at Fontainebleau, finishing fourth. Needs to go up a level.
7. **FRET D'ESTRUAL** - First-up here. Yet to win fresh and generally needs a run or two to find his best form. Place appears best.
8. **ZEPLY** - Hasn't raced since finishing 16 lengths away in eighth at this track in a steeplechase a year ago. Has ability.
9. **GALLIPOLI** - Missed the placings in a Listed hurdle (3600m) at Compiègne two back then improved to finish second in a steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil last time. Holds claims.

Summary: ECHQUIER (5) powered clear for a 8L success at Auteuil. This looks a better race but can improve again. The one to beat. ENJEU D'ARTHEL (1) drops in grade having been far from disgraced in G1 company last time. Key player. GALLIPOLI (9) is an honest type. Placed at Auteuil last time and holds each way claims once more. YOUTWO GLASS (3) found the placings on reappearance. Should improve and has won twice at this track previously. Threat to all.

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Race 7 - PRIX CHARLES DU BREIL - 3500m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €33,000.

1. **CHARLATEMPS** - Good second in a steeplechase (3800m) at Nancy. Ideally placed to take this out.
2. **ISABEY VALLIS** - Finished second, albeit 11 lengths from the winner, four weeks ago in a small field in a hurdle (3800m) at Dieppe. Another bold showing likely.
3. **VANGOSTYLE** - Returns after a break of four months. Last appeared when third on jumps debut in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil. Likely improver with strong claims.
4. **CHOEUR DE MESC** - Talented four-year-old who was a handy fourth, beaten 6 lengths, in a hurdle (3600m) at Argentan last start. Right in the mix again.
5. **ZIINGARA** - Showed pleasing improvement last start when placing in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil. Could go close.
6. **IMAKO** - May pay to forgive last run at Angers and go on a close up placing at Argentan two back. Bold showing expected if finds best.
7. **ROYAL BOX** - Placed on debut then finished fifth, beaten 32 lengths in a hurdle (3500m) at this track on January 10 at her most recent appearance. Key contender.
8. **KAN XISHAN** - Well held on debut at Craon 14 days back when pulled up. Better for the experience but may need more time.
9. **IMPALA DE KERZA** - Good effort to clock-in third on debut in a hurdle (3500m) at Le Touquet. Not quite as effective in a hurdle (3800m) at Angers more recently, beaten 63 lengths.
10. **IMPERIAL LOVE** - Resumes here after seven months off. Has finished fifth in both career starts. Others look more appealing.
11. **CHOWGAN** - Faced the starter for only the second time and was first-up from a spell of 345 days when a solid third in a hurdle (3800m) at Angers last start. Consider.
12. **ESPOIR DE NOEL** - Unplaced in a 2350m flat race at Machecoul last time out. Goes over the obstacles for the first time today. Progress likely. Useful type and holds appeal.
13. **INCA DE BALME** - Gelding by Vic Toto out of Man's Idea. Market watch advised.
14. **MELRAPH** - Gelding by Gemix out of Miss Harmonie. Might just need this run but watch the market.

Summary: CHARLATEMPS (1) was an impressive debut winner. Absent for well over a year until resuming with a good second at Nancy. Should improve again and rates highly. ISABEY VALLIS (2) looks overdue a victory having finished second on three of four starts so far. Keep safe. VANGOSTYLE (3) placed on hurdles debut. Winning claims now. ZIINGARA (5) stayed on for a fair 6L third at Auteuil. Progressing and easy to fancy.

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<p style="text-align: center;">CHARLATEMPS (1) - ISABEY VALLIS (2) - VANGOSTYLE (3) - ZIINGARA (5)</p>

Race 8 - PRIX DE LASTOURS - 3900m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €35,000.

1. **MIRALAGO** - Was unplaced the start before last in a steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil. Bounced back last time when he won a steeplechase (3500m) at Auteuil. All set to make it two on the bounce.
2. **MARIE COASTALA** - Was unable to repeat the first-up success when she finished third in a Listed steeplechase (3450m) at Compiègne last time. Can return to winning form.
3. **IRISH CHANEL** - Talented jumper who was outside the top-three most recently in a G3 steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil. That followed a solid second in a steeplechase (3500m) at Auteuil two runs back. Major player.
4. **DIAVOLEZZA** - Useful jumper who was unplaced in a steeplechase (3450m) at Compiègne two starts back. Improved last start when he won a steeplechase (3500m) at Dieppe by 2.5 lengths. Include.
5. **INTERDIT DE JEU** - Did not threaten when sixth in a steeplechase (3850m) at Fontainebleau last time following on from a win in a steeplechase at Saint Briec. In the mix on best form.
6. **ALCE** - Did a good job to finish second two back in a steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil but could only manage fifth in a steeplechase (3500m) at Auteuil last time. Place likely best.
7. **ROSEMAGIC HAS** - Useful jumper who was back to her best to score in a steeplechase (3600m) at Fontainebleau last start. Holds claims.
8. **INDIRA** - Second up. Ran third and beaten 5 lengths in a Fontainebleau steeplechase on soft going over 3600m first up. Consider.
9. **KATPARTROI** - Finished fourth in a steeplechase (3500m) at Auteuil last start. Certainly worth another chance.
10. **IP UP** - Returns after six months. Opened the last campaign with a minor placing in a steeplechase (3450m) at Compiègne. Betting can guide.
11. **SAFE FLIGHT** - Recently experiencing mixed luck. Fell in a steeplechase (3500m) at Dieppe last start. That followed a steeplechase win before. Interesting.
12. **IMAGINAIRE** - Returns from a spell of six months. Concluded last campaign with a placing in a steeplechase (4100m) at Lyon-Parilly.
13. **INVITE DE MARQUE** - Filled a minor prize two back in a steeplechase (3800m) at Meslay-du-Maine then progressed nicely last time to win by 2.5 lengths in a steeplechase (4100m) at Lyon-Parilly. Certainly worth including.
14. **MONT JOLY** - Finished seventh two runs ago in a hurdle (3600m) at Auteuil then could only manage fourth most recently in a hurdle (3500m) at Auteuil. This looks too tough.

Summary: MIRALAGO (1) impressed with a 4.5L success at Auteuil. If anything this looks slightly easier now. Hard to oppose. MARIE COASTALA (2) has won and placed already this campaign. Key player once more. ROSEMAGIC HAS (7) showed a great attitude to hold rivals for a 0.5L success at Fontainebleau. Big chance of going back to back. IRISH CHANEL (3) ran creditably when mid-field at G3 level last time. Threat to all in easier company.

Selections

MIRALAGO (1) - MARIE COASTALA (2) - ROSEMAGIC HAS (7) - IRISH CHANEL (3)
