

PAU - 20 December

Race 1

1. **GALANT DU CHENET** - Good 4L fourth in a 3600m hurdle at Auteuil (very heavy) at the end of last month. Strong claims on return to fences.
2. **BUBBLE BLUE** - Winner of three of his last four starts including a 3800m chase at Bordeaux (soft) four weeks ago. Top chance.
3. **LE LUDE** - Highly tried this year including when 32L fifth in the G3 Prix Orcada over 4000m at Auteuil (very heavy) in October. Notable runner down in grade.
4. **MILANESCA** - Showed good form 6L second in a 3800m handicap chase at Compiègne (heavy) last month. Interesting contender.
5. **GENTLE MAG** - Completed a hat-trick when recording a 3L victory in a 3800m chase at Nancy (soft) last month. One to note.
6. **GRAND FRISSON** - Beaten over 40L when fifth in a 4400m chase at Auteuil (very heavy) five weeks ago. Others make more appeal.
7. **ANABAKO DU BEARN** - Put a fall behind him when 15L fifth in a 3400m hurdle at Nîmes (good-to-soft) three weeks ago. More needed switched to fences.
8. **GIPSY DE LA ROQUE** - Down the field tenth in the Listed Prix Marc Antony handicap hurdle over 3600m at Auteuil (soft-to-heavy) last month. Others preferred.

Summary

BUBBLE BLUE (2) registered a victory in a 3800m chase at Bordeaux. May complete a hat-trick. LE LUDE (3) receives a drop in grade following a 32L fifth in the G3 Prix Orcada over 4400m at Auteuil. Shortlist. GALANT DU CHENET (1) is considered having been beaten 4L fourth in a 3600m hurdle at Auteuil. GENTLE MAG (5) holds claims having won his past three starts including by 3L in a 3800m chase at Nancy.

Selections

BUBBLE BLUE (2) - LE LUDE (3) - GALANT DU CHENET (1) - GENTLE MAG (5)

Race 2

1. **FORISK** - Completed a double when winning by 6L in a 4200m cross-country event at Angouleme (soft) at the start of last month. Represents a top yard on first start at this venue.
2. **FORTUNA BELLA** - Impressive 10L winner of a 4800m cross-country event at Lignieres (soft) five weeks ago. Notable runner.
3. **GOLDCHOP** - Fair 6L fourth in a 4200m cross-country race at Agen (good) at the end of last month. This looks tougher.
4. **MARTAMIS** - Returning from a break when registering a 13L victory in a 4900m cross-country race at Durtal (heavy) last month. Bold show expected.
5. **BEAUGOS DE HOUELLE** - Fair 15L third in a 4300m chase at Nantes (heavy) last month. Others preferred on return to this sphere.
6. **FEELING FAST** - Held 36L sixth in a 4000m chase here 12 days ago. More needed.
7. **FORT JOLIE** - Tailed off 12th in a 3800m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) last month. Others hold more obvious claims on cross-country debut.
8. **MONSIEUR HONORE** - Good form of late including 13L second in a 4900m cross-country race at Durtal (heavy) last month. Strong claims.
9. **BORN TO BE A QUEEN** - Decent effort 4L second in a 4200m cross-country contest at Agen (good) three weeks ago. Interesting to see how she fares.
10. **FLASHKILLE** - Fair 11L fifth in a 4200m cross-country race at Angouleme (soft) early last month. Jockey booking a positive.
11. **REINE DE SALAN** - Pulled up in a course and distance event on heavy ground a week ago. Best watched.
12. **URUBU ROUGE** - Improvement needed having finished 15L fourth in a 3600m hurdle at Agen (good) 21 days ago.
13. **FREE ALLEN** - Beaten 15L second behind a subsequent winner in a 4250m cross-country race at Durtal (heavy) last month. Interesting contender.

Summary

MARTAMIS (4) impressed when winning by 13L a 4900m cross-country at Durtal. Placed at this circuit in the past. FORISK (1) warrants thought following a 6L success in a 4200m cross-country race at Angouleme. Stablemate FLASHKILLE (10) came home 11L fifth in that Angouleme event. Consider for the win. MONSIEUR HONORE (8) finished 13L second in the previously mentioned Durtal cross-country race and is of note racing for a decent stable.

Selections

MARTAMIS (4) - FORISK (1) - FLASHKILLE (10) - MONSIEUR HONORE (8)

Race 3

1. **GOUT SUCRE** - Unraced Rajsaman colt. Likely to improve for the experience.
2. **KHONOR** - Unraced Elusive City colt. Others preferred.
3. **CRAPS** - Unraced Wootton Bassett colt. Bold show expected for a top trainer.
4. **DARRAJA** - Unraced Wootton Bassett colt. Strong claims on debut.
5. **DARK OCEAN** - Unraced Exosphere filly. One to note.
6. **OTAMBURA** - Unraced Kingman filly. Leading contender on first start.
7. **LENA CHOPE** - Unraced Vale Of York filly. Interesting on first start.
8. **MOON TRAOU LAND** - Unraced Milanais filly. Notable runner.

Summary

Wootton Bassett colt CRAPS (3) hails from a top stable. May have a hand in the finish on racecourse debut. OTAMBURA (6) is a Kingman filly. Consider for the win on her first start. Another Wootton Bassett contender is DARRAJA (4) who makes initial visit to the track. MOON TRAOU LAND (8) is a Milanais newcomer . Comes from a yard who do well with their juveniles. Claims.

Selections

CRAPS (3) - OTAMBURA (6) - DARRAJA (4) - MOON TRAOU LAND (8)

Race 4

1. **MANVOLT** - Held 27L tenth in a 2300m handicap at Tarbes (soft) in June. Minor role likely.
2. **MUHTALAD** - Unraced Muhtathir gelding. Bold show expected for a top yard.
3. **SECRET BORIS** - Unraced Boris de Deauville gelding. Interesting.
4. **MICK SENTORS** - Unraced Meshaheer gelding. Represents a leading stable on debut.
5. **ROYAL CAYMAN** - Unraced Martaline gelding. One to note.
6. **HAUT DE MIRANDE** - Victorious by 2L in a 2400m conditions race at Granville (good) in July. Strong claims.
7. **AKTEUR** - Unraced Kallisto gelding. Hails from a top stable.
8. **INVADER** - Unraced Kapgarde colt. Interesting for a leading trainer.
9. **SHEEPYSHEEPSHEEP** - Unraced Great Pretender gelding. Notable runner.
10. **FUNWAY** - Unraced Galiway gelding. Likely to improve for the experience.
11. **CUVEE DU GOLFE** - Unraced Rio de la Plata gelding. Interesting to see how he performs.
12. **PORTIVY** - Good 7L third in a 2400m event at Craon on debut. Interesting on hurdling debut.
13. **MIRAZI** - Held 30L 14th in a 2600m maiden at Chateaubriant (good-to-soft) in May. Others make more appeal.
14. **BRIAC D'ECHAL** - Unraced Masked Marvel gelding. Interesting contender.
15. **HAPPY AND FINE** - Unraced Balko gelding. May surprise a few better fancied rivals.

Summary

MUHTALAD (2) is a Muhtathir gelding. May play a leading role on his first start. Kapgarde colt INVADER (8) is another who warrants close consideration racing for a leading stable. Great Pretender newcomer SHEEPYSHEEPSHEEP (9) secures a top jockey. Shortlist. HAUT DE MIRANDE (6) won by 2L a 2400m conditions race on the flat at Granville. Hails from a good yard.

Selections

MUHTALAD (2) - INVADER (8) - SHEEPYSHEEPSHEEP (9) - HAUT DE MIRANDE (6)

Race 5

1. **VELDENI** - Promising 4L fifth in an 1800m good-to-soft ground newcomers race at Marseilles-Borely last month. Strong claims for a top yard.
2. **FALADO** - Glimpses of ability in five starts to date but struggled when 25L tenth over 1500m in a claimer at Tarbes (soft) in October. Others preferred.
3. **MICHEL** - Runner-up on debut but faded when 5L eighth over 1600m at Toulouse (soft) last month. Claims on debut effort.
4. **HA CHOP** - Held 12L last of nine in a 1200m maiden at Dax (good-to-soft) in August. Minor role likely.
5. **BOBBY** - Improved on debut effort when 8L fifth in a 1400m maiden at Dax (soft) in June. One to note.
6. **SORANO** - Disappointing 23L ninth in a 1600m maiden at Toulouse (soft) last month. Better expected.
7. **TWIN BOY** - Beaten 11L fifth in a 1700m maiden at Pornichet five days ago. More needed.
8. **BOUJOC** - Returning from a break and faded when 15L fifth in a 2000m maiden at Toulouse (good-to-soft) at the start of last month. Bold show expected down in trip.

Summary

VELDENI (1) showed ability when 4L fifth in an 1800m newcomers race at Marseilles-Borely. May get off the mark at the second attempt. BOUJOC (8) may appreciate a return to this trip following a 15L fifth over 2000m at Toulouse. Consider for the win. SORANO (6) is of note if replicating his 7L third over 1600m at Bordeaux on penultimate start. BOBBY (5) faded when 8L fifth in a 1400m Dax contest. Might fare better upon return from a break.

Selections

VELDENI (1) - BOUJOC (8) - SORANO (6) - BOBBY (5)

Race 6

1. **RI** - Completed a four-timer when victorious by 1L in a 3600m claiming hurdle at Agen (good) at the end of last month. Notable runner.
2. **YO** - Off the track since registering a 5L victory in a 4300m handicap chase at Granville (good) in June last year. Interesting to see how he fares.
3. **FEUX DE BOIS** - Below par 49L seventh in a 4000m chase on heavy ground here 12 days ago. Others preferred.
4. **CHRISTMAS ROSE** - Absent since a 2L third in a 2900m conditions race at Clairefontaine (good-to-soft) in August 2017. Dangerous if sharp for this return.
5. **BIG BOWL** - Successful by 1L in a 3800m handicap hurdle at Compiègne (soft) in September last year. Leading contender.
6. **BEAU DE BALLON** - Beaten 33L fifth in a 3900m claiming hurdle at Nantes (soft) last month. Best watched.
7. **ELDORADO TEN** - Absent since a 40L sixth in a 3800m hurdle at Niort (soft) in October 2018. Minor role likely.
8. **PORTENTOSO** - Fair 25L fourth in a 3900m claiming hurdle at Nantes (soft) last month. Interesting contender.
9. **TORRIJOS** - Victorious by 12L in a 4200m hurdle at Argentan (very heavy) last month. Bold show expected.
10. **LOVINA** - Out of form of late including 31L eighth in a 4200m hurdle at Argentan (very heavy) four weeks ago.
11. **GUADULOUPE** - Put two falls behind him when 6L second in a 3900m chase at Compiègne (heavy) last month. Top chance.
12. **BRIONNAIS** - Below par 22L tenth in a 3700m hurdle at Bordeaux (soft) 28 days ago. Interesting on earlier form.
13. **FIER COMME ARTABAN** - Good 1L second in a 3900m hurdle at Nîmes (good) last month. One to note.
14. **PASTEL DE NATA** - Returning from over a year off the track when 9L fourth in a 3600m claiming hurdle at Agen (good) three weeks ago. Interesting.
15. **ONE WAY** - Decent effort 6L third in a 3600m claiming hurdle at Agen (good) 21 days ago. This looks tougher.
16. **CURLY D'AUTHIE** - Disappointing 58L ninth in a 4200m claiming chase at Maure-de-Bretagne (soft) three weeks ago. Interesting on earlier form.
17. **BALLIVERRY** - Pulled up in a 4200m hurdle at Argentan (very heavy) last month. More needed.
18. **BATURA SAR** - Faller in a 3600m claiming hurdle at Agen (good) at the end of last month. Others hold more obvious claims.

Summary

BIG BOWL (5) came home 1L clear of his rivals in a 3800m handicap hurdle at Compiègne in June last year. May prove hard to beat racing for a top yard. GUADULOUPE (11) was beaten 6L finishing runner-up in a 3900m chase at Compiègne. Makes the shortlist revisiting hurdling. CHRISTMAS ROSE (4) demonstrated strong form at a higher level in 2017 including when 2L third in a 2900m conditions race on the flat at Clairefontaine in August of that year. Consider. TORRIJOS (9) recorded an impressive 12L triumph in a 4200m hurdle at Argentan. Could follow up.

Selections

BIG BOWL (5) - GUADULOUPE (11) - CHRISTMAS ROSE (4) - TORRIJOS (9)

Race 7

1. **DEVKA** - Held 6L sixth in a 1600m maiden at Toulouse (soft) last month. Interesting on debut third over the same course and distance.
2. **ATTASHA** - Promising 1L third in a 1600m maiden at Bordeaux (soft) in October. Bold show expected.
3. **LADY AUSTRALIA** - Decent effort 3L fourth in a 1900m newcomers race at Bordeaux (soft) last month. Strong claims for a top yard.
4. **KAMA CHOPE** - Good 4L third in a 1600m maiden on soft going at Toulouse just over a month ago. Notable runner.
5. **DIVINE SENSATION** - Improved on debut effort when 4L sixth in a 2000m maiden here last month. Interesting.
6. **VALARICA** - Beaten 14L ninth in a 1400m maiden here at the end of October. Others preferred.
7. **AMERICAN PRINCESS** - Good 3L fourth in a 1400m maiden at Limoges (good) three weeks ago. This looks a tougher affair.
8. **SAGA DES DUNES** - Beaten 6L 14th in a 2000m maiden here last month. Minor role likely.
9. **BATUCADA** - Struggled 43L last of 15 in a 2000m claimer at Toulouse (good) when debuting last month.
10. **TIMANFAYA DES ROCS** - Last of six in a 1900m conditions race at Bordeaux (very heavy) in October. Best watched.
11. **WONDER ANGEL** - Good 5L third in a 1600m maiden at La Teste (soft) in August. Leading contender.
12. **ROMANTIC MOON** - Disappointing 9L ninth in a 1600m maiden at Toulouse (soft) last month. Capable of better.
13. **LAYLANA** - Unraced Footstepsinthesand filly. Interesting contender on first start for a top yard.

Summary

WONDER ANGEL (11) showed ability when 5L third in a 1600m maiden at La Teste on debut. May break her maiden in this event. ATTASHA (2) enters equations following a 1L third in a 1600m maiden at Bordeaux. LADY AUSTRALIA (3) finds a winning opportunity having finished 3L fourth in a 1900m newcomers race at Bordeaux. The experienced KAMA CHOPE (4) tried to make all when 4L third in a 1600m maiden at Toulouse. Holds claims with similar tactics likely.

Selections

WONDER ANGEL (11) - ATTASHA (2) - LADY AUSTRALIA (3) - KAMA CHOPE (4)

Race 8

1. **GOAS MAT** - Beaten 2L second in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) on jumps debut earlier this month. One to note.
2. **GERICO DE PALMAS** - Returning from a break when 9L fourth in a 2400m conditions race at Limoges (good) last month. More needed on just his second hurdles start.
3. **GUILVINEC** - Held 23L third in a 3900m hurdle at Nantes (soft) last month. Step forward required.
4. **GALLOX** - Fair 13L fifth in a 3500m hurdle at Strasbourg (soft) last month. Interesting to see how he fares.
5. **GOOGLE DE LOUED** - Pulled up in a 3800m hurdle at Angers (very heavy) just over a week ago. Others preferred.
6. **GEORGES SAINT** - Struggled 31L fifth in a 3500m hurdle at Nantes (good-to-soft) in June. Minor role likely.
7. **GOINGTODEAUVILLE** - Promising 4L fifth in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) when making his debut last month. Improvement expected.
8. **GRAAL DE BAUNE** - Pulled up in a 3500m hurdle on heavy ground here just under two weeks ago. Best watched.
9. **GET VINGT SEPT** - Victorious by 6L in a 3000m conditions race at Paray-le-Monial (good-to-soft) in October. Bold show expected.
10. **GALWAY CITY** - Unbeaten in two Flat starts including by 2L in a 3000m event at Strasbourg (soft) in October. Leading contender.
11. **GENTLEMAN LAUTEIX** - Placed third in a 1700m maiden at Pompadour in July last year. Likely to improve for the experience.
12. **TREVIE LANLORE** - Making her hurdling debut when pulled up in a 3600m contest at Agen (good) five weeks ago. Others preferred.
13. **GARE A TOI** - Beaten 56L in a 3500m hurdle on heavy ground here 12 days ago. Looks up against it in this event.
14. **GALA D'ARTHEL** - Good 8L fourth in the G3 Prix de l'Union des Aqps du Centre-Est over 2400m at Vichy (good-to-soft) in July. Notable runner.

Summary

GALWAY CITY (10) won by 2L a 3000m flat race at Strasbourg. Set to complete a hat-trick on hurdling debut. GET VINGT SEPT (9) found success by 6L in a competitive 3000m conditions race at Paray-le-Monial. Noted on first hurdle outing. GALA D'ARTHEL (14) hails from a good yard. Showed plenty of ability when 8L fourth in the 2400m G3 Prix de l'Union des Aqps du Centre-Est at Vichy. GOAS MAT (1) is also considered following a 2L second in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau.

Selections

GALWAY CITY (10) - GET VINGT SEPT (9) - GALA D'ARTHEL (14) - GOAS MAT (1)

Race 9

1. **TRAPEUR** - Pulled up in a 3600m hurdle on debut at Auteuil (very heavy) in October. Best watched.
2. **SIX ONE** - Beaten 10L third in a 3400m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly (soft) last month. Notable runner.
3. **VERY NICE SURF** - Victorious by 1L in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) when debuting in October. Interesting to see how he fares.
4. **HOLYBOY** - Held both hurdles starts to date and looks up against it on debut over fences.
5. **OUESSANT** - Improved effort 4L fifth in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau (soft) earlier this month. One to note.
6. **NOBLE** - Pulled up in a 3500m hurdle at Auteuil (soft) in June. Likely capable of much better.
7. **HELOY DELABARRIERE** - Successful by 1L in a 3500m hurdle at Nantes (soft) last month. Interesting.
8. **NOUVEAU MONDE** - Fair 14L fourth in a 3450m hurdle at Les Sables (good-to-soft) at the end of June. Likely to improve for the experience.
9. **HEROGADOR** - Registered a 2L victory in a 3400m hurdle at Angers (soft) three weeks ago. Leading contender.
10. **SWISS GUARD** - Good 1L second in a 3600m newcomers hurdle at Auteuil (very heavy) at the start of October. Top chance.
11. **ENKI THE BEST** - Disappointing 14L fifth in a 3400m hurdle at Compiegne (soft) in September. Bold show expected having run well in two starts prior to that.
12. **APPLE 'S PIERRO** - Beaten 3L fourth in a 3400m hurdle at Compiegne (heavy) last month. One to note.
13. **H'IRISH GASCON** - Unraced Kapparde gelding. Interesting to see how he performs.
14. **BOUMKILA** - Pulled up in a 3800m claiming hurdle at Castera-Verduzan (soft) in October. Others preferred.
15. **LA DANZA** - Successful by 1L in a 3500m hurdle at Auteuil (very heavy) just over four weeks ago. Strong claims.
16. **HOHICE** - Pulled up in a 3500m newcomers hurdle here just over two weeks ago. Minor role likely.
17. **HAUTE IDEE** - Pulled up in a 3500m hurdle at Toulouse (soft) when debuting in May. Likely capable of better.

Summary

SWISS GUARD (10) was beaten 1L when runner-up in a 3600m newcomers hurdle at Auteuil. Hails from a top yard on chase debut. HEROGADOR (9) warrants thought following a 2L victory in a 3400m hurdle at Angers. ENKI THE BEST (11) disappointed when 14L fifth in a 3400m hurdle at Compiegne. Enters equations on earlier form. LA DANZA (15) is also considered having won by 1L a 3500m hurdle against her own sex at Auteuil.

Selections

SWISS GUARD (10) - HEROGADOR (9) - ENKI THE BEST (11) - LA DANZA (15)

