

## PAU [R-H] - 24 December

**Race 1 - PRIX DE BAYONNE - 3900m STPLE CL2.** Purse EUR €35,000.

1. **SAINT SIRE** - Head winner of a 3400m chase at Nimes last month. One to note.
2. **MIRALAGO** - Good 2.5L second over 3400m here three weeks ago. Leading contender.
3. **SEIGNEUR DES AS** - Below par 33L fifth over 3500m at Auteuil. Capable of better.
4. **JOGO DE LA SERRE** - Fifth when beaten 3.25L in a 3400m chase here. Step forward required.
5. **ISLAND EMERY** - Good 8L third in a 3500m hurdle here on debut. Strong claims.
6. **KIKALOVE** - 2.25L third in a 3400m chase here three weeks ago. Bold show expected.
7. **IDYLLE DU SEUIL** - Debuting for a new trainer following a 0.5L second in a 3400m claiming hurdle at Nimes.
8. **CLENI NIGHT** - Pulled up in a 3400m chase here on debut over fences. Best watched.

**Summary:** MIRALAGO (2) can register a victory following a 2.5L second in a 3400m chase at this venue. ISLAND EMERY (5) may go well having been beaten 8L third in a 3500m hurdle here on debut. KIKALOVE (6) enters calculations on the back of a 3.25L third attempting this circuit over 3400m. SAINT SIRE (1) is also considered. Won by a head a 3400m chase at Nimes.

### Selections

**MIRALAGO (2) - ISLAND EMERY (5) - KIKALOVE (6) - SAINT SIRE (1)**

**Race 2 - PRIX D'ARTHEZ - 3500m HDLE CL2.** Purse EUR €34,000.

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1. **LA TOUSSAINT** - Unraced Saint des Saints filly. One to note.
2. **SAGAROSE** - Unraced Spider Flight filly. Notable contender.
3. **MAPLE LEAF** - Unraced Triple Threat filly. Strong claims.
4. **EXTRABLEUCIEL** - Below par 33L eighth over 3500m at this track on debut. Improvement needed.
5. **IMBABAZANE** - Failed to shine when 65L tenth in a 3500m hurdle here. Likely capable of better.
6. **MORE JOY** - Faded when 11L fourth in a 3500m newcomers hurdle here three weeks ago. Leading contender.

**Summary:** MORE JOY (6) won on the flat and looks up to taking this following an 11L fourth in a 3500m newcomers hurdle here. Triple Threat filly MAPLE LEAF (3) can register a big effort on debut. SAGAROSE (2) is a newcomer by Spider Flight. May go well first up. Yet to race filly LA TOUSSAINT (1) is by Saint des Saints and is another to note.

<p><b>Selections</b></p> <p><b>MORE JOY (6) - MAPLE LEAF (3) - SAGAROSE (2) - LA TOUSSAINT (1)</b></p>
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**Race 3 - PRIX DU NEBOUZAN - 3900m STPLE CL3.** Purse EUR €34,000.

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1. **HYALIN DE KERZA** - Held 29L sixth over 3900m at this venue. Others preferred.
2. **HUPECA DE THAIX** - Victorious by 1L over 3500m in a hurdle here three weeks ago. Bold show expected.
3. **HAUT FOLIN** - Held 20L sixth in a 3800m handicap chase at Nantes. Capable of better.
4. **HELEN D'ALENE** - Good 4.25L fourth over 3900m at Compiègne in September. Strong claims.
5. **HILLICO** - Runner-up when beaten 3L in a 3850m chase at Craon. Claims.
6. **HABANERO** - Fourth when beaten 6L in a 3600m handicap hurdle at Auteuil last month. Leading contender on chase debut.
7. **HITADOR** - Failed to shine when 20L seventh in a 3800m hurdle at Angers last month. Others make more appeal.
8. **HYJIE** - Below par 15L seventh in a 3400m chase here earlier this month. Likely to find a few too good.
9. **HELGA** - Fair 10L sixth in a 3900m hurdle at Nantes. Chase debut.

**Summary:** HABANERO (6) can take this following a 6L fourth in a 3600m handicap hurdle at Auteuil. HUPECA DE THAIX (2) may go well having won by 1L a 3500m hurdle here. HELEN D'ALENE (4) makes the shortlist wearing first time blinkers. Ran 4.25L fourth in a 3900m chase at Compiègne. HAUT FOLIN (3) is considered. Found success by 8.5L over 4200m at Meslay-du-Maine on his penultimate outing.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HABANERO (6) - HUPECA DE THAIX (2) - HELEN D'ALENE (4) - HAUT FOLIN (3)</b></p>
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**Race 4 - PRIX DANIEL GUESTIER - 3800m HDLE CL1.** Purse EUR €36,000.

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1. **NILE PARIS** - Successful by 4.5L in a 3600m handicap hurdle at Auteuil three weeks ago. Bold show expected.
2. **LYON CLERMONT** - Faded late on when 7L fourth in a 3800m hurdle here three weeks ago. One to note.
3. **AVEL DE KERBARH** - Fair 11L third in a 3700m chase at Auteuil first up. Strong claims.
4. **POLISUD** - Pulled up in a 3800m hurdle here three weeks ago. Top chance second up.
5. **GABORIOT** - Fair 16L fifth in a top level 3600m handicap hurdle at Compiegne. Leading contender.
6. **FARIBOLE** - Pulled up in a 3800m handicap chase at Angers two weeks ago. Likely to struggle.

**Summary:** POLISUD (4) can put a non complete behind him to take this second up having won twice here in the past. GABORIOT (5) makes the shortlist following a 16L fifth in a 3600m handicap hurdle at Compiegne. AVEL DE KERBARH (3) may go well on the back of an 11L third in a 3700m chase at Auteuil. NILE PARIS (1) is of note having won by 4.5L a 3600m handicap hurdle at Auteuil.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLISUD (4) - GABORIOT (5) - AVEL DE KERBARH (3) - NILE PARIS (1)</b></p>
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**Race 5 - PRIX ALFONSO DE PORTAGO - 3900m STPLE CL3.** Purse EUR €33,000.

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1. **GAIA LUDOISE** - Fair 11L sixth over 4000m at Le Lion-d'Angers in August. Notable contender.
2. **GREEN DRAGONESS** - Pulled up in a 3500m hurdle here ten days ago. Capable of better.
3. **GALA D'ARTHEL** - 8.5L sixth over 4100m at Lyon-Parilly last month. Step forward required.
4. **GALLOX** - Victorious by 3L in a 3850m chase at Craon three weeks ago. Top chance.
5. **GUERRE DES GAULES** - Held 42L fifth in a 4000m chase here. Best watched.
6. **GAMER** - Fourth when beaten 36L over 3850m at Craon. Others hold more obvious claims.
7. **GOOD LUCK MOIRETTE** - Struggled 49L fifth in a 3900m hurdle at Nantes. Looks up against it back over fences.
8. **GINGERMIX** - Sixth when beaten 13L over 3100m on the flat at Craon earlier this month. Chase debut.
9. **GALOP PREMIER** - Fourth in a six runner 4200m chase at Maure-de-Bretagne last month. Improvement needed.

**Summary:** GALLOX (4) can complete a double. Found success by 3L in a 3850m chase at Craon. GREEN DRAGONESS (2) may deliver a big effort revisiting fences having pulled up in a 3500m hurdle here. GINGERMIX (8) is considered following a 13L sixth in a 3100m flat handicap at Craon. GAIA LUDOISE (1) is also of note. Finished 11L sixth in a 4000m chase at Le Lion-d'Angers.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GALLOX (4) - GREEN DRAGONESS (2) - GINGERMIX (8) - GAIA LUDOISE (1)</b></p>
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**Race 6 - PRIX EL TRIUNFO - 4700m STPLE CL2.** Purse EUR €36,000.

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1. **CASINO DES BOIS** - 16L third over 3850m at Craon earlier this month. More required.
2. **ZEPLY** - Held 12L fifth in a 3800m hurdle here three weeks ago. Strong claims switched to fences.
3. **BOSTON EMERY** - Victorious by 7.5L over 3600m at Fontainebleau. Leading contender.
4. **BARPOWER** - Unseated rider over 3850m at Craon. Others hold more obvious claims.
5. **GENTILHOMME** - Pulled up in a 4300m chase at Nantes in June. Capable of better.
6. **ROYAL BATAILLE** - Good 6.5L third over 4400m at Fontainebleau a month ago. Notable contender.
7. **ARGENTIER** - Good 13L third over 3600m at Fontainebleau 25 days ago. Of note.
8. **PHILAE DU MATHAN** - Fair 10L fifth over 4300m at Nantes last month. Improvement needed.
9. **FANTASIA DU ROCK** - Held 25L seventh over 3800m in a handicap hurdle here. Minor role likely.

**Summary:** BOSTON EMERY (3) won by 7.5L tackling 3600m at Fontainebleau. Can register a sixth consecutive victory. ZEPLY (2) may go well following a 12L fifth in a 3800m hurdle here first up. ROYAL BATAILLE (6) is considered. Ran 6.5L third in a 4400m handicap chase at Fontainebleau. ARGENTIER (7) enters calculations having finished 13L third in a 3600m chase at Fontainebleau.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOSTON EMERY (3) - ZEPLY (2) - ROYAL BATAILLE (6) - ARGENTIER (7)</b></p>
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**Race 7 - PRIX JOSEPH D'ARISTE - 4100m P2P CL2.** Purse EUR €28,000.

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1. **WIN ON SUNDAY** - Pulled up over 4400m in a claiming chase at Auteuil. Cross-country debut.
2. **FEELING FAST** - Runner-up when beaten 8L over course and distance. One to note.
3. **VIF ARDENT** - Pulled up over 4700m here earlier this month. Improvement required.
4. **GO'N WIN** - Successful by 1.75L over 4200m at Agen last month. This looks a tougher event.
5. **NUITS PREMIER CRU** - Held 25L sixth in a 4000m chase here twelve days ago. Cross-country debut.
6. **FEU DU LARGE** - Fair 11L third over track and trip sixteen days ago. Noted.
7. **CHEZ PEDRO** - Unseated rider early over course and distance earlier this month. Won at Fontainebleau prior.
8. **BARCAROLLE** - Failed to shine when 96L seventh over 5000m at Craon just under three weeks ago. Step forward needed.
9. **EMIRA DU GOUET** - Fourth when beaten 17L over track and trip sixteen days ago. More required.
10. **DAY FOR VEGA** - Unseated rider early over course and distance start of this month. Minor role likely.
11. **ALLEU** - Successful by 3L over 4000m at Ploermel in August last year. Likely to improve for the race.
12. **ESSAI CONCLUANT** - Struggled 30L sixth over this track and trip sixteen days ago. Improvement needed.
13. **MISTI D'ASPE** - Placed second when beaten 3L in a 3600m hurdle at Compiègne in October 2018. Best watched on cross-country and stable debut.

**Summary:** CHEZ PEDRO (7) can put an unseat when tackling track and trip behind him to take this having won at Fontainebleau prior. FEELING FAST (2) may play a role following an 8L second over course and distance. FEU DU LARGE (6) came home 11L third that day. Shortlist. NUIITS PREMIER CRU (5) is considered on cross-country debut. Finished 25L sixth in a 4000m chase here.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHEZ PEDRO (7) - FEELING FAST (2) - FEU DU LARGE (6) - NUIITS PREMIER CRU (5)</b></p>
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**Race 8 - PRIX DE SAN SEBASTIAN-DONOSTIA - 3500m HDLE CL3.** Purse EUR €31,000.

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1. **HERMITAGE** - Victorious by 15L in a 3400m claiming hurdle at Angers. Top chance.
2. **GIMS** - Faded when 25L fourth in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau. Of note.
3. **IVAR** - Runner-up over 3500m on debut here. Bold show expected.
4. **HELIOS DE FRETTEL** - 1.5L winner over 3800m at Angers. Claims.
5. **WOOT CITY** - Placed third when beaten 4.5L over 3500m here on jumps debut. Strong claims.
6. **SIR BECQUAILLE** - Fair 3.25L sixth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Noted having placed on hurdling debut.
7. **KROKMOU** - Held 18L fourth over 3500m here. Others preferred.
8. **ZANZETI** - Given a break since a 7L third over 3700m at Le Lion-d'Angers in May. Step forward required.
9. **BLACKLIST** - Failed to shine when 32L fifth over 3500m here on debut. Minor role likely.
10. **FLANKER** - Unraced Kap Rock gelding. Likely to improve for the experience.
11. **GALIO CHOP** - More needed than shown in six starts over hurdles. Best watched.
12. **SCATAR** - Early faller in a 3500m hurdle here on debut. Others hold more obvious claims.
13. **MR SUNSHINE** - Held 34L sixth over 3500m on hurdling debut here sixteen days ago. Improvement needed.
14. **MANDRIN** - Pulled up in a 3400m chase at this track twelve days ago. More needed.
15. **PRINCE MAD** - Fair 15L third over 3800m at Castera-Verduzan in July. This looks a tougher affair.

**Summary:** HERMITAGE (1) can complete a double having won by 15L a 3400m claiming hurdle at Angers. WOOT CITY (5) may deliver a big effort on the back of a 4.5L third in a 3500m hurdle at Pau. IVAR (3) finds a good opportunity. Finished 1L second in a 3500m hurdle here on debut. HELIOS DE FRETTEL (4) is also considered. Found success by 1.5L tackling a hurdle over 3800m at Angers.

<b>Selections</b>
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<b>HERMITAGE (1) - WOOT CITY (5) - IVAR (3) - HELIOS DE FRETTEL (4)</b>
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