

BORDEAUX - 28 February

Race 1

1. **MY WAY** - Victorious by 4L in a 3800m hurdle at Pau (heavy) 19 days ago. Leading contender.
2. **WIN ON SUNDAY** - 15L third in a competitive 4000m handicap chase at Pau (heavy) earlier this month. One to note.
3. **EMIR DES PLACES** - Pulled up in a 4700m chase on very heavy ground at Pau in December. Better expected following a short break.
4. **SOL BLADE** - Faded when 11L third to a subsequent winner in a 3800m hurdle at Pau (soft) in early December. Notable runner.
5. **GAI LURON** - Pulled up in a heavy ground 3500m hurdle at Pau three weeks ago. Others preferred.
6. **FOLLOW ME SOLDIER** - Returning from a lengthy absence when 8L third in a 3800m claiming chase at Angers (very heavy) 13 days ago. Improvement likely.

Summary

MY WAY (1) may prove hard to beat having won by 4L in a 3800m hurdle at Pau. SOL BLADE (4) can be considered having finished 11L third in a 3800m hurdle on soft going at Pau. WIN ON SUNDAY (2) makes the shortlist after a 15L third over 4000m at Pau in a handicap chase. EMIR DES PLACES (3) may deliver a big effort despite disappointing when pulled up in a 4700m chase at Pau.

Selections

MY WAY (1) - SOL BLADE (4) - WIN ON SUNDAY (2) - EMIR DES PLACES (3)

Race 2

1. **FIRENZE DU PECOS** - Absent since a 2L third in a 2400m conditions race at Toulouse (soft) in November. One to note.
2. **ANGELO DE L'ABBAYE** - Held 21L seventh over 2400m at Toulouse (soft) in November. Others preferred.
3. **HORIZON D'ESTIVAUX** - Completed a double when winning by a nose over 2200m at Mont-de-Marsan (soft) at the end of September. Bold show expected.
4. **GALAXY DREAM** - Held 67L ninth in a 3700m chase at Pau (heavy) in December. Strong claims on return to the Flat.
5. **HORUS DE LA BRUNIE** - Struggled 57L tenth in a 1900m event at Cazaubon (good-to-soft) last July. Others make more appeal.
6. **MANGHO** - 6L sixth in a 2100m conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan (good) in July last year. Gelded since.
7. **PRINCE DU MAS** - 4L third in a 2500m conditions race at Agen (good) at the end of November. Notable runner.
8. **GALAPIAT UP** - 7L fourth over 2500m at Agen (good) last November. Improvement required.
9. **LE TOUAREG** - Unraced Carghese des Landes gelding. Likely to improve for the experience.

Summary

HORIZON D'ESTIVAUX (3) can complete a treble having won by a nose over 2200m at Mont-de-Marsan. GALAXY DREAM (4) makes the shortlist. Revisits the flat after finishing 67L ninth in a 3700m chase at Pau. PRINCE DU MAS (7) enters calculations following a 4L third in a 2500m conditions race at Agen. FIRENZE DU PECOS (1) is considered based on 2L third over 2400m at Toulouse.

Selections

**HORIZON D'ESTIVAUX (3) - GALAXY DREAM (4) - PRINCE DU MAS (7) -
FIRENZE DU PECOS (1)**

Race 3

1. **APERO BLEU** - Pulled up in a 3800m hurdle on heavy going at Pau just under a month ago. Others preferred.
2. **LYON CLERMONT** - Down the field 12L tenth in a 3900m hurdle at La Teste (good) last July. Likely to improve for the race.
3. **MAMBO CHOP** - 25L tenth over 2400m in a claimer on the Flat at Pornichet in December. Stable debut.
4. **BOSTON EMERY** - Winner of both completed starts in 2018 including by 8L over 3550m in a Fontainebleau (soft) hurdle. Strong claims if sharp for his return.
5. **DANSILI PRINCE** - Faller in a 4000m chase at Pau (soft) in early December. Notable contender.
6. **KING GOUBERT** - Good 5L second in a 3900m hurdle at Auteuil (soft) in September 2018. Bold show likely on return for a top stable.
7. **ESPOIR DE FLEUR** - 4L third in a 3700m chase at Angers (very heavy) just over two years ago. May need the run on stable debut.
8. **ETATIX** - Below par 17L sixth in a 4200m hurdle at Argentan (very heavy) in November. Likely capable of better.
9. **JUST MOVE ON** - Faded when 35L sixth in a hurdle over 3500m at Pau (very heavy) last month. Better expected.
10. **VAROKI** - Debuting over obstacles here on his first start since a 20L 12th in a 1900m conditions race at La Teste (good) last June.

Summary

KING GOUBERT (6) can return from an absence with a win having finished 5L second in a 3900m hurdle at Auteuil in September 2018. BOSTON EMERY (4) is another who last ran in 2018 winning by 8L a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau. Respected. DANSILI PRINCE (5) is considered despite falling in a 4000m chase at Pau. JUST MOVE ON (9) should be noted racing second up. Beaten 35L sixth over 3500m in a Pau hurdle.

Selections

KING GOUBERT (6) - BOSTON EMERY (4) - DANSILI PRINCE (5) - JUST MOVE ON (9)

Race 4

1. **DIVERTISSEMENT** - Neck winner of a 1500m newcomers race at Cagnes-sur-Mer (very heavy) on debut. Leading contender.
2. **MA CHERIE AMOUR** - Making her French debut when winning by a nose in a 1600m maiden at Pau at the end of last month. One to note.
3. **THECLIMB** - Returning from a break when 6L eighth over 1600m at Pau last month. Step forward required.
4. **CAMPANIE** - 8L third in a 1900m conditions race on soft ground here in November. Claims on seasonal reappearance.
5. **HAYAO** - 1L fourth in a 2000m claimer at Pau five weeks ago. This looks a tougher affair.
6. **LAVANDIER** - 5L fourth in a 2000m maiden at Pau earlier this month. Step forward needed.
7. **MORWENE** - Successful by 5L in a 2000m event on heavy going at Mont-de-Marsan earlier this month. Top chance.
8. **JET ITO** - Improving with racing finishing 3L third in a 2000m maiden at Pau just over three weeks ago. Likely to find at least one too good.

Summary

DIVERTISSEMENT (1) may deliver a victory having won by a neck over 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer on debut. MORWENE (7) warrants consideration following a 5L success over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan. CAMPANIE (4) is respected on reappearance after ending last year with an 8L third tackling 1900m at this venue. MA CHERIE AMOUR (2) is shortlisted having previously delivered a nose triumph in a 1600m maiden at Pau.

Selections

DIVERTISSEMENT (1) - MORWENE (7) - CAMPANIE (4) - MA CHERIE AMOUR (2)

Race 5

1. **POPLAR SQUARE** - Held 54L seventh in the Listed Prix Antoine de Palaminy chase on heavy going at Pau three weeks ago. Noted down in grade.
2. **PLACENET** - Good 5.5L second in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau on debut in October. Top chance.
3. **HIGHLANDS D ALLIER** - Faller in the Listed Prix Antoine de Palaminy chase over 3900m at Pau (heavy) three weeks ago. Capable of better.
4. **KALININGRAD** - 23L sixth in a 3500m hurdle at Pau (heavy) in December. Step forward required.
5. **KESA GREAT** - Unraced Great Pretender gelding. Likely to improve for the experience.
6. **VICTAN** - Unraced Diamond Boy gelding. Represents a top stable.
7. **HUCELLO** - Held 25L fifth in a heavy ground 3500m hurdle at Auteuil in October. More needed.
8. **SPUTNIK** - 47L seventh in a heavy ground hurdle over 3500m at Pau last month. Best watched.
9. **DELLA BEAUTIFUL** - Pulled up in two 3500m hurdles on heavy going at Pau last month. Others hold more obvious claims.
10. **HECTOR VILLE** - 9L third in a 2300m maiden at Brehal (good) on debut last August. Notable runner switched to hurdles.
11. **HYMOUR ROYAL** - Unraced Kingsalsa gelding. Bold show likely on debut for a top stable.
12. **NELI HAS** - 12L fourth in a 3500m hurdle at Auteuil last autumn. One to note.
13. **PRINCESS POLLY** - Held 30L sixth in a 3500m hurdle at Pau (soft) when debuting over jumps last month. Improvement required.
14. **LAISSE DIRE** - Unraced Montmartre filly. Strong claims on debut for a leading stable.
15. **PEARL IN SUMMER** - Faded when 20L sixth in a 3400m hurdle at Angers (very heavy) earlier this month. Others preferred.

Summary

PLACENET (2) could break through based on a 5.5L second in a 3550m hurdle at Fontainebleau on debut. HYMOUR ROYAL (11) is a yet to race Kingsalsa gelding who is considered for the win. HIGHLANDS D ALLIER (3) might deliver a big effort despite falling in the Listed Prix Antoine de Palaminy chase over 3900m at Pau. LAISSE DIRE (14) is a daughter of Montmartre and respected on debut.

Selections

**PLACENET (2) - HYMOUR ROYAL (11) - HIGHLANDS D ALLIER (3) -
LAISSE DIRE (14)**

Race 6

1. **GRIS D'ARGENT** - Held 5L eighth in a 1600m event at Cagne-sur-Mer. Others preferred.
2. **AL MASHRAB** - 1L second in a 1600m conditions race at Pau just over four weeks ago. Bold show expected.
3. **LARIS** - 2L third in a conditions race over 1600m at Pau at the end of last month. Looking for his fourth course success.
4. **PASTICHOP** - Successful by 1L in a 1600m handicap at Pau just over a month ago. One to note.
5. **EL INGRATO** - 2L second over 2000m at Mont-de-Marsan (heavy) 17 days ago. Step forward required.
6. **LE RAFALE** - Likely to have improved for his 21L 11th in a 1600m claimer at Pau earlier this month when returning from a long absence.
7. **VICOPIANO** - Faded late on when 4L fifth over 1400m at Toulouse (very heavy) just under two weeks ago. Notable runner.
8. **VALENTINE NINIAN** - Held both starts to date including when 38L last of 12 in a 1600m conditions race at Machecoul (soft) three weeks ago.

Summary

AL MASHRAB (2) could register a victory here having finished 1L second over 1600m at Pau. LARIS (3) makes the shortlist following a 2L third in the aforementioned event. VICOPIANO (7) faded late when 4L fifth in a 1400m contest at Toulouse. Might have a hand in the finish. PASTICHOP (4) enters calculations after a 1L success in a 1600m handicap at Pau.

Selections

AL MASHRAB (2) - LARIS (3) - VICOPIANO (7) - PASTICHOP (4)

Race 7

1. **CIRCLE OF HANDS** - Fair 3L sixth over 1300m at Chantilly earlier this month. Others preferred.
2. **BECQUANON** - Below par 7L 11th in a 2000m handicap at Pau just under four weeks ago. Minor role likely.
3. **RIGHTEOUS LOVE** - Struggled 13L eighth over 1600m at Pau (very heavy). Others make more appeal.
4. **GOUTTE DE LUNE** - Put a fall behind her when 17L tenth over 1800m at Le Croise-Laroche (heavy) in December. Minor role likely.
5. **QUEEN'S OF MARSHAL** - Down the field 30L eighth in a 2450m conditions race at Mont-de-Marsan (heavy) earlier this month. Improvement required.
6. **BLUE LINK** - Faded when 35L 13th over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. More needed.
7. **VITOR** - Good 2L second in a 2450m contest at Mont-de-Marsan (heavy) 17 days ago. Top chance.
8. **INARI** - Returning from a break when 31L 15th in a 1600m contest at Mont-de-Marsan (heavy). Others hold more obvious claims.
9. **GIRLY PEARL** - Struggled 57L 14th in a heavy ground 2450m event at Mont-de-Marsan 17 days ago. Best watched.
10. **KENSHOW** - Fair 10L ninth in a heavy ground 1600m affair at Mont-de-Marsan (heavy). Capable of better.
11. **CARDIEL** - Held 7L seventh over 1900m on soft ground here in November. Others preferred.
12. **CURLY CHOP** - Struggled here twice in November including when last of 14 over 1900m on soft ground. Minor role likely.
13. **EASTERN PROMISE** - 13L fifth over 2200m in a heavy ground Amiens handicap in early December. Others hold more obvious claims.
14. **LARANZA** - Returned with a 3L third in a heavy ground 1600m event at Mont-de-Marsan earlier this month. Strong claims.
15. **DON'T TELL TALES** - Absent since a 24L 13th over 1900m at La Teste (good) in September. Gelded since and likely to improve for the run.
16. **HEMIARTON** - 4L fourth over 1600m at Mont-de-Marsan (heavy) on his return to turf. Bold show likely.

Summary

VITOR (7) may go one better than when 2L second over 2450m at Mont-de-Marsan. LARANZA (14) is considered following a 3L third in a 1600m contest at Mont-de-Marsan. HEMIARTON (16) is respected having finished 4L fourth in first time blinkers (retained) tackling 1600m at Mont-de-Marsan. KENSHOW (10) is capable of better than she showed when 10L ninth over 1600m at Mont-de-Marsan. Could leave that effort behind her.

Selections

VITOR (7) - LARANZA (14) - HEMIARTON (16) - KENSHOW (10)

Race 8

1. **ASCOT ANGEL** - Good 1L third over 2000m at Pau. One to note.
2. **YMOHTEP** - Victorious by 2L in a 2000m event at Mont-de-Marsan (heavy) earlier this month. Bold show expected.
3. **URBAN ROCK** - 2L triumph in a 2450m claimer at Mont-de-Marsan (heavy) 17 days ago. Claims on that form.
4. **USAIN BEST** - Faded when 7L seventh over 1400m at Pau last month. Best watched.
5. **NOORMANDY** - Winner of two of his final three starts last campaign including by 1L over 2000m in a Toulouse (heavy) claimer. Notable runner.
6. **CAZALINE** - Fair 8L fourth in a heavy ground 2000m contest at Mont-de-Marsan earlier this month. Step forward required.
7. **PANDEMONIUM** - Absent since a 33L 13th over 1900m at Bordeaux (soft) in November. Others preferred.
8. **MY BUDDY** - Successful by 4L in a soft ground 1600m contest at Machecoul just over three weeks ago. Top chance.
9. **VAN HALO** - Faded when 10L eighth over 3100m at Pornichet in December. Others make more appeal.
10. **DANN** - Returning from a break when 13L 12th over 1600m at Toulouse (very heavy) 13 days ago. Likely to have improved for the run.
11. **PHILOSOPHY** - Struggled 10L 13th over 1900m at Deauville in December. Capable of better.
12. **MR BOLD** - Absent since a 7L fifth over 1900m on soft ground here in November. Likely to improve for the outing.
13. **BELCHA** - 3L third in a heavy ground 2000m event at Mont-de-Marsan earlier this month. Bold show expected.
14. **ESTIBERE** - 2L fourth over 1600m at Toulouse (very heavy) first up. Leading contender.
15. **SILVER POKER** - Held 9L eighth over 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer (heavy) last month. Minor role likely.
16. **ULTIMATUM** - Struggled 14L 13th in a 2400m event at Pau in November. Others preferred.

Summary

MY BUDDY (8) may complete a double having won by 4L over 1600m at Machecoul. ESTIBERE (14) makes the shortlist following a 2L fourth over the same trip at Toulouse. YMOHTEP (2) is capable of delivering a big effort having previously scored by 2L in a 2000m contest at Mont-de-Marsan. BELCHA (13) enters calculations after a 3L third in the aforementioned event.

Selections

MY BUDDY (8) - ESTIBERE (14) - YMOHTEP (2) - BELCHA (13)