

PAU [R-H] - 31 December

Race 1 - PRIX ETALON CHAMAKO-COUPÉ DES ANGLO-ARABES-GRDE COURSE HAIES D - 3500m HDLE AA. Purse EUR €42,000.

1. **CHUCK BERRY** - Placed on all five starts. Remains open to further progression. Keep safe.
2. **SOCRATE** - 0.75L winner at Toulouse two starts ago. Threat to all under a 4kg claimer.
3. **TERRA NOVA D'ALALIA** - Shaped with promise so far although beaten 20L last time. Bit more needed.
4. **VASTE HORIZON** - Well beaten on debut but good yard persist and a potential improver now.
5. **CENTLOU** - 5.5L fifth here latest. Of interest now going hurdling. Each way chance.
6. **ILUSION DE LAGARDE** - 2.5L winner here last time. Open to further progression. Key chance.
7. **MAESTRANZA** - Won first two starts but failed to finish twice since. May bounce back.
8. **MARIENBAD LANLORE** - Uninspiring recent form figures and prefer to watch.

Summary: ILUSION DE LAGARDE (6) was impressive winning last start. Can improve further and sets the standard. The one to beat. CHUCK BERRY (1) has placed on all five starts and can continue to run well. Keep safe. MAESTRANZA (7) won her first two outings and remains a solid prospect. Failed to find the finish twice since but interesting if doing so. VASTE HORIZON (4) represents a top yard. Struggled on debut but expected to take a big step forward. Threat to all.

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ILUSION DE LAGARDE (6) - CHUCK BERRY (1) - MAESTRANZA (7) - VASTE HORIZON (4)

Race 2 - PRIX D'ARESSY - 3300m CLM HDLE. Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **SACRE COEUR** - Well beaten both starts first campaign. Did see market support however so likely capable of better.
2. **CONTRE ORDRE** - Impressive 17L win at Nantes prior to struggling upped in grade. Expected to give a bold showing.
3. **IVAN WILL** - Placed on debut but regressed since. Needs to improve.
4. **PARIELLO** - Uninspiring recent form figures and prefer to watch.
5. **INSTANT DECISIF** - Placed twice on first campaign. Open to progression after a break. Key player.
6. **SIYABONGA** - Good jockey booked. Should improve on hurdles debut and has each way claims.
7. **ICARE D'ILLIAT** - 13L fifth at Mont-de-Marsan when last seen. More needed for win purposes but a place would not surprise.
8. **IZABAA** - Pulled up here on hurdles debut. Needs sharp progression if he is to play a part.
9. **L'ANGE VERT** - Seen market support both starts so far but failed to live up to expectations. Interesting should the money come again.
10. **INDICE DE CIERGUES** - Made winning debut but struggled since. Clearly has ability but needs to bounce back.
11. **INCH** - Pulled up both starts so far and likely best watched now.

Summary: CONTRE ORDRE (2) found a stronger race too tough last time but is better than that performance. Wide margin success prior and looks the one to beat if reproducing a similar effort. INSTANT DECISIF (5) placed twice on first campaign and may improve after a break. Key chance. SIYABONGA (6) looks likely to take a big step forward with a top jockey booked. Shortlist. L'ANGE VERT (9) is with good yard. Ran below market expectations both starts so far. Potential to improve and not dismissed.

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| CONTRE ORDRE (2) - INSTANT DECISIF (5) - SIYABONGA (6) - L'ANGE VERT (9) |
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Race 3 - PRIX CHARLES DE GINESTET - GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE DES ANGLO ARABE - 4700m STPLE AA. Purse EUR €45,000.

1. **FENOMENE D'OC** - 0.75L second at Auteuil last time. Respected under a 4kg claimer.
2. **ILBAHANA** - 15L third at this track on reappearance. Can progress and has each way claims.
3. **BOY DE LA BRUNIE** - Placed on first two starts this campaign. Enjoys running at this track. Keep safe.
4. **GIANICOLO** - Pulled up on reappearance. Better than that however and interesting if improving on that now.
5. **SAN PETRONE CORSO** - Impressive 6L winner here when last seen a year ago. Threat to all if in similar form.
6. **MENDELSONN** - Placed three and won once in last five. Goes well for this apprentice. Look to keep safe once more.
7. **EAUSAUVAGE LANLORE** - Beaten 32L on reappearance. More required.
8. **VUTERA** - Unexposed after just six career starts. Got tired on reappearance but not entirely disgraced. Expect better now.
9. **REDDINGTON** - Impressive 9L victory here last time. That form reads well. Leading chance.
10. **ELEOS DE LA BRUNIE** - 9L second to Reddington on first start for over two years. Should improve and looks an each-way player.

Summary: REDDINGTON (9) powered clear for an impressive 9L victory at this track when last seen. The one to beat if replicating. BOY DE LA BRUNIE (3) is honest. Races third up after a break and could be primed. Keep safe. FENOMENE D'OC (1) was a close second tackling a similar contest latest. Key chance on that form. ELEOS DE LA BRUNIE (10) resumed from a lengthy absence when second to Reddington. Should strip fitter. Frame player.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p>REDDINGTON (9) - BOY DE LA BRUNIE (3) - FENOMENE D'OC (1) - ELEOS DE LA BRUNIE (10)</p> |
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Race 4 - PRIX D'IDRON - 2400m HCP CL4. Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **BILWAUKEE** - Stayed on for midfield finish last time. More required to trouble the contenders.
2. **DINKARATZ** - Best watched on all known form.
3. **ACEMANAN** - Honest gelding on the whole but needs to improve on recent form to factor.
4. **BENI DU BARDET** - Placed on debut but not progressed from that. May bounce back.
5. **HIDDEN CHAMPION** - Won four starts ago but failed to trouble the principles since. Place may prove best now.
6. **CURILLINES** - 12L fifth at Toulouse on reappearance. Should improve on that second up after a break. Each way claims.
7. **PEDRAZA LESCIBAA** - Winning record a concern but ended last campaign in good form and can go well fresh. Each way player on return.
8. **MISTER GABRIEL** - Inconsistent performances recently. Threat to all at best but risky.
9. **DUTCH DOCTOR** - 5L seventh at Pornichet last time. Running consistently this campaign. Solid each way claims amongst this field.
10. **MARAPUAMA** - Creditable run when beaten 5.5L in a stronger race here last time. Winning claims now eased in grade.
11. **LAGERTHA GIBALTAR** - 5.5L sixth at this track last time. That was a creditable effort and drawn well. Each way chance.
12. **GRISGRISES** - No better than midfield recently and more required now.
13. **ISLANDOR** - Good effort when beaten just 1.5L at Lyon la Soie. Should progress further. Worth holding safe.
14. **DIAMOND STARY** - 2.75L fourth over track and trip last time. That form reads strongly. Can improve again. Keep safe.
15. **QUILARO** - Now twelve-years-old and best days appear behind him. Oppose.
16. **AZORIN** - Yet to place after eighteen starts. Oppose.

Summary: An open looking affair in which many have claims. DIAMOND STARY (14) ran well at this journey and can improve further. Key chance. MARAPUAMA (10) drops in grade following a creditable effort. Should finish closer at this level. PEDRAZA LESCIBAA (7) placed on final start last campaign. Should be primed for return and is easy to fancy. ISLANDOR (13) has each way claims having been beaten 1.5L last time.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DIAMOND STARY (14) - MARAPUAMA (10) - PEDRAZA LESCIBAA (7) - ISLANDOR (13)</p> |
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Race 5 - PRIX D'HASTINGUES - 3500m HDLE CL3. Purse EUR €31,000.

1. **SINNDAROSE** - Won four starts ago but not at same level since. Needs more to defy this weight.
2. **CAPUCINE IS BLUE** - Promise on both starts and interesting on first start for nine months. Potential threat to all.
3. **QUASARA** - Pulled up on return following lengthy absence. Should strip fitter and has placed for this jockey previously.
4. **ARPEGGIONE** - String of moderate runs and happy to oppose here.
5. **PAPIER PEINT** - Fell last time but running consistently prior. Each way chance with a clear round.
6. **TINA DE LENZAC** - 1.5L second at Toulouse last time was a good effort. Should continue progressing and easy to fancy now.
7. **SAINTE LISE** - Promising 1.5L second on reappearance but pulled up latest. Worth another chance here with conditions likely to suit.
8. **ARMITAGE** - Yet to place in eleven starts but not without ability. Prefer to watch here however.
9. **WALKIN OUT** - Unfancied and well beaten on reappearance. This is a lot easier however so worth a market check.
10. **HALKI** - 6L second at Saint Brieuc two starts ago reads well. Good jockey booked. Strong winning chance.
11. **NIKITA** - Below best in two starts this campaign. Needs more.
12. **LITTLE WINNER** - Modest form in eight starts so far. Happy to watch.
13. **RAFFLES HOPE** - Promise on both hurdle starts so far. Open to improvement and has each way claims.
14. **DUPER** - Modest effort first up after a break and happy to oppose following that.
15. **MARZAMEMI** - Failed to finish in two starts so far. Hard to trust.
16. **LUTH ET PATH** - Modest form in two starts to date. Prefer to watch.
17. **ILAGRI BASC** - 13L fifth at Dieppe when last seen in August 2020. Market check advised on return.
18. **KALANI** - 5L fourth at Toulouse second up after a break. Each way claims if building on that as hoped.

Summary: TINA DE LENZAC (6) stayed on well for close second at Toulouse last time. Leading chance if building on that. HALKI (10) is unexposed and looks open to plenty of improvement. Key chance with a good jockey booked. PAPIER PEINT (5) fell last time but had been in good form prior. Each way player. CAPUCINE IS BLUE (2) showed promise in first two starts. Frame claims with further progression anticipated.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">TINA DE LENZAC (6) - HALKI (10) - PAPIER PEINT (5) - CAPUCINE IS BLUE (2)</p> |
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Race 6 - PRIX LOUIS LA CAZE - 4000m HCP STPLE. Purse EUR €45,000.

1. **GARFIELD** - 2L winner at Lyon Parilly latest. Easy to fancy chasing a hat-trick.
2. **MILANESCA** - Promising reappearance when a 10L second at Auteuil. Should strip fitter. In the mix.
3. **GROOM BOY** - Impressive 7L success over track and trip last time. Expect another bold showing.
4. **EDEN CONTI** - Fell when sent off favourite for a similar contest here last time. Interesting.
5. **GENESIS AS** - Placed in a Listed race at Angers and another creditable effort when fourth at Auteuil since. Thriving at present. Winning claims eased in grade.
6. **FAUCON** - Modest reappearance effort and more required here.
7. **BERYL BAIE** - Disappointing this campaign and happy to watch here.
8. **ESPOIR DU GRILLON** - 1.5L winner at Angers last time. Upped in the weights but can go close once more.
9. **FUNKY DU MESTIVEL** - 14L second here on reappearance. Upped in grade now and more required.
10. **BANDERO** - Nose second on reappearance at Auteuil reads strongly. Pulled up only start since but remains a genuine threat to all.
11. **L'HEURE DU CRIME** - 30L third over track and trip last time. Not dismissed.
12. **ITE MISSA** - Uninspiring recent form figures and prefer to watch.
13. **BLACK BOA** - Creditable effort on reappearance and has won twice at this track previously. Each way chance.
14. **FLAMANT STAR** - Far from disgraced on first start for eighteen months when sixth here. Should progress and has place claims now.
15. **IN EXTENSO** - 7L second at this track was best effort for some time. Interesting if building on that now.
16. **GOOGLE DE LOUED** - 0.75L winner at Argentan when last seen. This is a lot tougher but not entirely ruled out in current form.

Summary: GENESIS AS (5) sets the form standard here having run in some very strong races this campaign. May take some beating. GROOM BOY (3) impressed when a wide margin scorer at this journey latest. Key chance. GARFIELD (1) looks for third consecutive victory. Thriving at present and deserves a try in this better race. EDEN CONTI (4) fell when favourite in a similar contest last time. Threat to all with a clear round.

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Race 7 - PRIX DE MEILLON - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €17,000.

1. **GOLDEN BRIDGE** - 2.75L third at this track recently. Stayed on well that day and extra distance helps now. Interesting.
2. **AKINATHOR GAME** - Promise on preps and now third up should be primed. Interesting.
3. **BAILEYS DIAMANT** - 4L third at Toulouse last time. That form reads well and can improve further. Each way chance.
4. **RIO DEL JACK** - Placed twice and won in last three starts. Thriving at present and should give another bold showing.
5. **FRENCH PLAISIR** - Honest record on the whole and won two starts ago. Mid-field following weights rise last time and needs more.
6. **BAQDAD** - Game nose winner at Toulouse latest and interesting having been freshened for this. Each way claims.
7. **FONTENAY** - Game 1L winner at Marseille Vivaux two starts ago but struggled following weights rise since. This is tougher and more required again.
8. **BALGEES TIME** - 1L second at Marseille Vivaux latest and can improve further. Each way hope.
9. **SEMEUR D'ESPOIR** - Going the wrong way recently and prefer to watch.
10. **TY CHARLE** - Generally struggling this campaign and prefer to watch.
11. **LE RAFALE** - 5L fifth here last time. Races from light weight and has each way claims here.
12. **LE MARAIS** - Disappointing on last two starts. Happy to oppose following that.
13. **IS SUR TILLE** - Talented and consistent sort. 2L second at this track last time and should go close in similar contest here.
14. **SAHAR** - Promise on preps and now third up should be ready to improve. Each way hope.
15. **KAL EL** - String of modest efforts. Easily opposed.
16. **VITOR** - Well beaten both starts this campaign and prefer to watch following that.

Summary: An open contest in which many have claims. IS SUR TILLE (13) sets the standard. Placed at this journey last time and will take beating. RIO DEL JACK (4) has won and placed twice in last three starts. Expected to give another bold showing. BAILEYS DIAMANT (3) shaped well when placing at Toulouse and can do better here. Keep safe. GOLDEN BRIDGE (1) should relish this extra distance. Each way player.

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Race 8 - PRIX DE BORDES - 2400m HCP CL3. Purse EUR €21,000.

1. **MAD RIVER** - Held in a Listed race last time but this is a drop in grade. Loves running at this track. Leading chance.
2. **TASHAAR** - Record on the whole is very good but lost his way last campaign. Not entirely ruled out.
3. **EL INGRATO** - Running consistently this campaign with midfield finishes. Similar showing anticipated.
4. **SISON** - Yet to place after eleven career starts. Best watched.
5. **PICNIC ROYAL** - 4L fourth at Pornichet last time was promising. Each way chance on that form.
6. **PARABAK** - Won on reappearance and produced creditable subsequent efforts. Drawn well and expected to go close.
7. **ICE KEN** - Rates well in this field but over 1500 days since last victory.
8. **VARIJOUN** - 3.5L ninth at Deauville last time. Can progress again and has each way claims.
9. **FIAMELCA DOLOISE** - Disappointing effort last time. Each way chance if bouncing back as anticipated.
10. **LAST SPARKLER** - Trailed the field when last seen. Prefer to watch after that.
11. **KUKO** - Trailed the field first up after a break and best watched here.
12. **FREE BREATH** - Uninspiring recent form figures and happy to oppose.
13. **STONEBRIDGE** - Not progressing as hoped and will need to improve if he is to factor.
14. **SCHWANENSEE** - Goes well for this jockey and has a good record fresh. Each way chance in this field.
15. **LEVANT** - Impressive 2L victory here last time. Improving filly that can do better again. Keep safe.
16. **I AM A DREAM** - Resumes after near four month absence. Market can guide on return.

Summary: MAD RIVER (1) drops in grade having run with credit in a Listed race latest. May prove hard to beat. LEVANT (15) impressed when powering home for a 2L win here last time. Extra distance no concern and has a key chance of following up. PARABAK (6) has been running well this campaign and remains open to further progression. Keep safe. SCHWANENSEE (14) has each way claims amongst this field.

Selections

MAD RIVER (1) - LEVANT (15) - PARABAK (6) - SCHWANENSEE (14)