

# WEDNESDAY, 24/01/24

## C1 - PRIX DE CHASSIEU - 2400m (a1m 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 12,000

**1. TAFSER** - Seventh in a handicap over this track and trip in a handicap on 11 January. Could go closer this time

**2. SECOND TO NONE** - A winner over this course and distance of a handicap on 11 January. Carries a 2.5kg penalty for that win. Can score again

**3. VIVA DU BUET** - Clearly needed her comeback run when sixteenth over this course and distance in a handicap last time out. Fitter now and can upset

**4. CHACHA TOUILLE** - Fifteenth over 3000m at Chantilly on 22 December in handicap last time out. Capable of better and is not out of it

**5. VIZINDI** - Fifth in a claimer over 2600m at Marseille-Vivaux in September. Could need this run but might place

**6. AL QADAM** - Fourteenth in a handicap over 1900m at Deauville last time out. Capable of improvement. Might place

**7. WELL DE VINDECY** - Disappointing form of late and was sixth over this course and distance in 11 January in a handicap Not out of it

**8. UNION SQUARE** - Eighth in a claimer over 2600m at Marseille-Vivaux in September. Likely to need this run so others are preferred

**9. CROCUS BORGET** - Well beaten in last two starts and was eleventh over this track and trip in a handicap earlier this month. Others are preferred

**10. HACKLE SETTER** - Eleventh in a handicap over 2150m at this course last time out on 3 January. Unreliable but has a winning chance

**Summary:** SECOND TO NONE (2) won well over this course and distance last time out. A penalty of 2.5kgs will not make it easy but he should follow up. TAFSER (1) has been struggling of late but could improve at these weights. WELL DE VINDECY (7) was not disgraced when sixth over this track and trip last time out and could do better this time. AL QADAM (6) is capable of vast improvement.

### SELECTIONS

**SECOND TO NONE (2) - TAFSER (1) - WELL DE VINDECY (7) - AL QADAM (6)**

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## C2 - PRIX DE FRANCHEVILLE - 3200m (a2m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 18,000

**1. DREAM IN NORMANDY** - Won his penultimate start and was fifth over 2400m in a handicap last time out. Should do a lot better this distance

**2. GARIGLIANO** - On a long losing streak but was third in a handicap at this course earlier this month. Can contest the finish again

**3. CAPABLE** - Very consistent of late and was third over 2400m in a handicap at this course last time out. Clearly not out of it

**4. INSIGNIA OF RANK** - Unreliable of late and was tenth in a handicap at this course over 2400m earlier this month. Might place

**5. ANALEON** - Very consistent of late and was runner-up over 2400m at this course last time out in a handicap. Go close

**6. ALMIRA** - Showed promise in first two starts but was well beaten when eighth in a claimer at this course last time out. Others are preferred

**7. KAYRAT** - Has not won since 2021 but was not disgraced when sixth in a handicap over 2400m last time out. Fitter and can strike

**8. EXHIT** - Disappointing last two runs in handicaps of late and was only twelfth over 2400m at this course last time out. Capable of contesting the finish

**9. BAILEYS OUTLAW** - Returned from a lengthy break when twelfth in a handicap over 3000m at Chantilly in December. Can improve but others are preferred

**10. HAPPY WIFE** - Has not shown much in four starts and was sixth in a handicap over 2400m at this course earlier this month. as scope for improvement. Might place

**11. FEEDESREVES** - Showed some improvement when third in a handicap over 2400m last time out. Does seem stretched by this longer distance. Might place

**12. TARGUI** - Disappointing last run when seventh over this course and distance in a handicap last time out earlier this month. Did better before that. Can upset

**13. TENDER WINNER** - A runner-up over 3000m at Chantilly in a handicap last time out in December. Can contest the finish

**Summary:** A very competitive looking handicap. KAYRAT (7) should be fitter off the last run and can strike at decent odds this longer distance. DREAM IN NORMANDY (1) is in fair form and won the penultimate run so should be a threat. ANALEON (5) remains in good form and has an obvious winning chance. EXHIT (8) is capable of doing better and has to be considered a possible winner.

### SELECTIONS

**KAYRAT (7) - DREAM IN NORMANDY (1) - ANALEON (5) - EXHIT (8)**

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## C3 - PRIX DES GRATTE-CIEL - 1800m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,000

1. **HEYTESBURY LANE** - Disappointing last three runs and was tenth over this track and distance in a handicap on 18 December. Others are much preferred
2. **QU'HUBO** - Fourth in a claimer over this course and trip last time out on 3 January More needed to beat these runners
3. **HADEWIN** - Usually gives of is best and was runner-up in a handicap over 1900m at Deauville last time out in December. Can go one better
4. **SAINTE RITA** - Very consistent of late and was fourth over 2150m at tis course last time out on 3 January. Has a winning chance
5. **THE CHOSEN ONE** - Has lost is way of late and was only eleventh in a handicap over this course and distance earlier this month. Capable of better and is not out of it
6. **IN PARADISE** - Last win was over this distance and was tird over 1500m at Deaville in a handicap on 6 January. Can contest the finish
7. **MARVANCO** - Unreliable and was only fifth in a handicap at Marseille-Vivaux last time out. Has won at this course and is a leading player
8. **SUNRAY** - Disappointing last run wen tenth at Chantilly in a handicap over 1900m in December. Capable of better but others are preferred
9. **HYBRID** - Very disappointing form since winning handicap in March. Tenth at Vichy over 1400m in August last time out and is likely to need this run
10. **KARRY BRADSHAW** - Last win was at this course in October. Fifth over 2150m in aandicap at this course on 3 January. Minor place chance
11. **ARCO GRANDE** - Clearly needed the comeback run when twelt at Cagnes-sur-Mer last time out. Best watched for now

**Summary:** HADEWIN (3) is in good form and can go one better on is good runner-up performance at Deauville. MARVANCO (7) is unreliable but as won at this course and can fight out the finish. THE CHOSEN ONE (5) was a disappointment over this track and trip last time out but can bounce back. SAINTE RITA (4) is in good heart and should be involved with the finish again.

### SELECTIONS

**HADEWIN (3) - MARVANCO (7) - THE CHOSEN ONE (5) - SAINTE RITA (4)**

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## C4 - PRIX DU TONKIN - 1800m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 16,000

**1. KISS QUEEN** - Only win was a claimer at this course in 2022. 13th last time out in Conditions race over 1700m at Marseille-Borely in December. Others are preferred

**2. MARGUNS** - In very good form of late and has won two of last five starts at this course including last time out over 2150m in a handicap. Carries a 3kg penalty but can follow up

**3. GUGUS DES BRIERES** - Very consistent of late and was fourth in a handicap at Marseille-Vivaux over 2000m in December. Can contest the finish again

**4. STAMP THE GROUND** - Has not shown much in six starts and was 16th over 2400m at this track in a handicap earlier this month. Best watched for now

**5. TAG** - Last win was over 1500m. Sixth in a handicap over 1600m last time out. Can do better this time

**6. SIBUYU** - On a very long losing run and was tenth in a handicap over 2000m at Marseille Vivaux earlier this month. Might place

**7. CHONATA** - Yet to win after 19 starts and was only seventh in a handicap over 2400m on 11 January at this course. Could do better this shorter distance

**8. CALAS QUEEN** - On a long losing run but was runner-up in a handicap over 2150m at this course on 3 January. Not out of it

**9. MY FLINDERS** - On a very long losing run and has been poor of late including an 8th place finish in a handicap last time out. Unlikely to win

**10. CRAZYVORES** - 21 starts and has not come close to winning including a 9th place finish at Toulouse last time out. Needs major improvement to win

**Summary:** MARGUNS (2) has been very good of late and was full of merit in her last handicap win. She will have to carry a 3kg penalty for that win but has every chance of doing so effectively. CALAS QUEEN (8) bounced back to form with a nice runner-up performance and could break a long losing streak. GUGUS DES BRIERES (3) was not disgraced last time out and can contest the finish again. TAG (5) could be capable of an improved performance.

### SELECTIONS

**MARGUNS (2) - CALAS QUEEN (8) - GUGUS DES BRIERES (3) - TAG (5)**

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## C5 - PRIX OUROZ - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Claiming - Flat - EUR € 12,000

**1. CRICRI D'AMOUR** - Made marked improvement from his first to his second outing, in which he finished 5th over 1800m on PSF at this venue on 2 December. More to come

**2. BETANYX** - Was returning from a four-month absence when finishing 10th over course and distance on 3 January. Ought to improve with the benefit of that outing

**3. SOGNIAMO** - Finished an improved 5th in a stronger race at this (claiming ) level over 1900m at Deauville earlier this month, so should have a role to play here if confirming that progress

**4. SALMA** - Was not beaten far, although finishing 9th of 12 in a handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 4 January. Has the highest rating of the runners in this race and, judged on her previous form/value, will be hard to beat

**5. MADEMOISELLE MIA** - Unexposed filly with room to improve. Finished 9th of 15 over course and distance on 3 January but is likely to be more competitive at this level

**6. SOLTANA BELIEVE** - Unplaced in each of her three outings, the latest of which was over course and distance three weeks ago when finishing 11th of 15. Needs to improve

**7. COLT PILOT** - Showed signs of improvement when finishing 8th in a claiming race at Chantilly 11 days ago. Place chance

**8. PFOUU** - Yoann Bonnefoy-trained three-year-old Sèche gelding making his debut with Sylvain Ruis in the irons. Best watched for now

**9. AODHA** - Has looked rather ordinary to this point, finishing unplaced in each of her five appearances - the latest of which was in a claiming race (9th) at Chantilly on 13 January. Outsider

**10. BRONTE SISTER** - Earnshaw debutante trained by Yoann Bonnefoy, who has engaged Marvin Grandin to ride this filly. For another day

**Summary:** SALMA (4) is a standout betting proposition in this lineup on ratings alone and she will be hard to beat in a field of this ilk. MADEMOISELLE MIA (5), although unplaced in both outings, has tons of room for improvement and should fare better in this grade, especially with her rider's 3,5kg allowance. SOGNIAMO (3) and CRICRI D'AMOUR (1), both of whom appear to be on the right track following improved last starts (5th), complete the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**SALMA (4) - MADEMOISELLE MIA (5) - SOGNIAMO (3) - CRICRI D'AMOUR (1)**

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## C6 - PRIX DE LA CITE HIPPIQUE - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Handicap - Flat - EUR € 19,000

**1. KOZACHKA** - Won a turf handicap at Saint-Cloud in October and has continued to improve in three subsequent PSF outings, finishing 3rd over 2400m at this venue on 11 January. Has a role to play

**2. AXELROD** - Won a 1600m turf handicap at ParisLongchamp in October but has been inconsistent since in 4 subsequent races on PSF. Finished 5th in a 2000m handicap on PSF at Marseille-Vivaux on 12 December, so has only a place chance

**3. VILLA JOALI** - Consistent performer in claiming races with headgear fitted, which she hasn't been equipped with in her last two outings. Won a 2400m handicap at Vichy in September and will be refitted with blinkers now, so don't discount

**4. HAMILTON** - Won a PSF handicap over 200m at Pornichet-La Baule on 27 December and proved he remains competitive under a 2kg penalty by finishing 5th here over 2400m on 11 January. Place chance

**5. LE TROPIC** - Runner-up in consecutive handicap races over 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux recently, the latest of which was earlier this month (4 January). Wouldn't be winning out of turn

**6. TRIESTE** - Won an 1800m turf handicap at Saint-Malo in July but has failed to build on that win in three subsequent outings, including two starts on PSF. Has dropped to her winning mark, though, and her rider's 1,5kg allowance is a bonus

**7. BREIZH MOON** - Has improved in her two starts following a lengthy absence, finishing 4th at this track over 2400m and 3rd on her handicap debut over 2000m at Marseille-Vivaux on 4 January. Candidate for success

**8. VITTVITT** - Consistent performer on this surface and at this level with sound form references to her name, including a recent 4th in a 2000m PSF handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 4 January. Place chance

**9. JOHN STYLE** - Unreliable type who was not beaten far in consecutive 1800m PSF handicaps at this venue before a disappointing last start over the same course and distance on 11 January. Others preferred

**10. ELLECOEUR DRALLIV** - Has looked decidedly ordinary to this point, finishing unplaced in each of his six starts on both turf and PSF. Hard to recommend

**Summary:** BREIZH MOON (7) confirmed the encouragement of her reappearance at this track by finishing a good 3rd on her handicap debut last time out at Marseille-Vivaux and is, with any improvement, likely to open her account here. LE TROPIC (5) has already proven, and on several occasions, that he has the means to succeed in an event of this nature, and he wouldn't be winning out of turn either having finished 2nd in back-to-back recent outings. KOZACHKA (1), whose only previous outing at this racecourse yielded a good 3rd, makes most appeal of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**BREIZH MOON (7) - LE TROPIC (5) - KOZACHKA (1) - HAMILTON (4)**

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## C7 - PRIX DE VAISE - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 Claiming Handicap - Flat - EUR € 13,000

**1. LET THERE BE ROCK** - Versatile performer with sound references at this level, including a victory off his current mark on PSF over 2500m at Deauville on 29 December. Outsider

**2. ALPHA KING** - Finished 2nd in a PSF handicap at Mons in November but been outclassed in three subsequent outings on French soil, including a last-start 10th in a conditions race at Deauville last time. Others preferred

**3. KINGORI** - Showed early promise in England in 2022 before relocating to France in the second half of last year. Unplaced in each of her three outings on French soil, including in a claiming race at Deauville on 6 January. Capable of better

**4. FREE BREATH** - Versatile and consistent veteran with solid form credentials/references at handicap level as well as an unbeaten record (three from three) in the claiming division. Unplaced over 2500m on turf last time but should bounce back

**5. ASTERIOS** - Unreliable veteran, no longer the force of old. Finished well downfield in his last two starts but, judged on an old value, is not incapable of bouncing back to form in his first start at this level. Dark horse

**6. CAMILL** - Unplaced in both outings, the latest of which was in a claiming race over 1500m at Deauville last month, after an eight-month absence. At peak fitness now and has dropped 2kg, ought to be more competitive here

**7. NATIONAL VELVET** - Capable mare who is seldom far off the mark but rarely wins her races. Finished 8th in a claiming race at Vittel in July and is best watched for now

**8. ANIMA ERAT** - Long-time maiden with just two places to her name from 25 starts. Not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of her recent displays

**Summary:** FREE BREATH (4) performed to a good level of form and consistency in handicap races last year, proving his competitiveness off his current mark in the process. He let the side down by finishing unplaced in his first start of 2024 but has a great opportunity to set the record straight under these conditions. CAMILL (6) is out of sorts but should fare better dropped in class, so ought to be competitive for the leading places. KINGORI (3) and ASTRIOS (5) also have the means to play a role in the finish.

### SELECTIONS

**FREE BREATH (4) - CAMILL (6) - KINGORI (3) - ASTERIOS (5)**

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## C8 - PRIX DE CHAZEY-SUR-AIN - 2150m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 15,000

**1. AMERICANO** - Out of sorts and unplaced in his last three starts - the latest of which was in a 2000m handicap at Marseille-Vivaux on 9 January - off a higher mark. Effective on this surface and has dropped below his last winning rating, beware

**2. TAMARISKE** - Consistent filly who has more than held her own against good opposition recently. Finished 2nd in a claimer over 2400m last time and will fight for victory here with AL BARQ (3)

**3. AL BARQ** - The highest-rated runner in the race with strong form credentials/references. Finished 7th in a Class 1 conditions race at Deauville on 28 December after a six-month absence but will have improved with that outing

**4. MEDINA GOLD** - Last-start winner, albeit at a lower level, of a conditions race on PSF over 2100m at Pornichet-La Baule. Place chance

**5. BLEKOLINO** - Was soundly beaten when finishing 8th of 10 on debut over course and distance on 2 December. Can improve but is best watched for now

**6. BELLE GARSWOOD** - Finished tailed off when 14th of 15 runners on debut at Deauville over 1900m on PSF. Hard to recommend on that evidence

**Summary:** TAMARISKE (2) lines up here in good form and physical condition with serious references to her name, and has only recently joined Patrice Cottier's yard. She's good value to make a winning stable debut, with AL BARQ (3) the only likely danger in the race. The latter ought to make progress after a much-needed comeback outing. AMERICANO (1) has been disappointing in recent weeks but retains the means to finish on the podium.

### SELECTIONS

**TAMARISKE (2) - AL BARQ (3) - AMERICANO (1) - MEDINA GOLD (4)**