

# MONDAY, 25/12/23

## C1 - PRIX ROGER DE VAZELHES - 4000m (a2 1/2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 37.000

**1. HARDI BLUE TROIS AA** - Consistent sort, finished Runner-up to GARRY DE LA BRUNIE (3) two starts back, so will be a factor here on that form

**2. MANITOPARK AA** - Capable filly with sound form references. Was slightly disappointing when only 4th last time at Auteuil but was returning from a spell, so should have more to offer here

**3. GARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA** - Finished first at Auteuil last time out but was disqualified upon investigation for excessive use of the rider's crop. Has a winning chance

**4. LIZZANO AA** - Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture, even at this level, but has no more than a place chance

**5. HOLBOL AA** - Belatedly opened his account when switching to this category last time. More required here but is not a forlorn hope

**6. REDDINGTON AA** - Lightly raced although is a consistent veteran with sound form references. Not taken lightly returning from a layoff

**7. LOULOU DE VERGNE AA** - Relatively unexposed over obstacles and would've needed his last start over hurdles on his reappearance. Could do better

**8. STINGO AA** - Undefeated this year in two starts over obstacles, winning twice over hurdles. Starts out now over fences and is worth following under these conditions

**Summary** : A potential match-race in this opening event with STINGO (8) and GARRY DE LA BRUNIE (3) likely to fight out the finish. Undefeated this year in two outings over hurdles, Daniela Mele-trained former gets the nod on his steeplechase debut, ahead of the latter who had victory at Auteuil last time taken away after disqualification for his rider's excessive use of the whip. He does, however, get along well with Kilian Dubourg and should play another leading role here. HARDI BLUE TROIS (1) and MANITOPARK (2) are consistent sorts with both the form and experience to have a say in the outcome.

### SELECTIONS

**STINGO AA (8) - GARRY DE LA BRUNIE AA (3) - HARDI BLUE TROIS AA (1) -  
MANITOPARK AA (2)**

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## C2 - PRIX DE LEMBEYE - 3800m (a2 3/8m) - TURF - A RECLAMER - Hurdles - EUR € 20.000

- 1. JOSHUA MOON** - Runner-up at this venue in a handicap last winter, he is the highest-rated runner in the field and should make a bold bid dropped to this level for the first time
- 2. ESPION DE VINDECY** - Consistent hurdler with sound form references in this category. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 3. IDOLE DES DIEUX** - Unbeaten in two starts last year, on debut on the flat before winning over hurdles. Not seen since May last year but cannot be taken lightly on his reappearance
- 4. ESPOIR DU GRILLON** - Consistent chaser with sound form references over hurdles. Hails from a stable in good form so ought to be competitive at a track he enjoys
- 5. SOMBREUIL** - Versatile sort with solid form credentials over both the smaller and larger obstacles. Proven at this level and likely to have a say in the finish
- 6. HAPPY CHARLIE** - Lightly raced sort absent since October last year. Registered his only win in a cross-country race at Senonnes-Pouancé and is best watched for now
- 7. ANONG** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 8. AYATI DE L'ORME** - Unreliable but not incapable of getting into the picture judged on her best references. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 9. PRINCESS POLLY** - Has acquitted herself well in two comeback runs recently and did register her only success over hurdles but has no more than a place chance here

**Summary :** As the highest-rated runner in this hurdling event, JOSHUA MOON (1) looks good value in this claiming race to give weight and a beating to his eight rivals. Prepared by the Peltier family, who has started this Pau meeting well, ESPOIR DU GRILLON (4) is likely to pose a threat, especially at a track he appreciates. SOMBREUIL (5), on his return to the hurdling category, is versatile and boasts the form and experience to join that fight for victory with undefeated IDOLE DES DIEUX (3), absent since the spring of last year, also capable of staking a claim.

### SELECTIONS

**JOSHUA MOON (1) - ESPOIR DU GRILLON (4) - SOMBREUIL (5) - IDOLE DES DIEUX (3)**

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## C3 - PRIX DU BEARN - 4000m (a2 1/2m) - TURF - Condition Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 37.000

- 1. REDNECK** - He lowers his ambitions and can take advantage of this to make people talk about him again.
- 2. IGUANE DES ONGRAIS** - Capable chaser with sound references over fences. Not one to be underestimated returning from a layoff
- 3. THEQUIETMAN** - Finished 2nd in a hurdles race on his reappearance and is undefeated in two steeplechase outings. Will be a factor
- 4. KAP SKY** - Won her only outing at this venue, albeit over hurdles. Won over fences at Saint-Brieuc two starts back so must have a chance here
- 5. BALFURY** - Sparingly raced mare with bundles of talent. Left a very good impression by winning on her reappearance at Fontainebleau and is good value here to win again
- 6. IMAKO** - Versatile and consistent sort who has finished 3rd in three consecutive starts over fences. Place chance
- 7. MISTER TIN** - Revealed sufficient quality over hurdles to warrant consideration/inclusion in a specialty that should serve his interests. Keep safe
- 8. ILOT DES MERS** - Unreliable but is not incapable. Finished 3rd over hurdles at Angevin last month so warrants respect here on his steeplechase debut
- 9. IVKAROZH** - Lightly raced sort with a hurdles win to his name. Finished 2nd in his only start over fences last year, so is one to keep an eye on
- 10. INTERIALE** - Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on the flat and over obstacles. Could get into the picture

**Summary :** BALFURY (5) has been sparingly raced but does not lack ability. She won in style on her reappearance recently at Fontainebleau and is taken to follow up here at the expense of THEQUIETMAN (3), who reverts to this code in which he is undefeated in two outings. MISTER TIN (7) represents the formidable Charron-Mele duo and is not to be underestimated either in his first start over fences. KAP SKY (4), an effortless winner at Saint-Brieuc of his penultimate start, completes the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**BALFURY (5) - THEQUIETMAN (3) - MISTER TIN (7) - KAP SKY (4)**

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## C4 - PRIX DE NAVARREX - 3500m (a2 3/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Hurdles - EUR € 40.000

- 1. KASSIOPEE BRENUS** - Florent Bayle has been booked to ride this Bathyrhon filly for trainer Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé. Watch for now
- 2. SAINTE AUBALINE** - Well-bred Gabriel Leenders-trained filly who, on pedigree alone, cannot be underestimated. Keep safe
- 3. CASTELLA BELLO** - Erwan Grall-trained Castle Du Berlais debutante to be ridden by Geoffrey Ré. Best watched for now
- 4. VALSE DU NORD** - Choeur Du Nord debutante from the in-form stable of Philippe & Camille Peltier. Not taken lightly with Mathieu Chailloleau in the irons
- 5. FANTASTIC VALLEY** - Masked Marvel filly making her debut for trainer Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé who also owns, with David Gallon booked to ride
- 6. KERKADOVA** - Well-bred newcomer who hails from a classic maternal line, This filly represents Dominique Bressou who won the race for unraced males last week
- 7. TALMAK** - Bertrand Lestrade rides this Masked Marvel filly on debut for trainer Erwan Grall, who also owns. Watch for now
- 8. INNOVANTE** - Emmanuel Clayeux-trained Cokoriko filly to keep an eye, especially with Clément Lefebvre engaged to ride
- 9. NANA HAS** - A well-bred debutante by the good sire Chegei Has. Makes plenty appeal on paper so cannot be taken lightly
- 10. YES GINA** - Daniela Mele-trained newcomer to keep an eye on, especially with Kévin Nabet engaged to ride. Not taken lightly
- 11. KARESSE DU LARGE** - Newcomer representing the formidable Guillaume Macaire and Hector de Lageneste outfit. Must be respected

**Summary** : Dominique Bressou won a similar event for males last Tuesday so it could pay to side with his KERKADOVA (6), who is from the same maternal line as the champion Kotkita. NANA HAS (9) is also a well-bred filly so ought to be competitive on debut. SAINTE AUBALINE (2), prepared by Gabriel Leenders, KARESSE DU LARGE (11), from the formidable Lageneste & Macaire stable, and YES GINA (10) are among the many other possibilities in this contest for unraced debutantes.

### SELECTIONS

**KERKADOVA (6) - NANA HAS (9) - SAINTE AUBALINE (2) - KARESSE DU LARGE (11)**

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## C5 - PRIX DE SOUMOULOU - 3300m (a2 1/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Hurdles - EUR € 37.000

- 1. KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA** - In top form of late with two wins and a 2nd from three runs over hurdles, the latest success was 21 days ago over 3500m. Can get the hat-trick
- 2. PESO DI LEGNO AA** - 3rd to KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) last time at Toulouse. Beaten a fair way that day. He can get closer and make the frame
- 3. PABAN ROYAL AA** - Unplaced in two runs, one on the flat and the latest over hurdles at Toulouse in December. Looks out of his depth
- 4. KALKI DE LAGARDE AA** - 5th on the only run so far over hurdles over 3500m 21 days ago. Can progress from that and have a say in proceedings
- 5. KILL LOVER AA** - Two runs over hurdles, showing very little last time out. 5th on his debut in October. Opposable
- 6. KHIVA DE LAGARDE AA** - Nice run when 2nd behind KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) at Toulouse last time out 21 days ago. Has a lot of ground to find but she can place
- 7. FIREBIRD DU PECOS AA** - Three unplaced runs so far over hurdles. Did get placed on the flat. Others make more appeal
- 8. CHOUBIDOU DU PECOS AA** - One unplaced run so far over hurdles at Toulouse 21 days ago. Hard to recommend
- 9. KARA LA LUNE ROSE AA** - 4th at Toulouse last time over 3500m in a Class 3 hurdle race 21 days ago. Has work to do
- 10. KASTLE PONTADOUR AA** - 2nd on the flat last time over 2500m at Agen in October. Hurdle race debut and should be well-schooled
- 11. DREAMLANDE AA** - Unseated her rider 4 hurdles from home behind KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) at Toulouse last time in October. She was leading at the time and it was difficult to say where she would have finished

**Summary** : Hat-trick-seeking KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) is the one to beat. An easy 17L winner 21 days ago at Toulouse in a Class 3 hurdle, his second win at that racecourse. DREAMLANDE AA (11) was leading when parting company with her jockey 4 hurdles from home behind KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) last time. That was in October, she could be the main threat. KHIVA DE LAGARDE AA (6) was second to the selection last time. He can get placed. PESO DI LEGNO AA (2) makes up the shortlist.

### SELECTIONS

**KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) - DREAMLANDE AA (11) - KHIVA DE LAGARDE AA (6) - PESO DI LEGNO AA (2)**

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## C6 - PRIX HENRI ET ROGER GOAILLE - 3500m (a2 3/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Hurdles - EUR € 40.000

- 1. NINTH LOCH** - Won a Class 3 hurdle race at Fontainebleau 20 days ago over 3550m. Among the leading chances
- 2. JORIS** - Won a Class 4 hurdle race at Angers in early November when last seen. More is required to feature in a competitive race
- 3. PEDRA** - 3rd over hurdles last time at Toulouse in a Class 3 race 21 days ago. Others make more appeal
- 4. ZARAKHAN** - 7.5L winner on his debut over hurdles last month at Angers. Useful on the flat as well winning at Class 1 level. Live chance
- 5. JUST BEGINNING** - 2nd two runs ago over 3500m at Pau in February. Will strip fitter for a recent run 13 days ago. Outside place chance
- 6. ECLIPSE BLEUE** - Won over 3500m at Toulouse last time 21 days ago in a Class 3 hurdle race. Ought to be thereabouts
- 7. KANKALE** - Nice 2nd at Toulouse in a Class 3 hurdle 21 days ago over 3500m. Can not be ruled out
- 8. AREMITI** - 2nd on debut over hurdles last year, failed on her only run in 2023 in a Class 2 hurdle last time. Hard to discount
- 9. TREE BAR** - 2nd three runs back in a chase over 3800m at Segre in June. Might find this difficult
- 10. SAN OU LA KITCH** - Good debut when 3rd over 3500m at this track in December 2022. Should be fit for a bold run despite a layoff

**Summary** : Useful ex-flat race performer ZARAKHAN (4) bolted up by 7.5L on his debut at Angers in a Class 4 hurdle late last month. He is taken to follow up at the expense of SAN OU LA KITCH (10) who ran a promising race on her sole run to date at this track when third in December 2022. She will be fit enough for a good run after an absence. KANKALE (7) is the each-way must. ECLIPSE BLEUE (6) is also worth considering for a place.

### SELECTIONS

ZARAKHAN (4) - SAN OU LA KITCH (10) - KANKALE (7) - ECLIPSE BLEUE (6)

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## C7 - PRIX ANDRE TOULET - 3400m (a2 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 35.000

- 1. CHOEUR DESAINTONGE** - Has shown promise in all three runs over fences, 3rd last time over 3600m on December 12th. In the mix
- 2. JOSLAIN DE BRION** - Unplaced last time in a Class 3 hurdle race in November, 3rd before that in July over hurdles. Chasing debut and makes limited appeal
- 3. JAIPALETEMPS** - Unplaced last time over hurdles earlier this month, 3rd at Dieppe over fences in July before that. Can make the frame
- 4. ENCORE UNE BELLE** - 2nd over fences in a Class 4 chase last time in November over 3600m at Saint-Brieuc. One to consider
- 5. CAPE OF LOVE** - 3rd over hurdles two runs ago in a Class 3 race over 3700m in October. Chasing debut and others preferred
- 6. ALEX THE DANCER** - Three unplaced runs over hurdles of late, 4th before that in a Class 2 hurdle at Cholet in October. Tries fences for the second time and needs to convince
- 7. JORDANS** - Good 4th in a Listed hurdle 23 days ago at Auteuil. Lightly raced and now tries fences. Leading chance
- 8. JOKER D'ESTRIVAL** - Won over hurdles in June 2022 over 3400m in a Class 3 race. Will be fitter after a run over hurdles. Now tries fences and can feature
- 9. JUST A CASTLE** - 4th at Nantes in a Class 3 hurdle race last time in October over 3900m. Best watched on chase debut
- 10. JELKA DE MEE** - 2nd at Craon earlier this month over fences in a Class 3 race. Can improve from that and play a lead role
- 11. TUTTI BELLA** - Several unplaced runs over fences of late. Looks to be of limited ability and is hard to fancy
- 12. JOSHUANN BIHOUEE** - 4th over hurdles last time in November at Angers in a Class 4 race. Tries fences and is one to watch

**Summary :** JORDANS (7) has only had the two runs over hurdles with a win in a Class 2 race and a good fourth in a Listed race when last seen 23 days ago. He now goes chasing and will be expected to win on debut. JELKA DE MEE (10) jumped well in the main when second at Craon last time over fences and could be the main threat. ENCORE UNE BELLE (4) is one to include in all place bet permutations. JAIPALETEMPS (3) looks best of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**JORDANS (7) - JELKA DE MEE (10) - ENCORE UNE BELLE (4) - JAIPALETEMPS (3)**

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## C8 - PRIX FRANCOIS DE JUGE MONTESPIEU - 4100m (a2 9/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Cross - EUR € 35.000

**1. DUCK'S BOUILLE** - 3rd last time over 4200m in a Class 3 cross-country race 16 days ago. Needs a few to falter

**2. LOVELY KAP** - 2nd over 4800m behind AL INEA (6) when last seen in early November. Needs more but is one to consider

**3. INTERDIT DE JEU** - 2nd two runs ago at Durtal in a Class 4 cross country over 4900m. Ought to be thereabouts

**4. IRIDIA** - 2nd on the flat last time over 3200m in November. Two good runs in cross country races before that when placed on both runs. Live contender

**5. VANGOSTYLE** - 4th in a cross country at this track 6 days ago over 4100m. Won before that in November. Will not lack fitness and is capable of being involved

**6. AL INEA** - Won a cross country two runs ago over 4800m in November and has had consistent form before that. Bold show likely

**7. GORVISKA** - Won two runs ago in a Class 4 cross country race over 4300m in late October. Might find a few of these too smart

**Summary** : IRIDIA (4) ran a good race when last seen on the flat when second and had two decent third-placed efforts in cross-country races before that. She looks ready to get her head back in front. AL INEA (6) could be the one to give her the most to think about. She is always on the premises in these type of disciplines. INTERDIT DE JEU (3) and LOVELY KAP (2) look best of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**IRIDIA (4) - AL INEA (6) - INTERDIT DE JEU (3) - LOVELY KAP (2)**