

# SUNDAY, 31/12/23

## C1 - PRIX CHARLES DAGUILHON-PUJOL - 3400m (a2 1/8m) - TURF - Condition Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 40.000

1. **NOSFERATU** - Improving and was a fluent winner of his latest start, a hurdle race. Tries chasing and could be good enough for this race

2. **MADRILENE** - Well beaten on his hurdle debut when tenth. Tries a chase race and could improve but is best watched this time

3. **KABYLE** - Showed improvement when fifth over this distance in a hurdle race last time out. Tries chasing and deserves respect

4. **CAIO** - Showed improvement when winning a handicap hurdle last time out. Only modest in claimers before that but can contest the finish

5. **SISSI DE MONMIRAIL** - Modest debut when sixth but did show improvement when fourth last time out. Could play a minor role at best

6. **IL Y A** - Has improved with each run and was runner-up in a hurdle race over this distance last time out. Tries the larger obstacles and should fight out the finish

7. **KABBALE** - Ran well when third in her penultimate start but was not as good over the same course and distance when fifth last time out. Could like chasing and is not out of it

8. **SALSA SENAM** - Did not show much in her first two starts but did run better when fourth last time out. More needed this time and others are preferred

**Summary** : All eight of them trying the larger obstacles. NOSFERATU (1) probably sets the standard on his hurdle performances and is improving so gets the vote to score. KABYLE (3) showed improvement in his second hurdle race and could have more to offer. IL Y A (6) has improved with each run and deserves respect. KABBALE (7) ran well on debut but did not repeat it second time around.

### SELECTIONS

**NOSFERATU (1) - KABYLE (3) - IL Y A (6) - KABBALE (7)**

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## C2 - PRIX PIERRE ET MICHEL RIVIERE D'ARC - 4100m (a2 9/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Cross - EUR € 40.000

- 1. GARETH DE LARACHI AA** - Has won two cross-country races over further. Has also run well this distance in chases and should be right there at the finish
- 2. LE FRANCE AA** - Won a course and distance cross-country in February but has disappointed in two starts since then. Not out of it
- 3. INVINCIBLE'JAC AA** - Has yet to win a race but was not disgraced when runner-up in his only cross-country run. Can earn some money tackling stronger this time
- 4. DOMINO DU RAYNAL AA** - Returned from a lengthy break to be third last time out. Fitter this time and has won over this track and trip. Has a winning chance
- 5. LINE DE VERDUN AA** - Versatile distance-wise and is right at home in cross-country races. Be right there at the finish once again
- 6. GRIS MINOIS AA** - Has not won since 2021 but has been consistent over this course and distance. Place chance
- 7. LOUIS MALPIC AA** - Probably just in need of his first cross-country run when eighth. Will prefer this shorter distance and can bounce back to score
- 8. FRASCATI LAGARDE AA** - Disappointing last run but has been very consistent around this distance and is capable of an upset

**Summary :** A very open cross-country race and none can be excluded from winning. LOUIS MALPIC AA (7) needed the last run and will like the drop in distance so can bounce back to score. GARETH DE LARACHI AA (1) is at home in this discipline and has done well over this distance in chases. LINE DE VERDUN AA (5) always gives of his best and has to be considered a possible winner. LE FRANCE AA (2) has won over this course and distance and is not out of it.

### SELECTIONS

LOUIS MALPIC AA (7) - GARETH DE LARACHI AA (1) - LINE DE VERDUN AA (5) - LE FRANCE AA (2)

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

**1. VIRGO CELESTIN** - Not disgraced when fourth in a hurdle race in his first start of the year. Won three chases last year and should be right there at the finish

**2. FIGHT FOR ME** - Fourth in latest start and is fit but has been a disappointment since winning a chase more than a year ago. Others are preferred

**3. GARDIEN DE BUT** - Unreliable last year but did win twice. Returns from a lengthy break and is likely to need this run

**4. RAFFLES FACE** - Disappointing last run but was better when third in his only other run of this year. Won his last chase and can bounce back to score

**5. CHORAIL DEBELAIR** - Consistent this year and picked up a win in a hurdle race last time out. Not disgraced when runner-up in his last chase and can contest the finish yet again

**6. DENOMEDENUO** - Third when trying a chase last time out. This looks a tougher race but is capable of improvement and is not out of it

**7. RAF TAVEL** - Not disgraced against tougher in last two hurdle races. Tries a chase and deserves respect in this line-up

**8. FALBALA DES MOTTES** - A modest seventh last time out in a hurdle race. Has done much better in his two chases and is capable of an upset

**Summary :** Another open looking race. RAFFLES FACE (4) is clearly better than the last run would suggest and will do better backer in a chase. VIRGO CELESTIN (1) had a nice preparation for this when fourth in a hurdle race last time out. Back in a more suitable chase this time. RAF TAVEL (7) tries the larger obstacles and can improve. CHORAIL DEBELAIR (5) can go one better on his last chase performance.

### SELECTIONS

**RAFFLES FACE (4) - VIRGO CELESTIN (1) - RAF TAVEL (7) - CHORAIL DEBELAIR (5)**

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

1. **LOVE TOO** - Won on his flat debut. Only fair on the flat since then but is capable of making a winning hurdle debut
2. **LE CABERNET** - A three-year-old gelding by Masked Marvel out of Youadi who is making his debut. Watch the betting
3. **KIRIKOO** - Fifth on flat debut. Tries a hurdle race and is capable of improvement. Place chance
4. **ROI MERCURE** - Did not win on the flat after 14 attempts. Well beaten in last two starts on the PSF. Tries a hurdle race and is best watched this time
5. **KANADA DENUO** - Won twice in just three starts on the flat. Deserves the utmost respect on hurdle debut
6. **BEST OF THE GLADE** - Seventh on debut. Capable of improvement but others are much preferred this time
7. **JEUDELOIE** - A three-year-old gelding by Jeu St Eloi out of Juntina who is making his debut. Watch the betting
8. **VIRGIN AVENGER** - A three-year-old gelding by Masked Marvel out of Holy Virgin who is making his debut. Watch the betting
9. **FRIWAY** - Fourth on flat debut earlier this year but returns from a lengthy break trying a hurdle race. Might place
10. **KALIUM BIC** - A three-year-old gelding by Jeu St Eloi out of Ambacity who is making his debut. Watch the betting
11. **PUERTO EDEN** - A three-year-old gelding by Ivanhowe out of Charbelle who is making his debut. Can win
12. **KHODINOV** - Did not show much on the flat twice earlier this year. Returns from a break trying a hurdle race
13. **FIRST MARVEL** - A three-year-old gelding by Masked Marvel out of First Sandia who is making his debut. Watch the betting
14. **LASS DE LA BLAIRIE** - A three-year-old gelding by Barastraight out of Green Away who is making his debut. Watch the betting
15. **GOLDKIKOU** - A three-year-old gelding by Kitkou out of Goldance who is making his debut. Can win

**Summary** : GOLDKIKOU (15) is a Half-brother of Gold Tweet makes his debut and it could well be a winning one. LOVE TOO (1) showed fair form on the flat and will be a threat on hurdle debut. KANADA DENUO (5) won twice in just three starts on the flat so deserves the utmost respect. PUERTO EDEN (11) is another that catches the eye on breeding and is one to consider.

### SELECTIONS

**GOLDKIKOU (15) - LOVE TOO (1) - KANADA DENUO (5) - PUERTO EDEN (11)**

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## C5 - PRIX FERNAND ROY - 3500m (a2 3/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Hurdles - EUR € 35.000

- 1. KEN BESEDER** - Won a Class 4 hurdle at Nimes over 3900m in November on the last run. More needed in a strong race
- 2. LE LASCAR** - Won a Class 3 hurdle at this track two runs back in January, not seen since March when unplaced in a Class 2 race. Might need this run after a layoff
- 3. BOOSTER DU BERLAIS** - Hat trick seeker who won a Class 3 hurdle 26 days ago over 3800m and a chase before that in November. Hard to ignore
- 4. CHATAIGNIER** - Won a Listed chase three runs ago in November and was a fair 5th last time in a Class 3 hurdle at Auteuil. Can be involved
- 5. ILLIKO DES PLANS** - Game success of a Class 3 hurdle over 3800m last time and has good form before that. Key player
- 6. MISHKA DES MOTTES** - Won the last two runs, the latter a Class 1 chase over 3800m 23 days ago at Cagnes-Sur-Mer. Leading chance
- 7. IODA** - 3rd over 3800m at Angers last time in a Class 2 hurdle in November. Merits consideration
- 8. ESPOIR DE NOEL** - 4th two runs ago in a Class 2 hurdle at Auteuil over 3600m in March. Not seen since April when failing to complete the course. In the mix
- 9. IGOR** - 3rd three runs ago over fences in a Class 1 race at Auteuil in May over 4400m. Might be more at home over fences than hurdles
- 10. REDACTED** - 2nd at Nantes in late November over 3900m in a Class 3 race. Outside place chance
- 11. LOSANGE** - Unplaced last time over 3800m earlier this month over hurdles. Won in May 2022 in a Class 4 hurdle race at Dieppe. Vulnerable
- 12. ILLICO** - Won the last two runs, the latter in a cross-country race at this venue in February over 4100m. Back from an absence and others seem more likely
- 13. ABERDEEN STREET** - Two wins over fences of late, the latest over 3800m at Angers 22 days ago in a Class 3 event. Consider

**Summary :** ILLIKO DES PLANS (5) has been in good shape of late and will be full of confidence after a win last time in mid-November in a Class 3 hurdle over 3800m. He can win again from the main rival CHATAIGNIER (4) who was a credible fifth last time over hurdles at Auteuil in a Class 3 race and won a Listed chase in late November. MISHKA DES MOTTES (6) has solid claims after two recent wins including a Class 1 chase 23 days ago. BOOSTER DU BERLAIS (3) looks best of the remainder.

### SELECTIONS

**ILLIKO DES PLANS (5) - CHATAIGNIER (4) - MISHKA DES MOTTES (6) - BOOSTER DU BERLAIS (3)**

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**C6 - PRIX DE BEOST - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat -  
EUR € 21.000**

- 1. SPARKLING LIGHT** - 3rd last time in a maiden at Toulouse over 1200m in November. Up in trip and is one to consider
- 2. SHOOTER** - Decent 2nd at Toulouse last time in later November over 1600m. Looks ready to win
- 3. RECONNECT** - Won a claimer last time over 1700m at Pornichet earlier this month. Among the leading chances
- 4. I HAVE THE TOUCH** - Off the mark over 1700m in a maiden race last time in late September. Leading each-way chance
- 5. GEE WHIZZER** - 5th 12 days ago at this track in a Class 2 race over 1600m. Capable but not the most straightforward
- 6. HONTANAR** - Promise in three runs so far, tries a handicap and ran well when 4th at this track in November over 2000m. Consider
- 7. SPEEDY RECORD** - Fair 3rd 27 days ago at Toulouse over 2000m in a claimer. More needed in a better race
- 8. FRENCH PICNIC** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 2000m at this track in November. Each-way option
- 9. BAK'S WOOD** - Has several unplaced runs so far over different trips. Looks of limited ability and others make more sense
- 10. GOIZ ARGI** - Three runs all unplaced, the latest over 1600m at this track 12 days ago. Makes limited appeal
- 11. PIU DREAM** - Three unplaced runs so far, the latter over 1600m at this track 21 days ago. Hard to fancy
- 12. KHELJOST** - 4th three runs ago over 1000m in a claimer in November. Needs a few of these to falter
- 13. REVANCHE** - Has shown very little in claimers of late over 1200-1300m. Looks hard to recommend

**Summary :** SHOOTER (2) has been performing well of late without winning. This looks a good opportunity to get off the mark. SPARKLING LIGHT (1) also falls into the same category of running well without getting the job done. She should like the step up in trip today. I HAVE THE TOUCH (4) broke her maiden last time over 1700m and has strong each-way claims in a better race. RECONNECT (3) needs more after a win in a claimer last time but is hard to rule out.

## SELECTIONS

**SHOOTER (2) - SPARKLING LIGHT (1) - I HAVE THE TOUCH (4) - RECONNECT (3)**

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## C7 - PRIX DE BAUDREIX - 3500m (a2 3/16m) - TURF - A RECLAMER - Hurdles - EUR € 20.000

1. **JACKPOT D'AUBRELLE** - 3rd three runs back at Fontainebleau in February over 3550m in a Class 4 hurdle. More needed to feature
2. **ALL MY LOVING** - 5th on debut and unplaced in a Class 3 race 22 days ago behind GRINGO DU BERLAIS (7). Hard to fancy
3. **MASSA CHOP** - 3rd last time behind GRINGO DU BERLAIS (7) 22 days ago over 3650m. Has ground to make up but can not be discounted
4. **JE L INTERDIT** - Two unplaced runs over hurdles, failing to complete on both outings. Moderate on the flat and can be avoided
5. **JUSTE ROYALE JEYL** - Unseated rider last time on hurdle debut 22 days ago and was unplaced on the flat before that. Hard to recommend
6. **DALPALACE** - Unplaced last time in a Class 2 race, 4th before that in a Class 4 race over 3550m in October. Lightly raced and can progress
7. **GRINGO DU BERLAIS** - Won a Class 3 hurdle last time and was 2nd before that over hurdles at Nimes over 3400m. Leading chance
8. **ZURICH** - Hurdle debut after two runs on the flat. 3rd at Corlay on debut over 3100m in June. Others preferred
9. **JUST LINK** - Fair debut 6th in a Class 3 race and below par on the other run earlier this month over 3550m. Place chance
10. **SWEET DAVID** - Won a handicap hurdle at Auteuil in June and has raced in a lot higher grade than claiming class of late over both codes. Live chance down in class
11. **JAGUAR LAGRANGE** - Fair effort when 2nd at Angers in a claiming hurdle 22 days ago over 3800m. Can make the top three
12. **NOVADEDLA** - 3rd in a Class 5 chase last time at Orleans in June over 4000m. Off the track over 6 months and might need this outing
13. **JAMES** - 3rd three runs back at Toulouse in a handicap hurdle over 3500m in late October. Drops in class and can not be ignored
14. **CAVALIERE BLEUE** - 2nd at Dax over 3500m in May 2022 when last seen over hurdles. Has work to do to be involved
15. **BARTIMEUS** - Looks moderate after numerous runs over hurdles and one run on the flat. 4th on debut over 3500m is the best effort in February. Opposable
16. **REINE LAND** - Two unplaced runs of late, 4th before that over 3600m in a Class 3 hurdle race in June. Looks vulnerable
17. **TIMEO DANAOS** - 4th in a claiming hurdle over 3400m at Nimes in November last time. Needs a few to falter

**Summary :** GRINGO DU BERLAIS (7) has been running well all season over hurdles and fences. He scored in a Class 3 race 22 days ago over 3650m and drops down into a claimer from that success. SWEET DAVID (10) is a threat and can not be overlooked in a drop in class after racing in Graded and Listed races over hurdles and fences of late. JAGUAR LAGRANGE (11) and MASSA CHOP (3) are both worth considering from an each-way perspective.

### SELECTIONS

**GRINGO DU BERLAIS (7) - SWEET DAVID (10) - JAGUAR LAGRANGE (11) - MASSA CHOP (3)**

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## C8 - PRIX D'OLORON - 2400m (a1 1/2m) - ALL WEATHER - Handicap - Flat - EUR € 20.000

1. **SALMARAK** - 2nd three runs ago in a Class 1 race at Tarbes over 2100m in mid-October. Outside place chance
2. **ROUGE** - Won the last two runs, the latter over 2400m at Toulouse in a Class 3 handicap 27 days ago. Player
3. **GREAT PROMISE** - 5th two runs ago is the best form of late over this track and trip in a handicap in November. Others make more appeal
4. **ROATAN** - 5th last time, won before that in a Class 3 race over 1650m. Should stay this distance and is one to consider
5. **ARTEMISS** - Won three runs back over 2000m at this track in February. Had a recent run when unplaced 12 days ago. Can be sharper today and warrants respect
6. **GLORIETTE SAN** - 2nd two runs ago over 2400m at this track in November, not disgraced last time and can feature
7. **BLUE SHADE** - Unplaced on the flat of late, 3rd over hurdles in October. Hard to be enthusiastic about
8. **CORO CHOP** - 2nd three runs ago over 1800m in a maiden in May, not seen since July when unplaced. Opposable
9. **SANBER** - Fair 2nd two runs ago over track and trip at the start of this month. Ought to be thereabouts
10. **AKINOOS** - 4th last time over 1850m in a claimer at Agen in late November. Others make more sense
11. **MY HOPE** - Fair 3rd at this track over 2400m 30 days ago in a handicap. Usually on the premises
12. **SPANISH LIGHT** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over track and trip in a handicap 30 days ago. In the mix
13. **SWEET WISH** - Won three runs ago over 2200m at Pompadour in August in a Class 3 race. Poor effort last time at this track
14. **GRAND COURGEON** - 3rd three runs ago over 2400m in late November in a maiden race. Looks inconsistent
15. **NANTMOR** - 4th two runs ago over 2250m at Niort in October. Handicap debut but makes limited appeal
16. **PINTXOPOTE** - 4th last time over 2400m in late November in a maiden race. Has yet to win in 11 attempts and can be passed over

**Summary** : Previous course winner ARTEMISS (5) can get back in the winner's enclosure after a recent outing earlier this month on her return from a layoff. She will strip fitter today and can score from her main rival ROUGE (2) who was a recent winner at Toulouse 27 days ago and will be in good shape for this. MY HOPE (11) is one to include in all of the place bet permutations. GLORIETTE SAN (6) warrants respect and ought to be involved at the business end.

### SELECTIONS

ARTEMISS (5) - ROUGE (2) - MY HOPE (11) - GLORIETTE SAN (6)