

TUESDAY, 02/01/24

C1 - PRIX DE SAINT-ARMOU - 3700m (a2 5/16m) - TURF - A RECLAMER - Steeple Chase - EUR € 20.000

1. TROU NORMAND - Has been racing in good handicap races and Listed hurdles of late, 2nd at this track in January 2023. Chase debut and can make an impact

2. IVANOHE - 4th in a Class 2 chase at Auteuil two runs ago over 4400m in November. Ought to be in the shake-up

3. INZEO DU GOUET - 5th last time and 2nd before that over 3850m in a claiming chase in mid-November at Fontainebleau. Hard to ignore

4. SOMBREUIL - 3rd at this track in a claiming hurdle 8 days ago over 3800m. A bold show likely on the switch to fences

5. ESPOIR DU GRILLON - Likes this track having won over track and trip in January 2023. Good 2nd over hurdles recently. Sets the standard

6. BARON ZANZI - Three unplaced efforts of late, 4th over hurdles before that at Auteuil in October over 3600m. Down in class and can have a say

7. ROI D'ODALLE - Five unplaced runs since a win at Auteuil in April over 3600m in a handicap hurdle. Has won over fences before. Outside place chance

8. ANJOU MANCAT - Unplaced in the sole run in 2023 in mid-December over 4400m. Capable on his day but best watched for now

9. SAPHIR BLUE STAR - 6th over 4450m in a chase in early December at Mont-De-Marsan. Looks out of form and can be overlooked

10. FEZ - Two unplaced runs of late, the latter over 4250m in a Class 4 chase in November. Makes limited appeal

Summary : A previous course and distance winner in January 2023, ESPOIR DU GRILLON (5) has been quite highly tried of late in decent races. Down in class after an encouraging second over hurdles 8 days ago, he should have too much for his rivals. SOMBREUIL (4) was 7L behind in third in the same race 8 days ago and can be involved once again. TROU NORMAND (1) tries fences today and can be involved as should IVANOHE (2) who is one for the each-way backers to look at.

SELECTIONS

ESPOIR DU GRILLON (5) - SOMBREUIL (4) - TROU NORMAND (1) - IVANOHE (2)

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C2 - PRIX D'ARTIGUELOUVE - 3300m (a2 1/16m) - TURF - A RECLAMER - Hurdles - EUR € 20.000

1. **KOMINA** - Fair 2nd last time behind KLOE DE LAPRELLE (4) last December over 3450m in a claiming hurdle. On 2kg better terms she can be involved
2. **KALILAS BAIE** - One run when unplaced over 3600m in a hurdle race in November at Argentan. Makes limited appeal
3. **ZIGALEXA** - Newcomer by Clovis Du Berlais, stable runners usually need a run or two before showing their true ability
4. **KLOE DE LAPRELLE** - Has won her last two races, the latter 24 days ago over 3450m at Mont-De-Marsan. Live player
5. **DAUGUSTA** - Unplaced on all three runs so far, but has shown some ability. Down in class she has each-way claims
6. **KANZONE** - Two unplaced runs on the flat so far, the latter in December over 2400m. Hurdle debut and is hard to be enthusiastic about
7. **KERRY DU RIB** - 5th last time, 3rd over hurdles before that over 3550m in late October. Leading chance
8. **WALKYRIA** - 3rd last time over 3450m in a claiming hurdle in early December. Hard to recommend
9. **WYNOMA** - 4th three runs ago in a Class 4 hurdle race over 3100m in late October. In the mix
10. **BUCK'S STAR** - Newcomer by Buck's Boom, from a shrewd stable who can ready a debutante. Market support should be noted
11. **COUP GAGNANT** - Two unplaced runs over hurdles of late and modest form on the flat before that. Looks of limited ability and is best overlooked
12. **KELBLUE** - Unplaced in the sole run to date in mid-December at this track over 3500m. Others more likely

Summary : Lightly raced KERRY DU RIB (7) was a good third over hurdles on her second run at Fontainebleau in late October and a repeat of that performance should be enough for her to get off the mark on only her fourth race in public. KLOE DE LAPRELLE (4) can give the selection the most to think about. She has scored on her last two starts in claiming hurdles. The most recent win was 24 days ago. DAUGUSTA (5) and the unraced BUCK'S STAR (10) make up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

KERRY DU RIB (7) - KLOE DE LAPRELLE (4) - DAUGUSTA (5) - BUCK'S STAR (10)

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C3 - PRIX EQUIDIA (PRIX PIERRE ESTREM REY) - 3800m (a2 3/8m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 110.000

1. **GARRICK HARMONY** - Good win at Auteuil over 3600m in late November when last seen in a handicap hurdle. Can play a leading role
2. **MOUJIK** - Fair 4th over hurdles last time, and a winner before that over fences in a Class 2 race in October. Versatile and can make an impact
3. **GAGE DE REUSSITE** - Nice win in a Class 3 hurdle at Fontainebleau over 3800m in late November when last racing over 3800m. Ought to be involved
4. **CHICHI DE LA VEGA** - Won three runs ago over 3900m at Auteuil in a Listed hurdle race in October. Outside place chance
5. **ZUREKIN** - Fair 2nd at Auteuil in late November behind GARRICK HARMONY (1) over 3600m. Better off at the weights and can make things interesting
6. **HYJIE** - Fair 2nd last time over 3800m at Pau in mid-December in a handicap hurdle. Won before that. Player
7. **HERMITAGE** - 2nd last time over 3600m in August at Wargem (BEL). Might need this run after a layoff
8. **FAN D'APPLE'S** - Won at Compiègne in October over 3600m two starts ago. Might be in the grip of the handicapper
9. **FREE LORD D'ANJOU** - Has dropped in the ratings after some unplaced efforts in 2023. Capable of making the top four
10. **IMOUN JERSEY** - Won a chase over 4000m at this track in February 2023. Lightly raced with only three runs so far. Fitness may be an issue
11. **HOTEL DIEU** - 5th over 3650m in early December in a handicap hurdle when last seen. Looks vulnerable
12. **INVITE DE MARQUE** - 5th at this track in mid-December over 3800m in a Class 1 hurdle last time. Can make the top three
13. **IRIS DE GRUGY** - Won over 3900m in a handicap hurdle in late November at Nantes when last seen. More required in a better race
14. **KING OF DARK** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3700m in mid-November in a handicap hurdle. Hard to fancy
15. **INSIDE MONTLIOUX** - Likes this track, and won twice in January 2023 over 3800m in handicap hurdles. Capable of a bold show despite a few tame efforts of late
16. **HOT DAY** - Won over hurdles in May two runs ago over 4200m. Will be sharper for a run in late November when 6th at Nantes. Others preferred

Summary : INSIDE MONTLIOUX (15) will be decent odds and could be the springer in the betting market. He had good course form in January 2023 and is trying to get back on track after a few below-par efforts of late. GARRICK HARMONY (1) is a recent winner and can be on the premises despite a big weight. GAGE DE REUSSITE (3) looks like a solid each-way option in this open handicap. ZUREKIN (5) was second to GARRICK HARMONY (1) when they met at Auteuil in November and can feature.

SELECTIONS

INSIDE MONTLIOUX (15) - GARRICK HARMONY (1) - GAGE DE REUSSITE (3) - ZUREKIN (5)

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C4 - PRIX D'OGEU-LES-BAINS - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 21.000

1. RAYO DE LUZ - Unplaced on the only run so far at this track in December over 2000m. Others preferred

2. LADY MANA - Good run when 3rd over 1900m on her debut in late October. Can step forward from that and play a lead role

3. VLASIKHOVA - Fair 3rd at this track over 1600m in early December in a maiden race last time. Ought to be thereabouts

4. EAGLE MOUNT - Nice 2nd over 1400m in a claimer last time in June. Should like the step up in distance and can feature

5. SILPENY - Nice effort when 2nd on her debut at this track last month over 2000m. Can progress from debut and score

6. TORNILLA - 6th on the only run at this track over 2000m in early December. Can improve and make the top four

7. ONE EYED PRINCESS - Well beaten on the only run so far over 1600m at this track on December 1st. Hardly inspiring

8. ALOVEMINE - 2nd on her debut over 1400m in June but has been disappointing since that run and makes limited appeal

9. BEAUTIFULL RISK - Two modest efforts so far, the latter over 1600m at this track in December. Opposable

10. GOLDEN GRACE - Newcomer by Almanzor, from a top stable. Will be well prepared for a bold show on debut. Monitor the betting market

11. MRS ROBINSON - Newcomer by Robin Of Navan, should improve for this outing. Any market support should be informative

12. LUCKY LADY - Unraced by Mr Owen, will be better for this debut run and can improve for the experience. Watch the betting for clues

Summary : SILPENY (5) ran a race full of promise when second at this track in early December. With improvement from her debut, she looks like the best option ahead of debutante GOLDEN GRACE (10) who has a nice profile and is from the Jean Claude Rouget powerhouse. She could be anything. LADY MANA (2) can only improve from her third-placed effort in late October which was a pleasing run. VLASIKHOVA (3) ran well at this track recently and warrants respect.

SELECTIONS

SILPENY (5) - GOLDEN GRACE (10) - LADY MANA (2) - VLASIKHOVA (3)

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C5 - PRIX ALFRED TORRANCE - 3500m (a2 3/16m) - TURF - Condition Race - Hurdles - EUR € 37.000

1. **KADOR DE ROCHAUDE** - One win and two places from six runs on the flat. Kevin Nabet booking is worth noting and could pop-up in the money
2. **KASS TETE** - Gelding by Yeats making his debut for trainer Gabriel Leenders. Well-related and must be respected
3. **KAHID DE FREGANDE** - Progressive profile on the flat and entrusted to Clément Lefèvre. Would not be a surprise winner
4. **KOUROUKOUKOU** - Left a positive impression on debut on the flat at the venue on 13 December. Should be closely monitored on hurdle debuts
5. **KADO DE L'EST** - Has demonstrated a nice potential on the flat. Entrusted to James Reveley and is expected to play a major role
6. **KEEP COOL CONTI** - Well beaten in only run on the flat thus far and is hard to make a case for on hurdle debut. Not a priority
7. **KUFLOWER DE COUELY** - Newcomers from this yard tend to need the run and is best to watch unless betting suggests otherwise
8. **KARMA DE REVE** - Newcomer by Fly With Me who is likely to need the run. Best to watch betting for more clues
9. **KOZAK BORGET** - Newcomer from a yard who has not been in the best of form recently and is unlikely to trouble the judges
10. **KAOLIN** - Well-related winner on the flat who is expected to be fit and ready on hurdle debut. Player
11. **KI WOO** - Placed once in three starts on the flat. From an in-form yard and is not one to be totally ruled out
12. **KING D'ALENE** - Has shown ability on the flat and comes from a top-yard. Has to be on the shortlist
13. **KEEN DANCER** - Newcomer by Cocorico trained by Patrice Quinton. Local betting will be the best guide
14. **KAMISAMA** - Gelding by Masterstroke who hinted at ability on the flat and cannot be totally dismissed. Outside chance

Summary : Group 3-placed on the flat, KADO DE L'EST (5) brings some racecourse experience and can make a winning debut over hurdles. KAOLIN (10) is well-related and a winner on the flat so has to be feared as well. KING D'ALENE (12) returns from a lengthy break but has clearly shown talent on the flat. KOUROUKOUKOU (4) should be another interesting prospect switching to hurdling.

SELECTIONS

KADO DE L'EST (5) - KAOLIN (10) - KING D'ALENE (12) - KOUROUKOUKOU (4)

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C6 - PRIX DE MADIRAN - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 21.000

1. ZWEIG - Placed third at this track on debut over 1600m and should enjoy the step up in distance. Big chance

2. NASHVILLE - Placed fifth on debut at this track and trip. Has scope to improve on that effort. Might place

3. RAMSES CHOP - Last three at this track has just missed the frame and with luck in running can contest the finish

4. WELCOMETORO - Improved in second start when fifth at this track. Step up in distance might suit. Can upset

5. TESTIMONIO - All the attempts have been at this track over 1600m and has not placed yet. Can improve but others are preferred

6. HOLDOVER - A two year old gelding by Whitecliffsofdover out of Hold the Thought who makes his debut

7. BASHEER - Improved at Toulouse when runner up and has seldom been far off them. Has sufficient means to be involved with the finish

8. LE PHOCEA - Penultimate was a best effort when third at this track. Third run this month and should be fitter. Place chance

9. ALMANSUR - Has not missed the frame in three attempts. In good form and has track experience. Should have a say

10. SNATCHER - Last two at this track placed sixth and will need to improve to make the frame

11. LETWAR - A two year old gelding by Shalaa out of Alhakmah who makes his debut. Watch the betting as a guide

12. AVITCHI - A two year old gelding by Born To Sea out of Xingu who makes his debut

13. PIC DU MIDI - A two year old gelding by Penny's Picnic out of Rivière de Perles who makes his debut.

Summary : ZWEIG (1) showed promise when third on debut and should like the extra distance. ALMANSUR (9) has course experience and is in good form so is sure to be a threat. BASHEER (7) ran well at Toulouse last time out and should contest the finish again. RAMSES CHOP (3) probably needs to do more to win this race but does have a place chance in this line-up.

SELECTIONS

ZWEIG (1) - ALMANSUR (9) - BASHEER (7) - RAMSES CHOP (3)

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C7 - PRIX DE LOUVIE-JUZON - 2000m (a1 1/4m) - ALL WEATHER - Condition Race - Flat - EUR € 22.000

1. CELESTIN - A track and trip winner three runs back for the seventh career win. Should make a bold bid

2. PATRICK SARSFIELD - Three runs back won and has been on a short break in between travelling. A four time winner that ought to be involved with the finish

3. PONT MIRABEAU - This will be the third run back from a break and should be fitter. Can contest the finish

4. PRINCE ANODIN - Unplaced last three attempts at this track and others are preferred in this lineup

5. BLUEBERRY HILL - This will be the second run back and should be fitter this time. More a place chance than winning one

6. BELINSKOV - Placed third at Deauville in latest and could be on the improve. Fourth run back and should be sharper so deserves respect in this line-up

7. MORELLO DI VENTO - Penultimate was a third at this track and has scope to improve being only the fourth run. Might place

8. MAIMOUNA - Placed two of last three and similar can be expected. Has sufficient means to fight for victory

9. ONE MORE NIGHT - Last won in March. Seldom far off them and can contest the finish. More a place chance than a winning one

10. RAMIRIQUI - Has had one run back from a break and might still need the run. Others are preferred

Summary : CELESTIN (1) was a bit of a disappointment when only seventh in a handicap last time out but should do a lot better this time and gets the vote to score. PATRICK SARSFIELD (2) has been consistent in Spain and is not out of it. PONT MIRABEAU (3) is clearly better than his last run would suggest and can win if finding his form of last year. BELINSKOV (6) is improving and deserves respect .

SELECTIONS

CELESTIN (1) - PATRICK SARSFIELD (2) - PONT MIRABEAU (3) - BELINSKOV (6)

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C8 - PRIX JOSEPH BARRON - 3800m (a2 3/8m) - TURF - Divised Handicap - Hurdles - EUR € 62.000

1. **SAMELOR** - This will be the third run back from a break and should be fitter. Place prospects
2. **IN VICTIS** - A runner up in the penultimate and placed fifth in latest at this track. Should be thereabouts
3. **RUMIX DE CLAVE** - A second run back from a break and might still need the run back. Others are preferred
4. **BATTLE WISH** - Has not been far off them in recent efforts. Has sufficient means to challenge at the finish. Go close
5. **BELASKA** - Placed fifth in latest after a four month break. Has the means to fight for victory. Utmost respect
6. **GILOU JAGUEN** - A runner up at Angers in latest and is consistently in the places. Has a winning chance in a competitive race
7. **DEMOISELLE KAP** - Improved at Ludlow when third and if holding that form can contest the finish
8. **PAS DE QUARTIER** - Consistently in the frame and similar can be expected again. Be right there at the finish
9. **L'ANGE VERT** - Last three efforts placed third and is consistently there or thereabouts. Can do so again
10. **EADREAM** - Yet to taste victory but can play a minor role. More of a place chance than a winning one
11. **SUPERLA** - Yet to taste victory and has not been in the frame in last three attempts. Pass by until getting closer
12. **QUICK DADDY** - Last two efforts have been in the top three and similar can be expected. Can have a say

Summary : GILOU JAGUEN (6) is consistent and can go one better in a competitive looking lucky last race. BELASKA (5) should be fitter this time and should be better than the recent fifth place finish. PAS DE QUARTIER (8) is consistent and has to be respected in this line-up. BATTLE WISH (4) has not been far off them recently and is capable of fighting out the finish yet again.

SELECTIONS

GILOU JAGUEN (6) - BELASKA (5) - PAS DE QUARTIER (8) - BATTLE WISH (4)