

TUESDAY, 31/12/24

R2 PAU [R-H]

C1 - PRIX ALBERT DE TAILLAC - 3800m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 65,000

1. JOST - Two unplaced runs recently in a Grade 2 chase and a Grade 1 hurdle, he was 4th before that in a Class 1 chase over 4400m at Auteuil on September 19th. Versatile with a touch of class

2. ITAL CONTI - 5th over 3900m at Dieppe in a Class 3 chase on June 29th on his latest start. He won in March over hurdles at Compiègne in a Class 1 race. Place chance

3. GENESIS AS - 5th last time over 3500m at Auteuil in a handicap chase on December 8th. Back over hurdles and others make more appeal

4. KENTUCKY WOOD - Decent placed form over fences recently, 3rd in a Grade 3 chase last time on December 8th at Auteuil and 2nd before that in the Prix Maurice Gillois- Chase (Grade 1) at Auteuil on November 17th. Live chance

5. EARL OF SHANNON - He has been 3rd on his last two runs, the latter over 3450m in a Listed chase behind GAME OF STORM (6) at Compiègne on November 29th. Others preferred

6. GAME OF STORM - Nice win over 3450m in a Listed chase at Compiègne on his latest outing on November 29th. Listed hurdle winner at this track in February over 3500m. Player

7. EADREAM - Credible 4th over 3800m at this track in a Class 1 hurdle on December 11th. Has work to do to be competitive

Summary: KENTUCKY WOOD (4) has had solid form over fences recently and was second in the Prix Maurice Gillois- Chase (Grade 1) at Auteuil on November 17th two starts ago. Back over the smaller obstacles he should be too smart for his rivals. GAME OF STORM (6) is a Listed winner over hurdles at this track in February and can once again play a lead role. JOST (1) has a bit of class and can be involved at the business end. ITAL CONTI (2) heads the remainder.

SELECTIONS

KENTUCKY WOOD (4) - GAME OF STORM (6) - JOST (1) - ITAL CONTI (2)

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C2 - PRIX D'ARESSY - 3300m (a2m1/8) - TURF - Claiming - Hurdles - EUR € 20,000

- 1. MAGIC THEYSS** - Unplaced on the one run on the flat over 2400m at Pornichet on November 13th in a maiden. Tries hurdles and is best watched for now
- 2. PETIT DUC SIBEY** - Unplaced on the one run over 3300m at Bordeaux Le Bouscat over hurdles on October 1st. He showed some talent on debut and a much better run can be expected
- 3. LEONARDO DU LARGE** - Failed to complete the course over 3400m in a Class 4 hurdle on April 28th at Nimes. Can only improve from his debut outing
- 4. SOMMERIUS** - Unraced gelding by Pastorius, the dam won two races on the flat. Watch the betting patterns for any support
- 5. REMEMBER CALI** - Unraced gelding by Chanducoq, the dam ran a few times on the flat. The betting could be the best guide
- 6. CHEAP** - Four unplaced runs so far, the latter over hurdles at Mont-De-Marsan in a Class 3 race on December 8th. Has shown some ability and can make the frame
- 7. DIOSES PAREDROS** - Failed to complete the course on the one run so far over 3600m at Agen in a Class 4 hurdle on November 25th. Opposable
- 8. HENDERO** - Four unplaced runs so far, the latter over 3400m at Pau over fences on December 11th. Unlikely to feature

Summary: PETIT DUC SIBEY (2) is from a leading stable and will be more streetwise after a run at Bordeaux Le Bouscat over hurdles in early October. He is dropped into a claimer and can be expected to give a good account of himself. REMEMBER CALI (5) could be the main threat. He should be monitored in the betting exchanges for any support. LEONARDO DU LARGE (3) and CHEAP (6) can fight it out for minor honours.

SELECTIONS

PETIT DUC SIBEY (2) - REMEMBER CALI (5) - LEONARDO DU LARGE (3) - CHEAP (6)

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C3 - PRIX DES PYRENEES (GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE DES 4 ANS) - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Condition Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 42,000

- 1. KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA** - Good effort to be 2nd over track and trip in a conditions chase on December 11th when last racing and a win before that at Toulouse in a Class 2 chase in late October. Player
- 2. KALKI DE LAGARDE AA** - Won over track and trip in a conditions chase on December 11th when last appearing, beating KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) by a neck into 2nd that day. Can be involved again
- 3. MISTER FLOW AA** - 3rd over 2400m at Limoges on November 30th on the flat on his last start. Looks out of his depth
- 4. KORRAL AA** - He fell on his chase debut last time, 2nd before that over 2500m on the flat at Agen on November 3rd. He won over hurdles at this track in February on his debut. Each way option
- 5. AURIO AA** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 2300m at Tarbes on October 20th in a flat race. He has been given a tough task on his chase debut
- 6. KASTLE DE LAGARDE AA** - Two unplaced runs so far, the most recent over 3900m at Pau over fences on December 11th. One to avoid
- 7. PESO DI LEGNO AA** - In need of the run when tiring over fences last time behind KALKI DE LAGARDE AA (2) on December 11th. A course and distance winner in February in a Class 3 chase and a winner over hurdles before that in February. Will be fitter today and can feature
- 8. DREAM ON POMPADOUR AA** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 2400m on the flat at Limoges on November 30th. Won twice over hurdles in the Summer at Pompadour. Has to convince over fences
- 9. LOKNESS DE CANDALE AA** - Several unplaced runs over fences and on the flat, the latest over track and trip on December 11th over fences. Hard to recommend
- 10. SHIVA DE CANDALE AA** - Five unplaced runs so far, the latter over 3500m at Toulouse in a Class 4 chase on March 20th. Makes no appeal
- 11. VIRTUOSE AA** - 3rd on his second start in a chase over track and trip on December 11th behind KALKI DE LAGARDE AA (2). Improvement can be expected from that and looks like a promising type

Summary: KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) was beaten a neck on his latest start over track and trip on December 11th. He meets KALKI DE LAGARDE AA (2) who beat him that day on better terms this time and is a marginal choice. PESO DI LEGNO AA (7) made a slight mistake in the same race when he was fancied to win last time. He will strip fitter this time and can be on the premises. VIRTUOSE AA (11) was third in the race mentioned and can only improve from that and warrants respect.

SELECTIONS

**KOBE DE LA BRUNIE AA (1) - KALKI DE LAGARDE AA (2) - PESO DI LEGNO AA (7) -
VIRTUOSE AA (11)**

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C4 - PRIX DE BAYONNE - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 40,000

- 1. BON PRINCE** - Unplaced in a Grade 2 chase recently in mid-November, he won before that over 3400m in a Class 2 chase at Lyon Parilly on October 20th. Live contender
- 2. BELLODAM** - He has been in terrific form with four wins of late, the latter over 3400m at Nimes in a chase on December 1st. More needed but is getting better with experience
- 3. VAMOS A LA PLAYA** - Got off the mark over 3800m at Angers in a claiming chase on November 24th on his latest start. In the mix
- 4. GOLIATH DU LUY** - Fair 2nd on his chase debut over 3700m at Angers on December 7th in a Class 3 race. Lightly raced and has plenty more to come
- 5. LESBOS DES MOTTES** - Credible effort when 3rd at this track on his chase debut over 3400m on December 11th. Should improve from that run
- 6. DO RE MIX** - Good 2nd over 3400m on December 11th at Pau over fences, and a win before that over hurdles in early November. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 7. L'OEIL DE FAUCON** - 3rd on the most recent outing over 3400m at Nimes over fences on December 1st. Won a claiming hurdle at Dax in late September. Looks vulnerable
- 8. LEBRIO DES MOTTES** - 4th on the flat recently, 5th before that over fences at Dieppe on August 30th over 3500m in a Class 2 event. Needs a few to falter
- 9. BLACKBIRD** - Promise over hurdles, 2nd on the latest start over 3550m in a Class 3 hurdle at Fontainebleau on December 3rd. Can make the frame
- 10. SANTOLINA** - Nice 2nd over 3900m at Landivisiau in a Class 4 chase on September 15th. She has only raced twice so far and this is step up in class

Summary: BON PRINCE (1) was a cosy winner two starts ago at Lyon Parilly in late October and acquitted himself well when dipping his toe into the water of a Grade 2 chase at Auteuil on his latest outing when he was sixth. He can return to the winner's circle in a less taxing race. GOLIATH DU LUY (4) is probably the main threat and shaped well on his chase debut when he was second at Angers. DO RE MIX (6) is the each-way must and BLACKBIRD (9) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

BON PRINCE (1) - GOLIATH DU LUY (4) - DO RE MIX (6) - BLACKBIRD (9)

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C5 - PRIX D'ARTHEZ - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 2 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 40,000

- 1. YEIAZEL** - Won by 1.5L on the one run so far over track and trip on December 11th over hurdles. Can improve on that experience and be competitive
- 2. MISS CHANA** - Fair 2nd last time over track and trip in a Class 1 hurdle on December 17th. Looks like she is improving with race experience
- 3. STAR DE LA BLAIRIE** - Fair 3rd at Angers over 3400m in a maiden hurdle on December 7th on her latest start. Others make more appeal
- 4. LAKADAME** - Unplaced last time, 4th before that over 3200m at Dieppe on her debut on May 2nd. Looks vulnerable
- 5. LEGENDE D'AINAY** - Two unplaced runs so far, the latter over track and trip on December 11th. Did show ability and can make the frame
- 6. CRYSTAL CLEARWATER** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3550m at Fontainebleau in a Class 4 hurdle on November 20th. Needs a few to misfire
- 7. CHIARINA'S SAGA** - Promise when she was 4th on her debut over track and trip over hurdles on December 11th behind YEIAZEL (1). Will need to improve from that to get revenge but can make the frame
- 8. LADY D'ALLIER** - Newcomer by Pour Moi, the dam was placed on the flat. From a respected trainer. Any market support could be informative
- 9. LA LOIRE** - Unraced filly by Goliath Du Berlais, the dam never raced. Her trainer has two in the race and has booked two leading riders to do the steering. Watch the betting patterns for any support

Summary: MISS CHANA (2) seems to be getting better over hurdles and was a close second on her last start in a Class 1 race earlier this month. She can get off the mark at the expense of YEIAZEL (1) who scored on her debut over course and distance on December 11th and can only improve for that experience. CHIARINA'S SAGA (7) was back in fourth in the same race as YEIAZEL (1) recently and can get much closer. LEGENDE D'AINAY (5) makes up the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

MISS CHANA (2) - YEIAZEL (1) - CHIARINA'S SAGA (7) - LEGENDE D'AINAY (5)

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C6 - PRIX DE SAN SEBASTIAN - DONOSTIA - 3500m (a2m1/4) - TURF - Class 3 Race - Hurdles - EUR € 37,000

- 1. DON LOOK COCO** - Unplaced last time over 3400m at Angers over hurdles on December 9th, 2023. Has an absence to deal with
- 2. KEBEBASAN** - Decent 2nd at this track over 3500m in a Class 2 hurdle on December 11th when beaten 0.75L. Can only improve and play a lead role
- 3. SANT FIRTH** - Improved run when he was 2nd at Moulins in a Class 3 hurdle over 3500m on December 14th. Seems to be getting the hang of things
- 4. KAPACA DE THAIX** - Showed progress when he was 3rd at Compiègne over 3600m in a Class 2 hurdle on November 29th on his latest start. Ought to be in the shake-up
- 5. JARAKTAR** - Unplaced last time over hurdles, he won before that over 3100m at Saint-Brieuc in a Class 4 race on the flat on October 6th.
- 6. KREMLIN** - Two 2nd placed runs of late, the latter over 3400m at Angers in a Class 3 hurdle on November 25th. He won on the flat in May and looks like a nice prospect
- 7. KING OF FREEDOM** - Fair 3rd on his hurdling debut over 3500m in a Class 2 hurdle at Pau on December 11th on his latest run. He has placed form on the flat and can make the top three
- 8. PARAY** - Unplaced on the one run this year over 3800m in a Class 3 hurdle at Lyon Parilly on April 20th.
- 9. SAINT CRUZ** - Unraced by Saint Des Saints, the dam ran twice over hurdles. One to watch in the betting market for any support
- 10. KOOL DESBOIS** - Newcomer by Mageticjim, the dam won three times over hurdles and once over fences. From a respected stable. Watch the betting for clues
- 11. KELAMI DES PICTONS** - Two unplaced runs over hurdles, the most recent over 3600m at Argentan on October 20th in a Class 4 race. He has to improve a lot to be involved
- 12. MARTIN GUERRE** - Newcomer by Choeur Du Nord, the dam was placed over hurdles. From a leading stable who can ready one to strike on debut. Any market support should be noted
- 13. KALEO JIM** - Two unplaced runs over hurdles, the latter over 3600m at Auteuil in a Class 2 race on November 16th. He won on the flat over 2400m in July, in a Group 3 AQ race at Vichy.
- 14. KOLOMBIN DES ISLES** - Newcomer by It's Gino, the dam never raced. Watch the betting market for any support
- 15. KINCSEM DES PLACES** - Newcomer by Cokoriko, the dam won four races over hurdles and fences including a Listed hurdle, and was placed in Graded races over fences. From a good stable who will have this gelding well prepared. Watch the betting for any support

Summary: KEBEBASAN (2) could be the answer in this, after a promising effort when second at this track on December 11th in a Class 2 hurdle. He was only beaten three-quarters of a length that day and will be expected to have a say in proceedings. KING OF FREEDOM (7) made a pleasing debut over hurdles when third at this track earlier this month and looks like the main threat. KAPACA DE THAIX (4) looks like a sensible option each way. SANT FIRTH (3) is also worth considering.

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SELECTIONS

KEBEBASAN (2) - KING OF FREEDOM (7) - KAPACA DE THAIX (4) - SANT FIRTH (3)

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C7 - PRIX BERNARD DE DUFAU - 4700m (a3m) - TURF - Listed Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 85,000

1. IN LOVE - Decent 4th over 5500m in the Prix La Haye Jouselin Chase (Grade 1) on November 17th on his last start. Won a Grade 3 chase here in February. Classy performer over fences and can feature

2. BAHIOSUN - He has won both of his races this year, the latter by 2L over 4600m in a Listed chase at Angers on November 11th. Steps up in class and has work to do

3. LE LISTRAC - Unplaced last time, 2nd before that over 4400m at Auteuil on December 8th in a handicap chase. Placed form in Grade 3 chases at Auteuil this year. Can place at nice odds

4. FIGUERO - Unplaced last time, won before that over 4400m in a Class 2 chase at Auteuil on November 6th. One to consider

5. BREXIT - Won on his latest start over 3500m in a Class 3 chase at Auteuil on November 24th. Can not be overlooked

6. JOHNNY ROQUE - Won over 3500m at Auteuil on his last start in a handicap chase on December 8th. This requires more but can make the frame

7. GAGE DE REUSSITE - Nice 2nd over 3800m in a Class 3 hurdle at Fontainebleau on December 3rd when last racing. Placed in Graded chases earlier this year and is respected

8. INAYA JONES - Credible 3rd last time over 5300m in a Listed chase at Bordeaux Le Bouscat on November 22nd. Needs to be more reliable

9. JUMPING CHARLIE - Won at this track last time over 4000m in a Class 3 chase on December 15th. Likes this racecourse and is one to consider up in class

Summary: IN LOVE (1) could be too smart for his rivals. He is in much calmer waters than his latest run when he was fourth over 5500m in the Prix La Haye Jouselin Chase (Grade 1) on November 17th and he is a Grade 3 chase winner at this track. JUMPING CHARLIE (9) could be the biggest danger. He won well by over six lengths at this track on his latest start 16 days ago and could relish the step up in trip. BREXIT (5) warrants respect and can make the frame. JOHNNY ROQUE (6) looks best of the rest.

SELECTIONS

IN LOVE (1) - JUMPING CHARLIE (9) - BREXIT (5) - JOHNNY ROQUE (6)

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C8 - PRIX LOUIS SALLENAVE - 3900m (a2m1/2) - TURF - Class 1 Race - Steeple Chase - EUR € 45,000

- 1. LE MERLOT** - Won on his last start over 3500m at Auteuil in a handicap chase on November 30th. Needs to be considered strongly
- 2. INTIME WILD** - Fair 4th over 4400m in a Class 2 chase at Auteuil on November 24th on his latest start. Can make the top three
- 3. BOOM BOOM CIAO** - Four unplaced efforts of late, 3rd before that over 4400m in a Grade 3 chase at Auteuil on March 31st. Capable of making an impact
- 4. KATOVICE** - Won over 3900m in a handicap chase at Pau on December 11th on her latest outing. Joint top rated and can score
- 5. MINA TANENBAUM** - Two unplaced runs of late, 2nd before that over 3900m in a Class 2 chase at Clairefontaine on August 19th. Opposable
- 6. KERMILLIS** - Won over 4100m in a handicap chase on her latest start at Lyon Parilly on November 23rd. Kool- Recent win over 4200m at Mont-De-Marsan in a claiming chase on December 8th. Up in class and is respected
- 7. KOOL DES ONGRAIS** - Recent win over 4200m at Mont-De-Marsan in a claiming chase on December 8th. Up in class and will need a few to falter
- 8. SACRED UNION** - Placed on his last three starts, the most recent when 4th over 3900m at Pau in a handicap chase on December 11th. More is required if he wants to feature
- 9. WISH HOP** - Two unplaced runs this year over hurdles, the latter over 3500m at Pau in a Class 2 hurdle on December 11th. Hardly inspiring
- 10. EDITION ORIGINALE** - 4th on her latest outing over 3800m at Moulins in a Class 2 chase on September 21st. Unlikely to trouble some of these
- 11. NEPTUNE DU LUY** - Unplaced last time, 3rd before that over 3600m in a handicap hurdle at Auteuil on November 6th. Tough task on her chase debut
- 12. FEUILLE VERTE** - 4th over 3800m at Angers on December 7th in a Class 2 chase on her latest start. She is a course winner over hurdles in January. This will be a step too far

Summary: Joint top-rated KATOVICE (4) should be able to follow up on a recent course and distance success on December 11th when she was a game-winner. Her main danger could be LE MERLOT (1) who will be in a good frame of mind after a facile success at Auteuil in a handicap chase at the end of November. He has placed form over hurdles at this track. BOOM BOOM CIAO (3) has been a tad below par recently but has contested Graded and Listed races on three of them. KERMILLIS (6) is also worth a mention.

SELECTIONS

KATOVICE (4) - LE MERLOT (1) - BOOM BOOM CIAO (3) - KERMILLIS (6)