

PAU - 20 November

Race 1

1. **MERRY PICNIC** - Fair 6L 12th in a 1300m claimer at Deauville a month ago. Stamina to prove at this distance.
2. **ROCK CHOP** - Decent effort 3L fourth in a course and distance claimer at the end of last month. Something to find on ratings.
3. **ALBORAN** - Unraced Dandy Man colt. Minor role likely on debut.
4. **DESIGNED SURVIVOR** - Absent since a head second in a 1600m handicap at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) at the end of February. Bold show expected.
5. **ALMOST LIGHT** - Good 2L third in a 1600m claiming race here just under three weeks ago. This looks a tougher affair.
6. **REPEL GHOSTS** - Built on three placed efforts when winning by a neck over 1350m at Craon (soft) in September last year. Leading contender on return from a lengthy absence.
7. **ALPEN ROSE** - Down markedly in grade following a 14L fifth in the Listed Pretty Polly Stakes over 2012m at Newmarket (good) in June. Top chance.
8. **SCHMUSLI** - Held 10L eighth in a 1500m maiden at Tarbes (soft) last month. Best watched.

Summary

REPEL GHOSTS (6) looks capable of registering a big effort racing for a top yard on first start since a neck success in a 1350m maiden at Craon in September last year. ALPEN ROSE (7) drops markedly in grade following a 14L fifth in the 2012m Listed Pretty Polly Fillies Stakes at Newmarket in the spring. DESIGNED SURVIVOR (4) finished a head second in a 1600m handicap at Bordeaux. Consider. MERRY PICNIC (1) provided good form over shorter. In the mix despite stamina concerns.

Selections

**REPEL GHOSTS (6) - ALPEN ROSE (7) - DESIGNED SURVIVOR (4) -
MERRY PICNIC (1)**

Race 2

1. **HOT SPOT** - Struggled 35L last of 16 in a 1600m handicap at Angers (soft) 11 days ago. Others preferred.
2. **TOY ROOM** - Beaten 14L sixth in a 1200m handicap at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) just over five weeks ago. Minor role likely.
3. **TWO HEARTS** - Fair 7L ninth in a 1200m claimer at Evreux (soft) at the start of September. Others make more appeal.
4. **NORDESTE** - Good effort 3L fourth in a 1400m claimer at Bordeaux (soft) just under two weeks ago. One to note.
5. **PEDRO THE FIRST** - Struggled 11L 11th in a 1500m claimer at Deauville (heavy) last month. Claims as he seeks a first AW victory.
6. **AYOUNOR** - Neck fifth in a 1300m handicap at Chantilly in February. Notable runner.
7. **GREY MAGIC** - Below par 22L last of 15 in a 1300m claimer at Deauville last month. Others hold more obvious claims.
8. **CIRCLE OF HANDS** - Down the field in recent starts including 27L 14th in a 1600m handicap at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) 22 days ago. Best watched.
9. **BECQUAMIS** - Tried to make all when 3L fourth in a 1200m handicap at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) 37 days ago. Strong claims.
10. **COVADONGA'S LAKES** - 14 race maiden finished a fair 6L sixth in a 1600m claimer here at the end of last month. More needed.
11. **BABY JANE** - 47 race maiden beaten 9L eighth in an 1100m handicap at Le Croise-Laroche (soft-to-heavy) 15 days ago. Best watched.

Summary

BECQUAMIS (9) may play a part in the finish following a 3L fourth in a 1200m handicap at Toulouse. NORDESTE (4) enters equations having been beaten 3L fourth in a 1400m claimer at Bordeaux. AYOUNOR (6) arrives after just one start since a course and distance success at the start of this year. Could register a big effort on first outing since February. PEDRO THE FIRST (5) holds each-way claims switching to the AW following an 11L eleventh in a heavy ground 1500m claimer at Deauville.

Selections

BECQUAMIS (9) - NORDESTE (4) - AYOUNOR (6) - PEDRO THE FIRST (5)

Race 3

1. **GRANACCI** - Returning from a break when 8L fourth in a 1900m conditions race at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) just over three weeks ago. Notable runner.
2. **TORANCIA** - Good 2L fifth in a 1200m handicap at Marseilles Borely (good) last month. Interesting on AW debut.
3. **MALAYAN TIGER** - Struggled two most recent starts including 35L last of 16 in a 1600m handicap at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) 22 days ago.
4. **URWALD** - Tried to make all when 2L second in a 1600m conditions race at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) last month. Bold show expected.
5. **REPONSE EXACTE** - Good 3L third in a 1609m handicap at Chelmsford at the end of last month. Interesting to see how she fares.
6. **MISTY CAT** - Last of seven over 1200m at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) just over five weeks ago. Minor role likely.
7. **ACHILLEA** - Down the field two most recent starts including 34L 15th in a 1600m handicap at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) 22 days ago. Best watched.
8. **MOUNTAIN GUARD** - Fair 6L sixth in a 1000m event at La Teste in August. Interesting.
9. **ASTROLOGO** - Below par 35L last of 16 in a 2000m claimer here at the end of last month. Others preferred.
10. **EL MANSOUR** - 48 race maiden beaten 27L 15th in a 2000m claimer at this venue 20 days ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
11. **IRON ROCK** - Beaten 8L fifth in a 2100m contest at Mont-de-Marsan when debuting in September. Improvement expected.
12. **LA FONTANICA** - Beaten 25L last of eight in a 1400m conditions race at Bordeaux (soft) just over six weeks ago. More needed.
13. **TRUST IN YOU** - Absent since a 13L fourth in a 1700m contest at Pompadour in August. One to note.

14. **MAITIA** - Twice a winner at Pompadour in the summer but has struggled two most recent starts including 23L 12th in a 1600m handicap at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) last month.

15. **SO WHEN** - Held 30L tenth in a 1600m handicap at Chantilly (heavy) last month. Others preferred.

16. **DOLMATOVA** - Returning from a break when 25L 12th in a 2400m handicap at Compiègne (heavy) six weeks ago. Others preferred.

Summary

URWALD (4) holds strong claims on the back of a 2L second in a 1600m conditions race at Toulouse. May show up well on AW debut. GRANACCI (1) is considered following an 8L fourth in a soft-to-heavy ground 1900m conditions race at Bordeaux. Likely to step forward second up. Supplemented runner TRUST IN YOU (13) won twice in Spain this year and finished fourth at Pompadour. Shortlist. REPONSE EXACTE (5) returns from a spell in the UK. Holds each-way chances having placed third at Chelmsford.

Selections

URWALD (4) - GRANACCI (1) - TRUST IN YOU (13) - REPONSE EXACTE (5)

Race 4

1. **HONOR BERE** - Held 15L seventh in a 2000m claimer at Saint-Cloud (heavy) last month. Capable of better.

2. **GOLD KAFE** - Beaten 8L fifth in a 2100m AW claimer at Chantilly just over two weeks ago. One to note.

3. **FREE BREATH** - Victorious by 3L in a 2400m handicap here at the end of last month. This looks a tougher affair.

4. **CAFE SAIGON** - Decent effort 4L sixth in a 1600m conditions race at Bordeaux (soft) 13 days ago. Notable runner.

5. **KUKO** - Returning from a break when 30L last of 15 in a 1600m handicap at La Teste (good) at the start of September. Others preferred.

6. **DAJLA** - Unraced Showcasing filly. Best watched on first start.

7. **KETINA** - Decent effort 11L fourth in a 2200m maiden at Cavaillon (soft) earlier this month. Interesting to see how she performs on AW debut.

8. **OLYMPIC FIRE** - Third both starts since returning from a break including when beaten 2L in a 2100m maiden at Toulouse (yielding) 18 days ago. Bold show expected.

9. **DANIYKA** - Good 3L third in a 1600m conditions race at Marseilles Borely (good) just under five weeks ago. Top chance upped in trip.

10. **LADY RED MOON** - Held 21L sixth in a 2400m claimer at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) 22 days ago. More needed.

11. **AZAHAR** - First start back from a break when 4L fourth in a 2100m maiden at Toulouse (yielding) earlier this month. AW debut.

12. **BALLET QUEEN** - Fourth on debut over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly (soft) in September but disappointing when 26L 11th upped to 1800m at Nort-sur-Erdre (soft) subsequently. Better expected in this contest.

13. **OVER TOP LOVE** - Seasonal debut when 19L seventh in a 2000m maiden at Durtal (heavy) at the start of this month. Others preferred.

14. **STAMINA** - Tried to make all prior to fading when 29L tenth in a 2400m maiden at Pornichet 23 days ago. Others hold more obvious claims.

Summary

DANIYKA (9) may register a big effort following a 3L third in a 1600m conditions event at Marseilles Borely. BALLET QUEEN (12) can leave a subsequent below par effort behind having finished 2L fourth in a 1600m maiden at Lyon-Parilly on debut. OLYMPIC FIRE (8) is another to consider on the back of a 2L third in a 2100m maiden at Toulouse. CAFE SAIGON (4) is also considered. Ran 4L sixth in a conditions contest over 1600m at Bordeaux.

Selections

DANIYKA (9) - BALLET QUEEN (12) - OLYMPIC FIRE (8) - CAFE SAIGON (4)

Race 5

1. **GREGOLIMO** - Promising 6L fifth in a 1600m maiden at La Teste (good) when debuting in August. Open to improvement.

2. **MEU LEIRO** - Struggled both starts to date including 16L 12th in a 1400m maiden here at the end of last month. Others preferred.

3. **LORD CHOP** - Fair 7L seventh in a 1900m newcomers event at Bordeaux (soft) 13 days ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
4. **EL GAMIN** - Beaten 8L fifth in a course and distance claimer just under three weeks ago. Minor role likely.
5. **EL CORRO** - Good 2L second in a course and distance maiden at the start of last month. Better expected on return to this venue having disappointed at Bordeaux subsequently.
6. **WINNING POST** - Disappointing 24L sixth in a 1400m newcomers contest at Mont-de-Marsan (good) in September. Best watched.
7. **HABIBI** - Decent effort 5L sixth in a 1900m newcomers race at Bordeaux (soft) just under a fortnight ago. Bold show expected.
8. **CRYSTAL AWAY** - Struggled both previous starts including 29L last of six in a 1600m maiden at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) last month.
9. **SAGAYAN** - Good 2L third in a course and distance claiming race just under three weeks ago. Interesting contender.
10. **CHESHIRE ACADEMY** - Unraced Flintshire colt out of a Listed winning and G1-placed mare. Bold show expected on first start for a top trainer.

Summary

The well bred CHESHIRE ACADEMY (10) is a Flintshire colt who could make a winning debut for a leading stable. EL CORRO (5) showed a liking for the AW when 2L second in a 2000m maiden here on his penultimate start. Big effort is possible. GREGOLIMO (1) may take a step forward following a 6L fifth in a 1600m maiden at La Teste. SAGAYAN (9) managed to place three times from six attempts and is another to note having finished 2L third in a course and distance claiming race.

Selections

**CHESHIRE ACADEMY (10) - EL CORRO (5) - GREGOLIMO (1) -
SAGAYAN (9)**

Race 6

1. **POUVOIR MAGIQUE** - Below par 8L 15th in a 1900m handicap at Deauville last month. Top chance switched to a claimer.

2. **EVANAND** - Disappointing 20L 11th in a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux (soft) earlier this month. Others make more appeal.
3. **ASCOT ANGEL** - Down the field 8L 13th in a 1600m handicap at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) 22 days ago. More needed.
4. **MOONLIGHTPAINTER** - Good 2L third in a conditions race over 1600m at Cavaillon (soft) earlier this month. Interesting.
5. **ASANDROS** - Placed on last three starts including 1L third in a 2000m handicap at Mont-de-Marsan (soft) at the end of September. One to note.
6. **EMMA CHOPE** - Returning to the Flat when 36L ninth in a 2100m handicap at Toulouse (good) in June. Others preferred.
7. **PRINCE DU GOYEN** - Signs of a return to form when 2L sixth in a 1900m handicap at Deauville last month. Interesting if building on that effort.
8. **GURUGU** - Returning from a break when 13L tenth in a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux (soft) just under two weeks ago. Others make more appeal.
9. **RONEO** - Last of 15 in a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux (soft) just under two weeks ago. Better expected in this contest.
10. **EXPLORE THE SHORE** - 41 race maiden beaten 35L 11th in a 2400m conditions race at Toulouse (yielding) earlier this month. Minor role likely.
11. **WAR ASSET** - Struggled in recent times including 8L 12th in a 2400m handicap here at the end of last month. Others preferred.
12. **URBAN ROCK** - Good 4L second in a 1900m conditions race at Bordeaux (soft-to-heavy) 22 days ago. Bold show expected.
13. **EARTH WIND** - Good 3L third in a similar race to this at the end of last month. Interesting.
14. **DELLA GREAT** - Held 8L fifth in a 2250m conditions race at Montauban (soft) when debuting in September. Others preferred.
15. **NEW BARELIERE** - Absent since a 2L second in a 2300m conditions race at Pompadour in August. Strong claims.
16. **TATANETTE** - Returning from a break having finished 8L eighth in a 1400m handicap at Dax (soft) in June.

Summary

POUVOIR MAGIQUE (1) can put a disappointing 8L fifteenth in a 1900m handicap at Deauville behind him to play a part in the finish of this claimer. URBAN ROCK (12) is also considered for the win following a 4L second in a 1900m conditions race at Bordeaux. NEW BARELIERE (15) returned from a break with a 2L second in a 2300m event at Pompadour. Shortlist. RONEO (9) looks suited by the weights and may show better form than he did when last of fifteen in a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux returning from a break.

Selections

POUVOIR MAGIQUE (1) - URBAN ROCK (12) - NEW BARELIERE (15) - RONEO (9)

Race 7

1. **CRIMTINA** - Decent 4L fourth in an 1850m maiden at Agen (good) last month. Interesting on AW debut.
2. **LA MARQUE** - Struggled of late including 11th of 13 over 1300m at Chantilly earlier this month. Others preferred.
3. **MIA LADY** - Off the track since an 8L fourth in a 1600m maiden at Royan (good) at the end of August. Interesting to see how she fares.
4. **DIVINE SENSATION** - Held 10L eighth in a 1600m newcomers race at Bordeaux (soft) in September. Better expected on first AW start.
5. **FRENCH ENNZIYA** - Struggled in three starts to date including 23L seventh in a 2000m maiden at Toulouse (yielding) at the start of this month.
6. **SAGA DES DUNES** - Held 28L sixth in a 1900m newcomers race at Bordeaux (soft) on debut 13 days ago. Best watched.
7. **MOUNTAINS BLUES** - Returning from a break when 14L fourth in a 2000m maiden at Toulouse (yielding) earlier this month. Claims.
8. **DOLCEVITA** - Placed third here on her penultimate start and holds strong claims despite a 15L fifth in a 2000m maiden at Toulouse (yielding) subsequently.
9. **WIND OF LIGHT** - Placed both previous starts including 9L second in a 2000m event on slow going at Toulouse at the start of this month. Notable runner.

10. **VALLEE D'ENFER** - Promising 4L sixth in a 1600m newcomers race at Bordeaux (soft) in September. One to note.

11. **BY THE ROSE** - Back from a break when 19L fourth in a 2000m maiden at Toulouse (soft-to-heavy) just over a month ago. Others hold more obvious claims.

12. **JET ITO** - Unraced Ito filly. Minor role likely on debut.

13. **KADNIKOVA** - Unraced Siyouni filly. Leading contender for a top stable.

14. **KENESSA** - Unraced Kendargent filly. Interesting to see how she performs.

15. **OPTIMISTIQUE MOI** - Unraced Bated Breath filly. Likely to improve for the experience.

Summary

Siyouni filly KADNIKOVA (13) hails from a top stable. Looks likely to play a major role on debut. DOLCEVITA (8) placed over 1600m here delivering her penultimate start. Consider despite disappointing on turf at Toulouse. WIND OF LIGHT (9) registered a big effort when runner-up in a 2000m maiden at Toulouse. Consider on first AW start. MOUNTAINS BLUES (7) came home 14L fourth in a 2000m maiden at Toulouse. Holds each-way claims.

Selections

KADNIKOVA (13) - DOLCEVITA (8) - WIND OF LIGHT (9) - MOUNTAINS BLUES (7)

Race 8

1. **BALLE REELLE** - Good form prior to an 8L 15th in a 1900m handicap at Deauville a month ago. Capable of putting that effort behind her.

2. **TASHAAR** - Victorious by 2L in a 2000m claimer here at the end of last month. Strong claims back in a handicap.

3. **OUT OF TOWN** - Successful by 1L in a course and distance handicap 20 days ago. Interesting if replicating that effort.

4. **BEAU VALLEY** - Decent effort 3L fifth in a course and distance event just under three weeks ago. Notable runner.

5. **SKATERS WALTZ** - Held 19L 12th in a 2400m handicap at La Teste (good) in early September. Switch to the AW a positive on return from a break.
6. **STONEBRIDGE** - Beaten 3L eighth in a 2400m handicap at Toulouse (soft) nine days ago. Step forward required.
7. **KANO KEFI** - Placed second on his penultimate start but struggled when 52L last of 16 in a 2400m handicap at Toulouse (soft) nine days ago. Others make more appeal.
8. **JAFER** - Beaten 4L sixth in a 2400m handicap at Saint-Cloud (heavy) just under four weeks ago. Strong claims having been running well in defeat prior to that.
9. **FEE DU BIEN** - Decent 3L seventh in a course and distance handicap at the end of last month. More needed.
10. **CHACARANDA** - Fair 3L eighth in a course and distance event just under three weeks ago. Interesting to see how she fares.
11. **FRENCH PLAISIR** - Decent 4L fifth in a 2400m handicap at Toulouse (soft) last week. Poor wins/runs record on the AW.
12. **ULTIMATUM** - 16 race maiden beaten 3L seventh in a 1900m handicap at Deauville just over four weeks ago. Interesting.
13. **JOE BLINING** - Good 1L second in a course and distance handicap 20 days ago. Bold show expected.
14. **CARVALI** - Struggled 28L 15th in a 1900m handicap at Bordeaux (soft) just under two weeks ago. Looks up against it on AW debut.
15. **DEPENDE** - Held 32L last of 16 over this course and distance 20 days ago. Minor role likely.
16. **BORDER CITY** - Successful over course and distance on his penultimate start but struggled 11L 13th in a similar race subsequently. All four previous victories have come at this venue.

Summary

TASHAAR (2) won a claiming race over 2000m at this venue. May show up well having shown good form over this trip in the past. JAFER (8) is likely to appreciate the switch to AW following a 4L sixth in a 2400m handicap at Saint-Cloud. BEAU VALLEY (4) is considered following a 3L fifth in a course

and distance event. Likely to race prominently. JOE BLINING (13) returned to form with a 1L second in a course and distance handicap. Capable of performing well. BORDER CITY (16) won four times at this venue. Each-way claims receiving weight from all of his rivals.

Selections

**TASHAAR (2) - JAFER (8) - BEAU VALLEY (4) - JOE BLINING (13) -
BORDER CITY (16)**