

PAU [R-H] - 23 January

Race 1 - PRIX DE LASSEUBE - 1600m CL2. Purse EUR €22,000.

1. **ZESTFUL** - Victorious by 0.75L over 1800m in a Lyon-la-Soie newcomers race six weeks ago. Leading contender.
2. **MOHAWK WARRIOR** - Fair 4.75L fifth over 1500m in a claimer at Pont-de-Vivieux in November. Debuting for a new trainer.
3. **CATAPUM** - Good 3L fourth over 1700m at Pornichet 25 days ago. Strong claims.
4. **LOUBEISIEN** - Given a break since finishing 9.25L sixth over 1600m in the Listed Prix Isonomy at Deauville in October. Top chance.
5. **CORCOVADO** - Triumphed by 0.75L in a 1500m newcomers event at Tarbes in October. Bold show expected.
6. **SIMPLY SOUTHERN** - Off the mark at the second attempt when defeating a subsequent winner by 1.25L over this track and trip six weeks ago. Notable runner.
7. **EL OJANCANO** - Fifth over 1600m at San Sebastian (Spain) in October. Making his first French start since July.
8. **HARIASA** - Fair 3.5L sixth over 1600m at Toulouse on handicap debut. More needed.

Summary: ZESTFUL (1) can complete a double having debuted with a 0.75L victory over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie. Top selection. LOUBEISIEN (4) is shortlisted having finished 9.25L sixth in the Listed Prix Isonomy tackling 1600m at Deauville. CORCOVADO (5) could play a hand in the finish following a 0.75L triumph over 1500m at Tarbes first up. CATAPUM (3) is another to consider on the back of a 3L fourth attempting 1700m at Pornichet.

Selections

ZESTFUL (1) - LOUBEISIEN (4) - CORCOVADO (5) - CATAPUM (3)

1. **SHAMASUN** - Fair 4.25L sixth over 1600m at this venue when debuting five weeks ago. Improvement likely.
2. **HUAYARA** - Good 1.5L third over 1500m at Pont-de-Vivax last month. Top chance.
3. **LARRY C** - Held 6.75L sixth over 1300m at Deauville AW two weeks ago. More required.
4. **PRINCE DE GALLES** - Disappointing 9.25L eighth over 1600m at Toulouse in November. Claims on earlier form.
5. **EASY SKANKING** - Faded late on when 1.75L sixth over 1200m in a maiden at Agen in October. One to note.
6. **LUARCA** - Unraced Kodiak filly. Of note on debut.
7. **PILOTA** - Unraced Pedro The Great filly. Claims on debut.
8. **GREAT CHIEF** - Good 1L second in a 1500m claimer at Pont-de-Vivax last month. Bold show expected on stable debut.
9. **YE GUD THING** - Last of six when beaten 6L over 1300m in a Class Two at Deauville AW eleven days ago. Leading contender down in grade.
10. **ANTIGUA** - Runner-up beaten a short-head in a claimer over 1600m here ten days ago. Strong claims.

Summary: HUAYARA (2) may deliver a victory following a 1.5L third tackling 1500m at Pont-de-Vivax. Serious player. YE GUD THING (9) can play a part in the finish back in a claimer having been beaten 6L last of six over 1300m at Deauville AW. GREAT CHIEF (8) is shortlisted having finished 1L second over 1500m at Pont-de-Vivax. ANTIGUA (10) is another to consider following a short-head defeat when runner-up attempting 1600m here.

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1. **KOTARI** - Unraced Nathaniel colt. Top chance for a leading trainer in great form.
2. **ASCOT CHOP** - Unraced Kheleyf colt. Likely to find a few too good on debut.
3. **PATHFINDER** - Unraced Machucambo gelding. Minor role likely.
4. **I EXCEL** - Unraced Exceed and Excel colt. Bold show expected.
5. **LIEBE KINDER** - Unraced Shalaa colt. Others make more appeal.
6. **LOUVETOT** - Unraced Ectot gelding. Likely to improve for the experience.
7. **SPIRIT OF GLORY** - Unraced Olympic Glory gelding. One to note.
8. **EXHIT** - Unraced Dariyan colt. Strong claims.
9. **START UP** - Unraced Mastercraftsman colt. Leading contender.
10. **ALANYA** - Unraced Le Havre filly. Of note.
11. **JOANIS** - Unraced Panis filly. Others preferred.
12. **SEERCES** - Unraced Ouilly filly. Best watched.
13. **LUMI LOL** - Unraced Herald The Dawn filly. Minor role likely.
14. **SLICE AND DICE** - Unraced Gengis filly. Yard better known for their exploits with jumpers.

Summary: An intriguing newcomers race that can go the way of the Nathaniel colt KOTARI (1) who represents top connections. Similar comments apply to Mastercraftsman colt START UP (9). Could deliver a big effort first up. Stablemate EXHIT (8) is shortlisted to make a winning debut. Exceed and Excel newcomer I EXCEL (4) is another to consider.

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<p style="text-align: center;">KOTARI (1) - START UP (9) - EXHIT (8) - I EXCEL (4)</p>

1. **GOKENOR** - 1.5L third in a 1200m maiden at Nimes in November. Not ruled out on stable and AW debut.
2. **HAPPY HARRY** - 12L eighth on debut over 1700m at Pornichet AW. More needed but may improve.
3. **LUCTOR** - Narrowly beat Triptajika when successful in a course and distance claimer two starts ago. Leading chance back up in trip.
4. **SANS ATTENDRE** - Promise in both starts to date. Solid fourth in a 2150m maiden at Lyon-la-Soie latest. Key player for a top yard.
5. **LOUIS SKI** - Close third behind Luctor and Triptajika in a course and distance claimer. Noted.
6. **MIA MI** - Showed ability in four starts to date and holds each-way claims on ratings.
7. **CORNYEU** - Moderate ninth behind a trio of re-opposing rivals over this track and trip. More required.
8. **PRINCESSE CHARLINE** - 2L third behind a subsequent winner in a course and distance maiden latest. Interesting.
9. **GHIZLAN** - Tailed off on debut. Impossible to recommend.
10. **LA MALAGUETA** - Flying too high in a Class Two conditions race latest. Eased in grade.
11. **TRIPTAJIKA** - Head second to Luctor in a course and distance claimer 20 days ago. Involved on stable debut.
12. **ARACENA** - Kool Kompany filly from Astra Hall making her debut. Market check needed.
13. **ESTOKENIA** - 1.5L fifth behind some of these in a recent track and trip claimer. Place claims.

Summary: The unexposed SANS ATTENDRE (4) has shown more than enough promise in both starts to date. His fourth in a 2150m maiden at Lyon-la-Soie latest looks solid for this grade. Leading chance for a top stable. LUCTOR (3) beat TRIPTAJIKA (11) by a head in a course and distance claimer twenty days ago. The former subsequently finished fifth over 1600m and rates highly back up in trip whilst the latter must be respected if replicating. PRINCESSE CHARLINE (8) finished third to a subsequent winner over track and trip. Dangerous to dismiss now dropped to claiming level.

Selections

SANS ATTENDRE (4) - LUCTOR (3) - TRIPTAJIKA (11) - PRINCESSE CHARLINE (8)
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1. **CALLIOPE** - Fair 4.25L sixth tackling 2000m here six weeks ago. Had won a conditions race over the same trip at Toulouse prior.
2. **JET ITO** - Fair 4L fifth over track and trip six weeks ago. One to note.
3. **VERDINA** - Completed a double when scoring by 0.75L over course and distance six weeks ago. Leading contender.
4. **LOUVE SAPHIR** - Good 4L fourth over 2000m here three weeks ago. Of note.
5. **WAIPA** - Held 6.25L seventh in a track and trip handicap earlier this month. More required.
6. **ANAZ** - Placed third when beaten 2.25L over course and distance three weeks ago. Claims.
7. **CERRADO** - Making her handicap debut following a 6.25L sixth over 2400m in a La Teste maiden in September.
8. **IZANA BERE** - Good 3L fourth tackling 2600m at Pont-de-Vivax last month. Top chance down in trip.
9. **BOUJOC** - Struggled in recent times including when 10L eleventh over this track and trip at the start of the month. Best watched.
10. **ALMERIAC** - Head winner of a 2400m event here two weeks ago. Strong claims.
11. **MYTH STYLE** - 11L twelfth over this track and trip three weeks ago. Others preferred.
12. **OUR FIRST LADY** - Good form prior to a 4.5L eleventh over 1900m at Chantilly AW eight days ago. Claims if putting that effort behind her.
13. **NED** - 11L tenth over 1700m at Pornichet on handicap debut. Stamina to prove stepping up in distance.
14. **SILVERSTONE** - Good 2L third over 2500m in a maiden at Deauville AW. Of note with blinkers tried for the first time on handicap debut.
15. **A GIBRALTAR** - Held 7.5L fifth over 2100m at Pornichet twelve days ago. Improvement needed.
16. **APRES LA GUERRE** - Faded 23L last of nine over 2100m at Pornichet earlier this month. Others make more appeal.

Summary: IZANA BERE (8) can register a victory down in trip following a 3L fourth attempting 2600m at Pont-de-Vivax. Serious contender. VERDINA (3) could deliver a big effort having won over course and distance on her two most recent starts. Makes plenty of appeal. ALMERIAC (10) may challenge for the win having registered a head success over 2400m here. OUR FIRST LADY (12) demonstrated good placed form prior to a 4.5L eleventh tackling 1900m at Chantilly AW. Shortlisted.

Selections

IZANA BERE (8) - VERDINA (3) - ALMERIAC (10) - OUR FIRST LADY (12)
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1. **NUIT D'ALIENOR** - Victorious by 1.25L over 1600m here three weeks ago. Bold show expected.
2. **ORANDI** - Runner-up beaten 1L over 1600m at Chantilly AW four weeks ago. Debuting for a new trainer.
3. **TAWHIRI** - Fourth beaten 1.5L over 1200m here six days ago. Supplemented for this race.
4. **EL INGRATO** - Held 4.75L ninth over 2000m here earlier this month. Dropping in trip.
5. **IDAHO JAMES** - Good 0.5L second over 1200m here two weeks ago. Step up in trip is no issue.
6. **BORN TO BE** - Held 5.75L seventh over 1500m at Deauville AW last month. Blinkers replace the cheekpieces worn that day.
7. **ATLANTICA** - Last of thirteen over 1600m here first up. Best watched.
8. **HEDWIG** - 7.75L eleventh over 1200m here two weeks ago. Others hold more obvious claims.
9. **GIMS** - Midfield finish when 7L seventh over 1600m here eighteen days ago. Improvement required.
10. **BEYOND MY DREAMS** - Caught the eye when 3L seventh over 1200m here two weeks ago. Notable contender upped in trip.
11. **LOU MCDOWELL** - 13L fourteenth over 1200m here earlier this month. Cheekpieces tried for the first time.
12. **MISTY CAT** - Successful by 2L over 1300m at Deauville AW last month. Strong claims.
13. **CIRCLE OF HANDS** - Good 2.75L fourth over 1200m here six weeks ago. Claims.
14. **FORCE CAT** - Faded 5L tenth over 1600m here two weeks ago. More required.
15. **VERBENA** - Below par 5.5L eleventh over 1600m here earlier this month. Drop in trip looks likely to suit.

Summary: NUIT D'ALIENOR (1) can deliver a victory having scored by 1.25L in a 1600m conditions race here. Top chance. MISTY CAT (12) could play a part in the finish having won by 2L over 1300m at Deauville AW. Main danger. IDAHO JAMES (5) may produce a big effort on the back of a 0.5L second in a 1200m handicap at this venue. In the mix. BEYOND MY DREAMS (10) caught the eye when 3L seventh in that contest. Shortlisted.

<p style="text-align: center;">Selections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NUIT D'ALIENOR (1) - MISTY CAT (12) - IDAHO JAMES (5) - BEYOND MY DREAMS (10)</p>
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