

PAU - 14 January

Race 1

1. **ATLANTICA** - Held 8L sixth in a 1400m handicap at Toulouse (soft) in November. Others preferred.
2. **MUTUAL** - Good efforts all three starts this spell including 3L fifth in a 1300m conditions AW race at Deauville last month. Leading contender.
3. **TOY ROOM** - Successful by 2L in a 1200m handicap at this circuit in November. Interesting switched to a conditions event.
4. **HUR CAT** - First start back from a break came when 4L sixth in a 1300m AW handicap at Deauville five weeks ago. Improvement expected.
5. **QUEEN OF SILCA** - Held 11L ninth in a 1600m conditions race here first up ten days ago. More needed.
6. **GRISGRISES** - Down the field 12th over 2000m here last month. Others make more appeal.
7. **DIAMOND BEACH** - 17L ninth in a 1400m conditions race at Toulouse (very heavy) when debuting last month. Best watched.
8. **MRS WORTHINGTON** - Absent since a 12L 11th in a 1400m handicap at Longchamp (heavy) in early October. Claims on best form.
9. **AUTUMN TRAIL** - Victorious by 1L in a 1006m AW handicap at Kempton (UK) in October. Interesting on debut for new yard.

Summary

TOY ROOM (3) looks well suited to these conditions. May follow up a 2L 1200m handicap victory at this circuit. MUTUAL (2) makes appeal having been beaten 3L fifth in a 1300m conditions race at Deauville. HUR CAT (4) enters equations second up having finished 4L sixth over 1300m at Deauville. AUTUMN TRAIL (9) is considered on debut for a new yard. Previously won by 2L a 1006m AW handicap at Kempton (UK).

Selections

TOY ROOM (3) - MUTUAL (2) - HUR CAT (4) - AUTUMN TRAIL (9)

Race 4

1. **SNAN** - Good 2L third in the G1 French Arabian Breeders' Challenge Classic 2200m at Toulouse (good-to-soft) in October. Strong claims.
2. **IFRIQUI** - Fair 4L sixth in a 2400m conditions race here last month. Step forward needed second up.
3. **DERYAN** - Good 1L second in the G2 French Arabian Breeders' Challenge Sprint 1400m at Bordeaux (soft) in September. Top chance.
4. **NIJINSKI AL MAURY** - Neck winner of the Listed Be 2013: Ifahr Cup over 2300m at Mons in Belgium in November. Claims for a leading stable.
5. **KING MONLAU** - Below par 16L 11th in a 2500m conditions race at Agen (good) in October. Others preferred.
6. **JARIF** - Fair 5L fifth in the G1 French Arabian Breeders' Challenge Classic 2200m at Toulouse (good-to-soft) first up. Improvement likely.
7. **KAIR AL CHAM** - 10L second in the G2 Qatar Prix de l'Elevege over 2000m at Toulouse (soft) in May. Bold show expected first up.
8. **MELABI** - 3L fourth in the G3 Coupe du Sud-Ouest des Pur-Sang Arabes over 1900m at La Teste (good) in June. Likely to improve for the run.
9. **IBN GADIR** - 3L third in the 1900m G3 Coupe du Sud-Ouest des Pur-Sang Arabes at La Teste (good) end of June. Claims if sharp for this return.

Summary

DERYAN (3) may register a big effort following a 1L second in the G2 French Arabian Breeders Challenge Sprint over 1400m at Bordeaux. SNAN (1) warrants close consideration on the back of a 2L third in the G1 2200m French Arabian Breeders Challenge Classic at Toulouse. NIJINSKI AL MAURY (4) represents a yard who do well in these races. Consider having won by a neck in the 2300m Listed Be 2013: Ifahr Cup at Mons. KAIR AL CHAM (7) is another of note having been beaten 10L second in the 2000m G2 Qatar Prix de l'Elevege at Toulouse.

Selections

DERYAN (3) - SNAN (1) - NIJINSKI AL MAURY (4) - KAIR AL CHAM (7)

Race 6

1. **AJSAMAN** - 5L fifth in a 16 runner 2000m event here earlier this month. Notable runner.
2. **MAD RIVER** - Decent effort 3L sixth in the Listed Prix Max Sicard over 2400m at Toulouse (very heavy) early last month. Strong claims down in grade.
3. **PUTUMAYO** - Fair 5L ninth in a 2500m conditions race at Deauville AW 18 days ago. One to note.
4. **GOD SAVE THE KING** - Tailed off last of 17 in a 2400m conditions race at Toulouse (heavy) a month ago. Minor role likely.
5. **GRAIN DE STAR** - 5L fifth in a 2400m handicap at Pornichet in December 2019. Likely to improve for the run.
6. **LAST SPARKLER** - Returning to the Flat following pulled up in a 3500m hurdle on very heavy ground here last month. Others preferred.
7. **ZOUAVE VALLEY** - Struggled 26L 11th in a 2400m maiden at La Teste (soft) in June. Likely to struggle.
8. **CASTLE** - Successful by 2L in a 2000m newcomers race at this circuit in November 2019. Notable contender on return.
9. **CHANTAZIA** - 6L sixth in a 1700m handicap at Pornichet last month. Looks up against it.
10. **SATONO ELPIS** - Returning from a break when 28L 13th in a 2400m conditions race at Toulouse (heavy) a month ago. Others hold more obvious claims.

Summary

CASTLE (8) might make a winning return from a lengthy absence. Won by 2L over 2000m here in November 2019. MAD RIVER (2) can be considered having been beaten 3L sixth in the 2400m Listed Prix Max Sicard at Toulouse. PUTUMAYO (3) is another of note following a 5L ninth over 2500m in a conditions race at Deauville. Supplemented runner AJSAMAN (1) makes the shortlist managing a 5L fifth in a sixteen runner 2000m race here.

Selections

CASTLE (8) - MAD RIVER (2) - PUTUMAYO (3) - AJSAMAN (1)