

## MONT-DE-MARSAN [R-H] - 24 February

**Race 1 - PRIX ASTROMONTE - 2000m CL3.** Purse EUR €15,000.

1. **LOU WARRIOR** - Raced below his best last time when eighth over 2400m at Pau All Weather, beaten 10 lengths. Can bounce back.
2. **SPELL ON YOU** - Has not raced since finishing 11th over 2500m at Saint-Cloud on October 31. Should give a great sight.
3. **YQUELON** - Has not raced since finishing 7 lengths away in seventh over 1900m at Bordeaux on November 20. Among the main contenders.
4. **PORT ETIENNE** - Did a good job last start to finish just 1.5 lengths away in second at his first run back over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Fitter and is among the leading chances.
5. **OCEAN CHOP** - Has not raced for 20 months. Has figured in the placings when fresh in the past but seems a bit out of his depth.
6. **BALEGRIO** - Last appeared ten months ago when he finished 7 lengths from the winner in ninth over 1900m at Bordeaux. Worth noting he filled a minor placing first-up last prep at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather over 2000m. This looks too tough.
7. **CILANTRO** - Encouraging first-up run when third at Lyon-la-Soie over 2150m on February 10. Hard to beat.
8. **HARIASA** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 8 lengths into fourth over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Rates highly and should improve.
9. **DEGRACEETDELUMIERE** - Debuted at huge odds 19 days back over 2000m at Pau All Weather and was comfortably beaten. Needs to show a lot more.
10. **LAUPER** - Returned from a spell and was easily accounted for when fifth over 2000m at Pau All Weather. No easier this time and happy to leave out.

**Summary:** PORT ETIENNE (4) looks up to going one better than when 1.5L second to a subsequent winner over 2000m at Pau. Form seems to be stacking up well. CILANTRO (7) looks a major threat following a 4.5L third in a 2150m conditions race at Lyon-la-Soie. SPELL ON YOU (2) placed second when beaten 1.25L over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on her penultimate start. Enters calculations debuting for a new trainer. LOU WARRIOR (1) came home 10L eighth over 2400m on the AW at Pau. Capable of better.

### Selections

**PORT ETIENNE (4) - CILANTRO (7) - SPELL ON YOU (2) - LOU WARRIOR (1)**

**Race 2 - PRIX PHILIPPE DE WATRIGANT - 2000m CLM.** Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **ARAMITZ** - Returned from a spell last start with a modest eighth over 1600m at Pau All Weather, beaten 11 lengths. Strips fitter and is among the better hopes.
2. **PALETUVIER** - Stepping up in trip after finishing eighth over 1700m at Pornichet last time out. In the right race this time and is among the chances.
3. **LOVELY TRAOU LAND** - Resumes today after filling a minor placing two times from seven starts in her maiden campaign. At the latest outing she finished fourth over 2000m at Toulouse on November 27. Has upside and is worth following up.
4. **WAITARA** - Won her maiden two back at Pau All Weather then could only manage sixth last start over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Has ability and is worth another chance.
5. **CHANTILLY TREZY** - Unlikely to attract punters' interest after being well beaten at big quotes at his last two outings. Hard to enthuse.
6. **DOVER CASTLE** - Has ability and is racing well with four minor placings from six starts. Finished fourth at his most recent appearance over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Great chance to break through.
7. **SUPREME** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when he finished seventh over 2000m at Pau All Weather on January 27. This is well within his grasp.
8. **POOKY** - Hasn't shown anything positive in 6 career starts. Last time out finished 13th over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Others make much more appeal.
9. **KALINKA D'INGRES** - Daughter of Battle Of Marengo from For You And For Me making her debut. Tough assignment.
10. **GREEN PERFUME** - Yet to finish in the placings from four career runs, the latest effort a 11th over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Among the better hopes.
11. **MANAKEL** - Has struggled to make her mark of late, the most recent effort a sixth over 2000m at Pau All Weather four weeks ago. The engagement of senior jockey Alejandro Gutierrez Val is a potential game-changer. Could sneak into the finish.
12. **COSMIC GODDESS** - Battled last start to finish ninth over 2000m at Pau All Weather, adding to a sequence of plain results. Struggling to make an impact lately and others appeal more.

**Summary:** DOVER CASTLE (6) registered a 5.25L fourth in a 2000m claimer at this venue. Selected to achieve his first victory. ARAMITZ (1) faded when 11L eighth over 1600m at Pau. Bold show expected having won impressively on his most recent start in claiming company. WAITARA (4) won by 1.5L In a 2000m claimer at Pau on her penultimate start. Shortlist. Debuting for a new trainer GREEN PERFUME (10) warrants consideration on her first start in a claiming race.

**Selections**

**DOVER CASTLE (6) - ARAMITZ (1) - WAITARA (4) - GREEN PERFUME (10)**

**Race 3 - PRIX JACQUES ET XAVIER DE WATRIGANT - 2450m . Purse EUR €15,500.**

1. **SHEKIR** - Has not raced since finishing 40L away in eleventh over 2400m at Toulouse on November 15. Could surprise with a place.
2. **CENTLOU** - Easily beaten on his last run before spelling and didn't fare any better when resuming over 3800m at Pau five-and-a-half weeks ago. Prefer in something easier.
3. **IDEE NOIRE D'AYZA** - Still a maiden after 10 starts and was comfortably held last time out despite finishing third over 2400m at Limoges. Place at best.
4. **ZENITH AA** - Form since resuming has been disappointing including a fifteenth over 2500m at Deauville All Weather. Place on best form.
5. **MAESTRANZA** - Latest run finished second over 3500m at Pau on February 9 2022. May need first start back.
6. **ANYA ARISTO** - Unraced mare by Mister Ful out of Velvet Valley. Might need this run.
7. **FRAN DU PECOS** - Unraced filly by Buck's Boum out of Fugees Du Pecos. Rates well here on profile and bold showing expected.
8. **LOUIS MALPIC** - Mixing his form but won on his latest appearance over 3900m at Pau two-and-a-half weeks ago. Well placed and is a definite winning chance.
9. **DAIKI DE POMPADOUR** - Has not raced since finishing second over 2500m at Agen on November 6. Goes well fresh. Top chance.
10. **JUJU VERGOIGNAN** - Unraced filly by Olzarte De Collongues out of Mona Lisaa Lescibaa. Favouring others.
11. **FLEMMING DU PECOS** - Unraced gelding by Scalo out of Fille Du Pecos. Should be ready to run a big race.
12. **JOANGO DU PILLET** - Resumes after a spell of three-and-a-half months. Prefer to see how he has returned.

**Summary:** DAIKI DE POMPADOUR (9) delivered a 0.75L second in a 2500m event at Agen. Looks capable of registering his first victory with conditions to suit. LOUIS MALPIC (8) impressed when scoring by 10L in a 3900m chase at Pau. Dangerous on his return to the flat. Buck's Boum newcomer FRAN DU PECOS (7) gets a chance to shine debuting for a yard who do well in these races. Watch market for the best guide. Scalo gelding FLEMMING DU PECOS (11) is another debutant to consider.

**Selections**

**DAIKI DE POMPADOUR (9) - LOUIS MALPIC (8) - FRAN DU PECOS (7) - FLEMMING DU PECOS (11)**

**Race 4 - PRIX MAX ET BERNARD SENAUX (CHMPT PARIS TURF DES APP. & J. JOC - 2450m CLM CL4 HCP.** Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **KAURI CLIFFS** - Could only manage seventh over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie last start to continue a run of ordinary form. Worth forgiving the last few efforts. Key runner if at his best.
2. **LA GRIVE** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when 11th over 2000m at Pau All Weather seven-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 13 lengths. Major player.
3. **NATHAN** - Didn't inspire again last start, beaten 20 lengths over 2100m at Pornichet. Better than recent form suggests and he can improve sharply.
4. **WHITE CARD** - Has not raced since finishing seventh over 3000m at this track on September 16 2021. Can return with a bold run.
5. **NINJA WONDER** - Finished second over 2100m at Pornichet two back then missed the frame last time out over 1700m at Pornichet. Hard to beat on his best form.
6. **VITOR** - Has lost all form, the latest effort a 15 length eighth over 2400m at Pau All Weather. Struggling and others rate better.
7. **LUMI LOL** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when tenth over 2400m at Pau All Weather four weeks ago, beaten 10 lengths. Likely to find this out of reach.
8. **DREAM BAHAMA** - Form in recent times has been moderate, including a last start ninth over 2400m at Pornichet. Worth one more chance.
9. **DIFARA FAL** - The first up run was just average, finishing 12th and beaten 22 lengths over 2400m at Pau All Weather. Generally goes well with that run under the belt. Will take a lot from that run and looks tough to beat.
10. **FINEHA** - Struggling to break through this campaign, the latest effort a 54 length 13th over 2400m at Pau All Weather. Will need to improve sharply.
11. **EXTERIEUR** - Stepping up in trip after finishing sixth over 2000m at Pau All Weather last time out. Finds a nice race this time and is likely to feature.

**Summary:** NINJA WONDER (5) showed good form prior to a 7.75L seventh over 1700m in a Pornichet claiming handicap. Selected to record a second career success. DIFARA FAL (9) looks a threat having faded late on when 2.75L fifth in a 2400m handicap at Toulousoe on her penultimate start. EXTERIEUR (11) warrants close consideration following a 4L sixth in a 2000m conditions event at Pau. Gets an easier opportunity here. Top weight KAURI CLIFFS (1) delivered a 9.25L seventh over 2400m at Lyon-la-Soie. Capable of better.

**Selections**

**NINJA WONDER (5) - DIFARA FAL (9) - EXTERIEUR (11) - KAURI CLIFFS (1)**

**Race 5 - PRIX DU BOUSQUET - 2450m HCP CL4.** Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **SELLY** - Turned in a better run last time out when fourth over 2400m at Pau All Weather, beaten 1.1 lengths. Among the chances.
2. **AL IMPACT** - Ran a better race last start to finish third at Pau All Weather over 2400m. Nicely placed and rates highly off that run. Expected in the finish.
3. **FIRST CREATION** - Ran a better race last start to finish third at Machecoul over 2950m. Nicely placed and rates highly off that run. Top chance.
4. **IS SUR TILLE** - Put the writing on the wall last start when he finished a close second at Pau All Weather over 2400m. Expected to be very competitive.
5. **FARZANEH** - Multiple winner last campaign but she hasn't found much this time in being unwanted at both starts. Has ability but struggling for form.
6. **STONEBRIDGE** - Hasn't done much in recent times, the latest effort a ninth over 2400m at Pau All Weather, beaten 7 lengths. Prefer others.
7. **BAILEYS DIAMANT** - Doesn't win out of turn. Has just five wins and 12 placings from 58 starts. Last start finished fifth over 2400m at Toulouse, beaten 5 lengths. Well placed to play a major role.
8. **LE BASTAN** - Has not raced since finishing 6 lengths away in seventh over 2400m at Toulouse on December 2. May need the run.
9. **WHERE CHOP** - Resuming from a spell here. Form at the back end of last preparation was not the best and he is unplaced from two first up efforts. Can't have with any confidence.
10. **CAFE SAIGON** - Has just missed the top-three at his last few runs, the latest a sixth over 2400m at Pau All Weather, beaten 2.75 lengths. Genuine chance on the back of the last effort.
11. **TRES RUSH** - Veteran who has been well held at the last couple of outings, the latest when 11th and beaten 4.5 lengths over 2400m at Pau All Weather. Rates highly and can return to form.
12. **CAVANI KAIZEN** - Has not raced since finishing 15 lengths away in 13th over 2400m at Pau All Weather on December 14. This looks a stern test.
13. **MORNING SPIRIT** - Returns after a spell of nine weeks. Closed the last campaign in lukewarm fashion, with a eighth over 2400m at Pau All Weather the latest offering. Wait and see how she comes up.
14. **SAGAYAN** - Put the writing on the wall last start when he finished a close fourth at Pau All Weather over 2400m. Matthias Lauron retains the ride. Shapes as a key runner.
15. **HOLYMPICA** - Was below her best last time when 15th over 2400m at Pau All Weather, beaten 12 lengths. Can atone.
16. **STADE VELODROME** - Handy stayer racing below his best including last start when fourth at Pau All Weather over 2000m. Rates highly this time so he can bounce back.

**Summary:** Supplemented runner IS SUR TILLE (4) has been in great form on the AW of late including when a head second over 2400m at Pau. Selected to deliver a victory on his return to turf. FIRST CREATION (3) rates a danger on the back of a 4.5L third in a 2950m conditions event at Machecoul. STADE VELODROME (16) faded late on when 2.5L fourth over 2000m at Pau. Enters calculations. AL IMPACT (2) placed third when beaten 3.5L in a 2400m claiming handicap at Pau. Of note in this contest.

**Selections**

**IS SUR TILLE (4) - FIRST CREATION (3) - STADE VELODROME (16) - AL IMPACT (2)**

**Race 6 - PRIX DE LA-TESTE-DE-BUCH - 1400m HCP CL4.** Purse EUR €14,000.

1. **SERAPHIM** - Seven-year-old mare who drops in journey from the last start when fourth over 1600m at Pau All Weather, finishing 1.5 lengths off the winner. Sure to prove tough to beat.
2. **BEYOND MY DREAMS** - Has won at the track and is rising 200m in distance here. Slightly disappointing last start when sixth over 1200m at Pau All Weather but expecting to bounce back. Expect a bold showing.
3. **MERANO** - Has been out of the money recently including last time out when 11th over 1600m at Pau All Weather a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 9 lengths. Strong contender on his best form.
4. **HONG KONG STAR** - Last appeared three months ago when she finished 4.5 lengths from the winner in fourth over 1400m at Toulouse. Likely to play a major role.
5. **ATLANTICA** - Often among the minors but finds it hard to win. Has just four wins to her name but in the minors a further 11 times from 37 career starts. Last start finished sixth at Pornichet beaten 6 lengths.
6. **NOT A LADY** - Finding it hard to break through this time in, the latest when seventh over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Rates well and is among the chances.
7. **SHANGRI LA** - Returned at long odds last start and finished 6 lengths adrift in ninth over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Looks tested on the first up effort.
8. **BLUECTOT** - Hasn't threatened in his last few outings and he is now out to 548 days without a win. Could only manage 12th over 1200m at Pau All Weather at the latest appearance. Doubt he will threaten these.
9. **STRANGER** - Finds it hard to win. Has just five wins and nine minor placings from 55 starts. Better effort last time when sixth over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather. Can feature in the finish.
10. **PINK GOLD** - Five-year-old mare resuming. Will need to get over a bit more ground than this. Would prefer over further.
11. **MAMA JUANA** - Four-year-old filly who punters have shunned in recent times, and she's been running accordingly. Can't see her breaking through for the maiden win this time.
12. **LADY VALOU** - Hasn't won in more than a year. Must improve off a last-start 11th over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie to feature in the finish.
13. **SALSA DOLOISE** - Seasoned galloper who hasn't broken through for ten months. Wasn't far away last time when second over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Not far off a win and is among the winning hopes.
14. **VICTORY CAT** - Six-year-old mare who drops in journey from the last start when third over 1600m at Pau All Weather, finishing 4.5 lengths off the winner. Going well and should be prominent again.
15. **LE RAFALE** - Has been out of the placings in recent runs. Last start finished 4.5 lengths from the winner in sixth over 2000m at Pau All Weather. Rates highly on best efforts and is worth including.
16. **JONH FOR ALWAYS** - Well held last start when eighth over 1600m at Pau All Weather to continue a run of plain efforts. Prepared to risk on recent form.

**Summary:** SALSA DOLOISE (13) placed second to a subsequent winner when beaten 2.5L in a 1600m handicap at Pau. Selected to debut for a new trainer with a victory. Top weight SERAPHIM (1) looks a big threat following a 1.5L fourth in a Pau handicap over 1600m. VICTORY CAT (14) placed third when beaten 4.25L over 1600m at Pau. Shortlist. ATLANTICA (5) placed third in two 1700m handicap races at Pornichet prior to a 6.5L sixth over the same track and trip. Warrants consideration on her return to turf.

**Selections**

**SALSA DOLOISE (13) - SERAPHIM (1) - VICTORY CAT (14) - ATLANTICA (5)**

**Race 7 - PRIX DU MARSAN - 1400m CLM.** Purse EUR €12,000.

1. **CHAPELIER** - Had to contend with a wide alley at his latest run and finished ninth over 1600m at Pau All Weather.
2. **RECOLEROS** - Well held at both runs this time in, most recently when beaten 6 lengths into eighth over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Not much to like about his prospects.
3. **ZALACAIN** - Returned from a spell last start and finished fifth over 1400m at Pau All Weather. Fitter and is a definite top-three hope.
4. **RISKI CHOPE** - Going well recently including a last start fourth beaten 1.5 lengths over 1500m at Marseille Vivaux. Genuine type who is sure to run well.
5. **TINDAYA** - Finished 5 lengths from the winner in sixth last start over 1600m at Pau All Weather, her second unplaced effort in two career runs. Improvement to come is worth including in calculations.
6. **OLYMPE DE GOUGE** - Came from a wide gate and could only manage to finish sixth last time out over 1600m at Pau All Weather.
7. **DABIRADJA** - Changes rider since being well held last time in sixth over 1500m at Deauville All Weather. Deserves another chance this suitable line-up.
8. **DESIMONE** - Has been in the market at her last couple of starts but hasn't made an impression, most recently finishing fifth over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Fully tested.
9. **RASTIGNAC** - Was in the market on debut and did a reasonable job to finish 3 lengths away in fifth over 1400m at Pau All Weather on February 19. Encouraging debut and open to improvement.
10. **SOLEIL DU DESERT** - Hasn't been competitive lately, last start finishing a 13 length tenth over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather. Needs to do more.
11. **PORT ADRIANO** - Finished just 1.75 lengths away in fourth last start over 1400m at Pau All Weather. Has ability and is one of the leading chances.
12. **NIGHT CHOPE** - Has not raced since finishing 18 lengths away in tenth over 1400m at Dax on August 11. Other runners rate better.
13. **RAKSHA** - Hasn't been competitive lately, last start finishing a 33 length 17th over 1300m at Chantilly All Weather. Fully tested again.

**Summary:** DABIRADJA (7) looks capable of taking a step forward to deliver a victory following a 9L sixth in a 1500m claimer at Deauville AW. PORT ADRIANO (11) performed well when 1.5L fourth in a 1400m maiden at Pau. Dangerous switched to a claimer. OLYMPE DE GOUGE (6) came home 2.5L seventh over 1400m in a Pau handicap on her penultimate start. Shortlist. RISKI CHOPE (4) suffered a 1.5L defeat when fourth over 1500m in a Marseille-Vivaux claiming race. Of note in this field.

**Selections**

**DABIRADJA (7) - PORT ADRIANO (11) - OLYMPE DE GOUGE (6) - RISKI CHOPE (4)**

**Race 8 - PRIX DE LA GLORIEUSE - 1400m HCP CL3.** Purse EUR €18,000.

1. **O TRASNO** - Went down by just 0.8 lengths when second at Pau All Weather over 1200m last time out. Shapes as a key runner.
2. **PASSALITO** - Returned to the winners' circle after a long while in the wilderness last time out over 1400m at Pau All Weather, scoring by a nose. No reason he cannot salute again.
3. **LARIS** - Going well recently including a last start ninth beaten 3 lengths over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Honest galloper who must be respected.
4. **GOLD CAPTAIN** - Has been solid in two runs following a spell. Most recently finished 2 lengths away in eighth four weeks ago over 1600m at Pau All Weather. Ready to peak at the third run in. Among the chances.
5. **INSTRUIT** - Has good credentials over this distance. Easily accounted for last time out when fourth over 1400m at Pau All Weather. Capable of taking this out.
6. **HYGROVE LASS** - Doesn't win out of turn. In the placings five times from 17 starts but has just the one win to her name. Last start finished 16th over 1500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer, beaten 14 lengths. Well placed to play a major role.
7. **LE HAVRE DREAM UP** - Has not raced since scoring over 1600m at Bordeaux on April 25. Look for a bold run.
8. **BECHO** - Struggled to find form last time in and wasn't much better resuming last start. Happy to risk here on what she's shown lately.
9. **RAPIDO PRESTO** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished sixth over 1600m at Pau All Weather on January 28. 1.5kg claim will not be enough.
10. **BOLT WIN** - Not a prolific winner with just two victories from 20 starts. Last start finished second over 1700m at Pornichet. Capable enough on his day and is a key runner.
11. **PUNTA CANAILLE** - Last start finished seventh over 1600m at Cagnes-sur-Mer All Weather. Has recorded just 2 victories from 27 starts. Has ability and is one of the chances.
12. **VIRIMOON ETOILE** - Hasn't won in 14 months but was only beaten one length last start when third over 1200m at Pau All Weather. Knocking on the door and is one of the main hopes.
13. **IDAHO JAMES** - Struggling to break through this campaign, the latest effort a 9 length sixth over 1400m at Pau All Weather. Unlikely to threaten.
14. **PRETTYCHARLY** - Disappointing last time when 24 lengths 12th at Pornichet, maintaining the maiden status after 22 runs. Tested again.
15. **VERDINA** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when fifth over 1700m at Pornichet two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 3 lengths. Looking to others.

**Summary:** O TRASNO (1) placed second when beaten 0.75L by a subsequent winner in a 1200m handicap at Pau. Selected to record a second course win after being supplemented for this. VIRIMOON ETOILE (12) came home 1L third in a 1200m handicap at Pau. Shortlist. BOLT WIN (10) delivered a 3L second in a 1700m handicap at Pornichet. Strong claims in this field. INSTRUIT (5) delivered a 4.75L fourth in a 1400m handicap at Pau. Warrants close consideration despite a wide draw.

**Selections**

**O TRASNO (1) - VIRIMOON ETOILE (12) - BOLT WIN (10) - INSTRUIT (5)**