

## PAU [R-H] - 01 February

**Race 1 - PRIX DE BALEIX - 1600m MDN.** Purse EUR €19,000.

1. **WABAL** - Sixth on debut. Improvement required.
2. **GIANT STEP** - Three placings from last three runs including a narrow loss over 1800m at Lyon-la-Soie on January 5. Rates highly on recent form and should be in the finish again.
3. **CHAPELIER** - Solid effort last start when second up from a spell when 1.3L fourth over 1400m at this track. Winning chance.
4. **RECOLEROS** - Did nothing on debut when beaten 7L into ninth over 1600m at this track. Doubt he will trouble these.
5. **FIRST PAGE** - Fourth on debut and given a break since. Consider with improvement likely.
6. **IERY** - Yet to break through after two starts but hasn't been too far away.
7. **STRAY BULLET** - Finished 5.5L from the winner in sixth last start over 1600m at this track. Will need to improve sharply.
8. **CHAUD SOLEIL** - Unraced colt by Le Havre out of Pretty Panther. It will pay to keep an eye on the betting.
9. **DODOMA** - Unraced colt by Gutaifan out of Damila. Was a EUR € 18,000 (Arqana 2021 October Yearling Sale) purchase.

**Summary:** CHAPELIER (3) sets the standard and has shown more than enough in six runs to date to suggest he's capable of winning at this level. Leading claims returning to maiden company following a good handicap fourth over 1400m here. There was promise from FIRST PAGE (5) debut fourth at Mont-de-Marsan in August and he should have more to give for a top stable. GIANT STEP (2) was denied a neck in a 1800m maiden at Lyon-la-Soie last-time-out and looks likely to play a major role. Newcomer CHAUD SOLEIL (8) is of note.

### Selections

**CHAPELIER (3) - FIRST PAGE (5) - GIANT STEP (2) - CHAUD SOLEIL (8)**

**Race 3 - PRIX MAGICIENNE - 2000m PSA.** Purse EUR €14,000.

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1. **GARONNE** - Last appeared 11 weeks ago when she finished 6L from the winner in fourth over 2250m at Montauban. Could surprise.
2. **MUSANDAM** - Finished a respectable second on debut then turned in a disappointing performance to finish seventh over 1900m at La Teste De Buch. Improvement likely.
3. **AL RIFFAA** - Finished second at Toulouse before going for a spell. Strong chance.
4. **SKA DE L'AIGLE** - Not raced since finishing 28L in thirteenth in G1 company over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on September 30. Faces considerably easier task. Among the leading players.
5. **DHAKIR** - Three-start maiden who ran an improved race last time when fourth over 2000m at this track.
6. **JOY DE MONTEGUT** - Has progressed at each appearance culminating in a third last time out over 2000m at this track. Needs to step up to win.
7. **ALJASRAH** - Made little impression on debut over 2000m this track when tenth. Don't think she will trouble this field.
8. **MANABB** - Four-year-old entire who was purchased for EUR € 230,000 (Arqana 2021 Purebred Arabian Sale). Market best guide.
9. **DIESHAM DE PALMAS** - Unraced entire by Nieshan out of Dirina De L'hom. Prepared to watch this time.
10. **NAMAH** - Last appeared three-and-a-half months ago when she finished 6L from the winner in eighth over 2500m at Agen. In the mix on best form.
11. **JTAIM DES MILANDES** - Daughter of Dahess from Magnolia Rubis making her debut. Watching brief this time around.
12. **JERADA DE NIELLANS** - Daughter of Sir Bani Yas from Elnikova Niellans making her debut. Watch market closely.

**Summary:** SKA DE L'AIGLE (4) was well beaten in the G1 Qatar Arabian Trophy des Poulains at Saint-Cloud when last seen. Notable claims down in grade on stable debut having finished third in the G3 Royal Cavalry Oman - Prix Tidjani at La Teste last July. Stablemate AL RIFFAA (3) finished runner-up to a next-time-out winner over 2100m at Toulouse last outing. Chance with first-time cheekpieces fitted. JERADA DE NIELLANS (12) represents a stable that do well in this sphere and would have to be respected if strong in the betting. MUSANDAM (2) is considered.

**Selections**

**SKA DE L'AIGLE (4) - AL RIFFAA (3) - JERADA DE NIELLANS (12) - MUSANDAM (2)**

**Race 6 - PRIX MAGICIENNE - 2000m PSA.** Purse EUR €14,000.

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1. **SOCRATES** - Back from a spell of ten months. Last raced when beaten 3.5L into third over 1900m at La Teste De Buch. More needed.
2. **MEJLAD** - Made a promising debut at this track last start to finish runner-up over 2000m. Great chance to get off the mark.
3. **MUTBAHY ATHBAH** - Did okay on debut last start when fifth over 2000m at this track. Entitled to come forward for the run.
4. **ELZAM** - Finished 17L back in twelfth on debut over 2000m at this track last start. Needs to lift.
5. **DOLON** - Last appeared nine weeks ago when he finished 9L from the winner in fourth over 2000m at Toulouse. Capable of featuring.
6. **ABABYL** - Went down narrowly last start when second at this track over 1400m. Could sneak a place.
7. **ALOBAYYAH** - Has not raced since finishing 25L away in eleventh over 2000m at Saint-Cloud on September 30. May well prove too smart for these first-up.
8. **JAZZ DE NACRE** - Unraced gelding by Al Mourtajez out of Salsa Du Croate. Favouring others.
9. **AGHDASANI** - Gelding by Josco Du Cayrou from Agheida on debut. Prefer to see him under race conditions.
10. **JAIZANA EL AHLEM** - Has not raced since finishing 5L away in sixth over 1600m at Toulouse on October 24. Conditions favour.
11. **DI NO PY** - Unraced entire by Af Albahar out of Keniah. Market watch advised.
12. **ESTOORA** - Unraced filly by Jaafer Asf out of Amandine De Ghazal.
13. **ALTITZA DE GAN** - Daughter of Al Tair from Sheraza making her debut. Wait and see how she presents.

**Summary:** MEJLAD (2) made a pleasing debut when runner-up over course and distance in December. Expected to measure up from a good draw. DOLON (5) wasn't disgraced when beaten 9.5L into fourth in the Listed Prix Ourour over this trip at Toulouse. Key claims down in grade. Similar comments apply to ALOBAYYAH (7) who showed some sound form before being well beaten in the G1 Qatar Arabian Trophy des Pouliches at Saint-Cloud last September. JAIZANA EL AHLEM (10) is considered on the back of a sound sixth in the G3 Prix Nevada li over 1600m at Toulouse.

**Selections**

**MEJLAD (2) - DOLON (5) - ALOBAYYAH (7) - JAIZANA EL AHLEM (10)**

**Race 8 - PRIX D'ANGLLET - 1600m MDN.** Purse EUR €19,000.

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1. **ADAJA** - Has not raced since her debut eight months ago when beaten 30L into eleventh over 1400m at La Teste De Buch. Worth another chance.
2. **VILLA GUIBERT** - Resumed from a spell last start with a tenth over 2000m at this track. Will benefit from that run and is a genuine hope.
3. **WAYOFSPEED** - Runner-up at this track over 1600m on January 9. Fitter and is a leading contender.
4. **KOUKLAMOU** - Three below average performances. Not overly keen on her chances in this.
5. **LUXU** - Offered little last start. Hard to enthuse.
6. **BISKA** - Kicked off her career with a moderate seventh over 2000m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago. Improvement required.
7. **LAIKA DU MARAIS** - Beaten 7L into sixth over 1700m at Pornichet. More required.
8. **POKERINA** - Debuted 23 days ago and was beaten comfortably over 1600m at this track. Hard to recommend.
9. **TERANGA** - Didn't inspire again last start. Better than that effort suggests although would need to show more to feature.
10. **DESIMONE** - Stepping up in trip after finishing eighth over 1400m at this track last time out. Can improve on the latest effort and is a key runner.
11. **BELLE ANSE** - Filly by Born To Sea from Belle Lagune on debut. Watch market closely.

**Summary:** This looks a decent opportunity for WAYOFSPEED (3) to go one better than when second to a subsequent scorer in a similar course and distance maiden recently. Major claims. ADAJA (1) showed absolutely nothing on debut at La Teste last summer but should be capable of better for a leading yard. DESIMONE (10) has the form to feature back in maiden company and newcomer BELLE ANSE (11) would be interesting if attracting market support.

**Selections**

**WAYOFSPEED (3) - ADAJA (1) - DESIMONE (10) - BELLE ANSE (11)**