

## **COMMENT & SELECTIONS - AYR**

RACE 9: BOOK CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT AYR RACECOURSE NOVICE STAKES  
(CLASS 5) (FROM AYR RACE 1)

Innings          Asmund                  Baileys Blues

Asmund sets the clear form standard having placed on four of his five outings and arrives on the back of a fine effort at the Western meeting in nursery company. His official rating of 80 suggests he should be up to landing a contest of this nature, but the vote on this occasion goes to INNINGS. A well-bred colt, out of a Fillies' Mile winner, he is related to a couple of debutant winners and represents a stable in amongst the winners of late. Baileys Blues appears best of the remainder.

NO.    HORSE NAME

1          ASMUND                  Foaled 26 Apr. Placed in four of five starts. Third of 17 behind Aberama Gold beaten 3/4l at 8-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

2          BAILEYS BLUES                  Foaled 20 Feb. Half-brother to Norse Blues, won five times at 7f and 1m. Finished 8l behind Spirit Of The Sky when last of 4 at 11-2 on his racecourse debut at Nottingham over 5f (heavy) earlier this month.

3          INNINGS                  Foaled 16 Mar. Full brother to Masked Identity, won twice at 7f and 1m.

4          GARNOCK VALLEY                  Foaled 24 Apr. Unplaced in all four starts. Finished 7l behind Glasvegas when fourth of 9 at 50-1 on her latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (soft) last month.

5          GRANDADS BEST GIRL                  Foaled 3 Mar. Half-sister to Benny The Bear, won twice at 7f. Finished 7l behind Johan when fifth of 6 at 33-1 on her racecourse debut at Musselburgh over 7f (good to soft) last month.

6          KLARA SPIRIT                  Foaled 9 Mar. Unplaced in all four starts. Well beaten at 200-1 behind First Impression when last of 10 on her latest outing here over 1m (soft) earlier this month.

**RACE 10: WINTER BREAKS AT WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL HANDICAP (CLASS 5)  
(FROM AYR RACE 2)**

Iconic Code                      Three Castles                      Flint Hill

ICONIC CODE showed a willing attitude to strike over C&D nine days ago and could defy a 5lb penalty under Joe Fanning. The four-year-old doesn't mind soft ground and can lead home a Keith Dagleish-trained one-two ahead of stablemate Three Castles. The latter was third behind the selection over C&D on that occasion, staying on stoutly, and could get even closer this time now wearing first-time cheekpieces. Flint Hill could be one to consider at bigger prices for Michael Dods.

**NO.      HORSE NAME**

- 1           GLASSES UP                      He has won three times at 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 1 1/2l by Addis Ababa when second of 11 at 9-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft) earlier this month.
- 2           EDGAR ALLAN POE                      Winner of six races from 1m to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 9l behind Scottish Summit at 50-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Redcar over 1m 2f (good) last month. Has won 3 times this season.
- 3           SARVI                      Successful at 1m 1f and 1m 2f on soft and heavy ground. Finished 9l behind Gometra Ginty when sixth of 8 at 9-1 on her latest outing at Musselburgh over 1m (good to soft) last month.
- 4           ROYAL SHAHEEN                      Winner of seven races from 7f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Well beaten at 12-1 behind Deinonychus when 12th of 14 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 1m 2f (heavy) earlier this month.
- 5           ROYAL REGENT                      He has won four times from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and soft ground. Third of 8 behind Three Castles beaten 2 1/4l at 3-1jt-fav on his latest outing over this course and distance (heavy) in August.
- 6           PIONEERING                      He has won four times from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and soft ground. Well beaten at 7-1 behind Spirit Of Sarwan when last of 12 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 1f (soft) last month.
- 7           ICONIC CODE                      She has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f on soft ground. Won on her latest outing when 10-3fav over this course and distance (soft) earlier this month, beating Frightened Rabbit by a neck. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success.
- 8           SPIRIT OF SARWAN                      Winner of five races from 6f to 1m 1f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. A winner at 25-1 at Hamilton over 1m 1f (soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Granite City Doc by 1l. Has won 3 times at Hamilton this season.

9      FIRBY                      A winner at 1m 4f on good ground. Third of 9 behind Regal Director beaten 3 1/2l at 16-1 on his latest outing at Redcar over 1m 2f (good to firm) in August.

10     FLINT HILL                  A winner at 7f on good to soft ground. Finished 6l behind Addis Ababa when fifth of 11 at 40-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft) earlier this month.

11     MAJESTE                      He has won three times from 6f to 1m 1f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Beaten 10l behind Iconic Code at 12-1 when seventh of 11 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft) earlier this month. Has won at Carlisle and Hamilton this season.

12     THREE CASTLES              Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good to soft and heavy ground. Third of 11 behind Iconic Code beaten 1l at 4-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft) earlier this month. Has won at Ayr and Carlisle this season.

**RACE 11:      WESTERN HOUSE WEDDING OPEN DAY 27 OCTOBER HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (FROM AYR RACE 3)**

Groundworker                  Quanah                      Night Law

Quanah got off the mark at Hamilton on his latest start and has to be respected with conditions appearing to be in his favour once again. Night Law was unable to make it three wins on the bounce at Carlisle, when finishing last, but it would be no surprise to see her bounce back on this occasion. The vote, however, goes to GROUNDWORKER as he ran better on his return to turf at Hamilton at the end of last month and boasts a win on heavy ground earlier in the year at the same track.

NO.      HORSE NAME

1      QUANAH                      A winner at 10-1 at Hamilton over 6f (heavy) on his latest outing last month, beating Ey Up Its Mick by 1/2l. Carries a 6lb penalty today for that success.

2      PIAZON                      Has won ten races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft and on the all-weather. Third of 12 behind Hard Solution beaten 2 3/4l at 20-1 on his latest outing at Redcar over 5f (good) last month.

3      ADAM'S ALE                  Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 13l behind B Fifty Two at 40-1 when last of 10 on his latest outing at Catterick over 6f (good) last month.

4      REGO PARK LADY              A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind Popping Corks when fourth of 9 at 7-2 on her latest outing at Hamilton over 5f (soft) last month.

5      GROUNDWORKER              Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Beaten 3 1/2l by Autumn Flight when second of 7 at 5-1

on his latest outing at Hamilton over 5f (heavy) last month. Has won twice at Hamilton this season.

6 CLASSIC PURSUIT Has won 11 races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Trulove at 11-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 5f (soft) last month.

7 NIGHT LAW She has won three times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 18l behind I Know How at 7-1 when last of 10 on her latest outing at Carlisle over 6f (good to soft) last month. Has won twice at Catterick this season.

8 VENTURA SECRET He has won four times from 5f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to heavy, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 8l behind Buccaneers Vault at 11-1 when 13th of 15 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good) in August.

9 POPPING CORKS Successful at 5f and 6f on soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Autumn Flight when fourth of 7 at 6-1 on her latest outing at Hamilton over 5f (heavy) last month.

10 TRULOVE A winner at 16-1 at Hamilton over 5f (soft) on her latest outing last month, beating Lydiate Lady by 1/2l.

11 SAMBUCCA SPIRIT Placed once in six starts. Finished 7l behind Be Proud when sixth of 12 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month.

12 CORTON LASS Placed twice in 23 starts. Third of 14 behind Astrophysics beaten 4l at 25-1 on her latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good to soft) last month.

13 STAR CRACKER Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on good to soft and soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Be Proud when fifth of 12 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month.

## **RACE 12: WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL HANDICAP (CLASS 4) (FROM AYR RACE 4)**

John Kirkup

Dark Defender

Ugo Gregory

JOHN KIRKUP returned to form with a big win over C&D nine days ago and could take some stopping under a 5lb penalty given his love of deep ground. The four-year-old might still have a bit up his sleeve and is fancied to have too much for top-weight Dark Defender, who wasn't disgraced in the Bronze Cup here three weeks ago. Ugo Gregory and Kaponono can give that pair most to think about.

### **NO. HORSE NAME**

1      **DARK DEFENDER**      Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Music Society at 40-1 when 10th of 24 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

2      **SUMMER DAYDREAM**      Successful twice at 6f on good and heavy ground. Beaten 14l behind Gometra Ginty at 11-1 when last of 8 on her latest outing at Musselburgh over 1m (good to soft) last month.

3      **JOHN KIRKUP**      Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft to heavy. Won on his latest outing when 11-4fav over this course and distance (soft) earlier this month, beating Dancing Rave by 5l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success. Has also won at Haydock this season.

4      **KAPONO**      Successful at 5f and 6f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Third of 10 behind Get Knotted beaten 5l at 9-1 on his latest outing here over 7f (soft) earlier this month.

5      **LUCKY LUCKY MAN**      He has won three times at 6f on heavy ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Music Society at 11-1 when 17th of 24 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

6      **GALLOWAY HILLS**      He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Well beaten at 40-1 behind Highly Sprung when 11th of 12 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 6f (good to soft) last month. Has won at York and Redcar this season.

7      **BUCCANEERS VAULT**      Has won eight races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Third of 9 behind Magical Spirit beaten 1 1/4l at 2-1fav on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f last month. Has won at Redcar and Thirsk this season.

8      **TOMMY G**      Winner of five races from 6f to 7f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 6l behind Get Knotted when fifth of 10 at 10-1 on his latest outing here over 7f (soft) earlier this month.

9        DANCING RAVE                      She has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to soft and soft ground. Beaten 5l by John Kirkup when second of 7 at 4-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance (soft) earlier this month. Has won at Hamilton and Thirsk this season.

10       YES YOU                      Winner of seven races at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 10l behind Conga when fourth of 6 at 11-2 on her latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (heavy) last month.

11       UGO GREGORY                      Successful twice at 6f on good to soft and soft ground. Finished 1 1/2l behind Fantasy Keeper when fourth of 17 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 6f (heavy) earlier this month. Has won twice at Nottingham this season.

12       FUMBO JUMBO                      She has won three times from 5f to 6f on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 13l behind Shortbackandsides at 14-1 when 10th of 11 on her latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (soft) last month.