

COMMENT & SELECTIONS - NEWMARKET

RACE 6: BAHRAIN TROPHY STAKES (GROUP 3) (CLASS 1) (3YO ONLY) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 1)

Eagles By Day Nayef Road Barbados

EAGLES BY DAY bounced back from his disappointing run in the Lingfield Derby Trial when producing a career-best effort to finish third to Japan in the King Edward VII at Royal Ascot. The manner in which he finished off his race on that occasion, and his pedigree being out of Gold Cup-placed Missunited, suggests the step up in trip will very much play to his strengths. Queen's Vase runner-up Barbados continues to go the right way and, along with the third from that contest, Nayef Road, has to enter calculations. The latter-named has the potential to reverse the form with the slight drop back in distance appearing in his favour.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BARBADOS A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1/2l by Dashing Willoughby when second of 13 at 20-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Queen's Vase at Ascot over 1m 6f (soft) last month.
- 2 BOERHAN A winner at 7f on good ground. Finished 5l behind Fox Premier when fourth of 5 at 6-4fav on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m 2f in May.
- 3 EAGLES BY DAY A winner at 1m 4f on good to firm ground. Third of 8 behind Japan beaten 5l at 25-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 King Edward VII Stakes at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to soft) last month.
- 4 NATE THE GREAT Successful at 6f and 1m 1f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 11l behind Dashing Willoughby at 9-1 when 10th of 13 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Queen's Vase at Ascot over 1m 6f (soft) last month.
- 5 NAYEF ROAD He has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Third of 13 behind Dashing Willoughby beaten 1l at 16-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Queen's Vase at Ascot over 1m 6f (soft) last month.
- 6 RANCH HAND Successful at 1m 3f and 1m 4f on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Anthony Van Dyck when fifth of 10 at 20-1 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 1m 4f (soft) in May.
- 7 SEVERANCE A winner at 1m 4f on good to soft ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind South Pacific when sixth of 16 at 20-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to soft) last month.
- 8 SPANISH MISSION A winner at 1m 2f on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Private Secretary when second of 7 at 20-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 3f (good to firm) in May.
- 9 WALDSTERN A winner at 1m on good to soft ground. Finished 14l behind Durston when fifth of 7 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Chester over 1m 4f (soft) last month. A

RACE 7: TATTERSALLS JULY STAKES (GROUP 2) (CLASS 1) (2YO ONLY) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 2)

Guildsman Royal Lytham Visinari Visinari created a big impression over C&D on his racecourse bow last month and connections have wasted no time in acquiring the services of Frankie Dettori. However, he will need to take a step forward from that performance and the Coventry third, GUILDSMAN, shades the vote. Archie Watson's colt built on his impressive debut victory at Goodwood when getting within a length of Arizona at Royal Ascot and that form sets a very high standard in the context of this event. Royal Lytham, who finished seventh behind the selection last time, is in the right hands to take another step forward on this occasion, while Windsor Castle second Platinum Star could benefit from the return to 6f.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 CLASSY MOON Foaled 21 Mar. Full brother to Hy Brasil, won at 1m 1f. Won on his latest outing when 7-5fav at Carlisle over 5f (good to soft) last month, beating Ventura Flame by 2 1/4l.
- 2 DOGGED Foaled 1 Apr. Half-brother to New Rich, won eight times at 6f.
- 3 GUILDSMAN Foaled 13 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. A winner at 6f on soft ground. Third of 17 behind Arizona beaten 3/4l at 6-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at Ascot over 6f (good) last month.
- 4 HURSTWOOD Foaled 9 Feb. Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm and soft ground. A winner at 13-2 at Pontefract over 6f (good to firm) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Toro Strike by 1l. Has also won at York this season.
- 5 KING NEPTUNE Foaled 25 Mar. A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind A'ali when sixth of 14 at 20-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Ascot over 5f (soft) last month.
- 6 PLATINUM STAR Foaled 22 Feb. A winner at 6f on good ground. Beaten 1/2l by Southern Hills when second of 21 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 5f (soft) last month.
- 7 ROYAL LYTHAM Foaled 22 Feb. Half-brother to Spirit Of Dance, won at 1m 4f. A winner at 6f on good - yielding ground. Beaten 4l behind Arizona at 16-1 when seventh of 17 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at Ascot over 6f (good) last month.
- 8 VISINARI Foaled 11 Mar. Half-brother to Viserano, won at 6f and 1m. A winner at 10-1 over this course and distance (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Ottoman Court by 3 1/2l.

RACE 8: BET365 HANDICAP (CLASS 2) (3YO ONLY) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 3)

Rathbone

Top Breeze

Aplomb

Aplomb benefited from the return to 6f at Nottingham on his latest start and a 5lb rise might underestimate the authority of his success. That said, all of his runs so far have come on ground softer than he encounters on this occasion so he has to prove his versatility on this surface. Several of these ran in a good handicap at York last month with Magical Wish (third), Dazzling Dan (sixth), RATHBONE (eighth) and Blown By Wind (ninth) all reopposing, but Kevin Ryan's gelding is taken to bounce back. Gelded last autumn, he won two on the bounce before his effort on the Knavesmire on a softer surface so the return to faster ground is expected to bring about further progression. Others to consider include Top Breeze, a winner at the Craven meeting who steps back up to 6f, the hat-trick seeking Moss Gill and Street Parade.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BLOWN BY WIND He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and heavy ground. Beaten 13l behind Gabriel The Wire at 14-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing at Chester over 7f (good to firm) last month.
- 2 STREET PARADE He has won three times at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1l by Wedding Date when second of 7 at 11-1 on his latest outing here over 5f (good) last month.
- 3 BARBILL He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good - yielding ground. Beaten 9l behind Recon Mission at 25-1 when 13th of 22 on his latest outing at York over 6f (good to soft) last month.
- 4 DAZZLING DAN Successful twice at 6f on good and soft ground. Finished 4 1/2l behind Recon Mission when sixth of 22 at 6-1 on his latest outing at York over 6f (good to soft) last month.
- 5 JACK'S POINT A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Gabriel The Wire at 6-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Chester over 7f (good to firm) last month.
- 6 RATHBONE Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground. Beaten 6l behind Recon Mission at 16-1 when eighth of 22 on his latest outing at York over 6f (good to soft) last month. Has won at Leicester and Pontefract this season.
- 7 WOVEN A winner at 7f on good to soft ground. Beaten 1 3/4l by Mubhij when second of 8 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 7f last month.
- 8 TOP BREEZE He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1 1/4l by Street Parade when second of 5 at 11-8fav on his latest outing at Windsor over 5f (good to firm) in May. Has won at Newmarket and Wolverhampton this season.
- 9 ALMUFTI A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Moyassar when fifth of 12 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good) in May.
- 10 MAGICAL WISH Successful at 6f and 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Make A Wish when second of 9 at 7-4fav on his latest outing at Sandown over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.

- 11 GABRIAL THE WIRE He has won three times from 5f to 7f on good to firm ground. A winner at 9-2 at Chester over 7f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Barristan The Bold by 2 1/2l. Has also won at Doncaster this season.
- 12 KINKS Successful twice at 5f on good and good to soft ground. Third of 5 behind Amplify beaten 1l at 6-1 on his latest outing at Windsor over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 13 APLOMB Successful twice at 6f on good to soft and soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 6-4fav at Nottingham over 6f (soft) last month, beating James Watt by 1 3/4l.
- 14 PRINCESS POWER Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. A winner at 8-1 at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Whelans Way by 1 1/4l.
- 15 LOOK OUT LOUIS He has won three times at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Finished 6l behind Moss Gill when sixth of 7 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Ripon over 5f (soft) last month. Has won at Haydock and Thirsk this season.
- 16 PASS THE VINO A winner at 9-4 at Wolverhampton over 6f on his latest outing in March, beating With Caution by 4l.
- 17 ALFIE SOLOMONS A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Finished 2 1/4l behind Wedding Date when fourth of 7 at 9-2 on his latest outing here over 5f (good) last month.
- 18 MOSS GILL Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 6-4fav at Ripon over 5f (soft) last month, beating Good Luck Fox by 1l. Has also won at Doncaster this season.
- 19 BENNY AND THE JETS Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Second Collection when sixth of 9 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Windsor over 6f (good to firm) last month. Has won at Nottingham and Wolverhampton this season.
- 20 PHILIPINE COBRA Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and soft ground. Third of 7 behind Wedding Date beaten 1 1/4l at 9-2 on her latest outing here over 5f (good) last month. Has won at York and Bath this season.

RACE 9: PRINCESS OF WALES'S TATTERSALLS STAKES (GROUP 2) (CLASS 1) (3YO PLUS) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 4)

Communique

Mirage Dancer

Masar

Last year's Derby hero Masar made a satisfactory return when fifth in the Hardwicke at Royal Ascot where he was inconvenienced by a poor start before shaping as though he would improve for the run. The son of New Approach will need to take a step forward to reverse the form with Mirage Dancer (third), who is reunited with Ryan Moore for the first time this season, but it would be no surprise if COMMUNIQUE, who finished last in the aforementioned contest, returned to his best. His trainer Mark Johnston has done particularly well at this meeting over the years and a return to front-running tactics, which saw him to great effect at the Guineas meeting at this level, along with the booking of Silvestre De Sousa could see him back to form despite him giving weight to all of his rivals.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 COMMUNIQUE Winner of six races from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Well beaten at 14-1 behind Defoe when last of 8 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot over 1m 4f (good) last month.

2 BAGHDAD Winner of five races from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 7-2fav at Ascot over 1m 4f (good) last month, beating Ben Vrackie by a short head. Has also won at Newmarket this season.

3 DESERT ENCOUNTER Has won eight races from 1m 3f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Well beaten at 66-1 behind Crystal Ocean when last of 8 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Ascot over 1m 2f (soft) last month.

4 MASAR He has won four times from 6f to 1m 4f on good ground. Finished 5l behind Defoe when fifth of 8 at 3-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot over 1m 4f (good) last month.

5 MIRAGE DANCER He has won four times from 7f to 1m 4f on good to firm and good ground. Third of 8 behind Defoe beaten 1 1/2l at 6-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot over 1m 4f (good) last month.

6 DASHING WILLOUGHBY Successful at 1m 1f and 1m 6f on soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 6-1 in the Group 2 Queen's Vase at Ascot over 1m 6f (soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Barbados by 1/2l.