

COMMENTS & SELECTIONS – EPSOM DOWNS

RACE 1: BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF NOVICE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (PLUS 10)

Afraid Of Nothing Buto Scallywagtail

AFRAID OF NOTHING clearly improved for her debut experience when finishing a narrow second in a much stronger race than this at Beverley late last month. Based on that evidence, the daughter of Charm Spirit should be very hard to beat this afternoon. Buto showed enough promise on his first start to suggest that he could make the frame today, while Scallywagtail and Compensate are others who merits consideration.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 BONUS Foaled 27 Mar. Half-brother to Equiano Springs, won four times at 6f and 7f. Beaten 15l behind Palace Pier at 66-1 when last of 12 on his racecourse debut at Sandown over 7f (good to firm) last month.

2 BUTO Foaled 8 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Finished 4l behind Love Destiny when fifth of 8 at 7-1 on his racecourse debut at Chepstow over 7f (good to soft) last month.

3 COMPENSATE Foaled 25 Mar. Dam won at 1m. Beaten 19l behind Escape Proof at 20-1 when 11th of 18 on his racecourse debut at Leicester over 7f (good) last month.

4 SCALLYWAGTAIL Foaled 23 Apr. Half-brother to Saint Jerome, won three times over hurdles at 2m and twice on the flat at 6f and 1m. Beaten 9l behind Punchbowl Flyer at 20-1 when last of 8 on his racecourse debut at Brighton over 6f (good to firm) last month.

5 AFRAID OF NOTHING Foaled 26 Feb. Dam won three times at 1m 4f and 1m 5f. Placed once in two starts. Beaten a head by Freyja when second of 8 at 9-2 on her latest outing at Beverley over 7f (good) last month.

6 MOONDANCE Foaled 10 Mar. Half-sister to Swift Fox, won at 5f. Well beaten at 33-1 behind Vividly when last of 15 on her racecourse debut at Goodwood over 7f (good) last month.

7 PURE PURFECTION Foaled 26 Jan. Dam unraced. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 10l behind Nat Love when fifth of 8 at 40-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

RACE 2: BACK TO THE 80S NYE PARTY HANDICAP

La Sioux Pour La Victoire Thechildren'strust

Pour La Victoire has to be respected following his recent Brighton win but he is arguably at his best at that track and his life is made harder today by a 4lb penalty. With that in mind, the preference is for LA SIOUX, who was third in a stronger race than this at Doncaster last time out and that followed back-to-back victories in May. Savitar and Thechildren'strust complete the shortlist.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 KINGSTON KURRAJONG Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 11-4fav at Windsor over 1m (good to firm) last month, beating Recondite by a neck.
- 2 KENSTONE Winner of six races from 7f to 1m on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 10l behind Bungee Jump when sixth of 8 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Chepstow over 7f (good to soft) in June.
- 3 SING OUT LOUD He has won three times from 6f to 1m 1f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Beaten 10l behind Black Lotus at 20-1 when eighth of 10 on his latest outing at Windsor over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 4 POUR LA VICTOIRE Has won 15 races from 5f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 5-2fav at Brighton over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month, beating Bint Dandy by 1 1/2l. Carries a 4lb penalty today for that success.
- 5 CANFORD'S JOY He has won three times from 6f to 7f on good to soft and soft ground. A winner at 9-1 at Brighton over 7f (soft) on his latest outing in June, beating Hedging by a head. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Miss Amy Murphy.
- 6 BALMORAL CASTLE Has won eight races from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground, but last win was over three years ago. Beaten 8l behind Prevent at 20-1 when 10th of 11 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (good to firm) in July.
- 7 THECHILDREN'STRUST Successful at 6f and 1m on good ground. Won on his latest outing when 4-1co-fav at Salisbury over 1m (good) earlier this month, beating Flying Dragon by 2 3/4l.
- 8 RAKEMATIZ He has won four times from 1m 1f to 1m 2f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 14l behind High Acclaim at 10-1 when last of 7 on his latest outing at Windsor over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
- 9 BOMBASTIC A winner at 1m on good to soft ground. Beaten 20l behind Swift Approval at 6-1 when 16th of 18 on his latest outing at Newbury over 7f (good to soft) in June.
- 10 LA SIOUX Winner of five races from 7f to 1m 1f on good to firm and good ground. Third of 7 behind Duneflower beaten 4l at 12-1 on her latest outing at Doncaster over 1m (good to firm) in July. Has won at Redcar and Musselburgh this season.
- 11 SAVITAR Won on his latest outing when 3-1fav at Lingfield over 1m last month, beating Imperial Act by 1 3/4l.

RACE 3: 'GROW YOUR BUSINESS' HANDICAP

Knowing Isle of Wolves Sootability

KNOWING filled second place at Yarmouth last time out in his bid to follow a victory at the same venue and the in-form gelding has to be given the utmost respect this afternoon. Isle of Wolves won over C&D a couple of weeks ago and he is an obvious threat to the selection off just a 4lb higher mark. Sootability edges out The Dancing Poet to be the pick of the remainder.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 KNOWING A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1 1/4l by Potters Lady Jane when second of 5 at 11-8fav on his latest outing at Yarmouth over 1m 3f (good to firm) last month.
- 2 GAZTON Placed once in three starts. Finished 16l behind Storting when sixth of 10 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 1m (good) last month.
- 3 GUILDHALL A winner at 7f on heavy ground. Finished 11l behind Allegiant when sixth of 7 at 7-2 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 2f (good to soft) last month.
- 4 THE DANCING POET A winner at 8-1 at Chelmsford City over 1m 2f on his latest outing last month, beating Junior Rip by a neck.
- 5 ISLE OF WOLVES Successful at 7f and 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Won on his latest outing when evens fav over this course and distance (good to firm) last month, beating Duke Of North by 2 3/4l.
- 6 SOOTABILITY Successful at 7f and 1m on good to soft ground. Won on her latest outing when 3-1fav at Carlisle over 1m (good to soft) last month, beating Power Player by 2 3/4l.

RACE 4: JUMP JOCKEYS' DERBY HANDICAP

C'Est No Mour Allegiant Mandalayan

C'EST NO MOUR returned to winning ways over track and trip last time and is expected to defy a 3lb rise and follow up to notch a quick double. Allegiant chased the selection home that day and is fancied to play a supporting role once more. The pick of the remainder may be Mandalayan, who offered more in 0-90 company at Newbury when last sighted and is a potential improver now lowering his sights.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 MANDALAYAN A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Third of 6 behind dead-heaters Frontispiece and Emenem beaten 2 1/2l at 14-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 5f (good to soft) last month.

2 ALLEGIANT Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 1/2l by C'Est No Mour when second of 7 at 2-1fav on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

3 BERRAHRI Has won 12 races from 1m to 1m 6f on ground varying from hard to good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Past Master when second of 7 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 6f (good) last month. Has won 3 times this season.

4 C'EST NO MOUR Winner of five races from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on good to firm and good ground. A winner at 5-2 over this course and distance (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Allegiant by 1/2l.

5 RYDAN Winner of six races from 1m 2f to 2m on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 11l behind Past Master when fourth of 7 at 7-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 6f (good) last month.

6 GENDARME He has won three times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on ground varying from firm to good to soft. Finished 15l behind Freckles when fourth of 5 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Chepstow over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month. Has won 3 times this season.

7 DELPH CRESCENT He has won four times from 1m to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Well beaten at 5-1 behind Kaser when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f last month.