

## COMMENTS & SELECTIONS - PONTEFRACT

### RACE 1: BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF NOVICE STAKES

Ancient Times

Secret Handsheikh

Ballintoy Harbour

ANCIENT TIMES should be all the wiser for the experience gained when third on debut at York behind a pair who had the benefit of previous experience under their belt. Kevin Ryan's charge has bagged a workable draw and is taken to strike second time out. Secret Handsheikh is penalised for his last-time-out victory at Bath but can fight it out with Ballintoy Harbour, who shaped promisingly on debut at Thirsk, for the silver medal.

#### NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 SECRET HANDSHEIKH Foaled 29 Apr. Half-brother to Explain, won eight times between 6f and 1m 1f. A winner at 11-1 at Bath over 5f (firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Twilight Heir by 1/2l.
- 2 ANCIENT TIMES Foaled 31 Mar. Half-brother to Saffran, won at 1m 2f. Third of 4 behind J R Cavagin beaten 1 1/2l at 5-2 on his racecourse debut at York over 5f (good) last month.
- 3 ARCEUS Foaled 22 Mar. Dam won at 6f.
- 4 BALLYCONNELY BAY Foaled 30 Apr. Full brother to Simmie, won twice at 5f.
- 5 CAMERILY JOE Foaled 13 Mar. Yet to place in three starts. Finished 12l behind Spright when fifth of 8 at 125-1 on his latest outing at York over 6f (good) last month.
- 6 DANZART Foaled 26 Feb. Dam won at 7f and 1m. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 6l behind Alkumait when fourth of 9 at 66-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 6f (good) last month.
- 7 MR LAUDA Foaled 9 Mar. Dam unraced. Finished 7l behind Noorban when sixth of 12 at 8-1 on his racecourse debut at Beverley over 5f (good) earlier this month.
- 8 PROSPECT Could not find dam.
- 9 ABLE LOVE Foaled 17 Feb. Dam unraced.
- 10 BALLINTOY HARBOUR Foaled 7 Feb. Half-sister to Profile Star, won four times at 5f and 6f. Finished 2 3/4l behind Umm Kulthum when fourth of 14 at 33-1 on her racecourse debut at Thirsk over 5f (good) last month.

RACE 2: TREVOR WOODS MEMORIAL FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (PLUS 10/GBB RACE)

Keeping Secrets          Meu Amor          Three Hat Day

KEEPING SECRETS ran a race full of promise when third over this trip on debut at York and is expected to put the experience gained to good use to strike second time out. Meu Amor and Three Hat Day are similarly expected to step up on encouraging debut efforts and could take closer order. The pick of the newcomers could be Richard Fahey's Waitingonanalibi, any money for whom would be interesting.

NO.      HORSE NAME

- 1          CARRIBEAN QUEEN                  Foaled 7 Mar. Half-sister to Jeanie Johnston, won three times between 6f and 1m 5f.
- 2          FAVOURITE NIECE                  Foaled 21 Apr. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Finished 5l behind Jianzi when sixth of 12 at 66-1 on her racecourse debut over this course and distance (good to firm) last month.
- 3          GANGSTER GIRL                  Foaled 23 Mar. Dam won twice at 5f and 6f. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 16l behind Fools Rush In at 150-1 when 12th of 17 on her latest outing at Redcar over 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 4          INTERNATIONAL LADY                  Foaled 21 Mar. Half-sister to House Master, won twice over hurdles at 2m 2f and twice on the flat at 1m 4f.
- 5          KEEPING SECRETS                  Foaled 2 Apr. Half-sister to Moraawed, won twice at 6f and 7f. Third of 10 behind Amor de Mi Vida beaten 6l at 18-1 on her racecourse debut at York over 6f (good) last month.
- 6          KINGMANIA                  Foaled 10 Feb. Half-sister to Houlton, won twice at 1m 5f and 1m 6f. Finished 7l behind Fly Miss Helen when sixth of 14 at 18-1 on her racecourse debut at Newbury over 6f (good) last month.
- 7          KORNFLAKE                  Foaled 19 Feb. Half-sister to Peut Etre Ici, won at 7f.
- 8          MAEVE'S MEMORY                  Foaled 10 May. Half-sister to Liber, won six times between 5f and 1m. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 20l behind Beechwood Donna at 9-1 when eighth of 10 on her latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 9          MEU AMOR                  Foaled 11 Apr. Full sister to Explorar, won twice at 7f and 1m. Finished 2 1/2l behind Ventura Diamond when fourth of 10 at 13-2 on her racecourse debut at Goodwood over 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 10          MIDNIGHT POPPY                  Foaled 17 Apr. Half-sister to Motown Mick, won twice between 6f and 1m.
- 11          MISTY AWANA                  Foaled 18 Feb. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 7l behind Tom's Reign Beau at 200-1 when 9th of 11 on her latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 12          STOCKINGFILLER                  Foaled 1 Mar. Dam won twice at 5f.

13 THREE HAT DAY Foaled 4 Apr. Half-sister to Jim Rockford, won twice at 5f and 6f. Finished 12l behind Red Fascinator when sixth of 10 at 14-1 on her racecourse debut at Ripon over 6f (good) last month.

14 WAITINGONANALIBI Foaled 14 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden.

15 ZHRISA Foaled 27 Mar. Half-sister to Time To Go Home, won nine times at 5f and 6f. Finished 5l behind Jianzi when fourth of 12 at 20-1 on her racecourse debut over this course and distance (good to firm) last month.

#### RACE 3: MARY CLARK 'FAVOURITE DAY OF THE YEAR' HANDICAP (DIV 1)

Knightcap Yukon Mission Inexes

KNIGHTCAP shades the verdict representing last year's winning trainer. Her last couple of performances have been encouraging and, unlike a lot of her main rivals, she has a handy draw in stall four. Epeius comfortably justified favouritism at Ayr but stall 11 makes life tricky for him, likewise Foreshore, who was touched off at Doncaster but is stuck out in box nine here. From further in, Yukon Mission and Inexes could make their presence felt.

#### NO. HORSE NAME

1 WAR WHISPER He has won three times at 5f on good to firm and good ground, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 1 1/4l behind Grace And Virtue when fifth of 12 at 10-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) last month.

2 INEXES Winner of seven races at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Beaten 1 3/4l by Kindly when second of 6 at 10-1 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (good) last month.

3 AIRGLOW He has won three times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Marietta Robusti at 9-2 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 5f (good to soft) last month.

4 EPEIUS Winner of six races at 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 16-5fav at Ayr over 6f (good to firm) last month, beating Ventura Express by 3/4l.

5 LUCKY LUCKY MAN He has won three times at 6f on heavy ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 7l behind Zig Zag Zyggy at 16-1 when 10th of 12 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (soft) earlier this month.

6 FORESHORE Placed twice in seven starts. Beaten a neck by Many A Star when second of 9 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) last month.

7 DREAM TOGETHER Placed twice in four starts. Finished 8l behind Intrinsic Bond when sixth of 8 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) last month.

8 SINGE ANGLAIS He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Finished 5l behind Alix James when fifth of 9 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 7f (good to soft) last month.

- 9 YUKON MISSION Placed in seven of nine starts. Third of 11 behind Fuchsia beaten 2 3/4l at 7-4fav on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 6f last month.
- 10 KNIGHTCAP A winner at 6f on soft ground. Finished 5l behind Lady Celia when fourth of 8 at 9-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month.
- 11 ROUND THE ISLAND Has won eight races at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Well beaten at 25-1 behind Abate when 13th of 14 on his latest outing at York over 6f (good) last month.

RACE 4: MARY CLARK 'FAVOURITE DAY OF THE YEAR' HANDICAP (DIV 2)

Electric Mistress Jordan Electrics Lincoln Gamble

ELECTRIC MISTRESS was joined on the line when dead-heating at Thirsk on her second outing and Karl Burke's filly is open to further improvement making her handicap debut. She only found the hugely progressive Art Power too strong on debut at Newcastle so a mark of 72 appears workable. Jordan Electrics went up 4lb for a recent success at Ayr and he warrants respect along with Redcar winner Lincoln Gamble.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 MR ORANGE Has won nine races at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Third of 12 behind Grace And Virtue beaten 3/4l at 14-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) last month.
- 2 PENNY POT LANE Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 7l behind Big Les at 33-1 when last of 11 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 5f in November last year.
- 3 JORDAN ELECTRICS He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm ground. A winner at 5-1 at Ayr over 6f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Grace And Virtue by 3/4l.
- 4 COASTAL MIST A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 16l behind Ainsdale at 25-1 when 11th of 14 on his latest outing at York over 5f (soft) in October last year.
- 5 ELECTRIC MISTRESS Won on her latest outing when 11-8fav at Thirsk over 6f (good to soft) in June, dead-heating with Mediate More.
- 6 WHAT A BUSINESS A winner at 6f on good to soft ground. Beaten 9l behind Silent Agenda at 8-1 when 9th of 13 on his latest outing at Ripon over 6f (good) last month.
- 7 JUNGLE INTHEBUNGLE Successful twice at 5f on good ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Third of 11 behind Bay Watch beaten 3 1/2l at 33-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 8 ARAIFJAN Placed twice in seven starts. Finished 9l behind Young Tiger when sixth of 13 at 7-1 on his latest outing here over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 9 LINCOLN GAMBLE Won on his latest outing when 5-2fav at Redcar over 7f (good to firm) last month, beating Cindy Looper by 1 1/4l.

10 ONLY ALONE A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 8l behind Young Tiger when fifth of 13 at 15-2 on her latest outing here over 5f (good to firm) last month.

11 CASTLEHILL RETREAT A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Jordan Electrics when fifth of 10 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Ayr over 6f (good to firm) last month.

#### RACE 5: WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP

Oakenshield Stone Soldier Benefit Street

OAKENSHIELD probably found soft ground too much to handle in a strong Newmarket handicap last month and the return to a sounder surface, combined with the application of cheekpieces, might see Kevin Ryan's gelding return to what he showed on his first start as a three-year-old at Newcastle. The step back up to 6f is likely to suit Stone Soldier, who shaped as though he would improve from his first run of the year at York, while Benefit Street's recent Thirsk victory puts her in the mix.

#### NO. HORSE NAME

1 STAR IN THE MAKING A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 9l behind Pretty In Grey when fifth of 7 at 7-2 on her latest outing at Newmarket over 7f (good to firm) last month.

2 OAKENSHIELD A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Beaten 16l behind Progressive Rating at 28-1 when 13th of 17 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (soft) last month.

3 ABSTEMIOUS A winner at 6f on soft ground. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Brunch at 25-1 when seventh of 14 on his latest outing at York over 7f (good to firm) last month.

4 MAGICAL MAX Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Finished 1l behind Zig Zag Zygy when fourth of 12 at 10-1 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (soft) earlier this month.

5 TREBLE TREBLE A winner at 6f on good to soft ground. Well beaten at 22-1 behind Progressive Rating when 15th of 17 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (soft) last month.

6 BREATH OF JOY A winner at 7f on good ground. Beaten 1 3/4l by Afraid Of Nothing when second of 9 at 8-1 on her latest outing at Chelmsford City over 7f last month.

7 STONE SOLDIER Successful twice at 6f on soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Sampers Seven when fourth of 7 at 33-1 on his latest outing at York over 5f (good) last month.

8 PHUKET POWER A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Third of 9 behind Grande Rumore beaten 1l at 16-1 on his latest outing at Leicester over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.

9 MANY A STAR A winner at 11-2 at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Foreshore by a neck.

10 HURCLE A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Beaten 13l behind Black Caspian at 9-1 when 13th of 16 on his latest outing at York over 7f (good to soft) last month.

11 MELODY KING A winner at 7f on good ground. Finished 2 1/2l behind Harrison Point when fifth of 9 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Ayr over 7f (soft) last month.

- 12      BENEFIT STREET              A winner at 5-2 at Thirsk over 6f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating With Thanks by a short head.
- 13      CUSTODIAN                      A winner at 6f on good ground. Beaten 14l behind Top Rank at 33-1 when last of 12 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m (good) last month.
- 14      AUCKLAND LODGE                She has won three times at 5f on good to firm ground. Finished 4 1/2l behind Rayong when sixth of 7 at 16-1 on her latest outing here over 5f (good) last month.

RACE 6: EBF HIGHFIELD FARM FLYING FILLIES' STAKES (LISTED)

Shades Of Blue              Stormy Girl                      Natalie's Joy

SHADES OF BLUE finished second in this contest 12 months ago and was more competitive when dropped into a Group 3 when fourth at York last month. The change of headgear, from blinkers to a first-time visor, has the potential to eke out more from Clive Cox's filly. Stormy Girl's first two efforts in 2020 would give her every chance of going close, while a pair of blinkers and the drop back to 6f could see Natalie's Joy bounce back to form.

NO.      HORSE NAME

- 1      BURMESE WALTZ                      Successful twice at 6f on the all-weather. Beaten 1 1/4l by Chiefofchiefs when second of 19 at 22-1 on her latest outing at Ascot over 6f (good) in June.
- 2      LADY OF ARAN                      Successful at 6f and 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Blackheath at 6-1 when last of 7 on her latest outing at Yarmouth over 7f (good to firm) in June.
- 3      LAST EMPIRE                      She has won three times at 6f on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 3l behind Queen Jo Jo at 25-1 when seventh of 18 on her latest outing in the Group 3 William Hill Summer Fillies' Stakes at York over 6f (good) last month.
- 4      NATALIE'S JOY                      Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good ground, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 14l behind Romola at 25-1 when eighth of 9 on her latest outing here over 1m (good) last month.
- 5      SHADES OF BLUE                      Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 2 1/4l behind Queen Jo Jo when fourth of 18 at 10-1 on her latest outing in the Group 3 William Hill Summer Fillies' Stakes at York over 6f (good) last month.
- 6      CASPIAN QUEEN                      Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm ground. Beaten 4l behind Glamorous Anna at 4-1fav when seventh of 9 on her latest outing at Goodwood over 5f (good) last month.
- 7      CRISPINA                      Won on her latest outing when 11-4fav over this course and distance (good) in June, beating Silk Lace by 7l.
- 8      EXCEPTIONAL                      Successful at 5f and 6f on good and soft ground. Beaten 1/2l by Progressive Rating when second of 17 at 13-2 on her latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (soft) last month.
- 9      JOUSKA                      A winner at 5f on good ground. Beaten 9l behind Smokey Bear at 14-1 when seventh of 9 on her latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) in June.

10 LAMBETH WALK Successful twice at 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Art Power when fourth of 21 at 33-1 on her latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good to soft) in June.

11 MAGICAL JOURNEY A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1 3/4l by Love Powerful when second of 7 at 2-1fav on her latest outing at Haydock over 6f (soft) last month.

12 MOUNTAIN BRAVE She has won four times from 6f to 7f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Toro Strike at 9-1 when 10th of 17 on her latest outing at Goodwood over 7f (good) last month. Has won 3 times this season.

13 STORMY GIRL A winner at 6f on good to soft ground. Beaten 14l behind Surf Dancer at 10-1 when eighth of 9 on her latest outing at York over 7f (good) last month.

#### RACE 7: MOOR TOP FARM SHOP HEMSWORTH HANDICAP

Revolver

Fun Mac

Frankenstella

REVOLVER has won five in a row since switching to handicaps, making a mockery of his initial mark of 57 in the process, and there seems no obvious reason to abandon faith in Sir Mark Prescott's three-year-old now. Another 6lb penalty has followed, but he is clearly still ahead of the assessor and should enjoy this stiff test up in distance. Fun Mac isn't getting any younger but did win here in October off 1lb lower, while unexposed recent C&D hero Frankenstella is another worth keeping an eye on.

#### NO. HORSE NAME

1 FUN MAC Winner of six races from 1m 2f to 2m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 13l behind Who Dares Wins at 14-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Ascot over 2m 6f (good) in June.

2 NORTHWEST FRONTIER He has won four times from 1m 2f to 2m on good to firm and good ground, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 14l behind Stonific when fourth of 5 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Beverley over 2m (good to firm) last month.

3 SEINESATIONAL Winner of six races from 1m 3f to 2m on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind Just Hubert at 14-1 when 12th of 15 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 2m 5f (good) last month.

4 REVOLVER Winner of five races from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Won on his latest outing when 6-5fav at Sandown over 1m 6f (good to firm) earlier this month, beating Dancing Harry by 1 1/4l. Carries a 6lb penalty today for that success. Has won 3 times this season.

5 FUNNY MAN He has won three times from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 6l behind Eastern Sheriff when fourth of 8 at 17-2 on his latest outing at Ayr over 1m 5f (soft) last month.

6 FRANKENSTELLA A winner at 3-1 over this course and distance (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Single by 7l.