

## **RACE 1: MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE HANDICAP**

Dark Shot Abel Handy Copper Knight

DARK SHOT shaped encouragingly when second on his reappearance at Epsom and, although the assessor has since raised him 4lb, he's still rated 2lb lower than when finishing a neck second in this contest last year. Abel Handy returned to winning ways at Musselburgh and remains well treated on his classy juvenile form, while the improving Cowboy Soldier and consistent course-and-distance winner Copper Knight are others to note.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 MARNIE JAMES Winner of five races at 5f on good to firm and soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind Saaheq at 33-1 when 11th of 16 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good) last month.
- 2 JUSTANOTHERBOTTLE Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Well beaten at 33-1 behind dead-headers Baron Bolt and Son Of Rest when 22nd of 25 on his latest outing at Ayr over 6f (heavy) in September last year.
- 3 COPPER KNIGHT Winner of six races at 5f on ground varying from good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 1l by Merhoob when second of 9 at 11-8fav on his latest outing at Chester over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.
- 4 FOOLAAD Has won 11 races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 2 3/4l behind Sir Maximilian at 8-1 when seventh of 13 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good) earlier this month.
- 5 ORVAR Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 7l behind Stake Acclaim at 14-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Newbury over 5f (soft) last month.
- 6 COWBOY SOLDIER He has won three times at 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 20-1 at Kempton over 5f on his latest outing last month, beating Puds by 1 1/4l.
- 7 OPEN WIDE He has won three times from 5f to 6f on firm and good to firm ground. Finished 1 1/2l behind Puds when fifth of 11 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 5f (good) earlier this month.
- 8 OUTRAGE Has won eight races at 5f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Cowboy Soldier at 8-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing at Kempton over 5f last month.
- 9 ABEL HANDY He has won four times at 5f on good and good to soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 9-4fav at Musselburgh over 5f (good) earlier this month, beating Foxy Forever by 1 1/4l.

- 10 SAAHEQ He has won four times at 5f on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 11-2fav at Musselburgh over 5f (good) last month, beating Final Venture by 3/4l. Has also won at Chelmsford City this season.
- 11 LINE OF REASON Has won 11 races from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Saaheq when fifth of 16 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good) last month.
- 12 TOMMY TAYLOR Successful at 6f and 7f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Third of 13 behind Sir Maximilian beaten 1 3/4l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good) earlier this month.
- 13 ROYAL BIRTH Has won eight races at 5f on firm and good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Finished 3l behind Cowboy Soldier when fifth of 9 at 7-2co-fav on his latest outing at Kempton over 5f last month.
- 14 EEH BAH GUM Winner of five races at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 16l behind Saaheq at 25-1 when 14th of 16 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good) last month.
- 15 FAIRY FALCON A winner at 5f on good to soft ground. Finished 3l behind Intense Romance when fifth of 15 at 20-1 on her latest outing at Ayr over 5f (heavy) in September last year.
- 16 HAROME Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 9l behind Saaheq at 16-1 when 10th of 16 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good) last month.
- 17 POYLE VINNIE Has won nine races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. A winner at 7-1 at Chelmsford City over 5f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Something Lucky by 1l. Carries a 4lb penalty today for that success.
- 18 FENDALE He has won four times at 5f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Primo's Comet when second of 11 at 7-2 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f in February.
- 19 DARK SHOT Successful twice at 5f on good and soft ground, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten a neck by Just That Lord when second of 10 at 4-1fav on his latest outing at Epsom over 5f (good) last month.
- 20 POWERALLIED Winner of five races at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 3 1/2l behind Mokaatil when fifth of 9 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 21 QUICK LOOK Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on good and soft ground. Beaten 6l behind Pennsylvania Dutch at 11-1 when 11th of 14 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good) last month. Runs from 1lb out of handicap.

22 HENLEY Winner of six races at 5f on ground varying from good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Canford Bay when fourth of 6 at 11-4 on his latest outing at Ripon over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month. Runs from 2lb out of handicap.

**RACE 2: AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI MIDDLETON FILLIES' STAKES (GROUP 2)**

Lah Ti Dar Nyaleti Rawdaa

If anywhere near peak fitness on her seasonal reappearance, LAH TI DAR will prove extremely difficult to beat. Her most impressive performance to date arguably came in Listed company over the extended 1m3f at this venue last August and the form of her two subsequent placed efforts in Group 1 company is rock solid. Nyaleti could be allowed to dictate matters from the front, thus making her a dangerous player, while Rawdaa looks sure to appreciate stepping back up from a mile.

**NO. HORSE NAME**

1 LAH TI DAR She has won three times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Third of 11 behind Magical beaten 1 3/4l at evens fav on her latest outing in the Group 1 Qipco British Champions Fillies Magical Mares Stakes at Ascot over 1m 4f (soft) in October last year.

2 MRS SIPPY Successful at 1m and 1m 4f on good and good to soft ground. Beaten a head by Highgarden when second of 8 at 11-4 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Princess Royal Nayef Stakes at Newmarket over 1m 4f (good to firm) in September last year.

3 NYALETI She has won four times from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Beaten 1l by Worth Waiting when second of 5 at 11-2 on her latest outing in the Group 2 Charm Spirit Dahlia Stakes at Newmarket over 1m 1f (good) earlier this month.

4 QUEEN OF TIME Successful at 7f and 1m on good to firm and good ground, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 6l behind Awesometank when fifth of 7 at 9-2 on her latest outing at Goodwood over 1m (good) earlier this month.

5 RAWDAA Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Third of 14 behind Agrotera beaten 1 3/4l at 9-2 on her latest outing at Kempton over 1m last month.

6 SUN MAIDEN A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Finished 14l behind Highgarden when sixth of 8 at 13-2 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Princess Royal Nayef Stakes at Newmarket over 1m 4f (good to firm) in September last year.

### RACE 3: AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI DANTE STAKES (GROUP 2)

Too Darn Hot            Japan            Line Of Duty

A competitive renewal but the one to beat is clearly TOO DARN HOT, who was European Champion Juvenile last year following wins in the Dewhurst and Champagne Stakes. The step up in trip should not be a problem and he is hard to oppose. Japan won the Beresford Stakes last season and he is an obvious threat to the selection, especially as he hails from the yard that have won most of the recent Derby trials. Line Of Duty is another who could go well, while Telecaster should not be underestimated despite having only won a novice stakes event.

#### NO.    HORSE NAME

1        ALMANIA        Won on his latest outing when 10-11fav at Sandown over 7f (good to soft) in August last year, beating Buffalo River by 1/2l.

2        JAPAN            Successful at 7f and 1m on good and heavy ground. A winner at 11-2 in the Group 2 Beresford Stakes at Naas over 1m (good) on his latest outing in September last year, beating Mount Everest by a short head.

3        LINE OF DUTY    He has won three times from 1m to 1m 1f on good and good to soft ground. A winner at 7-2 in the Group 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Churchill Downs over 1m (good to soft) on his latest outing in November last year, beating Uncle Benny by 1/2l.

4        NAYEF ROADHe has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when 9-4fav at Newmarket over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month, beating Fraser Island by 5l.

5        SURFMAN        Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 1-8fav at Newcastle over 1m 2f last month, beating Frequency Code by 14l.

6        TELECASTER     Won on his latest outing when 10-11fav at Windsor over 1m 2f (good) last month, beating Deal A Dollar by 9l.

7        TOO DARN HOT    He has won four times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Won on his latest outing when evens fav in the Group 1 Darley Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket over 7f (good to firm) in October last year, beating Advertise by 2 3/4l.

8        TURGENEV        Successful twice at 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. Third of 7 behind Cape Of Good Hope beaten 1 1/4l at 11-4 on his latest outing at Epsom over 1m 2f (good) last month.

#### **RACE 4: MATCHBOOK BETTING PODCAST HAMBLETON HANDICAP**

Ledham      Beringer      Hortzadar

Beringer went up 3lb for a head success at Newmarket last month and the Lincoln third looks capable of further progression off a career-high mark. Hortzadar has won both his starts for David O'Meara and is respected despite a hefty rise in the ratings along with stable companion Waarif. The vote, however, goes to LEDHAM, as he made an excellent return when second at Haydock on soft ground and is in the right hands to continue his progression through the handicap ranks.

#### **NO.    HORSE NAME**

- 1      PLUTONIAN    He has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Chatez when fifth of 26 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m (good to soft) last month.
- 2      ESCOBAR      He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good to firm ground. Beaten 14l behind Mordin at 5-1 when 9th of 11 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m (soft) last month.
- 3      BERINGER      He has won four times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. A winner at 4-1 at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Power of Darkness by a head.
- 4      TRICORN      He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 11l behind Petrus at 25-1 when 11th of 12 on his latest outing at Bath over 1m (good to firm) last month.
- 5      WHAT'S THE STORY    He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good to firm and soft ground and on the all-weather. Third of 7 behind Dubai Legacy beaten 3/4l at 7-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 7f earlier this month.
- 6      HORTZADAR    He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when 4-7fav at Redcar over 7f (good to firm) last month, beating Amplification by 1 1/4l. Has also won at Pontefract this season.
- 7      WAARIF      Winner of five races at 1m on ground varying from good to firm to heavy and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Hayadh when sixth of 16 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m (good) earlier this month.
- 8      LOVE DREAMS      Winner of five races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 1l by Kimifive when second of 11 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 7f (good) earlier this month.
- 9      BLESS HIM    Successful twice at 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Via Serendipity at 7-2jt-fav when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good) in August last year.

10 FIRMAMENT He has won four times at 1m on good to firm and soft ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 6l behind Hayadh at 20-1 when 11th of 16 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m (good) earlier this month.

11 HAYADH Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. A winner at 14-1 at Thirsk over 1m (good) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Commander Han by 3/4l.

12 MUTAFANI Successful twice at 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 2-7fav at Thirsk over 1m (good to firm) in June last year, beating Agincourt by 4l.

13 LEDHAM Successful at 7f and 1m on the all-weather. Beaten 2 1/2l by Mordin when second of 11 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m (soft) last month.

14 COMMANDER HAN A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Beaten 3/4l by Hayadh when second of 16 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m (good) earlier this month.

15 JUST HISS He has won four times from 1m to 1m 1f on good and good to soft ground. Third of 11 behind Mordin beaten 4l at 20-1 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m (soft) last month.

16 ULSHAW BRIDGE Successful at 6f and 1m on good to firm and good ground. Third of 11 behind Blue Mist beaten 5l at 13-2 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good) in October last year.

17 DONNCHA Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather, but last win was over three years ago. Finished 2 1/2l behind Sanaadh when fifth of 11 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f in March.

18 MIKMAK He has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 8l behind Kylie Rules at 16-1 when eighth of 14 on his latest outing at Beverley over 1m (good to soft) earlier this month.