

RACE COMMENTS & SELECTIONS – PONTEFRACT

RACE 1: BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF MAIDEN STAKES

Politics Regional Zaman Jameel

Zaman Jameel and Hoofs Happy Now are the pick of those with previous race experience but the level they set is not very high. With that in mind, the vote goes to POLITICS, who cost 78,000 euros last year and his dam won a Listed race as a juvenile. Regional's price increased from 35,000gns as a foal to 120,000 the following year and he is another new comer to note.

NO. HORSE NAME

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| 1 | BESCAR | Foaled 9 Apr. Dam a lightly raced maiden. |
| 2 | ELZAAL | Foaled 29 Apr. Half-brother to Inspired Thought, won three times at 6f. Beaten 11l behind Muker at 66-1 when 9th of 11 on his racecourse debut at York over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month. |
| 3 | ENDERMAN | Foaled 9 Apr. Half-brother to Amathyst, won at 6f. |
| 4 | MICK'S SPIRIT | Foaled 30 Apr. Half-brother to Addicted To Luck, won twice at 5f and 6f. |
| 5 | POLITICS | Foaled 12 Apr. Half-brother to Farook, won three times at 5f and 6f. |
| 6 | REGIONAL | Foaled 4 Mar. Dam won at 1m 2f. |
| 7 | ZAMAN JAMEEL | Foaled 5 Mar. Dam unraced. Finished 5l behind Muker when sixth of 11 at 12-1 on his racecourse debut at York over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month. |
| 8 | HOOFS HAPPY NOW | Foaled 4 Apr. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 6l behind Hala Hala Hala when sixth of 10 at 250-1 on her latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good) last month. |
| 9 | UPSIDE DOWN | Foaled 8 Mar. Half-sister to Lucky Lodge, won ten times between 5f and 7f. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 11l behind Risk Of Thunder at 20-1 when eighth of 10 on her latest outing at Ripon over 5f (good to soft) last month. |

RACE 2: NEW SPORTING LIFE APP HANDICAP

Pavers Pride

Lezardrieux

Araifjan

PAVERS PRIDE hit the crossbar twice prior to winning at Ayr 10 days ago and the in-form six-year-old merits the utmost respect today, despite having to carry a 5lb penalty. Lezardrieux has not been disgraced in either start since winning at Yarmouth last month and he should not be underestimated. Others to note in an open contest are Araifjan, Sheepscar Lad and Young Tiger.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 CHOOSEY Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 4l behind National Anthem when fifth of 9 at 50-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 2 SHEEPSCAR LAD He has won four times at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to soft, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 2 3/4l behind Avenue Of Stars when fourth of 9 at 7-2jt-fav on his latest outing here over 6f (good) earlier this month.
- 3 ARAIFJAN Placed twice in six starts. Third of 10 behind Mews House beaten 1l at 9-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) earlier this month.
- 4 ROBOT BOY Has won eight races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 8l behind Gowanbuster at 50-1 when 9th of 11 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good) earlier this month.
- 5 DESERT ACE Has won 11 races at 5f on ground varying from firm to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Gowanbuster when sixth of 7 at 10-3 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good) last month.
- 6 LEZARDRIEUX He has won three times at 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. Third of 10 behind Longroom beaten 2 3/4l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Catterick over 5f (good) earlier this month.
- 7 EQUIPPED A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 1 1/2l behind Garth Rockett when fourth of 12 at 5-1co-fav on her latest outing at Lingfield over 6f earlier this month.
- 8 ONLY ALONE A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 5l behind Commanche Falls when fifth of 11 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good to soft) last month.
- 9 YOUNG TIGER Winner of five races at 5f on the all-weather. Beaten 2 1/2l by Tathmeen when second of 8 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f in March.
- 10 BILLY DYLAN He has won four times at 5f on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Gullane One at 66-1 when seventh of 12 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good to soft) last month.
- 11 PAVERS PRIDE He has won four times at 5f on good and good to soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 13-8fav at Ayr over 5f (good) earlier this month, beating Lady Celia by 1 3/4l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success.

12 SHEPHERD'S PURSE He has won four times from 5f to 7f on good ground and on the all-weather. Third of 7 behind Camachess beaten 2 1/2l at 9-2 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 5f earlier this month.

13 ARNOLD He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 5l behind Hello Girl when fifth of 12 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good) last month.

14 CROSSE FIRE Has won 15 races from 5f to 7f on good to firm and soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Wild Flower at 9-2 when last of 10 on his latest outing at Ripon over 5f (good) earlier this month.

RACE 3: VOLKSWAGEN VAN CENTRE (WEST YORKSHIRE) LTD HANDICAP

Watchable Primo's Comet Saluti

WATCHABLE is often tried at a higher level than this and he is entitled to improve for his recent comeback run over 6f here, given that it was his first start in 115 days. Primo's Comet won at Musselburgh last time but more is required to win this stronger contest, while Saluti edges out Bossipop to be the pick of the remainder.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 WATCHABLE Has won ten races from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 11l behind Summerhand when last of 6 at 14-1 on his latest outing here over 6f (good) earlier this month.

2 PEGGIE SUE Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 2l behind Mutabaahy when fourth of 12 at 9-2 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 5f earlier this month.

3 SHE CAN BOOGIE She has won four times at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Beaten 7l behind Mountain Peak at 15-2 when 9th of 13 on her latest outing at Haydock over 5f (good) last month.

4 COBRA EYE A winner at 6f on good ground. Beaten 11l behind Sunset Breeze at 11-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f earlier this month.

5 BOSSIPOP Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 6l behind Red Pike at 11-1 when 9th of 12 on his latest outing at Catterick over 6f (good) earlier this month.

6 SALUTI Winner of five races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Third of 9 behind Jawwal beaten 2 1/4l at 9-2 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 5f (good to firm) last month.

7 WAR WHISPER He has won three times at 5f on good to firm and good ground, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 3 1/2l behind May Remain at 15-2 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Sandown over 5f (good) earlier this month.

8 PRIMO'S COMET Winner of five races at 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 5-2 at Musselburgh over 5f (good) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Red Stripes by 1/2l.

RACE 4: SKY BET POMFRET STAKES (LISTED)

Dark Vision Beringer Oh This Is Us

Mark Johnston saddled the winner of this contest 12 months ago and appears to have another cracking chance with DARK VISION this time around. The four-year-old came desperately close to following up his Royal Hunt Cup success in the Coral Challenge at Sandown 18 days ago and the stiff finish here should suit this strong stayer. Beringer lacks a recent run but his latest second behind subsequent Group 1 winner Lord North is rock solid form. He and Oh This Is Us, who wasn't beaten far in this grade at Epsom last time, look to be the main dangers.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 BERINGER He has won four times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 3/4l by Lord North when second of 30 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 1f (good) in September last year.

2 DARK VISION He has won four times from 6f to 1m on good to firm and good ground. Beaten a short head by Montatham when second of 9 at 16-5 on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.

3 ESCOBAR Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on good to firm and heavy ground. Beaten 8l behind Circus Maximus at 80-1 when 12th of 15 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Queen Anne Stakes at Ascot over 1m (good to soft) last month.

4 OH THIS IS US Has won 13 races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from firm to good and on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind Safe Voyage when fourth of 6 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Epsom over 7f (good) earlier this month.

5 WADILSAFA He has won three times at 1m on good to firm and good ground. Third of 8 behind Gin Palace beaten 2l at 5-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) last month.

6 FOXTROT LADY She has won four times at 6f on good to firm and good ground. Third of 7 behind Pogo beaten 6l at 14-1 on her latest outing at Windsor over 1m (good to firm) last month.