

## COMMENTS AND SELECTIONS - GOODWOOD

### RACE 1: WILLIAM HILL EPIC VALUE HANDICAP

**Al Rufaa            Mister Bluebird            La Maquina**

A competitive opener in which it's hard to rule anything out and it may pay to take a punt on AL RUFAA off a falling mark. Charlie Fellowes' gelding comes with risks attached having not won for almost three years, but the six-year-old is now 10lb below his last winning mark and offered more encouragement at Chester last time. Mister Bluebird arrives in good form and is feared most, ahead of C&D winner La Maquina, who finished a respectable fourth at York recently.

#### NO.      HORSE NAME

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| 1 | BASS PLAYER     | A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Beaten 4 1/2l behind The Gatekeeper at 14-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 7f (good) last month. He is wearing a tongue-tie for the first time.   |
| 2 | LIGHT AND DARK  | Successful twice at 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Taamol when 13th of 16 on his latest outing at Meydan over 7f (good) in February. He is wearing a hood for the first time. |
| 3 | DARKNESS        | He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good ground, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 1/2l by Spanish Star when second of 12 at 20-1 on his latest outing at Epsom over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.                                   |
| 4 | MITROSONFIRE    | Winner of seven races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 1l behind Meishar when fourth of 10 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 7f in November last year.                       |
| 5 | AL RUFAA        | He has won four times at 7f on good to firm and soft ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 6l behind Boardman at 14-1 when eighth of 11 on his latest outing at Chester over 1m (good) last month.                    |
| 6 | MISTER BLUEBIRD | He has won four times from 5f to 7f on good and good to soft ground. Third of 9 behind Coco Bear beaten 1l at 4-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 6f (soft) last month.   |
| 7 | PHYSIQUE        | A winner at 7f on good to soft ground. Third of 8 behind Novus beaten 2 1/4l at 9-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft) last month.  |
| 8 | CHOLA EMPIRE    | Successful twice at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 1 1/2l behind Montassib when fourth of 7 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 7f (good) last month.  |
| 9 | LA MAQUINA      | He has won four times at 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Finished 1 3/4l behind Doctor Khan Junior when fourth of 19 at 9-1 on his latest outing at York over 7f (good to firm) last month.  |

## **RACE 2: BRITISH EBF 40TH ANNIVERSARY NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)**

**Thunder Blue**

**Sennockian**

**Warm Spell**

Sennockian was just touched off on his Ayr debut and Charlie Johnston's colt looks set to mount another serious challenge. Blue Point has enjoyed a fruitful start to his career at stud and THUNDER BLUE, who chased home a useful prospect on his racecourse bow, could enhance that record further. 260,000gns purchase Warm Spell makes plenty of appeal on paper and is worth a market check, with this initial trip likely to suit.

### **NO. HORSE NAME**

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| 1 | BROOKLYN EXPRESS | Foaled 25 Apr. Half-brother to Defence Of Fort, won at 7f. Finished 15l behind Les Pavots when sixth of 9 on his racecourse debut at Chantilly over 6f (good to soft) last month.  |
| 2 | DARK FANDANGO    | Foaled 4 Apr. Full brother to Bua, won at 7f. Beaten 19l behind Succession at 7-2 when last of 8 on his racecourse debut at Bath over 5f (good to soft) last month.  |
| 3 | NEVER SELL       | Foaled 1 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden.  |
| 4 | SENNOCKIAN       | Foaled 10 May. Half-brother to Pretty Gorgeous, won three times at 7f and 1m including a Group 1 race. Beaten a neck by Indication Call when second of 4 at 11-4 on his racecourse debut at Ayr over 5f (good) last month. |
| 5 | SOLDIER'S SECRET | Foaled 22 Feb. Half-brother to Ennistown, won five times over hurdles between 2m and 3m 2f, five times over the flat between 1m and 1m 4f and three times in chases at 2m 5f and 3m.                                       |
| 6 | THUNDER BLUE     | Foaled 20 Mar. Dam won twice at 5f. Beaten 1/2l by The Camden Colt when second of 12 at 11-2 on his racecourse debut at Haydock over 6f (good to firm) last month.   |
| 7 | WARM SPELL       | Foaled 1 Mar. Dam unraced.   |

## **RACE 3: WILLIAM HILL IN PLAY RACING SELLING STAKES**

**Profitable Dreams**

**Torvar**

**Vidi Vici**

PROFITABLE DREAMS had Vidi Vici (fifth) and Birkie Boy (eighth) well held when scoring by a nose at Chepstow, as she took a good step forward from her first outing. The daughter of Profitable will have quicker conditions to contend with this time, but that is unlikely to prevent her from securing a double. Torvar tries a first-time hood after running with credit into fifth at Redcar last time and he would be foolish to dismiss.

### **NO. HORSE NAME**

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| 1 | BIRKIE BOY | Foaled 7 Apr. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Beaten 9l behind Profitable Dreams at 33-1 when eighth of 9 on his racecourse debut at Chepstow over 5f (good to soft) last month. |
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- 2      CALL GLORY      Foaled 29 Mar. Yet to place in three starts. Finished 1/2l behind Gray's Inn when fourth of 7 at 7-2 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 3      EYEROS      Foaled 19 Mar. Dam unraced. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 14l behind Palmar Bay when last of 5 at 40-1 on his latest outing at Salisbury over 5f (good) last month.
- 4      PROFITABLE DREAMS      Foaled 26 Mar. Dam won at 7f. A winner at 7-1 at Chepstow over 5f (good to soft) on her latest outing last month, beating Smooth Silesie by a nose.
- 5      TORVAR      Foaled 14 Apr. Yet to place in three starts. Finished 4l behind Hala Emaraaty when fifth of 14 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Redcar over 5f (good to firm) last month. He is wearing a hood for the first time.
- 6      VIDI VICI      Foaled 15 Mar. Dam unraced. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 8l behind Reveiller at 40-1 when eighth of 12 on his latest outing at Salisbury over 5f (good to firm) last month.

#### **RACE 4: WEATHERBYS / BRITISH EBF AGNES KEYSER FILLIES' STAKES (LISTED)**

**Al Asifah      Ermesinde      Sumo Sam**

The manner in which AL ASIFAH demolished the field on her debut in a Haydock maiden last month suggests this daughter of Frankel has a very bright future ahead. Her dam is a half-sister to Group 1 winner Awtaad, who himself claimed a success at this level as he progressed through the ranks. The Gosdens know exactly what it takes to prepare a winner of this race and further success could be at hand. Ermesinde faced a stiff test in the Cheshire Oaks last time and is feared most, although Sumo Sam is dangerous to underestimate.

#### **NO.      HORSE NAME**

- 1      AL ASIFAH      Dam won at 7f. Won on her latest outing when 8-15fav at Haydock over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month, beating Anjo Bonita by 5l.
- 2      CONSERVATIONIST      A winner at 1m on good to soft ground. Beaten 1/2l by James Mchenry when second of 9 at 10-1 on her latest outing at Haydock over 1m (good to soft) last month.
- 3      CRYSTALLIUM      Successful twice at 7f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 7l behind Shouldvebeenaring at 16-1 when seventh of 8 on her latest outing at Newmarket over 7f (good) last month.
- 4      ELEGANCIA      Unplaced in both starts. Finished 3 1/2l behind Queen For You when fourth of 6 at 14-1 on her latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good) last month.
- 5      EMPRESS WU      A winner at 1m 2f on the all-weather. Beaten 10l behind Soul Sister at 14-1 when seventh of 8 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Tattersalls Musidora Stakes at York over 1m 2f (good) last month. She is wearing a hood for the first time.
- 6      ERMESINDE      A winner at 1m 2f on the all-weather. Third of 8 behind Savethelastdance beaten 26l at 25-1 on her latest outing at Chester over 1m 3f (soft) last month.

7        HIGH SPIRITED        A winner at 11-1 at Windsor over 1m (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Wind In Your Sails by 3/4l.

8        SUMO SAM        A winner at 7f on good ground. Finished 6l behind Climate Friendly when fifth of 6 at 2-5fav on her latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 4f (good) last month. She is wearing a tongue-tie for the first time.