

COMMENT & SELECTIONS - LEICESTER

RACE 8: VEOLIA NURSERY (DIV 1) (CLASS 6) (2YO ONLY) (FROM LEICESTER RACE 1) Mihrab

Gypsy Boy Devil's Cub MIHRAB has been thrown in at the deep end in three career starts so far, but his run at Yarmouth in August caught the eye when only beaten just over six lengths despite finishing last, and an opening nursery mark of 62 might prove lenient. The booking of title-chasing rider William Buick catches the eye, and the pair could account for Gypsy Boy, who has shaped well on Tapeta the last twice. Devil's Cub won at Bath earlier in the season and is also noted.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 MIHRAB Foaled 4 Jan. Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 10l behind Siskany at
- 2 STAY COUL 33-1 when eighth of 11 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m last month.
 Foaled 1 Mar. Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 8l behind Secret Protector at 100-1 when 9th of 11 on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f last month.
- 3 GYPSY BOY Foaled 15 Feb. Placed once in five starts. Finished 1 3/4l behind Headshot when fifth of 13 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month.
- 4 WESTERN BEAT Foaled 10 Apr. Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 15l behind Just Frank at 250-1 when 15th of 27 on her latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (soft) earlier this month.
- 5 ALL IN THE GAME Foaled 8 Feb. Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 9l behind Lockdown Latchico at 40-1 when 9th of 12 on her latest outing at Kempton over 6f last month.
- 6 DEVIL'S CUB Foaled 15 Feb. A winner at 1m on good to soft ground. Third of 10 behind Mister Allegro beaten 5l at 10-3 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m last month.
- 7 UP BEFORE DAWN Foaled 24 Mar. Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 20l behind Thunder Sun at 100-1 when last of 10 on her latest outing at Kempton over 7f last month.
- 8 MAKE A SPARK Foaled 28 Jan. Unplaced in all five starts. Beaten 13l behind Freak Out at 33-1 when 10th of 12 on her latest outing at Redcar over 7f (good) last month.
- 9 ARLECCHINO'S SHADE Foaled 16 Mar. Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 19l behind Operatic at 150-1 when eighth of 9 on her latest outing at Kempton over 6f last month.
- 10 KING VIKTOR Foaled 24 Feb. Unplaced in all three starts. Well beaten at 125-1 behind Ey Up It's Maggie when 9th of 12 on his latest outing at Catterick over 5f (soft) in August.

RACE 9: VEOLIA NURSERY (DIV 2) (CLASS 6) (2YO ONLY) (FROM LEICESTER RACE 2) Listen

Again Livia The Empress Tara Iti LISTEN AGAIN stayed this trip well when second at Redcar last month and the Make Believe filly could shed her maiden tag at the seventh time of asking. A 3lb rise makes life a little tougher, but there is nothing to fear in this contest and Tim Easterby

has his string in form at the time of writing. Livia The Empress outran 28-1 odds to finish third at Kempton four weeks ago, while nursery debutant Tara Iti needs a market check.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BAZAARI Foaled 11 May. Placed once in four starts. Beaten 16l behind Surprise Picture at 14-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m last month.
- 2 TARA ITI Foaled 13 Apr. Yet to place in three starts. Well beaten at 66-1 behind Leopardo when 12th of 13 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m earlier this month.
- 3 LISTEN AGAIN Foaled 21 Apr. Placed once in six starts. Beaten 3/4l by Bear Me In Mind when second of 9 at 9-4fav on her latest outing at Redcar over 1m (good to soft) last month.
- 4 GHOSTLY Foaled 26 Mar. Unplaced in all five starts. Finished 6l behind Shady Mcgee when sixth of 13 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m earlier this month.
- 5 MIA MIA Foaled 31 Mar. Placed once in five starts. Finished 2l behind Headshot when sixth of 13 at 7-1 on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month.
- 6 LIVIA THE EMPRESS Foaled 28 Feb. Placed once in three starts. Third of 10 behind May Night beaten 5l at 28-1 on her latest outing at Kempton over 7f last month.
- 7 PASTA LA VISTA Foaled 31 Jan. Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 17l behind Army Of India at 100-1 when seventh of 9 on her latest outing at Lingfield over 6f in July.
- 8 DURABELLA Foaled 16 Feb. Unplaced in all three starts. Finished 9l behind Mystery Angel when sixth of 11 at 28-1 on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 7f last month.
- 9 SPIRIT OF ROWDOWN Foaled 2 Apr. Placed once in five starts. Beaten 3/4l by Gordonstoun when second of 9 at 40-1 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 7f (good to soft) in August.

RACE 10: BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF REFERENCE POINT NOVICE STAKES (PLUS 10) (CLASS 4)
(2YO ONLY) (FROM LEICESTER RACE 3) Marselan Top Of The Pops

Wallem MARSELAN took a step forward from his debut when second here last month and this extra yardage could really suit this son of Awtaad. Eve Johnson Houghton's colt shaped much better recently on his first start since a wind operation, and this isn't a particularly strong race on paper for the time of year. Top Of The Pops cost 60,000gns at the Breeze-Up sales earlier in the year, while Wallem's dam won over this trip in her native France.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 CORBULO Foaled 2 May. Half-brother to Benzanno, won twice on the flat at 1m, over hurdles at 2m and in an all-weather flat race at 1m.

- 2 DEIRA CHAMPION Foaled 21 Jan. Half-brother to Beauty Angel, won twice at 1m 1f. Well beaten at 25-1 behind Dubai Honour when 10th of 11 on his racecourse debut at Haydock over 1m (good) last month.
- 3 FOREVER WILLIAM Foaled 15 Apr. Half-brother to Piedita, won three times at 2m.
- 4 MARSELAN Foaled 15 Mar. Dam unraced. Unplaced in both starts. Third of 7 behind Shine For You beaten 6l at 16-1 on his latest outing here over 7f (good to firm) last month.
- 5 TOP OF THE POPS Foaled 21 May. Half-brother to Poet's Word, won six times between 1m 2f and 1m 4f including two Group 1 races.
- 6 WALLEM Foaled 7 Mar. Dam won at 1m.
- 7 WINK OF AN EYE Foaled 9 Feb. Half-brother to Merlin, won three times at 6f and 7f. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 12l behind Maximal at 50-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m (good) last month.

RACE 11: DON MUGGERIDGE MEMORIAL FILLIES' CONDITIONS STAKES (PLUS 10/GBB RACE)
 (CLASS 3) (2YO ONLY) (FROM LEICESTER RACE 4) Risk Of Thunder Red Fascinator
 Perfect Times Perfect Times and Red Fascinator were deemed good enough for Group 3 company at Ayr last time out and should appreciate these calmer waters, with the latter of particular interest having previously just found one too good in a small but select event at Ripon. Ventura Diamond might find this tough, but RISK OF THUNDER must have outstanding claims for James Tate. Second behind Cornwallis winner Winter Power before finishing a respectable third at Musselburgh, this softer ground is fancied to suit the two-year-old and she could take some stopping.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 PERFECT TIMES Foaled 22 Mar. Successful twice at 6f on the all-weather. Beaten 19l behind Umm Kulthum at 25-1 when 14th of 15 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Scotty Brand Firth Of Clyde Fillies' Stakes at Ayr over 6f (good to soft) last month.
- 2 RED FASCINATOR Foaled 16 Feb. A winner at 6f on good ground. Beaten 10l behind Umm Kulthum at 11-1 when eighth of 15 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Scotty Brand Firth Of Clyde Fillies' Stakes at Ayr over 6f (good to soft) last month.
- 3 RISK OF THUNDER Foaled 21 Mar. A winner at 5f on good to soft ground. Third of 6 behind Blackberry beaten 1 1/2l at 11-10fav on her latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 4 VENTURA DIAMOND Foaled 22 Mar. A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 10l behind Lullaby Moon when sixth of 21 at 40-1 on her latest outing at Redcar over 6f (soft) earlier this month.