

## COMMENT AND SELECTIONS - NEWBURY

### RACE 1: BETVICTOR CONDITIONS STAKES (GBB RACE)

**Dukebox      The Gatekeeper      Dairerin**

The Gatekeeper confirmed the promise that he displayed when making a winning debut by finishing second in a similar contest to this at Ascot last time. He should be in the mix once again if reproducing that form today, but preference is for DUKEBOX. Richard Hannon has won this race three times in the last four years and this son of Holy Roman Emperor showed a good attitude when beating a subsequent winner on his debut at Kempton last month. Dairerin is another with strong form claims, while any market support for Al Shibli or Honky Tonk Man would have to be noted.

#### NO.      HORSE NAME

- 1      DAIRERIN      Foaled 27 Mar. Half-brother to Al Mukhdam, won twice between 7f and 1m 1f. A winner at 10-3 at Ripon over 5f (good to soft) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Showtime Mahomes by a neck.
- 2      DUKEBOX      Foaled 22 Mar. Half-brother to Feathers, won at 7f. A winner at 9-2 at Kempton over 5f on his latest outing last month, beating Meng Tian by a head.
- 3      THE GATEKEEPER      Foaled 18 Apr. Half-brother to Time Shanakill, won four times between 1m 1f and 1m 4f. A winner at 5f on good ground. Beaten 1l by Chipotle when second of 4 at 11-10fav on his latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 4      WAR OF COURAGE      Foaled 3 Apr. Half-brother to Gweedore, won twice at 7f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 5l behind Dig Two when fourth of 5 at 10-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 5      AL SHIBLI      Foaled 19 Mar. Half-brother to Motafaawit, won four times at 5f and 7f.
- 6      HONKY TONK MAN      Foaled 22 Jan. Half-brother to Kasbah, won four times at 5f and 6f.

### RACE 2: BETVICTOR CARNARVON STAKES (LISTED)

**Creative Force      Tactical      Spycatcher**

Tactical made a winning return in the Free Handicap at Newmarket last month and that form gives him a big chance today, although the drop back in trip is a slight concern. With that in mind, preference is for CREATIVE FORCE, who has only tasted defeat once in his four previous starts. The son of Dubawi has won two handicaps over 6f at Newmarket this season and he should be capable of making his mark at this level. Spycatcher made the frame in a Group 3 at Ascot last time and he should be thereabouts once again, while Happy Romance completes the shortlist.

#### NO.      HORSE NAME

- 1      TACTICAL      He has won three times from 5f to 7f on good and soft ground. A winner at 5-1 at Newmarket over 7f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Naval Crown by a neck.

- 2      CREATIVE FORCE                      He has won three times at 6f on good to firm ground. Won on his latest outing when 4-5fav at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month, beating Perotto by 1l. Has won twice at Newmarket this season.
- 3      HAPPY ROMANCE                      Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 11-4 at Chelmsford City over 6f on her latest outing last month, beating Chocoya by a neck.
- 4      SPYCATCHER                              A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Third of 8 behind Rohaan beaten 2 1/2l at 12-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 horseracinghof.com Pavilion Stakes at Ascot over 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 5      WHENTHEDEALINSDONE              A winner at 6f on good ground. Finished 1 1/4l behind Seven Brothers when fourth of 7 at 16-5 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 6      MISHAL STAR                              Successful twice at 6f on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Happy Romance when fourth of 7 at 10-3 on her latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f last month.
- 7      TREENA                                      A winner at 6f. Beaten 18l behind Suesa when 9th of 11 on her latest outing at Chantilly over 5f in November last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Mlle As Crombez in France.

**RACE 3:AL RAYYAN STAKES (GROUP 3) (REGISTERED AS THE ASTON PARK STAKES)**

**Logician      Al Aasy      Thunderous**

Al Aasy won the John Porter over C&D last month and he should go well once again today, but that form does not appear to be that strong and so preference is for LOGICIAN. The son of Frankel only made two outings last season, losing his unbeaten record on his last appearance, and it would be no surprise to see him bounce back to form today. He accounted for a decent field when winning the St Leger in 2019 and he could work his way back to Group 1 company this year. The rest all have some questions to answer but Thunderous is arguably the pick of them.

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- 1      AL AASY                                      He has won three times from 1m 4f to 1m 5f on ground varying from good to soft. Won on his latest outing when 6-4fav over this course and distance (good) last month, beating Without A Fight by 4 1/2l.
- 2      LOGICIAN                                      Winner of six races from 1m 2f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Finished 10l behind Euchen Glen when last of 4 at 1-3fav on his latest outing in the Group 3 Cumberland Lodge Stakes at York over 1m 4f (soft) in October last year.
- 3      RAINBOW DREAMER                      Has won eight races from 1m to 2m 2f on good to firm and soft ground and on the all-weather; has also won two hurdles. Finished 2l behind Ranch Hand when fourth of 7 at 3-1fav on his latest outing at Lingfield over 2m last month.
- 4      RANCH HAND                                      Winner of six races from 1m 3f to 2m on good and soft ground and on the all-weather; has also won a hurdle in November last year. A winner at 7-2 at Lingfield over 2m on his latest outing last month, beating Rock Eagle by 1 1/2l.

5 THUNDEROUS He has won four times from 7f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Third of 5 behind Sir Ron Priestley beaten 4 1/2l at 14-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket over 1m 4f (good to firm) earlier this month.

6 ASIAAF A winner at 1m 2f on good ground. Third of 6 behind The City's Phantom beaten 6l at 4-1 on her latest outing at Yarmouth over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.