

## COMMENTS AND SELECTIONS - NAAS

### RACE 1: COOLMORE STUD CALYX RACE

**The Antarctic                      Wodao                      Mehmar**

THE ANTARCTIC, a full brother to crack sprinter Battaash, can give the weight away. He made a winning debut on testing ground at Tipperary for which he has to carry a 3lb penalty. He beat Wodao by half a length there, after a battle inside the final furlong, and is taken to improve on this better ground. Wodao will certainly be eyeing revenge on these terms and has to rate a major threat. He holds a Listed race entry. Michael O'Callaghan takes the wraps off Mehmar and this colt is well worth checking for market strength. Little Keilee was a morning-price gamble at this track last month. She didn't run badly in fifth and champion jockey Colin Keane has now been booked.

#### NO.      HORSE NAME

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| 1 | THE ANTARCTIC | Full brother to Battaash, won 13 times at 5f including four Group 1 races. Won on his latest outing when 6-4fav at Tipperary over 5f (soft) last month, beating Wodao by 1/2l. |
| 2 | MEHMAR        | Dam won at 6f.   |
| 3 | WODAO         | Dam unraced. Placed once in two starts. Beaten 1/2l by The Antarctic when second of 6 at 13-8 on his latest outing at Tipperary over 5f (soft) last month.                     |
| 4 | LITTLE KEILEE | Half-sister to Deputy Sandy, won at 7f. Finished 3 1/2l behind Deneuve when fifth of 9 at 7-1 on her racecourse debut here over 6f (good) last month.                          |

### RACE 2: SOLE POWER SPRINT STAKES (LISTED)

**Geocentric      Logo Hunter      Measure Of Magic**

Logo Hunter will be sharper after an unplaced run on seasonal reappearance at Cork. he won this race by more than four lengths last year and will take plenty of beating if in the same humour. GEOCENTRIC ran creditably in second on her first start of the season in a Listed race over C&D last month. She attempted to make all but was outgunned by a former Group 1 winner at the business end. This Kodiak filly has plenty of talent. Measure Of Magic won on her second run back last season and attempts to do the same here. She finished a couple of places ahead of Logo Hunter in fifth at Cork. Brostaigh has a tough task on ratings but showed plenty of dash in fourth in Listed company in her last outing. Make A Challenge has won off a break before, but really relishes testing ground which he isn't forecast to get.

#### NO.      HORSE NAME

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| 1 | LOGO HUNTER   | He has won four times from 5f to 6f on soft and yielding ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Power Under Me at 7-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Cork over 6f (good) last month. |
| 2 | MAJESTIC COLT | Has won nine races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 9l behind Lord Dudley at 80-1 when 20th of 25 on his latest outing at Cork over 7f (good) earlier this month.                |

- 3      **MAKE A CHALLENGE**                      Has won ten races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft - heavy. Finished 8l behind Mooneista when fourth of 8 at 11-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Paddy Power Sapphire Stakes at Curragh over 5f (good) in July last year.
- 4      **QUARANTINE DREAMS**                      A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind Romantic Proposal when fifth of 7 at 12-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.
- 5      **CHOCQUINTO**                                      She has won three times at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to yielding. Beaten 5l behind Curraheen Princess at 16-1 when 16th of 18 on her latest outing at Curragh over 5f (yielding) in October last year.
- 6      **MEASURE OF MAGIC**                      She has won four times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to yielding. Finished 3 1/2l behind Power Under Me when fifth of 10 at 4-1 on her latest outing at Cork over 6f (good) last month.
- 7      **GEOCENTRIC**                                      Successful twice at 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 3/4l by Romantic Proposal when second of 7 at 11-4 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.
- 8      **BROSTAIGH**                                      A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 1l behind Sacred Bridge when fourth of 13 at 80-1 on her latest outing at Cork over 5f (good) earlier this month.

### **RACE 3: COOLMORE STUD IRISH EBF FILLIES SPRINT STAKES (GROUP 3)**

**Matilda Picotte                      Meditate                      Comhra**

A cracking race. MATILDA PICOTTE was electric on debut in the Curragh as she blazed a trail and kept up the gallop to blitz her rivals. The form was boosted when the runner-up, Comhra, came out and dominated at Roscommon by six and a half lengths on Monday. Comhra reopposes again. Meditate easily got off the mark in a fillies' maiden at the Curragh last month. Aidan O'Brien commented afterwards that she could be a Royal Ascot filly so she is likely to have a big say in this Group 3. Comanche Country was only caught on the line by the favourite in a fillies' maiden at Naas which was a notable effort. La Dolce Vita was third in that race and could step forward.

#### **NO.      HORSE NAME**

- 1      **COMANCHE COUNTRY**                      Half-sister to Prydwen, won twice at 1m 1f and 1m 2f. Beaten a short head by Deneuve when second of 9 at 18-1 on her racecourse debut over this course and distance (good) last month.
- 2      **COMHRA**    Full sister to Cimeara, won five times between 1m and 1m 6f including a Group 3 race. Won on her latest outing when 4-5fav at Roscommon over 7f (soft - heavy) earlier this month, beating Mccauley's Tavern by 7l.
- 3      **IT'S SHOWTIME BABY**                      Dam won at 6f. A winner at 5-2 at Dundalk over 5f on her latest outing last month, beating Carlotta by 1 1/4l.
- 4      **LA DOLCE VITA**                                      Half-sister to Emphatic Answer, won twice at 1m. Third of 9 behind Deneuve beaten 1 3/4l at 9-4 on her racecourse debut over this course and distance (good) last month.

- 5 MATILDA PICOTTE Half-sister to Haley Bop, won four times at 6f and 1m. A winner at 8-1 at Curragh over 6f (yielding) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Comhra by 2l.
- 6 MEDITATE Half-sister to Mythological, won at 1m 4f. A winner at 9-4 at Curragh over 5f (yielding) on her latest outing last month, beating Drunk In Love by 3 1/2l.
- 7 TREASURE TROVE Dam won at 7f. Unplaced in both starts. Third of 5 behind Blackbeard beaten 2l at 17-2 on her latest outing at Curragh over 5f (yielding) earlier this month.

#### **RACE 4:OWENSTOWN STUD STAKES (LISTED)**

**Diadora Bopedro Lust**

DIADORA catches the eye on first start for Paddy Twomey. She had a successful career in Germany particularly when winning at Listed level and finishing third (beaten by a short head and a nose) in a Group 3 last summer. She holds an entry in a Group 2 at the Curragh later this month which would indicate she is showing up well ahead of her Irish debut. Last year's Irish Cambridgeshire winner Bopedro is more than capable of putting in a good display on his seasonal reappearance. With a mark of 107, he is entitled to plenty of respect. Lust faced a tough task at the weights against the Irish Lincoln winner in Tipperary but finished best of the rest in second and has prospects. Real Force is a solid yardstick, and a former course and distance winner.

#### **NO. HORSE NAME**

- 1 BOPEDRO Winner of six races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 2 1/4l behind Queenship when sixth of 15 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Cork over 1m (soft) in September last year.
- 2 DANTE'S PASS Successful at 7f and 1m on yielding and heavy ground. Finished 7l behind Zakouski when fifth of 9 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m (good) in October last year.
- 3 LAUGHIFUWANT He has won three times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from soft to heavy. Finished 8l behind Breaking Story when fifth of 9 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Limerick over 1m (good) last month.
- 4 LUST He has won three times from 7f to 1m on soft and soft - heavy ground. Beaten 1 1/4l by Raadobarg when second of 7 at 7-2 on his latest outing at Tipperary over 7f (soft - heavy) last month.
- 5 REAL FORCE He has won three times from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good - yielding to yielding - soft. Finished 4 1/2l behind Raadobarg when fourth of 7 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Tipperary over 7f (soft - heavy) last month.
- 6 DIADORA Successful at 7f and 1m on good ground. Third of 7 behind Viadena beaten 3/4l on her latest outing at Baden-Baden over 1m (good) in October last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with M Klug in Germany.
- 7 PRINCESS OLLY A winner at 7f on good ground. Beaten 6l behind History at 22-1 when seventh of 11 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Cornelscourt Stakes at Leopardstown over 1m (good) earlier this month.

### **RACE 5: GOFFS LACKEN STAKES (GROUP 3)**

**New York City**

**Straight Answer**

**Twilight Jet**

NEW YORK CITY has shown plenty of power this season with a pair of victories in Navan. His maiden success was very straightforward, but he then showed that he is a sprinter to be reckoned with when beating a deep field in the Listed Committed Stakes. After that win, connections mentioned that he could be a horse for the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot. Straight Answer was a length behind New York City in that Listed race, and is rated 2lb superior to him, so is entitled to be on the premises on his second start of the campaign. Twilight Jet is on the same mark (110) as Straight Answer and won at Group 3 level last year. He has a big part to play. Straight Answer's stablemate, Beauty Inspire, is two from two and a danger to all.

#### **NO. HORSE NAME**

- 1      ANDREAS VESALIUS                      A winner at 5f on soft ground. Beaten 1 1/4l by Beauty Inspire when second of 5 at 14-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Jebel Ali Racecourse And Stables Anglesey Stakes at Curragh over 6f (good) in July last year.
- 2      BEAUTY INSPIRE                              Successful twice at 6f on good ground. Won on his latest outing when 1-2fav in the Group 3 Jebel Ali Racecourse And Stables Anglesey Stakes at Curragh over 6f (good) in July last year, beating Andreas Vesalius by 1 1/4l.
- 3      NEW YORK CITY                                Successful at 5f and 6f on good ground. A winner at 5-1 at Navan over 6f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Straight Answer by 1l.
- 4      STRAIGHT ANSWER                            Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and soft ground. Beaten 1l by New York City when second of 7 at 11-8fav on his latest outing at Navan over 6f (good) last month.
- 5      TWILIGHT JET                                    Successful twice at 5f on good to soft and yielding ground. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Twilight Gleaming at 19-2 when 10th of 12 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at Del Mar over 5f (good) in November last year. Having his first run for a new stable today.
- 6      ELLIPTIC    A winner at 5f on yielding ground. Third of 13 behind Sacred Bridge beaten 3/4l at 6-1 on her latest outing at Cork over 5f (good) earlier this month.
- 7      SALITEH    A winner at 5f on good - yielding ground. Finished 2 3/4l behind Sacred Bridge when fifth of 13 at 80-1 on her latest outing at Cork over 5f (good) earlier this month.