

RACE COMMENTS & SELECTIONS - PONTEFRACT

RACE 1: PROCUREMENTSEMINARS.CO.UK EBF MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 1)

Ballyconneely Bay

Fayathaan

Bakersboy

BALLYCONNELY BAY clearly improved significantly for his debut experience judging by his narrow defeat at Ascot last time. If the son of Fast Company can improve again today then he should take plenty of stopping. Fayathaan and Conspiracy are others who bring solid form to the table and could make the frame. Bakersboy cost 100,000gns as a yearling and he is a half-brother to the high-class sprinter Kachy, while Lafan is another noteworthy debutant.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BAKERSBOY Foaled 7 Mar. Half-brother to Kachy, won five times at 5f and 6f including a Group 3 race.
- 2 BALLYCONNELY BAY Foaled 30 Apr. Full brother to Simmie, won twice at 5f. Placed once in two starts. Beaten 1/2l by Prince Of Abington when second of 8 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 6f (good to soft) earlier this month.
- 3 CONSPIRACY Foaled 25 Mar. Placed once in three starts. Third of 8 behind Setantii Girl beaten 2 1/4l at 4-1 on his latest outing at Ripon over 6f (soft) last month.
- 4 DASHING DICK Foaled 2 May. Half-brother to Badayel, won twice at 6f.
- 5 FAYATHAAN Foaled 28 Jan. Half-brother to Chairmanic, won at 6f. Placed once in two starts. Third of 11 behind Montassib beaten 1 3/4l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month.
- 6 LAFAN Foaled 14 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden.
- 7 LET'S BE HONEST Foaled 23 Jan. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Beaten 6l behind Montassib at 50-1 when eighth of 11 on his racecourse debut at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month.
- 8 NORTHERN CRACKER Foaled 25 Mar. Dam won at 1m 4f. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 19l behind Northern Express at 200-1 when 10th of 11 on his latest outing at Beverley over 7f (soft) last month.
- 9 SMEATON'S LIGHT Foaled 22 Mar. Full brother to Unicornbaby, won at 7f.
- 10 SOVEREIGN MOON Foaled 23 Apr. Full sister to Saras Hope, won at 5f. Well beaten at 22-1 behind Equate when last of 10 on her racecourse debut at Beverley over 5f (good) earlier this month.

RACE 2: PROCUREMENTSEMINARS.CO.UK EBF MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 2)

Incorrigible

Strike Red

Dark Company

INCORRIGIBLE was unfortunate to bump into an above-average rival when filling second place on her debut at Lingfield earlier in the month and she could be hard to beat with that experience now under her belt. Strike Red showed promise in both starts earlier in the year and he should not be underestimated, while Dark Company is the pick of the newcomers.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 ARCEUS Foaled 22 Mar. Dam won at 6f. Placed once in two starts. Beaten 10l behind Faustus at 15-2 when 10th of 11 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 5f earlier this month.
- 2 BURSCOUGH Foaled 16 Feb. Full brother to Edgewood, won three times at 6f. Beaten 7l behind Italian Breeze at 7-1 when eighth of 12 on his racecourse debut at Redcar over 6f (soft) last month.
- 3 DARK COMPANY Foaled 15 Feb. Half-brother to Dark Rose Angel, won at 1m.
- 4 HORACE GREASLEY Foaled 25 Mar. Half-brother to Gold Vibe, won four times at 5f and 6f.
- 5 MARVE Foaled 3 Feb. Dam won at 1m 2f.
- 6 MY NAME'S NIPPER Foaled 1 Mar. Dam won three times at 5f.
- 7 SO DUBAI Foaled 7 Feb. Dam won at 7f. Beaten 13l behind Just Frank at 28-1 when 11th of 13 on his racecourse debut at Thirsk over 7f (good) earlier this month.
- 8 STRIKE RED Foaled 28 Apr. Full brother to Teqany, won four times over hurdles at 2m and 2m 1f and in a chase at 2m. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 5l behind Uncle Jumbo when last of 5 at 7-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good) in June.
- 9 TOMMYTWOHOOTS Foaled 12 Mar. Dam won at 5f.
- 10 INCORRIGIBLE Foaled 10 May. Half-sister to Perfect Charm, won twice at 5f. Beaten 4l by King Zain when second of 7 at 12-1 on her racecourse debut at Lingfield over 7f (good) earlier this month.

RACE 3: IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FILLIES' NURSERY

Spirit Of Bermuda

Quarantini

Soft Whisper

SPIRIT OF BERMUDA failed to make her mark in a Group 3 last time but the daughter of Twilight Son had won a very competitive maiden on her debut at Goodwood. That form suggests that an opening mark of 82 is fair for William Haggas' filly and she tops the shortlist for this contest. Quarantini was not disgraced in a nursery that has worked out very well at York last time and she should not be underestimated off a 1lb lower mark. Others to note are Soft Whisper and Sixntwothrees.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 SOFT WHISPER Foaled 23 Apr. Won on her latest outing when 6-5fav at Salisbury over 1m (good to soft) last month, beating Burristo by 1 1/4l.

2 SPIRIT OF BERMUDA Foaled 20 Mar. Half-sister to Gold Peregrine, won twice at 6f and 7f. A winner at 7f on good ground. Beaten 8l behind Star Of Emaraaty at 14-1 when seventh of 9 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Betway Sweet Solera Stakes at Newmarket over 7f (good to firm) last month.

3 SPIRIT OF SISRA Foaled 30 Apr. A winner at 7f on good ground. Beaten 13l behind Spright at 40-1 when 12th of 15 on her latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good) earlier this month.

4 ENVEGA Foaled 23 Apr. Placed once in three starts. Finished 2 1/2l behind Valorant when fourth of 9 at 8-1 on her latest outing at Sandown over 7f (good to soft) last month.

5 SIXNTWOTHREES Foaled 25 Mar. A winner at 7-2 at Windsor over 1m (good) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Impulsive One by a head.

6 QUARANTINI Foaled 16 Feb. Unplaced in all four starts. Finished 3 1/2l behind Ataser when fifth of 11 at 16-1 on her latest outing at York over 7f (good) last month.

RACE 4: SIMON SCROPE DALBY SCREW-DRIVER HANDICAP

Dontaskmeagain

Highwaygrey

Victory Chime

DONTASKMEAGAIN looked useful in two victories as a juvenile before disappointing in the Autumn Stakes at Newmarket last October. The son of Karakontie is capable of bouncing back to form on his handicap debut with the step up in distance likely to unlock some improvement. Highwaygrey won over C&D last week and commands respect under a 5lb penalty, while Victory Chime is of interest having run with credit in some competitive handicaps recently.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 ARCTIC SOUND He has won four times at 7f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft, but last win was over two years ago. Third of 12 behind First Impression beaten 1l at 66-1 on his latest outing at Ayr over 1m 2f (good to soft) earlier this month.

2 VICTORY CHIME Winner of seven races from 1m 2f to 1m 3f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 2l behind Restorer when fourth of 6 at 5-2 on his latest outing at Chester over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.

3 ICONIC CHOICE Winner of five races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Beaten 11l behind Dreamloper at 40-1 when last of 10 on her latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good) earlier this month.

4 AWEEEDRAM Successful twice at 1m on good to firm and soft ground. Beaten 7l behind Matthew Flinders at 14-1 when eighth of 12 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 1m (good) earlier this month.

5 DONTASKMEAGAIN Successful twice at 7f on good to firm and soft ground. Beaten 20l behind Military March at 16-1 when last of 8 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Dubai Autumn Stakes at Newmarket over 1m (soft) in October last year.

6 HIGHWAYGREY Winner of five races at 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when 11-8fav over this course and distance (good) earlier this month, beating Benadalid by a neck. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success. Has won 3 times here this season.

7 LOUGANINI Successful at 7f and 1m 2f on soft ground. Third of 4 behind Star Of Wins beaten 1l at 10-3 on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.

8 ARCHIE PERKINS Winner of six races from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Mr Carpenter at 50-1 when seventh of 19 on his latest outing at York over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.

RACE 5: WILLIAM HILL LENGTHEN YOUR ODDS HANDICAP

Dark Jedi Floating Artist Not So Sleepy

DARK JEDI has been in very consistent form throughout 2020 and produced a career best when runner-up in the Old Borough Cup over 1m6f at Haydock earlier in the month. The four-year-old remains unexposed at 1m4f and the stiff finish on this occasion is likely to play to his strengths. Floating Artist is respected as he drops back into handicap company having been dropped 2lb since his latest start in a conditions event at Salisbury. Not So Sleepy enjoyed a decent spell over timber last year, winning a valuable prize at Ascot in December, and cannot be discounted on his return to the level.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 FLOATING ARTIST Successful at 1m and 1m 4f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 5l behind Trueshan when fifth of 6 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Salisbury over 1m 6f (good) earlier this month.

2 DARK JEDI He has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 1 1/4l by Euchen Glen when second of 17 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m 6f (soft) earlier this month. Has won at Ripon and Hamilton this season.

3 AMAZING RED Winner of five races from 1m 2f to 2m on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 20l behind Believe In Love when fourth of 7 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 6f (soft) last month.

4 NOT SO SLEEPY He has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f on good and soft ground, but last win was over three years ago; has also won three hurdles (latest NH win was in December last year). Finished 7l behind Stratum when fourth of 30 at 33-1 on his latest flat outing at Newmarket over 2m 2f (soft) in October last year.

5 FRANKEL'S STORM Successful at 1m and 1m 4f on good to firm and heavy ground. Finished 17l behind Sorrel when last of 5 at 10-1 on her latest outing at Doncaster over 1m 4f (good) earlier this month.

6 WEST END GIRL Successful twice at 7f on good to firm ground. Well beaten at 10-1 behind Katara when last of 7 on her latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 4f (good to firm) last month.