COMMENTS AND SELECTIONS - CURRAGH

RACE 3: HOLLYWOODBETS MONEY BACK IF 2ND TO SP FAV IRISH EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN

New York CitySpecial PowerLife In Colour

There are plenty of improving contenders lining up for this contest and marginal preference goes to the son of Invincible Spirit, NEW YORK CITY. The 600,000gns purchase is related to plenty of Group winners and, after struggling in the Middle Park Stakes last time, this looks like the perfect opportunity to get off the mark. He gets the nod, while Special Power rates the most immediate danger after finishing second on his last four outings. Life In Colour was denied a clear run on her racecourse debut and she may have more to give today.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 ALMUNJARID Dam won twice at 1m.

2 NEW YORK CITY Placed once in three starts. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Perfect Power at 33-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) last month.

3 SACRED TERRITORY Half-brother to Koshi, won at 1m 2f. Finished 1 3/4l behind Takana when fourth of 8 at 15-2 on his racecourse debut at Bellewstown over 5f (good - yielding) last month.

4 SPECIAL POWER Placed in all five of his starts. Beaten 1/2l by Takana when second of 8 at 5-6fav on his latest outing at Bellewstown over 5f (good - yielding) last month.

5 AURORA NOVA Half-sister to Victors Lady, won at 5f. Finished 4l behind Giselles Ausie when sixth of 8 at 11-1 on her racecourse debut at Navan over 6f (good) last month.

6 CARLA'S KODI BEAR Half-sister to Boy Charlton, won nine times between 6f and 1m. Finished 6l behind Takana when fifth of 8 at 33-1 on her racecourse debut at Bellewstown over 5f (good - yielding) last month.

7 DANCING REBEL Placed twice in three starts. Beaten 1 1/2l by Heart To Heart when second of 20 at 11-4fav on her latest outing at Navan over 6f (soft) earlier this month.

8 KEEL BAY Placed twice in five starts. Third of 12 behind Rhythm Of Zain beaten 1 1/4l at 9-2 on her latest outing at Navan over 5f (yielding) earlier this month.

9 LIFE IN COLOUR Half-sister to Rampant Lion, won three times at 1m and 1m 1f. Beaten 7l behind Heart To Heart at 33-1 when seventh of 20 on her racecourse debut at Navan over 6f (soft) earlier this month.

10LOPES GOLDPlaced twice in three starts. Beaten 16l behind Straight Answerat 18-1 when last of 7 on her latest outing at Fairyhouse over 6f (good to firm) last month.

11 NIL DESPERANDUM

RACE 4: HOLLYWOODBETS NOW STREAMING ALL IRISH RACING MAIDEN

Flora Anner Castle Lusaka

A difficult puzzle to solve, with the relatively exposed Anner Castle likely to be popular in his bid to break the maiden tag at the sixth time of asking. Preference, however, is for the lightly-raced FLORA, who has gone off favourite on both career outings thus far, only to display greenness on both occasions. She appeals as a filly that is gradually learning her trade and much better is expected here, with the Curragh's long straight expected to suit. The consistent Lusaka can also get involved, along with Merlin Giant and the class dropping Seattle Creek.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 BRADESCO Unplaced in all three starts. Well beaten at 100-1 behind Daylight Come when last of 14 on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (soft) in September last year.

2 FATTAN Unplaced in all three starts. Finished 8I behind Monty's Way when fifth of 13 at 33-1 on his latest flat outing at Roscommon over 1m 4f (good) in August.

3 LISPENDENSE Won on his latest outing in a NH flat race when 8-11fav at Ballinrobe over 2m (good) in July, beating Shumard by 14l.

4 MERLIN GIANT Placed once in two starts; but has won a NH flat race last month. Finished 7I behind Rekero when fourth of 15 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Thurles over 2m (yielding) earlier this month.

5 THE DUDE ABIDES Beaten 18l behind Cask Mate at 200-1 when eighth of 12 on his flat debut at Bellewstown over 1m 4f (good - yielding) last month.

6 VEE DANCER Beaten 19l behind Safari Quest at 200-1 when 11th of 13 on his flat debut at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (good) last month.

7 POLAR PEAK Unplaced in both starts. Finished 11l behind Cask Mate when sixth of 12 at 125-1 on her latest outing at Bellewstown over 1m 4f (good - yielding) last month.

8 ANNER CASTLE Placed twice in five starts. Finished 6l behind Ciel D'afrique when fifth of 15 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Roscommon over 1m 4f (good - yielding) in August.

9 CHARLIE'S YARD Full brother to Hic Bibi, won three times at 6f and 7f. Beaten 19l behind Dante's Pass at 7-1 when 10th of 15 on his racecourse debut at Listowel over 1m (yielding) last month.

10 HARRISON GREEN Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 19l behind San Aer at 66-1 when eighth of 10 on his latest outing at Killarney over 1m (soft) earlier this month.

11 IMPULSAR Dam unraced.

12 LUSAKA Placed in three of seven starts. Beaten 3 1/2l by Stellium when second of 9 at 3-1fav on his latest outing at Tramore over 1m 4f (yielding) in August.

13SAND DRIFTUnplaced in both starts. Beaten 16l behind Dante's Pass at 28-1when 9th of 15 on his latest outing at Listowel over 1m (yielding) last month.

14SCRUM HALFPlaced twice in five starts. Beaten 2 1/4l by Goodnight Kisswhen second of 8 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Bellewstown over 1m 4f (good - yielding) last month.

15 SEATTLE CREEK Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 18l behind Sonnyboyliston at 200-1 when 9th of 13 on his latest outing here over 1m 6f (good) last month.

16TIGNANELLOUnplaced in both starts. Finished 16l behind Ruling when sixthof 13 at 3-1 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f (good) last month.

17CHILKO LAKEYet to place in three starts. Beaten 20l behind Shahaada at 300-1 when seventh of 9 on her latest outing at Clonmel over 1m 1f (good) last month.

18FLORAUnplaced in both starts. Finished 7l behind Empyrea whenfourth of 15 at 5-4fav on her latest outing at Listowel over 1m 4f (yielding) last month.

19SIX FEET APARTDam unraced. Third of 14 behind Champion Green beaten 8l at12-1 on her racecourse debut at Punchestown over 1m 1f (good) last month.

20 THE FALLEN MADONNA Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 16l behind Empyrea at 200-1 when eighth of 15 on her latest outing at Listowel over 1m 4f (yielding) last month.

21THEGOOSEISCOOKEDUnplaced in both starts. Finished 12l behindAhandfulofsummers when sixth of 12 at 50-1 on her latest outing at Tipperary over 1m 1f (soft - heavy)earlier this month.

22 WHATCOULDHAVEBEEN Half-sister to Strawman, won four times between 1m and 1m 2f. Well beaten at 22-1 behind Minister For Magic when seventh of 10 on her racecourse debut at Killarney over 1m 3f (soft) earlier this month.

23 RICKY BOBBY Beaten 16l behind Tashi at 100-1 when 9th of 14 on his flat debut at Tipperary over 1m 4f (yielding) in June.

RACE 5: HOLLYWOODBETS BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP (45-70) (DIV 1)

Franno Crassus Breffni Girl

In an open race the marginal preference is for FRANNO, who won twice in July and was far from disgraced at Galway a couple of starts ago. Her most recent effort at Bellewstown was not her best but

it is far too soon to be writing her off. Crassus is a consistent performer who is more than capable of making the frame, while the unexposed Breffni Girl and Easily are the pick of the remainder.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 CRASSUS Placed in seven of 14 starts; but has won a hurdle in December last year. Third of 15 behind Malbas beaten 5l at 3-1fav on his latest outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (soft) earlier this month.

2 EL TREN Has won nine races from 1m to 1m 5f on ground varying from good to yielding - soft. Beaten 13I behind Khezaana at 12-1 when 10th of 17 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

3 DAMMIT Placed twice in nine starts. Beaten 6l behind Irwin at 11-2fav when 9th of 14 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 1m 3f last month.

4 EASILY Placed in four of nine starts. Finished 3 1/2l behind Powerful Aggie when fourth of 15 at 11-2 on her latest outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (soft) earlier this month.

5 FRANNO Successful at 1m 4f and 1m 6f on good ground. Beaten 9l behind No Trouble at 5-1fav when 9th of 16 on her latest outing at Bellewstown over 1m 4f (yielding) last month.

6 SPRUCE MEADOWS Winner of seven races from 7f to 1m 4f on soft and yielding ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 8l behind Malbas when fourth of 15 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (soft) earlier this month.

7 STELLIFY A winner at 1m 4f on heavy ground. Finished 4 1/2l behind Sea Appeal when sixth of 15 at 10-1 on her latest outing at Listowel over 1m 6f (yielding) last month.

8 L'UN DEUX TROIS Placed in three of 12 starts. Beaten 2l by Lady De Vesci when second of 16 at 12-1 on his latest flat outing at Navan over 1m 2f (yielding) in September last year.

9 INSHALLAH QUEEN A winner at 1m 5f on good ground, but that win was over two years ago. Finished 5l behind Secret Sea when fourth of 12 at 20-1 on her latest outing at Ballinrobe over 1m 5f (good) in June.

10 SHAMARDALAH Yet to place in six starts. Finished 4 1/2l behind Powerful Aggie when sixth of 15 at 50-1 on her latest outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (soft) earlier this month.

11SIOFRAYet to place in five starts. Beaten 6l behind Powerful Aggie at14-1 when 9th of 15 on her latest outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (soft) earlier this month.

12 FERRUM Yet to place in five starts. Beaten 19l behind Malbas at 40-1 when 11th of 15 on his latest outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (soft) earlier this month.

13 BREFFNI GIRL Unplaced in all three starts. Well beaten at 33-1 behind Empyrea when 11th of 15 on her latest outing at Listowel over 1m 4f (yielding) last month. 14 CAMINO MISSION Yet to place in six starts. Beaten 11l behind Swiss Army Officer at 9-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing at Killarney over 1m (good) in July. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with W McCreery in Ireland.

15 STORM STEPS He has won three times at 1m 4f on the all-weather. Finished 1 1/4I behind Time And Money when fourth of 13 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 1m 4f in July.

16BRILLIANT QUESTIONPlaced twice in 14 starts. Beaten 13l behind Dusty Winds at 66-1when 10th of 16 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m (yielding) last month.

17THIRD AVENUEA winner at 1m 6f on good ground. Beaten 12l behind Angel InThe Sky at 13-2 when 10th of 15 on his latest outing at Bellewstown over 1m 4f (yielding) last month.

18 KRYPTON GOLD Unplaced in all six starts. Beaten 5I behind Evergreen And Red at 9-1 when 9th of 14 on his latest outing at Punchestown over 1m 1f (good) last month.

19VITA VERITASA winner at 1m 3f on soft ground. Finished 10l behind DhaLeath when fifth of 18 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Navan over 1m 2f (soft) earlier this month.

20 RATTLING JEWEL Winner of six races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good yielding to soft - heavy and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Well beaten at 50-1 when 26th of 28 on his latest outing here over 6f (yielding - soft) in May.

21 MICKAH WALLACE Yet to place in four starts. Beaten 18l behind Wish Me at 40-1 when 10th of 17 on his latest outing at Navan over 1m 2f (soft) earlier this month.

RACE 6: HOLLYWOODBETS BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP (45-70) (DIV 2)

Chacha Dancer Angel In The Sky Racy Lacey

Jim Bolger has tried Business Speak over a variety of trips and he has hinted that his time could be near if seeing out this distance, while Angel In The Sky proved she acts at this trip when successful at Bellewstown and could go well despite a 7lb hike. Racy Lacey is another maiden worthy of consideration, but perhaps this could be CHACHA DANCER's chance to open her account. Chris Timmons' grey has got within half a length of success in two of her last three outings and was not too far away in the other. She has been bumped up 5lb as a result, but still gets the vote.

NO. HORSE NAME

1PIKE COUNTYPlaced once in three starts; but has won a NH flat race. Finished7I behind Flor De La Luna when fourth of 17 at 16-1 on his latest flat outing over this course and distance(soft) in October last year.

2 ALLORA YEATS Successful at 1m 4f and 1m 6f on yielding ground. Beaten 8l behind Anyonecanhaveitall at 100-1 when 10th of 15 on her latest outing at Thurles over 2m (yielding) earlier this month.

3 OUT ON FRIDAY Successful twice at 1m 1f on yielding and heavy ground. Finished 7l behind Khezaana when fourth of 17 at 22-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

4 POLITICISE Successful at 7f and 1m 6f on good to soft and soft - heavy ground; has also won two hurdles. Beaten 15l behind Groveman at 6-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest flat outing at Tramore over 2m (soft) in August.

5 AFTERNOONWITHSUSAN Unplaced in all five starts. Beaten 6l behind Sea Appeal at 80-1 when 9th of 15 on her latest outing at Listowel over 1m 6f (yielding) last month.

6 MADE FOR MINDS Placed once in six starts. Finished 2 3/4l behind Wish Me when fifth of 17 at 5-1jt-fav on his latest outing at Navan over 1m 2f (soft) earlier this month.

7 DULEEK STREET Yet to place in three starts. Finished 13I behind Ruling when fifth of 13 at 300-1 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f (good) last month.

8 SUNNIYRA Placed twice in six starts. Well beaten at 18-1 behind Bonte Moi when 14th of 17 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (yielding) last month.

9 ANNECHERIE Yet to place in three starts. Finished 5I behind Theory Of Music when sixth of 8 at 28-1 on her latest outing at Limerick over 1m 3f (good) in June.

10 BUSINESS SPEAK Placed twice in 16 starts. Beaten 6l by Plum Perfect when second of 14 at 20-1 on his latest outing at Tipperary over 7f (heavy) earlier this month.

11BYNXYet to place in six starts. Finished 6l behind Citronnade whenfifth of 13 at 66-1 on her latest outing at Galway over 1m 4f (yielding - soft) in July.

12 CHACHA DANCER Placed in three of nine starts. Beaten 1/2l by Dha Leath when second of 18 at 4-1 on her latest outing at Navan over 1m 2f (soft) earlier this month.

13GREENPANDAShe has won three times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on ground varyingfrom good to yielding - soft. Beaten 11l behind Angel In The Sky at 11-2 when 9th of 15 on her latestouting at Bellewstown over 1m 4f (yielding) last month.

14 ANGEL IN THE SKY A winner at 18-1 at Bellewstown over 1m 4f (yielding) on her latest outing last month, beating Clan Jock by 2l.

15RACY LACEYPlaced once in five starts. Finished 7l behind No Trouble whenfourth of 14 at 5-2fav on her latest outing at Dundalk over 1m 4f last month.

16 FALVETTI Yet to place in six starts. Beaten 14l behind Malbas at 80-1 when 9th of 15 on his latest outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (soft) earlier this month.

17BAROMETERPlaced once in five starts. Third of 12 behind Secret Sea beaten4l at 22-1 on his latest outing at Ballinrobe over 1m 5f (good) in June.

18 HELVIC PRINCESS Placed in three of nine starts. Beaten 8l behind Sassified at 16-1 when 12th of 15 on her latest flat outing at Killarney over 1m (yielding) in July.

19EASTERN TORNADOPlaced twice in eight starts. Beaten 5l behind Wojood at 9-2when seventh of 14 on his latest outing at Thurles over 1m 4f (yielding) earlier this month.

20 SWEET NOVEMBER Yet to place in eight starts. Finished 8I behind Accessory when fourth of 13 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Cork over 1m (soft) last month.

21 LILY OF THE GLEN Placed once in six starts. Finished 3 1/2l behind Bader Ginsburg when fourth of 8 at 7-4fav on her latest outing at Down Royal over 1m 5f (good to firm) in July. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Natalia Lupini in Ireland.