

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2024 MEETING
ASCOT

RACE 1: NORFOLK STAKES (GROUP 2) (CLASS 1) (2YO ONLY) (FROM ASCOT RACE 1)

WHISTLEJACKET - MOVING FORCE - SHAREHOLDER

Race Preview: WHISTLEJACKET tasted defeat at short odds on his debut over 6f at the Curragh back in April, but he quickly made amends with an impressive victory in Listed company over 5f there most recently, beating the reopposing Arizona Blaze into second. With that effort still fresh in the mind, this full-brother to Little Big Bear gets the vote to emulate his sire, No Nay Never, who took this prize back in 2013. There was little to separate Shareholder (first) and Moving Force (second) when the pair met over 5f at Beverley earlier this month and, with the latter-mentioned 7lb better off on this occasion, it would be no surprise if he were able to get the better of his old adversary and emerge as the main danger to the selection. Tropical Storm and Milford are a couple of others who warrant respect.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	AESTERIUS	Foaled 31 Jan. Dam unraced. Won on his latest outing when 10-11fav at Bath over 5f (good) last month, beating Bolo Neighs by 2 3/4l.
2	ARIZONA BLAZE	Foaled 4 Mar. Successful at 5f and 6f on good and heavy ground. A winner at 7-1 in the Group 3 Marble Hill Stakes at Curragh over 6f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Camille Pissarro by a head.
3	BINADHAM	Foaled 15 Apr. Full brother to Geocentric, won twice at 5f. A winner at 6-1 at Yarmouth over 5f (good to firm) on his latest outing in April, beating Foro Romano by 1 1/2l.
4	BLINKY	Foaled 21 Apr. Half-brother to White Lavender, won three times at 5f and 6f including a Group 3 race. A winner at 13-2 at Leicester over 5f (good to soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Simply Blue by a nose.
5	EVENING SAIGON	Foaled 9 Feb. Half-brother to Dubai Dominion, won at 7f. Won on his latest outing when 2-1jt-fav at Tipperary over 5f (soft) last month, beating Kilmoody Susan by 1 1/2l.
6	LOOM	Foaled 29 Jan. Dam won at 1m. A winner at 9-2 at Ripon over 5f (good) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Artagnan by 2l.
7	MILFORD	Foaled 28 Feb. Dam unraced. Won on his latest outing when 6-5fav at Hamilton over 5f (soft) last month, beating Death Or Glory by 3 1/2l.
8	MOVING FORCE	Foaled 2 Mar. Half-brother to New Definition, won twice at 6f and 7f. A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten a short head by Shareholder when second of 5 at 15-8 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.
9	ROCK HUNTER	Foaled 14 Mar. A winner at 5f on heavy ground. Beaten 1/2l by Enchanting Empress when second of 6 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Sandown over 5f (soft) last month.
10	SHAREHOLDER	Foaled 10 Apr. Dam unraced. Won on his latest outing when 6-4fav at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month, beating Moving Force by a short head.
11	THE MAN	Foaled 22 Feb. Half-brother to Goodwood Crusader, won five times at 6f. A winner at 10-3 at Southwell over 5f on his latest outing in April, beating Storm Call by 1l.
12	TROPICAL STORM	Foaled 5 Feb. Half-brother to Liberty Breeze, won three times at 7f. Placed once in two starts. Beaten a neck by The Actor when second of 7 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 5f (good) last month.

13	WHISTLEJACKET	Foaled 2 Apr. Full brother to Little Big Bear, won five times at 5f and 6f including a Group 1 race. Won on his latest outing when 5-6fav at Curragh over 5f (soft) last month, beating Arizona Blaze by 4l.
14	SATURDAY FLIRT	Foaled 15 Apr. Half-sister to Alibi Ike, won at 5f. Won on her latest outing when 21-20fav at Keeneland over 5f (good) in April, beating Bois Blanc.

RACE 2: KING GEORGE V STAKES (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (CLASS 2) (3YO ONLY) (FROM ASCOT RACE 2)

PONIROS - CHANTILLY - NAVAL FORCE

Race Preview: Aidan O'Brien's Chantilly heads the early betting after his Newbury third and, as a son of Galileo, the step up in trip may bring some improvement. However, he may struggle to reverse placings with the runner-up from that contest, PONIROS, who also has plenty of scope for benefiting from an extra couple of furlongs and the draw has been kind to the son of Golden Horn. Naval Force is trained by Donnacha O'Brien and was value for further when losing lengths at every bend before staying on to score at Roscommon over shorter and he could go well at a big price if he keeps to the straight and narrow. Going The Distance and Persica are others to consider, though there is a chance they may now be in the grip of the handicapper.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	PERSICA	He has won three times from 6f to 1m 2f on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 9-2 at Epsom over 1m 2f (good to soft) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Portsmouth by 2 1/4l.
2	GASPER DE LEMOS	A winner at 7f on yielding - soft ground. Third of 4 behind Birdman beaten 1 1/2l at 8-11fav on his latest outing at Navan over 1m 5f (good - yielding) last month.
3	CHANTILLY	A winner at 1m 2f on heavy ground. Third of 13 behind King's Gambit beaten 4 1/2l at 4-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (good) last month.
4	GOING THE DISTANCE	He has won three times from 7f to 1m 3f on good to soft and soft ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 8-11fav at Kempton over 1m 3f in April, beating True Wisdom by 1 3/4l.
5	NAVAL FORCE	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on soft and heavy ground. A winner at 9-4 at Roscommon over 1m 2f (soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Action Plan by 1/2l.
6	GILDED WATER	A winner at 13-8 at Chepstow over 1m 2f (good to soft) on his latest outing last month, beating James Webb by 8l.
7	CITY BURGLAR	A winner at 1m on good to soft ground. Beaten 3/4l by Too Bossy For Us when second of 8 at 9-2 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f (good) last month.
8	PONIROS	A winner at 1m on heavy ground. Beaten 4l by King's Gambit when second of 13 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (good) last month.
9	FOURONEOHFEVER	He has won three times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 11-10fav at Chester over 1m 2f (good to soft) last month, beating The Hun by 1 3/4l. Has won 3 times this season.
10	KAMBOO	A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Well beaten at 80-1 behind City Of Troy when 11th of 16 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Betfred Derby at Epsom over 1m 4f (good to soft) earlier this month.
11	WARDA JAMILA	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good and good to soft ground. Finished a neck behind Fiver Friday when fourth of 7 at 13-8fav on her latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 1f (good) earlier this month.

12	FRENCH DUKE	Placed once in three starts. Beaten a short head by Hosaamm when second of 11 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (good) last month.
13	GALLANTLY	Won on his latest outing when 11-8fav at Chester over 1m 2f (good) last month, beating Castle In The Sand by 1 1/2l.
14	NESKI SHERELSKI	A winner at 1m 3f on the all-weather. Third of 7 behind Naval Force beaten 3/4l at 4-1 on his latest outing at Roscommon over 1m 2f (soft) last month.
15	GO DADDY	A winner at 1m 2f on soft ground. Finished 8l behind King's Gambit when sixth of 13 at 50-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (good) last month.
16	AUTUMN WINTER	Placed twice in three starts. Third of 11 behind Ecureuil Secret beaten 5l at 4-9fav on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m (heavy) in April.
17	HIGHLAND BLING	A winner at 5-1 at Fairyhouse over 1m 4f (good) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Teofimo by a head.
18	EAST INDIA DOCK	A winner at 1m 4f on soft ground. Beaten 1 1/2l by Wild Waves when second of 8 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 1m 6f (good) earlier this month.
19	ASSAILANT	A winner at 1m 1f on the all-weather. Third of 9 behind Kalpana beaten 11l at 20-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 2f (good) in April.
20	CANDLE OF DUBAI	A winner at 5-1 at Chelmsford City over 1m 2f on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Ten Dimes by 2 1/2l.

RACE 3: RIBBLESDALE STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 2) (CLASS 1) (3YO ONLY) (FROM ASCOT RACE 3)

DIAMOND RAIN - KALPANA - YOU GOT TO ME

Race Preview: DIAMOND RAIN may not have been out of place if going for the Oaks last month, but she has been saved for this instead following a taking Listed success at Newbury, where the runner-up has come out and franked the form since. A narrow winner on debut here over 1m, Charlie Appleby's unbeaten filly should have too much for Kalpana, who was a creditable second in Listed company at Newmarket last month and should improve for the step up in trip. You Got To Me has strong claims on her penultimate success at Lingfield, despite being outclassed in the Oaks, and she can uphold form with the reopposing Rubies Are Red (second), and Danielle (third).

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	DANIELLE	A winner at 1m 2f on soft ground. Third of 7 behind You Got To Me beaten 1 1/2l at 2-1fav on her latest outing at Lingfield over 1m 4f (good) last month.
2	DIAMOND RAIN	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good and good to soft ground. A winner at 3-1 at Newbury over 1m 2f (good) on her latest outing last month, beating Ejaabiyah by 2 1/4l. Has also won at Ascot this season.
3	FOREST FAIRY	Successful at 1m 3f and 1m 4f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 17l behind Ezeliya at 10-1 when seventh of 12 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Betfred Oaks at Epsom over 1m 4f (good to soft) last month. Has won at Chester and Wolverhampton this season.
4	HIGHER LEAVES	A winner at 1m 3f on the all-weather. Finished 2 3/4l behind Sea The Boss when last of 5 at 9-2 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Al Shira'aa Racing Irish EBF Jannah Rose Stakes at Naas over 1m 2f (good) last month.

5	JE ZOUS	A winner at 1m on soft ground. Third of 5 behind Sea The Boss beaten 2l at 3-1fav on her latest outing in the Group 3 Al Shira'aa Racing Irish EBF Jannah Rose Stakes at Naas over 1m 2f (good) last month.
6	KALPANA	Successful at 1m 1f and 1m 2f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1 1/4l by Friendly Soul when second of 8 at 4-6fav on her latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 2f (good) last month. Has won at Newmarket and Wolverhampton this season.
7	LAVA STREAM	She has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to heavy. A winner at 14-1 at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Bolsena by a neck. Has also won at Doncaster this season.
8	PORT FAIRY	A winner at 1m 3f on the all-weather. Beaten a head by Forest Fairy when second of 6 at 7-1 on her latest outing at Chester over 1m 3f (good) last month.
9	QUEENS FORT	Won on her latest outing when 2-1fav at Lingfield over 1m 4f earlier this month, beating Pure Of Heart by 1/2l.
10	RUBIES ARE RED	Placed in three of four starts. Beaten 20l behind Ezeliya at 12-1 when 9th of 12 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Betfred Oaks at Epsom over 1m 4f (good to soft) last month.
11	SHEEMA'S ROSE	A winner at 1m 3f on soft ground. Finished 10l behind Aventure when fifth of 9 at 22-1 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Prix de Royaumont at Chantilly over 1m 4f (good to soft) earlier this month.
12	SIYOLA	A winner at 1m 2f on good to soft ground. Third of 5 behind Diamond Rain beaten 3 1/2l at 3-1 on her latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (good) last month.
13	YOU GOT TO ME	Successful at 1m and 1m 4f on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Ezeliya when fourth of 12 at 15-2 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Betfred Oaks at Epsom over 1m 4f (good to soft) last month.

RACE 4: GOLD CUP (GROUP 1) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES) (CLASS 1) (4YO PLUS) (FROM ASCOT RACE 4)

KYPRIOS - COLTRANE - GREGORY

Race Preview: The classy KYPRIOS was a popular winner of this in 2022, a campaign which saw him add three further Group 1's onto an already stellar CV. Injury kept him out for much of 2023, but he's been impressive on both of his starts this year, albeit at a lower level, and the son of Galileo can cement his place as the leading stayer once again. Conditions might not be ideal for Trawlerman, who beat the selection here on Champions Day in October before returning with a creditable third in the Dubai Gold Cup in March, but that won't be the case for Coltrane. He defeated Caius Chorister (second) and Sweet William (third) in the Sagaro here last month which should have left him cherry-ripe, while unexposed stayer Gregory and the Willie Mullins-trained Vauban are no back numbers either.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	COLTRANE	Has won nine races from 1m 4f to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. A winner at 7-2 here over 2m (good to soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Caius Chorister by a head.
2	ENEMY	Winner of five races from 7f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Well beaten at 10-1 behind Point Lonsdale when fifth of 6 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Ormonde Stakes at Chester over 1m 5f (good) last month.
3	KYPRIOS	Has won ten races from 1m 1f to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Won on his latest outing when 1-12fav in the Group 3 Saval Beg Levmoos Stakes at Leopardstown over 1m 6f (good) last month, beating Queenstown by 1l.
4	PRYDWEN	Has won eight races from 1m 1f to 2m on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 3-1jt-fav at Southwell over 2m in April, beating Onesmoothoperator by 1 1/2l.

5	SWEET WILLIAM	He has won four times from 1m 4f to 2m on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. A winner at 5-2 in the Group 3 Chasemore Farm Henry II Stakes at Sandown over 2m (soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Caius Chorister by a head.
6	TRAWLERMAN	Winner of seven races from 1m 2f to 2m on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Third of 15 behind Tower Of London beaten 3 1/2l on his latest outing in the Group 2 Race 3 - Dubai Gold Cup Sponsored By Al Tayer Motors - TURF at Meydan over 2m (good) in March.
7	TRUESHAN	Has won 15 races from 1m 4f to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Third of 6 behind Sweet William beaten 6l at 5-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Chasemore Farm Henry II Stakes at Sandown over 2m (soft) last month.
8	VAUBAN	He has won four times from 1m 3f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to heavy; has also won three hurdles. Beaten 5l by Giavellotto when second of 6 at 7-2 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Boodles Yorkshire Cup Stakes at York over 1m 6f (good) last month.
9	GREGORY	He has won three times from 1m 3f to 1m 6f on good ground. Third of 6 behind Giavellotto beaten 6l at 5-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Boodles Yorkshire Cup Stakes at York over 1m 6f (good) last month.
10	CAIUS CHORISTER	Winner of six races from 1m 3f to 1m 6f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten a head by Sweet William when second of 6 at 15-8fav on her latest outing in the Group 3 Chasemore Farm Henry II Stakes at Sandown over 2m (soft) last month.

RACE 5: HAMPTON COURT STAKES (GROUP 3) (CLASS 1) (3YO ONLY) (FROM ASCOT RACE 6)

FIRST LOOK - KING'S GAMBIT - BELLUM JUSTUM

Race Preview: King's Gambit won a tough handicap at Newbury in good style on his reappearance. He should prove competitive in this higher grade, but FIRST LOOK brings Group 1 form to the table. Andre Fabre's colt took a big step forward when runner-up in the French Derby at Chantilly, and he seems versatile as regards the going. The Blue Riband Trial winner at Epsom, Bellum Justum struggled in the Derby, but could go well back over this shorter distance, while the Ballydoyle colt Portland is another down in trip after landing a Listed race at Leopardstown. Taraj finished a creditable third in a Group 3 contest at Leopardstown over 1m2f on his return to action, while Bracken's Laugh had the measure of Jayarebe when second in the Dee Stakes at Chester and is another to consider.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	AL MUSMAK	Successful at 7f and 1m on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 19l behind Economics at 4-1 when last of 7 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante Stakes at York over 1m 2f (good) last month.
2	BELLUM JUSTUM	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 14l behind City Of Troy at 16-1 when seventh of 16 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Betfred Derby at Epsom over 1m 4f (good to soft) earlier this month.
3	BRACKEN'S LAUGH	Successful twice at 1m on soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1/2l by Capulet when second of 4 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Chester over 1m 2f (good) last month.
4	CAVIAR HEIGHTS	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good ground. Finished 12l behind Economics when sixth of 7 at 4-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante Stakes at York over 1m 2f (good) last month.
5	FIRST LOOK	A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Beaten 2l by Look De Vega when second of 14 at 66-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Qatar Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly over 1m 2f earlier this month.
6	JAYAREBE	Successful at 7f and 1m 1f on good to firm and good ground. Third of 4 behind Capulet beaten 4l at 7-4fav on his latest outing at Chester over 1m 2f (good) last month.
7	KING'S GAMBIT	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good and good to soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 7-2fav at Newbury over 1m 2f (good) last month, beating Poniros by 4l.

8	PORTLAND	Successful at 7f and 1m 4f on good and heavy ground. Won on his latest outing when 13-8fav at Leopardstown over 1m 4f (good) earlier this month, beating Kinesiology by a neck.
9	SONS AND LOVERS	A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Third of 6 behind Almaqam beaten 4 1/2l at 9-1 on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m (soft) last month.
10	STROMBERG	Successful twice at 7f on yielding and yielding - soft ground. Beaten 4l by Chief Little Rock when second of 8 at 15-2 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Heider Family Stables Gallinule Stakes at Curragh over 1m 2f (good - yielding) last month.
11	TARAJ	A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Third of 5 behind Los Angeles beaten 1 1/4l at 11-2 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Cashel Palace Hotel Derby Trial Stakes at Leopardstown over 1m 2f (good) last month.
12	UNDER THE SUN	A winner at 1m on good to firm ground. Finished 5l behind Arabian Crown when fifth of 8 at 20-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 bet365 Classic Trial at Sandown over 1m 2f (good to soft) in April.