

COMMENT & SELECTIONS - YORK

RACE 1: IRE INCENTIVE, IT PAYS TO BUY IRISH EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)

Sophie's Star

Buckshaw Village

True Icon

Despite carrying a penalty, experience may be able to guide SOPHIE'S STAR to a third career victory having finished third in Listed company last time out. The Karl Burke-trained two-year-old has been enjoying a progressive campaign and rates the one to beat with Pierre-Louis Jamin claiming 5lb. Buckshaw Village has displayed plenty of encouraging signs on his two appearances and he rates the biggest danger. True Icon cost 130,000gns as a yearling and the intriguing debutant merits plenty of consideration.

NO. HORSE NAME

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| 1 | SOPHIE'S STAR | Foaled 2 Mar. Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and soft ground. Third of 6 behind Ladies Church beaten 4l at 9-4fav on her latest outing at Naas over 5f (good) in July. Has won at Beverley and Thirsk this season. |
| 2 | BUCKSHAW VILLAGE | Foaled 22 Apr. Half-brother to Premier Lion, won four times at 1m 2f and 1m 4f. Placed once in two starts. Third of 8 behind Ryan's Party beaten 1 3/4l at 13-2 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (good) last month. |
| 3 | PROFIT AND LOSS | Foaled 6 Mar. Half-brother to Mojito, won four times at 7f and 1m. Finished 4l behind Mitbaahy when fourth of 13 at 5-2jt-fav on his racecourse debut at Thirsk over 5f (good) last month. |
| 4 | RAYDOWN | Foaled 8 May. Placed twice in three starts. Finished 8l behind Lady Of Yapham when fifth of 13 at 7-2 on his latest outing at Catterick over 5f (good) last month. |
| 5 | TIBERIO SMILE | Foaled 6 May. Half-brother to Byron's Choice, won six times at 6f and 7f. Beaten 9l behind Mitbaahy at 66-1 when 9th of 13 on his racecourse debut at Thirsk over 5f (good) last month. |
| 6 | ALNOOD | Foaled 24 Apr. Half-sister to Taper Tantrum, won twice over hurdles at 2m and 2m 1f, twice on the flat at 7f and 1m and in a chase at 2m 3f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 10l behind Lotus Rose when sixth of 8 at 8-1 on her latest outing at Ripon over 5f (good to soft) last month. |
| 7 | KINDNESS | Foaled 14 Feb. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 4 1/2l behind Dubai Jewel when fifth of 12 at 11-1 on her latest outing at Newbury over 6f (good) last month. |
| 8 | LETHAL VISION | Foaled 22 Mar. Dam unraced. |
| 9 | TILLY THE FILLY | Foaled 25 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. |
| 10 | TRUE ICON | Foaled 11 Apr. Half-sister to Magical Effect, won six times between 5f and 7f. |

11 VADAMIAH Foaled 5 Feb. Half-sister to Khafaaq, won four times between 5f and 1m.

RACE 2: JOHN AND JUDITH MARSHALL MEMORIAL HANDICAP

Pagan Imperium Blue First Folio

PAGAN shapes like a sprinter who could take higher rank in time and the form of his latest win at Brighton has been given numerous boosts with the second, third, and seventh all winning since. An 8lb rise may not be enough to stop him and he can fend off the attentions of First Folio, who drops in grade having won impressively over C&D back in June. The consistent Bergerac also warrants consideration, as well as Imperium Blue, who is expected to relish the step up in trip for his in-form stable.

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- 1 FIRST FOLIO Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 2 1/2l behind Great Ambassador when fourth of 10 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) last month. Has won at York and Yarmouth this season.
- 2 NOMADIC EMPIRE A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 5l behind Copper Knight at 16-1 when 12th of 22 on his latest outing here over 5f (good) last month.
- 3 FIRST EDITION A winner at 5f on good ground. Third of 9 behind Atalanta's Boy beaten 1 1/4l at 22-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 4 DESERT GULF He has won three times at 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Last of 3 behind Desert Doctor beaten 7l at 2-1 on his latest outing at Ffos Las over 6f (good) last month. Has won twice at Yarmouth this season.
- 5 BERGERAC A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1 1/4l by Popmaster when second of 8 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good to soft) in July.
- 6 PAGAN Successful twice at 6f on good ground. Won on his latest outing when 10-11fav at Brighton over 6f (good) last month, beating Endowed by 2 1/2l. Has also won at Pontefract this season.
- 7 IMPERIUM BLUE He has won three times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Third of 12 behind Blackrod beaten 1 1/4l at 12-1 on his latest outing here over 5f (good) last month.
- 8 EY UP IT'S MAGGIE Successful twice at 5f on good to soft and soft ground. Finished 2 1/4l behind Tweet Tweet when fifth of 13 at 5-1jt-fav on her latest outing here over 5f (good) last month.
- 9 INTERNATIONALDREAM Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Beaten 7l behind Mitrosoufire at 16-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing at Ascot over 6f (good to soft) last month.

10 COTTAM LANE Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when 9-4fav at Pontefract over 6f (good to firm) last month, beating Lezardrieux by 1l.

11 AVA GO JOE A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Finished 7l behind Night On Earth when last of 6 at 2-1fav on his latest outing at Chester over 5f (good) last month.

12 LOST MY SOCK A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Finished 5l behind Night On Earth when fourth of 6 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Chester over 5f (good) last month.

RACE 3:BIOWAVEGO GARROWBY STAKES (LISTED)

Great Ambassador

Tabdeed

Gulliver

GREAT AMBASSADOR has shown improved form since switching to this yard and, having registered his second win of the year when landing a Newmarket handicap last month, the four-year-old looks capable of taking this step up in grade in his stride. Tabdeed has performed well on all three of his starts this year and rates a serious threat, while Gulliver produced an excellent effort when second in the Stewards' Cup on his latest start and is also worthy of respect.

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1 GREAT AMBASSADOR He has won three times from 6f to 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 5-2fav at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) last month, beating Rathbone by 1 1/2l. Has also won at Kempton this season.

2 GULLIVER Has won eight races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Commanche Falls when second of 24 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 6f (soft) in July.

3 TABDEED Winner of five races at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Beaten 2 1/2l by Summerghand when second of 9 at 2-1fav on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) last month.

4 FIVETHOUSANDTOONE A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Beaten 16l behind Space Blues at 28-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing here over 7f (good) last month.

RACE 4:COOPERS MARQUEES BRITISH EBF FUTURE STAYERS' NOVICE STAKES

Mistrix

Flash The Dash

Boondoggle

The two last-time-out winners, Boondoggle and Flash The Dash, both have to be respected despite carrying penalties. The former was joined on the line when attempting to make all at Newcastle last time, while the latter's two runs have both been at Gosforth Park and he impressed when running away with the race latest. MISTRIX gets plenty of weight from those two rivals, though, and George Scott's filly has only been narrowly denied in both starts so far, so she could be the answer.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BOONDOGGLE Foaled 1 Mar. Half-brother to My Kurkum, won at 1m. A winner at 10-3 at Newcastle over 6f on his latest outing in June, dead-heating with Boondoggle.

- 2 FLASH THE DASH Foaled 12 Mar. Half-brother to Hint Of Grey, won three times over hurdles at 2m and 2m 1f and three times over the flat at 1m 2f and 1m 4f. A winner at 15-2 at Newcastle over 7f on his latest outing last month, beating Brasil Power by 3 1/2l.

- 3 JUST WONDER Foaled 31 Mar. Half-brother to Ready To Venture, won at 7f. Beaten 7l behind Hafit at 9-1 when seventh of 10 on his racecourse debut at Newmarket over 7f (good) last month.

- 4 MISTER CAMACHO Foaled 28 Apr. Half-brother to Roman Mist, won three times at 1m and 1m 1f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 4l behind Knight Rider when fifth of 6 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Ripon over 1m (good) last month.

- 5 MISTRIX Foaled 12 Mar. Half-sister to Alphonse Karr, won at 6f. Placed in both starts. Beaten a neck by Thebeautifulgame when second of 13 at 10-3fav on her latest outing at Salisbury over 7f (good to firm) last month.