

COMMENT & SELECTIONS - PONTEFRACT

RACE 1: NEW FIAT SCUDO AT NORTHERN COMMERCIALS EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)

Jaxta Comedian Leader Duchray

Comedian Leader is the only runner in this field with racecourse experience, after her debut fourth at Kempton last month, and she could put that experience to good use. However, a chance is taken with JAXTA. The son of Muhaarar was an 18,000-euro purchase as a yearling, and though his pedigree is not packed with speed, the potential for soft ground may emphasise his stamina on this stiff track. Duchray has to be of some interest for a trainer that has a history of success with his two-year-olds.

NO. HORSE NAME

1	COURTNBOWLED	Foaled 25 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden.
2	DUCHRAY	Foaled 26 Apr. Half-brother to Red Mirage, won three times at 6f and 7f.
3	GINCIDENT	Foaled 27 Mar. Half-brother to Sandret, won twice between 6f and 1m 2f.
4	IMENSO	Foaled 19 Jan. Dam a lightly raced maiden.
5	JAXTA	Foaled 25 Mar. Half-brother to Miami Bay, won at 6f.
6	LEGEND OF XANADU	Foaled 27 Apr. Full brother to Sly Minx, won at 1m 4f.
7	SPREZZATURA	Foaled 24 Feb. Dam a lightly raced maiden.
8	COMEDIAN LEADER	Foaled 27 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Finished 5l behind Ocean Cloud when fourth of 10 at 13-2 on her racecourse debut at Kempton over 5f last month.

RACE 2: SEARCHING FOR THE YORKSHIRE WONDER HORSE MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)

Rambuso Creek Claim The Stars Lullaby Bay

Claim The Stars ran creditably, without getting his head in front last season, culminating in a below-par effort in the 200,000-pound two-year-old race at Doncaster in September, and he sets a decent form standard on his return. Preference is for RAMBUSO CREEK, however, who, similarly to the aforementioned rival, performed consistently in his two-year-old campaign. Most notably, the selection went well here on debut, when runner-up, and his liking for the track can stand him in good stead this afternoon. Karl Burke saddles Lullaby Bay, and she could be involved if improving on her third-placed finish at Wolverhampton in November.

NO. HORSE NAME

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| 1 | CAPE SUNSET | Placed in both starts. Beaten 2 1/4l by River Tweed when second of 5 at 5-4fav on his latest outing at Redcar over 6f (good to soft) in October last year. |
| 2 | CLAIM THE STARS | Placed in three of five starts. Well beaten at 33-1 behind Harrow when 19th of 20 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Charlie & Mark Johnston. |
| 3 | COPPERLINE | Half-brother to Kayewhykelly, won twice at 1m. Beaten 12l behind Chiellini at 50-1 when 9th of 13 on his racecourse debut here over 6f (soft) earlier this month. |
| 4 | COTAI CLASS | Placed twice in six starts. Finished 1l behind Bell Shot when fourth of 8 at 5-2 on his latest outing at Redcar over 6f (good to soft) in October last year. |
| 5 | GANNON GLORY | Beaten 9l behind Barbanera at 28-1 when seventh of 11 on his racecourse debut at York over 5f (soft) in October last year. |
| 6 | RAMBUSO CREEK | Placed in all four of his starts. Third of 11 behind Barbanera beaten 7l at 7-2 on his latest outing at York over 5f (soft) in October last year. |
| 7 | SLATE CRACKER | Dam unraced. |
| 8 | CLAPHAM SECT | Half-sister to No Such Luck, won at 1m 2f. |
| 9 | HIPPO | Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 10l behind Watermelon Sugar at 40-1 when seventh of 8 on her latest outing at Leicester over 6f (good to soft) earlier this month. |
| 10 | LULLABY BAY | Unplaced in both starts. Third of 5 behind Papa Don't Preach beaten 1 1/2l at 6-1 on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 5f in November last year. |
| 11 | MISS BRITAIN | Unplaced in both starts. Finished 4 1/2l behind Glamorous Express when sixth of 14 at 28-1 on her latest outing at Bath over 5f (good) in October last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Tom Dascombe. |

RACE 3: STEVE WILLARD'S HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY AND RETIREMENT HANDICAP

Autumn Festival Wendell's Lad Qweldryk

AUTUMN FESTIVAL displayed improved form on his handicap debut, when recording a first career success at Redcar last week. David O'Meara's gelding is turned out quickly here, under a 6lb penalty, but it is unlikely we have seen the best of him yet, and he can follow up. Wendell's Lad sprung a surprise when beating the well fancied Crenelle at Southwell on his latest outing, and must be feared now switched to handicaps, while Qweldryk finished runner-up in a maiden contest at this venue last season, and looks interesting up in trip.

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| 1 | ROAMIN IN GLOAMIN | Placed in four of nine starts. Third of 7 behind Nordhalla beaten 3/4l at 13-2 on his latest outing at Southwell over 1m earlier this month. |
| 2 | FIFTYSHADESARESDEV | Placed once in five starts. Beaten 13l behind Reelemine at 8-1 when 10th of 16 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft) in October last year. |
| 3 | WENDELL'S LAD | Finished second but awarded race at Southwell over 1m, when 33-1 earlier this month, beating Crenelle by a short head. |
| 4 | ROLYPOLYMOLY | Unplaced in all three starts. Finished 1 3/4l behind Rochebrune when fifth of 11 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m in November last year. |
| 5 | BA NA HILLS | A winner at 13-2 at Newcastle over 7f on his latest outing last month, beating Lady Lou by 3/4l. |
| 6 | SHAHNAZ | Unplaced in all four starts. Beaten 10l behind River Pride at 50-1 when 10th of 13 on her latest outing at Chelmsford City over 7f in November last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Mrs K J Tutty. |
| 7 | RAVENGLASS | Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Mariha at 16-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing at Redcar over 7f (good) in October last year. |
| 8 | AUTUMN FESTIVAL | A winner at 13-2 at Redcar over 1m (soft) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Prince Achille by 4l. Carries a 6lb penalty today for that success. |
| 9 | QWELDRYK | Placed once in three starts. Finished 6l behind The Menstone Gem when sixth of 11 at 66-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 7f in September last year. |
| 10 | COLIGONE KATE | Placed once in five starts. Finished 6l behind Novak when sixth of 13 at 11-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 7f in October last year. |
| 11 | DO I DREAM | Unplaced in all four starts. Beaten 14l behind Storm Asset at 20-1 when eighth of 9 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 7f last month. |

RACE 4: RIU HOTELS AND RESORTS HANDICAP**Showalong****Count D'Orsay****Dave Dexter**

An array of smart sprinters line up for the feature contest, with slight preference for SHOWALONG of the Tim Easterby yard. He ran well on his return last season, finishing three lengths behind Tweet Tweet (now 98 rated). The son of Showcasing has been gelded during his break, and with another winter behind him to strengthen up, he could prove better than a mark of 84. Count D'Orsay must give weight away to all of his rivals, but he is more than worthy of consideration, with the forecast conditions sure to suit. Fine Wine and Dave Dexter both arrive on the back of wins at Southwell on their most recent starts, and are others to note.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 COUNT D'ORSAY Winner of five races at 5f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 6l behind Raasel at 12-1 when eighth of 14 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 5f (good) in October last year.
- 2 EY UP IT'S MAGGIE She has won three times at 5f on good to soft and soft ground. Finished 3l behind Bernardo O'Reilly when fourth of 18 at 10-1 on her latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good) last month.
- 3 REBEL AT DAWN Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Third of 14 behind Raasel beaten 3 1/2l at 7-1 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 5f (good) in October last year.
- 4 FINE WINE Winner of six races at 5f on good and soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 11-2 at Southwell over 5f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Ehrmann by 3l.
- 5 DAVE DEXTER Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft to heavy and on the all-weather. A winner at 12-1 at Southwell over 6f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Whittle Le Woods by 3/4l.
- 6 SHOWALONG He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to soft and soft ground. Beaten 10l behind Illusionist at 25-1 when 17th of 19 on his latest outing at York over 5f (soft) in October last year.
- 7 GLORY FIGHTER Winner of five races at 5f on ground varying from good to soft. Third of 10 behind Zargun beaten 1 1/2l at 10-1 on his latest outing at Catterick over 5f (good to soft) in October last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Iain Jardine.
- 8 SPOOF Winner of seven races at 5f on ground varying from good to soft. Finished 3l behind Fine Wine when fifth of 8 at 17-2 on his latest outing at Southwell over 5f last month.
- 9 ABATE Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 11l behind Nomadic Empire at 25-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at York over 6f (good) in September last year.
- 10 HUDDLE UP Successful at 5f and 6f on yielding and heavy ground. Won on his latest outing when 3-1fav at Navan over 5f (yielding) in October last year, beating Pretty Boy Floyd by a short head. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with W McCreery in Ireland.
- 11 DREAM COMPOSER Successful at 5f and 6f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind If You Dare when fifth of 7 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 6f in January.
- 12 BOSSIPOP Has won nine races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 10l behind Black Friday at 11-1 when 10th of 14 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft) in October last year.

13 RAYONG Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground.
Beaten 5l behind Raasel at 12-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 5f (soft)
in November last year.

14 FOX HILL Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from
good to firm to soft. Finished 3l behind Velocistar when fourth of 7 at 17-2 on her latest outing at
Carlisle over 6f (good) in July last year.