

COMMENT & SELECTIONS - REDCAR

RACE 2: MARKET CROSS JEWELLERS NURSERY

Smooth Talking

Mackenzie Rose

Oppressive

SMOOTH TALKING clearly improved for the application of blinkers (worn again today) when scoring readily over this trip at Epsom two weeks ago and a 6lb rise probably won't be enough to anchor him if arriving in the same mood. Mackenzie Rose was touched off in a similar contest at Carlisle and is likely to be in the shake-up again, while handicap debutant Oppressive cannot be ruled out either.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 OPPRESSIVE Foaled 19 Feb. Unplaced in all three starts. Finished 5l behind Grey Belle when fifth of 10 at 5-1 on her latest outing at Thirsk over 1m (good) last month.
- 2 STROMBOLI Foaled 11 Apr. Placed once in four starts. Beaten 9l behind Aristobulus at 8-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 6f (good to soft) last month.
- 3 MACKENZIE ROSE Foaled 20 Feb. Placed twice in four starts. Beaten 3/4l by Makalu when second of 6 at 5-1 on her latest outing at Carlisle over 7f (good) last month.
- 4 SMOOTH TALKING Foaled 4 Feb. A winner at 6-1 at Epsom over 7f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Bonita B by 2 1/2l.
- 5 TORBAIN CASTLE Foaled 30 Mar. Yet to place in three starts. Finished 11l behind Vaccine when sixth of 7 at 20-1 on his latest outing at Ayr over 7f (good to soft) in July.
- 6 CARACRISTI Foaled 21 Feb. Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 4l behind Nurseclaire at 200-1 when eighth of 12 on her latest outing at Carlisle over 7f (good) in July. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Stef Keniry.
- 7 ADJUDICATOR Foaled 27 Feb. Yet to place in three starts. Finished 8l behind Home City when fifth of 8 at 33-1 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f last month.
- 8 ON THE RIVER Foaled 25 Feb. A winner at 7f on good ground. Beaten 7l behind Astaroth at 9-4fav when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 7f last month.
- 9 NOVAK Foaled 10 Feb. Yet to place in four starts. Beaten 13l behind Bungley at 10-3 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 1m (good) last month.
- 10 STRIPZEE Foaled 10 Mar. A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Finished 6l behind Kit Gabriel when last of 6 at 11-1 on her latest outing at Pontefract over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 11 ARNSIDE Foaled 11 Feb. Yet to place in three starts. Finished 6l behind She's The Danger when sixth of 13 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f last month.

12 ITSGOODTOBEUS Foaled 28 Feb. Unplaced in all three starts. Well beaten at 250-1 behind Uncs when 11th of 12 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) in July.

RACE 3: VISIT RACINGTV.COM APPRENTICE HANDICAP

Asmund **Late Arrival** **Safran**

ASMUND has been hammering on the door and, from the foot of the weights in a competitive handicap, he shades the verdict. Late Arrival wasn't beaten far at Thirsk despite only finishing sixth and he warrants plenty of respect with William Pyle taking a handy 7lb off his back, while Safran, Strongbowe and Athollblair Boy add further spice to the race.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 SAFRAN Successful at 7f and 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. Third of 11 behind Challet beaten 3 1/2l at 13-2 on his latest outing at Ripon over 1m (good) last month.

2 STRONGBOWE Successful at 6f and 7f on good to firm ground. Finished 1 1/2l behind Mossbawn when fifth of 13 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 7f (good) earlier this month.

3 HARRY LOVE He has won three times from 5f to 7f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 6l behind Mossbawn at 20-1 when 9th of 13 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 7f (good) earlier this month.

4 ATHOLLBLAIR BOY Has won eight races from 6f to 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 3l behind It Just Takes Time when sixth of 13 at 13-2 on his latest outing here over 6f (good to firm) last month.

5 LATE ARRIVAL Successful twice at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 1 1/2l behind Mossbawn when sixth of 13 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 7f (good) earlier this month.

6 CUSTODIAN A winner at 6f on good ground, but that win was over two years ago. Beaten 11l behind Final Frontier at 150-1 when 9th of 12 on his latest outing at Catterick over 7f (good) last month.

7 ASMUND A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Third of 8 behind Farhh To Shy beaten 1 1/2l at 7-2 on his latest outing at Yarmouth over 7f (good) last month.

RACE 4: RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP

Sucellus **Delgrey Boy** **Hayadh**

Delgrey Boy dead-heated for major honours over this trip at Newcastle last time and he should be competitive off a 3lb higher mark, but narrow preference is for fellow last-start winner SUCELLUS. Oliver Greenall's charge ran on strongly to score at Haydock recently and a 2lb rise is deemed

lenient. Hayadh was only beaten half a length off this mark three starts ago and he can't be overlooked.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 COPPER AND FIVE Successful twice at 1m on good to firm and good ground. Finished 15l behind Garden Oasis when sixth of 8 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Ripon over 1m (good) last month. Has won at Ripon and Doncaster this season.
- 2 HAYADH Winner of seven races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Third of 9 behind La Rav beaten 2 1/4l at 11-2 on his latest outing at Beverley over 7f (good to firm) last month.
- 3 PISANELLO Successful twice at 1m. Finished 8l behind Ulshaw Bridge when sixth of 7 at 40-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.
- 4 IDOAPOLOGISE He has won three times from 6f to 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 13l behind Thibaan when fifth of 6 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m (good to firm) in June.
- 5 OLD NEWS Winner of five races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Sucellus at 10-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 6 DELGREY BOY Successful twice at 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 11-1 at Newcastle over 1m on his latest outing earlier this month, dead-heating with Bonneval. Has also won at Thirsk this season.
- 7 SUCELLUS He has won four times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 15-2 at Haydock over 1m (good to firm) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Star Shield by a neck. Has won twice at Haydock this season.

RACE 5: RACING TV PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING HANDICAP

Captain Vallo Wade's Magic Highjacked

CAPTAIN VALLO didn't enjoy the clearest of runs when third here last month and he is fancied to bounce back to winning ways, despite the rise in grade. An easy winner at Hamilton back in July, Phillip Makin's charge remains somewhat unexposed and is open to more improvement. Ripon winner Wade's Magic ought to enter the reckoning, as well as Runninwild, who is much better at this distance. Highjacked has been in tremendous form this season, while Jet Set Go is another to consider.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BLACKHEATH He has won four times from 6f to 7f on firm and good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind Just Frank at 40-1 when 12th of 13 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good) last month.

2 MUTANAASEQ He has won three times from 5f to 6f on firm and good to firm ground. Finished 2 1/4l behind Mossbawn when sixth of 11 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 7f (good) last month.

3 KHABIB Successful twice at 5f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Finished 2l behind Ready Freddie Go when fourth of 8 at 17-2 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 5f (good) earlier this month.

4 CAPTAIN VALLO A winner at 6f on good ground. Third of 13 behind It Just Takes Time beaten 1 1/4l at 16-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) last month.

5 RUNNINWILD Successful twice at 6f on good ground. Beaten 1l by Ready Freddie Go when second of 8 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 5f (good) earlier this month. Has won at Carlisle and Redcar this season.

6 HIGHJACKED He has won three times at 6f on good to firm and soft ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind Mutanaaseq when sixth of 15 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good to firm) in June. Has won twice at Thirsk this season.

7 WADE'S MAGIC He has won four times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. A winner at 11-2 at Ripon over 6f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Mark's Choice by 3/4l. Has also won at Catterick this season.

8 JET SET GO Placed in three of nine starts. Well beaten at 13-2 behind Sucellus when last of 11 on her latest outing at Haydock over 7f (good) in July.