

COMMENTS & SELECTIONS – NEWMARKET

RACE 1: BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)

Hallasan Al Qudra Arran

With no form to go on, the market could prove the best guide to these newcomers but the eye is drawn to Charlie Appleby's Golophin-owned duo of Al Qudra and HALLASAN. The latter is a half-brother to several winners, including Group 3 juvenile scorer Al Raya, and the 180,000gns purchase is expected to go well for William Buick. James Doyle partners his stablemate, whose price tag rose to 425,000gns as a yearling and he's out of a dam who won a Listed race as a two-year-old. Arran cost 180,000 euros and is related to a few decent winners, so he warrants respect, along with Richard Hannon's The Actor.

NO. HORSE NAME

1	AL QUDRA	Foaled 21 Feb. Dam won twice at 5f.
2	ARRAN	Foaled 18 Feb. Half-brother to The Wizard Of Eye, won at 6f and 1m.
3	BRETTON WOOD	Foaled 13 Mar. Half-brother to Positivity, won five times at 7f and 1m.
4	HALLASAN	Foaled 27 Feb. Half-brother to Grisons, won twice at 5f and 6f.
5	KING OF ANGELS	Foaled 17 Mar. Half-brother to Boann, won twice at 5f and 6f.
6	SABRIMENTO	Foaled 20 Feb. Dam unraced.
7	THE ACTOR	Foaled 1 Mar. Half-brother to First Folio, won three times at 6f.

RACE 2: IT'S NEVER ORDINARY AT BET365 HANDICAP

Dream Composer Mountain Peak Makanah

This is a wide-open handicap but there is plenty to like about the chances of DREAM COMPOSER, who won this race last year, before landing decent pots at Goodwood and Sandown, and returns off a 1lb lower mark than his victory 12 months ago. With a recent pipe-opener under his belt, he is preferred to Mountain Peak, who drops in class and in the ratings for his seasonal debut, and C&D winner Makanah, who is used to mixing in better company. Isle Of Lismore looks the pick of Robert Cowell's trio after a promising seasonal debut third at Lingfield 12 days ago.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 MAKANAH Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 10l behind Annaf at 16-1 when 16th of 22 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) in September last year.

2 BEDFORD FLYER Winner of six races at 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 4l behind Albasheer at 16-1 when seventh of 12 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month.

3 THE BIG BOARD She has won four times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Beaten 18l behind Annaf at 14-1 when 21st of 22 on her latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) in September last year.

4 TEES SPIRIT Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 7l behind Badri at 15-2 when 9th of 13 on his latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good) in October last year.

5 MOUNTAIN PEAK Has won ten races from 5f to 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 3l behind Badri when fifth of 13 at 10-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good) in October last year.

6 DREAM COMPOSER Has won eight races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Knebworth when fifth of 14 at 40-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) last month.

7 PRINCE OF PILLO He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 7l behind Squealer at 15-2 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 5f (good) in August last year.

8 LETHAL NYMPH He has won four times at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Third of 12 behind Albasheer beaten 1 3/4l at 66-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month.

9 NAVELLO Has won eight races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. A winner at 22-1 at Wolverhampton over 6f on his latest outing last month, beating Leap Abroad by 1/2l.

10 BURNING CASH He has won three times at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 7l behind Albasheer at 9-1 when eighth of 12 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month.

11 ISLE OF LISMORE Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to heavy. Third of 8 behind Star Of Lady M beaten 2 1/4l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 5f earlier this month.

12 SPRING BLOOM He has won four times at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 5l behind Badri when sixth of 13 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good) in October last year.

13 ABOVE Winner of five races from 5f to 7f on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind Bosh when sixth of 12 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f in January.

- 14 ALMATY STAR A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Beaten 4l behind Al Barez at 14-1 when eighth of 11 on his latest outing at Kempton over 6f earlier this month.
- 15 SHALAA ASKER Winner of seven races from 5f to 7f on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 2 1/2l behind Al Barez when fourth of 11 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 6f earlier this month.

RACE 3: JRA HANDICAP

Crown Estate Broadway Act Arisaig

Bravo Zulu and Arisaig both arrive on the back of a victory in novice company on the all-weather and they are very interesting now tried in a handicap, but possibly not as much as CROWN ESTATE. Following wind and gelding operations, John and Thady Gosden's charge built on his juvenile promise with a facile 1m maiden success at Newcastle last month and a mark of 84 looks workable given his scope for further improvement. Broadway Act ended last season with a decent third off this mark in a 7f handicap here and Charlie Appleby's gelding must be considered closely on his return.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 THE CAMDEN COLT A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Beaten a head by Stormy Waves when second of 8 at 14-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) in September last year.
- 2 BROADWAY ACT A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Third of 11 behind Speeding Bullet beaten 2l at 5-4fav on his latest outing here over 7f (soft) in October last year.
- 3 CHATURANGA Successful at 6f and 7f on good ground. Beaten 15l behind One Look at 40-1 when 16th of 23 on his latest outing at Curragh over 7f (yielding - soft) in September last year.
- 4 BRAVO ZULU Successful twice at 7f on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 4-7fav at Southwell over 7f last month, beating African Spirit by a neck.
- 5 CROWN ESTATE A winner at 5-4 at Newcastle over 1m on his latest outing last month, beating Infatuator by 4 1/2l.
- 6 ARISAIG Successful twice at 7f on the all-weather. A winner at 5-2 at Kempton over 7f on her latest outing in December last year, beating D Flawless by a nose.
- 7 AFRICAN SPIRIT A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Bravo Zulu when second of 8 at 10-3 on his latest outing at Southwell over 7f last month.
- 8 BREAK THE BANK Won on his latest outing when 13-8fav at Kempton over 1m last month, beating Beauty Generation by 1 1/2l.
- 9 GRAND KARAT Placed twice in three starts. Beaten 1/2l by Orne when second of 12 at 13-8fav on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Harry & Roger Charlton.

- 10 SISYPHEAN A winner at 15-8 at Newcastle over 1m on his latest outing in February, beating Native King by a nose.
- 11 THE ICE PHOENIX A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 2 1/2l behind Rocking Tree when fifth of 7 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month.
- 12 WATCHA MATEY A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Beaten 11l behind Room Service at 33-1 when 12th of 17 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) in September last year.
- 13 LAVENDER HILL MOB A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Third of 7 behind Rocking Tree beaten 1 3/4l at 9-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month.

RACE 4: MUTASAABEQ NEW FOR 2024 HANDICAP

Aerion Power Slipofthepen Majestic

AERION POWER was last seen finishing third over a mile at Ascot in September, form which has been well advertised by the winner since, and having his first start since being gelded off a 2lb higher mark, he shades preference. Slipofthepen doubtless has the ability to play a hand in a race of this nature, though he showed signs of inexperience when being turned over at short odds in a Sandown Listed race last May and he will need to be at the top of his game to score against some street-wise handicappers. Daysofourlives and Majestic both have winning form over further and they should be staying on when others have cried enough.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BOPEDRO Has won eight races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 8l behind Dear My Friend at 16-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 1m last month.
- 2 STORM CATCHER Winner of seven races from 7f to 1m 2f on the all-weather. Beaten 7l behind Elegant Man at 9-1 when 9th of 14 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m 2f last month.
- 3 SLIPOFTHPEN Successful twice at 1m on the all-weather. Third of 4 behind Captain Winters beaten 3 1/2l at 4-9fav on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m (good to soft) in May last year.
- 4 AERION POWER He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Third of 7 behind dead-heaters Ouzo and Daysofourlives beaten 1l at 7-2 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good) in September last year.
- 5 HAFEET ALAIN Winner of six races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Choisy at 17-2 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m in November last year.

- 6 DAYSOFURLIVES He has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 5-2 at Chelmsford City over 1m 2f on his latest outing in November last year, beating Queen Regent by 1/2l.
- 7 DUTCH DECOY Has won nine races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 15l behind Mr Professor at 33-1 when 12th of 20 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 1m (soft) last month.
- 8 THEORYOFEVERYTHING A winner at 7f on soft ground. Third of 7 behind Chriszoff beaten 1l at 4-1 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 1m 2f (good to soft) in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with John & Thady Gosden.
- 9 BENACRE He has won three times at 7f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Third of 11 behind Kingdom Come beaten 1l at 8-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f last month.
- 10 CANOODLED She has won four times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to soft. Well beaten at 16-1 behind Sparks Fly when 9th of 14 on her latest outing at Saint-Cloud over 1m (heavy) in October last year.
- 11 MAJESTIC Successful at 1m and 1m 1f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 1 1/4l behind Astro King when fourth of 34 at 14-1 on his latest outing here over 1m 1f (good to firm) in September last year.
- 12 OBELIX A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Beaten 10l behind Certain Lad at 14-1 when 10th of 12 on his latest outing at York over 1m 2f (soft) in October last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with John & Thady Gosden.
- 13 BAJAN BANDIT He has won three times at 7f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 1 1/4l by Catch The Paddy when second of 10 at 15-2 on his latest outing here over 7f (good to firm) in September last year.
- 14 ENTHUSED He has won three times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on good to firm and soft ground. Third of 8 behind Hiromichi beaten 5l at 33-1 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 1m earlier this month.
- 15 LIGHT SPEED He has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on the all-weather. Beaten 5l behind Inspiritus at 20-1 when 9th of 14 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 1m 2f last month.
- 16 PRENUP She has won three times from 7f to 1m 1f on good to firm and heavy ground and on the all-weather. Finished 2l behind Oh So Grand when fifth of 9 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Lingfield over 1m 2f in December last year.
- 17 BODORGAN A winner at 7f on good to soft ground. Beaten 8l behind Al Agaila at 14-1 when eighth of 10 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m in October last year.

