COMMENT & SELECTIONS - NAAS

RACE 1: IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FILLIES MAIDEN

Woodland Garden Blazing Star Boyne River

WOODLAND GARDEN showed just mild promise on debut at Gowran 11 days ago but being brilliantly bred, is open to improvement and can win. She broke well at Gowran and while her finishing effort was nothing flashy, she is a sister to The Gurkha and three other winners and is sure to benefit from her debut. Blazing Star, the first foal from a well-bred Group-placed dam, has shown useful ability in two runs. She was well enough held by the winner at Cork latest and while similarly vulnerable to smart types today, should still get involved at the business end. Boyne River, a halfsister to seven winners, ran well in her last two runs as a juvenile last year and while she should be ready for her reappearance, might bump into one or too too strong today. Frill, a 900,000gns yearling purchase and half-sister to Group 1 winner Garswood, needs to improve to win while Saywhatyouwant finished 1.75L ahead of Frill on debut at the Curragh last November and reappears on much faster ground today. All four of Lyra Belacqua's sibling have won and she is out of a Listed winner dam while Mother Country is the first runner from a Listed-placed dam

NO. HORSE NAME

1 BLAZING STAR Placed once in two starts. Beaten 3l by Camdeboo when second of 15 at 7-4fav on her latest outing at Cork over 7f (good to firm) last month.

2 BOYNE RIVER Placed twice in three starts. Third of 10 behind Talacre beaten 2l at 15-2 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m (good) in September last year.

3 CHACHA DANCER Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 8l behind Acanella at 100-1 when eighth of 13 on her latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m (good) last month.

4 ESPOUSE Beaten 6l behind Keeper Of Time at 22-1 when seventh of 16 on her racecourse debut here over 6f (good) in September last year. She is wearing a hood for the first time.

5 FINAL PAYMENTS Half-sister to Skaters Waltz, won 14 times between 7f and 1m 5f. Well beaten at 80-1 behind Holly Golightly when 11th of 13 on her racecourse debut at Gowran Park over 1m (soft) earlier this month.

6 FRILL Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 5l behind Annerville at 9-2 when seventh of 13 on her latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.

7 ITSNOTEASYHI Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 150-1 behind Ebeneezer Perry when 15th of 19 on her latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m (good - yielding) earlier this month.

8 LYRA BELACQUA Half-sister to Souls In The Wind, won twice at 6f.

9 MOTHEERAH Half-sister to Miqyaas, won at 6f. Finished 10l behind Eaglefield when fifth of 11 at 18-1 on her racecourse debut at Leopardstown over 7f (good) earlier this month.

10 MOTHER COUNTRY Dam won twice at 7f and 1m.

11 NEPALI Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 20l behind Tejano at 16-1 when 9th of 14 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (yielding) earlier this month.

12 RILIYA Half-sister to Preciousship, won four times at 7f and 1m.

13 SAYWHATYOUWANT Third of 16 behind Cecelia Clementine beaten 1l at 150-1 on her racecourse debut at Curragh over 1m (heavy) in November last year.

14STARDAYZUnplaced in all three starts. Beaten 9I behind Camdeboo at 11-2when seventh of 15 on her latest outing at Cork over 7f (good to firm) last month.

15 TRUSTME IMADOCTOR Dam a lightly raced maiden. Well beaten at 80-1 behind Acanella when last of 13 on her racecourse debut at Leopardstown over 1m (good) last month.

16 WOODLAND GARDEN Full sister to The Gurkha, won three times at 1m including two Group 1 races. Third of 14 behind Tejano beaten 7l at 5-2fav on her racecourse debut at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (yielding) earlier this month.

RACE 2: NAAS HANDICAP

Visualisation Diderot Khartoum

VISUALISATION can complete the hat-trick. A Dundalk maiden winner in January, he won on handicap debut on soft ground at Gowran recently and while now 11lbs higher, rain is forecast to fall, with soft ground in his favour, from the inside draw. Diderot is a well-bred half-brother to four winner and is out of a Group 2 winning dam. He showed good ability in his two Dundalk runs and while he could be the type to better today's initial 90 rating (the form of his Dundalk maiden win being boosted by the third and fourth-placed horses winning subsequently), might be inconvencied by soft ground. Khartoum, a USD1,000,000 yearling, is out of a Group 2 winner and while he showed good ability in winning his maiden last October, was too hot and keen when disappointing in the Craven at Newmarket last month. Hype showed good ability in his runs last year and while he steps up in grade here, can get involved. Laelaps is useful but might bump into a few more progressive types while stablemate Cosmic Vega would be suited by any rain falling but concedes plenty weight on handicap debut, having run well in a Listed race recently. Vocito is 2lbs out of the handicap but has handicap form and is ground-versatile.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 COSMIC VEGA A winner at 7f on soft ground. Finished 9I behind Lunar Space when fifth of 8 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Curragh over 7f (yielding - soft) earlier this month.

2 KHARTOUM A winner at 7f on soft ground. Beaten 19I behind Master Of The Seas at 9-1 when last of 10 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Craven Stakes at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) last month.

3 LAELAPS A winner at 1m on soft ground. Beaten 2 3/4l by Erzindjan when second of 6 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m (soft) last month.

4 DIDEROT Won on his latest outing when 11-10fav at Dundalk over 1m in March, beating Hamwood Flier by 1 3/4l.

5 VISUALISATION Successful at 7f and 1m on soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 6-1 at Gowran Park over 1m (soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Rock Etoile by 2 3/4I.

6 HYPE A winner at 3-1 at Dundalk over 7f on his latest outing in October last year, beating Jeroboam by 1 1/4l.

7 THE BLUE PANTHER A winner at 5f on heavy ground. Beaten 7l behind Fourhometwo at 66-1 when 10th of 13 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

8 ALLEZ BARZA A winner at 7f on good to soft ground. Beaten 10l behind Fourhometwo at 125-1 when 11th of 13 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

9SAN AERPlaced once in four starts. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Larado at 7-1 when9th of 18 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 7f (good) last month.

10KNOCKNAKILLAPlaced once in seven starts. Third of 15 behind Princess Sela beaten3/41 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 7f (soft) earlier this month, his only placingfrom 7 starts.

11 NO STOPPING HER A winner at 7f on yielding ground. Beaten 6l behind Hector De Maris at 50-1 when eighth of 14 on her latest outing here over 7f (heavy) in November last year.

12 VOCITO A winner at 1m 2f on good ground. Third of 11 behind Emphatic Answer beaten 3/4l at 7-2jt-fav on his latest outing at Killarney over 1m (soft) earlier this month.

RACE 3: ROYAL ASCOT TRIALS AT NAAS HANDICAP

Roca Roma Pepperoni Pete Starting Monday

ROCA ROMA would appreciate the forecast heavy rainfall and can win from a wide draw and a big weight but on suitably soft ground. A half-sister to Group 2 winners Roca Rojo and Roca Tumu, ROCA ROMA has herself hinted at having smart ability and while outclassed in the Pretty Polly Stakes last June, did win a handicap at this trip at Leopardstown last August and reappears today for a leading yard in good form. Pepperoni Pete is also drawn wide in 14 and while hit with a 17lbs rise for his easy win at Navan in March, ran well from today's rating at Limerick last month and will appreciate today's forecast soft ground, with his rider now claiming 5lbs. Starting Monday is another which will be suited by soft and should get involved reverting to a mile today. Thefaithfulindian was well held by Pepperoni Pete on reappearance at Navan in March but might benefit from the run and is well suited by testing ground.

NO. HORSE NAME

1ROCA ROMASuccessful twice at 1m on soft and yielding ground. A winnerat 3-1 at Leopardstown over 1m (soft) on her latest outing in August last year, beating Zofar Zogoodby 1 3/4l.

2 BAND OF OUTLAWS He has won three times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft, but last win was over two years ago; has also won three hurdles. Finished 6l behind Insignia Of Rank when fourth of 16 at 4-1fav on his latest flat outing at Tipperary over 1m 1f (soft) in October '18.

3 CASANOVA Successful at 1m and 1m 1f on good ground and on the allweather. Beaten 16l behind Hightimeyouwon at 20-1 when last of 20 on his latest outing at Cork over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.

4 PROTAGONIST Successful at 1m 1f and 1m 2f on good and yielding ground. Beaten 13I behind Layfayette at 12-1 when 18th of 24 on his latest outing at Curragh over 1m (soft - heavy) in March.

5 PEPPERONI PETE Successful twice at 1m on good and heavy ground. Third of 12 behind Dedillon beaten 1l at 11-2 on his latest outing at Limerick over 1m (good) last month.

6 PUNK POET A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Finished 1 3/4l behind Half Nutz when fifth of 18 at 25-1 on his latest outing here over 6f (yielding - soft) earlier this month.

7 ACQUIESCENT Successful at 6f and 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 16l behind Bopedro at 28-1 when 13th of 15 on her latest outing at Cork over 7f (good to firm) last month.

8 LONGBOURN A winner at 1m 1f on good - yielding ground. Finished 2 1/2I behind Dedillon when fourth of 12 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Limerick over 1m (good) last month.

9 STARTING MONDAY Successful at 7f and 1m on heavy and soft - heavy ground. Finished 1 1/4l behind Aesop when fifth of 14 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Cork over 1m 2f (yielding) last month.

10ICE COLD IN ALEXHe has won four times from 5f to 7f on good to firm and
good ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 17l behind
Bopedro at 11-2 when 14th of 15 on his latest outing at Cork over 7f (good to firm) last month.

11 THEFAITHFULINDIAN She has won three times from 1m to 1m 4f on ground varying from soft to yielding - soft. Finished 16l behind Pepperoni Pete when fifth of 18 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Navan over 1m (heavy) in March.

12 COLFER ME Successful at 7f and 1m on good ground and on the allweather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 17l behind Raise You at 80-1 when 20th of 21 on his latest outing at Curragh over 1m (good) last month. 13MCCABEA winner at 1m on good ground. Beaten 14l behind TauranShaman at 20-1 when 17th of 18 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m 2f (good) earlier thismonth.

14 EL PADRE Placed in three of five starts. Finished 4l behind Pretty Rebel when fifth of 23 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Curragh over 7f (yielding - soft) earlier this month.

15 DREAM TALE A winner at 1m on good ground. Beaten 6l behind Tauran Shaman at 11-1 when 9th of 18 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.

16EASTERN RACERHas won nine races from 5f to 1m on ground varying fromgood to firm to yielding - soft and on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Wonder Elzaam when sixthof 16 at 40-1 on his latest outing here over 7f (soft) in March.

17 PERRY SQUARE Yet to place in six starts. Finished 9I behind Castletownbere when sixth of 11 at 28-1 on his latest outing at Cork over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month. He is wearing cheekpieces for the first time.

18PIRATE LASSPlaced in four of ten starts. Beaten 7l behind Whatharm at33-1 when 11th of 14 on her latest outing at Dundalk over 7f in November last year.

RACE 4: COOLMORE STUD CALYX RACE

Andreas Vesalius Twilight Jet Silver Surfer

Michael O'Callaghan introduces his 210,000 pounds April 22 breeze-up purchase Twilight Jet, in this fascinating race with ANDREAS VESALIUS the pick. ANDREAS VESALIUS, by flashy first-season sire Caravaggio, showed promise on debut and while beaten 0.75L by Silver Surfer over course and distance eight days ago, finished well, is straightforward and progressive. Cadamosto, already a non-runner four times, beat Silver Surfer by 3.5L when the pair met at Dundalk 36 days ago but was a 'change in going' withdrawal on May 3 and could be inconvenienced by today's forecast rainfall and resulting soft ground. While he beat Silver Surfer at Dundalk, Silver Surfer veered badly leaving the stalls and in the end did well to finish so close. Also by Caravaggio, Silver Surfer behaved himself leaving the stalls when beating the selection here eight days ago and being 10lbs better off than Cadamosto today, could reverse placings with him but might not hold form with ANDREAS VESALIUS. Twilight Jet clearly breezed very well last month, is out of a 2yo winning dam who is a half-sister to a Listed winner.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 CADAMOSTO Dam won at 6f. Won on his latest outing when 7-4jt-fav at Dundalk over 5f last month, beating Silver Surfer by 3 1/2l.

2 ANDREAS VESALIUS Dam won at 6f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 1 1/2l behind King Of Bavaria when fourth of 9 at 11-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance (yielding - soft) earlier this month.

3 CHARLIE DE RIO Dam a lightly raced maiden. Placed once in two starts. Finished 9I behind Strapped when sixth of 11 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Cork over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.

4 SILVER SURFER Placed twice in three starts. Beaten 3/4l by King Of Bavaria when second of 9 at 4-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (yielding - soft) earlier this month.

5 TWILIGHT JET Half-brother to Ascot Day, won three times at 5f and 6f.

6 UNCONQUERABLE KEEN Half-brother to Glorious Artist, won eight times between 7f and 1m 1f. Beaten 6l behind Glounthaune at 22-1 when seventh of 11 on his racecourse debut at Curragh over 6f (good) last month.

RACE 5: SOLE POWER SPRINT STAKES (LISTED)

Indigo Balance Urban Beat Logo Hunter

There is plenty of quality in this race. INDIGO BALANCE could be a colt to go to war with in the sprint division this season. He has returned to Ireland from a spell in Australia and has shown plenty of dash. He raced alone on the far side of a good handicap at the Curragh in March before giving best to the winner (Downforce) in the closing stages. His next start was eye-catching as he drew right away from his rivals by six lengths in Tipperary. Afterwards, jockey Shane Foley said that he showed pace that he didn't think he had. He is a former Listed winner who holds Group One entries. Urban Beat should be sharper from a fifth place over course and distance last month. He gets first-time blinkers. Logo Hunter's form is working out well and he is a progressive, in-form sprinter who has to be respected.

NO. HORSE NAME

1HARRY'S BARHas won nine races from 5f to 7f on the all-weather. Beaten3/4I by Mooneista when second of 9 at 16-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good)last month.

2 MAKE A CHALLENGE Has won ten races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft - heavy. Finished 1 1/2l behind Mooneista when fourth of 9 at 11-4fav on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

3 URBAN BEAT Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on good - yielding and heavy ground and on the all-weather. Finished 2 1/2l behind Mooneista when fifth of 9 at 7-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

4 DOWNFORCE Winner of seven races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to soft - heavy. Beaten 7l behind Laugh A Minute at 14-1 when 9th of 15 on his latest outing at Cork over 6f (yielding) last month.

5 GUSTAVUS WESTON Successful twice at 6f on good - yielding and soft ground. Finished 5l behind Lancaster House when sixth of 11 at 25-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 TRI Equestrian Gladness Stakes at Curragh over 7f (good) last month. 6 INDIGO BALANCE He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good and yielding ground. Won on his latest outing when 9-4fav at Tipperary over 5f (yielding) last month, beating Mi Esperanza by 6l.

7 A STEP TOO FAR Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 10l behind Laugh A Minute at 22-1 when 13th of 15 on her latest outing at Cork over 6f (yielding) last month.

8 BACK TO BRUSSELS Successful at 5f and 6f on yielding and heavy ground. Third of 9 behind Mooneista beaten 1 1/4l at 11-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

9 MI ESPERANZA Successful twice at 5f on yielding and yielding - soft ground. Won on her latest outing when 4-1fav over this course and distance (yielding - soft) earlier this month, beating Pretty Smart by 1/2I.

10 ROMANTIC PROPOSAL She has won three times from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to yielding - soft. Beaten 6l behind Lustown Baba at 13-2 when seventh of 11 on her latest outing at Curragh over 6f (soft) in October last year.

11STEEL BULLSuccessful twice at 5f on good ground. Finished 7l behindFrenetic when fifth of 14 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 5f in October last year.

12 LOGO HUNTER Successful at 5f and 6f on yielding ground and on the allweather. Beaten 3/4l by Measure Of Magic when second of 9 at 17-2 on his latest outing at Navan over 6f (good) last month.