

COMMENTS & SELECTIONS - DONCASTER

RACE 2: PARLIAMENT SQUARE EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)

Courageous Knight Quinault Afterlife

COURAGEOUS KNIGHT has let favourite backers down on both starts thus far, with a fourth at Nottingham in May followed by a nose second at Haydock last time on soft ground. As a son of Dubawi, the better going here ought to be more to his liking and he may have been found a suitable race to get off the mark. Stablemate Quinault cost 310,000gns and may well be the one to follow the suggestion home, though Afterlife pulled too hard on his debut and might do a lot better if settling here.

NO. HORSE NAME

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| 1 | AFTERLIFE | Foaled 23 Feb. Half-brother to End Of The Road, won twice in chases at 2m and over hurdles at 2m. Beaten 14l behind Isaac Shelby at 9-2 when 9th of 11 on his racecourse debut at Newbury over 6f (good to soft) last month. |
| 2 | COURAGEOUS KNIGHT | Foaled 4 Feb. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Placed once in two starts. Beaten a nose by One World when second of 8 at 13-8fav on his latest outing at Haydock over 7f (soft) earlier this month. |
| 3 | EZAJ | Foaled 9 Apr. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Finished 6l behind Isaac Shelby when fifth of 11 at 22-1 on his racecourse debut at Newbury over 6f (good to soft) last month. |
| 4 | FORCA TIMAO | Foaled 24 Jan. Dam won at 7f. Beaten 11l behind Dance In The Grass at 18-1 when last of 7 on his racecourse debut at Sandown over 7f (good) earlier this month. |
| 5 | QUINAULT | Foaled 16 Feb. Dam unraced. |
| 6 | SIR JOCK BENNETT | Foaled 3 Apr. Half-brother to In The Lope, won twice at 1m and 1m 1f. |
| 7 | UTILIS | Foaled 13 Apr. Half-brother to Oh Say, won at 7f. |

RACE 3: GRIPPLE FAST TRAK HANDICAP (RND)

Antagonize Frog And Toad Truth In Jest

Frog And Toad is the only course winner in the field but he needs to bounce back from a poor run at Pontefract last month. He could still go well but preference is for ANTAGONIZE, who was left with too much to do when running on into second at Thirsk last month but races off the same mark here. He must have every chance if he can be kept nearer to the early pace, while Truth In Jest is another to consider on his first try at a mile after going under by a neck when third over a furlong shorter last time.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 FROG AND TOAD Successful at 7f and 1m on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 15l behind Eligible at 4-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 1m (good to firm) last month. Has won at Thirsk and Doncaster this season.
- 2 MASTER OF COMBAT Placed twice in four starts. Finished 3 1/2l behind Le Reveur when fifth of 13 at 14-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) earlier this month.
- 3 EBURY Successful twice at 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 4l behind Northern Express when fifth of 16 at 16-1 on his latest outing at York over 7f (good) earlier this month.
- 4 THRAVE He has won four times from 6f to 1m on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 2 1/4l behind Yanifer when sixth of 16 at 20-1 on his latest outing here over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 5 ANTAGONIZE He has won four times from 7f to 1m on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1/2l by Diamond Haze when second of 12 at 17-2 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m (good) last month.
- 6 TRUTH IN JEST Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground. Third of 16 behind Yanifer beaten 1/2l at 12-1 on his latest outing here over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 7 NIGHT RANGER Placed once in four starts. Beaten 12l behind Electrical Storm at 66-1 when 12th of 13 on his latest outing at York over 1m 1f (good) earlier this month.
- 8 SIDESHIFT A winner at 1m 3f on the all-weather. Beaten 13l behind Mere Catherine at 8-1 when last of 9 on his latest flat outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (soft) in August '20.
- 9 RUM RUNNER Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Little Ted when fourth of 8 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Ripon over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 10 HARDY Placed in three of 12 starts. Finished 3 1/2l behind Paddy Elliott when fourth of 10 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Beverley over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.

RACE 4: NORFOLK BRIDGE WORKS HANDICAP (RND)**Nietzsche's Star Maytree Respite Bayraq**

A few of these have something to prove, but certainly not NIETZSCHE'S STAR, who arrives here on a hat-trick following comfortable successes at both Lingfield and Newbury. Andrew Balding's charge can take the step up in grade in his stride as he looks to fend off the likes of Bayraq and Maytree Respite, who shaped with promise in a big-field novice event at Doncaster earlier in the month. Vintage Choice needs to bounce back from a disappointing effort at Haydock.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 VINTAGE CHOICE A winner at 7f on good ground. Beaten 7l behind Liamarty Dreams at 2-1fav when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Haydock over 7f (good) last month.
- 2 BAYRAQ A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 15l behind Maljoom when last of 4 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m in April.
- 3 MAYTREE RESPITE A winner at 1m 1f on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind First Ruler when fourth of 20 at 14-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) earlier this month.
- 4 TROPEZ POWER Successful at 6f and 1m 1f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Finished 10l behind Migdam when sixth of 7 at 16-1 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.
- 5 NIETZSCHE'S STAR Successful twice at 1m on good and good to soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 7-4fav at Newbury over 1m (good to soft) earlier this month, beating Kaasirr by 1/2l. Has also won at Lingfield this season.

RACE 5: WALSALL MANOR HOSPITAL FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)

Star Fortress Croachill Love You Grandpa

Trainer Ralph Beckett has an excellent record on Town Moor and STAR FORTRESS can provide him with another winner, following a highly encouraging debut effort at Windsor. Croachill ran to a similar level on her first outing at Chelmsford and she is likely to be thereabouts, though Newcastle scorer Royal Scandal faces a stiffer task under a penalty. Love You Grandpa brings the most experience to this affair and she is not to be underestimated either.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 ROYAL SCANDAL Full sister to Promissory, won at 1m 4f. A winner at 15-2 at Newcastle over 1m 2f on her latest outing last month, beating Liseo by 1l.
- 2 CROACHILL Half-sister to Sweet Gentle Kiss, won at 1m in a Group 3 race. Beaten 1 1/4l by Queen Of The Skies when second of 9 at 12-1 on her racecourse debut at Chelmsford City over 1m 2f earlier this month.
- 3 LOVE YOU GRANDPA Placed once in two starts. Third of 11 behind Take My Chances beaten 6l at 11-2 on her latest outing at Salisbury over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 4 STAR FORTRESS Half-sister to Lloydminster, won five times between 6f and 1m. Beaten 2l by Special Envoy when second of 14 at 14-1 on her racecourse debut at Windsor over 1m 2f (soft) earlier this month.