

COMMENTS & SELECTIONS - NOTTINGHAM

RACE 2: EBF & THE FAIRFAX SADDLES OH SO SHARP MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE)

Run Simba Sisyphus Strength Shining Jewel

RUN SIMBA displayed plenty of promise when fourth on her debut over 7f at Glorious Goodwood. The daughter of Roaring Lion should only improve for that experience and the step up in trip is another positive for her chances. Sisyphus Strength and Fox Flame have similar profiles to the selection and should not be discounted, while Cochin and Zarga are others with strong form claims. Shining Jewel is a half-sister to the highly-rated Warren Point and she edges out Eleanor Cross to be the pick of the newcomers.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 ALBA LONGA Foaled 7 Apr. Half-sister to Shine So Bright, won five times at 5f and 7f including a Group 2 race. Beaten 12l behind Bold Act at 12-1 when seventh of 11 on her racecourse debut at Kempton over 1m earlier this month.
- 2 COCHIN Foaled 17 Apr. Half-sister to Gold Stone, won at 5f. Placed once in two starts. Third of 10 behind Eximious beaten 5l at 12-1 on her latest outing at Salisbury over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 3 ELEANOR CROSS Foaled 9 May. Full sister to Making Miracles, won four times between 1m 2f and 2m 3f including a Group 1 race.
- 4 FOX FLAME Foaled 19 Jan. Half-sister to Salute The Soldier, won five times between 7f and 1m 1f including a Group 1 race. Finished 4l behind Cell Sa Beela when fourth of 8 at 11-1 on her racecourse debut at Beverley over 7f (good) last month.
- 5 KAMANIKA Foaled 28 Apr. Half-sister to Whileuweresleeping, won twice at 1m 4f and 1m 5f.
- 6 RUN SIMBA Foaled 28 Apr. Half-sister to Beepeecee, won five times between 7f and 1m 1f. Finished 5l behind Sparkling Beauty when fourth of 15 at 66-1 on her racecourse debut at Goodwood over 7f (good to firm) in July.
- 7 SHINING JEWEL Foaled 29 Feb. Half-sister to Warren Point, won three times at 1m 2f.
- 8 SISYPHUS STRENGTH Foaled 4 Feb. Half-sister to Chilean, won twice at 1m and 1m 1f including a Group 3 race. Finished 6l behind Luckin Brew when fourth of 11 at 10-3 on her racecourse debut at Kempton over 1m earlier this month.
- 9 TWILIGHT KISS Foaled 31 Jan. Dam won at 1m 4f. Finished 6l behind Crystallium when fourth of 9 at 10-1 on her racecourse debut at Chelmsford City over 7f last month.
- 10 ZARGA Foaled 23 Jan. Half-sister to Zamharer, won twice at 1m 1f and 1m 2f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 5l behind Sparkling Beauty when fifth of 15 at 7-2jt-fav on her latest outing at Goodwood over 7f (good to firm) in July.

RACE 3: FAIRFAX SADDLES BETTER PERFORMANCE GRASSROOTS SERIES FINAL NURSERY

Glorious Angel Cotai Pearl Ignac Lamar

A case can be made for most of these but marginal preference is for GLORIOUS ANGEL, who only found one too good in a similar event at Newcastle a couple of weeks ago. Cotai Pearl may prove to be the main danger based on her win at Carlisle earlier in the month, and she was not disgraced last time. The shortlist is completed by Ignac Lamar, Galore and Pending Appeal.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 PRIORS DELL Foaled 8 Mar. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 6l behind Urban Sprawl when last of 5 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Sandown over 7f (good) last month. Has won at Newbury and Windsor this season.
- 2 GLORIOUS ANGEL Foaled 14 Apr. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 2 1/4l by Never Just A Dream when second of 10 at 10-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month. Has won at Nottingham and Redcar this season.
- 3 COTAI PEARL Foaled 25 Mar. A winner at 6f on good to soft ground. Third of 10 behind Never Just A Dream beaten 4l at 4-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month.
- 4 JAXTA Foaled 25 Mar. A winner at 6f on good ground. Finished 10l behind Belsito when sixth of 7 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Redcar over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.
- 5 IGNAC LAMAR Foaled 9 Apr. A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Never Just A Dream when fifth of 10 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month.
- 6 PENDING APPEAL Foaled 18 Mar. Unplaced in all five starts. Finished 3l behind New Endeavour when fifth of 6 at 16-1 on her latest outing at Kempton over 7f earlier this month.
- 7 GALORE Foaled 23 Apr. A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Gumais when fourth of 10 at 10-3 on her latest outing at Kempton over 6f earlier this month.
- 8 CHUCK TAYLOR Foaled 28 Jan. Placed once in five starts. Finished 5l behind Star Player when last of 6 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Epsom over 7f (good) last month.
- 9 PLATINUM GIRL Foaled 18 Apr. Unplaced in all seven starts. Beaten 12l behind Caernarfon at 18-1 when 11th of 13 on her latest outing at Ayr over 7f (good) earlier this month.
- 10 HOWYADOIN Foaled 12 Apr. Placed twice in nine starts. Finished 2 1/2l behind Strength 'n Honour when fifth of 10 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Catterick over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.

RACE 4: FAIRFAX SADDLES GRASSROOTS SERIES FINAL SPRINT HANDICAP

Fantasy Master Danzan King Of Tonga

A chance is taken on FANTASY MASTER, who notched up back-to-back course successes when in the care of Michael Appleby. He has been below par in recent outings but that's reflected by his falling handicap mark and he might be able to exploit it, with the booking of Andrea Atzeni heightening interest in Darryll Holland's gelding. Ayr Bronze Cup hero Danzan looks set for another big run, while the improving King Of Tonga merits a place on the shortlist too. Cooperation and Phoenix Star might not be far away either.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 GOOD EARTH Has won eight races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Dusky Lord when fourth of 25 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Ayr over 6f (good) earlier this month. Has won 3 times this season.
- 2 KING OF TONGA Winner of six races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. A winner at 4-1 at Chester over 5f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Ancient Times by 3/4l. Has won 3 times this season.
- 3 DANZAN Winner of five races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. A winner at 8-1 at Ayr over 6f (good) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Fast And Loose by a short head. Has also won at Thirsk this season.
- 4 THE GREEN MAN A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Third of 14 behind Temple Bruer beaten 1 3/4l at 10-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good) earlier this month.
- 5 ABATE Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Finished 3 1/2l behind Runninwild when fifth of 11 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good) last month.
- 6 ARISTOBULUS Successful twice at 6f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind First Folio at 16-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Yarmouth over 6f (good) earlier this month.
- 7 GLORIOUS RIO Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 1 1/2l behind Twilight Secret when fourth of 14 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month. Has won twice at Carlisle this season.
- 8 COOPERATION Winner of five races at 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 5l behind Lir Speciale at 16-1 when 9th of 11 on his latest outing at Windsor over 6f (good) earlier this month. Has won twice at Nottingham this season.

- 9 WILLOUGHBY BAY Successful twice at 6f on good and soft ground. A winner at 9-4 at Chepstow over 6f (soft) on her latest outing last month, beating Penguin Island by a nose.
- 10 MICHAELS CHOICE Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from firm to soft. Finished 1 1/4l behind Chief Of Staff when fourth of 11 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 6f earlier this month. Has won twice at Salisbury this season.
- 11 ENDOWED He has won four times at 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Alcazan when fifth of 14 at 10-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 6f (good to soft) earlier this month.
- 12 KODIAS SANGARIUS Successful twice at 6f on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Chief Of Staff at 12-1 when 10th of 11 on her latest outing at Lingfield over 6f earlier this month.
- 13 FANTASY MASTER Successful twice at 5f on good and soft ground. Beaten 11l behind Willem Twee at 40-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Kempton over 6f last month.
- 14 NEARLY A GONNA He has won four times at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Round The Island at 15-2 when seventh of 15 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 6f (good) earlier this month. Has won at Leicester and Carlisle this season.
- 15 IRIS DANCER She has won three times at 6f on good to soft and soft ground. A winner at 17-2 at Hamilton over 6f (good to soft) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Kentucky Rose by 3 1/2l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success. Has won twice at Hamilton this season.
- 16 PHOENIX STAR Has won eight races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy and on the all-weather. A winner at 4-1 at Sandown over 5f (heavy) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Pop Dancer by 1l.
- 17 BLISSFUL SONG She has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Arnold at 7-2jt-fav when 10th of 11 on her latest outing at Pontefract over 5f (good) earlier this month.

RACE 5: FAIRFAX SADDLES GRASSROOTS SERIES MIDDLE DISTANCE FINAL HANDICAP

Tathbeet Savrola Smiling Jayne

TATHBEET has been running creditably on the all-weather in recent starts, but he ought to appreciate the return to turf and is fancied to strike in first-time cheekpieces. Savrola bumped into a major improver at Newmarket last month and must enter the reckoning nudged up 1lb. Smiling Jayne has been knocking at the door of late and she merits consideration along with recent Newcastle scorer Balqaa.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 TATHBEET A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Finished 7l behind Sea The Casper when fifth of 6 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m 3f last month.
- 2 NATCHEZ TRACE He has won three times from 7f to 1m 4f on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 12-1 at Kempton over 1m 3f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Silverscape by 1/2l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success.
- 3 SMILING JAYNE A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1l by Misty Dancer when second of 11 at 13-2 on her latest outing at Ayr over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.
- 4 GANGWAY He has won three times from 1m 1f to 1m 2f on the all-weather. Finished 7l behind Makinmedoit when fifth of 9 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Salisbury over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 5 SAVROLA A winner at 1m on good to firm ground. Beaten 2l by Simply Sondheim when second of 5 at 2-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 2f (soft) last month.
- 6 THE NAVIGATOR He has won four times from 1m to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to soft; has also won five hurdles (latest NH win was earlier this month). Finished 4l behind Shahnaz when fifth of 8 at 9-2 on his latest flat outing at Carlisle over 1m (good) last month.
- 7 KEMERTON Unplaced in all four starts. Beaten 10l behind Nonsuch Lad at 12-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m 2f (soft) earlier this month.
- 8 NIGHT BEAR Successful twice at 1m 2f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Beaten 11l behind The Menstone Gem at 20-1 when 10th of 20 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 1f (good) earlier this month.
- 9 BALQAA Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on the all-weather. A winner at 11-2 at Newcastle over 1m 2f on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Oscar Doodle by 1/2l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success.
- 10 WAKEY WAKEY Placed once in nine starts. Third of 5 behind Simulation Theory beaten 4 1/2l at 11-2 on his latest outing at Carlisle over 1m (good to soft) earlier this month.