

COMMENTS & SELECTIONS – PONTEFRACT

RACE 1: NORTHERN COMMERCIALS IVECO DRIVEAWAY NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)

Dandy Devil

Federal Envoy

Own Accord

DANDY DEVIL readily beat a subsequent winner on his debut over 5f at Newcastle last month and, with this longer trip unlikely to pose any problems, he gets the vote to follow up. Federal Envoy also made a winning introduction and he looks an obvious danger, while newcomers Own Accord and Mambha are worth a market check at the very least.

NO. HORSE NAME

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| 1 | LASER FOCUS | Well beaten at 66-1 behind Night Raider when fourth of 7 on his racecourse debut at Southwell over 7f last month. |
| 2 | FEDERAL ENVOY | Dam unraced. A winner at 7-2 at Southwell over 7f on his latest outing last month, beating Jayyash by a neck. |
| 3 | OWN ACCORD | Half-sister to Undertake, won at 6f. |
| 4 | DANDY DEVIL | Half-brother to Spirit Of Angel, won twice at 1m 2f and 1m 4f. A winner at 10-3 at Newcastle over 5f on his latest outing last month, beating Kings Merchant by 1l. |
| 5 | CLOSE CONNECTION | Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 7l behind That's For Sure at 66-1 when eighth of 10 on his latest outing at Carlisle over 6f (good to firm) in July last year. |
| 6 | OBLIGATORY | Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 13l behind Keldeo at 25-1 when last of 10 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to soft) in August last year. |
| 7 | YORKSHIRE GLORY | Half-brother to Dandy Years, won at 7f. Third of 5 behind Dandy Devil beaten 4 1/2l at 14-1 on his racecourse debut at Newcastle over 5f last month. |
| 8 | MAMBHA | Half-sister to Mamba Wamba, won three times at 5f. |
| 9 | MORAL STANDARDS | Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 16l behind Mickley at 200-1 when eighth of 10 on her latest outing at Southwell over 7f last month. |

RACE 2: WILLIAM HILL NRMB ON THE GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP

Throne Hall

Billy No Mates

Torcello

THRONE HALL bolted up in an amateur jockeys' handicap at Doncaster nine days ago and a 4lb penalty probably won't be enough to anchor him if arriving in the same mood. Billy No Mates signed off last season with a stylish win at Haydock and he warrants plenty of respect on his return to action, while the dropped-in-class Torcello cannot be ruled out either.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 TORCELLO Has won nine races from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to heavy. Finished 10l behind Wind Your Neck In when fifth of 11 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 4f (heavy) in November last year.

2 CLAN CHIEFTAIN A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Finished 14l behind Citizen General when fourth of 6 at 9-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) in August last year.

3 THRONE HALL He has won three times from 1m 1f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to soft. A winner at 13-2 at Doncaster over 1m 4f (soft) on his latest outing last month, beating The Bunt by 10l. Carries a 4lb penalty today for that success.

4 BILLY NO MATES Winner of six races from 6f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Won on his latest outing when 3-1 fav at Haydock over 1m 6f (soft) in September last year, beating Zillion by 3l.

RACE 3: JAMAICAN FLIGHT HANDICAP

Goobinator

Black Kalanisi

Robert Johnson

GOOBINATOR gamely won his latest Flat outing in October and backed that up with a solid placed effort over hurdles two months later. Today's forecast testing conditions will pose no problems and he could give weight and a beating to his rivals. Black Kalanisi has struggled over timber recently but a return to the level could see him bounce back to form, while Robert Johnson also holds claims.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 GOOBINATOR He has won four times from 1m 4f to 2m on ground varying from good to firm to heavy and on the all-weather. A winner at 15-2 at Catterick over 1m 4f (heavy) on his latest flat outing in October last year, beating Genesius by 1/2l.
- 2 ROBERT JOHNSON Winner of six races from 1m 4f to 2m on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Well beaten at 5-1 behind Forza Orta when 12th of 14 on his latest outing at York over 2m (good to firm) in August last year.
- 3 BLACK KALANISI Winner of five races from 1m 4f to 2m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy and on the all-weather. Won on his latest flat outing when 10-3fav at Newmarket over 2m (heavy) in November last year, beating Coquelicot by 4 1/2l.
- 4 MAXIDENT A winner at 1m 4f on heavy ground. Well beaten at 150-1 behind Trawlerman when seventh of 8 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Qipco British Champions Long Distance Cup at Ascot over 2m (good to soft) in October last year.
- 5 JUSTUS Successful at 1m 7f and 2m on soft and heavy ground. Finished 8l behind Punctuation when fifth of 9 at 6-1 on his latest flat outing at York over 2m (soft) in October last year.

RACE 4: WILLIAM HILL EXTRA PLACE RACES EVERY DAY HANDICAP

Vintage Clarets

Elegant Erin

Wen Moon

VINTAGE CLARETS, who was due to run in a valuable sprint at Musselburgh prior to it's abandonment on Saturday, is taken to land the spoils. Richard Fahey's charge progressed well last season, finishing third at Doncaster when last seen in October, and this career-high mark could still be within range. It would be unwise to rule out a Paul Midgley sprinter and Elegant Erin, who is lurking on a dangerous mark, must be considered. Wen Moon can chase the pair home.

NO. HORSE NAME

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| 1 | VINTAGE CLARETS | Winner of seven races at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy and on the all-weather. Third of 10 behind Aberama Gold beaten 4l at 11-2 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 5f (heavy) in October last year. |
| 2 | SPOOF | Has won 11 races at 5f on ground varying from good to heavy. Finished 5l behind Korker when fifth of 8 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Windsor over 5f (heavy) in October last year. |
| 3 | THE BELL CONDUCTOR | Winner of six races at 5f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 8l behind Diligent Harry at 33-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Southwell over 5f in February. |
| 4 | HIYA MAITE | Winner of five races at 5f on good to soft and soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Albasheer at 9-2 when 10th of 12 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month. |
| 5 | WEN MOON | He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good and soft ground. Beaten 5l behind Vintage Clarets at 3-1fav when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Catterick over 5f (heavy) in October last year. |
| 6 | LOOKING FOR LYNDA | He has won three times at 5f on good ground. Beaten 9l behind Wen Moon at 5-1 when seventh of 12 on his latest outing at York over 5f (soft) in October last year. |
| 7 | GLORIOUS ANGEL | Winner of five races from 5f to 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Montassib when sixth of 7 at 50-1 on her latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) last month. |
| 8 | ELEGANT ERIN | Winner of five races from 5f to 7f on good to firm and soft ground. Finished 1 1/4l behind Pepsi Cat when fifth of 10 at 18-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month. |

RACE 5: NAPOLEONS CASINO BRADFORD HANDICAP

James's Delight

Twilight Romance

Beyond Borders

Twilight Romance disappointed despite being well fancied in a fiercely competitive two-year-old race at York when last seen 222 days ago but newly-formed father and son partnership John and Sean Quinn will be hopeful he can improve this season. However, likely soft ground would have to be a slight concern and so preference is for JAMES'S DELIGHT. The Invincible Army gelding showed a useful level of form as a juvenile and given that his sire improved with age, he could follow suit. Beyond Borders is also noted.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 JAMES'S DELIGHT A winner at 6f on good to soft ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind Fair Angellica when fifth of 9 at 10-3 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 7f (soft) in October last year.

2 TWILIGHT ROMANCE A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Beaten 12l behind Dragon Leader at 9-2 when 19th of 22 on his latest outing at York over 6f (good to firm) in August last year.

3 BEYOND BORDERS He has won four times at 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Photosynthesis at 12-1 when 9th of 12 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 6f last month.

4 BELLARCHI She has won three times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Finished 16l behind Edge Of Blue when last of 6 at 22-1 on her latest outing at Doncaster over 7f (heavy) in October last year.

5 SOUTH SHORE Placed twice in three starts. Beaten 1 1/4l by Engineer when second of 9 at 11-4 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 6f in November last year.