COMMENTS & SELECTIONS – SLIGO

RACE 2: KEASH HILL HANDICAP (45-65)

First Blood Ten Ten Twenty Bader Ginsburg

FIRST BLOOD was an eye-catcher on his handicap debut at Navan last month and he is the selection in this competitive contest. The Joseph O'Brien trained gelding came from well off the pace at Proudstown Park to finish a never nearer fifth. He should come plenty for that experience and it'll be disappointing if he is not involved towards the business end here. Ten Ten Twenty finished a close second at Galway on Sunday and he is given second preference with Colin Keane booked to ride. Bader Ginsburg and Queen Amanirenas were first and second at Down Royal last month and both are likely to have plenty of supporters, while others for the shortlist here are Clew Bay (first time cheekpieces) and Bella Coaster.

- 1 CLEW BAY Yet to place in four starts. Finished 4l behind Chummie when fourth of 13 at 7-1 on her latest outing at Tipperary over 1m 1f (good to firm) in June. She is wearing cheekpieces for the first time.
- 2 FIRST BLOOD Unplaced in all four starts. Finished 2 1/4l behind Clueless Hill when fifth of 16 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Navan over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 3 CATHERINE CHROI A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 2l behind Ben Siegel when fourth of 9 at 16-1 on her latest outing at Ballinrobe over 1m 1f (good) last month.
- 4 BUILT FOR THIS Unplaced in all four starts. Beaten 14l behind Sea Appeal at 66-1 when 10th of 14 on his latest outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (yielding) last month. He is wearing a tongue-tie for the first time.
- 5 BELLA COASTER Yet to place in eight starts. Finished 5l behind Classical Memories when fifth of 15 at 17-2 on her latest outing at Naas over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 6 TEN TEN TWENTY Placed twice in eight starts. Beaten 1/2l by Church Mountain when second of 15 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Galway over 1m (good) earlier this month.
- 7 BADER GINSBURG A winner at 10-1 at Down Royal over 1m 5f (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Queen Amanirenas by 2l.
- 8 QUEEN AMANIRENAS Placed once in six starts. Beaten 2l by Bader Ginsburg when second of 8 at 4-1 on her latest outing at Down Royal over 1m 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 9 RUSLA Unplaced in all six starts. Finished 7I behind Sea Sessions when sixth of 9 at 33-1 on her latest outing at Fairyhouse over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 10 FRENCH COMPANY Unplaced in all four starts. Beaten 7I behind I Siyou Baby at 150-1 when seventh of 13 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m (good) last month.
- OUR SECRET PEARL
 Yet to place in ten starts. Beaten 9l behind Classical
 Memories at 6-1jt-fav when 11th of 15 on her latest outing at Naas over 1m 2f (good) last month.

- 12 ROCK YA BOY YA Unplaced in all four starts. Beaten 8l behind Jazz Dreamers at 80-1 when 10th of 13 on his latest outing at Bellewstown over 1m (good) last month.
- 13 SIOUX GRIT Yet to place in seven starts. Beaten 19l behind Evergreen And Red at 150-1 when 11th of 14 on her latest outing at Cork over 1m 2f (yielding soft) in May.
- 14 XAEL Yet to place in seven starts. Finished 4l behind Bader Ginsburg when fifth of 8 at 28-1 on her latest outing at Down Royal over 1m 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 15 SEE THE LOVE Unplaced in all three starts. Finished 4 1/2l behind Rock Chant when fourth of 10 at 4-1 on her latest outing at Cork over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
- 16 ITSNOTEASYHI Unplaced in all five starts. Finished 6l behind Supreme Machine when fifth of 16 at 25-1 on her latest outing at Cork over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
- 17 CLASSY CHOICE Unplaced in all four starts. Beaten 15l behind Rock Chant at 18-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Cork over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month. He is wearing cheekpieces for the first time.

RACE 3: IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF CONNACHT OAKS FILLIES HANDICAP

Sheishybrid So I Told You Miss Myers

The form of the Ulster Derby in Down Royal is working out well which gives SHEISHYBRID claims. She was the sole filly in the field and didn't run badly in coming home seventh of 13 runners. Plenty of winners have come out of that race including Star Harbour who was a length in front of her and then landed a rated race in Killarney off a mark of 90. So I Told You loves running in Sligo. Since switching from Richard Hughes in Britain to Joseph O'Brien, she has won twice at this track which earned her a trip to Royal Ascot. She didn't feature in the Kensington Palace Stakes but then resumed winning ways in Gowran Park. Hugh Horgan's 7lb claim lessens her burden and she is a big player. Miss Myers has been running consistently well since May, albeit she finds it difficult to win. Pachmena, Vera Verto and Aurora Princess all have chances of prize money.

- 1 SO I TOLD YOU She has won four times from 1m to 1m 3f on ground varying from good to yielding soft. A winner at 5-2 at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (good) on her latest outing last month, beating Alazenya by 1l.
- 2 COME SEPTEMBER A winner at 1m 1f on good ground, but that win was over two years ago. Beaten 13l behind Princesse Mathilde at 40-1 when last of 8 on her latest flat outing at Down Royal over 1m 2f (good) in June.
- 3 MISS MYERS A winner at 7f on heavy ground. Third of 7 behind Protagonist beaten 3l at 11-2 on her latest outing at Fairyhouse over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 4 HAMLEY Winner of five races from 1m 1f to 1m 2f on good ground. Beaten 6l behind The Blue Brilliant at 12-1 when eighth of 9 on her latest outing at Killarney over 1m 3f (good) last month.

- 5 GETAWIGGLEON A winner at 1m 2f on good ground. Beaten 5l behind Longbourn at 50-1 when eighth of 15 on her latest outing at Curragh over 1m 2f (good) in June.
- 6 PACHMENA A winner at 1m 3f on the all-weather. Third of 7 behind Forbearance beaten 5l at 9-1 on her latest outing at Down Royal over 1m 5f (good to firm) in June.
- 7 SHEILA A winner at 1m 2f on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Dedillon at 22-1 when 10th of 16 on her latest outing at Galway over 1m (good) last month.
- 8 SHEISHYBRID A winner at 1m 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 7l behind lowa at 13-2 when seventh of 13 on her latest outing at Down Royal over 1m 5f (good) in June.
- 9 VERA VERTO A winner at 1m 2f on soft ground. Beaten 4 1/2l by Max Mayhem when second of 4 at 8-1 on her latest outing at Roscommon over 1m 2f (yielding) in May.
- AURORA PRINCESS Successful at 1m 1f and 1m 2f on good ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind Protagonist when fourth of 7 at 7-1 on her latest outing at Fairyhouse over 1m 2f (good) last month. Runs from 2lb out of handicap.

RACE 4: IRISH EBF MEDIAN SIRES SERIES MAIDEN

Shoebox King Arges Areille

SHOEBOX KING'S third place in Fairyhouse last month got a terrific boost on Monday, so he is taken to make the breakthrough. The runner-up from Fairyhouse ran an absolute stormer to be third in the incredibly valuable Ballyhane Stakes race in Naas. Arges performed with credit at Naas when second in the Ballyhane consolation race and should be in the mix if swiftly turned out again. He has been placed four times this season. Ken Condon's Areille made her debut at Fairyhouse and was a length and a half behind Shoebox King in fourth. There was plenty of promise of better things to come in that performance. Takana isn't out of it after her fourth place on debut in Cork.

- 1 ADAM'S ANGEL Dam won four times at 1m.
- 2 ARGES Placed in three of six starts. Beaten 5l by Cavalry Charge when second of 15 at 3-1 on his latest outing at Naas over 6f (good) earlier this month.
- 3 SHOEBOX KING Placed twice in three starts. Third of 13 behind Hapipi Go Lucky beaten 2 1/2I at 5-2 on his latest outing at Fairyhouse over 6f (good) last month.
- 4 IT MIGHT BE YOU Half-sister to Another Angel, won seven times at 5f. Finished 7l behind Geocentric when fifth of 6 at 20-1 on her racecourse debut at Navan over 5f (good) last month.
- 5 LOTTIE DEND Half-sister to Aquamerica, won at 7f. Beaten 14l behind Red Linn at 12-1 when last of 12 on her racecourse debut at Leopardstown over 7f (good) last month.
- 6 MY GIRL KAY Dam a lightly raced maiden. Well beaten at 200-1 behind Homeless Songs when last of 15 on her racecourse debut at Leopardstown over 7f (good) last month.

- 7 AREILLE Dam won at 1m 4f. Finished 4l behind Hapipi Go Lucky when fourth of 13 at 12-1 on her racecourse debut at Fairyhouse over 6f (good) last month.
- 8 TAKANA Full sister to Soldier Lions, won at 6f. Finished 6l behind Loveday when fourth of 8 at 80-1 on her racecourse debut at Cork over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 9 WEE WINNIE Full sister to Indiana Rose, won at 6f. Beaten 9l behind Pennine Hills at 80-1 when seventh of 9 on her racecourse debut at Fairyhouse over 6f (good) last month. She is wearing a tongue-tie for the first time.

RACE 5: KNOCKNAREA NURSERY HANDICAP

Shinkansen Hot Sunset Mist Of The Deep

This is a drop in class for SHINKANSEN, from his unplaced run at the Curragh, that he can take advantage of. Paddy Harnett claims 7lb from him and he gets first-time blinkers. In addition, the handicapper has dropped him by 3lb. Just three runs ago, he finished a length and a half second in a Navan maiden behind Albion Square who has been keeping very good company since. Hot Sunset has come home third in her last couple of races which entitles her to be on the premises. Mist Of The Deep is a potential improver with blinkers on. She hasn't troubled the judge in three outings to date, but she was only 7/2 for her debut in Fairyhouse. She should be competitive in a nursery.

- 1 SHINKANSEN Placed once in five starts. Finished 11l behind Swift One when sixth of 7 at 7-1 on his latest outing at Curragh over 6f (good) last month. He is wearing blinkers for the first time.
- 2 TOMMORAH Yet to place in four starts. Finished 7l behind Loveday when sixth of 8 at 50-1 on her latest outing at Cork over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 3 MIST OF THE DEEP Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 11l behind Hapipi Go Lucky at 16-1 when 9th of 13 on her latest outing at Fairyhouse over 6f (good) last month. She is wearing blinkers for the first time.
- 4 HOT SUNSET Placed twice in four starts. Third of 11 behind Daisy Peers beaten 3 1/2l at 14-1 on her latest outing at Navan over 6f (good) last month.
- 5 ARCH ENEMY Yet to place in five starts. Beaten 12l behind Cool And Clever at 20-1 when eighth of 9 on her latest outing at Galway over 7f (good) last month.
- 6 BENEVOLENT Yet to place in three starts. Finished 6l behind Hadman when sixth of 9 at 33-1 on her latest outing at Naas over 6f (good) last month.
- 7 PEPSIWITHACAP Yet to place in four starts. Beaten 13l behind Swift One at 33-1 when last of 7 on her latest outing at Curragh over 6f (good) last month.
- 8 PRINCESS RAJJ Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 9l behind Velocidad at 25-1 when 9th of 13 on her latest outing at Fairyhouse over 6f (soft heavy) in May.

- 9 WALKING ON CLOUDS Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 12l behind Hapipi Go Lucky at 50-1 when 10th of 13 on his latest outing at Fairyhouse over 6f (good) last month.
- 10 OUR LOUISE Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 7l behind Red Linn at 150-1 when 10th of 12 on her latest outing at Leopardstown over 7f (good) last month. Runs from 1lb out of handicap.