

COMMENTS AND SELECTIONS - MUSSELBURGH

RACE 1: CHAMPAGNE POMMERY ROSE MAGNUM HANDICAP

Bankawi

Ayr Empress

Cosa Sara

BANKAWI recorded a promising second on her latest outing over 1m at Carlisle and quickly turned out off the same mark, she is firmly in the picture. She represents a reputable stable and is relatively unexposed at this distance, so is entitled to give a good account. Ayr Empress must be feared despite the burden of top-weight, while Cosa Sara is respected dropping in trip.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 AYR EMPRESS Successful twice at 1m 1f on good ground. Beaten 1l by Flylikeaneagle when second of 6 at 8-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.
- 2 COSA SARA She has won three times at 1m on good to firm and good ground. Third of 9 behind Clan Jock beaten 1/2l at 7-1 on her latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 3f (good) last month. Has won 3 times this season.
- 3 IRON SHERIFF Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good to firm and soft ground. Beaten 3/4l by Reclaim Victory when second of 12 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m last month.
- 4 BRECKLAND Successful at 7f and 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Fascinating Lips when fourth of 7 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 1m 2f last month. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Alexandra Dunn.
- 5 ROYAL COUNTESS Successful twice at 1m 2f on good to firm and soft ground. Finished 5l behind Flying Moon when fourth of 9 at 5-2fav on her latest outing at Ayr over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 6 BANKAWI She has won four times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Beaten 3/4l by Willing To Please when second of 10 at 4-1 on her latest outing at Carlisle over 1m (good) earlier this month.
- 7 CHINESE SPIRIT Winner of seven races from 1m to 1m 1f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Finished 3l behind Royal Prospect when fourth of 10 at 11-4 on his latest outing at Carlisle over 1m (good) earlier this month. Has won at Hamilton and Carlisle this season.

RACE 2: BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF CONDITIONS STAKES (GBB RACE)

Looking For Lynda

New Definition

Wen Moon

LOOKING FOR LYNDA drops markedly in grade having not been disgraced in Group company at Goodwood last month. He managed to outrun big odds on his penultimate outing at Newbury, finishing three and a quarter lengths behind the winner and seeing 9/4 favourite Maria Branwell off into eighth. New Definition seems a big threat having recorded a good fourth in Listed company behind Chateau, while Wen Moon also has a chance.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 LOOKING FOR LYNDA Foaled 17 Mar. A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 4 1/2l behind Trillium when sixth of 8 at 50-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Markel Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) last month.

2 NEW DEFINITION Foaled 19 Feb. A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Chateau when fourth of 6 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 6f (good to firm) last month.

3 WEN MOON Foaled 2 Mar. Half-brother to Aventinus, won twice at 7f. A winner at 10-3 at Ripon over 5f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Overnight Oats by 3/4l.

4 LITTLE BETTY Foaled 27 Jan. Yet to place in four starts. Finished 4l behind Mereside Diva when fourth of 6 at 16-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.

RACE 3: SO STOBO PLATINUM JUBILEE HANDICAP

Happy

Dark Jedi

Excelcius

Having only finished a neck behind the winner on his most recent outing over this trip, HAPPY seeks to go one better stepping back up in class. He is a consistent sort and a 1lb rise for his latest run seems about right. The class-dropping Dark Jedi seems an obvious threat, but he remains 3lb higher than his last winning mark, while Excelcius merits consideration on his stable debut for Iain Jardine.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 DARK JEDI Winner of five races from 7f to 1m 5f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 2 1/4l behind Soapy Stevens at 40-1 when seventh of 16 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 6f (good to firm) last month.

- 2 SIR CHAUVELIN Has won nine races from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather; has also won four hurdles. Beaten 6l behind Haliphon at 33-1 when seventh of 11 on his latest outing at Chester over 1m 4f (good) last month.
- 3 RAVENS CRAIG CASTLE Successful at 1m 3f and 1m 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 5l behind Get Shirty at 28-1 when 9th of 17 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m 4f (soft) last month.
- 4 HAPPY A winner at 1m 2f on good ground. Beaten a neck by Sovereign Duke when second of 5 at 4-5fav on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 5 GLASSES UP Winner of seven races from 1m to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 6l behind What's The Story when last of 4 at 9-4 on his latest outing at Ayr over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.
- 6 HAIZOOM She has won four times from 1m 5f to 2m on good and good to soft ground. Finished 4l behind Wickywickywheels when fourth of 8 at 9-2 on her latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 7 EXCELCIUS Successful at 7f and 2m on good ground and on the all-weather; has also won two hurdles. Beaten 12l behind Khezaana at 18-1 when 9th of 17 on his latest flat outing at Curragh over 1m 4f (good) in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today.

RACE 4: MADELEINE CUP HANDICAP

Eeh Bah Gum Birkenhead Global Humor

Birkenhead was a game winner of the "Jump Jockeys' Nunthorpe" at York last month, when it paid to be drawn low (berthed in six). A 4lb rise for that success ought to be manageable, but preference is for EEH BAH GUM, who wasn't as well positioned in the same race. Kevin Ryan's seven-year-old finds himself 3lb better off with the former after taking jockeys' claims are taken into account and, having won over C&D previously, he could reverse the form. Global Humor filled the runner-up spot at this venue last Friday and looks best of the remainder.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BIRKENHEAD Winner of six races at 5f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 25-1 at York over 5f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Leodis Dream by a neck. Has also won at Catterick this season.
- 2 DAPPER MAN Has won 14 races at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Helvetian when fifth of 9 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 5f (good) last month.

- 3 GLOBAL HUMOR Has won eight races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 1l by Sugar Baby when second of 5 at 4-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.
- 4 EEH BAH GUM Winner of six races at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 7l behind Birkenhead at 11-2 when 15th of 20 on his latest outing at York over 5f (good to firm) last month.
- 5 ASTAPOR A winner at 6f on good ground. Beaten 3/4l by Hurstwood when second of 11 at 7-1 on his latest outing at Redcar over 6f (good to firm) last month.

RACE 5: GAYNOR WINYARD HANDICAP

Ramon Di Loria Abduction Merricourt

RAMON DI LORIA ran well to finish third over 6f in a 0-85 contest at Hamilton last month after losing a shoe. Ewan Whillans' charge should appreciate the return to 7f, having won over C&D on his penultimate outing, while the drop in class could also aid his return to the winner's enclosure. Recent Catterick scorer Abduction looks set for another bold bid despite a 4lb rise in the ratings, along with Merricourt and Brazen Bolt, who renew their rivalry following their meeting at Ayr last month.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BRAZEN BOLT Winner of five races from 6f to 7f on good ground and on the all-weather. Third of 11 behind It Just Takes Time beaten 2 1/4l at 7-2fav on his latest outing at York over 7f (good to firm) last month. Has won at Ayr and Newmarket this season.
- 2 ABDUCTION He has won three times from 6f to 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 4-1 at Catterick over 7f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Master Richard by 1/2l. Has also won at Lingfield this season.
- 3 GOMETRA GINTY Has won nine races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Finished 2l behind Abduction when fourth of 8 at 11-1 on her latest outing at Catterick over 7f (good to firm) last month.
- 4 MANIGORDO Successful at 6f and 7f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 6l behind Abduction when fifth of 8 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Catterick over 7f (good to firm) last month.
- 5 HIGHER KINGDOM Successful at 6f and 7f on the all-weather. Beaten 10l behind Howyoulikethat at 33-1 when 14th of 16 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m (good) last month.

6 RAMON DI LORIA Successful at 6f and 7f on good and good - yielding ground.
Third of 9 behind Surprise Picture beaten 1/2l at 4-1 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (good) last month.

7 MERRICOURT Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on good to firm and good
ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 3/4l by Brazen Bolt when second of 7 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Ayr over 7f (good) last month.