

COMMENT AND SELECTIONS - YORK

RACE 1: MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE HANDICAP

Count D'Orsay Autumn Flight Copper Knight

In a wide-open contest the marginal preference is for COUNT D'ORSAY, who bounced back to form when finishing second off this mark at Chester a week ago. A reproduction of that performance today would give the five-year-old a big chance. Autumn Flight has filled second place in both starts since winning twice at Chelmsford last month and he should be in the mix once again. Others to consider are Kind Review, Copper Knight and Rayong.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 SUNDAY SOVEREIGN Successful at 5f and 6f on soft and yielding ground. Beaten 12l behind Live In The Moment at 22-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to soft) in August last year.

- 2 COUNT D'ORSAY Winner of five races at 5f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 1 1/4l by Jabbarockie when second of 9 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Chester over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.

- 3 VENTUROUS Has won ten races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy and on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind Jabbarockie when fifth of 9 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Chester over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.

- 4 JAWWAAL He has won four times from 5f to 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 4l behind Victory Angel at 4-1jt-fav when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) last month.

- 5 MULZIM Winner of seven races from 5f to 7f on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Came From The Dark when sixth of 8 at 33-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 5f (good) last month.

- 6 RAYONG Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 8l behind Garrus when last of 4 at 5-2 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 5f in March.

- 7 HURAIZ Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind Chil Chil at 22-1 when last of 7 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month.

- 8 QUEEN'S ORDER Successful twice at 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 14l behind Victory Angel at 4-1jt-fav when last of 9 on her latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) last month.

- 9 MUSCIKA Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 5l behind Staxton when last of 6 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Ripon over 6f (good to firm) last month.

- 10 INDIAN SOUNDS Winner of five races from 5f to 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Mondammej when fifth of 6 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 5f (good to firm) last month.

- 11 **KIND REVIEW** Winner of six races from 5f to 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 5-2 at Newcastle over 5f on his latest outing last month, beating Canford Bay by 1 1/2l.
- 12 **DAVE DEXTER** He has won four times at 5f on ground varying from good to soft to heavy. Third of 6 behind Blue De Vega beaten 1 1/4l at 5-1 on his latest outing at Leicester over 5f (heavy) in October last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with R M Beckett.
- 13 **MONDAMMEJ** Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Jabbarockie when sixth of 9 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Chester over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.
- 14 **ILLUSIONIST** A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 6l behind Arcibo at 13-2 when eighth of 11 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 5f (good) last month.
- 15 **COPPER KNIGHT** Has won eight races at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Third of 9 behind Jabbarockie beaten 2l at 9-2 on his latest outing at Chester over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.
- 16 **AUTUMN FLIGHT** Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft to heavy and on the all-weather. Beaten 1/2l by Global Prospector when second of 4 at 6-4jt-fav on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 5f earlier this month.
- 17 **GLORY FIGHTER** He has won four times at 5f on ground varying from good to soft. Finished 6l behind Commanche Falls when fourth of 6 at 33-1 on his latest outing at Ayr over 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 18 **MID WINSTER** She has won three times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Beaten 1/2l by Primo's Comet when second of 7 at 2-1fav on her latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good) last month.

RACE 2:AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI MIDDLETON FILLIES' STAKES (GROUP 2)

Silence Please Passion Queen Power

Queen Power holds a fitness edge over the majority of her rivals and is likely to give a good account after finishing second in the Dahlia Stakes earlier this month, but she may be vulnerable to either of the Irish contenders Passion or SILENCE PLEASE. The latter is still relatively unexposed at this trip and could be tough to beat if reproducing the calibre of performance seen when dismissing the Aidan O'Brien-trained sister of Capri at Navan last year. Chamade could also have the ability to get involved.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 **CABALETTA** Successful at 1m and 1m 4f on good and heavy ground. Well beaten at 66-1 behind Wonderful Tonight when 10th of 12 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Qipco British Champions Fillies Wonderful Tonight Mares Stakes at Ascot over 1m 4f (soft) in October last year.
- 2 **CHAMADE** She has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on good and soft ground. A winner at 12-1 at Doncaster over 1m 2f (soft) on her latest outing in November last year, beating Trefoil by 3/4l.
- 3 **FREYJA** Winner of five races from 7f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Finished 9l behind Lady Bowthorpe when sixth of 7 at 11-2 on her latest outing in

the Group 2 Dahlia Stakes at Newmarket over 1m 1f (good to firm) earlier this month.

4 PASSION Successful at 1m and 1m 6f on soft and yielding ground. Third of 12 behind Wonderful Tonight beaten 3 1/2l at 14-1 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Qipco British Champions Fillies Wonderful Tonight Mares Stakes at Ascot over 1m 4f (soft) in October last year.

5 QUEEN POWER Successful at 7f and 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten a head by Lady Bowthorpe when second of 7 at 2-1fav on her latest outing in the Group 2 Dahlia Stakes at Newmarket over 1m 1f (good to firm) earlier this month.

6 SILENCE PLEASE She has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 4l by Tiger Moth when second of 12 at 12-1 on her latest outing in the Group 3 The Paddy Power 'Is It 2021 Yet?' Stakes at Leopardstown over 1m 4f (good) in September last year.

RACE 3: MATCHBOOK BETTING PODCAST HAMBLETON HANDICAP

Brunch Artistic Rifles Matthew Flinders

BRUNCH was successful over this course and distance last season, with Hartswood back in second, in a race that threw up several subsequent winners. Michael Dods' five-year-old ran a cracker on his reappearance, finishing second off 1lb lower in the Lincoln, and should go close if building on that performance. What's The Story is another track-and-trip winner to note, though bigger dangers may be the thriving Artistic Rifles, who is chasing a hat-trick, and Matthew Flinders, who makes plenty of appeal on his Spring Cup third at Newbury last month.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 WHAT'S THE STORY Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 1l by Top Rank when second of 11 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 1m (good) in March.

2 JOHAN Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Nugget when fifth of 16 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m (good) last month.

3 BRUNCH He has won four times from 7f to 1m on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1 1/2l by Haqeeqy when second of 18 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 1m (good) in March.

4 MATTHEW FLINDERS Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Third of 16 behind Nugget beaten 1 1/2l at 7-2fav on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m (good) last month.

5 KYNREN He has won four times from 7f to 1m on good to firm and soft ground. Third of 10 behind Grove Ferry beaten 1 1/2l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Chester over 1m (good to soft) earlier this month.

6 SHELIR He has won three times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to yielding. Beaten a short head by Finest Sound when second of 6 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m (good to firm) last month.

7 KING OTTOKAR Successful at 7f and 1m 2f on soft ground, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 16l behind Haqeeqy at 17-2 when 15th of 18 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 1m (good) in March.

8 VOLATILE ANALYST Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 11l behind Glen Shiel when last of 6 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f in August last year.

9 OUZO He has won four times from 7f to 1m on good and soft ground. Beaten 6l behind Haqeeqy at 18-1 when seventh of 18 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 1m (good) in March.

10 ARTISTIC RIFLES Winner of seven races from 7f to 1m 1f on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when evens fav at Ripon over 1m (good to firm) last month, beating Garden Oasis by 4 1/2l. Has also won at Doncaster this season.

11 HARTSWOOD Successful at 7f and 1m on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 4l behind Storting at 11-1 when 9th of 15 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.

12 FIRMAMENT Winner of six races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 7l behind Persuasion at 20-1 when eighth of 13 on his latest outing at Haydock over 7f (good to firm) last month.

13 MOSTAWAA He has won three times at 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1/2l by Keyser Soze when second of 9 at 11-4fav on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good to firm) last month.

14 GLOVES LYNCH Successful at 6f and 1m on soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Heaven Forfend when second of 7 at 2-1 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m last month.

15 LA TRINIDAD Successful at 7f and 1m on good to firm and good ground. Finished 13l behind Artistic Rifles when fifth of 6 at 7-2 on his latest outing at Ripon over 1m (good to firm) last month.

RACE 4:AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI DANTE STAKES (GROUP 2)

Hurricane Lane

High Definition

Royal Champion

High Definition has been all the rage for the Derby following a remarkable success in the Beresford Stakes at the Curragh last September but he arrives here having missed an intended engagement at Lingfield last week. With that in mind, the vote goes to another unbeaten runner in the shape of HURRICANE LANE. Charlie Appleby's colt displayed a professional attitude when scoring at Newbury last month and he appeals as the type who will continue to improve with racing. Royal Champion, Gear Up and Megallan add further spice to what is an intriguing contest.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 ALENQUER Successful at 7f and 1m 2f on good and soft ground. A winner at 25-1 in the Group 3 bet365 Classic Trial at Sandown over 1m 2f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Adayar by 1/2l.

- 2 BELLOCCIO Successful twice at 1m on good to soft ground. Finished 9l behind Alenquer when fifth of 10 at 12-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 bet365 Classic Trial at Sandown over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 3 FLYING VISIT Successful at 1m and 1m 1f on heavy and soft - heavy ground. Beaten 2 1/4l by Bolshoi Ballet when second of 8 at 33-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 P.W. McGrath Memorial Ballysax Stakes at Leopardstown over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 4 GEAR UP He has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on good ground. A winner in the Group 1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud Group 1 Stakes at Saint-Cloud over 1m 2f in October last year, beating Botanik by a short head.
- 5 HIGH DEFINITION Successful twice at 1m on good - yielding and soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 9-5fav in the Group 2 Alan Smurfit Memorial Beresford Stakes at Curragh over 1m (good - yielding) in September last year, beating Monaasib by 3/4l.
- 6 HURRICANE LANE Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good and heavy ground. A winner at 11-4 at Newbury over 1m 2f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Maximal by 1l.
- 7 MEGALLAN Successful twice at 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 4-6fav at Newcastle over 1m last month, beating Legion Of Honour by 1/2l.
- 8 PYTHAGORAS He has won three times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 4 1/2l behind Wirko when fourth of 8 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Epsom over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 9 ROMAN EMPIRE A winner at 1m on soft - heavy ground. Finished 9l behind Erzindjan when fifth of 6 at 11-8fav on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m (soft) last month.
- 10 ROYAL CHAMPION A winner at 1m on good ground. Third of 8 behind Highland Avenue beaten 7l at 2-1fav on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 1f (good) last month.
- 11 UNCLE BRYN Successful at 1m and 1m 1f on the all-weather. Third of 8 behind Wirko beaten 2l at 11-10fav on his latest outing at Epsom over 1m 2f (good) last month.

RACE 5: BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF WESTOW STAKES (LISTED)

Acklam Express Winter Power Atalis Bay

ACKLAM EXPRESS makes slightly more appeal than the returning Winter Power in a cracking Listed event. Nigel Tinkler's charge should be fighting-fit following three fine efforts at Meydan since mid-February, whereas the latter hasn't run since October, and he is also a past C&D winner. Tim Easterby's inmate is an exciting three-year-old, after signing off last season with Listed and Group 3 victories at Ayr and Newmarket respectively, but she might just need this. Atalis Bay and Dexter Belle add further spice to the race.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 ACKLAM EXPRESS He has won three times at 5f on good and good to soft ground. Third of 13 behind Extravagant Kid beaten 3/4l on his latest outing in the Group 1 Al Quoz Sprint Sponsored By Azizi Developments Group 1 Stakes at Meydan over 6f (good) in March.

- 2 ATALIS BAY He has won four times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 8-1 at Nottingham over 5f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Burning Cash by 1 1/4l.
- 3 BURNING CASH A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 6l behind Dragon Symbol when last of 5 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 4 FIRST COMPANY Placed twice in five starts. Beaten 3/4l by Showalong when second of 8 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Chester over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.
- 5 INTERNATIONALDREAMS Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Third of 7 behind Bickerstaffe beaten 1 1/4l at 7-1 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 6 MUKER Successful twice at 5f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Dragon Symbol when fourth of 5 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 7 WINTER POWER She has won four times at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. A winner at 10-1 in the Group 3 Cornwallis Stakes at Newmarket over 5f (soft) on her latest outing in October last year, beating Method by 3l.
- 8 DEXTER BELLE Won on her latest outing when evens fav at Pontefract over 6f (good to firm) last month, beating Barney's Bay by 6l.
- 9 NEVER SAY NEVER Placed once in two starts. Beaten 2l by Exuding when second of 11 at 33-1 on her latest outing at Redcar over 6f (good to firm) last month.