

COMMENTS & SELECTIONS – NEWMARKET

RACE 1: WEATHERBYS GLOBAL STALLIONS APP HANDICAP

Orazio

Wallop

Katey Kontent

A comfortable winner of this contest last year off 11lb lower, ORAZIO could not have asked for a better prep towards his defence than running a highly creditable third in the Listed Cammidge Trophy last month. William Buick renews the partnership and they could have too much for Ayr Gold Cup winner Significantly and handicap debutant Wallop, who is very interesting pitched in here on just his fifth career outing. Unlucky on a couple of occasions last season, Katey Kontent is another to note, along with Chipstead and Great Ambassador.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 SIGNIFICANTLY Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Beaten 1 3/4l by Montassib when second of 22 at 11-2 on his latest outing at York over 6f (soft) in October last year.
- 2 ORAZIO He has won three times at 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Third of 7 behind Montassib beaten 1 1/2l at 3-1jt-fav on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) last month.
- 3 GREAT AMBASSADOR He has won four times from 6f to 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Third of 9 behind Sam Maximus beaten 1/2l at 3-1fav on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good) in August '22.
- 4 CHIPSTEAD Has won eight races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from firm to soft and on the all-weather. Third of 14 behind Fivethousandtoone beaten 3 1/2l at 33-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f last month.
- 5 ABERAMA GOLD Has won 12 races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy and on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Fivethousandtoone when sixth of 14 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f last month.
- 6 BAREFOOT ANGEL Successful twice at 6f on good ground. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Aberama Gold at 11-1 when seventh of 15 on her latest outing at York over 6f (good) in July last year.

- 7 WALLOP Won on his latest outing when 8-13fav at Kempton over 6f in April last year, beating Almaty Star by a neck.
- 8 SUMMERGHAND Has won 17 races at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 8l behind Fivethousandtoone at 25-1 when eighth of 14 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f last month.
- 9 ALEEZDANCER Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on good to soft and soft ground. Third of 14 behind Knebworth beaten 1 1/2l at 9-2fav on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) last month.
- 10 DARK THIRTY He has won three times from 6f to 7f on good ground. Finished 4l behind Rohaan when sixth of 16 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 6f (good) in October last year.
- 11 GLENFINNAN Successful at 7f and 1m on good ground. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Atrium at 14-1 when 9th of 17 on his latest outing at Ascot over 7f (good) in October last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with A M Balding.
- 12 RAATEA He has won four times from 6f to 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Third of 12 behind Baradar beaten 1 3/4l at 20-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) in September last year.
- 13 WOBWOBWOB Winner of five races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 9l behind Knebworth at 9-1 when 12th of 14 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) last month.
- 14 WOVEN He has won three times from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten a short head by Knebworth when second of 14 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (soft) last month.
- 15 JUST A SPARK Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1l by Cloud Cover when second of 9 at 8-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 7f last month.
- 16 BALDOMERO Successful at 7f and 1m 2f on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Third of 11 behind Blind Beggar beaten 1l at 22-1 on his latest outing at Bath over 5f (heavy) earlier this month.

17 SOLRAY Successful twice at 6f on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind Fivethousandtoone at 9-1 when 12th of 14 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f last month.

18 AL FARABI A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Third of 9 behind Grand Traverse beaten 4l at 7-2 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f last month.

19 KATEY KONTENT Successful twice at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1/2l by Under The Twilight when second of 13 at 7-1 on her latest outing at Salisbury over 6f (soft) in October last year.

20 ABATE Has won ten races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten a head by Dare To Hope when second of 13 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Ripon over 6f (good) in September last year.

RACE 2: BET365 FEILDEN STAKES (LISTED)

El Cordobes

Narkez

Ambiente Friendly

Following a similar path to Highland Avenue, who won this race for Charlie Appleby in 2021, EL CORDOBES can go some way to repaying his monumental price tag by following up a comfortable success at Kempton. The extra furlong should suit, and it may be French raider Narkez who gives him most to think about following a taking performance on heavy ground at Saint Cloud on his return. Ambiente Friendly and Gasper De Lemos arrive on the back of creditable efforts in Group races here at the back end of last season and are likely to be thereabouts too.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 AMBIENTE FRIENDLY A winner at 7f on good to soft ground. Third of 7 behind Ancient Wisdom beaten 6l at 16-1 on his latest outing here over 1m (soft) in October last year.

2 CAVIAR HEIGHTS A winner at 1m on good ground. Beaten 7l behind Ghostwriter at 14-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing here over 1m (good to firm) in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with A M Balding.

3 EL CORDOBES Won on his latest outing when 6-5fav at Kempton over 1m in January, beating Morning Light by 2l.

- 4 GASPER DE LEMOS A winner at 7f on yielding - soft ground. Beaten 6l by Arabian Crown when second of 4 at 11-5 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f (soft) in October last year.
- 5 IMMORTAL KNIGHT A winner at 4-1 at Kempton over 1m on his latest outing in December last year, beating Fighter Command by 1l.
- 6 JAYAREBE A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Beaten 6l behind Rosallion when seventh of 11 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at ParisLongchamp over 7f (good to soft) in October last year.
- 7 NARKEZ Successful twice at 1m on heavy ground. A winner at 11-4 at Saint-Cloud over 1m (heavy) on his latest outing last month, beating Supercooled by 7l.
- 8 NATIVE AMERICAN Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good - yielding ground. Finished 6l behind Rosallion when sixth of 11 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at ParisLongchamp over 7f (good to soft) in October last year.
- 9 QUATRE BRAS A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 10l behind Arabian Crown when fifth of 7 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Salisbury over 1m (good) in August last year.
- 10 WHIP CRACKER Won on his latest outing when 2-7fav at Chelmsford City over 7f in October last year, beating Wonder Smile by 6l.

RACE 3: BET365 EARL OF SEFTON STAKES (GROUP 3)

Embesto

Royal Rhyme

Ottoman Fleet

A winner of three of his five starts last season, including when sharing the spoils at this level in the Sovereign Stakes, EMBESTO looks an exciting proposition for the Roger Varian stable this year. Stepping up in trip should hold no fears for a son of Roaring Lion and he is narrowly preferred to Royal Rhyme, who takes a significant drop in grade having finished a respectable fifth in Champion Stakes. Ottoman Fleet won a weaker-looking renewal of this contest last year, but should be fit after some recent spins in Meydan. Last year's 2000 Guineas runner-up Hi Royal could be rejuvenated by a return to the Rowley Mile.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 ASTRO KING Winner of five races from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 5l behind Spirit Dancer at 16-1 when eighth of 13 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Howden Neom Turf Cup - TURF at Riyadh over 1m 2f (good to firm) in February.

- 2 BLANCHLAND Successful at 1m and 1m 4f on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Elegant Man at 17-2 when 12th of 14 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m 2f last month.

- 3 CLAYMORE Successful at 7f and 1m 2f on good to firm and soft ground. Beaten 5l behind Elegant Man at 33-1 when seventh of 14 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m 2f last month.

- 4 EMBESTO He has won three times at 1m on good to firm and good ground. Finished 2 1/2l behind Poker Face when fourth of 10 at 7-2 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Qatar Prix Daniel Wildenstein at ParisLongchamp over 1m (good to soft) in September last year.

- 5 HI ROYAL A winner at 1m on good ground. Well beaten at 100-1 behind Big Rock when last of 11 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot over 1m (soft) in October last year.

- 6 NOVUS She has won four times from 6f to 1m 2f on soft ground. A winner at 9-1 here over 1m 2f (soft) on her latest outing in October last year, beating Veil Of Shadows by 2l.

- 7 OTTOMAN FLEET He has won four times from 1m 1f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Naval Power when eighth of 14 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Singspiel Stakes - TURF at Meydan over 1m 1f (good) in February.

- 8 REGAL REALITY Winner of six races from 7f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 3 1/2l behind Blue Trail when fourth of 7 at 5-2fav on his latest outing at Lingfield over 1m 2f in November last year.

- 9 ROYAL RHYME He has won four times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to soft and soft ground. Finished 5l behind King Of Steel when fifth of 8 at 16-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Qipco Champion Stakes at Ascot over 1m 2f (soft) in October last year.

10 THE FOXES He has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 9l behind Spirit Dancer at 6-1 when last of 13 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Howden Neom Turf Cup - TURF at Riyadh over 1m 2f (good to firm) in February.

RACE 4: LANWADES STUD NELL GWYN STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 3)

Dance Sequence

Matrika

True Cyan

The last four winners of this race had previously tasted Newmarket success, which bodes well for supporters of DANCE SEQUENCE. Charlie Appleby's filly is unbeaten in two starts to date and on the back of game C&D triumph in the Oh So Sharp, with the promise of more improvement to come, she edges preference. Matrika's two-year-old season culminated in an impressive victory over 6f at the Curragh and she commands respect for the in-form Aidan O'Brien team. True Cyan made a pleasing start when running out a cosy winner of the same C&D maiden the stable's 2019 Nell Gwyn heroine Qabala took, and she completes the shortlist.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 BORN TO ROCK A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Finished 7l behind Kylian when fifth of 7 at 6-4fav on her latest outing at Sandown over 5f (good) in July last year.

2 DANCE SEQUENCE Successful twice at 7f on good and soft ground. A winner at 4-1 over this course and distance (soft) on her latest outing in October last year, beating Skellet by a neck.

3 GUSHING GOLD A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Beaten 10l behind Dance Sequence at 5-1 when last of 7 on her latest outing over this course and distance (soft) in October last year.

4 HERITAGE HOUSE A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 5l behind Romantic Style when fourth of 14 at 100-1 on her latest outing here over 6f (heavy) in November last year.

5 KATHMANDU A winner at 2-1 at Southwell over 7f on her latest outing in November last year, beating Hot Fashion by 3/4l.

- 6 LEXINGTON BELLE She has won three times from 7f to 1m 1f on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind Romantic Style at 17-2 when 9th of 14 on her latest outing here over 6f (heavy) in November last year.
- 7 MATRIKA Successful twice at 6f on good ground. Won on her latest outing when 2-5fav in the Group 2 Airlie Stud Stakes at Curragh over 6f (good) in July last year, beating Gunzburg by 1 3/4l.
- 8 PRETTY CRYSTAL A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 2 1/4l behind Prime Art when fourth of 9 at 4-1 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Firth Of Clyde at Ayr over 6f (good to soft) in September last year.
- 9 QUEEN OF ZAFEEN Successful twice at 7f on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Watch My Tracer when second of 10 at 13-8fav on her latest outing at Lingfield over 7f last month.
- 10 SPIRITUAL A winner at 7f on good to soft ground. Finished 6l behind Carla's Way when fourth of 6 at 12-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) in September last year.
- 11 TRUE CYAN A winner at 13-2 over this course and distance (good to firm) on her latest outing in September last year, beating Strutting by 1 1/2l.