

COMMENTS AND SELECTIONS - NEWBURY

RACE 2: DUBAI DUTY FREE HANDICAP

Grand Traverse

Wiltshire

Bernardo O'Reilly

Last year's winner Bernardo O'Reilly is back for more off a 5lb lower rating and warmed up with a decent sixth behind Knebworth at Doncaster. The winner has since performed well in defeat at Kempton, with Fresh just behind him, while Bosh and GRAND TRAVERSE also revert from the all-weather on the back of victories. The latter, in particular, was impressive when making a successful start to life with Archie Watson and can take the next step forward. Wiltshire signed off his career with the Meades on a high at Chelmsford and, bought for 92,000gns and switched to William Haggas since, he should have more to offer too.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 GRAND TRAVERSE Successful at 6f and 7f on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 2-1fav at Newcastle over 6f last month, beating Dream For Gold by 2 1/4l.
- 2 BOSH He has won four times at 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 9-2 at Lingfield over 6f on his latest outing last month, beating Intervention by a head.
- 3 WILTSHIRE Successful at 6f and 7f on the all-weather. A winner at 17-2 at Chelmsford City over 6f on his latest outing in September last year, beating Justcallmepete by a short head. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Freddie & Martyn Meade.
- 4 FRESH He has won four times from 6f to 7f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Ferrous when fifth of 12 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 6f earlier this month.
- 5 BILLYJOH He has won four times at 6f on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Fivethousandtoone when fourth of 14 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f last month.
- 6 GISBURN He has won three times at 6f on good to soft and soft ground. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Albasheer at 5-1 when seventh of 13 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f in January.
- 7 SPANISH STAR Has won nine races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from firm to heavy. Finished 2 3/4l behind Gisburn when sixth of 11 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 6f (soft) in October last year.
- 8 INDIAN CREAK Has won eight races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 7l behind Gisburn at 12-1 when 10th of 11 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 6f (soft) in October last year.

RACE 3: DREWEATTS MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE)

Lasting Love

Beeley

Bittalemon

The Gosden stable have used this as a springboard to much better things in the past, and Beeley looks a likely candidate after going down by the narrowest of margins to a rival with experience at Nottingham. She holds an Oaks entry, as does LASTING LOVE, who went into a few notebooks when third over 7f on debut at Doncaster. Both fillies should relish the extra yardage, and the ground, but the Andrew Balding-trained daughter of Lope De Vega just gets the nod. Magic Dream is a Shamardal half-sister to Platinum Jubilee winner Naval Crown, and 320,000gns Dubawi filly Bittalemon is another newcomer to consider.

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| 1 | ARDARA ROSE | Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 200-1 behind Hand Of God when 10th of 11 on her latest outing at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) in October last year. |
| 2 | BALLETIC | Finished 10l behind Shuwari when fourth of 5 at 17-2 on her racecourse debut here over 7f (good to firm) in June last year. |
| 3 | BEATRICE SHILLING | Beaten 2 3/4l by Warda Jamila when second of 8 at 11-4 on her racecourse debut at Leicester over 1m (good to soft) in October last year. |
| 4 | BEELEY | Beaten a nose by Our Golden One when second of 6 at 9-2 on her racecourse debut at Nottingham over 1m (heavy) in October last year. |
| 5 | BITTALEMOM | Half-sister to Bizarre Law, won at 1m and 1m 4f. |
| 6 | CAVRIANA | Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 150-1 behind Cynosure when last of 9 on her latest outing at Lingfield over 1m earlier this month. |
| 7 | CHELSEA FLOWER | Half-sister to Broadspear, won at 1m. |
| 8 | GALAXY PRINCESS | Half-sister to Cogital, won five times over the flat between 1m 4f and 1m 6f, twice over hurdles at 2m and 2m 1f and in an all-weather flat race at 2m. |
| 9 | HOPE RISING | Beaten 14l behind Zoum Zoum at 40-1 when seventh of 10 on her racecourse debut at Kempton over 7f in October last year. |
| 10 | LASTING LOVE | Third of 11 behind Circe beaten 1 3/4l at 11-2 on her racecourse debut at Doncaster over 7f (soft) in September last year. |
| 11 | MAGIC DREAM | Half-sister to Naval Crown, won four times between 6f and 1m including a Group 1 race. |
| 12 | MISS ALPILLES | Unplaced in both starts. Finished 6l behind Rainbows Edge when sixth of 8 at 2-1fav on her latest outing at Newcastle over 1m last month. |
| 13 | MOLTEN SEA | Half-sister to Morning Poem, won at 1m and 1m 2f. |
| 14 | PANTHERA | Full sister to Cracksmania, won at 1m 2f. |

15 SEAMORE Half-sister to Ursuly, won at 7f and 1m. Finished 2 1/4l behind Surveyor when fourth of 12 at 9-1 on her racecourse debut at Lingfield over 1m earlier this month.

16 SINOLOGY Finished 8l behind Love Dynasty when fifth of 10 at 16-1 on her racecourse debut at Newmarket over 7f (heavy) in November last year.

RACE 4: DARLEY NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)**Mr Hampstead****Arabian Tribe****Ciro Di Marzio**

Arabian Tribe and Ciro Di Marzi both had to work hard for their all-weather victories and although highly regarded, each has a penalty to carry, as does Leicester winner Warda Jamila, who takes on the boys for the first time and also has another two furlongs to travel on her seasonal debut. With all this in mind, it can pay to side with Newcastle runner-up MR HAMPSTEAD, who already has experience of this distance and with several high-profile entries to his name, this could be the platform to bigger things for the son of Galileo.

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| 1 | ARABIAN TRIBE | Won on his latest outing when 8-11fav at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f in December last year, beating Sunny Street by 1l. |
| 2 | CIRO DI MARZIO | A winner at 4-1 at Kempton over 7f on his latest outing in October last year, beating Treasure Time by a neck. |
| 3 | BRAVE CALL | Placed once in two starts. Third of 11 behind Hand Of God beaten 5l at 50-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) in October last year. |
| 4 | MINI PUNTER | Full brother to Bebeautiful, won three times at 1m 1f and 1m 2f. |
| 5 | MR HAMPSTEAD | Beaten 1 3/4l by Meydaan when second of 7 at 15-8fav on his racecourse debut at Newcastle over 1m 2f in November last year. |
| 6 | OLD SAXONY | Half-brother to Subtle Beauty, won at 7f. |
| 7 | ROLAND GARROS | Half-brother to Atlantic Sun, won seven times between 6f and 1m. Finished 4l behind Travolta when fourth of 13 at 17-2 on his racecourse debut at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month. |
| 8 | SAM HAWKENS | Beaten 1/2l by Black Run when second of 7 at 9-1 on his racecourse debut at Goodwood over 1m 1f (soft) in October last year. |
| 9 | TEMPLE CITY | Placed once in two starts. Third of 5 behind Lautrec beaten 3 1/2l at evens fav on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m in November last year. |
| 10 | VANISH | Full brother to Anchorage, won at 1m. |
| 11 | VOYAGE | Half-brother to Plein Air, won at 1m 4f. |
| 12 | WARDA JAMILA | Won on her latest outing when 85-40fav at Leicester over 1m (good to soft) in October last year, beating Beatrice Shilling by 2 3/4l. |

RACE 5: COMPTON BEAUCHAMP ESTATES LTD SILVER BAR HANDICAP

Spartan Army

Metier

Not So Sleepy

Metier and Not So Sleepy are effective under both codes and return to the Flat with reasonable claims at this level. However, the same applies to SPARTAN ARMY, who flourished on the all-weather during the winter and his proven match-fitness and will to win could be decisive factors at this early stage of the turf campaign. Still relatively unexposed in this discipline, he may still have more to offer. L'astronome has undergone wind surgery during his time off and is interestingly dropped into a handicap.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BEAMISH He has won three times from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft - heavy. Finished 9l behind Emily Dickinson when sixth of 12 at 5-4fav on his latest outing in the Group 3 Loughbrown Stakes at Curragh over 2m (soft - heavy) in October '22. Having his first run for a new stable today.
- 2 L'ASTRONOME He has won four times from 1m 2f to 1m 7f on good and soft ground. Finished 19l behind Al Qareem when sixth of 8 at 25-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Jim Barry Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot over 1m 4f (good) in October last year.
- 3 METIER He has won three times from 1m 1f to 2m 3f on ground varying from soft to yielding - soft. Beaten 20l behind Double Major at 15-2 when seventh of 11 on his latest flat outing in the Group 1 Prix Royal-Oak at ParisLongchamp over 1m 7f (heavy) in October last year.
- 4 NOT SO SLEEPY Winner of five races from 1m to 1m 5f on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 8l behind The Shunter at 25-1 when seventh of 31 on his latest flat outing at Newmarket over 2m 2f (soft) in October last year.
- 5 SPARTAN ARMY He has won four times from 1m 2f to 2m on yielding ground and on the all-weather. Third of 13 behind Prydwen beaten 4l at 5-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 2m last month.
- 6 TORCELLO Has won ten races from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to heavy. A winner at 4-1 at Pontefract over 1m 4f (heavy) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Billy No Mates by 1l.
- 7 GRAND PROVIDENCE She has won three times from 1m 3f to 2m 2f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 20l behind The Shunter at 11-1 when 16th of 31 on her latest outing at Newmarket over 2m 2f (soft) in October last year.
- 8 PRINCE ALEX Winner of six races from 1m 3f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 6l by Cool Party when second of 6 at 11-4 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m 6f (heavy) in September last year.
- 9 YORKINDNESS Winner of six races from 1m 3f to 2m 1f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 9l behind Tashkhan when fourth of 9 at 7-1 on her latest outing at Chester over 2m 3f (soft) in September last year.

10 ROBERT JOHNSON Winner of six races from 1m 4f to 2m on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Third of 5 behind Justus beaten 1 1/4l at 8-1 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 2m 2f (heavy) earlier this month.

11 EDUCATOR Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 5l behind Spartan Army at 28-1 when eighth of 13 on his latest outing at Southwell over 2m in February.