

COMMENTS & SELECTIONS – YORK

RACE 1:SKY BET HANDICAP (HERITAGE HANDICAP)

Lord Protector

Thundering

Ravenscraig Castle

As you'd expect, plenty with chances here, but LORD PROTECTOR has looked ready for this greater test of stamina of late and Ralph Beckett's runner still looks unexposed, so he's the selection in a very competitive race. Thundering is another lightly-raced contender who can't be ruled out for the Kevin Ryan team, while Ravenscraig Castle has slowly come down the weights recently and he could run into a place at a nice price if putting his best foot forward.

NO. HORSE NAME

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| 1 | TASMAN BAY | A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Well beaten at 8-1 behind Grocer Jack when last of 5 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month. |
| 2 | JUAN DE MONTALBAN | He has won four times from 1m 1f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. A winner at 9-4 at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating The Whipmaster by 2 1/2l. Has won twice at Ascot this season. |
| 3 | AMTIYAZ | He has won four times from 1m 4f to 2m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Third of 15 behind Live Your Dream beaten 1 1/2l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 6f (good to firm) in July last year. |
| 4 | MAHRAJAAN | He has won three times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten a neck by Old Port when second of 4 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 4f (good to firm) last month. |
| 5 | CHARGING THUNDER | Winner of six races from 1m 2f to 1m 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1 3/4l by Pride Of Priory when second of 10 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won 3 times this season. |
| 6 | DARK JEDI | Winner of five races from 7f to 1m 5f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten a short head by Sir Chauvelin when second of 6 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 1m 6f (good) earlier this month. |
| 7 | LORD PROTECTOR | He has won four times from 1m to 1m 2f on good and soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind Forest Falcon when fifth of 18 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) last month. |
| 8 | ONESMOOTHOPERATOR | Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 3f on the all-weather. Third of 10 behind Pride Of Priory beaten 2l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to firm) earlier this month. |
| 9 | ANGEL POWER | Winner of five races from 1m to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Pride Of Priory when fifth of 10 at 16-1 on her latest outing at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to firm) earlier this month. |

- 10 MOKTASAAB He has won three times at 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Third of 18 behind Forest Falcon beaten 2 1/4l at 9-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) last month. Has won at Goodwood and Newbury this season.
- 11 GRAPHITE He has won four times from 1m to 1m 4f on good and good to soft ground. Well beaten at 33-1 behind Trueshan when 17th of 20 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 2m in June.
- 12 FARHAN Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 4f on soft ground. Finished 6l behind Get Shirty when fifth of 6 at 11-8fav on his latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 4f (soft) in May.
- 13 PARACHUTE He has won three times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Haliphon when sixth of 11 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Chester over 1m 4f (good) last month.
- 14 CORMIER Winner of five races from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to soft; has also won four hurdles (latest NH win was in March). A winner at 15-2 at Chester over 1m 2f (good to soft) on his latest outing last month, beating City Streak by 2 1/2l.
- 15 KIHAVAH A winner at 1m 4f on good ground; has also won two hurdles (latest NH win was in February). Finished 6l behind Topanticipation when sixth of 18 at 5-1fav on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) in May.
- 16 RAVENSCRAIG CASTLE Successful at 1m 3f and 1m 5f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 7l behind Sir Chauvelin when last of 6 at 5-2fav on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 1m 6f (good) earlier this month.
- 17 PARTY ISLAND Winner of seven races from 7f to 1m 4f on soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 13-2 at Lingfield over 1m 4f on his latest outing last month, beating Rampoldi Plan by 5l.
- 18 THUNDERING A winner at 1m 4f on the all-weather. Beaten a head by Pride Of Priory when second of 7 at 16-5 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m 4f last month.
- 19 ANNANDALE He has won four times from 1m to 1m 5f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Pledge Of Honour when fifth of 12 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month.

RACE 2: WEATHERBYS HAMILTON LONSDALE CUP STAKES (GROUP 2) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES)

Stradivarius

Trueshan

Coltrane

Following a narrow defeat in the Goodwood Cup, STRADIVARIUS seeks to bounce back to winning form dropping in grade from his latest run. Boasting an impressive six from six here, his record at York is clearly second to none and it is likely the crowd will be willing him home to extend this winning streak on the Knavesmire. Any amount of rain could see the reopposing Trueshan get closer to the selection after finishing just over a length behind him at Goodwood last month and he certainly seems a big threat. Coltrane should not be underestimated following his last showing behind the aforementioned pair.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 COLTRANE Winner of five races from 1m 4f to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Finished 5l behind Kyprios when fourth of 9 at 8-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup Stakes at Goodwood over 2m (good) last month. Has won at Sandown and Ascot this season.
- 2 NATE THE GREAT Winner of five races from 6f to 2m on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 19l behind Kyprios at 150-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup Stakes at Goodwood over 2m (good) last month. Has won at Newmarket and Newcastle this season.
- 3 QUICKTHORN Winner of six races from 1m 3f to 2m on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when evens fav in the Group 2 Prix Maurice de Nieul at ParisLongchamp over 1m 6f (good to soft) last month, beating Jannah Flower by 1 1/4l. Has also won at Sandown this season.
- 4 RESHOUN Winner of seven races from 1m 3f to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy and on the all-weather. Finished 7l behind Master Milliner when fifth of 14 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 2m 4f (good to firm) last month.
- 5 STRADIVARIUS Has won 20 races from 1m to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Kyprios when second of 9 at 9-2 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup Stakes at Goodwood over 2m (good) last month.
- 6 TASHKHAN He has won three times from 1m 2f to 1m 6f on soft and heavy ground. Finished 5l behind Kyprios when fifth of 9 at 25-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Gold Cup at Ascot over 2m 4f (good to firm) in June.
- 7 TRUESHAN Has won 12 races from 1m 4f to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Third of 9 behind Kyprios beaten 1 1/2l at 2-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup Stakes at Goodwood over 2m (good) last month. Has won at Newcastle and Nottingham this season.
- 8 MOSTLY CLOUDY Winner of five races from 1m 6f to 2m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Won on his latest outing when 10-11fav at Ascot over 2m (good to firm) last month, beating Single by 4l. Has won 3 times this season.

RACE 3:AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI GIMCRACK STAKES (GROUP 2)

Royal Scotsman

Noble Style

Never Just A Dream

A high-class renewal of this Group 2 contest and one that may fall the way of ROYAL SCOTSMAN, a comfortable winner of the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood following a third in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot. He could be produced late again here and use his turn of foot to full advantage to see off Charlie Appleby's Noble Style, who arrives unbeaten after wins at Ascot and Newmarket and may have more to come. Never Just A Dream could be the surprise package after an easy Wolverhampton success and he could also run well at a much bigger price.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 ROYAL SCOTSMAN Foaled 29 Apr. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 5-6fav in the Group 2 Richmond Stakes at Goodwood over 6f (good to firm) last month, beating Al Karrar by 1 1/2l. Has won twice at Goodwood this season.
- 2 CATCH THE PADDY Foaled 6 May. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground. Won on his latest outing when 5-4fav over this course and distance (good to firm) last month, beating Dare To Hope by 2l. Has also won at Hamilton this season.
- 3 CHATEAU Foaled 16 Apr. Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm ground. Third of 8 behind Royal Scotsman beaten 3l at 3-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Richmond Stakes at Goodwood over 6f (good to firm) last month. Has won at Newbury and Beverley this season.
- 4 CHUZZLEWIT Foaled 17 Mar. Full brother to Advertise, won five times at 6f including three Group 1 races. Finished 2 1/2l behind Lakota Blue when fifth of 14 at 7-4jt-fav on his racecourse debut at Redcar over 6f (good to firm) last month.
- 5 CLEARPOINT Foaled 7 Apr. Dam unraced. Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 8-13fav at Newcastle over 5f in June, beating Harry Brown by 1l. Has also won at Ayr this season.
- 6 COLD CASE Foaled 28 Jan. A winner at 6f on good ground. Beaten 1/2l by Tostado when second of 5 at 11-8fav on his latest outing at Chester over 6f (good to soft) last month.
- 7 GALERON Foaled 2 Mar. A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 8l behind Marbaan when sixth of 9 at 10-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Japan Racing Association Vintage Stakes at Goodwood over 7f (good) last month.
- 8 LAKOTA BLUE Foaled 26 Jan. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. A winner at 7-2 at Redcar over 6f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Hoy by a neck. Has also won at Carlisle this season.
- 9 MARSHMAN Foaled 15 Mar. Dam won at 1m 1f. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good ground. A winner at 13-8 at Thirsk over 6f (good to firm) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Orbital Chime by 9l. Has also won at Ayr this season.

10 NEVER JUST A DREAM Foaled 21 Mar. Dam won at 6f. A winner at 10-1 at Wolverhampton over 6f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Mutaany by 1 1/2l.

11 NOBLE STYLE Foaled 11 Mar. Dam won three times at 6f. Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when 4-7fav at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) last month, beating Mill Stream by 1/2l. Has also won at Ascot this season.

12 WAITING ALL NIGHT Foaled 4 Mar. A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Beaten 7l by Naval Power when second of 5 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 7f (good to firm) last month.

RACE 4: COOLMORE WOOTTON BASSETT NUNTHORPE STAKES (GROUP 1) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES)

Royal Aclaim

Flotus

The Platinum Queen

Winter Power won this impressively last year at the expense of Emaraaty Ana (second) and Dragon Symbol (third). A repeat trifecta will likely pay generously this term, though, because all three haven't reached anything like that level of form this time around, so this could be up to one of the younger horses to claim Group 1 success. Flotus and the sole juvenile The Platinum Queen are likely pace angles in here but could set the race up for the strong-travelling ROYAL ACLAIM, who could hardly have been more impressive when winning the Listed City Walls over C&D.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 ACKLAM EXPRESS He has won three times at 5f on good and good to soft ground, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 4l behind Khaadem at 13-2 when seventh of 11 on his latest outing in the Group 2 King George Qatar Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) last month.

2 AINSDALE He has won four times from 5f to 6f on soft and heavy ground. Finished 7l behind Sense Of Duty when fourth of 11 at 50-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Pertemps Network Chipchase Stakes at Newcastle over 6f in June.

3 CLARENDON HOUSE Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from firm to good. Finished 2 1/4l behind Khaadem when sixth of 11 at 16-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 King George Qatar Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) last month.

4 DRAGON SYMBOL Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 1-2fav at Hamilton over 5f (good) last month, beating Boonie by 3 1/2l.

5 EMARAATY ANA Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 4 1/2l behind Alcohol Free when sixth of 13 at 66-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 July Cup at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) last month.

6 KHAADEM Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. A winner at 8-1 in the Group 2 King George Qatar Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Raasel by a neck. Has also won at Newmarket this season.

7 LAZULI Winner of six races from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 1 1/4l behind Khaadem when fourth of 11 at 11-2 on his latest outing in the Group 2 King George Qatar Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) last month.

8 RAASEL Has won nine races at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten a neck by Khaadem when second of 11 at 3-1fav on his latest outing in the Group 2 King George Qatar Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) last month. Has won 3 times this season.

9 EBRO RIVER He has won four times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft to yielding. Won on his latest outing when 5-2jt-fav at Chester over 6f (good to soft) last month, beating Princess Shabnam by 1 3/4l.

- 10 NEW YORK CITY Successful at 5f and 6f on good ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind Go Bears Go when sixth of 9 at 12-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Rathasker Stud Phoenix Sprint Stakes at Curragh over 6f (good) earlier this month.
- 11 HIGHFIELD PRINCESS Has won ten races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. A winner at 16-1fav in the Group 1 Arc Prix Maurice de Gheest Group 1 Stakes at Deauville over 6f (good to soft) on her latest outing, beating Minzaal by 3/4l. Has won 3 times this season.
- 12 WINTER POWER Winner of seven races at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 4 1/2l behind Royal Aclaim when sixth of 10 at 11-4jt-fav on her latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) last month.
- 13 FLOTUS She has won three times at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Won on her latest outing when 9-4fav here over 6f (good to firm) last month, beating Adaay To Remember by 1 3/4l.
- 14 ROYAL ACLAIM She has won three times at 5f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Won on her latest outing when 11-4jt-fav over this course and distance (good to firm) last month, beating Mondammej by 2l. Has also won at Bath this season.
- 15 THE PLATINUM QUEEN Foaled 7 Feb. She has won three times at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Won on her latest outing when 5-6fav at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) last month, beating Union Court by 4l. Has won 3 times this season.

COMMENTS & SELECTIONS – CARLISLE

RACE 3: CARRS GROUP PLC HANDICAP

John Kirkup

Langholm

Slainte Mhath

Langholm is the only C&D winner in this field and should go well with Paige Hopper claiming 7lb from the saddle, but he may be in the grip of the handicapper, and JOHN KIRKUP could have his measure. The seven-year-old has won nine races, seven of them off higher marks, and was only beaten a neck when third in a better race here last month. Other dangers include Slainte Mhath and Sir Benedict, though they may have to settle for one of the places here.

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| 1 | JOHN KIRKUP | Has won nine races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Third of 9 behind Ginger Jam beaten a head at 25-1 on his latest outing here over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month. |
| 2 | LOTUS ROSE | Successful twice at 5f on good and good to soft ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind Riversway when fifth of 10 at 11-1 on her latest outing at Doncaster over 5f (good) last month. |
| 3 | LE CHEVAL RAPIDE | A winner at 7f on soft ground. Beaten 12l behind Run This Way at 22-1 when last of 14 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (soft) in April. |
| 4 | VINCE LOMBARDI | A winner at 6f on soft ground. Beaten 6l behind Grigadale at 10-3fav when eighth of 13 on his latest outing at Ayr over 7f (good) last month. |
| 5 | LANGHOLM | Winner of six races from 6f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Beaten 3l by Glorious Rio when second of 11 at 10-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to soft) earlier this month. Has won at Catterick and Thirsk this season. |
| 6 | SOMEWHERE SECRET | Has won nine races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind Glorious Rio at 6-1 when eighth of 11 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to soft) earlier this month. |
| 7 | FLYING PURSUIT | Has won nine races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 18l behind Glorious Rio at 12-1 when 9th of 11 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to soft) earlier this month. |
| 8 | SIR BENEDICT | He has won three times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Third of 10 behind Red Allure beaten 1 3/4l at 5-2fav on his latest outing here over 5f (good) earlier this month. |
| 9 | BLAZING HOT | He has won four times at 5f on the all-weather. Finished 3l behind Red Allure when fourth of 10 at 8-1 on his latest outing here over 5f (good) earlier this month. |
| 10 | SWEET GLANCE | Successful at 5f and 6f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 2 1/2l behind Roshambo when fifth of 8 at 28-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month. |

11 TAR HEEL A winner at 6f on soft ground, but that win was over two years ago. Finished 4l behind Northbound when fifth of 10 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 7f earlier this month.

12 SLAINTE MHATH A winner at 6f on soft ground. Third of 12 behind Lincoln Pride beaten 2l at 8-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month.

13	EARN YOUR STRIPES	Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 3l behind Water Of Leith when fourth of 7 at 11-4 on her latest outing at Ayr over 5f (good) earlier this month. Has won at Ayr and Hamilton this season.
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RACE 4: BAINES WILSON LLP EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)

Loyal Touch

Ramz

Cynical

LOYAL TOUCH has made a pleasing start to his career and this looks like a nice opportunity to get his head in front for the first time. Charlie and Mark Johnston's two-year-old wasn't beaten far at Goodwood last time and more improvement is likely. The consistent Ramz is another to consider after finishing third of 11 on his previous outing at Haydock over 1m, and this slight step back in trip should suit, while Cynical caught the eye when fourth on his racecourse debut at York and this extra yardage should be a positive.

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| 1 | CYNICAL | Foaled 12 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Finished 6l behind Shaquille when fourth of 13 at 17-2 on his racecourse debut at York over 7f (good to firm) last month. |
| 2 | EAGLE PRINCE | Foaled 19 Apr. Yet to place in three starts. Finished 15l behind Braveheart Boy when sixth of 12 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 6f (good to firm) last month. |
| 3 | HENZAR | Foaled 11 Mar. Half-brother to Dubai Dunes, won three times between 1m 1f and 1m 4f. Placed once in two starts. Beaten 20l behind Chillhi at 8-1 when last of 10 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 7f last month. |
| 4 | LOYAL TOUCH | Foaled 31 Mar. Half-brother to Triplicate, won twice over hurdles at 2m and 2m 1f and twice on the flat at 1m 3f and 1m 4f. Placed in both starts. Third of 9 behind The Foxes beaten 2l at 4-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 7f (good to firm) last month. |
| 5 | RAMZ | Foaled 14 Apr. Placed twice in three starts. Third of 11 behind Batemans Bay beaten 3l at 9-2 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m (good to soft) earlier this month. |
| 6 | ROARING RALPH | Foaled 3 Mar. Half-brother to Sandrine, won three times at 6f and 7f including two Group 2 races. Finished 6l behind Marshman when fifth of 7 at 5-1 on his racecourse debut at Ayr over 6f (good) last month. |
| 7 | TWO RIVERS | Foaled 11 Feb. Dam won at 1m. |
| 8 | FULMINARE | Foaled 8 Feb. Half-sister to Habshan, won at 6f. |