

COMMENTS & SELECTIONS - CURRAGH

RACE 3:PADDY POWER 'PLAY CARD' NURSERY HANDICAP

Purple Dawn

Madonnadelrosario

Sir Allen

PURPLE DAWN won a shade comfortably last time out at Dundalk and although he has to carry a 6lb penalty for that success, he remains the in-form option if he can transfer that effort to the turf. Madonnadelrosario may be the pick of the Aidan O'Brien pair, though it is a close call, while Sir Allen has to carry 2lb more than his allotted weight but still looks interesting in a first-time visor.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 PURPLE DAWN A winner at 4-1 at Dundalk over 1m on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Alaroos by 1 1/2l.
- 2 MADONNADELROSARIO A winner at 7f on good ground. Beaten 18l behind Concert Hall at 33-1 when eighth of 9 on her latest outing here over 7f (good) last month.
- 3 CYCLAMEN Placed once in six starts. Beaten 20l behind Limiti Di Greccio at 66-1 when 10th of 11 on her latest outing over this course and distance (yielding - soft) earlier this month.
- 4 BROWN EAGLE Placed once in four starts. Beaten 7l behind Heart To Heart at 12-1 when eighth of 20 on his latest outing at Navan over 6f (soft) earlier this month.
- 5 MR GLOBALIST Yet to place in four starts. Beaten 17l behind Nero Tulip at 8-1 when last of 8 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 7f earlier this month.
- 6 SHAKY OPERATOR Yet to place in three starts. Finished 8l behind Allihies when sixth of 16 at 66-1 on his latest outing at Limerick over 7f (heavy) earlier this month.
- 7 TA NA LA Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 13l behind Allihies at 16-1 when 9th of 16 on her latest outing at Limerick over 7f (heavy) earlier this month.
- 8 SIR ALLEN Unplaced in all four starts. Finished 6l behind Nectarine when fourth of 8 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m (good) earlier this month.

RACE 4: PADDY POWER AMATEUR RIDERS DERBY (Q.R.) RACE

Barbados

Micro Manage

Raise You

BARBADOS is the class act of this field having contested the Irish St Leger only last month. A taking winner at Listowel since, and runner-up on his debut over hurdles, Jessica Harrington's charge is the one to beat if coping with the drop back in trip. Galway winner Micro Manage can give him most to think about after his satisfactory run in the English Cesarewitch. Raise You is of interest on the step up in trip, while stablemate Shoshone Warrior and Protagonist are others to consider.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 BARBADOS Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 6f on good to firm and good - yielding ground. A winner at 15-8 at Listowel over 1m 6f (good - yielding) on his latest flat outing last month, beating Mt Leinster by 12l.
- 2 MICRO MANAGE He has won three times from 1m 1f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Well beaten at 11-1 behind Buzz when 10th of 32 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 2m 2f (good) earlier this month.
- 3 PROTAGONIST He has won three times from 1m 1f to 1m 2f on good and yielding ground. Beaten 13l behind Rebellito at 9-1 when 13th of 14 on his latest outing at Listowel over 1m 4f (yielding) last month.
- 4 RAISE YOU He has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 5l behind Aldaary at 22-1 when eighth of 20 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good to soft) earlier this month.
- 5 BOLD APPROACH Successful at 7f and 1m 4f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Powerful Aggie at 40-1 when 9th of 20 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m 4f (good) earlier this month.
- 6 COPIA VERBORUM A winner at 7f on good to firm ground, but that win was over three years ago. Well beaten at 50-1 behind Slieve Bearnagh when 15th of 17 on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (soft) earlier this month.
- 7 RED SECRET Successful at 1m 6f and 2m on the all-weather. Third of 10 behind Trumpet Man beaten 6l at 33-1 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 2m (good) in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with E A L Dunlop.
- 8 SHOSHONE WARRIOR A winner at 1m 4f on good ground. Well beaten at 50-1 behind Line Out when 22nd of 30 on his latest outing here over 2m (yielding) earlier this month.
- 9 THREE COMETS A winner at 1m on good to soft ground, but that win was over three years ago. Finished 17l behind Act Of God when sixth of 14 at 150-1 on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 6f (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
- 10 BALACLAVA Yet to place in 15 starts. Well beaten at 200-1 behind Menagerie when seventh of 12 on his latest flat outing here over 1m 1f (heavy) in November last year.

11 KING'S SONG Yet to place in six starts; but has won three hurdles. Well beaten at 125-1 behind Ever Present when 12th of 15 on his latest flat outing at Leopardstown over 1m 7f (good to firm) in June.

12 PERFECT ARCH Placed once in six starts. Finished 9l behind Manucci when last of 6 at 9-4fav on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m 5f in October last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Saeed Bin Suroor.