

COMMENTS AND SELECTIONS - PONTEFRACT

RACE 1:YORKSHIRE WONDER HORSE APPRENTICE HANDICAP

Blissful Song **Canaria Prince** **Blazing Hot**

BLISSFUL SONG was a beaten favourite at Leicester earlier in the month, but she lost all chance with an awkward start and might be worth chancing again. Canaria Prince only gave way late on at Carlisle and the four-year-old still appears to be in good heart, so he may prove the chief threat to the selection. Blazing Hot is another to consider on his first start for the David Brown yard.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 HIGH SECURITY He has won three times at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 4l behind Glorious Rio at 17-2 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Carlisle over 5f (good to firm) last month. Has won at Beverley and Ripon this season.
- 2 BLISSFUL SONG She has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 7l behind Gustav Graves when fifth of 8 at 5-2jt-fav on her latest outing at Leicester over 5f (good) earlier this month.
- 3 VAN GERWEN Has won nine races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 11l behind Gustav Graves at 8-1 when last of 8 on his latest outing at Leicester over 5f (good) earlier this month.
- 4 DAZZLING DAN He has won four times from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 8l behind Gustav Graves when sixth of 8 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Leicester over 5f (good) earlier this month.
- 5 SIXCOR He has won three times at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Beaten 5l behind Triple Jaye at 16-1 when 14th of 21 on his latest outing at Ayr over 5f (good) earlier this month. Has won 3 times at Ayr this season.
- 6 BLAZING HOT He has won four times at 5f on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind Rory when sixth of 14 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f earlier this month. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Rebecca Menzies.
- 7 CANARIA PRINCE He has won three times at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Beaten 4l behind Glorious Rio at 4-1fav when eighth of 10 on his latest outing at Carlisle over 5f (good to firm) last month. Has won 3 times this season.
- 8 SPEAR FIR Placed twice in five starts. Finished 8l behind Rose Fandango when fourth of 5 at 2-1fav on her latest outing at Haydock over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 9 IMPERIAL KHAN Placed in three of nine starts. Finished 2 1/4l behind The Grey Lass when fourth of 8 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good) last month. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with D O'Meara.

8 KITAI Foaled 28 Mar. Half-sister to Abel Handy, won five times at 5f and 6f including a Group 3 race. Placed in both starts. Beaten a neck by Zouky when second of 11 at 5-6fav on her latest outing at Haydock over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month.

9 PENNY GHENT Foaled 5 Mar. Half-sister to Penny Pot Lane, won eight times at 5f and 6f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 6l behind Candle Of Hope when fourth of 10 at 150-1 on her latest outing at Thirsk over 7f (good) in July.

RACE 3: SIMON SCROPE DALBY SCREW-DRIVER HANDICAP

Eagle's Way

Croachill

Outside World

EAGLE'S WAY hasn't looked back since being gelded and stepped up in distance, winning three on the bounce, with another 6lb rise for his latest win at Nottingham unlikely to stop him from going close once more. Fellow three-year-olds Outside World and Croachill could give the selection most to think about, with the latter in particular running a race full of promise on her handicap debut at York last month and she shouldn't be underestimated if building on that.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 THE TRADER He has won four times from 7f to 1m 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 13l behind Hasty Sailor at 9-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest flat outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 4f in October last year.

2 SATONO JAPAN A winner at 7f on the all-weather, but that win was over two years ago. Finished 6l behind Sea The Shells when sixth of 8 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m 2f in July.

3 EAGLE'S WAY He has won three times at 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when 4-9fav at Nottingham over 1m 2f (good) in July, beating Definite by 3 1/2l. Has won 3 times this season.

4 CROESO CYMRAEG Has won eight races from 1m 2f to 1m 5f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 7l behind Wootton'sun at 11-2 when eighth of 10 on his latest outing at Windsor over 1m 3f (good) earlier this month. Has won at Salisbury and Ripon this season.

5 HIGHWAYGREY Winner of seven races at 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 8l behind Eeetee when fifth of 15 at 9-1 on his latest outing at York over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.

6 CROACHILL A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Third of 10 behind State Occasion beaten 7l at 13-2 on her latest outing at York over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.

COMMENTS AND SELECTIONS - LISTOWEL

RACE 2: THORN PLANT HIRE HANDICAP (47-70)

Soilse Yokkell Millyupdahilly

SOILSE ran a big race on her handicap debut at Punchestown nine days ago and may be able to strike now off just a pound higher mark. The Teofilo filly made most of the running over nine furlongs then and just gave way inside the final furlong, beaten half a length in third. Dropping back a furlong may help now and she has a decent draw. Yokkell comes into this in fine form and looks an obvious danger. She won at Tipperary on her penultimate start and was a solid second at Down Royal last time. Going up another 3lb makes things a bit tougher. Millyupdahilly has shown a bit in maidens and may not be badly treated off 62 on her handicap debut. She could be each-way material at a price.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 HIGHER KINGDOM Successful at 6f and 7f on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 8l behind Band Width at 12-1 when 11th of 14 on his latest outing at Punchestown over 1m (good - yielding) earlier this month.
- 2 KHAFAAQ Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Beaten 12l behind Geological at 14-1 when 12th of 15 on his latest outing at Killarney over 1m (yielding) last month.
- 3 NO PATIENCE He has won four times from 6f to 7f on good and soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 7l behind Pimstrel at 15-2 when seventh of 16 on his latest outing at Galway over 7f (soft) earlier this month.
- 4 DARKENED Successful at 7f and 1m 1f on soft and soft - heavy ground; has also won three hurdles (latest NH win was in July). Finished 1 1/4l behind Star Image when fourth of 18 at 11-2 on his latest flat outing at Galway over 1m 4f (good - yielding) in July.
- 5 SADIQAA Successful at 6f and 7f on good to firm ground. Beaten 5l behind San Aer at 5-1fav when eighth of 16 on his latest outing at Curragh over 7f (good) last month.
- 6 WAY TO WIN A winner at 7f on soft ground. Finished 10l behind Marsa when sixth of 7 at 20-1 on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 7f (good to firm) last month.
- 7 RUN THE JEWELS Successful at 7f and 1m on yielding - soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Shawaamekh at 4-1jt-fav when seventh of 22 on his latest outing at Cork over 7f (yielding - soft) in May.
- 8 GLANDORE HARBOUR Unplaced in all five starts. Finished 2l behind Born Invincible when sixth of 23 at 18-1 on her latest outing at Cork over 7f (heavy) earlier this month.
- 9 SOILSE Placed once in four starts. Third of 14 behind St Cianans Fire beaten 1/2l at 8-1 on her latest outing at Punchestown over 1m 1f (good - yielding) earlier this month.

- 10 YOKKELL A winner at 1m 1f on good ground. Beaten 1/2l by Blackcastle Storm when second of 12 at 11-4fav on her latest outing at Down Royal over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.
- 11 BUTTERFLY ISLAND Placed in six of 13 starts. Beaten 5l behind The Blue Panther at 14-1 when eighth of 15 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m (good to firm) last month.
- 12 TOGETHER ACLAIM Placed in three of ten starts. Beaten 15l behind Flame Of Eire at 40-1 when 14th of 18 on his latest outing at Galway over 1m (soft) in July.
- 13 UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL Placed twice in five starts. Well beaten at 150-1 behind Karkiyna when last of 15 on her latest outing at Fairyhouse over 7f (good) in May.
- 14 STORMIE OUTLOOK Unplaced in all four starts. Beaten 8l behind The Blue Panther at 8-1 when 11th of 15 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m (good to firm) last month.
- 15 CHATTERBOX Unplaced in all four starts. Beaten 8l behind Eloquent Arthur at 11-1 when seventh of 15 on her latest outing at Killarney over 1m (yielding) last month.
- 16 MILLYUPDAHILLY Yet to place in three starts. Finished 9l behind Girl Crush when sixth of 11 at 5-1 on her latest outing at Roscommon over 7f (soft - heavy) in June.
- 17 PIMSTREL She has won three times from 7f to 1m on soft and yielding - soft ground. A winner at 9-1 at Galway over 7f (soft) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Angel's Trumpet by 1/2l.
- 18 SHEILA Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on yielding ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 14l behind Miss Cunning at 15-8fav when eighth of 15 on her latest outing over this course and distance (yielding) in June.
- 19 PRAYING MANTIS She has won four times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to yielding. Finished 4l behind Bringsty when fourth of 10 at 6-4fav on her latest outing at Laytown over 7f earlier this month. Has won at Gowran Park and Thirsk this season. Having her first run for a new stable today.

RACE 3:MAC FUELS & GENERAL SUPPLIES MAIDEN

Native Queen

Westernessee

Blues Emperor

NATIVE QUEEN looked very unlucky at Fairyhouse on Monday and may be able to gain compensation here. She got caught on the rail and stopped in her run a few times then and was running on well at the death to finish third. The No Nay Never filly had run well on her return when second at Navan and looks up to winning a race of this standard now. Westernessee looks the obvious danger and he wouldn't be winning out of turn. The Camelot gelding has been runner-up on his last three runs and hasn't done a lot wrong to be fair to him. Blues Emperor was a solid third on his return to action at Cork 15 days ago and is another that has to be on the short-list.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 ALQUINTO Well beaten at 150-1 behind Saraqael when 16th of 17 on his flat debut at Galway over 1m (soft) in July.
- 2 TIJUANA Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 66-1 behind Secret Magician when 15th of 18 on his latest outing at Curragh over 6f (good) last month.
- 3 BALLYBEG BOY Unplaced in all six starts. Well beaten at 150-1 behind Moe Sedway when seventh of 11 on his latest outing at Roscommon over 7f (good) last month.
- 4 BLUES EMPEROR Placed once in two starts. Third of 16 behind Redstone Well beaten 3/4l at 8-1 on his latest outing at Cork over 1m (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
- 5 BOHER ROAD Dam won at 1m. Finished 2 1/2l behind Saturn Five when sixth of 14 at 40-1 on his racecourse debut at Punchestown over 1m 1f (good - yielding) earlier this month.
- 6 CARRICKFINN Half-brother to Grey Mist, won three times in all weather flat races at 2m, over hurdles at 2m 4f and on the flat at 2m. Well beaten at 100-1 when last of 16 on his racecourse debut at Cork over 1m (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
- 7 CHAIN OF DESTINY Dam unraced. Beaten 20l behind Secret Magician at 50-1 when 14th of 18 on his racecourse debut at Curragh over 6f (good) last month.
- 8 FEEL THE FORCE Full brother to Monsieur Fantaisie, won at 6f. Well beaten at 200-1 behind Saturn Five when 12th of 14 on his racecourse debut at Punchestown over 1m 1f (good - yielding) earlier this month.
- 9 PRINCE OF GLAMOUR Half-brother to Red Ball Of Fire, won twice over hurdles at 2m 1f.
- 10 SAN PABLO Dam unraced.
- 11 WESTERNESSE Placed in three of seven starts. Beaten a neck by Marcher Lord when second of 14 at 7-4fav on his latest outing at Navan over 1m (good) last month.
- 12 WILLIE THE WAFFLER Half-brother to Whatdowantthatfor, won three times at 5f and 6f.
- 13 AEGIRINE Dam won twice on the flat at 1m 6f and 2m and in NH flat race at 2m.
- 14 ANNIE REGRETS Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 150-1 behind Redressed when 9th of 13 on her latest outing at Navan over 1m (good to soft) earlier this month. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with S M Duffy in Ireland.
- 15 MAID TO SHINE Dam a lightly raced maiden.
- 16 NATIVE QUEEN Placed in all three of her starts. Third of 17 behind Queens Command beaten 2 1/2l at 5-6fav on her latest outing at Fairyhouse over 7f (good) earlier this month.

17 MOON ORCHID Yet to place in ten starts. Beaten 12l behind Mulgrave at 28-1 when 9th of 13 on her latest outing at Dundalk over 1m in December last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Lee Smyth in Ireland.

18 DESTIVELLE Unplaced in all six starts. Well beaten at 125-1 behind Comfort Zone when sixth of 7 on her latest outing at Roscommon over 1m 4f (good) last month.

RACE 4:TOTE IRELAND HANDICAP (50-80)

Angel Girl Flame Of Eire Roman Bull

ANGEL GIRL may be able to defy a 6lb rise for her runner-up effort at Punchestown last time. She ran a big race then when going down by half a length to Band Width with the front two pulling a couple of lengths clear. The fact that she has a nice low draw here looks in her favour as she has the pace to make use of it. Flame Of Eire comes here in fine form, having completed a hat-trick of wins, but the draw has not been kind out in stall 18. Roman Bull opened his account in a Clonmel maiden last time and having actually eased a couple of pounds since he has to come into the equation here.

NO. HORSE NAME

1 TIMOURID He has won four times from 7f to 1m 1f on good and soft - heavy ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Mister Wilson at 33-1 when 9th of 14 on his latest outing at Galway over 1m 1f (soft) earlier this month.

2 EXCUZIO JOE She has won three times from 7f to 1m on soft and heavy ground. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Mister Wilson at 6-1 when seventh of 14 on her latest outing at Galway over 1m 1f (soft) earlier this month.

3 ZAHEE He has won three times at 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Dream Today when fourth of 10 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Laytown over 7f earlier this month.

4 CHURCH MOUNTAIN He has won three times from 1m to 1m 1f on good ground. Beaten 6l behind Comfort Line at 10-1 when 10th of 16 on his latest outing at Navan over 1m (good) last month.

5 RANSOM Successful twice at 7f on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Comfort Line when second of 16 at 10-1 on his latest outing at Navan over 1m (good) last month.

6 ROMAN BULL A winner at 9-4 at Clonmel over 1m 2f (good) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Six Feet Apart by 1 1/2l.

7 SNAG IT He has won four times at 1m 1f on good and soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Comfort Line when sixth of 16 at 9-2fav on his latest outing at Navan over 1m (good) last month.

- 8 ALLIHIES A winner at 7f on heavy ground. Beaten 7l behind Mister Wilson at 10-1 when 10th of 14 on his latest outing at Galway over 1m 1f (soft) earlier this month.
- 9 ELOQUENT ARTHUR He has won three times from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to yielding. Finished 6l behind Band Width when fourth of 14 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Punchestown over 1m (good - yielding) earlier this month.
- 10 PRINCE OF PEACE A winner at 10-3 at Dundalk over 1m on his latest flat outing in December last year, beating Giuliana by 1 1/2l.
- 11 ANGEL GIRL A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Beaten 1/2l by Band Width when second of 14 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Punchestown over 1m (good - yielding) earlier this month.
- 12 FLAME OF EIRE She has won three times from 7f to 1m on good and soft ground. A winner at 9-2 at Bellewstown over 1m (good) on her latest outing last month, beating Scarlet Angel by 1 1/4l.
- 13 KODIAC PRINCE He has won three times from 7f to 1m on soft and yielding ground. Third of 13 behind Loom Large beaten 1 3/4l at 13-2 on his latest outing at Naas over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 14 STARTING MONDAY Successful at 7f and 1m on heavy and soft - heavy ground. Beaten 6l behind Dunum at 9-1 when 10th of 16 on his latest outing at Galway over 7f (good - yielding) in July.
- 15 THE BLUE PANTHER He has won three times from 5f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Third of 14 behind Band Width beaten 3 1/2l at 9-1 on his latest outing at Punchestown over 1m (good - yielding) earlier this month.
- 16 ELMOS FIRE A winner at 1m on yielding ground. Beaten 6l behind Snag It at 10-3fav when 9th of 12 on his latest outing at Tipperary over 1m 1f (good) last month.
- 17 APPLE OF HIS EYE A winner at 1m on good ground. Beaten 7l behind Dare To Flare at 16-1 when 11th of 17 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (yielding - soft) earlier this month.
- 18 BLACKCASTLE STORM Successful at 7f and 1m 2f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 10l behind Dare To Flare at 14-1 when 15th of 17 on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (yielding - soft) earlier this month.
- 19 COINS CROSS A winner at 6f on yielding - soft ground. Beaten 8l behind Band Width at 7-2fav when 9th of 14 on his latest outing at Punchestown over 1m (good - yielding) earlier this month.

RACE 5:KEVIN MCMANUS BOOKMAKER HANDICAP

Sir Allen

Butterfly Garden

Charlie Luciano

SIR ALLEN was a staying-on fifth over this trip at the Galway festival and is forgiven a moderate effort over 1m2f at Down Royal last time. A visor worn when winning a Curragh nursery last year is back on and he will appreciate the return to 1m4f. Butterfly Garden has been most consistent and was just touched off over a longer trip at Navan. She had previously gained a deserved victory over this trip at Tramore and takes on older horses for the first time here. Charlie Luciano chased home a subsequent winner in a 1m7f contest at Leopardstown before finishing runner-up in a maiden hurdle and he's open to more improvement back on the level. Antilia showed ability when third in a Bellewstown maiden and is one of the more interesting handicap debutants.

NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 LOOM LARGE A winner at 9-1 at Naas over 1m 2f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Alma Libre by a head.
- 2 BUTTERFLY GARDEN A winner at 1m 4f on good ground. Beaten a nose by Our Scholar when second of 10 at 4-1 on her latest outing at Navan over 1m 6f (good) last month.
- 3 DELUCA CHOP Successful twice at 1m 5f. A winner at Marseille-Borely over 1m 5f in May, beating Samaya by 2 1/2l.
- 4 ANTILIA Placed once in three starts. Third of 12 behind Ark beaten 5l at 14-1 on her latest outing at Bellewstown over 1m 4f (good) last month.
- 5 OBSERVING Placed twice in eight starts. Finished 2 1/4l behind Loom Large when fourth of 13 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Naas over 1m 2f (good) last month.
- 6 SIR ALLEN A winner at 1m on soft ground. Finished 8l behind Blackcastle Storm when sixth of 12 at 10-1 on his latest outing at Down Royal over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.
- 7 LIBERATED LIGHT Placed twice in five starts. Beaten 20l behind Rich King at 28-1 when 10th of 11 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m 2f (good) in May. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with R A Fahey.
- 8 RIYAMI Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 19l behind Martinstown at 33-1 when 9th of 13 on his latest outing at Cork over 1m 2f (good) in May.
- 9 GRAPPA NONINO Placed twice in eight starts. Finished 3 1/2l behind Dare To Flare when sixth of 17 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (yielding - soft) earlier this month.
- 10 CHARLIE LUCIANO Placed once in six starts. Beaten 2 1/2l by Gibraltar when second of 11 at 20-1 on his latest flat outing at Leopardstown over 1m 7f (good) in July.
- 11 DANE FETE Placed twice in nine starts. Beaten 11l behind Star Image at 14-1 when 12th of 18 on his latest outing at Galway over 1m 4f (good - yielding) in July.

- 12 GOONYABOYYA Unplaced in all three starts. Well beaten at 80-1 behind Dads Lad when 14th of 18 on her latest outing at Galway over 1m 4f (good - yielding) in July.
- 13 PINK FIRE LILLY Yet to place in eight starts. Finished 18l behind Hoo Ya Mal when last of 4 at 125-1 on her latest outing in the Group 3 William Hill March Stakes at Goodwood over 1m 6f (good to soft) last month.
- 14 PORTARLINGTON Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 13l behind Kojin at 100-1 when eighth of 12 on his latest outing at Tramore over 1m 4f (good) last month.
- 15 QUEEN OF SEDUCTION Unplaced in all five starts. Beaten 8l behind Gonetomillgrove at 28-1 when seventh of 18 on her latest outing at Galway over 1m 4f (soft) earlier this month.
- 16 CAMEL LIZARD Yet to place in four starts. Finished 6l behind Our Scholar when fourth of 10 at 18-1 on her latest outing at Navan over 1m 6f (good) last month.
- 17 NOT JUST ANY EAGLE A winner at 1m 2f on good ground. Finished 5l behind Yokkell when sixth of 13 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Tipperary over 1m 1f (good) last month.
- 18 SECRET ROCK Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 12l behind Saraqael at 100-1 when 12th of 17 on his latest outing at Galway over 1m (soft) in July.