COMMENTS & SELCTIONS – PONTEFRACT

RACE 1: NORTHERN COMMERCIALS YOUR LOCAL IVECO DEALERSHIP RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)

Dubai Hills Bulldog Drummond Moku Manu

This is a drop in class for DUBAI HILLS, who was last seen in a valuable sales at Newmarket. Amy Murphy's colt looks to have an ideal opportunity to break the maiden at the eighth time of asking, with the capable Bulldog Drummond looking best placed to chase him home. Moku Manu shaped with plenty of encouragement on her debut at Beverley and she is open to improvement.

- 1 DILIGENT RESDEV Foaled 14 Jan. Dam unraced.
- 2 DUBAI HILLS Foaled 19 Feb. Placed twice in seven starts. Beaten 11l behind Woodhay Wonder at 18-1 when 13th of 22 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month.
- 3 BULLDOG DRUMMOND Foaled 31 Mar. Placed in three of six starts. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Master Franca at 4-1 when eighth of 12 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 7f earlier this month.
- 4 BUZZ BOX Foaled 18 Mar. Half-brother to Baytown Kestrel, won four times at 5f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 9l behind Hint Of The Jungle when sixth of 11 at 100-1 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) in August. Having his first run for a new stable today.
- 5 LATAMA Foaled 13 Apr. Half-sister to Umm Kulthum, won three times at 5f and 6f including a Group 3 race. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 2 3/4l behind Ten Card Brag at 14-1 when eighth of 12 on her latest outing at Lingfield over 6f in June. Having her first run for a new stable today.
- 6 MOKU MANU Foaled 26 Mar. Full sister to Oahu, won at 6f. Third of 12 behind Pals Battalion beaten 2 1/4l at 18-1 on her racecourse debut at Beverley over 5f (soft) last month.
- 7 OUR NEIL Foaled 8 Feb. Half-sister to Roys Dream, won four times at 6f. Beaten 10l behind Rogue Enforcer at 50-1 when 11th of 13 on her racecourse debut at Beverley over 5f (soft) last month.

RACE 2: WILLIAM HILL EXTRA PLACE RACES DAILY NURSERY

Pick Your Battles Volcanology The Smiling Wolf

PICK YOUR BATTLES has improved with every start and his most recent effort, when second at Ripon, suggests that a first win may be just around the corner for the son of Ulysses. Volcanology won at Brighton a couple of weeks ago and looks to be a key player, along with The Smiling Wolf, who may be suited by the step up in trip.

- THE SMILING WOLF Foaled 25 Mar. A winner at 6f on good to soft ground. Finished 7l behind Mr Baloo when fifth of 9 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Epsom over 7f (good) earlier this month.
- 2 PICK YOUR BATTLES Foaled 8 Feb. Placed once in four starts. Beaten 1 3/4l by Miguel when second of 7 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Ripon over 1m (good) last month.
- 3 DESERT RHAPSODY Foaled 8 Apr. Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 11l behind Volterra at 25-1 when eighth of 12 on his latest outing at Redcar over 7f (good) earlier this month.
- 4 VOLCANOLOGY Foaled 8 Jan. Dam won twice between 1m 2f and 1m 6f. A winner at 11-2 at Brighton over 1m (good to firm) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Prometeo by 2l.

RACE 3: BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF SILVER TANKARD STAKES (LISTED)

Ice Max Poniros Gray's Inn

Karl Burke has had a great season with his two-year-olds and he looks to have another smart one on his hands in the shape of ICE MAX. An impressive winner on his handicap debut at Catterick, the son of Dark Angel can take this step back up in grade in his stride as he looks to see off the Nottingham debut winner Poniros, who is open to plenty of improvement. Gray's Inn also has the form to get involved in proceedings.

- 1 GO DADDY Foaled 23 Jan. A winner at 7-2 at Nottingham over 1m 2f (soft) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Let's Dream by 1/2l.
- 2 ICE MAX Foaled 23 Mar. Successful twice at 7f on good to soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 11-10fav at Catterick over 7f (good to soft) earlier this month, beating Bellarchi by 11l. Has won twice at Catterick this season.
- 3 PONIROS Foaled 17 Feb. Half-brother to Ideal Guest, won five times at 7f. Won on his latest outing when 7-4fav at Nottingham over 1m (heavy) earlier this month, beating Salamanca by 1 3/4l.
- 4 VICTORY SHOUT Foaled 30 Apr. A winner at 1m on good to firm ground. Beaten 12l behind Alyanaabi at 16-1 when last of 12 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Tattersalls Stakes at Newmarket over 7f (good to firm) last month.
- 5 GRAY'S INN Foaled 16 Feb. Successful at 5f and 7f on good to firm and soft ground. Finished 5l behind Content when fourth of 10 at 28-1 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Staffordstown Stud Stakes at Curragh over 1m (soft) earlier this month. Has won at Chester and Musselburgh this season.

RACE 4: PHIL BULL TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES (GBB RACE)

Black Kalanisi Jason The Militant Cold Henry

This isn't the strongest renewal of this race and a chance is taken with BLACK KALANISI, who won over C&D in good style a fortnight ago and a 3lb higher mark might not be enough to stop him following up. A close-up fourth in that race, Cold Henry can get closer on the revised terms. However, former high-class hurdler Jason The Militant is the obvious danger based on the official ratings and commands respect reverting to the Flat.

- 1 ACE TIME Well beaten at 400-1 behind Untold Story when last of 11 on his flat debut at Lingfield over 1m 4f in April '21.
- 2 BLACK KALANISI He has won four times from 1m 4f to 2m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather; has also won a hurdleand two NH flat races. A winner at 7-2 over this course and distance (good to soft) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Bonne Vitesse by 1 3/4l.
- 3 COLD HENRY Successful twice at 2m on good to soft and soft ground. Finished 2 3/4l behind Black Kalanisi when fourth of 9 at 15-8fav on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to soft) earlier this month.
- JASON THE MILITANT Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 4f on soft and heavy ground, but last win was over two years ago; has also won three hurdles. Well beaten at 40-1 when 9th of 11 on his latest flat outing in the Group 1 Irish St. Leger at Curragh over 1m 6f (yielding) in September last year.
- 5 LAND OF WINTER Winner of six races from 1m 6f to 2m on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Well beaten at 100-1 behind The Shunter when 21st of 31 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 2m 2f (soft) earlier this month.
- THE GRAND VISIR Winner of five races from 1m 3f to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft, but last win was over four years ago. Beaten 14l behind The Shunter at 50-1 when 12th of 31 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 2m 2f (soft) earlier this month.