

## COMMENTS & SELECTIONS – DUNDALK

### RACE 1: FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT DUNDALKSTADIUM CLAIMING RACE

**Hale Bopp**

**Skontonovski**

**Lone Fighter**

This is a significant drop in class for 84-rated HALE BOPP. He was last seen when beaten over six lengths into ninth over C&D, however, that was a handicap for horses rated up to 100. He has won on the Polytrack before, and over this trip on turf in Cork and Naas. By virtue of being a triple C&D winner, Skontonovski merits plenty of respect. He is likely to be coming home stronger than most. The negative is that he is a stone worse off with Hale Bopp at the weights. James McAuley is well represented and Godolphin cast-off Lone Fighter makes his first start for him. He won on the all-weather surface at Kempton for Saeed Bin Suroor and market support would be significant. Majestic Colt has been placed in claiming company in his last two races at this track. Rocky Dreams is a five-time winner here, but never over this trip.

#### NO. HORSE NAME

- 1 AKMAAM A winner at 7f, but that win was over two years ago. Beaten 8l behind Hodd's Girl at 100-1 when 11th of 14 on his latest outing here over 6f earlier this month.
- 2 DARE TO FLARE Winner of six races from 7f to 1m 3f including 2 wins on polytrack. Beaten 6l behind Golden Twilight at 66-1 when 10th of 14 on his latest outing here over 1m 4f last month.
- 3 ELEPHANT JOHN A winner at 7f. Beaten 16l behind Federal at 33-1 when 24th of 25 on his latest outing at Curragh over 1m (good) in August. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Barry J Fitzgerald.
- 4 HALE BOPP He has won three times from 7f to 1m including a win on polytrack. Beaten 7l behind Howyoulikethat at 15-2 when 9th of 14 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
- 5 ROCKY DREAMS Winner of six races from 6f to 7f on the all-weather (5 PO). Finished 3 1/2l behind Hodd's Girl when fourth of 14 at 9-2 on his latest outing here over 6f earlier this month.
- 6 SKONTONOVSKI Winner of six races from 7f to 1m including 4 wins on polytrack. Beaten 4l behind She's In The Game at 9-1 when seventh of 14 on his latest outing here over 7f earlier this month.
- 7 MAJESTIC COLT Has won nine races from 6f to 1m. Third of 14 behind Gobi Star beaten 2 3/4l at 11-1 on his latest outing here over 6f earlier this month.
- 8 PRIORITISE A winner at 1m 1f on the all-weather. Finished 2 3/4l behind She's In The Game when sixth of 14 at 22-1 on her latest outing here over 7f earlier this month.

- 9 MUHALHEL A winner at 7f. Beaten 6l behind Ransom at 28-1 when seventh of 14 on his latest outing over this course and distance last month.
- 10 TOMMY TAYLOR Winner of six races from 6f to 7f including 4 wins on the all-weather. Beaten 16l behind Gobi Star at 13-2 when 13th of 14 on his latest outing here over 6f earlier this month. Has won 3 times at Newcastle this season.
- 11 SEA THE SAND Dam unraced. Well beaten at 80-1 behind Champagne when 9th of 10 on her racecourse debut at Curragh over 1m 2f (soft - heavy) last month.
- 12 LONE FIGHTER A winner at 7f on polytrack. Third of 8 behind Saleymm beaten 12l at 2-1 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 7f in November last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Saeed Bin Suroor.
- 13 SWEEPING STATEMENT A winner at 1m. Beaten 6l behind Notforalongtime at 25-1 when 10th of 14 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
- 14 HALCYON SPIRIT A winner at 1m on polytrack. Well beaten at 25-1 behind Mischief Star when 15th of 17 on his latest flat outing at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (yielding) in May.
- 15 CINCO SALTOS Unplaced in all three starts. Well beaten at 12-1 behind Blazing Skies when eighth of 10 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 4f (soft) last month.
- 16 SHEILA Successful at 1m and 1m 2f including a win on polytrack. Beaten 10l behind Kampala Beach at 20-1 when 12th of 13 on her latest outing here over 1m 3f earlier this month.
- 17 WAR HERO Winner of seven races from 6f to 7f including 6 wins on polytrack. Beaten 11l behind Linus Larrabee at 9-1 when 13th of 14 on his latest outing here over 7f earlier this month.

## RACE 2:IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MAIDEN

**White Birch**

**Dabirann**

**Bataan**

There was a lot to like about WHITE BIRCH'S debut in a big-field maiden at Naas. That run was on testing ground and he kept on well to be a never-nearer fifth. He is by a sire, Ulysses, who has a decent record with the limited number of all-weather runners he has had. White Birch's brother won at an all-weather track in Britain. Dabirann attracted plenty of support before coming home eighth over C&D at the start of the month. Improvement is probable and his trainer, Mick Halford, is in very good form. Bataan was prominent throughout in a C&D fillies' maiden before dropping to fourth. She should be involved in the distribution of prize money from a good draw. Brazilian Princess has switched from Britain to Adrian Murray and showed up well when third on Irish debut over 6f at this venue. Jack Kearney takes a handy 7lb off her back. Joseph O'Brien's Cash Out has to be given a market check ahead of his debut. Zurana will have her supporters.

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| 1  | BASE MONEY         | Half-brother to Time Step, won twice at 6f. Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 150-1 behind Peking Opera when 12th of 15 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m (good - yielding) last month. |
| 2  | BRIGHT DICK        | Dam a lightly raced maiden.  |
| 3  | CASH OUT           | Dam unraced. He is wearing a tongue-tie for the first time.  |
| 4  | DABIRANN           | Dam won twice at 1m 1f and 1m 2f. Beaten 9l behind Carracci at 7-1 when eighth of 13 on his racecourse debut over this course and distance earlier this month.   |
| 5  | JARVIS BROOK       | Dam unraced. Well beaten at 150-1 behind Hippodrome when last of 15 on his racecourse debut at Curragh over 1m 1f (yielding - soft) last month.  |
| 6  | LITTLE RASCAL      | Dam a lightly raced maiden.  |
| 7  | SECRET SAUCE       | Half-brother to Shifted Strategy, won at 1m. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 18l behind Carracci at 80-1 when 11th of 13 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.          |
| 8  | WHITE BIRCH        | Full brother to Anatomic, won at 7f. Finished 8l behind Sierra Blanca when fifth of 20 at 80-1 on his racecourse debut at Naas over 1m (heavy) earlier this month.                                       |
| 9  | BATAAN             | Dam won at 1m 2f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 2 1/4l behind Mere Accountant when fourth of 14 at 8-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.                        |
| 10 | BRASILIAN PRINCESS | Placed once in five starts. Third of 11 behind El Tesoro beaten 1l at 12-1 on her latest outing here over 6f earlier this month.   |

11 BYE BYE BAE Half-sister to Tenax, won twice at 5f and 6f. Well beaten at 80-1 behind Speirling Beag when last of 11 on her racecourse debut at Gowran Park over 1m (yielding - soft) in September.

12 DD GOLD Half-sister to Noodles Blue Boy, won 12 times at 5f.

13 MISS SLOVAKIA Dam won at 1m 1f. Beaten 9l behind Mere Accountant at 22-1 when 13th of 14 on her racecourse debut over this course and distance earlier this month. She is wearing a hood for the first time.

14 ZURANA Half-sister to Zarzyni, won three times between 5f and 7f. Placed once in two starts. Third of 14 behind Beginnings beaten 8l at 80-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.