RACE COMMENT & SELECTION UNITED KINGDOM RACING FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2024 MEETING ASCOT

RACE 1: ALBANY STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 3) (CLASS 1) (2YO ONLY)

FAIRY GODMOTHER - MOUNTAIN BREEZE - HEAVENS GATE

Race Preview: Aidan O'Brien plays a strong hand as he bids for a third success in this race. While Heavens Gate is notable after breezing through a Curragh maiden last month, it is hard to look beyond FAIRY GODMOTHER as the stable's best hope. Despite finding one too good when running green on debut at Naas, the daughter of Night Of Thunder reversed the form with the winner of that race, producing a power-packed finish in a Group 3 at the same venue last month. It has been all systems go at Ballydoyle for this since. The unbeaten Mountain Breeze can give the selection most to think about after a brace of novice wins at Newmarket. Hot Darling, a Listed scorer in France, and

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BURNING PINE	Foaled 8 Mar. Half-sister to Louder Than Bombs, won four times at 7f and 1m. Won on her latest outing when 13-20fav at Keeneland over 4f in April, beating La Marinera.
2	CALIFORNIA DREAMER	Foaled 5 Apr. Half-sister to Paggane, won twice over hurdles at 2m 4f and 3m 1f and on the flat at 1m 5f. Placed once in two starts. Third of 6 behind Fairy Godmother beaten 1l at 20-1 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Fillies Sprint Stakes at Naas over 6f (good) last month.
3	CONVO	Foaled 24 Apr. A winner at 4f on heavy ground. Beaten 2 1/2l by Francisco's Piece when second of 8 at 3-1 on her latest outing at Chantilly over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.
4	CRADLE OF LOVE	Foaled 7 Apr. Placed twice in three starts. Beaten 1/2l by American Bar when second of 7 at 5-2 on her latest outing at Listowel over 6f (good) earlier this month.
5	FAIRY GODMOTHER	Foaled 5 Mar. Half-sister to Sketch, won at 6f. Won on her latest outing when 6-5fav in the Group 3 Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Fillies Sprint Stakes at Naas over 6f (good) last month, beating Sparkling Sea by a neck.
6	HEAVENS GATE	Foaled 26 Feb. Half-sister to Maraweh, won five times over hurdles at 3m. A winner at 2-1 at Curragh over 6f (good) on her latest outing last month, beating January by 2 1/4l.
7	HOT DARLING	Foaled 11 Apr. Half-sister to Verdansk, won at 7f. Successful twice at 5f on good to soft and heavy ground. A winner at Vichy over 5f (heavy) last month, beating Herrenchiemsee by 1/2l.

8	JAYVEE	at 5f on soft ground. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Betty Clover at 25-1 when 9th of 15 on her latest outing at York over 5f (good) last month.
9	KYLIE OF LOCHALSH	Foaled 4 Apr. Half-sister to Petticoat Rule, won three times at 7f and 1m. Finished 7l behind Miss Rascal when fourth of 6 at 22-1 on her racecourse debut here over 5f (good) last month.
10	LIBERALISED	Foaled 2 May. Half-sister to Ballet Steps, won twice at 5f. A winner at 5-2 at Hamilton over 6f (good) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Selection by 1l.
11	MOUNTAIN BREEZE	Foaled 1 May. Full sister to Panarea, won at 6f. Successful at 5f and 6f on good ground. Won on her latest outing when 8-13fav at Newmarket over 6f (good) last month, beating New Charter by 2 1/2l. Has won twice at Newmarket this season.
12	NAD ALSHIBA SNOW	Foaled 14 Feb. Half-sister to Deverell, won at 1m. Placed once in two starts. Finished 3l behind Perfect Part when fourth of 13 at 8-1 on her latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.
13	PEREGRINE FALCON	Foaled 25 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Third of 11 behind Easy Mover beaten 2 1/2l at 9-2 on her racecourse debut at Fairyhouse over 6f (good) earlier this month.
14	ROYALTY BAY	Foaled 4 Apr. Dam won twice at 7f and 1m. A winner at 8-1 at Ripon over 6f (soft) on her latest outing last month, beating Beronia by 3l.
15	SIMMERING	Foaled 21 Feb. Half-sister to Estate, won twice at 5f. Third of 14 behind Arabie beaten 1 1/4l at 3-1fav on her racecourse debut at York over 6f (good to soft) last month.
16	SUBSTITUTE	Foaled 7 Apr. Half-sister to Have Secret, won twice at 7f and 1m 2f. A winner at 6f on good ground. Third of 5 behind Royalty Bay beaten 4 1/2l at 4-6fav on her latest outing at Ripon over 6f (soft) last month.
17	TWAFEEG	Foaled 1 Apr. Half-sister to She Can Boogie, won four times at 5f. A winner at 18-1 at Doncaster over 6f (good) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Arabian Dusk by 1 1/2l.

Foaled 2 Mar. Half-sister to Talia, won twice at 7f. A winner

RACE 2: COMMONWEALTH CUP (GROUP 1) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES) (CLASS 1) (3YO ONLY)

JASOUR - INISHERIN - ELITE STATUS

Race Preview: After a ready success in the Group 3 Commonwealth Cup Trial Stakes on his previous outing, JASOUR can continue his upward trajectory and land a first Group 1. Clive Cox saddled Golden Horde to land this prize in 2020 and this son of Havana Grey can give him a second success in the race. Inisherin rates as the obvious danger after a comfortable win in the Sandy Lane at Haydock, but that form isn't yet convincing after the well-fancied Vandeek under-performed. Elite Status should also be on the scene after an impressive success in Listed company at Newbury, while Starlust actually boasts the highest rating in this field and he isn't easily discounted.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ELITE STATUS	He has won four times from 5f to 6f on good and soft ground. A winner at 13-2 at Newbury over 6f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Relief Rally by 2 3/4l.
2	EVADE	Successful at 6f and 7f on good to soft and soft ground. A winner at 10-1 at Epsom over 7f (good to soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Native American by a short head.
3	GIVEMETHEBEATBOYS	He has won three times at 6f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten a head by Bucanero Fuerte when second of 6 at 5-4fav on his latest outing in the Group 3 Goffs Lacken Stakes at Naas over 6f (good) last month.
4	INISHERIN	Successful at 6f and 1m on soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 9-2 in the Group 2 Sandy Lane Stakes at Haydock over 6f (soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Orne by 4l. Has also won at Newcastle this season.
5	JASOUR	He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. A winner at 9-1 over this course and distance (good to soft) on his latest outing last month, beating Adaay In Devon by 1 3/4I.
6	KIND OF BLUE	Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 11-4 at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Ananda by 2 1/2l. Has also won at Kempton this season.
7	LAKE FOREST	Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground. Beaten 9l behind Vandeek at 14-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Juddmonte Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) in September last year.
8	LOUIS BARTHAS	Placed once in two starts. Beaten 10l behind Elite Status at 50-1 when 9th of 14 on his latest outing at Newbury over 6f (good) last month.

9	MALC	A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Finished 5l behind Elite Status when fourth of 14 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 6f (good) last month.
10	MILITARY	A winner at 6f on good - yielding ground. Finished 2 1/2l behind Bucanero Fuerte when fourth of 6 at 15-2 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Goffs Lacken Stakes at Naas over 6f (good) last month.
11	ORNE	Successful twice at 7f on heavy ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 4l by Inisherin when second of 7 at 40-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Sandy Lane Stakes at Haydock over 6f (soft) last month.
12	POCKLINGTON	Successful twice at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Elite Status when fifth of 14 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 6f (good) last month.
13	STARLUST	He has won four times from 5f to 6f on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 11-4fav at York over 5f (good to soft) last month, beating Lethal Nymph by 2 1/4l.
14	CLASSIC FLOWER	She has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to soft ground. Beaten 1/2l by Monteille when second of 8 at evens fav on her latest outing in the Group 3 Prix Texanita at Chantilly over 6f (soft) last month.
15	PANDORA'S GIFT	She has won four times at 6f on the all-weather. Won on her latest outing when 15-8fav at Chelmsford City over 6f last month, beating Tazara by 2 1/2l.

RACE 3: CORONATION STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 1) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS STAKES) (RND) (CLASS 1) (3YO ONLY)

OPERA SINGER - PORTA FORTUNA - RAMATUELLE

Race Preview: The first three from the 1000 Guineas reoppose, but it can pay to side with OPERA SINGER. A brilliant winner of the Prix Marcel Boussac last October, connections were clear to point out that she would come on for her highly creditable third in the Irish 1,000 Guineas and now could be the time she is seen at her optimum. Elmalka narrowly saw off Porta Fortuna and Ramatuelle in the Newmarket Guineas, but it may be Donnacha O'Brien's runner-up who fares best of that trio this time, having proven herself around a bend when touched off at the Breeders' Cup. Unbeaten in three career outings and a taking winner of a Listed contest at York, Devoted Queen must also enter calculations.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	CONTENT	Successful at 7f and 1m on good and soft ground. Beaten 2l behind Rouhiya at 7-1 when eighth of 15 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at ParisLongchamp over 1m (good) last month.

2	DEVOTED QUEEN	She has won three times from 7f to 1m on good and soft ground and on the all-weather. Won on her latest outing when 3-1fav at York over 1m (good) last month, beating Spiritual by 2l. Has also won at Kempton this season.
3	ELMALKA	Successful at 7f and 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 28-1 in the Group 1 Qipco 1000 Guineas Stakes at Newmarket over 1m (good) on her latest outing last month, beating Porta Fortuna by a neck.
4	FOLGARIA	She has won three times from 6f to 1m on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 5l behind Rouhiya at 13-2 when 11th of 15 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at ParisLongchamp over 1m (good) last month.
5	OPERA SINGER	She has won three times at 1m on ground varying from good to yielding - soft. Third of 13 behind Fallen Angel beaten 5l at 7-2 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Tattersalls Irish 1,000 Guineas at Curragh over 1m (good - yielding) last month.
6	PORTA FORTUNA	She has won four times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Beaten a neck by Elmalka when second of 16 at 11-1 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Qipco 1000 Guineas Stakes at Newmarket over 1m (good) last month.
7	RAMATUELLE	She has won three times from 5f to 6f on good to soft and soft ground. Third of 16 behind Elmalka beaten 1/2l at 9-2 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Qipco 1000 Guineas Stakes at Newmarket over 1m (good) last month.
8	ROUHIYA	Successful at 6f and 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 33-1 in the Group 1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at ParisLongchamp over 1m (good) on her latest outing last month, beating Kathmandu by a head.
9	SEE THE FIRE	A winner at 7f on good ground. Beaten 14l behind Elmalka at 15-2 when 12th of 16 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Qipco 1000 Guineas Stakes at Newmarket over 1m (good) last month.
10	SKELLET	A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Beaten 7l behind Fallen Angel at 12-1 when eighth of 13 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Tattersalls Irish 1,000 Guineas at Curragh over 1m (good - yielding) last month.