

## **Hereford Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July Raceday Preview**

**By Paul Simmons**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Race – The Grove Farm Stud Maiden Stakes over 1 Mile 1 Furlong**

The selection is **Takaamul** who finished a gallant second to impressive Wolverhampton scorer Zayin Barakaldo over 7 furlongs, the latter has just franked the form by powering home over 6 furlongs in a Premier Handicap at Kempton Park. Dangers come from No Frylls who ran with promise when 4<sup>th</sup> on her debut behind Menwaal and then put up an eye catching display when 2<sup>nd</sup> to stablemate Laqataat over 7 furlongs at Fakenham last week, the step up in trip should suit and she can make her presence felt here. Whilst El Adjban showed plenty of promise on his debut when making the running and finishing a fine third to Laqataat last week and could improve for the step up in trip.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Race – The Royal Cavalry of Oman Novice Rider Handicap Stakes 0-55 over 1 Mile 6 Furlongs**

The selection is **Hayleys Comet** who won last years Jebel Ali Silver Final in great style, he's been in superb form this year with an unlucky nose second to Sabden over this trip at Huntingdon before disappointing at Wolverhampton over 9 furlongs, this stamina sapping trip should see a return to the winners enclosure. Bonham was third that day and won last season over 12 furlongs beating the section and should be thereabouts again today over this stamina sapping trip. Whilst Notid looked to be coming to hand when a decent 4<sup>th</sup> to Falshcat over 7 furlongs last week, this is more his trip and he is a course winner having won the 2 mile race here last year.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Race – The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes 0-70 over 2 Miles**

**Floren** ran well at Huntingdon on his debut when a solid third over an inadequate 7 furlongs behind Dargali, that form has since been franked by the second Flash Cat hacking up at Fakenham last week; this trip is much more suitable for this classy handicap stayer and he won over 12 furlongs last term is the one to beat here. Dangers come from Debrett (from the in form Adam Newey yard) also a classy stayer who is currently mixing endurance with racing, he was 2<sup>nd</sup> in this race in 2008 and won over 2 miles last year and will be fighting out the finish. Whilst Pacific Way makes her seasonal debut and won impressively last season over 10 furlongs at Stratford and rates a danger if staying this trip.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Race – The Merwah Handicap Stakes 0-60 over 1 Mile**

A fascinating race with several in with a chance but the selection is **Sabden** who won impressively at Huntingdon over 1 Mile 6 furlongs and then ran a superb race when 3<sup>rd</sup> to Flashcat over 7 furlongs, she seems rejuvenated with owner/trainer Craig Kester and will take all the beating here. Threats come from Wikkara who looked good when getting home by a neck from Jamaahir at Wolverhampton over 9 furlongs (the 4<sup>th</sup> that day Flashcat franked the form), and Senor Dublcheck has strong place claims after a blinding win at Fakenham last week over 10 furlongs beating El Hamsa and Mahbishai.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Race – The Royal Cavalry of Oman Handicap Stakes 0-80 over 7 Furlongs**

The selection is the lovely mare **Jelvita** who can defy top weight and score victory over a trip and track that is sure to suit, she was placed on 6 of her 7 starts last year including 3 seconds over 6-7f; she was credible 4<sup>th</sup> to Manaal over 6 furlongs at Huntingdon on her debut and has every chance here. Dangers come from Gazal who was so impressive last season winning a Premier handicap over 10 furlongs and following up over 13 furlongs at Market Rasen, track looks sharp but he has won over a mile and is classy enough to take this. Whilst Miswadah was placed in her maidens last term and ran a blinder on Dubai Day over this trip in the opening handicap when third to Balladore.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Race – The Penn Challenge OPEN (TB &AA) Handicap Stakes 0-170 over 1 Mile 1 Furlong**

**Oh Sunny Boy** looked very smart when galloping home under owner, trainer, jockey Kate Nutt in the 1 Mile 4 furlong handicap at Fakenham last week beating Just Serenade two lengths and is taken to confirm his superiority here. Red Myth struggled when upped in grade last week and finishing 6<sup>th</sup> to Night Cap over 7 furlongs, this drop in grade could see her return to the winner's enclosure. Whilst Dancing Grace won 4 times last season and was

champion Anglo including winning twice against TB's, she hacked up in an Anglo race at Wolverhampton over 8 furlongs and is dangerous to ignore.

**7<sup>th</sup> Race – The Royal Cavalry of Oman Handicap Stakes 0-95 over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs**

**Genuinely At Risk** looked smart when winning twice last term including at Warwick over 10 furlongs when beating the rapidly improving Tidarbret, he won on his seasonal debut at Wolverhampton over 8 furlongs when getting home by half a length from Mi Temps De Piboul and should be able to add another victory here. Menwaal looked potentially very smart when galloping home three lengths clear over 10 furlongs at Wolverhampton, he holds an entry in the Derby and is clearly well regarded and rates a threat here. Whilst Moshahed won his maiden over 10 furlongs last year and was a promising third to Tidarbret (a winner since) over 10 furlongs at Huntingdon, he looks like he will appreciate this step up in trip and is and has strong place claims.

**8<sup>th</sup> Race – The ARO Returns to Hereford on 21<sup>st</sup> August OPEN (TB & AA) Handicap over 1 Mile 6 Furlongs**

**Son of Sophie** hacked up at Wolverhampton in May over 12 furlongs before following up over this trip at Huntingdon 7 lengths clear of Yankey (who franked the form when winning at Wolverhampton in June), if ever there was a banker ARO racing this is it. Place claims go to Yankey who blazed home 4 lengths clear of Global Achiever over 8 furlongs at Wolverhampton. Marbaa is a decent yardstick and won twice last season over 10 furlongs (beat Son of Sophie) at Huntingdon and again at Ffos Las over this trip (beating Night Cap and Son Of Sophie), he was 5<sup>th</sup> to Night Cap last week over 7 furlongs and will be a danger if back to his best and staying this extended trip.