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PARAMER ANGEL (GB) (44)

(1)11

(B) Gr G Parador (FR) - Angel Picamer (GB) (Amer (SA)

Charlie Price O 50/003-1

Mrs D Thomas B Mrs Zelda Angel

Mrs D Thomas

Course winner over 1m2f beating Balqees by a head on seasonal return and meets that one on the same terms here. Best over shorter with two wins at a mile on good or faster and placed in sprints, but they were in lesser grades and though talented, career best required to win. (R13 W3 P5) (OR 75)

ZAYIN ANGKOR CENTURION (GB) (17) (3)

Bay H Dahess (GB) - Barryh (FR) (Dielfor (FR)

Hector Crouch

Mr Paul Simmons Mr P Simmons

Mr P J Hammersley

O 565-0/50

Winner at 7f and a mile on the AW who has been course and distance placed behind a subsequent Group1PA winner. On the comeback trail after a year's absence due to minor injury and though sure to be sharper after two runs, has plenty to find with some of these on latest Goodwood form. (R20 W2 P5) (OR 85)

ABIYAH ATHBAH (GB) (17)

(5)

(US) Gr M Jaafer ASF (GB) - Burning Fancy (US) (Burning Sand (US) Dilmun Racing

Joey Haynes

B Athbah Stud

Mr P J Hammersley

O 43043-430

All wins from 7f to 1m4f on the AW, however her best black-type efforts have always come on fast ground. Fourth in this last year and third behind Ekleel Athbah in the prep here last time, both on good, hard to see her finding enough improvement to win, but underfoot conditions a definite plus. (R20 W3 P12) (OR 87)

BALQEES (FR) (17) 5 q 3 (6)

B Ch M Madjani (FR) - Najlaa (FR) (Al Saoudi (FR)

EKLEEL ATHBAH (FR) (37)

Gary Allsopp

Hollie Doyle

B SNC Shadwell France

Mr James Owen

O 2362-1520

Runner-up twice at 7f on the AW, on debut when well adrift of the winner and closer last year in a competitive handicap. Best of the UK runners in classy Group 1PA at Goodwood on latest over a mile and beat Ekleel Athbah in a maiden on that one's UK debut, both for today's jockey. Cheekpieces exchanged for visor now. (R10 W1 P5) (OR 79)

(FR) Gr F Laith Al Khalediah (SA) - Manade Athbah (GB) (Khoutoubia (FR)

Tadhg O'Shea

Athbah Racing

Mr Philip Collington

B Athbah Stud

Less than a second outside the (hand-timed) course and distance record set by Bayan Athbah in this last year, when beating that one by a length and a quarter on latest in the prep race for this event. Still a bit green and jinked in the final strides, likely more to come on that evidence. (R4 W2 P2) (OR 102)

FATEENAH (FR) (50)

3 Gr/Ro F Dahess (GB) - Maxensse (FR) (Al Sakbe (FR)

Mickael Forest

(4)

Royal Cavalry Of Oman

Trederic Sanchez (FR)

O 214-132

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Two wins and two places over a furlong further on easy ground and not beaten far in two attempts at Group 3PA level over a mile, including when third in May. Beaten half a length on latest at Dax on good, though winner was beaten by Bayan Athbah in Belgium in January. Respected. (R6 W2 P4) (OR 106)

NUMBER OF DECLARED RUNNERS 6

Betting Forecast:

6-4 Fav FATEENAH (FR), 13-8 EKLEEL ATHBAH (FR), 6-1 ABIYAH ATHBAH (GB), 7-1 BALQEES (FR), 10-1 PARAMER ANGEL (GB), 20-1 ZAYIN ANGKOR CENTURION (GB)

Race Summary: A really competitive looking race with two progressive young fillies seeking a first black type win. The older horses are quite closely matched on form, Balqees looks interesting in first-time visor and Abiyah Athbah finally has her favoured fast ground, but on ratings they are running for place prize money. Fateenah is the more experienced of the pair, though is yet to encounter ground this quick or a trip this sharp, but comes from a stable who is two from three in UK raids. On a line through last year's winner, Bayan Athbah, her stablemate EKLEEL ATHBAH should just have the edge over the French filly and she impressed when winning despite greenness, over course and distance last time.





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