

Warwick 10th October Preview

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1st Race – The Doncaster Rovers Handicap Stakes

PA Handicap 0-60 over 6 Furlongs

An interestingly competitive handicap with several sprint winning handicappers lining up, including WFA Leopard, Benny The Dip, Trip To Khairo and Millenium Leap, whilst opposing them are possible improving maidens including Sakeena Sky Zayin, Jamaahir, Star Valentina and Trip To Paris. The tentative selection is **Jamaahir** who has been improving with very run this season including when second to Benny The Dip over 7 furlongs at Hereford and finishing 4th to Even Keener at Wolverhampton over 7 furlongs before a solid 3rd behind Pacific Way over 10 furlongs last time out at Stratford. His half sisters Yaasah and Khulan were both winners over 5 furlongs and he looks capable of opening his account here. Main danger comes from Sakeena Sky Zayin who has been second twice over this trip, to Whisper at Fontwell Park and to Even Keener at Salisbury; a reproduction of that form should see her go close. WFA Leopard has dropped down the handicap this season and was 4th to Pacific Way over 10 furlongs last time; if reproducing the form that saw him win a Premier Handicap at Newbury over this trip in 2006 he will be hard to beat (connections won this last year with Whisper). Benny The Dip has won twice over 7 furlongs this term and can't be discounted.

2nd Race – The Penn Challenge Handicap Stakes (Series Final)

TB, AA & PB Handicap 0-170 over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Dancing Grace has been running out of her skin this season, winning at Ffos Las over 14 furlongs (beating Finished Article) and over 9 furlongs at Hereford where she beat Troublemaker. She was a solid 2nd to Delorain over 1 Mile 5 furlongs before winning the third race of her career at Stratford last time out where she beat Mattoni over a mile. The trip and track look ideal and she'll take all the beating. Dangers come from Exclusive Air, who looked right back to his best when beating stablemate Just Serenade at Market Rasen over 12 furlongs, whilst Curupanna was last season's champion Anglo, winning 4 times; she has struggled this season and was just beaten in a hard fought finish at Wolverhampton by La Perruche over 9 furlongs, but a return to last year's form could put her in the frame.

3rd Race – The CoolStance Natural Horse Feed Handicap Stakes

PA Handicap 0-95 over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Theoretically has been running well this season in France, with an impressive 4th behind Jalab Al Khalidiah in the G1 Shadwell Manganate Stakes in Deville over this trip in August before being outpaced over 5 furlongs when 5th behind Ircalan DA in the G3 Royal Cavalry of Oman Stakes at Bath. He then finished a good 5th behind General in the Group 1(PA) Qatar Arabian World Cup at Longchamp on Arc day (beating Fryvolous and Al Fatih) last weekend and should easily account for these. Qariem De Faust looked good when winning his maiden over a mile at Market Rasen (beating subsequent winner Seaukoa into 4th). Noble Athlete has had a tremendous campaign this year winning twice over 9 furlongs and being placed in Group company as well, he was 2nd to Al Janoob over 10 furlongs and third to Angel Picamer over a mile at Salisbury. Tidarbret has place claims after his impressive victory over Adraaj in the Breeders Cup.

4th race – The Jebel Ali Racing Club Handicap Stakes (Gold Final)

PA Handicap over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

The Bill Smith yard is in flying form at the moment and looks to have the pick of the field with the young and improving **Nasheet** who looked very impressive when holding off Whisper on his handicap debut over a mile at Stratford last time out. Dangers come from the impressive Gazal, a winner twice this year including when landing a Premier Handicap over this trip from Final Fling and when battling home from Karline over 13 furlongs at Market Rasen. Course winner Whisper has a devastating turn of foot and has won twice this season, over 6 furlongs at Fontwell and also when defeating subsequent winner Even Keener at Market Rasen. Pacific Way was impressive over this trip at Stratford where she beat Barik and has strong place claims.

5th race – The Jebel Ali Racing Club Handicap Stakes (Silver Final)

PA Handicap over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Shereik has been in superb form this season winning twice, at Market Rasen over this trip and at Stratford last time out over 14 furlongs, where she beat Hayleys Comet and Millennium Leap. She looks capable of landing a hatrick here. Dangers come from Barik who won impressively over this trip at Huntingdon and was a solid 2nd to Pacific Way at Stratford also over 10 furlongs; it would be

no surprise to see him score again here (trainer won the Gold final in 2007). Hayleys Comet has been in good heart this season winning over this trip at Hereford and being 2nd to Bonham over 2 Miles at Wolverhampton and he should be thereabouts.

6th race – The Jebel Ali Racing Club Handicap Stakes (Bronze Final)

PA Handicap over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Delyth Thomas is in great form this season and having won Silver and Gold finals of this race in the past, she can take this Bronze final with the rapidly improving **Florys Folly**. He was a decent 3rd to Shereik at Market Rasen before following that with an impressive 2nd behind Egypt over an inadequate 6 furlongs at Stratford; this trip looks ideal and this half sister to multiple winner Floren can open her maiden here. Millennium Leap was 2nd to Hayleys Comet over this trip and a good 3rd to Shereik last time out, she clearly stays this trip and could return to winning ways here. Tom Brady has also been improving this season, running an excellent 4th to Bonham over 2 miles and then a good 4th behind Egypt over an inadequate 6 furlongs, the here trip looks ideal.

7th race – The ARO Open Race Championship

TB, AA & PB Conditions over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Chapter has won three times at Wolverhampton this season, over 7 and 8 furlongs, before comfortably defeating Son of Sophie 5 lengths over 14 furlongs; he looks the likely favourite to win this race. However, Son Of Sophie looked in good order when easily winning at Huntingdon over this trip and he should go close again here. Other fancied runners include Megabond, won well at 6 furlongs at Salisbury but may struggle to bet home over this trip, and Blanc Visage, who gained a deserved victory at Stratford last time out when beating Minnie Mill over 6 furlongs and has been placed over this trip and should be in the shake up.