

CHRISTINE DUNNETT 31/05/06

Although we haven't hit the target during the last week or so, I am reasonably confident our next winner isn't that far away. In my defence we have only had four runners since I last wrote, two of which were at Newmarket on Sunday afternoon.

My new found confidence stems from the effort of BRECKLAND BOY in a maiden at Newmarket-I know the race cut up because of the going, but I felt my little gelding ran a cracker, certainly 'The College Girls,' my ladies only partnership thought so. If you saw the race, he ran incredibly green, jinking left out of the stalls and then taking time to settle, but once he had the hang of it, I thought under Chris Catlin he did better than alright, which gave me great encouragement for his future. I know its no excuse, but being drawn one didn't help his cause and maybe if he was drawn in the middle he would have settled earlier. Further back in the same field, JOINT EXPECTATIONS our club horse came in, which was his second start of the term over five furlongs. Having looked at the race again, I think he maybe better suited by further, he looked as though they ran him off his feet a bit.

I think like a lot of Newmarket trainers, the adverse weather conditions, not usual at this time in the year have meant we haven't had as many runners-thankfully Yarmouth are staging a two day meeting this week, which starts today. One thing you can almost bank on at the seaside is faster ground than anywhere else in the country.

We kick off today with three runners, CANARY GIRL, LIFE'S A WHIRL and PANSHIR. I have been struggling to find races for some of the string, which is why, CANARY GIRL looks to be up against it in the seven furlong maiden. Owned by Lowestoft based Geoff Price, she is a nice sort of filly, but whether she is good enough we will find out tomorrow. This is the first time she will be running over seven furlongs, so it is another one of those journeys into the unknown.

In contrast, LIFE'S A WHIRL been dropped in class and on the form of her runs to date for me you would have to say, she should improve. It's a difficult race to assess, but if she runs like she has been working at home, I would like to think she will finish in the frame.

PANSHIR is one of those horses that if everything goes right will win and win well-off his lowest ever mark over ten furlongs for the first time; I would be delighted if he finished in the shake up.

People always ask me which is the best runner of the day and so on-I have to say I find that bit, tipping extremely difficult, I run all my horses to win, I want winners so I think the races I have selected are right for the horse, based on past form and work at home. I know sometimes, the odd one will give you more indication at home than others-remember SILVER DANE at the first Yarmouth meeting of the year?

Talking of which he along with RUSSIAN ROCKET, GONE 'N' DUNNETT and KENNINGTON all I hope will go to post for the sprint tomorrow. This is a hard one, because they have all been working well, possibly GONE 'N' DUNNETT a shade more than the rest, which would suggest he could run away with it, if he gets the run of the race. However, you would have to give SILVER DANE a big chance, a horse in form, but being small he has a big weight to carry. RUSSIAN ROCKET and KEENINGTON have done nothing wrong, quite the reverse; they both turned in good performances last time out. If I could have the first four past the post that would certainly make up for all the disappointments, but being realistic about it, I would love one to win and one to be placed.

I think SET ALIGHT should give a good account of herself tomorrow, she is in great heart and I like the way she is just coming to hand.

My only other runner is likely to be TATA NAKA, who has become something of a regular to the track; in her current grade she would have a chance.

I have placed entries at Southwell on Saturday evening and Brighton on Sunday afternoon, but am unlikely to go to the latter especially if the ground is on the soft sticky side. Of my entries for that period, I would like to see SHOPFITTER hit the wicket; this one certainly has a win in him.