

CHRISTINE DUNNETT 12/07/06

Its been an interesting few days to say the least - I have to say I am delighted I got it right last week with NORCROFT, I hope you were on him at 9-1, backed in from 16-1 I gather.-'If we look back at our results over the last two weeks, you couldn't have dreamt how they would fall out-two weeks ago, take NORCROFT who failed to make any impression over six furlongs on good to firm at Thirsk and last week, finished a very encouraging sixth of 12 at Kempton again over six furlongs. I accept you could argue he is better on the all weather, but that much, I don't think. He runs this evening again at Kempton in the last which is an apprentice race over six furlongs. Being logical, which perhaps isn't the answer, I would have to say, and he must have a hell of a chance, especially as he will be ridden by Kirsty, who is in blinding form at the moment. I sincerely hope he runs a big race and I would have to say he must be my best hope of success right now.'

I finished last weeks article by saying, 'I still feel extremely upbeat, I just wish we would start firing, I know we are almost on the money.' I have to say, although we only had one winner last week and not a lot else, I still feel incredibly upbeat, I just don't understand why we haven't been firing regularly-certainly from my random scoping there doesn't seem to be a problem, I just think we haven't had the breaks we had a year ago, but I know our luck is about to change.

The week ahead looks to be dominated by sprinters, with SILVER DANE and POLAR FORCE likely to run either at Newmarket on Thursday or Lingfield on Saturday-in reality, I would like to run probably POLAR FORCE at Newmarket and SILVER DANE at Lingfield and come away with two winners. All that said, in my usual style with these sprinters, I have entered RUSSIAN ROCKET, NORCROFT, GONE 'N' DUNNETT and the other two in the same Lingfield six furlong contest. Not surprisingly NORCROFT tops the weights with 10st 1lb and of the 37 entries my personal entry represents a seventh of the total. One could argue if the race cut up, I could end up with almost half the field, which must seriously improve my chances of success.

On the same afternoon I have entered CANARY GIRL and MASTER MALARKEY at Nottingham, the later of which I would like to think, had more than a chance.

If I was being realistic I would have to say POLAR FORCE, SILVER DANE and MASTER MALARKEY should all run big races. I would like to say every runner from the yard is a potential winner, but given my success rate at the moment, it pays me to be slightly conservative about things until things start improving significantly.

I am not sure if you are aware, but Haydock Park traditionally holds a football race card, which happens to be on Sunday. The races are restricted to 10 runners each and each horse carries the colours of a

famous football club like Chelsea, Arsenal and Manchester United, the idea being, which ever football team gets the most points wins. It does mean owners have to sacrifice seeing their colours for football team colours. I have entered POLAR FORCE, because being on a Sunday, there is appearance money on offer for the owners trainers etc, which on this occasion would make it worth our while taking a trip north, even on a Sunday.

Talking of football, not sure about that Frenchman who was sent off, seems like all sports are having problems at the moment-I was trying to think if Mr Fallon had ridden for us, I don't think he has, which I have to say is a surprise, that said, the only jockey to have a 100% strike rate for me, is of course the one and only Chris Kinane.