



### Friday 16<sup>TH</sup> December

Rather than the usual in depth write ups I am going to give you all a chance to work through my own Ratings Sheets for a couple of races (I've also included a description/key to the column headers at the bottom of this page) the ratings sheet will be available for certain races when Ahead In The Sand is launched next month...

### 2:35 SOUTHWELL 5f (4f214y) HANDICAP (Class 4) (3yo+ 0-80)

#### >>> RATINGS SHEET FOR SOUTHWELL 2:35

- **TWILIGHT MADNESS** - Made most last time out at Newcastle over this trip in a competitive race and slightly stronger race than this. He has gone up 3lbs for that win but did go close here over 6f off a mark of 80 in April. The yard were 6 from 15 (40%) rate with their last time out winners last year but are 0 from 8 so far in 2022. Interesting. QUOTE Simon Hodgson, trainer: "He won well at Newcastle last time, but this is a different type of track ? hopefully his natural speed will see him to good effect. He'll pop out as he usually does and if anything leads him they will be going pretty fast."
- **SO GRATEFUL** – All 3 career wins have come here on Tapeta, under this jockey, is 1 from 2 over CD and 2 from 2 over 6f. Does need a career best off this mark but has some of the best figures.
- **STONE OF DESTINY** – Having just his second run for this yard he was picked up for 30,000gns, and looks an interesting project for his new connections. He did struggle off this mark over CD last time out, albeit in a much stronger race and returning from 82 days off the track. Is sitting on a very attractive and career low mark of 81 if they can get him back to his 2019/2020 form when winning off 12 and 16 lbs higher marks.
- **BANG ON THE BELL** – All 3 career wins have come on Tapeta but at Wolverhampton, twice over this trip and once over 6f. May be in the grip of the Assessor at the moment and 0 from 5 outside of Class 5 Company.

- **POCKLEY** – Won last time out at Newcastle over the straight 5f off a mark of 71, he has been raised just 2lbs for that but has won off 75 in the past and today's Jockey takes off 5lbs. He has a fantastic record at Newcastle with 4 wins from 8 runs and just the single finish out of the placings and that was off a mark of 81. Is 2 from 2 in Class 3 and Class 4 Company. He should get a decent pace on his first try at the track. Interesting. QUOTE Linda Perratt, trainer: "He won well over six furlongs at Newcastle last time but has plenty of speed so dropping back to five should suit."
- **LA ROCA DEL FUEGO** – Likely to be up with the pace but looks a Chelmsford specialist and on a handicapping campaign. QUOTE Geoffrey Deacon, trainer: "He won well at Chelmsford last time, but he's never run at Southwell and he's previously been most effective around bends. That said, he ran well over five at York one day and we're hopeful he can handle it."
- **MURBIH** – Even ignoring his latest run when he dipped the start as the stalls opened and blindfold still on, lost all chance and soon pulled up, he still only has a Class 6 win off a mark of 60 to his name although he was returning from a 91-day break. He broke and travelled well before registering his first and a convincing win, finishing 2¼L in front of his better fancied stablemate and rival again today YAAHOBBY and is just 1lb worse. Does have a bit to find on the figures.
- **FAI FAI** – Very-interesting runner who was contesting Group 3 Company in France as a Two-Year-Old. Joined this yard in June and has 3 runs in which he clearly hasn't been tried with and in that process dropped 13lbs. He is by Acclamation out of a Listed winning dam over 5½f so this would be the biggest shock although I suspect that connections want a few more pounds removed before letting him loose. QUOTE Charlie Fellowes, trainer: "His rating when he came over from France flattered him a bit, but he's now down to a more workable mark. We think five furlongs on a straight track will suit, and his recent good run at Chelmsford appears to have taken the gas out of him."
- **DOUBLE DEALING** – Has some of the best recent Performance Figures and is having only his second run for a yard who know how to land a gamble. He won comfortably here last year over 6f before following that up at Wolverhampton over 7f. He was behind LA ROCA DEL FUEGO and BANG ON THE BELL last time out at Chelmsford giving weight to both but is 12lbs better off with the first mentioned plus a further 5lbs with the Jockey's claim for 1¼L, he is only 1lb better with the latter plus the 5lbs for a neck. QUOTE Stuart Williams, trainer: "It's his second start for us and we've dropped him back to sprinting as he was previously campaigned over seven furlongs and a mile. We were happy with his first run for us at Chelmsford and it'll be interesting to see how he goes."
- **YAAHOBBY** – Carries no weight here off a mark of 63 and did win over 6f at Wolverhampton in February off a 10lbs higher mark. Doesn't have the figures to be competitive in My opinion.

### MUSINGS...

I must have changed my mind several times whilst compiling the horse notes and am still undecided. **SO GRATEFUL** ticks plenty of boxes as does **TWILIGHT MADNESS** but then we have the "possibles" with **STONE OF DESTINY** and **DOUBLE DEALING**, but for some reason I keep getting drawn to **FAI FAI**.

## 7:45 KEMPTON 6f HANDICAP (Class 2) (3yo+ 0-105)

### >>>[RATINGS SHEET FOR KEMPTON 7-45](#)

*My ratings go back to January 2019 only, so all metrics are from then until current. My Ratings have taken years to develop and are always under scrutiny for improvement so please forgive me if I don't go in to too much depth of how they are compiled.*

#### KEY TO THE RATINGS:

The majority of the headings are self-explanatory but here is the comprehensive list of what they all mean so you know what you are looking at when digging into them yourself...

- **H Total Runs/Wins** – Horse Career Runs/Wins
- **%RB<sup>2</sup>** - Percentage of Rivals Beaten<sup>2</sup>
- **FS%RB** – Percentage of Rivals Beaten adjusted for the Field Size
- **WOA** – Wins Over Average (Field Size based)
- **WAX** – Wins Above Expectation, the total number of wins minus the expected wins (Market based)
- **A/E** - A figure based on actual versus expected return, calculated as the total number of wins versus the expected number of wins. The expected number is based on the official starting price, for example, a horse at 1/10 has an expectancy of 0.91.
- **WIV** – Win Impact Value
- **Max Speed** – Maximum Speed Figure at or around today's trip
- **Max Perf** – Maximum Performance Figure (My own rating based on race strength/previous/past performances)
- **Class Rating** – A figure to gauge the strength of the race contested
- **Best Time Over CD** – The best finishing time not allowing for any variants, can be used in conjunction with the CD Par Time
- **Recent Max Speed** – A slightly more complex formula than the Average of the last 4 Speed Figures
- **Recency Rank** – My Rating that only takes in to account recent data, for example, Trainer form, Race Strength ...
- **Final Rating Rank** – Takes in to account many factors to give me a Final Rating
- **Draw IV** – Impact Value for today's draw in relation to field size which is more indicative than a raw percentage
- **J/C** – Jockey Change compared to last race
- **Upgrade** – A figure to indicate how much of a difference the Jockey Change may make using Jockey/Trainer data
- **AVG PR TRACK** – The Average Performance Rating of a Sire's Progeny at the track concerned.