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**NEWCASTLE (A.W) - 1m - TALKSPORT DOWNLOAD THE APP EBF NOVICE STAKES  
(GBB RACE) (DIV I) (5) 2YO, Class 5**

Relevant Stats/Trends for All Weather Two-Year-Old Novice Events:

- Debutantes have a 7.34% strike rate.
- Debutantes from a yard based in Newmarket have a 16.54% strike rate at Newcastle.

**LASER GUIDED** (IRE) - AW Rated 72, **AW Rating Rank 1, AW Speed Rank 1\*** March Colt out of Cercle D'Or by Kingman \* Simon & Ed Crisford/Ross Coakley, Previous Runs 1, Cost 400,000 Guineas as a Yearling. Second foal, dam is a half-sister to Derby/Arc winner Golden Horn and 7f AW Two-Year-Old winner (RPR 73). Sire Top-class Two-Year-Old, including Solario Stakes, four time Group 1 winner, Champion Three-Year-Old. **93 AW Speed Figure**. We can upgrade his effort on debut over this trip at Kempton as he was drawn in the outside and had a wide trip throughout. The Two-Year-Old progeny of Kingman have a mixed record at the track with 5 winners from 22 runners but are 3 from 8 when making their second start here, 3 from 6 when that second start is their Tapeta debut and 2 from 2 when their debut was made elsewhere on the AW. The yard are 2 from 4 here with their second start Two-Year-Olds in Novice Company with only a single runner finishing out of the places. **Advice: Definite shortlist material**

**LONDON LEGEND** (IRE) - AW Rated 39, AW Rating Rank 3, AW Speed Rank 3\* May Gelding out of London Welsh by Zoustar \* Ann Duffield/Paul Mulrennan, Previous Runs 1, Cost 90,000 Guineas as a Yearling. Sixth foal, half-brother to GB/Singapore 5f-7f winner Wick Powell (including Two-Year-Old Listed/AW, RPR 96) and Japan 6½f/7f winner Londonness, dam unplaced 9f (39) out of Italian 7f Listed Two-Year-Old winner. Sire Champion first-season sire in Australia, had first 3 home in Group 1 Coolmore Stud Stakes. **75 AW Speed Figure**. He finished last of 12 over 10f here on debut but just over 26½L. **Advice: Impossible to recommend.**

**ALHAMBRA PALACE** - No Rating.\* February Colt out of Lady Francesca by Le Havre \* William Haggas/Cieren Fallon, Previous Runs 1, Cost 230,000 Guineas as a Yearling, 58,000 Guineas as a Foal. Sixth foal, half-brother to 9f-12.4f winner Bartholomeu Dias (including GB AW/Australia Listed, RPR 107) and 7f-10f winner Atheeb including as a Two-Year-Old over 7f and on the AW over 9f, 89, dam was a 97 rated US 9f/GB 8.6f AW winner (99). Sire 7f-9f winner as a Two-Year-Old, Prix du Jockey-Club winner as a Three-Year-Old has made an excellent young sire. **No AW Speed Figure yet**. Showed little on debut over this trip at Newbury in October. The yard don't have the greatest record here with their Two-Year-Olds in Novice Company. **Advice: I would have more interest if this were a Maiden and likely to be over-bet due to connections.**

**IMPERIAL ACE** (IRE) - No Rating.\* Unraced Colt out of Cottonmouth by Lope De Vega \* Hugo Palmer/Jack Mitchell, Previous Runs 0, Cost 125,000 Guineas as a Yearling. Ninth foal, brother to 10f AW winner Poetic Legacy (RPR 62), half-brother to 6 winners including Dylan Mouth (8½f-14f including as a Two-Year-Old/Italian Group 1, 116) & Henry Mouth (10½f/12f including Italian Listed, 108), dam 7f-11f winner including Group 10f Group 3, 107). Sire high-class Two-Year-Old, French 2,000 Guineas/Derby winner, well related, quality sire. **No AW Speed Figure yet**. A well-bred individual although possible for further next year and the yard nor the sire have a particularly compelling record at the track with their Two-Year-Olds on debut. **Advice: Watching brief for me.**

**EL JASOR** (IRE) - No Rating.\* Unraced Colt out of Manaha by Le Havre \* Charlie Fellowes/Rossa Ryan, Previous Runs 0, Cost Unknown was WD from Yearling Sale. First foal, dam French 6½f Two-Year-Old/8½f AW winner (RPR 97). Sire 7f-9f winner as a Two-Year-Old, Prix du Jockey-Club winner as a

Three-Year-Old, excellent young sire. **No AW Speed Figure yet.** Looks bred as if this is as far as he wants to go but the yard's Two-Year-Old debutantes are always of interest to me here with 3 winners from just 8 runners but they tend to be well found in the market, going off at 6/1 or less and appear to be either all or nothing. **Advice: Definitely worth keeping an eye on the market for this one.**

**OPEN CHOICE** (USA) - No Rating.\* Unraced Colt out of Miss Mockingbird by Classic Empire \* Edward Bethell/Rowan Scott, Previous Runs 0, Cost €100,000 as a Two-Year-Old. Seventh foal, half-brother to 3 winners including Melendez (9f AW, RPR 82) and Superduper Sky (US/Canada 5½f-9f including dirt), dam US 9f/8.3f dirt winner, out of US 6f-7f stakes winning. Sire high-class Two-Year-Old, including Futurity Stakes & BC Juvenile, won Arkansas Derby & Preakness runner-up as Three-Year-Old. **No AW Speed Figure yet.** Doesn't look likely to be an exciting prospect for the future but does look bred for this surface. The yard haven't had a great year with their Two-Year-Olds with just 4 winners from 62 runs but 2 of those 3 wins were with debutantes and from the 4 Two-Year-Old debutantes they have sent here 1 won and another 2 were placed. **Advice: Of interest in an open race.**

**COSMIC SOUL** (IRE) - No Rating.\* Unraced Colt out of My Spirit by Sea The Stars \* James Horton/P J McDonald, Previous Runs 0, Cost 210,000 Guineas as a Yearling. Fourth foal, brother to 9f Two-Year-Old winner Mystical Dawn (RPR 97), half-brother to 7f/9f AW winner Dark Kris (76), dam was unraced as a Two-Year-Old but won her first 3 races as a Three-Year-Old over 9f-10f winner, max rated 100, closely related to dam of Melbourne Cup winner Twilight Payment. Sire Group 2 9f Two-Year-Old, exceptional 6-time Group 1 winner as a Three-Year-Old, including Guineas/Derby/Arc, outstanding family **No AW Speed Figure yet.** If this race was awarded on breeding, then he would get My vote being by Sea The Stars whose Two-Year-Old progeny are 8 from 25 here, 5 (different) from 15 over CD and 2 from 6 over CD on debut but the yard are currently 0 from 14 with their Two-Year-Olds on debut all for these owners. **Advice: A watching brief for me unless seeing market support.**

**PADDY THE SQUIRE** - No Rating.\* Unraced Colt out of Provenance by Golden Horn \* Iain Jardine/Andrew Mullen, Previous Runs 0, Cost 150,000 Guineas as a Yearling. Fourth foal, half-brother to winners New Kingdom (9f Two-Year-Old/7f, RPR 107) and Cruyff Turn (7f-9f, 107), dam was unraced as a Two-Year-Old but was decent as a Three-Year-Old including placed in Listed Company and 7f-9f winner including on the AW at Kempton max rated 101. Sire 9f Two-Year-Old winner, champion Three-Year-Old & horse of the year, won Derby, Eclipse, Irish Champion Stakes & Arc. **No AW Speed Figure yet.** An expensive individual for this yard and the trip shouldn't be an issue on pedigree but the yard are yet to have a debutante winner from 11 qualifiers and just the single runner placed. **Advice: From a gambling yard so any interest would be worth noting but not one for Me.**

**BOOK OF TALES** - AW Rated 63, AW Rating Rank 2, AW Speed Rank 2\* February Colt out of Dream Book by Ribchester \* Charlie & Mark Johnston/Jason Hart, Previous Runs 2, Cost Unknown. Fourth foal, closely related to 10f-2m AW winner Live Your Dream (including as a Two-Year-Old, RPR 108), half-brother to 9f winner Dream Tale (94), dam unraced. Sire Won Mill Reef as a Two-Year-Old, progressed into multiple Group 1 winning miler, including course record in The Queen Anne. **92 AW Speed Figure.** Looks bred for further and had done nothing in both runs to date. Up until this year the yard had done well in Novice Company with similarly profiled runners but their strike rate has dropped significantly so far this year. **Advice: it wouldn't be the biggest shock if he were to run well but not one for Me.**

**ROARING LEGEND** (FR) - No Rating.\* Unraced Colt out of Amarysia by Roaring Lion \* James Ferguson/Daniel Muscutt, Previous Runs 0, Cost €110,000 as a Yearling. Fifth foal, half-brother to winners Amazonie (9f-10f including as a Two-Year-Old on Fibresand and later over 9f including on the AW in Listed Company on Polytrack, RPR 103), Sejo (9.7f/1½f, 94) and Midnight Train (9f/10f, 70), dam

was a moderate 9f/9½f AW winner (90). Sire Son of Kitten's Joy, 4 times Group 1 winner, placed in Racing Post Trophy & Derby. **No AW Speed Figure yet.** The yard are 1 from 1 here with their Two-Year-Olds here but this is their first Two-Year-Old debutante. Advice: Bred to be suited by an artificial surface and the trip shouldn't be an issue but the progeny of Roaring Lion have appeared to be needing a run. **Advice: Interesting debutante for a Jockey/Trainer combination operating at almost 20% but likely this will be more educational.**

### **CONCLUSION**

This race has been won by a low drawn runner (5,3,3,1,2) in all 5 renewals. **LASER GUIDED** from stall 1 sets the standard all be it not too high of a one but he is open to improvement and he has plenty of stats/trends in his favour. A Golden Horn offspring won this last year, so **PADDY THE SQUIRE** has to come into the reckoning but I just couldn't bring myself to put forward a runner from this yard. **EL JASOR** is interesting at a price as the owner is 2 from 7 here with his Two-Year-Olds on debut and the combination have done well this year with Marbaan although he did need the run.