

Tuesday BDH Qualifiers (13-10-26)

 **3:39 Leicester**

 **IRISH NECTAR (M Herrington)** 

Noted when running 4th at Pontefract (17th Sept) from a poor draw...

'This 5yo was the only horse from the top half of the draw to finish in the first 6, an effort that is even more noteworthy based on the fact that the Good ground was bang against him here (his form on Good or quicker ground now reading 0/11, 0p), and the undulating Pontefract track was also far from ideal for him (he's now 0/7, 2p on tracks described as 'undulating')... given he was only beaten 2.4L at the line despite a draw, ground and track negative suggests he's about ready to be winning again, which he should be as he was running here off a career low mark of OR 67...

He's winless in 12 starts since joining the Michael Herrington yard (from Kevin Ryan) but he's run well on his last two starts and the signs are that his current yard is starting to figure him out and get a bit of tune from him...

I have Prime Conditions for the 5yo as...

OR 80 or less | G/S or softer | Sept to Oct = 26111 (3/5, 1p - all 3 career wins)

...which means he's currently bang in his prime months, and connections should be able to find plenty suitable opportunities for him now the ground is riding on the softer side...'

Thoughts...

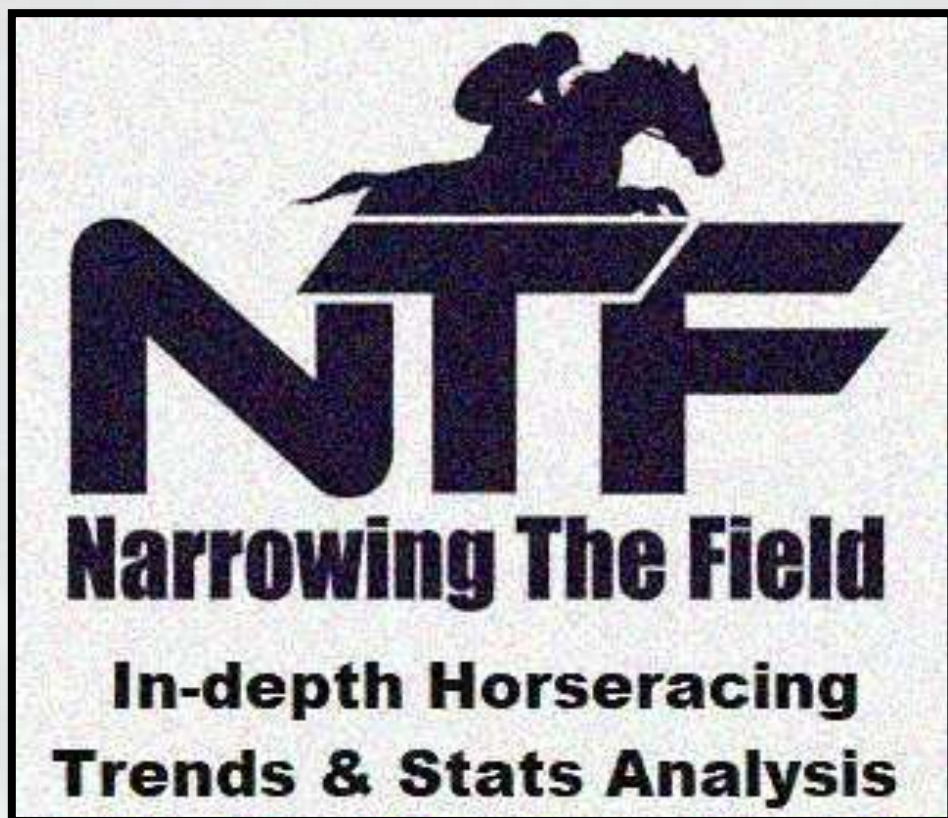
Gets his Prime Conditions to shoot for here...

Trainer Michael Herrington has some tight stats at Leicester under similar conditions...

M Herrington | Leicester | C5-C6 straight track Hcp | 4yo-6yo | at least 4lbs lower than top-rated horse = (since 2021) 6/11 | 55% S/R | +£35.04 – W&P 10/11 | 91% S/R – E/W = +£39.66

Also worth noting that 9 of the last 10 renewals of this race have been won by a horse drawn in stalls 1-5... IRISH NECTAR is drawn in stall 5...

...and I'm happy to play **IRISH NECTAR** here... 



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