

FRANK'S NOTEBOOK Week Ending 22.08.10 (Flat No 14)

17.08.10 – YORK – 1:45 Symphony Group Handicap (Class 2). Good. 5 furlongs 89yds.

HAAJES ran well here from what was almost certainly a disadvantage draw (4) finishing in 4th place just 1 ¾ lengths behind the winner HAMISH McGONAGALL. He has a good record for this time of the season and goes well on a soft surface, so another victory is on the cards. CHEVETON hasn't won for almost a year, but here he showed with this 6th place beaten 3 ¾ lengths that a win is on the cards in the near future; he also would appreciate easier ground.

17.08.10 – YORK – 2:50 Great Voltigeur Stakes Group 2 (Class 1). Colts & Geldings. Good. 1 mile 4 furlongs.

REWILDING who had finished 3rd to WORKFORCE in this year's Epsom Derby appeared to bounce right back to his best with this comfortable success in this St Leger trial. He is 6/4 to land the Doncaster Classic next month and at this stage looks the likely winner.

17.08.10 – YORK – 4:05 Sportingbet.com Nursery (Class 2). Good. 6 furlongs.

BARISTA would have finished much closer had he got a clearer run a furlong out, than 5th place (btn 4 ½ L). He should win again when dropped in class and distance.

18.08.10 – YORK – 1:45 Totoesport.com Handicap Stakes (Class 2). Good to Firm. 1 mile 4 furlongs.

TIMES UP looked a most unlucky loser having been stopped in his run twice whilst mounting his challenge. All his 3 wins have been over this trip, but on stiffer courses than here; he looks sure to win another decent handicap this season providing he races on good, good to soft over 12 furlongs.

19.08.10 – YORK – 2:15 Jaguar Cars Lowther Stakes Group 2 (Class 1) 2 year old fillies. Good to Firm. 6 furlongs.

MAGOT DID was a very unlucky loser. Held up towards the rear her jockey Hayley Turner was unable to get a run until the furlong marker by which time the winner HOORAY had built up a sizeable advantage over her rivals. Staying on strongly MARGOT DID made up almost 3 lengths on the winner but was still ¾ lengths down at the line; she must be considered extremely unlucky.

19.08.10 – YORK – 4:40 Eventmasters.co.uk 25th Anniversary Handicap. Good to Firm. 5 furlongs.

HOOFF IT who furnished 7th beaten 3 lengths may have been slightly unlucky not to have finished a bit closer. Having been outpaced in the early stages he was just starting to find his stride in the final furlong when he was hampered and his jockey had to snatch him up. He can score off his current mark over a stiff 5 furlongs.

**20.08.10 – YORK – 4:05 Racingpost Convivial Maiden Stakes (Class 2).
Good to Firm. 7 furlongs.**

STAR OF DANCE is held in high regard by connections, but once again was slowly away, possibly by design to enable him to settle as he had raced keenly on his debut. 3 furlongs out he was still some way off the leaders but stayed on well from 2 out to finish 3rd 5 ¼ lengths behind the winner MORIARTY.

He looks sure to appreciate a step up to a mile.

**20.08.10 – SANDOWN – 2:40 Kalzen Partnerhsip Handicap (Class 5).
Good to Firm. 5 furlongs 6yds.**

ROCKER who finished 10th here beaten 3 ½ lengths by the winner EFISTORM ran far better than his final finishing position would imply.

Trapped behind a wall of horses and unable to switch George Baker has to sit and suffer and passed the post still on the bridle; with a clear run he must have been in the shake up at the finish. He should be winning in the near future.

**FRANK'S NOTEBOOK Week Ending 08.08.10
(Flat No 13)**

**04.08.10 – NEWCASTLE – 3:50 Register @ Sportpool.co.uk Handicap
(Class 5). Good to Firm. 7 furlongs.**

RASSELAS who has now joined the David Nicholl's yard narrowly missed making it 3 wins in a row finishing just ¾ length in 3rd behind TUKITINYASOC; he was soon under pressure but stayed on best of all over this 7 furlongs. His high draw was almost certainly a negative as the field raced middle to far-side. As this step back down in trip did not appear to suit, he must not be missed when stepping back up to a mile.

07.08.10 – HAYDOCK – 2:20 WKD Handicap (Class 2). Soft. 1 mile 30yds.
TIGER REIGNS ran well under top weight of 10st; finishing 4th beaten just 1 ¼ lengths by the winner OUR JOE MAC, to whom he was conceding 14lbs he was also unfavourably drawn in stall 14. He is an extremely tough horse to beat in a finish and loves soft conditions; he should come into his own now the going is easing, a mile is his best trip.

**07.08.10 – HAYDOCK – 3:25 Totescoop 6 (Heritage) Handicap. (Class 2).
Soft, 1 mile 2 furlongs, 95yds.**

HOT PROSPECT was gaining rich compensation for his run at Newmarket back in July where he was an unlucky 5th to CIRCUMVENT. He won this with a fair bit in hand and should be able to hold his own in Listed/Group 3 company.

**07.08.10 – HAYDOCK – 4:35 Halliwell Jones BMW 'Joy' Handicap. (Class 3).
Soft. 6 furlongs.**

FULLANDBY appears to be coming back to form. His best form last season was towards the autumn; he likes to get his toe in and he is now down to a winning mark. He should be kept in mind from now on especially when the going is soft with 6

furlongs being his ideal distance; his 5 lengths 4th here to POETS PLACE was a better run than the final finishing position would indicate.

07.08.10 – NEWMARKET – 3:10 Baden-Racing.com Handicap. (Class 2). Good/Soft. 7 furlongs.

VIVA VETTORI could finish only 7th of the 15 runners here, beaten 7 ¼ lengths by AL KHALEEJ. However, VIVA VETTOLLRI has never won on Turf, all his wins have been on the KEMPTON AW surface, 2 over 1 mile and the other over 1 mile 2 furlongs. It will certainly be worth keeping an eye open for him returning to his favourite course Kempton.

07.08.10 – NEWMARKET – 3:45 Home of Racing Maiden Fillies Stakes. (Class 4). Good to Soft. 7 furlongs.

NEW MOON was easy to back going off at odds of 14/1, but she ran well over a distance which on breeding was probably an inadequate trip. She is bred to stay further in time and she ran accordingly, staying on nicely late on to finish 5th beaten 3 ½ lengths in what looked a fairly hot maiden. She should have no trouble winning a maiden over 7 furlongs+.

07.08.10 – ASCOT – 3:55 St Hallett Sherger Cup Stayers Handicap. Good. 2 miles.

BERNIE THE BOLT won this competitive looking handicap with plenty in hand; he is even better over further and looks a must for the Cesarewitch at Newmarket in October.

FRANK'S NOTEBOOK Week Ending 25.07.10

27.07.10 – GOODWOOD – 2:10 Betfair App For Iphone Handicap Stakes (Class 2). Good/Good to Firm. 1 mile 1 furlong 192yds.

This was only SATWA MOON'S 2nd run on turf having run his first 5 races on the All Weather, winning his maiden over 9 ½ furlongs; he was then tried over 1 ½ miles, but appeared not to stay. Here the drop back in trip looked ideal and he would have gone close if he hadn't been given far too much to do. He looks sure to win in the near future.

27.07.10 – GOODWOOD – Betfair Cup (Group 2) (Class 1). Good to Firm. 7 furlongs.

RIGGINS faced a stiff task here with a step up in class and a step down in trip from a mile to 7 furlongs, and although he could finish only in 6th place he was only beaten 2 ¾ lengths by the winner LORD SHANAKILL.

He looks to be back to his best and should win again when stepping back up to a mile on good/firm.

27.07.10 – GOODWOOD – 4:35 Tatler Summer Season Handicap Stakes (Class 3). Good/Good to Firm. 1 mile.

MY GACHO set a suicidal pace here and although he was beaten 4 ½ lengths when finishing in 7th place he was not disgraced. He likes to set a strong pace but a mile is just about his limit (has won at Brighton over 1 mile), and his best trip appears to be 7 furlongs; he has now dropped to a winning mark in the low 80s. He goes particularly well for J. P. Guillambert and he is now due another victory.



28.07.10 – GOODWOOD – 4:00 Racing UK Handicap (Class 2).

Good/Good to Firm. 1 mile 4 furlongs.

BOSTON BLUE is a tricky customer who has plenty of ability; here he was beaten just 4 ¼ lengths finishing in 6th place behind VERDANT and during the race he gave away far more ground than he was beaten by. He clearly runs well here at Goodwood and a return visit would be of interest especially if George Baker was doing the steering.

**29.07.10 – GOODWOOD – 2:10 Turf TV Summer Vase Handicap (Class 2).
1 mile 1 furlongs 192yds.**

INVINCIBLE SOUL was stepping up from a mile to 1 ¼ miles and although he ran well to finish a length 3rd to the progressive BEECHFIRE he may be better back over a mile, the distance of his fine run at Royal Ascot when beaten just ½ length by RANSOM NOTE.

**29.07.10 – GOODWOOD – 5:10 Vintage At Goodwood Handicap (Class 2)
Good/Good to Firm. 7 furlongs.**

Although the winning distance was only a neck, it does not reflect the superiority of CITRUS STAR'S victory. He was held up when looking for a run 3 furlongs out, but once clear he came with a well timed run to win cosily by a neck. He can score again.

**30.07.10 – GOODWOOD – 2:45 Rolf Group Stenards Sprint Handicap
(Class 2) Good/Good to Firm. 6 furlongs.**

WILDCAT WIZARD put up an eye-catching run. Still with plenty to do over a furlong out he finished fastest of all to take 3rd place beaten 1 ½ lengths by the winner JOSEPH HENRY. This was something of a revival of his best form, he has to be held up until the last possible moment, so he is not easy to win with; but he is more than capable of winning a decent sprint handicap over 6 furlongs.

**31.07.10 – GOODWOOD – 1:55 Play Britain's Got Talent Bingo at Mecca
Bingo.com Stakes (Class 3). Good/Good to Firm. 1 mile 3 furlongs.**

AVVEROES ran on late to finish 4th beaten 4 ¼ lengths to the winner ROXY FLYER. He was still almost last 3 furlongs out but ran on well in the closing stages; by GALLILEO he looks sure to be suited by a step up to 1 ½ miles+ or a stiffer track; this was also his first run after a 10 week break so he should be spot on next time.

FRANK'S NOTEBOOK Week Ending 18.07.10

16.07.10 – NEWBURY – 2:00 Highclere EBF Thoroughbred Racing Maiden Fillies Stakes (Class 4). Good/Good to Soft. 6 furlongs 8yds.

WINTERS NIGHT made an encouraging debut; she was outpaced when the pace lifted at halfway but stayed on nicely in the closing stages to finish a 4 ½ L 5th behind the impressive winner CELEBRITY. WINTERS NIGHT looks sure to benefit from this and should have little trouble winning a maiden.

16.07.10 – NEWBURY – Highclere Thoroughbred Racing EBF Maiden Stakes (Class 4). Good/Good to Soft. 7 furlongs.

CAPTAIN BERTIE was making his debut here and ran a race full of promise. Held up in the rear he was just starting his run when he met with some slight interference; he would not have won but would have finished a clear 2nd. The way he finished off his race he looks sure to win a maiden at least.

16.07.10 – NOTTINGHAM - 2:45 EBF Maiden Stakes (Class 5). Good to Soft, 6 furlongs 15yds.

DREAM AHEAD was a most impressive winner of this maiden event; winning by 9 lengths from his nearest rival FORMAL DEMAND, he appeared to relish the good to soft conditions. He recorded a faster time than the 3 year old handicap race 35 minutes earlier and looks sure to go on to further successes and could go on to better things.

17.07.10 – NEWBURY – 2:15 The Hackwood Stakes (Group 3) (Class 1). Good/Good to Soft in places. 6 furlongs 8yds.

HIGH STANDING was taking a drop in class here having contested Group 1 company at Royal Ascot, but so was the winner REGAL PARADE and for the 3rd time running confirmed the placings of their last two encounters; also the ground was in REGAL PARADE'S favour. HIGH STANDING was momentarily held up in his run so although REGAL PARADE would probably have won the distance between them would have been less than the official winning distance of 3 lengths. HIGH STANDING looks sure to win a Group 3 again this season.

17.07.10 – NEWBURY – 3:20 Weatherbys Super Sprint (Class 2) Good/Good to Soft in places. 5 furlongs 34yds.

FIFTH COMMANDMENT was far from disgraced here in finishing in 8th place beaten 4 ¼ lengths by the winner TEMPLE MEADS in this 24 strong field for this valuable sales race. She ran though as if a return to 6 furlongs would be suitable, she was unable to go the fast early pace, but was staying on well in the closing stages.

17.07.10 – NEWBURY – 2:30 Aphrodites Stakes (Listed Race) (Fillies & Mares) (Class 1). Good to Firm. 1 mile 4 furlongs.

SNOQUALMIE GIRL had not shown much this season but this run signalled a return to something like her old form. Also her stable is in tremendous form at the moment with 5 winners and 4 seconds from their last 13 runners; all her successes have been between August and September so she should now be spot on for another victory.