

FRANK'S NOTEBOOK Week Ending 29.05.11 (Flat No 6)

21.05.11 – HAYDOCK – 2:30 Betfred Silver Bowl Handicap (Class 2). Good to Firm. 1 mile.
WINTERS NIGHT was an unlucky loser; he was denied a clear run several times before finally getting clear, once in the clear he stayed on strongly to be beaten just $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths by the winner SAGRAMER and just a short behind KING OF JAZZ to finish in 3rd place. He should be able to make amends for this unlucky defeat over 7 furlongs – 1 mile.

21.05.11 – HAYDOCK – 3:00 Betfred.com Temple Stakes. Group 2 (Class 1). Good to Firm. 5 furlongs.

Robert Cowell's 6 year old PROHIBIT seems to be improving, once again he was doing all his best work at the finish, he was beaten just $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths here, finishing in 3rd spot behind NUNTHORPE winner SOLE POWER. He is ultra consistent and can be relied upon to be thereabouts. He could win one of these valuable Group 2/3s this season, especially when there is plenty of pace to set things up for him.

21.05.11 – YORK – 3:40 Sportingbet.com Sprint Handicap (Class 2). Good. 5 furlongs.

WAFFLE put up another solid effort here when finishing 4th just $2\frac{3}{4}$ lengths behind the winner MASAMAH. He is running consistently well and deserves a win off his current mark of around 100.

25.05.11 – BEVERLEY – 7:30 Hilary Needlar Trophy Conditions Stakes (Fillies) (Class 2). Good to Firm. 5 furlongs.

LILY'S ANGEL who finished 3rd here, was beaten $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths by the Kevin Ryan trained winner DOZY, but she may have been a shade unlucky. Once again she lost several lengths at the start by missing the break; she was finishing best of all at the finish to suggest she is now ready for a step up to 6 furlongs.

26.05.11 – BEVERLEY – 3:45 Brian Yeardley Continental Two year Old Trophy Conditions Race (Class 2). Good to Firm. 5 furlongs.

GABRIAL followed up his Chester win with another gutsy performance and showed a good attitude to out-battle his rivals in the final 100yds. He also, like his stable-mate (Lilys Angel), looks sure to benefit from a step up to 6 furlongs.

28.05.11 – HAYDOCK – 2:05 Bet At Bluesquare.com Handicap Stakes (Class 3). Good to Firm. 2 miles 45yds.

DEAVILLE FLYER looks to be coming back to form and may be more suited to some give underfoot than this good to firm he encountered here. He also was hampered several times while his jockey was looking for a run; he did finally get a run but it was too late for him to take a hand in the finish. He should be able to pick up a staying handicap over 14-16 furlongs when the going eases.

28.05.11 – HAYDOCK – 4:10 Play Poker at Gcasino.com Handicap. Good to Firm. 7 furlongs.

EL MUQBIL is still a maiden after 5 runs; here he just missed out on 3rd place by a short-head. He was beaten a total of 3 lengths by the potentially useful winner WESTERN ARISTOCRAT and off his current mark of around 83 he should have no difficulty winning a maiden at least. He also looks sure to appreciate a bit of cut.

30.05.11 – REDCAR – 5:20 Try Totequickpick On All Totepool Bets Handicap (Class 6). 1 mile 6 furlongs.

SIMPLE JIM was beaten by a combination of events. Firstly there was no pace and secondly because of the lack of pace he became boxed in 2 furlongs and only managed to get a run well inside the final 100yds by which time the race had been lost, but he did finish very strongly under minimum pressure under SILVESTRE DA SOUZA. He looks sure to win in the near future.

FRANK'S NOTEBOOK Week Ending 05.06.11 (Flat No 7)

03.06.11 – EPSOM – 2:10 Investec Mile Handicap (Class 2). Good. 1 mile 110yds.

START RIGHT was returning from a 127 day break and was installed the 6/1 favourite for this competitive handicap, but drawn in stall 17 winning was never going to be an easy task. He was steadied at the start by Kieren Fallon and dropped in to save going wide, but unfortunately he was unable to get a clear run until late on. He was finishing fast but the winning post came far too soon and he was beaten 3 ¼ lengths in 3rd by the winner DANCE AND DANCE with second place going to HIGHLAND KNIGHT. He looks primed now for one of the big Ascot handicaps, maybe the Royal Hunt Cup being an obvious target.

04.06.11 – EPSOM – 3:15 Investec Entrepreneurial Class “Dash” Handicap (Class 2). Good to Firm. 5 furlongs.

FATHOM FIVE who was drawn 17 against the stand-side rail was unable to take advantage of his draw, he was out-paced early and had to be switched to get a run. He finished fast but could only manage 5th place beaten just ½ L in a blanket finish for the first 7 places; he looks sure to win in the near future. Also CONFSSIONAL was looked an unlucky loser and he also should gain compensation sooner rather than later.

04.06.11 – EPSOM – 4:00 Investec Derby Group 1 (Class 1). Good to Firm. 1 mile 4 furlongs.

POUR MOI put up an amazing performance here winning this Epsom classic. He came from last place at halfway to win by a head with his jockey celebrating victory yards from the line; a head does not really mirror the ease of POUR MOI's victory and he looks a super star in the making. The Arc in October looks tailor made and as he is trained in France by Andre Fabre he is already a shortish price to succeed.

04.06.11 – EPSOM – 5:25 Investec Specialist Bank Handicap (Class 2). Good to Firm. 6 furlongs.

LUI REI who was drawn in stall 17 didn't appear to come down the hill very well and was still well back 1 ½ furlongs out, he was switched right by his rider and was making ground hand over fist in the final 100yds to be beaten just 1 ¾ lengths by the winner SWISS CROSS. LUI REI looks sure to win when better drawn on possibly a flatter more conventional track.

04.06.11 – DONCASTER – 2:50 William Hill – Home of Betting Handicap.(Class 2).Good to Firm.7 furlongs.

SPACE WAR who finished in 5th place here behind the winner SMARTY SOCKS was only beaten 2 lengths; he was noted staying on well throughout the final furlong. 7 furlongs is probably short of his best as his 2 wins have both been over a mile and a return to that distance should suit.