



ONE OF THE STRONGEST SPRINTS IN EUROPE AND THE RETURN OF A STAR!

## HARRY ANGEL RETURNS IN SUPER SPRINT CUP

Haydock's biggest Flat meeting of the year is headlined by the Group 1 32Red Sprint Cup Stakes over 1200m. Always one of the best sprints of the season, this year's renewal will see last year's winner, **Harry Angel**, making just his third start of the year as he bids to follow up his four-length victory in the race 12 months ago.

The four-year-old has been absent since June where he had become upset in the stalls at Royal Ascot and subsequently finished towards the rear of the field. That poor showing came directly from an incident which had saw his hind leg caught up in the starting stalls just as they were about to open and caused a nasty wound to a fetlock joint. Thankfully, the colt avoided any serious injury but the setback ruled him out of defending his July Cup crown at Newmarket and connections have since been keen to keep him fresh for this race.

The son of Dark Angel is set to take on 11 rivals on Saturday afternoon but connections can head to Merseyside with confidence knowing the colt is unbeaten in his two starts at the track and set the course record over this trip last May.

**The Tin Man**, who had finished behind Harry Angel in all three of their meetings until last time, looks to pose the biggest threat to the favourite. James Fanshawe's gelding was a good fourth in the Diamond Jubilee that day and has since finished an even better third in France last month. The six-year-old has finished second (2016) and third (2017) in the last two renewals of this and looks destined for another bold showing here, especially with a fascinating jockey change that sees the in-form Oisín Murphy taking over from regular pilot Tom Queally.



The Tin Man has been a top sprinter for years

Young pretenders **James Garfield** and **Eqtidaar** (winner of the Group 1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot), along with **Sir Dancealot** (dual Group 2 winner this season) and **Tasleet** (last year's second in this race) offer extra depth to an intriguing race, which could yet be affected by heavy rainfall with plenty forecast through Saturday morning and into the afternoon. Keep watching GBI Racing to see if the weather will play its part.



On the supporting card at Haydock, the main event is a strong renewal of the Group 3 Unibet Mile (1600m). Impressive Glorious Goodwood winner **Regal Reality** (left) bids to follow up his recent victory, but will have to do so taking on his elders for the first time as the three-year-old attempts to give Sir Michael Stoute back-to-back wins in the race. Roger Varian's **Emmaus** is interesting in opposition, particularly if the rain does arrive, with the four-year-old having shown his best form with cut in the ground. Varian has a tidy 22% strike-rate at Haydock and will put first-time cheekpieces on his charge on Saturday in a bid to eke out further improvement.

The Listed 32Red Ascendant Stakes (1600 metres) is a contest which has been kind to favourite-backers in recent years, with four of the last six winners coming from the market leader. John Gosden's **Beatboxer** is likely to head the betting and it is hard not to be impressed with what he has shown in his two starts to date, especially when producing a commanding victory over track and trip last time. Tom Dascombe is always to be feared at Haydock though, especially with Richard Kingscote in the saddle, and the pair team up with **Great Scot**, officially rated 2lb higher than Beatboxer. He, too, is a course winner and having shaped with credit in France three weeks ago, could be the value in the race.

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### THE AMAZING ENABLE RETURNS... BUT IT WON'T BE EASY

After 342 days on the sidelines, last year's champion middle-distance performer **Enable** makes a welcome return to action in the 188Bet September Stakes (2400m) at Kempton on Saturday. However, it's no certainty that the filly's winning streak, which includes last year's Oaks, Irish Oaks and King George, will be maintained, as she returns to action against this year's narrow King George runner-up **Crystal Ocean**.

It promises to be an informative affair whatever the outcome: Does Enable retain all of her old ability? If so, is she ready to strike on her return? Or can the race-fit Crystal Ocean give nearly 4kg to the five-time Group 1 winner and still come out on top?

The vibes have been positive for Enable since it was announced last month that this would be the intended target for her return, although it is unlikely that connections foresaw she would be coming up against the 129-rated Hardwicke Stakes winner in Crystal Ocean, in what they surely hoped would be a straightforward and low-key return. The Sir Michael Stoute-trained colt, like Enable, has a touch of real class, and this race logically fits into the schedule. The four-year-old has yet to win a Group 1 in two attempts, though, and faces an almighty task to give last year's King George winner the weight if she arrives here on song.

John Gosden also has Ebor runner-up **Weekender** in the race and he will likely be undertaking pacemaking duties which will hopefully set up the race for a thrilling duel up the straight. The market already has Enable as odds-on favourite and it's hard to argue with that view, especially once factoring in the weight difference. Either way, it should be a cracking contest and it will be fascinating to see what Enable can do on her return.



Enable has been off track for almost a year



Crystal Ocean will have the fitness edge

### ENDEAVOUR BIDS TO MAKE IT FIVE ON THE BOUNCE

Kempton also host the 188Bet Sirenia Stakes (1200m) on Saturday afternoon and despite only attracting five runners, it should be another competitive renewal. Indeed, the last two winners of this race, The Last Lion and Invincible Army, have gone on to be high-class sprinters, with the former scoring at Group 1 level.

Archie Watson's **Quiet Endeavour** arrives here bidding for a five-timer and it is hard not to draw comparisons with Watson's Corinthia Knight (same owners and sire), a gritty second in this race 12 months ago. After drawing a blank on his first two starts on turf, Quiet Endeavour has relished the switch to artificial surfaces, winning all three starts and is now rated 20lb than the beginning of that sequence. He is clearly a rapidly-improving colt who is thriving for his racing and must warrant respect as he bids to make all from stall one.

Likely favourite **Konchek** arrives here top-rated with an official mark of 106 but the colt, having won on debut, has now failed to get his head back in front on four subsequent attempts, albeit in a much higher grade. He has been running with credit, though, placing on two occasions and running in a clutch of Group-race contests. This ease in grade obviously represents his best chance at returning to the winner's enclosure but he does have to raise his game just a little bit as he is proving quite frustrating to follow.