

(R4) 14:40 HAYDOCK, 5f

Close Brothers Motor Finance Handicap (Class 2) (3YO plus)

No(Dr)	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1 (10)		1-30901	COUNT D'ORSAY (IRE) 21 CD b g Dandy Man - Deira	4 9 - 7	D Allan T D Easterby	96
2 (6)		232111-	AINSDALE 332 D b c Mayson - Bruni Heinke	3 9 - 7	C Lee K R Burke	97
3 (4)		7812-02	CAME FROM THE DARK (IRE) 21 CD BF gr c Dark Angel - Silver Shoon	4 9 - 6	James Doyle Ed Walker	95
4 (2)		247707	COPPER KNIGHT (IRE) 21 D b g Sir Prancealot - Mystic Dream	6 9 - 6t	Rachel Richardson T D Easterby	95
5 (1)		270-615	LORD RIDDIFORD (IRE) 91 D gr g Zebedee - Beacon of Hope	5 9 - 1	Jason Hart J J Quinn	90
6 (11)		14-50	GEORGE CORNELIUS (IRE) 99 D b g Bungle Inthejungle - Havinaconnipion	3 8 - 11	Barry McHugh Adrian Nicholls	87
7 (7)		321116	MILITIA 21 D b g Equiano - Sweet As Honey	5 8 - 10	J Fanning P T Midgley	85
8 (9)		086741	MID WINSTER 9 D b f Burwaaz - Cayman Fox	4 8 - 6	G Lee P T Midgley	81
9 (3)		741197	GLORY FIGHTER 17 CD b g Kyllachy - Isola Verde	4 8 - 6	A Mullen I Jardine	81
10 (5)		18058-0	FANTASY KEEPER 22 D b g Mayson - Expressive	6 8 - 5	Ray Dawson (5) M Appleby	80
11 (8)		900121	DARK SHOT (EX4) 5 D b g Acclamation - Dark Missile	7 8 - 5b	Jamie Gormley S Dixon	80

ATR VERDICT: Count D'Orsay took advantage of a falling mark when thriving in the soft ground over course and distance earlier this month, but a 5lb rise for that victory makes life tougher. That opens the door for CAME FROM THE DARK, second in the aforementioned contest, to turn the tables on the revised terms, with James Doyle catching the eye aboard the track-and-trip winner. Militia's three-race winning run came to an end there, but can't be ignored, while stablemate Mid Winster, a winner at Ayr recently, strengthens Paul Midgley's hand. Ainsdale won three-in-a-row at the back end of 2019 and is interesting on his return to the track, especially if any rain arrives.

Top Tip: CAME FROM THE DARK (3)

Watch out for: COUNT D'ORSAY (1)