

The Jersey Race club stage their final meeting of the season at Les Landes on Monday with the feature race being The Ytel Clarendon Handicap sponsored by YTEL Jersey's Best Broadband For Just 1p Per Month, this race is regarded as the seasons most prestigious handicap but this year has attracted only four runners and looks to be the weakest renewal for many years.

Neuilly and Fine The World are likely to vie for favouritism, with the former set to carry top weight. Neuilly has been a model of consistency this season having won twice and been placed in her other six runs. The third in the Jersey Derby is her best run to date and if she produces the same level of form on Monday she must go close. Fine the World has won four races this season including two over hurdles but despite her two wins on the flat she still runs of a handicap rating of 24 a rise of only 3lb since the start of the season which is quite astonishing given the fact that Neuilly has gone up 5lb in the handicap having one only once this year. The two horses have only met on one occasion this season which saw Fine the World record one of his flat wins, finishing 21 lengths clear of Neuilly, that race was over two furlongs further than the Clarendon distance and Fine the World meets her rival on 2lb better terms so in theory she looks to be a handicap good thing. Unfortunately though Fine the World has her own ideas when it comes to starting and refused to race earlier in the season so much will depend on what frame of mind she will be in come race day and those who avail themselves to what will be short odds will be watching as the starter sets the runners on their way. Of the other two the Guernsey trained Garden Party receives 10lb from the top weight and on form from the 2010 and 2011 seasons would appear to hold a every chance, however he has only been seen out on two occasions this season and connections will be keeping a close eye on the weather as any rain before race day will not be to his advantage. River Do Nord completes the line up but in truth her form does not look good enough and it would be a shock if she was to show her rivals the way home as she will be carrying two stone more than her long handicap weight. As to who wins, Neuilly would appear to be the conservative choice however I will take a chance and trust that Fine the World consents to jump off at the start, if this is the case she could give owner Neville Ahier his first win in the Clarendon and cap fine seasons for trainer Tony Le Brocq and young jockey Tim Clark.

The meeting opens with the running of the St Brelade's Handicap Hurdle, once again four go to post with Landolino set to carry top weight, the Joan Le Brocq trained seven year old is unbeaten over hurdles this season and put up a brave performance to see off the challenge of Nordic Affair at the last meeting over half a mile further which should of suited the latter. It is hard to make a case for Nordic Affair to turn the form around, and the same can be said about Landolino's stable mate Monkhair who looks fully exposed appears booked for fourth place. Chief danger to the top weight will be the English raider The Lemonpie trained by Brendon Powell who was a frequent visitor to the course in his days as a jockey, he will surely not have sent his two raiders over for a jolly. Indeed The Lemonpie has been in good form recently having won two and finished runner up twice in his last five races, but the English raider will have to be at the top of his game in order to topple Landolino who despite still only being a novice has impressed with his jumping and is taken to complete a five timer over hurdles for the season.

The Five furlong sprint is sponsored by The Race Club and has been titled The Tot Le Pennec Memorial Handicap, in memory of the former clerk of the course who sadly passed away recently. Nine go to post with the weights headed by Spanish Bounty who will be attempting to complete a hat-trick having won at the last two meetings, he should go close however Fast Freddie who has finished third in his last three races looks to be on a good handicap mark and is the selection. Other dangers will be the veteran High Voltage, bottom weight Toggle and the second Powell raider Copper Falls.

Penultimate event on the racing calendar is The Glory Bee Memorial Handicap which is restricted to horses that have failed to visit the winner's enclosure during the season, five go to post for what appears to be an open looking race. Bottom weight Lady Petrus has at least shown a little bit of form lately having been placed in her last three outings. Vamos who has often looked as if he is due to win but has never delivered looks the best handicapped horse in the race, if jockey Jemma Marshall is able to get the best out of him he would take some beating, however he appears to be a horse that finds trouble in running far too often. Sumbe was the subject of a gamble two meetings ago but let his backers down, he must have been showing some form on training track as to date his race day form at Les Landes is best described as mediocre. Palanour will probably be the outsider of the field and looks the least likely winner. That leaves top weight Superduper whilst she has not shown anything like her form of the last couple of seasons this time round, she is taken to come finally good and see off her four opponents.

The season's finale The Animal Trust Jubilee Mile looks the toughest race on the afternoon's card. Top weight First Cat's form is patchy but she has shown that she has ability but together with Becks Bolero and Athania they are best described as unpredictable. The same cannot be said about the two four year olds in the race Pas D'Action and Grey Panel who have both improved throughout the season the latter now looking to win for the fifth time this season although he was a shade disappointing at the last meeting. The line up is completed by the old timer of the field Grenane, the nine year old showed that he was still capable by winning in good style last time out and has not been harshly penalised for that victory, he could well show his younger rivals the way home.

Selections

Landolino
Fast Freddie (Nap)
Fine The World
Superduper
Grenane