

FINISH LINE

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BTBA SPRINT: NOSTRADASSA FACES FOUR-HORSE CHALLENGE

The Grade 3 BTBA Sprint has attracted a small field of five, with a top contender, a lightly raced prospect and proven performers combining to create an interesting contest.

The feature will run as race 6 on today's eleven- race card.

Nostradassa heads the field and arrives here with an impressive record of 10 wins from 17 starts. The multiple Grade 1 winner has already enjoyed two victories from three starts in 2026. Success in the Derby, Guineas and the Breeders Classic are on an outstanding resume. Her most recent outing, however, saw her finish third behind **Mystic Reign** and **War Beat** over 1570 metres on June 6. The return to a sprint distance could prove significant as she bids to re-establish her dominance.

Paper Trail knows exactly what it takes to win this race, having captured last year's renewal. The experienced campaigner has had a quiet 2026, making only three appearances without troubling the judge. Nevertheless, his previous success in this event means he cannot be dismissed, particularly if he returns to anything close to his best form.

Major Dan has made five starts this year, recording his lone victory on February 14 over 1100 metres. With seven wins from 37 starts, he has the experience to make his presence felt, and the sprint distance should suit his profile.

The lightly raced **Espresso**, a daughter of Wild Cat Tea owned by Yellow Star Racing, is a worthy challenger. She scored back-to-back victories on March 7 and May 2 and was attempting to complete the hat trick when finishing second on July 30. With only six career starts, she remains relatively unexposed and could have more to offer.

That July 30 race also provides a crucial form line through **Premise**, trained by Andrew Nunes. The five-year-old, who has five wins from 20 starts, defeated **Espresso** in the Pop Kite Handicap and enters this Grade 3 event with a clear opportunity to confirm that superiority.

The Final Handicap promises to provide a thrilling finish headlined by the formidable **Bulldoze**, who is chasing a fourth consecutive victory. The competition is fierce, however, as he lines up against 2026 Gold Cup winner, **Public Sector**, and the 2024 Gold Cup winner, **Portfolio Company**.

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RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



- RACE 1: GANDALF ALLOTTED WEIGHTS RACE**
Miss Ela is the expected favourite after debut second. **Ace** should again be a factor while **El Dorado City** could be the pick of the newcomers .
- RACE 2: DOMINUS HANDICAP**
The consistent **Lovely** looks set to complete the double. **Princess Aruna**, a winner of her last start warrants respect.
- RACE 3: SQUADRON LEADER HANDICAP**
Valiant , third on the last two occasions could give his owners another win here. **Show Time** is expected to feature here **Filmores** should make another bold showing.
- RACE 4: DON ANGLESONNY HANDICAP**
The consistent **Heidi Marie** should start as favourite here. **Mandarin Oriental** could be the biggest danger danger to the main selection. **Tinker Bell** was unplaced in her last start but has claims.
- RACE 5: BOBBY'S DREAM ALLOTTED WEIGHTS RACE**
Sparrow could turn in maiden certificate here. However **Arya Stark** back in trip and class is the preferred choice. **Star Time** could find a place.
- RACE 6: BTBA SPRINT**
Nostradassa is the prohibitive favourite. **Major Dan** would be competitive at the level and could have a say in its outcome.
- RACE 7: TIARAH HANDICAP**
It would be hard to oppose the Derby winner **Ultrasound**. **Ariel** should go close while **Undeniable** was out of of the frame in the Derby but can return for a podium finish.
- RACE 8: STOLEN HANDICAP**
The consistent **Seventeenmillionus** is expected to make a bold bid. **Miss Universe** looks the main danger. **Early Riser** had been in good form and could prove to be the main danger.
- RACE 9: VITALITY HANDICAP**
Venom was an impressive winner of his last start and is well drawn. **Letitbeme** must be considered at this trip. **Fantastic Justice** is top weighted but could make the top three.
- RACE 10: SKY BEAUTY TROPHY HANDICAP**
Thunder Lady is after her second straight win. **Rare Nickel**, **Montu** and **Queen's Consort** should all be involved in the mixup.
- RACE 11: FINAL HANDICAP**
This is expected to be a battle with **Bulldoze** as the principal and **Public Sector** and **Portfolio Company**.

	DE NATION	TRAVELLER	EYE SPY	MSM	DOC	RACING OFFICE	ON TARGET
Wins Points Money/Won/ Lost	39 Wins 236 Pts +\$68.15	24 Wins 172 Pts -\$87.65	30 Wins 218 Pts -\$97.75	32 Wins 205 Pts +\$1.45	32 Wins 176 Pts -\$33.50	20 Wins 143 Pts -\$66.15	37 Wins 228 Pts - \$74.90
Race 1	Miss Ela	El Dorado City	Miss Ela	Miss Ela	Miss Ela	Miss Ela	Miss Ela
Race 2	Lovely*	Lovely	Lovely	Lovely	Ettajamez*	Ettajamez	Princess Aruna
Race 3	Filmores	Valiant	Valiant	Valiant	Valiant	Valiant	Valiant
Race 4	Heidi Marie	Heidi Marie	Heidi Marie	Heidi Marie	Mandarin Oriental	Drogon	Heidi Marie
Race 5	Arya Stark	Arya Stark	Arya Stark	Oriana	Arya Stark	Sparrow*	Arya Stark*
Race 6	Expresso	Nostradassa	Major Dan	Major Dan	Expresso	Major Dan	Expresso
Race 7	Ultrasound	Ultrasound*	Ultrasound	Ultrasound	Ultrasound	Ariel	Ultrasound
Race 8	Miss Universe	Miss Universe	Early Riser*	Early Riser	Miss Universe	Early Riser	Miss Universe
Race 9	Venom	Letitbeme	Letitbeme	Letitbeme	Leitbeme	Lioness	Letitbeme
Race 10	Montu	Queen's Consort	Thunder Lady	Rare Nickel*	Rare Nickel	Elektra	Thunder Lady
Race 11	Public Sector	Public Sector	Bulldoze	Miss	Bulldoze	Bulldoze	Bulldoze

CLOCKWORK

Race 1

Dashing Jimmy & Fantastic Demus 2f in 27.76
 Fantastic Demus & Dashing Jimmy 2f in 27.76

Race 6

Premise 2f in 24.92
 Major Dan 3f in 39.51, 2f in 25.21

Race 2

Brilliant News & Bulldoze 3f in 39.64, 2f in 25.92
 Princess Aruna 2f in 27.89

Race 7

Undeniable 3f in 38.35, 2f in 26.91
 Ultrasound 2f in 27.28
 Oya's Princess & Priceless 2f in 27.34
 Moore Lyfe 2f in 26.40
 CodeName & Codebreaker 2f in 24.80
 Atarah 3f in 41.45, 2f in 28.22

Race 3

Priceless & Oya's Princess 2f in 27.34
 Valiant & Annie Way 3f in 39.51, 2f in 28.44
 Show Time 3f in 40.47, 2f in 25.57
 Annie Way & Valiant 3f in 39.51, 2f in 28.44

Race 8

Miss Universe 3f in 39.19, 2f in 27.54
 Seventeenmillionus 2f in 26.88

Race 4

Heidi Marie 3f in 38.58, 2f in 25.58
 War Party 3f in 41.57, 2f in 27.57

Race 9

Venom 2f in 26.80
 Howyado 2f in 25.89
 Fantastic Justice 3f in 40.73, 2f in 24.64

Race 5

Arya Stark 2f in 26.38
 CodeBreaker & Code Name 2f in 24.80
 Zulu Ruler & Secret Star 3f in 38.83, 2f in 25.89

Race 10

Decoursey 2f in 26.70
 Queen's Consort 2f in 27.91
 Rare Nickel 2f in 27.97
 Elektra 2f in 28.70

Race 11

Bulldoze & Brilliant News 3f in 39.64, 2f in 25.92
 Public Sector 3f in 40.16, 2f in 25.58
 Deccan Prince 2f in 24.81

SWIMMER	CMC	TRACKMAN	WINNERS CIRCLE	STARCOM	BBCWORLD SERVICE	JOHN PUBLIC
25 Wins 171 Pts + \$129.40	21 Wins 131 Pts -\$60.80	35 Wins 239 Pts -\$58.70	37 Wins 245 Pts -\$38.20	33 Wins 233 Pts -\$28.70	33 Wins 190 Pts -\$36.20	36 Wins 203 Pts +\$72.05
Miss Ela	Miss Ela	Miss Ela	El Dorodo City	Miss Ela	Sancrere	El Dorado City
Princess Aruna	Lovely	Ettajamez	Ettajamez	Lovely*	Princess Aruna	Ettajamez
Filmores	Valiant	Valiant	Annie Way*	Filmores	Valiant	Valiant
Faster Cash	Heidi Marie	Heidi Marie	Heidi Marie	Heidi Marie	Heidi Marie	Faster Cash
Sparrow	Arya Stark	Arya Stark	Arya Stark	Arya Stark	Sparrow	Arya Stark
Major Dan	Nostradassa	Major Dan	Major Dan	Major Dan	Premise*	Paper Trail
Undeniable	Ultrasound*	Ultrasound	Ultrasound	Ultrasound	Ultrasound	Ultrasound*
Early Riser	Seventeenmillionus	Early Riser	Seventeenmillionus	Early Riser	Early Riser	Early Riser
Venom	Simmer Down	Venom	Letitbeme	Letitbeme	Simmer Down	Letitbeme
Montu	Northern Lady	Montu	Northern Lady	Montu	Montu	Elektra
Bulldoze*	Public Sector	Bulldoze*	Deccan Prince	Bulldoze	Bulldoze	Portfolio Company

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