

WBRC – 2025 Flat Ten to Follow Competition – Commentary Update Number 9

The top four places remain unchanged with all four entries producing a blank in the last 14 days. The big movers were Kathy Tuggey and Roberta Tweedy, who both improved their positions by 4 places following the victory of Trawlerman.

There is only 50 points separating the top 14 entries with only a month and a half remaining in the competition. This could well be the closest finish we have had in recent times.

The selections of the top 3 are:

<u>Mark Wellstead</u>	<u>L2 Alan Wellstead</u>	<u>L2 Colin Mackie</u>	<u>L1</u>
Delacroix (Nap)	140 Desert Flower (Nap)	100 Delacroix	70
Calandagan	80 Calandagan	80 Los Angeles	55
Desert Flower	50 Ruling Court	50 Desert Flower	50
Sosie	30 Lake Victoria	30 Kyprios (Nap)	40
Lake Victoria	30 Sosie	30 Lake Victoria	30
Kyprios	20 Jan Brueghel	30 Henri Matisse	30
Rosallion	0 Kyprios	20 Jan Brueghel	30
Shadow Of Light	0 Rosallion	0 Camille Pissario	30
The Lion In Winter	0 The Lion In Winter	0 The Lion In Winter	0
Twain	0 Twain	0 Twain	0
Total Points	350 Total Points	340 Total Points	335

The three winners in this update are commented on below:-

The John and Thady Gosden trained, **Trawlerman** (14 selections), again demonstrated his superiority in staying races, with victory over stablemate Sweet William (also in the competition) in the Group 2 Lonsdale Cup at York. This was a good performance because he had to incur a 3lb penalty for his Gold Cup win. This sets up an intriguing finale to the competition, because his final race this season will probably be the Group 1 Long Distance Cup on the final day of the competition.

Sky Majesty (11 selections) lived up to her speedy pedigree (Blue Point-Majestic Alexander) taking the Group 3 Ballyogan at Naas. The filly's trainer, William Haggas, is considering supplementing her for the Group 1 Sprint Cup at Haydock in September.

The Frankel filly, **Red Letter** (17 selections) continues on the upgrade, and duly followed up her listed stakes victory at Killarney, with an authoritative victory in the Group 3 Snow Fairy at the Curragh. Ger Lyons is bringing the Juddmonte filly along nicely and could return to the Curragh for the Blandford in a couple of weeks time. Mike Nibblett and Roger Beveridge have both napped the filly who could well develop into a very interesting four year old next season.

The 43 points scorers to date are:-

Trawlerman	95	Henri Matisse	30	Sallaal	20
Calandagan	80	Jan Brueghel	30	Cosmic Year	15
Delacroix	70	Lake Victoria	30	Akkadian Thunder	10
Diego Velazquez	55	Mudbir	30	Almera	10
Los Angeles	55	Opera Ballo	30	Consent	10
Daryz	50	Sosie	30	Crown Of Oaks	10

Desert Flower	50	Time For Sandals	30	Delta	10
Lead Artist	50	Zarigana	30	Gallant	10
Qirat	50	Aventure	25	I Am I Said	10
Ruling Court	50	Inisherin	25	Keke	10
Elana Osario	40	Archivist	20	Noble Horizon	10
Red Letter	35	Cualificar	20	Star Of Light	10
Sky Majesty	35	Goliath	20	Thunder Run	10
Sunly	35	Illinois	20		
Camille Pissarro	30	Kyprios	20		

To date the competition has produced 61 winners from 229 runners at a very respectable strike rate of 26.7%. 87 of the 100 horses have made at least one appearance on the racecourse and five of the '100' have run 5 times.

Alan Wellsted