

Monday 20 February 2023

Hi there,

We have sensible jumping ground back for a while, although I see that they will be watering at Cheltenham up until the meeting having had just 3mm of rain since 15th January.

It's been damp this morning here in the north-west and we have good to soft ground at Carlisle though it may be riding a little slower than that.

Having said all that it's a tricky card. In the extended 2m 3f 0-130 handicap hurdle bottom weight Tanganyika has a good chance (3.50).

The five-year-old won and shaped well in France and has run with promise since joining Venetia Williams. He has the pedigree to suit this step up in trip and there has been market interest in him.

There has been money at Newcastle for newcomer Canberra Legend in the 1m novice stakes (6.30).

The son of Australia was described as a "very nice horse" by trainer James Ferguson in Dan Briden's book last season and he has been backed on Betfair from 6.2 to around 2.

I suggest Tanganyika each-way today.

Bye for now

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