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GURKHA AND GOLD ON DRIFT IN SUSSEX STAKES

Matchbook, the official betting partner of the first three days of the Qatar Goodwood Festival reported brisk business ahead of the second day of the meeting.

In today's feature race, the Group One Qatar Sussex Stakes (3.10pm),

Galileo Gold, the QIPCO 2000 Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes winner has drifted from 2.71 (7/4) to 3.5 (5/2) this morning. Aidan O'Brien's

The Gurkha has also been on the slide and is now 3.0 (2/1) from 2.75 (7/4). By contrast,

Awtaad, who finished behind the aforementioned pair at Royal Ascot is 7.0 (6/1) from 8.0 (7/1) with Matchbook reporting good support for the three-year-old colt.

In the first race of the day, the Matchbook Betting Exchange Handicap (2.00pm), the firm have reported good support for David Simcock's

The Cashel Man who currently shades favouritism at 6.5 (11/2) having been backed down from 8.0 (7/1) this morning.

The Ed Dunlop-trained

Global Applause is being well supported for the Group Three Victoria Racing Club Molecomb Stakes (3.45pm). The two-year-old is 4.0 (3/1 favourite) from 5.0 (4/1) for the five-furlong contest.

Afjaan

, trained by William Haggas, has been backed for the concluding race of the day, the NatWest Handicap (5.25pm). The son of Henrythenavigator is 3.5 (5/2) from 4.0 (3/1).

As for the rest of the week,

Big Orange is a solid favourite for tomorrow's feature race, the Qatar Goodwood Cup. Michael Bell's gelding is 5.5 (9/2) with the exchange.

Aidan O'Brien's

Minding, the Investec Oaks winner, has also been heavily supported and is 1.5 (1/2) for the Qatar Nassau Stakes on Saturday.

The Dandy Nicholls-trained

Orion's Bow heads favouritism for Saturday's Qatar Stewards Cup. He is strong according to Matchbook at around 7.0 (6/1).

Reflecting on yesterday's racing, a representative for Matchbook said: "Yesterday was a momentous day for all at Matchbook with the launch of our new horse racing product as an Authorised Betting Partner of British Horse Racing.

"The first day of Glorious Goodwood is an iconic day for racing bettors, and yesterday didn't disappoint as we saw huge turnover across the day on all events, particularly on the opening Matchbook Betting Exchange Goodwood Stakes.

"Feedback from our customers has been overwhelming, and feedback from the course has been even better. We had fantastic weather, great crowds and glorious racing.

"It certainly has delivered on the optimism we had, and has really validated our decision to choose this iconic festival from which to launch the newest version of Matchbook."