

Monday 2nd February

# WOLVERHAMPTON

5.00	CREATE YOUR BET BUILDERS AT MIDNITE AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (6) 1½m51y (2460 Metres)
RACE 1	<b>(2) SHAHBAZ   (3) KARTHALA   (6) BLUENOSE BELLE</b>
5.30	MIDNITE ARE UPPING THE BETTING GAME NOVICE STAKES (4) 6f20y (1230 Metres)
RACE 2	<b>(4) LEONETTO   (3) HORACE WALLACE   (5) YY STAR</b>
6.00	MAKE THE MOVE TO MIDNITE HANDICAP (6) 5f21y (1030 Metres)
RACE 3	<b>(8) MY GENGHIS   (5) FLICKA'S GIRL   (6) COLORS OF FREEDOM</b>
6.30	BET £10 GET £40 WITH BETMGM HANDICAP (5) 1m142y (1740 Metres)
RACE 4	<b>(2) LATIN   (3) FRANCESI   (6) MR NUGGET</b>
7.00	MIDNITE: BUILT FOR 2026 NOT 2006 HANDICAP (6) 1m1f104y (1910 Metres)
RACE 5	<b>(3) CORUNDUM   (1) STIPULATION   (5) POETIC FORCE</b>
7.30	JOIN THE MIDNITE MOVEMENT HANDICAP (5) 2m120y (3330 Metres)
RACE 6	<b>(2) FRANCESCO BARACCA   (7) EAST END GIRL   (3) MARKET HOUSE</b>
8.00	READ MEG NICHOLLS' BLOG AT <a href="https://betmgm.co.uk">betmgm.co.uk</a> HANDICAP (6) 7f36y (1440 Metres)
RACE 7	<b>(2) ATHENIAN SPIRIT   (9) EXHIBITION MATCH   (1) SHE'S CRAFTY</b>

## KEY TO SYMBOLS

**Top Rated:** The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

**Horses For Courses:** A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

**Jockey Uplift:** The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

**Trainer Form:** A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

**5.00**

RACE 1

**CREATE YOUR BET BUILDERS AT MIDNITE AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-65) £6,000 1½m51y (2460 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **Favours Low** Pace Information: **Even**

**1 1 EDUCATE (30) (CD)** s+t **95**  
4422247-0 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Micky Hammond **Miss Becky Smith**  
C&D winner. First run since leaving Jim Goldie when last of 10 in handicap at Southwell (11.1f, 22/1) 30 days ago, slowly away.

**2 8 SHAHBAZ (IRE) (30) (D)** ★ **100**  
1439090-8 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Archie Watson **Miss Brodie Hampson**  
66/1, eighth of 10 in handicap at Southwell (11.1f) 30 days ago, left poorly placed. That was slightly more encouraging and he now lurks on a very tempting mark.

**3 12 KARTHALA (13)** s **96**  
503627-4 4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Jennie Candlish **Mr Jamie Neild**  
40/1, first run since leaving Roger Varian when fourth of 7 in handicap at Southwell (11.1f) 13 days ago. Not taken lightly given there's a fair chance he'll build on that.

**4 10 PHAEDRA (47) (D)** **93**  
11517500- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Richard Hannon **Mr Lucas Murphy (51b/2kg)**  
Three wins from 10 runs last year. Latest win at Ripon in August. Tenth of 11 in handicap (66/1) at Kempton (12f) 47 days ago. Has work to do.

**5 9 GOLDEN MOVE (17) (D)** b **95**  
098-9 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Christopher Kellett **Mr Liam McGaffin (51b/2kg)**  
150/1, last of 9 in handicap at this course (9.5f) 17 days ago. Back up in trip. Blinkered for first time.

**6 4 BLUENOSE BELLE (USA) (455)** **96**  
002603/ 8 10-11 | 68.5kg



Richard Phillips **Mr Simon Walker**  
Respectable second of 11 in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (15.8f, good to soft, 18/1) 70 days ago. Won both starts prior to that so she's of some interest back on the level.

**7 2 THE CORPORATE GUY (IRE) (16)** **92**  
4860-6 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Jack Jones **Mr Eireann Cagney**  
Lightly-raced maiden. 66/1, sixth of 9 in handicap at Southwell (12.1f) 16 days ago. Something to find on form.

**8 3 PRIDE OF NEPAL (9) (D)** b+t **96**  
38038-826 8 10-7 | 66.7kg



Tony Carroll **Miss Sarah Bowen**  
Eighteen runs since last win in 2024. 17/2, sixth of 9 in handicap at Lingfield (10f, AW) 9 days ago, not clear run. Back up in trip with blinkers back on and he needs luck given run style.

**9 5 TAKE THE BOAT (IRE) (26)** **99**  
416577-34 4 10-6 | 66.2kg



Georgina Nicholls **Mr Harry Brown (71b/3kg)**  
Three wins from 9 runs last year. 7/2, creditable fourth of 12 in handicap at Kempton (11f) 26 days ago. Doesn't look to be crying out for this far.

**10 6 NEKAZARI (IRE) (37)** s+t **94**  
0/00788- 4 10-3 | 64.9kg



George Boughey **Mr James Hills (71b/3kg)**  
Cheekpieces on for first time, eighth of 10 in handicap at this C&D (14/1) 37 days ago.

**11 7 FIFTYSHADESARESEDEV (FR) (210)** s+t **96**  
6/3237326- 7 10-2 | 64.4kg



Micky Hammond **Mr Felix Foster (71b/3kg)**  
7/1, respectable sixth of 11 in handicap at Ayr (13.1f, good to soft), unable to sustain effort. Off 7 months. Rejoined yard after leaving Michael & David Easterby. Cheekpieces back on.

**12 11 BONDI MAN (14)** s **95**  
627554-99 7 9-11 | 62.1kg



Sarah Hollinshead **Mr Cameron Hillhouse (51b/2kg)**  
Remains a maiden after 21 Flat runs. 40/1, ninth of 11 in minor event at this course (9.5f) 14 days ago. Up in trip but easy to look elsewhere.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1** Take The Boat, **6-1** Bluenose Belle, **15-2** Pride of Nepal, **8-1** Shahbaz, **8-1** Fiftyshadesaresdev, **11-1** Karthala, **11-1** Nekazari, **12-1** Educate, **25-1** The Corporate Guy, **28-1** Bondi Man, **33-1** Phaedra, **33-1** Golden Move

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This represents a drop in grade for SHAHBAZ and representing a team with a good record in amateur races, he looks an interesting proposition. Karthala should have more to offer for his new connections, while Bluenose Belle has been in good order over hurdles and won't lack for assistance from the saddle.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SHAHBAZ 2. KARTHALA 3. BLUENOSE BELLE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**5.30****MIDNITE ARE UPPING THE BETTING GAME NOVICE STAKES  
(4) 3yo+ £10,000 6f20y (1230 Metres)**

RACE 2

Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 1 AVALON MILL MEHMAS (20) 17**  
6-0 4 9-11 | 62.1kg



Nick Kent

**Dougie Costello**

4-y-o Mehmas filly who has shown little in either start to date. Hard to make a case for.

**2 5 ELASHGAR (IRE) (11) 64**  
9-8 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



Kevin Frost

**Alec Voikhansky**

Last on debut for Richard Hannon but showed a bit more for new connections when eighth of 12 in maiden (28/1) at Southwell (6.1f) 11 days ago. Will be better off in handicaps.

**3 3 HORACE WALLACE (56) 85**  
53- 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



Richard Fahey

**Cam Hardie**

160,000 gns yearling, Blue Point colt. Prominent in the market when fifth on debut and still looked in need of the experience when third of 8 in novice at this C&D 56 days ago. Claims if he can build on that.

**4 2 LEONETTO (12) 100**  
72-22 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



Harry Charlton

**Callum Rodriguez**

Well-bred son on Frankel who has finished runner-up in a trio of all-weather novice/maiden races, latterly over 7f at Kempton. Drops back to 6f and this looks a good opportunity to get off the mark.

**5 4 YY STAR (11) 13**  
0 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



David Evans

**Laura Coughlan (3lb/1kg)**

Zoustar gelding. Dam 2-y-o 5f winner. Well-backed but only showed greenness when 4/1, last of 12 in maiden at Southwell (6.1f) on debut 11 days ago. Clearly thought capable of better.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**8-13** Leonetto, **3-1** Horace Wallace, **9-1** YY Star, **22-1** Elashgar, **150-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Runner-up on his last three all-weather starts, well-related LEONETTO can go one better. Horace Wallace looks the standout danger on paper.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LEONETTO 2. HORACE WALLACE 3. YY STAR**

**SMART STATS:**


No Smart Stats available for this race

**6.00****MAKE THE MOVE TO MIDNITE HANDICAP (6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-55) £6,000 5f21y (1030 Metres)****RACE 3****GBI RACING**Going: **Standard**


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Draw: **Favours Low** Pace Information: **Strong**


**1 4 FOREST GUNNER (IRE) (6) (D)** h **91**  
1064-6517 5 9-9 | 61.2kg

 David Evans *Laura Coughlan (31b/1kg)*  
Won in classified company 19 days ago but seventh of 7 in handicap at this C&D (9/1) 6 days ago. Hood back on but needs to do more.


**2 8 SOME NIGHTMARE (IRE) (6) (C, D)** s **97**  
218793-34 9 9-9 | 61.2kg

 John O'Shea *William Carson*  
Experienced 9-year-old at this venue, fourth of 8 in handicap at this C&D (8/1) 6 days ago, raced freely and was outpaced at home turn before late headway. Forecast strong pace in his favour.


**3 6 WHAT WHAT WHAT (22) (D)** v **94**  
40044-443 4 9-8 | 60.8kg

 Michael & David Easterby *Lewis Chalkley (71b/3kg)*  
Without a win in 10 months, finished third of 6 in handicap at Chelmsford (5/1) 22 days ago, racing freely before keeping on late. Has fallen below previous successful mark now.


**4 3 WEE MARY (IRE) (9) (D)** **91**  
48607-441 4 9-6 | 59.9kg

 Jim Goldie *Paul Mulrennan*  
Has shown mixed form for this yard but returned to winning ways when first of 8 in conditions race at Newcastle (7/2) 9 days ago. Hood removed and can make presence felt back in a handicap.

**5 2 FLICKA'S GIRL (18) (CD)** ★ **100**  
777680-41 4 9-6 | 59.9kg

 Michael Attwater *Paddy Bradley*  
Twice a winner at this course and distance, found form in recent weeks, successful last time in 7-runner conditions race at Chelmsford City (3/1) 18 days ago, relishing positive tactics. Returns to a handicap and ought to remain competitive now back in the groove.



**6 9 COLORS OF FREEDOM (14) (CD, BF)** **99**  
3442-2222 6 9-4 | 59.0kg

 Joe Ponting *Luke Morris*  
Runner-up in previous 5 starts, second of 7 in handicap at this C&D (13/8 fav) 14 days ago, led until headed near line and beaten a neck by well-backed rival. Can give another good account.



**7 5 KIPP KELLY (29)** **96**  
5524522-5 5 9-3 | 58.5kg

 Derek Shaw *Lewis Edmunds*  
Long-standing maiden, fifth of 12 in handicap at Southwell (28/1) 29 days ago after 7 months off. Showed promise despite trouble in running but not sure to back that up.

**8 1 MY GENGHIS (25) (CD)** s **91**  
45/62085-8 7 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Tony Carroll *Marco Ghiani*   
Out of form of late, eighth of 12 in conditions race at Chelmsford (17/2) 25 days ago. Well-treated on best form and worth noting for support with cheekpieces back on.

**9 7 KENTO (91) (CD)** s **90**  
88033876- 5 9-1 | 57.6kg

 Tony Carroll *Jack Doughty*   
Sixth of 11 in handicap at this C&D (17/2) 91 days ago and ran better than last time. Needs to improve further to feature.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Flicka's Girl, **5-1** Wee Mary, **11-2** Colors of Freedom, **13-2** What What What, **7-1** My Genghis, **9-1** Some Nightmare, **12-1** Kipp Kelly, **16-1** Kento, **20-1** Forest Gunner

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

In a wide-open handicap, it could pay to take a chance on MY GENGHIS who is well-treated if the return of headgear has the desired effect. Flicka's Girl is a dual winner at this course and distance and returned to winning ways with an authoritative display at Chelmsford, while consistent Colors of Freedom is respected, along with recent Newcastle winner Wee Mary.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MY GENGHIS 2. FLICKA'S GIRL 3. COLORS OF FREEDOM**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**6.30**

**BET £10 GET £40 WITH BETMGM HANDICAP (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-70) £7,100 1m142y (1740 Metres)**

RACE 4



Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even**

**1 5 ERNIE'S VALENTINE (16) (CD) 95**  
 132134-52 7 9-9 | 61.2kg  
 Ross Burdon **Phoebe Edwards (71b/3kg)**  
 Won at this C&D 70 days ago, bounced back to be second of 12 in handicap at Southwell (15/2) 16 days ago. Will continue to give a good account.



**2 6 LATIN (IRE) (17) (CD) v 99**  
 22314-111 5 9-8 | 60.8kg  
 James Owen **Paddy Bradley**  
 Won his last 3 starts, all at Wolverhampton. First of 8 in handicap (16/5) 17 days ago, defying a penalty to complete the hat-trick with a short-head success. Thriving and tactically versatile, should continue to give a good account despite being up 4lbs.



**3 9 FRANCESI (IRE) (17) 95**  
 42133-112 7 9-7 | 60.3kg  
 Tony Carroll **Myla Coppins (71b/3kg)**  
 In good form, winning twice before second of 9 in handicap at Wolverhampton over 9f (9/2) 17 days ago running under penalty. Can remain competitive.



**4 1 MAO SHANG WONG (IRE) (23) 93**  
 052-8 4 9-7 | 60.3kg  
 David O'Meara **David Nolan**  
 Lightly raced gelding who finished 10th in maiden before eighth of 11 in handicap at Newcastle (13/2) 23 days ago.



**5 7 FIRST GREYED (IRE) (17) (CD) v 94**  
 140441-88 8 9-6 | 59.9kg  
 Thomas Faulkner **Robert Havlin**  
 Won a handicap at this course 34 days ago in good style but eighth of 9 in handicap at Wolverhampton (28/1) 17 days ago, refused to settle and never landed a blow. Settling has been an issue in recent starts.



**6 3 MR NUGGET (10) (C) 94**  
 13521-351 5 9-6 | 59.9kg  
 David Simcock **Rowan Scott**  
 Has 3 wins this AW season, most recently winning 1st of 9 in handicap at Wolverhampton (11/4) 10 days ago from a more positive ride. Up 3lbs but can continue to give a good account.



**7 12 YOUARENOTFORGIVEN (34) (C, D) s ★ 100**  
 31615039- 8 9-5 | 59.4kg  
 Tony Carroll **Jack Doughty**  
 Won at Wolverhampton last October and ran well when third 49 days ago, unlucky not to finish closer. Ninth of 12 in handicap at Wolverhampton (7/1) 34 days ago, dwelt and raced freely off the pace, never dangerous. Below last winning mark.



**8 10 TORALOU (IRE) (42) 97**  
 26221837- 5 9-5 | 59.4kg  
 Mark Loughnane **Joe Leavy**  
 Won maiden last August but hasn't won in 3 runs since, seventh of 8 in handicap here (15/2) 42 days ago.



**9 4 LESSAY (IRE) (7) (C) 95**  
 65126-763 5 9-4 | 59.0kg  
 Patrick Morris **Paul Mulrennan**  
 Won here 58 days ago before struggling in subsequent runs, but showed signs of returning to form when third of 11 in handicap at Wolverhampton over 7f (5/1) 7 days ago.



**10 11 BEAMING LIGHT (16) es 94**  
 5373694-4 6 9-3 | 58.5kg  
 David Loughnane **Lewis Edmunds**  
 Below summer form and hasn't won since June. Fourth of 12 in handicap at Southwell (11/2) 16 days ago in first-time eyeshields, got closer but still a notch or two below best.



**11 2 IMPLIED VOLATILITY (IRE) (17) 98**  
 0500477-7 4 8-10 | 55.3kg  
 Jennie Candlish **Darragh Keenan**  
 Winless in 9 starts and struggled on latest start, seventh of 8 in handicap at Wolverhampton (6/1) 17 days ago.



**12 8 MOORETOWN LAD (IRE) (27) (D) 84**  
 51668/80-4 6 8-9 | 54.9kg  
 Adrian Wintle **Grace McEntee**  
 Fourth of 9 in handicap at this course (150/1) 27 days ago, keeping on. Yet to win since last August.



12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

4-1 Latin, 6-1 Ernie's Valentine, 13-2 Mr Nugget, 7-1 Francesi, 9-1 Lessay, 10-1 Beaming Light, 14-1 Youarenotforgiven, 16-1 Mao Shang Wong, 18-1 Implied Volatility, 22-1 Toralou, 33-1 First Greyed, 80-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LATIN has won his last three starts at this track and defied a penalty to complete his hat-trick with a short-head success 17 days ago. Thriving and tactically versatile, he's fancied to defy a 4lb rise. Francesi continues in good heart despite being unable to complete his own hat-trick here recently, while Mr Nugget also has three AW wins this season.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. LATIN 2. FRANCESI 3. MR NUGGET

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**7.00****MIDNITE: BUILT FOR 2026 NOT 2006 HANDICAP (6) 4yo+  
(Rated 0-65) £6,000 1m1f104y (1910 Metres)**

RACE 5

Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even**

**1 3 STIPULATION (IRE) (17) (CD)** **94**  
3113353-3 **5** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Mark Loughnane **Luke Morris**  
C&D winner. Latest win here in September. Good 1¼ lengths third of 9 to Magic Runner in handicap (10/3) at this C&D 17 days ago, nearest finish. Ought to be thereabouts.

**2 5 SPEC OF LIGHT (16)** **94**  
7998535-9 **4** 9-6 | 59.9kg



David Loughnane  **Rowan Scott**  
16/1 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, last of 9 in handicap at Southwell (12.1f) 16 days ago. Back down in trip. Blinkers on 1st time with work to do.

**3 6 CORUNDUM (27)** **100**  
4487475-2 **5** 9-6 | 59.9kg



Lucy Wadham **Rob Hornby**  
9/2, good second of 9 in handicap at this course (8.6f) 27 days ago, faring best of those ridden prominently. Bold showing is on the cards from an unchanged mark in his bid for a breakthrough success.


**4 10 MAGIC RUNNER (GER) (10) (CD)** **94**  
03146-613 **4** 9-5 | 59.4kg



Ruth Carr **Taryn Langley (5lb/2kg)**  
C&D winner. Latest win here in January. 13/2, creditable third of 9 in handicap at this C&D 10 days ago. Can give another good account.

**5 2 POETIC FORCE (IRE) (18) (C)** **90**  
412235-45 **12** 9-5 | 59.4kg



Tony Carroll  **Myla Coppins (7lb/3kg)**  
5-time course winner. Not seen to ideal effect when fifth of 8 in handicap at Chelmsford City (8f, 15/2) 18 days ago, left poorly placed. Needs considering eased 2 lb now.


**6 9 POWERFUL RESPONSE (IRE) (35)** **98**  
59552224- **6** 9-5 | 59.4kg



Geoffrey Harker **S. B. Kirrane**  
Twenty one runs since last win in 2024. Respectable fourth of 12 in handicap at Newcastle (8f, 5/1) 35 days ago. Not ruled out.

**7 8 LAW SUPREME (FR) (10) (CD)** **96**  
667841-74 **7** 9-5 | 59.4kg



Ian Williams  **Ryan Kavanagh (5lb/2kg)**  
C&D winner. Latest win here in December. Good fourth of 9 in handicap (7/1) at this C&D 10 days ago so he's in the mix again.

**8 1 TIGER BEETLE (44) (CD)** **94**  
147/00046- **8** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Thomas Faulkner **Robert Havlin**  
A 3-time C&D winner but he arrives under a cloud, only sixth of 10 in handicap (66/1) at this course (12.2f) 44 days ago. Back down in trip. Others are preferred.

**9 7 THE DARK BARON (IRE) (17) (CD)** **99**  
9141332-3 **4** 9-3 | 58.5kg



Kathy Turner **Laura Coughlan (3lb/1kg)**  
C&D winner. Latest win here in October. 10/3, respectable third of 8 in handicap at this course (8.6f) 17 days ago. One to consider.

**10 4 LAUNCESTON (IRE) (163)** **91**  
05609/249- **4** 8-9 | 54.9kg



Joe Ponting **Nicola Currie**  
A modest maiden for Sir Mark Prescott and has offered little in a trio of runs over hurdles for his new yard, ninth in novice hurdle at Wincanton 18 days ago. Not easy to make a case for.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Stipulation, **5-1** Corundum, **13-2** The Dark Baron, **7-1** Powerful Response, **7-1** Magic Runner, **15-2** Law Supreme, **16-1** Poetic Force, **20-1** Spec of Light, **22-1** Launceston, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A case can be made for a few of these but CORUNDUM rates the pick of the weights on the back of a very good second here so is taken to get off the mark at the chief expense of in-form C&D winner Stipulation. Multiple course scorer Poetic Force can also have a say.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CORUNDUM 2. STIPULATION 3. POETIC FORCE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 <b>Book of Life</b> 5-9-5	6-1 Ian Williams	Richard Kingscote	10
2024 <b>Tonal</b> 4-9-4	15-8f Ian Williams	Billy Loughnane	11
2023 <b>Strategic Fortune</b> 6-9-9	11-4f John Butler	Daniel Muscutt	12

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**7.30****JOIN THE MIDNITE MOVEMENT HANDICAP (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-75) £7,100 2m120y (3330 Metres)****RACE 6****GBI RACING**Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 9 FLEURMAN (IRE) (86) (CD)** **90**  
 9575/5460- **8** 10-0 | 63.5kg



Patrick Morris

**Paddy Bradley**

C&amp;D winner. Fourteen runs since last win in 2023. 150/1, last of 10 in handicap at this course (14f) 86 days ago. Others appeal more.

**2 5 FRANCESCO BARACCA (34) (CD)** **100**  
 43061391- **5** 9-13 | 63.0kg



Eve Johnson Houghton

**Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)**

A three-time winner in 2025 who signed off with victory in 8-runner handicap here (14f) 34 days ago, overcoming pace bias to score with plenty in hand. Up 3 lb but big shout.

**3 8 MARKET HOUSE (IRE) (51)** **94**  
 3112215- **6** 9-11 | 62.1kg



James Owen

**Sean Dylan Bowen**

Three wins from 7 runs last year. 33/1, creditable fifth of 11 in handicap at this course (9.5f) 51 days ago. Significantly back up in trip. Tongue strap back on and in the mix.

**4 4 EASTER ICON (280) (CD)** **92**  
 157/11- **7** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Gary Brown

**George Bass**

C&amp;D winner. 150/1, thirteenth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Ascot (15.7f, good to soft) 45 days ago. Fair on the Flat (good record on AW) so needs considering.

**5 6 CIVIL LAW (IRE) (34) (C)** **94**  
 76047766- **9** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Roger Teal

**Lewis Edmunds**

5-time course winner. Fair sixth of 8 to Francesco Baracca in handicap at this course (14f, 20/1) 34 days ago. Can give a good account.

**6 3 GREEN TEAM (FR) (56) (C)** **93**  
 11314957- **7** 9-6 | 59.9kg



Ian Williams

**Edward Greatrex**

Course winner. Three wins from 11 runs last year. 25/1, last of 7 in handicap at this course (14f) 56 days ago so has work to do.

**7 7 EAST END GIRL (773) (D)** **93**  
**9** 9-6 | 59.9kg



Alastair Ralph

**Cam Hardie**

Respectable third of 15 in handicap hurdle at Hereford (16.2f, soft, 8/1) 44 days ago. Handily weighted back on the Flat so she's a likely player.

**8 2 KING'S CRUISER (14)** **81**  
 75-9 **4** 8-11 | 55.8kg



Marco Botti

**Marco Ghiani**

Thrice-raced maiden. Ninth of 10 in novice at Kempton (11f, 66/1) 14 days ago. Significantly up in trip. Makes handicap debut. Could improve.

**9 1 SNEAKY BLINDER (FR) (49) (CD)** **96**  
 33341319- **5** 8-9 | 54.9kg



Robert Stephens

**Luke Morris**

C&amp;D winner. Four wins from 15 runs last year. Latest win here in October. Ninth of 12 in handicap (17/2) at this C&amp;D 49 days ago when reportedly finished lame. Not written off.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**13-8** Francesco Baracca, **11-2** Market House, **6-1** Easter Icon, **11-1** East End Girl, **12-1** Sneaky Blinder, **12-1** King's Cruiser, **18-1** Civil Law, **25-1** Green Team, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FRANCESCO BARACCA ended 2025 with a taking victory here and a 3 lb rise in the weights doesn't look sufficient from preventing him from following up. East End Girl is weighted to go well and next on the list ahead of Market House, Civil Law and Easter Icon.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. FRANCESCO BARACCA 2. EAST END GIRL 3. MARKET HOUSE****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**8.00****READ MEG NICHOLLS' BLOG AT [betmgm.co.uk](http://betmgm.co.uk) HANDICAP (6) 3yo (Rated 0-55) £6,000 7f36y (1440 Metres)****RACE 7**Going: **Standard**

The all-weather course at Wolverhampton forms a flat, left-handed oval circuit of just under a mile in length. It was relaid in summer 2014 and the surface was changed to tapeta. The bends are fairly sharp and with a straight of under two furlongs in length it favours horses with the ability to hold a good position as opposed to those who need time to find full stride.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even**

**1 5 SHE'S CRAFTY (IRE) (34) 96**  
78542577- 3 9-9 | 61.2kg  
Jack Morland *Harry Vigors (71b/3kg)*  
22/1 and visored/tongue strap on for 1st time, seventh of 8 in nursery at this course (8.6f) 34 days ago. Not taken lightly now tackling 0-55 if back on her A-game.



**2 6 ATHENIAN SPIRIT (IRE) (19) s ★ 100**  
685726-22 3 9-9 | 61.2kg  
William Knight *Luke Morris*  
Very good second of 8 in handicap at Lingfield (8f, AW) 19 days ago. Winner has gone in again so he's a player off the same mark in his attempt for a maiden victory.



**3 10 FRANKALI (26) 91**  
686-3 3 9-8 | 60.8kg  
Ollie Sangster *Sam James*  
Lightly-raced maiden. Creditable third of 9 in handicap (14/1) at Lingfield (7f, AW) 26 days ago. Ought to be thereabouts.



**4 2 KANES A LOTT (IRE) (26) v 94**  
76067-6 3 9-7 | 60.3kg  
Stuart Williams *Marco Ghiani*  
Only sixth of 9 in handicap at Lingfield (7f, AW, 5/1) 26 days ago. Visor on 1st time with work to do.



**5 7 CRIMSON RAMBLER (112) b 16**  
0876- 3 9-6 | 59.9kg  
George Scott *Callum Shepherd*  
Lightly-raced maiden. 66/1, last of 6 in novice at Yarmouth (6f) 112 days ago. Blinkered for his handicap debut with plenty more required.



**6 11 FICKLE MCELFFISH (11) 78**  
99-74 3 9-5 | 59.4kg  
Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood *David Nolan*  
Lightly-raced maiden. 25/1, fair fourth of 7 in handicap at Newcastle (7.1f) 11 days ago. Needs to step forward.



**7 8 ELECTROCUTION (14) 97**  
8867-72 3 9-5 | 59.4kg  
Chelsea Banham *Joey Haynes*  
33/1, good second of 10 in handicap at this C&D 14 days ago, clear of rest. Can make his presence felt.



**8 4 SPIRIT OF MARA (FR) (21) 82**  
9768-8 3 9-5 | 59.4kg  
Richard Fahey *Cam Hardie*  
Lightly-raced maiden. Cheekpieces on for 1st time, last of 8 in handicap (50/1) at this C&D 21 days ago. Uphill task.



**9 9 EXHIBITION MATCH (14) 85**  
880-4 3 9-4 | 59.0kg  
Ollie Sangster *Nicola Currie*  
Lightly-raced maiden, best run when fourth of 9 in maiden at this course (6.1f, 150/1) 14 days ago. May do better still now going into handicaps so needs considering.



**10 3 MISS AYALA (IRE) (14) (D) 94**  
635155-56 3 9-2 | 58.1kg  
Mark Usher *George Bass*  
Winner at Chelmsford City in September. Respectable sixth of 10 in handicap at this C&D (12/1) 14 days ago. Possibilities.



**11 12 EZERA (IRE) (10) b+t 85**  
987-55 3 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)  
Lemos De Souza *George Wood*  
Lightly-raced maiden. Hampered 2f out when fifth of 8 in handicap at Southwell (8.1f, 33/1) 10 days ago. Shortlisted.



**12 1 BLUE MOUNTAINS (IRE) (14) 84**  
0606-43 3 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)  
Marco Botti *Jack Nicholls (51b/2kg)*  
In-form maiden who posted a solid third of 10 in handicap at this C&D (11/1) 14 days ago. Ought to be in the shake-up again.



12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Athenian Spirit, **11-2** Electrocutation, **17-2** Kanes A Lott, **17-2** Blue Mountains, **11-1** Frankali, **12-1** Miss Ayala, **12-1** Exhibition Match, **14-1** She's Crafty, **18-1** Crimson Rambler, **28-1** Fickle Mcselfish, **33-1** Ezera, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ATHENIAN SPIRIT signalled he is ready to get off the mark when a very good Lingfield second recently (form been franked) so looks the way to go. Ollie Sangster's handicap debutante Exhibition Match could emerge as the chief threat, although She's Crafty is weighted to go well if back on song and Electrocutation also needs considering.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ATHENIAN SPIRIT 2. EXHIBITION MATCH 3. SHE'S CRAFTY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race