

Friday 8th May

RIPON

5.45 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (Qualifier) (4) 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) RED SPELLS DANGER | (4) TIP FOSTER | (7) SODA**

6.15 TRADITIONAL FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 17th MAY HANDICAP (6) 1m (1610 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) MASABAN | (3) DALAMARA | (6) HOOD WINK**

6.45 DR KEITH HOWARD OBE MEMORIAL HANDICAP (5) 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) LE BEAU GARCON | (5) BETWEEN THE STICKS | (4) GLORY FIGHTER**

7.15 SAM ALEXANDER MEMORIAL HANDICAP (4) 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 4 **(8) MODERN TIMES | (1) MUSICAL TOUCH | (2) U SURE DO**

7.45 NAPOLEONS CASINO AND RESTAURANT LEEDS HANDICAP (5) 1m1f170y (1970 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) GARDEN OASIS | (7) STAR CAST | (6) NO KNEE NEVER**

8.15 RIPON RACES LADIES DAY 18th JUNE HANDICAP (6) 1m1f170y (1970 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) PORT DARWIN | (3) BRADBURY | (9) LASER LUCK**

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.

5.45**BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (Qualifier) (4) 3, 4 and 5yo £11,000 6f (1210 Metres)**

RACE 1

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

The Ripon course is a right-handed, oval circuit of thirteen furlongs, with a run-in of five furlongs, and a straight six-furlong course. Owing to the rather cramped bends and the surface undulations in the straight, the Ripon track is rather sharp in character, prominent racers on the round course in particular often proving difficult to peg back.

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

1 7 HIGHFIELD JEWEL (IRE) (106) 76
6-4 4 9-11 | 62.1kg



Sara Ender

Rowan Scott

Modest form in 7f novice and 6f maiden at Southwell around the turn of the year.

2 6 RED SPELLS DANGER (IRE) (15) (BF) 100
3636-22 3 9-6 | 59.9kg



Tim Easterby

David Allan

Now a maiden after 6 starts over 7f but he has fairly useful form and his runner-up efforts on turf/all-weather this spring suggest it's only a matter of time before he goes one better. Should be speedy enough for 6f. Leading claims.

3 5 ROUSHAM (14) h 70
07 3 9-6 | 59.9kg



Nigel Tinkler

Faye McManoman

Has shown as much temperament as ability in 2 outings this spring.

4 3 TIP FOSTER (31) 88
3 3 9-6 | 59.9kg



David & Nicola Barron

**Callum Rodriguez**

Promising third of 9 in novice at Pontefract (6f, soft, 18/1) on debut 31 days ago. Should have more to offer and the chief threat to Red Spells Danger.

5 4 NDOTO (48) 68
34 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



Richard & Peter Fahey

Oisin James Orr

Modest form at best when reaching the frame in 2 all-weather runs in March. Plenty of improvement needed.

6 2 SPARKLING WINE (387) 33
8- 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



Michael Dods

Mark Winn

80/1, eighth of 12 in novice at Beverley (5f, good to soft) on debut last spring. Off 12 months.

7 1 SODA (IRE) (16) 74
3 3 8-13 | 56.7kg



Gemma Tutty

William Pyle

18/1, offered something to work on when third of 6 in novice at Catterick (7f, good to firm) on debut 16 days ago. Should progress.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Red Spells Danger, **9-2** Tip Foster, **9-1** Soda, **16-1** Highfield Jewel, **20-1** Ndoto, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RED SPELLS DANGER sets a clear form standard and can get off the mark down at 6f for the first time. Tip Foster and Soda made encouraging starts to their careers last month and can follow the selection home in that order.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RED SPELLS DANGER 2. TIP FOSTER 3. SODA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.15**TRADITIONAL FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 17th MAY HANDICAP (6)
3yo (Rated 0-60) £7,000 1m (1610 Metres)**

RACE 2

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Weak****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Zappata 3-10-2	10-11f George Scott	Liam Wright (5)	9
2024	Havana Prince 3-9-8	7-2cf Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood	David Nolan	12
2023	Annalee Lass 3-9-4	11-8f Lawrence Mullaney	Kieran O'Neill	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 3 MASABAN (IRE) (14) **100**
58-6 **3** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Edward Bethell **Callum Rodriguez**
Showed promise in his qualifying runs (trained by Dermot Weld first 2 starts) and appeals as a likely improver in handicaps. Gets the vote, with confidence in his chance increased should the betting vibes be strong.

2 8 MISS MAMBO (IRE) (21) **91**
40-73 **3** 9-8 | 60.8kg



Gay Kelleway **Liam Wright (5lb/2kg)**
Finished well when fourth on debut over 6f at Chelmsford last year but hasn't progressed from that in 3 subsequent starts. Improvement needed now pitched into a handicap.

3 6 DALAMARA (18) (D) **99**
4771-4 **3** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Ben Haslam **Andrew Mullen**
Much improved upped to 1m to make a winning nursery debut at Newcastle in December. Backed that up when fourth of 12 on her 1m Redcar reappearance (good) 17 days ago, keeping on from too far back (started slowly). Respected, particularly if breaking on terms.

4 4 CLEAR ABOVE (15) **96**
04-345 **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg



Richard & Peter Fahey **Oisin James Orr**
Modest form and no significant in handicaps over 7f at Wolverhampton and 1m at Southwell last month. Improvement needed back on the grass.

5 5 RESDEV TIME (18) **97**
033455-5 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Michael & David Easterby **Billy Garritty**
Modest maiden who ran respectably when fifth of 12 on his 1m Redcar reappearance but the reopposing Dalamara was just under 3 lengths ahead in fourth. Suspicion the wait for a first win will go on.

6 2 HOOD WINK (6lb/3kg ex) (12) (D) **96**
84254-071 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



Tim Easterby **David Allan**
Behind a couple of these at Redcar last month but found improvement when dead-heating over 1m at Wetherby (good to firm) 12 days ago. Probably should have won outright having had to wait for a gap. Carries a 6 lb penalty.

7 1 PRINCESS COCO (18) **31**
050-00 **3** 8-9 | 54.9kg



Simon Whitaker **Cam Hardie**
No form. Last of 12 on 1m Redcar handicap debut 18 days ago.

8 7 BOBBYS PRIDE (IRE) (236) **74**
0978- **3** 8-9(8-8) | 54.9kg (54.4kg)



Noel Wilson **Jamie Gormley**
Failed to show any ability in 4 outings last year, including a handicap.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Masaban, **5-1** Hood Wink, **11-2** Dalamara, **8-1** Resdev Time, **12-1** Clear Above, **12-1** Miss Mambo, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MASABAN travelled well enough in a 6f Doncaster novice on his first outing for Ed Bethell to think he could be a cut above 0-60 level now moving into a handicap. Dalamara did well to get fourth at Redcar given how slowly she started and is second choice ahead of recent Wetherby dead-heater Hood Wink.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MASABAN 2. DALAMARA 3. HOOD WINK

6.45**DR KEITH HOWARD OBE MEMORIAL HANDICAP (5) 4yo+
(Rated 0-75) £9,000 5f (1010 Metres)**

RACE 3

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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Draw: **Against Low** Pace Information: **Strong**

1 9 LE BEAU GARCON (221) (D)  **100**
268/16020- 7 9-9 | 61.2kg



Michael & David Easterby **Lewis Chalkley (71b/3kg)**
Turned in a poor effort at Southwell on final 2025 start but goes notably well when fresh, winning first-time-out last season from only a 1 lb higher mark.

2 8 VINCE L'AMOUR (IRE) (13) (C, D) **97**
29186-828 5 9-9 | 61.2kg b+t



Tim Easterby **David Allan**
Stepped up markedly on reappearance effort when finishing second of 17 at Musselburgh (5f) in April. However, was already beaten when meeting trouble over C&D since.

3 3 MARK'S CHOICE (IRE) (28) (CD) **97**
0412911-0 10 9-8 | 60.8kg s



Gemma Tutty **William Pyle**
Veteran performer who ended last season in fine form, taking his tally at Ripon into the double figures with back-to-back victories on final 2 starts of the campaign. Always behind after making a mess of the start at Thirsk on reappearance but dangerous to dismiss back here in refitted cheekpieces.

4 1 GLORY FIGHTER (30) (D) **97**
0083-9831 10 9-7 | 60.3kg



Paul Midgley **Mark Winn**
Veteran who resumed winning ways in 7-runner handicap at Nottingham (5f, good to soft) last month, responding well. Should remain competitive following a 2 lb rise.

5 4 BETWEENHETSTICKS (17) (D) **97**
122937-11 6 9-6 | 59.9kg s



Ruth Carr **James Sullivan**
Bounced back to form to make a winning reappearance at Wolverhampton in April and followed up at Pontefract (5f) later in the month. Should be competitive in hat-trick bid.

6 7 HURT YOU NEVER (IRE) (20) (CD) **96**
110600-70 7 9-6 | 59.9kg



Adrian Nicholls **Jack Garritty**
Tasted success 4 times over 5f last year, latterly at Hamilton in August. Form tailed off thereafter but showed up well for a long way on her reappearance at Thirsk in April. Beat only 2 home in a similar event there 8 days later, though.

7 5 IMPRESSOR (IRE) (20) (D) **98**
21567-400 9 9-3 | 58.5kg s



Phillip Makin **Rowan Scott**
Posted a good effort when fourth of 17 at Doncaster (5f) on reappearance in March. Run best excused at Musselburgh but was again below form at Thirsk last time.

8 2 WRESTLING REVENUE (IRE) (31) (D) **88**
039019-00 5 8-8 | 54.4kg



Ben Haslam **Andrew Mullen**
Landed a gamble at Pontefract (5f) last autumn but well beaten all 3 outings subsequently.

9 6 HE'S AN ANGEL (27) (D) **94**
3-5155688 6 8-4(8-2) | 52.6kg (51.7kg)



Kevin Frost **Cam Hardie**
Came from well off the pace to win 6f handicap at Wolverhampton in January. Mixed bag since and now back on turf for the first time since August 2024.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Betweenhsticksticks, **7-2** Glory Fighter, **13-2** Mark's Choice, **7-1** Le Beau Garcon, **10-1** Vince L'amour, **11-1** Impressor, **16-1** Hurt You Never, **16-1** He's An Angel, **25-1** Wrestling Revenue

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LE BEAU GARCON has a good record fresh and is taken to mirror last season by making a successful reappearance. Hat-trick seeker Betweenhsticksticks and Glory Fighter head up the opposition.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. LE BEAU GARCON 2. BETWEENHETSTICKS 3. GLORY FIGHTER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Reigning Profit	6-9-11	15-8f	Ruth Carr	James Sullivan	8
2024	Mattice	5-9-9	6-1	Tim Easterby	Duran Fentiman	12
2023	Reigning Profit	4-9-7	13-8f	Ruth Carr	James Sullivan	6
2022	James Watt	6-9-9	15-2	Paul Midgley	Graham Lee	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.15**SAM ALEXANDER MEMORIAL HANDICAP (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-85) £12,000 6f (1210 Metres)**

RACE 4

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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

1 1 MUSICAL TOUCH (IRE) (36) (D) 99
2634600-1 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Richard & Peter Fahey **Ethan Tindall (51lb/2kg)**
Enhanced his good record fresh when justifying support to take a 10-runner handicap at Southwell (6f, 5/2) 36 days ago. No reason why this consistent sort shouldn't go well again from 4 lb higher mark.

2 5 U SURE DO (IRE) (20) (D) 98
0412012-4 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



Tim Easterby **Cam Hardie**
Scored at Catterick in October on his penultimate start in 2025 prior to going very close to following up at Musselburgh. Good effort when fourth of 13 in handicap at Thirsk (7f, good) on comeback 20 days ago and he's respected in a first-time tongue tie.

3 3 NOVAMAY (239) (CD) 96
22711104- 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



Michael Dods **Rhys Elliott (51lb/2kg)**
Completed a hat-trick in 10-runner handicap at Windsor (6f) in July. Found out in a Class 2 at the York Ebor meeting but back on track on the all-weather when fourth of 11 at Newcastle when last seen in September, faring best of those ridden prominently. Worth betting check after 7 months off.

4 10 WRECK IT RYLEY (IRE) (13) (CD, BF) 97
07810-914 6 9-7 | 60.3kg



Alan Brown **Rowan Scott**
Landed a gamble (headgear change) in 9-runner handicap at Leicester (6f) in April. Caught on the wrong part of the track when fourth of 7 at that same C&D 13 days ago and he's not ruled out.

5 7 GRANT WOOD (IRE) (25) (CD) 98
0790-1148 7 9-7 | 60.3kg



Paul Midgley **David Nolan**
Enhanced fine record at Newcastle with back-to-back 6f wins there on first 2 starts this season prior to shaping as if still in form (not ideally placed) when fourth on his hat-trick bid at Wolverhampton. Bit below his best when eighth back at Newcastle last time, though, so bounce back required.

6 6 FIRST FOLIO (184) (D) 94
90263276- 8 9-7 | 60.3kg



Julie Camacho **T. Kiely-Marshall (51lb/2kg)**
Winless in 2025 but proved himself still capable of useful form when third in Great St Wilfrid at C&D in August. Soundly beaten in a better race at Kempton when last seen 6 months ago and he's probably opposable on return.

7 11 IT JUST TAKES TIME (IRE) (22) (CD) 99
027137-08 8 9-5 | 59.4kg



Mark Walford **Jack Garritty**
C&D winner. Had tumbled in the weights prior to landing a handicap at Beverley (7f, good to soft) towards the end of last season. Below his best both starts in 2026 and others are preferred for now.

8 4 MODERN TIMES (9) (CD, BF) 100
092/441-53 5 9-0 | 57.2kg



Tim Easterby **David Allan**
Landed the odds in a C&D maiden in June on just his second start for new stable. Shaped well after 10 months off when fifth of 16 in a C&D handicap on return and probably raced closer to the pace than ideal when third of 6 at Pontefract (6f, good) last week. Of firm interest again.

9 2 FORTAMOUR (IRE) (22) (CD) 99
08511-600 10 8-13 | 56.7kg



Ben Haslam **Barry McHugh**
Signed off 2025 by winning twice on the all-weather over 6f at Newcastle in November. Below form all 3 starts this year, including on return to this venue last time (6 course wins at Ripon), so probably best passed over.

10 8 CHARLIE MASON (40) (D, BF) 96
25-245427 5 8-12 | 56.2kg



Tony Carroll **Myla Coppins (71lb/3kg)**
Gives his running more often than not and he only narrowly failed to land a gamble at Wolverhampton (5.1f) in March. Rare below-par effort when seventh of 17 in handicap at Doncaster (5f, good to soft) 40 days ago and now has 7 lb claimer back in the saddle.

11 9 BEYOND BORDERS (IRE) (25) (D) 98
0178006-7 5 8-9 | 54.9kg



Kevin Frost **William Pyle**
Struggled after winning at Yarmouth last June but has come back down the handicap as a result and now finds himself below his last winning mark. Has tended to come on for his return (seventh of 9 at Leicester on comeback), but still requires somewhat of a leap of faith with cheekpieces now applied.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Musical Touch, 7-1 Modern Times, 7-1 U Sure Do, 15-2 Wreck It Ryley, 15-2 Charlie Mason, 10-1 Grant Wood, 11-1 Novamay, 20-1 Fortamour, 20-1 It Just Takes Time, 22-1 Beyond Borders, 22-1 First Folio

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MODERN TIMES shaped well from a less-than-ideal position here on his return and probably did too much on the front end at Pontefract last time, so can be given another chance to build on that promising comeback. Musical Touch should remain competitive after a 4 lb rise for winning at Southwell, with U Sure Do taken to complete the placings.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MODERN TIMES 2. MUSICAL TOUCH 3. U SURE DO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Mister Sox 5-9-6	2-1f	Tim Easterby	S. B. Kirrane	10
2024	Havana Rum 4-8-6	12-1	Richard Fahey	Andrew Mullen	13
2023	Twelfth Knight 4-9-9	13-2	Ruth Carr	James Sullivan	8
2022	Fortamour 6-9-9	13-8f	Ben Haslam	Paul Mulrennan	8
2021	Flying Pursuit 8-9-7	8-1	Tim Easterby	David Allan	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.45**NAPOLEONS CASINO AND RESTAURANT LEEDS HANDICAP
(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-75) £9,000 1m1f170y (1970 Metres)****RACE 5****GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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

1 4 TRIPLE FORCE (162) (D) v  **99**
13222118- **5** 9-9 | 61.2kg

**Craig Lidster****Shane Gray**

A 4-time winner in 2025, 2 of those coming in the autumn before finding things tougher from a career-high mark on the tapeta at Newcastle (9f) when last seen in November. Best watched on reappearance.

2 7 GARDEN OASIS (9) (C,D) s  **98**
514579-72 **11** 9-9 | 61.2kg

**Tim Easterby****David Allan**

Stepped up markedly on reappearance when second of 9 in handicap at Pontefract (66/1, 1m, good) 9 days ago. Is having a rare start beyond that trip nowadays and this 7-time course winner is on a dangerous mark at present.

3 5 VELVET WHISPER (IRE) (26) (D) **98**
4386211-8 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg

**Edward Bethell** **Callum Rodriguez**

Improved when winning in the mud at Nottingham (1¼m) and Musselburgh (12.5f) on final 2 starts last year. Failed to dominate when eighth of 14 in handicap at Musselburgh (12.5f, good, 11/2) 26 days ago. Steps back down in trip and has to be respected.

4 3 GLISTENING NIGHTS (FR) (22) (D) v  **98**
5412390-3 **5** 9-8 | 60.8kg

**Richard & Peter Fahey****Barry McHugh**

Returned to winning ways at Chester (10.3f) last summer and ran well next 2 starts before form tailed off. Got back on track when third of 10 in handicap (14/1) over C&D (good) on return 22 days ago.

5 2 DAWN OF LIBERATION (IRE) (18) (D) **98**
233767-06 **7** 9-5 | 59.4kg

**Ruth Carr****James Sullivan**

Won 3 times at the start of last summer but has yet to fully fire in 2 starts this season and is falling in the weights as a result.

6 10 NO KNEE NEVER (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (11) s+t  **100**
57533161 **5** 9-5 | 59.4kg

**James Owen** **Billy Garritty**

Is being kept very busy this year, already winning 3 times from 13 starts, running up to best when taking 11-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (8.5f) 11 days ago. Carries a penalty for that success back on the turf and has to be taken seriously.

7 6 STAR CAST (5lb/2kg ex) (7) (D) **97**
0-1371631 **4** 9-1 | 57.6kg

**Gemma Tutty****Rowan Scott**

Has proved a different proposition this season, winning 3 times over 1¼m at Newcastle, latest just 7 days ago. Can't be ignored in current form back on turf under a penalty.

8 1 NANNY PARK (14) **90**
7453333-8 **4** 9-0 | 57.2kg

**Sara Ender****Andrew Mullen**

Placed on final 3 starts in 2025 before leaving James Fanshawe. Well held in handicap at Doncaster (1¼m, good to firm) on first start for new yard 14 days ago. Hard to make a case for.

9 8 BASS PLAYER (IRE) (122) **97**
3025834-9 **7** 8-11 | 55.8kg

**Kevin Frost****William Pyle**

Winless during 2025 but was placed on 3 occasions. Failed to beat a rival in handicap at Wolverhampton (9/2) after being hampered in January when last seen. He's well treated at present but may need the outing returned to the turf.

10 11 POET'S DAWN (13) (CD) s  **97**
144038-44 **11** 8-11 | 55.8kg

**Tim Easterby****Oisin McSweeney**

Veteran who added 2 more wins last year and has made a satisfactory return to action by making the frame on both starts this season at Ripon and Pontefract over 1m. A C&D winner who's dipped below last winning mark and steps back up in trip here.

11 12 JEWEL MAKER (IRE) (28) (D) **90**
515486-90 **11** 8-10 | 55.3kg

**Tim Easterby****Amie Waugh (3lb/1kg)**

Scored twice in a patchy 2025 campaign, the latter of which came over 1¼m at Redcar in October. Has finished well held in 2 outings this year and this 11-y-o needs to show more before becoming of any interest for betting purposes.

12 9 TIBERIO FORCE (158) (CD) **87**
32312986- **7** 8-4(7-12) | 52.6kg (49.9kg)

**Simon Whitaker****Rhys Elliott (5lb/2kg)**

Winner of a classified event over C&D last summer. Ended the year in a bit of a lull and is hard to make a case for from 6 lb out of the weights on return.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 No Knee Never, **5-1** Star Cast, **8-1** Velvet Whisper, **9-1** Garden Oasis, **9-1** Poet's Dawn, **14-1** Glistening Nights, **14-1** Bass Player, **16-1** Triple Force, **20-1** Dawn of Liberation, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Course specialist GARDEN OASIS has shown he retains all his ability at the age of 11 and can go one better on a rare try beyond 1m dropped in grade. Star Cast has been in great form at Newcastle this year and should continue to give a good account despite shouldering a penalty. No Knee Never is also respected, while Velvet Whisper makes some appeal on the back of her reappearance run, particularly if the rain arrives.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. GARDEN OASIS 2. STAR CAST 3. NO KNEE NEVER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Mariner 4-9-9	9-2	Jennie Candlish	Paul Mulrennan	9
2024	Contrast 10-9-5	11-1	Michael & David Easterby	Joanna Mason	12
2023	Bertie's Wish 5-9-8	9-4f	Jennie Candlish	Kieran O'Neill	7
2022	Billy Roberts 9-9-4	14-1	Simon Whitaker	Phil Dennis	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

8.15**RIPON RACES LADIES DAY 18th JUNE HANDICAP (6) 3yo
(Rated 0-60) £7,000 1m1f170y (1970 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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

1 2 PORT DARWIN (IRE) (8) b  **100**
5153-5672 3 9-9 | 61.2kg



Charlie Johnston

Billy Garrity

Made a successful nursery debut at Musselburgh but progress stalled afterwards. However, in first-time blinkers he got back on track when second in 1½m handicap at Kempton 8 days ago. Can make a bold bid from his current mark.

2 8 LADY VANGUARD (27) **95**
68-54 3 9-7 | 60.3kg

George Scott **Liam Wright (5lb/2kg)**

From a talented family and took a step forward on handicap debut when fourth of 8 at Yarmouth (1m) last month, albeit having the run of the race. Could still have more to offer over this longer distance.

3 3 BRADBURY (IRE) (11) t **99**
087-54 3 9-4 | 59.0kg

Edward Bethell **Callum Rodriguez**

Little impact in a trio of novices last year. However, in first-time tongue strap, he stepped forward from seasonal/handicap debut when never-nearer fourth of 11 at Wolverhampton (1½m) 11 days ago. Capable of better again.

4 4 FUZEYYA (25) **95**
005-56 3 9-3 | 58.5kg



Jedd O'Keeffe

Andrea Pinna (7lb/3kg)

Stoutly bred but failed to improve upped to 1½m when last of 5 on seasonal/handicap debut at Wolverhampton in March. Well held dropped back to 1¼m at Newcastle 25 days ago.

5 5 HEATED MOMENT (17) **85**
50876-5 3 9-3 | 58.5kg



Conrad Allen

Jack Gilligan

Modest form for Ollie Sangster as a 2-y-o. After 4 months off ahead of stable debut, possibly needed the run when fifth of 9 in handicap at Yarmouth (1¼m) 17 days ago, so she's worth another chance at this trip as she drops back in grade

6 6 EVERGREEN EMERALD (226) **84**
006- 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



Tim Easterby

David Allan

Down the field in a trio of starts at around 7f last year, well held in novice at Redcar on final outing. Appeals as the type to do better in handicaps, though, with pedigree suggesting that this extra distance will suit. Market could be informative after 7 months off.

7 1 MERESIDE PRINCESS (IRE) (12) b **97**
334-37664 3 8-13 | 56.7kg

David & Nicola Barron **William Pyle**

Still looking for a breakthrough victory, but having had excuses on penultimate start she returned to form when fourth of 8 in handicap at Wetherby (1m) 12 days ago. Up in trip so will need to settle better with blinkers reapplied.

8 10 RIDDIKULUS (83) b **86**
676-64 3 8-13 | 56.7kg



Grant Tuer

Andrew Mullen

From a useful middle-distance family but upped to 1¼m she finished last of 6 on seasonal/handicap debut at Newcastle in January. With blinkers added, seemed unsuited by drop back to 1m when fourth of 8 at the same course last time. Makes turf debut.

9 7 LASER LUCK (15) **97**
530-60555 3 8-13 | 56.7kg



Gemma Tutty

Rowan Scott

Remains a maiden and fared no better upped to 1¼m when fifth of 12 in handicap at Beverley 15 days ago. However, had previously shaped as if this trip should suit, so she's worth another chance as she makes only her third start on turf.

10 9 VIETNORM (IRE) (129) **95**
0696- 3 8-13 | 56.7kg



Adrian Keatley

Barry McHugh

No better than mid-division in his 3 novices last year, but switched to nurseries he made little impression when sixth of 8 at Wolverhampton (8.5f) in December. Has something to find as he goes up in distance on return (has been gelded).

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Bradbury, **5-1** Port Darwin, **6-1** Laser Luck, **13-2** Mereside Princess, **8-1** Lady Vanguard, **10-1** Evergreen Emerald, **14-1** Heated Moment, **22-1** Vietnorn, **25-1** Fuzeyya, **28-1** Riddikulus

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Fitted with blinkers, PORT DARWIN turned in his best effort of the year when runner-up at Kempton 8 days ago and he can build on that to resume winning ways. He is taken to see off Bradbury, who was much improved on his latest outing, with Laser Luck completing the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. PORT DARWIN 2. BRADBURY 3. LASER LUCK****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race