

1.45 STELLA ARTOIS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5) 1¼m (2010 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(6) MOTAWAARED | (9) FALCON NINE | (5) GHOST STORY**
2.20 MENABREA RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(1) CATURRA ROCK | (2) SEA MIRAGE | (5) MUVE ON**
2.55 HEVERLEE HANDICAP (6) 7f50y (1450 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(4) LAUNCH TIME | (7) THUNDER RUSH | (3) BIG APPLE JACK**
3.30 TENNENT'S LAGER HANDICAP (4) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(2) TOPWARRIOR | (10) ALPHA MAGIC | (7) PARISIAC**
4.05 SAN MIGUEL HANDICAP (5) 7f50y (1450 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(5) EMPIRESTATEOFMIND | (4) STANAGE | (10) VALENTINE CATCHER**
4.38 OUTCIDER HANDICAP (6) 1m (1610 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(2) TORALOU | (8) KEATS HOUSE | (12) EVELYN'S PHOENIX**
5.13 MAGNERS ORIGINAL CIDER HANDICAP (6) 1m5f26y (2640 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(5) AIGHEAR | (2) WOOTTON'S GAL | (3) OFF SPIN**
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.

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RACE 1

STELLA ARTOIS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-70) £8,000 1¼m (2010 Metres)



Going: Heavy (Soft in places)

Left handed, galloping oval track. The round course is about twelve furlongs long with a run-in of four furlongs. The turn approaching the straight is slightly downhill, and it's possible for those prominent to gain an advantage once in line for home. The straight course is particularly wide, allowing for sprints with a maximum field size of 25, making it rare for the runners to stay in one group in big-field events. A course whose character changes dramatically on account of the going; it's one of the most gruelling in the country on heavy ground.

Draw: N/A Pace Information: Weak

1	6	WEST TYRONE (27) (CD, BF)	s		91
		Lizzie Quinlan		C. Horgan (3lb/1kg)	
		Has quickly got back to form for new yard, resuming winning ways in 11-runner C&D handicap (good) in 1¼m in August, making all and showing a good attitude when challenged. Not so good under more patient tactics at Chester since but may bounce back returned here.			
2	1	NATURALIA (5) (CD)			89
		Donald Whillans		Shay Farmer (3lb/1kg)	
		Strong-travelling sort who gained a deserved first win of 2026 over C&D (good) in August. Creditable fourth of 9 in handicap at Redcar (1¼m, good to soft) on Saturday. Enters calculations.			
3	8	SPANISH HUSTLE (17) (D)			90
		Jim Goldie		Amie Waugh	
		Ran best race this season when close second at Hamilton (13f, soft) last month but not in the same form back there 17 days ago. Others are more persuasive.			
4	2	ROYAL BLAZE (59) (CD, BF)	s+t		90
		Ewan Whillans		William Pyle	
		Doubled up over C&D in July. Given a bit of time since a lesser effort behind West Tyrone back here in August.			
5	11	GHOST STORY (IRE) (15) (D)			95
		John Butler		Mason Paetel	
		Yet to score this season but holding her form well, creditable fourth of 14 in handicap at Kempton (11f) 15 days ago, unable to sustain effort. One to consider.			
6	10	MOTAWAARED (9)	s		100
		Jim Goldie		Lauren Young (3lb/1kg)	
		Quirky maiden but has been firmly knocking on the door in recent weeks, pulling clear of the rest when second over 1m here (heavy) 9 days ago. Likely to be in the thick of things again.			
7	12	SWEET KISS (13) (D, BF)	s		95
		Tim Easterby		Jake Dickson (3lb/1kg)	
		Completed a 1¼m handicap double last September. As good as ever when posting consecutive seconds at Redcar at the end of the summer. Better than latest remote fourth at Haydock might suggest as she was hampered. Yard going really well.			
8	9	IDYLLIC (29) (D)			92
		Wilf Storey		Alex Jary	
		Good third of 12 over C&D (good) in August. Not seen to best effect when fourth of 9 at Redcar (1¼m, good) 29 days ago. Thereabouts.			
9	3	FALCON NINE (7)	b		94
		Iain Jardine		Jack Nicholls	
		Yet to add to his tally this year but has been knocking on the door, finishing runner-up at Haydock and Newcastle the last twice. Respected.			
10	4	VEGA STORM (IRE) (38) (BF)			92
		Richard & Peter Fahey		Warren Fentiman	
		Has reached the frame 3 times in handicaps at up to 1m and the way he plugged on for fourth at Southwell last time suggests this slightly longer trip is worth a go.			

11	5	SOPHISTICATE (IRE) (7) (CD)			88
		R. Mike Smith		Kyle McHugh (5lb/2kg)	
		Gained a deserved fourth success at Musselburgh (13f) in July but has struggled since.			
12	7	TAP DANCER (9) (D)			92
		Jim Goldie		Rhys Elliott	
		Sole success came in Bath novice (heavy) for Marcus Tregoning in autumn 2024. Hasn't threatened to capitalise on slipping mark since joining this yard, albeit latest 7f course fifth of 11 was respectable.			

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Motawaared, 17-2 Falcon Nine, 9-1 Ghost Story, 10-1 Sweet Kiss, 10-1 Vega Storm, 10-1 Royal Blaze, 12-1 Idyllic, 12-1 West Tyrone, 12-1 Naturalia, 16-1 Tap Dancer, 22-1 Spanish Hustle, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MOTAWAARED hasn't done much wrong of late and perhaps this is the day he finally gets his head in front. Falcon Nine is another who has been knocking on the door in recent starts and is second choice under Jack Nicholls. Newmarket raider Ghost Story is next on the list.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOTAWAARED 2. FALCON NINE 3. GHOST STORY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Cisco Disco	7-9-13	5-2	R. Mike Smith	Oisin McSweeney	8
2024	Inappropriate	3-9-7	5-2f	Harry Eustace	Kaiya Fraser	12
2023	Bashful	5-10-4	9-2	Iain Jardine	William Pyle (3)	12
2022	Hilts	3-9-11	9-2	Jedd O'Keeffe	Finley Marsh	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

MENABREA RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5) 2yo £8,000 6f (1210 Metres)



Going: Heavy (Soft in places)

Left handed, galloping oval track. The round course is about twelve furlongs long with a run-in of four furlongs. The turn approaching the straight is slightly downhill, and it's possible for those prominent to gain an advantage once in line for home. The straight course is particularly wide, allowing for sprints with a maximum field size of 25, making it rare for the runners to stay in one group in big-field events. A course whose character changes dramatically on account of the going; it's one of the most gruelling in the country on heavy ground.

Draw: N/A Pace Information: Very Weak

1	3	CATURRA ROCK (23)		100
	2	9-7 60.3kg		
		Ed Dunlop	Hector Crouch	
Promising second of 6 in novice (66/1) at Yarmouth (6f, good) on debut 23 days ago, running on. Leading claims with improvement likely.				
2	1	SEA MIRAGE (IRE) (36)	s	99
	626422	2 9-7 60.3kg		
		Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves	
Fair maiden who arrives on the back of a good second of 8 in a Hamilton nursery (6f, soft) 5 weeks ago. Likely to be on the premises in first-time cheekpieces.				
3	4	ALFA BLUEBURD (IRE)		84
	2	9-4 59.0kg		
		Ivan Furtado	Jason Hart	
Foaled March 7. £5,000 Persian Force gelding. Half-brother to useful 6f/7f winner Alfa Whiteburd. Dam, 7f winner, half-sister to useful 7f winner (stays 9.5f) Legal Reform.				
4	7	COUL BLUE (IRE) (30)	b	85
	4630	2 9-4 59.0kg		
		Michael Dods	Connor Beasley	
Left first 2 efforts behind when third of 10 in 7f Musselburgh maiden (good to firm) in August but the form is only modest and he's been well held in a Leicester nursery since. First-time blinkers need to spark improvement.				
5	6	MUVE ON (16)		95
	53	2 9-4 59.0kg		
		Tim Easterby	David Allan	
Promise both starts, stepping up on debut when third of 13 at Beverley (5f, good to firm) 16 days ago. Appeals as the type to keep on improving.				
6	2	HOWARD'S HOBBY (16)		75
	0	2 9-2 58.1kg		
		Tim Easterby	S. B. Kirrane	
80/1, tenth of 13 in novice at Beverley (5f, good to firm) on debut 16 days ago. Muve On has to be considered the stable first string.				
7	5	QUEEN BEE FOR YOU (IRE)		84
	2	8-13 56.7kg		
		Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay	Duran Fentiman	
Foaled May 9. £19,000 breeze-up purchase. Kodiak half-sister to winner up to 1m Mehmas Air Force. Dam, 1½m winner, sister to smart 1m-1¼m winner Nancy From Nairobi. A watching brief is the percentage call on debut.				

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Caturra Rock, 85-40 Sea Mirage, 3-1 Muve On, 25-1 Coul Blue, 28-1 Alfa Blueburd, 33-1 Queen Bee For You, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CATURRA ROCK's opening Yarmouth second came at big odds but there appeared to be no fluke about it and he's taken to go one better now. Sea Mirage and Muve On are the pair likely to give him most to do.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CATURRA ROCK 2. SEA MIRAGE 3. MUVE ON

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

HEVERLEE HANDICAP (6) 3yo+ (Rated 0-60) £7,000
7f50y (1450 Metres)



Going: **Heavy (Soft in places)**

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

1	6	THEQUIETMAN (17)		94
		2/3-5998P0 5 9-9 61.2kg Simon Waugh <i>Amie Waugh (3lb/1kg)</i> Went backwards from a promising stable debut for David O'Meara last winter. Sold for only 2,000 gns out of that yard and went with no promise for new connections at Hamilton (1½m, soft) latest.		
2	10	LESLEY'S BOY (17)	v	93
		63-058842 4 9-9 61.2kg Richard & Peter Fahey <i>Oisin James Orr</i> Eighteen runs since last win in 2024. Found some form in pair of 6f Hamilton handicaps last month, latterly when 1½-length second to a next-time-out winner in this grade. Handles conditions and worth another go over 7f off an unchanged mark.		
3	2	BIG APPLE JACK (12)		97
		84254214 4 9-9 61.2kg Michael & David Easterby <i>Billy Garritty</i> First-time blinkers added when belatedly off the mark in a 13-runner handicap at Hamilton last month. That form has taken a few knocks, however, continued in good heart when ¾-length second at Ripon (good to firm) since. Ground should suit and still relatively unexposed over 7f, too.		
4	4	LAUNCH TIME (28) (D, BF)	b 	100
		14931726 4 9-6 59.9kg Cian Hughes, Ireland <i>Hector Crouch</i> Bidding for his third big-field handicap of the season when smooth-travelling second at Bellewstown (1m) in August. Well worth another chance following a forgivable first try sprinting at Laytown latest, for an Irish yard successful with their sole previous U.K. runner (over jumps) to date.		
5	1	SAXON PRINCE (21)	t	95
		56-526096 3 9-5 59.4kg John & Sean Quinn <i>Jason Hart</i> Fair maiden on all-weather for Clive Cox. Ran his best race for present yard (second start on turf) when beaten 3 lengths over C&D (soft) last time. Unlikely to benefit from such a strongly-run race on this occasion, though.		
6	9	HEAD FOR FREEDOM (29)		95
		20-494588 3 9-2 58.1kg Michael & David Easterby <i>Paul Mulrennan</i> Sole success came in a Beverley claimer on second start in May 2025. Emerged with some credit when beaten 8¾ lengths off his tumbling mark at Redcar (7f) last time. More testing conditions an unknown here and Big Apple Jack likely his stable's leading hope.		
7	5	THUNDER RUSH (36)	s	61
		5707 3 8-13 56.7kg Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood <i>Tom Eaves</i> Lightly-raced 3-y-o from a family that connections know well. Tighter in the betting/failed to improve on handicap bow at Newcastle (1m) latest. First-time cheekpieces added for turf debut and on a lowly mark considering his pedigree (half-brother to useful soft-ground winner here). Interesting.		
8	3	BOSSY PARKER (IRE) (20) (D)		95
		53251444 6 8-11 55.8kg Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay <i>P. J. McDonald</i> Ended a long losing run in classified event at Wolverhampton in March. Should be straighter for his 7-length fourth on return there (7f) last time. P.J. McDonald at least a positive jockey booking for this rare turf start (won on soft in Ireland earlier in his career).		
9	7	FAIR ISLE SIOUX (35)		89
		5/65800 6 8-9(8-8) 54.9kg (54.4kg) Adam Nicol <i>Rhys Elliott (5lb/2kg)</i> Lightly-raced 6-y-o from an up-and-coming yard (primarily National Hunt). Sent off at long odds and no form in a variety of events to date, though.		
10	8	LONG SHOT (16)	s	95
		42404753 3 8-7 54.0kg Tim Easterby <i>Duran Fentiman</i> Maiden who placed for the fourth time in handicaps when 1¼-length third at Southwell (6f) latest. That form has some substance, however, stamina to prove tackling 7f for the first time away from quick conditions.		

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Launch Time, **11-2** Thunder Rush, **6-1** Big Apple Jack, **13-2** Long Shot, **7-1** Lesley's Boy, **14-1** Bossy Parker, **14-1** Saxon Prince, **16-1** Head For Freedom, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Irish raider LAUNCH TIME should relish conditions, and he's narrowly preferred to interesting turf debutant Thunder Rush. Big Apple Jack looks the pick of the remainder.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LAUNCH TIME 2. THUNDER RUSH 3. BIG APPLE JACK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Ahamoment 6-10-0	5-4jf	David & Nicola Barron	William Pyle (3)	7
2024	Darbucks 5-9-6	5-1	Christopher Kellett	Connor Beasley	9
2023	Sassoon 7-9-3	9-4f	Ben Haslam	Andrew Breslin (3)	10
2022 ^I	Monhammer 4-9-9	11-1	Linda Perratt	Callum Rodriguez	13
2022 ^{II}	Classy Al 4-9-13	5-2f	Jim Goldie	Paul Mulrennan	11
2021	Kats Bob 3-9-3	3-1f	Iain Jardine	Andrew Mullen	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

TENNENT'S LAGER HANDICAP (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-85)
£11,650 6f (1210 Metres)



Going: **Heavy (Soft in places)**

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Draw: **Against High** Pace Information: **Strong**

1	10	EYE OF DUBAI (12) (CD)	b	95
	7-0080018	5 10-0 63.5kg	Jason Hart	
Useful sprinter. Bounced back to land a gamble in the Bronze Cup here (soft) last month. Didn't travel with the same verve when beaten 4½ lengths on contrasting ground at Ripon, hampered/not given hard time after. Did win off this mark last season, though, and has conditions to suit here.				
2	3	TOPWARRIOR (10) (D)	v+t	100
	201-00082	4 9-12 62.6kg	Hector Crouch	
Doubled his tally off this mark in a big-field Newbury handicap (6f, heavy) last October. Produced his best effort since when running on to finish close second in a higher grade at Hamilton (5f, soft) latest. Conditions again in his favour and every chance he goes one better off an unchanged mark.				
3	9	MANILA SCOUSE (20) (CD)	t	86
	26100060	7 9-6 59.9kg	S. B. Kirrane	
Tim Easterby Ground-versatile type. Gone off the boil since winning off this mark over C&D (good to firm) in July. At least has sights lowered following a no-show in the Bronze Cup here last time.				
4	7	ARDUIS INVICTA (IRE) (14) (D)		92
	66240913	3 9-5 59.4kg	William Pyle	
Craig Lidster Capitalised on a tumbling mark in this grade at Doncaster last month. Encouraging that she was able to back that up when 1½-length third of 14 at Pontefract (6f) latest. Now 4 lb higher, though worth nohing her best effort last season came on soft ground here.				
5	6	DANDY MAGIC (IRE) (12) (C, D)		93
	44431324	4 9-4 59.0kg	Paul Mulrennan	
Jim Goldie Capitalised on reduced mark to open her account for the season at Hamilton (6f, good to firm) in August. Remained in good heart since, finishing 1¾-length fourth back on soft ground at Haydock last time. Eases back down in grade here, too.				
6	11	GENTLE GEORGE (14) (D)	s	94
	116-00990	3 9-3 58.5kg	David Nolan	
R. Mike Smith Successful twice for Mick Appleby as a juvenile. Well below his fairly useful best for present yard, failing to revive following a gelding operation (also had cheekpieces applied) at Pontefract latest.				
7	1	PARISIAC (IRE) (9) (C, D, BF)	s	97
	12208932	7 9-2 58.1kg	Jack Nicholls (3lb/1kg)	
Iain Jardine Front runner/course winner who's been successful 4 times on soft ground previously. Has been shaping as though ready to add to that tally, forcing an unexposed one to pull out all the stops when ½-length second over C&D last time. Entitled to make another bold bid off the same mark.				
8	5	BIG FUN (IRE) (25)		94
	217-47624	3 9-2 58.1kg	Tom Eaves	
Kevin Ryan Musselburgh maiden winner last summer. Gradually easing down the weights following a stiff opening mark, his effort petering out (tried to keep tabs with the leader) when beaten 2½ lengths at Doncaster (5f) latest. Returning to 6f under these conditions could stretch him, though.				
9	4	ANNIE EDSON TAYLOR (10) (D, BF)	s+t	94
	46169112	5 9-1 57.6kg	Sam James	
Phillip Makin Took her form to a new level when completing a Hamilton double (6f, soft) last month. Ran at least as well in defeat when ½-length second there on hat-trick bid, just anchored by her 5-lb penalty up against a thriving rival. More needed up in grade off her revised mark.				

10	8	ALPHA MAGIC (21) (D)		98
	10-480002	4 8-12 56.2kg	Billy Garritty	
Michael & David Easterby Relatively lightly-raced 4-y-o. Fallen some way in weights since fairly useful win at Hamilton last June. Back on song and unlucky not to capitalise (going well when denied clear run) at Pontefract (6f, good to soft) latest. Serious player if in same form off only 1 lb higher.				
11	2	STIRRUP CUP (9) (D)	b+t	93
	23915064	4 8-12 56.2kg	David Allan	
Tim Easterby Took advantage of a drop in grade at Carlisle in June. Back on track in a change of headgear when 3¼ lengths fourth of 8 over C&D (heavy, 28/1) 9 days ago, never getting to the more prominently ridden trio. Others again look better treated here.				

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Topwarrior, 6-1 Alpha Magic, 6-1 Eye of Dubai, 7-1 Parisiac, 8-1 Annie Edson Taylor, 12-1 Big Fun, 12-1 Dandy Magic, 14-1 Arduis Invicta, 20-1 Stirrup Cup, 25-1 Manila Scouse, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TOPWARRIOR looks to have plenty in his favour following a near miss at Hamilton last time. He may gain compensation at the expense of Alpha Magic, who caught the eye in defeat at Pontefract last time, while Parisiac is likely to be knocking on the door again. Bronze Cup winner Eye Of Dubai isn't taken lightly back under these conditions, either.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOPWARRIOR 2. ALPHA MAGIC 3. PARISIAC

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Woven 9-9-11	10-3	Michael Dods	S. B. Kirrane	11
2024	Rousing Encore 4-9-5	11-1	Ruth Carr	James Sullivan	11
2023	Be Proud 7-9-5	14-1	Jim Goldie	Paul Mulrennan	12
2022	Aberama Gold 5-9-12	6-1	Keith Dalgleish	Billy Garritty	11
2021	Cold Stare 6-9-13	4-1	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

SAN MIGUEL HANDICAP (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-75) £8,000
7f50y (1450 Metres)



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

1	6	ONE NIGHT THUNDER (5lb/2kg ex) (9) (CD)	92
	03876531	6 10-1 64.0kg	Rhys Elliott (5lb/2kg)
Back in form of late and he gained a first win of the season in 10-runner handicap over C&D (heavy) 9 days ago. Saddles 5-lb penalty but still not taken lightly.			
2	1	MONSIEUR KODI (IRE) (29) (C, D)	91
	2-3174246	7 10-0 63.5kg	Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)
Won over 7f at Lingfield in February and back in good form, set plenty to do when sixth of 10 in handicap (11/1) at Carlisle (7f, good to soft) last time. Likely to be in the mix.			
3	10	CISCO DISCO (IRE) (21) (C, D)	89
	11-870671	8 10-0 63.5kg	C. Horgan (5lb/2kg)
Quirky sort who bounced back to form when a 16/1 winner of 12-runner handicap here (1m, soft) 3 weeks ago. Back up 6 lb but goes well in the mud and can't be discounted in his bid for a sixth course success.			
4	2	STANAGE (9) (D)	93
	7645-7073	5 9-11 62.1kg	Billy Garritty
Winless since last March but posted easily best effort this season after a break with fast-finishing third of 10 to One Night Thunder over C&D (heavy) 9 days ago. Firmly in the picture off an unchanged mark.			
5	9	EMPIRESTATEOFMIND (IRE) (9) (C)	100
	99500121	8 9-11 62.1kg	Jason Hart
Veteran who is thriving on a busy schedule and he readily made it 2 wins in his last 3 starts in apprentice riders handicap here (1m, heavy) 9 days ago. Escapes a penalty and hard to oppose.			
6	8	THE GAY BLADE (29) (CD)	91
	26111508	7 9-9 61.2kg	Jack Nicholls (3lb/1kg)
Is enjoying a fine season and bagged a sixth success over C&D in June. Shaped as if the run was needed after a break when eighth of 10 in handicap at Carlisle (7f, good to soft) 29 days ago. No surprise to see him bounce back.			
7	3	ASHEN (IRE) (9) (CD)	91
	34202523	4 9-8 60.8kg	Paul Mulrennan
Not long with current stable when opening account over C&D in May and has held his form well since, third of 8 in handicap here (6f, heavy) 9 days ago. Well in the mix nudged up 1 lb.			
8	7	EMERY DOWN (21) (D, BF)	91
	54426153	4 9-5 59.4kg	Oisin James Orr
Ended a losing run at Chepstow (7f) in August. Posted good efforts in 7f handicaps when fifth at Chester and third at Yarmouth since. Goes well on soft ground and can't be discounted.			
9	4	TACTICAL PLAN (21) (D)	87
	2-0480440	4 9-4 59.0kg	Hector Crouch
It's now seventeen runs since his last win in 2024 and he failed to build on earlier promise when last of 14 in handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good) 3 weeks ago. Others appeal more.			
10	5	VALENTINE CATCHER (3)	94
	39723352	5 9-0 57.2kg	David Allan
Enduring a lengthy barren spell but comes here in very good form, edged out only late on when a head second of 12 in handicap at Pontefract (6f, good) 3 days ago. Can race off the same mark here and has won in the mud so very much one to consider.			

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Empirestateofmind, **6-1** One Night Thunder, **15-2** Emery Down, **15-2** Cisco Disco, **9-1** Valentine Catcher, **10-1** Ashen, **11-1** Stanage, **22-1** Monsieur Kodi, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Veteran EMPIRESTATEOFMIND arrives in fine fettle and goes unpenalised for his comfortable apprentice riders handicap success here under similar ground conditions so gets the vote. Stanage caught the eye when a fast-finishing third over C&D last time and seems sure to be on the premises, while Valentine Catcher is knocking on the door again and also commands plenty of respect. Cisco Disco and One Night Thunder also need factoring into this highly competitive sprint.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EMPIRESTATEOFMIND 2. STANAGE 3. VALENTINE CATCHER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Dwindling Funds 4-9-5	15-8f	Jim Goldie	Paul Mulrennan	8
2024	Graecia 3-9-8	10-1	John Butler	Kaiya Fraser (3)	13
2023	Kelpie Grey 3-9-7	28-1	Jim Goldie	Paul Mulrennan	13
2022	Elladora 4-8-8	7-1	Katie Scott	Sam James	7
2021	Jill Rose 5-9-8	5-1	Simon Whitaker	Phil Dennis	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

OUTCIDER HANDICAP (6) 3yo+ (Rated 0-65) £7,000 1m (1610 Metres)



Going: **Heavy (Soft in places)**

Left handed, galloping oval track. The round course is about twelve furlongs long with a run-in of four furlongs. The turn approaching the straight is slightly downhill, and it's possible for those prominent to gain an advantage once in line for home. The straight course is particularly wide, allowing for sprints with a maximum field size of 25, making it rare for the runners to stay in one group in big-field events. A course whose character changes dramatically on account of the going; it's one of the most gruelling in the country on heavy ground.

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

1	8	RORY'S GOLD (IRE) (13)	99
	68288731	4 9-13 63.0kg	Simon Waugh <i>Amie Waugh (3lb/1kg)</i>
Runner-up under similar conditions over C&D in June. Enterprisingly ridden when making all to get off the mark at Newcastle (1¼m) latest. Soft ground should offset drop back in trip here. Weighted to make another bold bid, though will likely face competition for the lead.			
2	6	TORALOU (IRE) (13) (D)	92
	7-7726747	5 9-11 62.1kg	Mark Loughnane <i>Jack Nicholls (3lb/1kg)</i>
Hit and miss since finishing runner-up in a higher grade at Ffos Las (1m, soft) in June. Tumbled further in weights ahead of this return to turf and has good-value claimer taking over for the first time. Interesting if on a going day.			
3	7	GOLDEN CAVIAR (IRE) (14)	87
	5-5368	3 9-10 61.7kg	Ed Dunlop <i>Hector Crouch</i>
160,000 gns Wootton Bassett colt. Hasn't improved for the switch to handicaps, easy to back at Pontefract (1½m) latest. Now drops markedly in trip on ground softer than previously faced. Cannot be totally discounted if first-time blinkers have the desired effect.			
4	5	BLUFFERONTHEBUS (IRE) (21) (D)	97
	46329372	5 9-10 61.7kg	Craig Lidster <i>Sam James</i>
Chased home Ravishing Beauty at Carlisle (1m) in June. Back on song returned to testing conditions when close second over 7f here last time, off the bridle before most but kept on. Likely strong pace can only benefit and still 2 lb below her latest winning mark.			
5	13	RAVISHING BEAUTY (24) (D)	96
	87133489	5 9-9 61.2kg	Jedd O'Keeffe <i>P. J. McDonald</i>
Strong traveller who notched a third career 1m handicap win (all good to soft) at Carlisle in June. Now 2 lb below that mark following a couple of lesser efforts. Dangerous to dismiss in a race that could set up perfectly.			
6	14	GAINSBURG (115) (CD)	93
	19027/00-0	8 9-9 61.2kg	Daragh Bourke <i>Shane Gray</i>
C&D who has stood little racing in recent seasons. Off for further 3 months since a headstrong display at Carlisle (1m, 125/1), when only beating one home.			
7	3	EY UP ITS JAZZ (21) (CD)	96
	220-86800	7 9-8 60.8kg	Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood <i>David Nolan</i>
C&D winner who relishes soft conditions. Latest success off 5 lb higher at Thirk last September. Lurking on a handy mark if back on song following a rusty reappearance here last month.			
8	9	KEATS HOUSE (IRE) (21) (D)	96
	2-7755542	4 9-8 60.8kg	Michael & David Easterby <i>Billy Garritty</i>
Well treated on his form in 3-y-o handicaps last season. Ran his best race of this year when 2½-length second in first-time blinkers over C&D last time. May well go one better if headgear has the same effect here.			
9	10	PENELOPE'S SISTER (IRE) (9) (CD)	99
	43567234	6 9-6 59.9kg	Jim Goldie <i>Shay Farmer (5lb/2kg)</i>
Three-time C&D winner. Back in form for switch to positive tactics when placing in back-to-back C&D handicaps (soft) last month. Didn't seem to benefit from a more conservative ride when fourth here subsequently. Remains on an attractive mark, for all the lead is likely to be contested this time.			
10	4	MYRRH (91) (D)	95
	313-34687	3 9-6 59.9kg	David O'Meara <i>Mark Winn</i>
Low-mileage 3-y-o who won a Hamilton maiden (1m, good to soft) last autumn. Clearly wasn't 100% physically when again failing to see out her race at Doncaster (1m, firm). On a much-reduced mark if breathing operation/first-time tongue strap does the trick.			

11	2	SCHEFFLER (IRE) (36)	84
	3990473	3 9-3 58.5kg	Adrian Nicholls <i>Connor Beasley</i>
Didn't kick on from fair debut on all-weather for Richard Hughes. More impact than previous starts for current yard when 6¼-length third at Hamilton (1m, soft) latest, outpaced before keeping on again. Not sure to be in the same form this time, even if forecast strong pace materialises.			
12	11	EVELYN'S PHOENIX (FR) (22) (D)	100
	96906431	5 9-1 57.6kg	Tim Easterby <i>David Allan</i>
Capitalised on a career-low mark in good style from the front at Beverley (8.5f, good) last time. Contrasting ground unlikely to be an issue and still looks well treated on pick of his form. Unlikely to get it all his own way in front but remains a serious player.			
13	12	HEAR THE DRUMS (14) (D)	97
	91-087136	3 9-0 57.2kg	Richard & Peter Fahey <i>Oisin James Orr</i>
Relatively lightly-raced 3-y-o who doubled his tally at Southwell in August. Remained in good heart on all-weather since and is 1-1 on soft ground to date (his smart dam having thrived in the mud).			
14	1	FLYING MOONLIGHT (IRE) (18)	95
	777-3324	3 8-10 55.3kg	Sandy Thomson <i>Greg Fairley</i>
Lightly-raced 3-y-o. Nearly landed a gamble in a C&D classified event on third start for present yard over C&D in August (travelled well). Stretched by the longer trip at Hamilton (1½m, soft) last time. Strongly-run 1m in these conditions could prove right up his street.			

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-2 Evelyn's Phoenix, 8-1 Penelope's Sister, 8-1 Keats House, 10-1 Rory's Gold, 12-1 Hear The Drums, 12-1 Blufferonthebus, 12-1 Ravishing Beauty, 12-1 Ey Up Its Jazz, 12-1 Flying Moonlight, 16-1 Toralou, 20-1 Myrrh, 20-1 Golden Caviar, 33-1 Scheffler, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Plenty look potentially well handicapped on the best of their soft-ground form, including TORALOU, who makes plenty of each-way appeal in a wide-open contest. Keats House is feared most if headgear continues to have the same effect. Interesting last-time-out winners Evelyn's Phoenix and Rory's Gold are possible pace angles in the race, along with 3-time C&D winner Penelope's Sister.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TORALOU 2. KEATS HOUSE 3. EVELYN'S PHOENIX

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Oilisa 3-8-6	3-1f	Mark Walford	Rhys Elliott (5)	12
2024	Shine On Brendan 7-10-1	7-1	Jim Goldie	Kaiya Fraser (3)	11
2023	Banner Road 4-9-3	4-1	Jim Goldie	Sam James	14
2022	Zumaaty 4-9-1	4-1f	Iain Jardine	Clifford Lee	13
2021 ^I	Temper Trap 4-9-7	9-2	Tim Easterby	David Allan	10
2021 ^{II}	Havana Go 6-9-0	11-2	Iain Jardine	Andrew Mullen	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

MAGNERS ORIGINAL CIDER HANDICAP (6) 3yo+ (Rated 0-65) £7,000 1m5f26y (2640 Metres)



Going: Heavy (Soft in places)

Left handed, galloping oval track. The round course is about twelve furlongs long with a run-in of four furlongs. The turn approaching the straight is slightly downhill, and it's possible for those prominent to gain an advantage once in line for home. The straight course is particularly wide, allowing for sprints with a maximum field size of 25, making it rare for the runners to stay in one group in big-field events. A course whose character changes dramatically on account of the going; it's one of the most gruelling in the country on heavy ground.

Draw: N/A Pace Information: Very Weak

1	1	FURHAAN (9) (BF)	95
		75234932 4 9-10 61.7kg	
		Jim Goldie <i>Lauren Young (5lb/2kg)</i>	
Winless since handicap debut success for Ed Walker last autumn but has made the frame on several occasions this season, latest when 9 lengths second of 7 to Aighear here (15f, heavy) 9 days ago. Likely to be in the mix again.			
2	4	WOOTTON'S GAL (18)	91
		5-24951 3 9-7 60.3kg	
		Richard & Peter Fahey <i>Oisin James Orr</i>	
Nathaniel filly advanced her form with a breakthrough success in 6-runner handicap at Hamilton (1½m, soft) 18 days ago. Hiked up 9 lb but this longer trip promises to suit so she's not out of things.			
3	3	OFF SPIN (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (10)	92
		33263251 4 9-7 60.3kg	
		Tim Easterby <i>David Allan</i>	
Readily got off the mark at the 22nd attempt in 10-runner handicap at Hamilton (1½m, soft) 10 days ago. Goes well on soft ground and needs considering under a 5-lb penalty.			
4	5	VAMPIRE SLAYER (IRE) (36)	97
		22/72728-8 6 9-4 59.0kg	
		Daragh Bourke <i>Shane Gray</i>	
Fair maiden who improved over hurdles this winter, scoring at Carlisle and Sedgfield. Off 6 months, looked in need of the run when last of 8 in handicap at Hamilton (11f, soft) last month. Can take a step forward in a change of headgear (blinkers go on for first time).			
5	2	AIGHEAR (4lb/2kg ex) (9) (CD)	100
		23-346541 8 9-4 59.0kg	
		Jim Goldie <i>Paul Mulrennan</i>	
Comes good at this time of the year and easily landed 7-runner handicap here (15f, heavy) 9 days ago by 9 lengths from Furhaan. Also took this 12 months ago under similar ground conditions and this multiple course scorer looks hard to beat under a 4-lb penalty.			

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Aighear, 4-1 Wootton's Gal, 5-1 Off Spin, 6-1 Furhaan, 8-1 Vampire Slayer

TIMEFORM VIEW:

None of the quintet can be ruled out but it's hard to side against AIGHEAR who scored in fine style here last week and can make light of a 4-lb penalty and follow up her victory in this 12 months ago. Recent Hamilton winners Wootton's Gal (second choice) and Off Spin can fight it out for minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AIGHEAR 2. WOOTTON'S GAL 3. OFF SPIN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2025	Aighear 7-9-1	5-2f	Jim Goldie	Amie Waugh (3)	10
2024	Annandale 6-9-7	4-1	Jim Goldie	Paul Mulrennan	10
2023	Ebony Maw 6-9-7	10-1	Ewan Whillans	P.J. McDonald	9
2022	Clansman 4-9-13	14-1	Liam Bailey	Billy Garritty	10
2021	One Night In Milan 8-9-3	2-1f	Keith Dalgleish	Billy Garritty (3)	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race