

Saturday 9th May

LINGFIELD



12.55	WILLIAM HILL EPIC BOOSTS HANDICAP (4) 1¼m (2010 Metres)
RACE 1	(1) TWISTING PHYSICS (8) DOUBLE RED (5) SALAMANCA CITY
1.28	WILLIAM HILL OAKS TRIAL FILLIES' STAKES (Listed) (1) 1m3f133y (2330 Metres)
RACE 2	(5) ROMANTIC SYMPHONY (2) BLOOM (3) CAMEO
1.58	WILLIAM HILL LINGFIELD DERBY TRIAL STAKES (Listed) (1) 1m3f133y (2330 Metres)
RACE 3	(5) MAHO BAY (4) ISAAC NEWTON (6) MALTESE CROSS
2.40	WILLIAM HILL CHARTWELL FILLIES' STAKES (Group 3) (1) 7f (1410 Metres)
RACE 4	(7) ROYAL VELVET (1) COPACABANA SANDS (2) DASH OF AZURE
3.15	WILLIAM HILL EACH WAY EXTRA HANDICAP (3) 7f135y (1530 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) BACK IN BLACK (3) APOTHEOSIS (6) THE DRAGON KING
3.50	WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP (4) 7f (1410 Metres)
RACE 6	(4) HARDY'S HERO (8) ASSARANCA (6) MR WRITER
4.25	WILLIAM HILL PRICE BOOSTS EVERY DAY HANDICAP (5) 4f217y (1000 Metres)
RACE 7	(1) TUSCAN POINT (3) SHALAA ASKER (6) FAUSTUS

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.

12.55**WILLIAM HILL EPIC BOOSTS HANDICAP (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-85) £15,800 1¼m (2010 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

Left handed. Round course is about a mile and a half in length, which intersects the straight, of seven furlongs and one hundred and forty yards, nearly half a mile out. The downhill turn into the straight means that those poaching an advantage at this point are hard to reel in. Essentially a sharp course, putting a premium on speed and adaptability, though the whole complexion of the course changes when the going becomes testing.

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

1 3 TWISTING PHYSICS (21)  **100**
41/21-6 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Oliver Cole

Hector Crouch

Low-mileage 5-y-o with progressive form, winning 7f Newbury handicap on final start last year. Shaped well when sixth of 14 in handicap at Newbury (1¼m, good) on return 21 days ago, caught further back than ideal. Shortlist material.

2 10 NOBLE HORIZON (210) (D, BF) **95**
4/3221583- 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Oli Rix

Tom Marquand

Fairly useful form for William Haggas, winning a 1¼m Leicester novice last summer and good third of 19 in York handicap final start. New connections went to 140,000 gns to acquire him last autumn. Interesting runner.

3 8 TOWERLANDS (IRE) (36) **94**
112-41350 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



Tony Carroll

Ray Dawson

Recorded his fourth all-weather win since October when seeing off 5 rivals at Wolverhampton in February. His last 3 efforts suggest the handicapper has finally caught up, though.

4 4 YOUTHFUL KING (12) (D) **95**
216398-88 7 9-7 | 60.3kg



Luke Dace

Jack Gilligan

Won off a higher mark at Sandown last summer but hasn't returned in much form based on his 2 all-weather efforts last month.

5 7 SALAMANCA CITY (IRE) (28) (D) **96**
1332326-1 5 9-4 | 59.0kg



James Fanshawe

Daniel Muscutt

Better than ever when winning 13-runner handicap at Yarmouth (1¼m, good) on reappearance 28 days ago. Can give another good account off 3 lb higher.

6 5 SWEET REWARD (IRE) (11) (D) **97**
1936557-2 9 9-2 | 58.1kg

Jonathan Portman **Olivia Tubb (5lb/2kg)**

Added to his good record fresh when second of 10 at Epsom (8.5f, good) under Olivia Tubb 11 days ago. Just as effective over this trip.

7 2 MORCAR (21) (CD) **95**
3123338-0 6 9-2 | 58.1kg



Richard Hannon

Joe Leavy

Should be sharper for last month's Newbury reappearance and has dropped to the same mark as when winning this race last year. A return to form would come as no surprise.

8 6 DOUBLE RED (19) (D) **98**
1153815-1 5 9-1 | 57.6kg



Henry Candy

David Probert

Made a winning reappearance for the second year running when seeing off 8 rivals over 1¼m on all-weather here 19 days ago. Won his first 2 outings of last season and likely to make a bold bid to do likewise.

9 9 CRISTO (23) (D) **97**
13-968478 4 9-1 | 57.6kg



Richard Hannon

Pat Dobbs

Dual all-weather winner but ran poorly back on turf at Ripon last month. Others are more persuasive.

10 1 WARNING SIGN (FR) (25) (D) **89**
021123-90 7 8-13 | 56.7kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Jude Fernandes (7lb/3kg)

In excellent form when fitted with blinkers last summer, winning a pair of amateur rider events at Sandown under owner David Dunsdon. However, hasn't offered much in a pair of all-weather handicaps this spring and can only be watched for the time being.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Twisting Physics, **9-2** Salamanca City, **9-2** Noble Horizon, **13-2** Double Red, **10-1** Cristo, **12-1** Morcar, **16-1** Sweet Reward, **16-1** Towerlands, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The lightly-raced TWISTING PHYSICS shaped quite well tackling 1¼m for the first time on his Newbury reappearance and can build on that promise. Double Red and Salamanca City are respected opponents on the back of reappearance wins, while it'll be interesting to see what the betting makes of Oli Rix's new recruit Noble Horizon.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TWISTING PHYSICS 2. DOUBLE RED 3. SALAMANCA CITY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Morcar 5-9-7	9-1	Richard Hannon	Alec Voikhansky (3)	9
2024	Esmeray 4-9-6	2-1f	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.28**WILLIAM HILL OAKS TRIAL FILLIES' STAKES (Listed) (1) 3yo fillies £60,000 1m3f133y (2330 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

Left handed. Round course is about a mile and a half in length, which intersects the straight, of seven furlongs and one hundred and forty yards, nearly half a mile out. The downhill turn into the straight means that those poaching an advantage at this point are hard to reel in. Essentially a sharp course, putting a premium on speed and adaptability, though the whole complexion of the course changes when the going becomes testing.

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

1 2 AMORA QUEEN (GER) (14) (BF) **100**
110-2 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg

Charlie Johnston **Silvestre De Sousa**
Won her first 2 starts. Ran no sort of race in the Fillies' Mile at Newmarket on final 2-y-o starts but resumed her progression when second of 6 in handicap at Doncaster (1¼m, good to firm) on reappearance 2 weeks ago. Might be vulnerable stepping back up in class, though.

2 5 BLOOM (IRE) (14) **99**
71-3 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **Tom Marquand**
Wootton Bassett filly who won 16-runner Gowran maiden (1m) last September. Improved again when 3¾ lengths third of 7 to Thundering On in Group 3 at Navan (1¼m, good) on reappearance 14 days ago. Ryan Moore on yard's other runner but she looks capable of better again.

3 1 CAMEO (IRE) (36) **90**
0314-5 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **Ryan Moore**
Won a 7f maiden at the Curragh last autumn. Has come up short in 2 Group races over 1m since but her pedigree points to this much longer trip suiting and it's interesting that Ryan Moore is on her rather than Bloom.

4 4 PRIZELAND (25) (D) **92**
41-1 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg

Andrew Balding **David Probert**
Promising sort who has won all-weather novices at Kempton (1m) and this course (1½m) 5 months apart. Had 8 lengths to spare here and looks useful.

5 3 ROMANTIC SYMPHONY (IRE) (31) **94**
1-1 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg

Charlie Appleby **William Buick**
Dubawi sister to high-class winner up to 2m Yibir, very smart winner up to 1¼m Wild Illusion and smart 1½m winner Wild Crusade. Two novice wins suggest she's capable living up to her illustrious pedigree and selected to take the step up in class in her stride.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Romantic Symphony, 3-1 Bloom, 11-2 Prizeland, 11-2 Cameo, 11-1 Amora Queen

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The fact ROMANTIC SYMPHONY has gone off at odds on when winning both her starts suggests this very well-bred filly is highly regarded and she can remain unbeaten stepping up in class. Bloom has been deserted by Ryan Moore but this recent Navan Group 3 third might still be the one to give Charlie Appleby's charge most to think about.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROMANTIC SYMPHONY 2. BLOOM 3. CAMEO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Giselle 3-9-2	30-100f Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	3
2024	You Got To Me 3-9-2	7-2 Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	7
2023	Eternal Hope 3-9-2	9-4 Charlie Appleby	William Buick	9
2022	Rogue Millennium 3-9-2	15-2 Tom Clover	Jack Mitchell	8
2021	Sherbet Lemon 3-9-0	28-1 Archie Watson	Paul Mulrennan	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

**WILLIAM HILL LINGFIELD DERBY TRIAL STAKES (Listed)
(1) 3yo colts and geldings £60,000 1m3f133y (2330
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Firm (Good in places)**

Left handed. Round course is about a mile and a half in length, which intersects the straight, of seven furlongs and one hundred and forty yards, nearly half a mile out. The downhill turn into the straight means that those poaching an advantage at this point are hard to reel in. Essentially a sharp course, putting a premium on speed and adaptability, though the whole complexion of the course changes when the going becomes testing.

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

1 5 A TASTE OF GLORY (GER) (50) 87
4410-1 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Andrew Balding

Daniel Muscatt

Improved to win a Brighton maiden last October and having been flying too high in the Group 1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud on his final juvenile start, resumed progress with a handicap debut success over 1¼m on the all-weather here. Likely to struggle back up in grade, though.

2 2 BALZAC (GER) (11) 92
3-13 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Jane Chapple-Hyam

Silvestre De Sousa

Half-brother to connections' smart winner up to 1½m Claymore, he confirmed the promise of his debut third behind Maltese Cross when successful at Kempton on return. Showed improved form when third in the Blue Riband at Epsom last time. Has the scope to progress again upped in trip.

3 1 BAY OF BRILLIANCE (194) 94
511- 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Ralph Beckett

Hector Crouch

Looked a smart stayer in the making when landing a double with ease at Redcar on final juvenile start. He's in excellent hands and with the step up in trip expected to suit, could improve again in his bid for a hat-trick.

4 4 ISAAC NEWTON (IRE) (24) 98
2154-4 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Ryan Moore

Camelot colt got off the mark in a valuable Glorious Goodwood maiden and ended his 2-y-o season with a useful fourth in the Group 1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud. Expected to be sharper for his reappearance fourth in listed company at Newmarket and merits plenty of respect upped in trip by powerful yard.

5 6 MAHO BAY (23) 100
1-1 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Charlie Appleby

William Buick

Striking debut success at Kempton was backed up by the clock and was again most impressive when making it 2-2 in a Newmarket novice on return. Interesting to see how he copes with a markedly different track, but nevertheless remains a fine prospect, with scope for significant improvement to come.

6 3 MALTESE CROSS (FR) (22) 93
21-1 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



William Haggas

Tom Marquand

Son of Sea The Stars went one better than on debut in a strong Newmarket maiden last September and needed every inch of 1¼m to follow up in a valuable novice at Newbury on reappearance. Sure to appreciate the longer trip and looks a potentially smart one for his excellent yard.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Maho Bay, **11-4** Maltese Cross, **7-2** Isaac Newton, **13-2** Bay of Brilliance, **20-1** Balzac, **33-1** A Taste of Glory

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An interesting Derby trial, despite a small field, and Godolphin's exciting prospect MAHO BAY may extend his winning sequence. The dangers are headed by Aidan O'Brien's Isaac Newton, who may prove a different proposition over a longer trip with a run under his belt, while hat-trick seeking Maltese Cross could be smart and will relish the extra distance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MAHO BAY 2. ISAAC NEWTON 3. MALTESE CROSS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Puppet Master 3-9-2	4-5f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	6
2024	Ambiente Friendly 3-9-2	8-1	James Fanshawe	Callum Shepherd	9
2023	Military Order 3-9-2	evsf	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	8
2022	United Nations 3-9-2	9-4	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	4
2021	Third Realm 3-9-0	14-1	Roger Varian	David Egan	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.40**WILLIAM HILL CHARTWELL FILLIES' STAKES (Group 3) (1)**
3yo+ fillies and mares £100,000 7f (1410 Metres)

RACE 4

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

Left handed. Round course is about a mile and a half in length, which intersects the straight, of seven furlongs and one hundred and forty yards, nearly half a mile out. The downhill turn into the straight means that those poaching an advantage at this point are hard to reel in. Essentially a sharp course, putting a premium on speed and adaptability, though the whole complexion of the course changes when the going becomes testing.

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

1 6 COPACABANA SANDS (IRE) (216) (D) h 99
39/251146- 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Andrew Balding **Ryan Moore**
Posted career best for former yard when taking Group 3 Ballycorus Stakes at Leopardstown over this trip in June. Not in same form thereafter but must be taken seriously on debut for Andrew Balding here.

2 4 DASH OF AZURE (202) (D, BF) ★ 100
2/1570128- 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Ralph Beckett **Hector Crouch**
Dual winner last term (including on reappearance) who found plenty of improvement when narrowly beaten in Ascot listed race over this trip in October. Not seen to best effect at Longchamp subsequently and must enter calculations.

3 3 FOUETTE (IRE) (36) (D) 87
613/1165-0 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



James Horton **Daniel Muscutt**
Very much a filly on the up last year, winning back-to-back all-weather handicaps over this trip. However, finished well held on Newcastle return last month and looks up against it in this company.

4 2 HAVANA PUSEY (11) (D) 95
429300-01 6 9-6 | 59.9kg



John Gallagher **Joe Leavy**
Left her reappearance effort well behind when taking 7-runner handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm) 11 days ago. This is tougher but she can't be discounted.

5 5 LA BRODEUSE (181) 87
1537- 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Kevin Ryan **Tom Marquand**
Fairly useful filly in France for Andre Fabre who posted creditable seventh in listed race at Saint-Cloud (1m, heavy) when last seen in November. Since joined new yard and market may prove best guide to claims on UK debut.

6 7 MANDURAH (IRE) (205) 88
146/0972- 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Ed Walker **Pat Cosgrave**
Useful filly who chased home a subsequent winner on final start for Walker & Ed Crisford at Chelmsford (7f) in October. Has since joined another very capable yard for 150,000 gns but faces a stiff task first time up. Engaged 3.25 Ascot Friday.

7 8 ROYAL VELVET (23) (D) 97
1531815-1 5 9-6 | 59.9kg



William Knight **William Buick**
Useful mare who added another victory to her tally when taking 18-runner handicap (13/2) at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) 23 days ago. Takes on better company now but looks sure to go well again.

8 1 SUNLIT UPLANDS (IRE) (170) (D) 90
21/211764- 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Stuart Williams **David Probert**
Won first 2 starts in handicaps for Rae Guest last year but wasn't able to continue her progress in listed races thereafter. Now with new yard and needs to find improvement to play a part here.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Royal Velvet, **5-2** Copacabana Sands, **9-2** Dash of Azure, **10-1** Havana Pusey, **16-1** La Brodeuse, **20-1** Sunlit Uplands, **33-1** Mandurah, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROYAL VELVET boasts a fine strike rate in handicaps and arrives on the back of a career best at Newmarket last month. She can make her first start in pattern company a winning one. Copacabana Sands and Dash of Azure are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROYAL VELVET 2. COPACABANA SANDS 3. DASH OF AZURE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Great Generation 4-9-9	11-2	Marco Botti	Marco Ghiani	6
2024	Great Generation 3-8-8	10-3	Marco Botti	Marco Ghiani	9
2023	Sacred 5-9-6	13-8f	William Haggas	Ryan Moore	8
2022	Lola Showgirl 5-9-6	11-1	David Loughnane	Tom Marquand	8
2021	Axana 5-9-4	4-1	Andreas Wohler	Jason Watson	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15**WILLIAM HILL EACH WAY EXTRA HANDICAP (3) 4yo+
(Rated 0-95) £30,000 7f135y (1530 Metres)**

RACE 5

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

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Weak****1 4 MR SWIVELL (224) (D) 96**

21121820- 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Kevin Philippart de Foy

Ray Dawson

Not seen to best effect in Cambridgeshire when last seen in September but had scored 3 times over this sort of trip earlier last season. Not out of things on return.

2 1 BACK IN BLACK (IRE) (21) 100

13/15324-4 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



James Fanshawe

Daniel Muscutt

Lightly raced for his age and acquitted himself well in all 5 starts last year. Off 6 months prior to posting a solid fourth of 24 in Spring Cup at Newbury (1m, good) 21 days ago and can race off same mark here. Big player.

3 6 APOTHEOSIS (IRE) (63) (C, BF) h+t 94

4/33001-02 5 9-8 | 60.8kg



Simon & Ed Crisford

Tom Marquand

Course winner who returned to best form when close second of 10 in handicap at Abu Dhabi (1m, good) 63 days ago, clear of rest. Warrants respect back on these shores.

4 5 CHRISTIAN DAVID (IRE) (25) (D) b 96

4/1601-093 5 9-5 | 59.4kg



Richard Hannon

Joe Leavy

Dual winner over 7f last year who arrives on the back of a creditable third of 10 in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good, 14/1) 25 days ago. Ought to go well again.

5 7 SWORD (204) t 96

73700820- 5 9-0 | 57.2kg



Stuart Williams

David Probert

Quirky sort who needs things to fall right and ran no sort of race when last seen at Haydock on final start for David O'Meara in October. Tongue strap on for first time. Others are more convincing.

6 3 THE DRAGON KING (IRE) (36) (D) 98

56651-255 4 8-11 | 55.8kg



Clive Cox

Hector Crouch

Returned to winning ways over shorter trip at Wolverhampton in November and run creditably in defeat since, latest when fifth of 12 in handicap on all-weather here 36 days ago. Can make presence felt.

7 8 DRAGON LEADER (IRE) (23) 96

0008/0-635 5 8-9 | 54.9kg



Clive Cox

Georgia Dobie

Not successful since his juvenile campaign but arrives on back of solid efforts at Wolverhampton and Newmarket and is likely to be in the mix again here.

8 2 FORESEEN (50) (D) 96

5311-6134 5 8-4 | 52.6kg



Tony Carroll

Silvestre De Sousa

Returned to winning ways at this venue in January and backed that up with creditable placed efforts in all-weather handicaps (both 1m) here since. Should give another good account.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Back In Black, 11-2 Apotheosis, 15-2 The Dragon King, 8-1 Christian David, 8-1 Dragon Leader, 8-1 Mr Swivell, 14-1 Foreseen, 18-1 Sword

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BACK IN BLACK made a positive return at Newbury last month and left the impression there should be more to come this season. He makes plenty of appeal. Apotheosis and The Dragon King should also go well.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BACK IN BLACK 2. APOTHEOSIS 3. THE DRAGON KING

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.50**WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP (4) 3yo
(Rated 0-80) £15,800 7f (1410 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

Left handed. Round course is about a mile and a half in length, which intersects the straight, of seven furlongs and one hundred and forty yards, nearly half a mile out. The downhill turn into the straight means that those poaching an advantage at this point are hard to reel in. Essentially a sharp course, putting a premium on speed and adaptability, though the whole complexion of the course changes when the going becomes testing.

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

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 8 FRESH FADE (IRE) (148) 96

35136045- 3 9-11 | 62.1kg

Michael Attwater

Kieren Fox

Won 1 of his 11 starts in Ireland last year. Makes debut for new yard, back from 5 months off, and market should prove best guide to claims.

2 7 DAGGER STRIKE (IRE) (42) (D) s 97

6581-2227 3 9-11 | 62.1kg

Archie Watson

Hollie Doyle

Off the mark at Newcastle (7f) in December and similar form in defeat on next 3 starts. Needs to bounce back from a poor effort at Southwell last time, however.

3 2 MYSTIC MOMENT (42) (D) 89

2215337-6 3 9-11 | 62.1kg

Neil Mulholland

David Probert

Gained a deserved breakthrough success in 7f maiden at Epsom last July for Eve Johnson Houghton. Last of 6 in conditions stakes at Kempton (1m) on her reappearance/yard debut, though and looks on a stiff mark for handicap bow.

4 5 HARDY'S HERO (25) ★ 100

7115-2 3 9-10 | 61.7kg

William Haggas

Tom Marquand

Dual winner last term who found improvement, back from 7 months off, when very good second of 13 in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) 25 days ago. Just 1 lb higher now and holds strong claims.

5 3 ORACLE MISSION (152) (D) b 93

31- 3 9-9 | 61.2kg

Harry Eustace

Pierre-Louis Jamin

Backed up encouraging debut effort when winning 12-runner novice at this venue (7f, AW, 4/6) in December. Should be more to come on return/handicap debut. Blinkers on first time.

6 1 MR WRITER (IRE) (22) 95

82562-4 3 9-6 | 59.9kg

James Fanshawe

Daniel Muscatt

Fair form in his 5 outings over 6f/7f last year and posted good fourth of 9 in novice on return at Wolverhampton (7f) 22 days ago, not ideally placed. Warrants respect.

7 4 FRENCH AFFAIR (IRE) (34) 98

961324-25 3 9-5 | 59.4kg

Richard Hannon

Pat Dobbs

Made winning nursery debut at Newbury last summer and back on the up when narrowly defeated on return at Kempton in March. Failed to repeat that effort at Southwell since but he remains fairly treated.

8 6 ASSARANCA (IRE) (11) 99

432716-63 3 8-13 | 56.7kg

Richard Hannon

Joe Leavy

Opened account at Nottingham in October and stepped up on return effort when good third of 6 in handicap over longer trip at Epsom 11 days ago. 1 lb lower now and is one for the shortlist.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Hardy's Hero, **11-2** Mr Writer, **6-1** Oracle Mission, **8-1** Assaranca, **8-1** French Affair, **10-1** Dagger Strike, **14-1** Mystic Moment, **18-1** Fresh Fade

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HARDY'S HERO has few miles on the clock and posted a personal best on his return at Newmarket last month. He can land the spoils. Assaranca and Mr Writer can also make their presence felt.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. HARDY'S HERO 2. ASSARANCA 3. MR WRITER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **Prince of India** 3-9-9 evsf Marco Botti Marco Ghiani 10
2024 **Secret Bid** 3-9-8 12-1 Archie Watson Kieran Shoemark 8

4.25**WILLIAM HILL PRICE BOOSTS EVERY DAY HANDICAP (5)
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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Strong**

1 3 TUSCAN POINT (IRE) (9) (D) ec+t  **100**
563-12521 **4** 9-11 | 62.1kg



Adam Kirby

Pat Cosgrave

Made it 2 wins from 5 starts for his emerging stable when successful in a modestly-run handicap over C&D last time. That performance can be marked up from a pace perspective, and he may be able to defy a rise in grade. First-time eyecover added.

2 6 MAHARAJAS EXPRESS (12) (D) **97**
9223136-4 **6** 9-8 | 60.8kg



Ian Williams

David Probert

Landed a third win of 2025 in a slightly better race at Chester in July and while he should come on for his reappearance when fourth of 5 over 6f here, usual headgear is again left off.

3 1 SHALAA ASKER (18) (D) s+t **99**
1-3115222 **8** 9-6 | 59.9kg



Charlie Wallis

Tom Marquand

A winner three times over the winter, he continued a fine run of form when runner-up at Wolverhampton last time (again not seen entirely to best effect) and is entitled to be firmly in the mix with Tom Marquand back in the saddle.

4 9 BIRKENHEAD (17) (CD) s **95**
5342-2703 **9** 9-2 | 58.1kg



Paul Midgley

Daniel Muscutt

Step back in the right direction when third of 8 at Catterick last time and this previous C&D winner needs considering now 1 lb below his last successful mark.

5 4 SO SMART (IRE) (12) (CD) s+t **97**
334827-46 **7** 9-1 | 57.6kg



Grace Harris

Ray Dawson

Front runner didn't have it all his own way when below form at Bath last time and is likely to face competition for the lead again.

6 7 FAUSTUS (7) (CD) s **98**
46858-567 **8** 9-1 | 57.6kg



Rachel Cook & John Bridger

Joe Leavy

Likely needed his comeback at Goodwood last time and it could be significant if he's supported off a falling mark.

7 8 MY BOY HARRY (9) **93**
12135606 **4** 8-11 | 55.8kg



Jim & Suzi Best

Kieren Fox

Now 2 lb below his last successful mark, but all his wins have come over longer trips in lesser grades.

8 2 DESERT CHAMPION (IRE) (9) (D) v **98**
8009288-7 **4** 8-8 | 54.4kg



Paul Midgley

Pierre-Louis Jamin

Showed more spark in a reapplied visor when runner-up at Newcastle in November. Not in the same form since but did shape better than the beaten distance on return at Redcar last time.

9 5 HARRY BROWN (9) (D) **95**
107-43969 **6** 8-5 | 53.1kg



Peter Crate

Hollie Doyle

Arrives out of sorts, though worth a second look in the betting with Hollie Doyle back in the saddle.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Tuscan Point, **4-1** Shalaa Asker, **9-2** Birkenhead, **10-1** Maharajas Express, **14-1** Desert Champion, **16-1** Faustus, **16-1** Harry Brown, **20-1** So Smart, **22-1** My Boy Harry

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TUSCAN POINT did well to win off a modest pace over C&D last time and can follow up to notch a third success for Adam Kirby. Strong-travelling Shalaa Asker should go close if getting the breaks from stall 1.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. TUSCAN POINT 2. SHALAA ASKER 3. FAUSTUS****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	So Smart 6-9-2	18-1	Grace Harris	Kieran O'Neill	14
2024	Cinque Verde 4-9-3	7-2jf	Tony Carroll	Jack Doughty (7)	7
2023	Grandfather Tom 8-9-8	13-8f	Robert Cowell	Aidan Keeley (5)	6
2022	Lil kian 5-9-9	5-2	Darryll Holland	Liam Wright (7)	8
2021	Shamshon 10-9-0	5-1	Stuart Williams	Marco Ghiani (3)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race