

1.37 NEAVES & CO EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Qualifier) (5) 6f17y (1220 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(6) BEARLY BLUE | (7) DONNA BEAUTY | (3) HE'S READYTORUMBLE**
2.12 VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (4) 7f1y (1410 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(1) DOVECOTE | (4) SHE'S TOO KOOL | (3) LAHAN KINGMAN**
2.47 HRS CLADDING HANDICAP (5) 1¼m70y (2080 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(6) MEET ME IN MERAKI | (8) CONDOTTI | (3) CHILLY BREEZE**
3.17 VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS HANDICAP (3) 5f15y (1020 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(2) BAKER BLUE | (10) ACES WILD | (1) ROMAN DRAGON**
3.53 TMT GROUP HANDICAP (4) 7f1y (1410 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(8) TWO COMMANDERS | (11) THE RESDEV SCHOLAR | (6) SCUTARI**
4.28 VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) 7f1y (1410 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(10) LADY GORMIRE | (2) SO SASSY | (14) SUGAR SUGAR**
5.03 INKERMAN LONDON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5) 1m7f196y (3200 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(5) CASCADE HALL | (13) SIR GRIFLET | (8) BOLLIN NEIL**
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

NEAVES & CO EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Qualifier)
(5) 2yo £15,000 6f17y (1220 Metres)



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

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

1	2	CRACKING TOAST	85
	2	9-7 60.3kg	
Gary Hanmer <i>Sean Dylan Bowen</i> Foaled April 22. 42,000 gns foal, €60,000 yearling, Kameko colt. Half-brother to 9.4f winner Delphinus and 7f winner Lope Y Linda. Dam, French 2-y-o 7f/1m winner, half-sister to smart winner up to 1m Kenya. Likely best watched on debut.			
2	3	THE THINKING MAN (21)	86
	2	9-7 60.3kg	
Adrian Keatley <i>M. P. Sheehy</i> Speedily-bred colt who was at long odds for debut and offered little when last of 14 in class 2 York maiden (7f) 3 weeks ago. This promises to reveal more with his sights lowered.			
3	8	HE'S READYTORUMBLE (16)	90
	2	9-4 59.0kg	s
Jack Channon <i>Edward Greatrex</i> Went closer than previously when posting a good second from the front at Lingfield (6f) 2 starts back. Unable to match that level when fourth in a Wolverhampton novice 16 days ago but he's not without a chance if responding well to the cheekpieces.			
4	4	PIVOTAL STAR (18)	79
	2	9-4 59.0kg	
Michael & David Easterby <i>Shay Farmer (5lb/2kg)</i> Checked out tamely over 6f on debut at Thirsk (6f) but did at least finish closer despite again not beating a rival when eighth in a Musselburgh maiden (5f) 18 days ago. Longer-term project on that evidence.			
5	11	THE STONY BAKER (IRE)	79
	2	9-4 59.0kg	h
Lisa Williamson <i>S. B. Kirrane</i> Foaled April 7. €28,000 yearling, Dubawi Legend colt. Half-brother to 5f winner Smooth Silesie. Dam unraced half-sister to useful 6f winner Surfside Tiara. Likely outsider on debut drawn widest of all. Wears hood.			
6	1	BEARLY BLUE (IRE) (71) (BF)	100
	2	9-2 58.1kg	★
Richard Hughes <i>Finley Marsh</i> Knew more second time up when runner up in 8-runner maiden at Goodwood (6f, heavy, 9/1) in June. Ran to a similar level when fifth of 6 at Nottingham a month later and having been given a break ahead of this, it will come as no surprise to see her feature from plum draw.			
7	5	DONNA BEAUTY (IRE) (43)	93
	2	9-2 58.1kg	h
Charlie Johnston <i>Connor Beasley</i> Well-grown filly who improved on her debut form (off 12 weeks) but didn't look an easy ride when seventh of 13 in a Goodwood maiden (7f) 6 weeks ago. Drop in trip/class both positives and she holds obvious form claims if proving more tractable.			
8	10	BREWSTER (11)	85
	2	9-1 57.6kg	
Michael & David Easterby <i>Billy Garritty</i> Belardo gelding who offered little on debut in a Ripon maiden (6f) 11 days ago.			
9	9	NORTH COATES (16)	79
	2	9-1 57.6kg	
Michael & David Easterby <i>Shane Gray</i> Foaled April 27. Belardo gelding. Made an unpromising start when last of 5 in a Pontefract novice (6f) and fared no better when sixth of 8 in a Catterick maiden (5f) 16 days ago, albeit not knocked about. Type to make more impact in nurseries after this.			
10	6	WATER ANGEL (19)	90
	2	9-1 57.6kg	
Dylan Cunha <i>David Probert</i> Harry Angel colt who despite looking rather headstrong, showed more than on debut when fourth of 6 in a Brighton maiden (5.3f) 3 weeks ago. Each-way claims returned to 6f provided he settles better.			

11 7 **OXBER FLYER** 88

Charlie Clover *Liam Wright (3lb/1kg)*
Foaled April 26. Mohaather filly. Dam 7f-1m winner. Yard 0-5 with 2-y-o debutants at the time of writing but worth a precautionary market check for clues. Also declared 5.26 Salisbury.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Bearly Blue, 4-1 Donna Beauty, 6-1 He's Readytorumble, 7-1 Water Angel, 11-1 Oxber Flyer, 22-1 The Thinking Man, 33-1 Cracking Toast, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BEARLY BLUE is already proven with plenty of give underfoot and is well drawn to go forward from stall 1, so could be the way to go back from a break. Donna Beauty needs to prove more tractable but is a big player if doing so, with He's Readytorumble another to consider with first-time cheekpieces enlisted.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BEARLY BLUE 2. DONNA BEAUTY 3. HE'S READYTORUMBLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Mossvale Diva 2-8-12	4-5f	Brian Ellison	Ben Robinson	9
2024 ^I	Qetaifan 2-9-4	2-5f	Andrew Balding	Jason Watson	6
2024 ^{II}	Bob Mali 2-9-7	5-4f	Ollie Sangster	Sean Dylan Bowen (3)	8
2023	Thanks Forever 2-9-5	6-5f	Adrian Keatley	Jason Hart	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (4) 3, 4 and 5yo £18,000 7f1y (1410 Metres)



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

Left handed, very sharp. A circular course that's only just over a mile round, it's on the turn almost throughout and has a run-in of under two furlongs, heavily favouring those that race to the fore as it's easy to find trouble with little time to recover. A high draw at Chester is a major disadvantage, even in middle-distance races, and particularly so in large fields.

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

1	1	DOVECOTE (50) (BF)		100
		0-22 3 9-7 60.3kg		
		Ralph Beckett	Edward Greatrex	
Fair form when runner-up in maidens both starts this year, beaten by a subsequent winner at Lingfield on heavy going on reappearance in June and then second of 13 at Southwell in July on latest start, having every chance. Looks to have been found a good opportunity here.				
2	2	SKEWSBY (16)		42
		7 3 9-5 59.4kg		
		Michael & David Easterby	Billy Garritty	
Seventh of 8 in a maiden at Catterick 16 days ago on debut, slowly into stride. Needs to improve significantly to trouble these.				
3	3	LAHAN KINGMAN (IRE) (80)	b	87
		3-224 3 9-4 59.0kg		
		Richard Hughes	Finley Marsh	
Ran to similar level all 3 starts this year, finishing fourth of 12 in first-time blinkers on handicap debut at Newbury in June. Bit more required back in novice company.				
4	4	SHE'S TOO KOOL (IRE) (12)		99
		P364-5043 3 9-0 57.2kg		
		Ms Claire O'Connell, Ireland	Jack Nicholls (3lb/1kg)	
Still a maiden after 9 runs in Ireland but ran creditably to finish in the frame last 2 starts, coming third of 16 at Cork in maiden over 6f 12 days ago. Looks the biggest threat to Dovecote.				

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-11 Dovecote, 2-1 She's Too Kool, 11-2 Lahan Kingman, 33-1 Skewsby

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DOVECOTE has shown fair form when runner-up in consecutive maidens and can go one better in a shallow contest for his top yard. She's Too Kool has run well in recent maidens despite remaining winless after 9 starts and looks the danger.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DOVECOTE 2. SHE'S TOO KOOL 3. LAHAN KINGMAN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Moon Beginnings 3-9-5 12-1 David Loughnane Hollie Doyle 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

HRS CLADDING HANDICAP (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-70) £15,000
1¼m70y (2080 Metres)



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

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

1	9	OMAN (IRE) (40) (C, D) 78414796 8 10-2 64.4kg  Tony Carroll Course winner who added to his tally in decisive fashion at Goodwood (9f) in June. Below that level next 2 starts and whilst he did fare better when sixth of 9 in a C&D handicap 6 weeks ago, he didn't shape like a winner in waiting then.	97
2	2	WEST TYRONE (32) (D) 7602-8031 4 10-0 63.5kg  Lizzie Quinlan Has quickly got back to form for new yard, resuming winning ways in 11-runner handicap at Ayr (1¼m) 32 days ago, making all and showing a good attitude when challenged. Possibilities again from stall 2.	95
3	3	CHILLY BREEZE (39) (BF) 968-97622 4 9-12 62.9kg  Ian Williams A fair 5f winner for David Evans in 2024. Lightly raced subsequently and more encouraging signs from sliding mark for present stable of late, again finding only one too good in 7-runner handicap at Windsor (1m) 6 weeks ago. Conditions in his favour now stamina is tested further. Hood tried.	96
4	8	STUDY UP (87) (D) 83734128 5 9-12 62.6kg  Mark Loughnane Free-going sort who added to his debut success (when trained by Clive Cox) in handicap at Leicester (1¼m, firm) in May. Posted a good second under a penalty next time and given a break following a lesser display at Wolverhampton (9.5f) in June. Betting can guide.	95
5	6	ZAMBEZI MAGIC (4lb/2kg ex) (11) (D) 175-75651 9 9-8 60.8kg  Bernard Llewellyn & Robert Williams Didn't arrive in much form but faced with a softer surface, he capitalised on a sliding mark in 5-runner handicap at Chepstow (1¼m, soft) 11 days ago, just holding on to deny reopposing Meet Me In Meraki by a neck. Rider's claim offsets his penalty and can go well again.	92
6	4	MEET ME IN MERAKI (11) (D, BF) 67873252 5 9-7 60.3kg  David Evans Dual all-weather winner last autumn who was the subject of a late gamble and he might well have delivered had he seen more daylight in the closing stages when touched off by reopposing Zambezi Magic over this trip at Chepstow 11 days ago. Respected from what is clearly a workable mark.	97
7	10	MAYFLOWER BILLY (11) 0-482563 3 9-7 60.3kg  Jessica Macey Progressed when runner-up over 1m at Doncaster in May and back to that level following a 9-week break when third at Southwell (1m) 11 days ago. Arrives fresher than a few in this line up for all he needs to prove his stamina for this test.	95
8	11	CONDOTTI (IRE) (38) (BF) 7604-9325 4 9-5 59.4kg  Hugo Palmer Remains winless but posted one of his better efforts when second over this trip at Ayr in July, just running out of steam late on. Shaped like a non-stayer tackling 1½m at Ffos Las since and this rates more suitable with usual cheekpieces quickly replacing the visor.	100
9	5	TOMMO'S GINJANINJA (31) 23523094 3 9-2 58.1kg  Michael & David Easterby Placed 4 times during first half of this year and back to form returned to this trip when fourth at Nottingham 31 days ago. Quite possible he'll step forward from that outing (first start for 8 weeks) and possibilities if proving as effective on this softer surface.	99
10	7	LC TIFFEN (14) (D) 65-095315 3 8-11 55.8kg  Lisa Williamson Much improved minus a hood when causing an 80/1 shock at Haydock at the start of last month. Fared best of those from off the pace when plugging on for fifth at Ffos Las (1¼m, good to soft) 2 weeks ago and she's not without each-way hope.	92

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RISK AVERSE REBEL (IRE) (25)
33453328 3 8-7 | 54.0kg
 Gary Hanmer
Remains winless but posted good placed efforts over 1½m at Wolverhampton (twice) and here earlier this summer. Last month's Windsor run was disappointing but not one to write off now dropped back in trip.

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Grace McEntee

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Chilly Breeze, 6-1 Meet Me In Meraki, 7-1 West Tyrone, 8-1 Zambezi Magic, 9-1 Condotti, 10-1 Mayflower Billy, 12-1 Tommo's Ginjaninja, 12-1 Risk Averse Rebel, 16-1 Oman, 16-1 Study Up, 16-1 Lc Tiffen

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MEET ME IN MERAKI was the subject of a late gamble and may well have rewarded his backers had he seen daylight earlier when just touched off by reopposing Zambezi Magic at Chepstow 11 days ago. Evidently down to a handy mark, he can confirm the promise of that run. Condotti back at a more suitable trip and Chilly Breeze head up the dangers, with Ayr scorer West Tyrone and Risk Averse Rebel just another couple to factor in.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MEET ME IN MERAKI 2. CONDOTTI 3. CHILLY BREEZE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2025	Empire of Light	4-9-10	3-1	Grant Tuer	Oliver Stammers 6
2024	Qitaal	5-9-13	2-1f	Charlie Johnston	Franny Norton 11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS HANDICAP (3) 3yo+
(Rated 0-95) £25,000 5f15y (1020 Metres)



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

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ROMAN DRAGON (20) (CD, BF) **98**

01800967 7 9-11 | 62.1kg

Hugo Palmer *David Probert*

8-time course winner who won over 5f at the May meeting from 1 lb higher mark. Below best over longer trips since but could well bounce back returned to the minimum trip assuming stall 9 doesn't prove too prohibitive.

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BAKER BLUE (23) (D) **95**

41002634 3 9-9 | 61.2kg

Dylan Cunha *Edward Greatrex*

Useful sprinter who made all for both his career wins. Solid fourth in better race than this at York last month when raced freely before hanging left so this first try at this track really should suit him and he could be hard to peg back if able to get to the lead from stall 7.

33

EXCLAMATION (IRE) (13) (CD) **95**

90190207 3 9-6 | 59.9kg

Grace Harris *Harry Vigors (5lb/2kg)*

Inconsistent performer who scored from this mark over C&D in May but below form last 2 starts. Well drawn to attack here and could well show more than he has recently with claimer taking over.

410

TRICKY TEL (23) (CD) **94**

74-311020 3 9-4 | 59.0kg

Hugo Palmer *Jack Nicholls (3lb/1kg)*

Boasts excellent Chester record with 3 course wins and finished good second of 7 here in July. Last of 19 at York 23 days ago but was poorly drawn that day. Hasn't done much better on that score here but he doesn't have to lead so the return to this venue could see him prove a threat.

55

BETSEN (13) (D) **95**

34709185 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

Tony Carroll *George Wood*

Won over 5f at Chepstow in May and not seen to best effect since, including when fifth of 8 at Sandown 13 days ago, shaping better than the result after 12 weeks off with headgear removed. May strip fitter for that outing and holds place claims.

62

KODIAC THRILLER (IRE) (27) (D) **95**

7-0100419 5 9-1 | 57.6kg

Mark Walford *Dougie Costello*

Twice a winner this year, including over 5f at York in July. Only ninth of 14 at Ripon in a higher grade 27 days ago but he ran well on only previous outing at this track and is well drawn to suit his prominent style so can't be discounted.

76

TEMPLE OF ATHENA (13) (CD) **95**

3-1708445 3 9-0 | 57.2kg

Brian Ellison *T. Kiely-Marshall (5lb/2kg)*

C&D winner last year who hasn't kicked on from a winning reappearance this time around and wasn't good at the start on heavy going at Beverley last time. Now tries first-time cheekpieces.

84

MANILA SCOUSE (14) (D) **96**

73261000 7 8-12 | 56.2kg

Tim Easterby *David Allan*

Won at Ayr in July but has gone off the boil since with 3 subsequent poor runs. Edging back down the weights but needs to bounce back.

91

VINTAGE CLARETS (13) (CD) **100**

07023766 7 8-11 | 55.8kg

Richard & Peter Fahey *Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)*

Won this in 2024 and claims on his second in the Epsom Dash (soft) and C&D third in June but disappointing last 2 starts. Has tumbled to an attractive mark and will be suited by any rain but hasn't been the sharpest through the early part of races this year so may not take advantage of stall 1.

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ACES WILD (IRE) (48) (CD) **95**

27-361131 7 8-11 | 55.8kg

Adrian Wintle *Finley Marsh*

Won 3 of his last 4 starts, including when recording a second C&D success in July, defying a double-figure draw for a career-best effort. Up 4 lb and hiked in grade but hard to rule out in current heart.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Aces Wild, 11-2 Vintage Clarets, 13-2 Roman Dragon, 13-2 Baker Blue, 9-1 Betsen, 10-1 Kodiak Thriller, 11-1 Temple of Athena, 12-1 Tricky Tel, 14-1 Manila Scouse, 28-1 Exclamation

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BAKER BLUE has been running well in competitive sprint handicaps this year and has all the hallmarks of one that should be suited by this track so he's taken to prove too speedy for the thriving Aces Wild and 8-time course winner Roman Dragon, neither of whom are ideally berthed.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BAKER BLUE 2. ACES WILD 3. ROMAN DRAGON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Al Hussar	3-9-0	14-1	Grant Tuer	Harrison Shaw	7
2024	Vintage Clarets	5-9-10	7-2	Richard Fahey	Jack Garritty	10
2023	Democracy Dilemma	3-9-9	4-1	David Evans	Joe Fanning	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

TMT GROUP HANDICAP (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-85) £18,000 7f1y (1410 Metres)



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

1	5	ALFA WHITEBURD (IRE) (26) (CD, BF)	98
	7-6821116	5 10-0 63.5kg	
Ivan Furtado	<i>Elle-May Croot (5lb/2kg)</i>		
Facile winner under a positive ride over C&D in July prior to bagging pair of 6f Pontefract handicaps thereafter. Had winning run ended on back of another rise in weights when sixth at latter-named venue 4 weeks ago and more needed now returned to 7f.			
2	8	BLUE PRINCE (IRE) (6) (C, D)	98
	33133177	5 9-13 63.0kg	
David Evans	<i>Edward Greatrex</i>		
Doubled his tally for the campaign when landing 6-runner claimer over an extended 7f here in August. Has performed no more than respectably in finishing mid-field in pair of class 2 handicaps at up to 1m since but down in grade now and forecast conditions will pose no fears.			
3	11	DUBLIN BAY (IRE) (15) (D)	97
	563-41513	3 9-10 61.7kg	s
Ollie Sangster	<i>Libby Swallow (7lb/3kg)</i>		
Improved model on all-weather/refitted with cheekpieces this year, dominant when adding to his tally at Wolverhampton (7f) in May. Ran a cracker after 3 months off/from much-inflated mark when third at Southwell (7f) 2 weeks ago and not out of the question we've yet to see all he has to offer.			
4	14	START ME UP (21) (CD)	97
	07511460	3 9-8 60.8kg	s+t
Richard Spencer	<i>George Wood</i>		
Son of Mehmas who has stepped forward following a gelding operation, the second leg of a course double coming over C&D in June. Solid efforts in defeat next 2 starts and possible he was stretched by the step up to 1m at York on his latest outing 3 weeks ago. This less demanding.			
5	1	MARLBOROUGH PLACE (IRE) (16)	93
	31-459	4 9-7 60.3kg	
Adrian Wintle	<i>Finley Marsh</i>		
Limerick maiden winner (1m) on second of 2 starts for Adrian Murray last summer. Matched that form starting out for new yard when fourth at Kempton (7f) in February but lightly raced and hasn't scaled same heights either start in handicaps subsequently for new yard. Others more convincing.			
6	13	SCUTARI (246)	98
	6266-1	3 9-7 60.3kg	
K. R. Burke	<i>Shane Gray</i>		
From a fine Juddmonte family. Showed improved form to get off the mark on all-weather at Deauville (6.5f) in early-January before being sold out of the H-F. Devin yard for 62,000 gns. Likely more to come from this handicap debutant considering his excellent new yard for all his draw could be tricky.			
7	12	HUNGARIAN (IRE) (14) (D)	95
	2534-3415	3 9-7 60.3kg	b+t
Lemos De Souza	<i>Connor Beasley</i>		
3-y-o who showed improved form in refitted blinkers/dropped back in trip when opening his account at Wolverhampton (7f) in July, a patient ride in a well-run race paying dividends. Run possibly excused when fifth at Sandown (1m) since although not for the first time didn't look straightforward.			
8	2	TWO COMMANDERS (18) (D)	100
	31231	3 9-6 59.9kg	
Edward Bethell	<i>Oisín James Orr</i>		
Progressive son of Mohaather who resumed progress after 6 weeks off when landing 10-runner handicap at Musselburgh over this trip 18 days ago (The Resdev Scholar back in fourth). 3 lb rise for that success looks fair and lot to like from handy draw with prospect of more to come.			
9	3	RAN AMOK (IRE) (7)	97
	7470-5236	4 9-5 59.4kg	t
Hugo Palmer	<i>Harry Vigors (5lb/2kg)</i>		
Dual 6f winner who ran well on the back of a breathing operation when placed over that trip here/Doncaster in June. Not disgraced and shaped as if he'd come forward from last week's Haydock sixth and he's lightly raced over 7f.			

10	10	KING OF THUNDER (6) (D)	92
	4601-64	3 9-3 58.5kg	
Hugo Palmer	<i>David Probert</i>		
Improved following a gelding operation when making a successful nursery debut at Haydock (7f, good to soft) in October. Seen only twice since, feasible to think he'll sharpen up following his creditable fourth (after 4 months off) back at Haydock (7f, soft) 6 days ago. Yard also saddle Ran Amok.			
11	9	THE RESDEV SCHOLAR (IRE) (18) (D)	99
	1-2433024	3 9-2 58.1kg	
Michael & David Easterby	<i>Billy Garritty</i>		
Likeable sort who goes well on testing ground, completing a hat-trick at Doncaster (6f, heavy) in November. Plenty of good efforts to his name in defeat this term, staying on when fourth behind Two Commanders at Musselburgh (7f) 18 days ago. Fancied to feature from 1 lb lower mark.			
12	7	PAWS FOR THOUGHT (IRE) (62) (CD)	93
	3109-0759	8 8-12 56.2kg	s
Donald McCain	<i>Pierre-Louis Jamin</i>		
Three-time C&D winner who added to his tally over 5.5f here 12 months ago. However, essentially out of sorts this season, albeit not helped by racing wide when last of 9 over extended 7f here 2 months ago. Had breathing operation ahead of this and cheekpieces back on in place of blinkers.			
13	4	GIANT (3) (D)	93
	24238718	6 8-9(8-6) 54.9kg (53.5kg)	
Ian Williams	<i>Sean Dylan Bowen</i>		
Took advantage of his reduced mark when landing 16-runner contest at Brighton 16 days ago, the runner-up scoring next time. Wide trip did him no favours when below form eighth at Catterick (6f) 3 days ago but this a much more demanding assignment in any case from out of the weights.			
14	6	UBETTERSEETHIS (34) (CD)	96
	7723-3047	3 8-6 53.5kg	
Craig Lidster	<i>T. Kiely-Marshall (5lb/2kg)</i>		
Firm ground C&D winner last summer who resumed from 6 months off (also gelded) with a good third at Beverley (7.4f) in April. Form up and down since and others look stronger for win purposes.			

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Two Commanders, 7-1 The Resdev Scholar, 7-1 Scutari, 9-1 Dublin Bay, 10-1 Alfa Whiteburd, 14-1 Blue Prince, 14-1 Start Me Up, 14-1 King of Thunder, 18-1 Giant, 22-1 Ran Amok, 25-1 Ubetterseethis, 25-1 Hungarian, 33-1 Marlborough Place, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TWO COMMANDERS was well served by the return to this trip and looked one to keep on side when doubling his tally at Musselburgh 18 days ago. A 3 lb rise certainly doesn't look insurmountable and he's fancied to follow up from a handy draw. The Resdev Scholar finished a couple of places behind the selection last time and with forecast conditions firmly in his favour, he can be expected to play a lead role. Karl Burke's French recruit Scutari and Dublin Bay are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TWO COMMANDERS 2. THE RESDEV SCHOLAR 3. SCUTARI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:						
2025	Mayday Malone	3-9-10	5-4f	Michael Bell	Jay Mackay (7)	10
2024	Paws For Thought	6-10-0	7-1	Donald McCain	Charlie Maggs (7)	11
2023	Evocative Spark	4-9-4	15-2	Darryll Holland	Franny Norton	11
2021	Muntadab	9-9-4	18-1	Roger Fell	Jason Hart	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.28

RACE 6

VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES FILLIES' HANDICAP (5)
3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-75) £15,000 7f1y
(1410 Metres)



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

Left handed, very sharp. A circular course that's only just over a mile round, it's on the turn almost throughout and has a run-in of under two furlongs, heavily favouring those that race to the fore as it's easy to find trouble with little time to recover. A high draw at Chester is a major disadvantage, even in middle-distance races, and particularly so in large fields.

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

114 HILLTOP (21) (D) 28-413443 5 9-12 62.6kg Daniel & Claire Kubler Edward Greatrex Consistent since winning at Newcastle in March, running creditably when third of 7 at Newmarket in a handicap 21 days ago. Poorly drawn here, though, and looks vulnerable to better-treated/less-exposed rivals.	26 SO SASSY (IRE) (25) (D) 4-2745511 4 9-12 62.6kg James Fanshawe Kaiya Fraser Completed a double in handicaps for thriving yard when scoring over 7f on all-weather at Wolverhampton in July and August. Up 5 lb here and needs to prove she's quite so effective on turf but more than capable from a handy draw if doing so.	37 DIAMONT KATIE (IRE) (9) 51234202 4 9-11 62.1kg K. R. Burke Jack Nicholls (3lb/1kg) Good efforts when twice second in last 3 starts, including over 7f at Musselburgh in June then in a handicap over 6f on soft going at Hamilton 9 days ago. Step back up to 7f will be fine and her stable is going through a very good spell.	410 KINDEST NATION (IRE) (6) (CD) 71496-030 5 9-9 61.2kg Hugo Palmer David Probert Won this in 2024 but her starting has gone to pot, regularly hampering her chance in races. Showed when third at Kempton last month that she could still take a hand if things drop right but she's hard to fancy given her trait and stall 10 with headgear discarded.	59 HOMESTRAIT (IRE) (6lb/3kg ex) (7) (D) 42231461 3 9-9 61.2kg Brian Ellison T. Kiely-Marshall (5lb/2kg) Resumed winning ways at Haydock 7 days ago with her best effort yet on heavy ground, perhaps helped by others sticking to the far rail. Penalty to contend with and needs to back up that progress faced with a different track.	612 BAMI (IRE) (21) (D) 4314-12 3 9-8 60.8kg Tom Dascombe Pierre-Louis Jamin Progressive filly who won a handicap at Newbury in June after 6 months off, then produced good second of 7 at Newmarket 21 days ago. Can continue to run with credit but has a very difficult draw to deal with.	78 MOLLIE FOSTER (IRE) (20) 301-66666 4 9-8 60.8kg Mark Loughnane M. P. Sheehy Won at Southwell over 1m in October but going through the motions this year and needs first-time cheekpieces to spark a revival.	82 GHISA (IRE) (16) (D) 117-87333 3 9-8 60.8kg Charlie Fellowes George Wood Good efforts on all-weather when third all 3 starts in handicaps and is well drawn, so if she can transfer that form to turf then she's capable of taking a hand.	94 ROGUE CITATION (IRE) (21) (D) 31-6314 3 9-8 60.8kg Edward Bethell Oisin James Orr Two-time winner from just 6 starts but didn't look entirely straightforward when gaining her second success at Newmarket 35 days ago. Looked held by 3 lb rise in the weights when fourth at same track last time and will need to take another step forward.	103 LADY GORMIRE (IRE) (16) (D) 28-23251 3 9-5 59.4kg Michael Dods Connor Beasley Responded well to a positive ride when getting off the mark in maiden at Catterick 16 days ago. Returns to handicap company with a good draw to attack from and the right style for this track so could well have more to offer if building on that and coping with the likely softer going.
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1111 MOONLIGHT MELODY (16) 5443 3 9-2 58.1kg Donald McCain David Allan Handicap debut for this lightly-raced filly who was fourth of 7 over C&D in July then third of 8 to Lady Gormire in a maiden at Catterick 16 days ago. Bred for middle distances and will likely find this too sharp.	1213 EMERY DOWN (13) (D) 78544261 4 9-2 58.1kg John Ryan Sean Dylan Bowen Finally opened her account in handicaps when winning comfortably at Chepstow 13 days ago, looking suited by soft going. Up 9 lb for that success and may get similar underfoot conditions here, but stall 13 is absolutely no help.	131 IMELDA (IRE) (63) 2334 3 9-2 58.1kg David Loughnane Laura Pearson Promise despite little luck with draw and wide trips around here the last 2 starts, including when third to 2 next-time-out winners in a maiden here in May. She's much better berthed this time so isn't one to rule out.	145 SUGAR SUGAR (IRE) (8) 932152 3 9-0 57.2kg Jack Channon George Bass Off the mark at Epsom on handicap debut in July but hasn't convinced with her attitude and she hung left and was outbattled when second of 10 upped to this trip at Lingfield last time. Holds form claims but temperament remains a concern.
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14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
11-2 Lady Gormire, **7-1** So Sassy, **8-1** Sugar Sugar, **10-1** Ghisa, **10-1** Diamont Katie, **10-1** Homestrait, **14-1** Imelda, **14-1** Emery Down, **16-1** Rogue Citation, **16-1** Bami, **22-1** Hilltop, **25-1** Moonlight Melody, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
LADY GORMIRE had been held back by racing too freely but settled better when off the mark under a positive ride at Catterick 16 days ago. She's well drawn to employ the same tactics here and could dominate matters. So Sassy won back-to-back handicaps on all-weather at Wolverhampton recently and is thriving but now switches to turf, whilst Sugar Sugar merits respect if she's in the mood.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LADY GORMIRE 2. SO SASSY 3. SUGAR SUGAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Vixey 5-9-9	7-4f	Simon West	Aiden Brookes (3)	7
2024	Kindest Nation 3-10-2	9-4f	Hugo Palmer	Jason Hart	8
2023	Lockdown Lass 5-9-3	7-2jf	Gary Hanmer	Josephine Gordon	12

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

INKERMAN LONDON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5) 3yo+
(Rated 0-70) £15,000 1m7f196y (3200 Metres)



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

Left handed, very sharp. A circular course that's only just over a mile round, it's on the turn almost throughout and has a run-in of under two furlongs, heavily favouring those that race to the fore as it's easy to find trouble with little time to recover. A high draw at Chester is a major disadvantage, even in middle-distance races, and particularly so in large fields.

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

1	5	ALIBEY (212) (D)		h	96
	9334-8	4	10-2	64.4kg	
	Dylan Cunha			Christian Howarth	
	Off the mark in a maiden hurdle at Fakenham in May having been second on her previous 3 starts, though regularly races freely. Back from a break and will need to settle to last out upped to 2m on just her second outing on the Flat for current yard.				
2	1	FREE WORLD (28) (D, BF)			94
	94/9-09414	5	10-1	64.0kg	
	Ian Williams			Mason Paetel	
	Made all when scoring by 7 lengths at Catterick 38 days ago when dropped in grade but wasn't in quite the same form under penalty at Newmarket next time. Now 3 lb higher in the weights so needs to find more progress from somewhere.				
3	3	IMPERIAL TROOPER (IRE) (48)			97
	9-2633068	4	9-12	62.6kg	
	Jennie Candlish			Liam Wright	
	Provided some encouragement when third of 7 over hurdles at Worcester in July but yet to win a handicap on the Flat and finished only eighth of 10 here over 1½m last time and now steps up markedly in trip.				
4	11	QUEEN ROSLYN (27) (D)		t	96
	7115-0025	5	9-10	61.7kg	
	Brian Ellison			T. Kiely-Marshall	
	Career best when second of 13 at York over this trip in July with a first-time tongue strap but disappointed when last of 5 at Newmarket over 1¾m 27 days ago, reverting to front-running tactics. Could bounce back returned to this trip and ridden with more restraint.				
5	9	CASCADE HALL (IRE) (7) (D)		h	100
	21343372	7	9-9	61.2kg	
	Jim Goldie			Lauren Young (3lb/1kg)	
	Consistent through the summer with placed efforts at Ayr and Musselburgh prior to very good second of 8 to subsequent winner at Haydock on heavy going over 1¾m 7 days ago. Turned out quickly and leading claims back up to 2m.				
6	2	BULLDOG SPIRIT (IRE) (10)		s+t	94
	5-6575345	6	9-7	60.3kg	
	Bernard Llewellyn & Robert Williams			Donagh Murphy (5lb/2kg)	
	Not won for over a year and struggled this season, continuing to fall in the weights without looking like taking advantage. Back up in trip and hard to fancy on recent evidence.				
7	12	SPOOKY WOOKY (IRE) (34)		v+t	97
	547236-74	4	9-6	59.9kg	
	Simon West			William Pyle	
	In frame 3 of 5 starts since sent handicapping, stepping up on reappearance run when finishing fourth of 9 over 1¾m at Redcar in first-time visor and tongue strap last month, keeping on. Should prove suited by this return to 2m and can be a threat if stall 12 doesn't inconvenience.				
8	8	BOLLIN NEIL (10) (D)		s+t	95
	2102115-2	10	9-6	59.9kg	
	Tim Easterby			Jake Dickson (3lb/1kg)	
	Prolific Catterick winner who returned from 7 months off with good second of 6 at Ripon over this trip 10 days ago, though was flattered by proximity to the eased-down winner (already won twice since). At the veteran stage now but entitled to come on for that run and stays this trip well.				
9	13	HAVACHOC (35)		s+t	97
	33226247	4	9-3	58.5kg	
	Patrick Morris			Jack Nicholls	
	Yet to win on turf but placed a couple of times this year. Last of 7 in a handicap over 1¾m at Haydock in August wasn't encouraging, though, not settling in front and wandering as he weakened. First-time tongue strap now applied.				
10	7	BEAUNE (IRE) (24)		s	99
	11874343	4	9-2	58.1kg	
	Bernard Llewellyn & Robert Williams			Harry Vigors (3lb/1kg)	
	One of his better races when third of 7 at Lingfield over 2m on all-weather 24 days ago but didn't seem to fully see out the trip that day so may prove vulnerable late on.				

11	10	RAZZO ITALIANO (IRE) (477) (D)		s+t	90
	0/764d3-	9	8-11 (8-9)	55.8kg (54.9kg)	
	Gary Hanmer			Shay Farmer (3lb/1kg)	
	Three-time hurdle winner but modest at best on the Flat and third of 7 in a weak handicap at Haydock over 2m when last seen 477 days ago needs plenty of improving on.				
12	4	CORSICAN CAPER (IRE) (90) (CD, BF)			90
	284669-43	6	8-11 (8-8)	55.8kg (54.4kg)	
	Kevin & Lauren Frost			Olivia Haines (5lb/2kg)	
	Won over hurdles at Uttoxeter in May before third of 8 in a handicap at Bath in June over 17f back on the Flat. Returns to Chester after 90 days off in a race he won in 2024 but looks up against it.				
13	6	SIR GRIFLET (IRE) (8)		s+t	99
	56460043	3	8-6	53.5kg	
	Dylan Cunha			Warren Fentiman	
	Has returned to form in his last 2 starts over 2m at Lingfield on all-weather, including when fourth behind 2 next-time-out winners in August. Returns to turf now and is well worth considering as the sole 3-y-o in the field.				

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
7-2 Cascade Hall, 13-2 Sir Griflet, 15-2 Bollin Neil, 10-1 Free World, 10-1 Corsican Caper, 12-1 Beaune, 16-1 Alibey, 16-1 Queen Roslyn, 18-1 Spooky Wooky, 25-1 Imperial Trooper, 25-1 Bulldog Spirit, 28-1 Havachoc, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
CASCADE HALL ran really well up against a thriving rival just last week and looks well in racing from effectively a 1 lb lower mark so he's taken to resume winning ways back up to a trip that suits. The 3-y-o Sir Griflet could prove best of the rest up against much more exposed rivals, while the veteran Bollin Neil returned in good heart recently and should continue in form.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. CASCADE HALL 2. SIR GRIFLET 3. BOLLIN NEIL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:
2025 **Marbuzet** 6-10-1 9-2 Tim Easterby S. B. Kirrane 12
2024 **Corsican Caper** 4-9-11 11-2 Kevin Frost Sean Dylan Bowen (3) 10

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race