

Saturday 13th June

# CHESTER



**1.35** SATURDAY SOCIAL HANDICAP (3) 6f17y (1220 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) MIRACULOUS | (1) BOLO NEIGHS | (2) BALDOMERO**

**2.10** LADBROKES GET MORE WITH RACING BET BUILDER HANDICAP (2) 7f127y (1520 Metres)

RACE 2 **(11) COMIC HERO | (7) PROUD NATION | (3) MASKED WARRIOR**

**2.47** OPERA GRILL CHESTER SELLING STAKES (4) 7f1y (1410 Metres)

RACE 3 **(8) INVICTA ROSE | (4) NAVY LIGHT | (2) DREAM ON KENT**

**3.23** COLETTE, LYNN AND RACHEL'S 50th BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (3) 1¼m70y (2080 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) ULTRASOUL | (4) RASTNET | (8) VINCENT ROCKS**

**4.00** JOHN SMITH'S HANDICAP (3) 5f15y (1020 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) ATOMIC FORCE | (10) TRICKY TEL | (4) ROSENPUR**

**4.37** ROODEE HANDICAP (4) 1m7f196y (3200 Metres)

RACE 6 **(9) PERGAMON | (1) FOX JOURNEY | (5) SOLAR PASS**

**5.12** SUMMER SATURDAY ON 27th JUNE HANDICAP (4) 1½m63y (2470 Metres)

RACE 7 **(1) SPIRIT OF ACKLAM | (6) NEWTOWN DUKE | (3) HELMSLEY**

## 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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**SATURDAY SOCIAL HANDICAP (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95)**  
**£25,000 6f17y (1220 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Good to Soft**

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**

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Bolo Neighs, **5-1** Station X, **11-2** Baldomero, **11-1** Miraculous, **11-1** Brummell, **12-1** Accrual, **14-1** Ran Amok, **16-1** Havana Rum, **22-1** Smart Vision, **33-1** Tough Enough

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

C&D winner MIRACULOUS needs to shrug off a couple of lesser displays, yet those exploits came on straight tracks and having caught the eye when finishing an encouraging fifth in a C&D handicap previously, a much better showing would come as no surprise from his career-low mark. Ascot scorer Bolo Neighs remains less exposed than most and merits serious consideration, whilst admirable 8-y-o Baldomero and Station X also command respect.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MIRACULOUS 2. BOLO NEIGHS 3. BALDOMERO**


**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Solar Aclaim</b> 4-8-12	4-1jf	Julie Camacho	Cieren Fallon	13
2024	<b>Hyperfocus</b> 10-9-7	33-1	Tim Easterby	S. B. Kirrane	10
2023	<b>Faro de San Juan</b> 4-9-6	25-1	Dylan Cunha	Greg Cheyne	10
2022	<b>Ballyare</b> 5-9-3	8-1	Lucinda Russell	Richard Kingscote	11
2021	<b>Look Out Louis</b> 5-9-1	11-2	Julie Camacho	James Sullivan	14


**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race


**1 3 BOLO NEIGHS (IRE) (36) (D) 98**  
 13/887-261 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Ralph Beckett** *Edward Greatrex*  
 Useful juvenile in 2024 who has been lightly campaigned since and bounced back to best when defying a sliding mark at Ascot (6f, good to firm) 5 weeks ago, well suited by a stiff test at the trip. 4 lb rise should see him competitive again and he's well drawn in stall 3.


**2 7 BALDOMERO (IRE) (7) (D) 93**  
 911-45063 8 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Michael Appleby** *Harry Davies*  
 Ended 2025 on a high, registering 3 more all-weather victories to his tally and went a long way to confirming his return to form when running on third at Doncaster (5f) 7 days ago. Forecast easier ground in his favour here and the return to 6f will certainly hold no fears. Respected.


**3 1 STATION X (4) (D) 96**  
 422-23164 4 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **Bryan Smart** *David Probert*  
 Deservedly back on the scoresheet when making all at Southwell (6f) in April. Far from disgraced in 2 subsequent runs, arguably paying the price for not getting his own way in front when fourth at Carlisle (5f, soft) 4 days ago. Returns to 6f with plum draw to operate from so another holding claims.


**4 4 BRUMMELL (IRE) (23) (D) 92**  
 481107-36 5 8-12 | 56.2kg

 **Julie Camacho** *Ryan Sexton*  
 Added 3 more wins over 5f last year and returned from 6 months off/following breathing operation with an encouraging third at Doncaster (6f) in May. That was up there with his best efforts at this trip but not in same form at Haydock since. Cheekpieces now reached for.


**5 9 ACCRUAL (23) (D) 93**  
 12685U53 5 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **David Loughnane** *Rowan Scott*  
 5-y-o who scored twice over 6f on all-weather around the turn of the year but has been operating a little below that level since, including back on turf when beaten 6 lengths in to third at Haydock (5f) 23 days ago. Wide draw makes things tricky and likely he'll face competition on the front end.


**6 8 SMART VISION (8) 91**  
 3118-0989 5 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Jessica Macey** *George Wood*  
 Won 3 times last year, latterly at Doncaster (5f, heavy) in October. Low-key efforts initially this term though, and whilst he showed more dash when ninth on his most recent run back at Doncaster, others appeal more back in a higher grade.


**7 10 HAVANA RUM (IRE) (14) (D) 97**  
 44136-269 6 8-9 | 54.9kg

 **Richard & Peter Fahey** *Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)*  
 Back to winning ways from 4 lb lower mark at Chelmsford (5f) in December and posted just about his best effort yet following 3 months off when second from a poor draw at Pontefract (5f, soft) in April. However, not scaled same heights either start since and widest draw to contend with here.

**8 6 MIRACULOUS (IRE) (21) (CD) 100**  
 0279-6559 4 8-5 | 53.1kg

 **Tim Easterby** *Duran Fentiman*  
 Dual winner for Roger Varian in 2025, including over C&D and posted most encouraging effort for new connections when fifth in a C&D handicap at the May meeting, likely he'd of been closer with a clearer passage. Not built on that in 2 runs since but he rates a possible revival back on the Roodee.

**9 5 TOUGH ENOUGH (8) (D) 92**  
 78046-020 6 8-4(7-13) | 52.6kg (50.3kg)

 **Antony Brittain** *Sean Dylan Bowen*  
 6-y-o who arrives on a losing run and struggled for consistency for present yard, failing to build on his Southwell second in April when tenth of 13 in handicap at Doncaster (6f) 8 days ago. This no easy task operating from out of the weights.

**10 2 RAN AMOK (IRE) (26) (D) 94**  
 7917470-5 4 8-4(7-13) | 52.6kg (50.3kg)

 **Hugo Palmer** *Luke Morris*  
 Gained a first success in handicaps at Doncaster (6f) last summer, though proved rather miss than hit otherwise in 2025. Reappearance fifth at Carlisle last month was solid enough but this is a much more demanding affair operating from 5 lb out of the weights. Had breathing operation.

**2.10**

**LADBROKES GET MORE WITH RACING BET BUILDER  
HANDICAP (2) 3yo £50,000 7f127y (1520 Metres)**

RACE 2



Going: **Good to Soft**

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 8 POSTMODERN (IRE) (99) (BF) 96**  
10-732 3 9-9 | 61.2kg

Hamad Al Jehani  
NON-RUNNER.

*Non Runner*



**2 1 SIR ALBERT (IRE) (14) (C) 95**  
511139-50 3 9-7 | 60.3kg

Andrew Balding

*P. J. McDonald*



Useful 3-time winner as a juvenile. Showed he's trained on when fifth of 8 in 7f Lingfield listed race at the end of February but well held in 1m Carlisle handicap a fortnight ago. Comic Hero looks the stable number one.

**3 3 MASKED WARRIOR (17) 96**  
32-51 3 9-0 | 57.2kg

William Haggas

*Harry Davies*



Shrugged off a disappointing reappearance when comfortable winner of 7f Kempton novice in first-time cheekpieces (retained) 17 days ago. Open to further progress for top stable now venturing into a handicap.

**4 10 DO BRONXS (IRE) (19) 96**  
1457-57 3 8-13 | 56.7kg

David Loughnane

*Rowan Scott*



Useful effort on his handicap debut after 8 months off when fifth of 12 over 6f here last month but well held at Leicester since. Back up in trip.

**5 9 PENNY TIME (IRE) (59) (D, BF) 97**  
1d12 3 8-12 | 56.2kg

Hugo Palmer

*David Probert*



Raced at 1m on all-weather. First past the post in a Kempton novice on debut in March (disqualified after rider weighed in light) before winning by 4¼ lengths at Southwell 10 days later. Confirmed he's useful when second under a penalty back at Southwell. Switches to turf for handicap debut. Gelded.

**6 7 STARTLED (IRE) (21) 96**  
3341-3112 3 8-12 | 56.2kg

Richard Hughes

*Luke Morris*



Ended 2025 on the up and has continued in the same vein this season, winning 7f handicaps at Newmarket and York. Couldn't live with a smart sort in a valuable race at Goodwood (7f) last time but saw off 15 others and should give another good account.

**7 4 PROUD NATION (IRE) (41) 96**  
21-3 3 8-12 | 56.2kg

Richard & Peter Fahey

*Shane Gray*



€320,000 breeze-up purchase and confirmed debut promise when winning class 2 maiden at York last autumn. An extended 1m looked to stretch him when last of 3 in useful novice at Hamilton on reappearance. The drop back in trip looks a good move on handicap debut. Open to improvement.

**8 11 JUNGLE RULER (IRE) (40) 94**  
1-14445 3 8-11 | 55.8kg

Michael Appleby

*Billy Garritty*



Made a winning debut over 7f at Dundalk for Joseph O'Brien. Followed up in 6f Southwell novice for new connections in January and has run with credit in defeat since. Not obviously well treated enough to win a race like this, though, and the outside stall won't make things any easier.

**9 6 JEDDAAL (35) (BF) 100**  
62245-13 3 8-9 | 54.9kg

Ed Walker

*Ashley Lewis (5lb/2kg)*



Got the better of the useful Red Spells Danger in 7f Catterick maiden on reappearance in April and improved again when third of 10 in 1m Haydock handicap (good) under Ashley Lewis a month later. Winners have emerged from that race since.

**10 5 JUST A GIRL (14) (D) 97**  
2107-3422 3 8-8 | 54.4kg

Charlie Johnston

*Sean Dylan Bowen*



Won 1m novice at Lingfield last August. Good efforts in defeat in handicaps this year, notably her near miss over 7f at Carlisle (good) a fortnight ago. Likely to be competitive again.

**11 2 COMIC HERO (IRE) (43) 99**  
732-152 3 8-7 | 54.0kg

Andrew Balding

*Edward Greatrex*



Made it fourth time lucky when landing the odds in 7f Kempton novice in February. Improved when edged out by a next-time-out winner at Newmarket (1m, good) 6 weeks ago and looks to have plenty going for him here from a handy inside stall.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Comic Hero, **11-2** Startled, **11-2** Masked Warrior, **6-1** Penny Time, **8-1** Jeddaal, **9-1** Proud Nation, **12-1** Just A Girl, **14-1** Do Bronxs, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This very useful 3-y-o handicap may go the way of Andrew Balding's COMIC HERO, who pulled clear with a next-time-out winner at Newmarket last time. Proud Nation and Masked Warrior appeal as likely improvers now moving into handicap company for the first time, while Startled has acquitted himself very well in similarly strong races this spring.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. COMIC HERO 2. PROUD NATION 3. MASKED WARRIOR**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Miami Matrix</b> 3-8-2	17-2	Hugo Palmer	Aiden Brookes (3)	8
2024	<b>Love Billy Boy</b> 3-8-11	13-2	Richard Hannon	Franny Norton	13
2023	<b>Saxon King</b> 3-9-6	15-2	Charles Hills	Kieran Shoemark	10
2022	<b>Outgate</b> 3-9-9	5-2f	Daniel & Claire Kubler	Richard Kingscote	12

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.47**

**OPERA GRILL CHESTER SELLING STAKES (4) 2yo £25,000  
7f1y (1410 Metres)**

RACE 3



Going: **Good to Soft**

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: **Even**

**1 7 DELETE DELETE (14) 88**  
0 2 9-4 | 59.0kg

Ivan Furtado *Luke Morris*  
12/1, tenth of 12 in seller (12/1) at this course (6f, good) on debut 14 days ago.



**2 4 DREAM ON KENT (14) 92**  
8 2 9-4 | 59.0kg

David Evans *P. J. McDonald*  
33/1, green when eighth of 11 in novice at this course (6f, good) on debut 14 days ago. Likely to make more of an impact with his sights lowered.



**3 9 KATIE'S CAVALIER (IRE) (8) 91**  
56 2 9-4 | 59.0kg

David Loughnane *Rowan Scott*  
Went backwards from 5f all-weather debut fifth when well-held sixth of 11 in maiden at Bath (5.7f, good to firm) 8 days ago. Up in trip. Needs to recapture the debut form.



**4 6 NAVY LIGHT (IRE) (32) 100**  
42 2 9-4 | 59.0kg

Richard & Peter Fahey *Shane Gray*  
Has shown a fair level of ability when reaching the frame in good-ground novices at Ripon (6f) and Beverley (5f) this spring. Bold show likely dropped to a seller.



**5 3 BONJOUR BELLE 89**  
2 8-13 | 56.7kg

Brian Ellison *Ryan Sexton*  
Foaled March 5. 5,500 gns daughter of Without Parole filly. Dam useful French 2-y-o 7.5f/1m winner. Worth a second look in the betting on debut.



**6 10 EM'S DILEMMA (IRE) 89**  
2 8-13 | 56.7kg

David Evans *George Wood*  
Foaled April 5. Bungle Inthejungle filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including 1m/8.6f winner Gaiety Musical and winner up to 5.5f Izzet. Dream On Kent is the stable first string unless the betting suggests otherwise.



**7 1 FARNDALE (5) 92**  
65 2 8-13 | 56.7kg

Tim Easterby *Duran Fentiman*  
Modest form in 7f maidens at Redcar and Leicester. Takes a drop in class but will still require some improvement.



**8 11 INVICTA ROSE (IRE) (4) 96**  
4 2 8-13 | 56.7kg

Ollie Sangster *Pierre-Louis Jamin*  
Some promise when fourth of 11 in novice at Salisbury (6f, heavy) on debut earlier in the week. Open to progress and leading claims assuming the outside stall isn't too troublesome.



**9 8 LIVEADREAM (18) 89**  
7 2 8-13 | 56.7kg

Phillip Makin *Sam James*  
33/1, seventh of 9 in maiden at Redcar (6f, good to firm) on debut 18 days ago. Needs to leave that well behind.



**10 2 POPPY FOXY (IRE) (13) 91**  
6 2 8-13 | 56.7kg

Charlie Clover *Jack Doughty*  
10/1, sixth of 11 in maiden at Nottingham (6f, good) on debut 13 days ago. May do better.



**11 5 TURBO SHANDY (IRE) 88**  
2 8-13 | 56.7kg

Ivan Furtado *Sean Dylan Bowen*  
Foaled April 20. €27,000 Kodiac filly. Dam 2-y-o 7f winner. Check the betting with this newcomer.



11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Navy Light, **9-2** Invicta Rose, **17-2** Dream On Kent, **9-1** Farndale, **10-1** Poppy Foxy, **11-1** Katie's Cavalier, **25-1** Liveadream, **25-1** Bonjour Belle, **25-1** Em's Dilemma, **28-1** Turbo Shandy, **33-1** Delete Delete

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

If INVICTA ROSE can navigate her way into a good position from the outside stall she might prove the answer to this seller, as she showed definite promise on debut earlier in the week. Navy Light, Dream On Kent and Poppy Foxy may give Ollie Sangster's charge most to do in that order.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. INVICTA ROSE 2. NAVY LIGHT 3. DREAM ON KENT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Strength of Spirit</b> 2-9-4	17-2	K. R. Burke	Sam James	13
2024	<b>Manila Thriller</b> 2-8-13	13-2	Jack Channon	Connor Beasley	12
2023	<b>Pretence</b> 2-8-13	9-2	Kevin Thomas Coleman	Shane Gray	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.23**

**COLETTE, LYNN AND RACHEL'S 50th BIRTHDAY HANDICAP**  
**(3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £25,000 1¼m70y (2080 Metres)**

RACE 4




Going: **Good to Soft**

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 9 SAVVY VICTORY (IRE) (53) (D) 98**  
 586054-47 7 9-10 | 61.7kg

 **S. P. C. Woods** *Sam James*  
 Smart at his peak but drew a blank in 2025 and hasn't shown enough in his 2 outings this year to think his losing run is likely to end now.


**2 3 PRIDE OF DONEGAL (IRE) (29) 95**  
 2-4431138 4 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Charlie Johnston** *Harry Davies*  
 Landed a pair of 1½m Wolverhampton handicaps before recording a good third of 5 on his turf debut at Thirsk (1½m, good to soft) in April. Something can't have been right when last of 8 at Newmarket since and capable of bouncing back.


**3 5 ULTRASOUL (IRE) (248) 100**  
 2623/2311- 4 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Roger Varian** *Robbie Downey*  
 Ended 2025 by digging deep to land a Nottingham handicap (8.3f, soft) in October. Straightforward sort who could be capable of even better for his leading stable.


**4 6 RASTNET (IRE) (37) 96**  
 5221-2223 4 9-0 | 57.2kg

 **John Butler** *George Wood*  
 AW novice winner in December and better form in defeat in handicaps since, including third of 9 over C&D (good to firm) at the May meeting. Won't need to pull out much more for first-time cheekpieces.

**5 7 LEXINGTON JET (IRE) (14) (C) 98**  
 63-117101 4 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **David Loughnane** *Rowan Scott*  
 Free-going front runner who has improved for application of blinkers this year, landing a fourth success since January when proving too strong for 10 rivals over 7f here (good) a fortnight ago. The much longer trip is a bigger concern than the 3 lb rise.


**6 1 IMPARTIALITY (28) (C) 99**  
 922034-98 4 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Phillip Makin** *Shane Gray*  
 A three-time winner (around 1m) early last summer. Caught the eye on second start of the season in refitted cheekpieces at Thirsk (1m) 4 weeks ago but has stamina to prove now moving up to 1¼m.

**7 4 NAVAL COMMAND (26) (BF) 95**  
 4/42-6 4 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Ralph Beckett** *Edward Greatrex*  
 Fairly useful form in 3 outings for Charlie Appleby. Sent off 15/8 but shaped as if needing first outing for 11 months when sixth of 7 on 11.5f Windsor handicap/yard debut 26 days ago. First-time blinkers and tongue strap combination is reached for after that. Remains early days.


**8 10 VINCENT ROCKS (IRE) (45) 98**  
 119-03 4 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Hugo Palmer** *David Probert*  
 Bagged 1m novices at Nottingham and Southwell on his first two runs. Well held in handicaps on next 2 outings but got his career back on track with cheekpieces added (retained) when third of 9 in 1m Pontefract handicap (good) 45 days ago. Back up in trip. Remains unexposed.


**9 11 GOLDEN WEST (639) 91**  
 74878/ 5 8-7 | 54.0kg

 **Tim Easterby** *Duran Fentiman*  
 Useful at best for Karl Burke but absent since finishing eighth of 10 in handicap at Doncaster (1¼m, good) in September 2024. Can only watch on belated return for new yard unless the betting suggests otherwise.

**10 2 SEA FOUNDER (44) (D) 99**  
 67-771441 4 8-6 | 53.5kg

 **Richard Hughes** *Luke Morris*  
 Pair of Class 5 all-weather wins this year, including at Lingfield (1m) 6 weeks ago. The return to turf shouldn't be an issue (won Windsor maiden last year) but the higher grade might be.

**11 8 DUE TO HENRY (26) (D) 96**  
 089400-25 5 8-5 | 53.1kg

 **Eve Johnson Houghton** *Sean Dylan Bowen*  
 More miss than hit last season. Back on form when narrowly denied on Haydock reappearance (10.5f, good to firm) 23 days ago but would have won had he knuckled down a bit more. Stamina probably stretched when below par over 11.5f at Windsor since.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Lexington Jet, **13-2** Ultrasoul, **8-1** Sea Founder, **17-2** Rastnet, **17-2** Naval Command, **9-1** Vincent Rocks, **12-1** Impartiality, **12-1** Due To Henry, **18-1** Savvy Victory, **20-1** Pride of Donegal, **28-1** Golden West

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The way ULTRASOUL ground it out at Nottingham when last seen in the autumn suggests this step up to 1¼m could play to his strengths and he's preferred to Rastnet, who is building up a solid record in handicaps, and Vincent Rocks. Naval Command was a short-priced favourite on his first outing for Ralph Beckett and it'll also be interesting to see whether his supporters are prepared to give him another chance.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ULTRASOUL 2. RASTNET 3. VINCENT ROCKS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Castle Cove</b> 4-8-13	8-1	William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	12
2024	<b>Loyal Touch</b> 4-9-2	10-1	Charlie Johnston	Joe Fanning	8
2023	<b>Box To Box</b> 4-9-9	9-4f	Hugo Palmer	James Doyle	9
2022	<b>Jean Baptiste</b> 5-9-4	9-2	Roger Fell	Joe Fanning	7
2021	<b>Tombo</b> 4-8-9	18-1	Richard Fahey	Paddy Mathers	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.00**

**JOHN SMITH'S HANDICAP (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-95) £25,000**  
**5f15y (1020 Metres)**

RACE 5



Going: **Good to Soft**

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: **Strongly Against High** Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 2 ATOMIC FORCE (IRE) (37) (D)** **100**  
 053-71103 **7** 10-2 | 64.4kg

Edward Bethell **P. J. McDonald**  
 Landed back-to-back 5f handicaps on the all-weather early in 2026. Forced to angle wide to challenge when a solid third of 10 over C&D last time so is a likely player eased 1 lb.

**2 5 VINTAGE CLARETS (7) (CD)** **98**  
 508-00702 **7** 9-9 | 61.2kg

Richard & Peter Fahey **Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)**  
 C&D winner. Best run this season when second of 20 in the Dash at Epsom (5f) 7 days ago. Up 3 lb but not taken lightly now back in form.

**3 4 RUBY'S PROFIT (IRE) (13) (D, BF)** s+t **98**  
 3054-0464 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg

Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole **Jack Doughty**  
 On a losing run but not disgraced when fourth of 7 in handicap at Nottingham (5f) 13 days ago. Cheekpieces added.

**4 8 ROSENPUR (GER) (36) (CD)** h **99**  
 16320-261 **6** 9-7 | 60.3kg

Jennie Candlish **George Wood**  
 Had a highly productive 2025, winning 5 times, and he gained a first success this season in 12-runner handicap here (6f) last month. Up 4 lb but very much one to consider in his bid for a fourth victory here.

**5 9 AL HUSSAR (13) (CD)** b **98**  
 03-343251 **4** 9-6 | 59.9kg

Grant Tuer **Pierre-Louis Jamin**  
 Resumed winning ways in determined fashion in 17-runner handicap at Thirsk (5f) 13 days ago. This C&D scorer should remain competitive despite a 3 lb rise.

**6 1 CHANGEOFMIND (IRE) (13) (CD)** **98**  
 79395-018 **6** 9-4 | 59.0kg

Declan Carroll **Zak Wheatley (3lb/1kg)**  
 Ended a long losing run at Pontefract (5f) in May and not disgraced with eighth of 17 at Thirsk (5f) 13 days ago. This C&D winner is not out of things.

**7 6 MARTY HOPKIRK (IRE) (14) (D)** s **96**  
 15200-540 **4** 9-3 | 58.5kg

David Loughnane **Rowan Scott**  
 Got off mark at Wolverhampton last May. Arrives in decent nick this season, not best drawn when thirteenth of 14 in handicap at Carlisle (6f) 14 days ago. Cheekpieces added now.

**8 10 COPPER KNIGHT (IRE) (13) (CD)** t **99**  
 4210-2106 **12** 9-3 | 58.5kg

Tim Easterby **Duran Fentiman**  
 Admirable veteran who showed an excellent attitude when adding to his career tally at Beverley in May. Not best drawn when a solid sixth of 17 at Thirsk (5f) 13 days ago. This 5-time C&D scorer is in the mix once more.

**9 7 BLINKY (IRE) (30) (D)** s **93**  
 30252-800 **4** 9-2 | 58.1kg

Antony Brittain **Harry Russell**  
 Ended 2025 in good order but yet to fire in trio of starts on all-weather/turf so far this year. Needs to step forward despite a falling mark.

**10 3 TRICKY TEL (17) (CD)** **99**  
 11574-31 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg

Hugo Palmer **David Probert**  
 Built on an encouraging reappearance third here to land 8-runner handicap at Hamilton (6f) 17 days ago, finding extra. Up 5 lb but this dual C&D winner can go well again.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Vintage Clarets, **5-1** Tricky Tel, **11-2** Atomic Force, **11-2** Rosenpur, **6-1** Al Hussar, **7-1** Ruby's Profit, **18-1** Copper Knight, **28-1** Changeofmind, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This is wide open. ATOMIC FORCE didn't enjoy the smoothest of passages when third over C&D last time so edges the vote from recent Hamilton scorer Tricky Tel, who bids for a third success here. Rosenpur and Copper Knight are highly respected around here so can also have a say.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ATOMIC FORCE 2. TRICKY TEL 3. ROSENPUR**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Copper Knight</b>	11-9-0	5-2jf	Tim Easterby	Duran Fentiman	8
2024	<b>Copper Knight</b>	10-9-5	4-1f	Tim Easterby	S. B. Kirrane	11
2023	<b>Vintage Clarets</b>	4-10-0	10-3	Richard Fahey	Callum Hutchinson (3)	8
2022	<b>Copper Knight</b>	8-10-2	5-2f	Tim Easterby	S. B. Kirrane (3)	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.37**

**ROODEE HANDICAP (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-80) £15,000**  
**1m7f196y (3200 Metres)**

RACE 6



Going: **Good to Soft**

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 7 FOX JOURNEY (31) 99**  
 063056-23 6 9-9 | 61.2kg



**Declan Carroll** *Zak Wheatley (31lb/1kg)*  
 Useful handicapper at his best for Sir Michael Stoute. Without a win when trained by Kevin Ryan in 2025 but has made an excellent start for current yard, third of 17 in handicap at York (1½m) last month. Very much one to consider.

**2 11 SAVROLA (IRE) (27) (D) 96**  
 41/12212-0 7 9-9 | 61.2kg



**Dianne Sayer** *Sam James*  
 In fine form in 2025, winning twice, but not seen out after July. Made a low-key return from 10 months off at Hamilton (13f) last month though so needs to take a major step forward.

**3 4 IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU (IRE) (36) (CD) 97**  
 2311/018-0 6 9-7 | 60.3kg



**Jennie Candlish** *Sean Dylan Bowen*  
 C&D winner in August. Given a considerable return after 7 months off when thirteenth here last month. No surprise to see him- take a step forward. One of 3 for the yard.

**4 3 BARENBOIM (12) (D) 97**  
 444-12698 8 9-5 | 59.4kg



**Tom Dascombe** *Pierre-Louis Jamin*  
 Made all at Kempton in January but his more recent form is far less encouraging, last of 8 in handicap at Newbury (2m) 12 days ago. Others are more persuasive.

**5 2 SOLAR PASS (14) 95**  
 8227-1522 4 9-5 | 59.4kg



**Andrew Balding** *P. J. McDonald*  
 Resumed winning ways at Southwell (1½m) in March and arrives in very good order, second of 9 over C&D 14 days ago. Enters calculations once more.

**6 10 DINO BELLAGIO (35) (C, D) 97**  
 5314318-3 7 9-4 | 59.0kg



**Donald McCain** *David Probert*  
 A dual winner in 2025, including here, but he went too freely after 7 months off when a well-held third of 4 in handicap at Nottingham (1¾m) 35 days ago. Can take a step forward.

**7 1 KINGDOM OF STARS (FR) (253) (D) 97**  
 42213032- 5 9-4 | 59.0kg



**Kerry Lee** *Luke Morris*  
 Scored at Kempton (2m) last July and placed three times later in 2025 for Tom Ward. Pulled up twice recently over hurdles though so needs to bounce back returned to this sphere.

**8 6 HEATHEN (14) 96**  
 4/134244-3 7 9-2 | 58.1kg



**Jennie Candlish** *George Wood*  
 A 3-time winner for David O'Meara who has made a positive start for his new handler, back from 9 months off with third of 9 in handicap over C&D 14 days ago. Ought to be in the shake-up.

**9 9 PERGAMON (FR) (281) (D) 100**  
 321/8837- 5 9-0 | 57.2kg



**Jennie Candlish** *Harry Davies*  
 Relatively lightly raced on the Flat (fair winner in France) and he comes here on the up over hurdles for his current yard, bagging 2m handicaps at Huntingdon and Ludlow recently. Could prove well treated back in this sphere so he's interesting.

**10 5 ACTION PACT (22) 96**  
 7872316-4 5 8-10 | 55.3kg



**Michael & David Easterby** *Billy Garritty*  
 Gained a first victory at Pontefract in October. Off 7 months and given a patient ride when fourth of 7 in handicap there (17f) on his return 22 days ago. Not ruled out with that run under his belt.

**11 8 CASCADE HALL (IRE) (8) (D) h 98**  
 05507-121 7 8-8 | 54.4kg



**Jim Goldie** *Amie Waugh (31lb/1kg)*  
 Has resumed better than ever this season and he easily went 2-3 in 5-runner handicap at Musselburgh (2m) 8 days ago. Up 6 lb and this is tougher but he's not taken lightly in his current mood.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1 Cascade Hall, 5-1 Pergamon, 6-1 Fox Journey, 6-1 Solar Pass, 10-1 Heathen, 14-1 Savrola, 20-1 It's All About You, 20-1 Action Pact, 28-1 Kingdom of Stars, 28-1 Dino Bellagio, 80-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Jennie Candlish saddles 3 here and her PERGAMON could prove the answer to this competitive handicap given he returns to the Flat on a potentially good mark judged on his recent improvement over hurdles when a dual winner. Fox Journey has started life really well for Declan Carroll and seems sure to be on the premises, while Solar Pass and Cascade Hall also need considering.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PERGAMON 2. FOX JOURNEY 3. SOLAR PASS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Cavern Club</b> 5-9-8	12-1	James Owen	Callum Shepherd	9
2024	<b>Rich Belief</b> 7-9-5	7-2f	Karl Thornton	R. C. Colgan	10
2023	<b>Capone</b> 8-8-8	6-4f	Dominic Ffrench Davis	Ben Curtis	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.12

**SUMMER SATURDAY ON 27th JUNE HANDICAP (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-80) £15,000 1½m63y (2470 Metres)**

RACE 7



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

**1 8 SPIRIT OF ACKLAM (16)** **100**  
 0353/010-5 **5** 9-10 | 61.7kg  
**Michael & David Easterby** **Billy Garrity**  
 Won at Ayr on his second of 3 starts last season and shaped as if retaining all ability after a year off when fifth of 10 in at Ripon (1¼m, good) 16 days ago, unable to sustain his effort only late. Too free on his previous start over this trip but rates as an interesting runner down in grade.

**2 6 WILTSHIRE WONDER (250) (D)** **95**  
 44161/950- **6** 9-4 | 59.0kg  
**Bernard Llewellyn** **Robbie Downey**  
 Won twice at Southwell over 1½m in 2024 but the track only twice last season, failing to beat a rival when last seen at Wolverhampton in October. Sold for just 5,000 gns from Archie Watson subsequently and others are preferred after 8 months off.

**3 4 HELMSLEY (IRE) (31)** **94**  
 418-86676 **4** 9-3 | 58.5kg  
**Ivan Furtado** **Sean Dylan Bowen**  
 Winner of a Redcar novice in October on final start for Ralph Beckett. Step back in right direction back on turf when seventh at Thirsk in May and went a long way to backing up having done plenty in front when sixth of 17 at York (1½m, good to soft) 31 days ago. Now 3 lb lower and in tongue tie.

**4 10 FREE SPEECH (IRE) (26) (D)** **98**  
 6/67293-62 **5** 9-3 | 58.5kg  
**Sam England** **P. J. McDonald**  
 Back-to-back winner in 2024 for Ed Dunlop and has made an encouraging start for current connections, beaten just a head by an unexposed 3-y-o in a 5-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (1½m) 26 days ago. Wasn't the most consistent last season but clearly capable of going close from this kind of mark.

**5 11 OMAN (IRE) (8) (CD)** **99**  
 51-227841 **8** 9-2 | 58.1kg  
**Tony Carroll** **Jack Doughty**  
 Turned in best effort for a good while when scoring in decisive fashion at Goodwood under a 3-lb claimer last week, seemingly helped by the drop back down in grade and refitting of headgear. Remains potentially well treated from 3 lb higher. Also engaged 5.28 Chester Friday.

**6 2 NEWTOWN DUKE (IRE) (36)** **99**  
 4/037841-3 **5** 9-1 | 57.6kg  
**Ian Williams** **Ryan Kavanagh (5lb/2kg)**  
 Got off the mark at Newcastle (1m) in November and returned from 6 months off with a good third of 15 in handicap at C&D last month. No reason why he shouldn't go well again from unchanged mark.

**7 5 KASGANI (IRE) (10)** **97**  
 65575-36 **4** 9-0 | 57.2kg  
**Declan Carroll** **Zak Wheatley (3lb/1kg)**  
 Ex-Irish maiden shaped really well on his yard debut when third at Nottingham on return, finishing well after meeting plenty of trouble and again didn't get a clean run of things when sixth there 10 days ago, albeit partly due to his own hanging. Remains on a competitive mark.

**8 12 SHIPSHAPE (IRE) (17)** **94**  
 546-52121 **4** 9-0 | 57.2kg  
**Bernard Llewellyn** **David Probert**  
 In good heart for new yard, winning 1¼m Southwell handicap in April and just failing at Thirsk next time. Back to winning ways in a 4-runner event over 13f at Hamilton 17 days ago and he's respected again, for all wide draw and greater test of speed he'll meet here aren't certain to suit.

**9 3 IMPERIAL TROOPER (IRE) (22)** **96**  
 39-263306 **4** 8-10 | 55.3kg  
**Jennie Candlish** **George Wood**  
 It's now 15 runs since his last win in 2024 and he never really looked like justifying support when sixth of 9 in handicap at Haydock (1¼m, good to soft) 22 days ago. Others preferred.

**10 9 GOLSPIE (IRE) (3)** **96**  
 65244234 **6** 8-7 | 54.0kg  
**Patrick Morris** **Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)**  
 Free-going sort arrives after 6 in-frame efforts on the bounce, including when fourth of 14 in handicap at Kempton (11f) only 3 days ago. Can give a good account without posing serious threat to principals.

**11 1 IDYLIC (56) (D)** **96**  
 1041476-6 **5** 8-6 | 53.5kg  
**Wilf Storey** **Amie Waugh (3lb/1kg)**  
 Dual winner last summer but ended 2025 on a low-key note and she shaped as if she'd come on for the run when sixth of 12 in handicap at Thirsk (1½m, good, 25/1) 56 days ago (has since had breathing operation). Hood on 1st time.

**12 7 HAVACHOC (11) (D)** **94**  
 11443322 **4** 8-4(8-2) | 52.6kg (51.7kg)  
**Patrick Morris** **Luke Morris**  
 Enjoyed a productive winter on all-weather, completing a hat-trick over at Newcastle in February. Continued in good form since and went down rallying by just a neck to a last-time-out winner there 11 days ago. 2 lb out of the weights here but he's effective on turf and clearly in good form.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1 Shipshape, 13-2 Oman, 15-2 Newtown Duke, 8-1 Spirit of Acklam, 8-1 Helmsley, 17-2 Free Speech, 10-1 Kasgani, 12-1 Golspie, 12-1 Havachoc, 33-1 Idyllic, 66-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Top-weight SPIRIT OF ACKLAM should be able to cope with this step back up in trip given the speed-favouring nature of Chester and may be able to capitalise on the drop into 0-80 company after an encouraging reappearance. Newtown Duke ran well over C&D last time and also merits consideration from an unchanged mark, with Helmsley also shortlisted having dropped further in the weights.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SPIRIT OF ACKLAM 2. NEWTOWN DUKE 3. HELMSLEY**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Polling Day</b> 7-9-6	33-1	Bernard Llewellyn	Elizabeth Gale (7)	10
2024 <sup>l</sup>	<b>Dreams Adozen</b> 4-9-9	5-2f	Charlie Johnston	Joe Fanning	9
2024 <sup>ll</sup>	<b>Eyetrapp</b> 4-9-5	9-2	Jane Chapple-Hyam	Jonny Peate (3)	7
2023	<b>The Thunderer</b> 5-9-13	7-2	Ollie Sangster	Ben Curtis	8
2022	<b>Bamboo Bay</b> 4-9-1	22-1	Philip Kirby	Kevin Stott	11
2021	<b>Elhafei</b> 6-9-5	4-1	John Mackie	Franny Norton	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race