

Thursday 14th May

# YORK

**1.45** SKY BET ebfstallions.com NOVICE STAKES (2) 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 1 **(11) STATTEN ISLAND | (8) ROCK STEADY BEAT | (5) PERSIAN SPRING**

**2.20** LINDUM YORK HANDICAP (2) 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 2 **(7) COROLLA POINT | (2) JAKAJARO | (18) COPPER KNIGHT**

**2.55** OAKMERE HOMES HAMBLETON HANDICAP (2) 7f192y (1580 Metres)

RACE 3 **(11) SEA FORCE | (6) SHOUT | (18) MAYBE NOT**

**3.30** AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI MIDDLETON FILLIES' STAKES (Group 2) (1) 1¼m56y (2060 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) DIAMOND RAIN | (5) SEE THE FIRE | (1) FALLEN ANGEL**

**4.05** AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI DANTE STAKES (Group 2) (1) 1¼m56y (2060 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) CHRISTMAS DAY | (7) MORSHDI | (6) KING'S TRAIL**

**4.40** BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF WESTOW STAKES (Listed) (1) 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) ASPECT ISLAND | (7) REVIVAL POWER | (6) MANATEE MEHMAS**

**5.15** FRANK WHITTLE PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP (4) 1m3f188y (2380 Metres)

RACE 7 **(10) ARC OLE OLE | (3) HARD TO BELIEVE | (11) COTTON BUD**

#### 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.

**1.45**

**SKY BET ebstallions.com NOVICE STAKES (2) 2yo**  
**£40,000 6f (1210 Metres)**

RACE 1




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


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Draw: **Strongly Favours Low** Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**


**1 11 CLASH OF HEARTS (IRE) 90**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Adrian Keatley *M. P. Sheehy*  
Foaled March 3. 120,000 gns yearling, Mehmas colt. Half-brother to useful winner up to 6f Symbol of Strength. Dam ran twice.


**2 3 CRAVEN FORCE (IRE) (10) 79**  
67 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Craig Lidster *David Allan*  
Caturra colt who shaped better than first time up when seventh of 11 in maiden at Beverley (5f, good, 16/1) 10 days ago. Unlikely he'll be troubling the judge.


**3 5 LEAVE THE BAG IN (IRE) 79**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Adrian Keatley *Oisin McSweeney*  
Foaled May 4. 62,000 gns yearling, Cotai Glory colt. Half-brother to useful 1¼m winner Galileo Dame and 7f-1½m winner Mauna Queen. dam, 9.4f winner who stayed 13.5f, half-sister to useful winner up to 1¼m (would have stayed 1½m) Alder.


**4 13 MR MINZ (IRE) 79**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Iain Jardine *Connor Beasley*  
Foaled February 2. €70,000 yearling, Minzaal colt. Closely related to 2-y-o 6f winner French Affair. Dam, third at 8.5f, half-sister to smart winner up to 1m Space Traveller.


**5 10 PERSIAN SPRING (IRE) (11) 92**  
5 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Richard Hannon *Jamie Spencer*  
Persian Force colt who showed ability when fifth of 7 in novice at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) on debut 11 days ago. Bred to make an impact as a juvenile and should take a step forward from that initial effort.


**6 8 RANTING DUKE (34) 79**  
5 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Diego Dias, Ireland *D. D. Lima*  
Zoustar colt who is best not judged on his debut effort when fifth of 6 in maiden at Dundalk (5f) just under 5 weeks ago, his race over almost as soon as it began having been very slowly away.

**7 15 RLASTHOPE (32) 91**  
52 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood *David Nolan*  
Rajasinghe gelding who showed more with experience under his belt when second of 4 in novice at Musselburgh (5f, good to soft) last month, albeit probably flattered to get as close as he did to the unextended winner.

**8 4 ROCK STEADY BEAT (IRE) 96**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 K. R. Burke *Clifford Lee*  
Foaled March 7. 110,000 gns yearling, Minzaal colt. Half-brother to several winners, including smart 5f/6f winner Happy Romance and 5.7f/6f winner Red Tycoon. Dam unraced half-sister to smart winner up to 7f Warsaw. Likely type for yard with an excellent record with juveniles.


**9 7 SIR SIRIUS (IRE) 100**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Kevin Ryan *Tom Eaves*  
Foaled February 22. 350,000 gns yearling, Starman colt. Half-brother to several winners, including useful 7f winner Mehmento and 2-y-o 6f/7f winner Immortal Beauty. Dam lightly-raced half-sister to smart sprinter Kyllang Rock. Lots to like (yard 2-6 with 2-y-o newcomers this season).

**10 1 STAR PEOPLE (FR) 90**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 John & Sean Quinn *Jason Hart*  
Foaled January 17. €67,000 foal, £85,000 yearling, Sioux Nation colt. Dam placed in France at 10.5f-1½m.


**11 9 STATTEN ISLAND (IRE) 98**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Kevin Ryan *Kevin Stott*  
Foaled March 7. €65,000 foal, 180,000 gns yearling, Starspangledbanner colt. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful winner up to 7f Raab and 1m winner Ramadhaan. Dam, 1½m winner, half-sister to smart 7f/1m winner Ghaamer. Likely type on paper (yard 2-6 with 2-y-o newcomers this season).

**12 12 SUE'S LAST CHANCE (IRE) 93**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Richard & Peter Fahey *Barry McHugh*  
Foaled February 5. €62,000 foal, €125,000 yearling, Cotai Glory colt. Half-brother to 2-y-o 5f winner Elliott. Dam, US 1m/8.5f winner, half-sister to smart winner up to 7f Lustown Baba.


**13 6 THE GINGER KID (IRE) 93**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Ed Walker *Kieran Shoemark*  
Foaled March 30. €110,000 yearling, Mehmas colt. Dam unraced half-sister to very smart 2-y-o 5f/6f winner Tiggy Wiggy. Could well have a say (yard 1-3 with 2-y-o newcomers this season).

**14 2 TOON ARMY (IRE) 79**  
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Nigel Tinkler *Rowan Scott*  
Foaled March 31. €20,000 foal, €16,000 yearling, Kodiak gelding. Brother to 5f winner Alhather and half-brother to 5f winner Billie Be Quick. Dam 7f winner.

**15 16 SAXY LASS (IRE) 75**  
2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Michael & David Easterby *Billy Garrity*  
Foaled February 5. 13,000 gns yearling, Saxon Warrior filly. Dam, 1¼m winner, closely related to 2-y-o 6f/7f winner (stayed 1¼m) Bunker and winner up to 8.6f Imperial Fighter (both smart).

**16 14 THE RESDEV ROMAN (IRE) 79**  
2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Michael & David Easterby *Sam James*  
Foaled March 3. £23,000 2-y-o, Holy Roman Emperor filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including 2-y-o 8.6f winner Tryst and 7.4f/1m winner American Hope. Dam maiden half-sister to useful 1m-1¼m winner Azeville.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Sir Sirius, **9-2** Statten Island, **11-2** Rock Steady Beat, **10-1** The Ginger Kid, **10-1** Sue's Last Chance, **14-1** Persian Spring, **20-1** Rlasthope, **25-1** Clash of Hearts, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

One of the first opportunities for 2-y-os over 6f and quite a valuable novice in which the market with prove informative. Preference is for STATTEN ISLAND, whose sales price rose significantly from foal to yearling and represents the in-form Kevin Ryan yard. Karl Burke is synonymous with juvenile success, and his Rock Steady Beat may provide most resistance. Of those with experience, Persian Spring may well fare best for a stable who have won this race twice in the past 5 years.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. STATTEN ISLAND 2. ROCK STEADY BEAT 3. PERSIAN SPRING**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>First Legion</b> 2-9-4	6-1	Richard Hannon	Shane Foley	11
2024	<b>Andesite</b> 2-9-7	7-2	K. R. Burke	Daniel Tudhope	11
2023	<b>Cuban Thunder</b> 2-9-7	5-4f	Dominic Ffrench Davis	Kevin Stott	10
2022	<b>Queen Olly</b> 2-9-2	11-4f	David Loughnane	Rossa Ryan	10
2021	<b>Lusail</b> 2-9-5	28-1	Richard Hannon	Andrea Atzeni	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.20**

**LINDUM YORK HANDICAP (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105)  
£60,000 5f (1010 Metres)**

RACE 2



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Draw: **Strongly Favours Low** Pace Information: **Extreme**

**1 13 HAMMER THE HAMMER (IRE) (215) (D) 97**  
21112056- 4 9-12 | 62.6kg

Kevin Ryan **Jack Callan (3lb/1kg)**  
Completed a hat-trick last spring at Chester and ended the season with solid efforts in Ayr Gold Cup and 19-runner handicap here (6f) in the autumn. Returns after a breathing operation and can't be ruled out.

**2 18 JAKAJARO (IRE) (30) (D) 100**  
6333557-1 5 9-9 | 61.2kg

Robert Cowell **Jamie Spencer**  
Returned from 5 months off with a career-best win in 8-runner handicap at Newmarket (5f) 30 days ago, readily making all. Up 5 lb and whilst this looks tougher than last time, he's a likely player once more.

**3 12 REDORANGE (235) (D) t 97**  
31343287- 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

Clive Cox **Ryan Moore**  
Scored at Chester last May and largely in good form after in 2025, not seen to best effect when seventh of 14 in handicap at Southwell (5f) in September. Has gone well fresh so not out of things with Ryan Moore also up.

**4 1 AGAINST THE WIND (40) (D) 96**  
301630-30 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

Kevin Ryan **Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)**  
Won twice over 5f in 2025 and has returned in good nick, not best drawn when eleventh in 5f Musselburgh handicap last time. Since had a breathing operation and remains relatively lightly raced.

**5 2 LUNA A INBHIR NIS (237) (CD) 90**  
11511325- 4 9-3 | 58.5kg

Katie Scott **Jason Hart**  
Enjoyed a highly productive 2025 winning 6 times, including over C&D. Signed off with a good fifth in Ayr listed event in September and she scored on her return last season.

**6 22 STORMY IMPACT (187) (D) 97**  
10915826- 4 9-3 | 58.5kg

Richard & Peter Fahey **Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)**  
A dual scorer at Epsom and Wolverhampton last summer and not disgraced when sixth of 22 in handicap at Doncaster (6f) in November. No forlorn hope returning from 6 months off.

**7 11 COROLLA POINT (IRE) (29) (D, BF) 98**  
1/4811-3 4 9-3 | 58.5kg

Edward Bethell **Callum Rodriguez**  
Made a fine start for current yard (formerly with Charlie Appleby) last September when bagging a pair of 5f handicaps at Haydock and Hamilton. Resumed with an excellent third of 10 at Beverley (5f) last month and merits serious consideration with few miles still on the clock.

**8 9 HEAVENLY HEATHER (40) (D) 95**  
221-15254 5 9-1 | 57.6kg

Tracy Waggott **Barry McHugh**  
A dual 5f/6f scorer at Newcastle over the winter and posted another solid effort when fourth of 14 in handicap at Musselburgh (5f) 40 days ago, nearest finish.

**9 21 ZIGGY'S TRITON (IRE) (18) (D) s 97**  
11-253951 4 9-0 | 57.2kg

David O'Meara **Daniel Tudhope**  
Won 4 times in 2025 and resumed his progress with victory in 12-runner handicap at Musselburgh (5f) 18 days ago. Showed a good attitude there and fancied to remain competitive.

**10 6 AIR FORCE ONE (IRE) (29) (CD) v 99**  
913206-51 5 8-13 | 56.7kg

Geoff Oldroyd **P. J. McDonald**  
C&D winner last July who resumed winning ways in 10-runner handicap at Beverley (5f) 29 days ago, by head from I'm Next. Nudged up 2 lb and good record at this track bodes well.

**11 10 STURLASSON (IRE) (10) (D) 95**  
413214-52 5 8-11 | 55.8kg

John Ryan **Oisin Murphy**  
Gained a third win of a productive autumn at Southwell in November and back on track with second of 6 in handicap at Bath (5f) 10 days ago. However, remains a couple of pounds above last winning mark.

**12 17 BERGERAC (IRE) (215) (CD) 94**  
21430400- 8 8-11 | 55.8kg

Kevin Ryan **Shane Gray**  
C&D winner. Not best drawn when well beaten in Ayr Gold Cup and 19-runner handicap here (6f) last two runs in the autumn. Mark is slipping.

**13 20 TOCA MADERA (IRE) (12) 98**  
6343049-7 5 8-10 | 55.3kg

David O'Meara **Mark Winn**  
Winless in 2025 for Brian Meehan. Not disgraced after 9 months off for his new yard when seventh of 10 in handicap at Thirsk (5f) 12 days ago. Can take a step forward.

**14 3 ETERNAL SUNSHINE (29) (D) 88**  
113330-00 6 8-10 | 55.3kg

Jim Goldie **Lauren Young (5lb/2kg)**  
Completed a hat-trick in the Portland at Doncaster in September. Yet to hit top form this spring but she still shaped as if needing the run when last of 13 in handicap at Newmarket (6f) last month.

**15 14 ARKLOW LAD (IRE) (37) (D) s+t 96**  
62126-131 4 8-9 | 54.9kg

Michael Appleby **Jason Watson**  
Made it 2 wins from 3 starts for current yard in 5f handicap at Pontefract last month, going through the race with more fluency in first-time cheekpieces. Up 4 lb here with headgear retained and he ought to go well again.

**16 19 BRAZEN BOLT (12) (CD) 96**  
3211006-2 9 8-9 | 54.9kg

Ruth Carr **Harry Vigors (7lb/3kg)**  
Dual 5f winner last summer, including over C&D. Back after a breathing operation with a very good second of 10 in handicap at Thirsk (5f) 12 days ago. Must enter calculations despite 2 lb rise.

**17 7 I'M NEXT (18) (D) 96**  
02198-214 4 8-6 | 53.5kg

Tim Easterby **Duran Fentiman**  
Back to winning ways at Beverley (5f) in April and not disgraced when fourth of 12 in handicap at Musselburgh (5f) 18 days ago. Given more time ahead of this.

**18 4 COPPER KNIGHT (IRE) (4lb/2kg ex) (10) (CD) t 93**  
984210-21 12 8-6 | 53.5kg

Tim Easterby **James Sullivan**  
A 7-time C&D winner, including twice in this event, and this admirable veteran showed a great attitude when bagging 7-runner handicap at Beverley (5f) 10 days ago. Not taken lightly under a 4 lb penalty.

**19 8 BLINKY (IRE) (48) (D) s 97**  
030252-80 4 8-4 | 52.6kg

Antony Brittain **Cam Hardie**  
Ended 2025 in good order but yet to hit top form in 5f handicaps at Southwell and Newcastle this season.

**20 15 LETHAL NYMPH (13) (D) 97**  
21383-260 7 8-4 | 52.6kg

Paul Midgley **Andrew Mullen**  
Successful twice over 5f last autumn and not best drawn in 5f handicaps at Pontefract and Ascot of late. Possibilities off an easing mark.

**21 16 SQUEALER (IRE) (12) (CD) 96**  
140800-69 6 8-4 | 52.6kg

Nigel Tinkler **Faye McManoman**  
C&D winner last June. Never dangerous after a slow start when ninth of 10 in handicap at Thirsk (5f) 12 days ago so needs to bounce back.

**22 5 SPORTS COACH (IRE) (12) (D) 98**  
503-21548 5 8-2 | 51.7kg

Antony Brittain **Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)**   
Scored at Southwell (5f) in March and in good form after until eighth of 10 in handicap at Thirsk (5f) 12 days ago. The sort to bounce back.

**2.20****LINDUM YORK HANDICAP (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105)  
£60,000 5f (1010 Metres)**

RACE 2

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1** Corolla Point, **8-1** Jakajaro, **9-1** Air Force One, **12-1** Ziggy's Triton, **14-1** Hammer The Hammer, **16-1** Arklow Lad, **16-1** I'm Next, **18-1** Brazen Bolt, **22-1** Toca Madera, **22-1** Redorange, **28-1** Sturlasson, **28-1** Copper Knight, **33-1** Stormy Impact, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This is wide open. Ed Bethell's low-mileage COROLLA POINT has the potential for better still this season so gets the vote on the back of an excellent reappearance third at Beverley. Newmarket scorer Jakajaro heads the list of dangers, although a solid case can be made for several others, notably Copper Knight, who bids for a third win in this event, Redorange, Hammer The Hammer and Against The Wind.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. COROLLA POINT 2. JAKAJARO 3. COPPER KNIGHT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>American Affair</b> 5-9-9	7-2f	Jim Goldie	Paul Mulrennan	17
2024	<b>Clarendon House</b> 6-9-12	8-1	Robert Cowell	Tom Marquand	17
2023	<b>Regional</b> 5-9-5	5-1	Edward Bethell	Callum Rodriguez	13
2022	<b>Fine Wine</b> 5-8-4	5-1	Scott Dixon	Jack Duern (3)	13
2021	<b>Copper Knight</b> 7-8-6	11-2jf	Tim Easterby	James Sullivan	17

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**OAKMERE HOMES HAMBLETON HANDICAP (2) 4yo+ £75,000 7f192y (1580 Metres)**

RACE 3



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

**1 1 POINT LYNAS (IRE) (89) (CD) h** **94**  
1/284267-9 **7** 9-12 | 62.6kg

**Edward Bethell** *Callum Rodriguez*  
Goes well here, landing this race in 2024. Without a win last year but ran up best when second in Summer Mile at Ascot. Hasn't been in the same form since, returning from 5 months off when down the field at Doha in February, and tough mark to overcome back in a handicap.

**2 11 DIEGO VENTURA (IRE) (32) 94**  
1342533-6 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg

**Hamad Al Jehani** *James Doyle*  
Listed winner over 7f at Longchamp last spring and gave his running more often than not the remainder of the campaign, his best form up to 1m. After 5 months off, possibly stretched by 9f back at Longchamp in April, but has something to find making handicap debut.

**3 6 CERULEAN BAY (IRE) (19) (D) 97**  
0221103-4 **5** 9-6 | 59.9kg

**David O'Meara** *Daniel Tudhope*  
Ended 2025 on the up, landing back-to-back Goodwood handicaps in the autumn and third in listed race at Nottingham on final outing. Picked up where he left off when close fourth in a Haydock handicap 19 days ago, faring best of those held up.

**4 7 VAFORTINO (IRE) (69) (D) 94**  
5557-4507 **8** 9-6 | 59.9kg

**Charlie Fellowes** *Billy Loughnane*  
Successful in listed races on final 2 starts in 2023 but without a win since. Highly tried in the UAE since joining current yard and made the frame in a Meydan Group 2 in January, though didn't manage to build on that in 3 subsequent outings.

**5 9 GODWINSON (208) (D) 96**  
100/11500- **6** 9-5 | 59.4kg

**Jack Channon** *George Bass*  
Made a winning return in the Lincoln last season and improved again when following up at Newcastle in June. Wasn't in the same form on final 3 starts of the campaign, but he boasts a good record fresh as he makes first run since leaving William Haggas.

**6 4 SHOUT (IRE) (26) (D, BF) 98**  
230714-90 **4** 9-2 | 58.1kg

**Simon & Ed Crisford** *Oisin Murphy*  
Resumed his progress with a big-field handicap win at Ascot in September. Shaped well when fourth of 20 in the Balmoral there the following month and hasn't been seen to best effect both outings this season, meeting trouble when mid-field at Newbury last month. Merits consideration.

**7 13 THUNDER ROAR (47) (C, D) 95**  
084102-70 **7** 9-1 | 57.6kg

**Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood** *David Nolan*  
Proved better than ever when scoring at Ayr in September and good second over this C&D the following month. Has possibly been working his way back to full fitness in 2 outings this season, also meeting trouble when down the field in the Lincoln last time.

**8 17 FIRST PRINCIPLE (41) (D) t 96**  
21812-210 **4** 8-13 | 56.7kg

**William Haggas** *Ryan Moore*  
Built on promise of his reappearance when showing a good attitude to resume winning ways at Wolverhampton in March. Shaped as if amiss at Newcastle on Good Friday so he's worth another chance given his gradually progressive profile before that, though does have wide draw to overcome.

**9 2 MIRSKY (12) (D) 98**  
9/81109-31 **7** 8-13 | 56.7kg

**David O'Meara** *Mark Winn*  
Back-to-back winner last season and stepped forward from reappearance to land the Thirsk Hunt Cup 12 days ago, though benefited from a clear run in contrast to Sea Force in third. Can give his running once more, but wouldn't be certain to confirm the form from last time.

**10 16 CROUPIER (IRE) (19) (CD) 92**  
0 **7** 8-12 | 56.2kg

**Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith** *Ray Dawson*  
Smart handicapper for the Crisfords in 2023, successful in this race prior to an excellent second in the Buckingham Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot. However, was absent for almost 3 years before finishing down the field at Haydock on stable debut 19 days ago.

**11 3 SEA FORCE (IRE) (12) (D) s** **100**  
213461-63 **4** 8-12 | 56.2kg

**William Haggas** *Tom Marquand*  
Confirmed the promise of first 3 starts in handicaps when scoring at Yarmouth (9f) in September. With this season's reappearance behind him, looked unlucky not to at least go close in Thirsk Hunt Cup 12 days ago given the trouble he met. Major player.

**12 18 GALERON (IRE) (47) 98**  
0705342-0 **6** 8-11 | 55.8kg

**Charles Hills** *Jack Callan (3lb/1kg)*  
Only a lengthy losing run but ended last season with a trio of in-frame efforts. However, after 5 months off he ran below form when twelfth of 21 in the Lincoln at Doncaster in March. Others more persuasive.

**13 14 THEORYOFEVERYTHING (47) (D) t** **98**  
5072508-0 **6** 8-10 | 55.3kg

**David O'Meara** *Jason Hart*  
Goes well on ground softer than good, successful at Ayr (good to soft) on second start last season. Good second at the same course in September when getting conditions to suit, while he possibly needed the run in the Lincoln on return. Only 1 lb above last winning mark.

**14 10 DUKE'S COMMAND (16) (D) 95**  
2413-8765 **5** 8-8 | 54.4kg

**David O'Meara** *Jason Watson*  
Won 3 times in 2025, with latest victory over 1¼m at Lingfield in December. Excuses on first 3 starts this year, but was disappointing back on turf when well held at Epsom 16 days ago. Has dropped below last winning mark as he returns to shorter.

**15 8 OLD COCK (IRE) (26) (CD) t 96**  
914/0140-0 **5** 8-8 | 54.4kg

**Antony Brittain** *Cam Hardie*  
Winner of this race in cosy fashion last year, but was held back by slow starts over this C&D on both remaining outings of the campaign. After 8 months off ahead of first run since leaving Ed Bethell, ran below form at Newbury in April so he has something to prove at present.

**16 5 WALSINGHAM (IRE) (15) (D) 97**  
28/1110-31 **6** 8-5 | 53.1kg

**David O'Meara** *Harry Davies*  
Recorded a hat-trick at Pontefract (twice) and Ascot last season. Left poorly placed on return, before bouncing back to winning ways at Pontefract 15 days ago. Up in grade but he did score readily last time.

**17 15 POINT OF CONTACT (IRE) (243) (D) 97**  
3/124656- **4** 8-4 | 52.6kg

**Andrew Balding** *Marco Ghiani*  
Newbury maiden winner on last season's return and better form in defeat since, despite not always being seen to best effect, running well in 2 starts over this C&D including at the Ebor Festival. Not ideally placed at Doncaster on final outing, so could yet do better having been gelded.

**18 19 MAYBE NOT (204) (D, BF) 99**  
4/3121214- **4** 8-3 | 52.2kg

**Ralph Beckett** *Saffie Osborne*  
3-time winner switched to handicaps last season, with latest success at Southwell in September. Prior to that was runner-up over 7f here at the Ebor Festival, form boosted since. Only fourth of 8 at Newmarket on final outing but no surprise to see her bounce back, though wide draw not ideal.

**19 12 ELDRICKJONES (IRE) (35) (D) 94**  
7414-4463 **7** 8-2 | 51.7kg

**Roger Fell** *Sean Dylan Bowen*  
Took advantage of his easing mark when scoring at Newcastle (7f) in December, his fifth course success. Has been running respectably since, third of 6 over 1m at Southwell 5 weeks ago, but faces a tough ask back on turf.

19 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-2** Sea Force, **8-1** Shout, **10-1** Cerulean Bay, **11-1** Maybe Not, **12-1** Mirsky, **14-1** Point of Contact, **14-1** Walsingham, **16-1** First Principle, **18-1** Point Lynas, **18-1** Diego Ventura, **22-1** Galeron, **22-1** Godwinson, **28-1** Theoryofeverything, **28-1** Old Cock, **28-1** Vafortino, **40-1** bar

**2.55****OAKMERE HOMES HAMBLETON HANDICAP (2) 4yo+  
£75,000 7f192y (1580 Metres)**

RACE 3

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Having ended last season on the up, SEA FORCE was denied a clear run when third in the Thirsk Hunt Cup and he could be able to gain compensation this time around. Heading the list of dangers is Shout, who has also had excuses on his 2 starts this year, while the returning Maybe Not and Point of Contact could both still have more to offer.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SEA FORCE 2. SHOUT 3. MAYBE NOT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Old Cock</b> 4-8-13	9-2	Edward Bethell	Callum Rodriguez	14
2024	<b>Point Lynas</b> 5-9-6	6-1	Edward Bethell	Callum Rodriguez	17
2023	<b>Croupier</b> 4-9-5	7-1	Simon & Ed Crisford	William Buick	16
2022	<b>Cruyff Turn</b> 5-9-5	8-1	Tim Easterby	David Allan	13
2021	<b>Kynren</b> 7-9-2	17-2	David Barron	Connor Beasley	14

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.30**


RACE 4

**AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI MIDDLETON FILLIES' STAKES  
(Group 2) (1) 4yo+ fillies and mares £165,000 1¼m56g  
(2060 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**


Left handed, flat. In essence, York is a very fair track, ideal for the long-striding galloper. In recent seasons, the field tends to come more down the centre of the track than has historically been the case, particularly if conditions are testing. The track was made into a circuit in 2005 and offers a straight five furlong/six furlong track, on which a high draw has been a distinct disadvantage in recent years, while seven furlong races start on a chute.

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

**1 2 FALLEN ANGEL (208)** s  **100**  
24/631110- **5** 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **K. R. Burke** **James Doyle**  
Irish 1000 Guineas winner in 2024 and added 3 Group 1 prizes (all confined to own sex) to her tally last season, posting a personal best in 9-runner Sun Chariot Stakes. Found open company at the top level a different test in Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot final start and up in trip for return.


**2 1 DIAMOND RAIN (194) (D)** **98**  
1104/1123- **5** 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Charlie Appleby** **William Buick**  
Good sort physically and well prepared to make a winning reappearance in listed company at Haydock a year ago (1¼m). Didn't need to improve to follow-up in a Group 3 on the all-weather after but ended 2025 with a pair of excellent placed efforts at the highest level. May yet have more to offer.



**3 5 FAIRY GLEN (FR) (47)** **95**  
324/221-11 **5** 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Simon & Ed Crisford** **Non Runner**   
NON RUNNER.

**4 3 RED LETTER (25)** **92**  
14/72113-3 **4** 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **G. M. Lyons, Ireland** **C. T. Keane**  
Listed winner at Killarney in July (1m) and took her form up a level when winning Group 3 Snow Fairy Stakes at the Curragh the following month. Sound third-place finishes 7 months apart since then (both at this trip) but minor honours at best look on the cards at these weights.

**5 4 SEE THE FIRE (18) (CD)** **98**  
5133429-1 **5** 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Andrew Balding**  **Oisín Murphy**  
Smart mare who was an impressive winner of this race a year ago. Also a close second in the Group 1 Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp last autumn and made the most of a sizeable drop in class at Nottingham 3 weeks ago. That should put her spot on for this repeat bid.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:****13-8** See The Fire, **2-1** Diamond Rain, **3-1** Fallen Angel, **16-1** Red Letter**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

There's a chance we've yet to see the very best of low-mileage 5-y-o DIAMOND RAIN and sure to be spot on for this reappearance, she shades the vote in favour of last year's 12-length winner See The Fire. Fallen Angel has a Group-1 penalty to shoulder on first crack at this trip but she has the class to be involved.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. DIAMOND RAIN 2. SEE THE FIRE 3. FALLEN ANGEL****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>See The Fire</b> 4-9-2	8-11f	Andrew Balding	Oisín Murphy	8
2024	<b>Bluestocking</b> 4-9-2	5-2	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	5
2023	<b>Free Wind</b> 5-9-2	6-5f	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	7
2022	<b>Lilac Road</b> 4-9-2	15-2	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	6
2021	<b>Queen Power</b> 5-9-0	6-4f	Sir Michael Stoute	Silvestre De Sousa	5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI DANTE STAKES (Group 2) (1)**  
**3yo £180,000 1¼m56y (2060 Metres)**

RACE 5



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

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

**1 7 ACTION (IRE) (20) (BF) 99**  
 3132-4 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **W. M. Lordan**  
 Progressed into a smart performer at 2 yrs, beaten only ½ length in the Futurity Trophy at Doncaster on final start. However, produced a disconcerting effort in first-time tongue strap in Classic Trial at Sandown on return, looking less than straightforward when pressure was applied in the straight.

**2 4 AL ZANATI (20) 99**  
 121-2 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Charlie Appleby **Billy Loughnane**  
 Winner of 2 of his 3 starts at 2 yrs, notably Group 3 at Chantilly final start. Returned with a good second in Sandown Classic Trial and should build on that again, but Buick prefers King's Trail.

**3 6 CHRISTMAS DAY (IRE) (32) (D) 100**  
 3511-1 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **Ryan Moore**  
 Improving colt who took his form to another level when completing hat-trick in Ballysax at Leopardstown on return, relishing the extra 1f. Likely to make another bold bid and any rain should increase his chance even more.

**4 5 GUILDMASTER (IRE) (28) 87**  
 1-3 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



John & Thady Gosden **James Doyle**  
 Looked a good prospect when overcoming inexperience to make a winning start in a decent Lingfield novice in December and stepped up on that bare form despite being unsuited by the track when third in a useful class 2 at Newmarket 4 weeks ago. Remains with potential.

**5 1 ITEM (226) 91**  
 11- 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Andrew Balding **C. T. Keane**  
 Frankel colt who is clearly held in high regard and showed why when winning Kempton maiden and Bath novice in the autumn with plenty in hand. This is a big step up but he's potentially smart and yard won this with the returning Bonfire in 2012.

**6 8 KING'S TRAIL (12) 93**  
 1-19 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Charlie Appleby **William Buick**  
 Had looked an exciting prospect when winning first 2 starts at Kempton but failed to make an impact when fast-tracked to the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket 12 days ago. Worth another chance with this scenario likely to prove more suitable.

**7 3 MORSHDI (29) (C) 96**  
 21-1 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



William Haggas **Tom Marquand**  
 Confirmed debut promise when winning maiden here (1m) in October and created a favourable impression when picking up where he left off in the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket (9f) on return. That form has taken a couple of knocks but he remains a smart prospect.

**8 2 WISE PRINCE (IRE) (20) 97**  
 1-3 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



John & Thady Gosden **Robert Havlin**  
 Made a successful debut in taking fashion in novice at Nottingham sole 2-y-o start and produced a smart performance despite still showing signs of immaturity when third (1¼ behind Al Zanati) in Classic Trial at Sandown on return. Looks the part and yard often run their best 3-y-o in this.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Christmas Day, **10-3** Morshdi, **6-1** Item, **8-1** King's Trail, **10-1** Wise Prince, **11-1** Action, **14-1** Al Zanati, **18-1** Guildmaster

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CHRISTMAS DAY beat the subsequent Leopardstown Derby Trial 1-2-3 when completing the hat-trick in the Ballysax there on return last month and the son of Camelot can cement himself as a live Derby contender. Morshdi impressed when winning the Feilden at Newmarket and hails from a yard that won the Lingfield Derby Trial on Saturday, while King's Trail is worth another chance having failed to do himself justice in the 2000 Guineas.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CHRISTMAS DAY 2. MORSHDI 3. KING'S TRAIL**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Pride of Arras</b> 3-9-2	18-1	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	11
2024	<b>Economics</b> 3-9-2	6-1	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	7
2023	<b>The Foxes</b> 3-9-2	6-1	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	11
2022	<b>Desert Crown</b> 3-9-2	7-2jf	Sir Michael Stoute	Richard Kingscote	8
2021	<b>Hurricane Lane</b> 3-9-0	5-1	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.40**

**BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF WESTOW STAKES (Listed) (1)**  
**3yo £70,000 5f (1010 Metres)**

RACE 6



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

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Draw: **Favours Low** Pace Information: **Very Strong**

**1 2 ASPECT ISLAND (28)** **100**  
 892133-7 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg

James Owen **Oisin Murphy**  
 Took a big step forward to get off the mark on nursery bow at Yarmouth in September before showing better form in defeat in stronger company, including when third in Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at Del Mar. Not disgraced faced with a stiff task on Newmarket return and this is more suitable.

**2 5 BLACK STAR BOY (IRE) (20)** (D) **94**  
 618-1 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg

Ed Walker **Kieran Shoemark**  
 Knew a lot more than on debut when landing a few bets in 6f maiden at Newbury in September. Proved too free in a listed event here on final start last year but resumed his progress in no uncertain terms dropped in trip when making a successful return in 5f Newbury handicap. More to come.

**3 3 BOSTON DAN (IRE) (28)** (D) **94**  
 2321027-9 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg

Richard & Peter Fahey **Oisin James Orr**  
 Useful juvenile who opened his account in a 5f Hamilton maiden in September. Found only one too good in a 6f course listed event in October before bombing out on heavy ground at Doncaster. Shaped as if needing the run on handicap debut/reappearance at Newmarket and this will reveal more.

**4 7 DICKENSIAN (244)** (D) **96**  
 162333- **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg

Kevin Ryan **Shane Gray**  
 Useful juvenile who backed up his Musselburgh debut win with several solid efforts in better company, including when 1¾ lengths third of 10 to Revival Power in Flying Childers at Doncaster (5f) on final start. Has a bit to find with that rival, though, and it remains to be seen if he's trained on.

**5 11 EXCLAMATION (IRE) (6)** (D) **97**  
 01250-901 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg

Grace Harris **Ashley Lewis**  
 Doncaster novice winner at 2 yrs who got firmly back on track when making all in 5f handicap at Chester last week. This requires another jolt of improvement, though.

**6 10 MANATEE MEHMAS (IRE) (19)** (D) **95**  
 1 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg

David O'Meara **Daniel Tudhope**  
 105,000 gns purchase who looked potentially smart in landing the odds in impressive fashion in 5f novice at Doncaster on debut 19 days ago. This asks a different question but has plenty of scope to improve.

**7 9 REVIVAL POWER (IRE) (216)** (CD) **99**  
 102115- **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg

Tim Easterby **David Allan**  
 Overdid things in the Queen Mary on the back of her Thirsk debut success but resumed her progress when making all in a C&D listed race and the Flying Childers at Doncaster. Seemed unsuited by the track at Newmarket on final outing and her physique suggests she'll prove at least as good at 3 yrs.

**8 4 PALMEIRA (39)** s+t **91**  
 3427603-6 **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg

Eve Johnson Houghton **Charles Bishop**  
 Fairly useful maiden who wasn't seen to best effect when 2 lengths sixth of 14 in listed race at Bath (5f, good) on reappearance in April, not clear run over 1f out. This demands more, however.

**9 8 SIMPLIFY (IRE) (26)** (D) **98**  
 0221-11 **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg

Andrew Balding **P. J. McDonald**  
 Improving filly who completed a hat-trick in cosy fashion in 14-runner handicap at Thirsk (5f) last month. Looks set to climb the sprinting ranks further this summer so worthy of consideration up in grade.

**10 1 TEMPLE OF ATHENA (8)** (D) **94**  
 05163-170 **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg

Brian Ellison **Ben Robinson**  
 Improved to make a successful reappearance in 5f handicap at Wolverhampton in March. However, failed to back up that improvement in a listed event at Bath before finishing well beaten in a 6f handicap at Chester. Hard to fancy.

**11 6 WOR FAAYTH (IRE) (236)** (D) **93**  
 31186- **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg

Brian Ellison **Tom Marquand**  
 Confirmed debut promise when winning 8-runner maiden at Hamilton (5f) last June before following in a 6f listed event at La Teste a month later. However, limitations exposed at a higher level on final 2 starts.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Aspect Island, **7-2** Revival Power, **9-2** Manatee Mehmas, **8-1** Simplify, **10-1** Black Star Boy, **14-1** Dickensian, **18-1** Exclamation, **25-1** Boston Dan, **28-1** Wor Faayth, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ASPECT ISLAND had no easy task taking on his elders at Newmarket on his reappearance but this looks a far more suitable assignment back against his own age group, so he's taken to strike. C&D winner Revival Power finished only 2 places behind the selection in the Cornwallis Stakes on her final start at 2 yrs and appeals as the type who could progress again this year, while Manatee Mehmas made a striking winning debut at Doncaster recently and has scope for plenty of improvement.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ASPECT ISLAND 2. REVIVAL POWER 3. MANATEE MEHMAS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Tropical Storm</b> 3-9-4	4-1	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	7
2024	<b>Big Evs</b> 3-9-9	4-7f	Michael Appleby	Tom Marquand	7
2023	<b>Great State</b> 3-9-4	13-2	Richard Fahey	Oisin Murphy	10
2022	<b>Last Crusader</b> 3-9-4	15-2	K. R. Burke	Daniel Tudhope	8
2021	<b>Winter Power</b> 3-9-2	5-1	Tim Easterby	Silvestre De Sousa	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**5.15**

**FRANK WHITTLE PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP (4) 3yo (Rated 0-80) £30,000 1m3f188y (2380 Metres)**


RACE 7





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


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


**1 15 BALTIC FLEET (IRE) (39) (BF) 89**  
 51-2 3 9-11 | 62.1kg  
 **Billy Loughnane**  
 Confirmed debut promise when winning 11-runner maiden at Yarmouth (9f) in September. Proved vulnerable to a speedier rival when 4 lengths second in novice at Bath on return 6 weeks ago but he remains open to improvement on handicap debut. Up further in trip.


**2 10 NORTHERN BRAVE (IRE) (217) 91**  
 31- 3 9-9 | 61.2kg  
 **Paul Mulrennan**  
 Gleneagles colt who confirmed promise of debut when winning 1m novice at Ayr by 5 lengths in October. Open to improvement on handicap debut but stamina for this trip isn't a given.


**3 9 HARD TO BELIEVE (IRE) (52) 97**  
 61-1 3 9-9 | 61.2kg  
 **Oisin Murphy**  
 Picked up where he left off as a juvenile and confirmed himself still on the upgrade when winning 5-runner novice at Wolverhampton in March. Both the runner-up and third that day have won since and he's open to further progress now upped in trip for handicap debut.


**4 16 PARISIAN SCHOLAR (7) 98**  
 41171-237 3 9-8 | 60.8kg  
 **Jason Hart**  
 Won 3 nurseries prior to being gelded over the winter and posted solid placed efforts at Kempton on first 2 starts this year. Disappointed in first-time cheekpieces when upped in trip and back on turf last time and could prove vulnerable to less-exposed sorts even if bouncing back.


**5 4 SUDBURY HILL (IRE) (14) 99**  
 13065-232 3 9-7 | 60.3kg  
 **William Buick**  
 Progressive since joining current stable in February, posting his best effort when second of 6 to King Of Berkshire in a 1¼m handicap at Redcar (6/4) 14 days ago. Booking of Ryan Moore very much catches the eye but back up 3 lb and has stamina to prove at this trip.

**6 6 PENDELLA (IRE) (39) (BF) 93**  
 2-413 3 9-7 | 60.3kg  
 **Sam James**  
 Promising filly who made all in 9-runner maiden at Wolverhampton in February. Could only run to a similar level when third of 6 on handicap debut at Southwell (1m) last time but this significant step up in trip could help on turf debut (dam winner up to 1½m who stayed 2m).


**7 2 STONEACRE DONNY (19) 98**  
 4613-3 3 9-6 | 59.9kg  
 **David Allan**  
 Won 7f Thirk novice in 2025 and, having been gelded, shaped encouragingly upped to this trip when third in handicap at Doncaster on return from 7-month break last time. Claims if able to build on that now.


**8 7 CHARLES DARNAY (73) (D) 96**  
 531 3 9-5 | 59.4kg  
 **Harry Davies**  
 Won a 1½m Kempton maiden narrowly in March without needing to improve but shaped as though further trips may prove more suitable in the long run. Remains unexposed on handicap and turf debut.

**9 11 KNIGHTSAIL (IRE) (36) 95**  
 73-7 3 9-5 | 59.4kg  
 **Sean Levey**  
 Best effort when third to useful Godolphin prospect in 9f novice at Goodwood last season. Possibly needed the run when seventh on return at Nottingham and remains open to improvement now tackling a handicap over a trip likely to suit.


**10 3 ARC OLE OLE (46) 98**  
 51-1 3 9-4 | 59.0kg  
 **James Doyle**  
 Won 1m Bath novice in 2025 and showed further progress despite still looking very rough around the edges when winning 8-runner handicap at Doncaster by a short-head from Siam Ruby in March. Will continue to improve for experience and looks sure to be suited by this step up in trip.


**11 12 COTTON BUD (IRE) (20) 100**  
 5442-1 3 9-3 | 58.5kg  
 **Daniel Tudhope**  
 Shaun Lycett  
 Progressive 2-y-o for Kevin Philippart de Foy and took form up another level when making a winning debut for current yard in 1¼m handicap at Doncaster last month. Strength at the finish that day suggested she'll stay this longer trip. Player.

**12 5 HEROICS (14) 86**  
 42-2 3 9-1 | 57.6kg  
 **Tom Marquand**  
 Alan King  
 Fair form when runner-up in novice event at Bath in 2025 and similar form on first crack at this sort of trip when filling same spot at Southwell on return. Type to do better in handicaps but will need to step up again to feature in this.

**13 8 DRYBURGH (IRE) (36) 97**  
 46353-732 3 9-1 | 57.6kg  
 **Jonny Peate**  
 Oli Rix  
 Produced best effort yet when second in 1¼m handicap at Nottingham last time despite blowing the start. This longer trip is a bit of an unknown, however, and others look open to more progress.

**14 14 WICKSEY (79) (D) 94**  
 008-111 3 8-11 | 55.8kg  
 **Andrew Mullen**  
 Ben Haslam  
 Progressing well since switched to handicap company, completing a hat-trick in 5-runner event at Southwell (1½m) in February. That wasn't a strong race by any means but likely capable of better still if proving equally as effective back on turf.

**15 13 HOWSHAM (215) 95**  
 0956- 3 8-10 | 55.3kg  
 **Lewis Chalkley (7lb/3kg)**  
 Michael & David Easterby  
 Never better than mid-field in a handful of runs over shorter but caught the eye when fifth at Pontefract on penultimate start. Bred to be suited by this step up in trip and any market support would be notable.

**16 1 TOMMO'S GINJANINJA (20) 96**  
 23523 3 8-9 | 54.9kg  
 **Saffie Osborne**  
 Michael & David Easterby  
 Placed on 4 of 5 starts in varied events, including when 4½ lengths third on handicap debut at Doncaster on latest start. This by far the strongest test he's faced to date, however.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Hard To Believe, **5-1** Arc Ole Ole, **10-1** Cotton Bud, **10-1** Charles Darnay, **10-1** Baltic Fleet, **12-1** Sudbury Hill, **20-1** Stoneacre Donny, **20-1** Wicksey, **20-1** Heroics, **25-1** Dryburgh, **28-1** Northern Brave, **33-1** Howsham, **33-1** Pendella, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ARC OLE OLE has tasted success on each of his last 2 starts, that despite still looking rough around the edges latterly and, with further improvement likely, is taken to come out on top in a red-hot contest. Hard To Believe, Cotton Bud and Charles Darnay head the vast list of dangers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ARC OLE OLE 2. HARD TO BELIEVE 3. COTTON BUD**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Merchant</b> 3-8-12	5-2f	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	8
2024	<b>London City</b> 3-9-9	11-2	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	8
2023	<b>Chesspiece</b> 3-9-10	3-1f	Simon & Ed Crisford	Ryan Moore	11
2022	<b>Al Qareem</b> 3-9-9	9-2	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	8
2021	<b>Kondo Isami</b> 3-9-10	3-1f	Mark Johnston	Ben Curtis	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race