

**2.15** BRITISH EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (3) 1½m8y (2420 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(3) HAPINESS | (5) TALITHA ROUGE | (4) HELLO FRIEND**
**2.50** PD HOOK GALLOP HANDICAP (5) 5f (1010 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(8) GOLDEN HAVANA | (6) SIMBA'S PRIDE | (5) RIFFA SPIRIT**
**3.25** THEAKSTON BREWING LEGENDS SINCE 1827 HANDICAP (5) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(5) FRANTIC | (7) TAYGAR | (4) SUGAR BABY**
**4.02** EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV HANDICAP (4) 7f (1410 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(2) IT JUST TAKES TIME | (11) ZARVALI | (3) CITY CAPTAIN**
**4.42** DOWNLOAD THE QUINNBET APP HANDICAP (5) 5f (1010 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(7) MARAJITO | (6) MILITARY GIRL | (1) SPENDMORE LANE**
**5.20** NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 1st JULY - BOOK NOW HANDICAP (6) 5f (1010 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(4) KNICKS | (7) MIDNIGHT LIR | (9) ALBEGONE**
**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.

**2.15****BRITISH EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (3) 3yo+ fillies and mares £12,000 1½m8y (2420 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Good**

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

**1 2 COUNTER INTUITIVE (IRE) (33) 84**  
8-6 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg



Ed Walker

**George Downing**

Well-bred Frankel filly who improved on her debut form following 6 months off when sixth in a Salisbury novice (1¼m, good to soft) 33 days ago, staying on without being knocked about. Highly likely there's more to come, including at this longer trip.

**2 1 GALISTRA (FR) (97) 67**  
85 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg



Alan Brown

**S. B. Kirrane**

Well-bred filly but she was far from convincing with her finishing effort on either start for Ralph Beckett on all-weather earlier this year. Returns for new yard (sold 6,000 gns) with something to prove on the back of a breathing operation.

**3 4 HAPINESS (IRE) (26) 100**  
2 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg



Ralph Beckett

**Rhys Clutterbuck**

Camelot filly who showed plenty when second of 6 on debut in a Chepstow maiden (1¼m, good) 4 weeks ago, coming clear with the improving winner. Big player with progress anticipated now upped in trip.

**4 3 HELLO FRIEND (IRE) (28) 87**  
2 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg



K. R. Burke

**Shane Foley**

Frankel filly who made an encouraging start to her career when second of 6 in a Newcastle maiden (12.5f) 4 weeks ago, keeping on when forced to switch final 100 yds. Represents leading yard and she rates a sure-fire improver.

**5 5 TALITHA ROUGE (IRE) (21) 96**  
3 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg



David O'Meara

**Mark Winn**

Space Blues filly who was relatively unfancied in the betting but she showed plenty to work on when third in a Redcar maiden (1¼m, good to firm) on debut 21 days ago, coming clear of the remainder. She's another fully expected to do better.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

2-1 Hapiness, 9-4 Talitha Rouge, 3-1 Hello Friend, 11-2 Counter Intuitive, 50-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

An interesting fillies novice despite the small field. HAPINESS, Talitha Rouge and Hello Friend each shaped with plenty of promise on their respective debuts and are selected in that order of preference. Counter Intuitive almost certainly has her best days ahead of her too, and market support behind Ed Walker's filly would need to be viewed positively.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. HAPINESS 2. TALITHA ROUGE 3. HELLO FRIEND

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.50**

**PD HOOK GALLOP HANDICAP (5) 3yo (Rated 0-75) £8,000  
5f (1010 Metres)**

RACE 2



Going: **Good**

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

**1 7 ARLO'S GIRL (24) (D) 89**  
1-478 **3** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Joseph Parr **Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)**  
Beat a next-time-out winner in smooth fashion when successful on debut at Lingfield last summer but has failed to build on that in 3 outings since the turn of the year. Does remain early days at least and she now drops further in class.

**2 3 BRAVO HOTEL (258) 91**  
33533- **3** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Michael & David Easterby **Joanna Mason**  
Just one standout effort from a handful of starts in 2025 and needs a big step forward on this return to action.

**3 4 U TURN (276) (D) 95**  
22541723- **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg



Tim Easterby **David Allan**  
Fair performer who was kept busy in 2025, landing a 5f Beverley maiden in July and placed on 2 of his 3 starts in nurseries thereafter. Off 9 months/gelded ahead of this and he's not discounted.

**4 2 ICE COLD ALEX (14) (D, BF) 98**  
55244-646 **3** 9-5 | 59.4kg



Ollie Pears **David Nolan**   
Landed a Pontefract novice (5f) on debut last spring and similar form with reappearance behind him when fourth at Beverley (5f) in May. Probably best to overlook his latest Pontefract effort (stumbled over 1f out) and the assessor has eased his grip further ahead of this.

**5 8 RIFFA SPIRIT (IRE) (22) b+t 97**  
718-438 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Declan Carroll **Zak Wheatley (3lb/1kg)**  
Won at Chelmsford (6f) in August for Simon and Ed Crisford and bright start for current yard, posting best effort yet when third at Musselburgh (5f) in April. Raced too freely at Redcar latest but bounce back not ruled out in first-time blinkers/refitted tongue strap.

**6 5 SIMBA'S PRIDE (4) (BF) 99**  
4-571215 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Michael Dods **Mark Winn**  
Improver switched to handicaps, doubling his tally at Ripon (6f) in May and fared best of those ridden on the near side when fifth in a stronger race at York (5f) on Friday. Worth considering turned out quickly back down in class.

**7 6 DRAGON SPIN (11) (D) 98**  
26422-316 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



Steph Hollinshead **Dougie Costello**  
Speedy sort who responded well to a positive ride when making all at Nottingham (5f) in May. Found things tougher on the back of a 6 lb rise when sixth in a C&D handicap 11 days ago but not discounted returned to 3-y-o only company.

**8 1 GOLDEN HAVANA (IRE) (14) (D) v ★ 100**  
4851-7433 **3** 8-11 | 55.8kg



Michael Dods **Connor Beasley**  
Got off the mark in first-time blinkers at Newcastle (5f) in December and posted a good fourth on return there in April (first 3 that day all won next time out). Placed both starts on all-weather more recently and present mark looks workable if proving as effective back on turf.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Simba's Pride, **5-1** Golden Havana, **13-2** Dragon Spin, **13-2** Riffa Spirit, **8-1** U Turn, **8-1** Bravo Hotel, **11-1** Ice Cold Alex, **16-1** Arlo's Girl

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GOLDEN HAVANA's reappearance fourth at Newcastle in April produced 3 next-time-out winners and, having posted another solid display when third at that venue on his most recent start 2 weeks ago, he could be worth siding with to prove his mark a workable one back on turf. His stablemate Simba's Pride may emerge as the chief threat, ahead of Riffa Spirit.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GOLDEN HAVANA 2. SIMBA'S PRIDE 3. RIFFA SPIRIT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Blue Anthem</b> 3-9-9	3-1f	George Boughey	Daniel Tudhope	9
2024	<b>Glory Hyde</b> 3-9-3	20-1	Roger Fell & Sean Murray	Billy Loughnane	19

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.25**

**THEAKSTON BREWING LEGENDS SINCE 1827 HANDICAP (5)  
3yo+ (Rated 0-75) £8,000 6f (1210 Metres)**

RACE 3



Going: **Good**


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Draw: **Favours High** Pace Information: **Weak**


**1 11 EMPEROR CARADOC (FR) (14) (CD)** s **94**  
040-40135 7 10-2 | 64.4kg

 **Paul Midgley** *David Nolan*  
As good as ever when winning over C&D last month but found run of good form coming to a halt at Pontefract 2 weeks ago.


**2 1 VINGEGAARD (IRE) (20)** b **92**  
045/09036 4 10-1 | 64.0kg

 **Julie Camacho** *Ryan Sexton*  
A useful juvenile for Archie Watson (missed 2025). Had shown little for current yard before a slightly better showing in first-time blinkers at Catterick. Failed to build on that at Hamilton since, though.


**3 2 SPACE BEAR (IRE) (30) (D, BF)** **97**  
4-2325139 3 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Michael Appleby** *Joanna Mason*  
Has made a bright start for this yard, showing improved form when justifying market confidence in good style at Yarmouth. Not in quite the same form under a penalty at Kempton and shaped as if amiss at Ripon next time.


**4 3 SUGAR BABY (22) (C, D)** **95**  
060127-87 8 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Peter Niven** *Mark Winn*  
A 4-time winner in 2025. Better for comeback when seventh at Redcar, left with plenty to do. Can build on that again and has dipped below last winning mark.


**5 9 FRANTIC (21) (BF)** ★ **100**  
24-22 3 9-6 | 59.9kg

 **Ed Walker** *George Downing*  
Runner-up 3 of 4 starts, including when well backed for handicap debut at Leicester 3 weeks ago. Left poorly placed that day so good chance she can go one better.


**6 10 TACTICAL FORMATION (IRE) (166)** s **84**  
433-5 3 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **Richard & Peter Fahey** *Jack Garritty*  
Placed in 2 novices last year and made a respectable return when fourth on handicap bow at Southwell. Needs to take a big step forward to defy current mark, however. Change of headgear.


**7 8 TAYGAR (IRE) (11) (D)** ✓ **98**  
3008-8222 5 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **Michael Dods** *S. B. Kirrane*  
Scored at Ayr (6f) last summer off 4 lb higher and back on track of late, runner-up for the third consecutive start when just denied over C&D 11 days ago, likely to have won had she kept straight. Big shout.


**8 7 KINGS MERCHANT (18) (CD, BF)** s **95**  
40-745647 5 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Philip Kirby** *William Pyle*  
C&D winner but on a lengthy losing run and latest effort at Carlisle was disappointing. Cheekpieces now applied.


**9 4 PULL THE RUG (IRE) (11) (D)** v **92**  
754315-74 3 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Edward Bethell** *Connor Beasley*  
Won Leicester nursery last autumn. Better for comeback run when close third here 11 days ago and return to 6f here in her favour. Not taken lightly with headgear applied.

**10 5 RECORD DAY (24)** **83**  
8489 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Brian Ellison** *Ben Robinson*  
Ran up to his best despite finishing ninth at York on handicap bow so lots more is needed.

**11 6 HARLEQUIN BAY (26)** **92**  
522-30 3 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Richard & Peter Fahey** *Oisín McSweeney*  
Runner-up twice at Newcastle late last year and can have his Wolverhampton effort excused in February (far too free). Went with little encouragement back on turf after 4 months off at Haydock, however.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Frantic, **11-2** Taygar, **9-1** Pull The Rug, **10-1** Space Bear, **10-1** Sugar Baby, **12-1** Kings Merchant, **14-1** Emperor Caradoc, **14-1** Vingegaard, **16-1** Tactical Formation, **25-1** Harlequin Bay, **33-1** Record Day

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FRANTIC was left poorly placed when runner-up to a subsequent winner on handicap bow at Leicester 3 weeks ago so is taken to go one place better. Taygar probably would have won had she kept straight over C&D 11 days ago so is the obvious threat with the veteran Sugar Baby best of the others.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. FRANTIC 2. TAYGAR 3. SUGAR BABY**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **Lord Abama** 6-10-2 9-2 Michael Dods Connor Beasley 8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV HANDICAP (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-80) £10,000 7f (1410 Metres)**

RACE 4




Going: **Good**


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


**1 8 KOSOMETSUKE (26) (CD) 97**  
22614-158 **4** 10-4 | 65.3kg

 **Michael Dods** *Connor Beasley*  
Won twice last season and looked as good as ever returning for new yard when narrow winner over C&D in April. Found the drop in trip against him back here next time but ran poorly at Musselburgh since.


**2 4 IT JUST TAKES TIME (IRE) (12) (CD) 100**  
137-08602 **8** 10-0 | 63.5kg

 **Mark Walford** *Jack Garritty*  
Sole win last season came at Beverley off 1 lb higher in September. Slow start to this campaign but he was a back-to-form second at Wetherby 12 days ago and on a good mark if building on that.


**3 6 CITY CAPTAIN (38) (BF) 98**  
14931-624 **4** 10-0 | 63.5kg

 **Harriet Bethell** *Alistair Rawlinson*  
Progressed throughout 2025, winning 4 times, and was right back to his best when second to a handicap blot over C&D on second start back. Chased a strong pace at Haydock since so worth another chance.


**4 9 DEGALE (27) 98**  
31/20-6030 **5** 9-13 | 63.0kg

 **David & Nicola Barron** *Shane Foley*  
Has just a 2024 novice win to his name but he's still low mileage and took a step back in the right direction when third at Nottingham last month. Ridden too aggressively next time so worth another chance to confirm he's back in form.


**5 5 ORMOLULU (IRE) (32) 97**  
050673-50 **6** 9-13 | 63.0kg

 **Gemma Tutty** *David Allan*  
Mixed bag last season but seemed rusty at Leicester on return and next run at York is easy to overlook. Has eased to a handy mark.


**6 3 WOODSTOCK (20) (D, BF) 97**  
28326-734 **6** 9-11 | 62.1kg

 **Ruth Carr** *Joanna Mason*  
Some good efforts in defeat last season and all the better for his reappearance when third over C&D last month. Bit too keen for his own good when fourth to This Farh at Beverley since.

**7 10 THIS FARH (10) (D) 97**  
8-6461414 **4** 9-11 | 62.1kg

 **David Loughnane** *William Pyle*  
Back to winning ways when making all at Leicester and doubled his tally for the season at Beverley last month, showing good attitude. Undone by 3 lb rise in stronger race at Chepstow since and this no easier.

**8 7 MR KING (IRE) (17) 91**  
0038R0-67 **6** 9-11 | 62.1kg

 **Geoffrey Harker** *David Nolan*  
Refused to race for Iain Jardine once last season and below par both starts last month for new yard. One to treat with caution.


**9 2 GRESSINGTON (IRE) (17) (D) 91**  
441-00608 **5** 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Katie Scott** *Greg Fairley*  
Winner at Newcastle off this mark in December but below par since.


**10 1 INSIDE STORY (IRE) (35) 92**  
5217-54 **3** 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **James Tate** *Mark Winn*  
Won at third time of asking in maiden at Southwell in September and has acquitted herself well in defeat since, running to form despite pulling hard stepped up to this trip when fourth at Lingfield last time.

**11 12 ZARVALI (IRE) (24) (D) 93**  
7852-16 **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg

 **Roger Fell** *Oisín McSweeney*  
Stepped up on his Irish form when landing 11-runner novice at Catterick (7f) on return and was much better than the bare result when sixth of 20 in York handicap last month, only really hitting full stride inside the final 1f. Worthy of consideration.

**12 11 FUJI MOUNTAIN (IRE) (15) 91**  
35-02487U **4** 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Declan Carroll** *Zak Wheatley (3lb/1kg)*  
Went close to breaking a long losing run at Pontefract in April but hasn't backed that up since.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** It Just Takes Time, **7-1** City Captain, **8-1** Woodstock, **10-1** Degale, **10-1** Zarvali, **11-1** Ormolulu, **12-1** This Farh, **12-1** Inside Story, **14-1** Kosometsuke, **18-1** Fuji Mountain, **22-1** Gressington, **22-1** Mr King

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

IT JUST TAKES TIME bounced back to form when second at Wetherby and shades the vote over Zarvali, who caught the eye at York. City Captain is also respected.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. IT JUST TAKES TIME 2. ZARVALI 3. CITY CAPTAIN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **Blue Rc** 3-9-9 2-1f James Tate Daniel Tudhope 10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.42****DOWNLOAD THE QUINNBET APP HANDICAP (5) 4yo+  
(Rated 0-75) £8,000 5f (1010 Metres)****RACE 5**Going: **Good**

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

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Draw: **Against Low** Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 10 SPENDMORE LANE (18) (D)** **94**  
31137133 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg es



David Loughnane

**William Pyle**

Already a three-time winner in 2026, the latest coming at Lingfield (5f) in April. Has replicated that level in finishing placed both outings since, suited by the strong tempo when third at Wolverhampton (5f) 18 days ago. Can go well again back on turf.

**2 4 EMERALD HARMONY (IRE) (16) (D)** **97**  
323-27303 **5** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Paul Midgley

**David Nolan**

Fair ex-Irish 5f winner who failed to make a telling impact over C&D on her penultimate start but more like it when third at Nottingham (5f) 16 days ago. Each-way claims again for yard who do well with such types.

**3 8 KING'S CROWN (IRE) (25) (CD)** **93**  
2-1556653 **6** 9-8 | 60.8kg s+t



Michael Dods

**S. B. Kirrane**

C&D winner who registered a brace of victories on all-weather during the winter and bettered recent efforts when third at Pontefract (5f) 25 days ago. Claims with a repeat operating 2 lb below last winning mark.

**4 6 LE BEAU GARCON (5) (CD)** **96**  
8/16020-45 **7** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Michael &amp; David Easterby

**Joanna Mason**

C&D winner who proved rather in and out during a light 2025 campaign and went the wrong way from his reappearance when fifth of 7 in handicap at Catterick (5f) 5 days ago. Others more persuasive on the back of that.

**5 2 BEAUMADIER (IRE) (84) (D)** **99**  
62451474 **6** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Mark Loughnane

**Hope Regan (71b/3kg)**

Produced a career best when making all at Wolverhampton (5f) in February but raced freely and failed to see his race out on either start at that venue a month later. Returns to turf following 84 days off and he's yet to defy a mark this high.

**6 9 MILITARY GIRL (IRE) (11) (CD)** **94**  
55544-311 **4** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Michael Dods

**Connor Beasley**

Cashed in on a career-low mark at Ayr (5f) and proved determined when following up from a 5 lb higher mark over C&D 11 days ago, just holding on. Nudged up 2 lb on the back of that and she ought to go well again in hat-trick bid.

**7 5 MARAJITO (19) (D)** **100**  
155800-51 **4** 9-6 | 59.9kg ★



Tim Easterby

**David Allan**

A 5f winner at Redcar last summer who had clearly come on plenty for her reappearance when defying an easing mark at Ripon (5f) 3 weeks ago, asserting late on. The runner-up that day has tasted success since and she's another who commands respect.

**8 1 PAL JOEY (6) (D)** **98**  
857-17005 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Ben Haslam

**Ben Robinson**

Posted a career-best effort in re-fitted tongue tie when doubling career tally at Newcastle (5f) in January. However, hasn't threatened in handful of starts since, a typically sluggish start doing him no favours on the back of an ease in grade when fifth at Hamilton (5f) 6 days ago.

**9 7 HOVER ON THE WIND (IRE) (26) (D)** **98**  
481-77304 **6** 9-3 | 58.5kg



Paul Midgley

**Mark Winn**

Ended last year with success at Newcastle (5f) and whilst his efforts have been mixed more recently, he shaped as if back in form when fourth at Southwell (5f) 4 weeks ago. However, a return to 6f may suit ideally on that evidence.

**10 3 KHABIB (IRE) (45) (D)** **98**  
5253420/9 **8** 9-1 | 57.6kg s



Ray Craggs

**Jack Nicholls (51b/2kg)**

Multiple 5f winner who had been absent 20 months prior to finishing last of 9 over 6f here on stable debut 45 days ago. This promises to reveal more having rejoined former yard.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Military Girl, **9-2** Marajito, **7-1** King's Crown, **8-1** Emerald Harmony, **8-1** Spendmore Lane, **11-1** Hover On The Wind, **12-1** Le Beau Garcon, **14-1** Beaumadier, **14-1** Pal Joey, **33-1** Khabib

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

MARAJITO saw off the challenge of her stablemate and next-time-out winner Canaria Queen when doubling her career tally at Ripon 3 weeks ago and a repeat can see Tim Easterby's filly play a leading role once more. The hat-trick seeking Military Girl is an obvious danger, with Spendmore Lane and Emerald Harmony a couple of others to consider.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MARAJITO 2. MILITARY GIRL 3. SPENDMORE LANE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **American Bay** 4-9-7 12-1 Paul Midgley Jason Hart 7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**5.20**

RACE 6

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Draw: **Against Low** Pace Information: **Strong**


**1 5 DC COGENT (19) (D) 96**  
2-3644368 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Bryan Smart** *Ben Robinson*  
Newcastle maiden winner in early 2025 who posted one of his better efforts on turf when third at Nottingham (5f) in May. Excuses when finishing midfield at Carlisle next time but they were hard to come by when last of 8 at Ripon 3 weeks ago.


**2 3 DANDY DINMONT (IRE) (18) (C, D) 96**  
245-05710 **7** 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Nigel Tinkler** *Alex Jary (3lb/1kg)*  
Showed form akin to last season's best when narrowly regaining winning thread at Beverley (5f) 2 starts ago. However, not in anything like the same form following a token rise when last of 10 at Carlisle since. Needs to bounce back


**3 9 WESTGATE WARRIOR (26) (D, BF) 95**  
32142-728 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Roy Bowring** *Alistair Rawlinson*  
Front-runner who scored at Nottingham (5f) in October and stepped up on his seasonal return when second back at that C&D in May. Not in anything like the same form at Southwell latest but his hanging then suggests all perhaps wasn't right on the day. Better anticipated.


**4 11 KNICKS (IRE) (8) (D, BF) 100**  
3039-6753 **5** 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Michael & David Easterby** *Joanna Mason*  
Hasn't won for a long time but his mark reflects that and he turned in his best effort of the season minus cheekpieces when a close third at Pontefract (5f) last week, challenging from further back than the first 2. Interesting from a good berth to work from.


**5 1 BLUE LAKOTA (IRE) (29) (D) 95**  
7-2163420 **4** 9-6 | 59.9kg

 **Kevin Ryan** *Oisin McSweeney*  
Five-time all-weather winner, the latest at Newcastle (6f) in January but he's yet to prove himself on turf and came in last of 10 at Carlisle 95f, (soft) 4 weeks ago.


**6 8 CROCUS TIME (IRE) (12) (C, D) 94**  
35313-011 **5** 9-6 | 59.9kg

 **Ron Barr** *Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)*  
Winless for former yard but has hardly put a foot wrong since joining present connections, making it 3 wins from her last 5 starts at Wetherby (5.5f) 12 days ago. Seen to maximum effect from the front on that occasion though, and she now finds herself back in a higher grade.


**7 6 MIDNIGHT LIR (IRE) (18) (D) 96**  
59/8260-93 **5** 9-6 | 59.9kg

 **Michael Dods** *Connor Beasley*  
Losing run stretches back to 2023 but he went with more spark in first-time blinkers/refitted tongue strap when third at Carlisle (5f, good to soft) 18 days ago. Now his task is to prove he can build on that.

**8 7 STARTLING (11) (D) 95**  
52216P-83 **4** 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **John Wainwright** *Gianluca Sanna (5lb/2kg)*  
Four-time winner over 5f for David O'Meara who was clearly fitter for a recent run when posting a good third of 11 in a C&D handicap 11 days ago. Proved reasonably consistent during 2025 and she ought to go well again.


**9 4 ALBEGONE (5) (D) 94**  
42080523 **8** 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Tim Easterby** *David Allan*  
Kept busy since the turn of the year and from a further reduced mark, he ran well in a switch of headgear when third at Nottingham (5f, soft) 5 days ago. Usual cheekpieces go back on and he's certainly capable of playing a part for all his losing run is mounting up.

**10 2 IRISH DANCER (IRE) (11) (CD) 95**  
26-227318 **6** 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Declan Carroll** *Harry Smith (7lb/3kg)*  
C&D winner who resumed winning ways at Catterick (5f) 2 starts back prior to a rare below-par display when eighth over C&D 11 days ago. Refitting of blinkers could well sharpen him up but he looks less-than-ideally drawn in stall 2.

**11 10 INVINCIBLE CROWN (IRE) (11) (D) 98**  
41049-647 **4** 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Ruth Carr** *William Pyle*  
A two-time 5f Wolverhampton scorer in 2025 who can make things hard for himself at the start and that's what happened when seventh over C&D 11 days ago (reared as stalls opened). Lurks on a good mark but he does come with a few risks attached.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Knicks, **6-1** Crocus Time, **8-1** Midnight Lir, **9-1** Westgate Warrior, **9-1** Albegone, **10-1** Startling, **11-1** Dc Cogent, **11-1** Dandy Dinmont, **14-1** Invincible Crown, **14-1** Irish Dancer, **22-1** Blue Lakota

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KNICKS' losing run tempers enthusiasm to a degree, yet he arrives having posted easily his best effort of the season when a close third at Pontefract last week and could well be ready to capitalise on what is undoubtedly a good mark. Midnight Lir and Albegone head up the dangers, with Westgate Warrior another to consider.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KNICKS 2. MIDNIGHT LIR 3. ALBEGONE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

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**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race