

Saturday 16th August

DONCASTER


1.57 MATT & RACH POVEY 19th ANNIVERSARY APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5) 1¼m43y (2050 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(3) ECHO OF GLORY | (1) LIBERTY BIRD | (2) PAY ATTENTION**
2.32 GEORGE PRIOR MEMORIAL EBF NOVICE STAKES (3) 7f6y (1410 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(3) AVICENNA | (4) DARK SOVEREIGN | (1) AKHO MEZZNA**
3.07 BELIEVE MONEY GROUP HANDICAP (5) 7f6y (1410 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(10) LUMENBOURG | (4) COMMANDER OF LIFE | (1) RIOT**
3.40 QUALITY FREIGHT SERVICES HANDICAP (5) 7f213y (1600 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(1) COEUR JAUNE | (2) LIGHTNING GALAXY | (6) KEATS HOUSE**
4.15 QUALITY FREIGHT SERVICES CELEBRATING 30 YEARS HANDICAP (4) 5f3y (1010 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(4) GRANDLAD | (1) MUKER | (2) TOPWARRIOR**
4.50 PURE PANEL MANAGEMENT NOVICE STAKES (5) 7f6y (1410 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(1) RELEASE THE STORM | (6) EMPIRE POWER | (4) THE NORTHERN LORD**
5.25 UANDI RENEWABLES WITH DONCASTER RADIO HANDICAP (5) 1¼m43y (2050 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(5) ABSOLUTE STAR | (3) FOREST CAPER | (2) PROJECT GEOFIN**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

 Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

 Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

 Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

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RACE 1










MATT & RACH POVEY 19th ANNIVERSARY APPRENTICE
HANDICAP (5) 3yo (Rated 0-68) £8,400 1¼m43y (2050
Metres)



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

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

1	2	LIBERTY BIRD (19)	95
		7179-0043 3 10-0 63.5kg	
		Charlie Johnston  Archie Young (3lb/1kg)	
		Ran as well as ever when third of 8 in handicap at Southwell (9/1) over 11f on AW 19 days ago, led but couldn't see it out strongly. Return to 10f looks ideal.	
2	3	PAY ATTENTION (13)	93
		0-4341284 3 9-12 62.6kg s+t	
		Faye Bramley Ashley Lewis (5lb/2kg)	
		Won at Nottingham in June and ran good second over this trip at Yarmouth in July. Finished fourth of 6 in handicap at Yarmouth (11/2) 13 days ago when poorly positioned and effort flattened out. Cheekpieces back on.	
3	5	ECHO OF GLORY (IRE) (24)	100
		078-1374 3 9-11 62.1kg 	
		Daniel & Claire Kubler  Jack Doughty	
		Won a handicap at Bath (6/1) in June and ran well when third at Ffos Las next time. Fourth of 9 in 8f handicap at Doncaster (7/2) 24 days ago, reverting to front-running tactics but weakened late on. Steps up to 10f for the first time and good chance.	
4	4	SWEET KISS (19)	87
		54837 3 9-4 59.0kg	
		Tim Easterby  Jake Dickson (7lb/3kg)	
		Shown modest form in five starts, finishing seventh of 11 in 10f handicap at Ayr (22/1) 19 days ago, well positioned but faded. May need further improvement at this level.	
5	1	COVERBRIDGE (67)	86
		33564-084 3 9-3 58.5kg v	
		Peter Winks Kaiya Fraser	
		Won a weak maiden in June 2024 but showing little since, finishing fourth of 7 in AW handicap at Wolverhampton (50/1) 67 days ago. First-time visor replaces cheekpieces today.	

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Echo of Glory, 3-1 Liberty Bird, 7-2 Pay Attention, 8-1 Sweet Kiss, 14-1 Coverbridge

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ECHO OF GLORY won at Bath in June and has been running with credit since. The step up to 10f could unlock further improvement from this well-handicapped front-runner. Liberty Bird has been showing better form lately and the drop back from 11f looks ideal, so she could be the danger.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ECHO OF GLORY 2. LIBERTY BIRD 3. PAY ATTENTION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Liberty Coach 3-9-11 2-1 John & Sean Quinn Brandon Wilkie (3) 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.32

RACE 2

GEORGE PRIOR MEMORIAL EBF NOVICE STAKES (3) 2yo
£13,800 7f6y (1410 Metres)



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

1	3	AKHO MEZZNA (FR) (21)		100
	2	9-7 60.3kg		
		Jack Jones	<i>George Wood</i>	
Dwelt and green on debut but kept on well to take second of 7 in maiden at Salisbury (3/1) 21 days ago. Step up to 7f looks likely to suit based on pedigree.				
2	2	AMIRLAN (IRE)		96
	2	9-7 60.3kg		
		Charlie Johnston	<i>Silvestre De Sousa</i>	
Foaled April 26. Wootton Bassett colt. Dam was an 8.4f winner who stayed 1½m. Sold for 230,000 guineas at Tattersalls in October 2024.				
3	5	AVICENNA (IRE)		100
	2	9-7 60.3kg		
		Roger Varian	<i>Jack Mitchell</i>	
Foaled May 10. Starspangledbanner colt. Half-brother to useful 1m-1¼m winner Old Cock. Makes debut for a trainer with a strong record with juveniles. Purchased for 450,000 guineas at Tattersalls last October. Lots to like.				
4	4	DARK SOVEREIGN (IRE)		94
	2	9-7 60.3kg		
		Ralph Beckett	<i>P. J. McDonald</i>	
Foaled April 4. 145,000 gns yearling. Dark Angel colt. Brother to smart 7f/1m winner Mutasarref. Represents a trainer with solid record with juveniles.				
5	1	NEW KINGMAN (IRE)		94
	2	9-7 60.3kg		
		K. R. Burke	<i>Pierre-Louis Jamin</i>	
Foaled April 14. New Bay colt. First foal of a once-raced dam who is half-sister to high-class winner Akeed Mofeed. Stable continues to fire on all cylinders with 2-y-os.				
6	7	THOMAS TALLIS (19)		60
	8	2 9-7 60.3kg		
		John Mackie	<i>Connor Beasley</i>	
Showed nothing when last of 8 in a novice at Southwell (150/1) 19 days ago, slowly into stride and dropping away early in straight. Hard to make a case for.				
7	6	BALDOSA (IRE) (23)		79
	08	2 9-2 58.1kg		
		Nigel Tinkler	<i>Rowan Scott</i>	
Showed little in both starts, finishing 8th of 11 in novice at this C&D (66/1) 23 days ago.				

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Avicenna, 7-2 Akho Mezzna, 4-1 New Kingman, 5-1 Dark Sovereign, 13-2 Amirlan, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AVICENNA, a 450,000 guineas purchase, makes his debut for a top trainer and can make a winning start. Fellow newcomer Dark Sovereign is feared most. Akho Mezzna showed promise when second at Salisbury and should appreciate this step up in distance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AVICENNA 2. DARK SOVEREIGN 3. AKHO MEZZNA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Chancellor 2-9-10 8-13f John & Thady Gosden Robert Havlin 4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

BELIEVE MONEY GROUP HANDICAP (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-75)
£8,400 7f6y (1410 Metres)



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

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

<div><div>1</div><div>9</div><div></div></div>	<div>RIOT (IRE) (9) (CD)</div> <div>90262580 8 9-9 61.2kg</div> <div>David O'Meara</div> <div>Ran creditably at York and finished runner-up at this course and distance in July. Ran poorly when 11th of 13 in handicap at Chepstow (12/1) 9 days ago. Cheekpieces back on replacing visor and got to be respected given good record here for all he has a poor strike rate these days.</div>	<div>s+t</div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>100</div>
<div><div>2</div><div>6</div><div></div></div>	<div>MISTER MOJITO (IRE) (22) (D)</div> <div>4-7119175 4 9-9 61.2kg</div> <div>T. J. Kent</div> <div>Won a 7f handicap at Yarmouth in May before finishing fifth of 12 in 7f handicap at Ascot (15/2) 22 days ago, awkward under pressure and finding no extra late on. Looks half-hearted.</div>	<div>t</div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>97</div>
<div><div>3</div><div>5</div><div></div></div>	<div>BEAR FORCE ONE (43) (D)</div> <div>060003-00 9 9-8 60.8kg</div> <div>Michael Mullineaux</div> <div>Last of 10 in handicap at Haydock (40/1) 43 days ago and now tries first-time eyeshields. Must prove he retains ability. Engaged 5.20 Newbury Friday.</div>	<div>es</div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>89</div>
<div><div>4</div><div>7</div><div></div></div>	<div>COMMANDER OF LIFE (IRE) (22) (CD)</div> <div>44422410 4 9-8 60.8kg</div> <div>Jessica Macey</div> <div>Won over course and distance and finished second twice in recent runs. 10th of 22 in handicap at York (7/1) 22 days ago, shaped better than result suggests, not ideally placed. Well suited by return to this track. One to consider.</div>	<div></div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>99</div>
<div><div>5</div><div>8</div><div></div></div>	<div>AGE OF BAROQUE (FR) (50) (D)</div> <div>34/9-00515 4 9-8 60.8kg</div> <div>Jessica Macey</div> <div>Won a 7f AW handicap at Southwell (3/1) then ran creditably when fifth of 12 in a handicap at this C&D (16/1) under a penalty 50 days ago. First run for a new trainer and one to note.</div>	<div>t</div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>98</div>
<div><div>6</div><div>2</div><div></div></div>	<div>KING DAVID (IRE) (208) (D, BF)</div> <div>7135322-5 4 9-7 60.3kg</div> <div>Marco Botti</div> <div>Showed decent AW form with three placed efforts before finishing fifth of 9 in handicap at Kempton (9/4), looking half-hearted under pressure in cheekpieces. Back from 7 months off. Unproven on turf.</div>	<div></div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>98</div>
<div><div>7</div><div>1</div><div></div></div>	<div>TWILIGHT DIAMOND (45) (BF)</div> <div>1250554 4 9-3 58.5kg</div> <div>David O'Meara</div> <div>Finished fourth of 9 in handicap at Thirsk (7f) at 7/2 45 days ago, racing off the pace before making headway.</div>	<div>t</div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>99</div>
<div><div>8</div><div>3</div><div></div></div>	<div>CLIFFCAKE (IRE) (23) (D)</div> <div>7-2157795 7 9-3 58.5kg</div> <div>Roy Bowring</div> <div>Won at Southwell in February and better on AW than turf, finished fifth of 11 in handicap at this course (50/1) 23 days ago.</div>	<div></div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>94</div>
<div><div>9</div><div>4</div><div></div></div>	<div>THAPA VC (IRE) (8) (CD)</div> <div>58415548 7 9-1 57.6kg</div> <div>Mark Rimell</div> <div>Tends to start slowly and ran poorly when eighth of 11 in handicap at Haydock (16/1) 8 days ago, never involved. Cheekpieces back on.</div>	<div>s+t</div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>96</div>
<div><div>10</div><div>10</div><div></div></div>	<div>LUMENBOURG (15) (CD, BF)</div> <div>71723313 4 9-0 57.2kg</div> <div>Julie Camacho</div> <div>Won in dominant fashion at this course and distance 28 days ago, drawing clear of rivals after travelling smoothly throughout. Third of 10 in handicap at Southwell (3/1) 15 days ago, headed final 100 yards. Good shout back at Doncaster.</div>	<div>v</div> <div><div><div><div>✓</div><div>★</div></div></div></div> <div>98</div>

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Lumenbourg, **5-1** Riot, **13-2** Commander of Life, **15-2** Twilight Diamond, **10-1** Mister Mojito, **11-1** Age of Baroque, **11-1** Cliffcake, **12-1** King David, **25-1** Thapa Vc, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LUMENBOURG impressed when dominating over course and distance 28 days ago and can go in again after a near-miss at Southwell. Commander of Life wasn't ideally placed at York last time but can figure back at Doncaster, as can Riot, who goes well here and has a change of headgear.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LUMENBOURG 2. COMMANDER OF LIFE 3. RIOT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 ^I	Great Max 5-9-12	7-2jf	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	12
2024 ^{II}	Musical Mystery 5-9-9	7-1	Ed Dunlop	Daniel Muscutt	11
2023	Archduke Ferdinand 4-9-6	16-1	Seb Spencer	Dale Swift	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

QUALITY FREIGHT SERVICES HANDICAP (5) 3yo (Rated 0-70) £8,400 7f213y (1600 Metres)



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

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

1	2	COEUR JAUNE (IRE) (6lb/3kg ex) (6) (CD)		98
		50443211 3 9-13 63.0kg		
		David O'Meara	Mark Winn	
		Progressive filly with improving form, including a win at this course and distance in July. Won a similar handicap at Leicester (9/2) 6 days ago, defying a 3 lb rise and showing she's still on the upgrade. Clearly thriving and can complete the hat-trick despite the penalty.		
2	5	LIGHTNING GALAXY (IRE) (32)		100
		27-2952 3 9-9 61.2kg		
		Michael Dods	Connor Beasley	
		Second in maiden at Ayr (5/1) in May after being gelded. Ran well when second of 7 in handicap at Thirsk (11/2) 32 days ago, making progress under 2f out and running on late. Leading claims.		
3	7	WADACRE MAESTRO (18)		94
		8430 3 9-9 61.2kg		
		Charlie Johnston	Silvestre De Sousa	
		Showed fair form in novices but was last of 10 in handicap at Beverley (25/1) 18 days ago, carrying head awkwardly.		
4	3	HARSWELL RUBY (IRE) (18) (C, D)		99
		21380298 3 9-7 60.3kg		
		Roger Fell	Kevin Stott	
		Showed promise when runner-up in 7f handicap in June but disappointed since, finishing eighth of 10 in handicap at Beverley (5/1) 18 days ago when not helping rider. Previous course winner needing to recapture form.		
5	6	RENEWABLE DREAM (7)	h	92
		63-59 3 9-7 60.3kg		
		Seb Spencer	Gianluca Sanna (5lb/2kg)	
		Modest form in novices before finishing ninth of 12 in handicap at Haydock (16/1) 7 days ago in first-time hood. May benefit from a return to shorter trip (bred for sprinting).		
6	4	KEATS HOUSE (IRE) (20) (D)		98
		65U63123 3 9-3 58.5kg		
		Michael & David Easterby	Joanna Mason	
		Won a handicap at Beverley in July and has since placed twice. Third of 10 in handicap at Pontefract (10/3) 20 days ago. One to consider.		
7	1	AMIDST THE CHAOS (IRE) (28)		96
		574 3 9-3 58.5kg		
		Nigel Tinkler	Rowan Scott	
		Lightly raced gelding who showed signs of inexperience when 4th of 7 in maiden at Ripon (40/1) 28 days ago. Making handicap debut over longer trip which could suit.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Coeur Jaune, 3-1 Lightning Galaxy, 5-1 Keats House, 14-1 Harswell Ruby, 14-1 Amidst The Chaos, 16-1 Renewable Dream, 25-1 Wadacre Maestro

TIMEFORM VIEW:

COEUR JAUNE is clearly thriving and can complete the hat-trick. Lightning Galaxy showed improved form when second at Thirsk last time and is up to winning races. Keats House maintains good form following his Beverley victory in July.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COEUR JAUNE 2. LIGHTNING GALAXY 3. KEATS HOUSE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Bella Bisbee	3-9-7	2-1f	Ed Dunlop	Daniel Tudhope	1.1
2023	Harlem Nights	3-9-5	7-2	James Horton	P. J. McDonald	1.2

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5










QUALITY FREIGHT SERVICES CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
HANDICAP (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-85) £10,800 5f3y (1010 Metres)



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

1	7	MUKER (IRE) (7) (CD)		98
		01346105 7 10-0 63.5kg		
		Nigel Tinkler	Rowan Scott	
Won a 5f handicap at this course and distance (12/1) 43 days ago before disappointing under a penalty at York. Fifth of 9 in handicap at Redcar (11/2) 7 days ago, outpaced early but plugging on late. Player back here.				
2	4	TOPWARRIOR (49)		95
		31220 3 9-13 63.0kg		
		Ralph Beckett 	P. J. McDonald	
Won at Kempton (6f) in April and ran well when second at Musselburgh over today's trip. Disappointing 13th of 18 in handicap at York (6f, 5/1) 49 days ago after slow start, briefly made headway before being eased. Worth another chance based on previous 5f form.				
3	3	HIYA MAITE (70) (CD)		96
		6-3272558 7 9-12 62.6kg		
		Roy Bowring	Darragh Keenan	
Won this race in 2024 and was 2nd at Southwell in March, but eighth of 14 in handicap at this course and distance (5/1) latest. Has not won for 15 races. Capable of better when in the right mood.				
4	1	GRANGLAD (IRE) (14) (D)	t	 100
		099-30201 4 9-11 62.1kg		
		James Horton	Adam Farragher	
Inconsistent performer who struggles in competitive fields but shows good form in smaller races. Won at Hamilton Park (2/1) in a 4-runner handicap 14 days ago, rallying well in the final furlong after being headed. Can go well again.				
5	5	POP STAR (IRE) (8) (D)	s+t	95
		571-88242 5 9-9 61.2kg		
		Alice Haynes	Kieran O'Neill	
Second of 7 in a 5f handicap at Musselburgh (7/1) 8 days ago when looking a bit ungainly. Remains in good form and should continue to be competitive at this level.				
6	6	BLUE ANTHEM (50) (D, BF)		94
		05-158112 3 9-3 58.5kg		
		George Boughey	Kevin Stott	
Won at Salisbury (7f) and Thirsk (5f) before finishing second of 5 in handicap at Yarmouth (5/4) 50 days ago, running respectably against elders but not best placed. Could still have more to offer.				
7	2	STORM CALL (IRE) (14) (D)		89
		229-08599 3 9-1 57.6kg		
		Michael & David Easterby	Joanna Mason	
Has been below form recently, finishing 9th of 14 in 5f handicap at Thirsk (66/1) 14 days ago when in touch but failed to quicken. Visor now removed.				

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Grandlad, 9-2 Topwarrior, 5-1 Muker, 5-1 Blue Anthem, 6-1 Hiya Maite, 7-1 Pop Star, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GRANDLAD showed his battling qualities when rallying to win at Hamilton two weeks ago. All his wins have come in smaller fields, which bodes well here, and he can strike again. Muker is a player back at Doncaster, while the unexposed Topwarrior is worth another chance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GRANGLAD 2. MUKER 3. TOPWARRIOR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2024	Brave Nation 4-9-2	10-3	Michael Bell	Hector Crouch 8
2023	Squealer 3-8-13	4-1	Nigel Tinkler	Rowan Scott 10
2022	Tees Spirit 4-10-0	15-8f	Adrian Nicholls	Barry McHugh 7
2021	Blue de Vega 8-9-8	13-2	Robert Cowell	Adam Farragher (5) 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

PURE PANEL MANAGEMENT NOVICE STAKES (5) 3yo+
£8,000 7f6y (1410 Metres)



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

1	4	RELEASE THE STORM (17) (D)	97
	1	3 9-11 62.1kg	
		Brian Meehan Kevin Stott Won on debut in 7f novice at Leicester (10/1) 17 days ago, travelling well before leading entering final furlong and keeping on. Entitled to do better and leading claims under a penalty.	
2	6	POTOMAC RIVER (17)	88
	5	3 9-4 59.0kg	t
		T. J. Kent George Wood Once raced three-year-old who finished fifth of 12 to Release The Storm on debut in novice stakes at Leicester (6/1) 17 days ago, early prominence but didn't quicken when pushed along. First-time tongue strap fitted today.	
3	5	ROMAN FORTRESS (IRE)	91
	3	9-4 59.0kg	
		Hugo Palmer Jack Doughty €36,000 foal, £52,000 yearling. Calyx gelding. Half-brother to multiple winners including a juvenile victor over this distance. One to note on debut.	
4	8	THE NORTHERN LORD (20)	94
	4	3 9-4 59.0kg	
		Hugo Palmer Jack Mitchell Fourth of 7 in maiden at Pontefract (14/1) 20 days ago, bumped at start but made steady progress without being given a hard time. Likely to improve for that experience and the shorter trip could suit.	
5	3	WRYDCROFT (87)	75
	0	3 9-4 59.0kg	
		Pam Sly Kieran O'Neill Twelfth of 13 in novice at Kempton (40/1) 87 days ago when slowly away and hung left.	
6	7	EMPIRE POWER (17)	100
	6-3353	3 8-13 56.7kg	
		Tim Easterby P. J. McDonald Third of 9 in novice stakes at Redcar (5/1) 17 days ago, made running from worst of draw before headed over 1f out and ran at one pace. Solid place claims at least. Engaged 7.10 Thirsk Friday.	
7	2	HELLO SUMMERTIME (14)	86
	7	3 8-13 56.7kg	
		John & Sean Quinn Rowan Scott Last of 7 in novice at Doncaster (50/1) 14 days ago, showing greenness and never involved.	
8	1	KATH'S TIPPLE (12)	75
	5	3 8-13 56.7kg	
		Ann Duffield Connor Beasley Fifth of 6 in novice at Carlisle (10/1) 12 days ago, outpaced early and never involved, beaten 18 lengths.	
9	9	WAY OF THE WILL (USA) (17)	88
	4	3 8-13 56.7kg	
		Richard Fahey Harry Russell Made promising debut when fourth of 9 in a novice at Redcar (20/1) 17 days ago, slowly into stride and ran green but kept on gradually without being knocked about. Open to improvement.	

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Empire Power, 11-4 Release The Storm, 11-2 The Northern Lord, 17-2 Roman Fortress, 10-1 Way of The Will, 16-1 Potomac River, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RELEASE THE STORM made a winning debut at Leicester 17 days ago and there should be more to come. He can defy a penalty for Brian Meehan. Empire Power (also declared to run at Thirsk on Friday) has solid claims in this company. The Northern Lord showed promise on debut at Pontefract and should improve for the shorter trip.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RELEASE THE STORM 2. EMPIRE POWER 3. THE NORTHERN LORD

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.25

RACE 7

UANDI RENEWABLES WITH DONCASTER RADIO HANDICAP
(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-75) £8,400 1¼m43y (2050 Metres)



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

Left handed, galloping. One of the fairest courses in the country, essentially flat with the exception of a slight uphill gradient about ten furlongs from the finish. Races between five furlongs and seven furlongs are run on the straight course, while there is also both a straight and round mile course. It is a free-draining course, underfoot conditions only occasionally being soft/heavy.

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

18

NINTH LIFE (USA) (77) (D)

9661-4364 5 9-9 | 61.2kg

Ruth Carr

Third at Chelmsford in April, but only fourth of 5 in 11.6f handicap at Lingfield (10/1) latest, running awkwardly. First run for new trainer.

h

93

Mark Winn

21

PROJECT GEOFIN (20)

1287-4681 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

Geoff Oldroyd

Won a 10-runner handicap at Pontefract (11/1) 20 days ago, well suited by the stiff mile and staying on strongly after being outpaced 3f out. Player again up 6 lb.

95

P. J. McDonald

35

FOREST CAPER (17)

32344 4 9-8 | 60.8kg

David O'Meara

Lightly raced 4-y-o finished fourth of 11 in handicap at Redcar (3/1) 17 days ago, taking keen hold before flattening out after being baulked. First-time hood may help him settle better and he's respected.

h

96

Kevin Stott

42

GISELLES DEFENCE (IRE) (8) (D)

73322184 5 9-7 | 60.3kg

Ian Williams

Won at Epsom over 10f in July. Fourth of 9 in handicap at Newmarket over 10f (10/1) 8 days ago, running respectably after being prominent and ridden 2f out.

s

96

Silvestre De Sousa

57

ABSOLUTE STAR (43) (C)

2336-1 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

Roger Varian

Won at this course over 8f (9/4) on return 43 days ago, travelling well throughout and going on to score comfortably. Open to further improvement stepping up in trip and leading claims.

100

Jack Mitchell

63

POL ROGER (IRE) (7) (D)

00-530862 5 9-6 | 59.9kg

Michael Dods

Has been inconsistent but showed improvement when second of 12 in handicap at Ayr (10/1) 7 days ago, settling better after a trio of dull displays. May build on that.

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97

Connor Beasley

79

AJDAYET (17)

66441-079 4 9-5 | 59.4kg

Ruth Carr

Won a 9f AW handicap last September but has struggled since joining new yard, finishing ninth of 11 in a 10f handicap at Redcar (40/1) 17 days ago, again ridden with more restraint (is a hard puller).

99

Kaiya Fraser

86

WHISKEY PETE (IRE) (21)

23-000707 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

Nigel Tinkler

Seventh of 8 in handicap at Newcastle (12/1) 21 days ago, showing no signs of reversing poor form.

95

Rowan Scott

94

SHIMMERING SANDS (53) (CD)

23246-607 6 9-3 | 58.5kg

Michael & David Easterby

Seventh of 8 in 10f handicap at Beverley (3/1) 53 days ago, slowly into stride and found less than looked likely. Tongue strap back on and last win did come over C&D 2 years ago.

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96

Joanna Mason

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Absolute Star, 5-1 Forest Caper, 11-2 Project Geofin, 9-1 Pol Roger, 14-1 Shimmering Sands, 14-1 Giselles Defence, 16-1 Ninth Life, 33-1 Ajdayet, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ABSOLUTE STAR created an excellent impression when making a successful return here 6 weeks ago, travelling strongly throughout and scoring with plenty in hand. Open to more improvement after just five starts and a step up in trip looking likely to suit, she can follow up. Forest Caper also remains unexposed and could do better, while the inconsistent Project Geofin returned to form when scoring at Pontefract last time and could figure again up 6 lb.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ABSOLUTE STAR 2. FOREST CAPER 3. PROJECT GEOFIN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Naaey 4-9-8	11-4f	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	8
2023	Invisible Friend 4-9-5	6-1	Kevin Ryan	Rowan Scott	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race