

Friday 17th April

WOLVERHAMPTON

2.08 FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER LIGHTS - 8th MAY HANDICAP (6) 6f20y (1230 Metres)

RACE 1 **(3) TRAVEL AGENT | (1) JOJO RABBIT | (6) PUNCHBOWL FLYER**

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RACE 2 **(3) SCHEFFLER | (6) COOL DOC BOY | (5) AFTON DOWN**

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RACE 3 **(5) SOLAR PASS | (3) DIAMOND BAY | (4) ROBUSTO**

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RACE 4 **(1) GOLD STAR HERO | (4) COUNSEL | (3) HAVANA BLAST**

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RACE 5 **(2) GROW OLD WITH ME | (9) SLIGHT OF FOOT | (6) LAW COURT**

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RACE 6 **(4) TRYST | (5) POLITELY | (2) ORANGESANDLEMONS**


5.35 RACE AND REST - WOLVERHAMPTON HOLIDAY INN HANDICAP (6) 1m1f104y (1910 Metres)


RACE 7 **(1) NAUGHTY NIALL | (4) PORT NOIR | (3) ROMAN SECRET**

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.

2.08**FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER LIGHTS - 8th MAY HANDICAP (6)
4yo+ (Rated 0-65) £6,200 6f20y (1230 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Standard**

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

1 6 JOJO RABBIT (4lb/2kg ex) (10) (C, D) **99**
197077-81 8 9-12 | 62.6kg



Ruth Carr

James Sullivan

Successful 4 times at this course and resumed winning ways in a 13-runner handicap at Pontefract (5f, soft) 10 days ago. All 9 career wins have come at around 5f but will be a threat under a penalty back on the all-weather if he sees this out.

2 8 TWILIGHT MADNESS (4lb/2kg ex) (9) (C, D, BF) **95**
8-2932319 8 9-11 | 62.1kg



Simon Hodgson

Alistair Rawlinson

C&D winner in December and added to his tally at Bath earlier this month. Could finish only ninth of 11 under a penalty at Kempton (6f) last week, though, and needs to bounce back.

3 5 TRAVEL AGENT (IRE) (9) (D) **100**
790159-42 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Adam Kirby

Callum Rodriguez

Eyeshields on for the first time when a good second of 11 in a 6f Kempton handicap 9 days ago, not ideally placed. Headgear retained and he has to be taken seriously off the same mark.

4 9 STYLE KING (IRE) (23) (D) **98**
8367186-9 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



Chris Dwyer

Silvestre De Sousa

Ninth of 12 in handicap at Lingfield (6f) 23 days ago and, though capable when on-song, his profile is too patchy for comfort.

5 2 WHITE UMBRELLA (31) (C, D) **94**
41197-636 7 9-7 | 60.3kg



Christopher Kellett

Jason Hart

Three-time C&D winner who was a shade below par when sixth of 10 over 7f here last month. Drop back in trip a plus but she looms vulnerable in any case.

6 4 PUNCHBOWL FLYER (IRE) (13) (D) **94**
24-042443 9 9-6 | 59.9kg



John O'Shea

Luke Morris

Remains winless following 9 attempts on the all-weather but has made the frame in 6f/7f handicaps here on his last 5 starts. Latest C&D third of 9 off this mark was creditable and he's an each-way player.

7 3 DUE DATE (13) (C, D) **94**
1116-7807 6 9-5 | 59.4kg



Charlie Wallis

Cieren Fallon

Dual C&D winner in 2024 and was successful 5 times from 16 runs last year, the latest at Chelmsford in October. However, he hasn't shown much in 4 starts since the turn of the year.

8 1 GOOD KARMA (7) (C, BF) **94**
326-55327 6 9-4 | 59.0kg



John David Riches

Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)

Solid back-to-back placed efforts in 7f handicaps here last month but good run of form came to a halt at Thirsk last week. Now tried in a visor.

9 7 MEGAPHONE (13) (C, D) **96**
064780-99 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



Scott Dixon

Mikkel Mortensen (5lb/2kg)

Losing run mounting up and hopes pinned on change of headgear configuration (has sported eyeshields and hood the last twice but wears just the latter this time) working the oracle.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Jojo Rabbit, **7-2** Travel Agent, **4-1** Twilight Madness, **8-1** Style King, **10-1** Good Karma, **12-1** Punchbowl Flyer, **22-1** White Umbrella, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having returned to form when runner-up in in first-time eyeshields at Kempton last week, TRAVEL AGENT may well go one better here off the same mark, provided that the headgear works equally well at the second time of asking. Recent Pontefract winner Jojo Rabbit is a strong candidate and rates the main danger ahead of Punchbowl Flyer.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. TRAVEL AGENT 2. JOJO RABBIT 3. PUNCHBOWL FLYER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Candy Warhol 6-9-0	15-2	Scott Dixon	Kieran O'Neill	12
2024 ^I	Mumcat 5-9-5	7-2	Jacqueline Coward	Joanna Mason	13
2024 ^{II}	Q Twenty Boy 9-9-5	25-1	Mark Usher	Alicia Perkins (7)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.43**DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5) 3, 4 and 5yo £8,000 6f20y (1230 Metres)****RACE 2**Going: **Standard**

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

1 4 HALLANDALE BEACH (22) 75
4 3 9-7 | 60.3kg



Kevin Philippart de Foy **Rowan Scott**
9/1, encouraging fourth of 11 in maiden at Chelmsford City (6f) on debut 22 days ago. This son of Havana Grey can improve.

2 2 KIANI KING (IRE) (45) 66
4 3 9-7 | 60.3kg



Hughie Morrison **Callum Shepherd**
6/1, slowly away when a never-dangerous fourth of 6 in maiden over C&D on debut 45 days ago. This Persian King colt can do better in due course.

3 9 SCHEFFLER (IRE) (21) 87
3 3 9-7 | 60.3kg b



Richard Hughes **Finley Marsh**
11/1 and blinkered, made a promising start when third of 7 in maiden at Lingfield (7f) 21 days ago, not ideally placed in a steadily-run race. This Starman gelding seems sure to improve. Player.

4 5 GOLDENSTATEOFMIND (IRE) (321) 91
26- 3 9-5 | 59.4kg



David Loughnane **Silvestre De Sousa**
Starman colt shaped well when a debut second in 5f maiden at Thirsk. Had the worst of the draw when sixth in 6f Chester novice later last May. Off since but he remains with potential.

5 6 AFTON DOWN (169) (BF) 99
722- 3 9-3 | 58.5kg



Jack Jones **Cieren Fallon**
Progressive Time Test gelding who came in a very good second of 11 in 6f maiden at Chelmsford City in October. Not discounted despite a 169-day break.

6 1 COOL DOC BOY (IRE) (144) (BF) 100
27- 3 9-3 | 58.5kg



Jamie Osborne **William Carver**
Frosted gelding. Promising debut second in 6f Kempton novice but not best drawn when seventh in C&D maiden later in November. Off 144 days but can go well.

7 8 SARGENT DENNIS (IRE) (22) 67
5 3 9-3 | 58.5kg



Jack Channon **Rose Dawes (5lb/2kg)**
Invincible Army gelding. 18/1, fifth of 11 in maiden at Chelmsford City (6f) on debut 22 days ago, never nearer.

8 3 HAMDAS JOY (IRE) (195) (BF) 90
33- 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Tom Clover **Luke Morris**
Failed to build on Chelmsford debut third when occupying same position in 6f maiden at Newcastle 6 months ago. Needs to bounce back after a lay-off.

9 7 MAYFLOWER ROCK 67
3 8-12 | 56.2kg



Dylan Cunha **Aidan Keeley**
7,000 gns yearling, Mayson filly. Half-sister to 7f/1m winner Bake and 5f winner Doddie's Impact. Dam unraced. The market can guide for this newcomer.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Afton Down, **9-2** Scheffler, **6-1** Hamdas Joy, **13-2** Cool Doc Boy, **11-1** Hallandale Beach, **12-1** Goldenstateofmind, **20-1** Kiani King, **22-1** Sargent Dennis, **25-1** Mayflower Rock

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SCHEFFLER wasn't best placed but shaped well when when third on debut at Lingfield and he can build on that here for his in-form yard to get off the mark. Cool Doc Boy has an absence to overcome but could emerge as the main danger ahead of Afton Down and Hamdas Joy.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. SCHEFFLER 2. COOL DOC BOY 3. AFTON DOWN****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

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HANDICAP (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-80) £10,000 1³/₄m (2820 Metres)

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

1 2 BAILEYS KHELSTAR (FR) (13) (D) 93
 1127/0 6 9-9 | 61.2kg



Charlie Johnston

Jason Hart

Started 2024 with wins at Southwell and Ascot. Understandably shaped as if needing the run after 21 months off when down the field at Musselburgh recently and what he does here will probably be a better guide in terms of how much ability he retains.

2 4 CARAMAY (9) (C) 97
 813-34133 6 9-8 | 60.8kg



William Muir & Chris Grassick

Cieren Fallon

Resumed winning ways over 11f at Kempton in February and backed that up with solid placed efforts on her next 2 starts. She doesn't appear to be crying out for this step up in trip, though.

3 6 DIAMOND BAY (14) (CD) 99
 4347243-0 8 9-7 | 60.3kg



Tom Ward

Finley Marsh

More good efforts than bad ones since scoring on 2025 reappearance. Suffered a heavy defeat on his reappearance at Lingfield a fortnight ago but will have a chance here if able to bounce back.

4 3 ROBUSTO (IRE) (14) 99
 595-22630 6 9-7 | 60.3kg



Eve Johnson Houghton

Harry Vigors (7lb/3kg)

Runner-up in back-to-back 1¹/₂m Southwell handicaps in January and went down narrowly when third over this C&D on penultimate start. No show in a visor last time but could have a say with blinkers refitted.

5 5 SOLAR PASS (27) 100
 1428227-1 4 9-4 | 59.0kg



Andrew Balding

Alfie Redman (7lb/3kg)

Ended 2025 with a rather disappointing display at Chester but put that behind her when scoring on return at Southwell (1¹/₂m) last month. 3 lb nudge no great hardship and she's a strong candidate.

6 1 CRACKERGEE (130) 98
 55/204055- 4 9-1 | 57.6kg



Hughie Morrison

Callum Shepherd

Remains a maiden following 9 attempts and struggled after going close in 1¹/₂m Kempton handicap last spring. Others preferred.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Solar Pass, **11-2** Diamond Bay, **6-1** Robusto, **7-1** Caramay, **8-1** Crackergee, **12-1** Baileys Khelstar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The return to this trip will suit SOLAR PASS, who made a bright start to the season when scoring over 1¹/₂m at Southwell last month and a 3 lb rise for that is unlikely to be a barrier to further success. Diamond Bay and Robusto both misfired at Lingfield last time but they will be serious players if on-song here.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SOLAR PASS 2. DIAMOND BAY 3. ROBUSTO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Slowdownbarney	4-8-12	4-1	John McConnell	Hollie Doyle	8
2024	Kitty Foyle	4-9-10	11-4	Jack Jones	Oisín Murphy	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.53**GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-85)
£10,000 5f21y (1030 Metres)**

RACE 4

GBI RACINGGoing: **Standard**

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

1 3 GOLD STAR HERO (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (8) (C, D) s  **100**
551527-11 4 9-12 | 62.6kg

Michael Bell **Callum Shepherd**

Has returned in excellent form, producing improved efforts to make all in 6f handicaps at Chelmsford and Wolverhampton in recent weeks. Should be just as effective back at 5f and taken to complete a hat-trick.

2 7 ACCRUAL (14) (CD) es **97**
12-12685U 5 9-10 | 61.7kg



David Loughnane

Rowan Scott

Front runner who has won over 6f here and at Lingfield this winter. Excuses for most of his defeats since (saddle slipped and unseated early latest) so likely in better heart than his recent form figures might imply.

3 1 HAVANA BLAST (21) (D) h+t **99**
363416/0 4 9-6 | 59.9kg

James Fanshawe **Callum Rodriguez**

Off 19 months and understandably shaped as if needing the outing when tenth of 12 at Newcastle (5f) 3 weeks ago. Has a refitted hood combined with his tongue tie now. Could last longer this time.

4 5 COUNSEL (24) (CD) t **97**
237814-71 8 9-5 | 59.4kg



Michael Appleby

Luke Morris

Fourth all-weather win since early last year when edging ahead late on over C&D last month. Should remain very competitive off only 2 lb higher.

5 2 HUNKY DORY (5lb/2kg ex) (7) (C) s **98**
43221-551 4 9-5 | 59.4kg



Jack Morland

Non Runner

NON RUNNER.

6 6 ZIGGY'S MISSILE (IRE) (175) (CD) s **91**
01709855- 5 9-4 | 59.0kg



Robert Cowell

Neil Callan

C&D winner. Added 3 more wins last year but hasn't been seen since October so there's a chance this outing will be needed.

7 4 ALONDRA (39) (CD) **96**
0533-1125 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



Scott Dixon

Silvestre De Sousa

Largely on the up since joining current yard, winning twice over C&D in February. However, no more than a respectable fifth of 7 here 39 days ago, merely closing up late.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Gold Star Hero, **3-1** Counsel, **11-2** Havana Blast, **11-1** Alondra, **12-1** Accrual, **12-1** Ziggy's Missile

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GOLD STAR HERO is compiling an excellent record on the all-weather and can make light of a 5 lb penalty and complete a hat-trick. Last month's C&D scorer Counsel is the obvious threat, although it also wouldn't be surprise were Havana Blast to take a good step forward from his recent comeback outing.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GOLD STAR HERO 2. COUNSEL 3. HAVANA BLAST

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

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

1 1 BEAUTIFUL RUMOUR **4** 10-2 | 64.4kg **Mikkel Mortensen (51b/2kg)**



Scott Dixon
Sogann gelding. Dam 5f/6f winner (including at 2 yrs). Likely outsider on belated debut.

2 8 GROW OLD WITH ME (IRE) (532) (BF) **4** 10-2 | 64.4kg **★ 100**



Ralph Beckett **Robbie Downey**
Promising second of 15 in strong novice at Newmarket (7f, good to soft) on debut in October 2024. Not seen since but the stable had one make a very promising return from a similar length of absence at Thirsk recently. Market confidence likely significant.

3 3 AHEAD OF FASHION (16) **3** 9-3 | 58.5kg **83**



1d643387-7 **Dominic Ffrench Davis Cieren Fallon**
Fair maiden but exposed with it and never involved in 7f Kempton handicap on reappearance.

4 4 ANTON MAUVE **3** 9-3 | 58.5kg **Rowan Scott**



Kevin Philippart de Foy
250,000 gns Pinatubo gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful US winner up to 8.5f Unanimous Consent and 2-y-o 7f winner Star Music. Check the betting with this newcomer.

5 2 BATTLE STANDARD (20) **3** 9-3 | 58.5kg **61**



04 **Jack Morland Jonny Peate**
Modest form in 3 outings at Southwell last month and seems unlikely to be of interest until handicapping.

6 6 LAW COURT (IRE) (232) **3** 9-3 | 58.5kg **92**



43- **Richard Hannon Jason Hart**
Blue Point colt who shaped quite well when reaching the frame in 2 outings at Newbury last August. Has the potential for better and likely to be on the premises.

7 9 LUANSOBE (168) **3** 9-3 | 58.5kg **78**



20- **Charlie Fellowes Paddy Bradley**
Second on 7f Kempton debut last October but the form is nothing special and he was well beaten on turf at Newmarket 3 week later. Off 168 days.

8 10 MR WRITER (IRE) (191) **3** 9-3 | 58.5kg **89**



82562- **James Fanshawe Ross Coakley**
Fair form in his 5 outings over 6f/7f last year, including all-weather. Might be vulnerable to less-exposed sorts on return.

9 5 SLIGHT OF FOOT (211) **3** 9-3 | 58.5kg **91**



02- **Harry Charlton Callum Rodriguez**
Left debut well behind when second of 14 in novice at Kempton (7f) last September. Gelded ahead of reappearance. Open to improvement and likely to go well..

10 7 KORBUT (10) **3** 8-12 | 56.2kg **89**



02 **Sir Mark Prescott Bt Luke Morris**
Out of a mare from a good Cheveley Park family. Left her 8.6f course debut well behind when length second of 8 at Southwell (7f) 10 days ago. May do better again.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

TIMEFORM VIEW:

If the betting vibes are strong surrounding the returning GROW OLD WITH ME he'll take a big of stopping as his debut form back in the autumn of 2024 is strong. Slight of Foot and Law Court showed promise at 2 and can give Ralph Beckett's charge most to do.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. GROW OLD WITH ME 2. SLIGHT OF FOOT 3. LAW COURT****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **Red Sand** 3-9-10 6-1 Ed Walker Tom Marquand 12**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Grow Old With Me, **4-1** Slight of Foot, **8-1** Law Court, **8-1** Mr Writer, **10-1** Anton Mauve, **12-1** Korbut, **28-1** Ahead of Fashion, **50-1** bar

5.05

RACE 6

DOWNLOAD THE RACECOURSE APP RACEDAY READY FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-95) £15,200 1m142y (1740 Metres)

Going: **Standard**

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

1 5 MAEVA (159) t **91**
9/434116- 4 10-2 | 64.4kg



Charlie Fellowes

Neil Callan

Much improved switched to handicaps, landing back-to-back 1m contests at Chelmsford/Sandown last summer. Far from disgraced when sixth in French listed contest on final outing in November but revised mark demands further progress on seasonal bow.

2 3 ORANGESANDLEMONS (177) (D) s **96**
21226615- 4 9-1 | 57.6kg



Edward Bethell

**Callum Rodriguez**

Resumed winning ways in 12-runner handicap at Nottingham (8.3f) in October and seemed to find the steady gallop against her when fifth at Newmarket (1m) on final start. Resumes with yard firmly amongst the winners and she's yet to finish out of the first 2 on all-weather.

3 1 JUST A GIRL (12) **95**
62107-3 3 8-7 | 54.0kg



Charlie Johnston

Callum Shepherd

Won a 1m novice at Lingfield last August. Struggled in 2 starts thereafter but after 5 months off, returned to form when third of 8 in handicap at Southwell (7f) 12 days ago. Step back up in trip rates a positive given how she shaped then.

4 2 TRYST (IRE) (20) (CD, BF) ★ **100**
821-4 3 8-6 | 53.5kg



George Boughey

Luke Morris

Built on earlier promise when getting off the mark in a C&D novice in October, showing a good turn of foot. Well backed, displayed similar form when fourth on return in conditions event at Kempton (1m) 3 weeks ago and she appeals as the type to step forward again now handicapping.

5 4 POLITELY (28) **87**
95-1 3 8-3 | 52.2kg



Martyn Meade

Silvestre De Sousa

Poor form in 2 turf outings as a juvenile but proved a completely different proposition switched to all-weather/pped in trip when impressively landing a Lingfield maiden (1m) on reappearance last month. Very much the type go on improving in handicaps and she's of interest.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Tryst, 2-1 Politely, 11-2 Maeva, 10-1 Orangesandlemons, 10-1 Just A Girl

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This may well go to one of the 3-y-os, with George Boughey's TRYST shading preference over Politely on the back of a solid fourth in a conditions event at Kempton 3 weeks ago. Orangesandlemons has yet to finish out of the first 2 on the all-weather and returns with her stable firmly amongst the winners.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. TRYST 2. POLITELY 3. ORANGESANDLEMONS****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.35

RACE 7

RACE AND REST - WOLVERHAMPTON HOLIDAY INN HANDICAP (6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-55) £6,200 1m1f104y (1910 Metres)



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

1 1 NAUGHTY NIALL (8) (C, BF) 3162-2742 5 9-9 | 61.2kg s+t 97

Ian Williams **Silvestre De Sousa**
As good as ever when runner-up to Port Noir over C&D latest. Makes appeal with Silvestre De Sousa (1-1) back aboard and has a handy draw to boot.

2 12 SCENARIO (5lb/2kg ex) (12) (CD) 16460461 4 9-8 | 60.8kg 93

Tony Carroll **Cieren Fallon**
Had Billy Loughnane aboard for the first time when capitalising on a falling mark at Bath (1m) latest, though could be worth opposing under a 5-lb penalty.

3 13 ROMAN SECRET (IRE) (185) (C) 26/432367- 5 9-7 | 60.3kg 96

Kevin Frost **Callum Hutchinson**
Sole previous success came at this course for previous yard and while she needs to bounce back from a quiet end to last year, her mark is a tempting one.

4 6 PORT NOIR (8) (CD) 8-7117161 9 9-7 | 60.3kg t ★ 100

Robert Stephens **Rose Dawes (5lb/2kg)**
Has developed a fine rapport with this apprentice jockey, making it 4 wins from previous 5 all-weather starts when seeing off Naughty Niall by a length here last time. Should go well again off an unchanged mark.

5 4 BALQAA (20) (CD) 94-825615 8 9-6 | 59.9kg 89

Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay **Jason Hart**
Had the race run to suit when cosy winner of a C&D classified stakes but was very slowly away (not for the first time) when fifth of 10 at Southwell latest.

6 7 DESIDERATA (IRE) (23) (CD, BF) 42322613 6 9-6 | 59.9kg 89

Thomas Faulkner **Finley Marsh**
Backed up his classified stakes win here with a creditable third in similar company at Lingfield but more needed back in a handicap.

7 8 LIKE MAGIC (GER) (18) 59/0960-89 5 9-4 | 59.0kg 69

Mark Loughnane **Luke Morris**
Dual Flat winner in Germany but no form for Max Young and fared little better, despite featuring more prominently in the betting, when ninth of 11 in a handicap (5/1) at this course on stable debut.

8 5 BOSSY PARKER (IRE) (18) (C) 05-553251 6 9-4 | 59.0kg 90

Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay **Zak Wheatley (3lb/1kg)**
Ended a long losing run when successful in a classified stakes here last time, though the switch back to a handicap is likely to prevent a follow up.

9 11 ARLECCHINO'S REX (18) (CD) 09-345133 4 9-3 | 58.5kg h 93

Mark Usher **Neil Callan**
Has backed up last month's C&D success with pair of creditable third-place finishes here. Likely to be dropped in from stall 11 and could be in the mix again if getting the breaks.

10 9 AL SHABAB (FR) (31) (BF) 70-522728 5 9-3 | 58.5kg 92

David Evans **Callum Shepherd**
Showed what he can do at this level when runner-up behind Arlecchino's Rex over C&D but proved too free to justify favouritism in classified company here last time.

11 3 IGNITION (IRE) (11) 576-43463 4 9-1 | 57.6kg s 93

Thomas Faulkner **Zoe Lewis (7lb/3kg)**
Has hit the frame both starts here under this apprentice jockey, no match for a couple of fair sorts over C&D most recently.

12 10 WRIST ART (IRE) (18) (D) 6-7338770 9 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg) v+t 88

James Owen **Christian Howarth (3lb/1kg)**
Best run this year came over C&D in January but extended a long losing run when well held on first try over a sprint trip here latest.

13 2 BUSBY (IRE) (46) (CD) 9870-5675 11 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg) v 88

Philip Kirby **Harry Vigors (7lb/3kg)**
Veteran ran a bit better than he has previously this year when fifth of 7 over longer trip here last time but isn't one to get carried away with given his age.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Port Noir, **11-2** Naughty Niall, **8-1** Arlecchino's Rex, **10-1** Scenario, **12-1** Al Shabab, **12-1** Bossy Parker, **14-1** Roman Secret, **14-1** Balqaa, **14-1** Like Magic, **16-1** Desiderata, **25-1** Ignition, **25-1** Busby, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NAUGHTY NIALL has been knocking on the door over C&D and the return of Silvestre De Sousa, along with a handy draw, may see him reverse last week's form with Port Noir. Roman Secret will need some luck from the widest stall but she has fallen to a handy mark.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NAUGHTY NIALL 2. PORT NOIR 3. ROMAN SECRET

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 ^I Serious Look 5-9-9	4-1	Thomas Faulkner	Robert Havlin	10
2025 ^{II} Strategic Fortune 8-9-9	4-1	John Butler	Daniel Muscatt	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race