

Tuesday 21st April

# PONTEFRACT



1.42	RACING TV SKY CHANNEL 424 EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Qualifier) (5) 5f3y (1010 Metres)
RACE 1	<b>(1) CLARET AND BLUES   (7) MARGARET'S PEARL   (8) JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS</b>
2.17	CONSTANT SECURITY SERVICES FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4) 6f (1210 Metres)
RACE 2	<b>(1) LADY YOUMZAIN   (4) TOWN QUEEN   (2) ELEMMA</b>
2.52	NAPOLEONS CASINO BRADFORD HANDICAP (3) 6f (1210 Metres)
RACE 3	<b>(7) DAIZEN   (1) RECIPROCATED   (6) ALAMINOS</b>
3.27	RIU HOTELS AND RESORTS HANDICAP (2) 1¼m5y (2020 Metres)
RACE 4	<b>(1) MARHABA GHAIYYATH   (2) INSANITY   (7) HAVE SECRET</b>
4.02	BOWEL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMME SAVE LIVES HANDICAP (5) 6f (1210 Metres)
RACE 5	<b>(1) NO RETURN   (5) AZURE ZAIN   (6) GREAT</b>
4.32	INTO THE SKY PONTEFRACT MARATHON HANDICAP (6) 2m5f139y (4350 Metres)
RACE 6	<b>(9) LILLISTAR   (3) HOME AND DRY   (4) IZAKAYA</b>
5.05	CONSTANT SECURITY SERVING YORKSHIRE RACECOURSES HANDICAP (5) 5f3y (1010 Metres)
RACE 7	<b>(4) BETWEEN THE STICKS   (9) HIDDEN VERSE   (3) FUJI MOUNTAIN</b>

## 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.

1.42

RACING TV SKY CHANNEL 424 EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Qualifier) (5) 2yo £8,000 5f3y (1010 Metres)

RACE 1



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

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

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


**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 <sup>I</sup>	<b>Awraad</b> 2-8-11	11-1	Gemma Tutty	Connor Beasley	9
2025 <sup>II</sup>	<b>Ice Cold Alex</b> 2-9-5	15-2	Ollie Pears	Cam Hardie	8
2024	<b>Hot To Dot</b> 2-9-0	16-1	Gemma Tutty	Connor Beasley	11
2023	<b>Billy Webster</b> 2-9-7	11-2	George Scott	Billy Loughnane (5)	7
2022	<b>Duchray</b> 2-9-5	5-1	Charlie & Mark Johnston	Connor Beasley	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race


**1 4 CLARET AND BLUES 99**

**2** 9-7 | 60.3kg  
 Richard & Peter Fahey **Oisin James Orr**  
 Foaled April 25. 22,000 gns yearling, Sergei Prokofiev colt. Brother to 2-y-o 5f winner Barrak, and closely related to 6f winner Wichahpi. Dam, 5f/6f winner, half-sister to smart 2-y-o 5f/6f winner Illuminate. Appealing newcomer on paper.


**2 1 SEA MIRAGE (IRE) ★ 100**

**2** 9-7 | 60.3kg  
 Kevin Ryan **Kevin Stott**  
 Foaled April 12. €25,000 foal, £34,000 yearling, Naval Crown colt. Half-brother to 5f winner Dandy Breeze. Yard quick off the mark with 2-y-os and one to note.


**3 7 TOO MANY SPIRITS (11) 91**

**5** 2 9-7 | 60.3kg  
 Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood **David Nolan**  
 Foaled April 10. Rajasinghe gelding. Brother to 2-y-o 6f winner Hougoumont. Dam, 5f winner (including at 2 yrs), half-sister to useful 2-y-o 6f winner Byzantium. 13/2, showed a bit in 5f Thirsk maiden on debut 11 days ago. Needs a big step forward.

**4 6 UBETTANOTBLINK 91**

**2** 9-4 | 59.0kg  
 Craig Lidster **Sam James**  
 Foaled April 10. £10,000 yearling, Ubettabelieveit colt. Closely related to 7f-1m winner Adace and half-brother to 3 winners, including 7f/1m winner The Spotlight Kid and 5f-6f winner Havechatma.

**5 2 VILLAGE HALL 91**

**2** 9-4 | 59.0kg  
 Tim Easterby **David Allan**  
 Foaled March 28. 6,000 gns yearling, Tasleet colt. Dam of little account.


**6 5 CYDNEY SWEENIE 93**

**2** 9-2 | 58.1kg  
 Jack Morland **Callum Rodriguez**  
 Foaled March 8. 9,000 gns foal, 25,000 gns yearling, Caturra filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including 7f winner Vince Le Prince and 2-y-o 5f winner Freyabella. Dam 2-y-o 1m winner. Yard did well with juveniles last year and she's one to note.

**7 8 MARGARET'S PEARL (15) ★ 100**

**4** 2 9-2 | 58.1kg  
 Lemos De Souza **Jason Hart**  
 Foaled February 28. A'ali filly. Dam unraced half-sister to useful 1¼m-2m winner Laws of Spin. 20/1, showed a fair bit in 5f Wolverhampton maiden a fortnight ago. This stiffer finish will suit and she's respected.

**8 3 JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS (IRE) (11) 98**

**3** 2 8-13 | 56.7kg  
 Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole **Rossa Ryan**  
 Foaled March 20. €20,000 yearling, Cotai Glory filly. Half-sister to 7f winner Spilt Passion. Dam, 2-y-o 5f/6f winner, out of winning half-sister to smart winner up to 7f Fokine. 17/2, offered something to work on when third of 7 to easy winner in 5f Wolverhampton maiden 11 days ago. Can improve.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Sea Mirage, **7-2** Margaret's Pearl, **4-1** Claret And Blues, **9-2** Jolly Good Fellows, **11-1** Cydney Sweeney, **20-1** Ubettanotblink, **25-1** Village Hall, **25-1** Too Many Spirits

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Newcomer CLARET AND BLUES is bred to be sharp and gets the vote before market clues for all Margaret's Pearl and Jolly Good Fellows are entitled to improve on their promising debut showings.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CLARET AND BLUES 2. MARGARET'S PEARL 3. JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS**

**2.17**

**CONSTANT SECURITY SERVICES FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4)**  
**3yo+ fillies and mares £10,000 6f (1210 Metres)**

RACE 2



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

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

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

**1 3 LADY YOUMZAIN (IRE) (216)** **100**  
 1- 3 9-9 | 61.2kg

Kevin Ryan **Kevin Stott**  
 Hello Youmzain filly made an impressive winning start to her career over 5f at Beverley (soft) last autumn. Useful prospect who should be hard to beat unless one of the newcomers is well above average.

**2 1 ELEMMA (IRE)** **88**  
 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Richard & Peter Fahey **Billy Garritty**  
 135,000 gns Starman filly. Half-sister to several winners, including useful trio The Man, Justifier and Goodwood Crusader. Decent pedigree and it'll be interesting to see how strong the betting vibes are.

**3 2 READER (173)** **88**  
 28- 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Marcus Tregoning **Daniel Tudhope**  
 Showed promise amid greenness when second of 7 in novice at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) on debut in October and perhaps not fully over those exertions when disappointing at Chelmsford 18 days later.

**4 5 TOWN QUEEN (IRE)** **88**  
 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

K. R. Burke **Sam James**  
 €160,000 Blue Point half-sister to 3 winners, including useful US 1m winner Sakura Flavor and 12.5f winner Raving Royal. In the same ownership as Lady Youmzain. Market informative.

**5 4 UNCERTAINTY (IRE) (152)** **92**  
 2030424- 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Simon Whitaker **Paul Mulrennan**  
 Fair maiden (trained by Richard Hannon first 6 starts). Looked hard ride when last seen in November starting out for this yard.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-5** Lady Youmzain, **3-1** Town Queen, **13-2** Elemma, **12-1** Reader, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LADY YOUMZAIN looked good on her Beverley debut last September and has to be considered the one to beat, although strong market support for Karl Burke debutante Town Queen, who is in the same ownership as the selection, would put a slightly different slant on things. The other newcomer, Elemma, also makes paper appeal.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LADY YOUMZAIN 2. TOWN QUEEN 3. ELEMMA**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Miss Hathaway</b> 3-9-2	9-2	Tim Easterby	David Allan	8
2024	<b>Thursday's Child</b> 3-9-9	8-1	Micky Hammond	Billy Garritty	8
2023	<b>Tellus</b> 3-9-2	7-2	John Quinn	Jason Hart	7
2022	<b>Hooked On You</b> 3-8-12	5-2	K. R. Burke	P. J. McDonald	11
2021	<b>Scarlet Bear</b> 3-9-0	1-2f	William Jarvis	Kieran Shoemark	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.52**

**NAPOLEONS CASINO BRADFORD HANDICAP (3) 3yo (Rated 0-90) £17,000 6f (1210 Metres)**

RACE 3



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

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

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

**1 6 RECIPROCATED (214) (D, BF) s 96**  
11665- 3 9-10 | 61.7kg



**K. R. Burke** *Sam James*  
Looked a smart prospect when winning 6f novices at Nottingham (good to soft) and Carlisle (soft) on his first 2 outings. That made his subsequent 3 efforts as a juvenile disappointing but wouldn't be a big shock were he to bounce back having been gelded. Also wears first-time cheekpieces.

**2 3 DAYDREAMA (183) (CD) 92**  
3117833- 3 9-9 | 61.2kg



**Tim Easterby** *David Allan*  
Won a brace of novice events last summer, including over C&D on good to soft. Very good third of 14 in a valuable conditions race at York in October before ending his 2-y-o campaign with a well-held third in a 1m course listed race. Drops back in trip for reappearance (gelded).

**3 4 CAPE ASHIZURI (IRE) (168) (D, BF) 89**  
152- 3 9-7 | 60.3kg



**John & Sean Quinn** *Jason Hart*  
Winner on debut at Ayr (6f, good to soft) last summer. Not up to the Group 2 Champagne at Doncaster (7f) next time but confirmed he's pretty useful when second of 15 in 6f Redcar novice on final start. Gelded ahead of this reappearance/handicap debut. Unexposed.

**4 5 AWRAAD (IRE) (232) (C, BF) 93**  
17526- 3 9-3 | 58.5kg



**Gemma Tutty** *Connor Beasley*  
Won on 5f course debut last spring. Better effort in defeat later in the year, notably her second to Anaisa in 6f Ripon listed event last August. Likely found the run coming too soon when last of 6 in 7f Carlisle nursery a week later. Off since.

**5 2 ANAISA (172) (D) 95**  
63461309- 3 9-3 | 58.5kg



**Tim Easterby** *S. B. Kirrane*  
Bagged a 6f Ripon listed event at the end of last summer but it didn't require any more than a fairly useful effort and she struggled in her 3 subsequent starts. David Allan, who partnered her to both wins last year, is on stablemate Daydreama here.

**6 1 ALAMINOS (229) (D) 92**  
14- 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



**Kevin Ryan** *Kevin Stott*  
Promising winning debut at Thirsk (6f, good) last August. Disappointed in Haydock novice 3 weeks later but remains potentially useful now moving into handicap company.

**7 7 DAIZEN (IRE) (203) (D) ★ 100**  
447221- 3 8-7 | 54.0kg



**Rebecca Menzies** *Andrew Mullen*  
Good second in first 2 nurseries and improved a chunk on those efforts to win back in maiden company at Ayr (6f, good to soft) at the end of September. The runner-up has franked that form and he looks on a favourable mark if fully primed after 6 months off.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Reciprocated, **4-1** Daizen, **9-2** Cape Ashizuri, **6-1** Alaminos, **9-1** Daydreama, **10-1** Awraad, **12-1** Anaisa

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

DAIZEN beat one who was recently placed in a competitive handicap off 80 when winning his maiden at Ayr last autumn so a mark of 74 could easily underestimate Rebecca Menzies' charge. Reciprocated's early promise is still fresh in the memory and, having been gelded, he's taken to get his career back on track and provide the chief threat ahead of Alaminos.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. DAIZEN 2. RECIPROCATED 3. ALAMINOS**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.27**

**RIU HOTELS AND RESORTS HANDICAP (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £28,000 1¼m5y (2020 Metres)**

RACE 4



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

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

Draw: **Strongly Against High** Pace Information: **Even**

**1 4 MARHABA GHAIYATH (IRE) (24)** **100**  
 7212280-6 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg  
 Charlie Johnston **Callum Shepherd**  
 Largely progressive form, winning twice last season before runner-up in ultra-competitive 3-y-o handicaps at the Newmarket July meeting and Glorious Goodwood. Off 6 months, shaped as if better for run when sixth of 13 over 11f at Kempton 24 days ago. Likely to go well with that behind him.

**2 9 INSANITY (164)** **99**  
 0/6103220- **6** 9-8 | 60.8kg  
 Alan King **Rossa Ryan**  
 Won at Ayr (13f) last June and better form when placed at Ascot and York (twice) later in the season. Possibly unsuited by very testing ground when well held in the November Handicap at Doncaster final start. Contender if ready to go after 164 days off.

**3 11 SAVVY VICTORY (IRE) (15) (CD)** **97**  
 9586054-4 **7** 9-7 | 60.3kg  
 S. P. C. Woods **Oisin James Orr**  
 Useful gelding but failed to win last season. Not at best when 9½ lengths fourth of 7 to Gethin in listed race at Kempton (1¼m) on reappearance 15 days ago but ought to strip fitter for the run.

**4 1 MILITARY AIR (183)** **92**  
 15/23330- **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg  
 David O'Meara **Daniel Tudhope**  
 Useful performer in France for Henri-Francois Devin. Picked up by new connections for 45,000 gns last autumn. Regularly wore a hood and tongue tie combination in France, with only the former remaining in place for this British debut. The betting is perhaps the best guide to expectations.

**5 7 FLYING FRONTIER (234) (D)** **97**  
 801/919- **6** 9-4 | 59.0kg  
 James Tate **Callum Rodriguez**  
 Winner of a useful 1¼m Sandown handicap on Eclipse day last summer. Possibly unsuited by soft ground when below par there on final start in September. No great record fresh so might be best to look elsewhere.

**6 8 ANTRIM (18) (D)** **98**  
 311-41498 **4** 9-2 | 58.1kg  
 K. R. Burke **Sam James**  
 Useful 3-time winner but all on artificial surfaces, including in Dubai earlier this year. Made a respectable return to Britain at Newcastle on Good Friday but needs to prove he's equally as effective on turf now.

**7 3 HAVE SECRET (IRE) (23) (D)** **97**  
 0006214-5 **6** 9-0 | 57.2kg  
 Richard & Peter Fahey **Billy Garritty**  
 Useful sort who failed to take to hurdling at Catterick on New Year's Day but ran a cracker back on the Flat at Doncaster (1¼m) last month considering he set a strong pace into a stiff headwind. Likely to be very competitive.

**8 5 FIREBLADE (192)** **99**  
 72231930- **5** 8-13 | 56.7kg  
 Dylan Cunha **Rowan Scott**  
 Winner over 2m last summer and last seen contesting the Cesarewitch at Newmarket. Did win over 1½m last spring but got to be a chance he'll find this a little on the short side back from 6 months off.

**9 2 ROMIEU (283)** **97**  
 12/15020- **5** 8-13 | 56.7kg  
 Adrian Keatley **M. P. Sheehy**  
 Winner of 1¼m Redcar novice on reappearance last spring and showed slightly better form in defeat in handicaps at the start of the summer. Off since disappointing in the John Smith's Cup last July but evidently capable when fresh and remains relatively low mileage.

**10 10 PARLANDO (18) (D)** **98**  
 8511-2039 **7** 8-12 | 56.2kg  
 Ian Williams **David Allan**  
 Back to form with a bang when scoring twice on all-weather in December. Just as good when placed twice this year but not at his best at Newcastle on Good Friday. Had decent turf form earlier in career.

**11 6 SUNRISEONTHEBOYNE (IRE) (23) (D)** **89**  
 82671-980 **4** 8-4(8-2) | 52.6kg (51.7kg)  
 Ben Haslam **Andrew Mullen**  
 Four-time winner at up to 1¼m in Ireland in 2025, including on soft at Listowel (1m) last September, but hasn't offered much in 3 outings for new yard in 2026. Best watched unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Marhaba Ghaiyath, **7-1** Insanity, **15-2** Have Secret, **10-1** Parlando, **10-1** Savvy Victory, **10-1** Romieu, **11-1** Fireblade, **11-1** Antrim, **14-1** Flying Frontier, **16-1** Military Air, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A useful handicap. MARHABA GHAIYATH's runner-up efforts at a couple of the big meetings last summer represent strong form and, with an outing his belt, he's taken to recapture that level and prove too strong for the reappearing Insanity. Have Secret is next on the list.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MARHABA GHAIYATH 2. INSANITY 3. HAVE SECRET**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>King's Code</b> 5-9-3	11-2	David Evans	Richard Kingscote	9
2024	<b>Bolster</b> 4-9-9	13-2	K. R. Burke	Pierre-Louis Jamin	9
2023	<b>Lightening Company</b> 5-8-6	6-1	Ben Haslam	Andrew Mullen	12
2022	<b>Baryshnikov</b> 6-8-9	20-1	David & Nicola Barron	Connor Beasley	11
2021	<b>Waldkonig</b> 4-9-7	5-4f	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

**BOWEL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMME SAVE LIVES HANDICAP (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-75) £8,000 6f (1210 Metres)**



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

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

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

**1 5 NO RETURN (IRE) (25) (D) 99**  
1410-2678 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Charlie Johnston** *Callum Shepherd*  
Dual winner over sprint trips in Ireland last spring and best effort for present yard when runner-up over 6f at Lingfield in January. Has failed to fire the last twice but perhaps the switch back to turf will help facilitate a return to form.


**2 7 NEWSREADER (IRE) (194) s 96**  
0/6098236- 5 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Edward Smyth-Osbourne** *Alistair Rawlinson*  
Three-time winner over 7f at Kempton and, though yet to strike on turf, he performed well when placed in handicaps at Ffos Las and Windsor with cheekpieces enlisted in August/September. Below par final start of 2025, though, and may prove vulnerable back from a 6-month break.


**3 8 YORKSHIRE GLORY (IRE) (25) (D) 96**  
13111111 5 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Ben Haslam** *Harry Vigors (71lb/3kg)*  
Topped off a remarkable winter when recording his ninth win of the campaign at Newcastle (6f) last month, proving gutsy to make all in the face of a strong headwind. 2 lb nudge no great hardship and will be a danger to all if able to continue the good work back on turf.


**4 6 HECTIC (26) (D) s 97**  
306419-44 6 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Liam Bailey** *Billy Garritty*  
On the back of a creditable fourth in a big-field York handicap he got his head back in front when edging home in a 6f contest at Ripon last summer. Respectable efforts in a couple of spins on the all-weather since returning to action and he's in with an each-way shout.


**5 11 AZURE ZAIN (FR) (69) (D) ★ 100**  
0400335-0 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Richard & Peter Fahey** *Jack Garritty*  
Sole career win came in 6f Wolverhampton novice last June and placed a couple of times in turf handicaps later in 2025, including over C&D during the autumn. Further rain wouldn't be an issue and will be a threat if he proves more tractable than on his reappearance at Southwell in February.

**6 9 GREAT (11) (D) 97**  
916543-06 4 9-6 | 59.9kg

 **Sam England** *Oisin James Orr*  
Maiden winner at Windsor last season prior to making frame in 2 Kempton handicaps. Left Richard Hannon for 25,000 gns and stepped up on low-key reappearance (too keen) when sixth of 15 at Thirsk (6f, good to soft) recently. Place possibilities.


**7 2 PALMARIAN (19) h 98**  
4/70490-7 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Ruth Carr** *James Sullivan*  
Has so far failed to live up to his attractive pedigree and was never in the hunt starting out for new connections on his seasonal reappearance at Southwell 19 days ago.

**8 3 VALENTINE CATCHER (11) (D) s 91**  
01d69657-9 5 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Tim Easterby** *David Allan*  
Returned to form when first past the post (demoted) over C&D in September. However, form tailed off later that season and he failed to land a blow on his recent return to action at Thirsk.


**9 10 WISH THIS (10) (D) s 97**  
0384951-6 4 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Alan Brown** *S. B. Kirrane*  
Blinkered for the first time when winning a 9-runner Newcastle handicap (6f) in November. Failed to back that up on return from a break with first-time cheekpieces (retained here) replacing the blinkers at Southwell and he's 0-10 on turf.

**10 4 DIAMONT KATIE (IRE) (39) (D) 97**  
25054-585 4 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **K. R. Burke** *Jack Nicholls (51lb/2kg)*  
All-weather winner in January 2025 but hasn't made much of an impact in 3 runs since the turn of the year. Has undergone a breathing operation since latest start.

**11 1 HI LORD (42) v 93**  
21/49678-0 4 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **Gary Harrison** *Barry McHugh*  
Yet to make a significant impact in handicaps and signed off 2025 with a disappointing run on ground that ought to have suited at Nottingham in October. Tried in a visor (retained) for return/all-weather debut at Southwell and he again misfired.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Yorkshire Glory, **15-2** Azure Zain, **8-1** Hectic, **17-2** Great, **10-1** Newsreader, **12-1** No Return, **14-1** Valentine Catcher, **16-1** Wish This, **22-1** Diamont Katie, **33-1** Hi Lord, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

It could be worth siding with NO RETURN, who is now 5 lb lower than when finishing second at Lingfield in January and while he's barely beaten a rival home in 3 subsequent starts, he was a winner of 2 of his final 3 runs on turf last year. Azure Zain and Great may emerge as the main dangers, while Yorkshire Glory is bound to be popular following his all-weather exploits in recent months and he has to enter calculations, too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. NO RETURN 2. AZURE ZAIN 3. GREAT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Mister Sox</b> 5-9-3	9-2	Tim Easterby	S. B. Kirrane	7
2024	<b>Dubai Hills</b> 3-9-4	6-5f	Amy Murphy	Jason Hart	5
2023	<b>Ertebat</b> 3-9-4	4-1	Hugo Palmer	Paul Mulrennan	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.32

**INTO THE SKY PONTEFRACT MARATHON HANDICAP (6)**  
**4yo+ (Rated 0-60) £6,500 2m5f139y (4350 Metres)**

RACE 6



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

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

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

**1 7 ROYAL DEESIDE (48) 91**  
 6/6208-0 6 9-9 | 61.2kg  
 Patrick Morris *David Nolan*  
 Made the frame in 3 handicap chases in recent months but ran poorly on level at Southwell previously and makes limited appeal.

**2 5 CHARLIE DARLING (FR) (19) 95**  
 72653/573 6 9-5 | 59.4kg  
 Alan Brown *S. B. Kirrane*  
 Posted best effort for current yard when good third of 8 in handicap at Southwell (2m, 66/1) 19 days ago. 1 lb lower now and warrants respect.

**3 2 HOME AND DRY (IRE) (180) 97**  
 467/31- 8 9-4 | 59.0kg  
 Thomas Faulkner *Daniel Tudhope*  
 Returned to winning ways at Chelmsford (2m) in October and may have needed the run, on first outing since, when well held over hurdles at Chepstow 19 days ago. Enters calculations.

**4 9 IZAKAYA (GER) (25) 91**  
 0450511-8 7 9-3 | 58.5kg  
 Camilla Poulton *John Egan*  
 On the up when landing a double in staying handicaps on turf in the autumn. Not disgraced, back from 4 months off, when eighth at Lingfield recently and figures off a handy mark on her first go over this sort of trip.

**5 3 DIFFERENT DRUM (108) 93**  
 23/54208-0 5 9-2 | 58.1kg  
 Louise Allan *Paul Mulrennan*  
 Improved over hurdles this season, culminating in victory at Carlisle 17 days ago. Could potentially be well handicapped back on the Flat and is worth monitoring in the market.

**6 12 EDWARDTHENINTH (41) (BF) 100**  
 58/293-394 5 9-1 | 57.6kg  
 Ruth Jefferson *Oisin McSweeney*  
 Still looking for first success but got back on track when creditable fourth of 10 in handicap at Newcastle (2m, 9/4) 41 days ago and should appreciate this longer trip.

**7 8 CAPONE (GER) (15) 91**  
 36569-959 11 9-0 | 57.2kg  
 Dominic Ffrench Davis *Callum Hutchinson*  
 One win from 23 Flat runs. At the veteran stage now and has failed to beat a rival home this year.

**8 1 ACHNAMARA (41) 92**  
 7/479-8465 7 9-0 | 57.2kg  
 Philip Kirby *Kevin Stott*  
 Operating below best on level and over hurdles of late and is hard to recommend with any confidence, despite a career-low mark.

**9 10 LILLISTAR (41) 97**  
 90/65231-2 6 8-13 | 56.7kg  
 Micky Hammond *Aiden Brookes*  
 Wolverhampton winner in October who posted a good second at Newcastle (2m) last month. Not in same form over hurdles latest but looks a likely player here.

**10 6 LADY PHOEBE (IRE) (205) 92**  
 48541320- 5 8-13 | 56.7kg  
 Adam Nicol *Cam Hardie*  
 Off the mark at Musselburgh last summer and arrives on back of creditable fourth over hurdles 3 weeks ago. Needs to prove herself over this marathon trip, though.

**11 11 EBENDI (IRE) (175) 91**  
 7/55977- 9 8-10 | 55.3kg  
 Andrew Wilson *James Sullivan*  
 Still looking for first success and hasn't done enough in recent starts to make him of real interest here.

**12 4 LION CITY (IRE) (50) 79**  
 5-0067 6 8-9 | 54.9kg  
 Clare Ellam *Matthew Lloyd Slater (7lb/3kg)*  
 Bumper winner at Sedgefield in September 2024 but has shown precious little since, including 5 outings on AW this winter. Best watched on turf debut.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Edwardtheninth, **9-2** Home And Dry, **11-2** Lillistar, **15-2** Charlie Darling, **11-1** Different Drum, **12-1** Lady Phoebe, **14-1** Izakaya, **22-1** Achnamara, **22-1** Royal Deeside, **28-1** Capone, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Preference is for LILLISTAR, who ran with credit on her last Flat outing and looks well worth a crack at this longer trip. Home And Dry, Izakaya and Edwardtheninth are feared most in a tricky-looking contest.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LILLISTAR 2. HOME AND DRY 3. IZAKAYA**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Quercus Robur</b> 6-9-0	9-2	Adam Nicol	Cam Hardie	5
2023	<b>Giovanni Change</b> 8-9-12	9-1	Mark Walford	Jack Garritty	10
2022	<b>Dereham</b> 6-8-11	13-2	John Berry	Megan Nicholls	10
2021	<b>Wemyss Point</b> 9-9-3	5-2f	Philip Kirby	Andrew Mullen	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

**CONSTANT SECURITY SERVING YORKSHIRE RACECOURSES  
HANDICAP (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-70) £8,000 5f3y (1010  
Metres)**




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


Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

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


**1 3 SPEEDING BULLET (IRE) (228) (C) 96**  
58/701422- 5 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Paul Midgley** *David Nolan*  
Making only third start for current yard, doubled his tally at this course (6f) last summer and made the frame all 3 subsequent outings, second of 14 at Haydock (5f) in September. Has 7-month absence to overcome, though.


**2 7 TANJEN (IRE) (212) (D) 96**  
42135120- 4 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Tim Easterby** *David Allan*  
Won first 2 starts on all-weather last year and ran best race on turf when second at Leicester in September. Well below form at Southwell later the same month, but she could still have more to offer if ready to go after 7 months off.


**3 6 FUJI MOUNTAIN (IRE) (23) (D) b 99**  
7060835-0 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Declan Carroll** *Zak Wheatley (31b/1kg)*  
Without a win last year but ran well when a close third at Redcar in October. After 5 months off, probably needed the run when well held at Doncaster 23 days ago, so he's interesting having eased further in the weights with blinkers applied.

**4 5 BETWEENHUSTICKS (17) (CD) s ★ 100**  
8122937-1 6 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Ruth Carr** *James Sullivan*  
3-time winner last year, including over C&D in August, and made a successful return at Wolverhampton 17 days ago, getting the better of one who arrived in good heart. Major player back up only 2 lb.


**5 10 MILITARY GIRL (IRE) (175) (D) 98**  
16055544- 4 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **Michael Dods** *S. B. Kirrane*  
Successful at Catterick on last season's reappearance. Returned to form when fourth of 11 at Redcar in October and filled the same position back up in grade at Leicester next time. Now 3 lb below last winning mark and she's capable when fresh.


**6 9 KOMORKIS (IRE) (13) (D) h 96**  
35/510-4 4 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **Lawrence Mullaney** *Ryan Kavanagh (51b/2kg)*  
Off the mark in 3-runner novice at Musselburgh in September. Ran poorly on handicap debut next time, but after 6 months off she shaped encouragingly on first run since leaving Richard Fahey when fourth of 7 at Nottingham 13 days ago. Hood added.


**7 11 MIDNIGHT LIR (IRE) (201) (D) 95**  
4559/8260- 5 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Michael Dods** *Connor Beasley*  
It's now eighteen runs since last win in 2023 but went close at Beverley last spring. However, he wasn't in the same form both subsequent outings in 2025 and has 6-month absence to overcome, though he has dropped a long way in the weights.


**8 4 SERGEANT MAYER (IRE) (14) (D) s ✓ 98**  
3534448-0 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Nigel Tinkler** *Alex Jary (31b/1kg)*  
Recorded back-to-back wins at Redcar and Ripon in May last year. Probably needed the run after 6 months off when down the field over C&D 2 weeks ago and his usual cheekpieces now go back on.

**9 1 HIDDEN VERSE (IRE) (16) (D) 93**  
1374172-6 4 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole** *Rossa Ryan*  
Successful twice last season, with latest win at Chepstow in July. After 8 months off, looked rusty when sixth of 13 at Bath 16 days ago, though made up ground late. Can make his presence felt with recent run behind him.

**10 2 DARK KESTREL (IRE) (14) (D) t 95**  
8-9618164 6 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **Antony Brittain** *Cam Hardie*  
Regular slow starter who returned to winning ways at Newcastle in February and also scored there the following month. Lost even more ground at the start when fourth of 8 at Southwell 2 weeks ago, so he needs things to drop right back on turf.

**11 8 FILLY'S LAST LADY (13) (D) 93**  
9/71199-75 5 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Gary Harrison** *Barry McHugh*  
A dual 5f/6f scorer for Keiran Burke last summer. Hasn't yet fired in 3 starts for current yard, though making her second run of the year she possibly still needed the outing when fifth of 8 at Catterick 13 days ago.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Betweenhusticks, **13-2** Speeding Bullet, **7-1** Hidden Verse, **8-1** Tanjen, **9-1** Dark Kestrel, **11-1** Military Girl, **11-1** Komorkis, **14-1** Fuji Mountain, **14-1** Midnight Lir, **16-1** Sergeant Mayer, **18-1** Filly's Last Lady

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Having returned to his last winning mark, BETWEENHUSTICKS took advantage at Wolverhampton on his return and this C&D winner can make a bold bid to follow up. He gets the vote ahead of Hidden Verse, who can take a step forward from his recent run, while Fuji Mountain is also one to note from his reduced mark.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BETWEENHUSTICKS 2. HIDDEN VERSE 3. FUJI MOUNTAIN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Keldeo</b> 4-9-9	10-1	Ollie Pears	Cam Hardie	10
2024	<b>Alafdhal</b> 6-9-6	10-1	Phil McEntee	Josephine Gordon	8
2023	<b>Reigning Profit</b> 4-9-7	7-1	Ruth Carr	James Sullivan	10
2022	<b>King of Tonga</b> 6-9-1	25-1	Declan Carroll	Harrison Shaw	14
2021	<b>Ventura Express</b> 4-9-3	5-1	Paul Midgley	Kevin Stott	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race